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2012 Local Election Results

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Constitutional Amendment to allow Kentucky citizens the right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife subject to laws and regulations that promote conservation and preserve the future of hunting and fishing, and to state that public hunting and fishing shall be a preferred means of managing an controlling wildlife.

YesYES.....3,183 Votes
NoNO.....281 Votes

Above are our local contested election races. Winners in green as of 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, November 6, 2012. For complete results, look in next weeks paper or on the web at www.ky-news.com.

Wickliffe Mayor to be sworn in November 15

David Phillips, who is Mayor Pro-Tem, will act as Mayor until after the election. The election was held November 6th; the new mayor will be sworn in on Thursday, November 15th at 11:00 a.m. The Wickliffe City Council will also be holding its monthly meeting at that time. The other elected officials will be sworn in as is customary on January 1, 2013.

The Attorney General had done an investigation into Official Misconduct, but Ballard County Attorney Vicki Hayden agreed that no violations existed that met the Official Misconduct Statutes, and she declined any prosecution of any officials. Hayden said she and the Kentucky State Police had reviewed all matters and both agreed that there were no grounds for a case.

Mayor Chan Case resigned on October 29th. Case said he had intended on resigning right after the election, so the new mayor could take over duties as the mayor immediately after the election instead of waiting until January 1st. He said he resigned prior to Election Day to deal with family and health issues. Case said he would like to thank several people for all their help and support. These people include but are not limited to: the citizens of Wickliffe, the Wickliffe City Council, Wickliffe City workers, Ballard County Detention Center prison workers for all their help with the pavilion and with their work on the roof of the gas company, the Masonic Lodge for their work on the Harvest Festival, and Marshall Pennebaker for is help along with volunteers for their work cleaning up the Jefferson Cross.

La Center Swingers Club shut down

by Kelly Paul
Editor Advance Yeoman

LA CENTER- On Saturday night, October 27th, Ballard County Sheriff Todd Cooper sent deputies to La Center Events, formerly TJ's BBQ, to confirm speculation of alcohol sales. According to Cooper, the Sheriff's department has been investigating illegal alcohol sales at the establishment since September. Complaints had been made to the city regarding empty beer cans outside the business. La Center Events had been under surveillance and some patrons had been picked up for DUIs. Two strippers from Tennessee were among those receiving citations. One was for a DUI, and the other was for AI (Alcohol Intoxication).

When deputies arrived on Saturday night, they were welcomed in without any confrontation with the exception of one individual. The deputies quickly realized alcohol sales were not the problem; a big screen T.V. was streaming live pornography where everyone could see. The only beverages in the establishment being sold were water and energy drinks. Sheriff Cooper said



La Center Events formerly TJ's BBQ, shut down by law enforcement for promoting more than normal events.

approximately 26 people were on the premises. The deputies then left the business to obtain a search warrant.

Investigations revealed items that were intended to promote sex; there was a peep show room set up behind a large glass window, a sex swing, and several rooms with beds set up for sexual encounters. Sheriff Cooper said a computer on the premises contained information regarding items purchased in

the amount of \$6,500. The items included food and sex toys.

The owners of La Center Events, Tim and Stacey Lewis of Benton, have been charged with distribution of pornography. According to the Lewis' business license, dated August 21, 2012, they were operating a business under an assumed name, that being La Center Events.

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Guatemalans arrested in Ballard

by Kelly Paul
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On September 18th, five illegal immigrants from Guatemala entered the Ballard Circuit Clerks license office and obtained KY ID cards. The clerk notified sheriff deputies and investigation began. Sheriff's deputies went to the addresses listed on the issued ID cards and found that all the Wickliffe addresses given were vacant houses, lots, or houses for sale.

On October 30th, courthouse security and the Ballard Circuit Clerks office notified the Sheriff's office about two male Hispanics in the clerk's office trying to obtain ID. These men were Marco Corralejo and Hector Cruz-Verdugo. An investigation began, and one of the males, Marco Corralejo, was found to be one of the



Marco Corralejo and Hector Cruz-Verdugo

five persons that came in the clerk's office on September 18th. During the investigation, it was found that Corralejo, who had been in the courthouse on September 18th, was interpreting for the other male. The Wickliffe address being used by the non-English speaking male (Cruz-Verdugo) was researched and deputies found the house

to be owned by a couple living in Florida who had left the home vacant as it was for sale. When the two males left the courthouse, they were arrested.

At the time of arrest, the names given to Sheriff's officers were Marco Corralejo and Joe Anthony Gonzalez. Gonzalez had given the fictitious name on his ID. He then gave his real name, which was Hector Cruz-Verdugo. This name came up a match via fingerprints in relation to another immigration issue. After further investigation, Sheriff's deputies found an Alabama plated SUV parked west of the courthouse about 45 minutes later. Four males and two female Hispanics were in the vehicle.

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Southern Foundation presents checks for area improvement

On Friday, November 2nd, the Southern Foundation presented three checks for grants to support projects in Ballard County. The Southern Foundation Inc. is an endowment founded by Tom Beadles in 1970. Beadles, a Cairo native established the foundation for the betterment of counties near the confluence of the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers. Alexander and Pulaski Counties in IL, Ballard County in KY, and Mississippi County in MO benefit from Southern's generosity.



Ruth Negley; Della Johnson, Barlow City Council member; Jo Wilfong, Director of Southern Foundation; David Blaine, Director of Southern Foundation
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