

FOCUS

Bond's Broadcast

By Hank Bond



Tapping the mark! Jockets' band best

Congratulations are in order for the Nicholas County High School Band and director Shawn Parrish.

The Marching Bluejackets captured first place in their classification at the Fleming County High School Band Competition held last weekend.

The band, which hasn't been on the competition field for nearly 20 years, put on an outstanding performance. The percussion unit was also judged best in the class.

A lot has to be said for this group of fine young musicians. They were never apparently nervous, although I'm sure a few were twitching before the competition began . . . and the sound was certainly there.

All across the band an enthusiasm I find enjoyable to watch was evident.

In the stands a large group of Nicholas County fans was on hand. Crowd noise and support are as important to the band as they are to football, basketball or whatever.

The crowd helps get the band fired up for a great job.

I couldn't help but notice the crowd from Grant County. The boosters showed up dress in t-shirts supporting the band. The group had pom-poms and rang bells while cheering the Braves' band on.

A following from West Union, Ohio totaled over 200 and the noise that group put out was nearly unmeasurable.

The Nicholas County school system, students, in fact all of Nicholas County, can certainly be proud of this fine group.

I have a little vested interest in the band, though, an oldest daughter Carol is the field commander, but that had nothing to do with the pride I felt, as the band was announced as the best in its class.

Way to go!

Register Now!

If you haven't registered to vote, the last day you may do so, and still vote in Kentucky's general election, November 3, is October 3.

After that the books will be closed until the election is held. It's an American right to vote, and you can't do that without proper registration.

Locally, of course, the race for city council is on, and in order to have a voice in the make-up for the city's governing body, you have to cast that vote.

Even if you live out in the county, you'll certainly want to get to the polls to vote in the governor's race.

It's getting pretty interesting!

Help Kurt, if you can!

Along with the plastic bottles around town, the fund raising continues for Kurt Kelley and the purchase of a new wheelchair.

It's heartening to know a total of at least \$1,021 has been collected.

The total cost of the wheelchair is \$2,600, so the fund raising is only halfway there.

October 3, Saturday, a Walk-a-thon will be held at Lake Carnico.

The Walk-a-thon will run from about 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The course will be monitored, and will not include crossing Carnico Dam.

Refreshments for those participating in the Walk-a-thon will be provided by Carlisle Pie-Pac.

Registration forms will be available that morning . . . but can be picked up in advance at Pie-Pac or Hopkins Drug.

If you're interested in making a donation, but will be unable to walk in the event, please contact Barbara Hopkins or Mrs. Harold Massey.

It's great the community is coming to the aid of Kurt . . . and I hope this support will continue.

Show your pride! This Friday night

I won't get off the subject of backing the local high school programs. I'm asking as many as possible to turn out Friday night as the Bluejackets will battle an always tough Racedand team.

The Ramblers are certainly not expecting an easy win, but with crowd support the local gridders will stand a much better chance of notching another win this season.

The loss to Paris was hard enough to take, especially on the road, but with YOUR help, Friday night can be a little different.

If you absolutely cannot come to the football game Friday night, then try and get some time to get out to one of the academic meets or the junior high girls' basketball games. All of these young people NEED your support, so make an effort.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

LETTERS

Editor: I am writing this letter in response to Mr. Bond's article in the September 24 edition of The Carlisle Mercury regarding support as fans for our football team. The article expressed my sentiments exactly.

My wife has been very weak for the past three weeks and I haven't been able to cheer for the team I miss this.

Our football, basketball and baseball programs need the support of our community I am sure at least twenty five percent, if not more, of the adults in Nicholas County attended school and graduated from Nicholas County High School.

Where is your pride? The football team's win-loss record has not been outstanding in the past few years but think about the boys who get out there week after week fighting the battle!

You know the saying: "It is not whether you win or lose it is how you play the game" inside a lot of truth.

Nicholas County fields a very young team and the number of team members is not as large as other schools around but as I said these boys work hard every week, they play hard every game and the least we can do is support them.

Who knows, the win-loss record may change if our spirit and pride improve!

Coach Hurr and Coach Leath are two of the finest young men we could have as coaches of football. My son plays and I feel confident he is not only being well coached in football but also in life.

They are fine Christian young men and that is something that is not easy to find. We are privileged to not have them in our area!

Even if I treated like animals just because they make a mistake. Not all teams are fortunate enough to have such fine coaches. The same can be said for Coach Cruise, Coach Anderson and Coach Sneyd.

I would like also to express my thanks to the Nicholas County High School band. They are doing a great job!

I think the county is doing great with the system. There has been some vandalism on the track parking lot. I know this system is far from perfect, but it beats throwing the junk down a hill side.

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Linda's Thoughts

By Linda Flemming

As most of you already know, I drive 30 miles to work each day, and another thirty back home. The drive itself is not so bad. What I encounter along the way has been interesting.

I leave my house around 6:45 each morning. You would think there would be no rush traffic. Well there is not. However the cars and trucks that I meet or pass have been very interesting.

The school buses that pull out in front of me in the Mason County area, the kids sitting in the back seat, have created mixed feelings for me.

My kids ride a school bus each day and from their school, I have wondered if they do these things on the bus that witnesses nearly every morning.

The things I have observed, range from children sticking out their tongues, to writing nasty words on paper and holding them up for me to read while I continue my merry drive to work.

Sometimes I laugh to myself, thinking that if those kids act like this at 7:00 and 7:30 in the morning, I pity their teachers all day.

Of course I have asked my own kids if they behave this way. Their usual response is, "Mom, you know us better than this way." That could be a problem, because I do know them.

Then we have the drivers who sneak up driving 55 m.p.h. Once they spot you in their mirror, they slow down (in a passing lane) to 35 or 40 m.p.h.

That really gets my goat. They really can't get past. They really can't get past. They really can't get past. They really can't get past.

Next are the ones that pull out in front of you. You would think they were going to a fire. Once you catch up to them, they slow down.

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Recently I was driving to work through some thick fog. Don't you hate that stuff!

I do not usually drive fast through fog, either. But this one guy proceeds in front of me driving 10 m.p.h., and stopping every few minutes to wipe off his windshield, or thank God he was only concerned with the inside. Otherwise we would be talking about wreck city. Why is it, that when I get to work, I'm the only one with stories about how my mornings have started out?

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When we reach a point where he could safely pass, he did. With his bright lights right in my face.

By this time I was thrilled that he was gone. I was scared, mad, and most of all, ready to seek revenge.

I got up on his tail, flipped my lights on, and rode his bumper for a good six miles. During this time, I wrote his license number, color of truck, and all that good stuff.

My thoughts were, "You think you're in trouble now buddy. You have messed with the wrong person. I'll be back with information that I had written down to a law official. He informed me the vehicle was registered in one name, like Cher, Chano, Mr. T.

Give me a break. You would have to live in Hollywood, to get by with one name. What kind of motor vehicle or state laws do we have?

How many people have the name John? If you had to contact a job, registered in first name only, you would have a problem. Although most of the time, I enjoy my drives, and adventures, there are those times when my temper gets the best of me.

Not only on the highway, but in town as well. What about those people who are stopped at red lights, after the lights turn green, they still sit there.

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There is always some technical problem in any project of this nature.

The folks at the landfill are doing a good job.

The quarry and the landfill are an important part of the basic county operation.

You need the road system system and landfills we need time and roads for roads.

The men who work for the road department give the county a good service. I feel that we need to give some credit where it is due.

Allen Clay Stone

GENERAL NEWS

School children pay tribute

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Student handbooks, and America's First Lady, Mrs. Nancy Reagan, and created a document which was in effect, a more perfect union.

Leather also spoke on the creation of checks and balances and the Bill of Rights. She said "The privileges known as the Bill of Rights, property possessed and often taken for granted, distinguish our society as unique."

Leather ended by reading the preamble by the student body. A Constitution, already signed by the original forefathers was signed by all honored guests and later by the students. Susan Coon was in the administration of the signing.

The Time Capsule was placed in Elementary School Principal, Cora Alderman.

Some of the students were: senior composite picture, football program, art work by students, "Kenny is My Land" by Jesse Stuart, KENT V. Guide, Elementary School, your book, Oliver North button.

Yousie Shaw ended as a presenter.

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Viet vets still

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Not many could imagine the nightmare that was described but he talked it was a fact of reality. This was a man who had been changed by the horror of war.

"I was not prepared to come home even though I was more than ready to go to the air force. I had been in the military in the form of the National Guard."

But said, "We have to do all we can to keep our country strong. I have seen that."

Bellevue was in the Navy in September of 1971 when he was sent to Vietnam on the aircraft carrier USS Intrepid, which was attached to the air squad.

He kept aviation logs, managed quality control and the pilots department to him after running on air missions.

When asked about Vietnam, he said, "I can't raise a family on this money."

Coming home he flew over Camp Rain Bay

"I was never so glad to be home. These men encountered the death that they had seen and the friends they had lost."

It was possible to see in those shadowy memories they had given up a large part of their heart to that place called Vietnam and in that foreign land, had completely changed the kind of men they had become.

Editor's note: This story continues a personal observation of the writer.

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