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Lest We Forget...

May Their Sacrifices Never Be In Vain

By HISHOP DAVID R. BROWN
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More than 1 million men and women have lost their lives fighting for freedom in the U.S. armed forces. We can never reimburse the price they paid. We can summon no words to allay the pain of their loved ones. We can, and we should, honor America's war dead on Memorial Day.

We, as beneficiaries of America's departed heroes, should make three pledges on Memorial Day to ensure that the Supreme Sacrifice of our nation's war dead never will be in vain. The first pledge we should make is to fly the U.S. Flag and to participate in our community's commemorative events. America's patriots shed their blood in defense of our nation's core values of freedom, justice and equality as well as the U.S. Flag that symbolizes our values. Memorial Day should unify all Americans in solemn tribute to those

who did not come marching home and to consecrate the principles for which they fought.

The second pledge we should make is to teach our children and grandchildren that the freedoms they may take for granted were purchased by incredible sacrifice. When we lead by example, by bringing our children and grandchildren with us to Memorial Day public observations, we teach the

leaders of tomorrow that freedom is not free.

The third pledge is to participate in our democracy in order to give patriots present the best opportunity to triumph against evil. Today's troops form the light of hope that pierces the darkness of tyranny, but that light is growing dim due to inadequate military

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Voter turnout 34 percent... Watkins wins primary in circuit clerk's race

By KIM HAMILTON
Staff Writer

Nicholas County witnessed a 34 percent voter turnout for the primary election Tuesday, May 23, as Sandy Collins Watkins took the most votes for circuit clerk.

"I think we had a pretty good voter turnout because we had a local election for the circuit clerk's office," said Wilma Cleaver, a deputy county clerk. "A lot of people here like their freedom to cast their vote."

The county's percentage was way above the 12 percent average statewide voter turnout.

Watkins, a Democrat, defeated another Democrat, Rose Howard Brady, by 244 votes Tuesday. Watkins had a total of 833 votes, while Brady took 589 votes. Watkins, who took 73 percent of the vote, likely will not face opposition in the Nov. 7 general election, according to the county clerk's office.

Current circuit clerk Sally Watkins (no relation to Sandy), is retiring and did not run for re-election, according to the county clerk's office.

Nicholas County voters chose Democratic legislative state representative candidate Paige Shumate Short over Democratic incumbent Carolyn Bolcher by 73 votes in a close race. The vote was 825 to 752.

defeating Short in the entire 72nd district, which is comprised of Nicholas, Bath, Bourbon and Fayette counties. Bolcher ended up with 53 percent of the vote, while Short took 47 percent of the vote in the district.

In the Sixth Congressional race, Nicholas Countians chose former U.S. Rep. Scotty Baesler over Will McGinnis III for the Democratic nomination for Congress.

Baesler took 868 votes in Nicholas County compared to 422 votes for McGinnis.

Baesler, who won the nomination for the entire sixth Congressional district, will face Republican Ernie Fletcher in the Nov. 7 general election, and it is expected to be an expensive, high profile race.

In the presidential primary, Vice President Al Gore, Democrat, swept most of the votes in Nicholas County.

Gore received 613 votes compared to Republican contender George W. Bush's 23 votes. However, throughout Kentucky, Bush took 82 percent of the Republican vote, while Gore took 72 percent of the Democratic vote.

Some names were still on the ballot even though the candidates had pulled out of the race. This happened because the ballots were printed before these candidates changed status.

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However, Bolcher ended up

Too much rain halts Blue Jays postseason

Nicholas faced Harrison Wednesday

By DENVER BROWN
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The weather has not cooperated with Nicholas County's postseason baseball play.

The Blue Jays (25-5) were slated to take on Bourbon County Tuesday night to determine which team would battle the Thoroughbreds of Harrison County for the 37th District Championship.

Harrison County pounded Paris 14-4 in Monday night's tournament-opener to gain the finals.

A win over the Colonels in Wednesday night's make-up game would give the Jays a chance at revenge against the Thoroughbreds.

Two years running, Nicholas County has been knocked out of the 37th District Tournament by

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— Paul Mullins
Nicholas County Athletic Director

Harrison County.

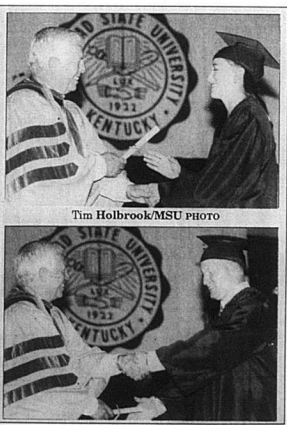
"We hope so," Nicholas County athletic director Paul Mullins said of making the third time the charm. "We've been ranked in the top-25 this season and we'd like to prove that our team has been worthy of that ranking."

But before trying to corral the Thoroughbreds, the Jays will need overcome the Colonels, a team they have split a pair of games with so far this season.

The champion and the runnerup of this week's 37th District advance to next week's Regional Tournament being played at Campbell County.

Local students graduate from MSU

More than 800 Morehead State University graduate and undergraduate degree candidates walked across the stage of the Academic-Athletic Center during the Spring Commencement. MSU President Ronald G. Eaglin congratulated Rebecca Sue McElrobin (top photo) with a handshake. She was a candidate for a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with an emphasis in real estate. Duane Allen Kenney (bottom photo) was a candidate for a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with an emphasis in finance.



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Community walkathon is Saturday

Johnson Mathers Health Care, Inc. will sponsor a Community Walkathon on Saturday, June 3 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Jockey parking lot.

Proceeds benefit the Special Activities fund. Prizes will be awarded. Contact Renee France at 289-7181 for more information.

U.S. Forest Service hosts fishing derby

The U.S. Forest Service will host a free fishing derby for children ages 0-12 at the Tailwater picnic area of Cave Run Lake on Saturday, June 3.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. all fish will be measured by 9 a.m. with prizes awarded afterwards.

Age categories are 0-5, 6-10 and 11-13.

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