

LOCAL OPTION ELECTION RESULTS

YES 533 NO 519

WILLIAMSBURG VOTES 'YES'

City elects to sell alcohol by the drink

By JEFF NOBLE, STAFF WRITER

By a slim 14 votes, voters in Williamsburg said "yes" to the sale of alcoholic beverages by the drink Tuesday. The final tally was 533 in favor, to 519 against.

Of the city's six precincts and absentee ballots, the "yes" vote carried five precincts. The "no" vote carried one city precinct, as well as the machine and walk-in absentee votes.

It means liquor, beer and wine can be sold in larger restaurants in Williamsburg's city limits — those that seat at least 100 people and get 50 percent of their gross revenues from the sale of food. There can also be a separate license for restaurants that seat at least 50 people, where wine can be sold by the drink. There can be other options, according to the state Alcoholic Beverage Control board in a Barbourville meeting before that city's Feb. 6 vote, where they told the audience, "You have to have the right kind of license for the kind of drink you serve (with food)."

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PHOTOS BY JEFF NOBLE

With Clerk's Office workers and Sheriff Colan Harrell watching on, Whitley County Court Clerk Kay Schwartz makes Tuesday's special election on the sale of alcoholic beverage by the drink in Williamsburg official at 6:45 p.m.

About \$31K spent on elections so far

By CARL KEITH GREENE, STAFF WRITER

So far, the Tri-County has spent a total of about \$31,000 for four local option elections already held, the spring primary, and gen-

eral elections that haven't even happened yet.

Knox County began the local option elections regarding the sale of alcoholic beverages in Barbourville.

About \$4,200 was

spent on the six precincts in Barbourville in the Feb. 7 election, said County Clerk Mike Corey.

The "no" votes were higher than the "yes" votes in Barbourville.

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WHAT THE VOTERS SAID

MARISSA MOORMAN

Yes: "I hope the community will get the restaurants and business helped by this, and that it will increase the tax revenue."



BILL BROWN

Yes: "I think for the taxes made to help the city, than for the drink."



BRANDON WOODS

Yes: "Progress. I actually work EMS, and alcohol is probably our least problem."



CHRIS SEXTON

No: "I don't think it's going to be a big benefit to the city. I don't think it will bring in any more restaurants. And it doesn't fit in with the college being here."



TARRAH SEXTON

No: "I don't think it will help the city's tax base, and it won't add to the city's quality of life."



Senate passes bill to allow parents school choice

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — A bill that would allow parents to send their children to the schools nearest their homes has passed the Senate.

The bill, sponsored by Republican Sen. Dan Seum

of Louisville, passed Tuesday by a partisan vote of 21-15. It's the third year Seum has proposed the legislation.

Seum said after the vote that the bill's chances aren't good in the House.

Democratic Sen. Gerald Neal of Louisville spoke against the bill and offered three floor amendments seen by supporters as "unfriendly" measures to kill the bill. One, however, did pass 35-3. It would

make the measure apply to all school districts rather than Jefferson County only.

Neal said the measure could amount to resegregating Jefferson County's schools, but Seum said it would not.

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Hospital to terminate lease with mgmt. group

By CARL KEITH GREENE, STAFF WRITER

In a called meeting Tuesday morning, the Knox County Hospital board of directors and the Knox County Fiscal Court agreed to terminate the hospital's lease agreements with Cumberland Pacer Corporation.

Cumberland Pacer is the current management group.

Motions followed between the board and the court to agree to contract with Alliant Management of Louisville.

The hospital board and the fiscal court agreed that Alliant would manage and operate the hospital, "keeping it open and getting it into position to be sold."

A final motion called for Judge/Executive J.M. Hall "to take all necessary and appropriate steps to obtain control of the hospital and its assets upon immediate termination of the lease, including filing suit if appropriate."

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Crooked Creek gets new pro

By CARL KEITH GREENE, STAFF WRITER

The London-Laurel Tourist Commission met Tuesday discussing a new golf pro at the Crooked Creek golf course, new streets with walking and bicycle trails, an upcoming softball tournament and the Redbud Ride for bicyclists scheduled in a month.

Ron Roberts, who had been the pro at one of the State Parks courses, came to London recently and took over Crooked Creek.

He has converted the course to a public course and suggested having the "brown signs" installed on I-75 near London advertising the course.

Chris Robinson of London Downtown suggested that he and Reynolds get together and perhaps share the signs.

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Whitley home destroyed by fire

By BECKY KILLIAN, MANAGING EDITOR

Four fire departments responded to a fire in western Whitley County late Monday that destroyed a home.

Woodbine Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to the fire at 1524 Oak Ridge Church Road about 8:30 p.m., according to Chief Rick Fore. When firefighters arrived at the home of William Sulfridge, they found it completely engulfed in flames.

LOTTERY

TUESDAY LOTTERY MIDDAY
Pick 3 4-0-4
Pick 4 1-5-4-4

EVENING
Pick 3 1-1-7
Pick 4 0-1-9-3
Cash Ball 7-10-18-27-22
Cash Ball Kicker 5-5-8-1-4
5 Card Cash KS-10D-5H-7H-8S
Mega Millions 1-4-6-11-14-30

OBITUARIES

Laddle Cottongim London
Kelvin Morris Keavy
Gladys Cisneros Corbin

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TODAY'S WEATHER

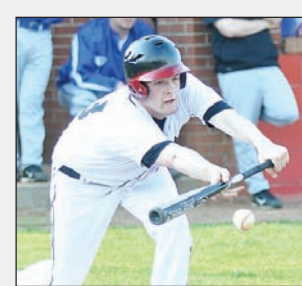
Partly cloudy
HIGH 84° | LOW 56°

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TOO RELAXED
Whitley County Colonels give up 11 runs late. See SPORTS, PAGE 6.



A WIN IS A WIN
Lady Colonels hold on for 9-3 victory over Harlan. See SPORTS, PAGE 7

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