

**FOCUS**

**Bond's Broadcast**

By Hank Bond



**WANTED:**

**Fans who'll scream, yell, cheer and know a game's going on**  
Last Friday night at the Nicholas County-Berea football game there was a certain lack of something.

From the opening of the game . . . to the end, there was an unexplainable quiet!  
Yes, there was a pretty good crowd at the game, in fact, larger than I had expected. The night was overcast and gave every appearance of rain. With the home side nearly half full, one would expect a great amount of noise, especially when the home team had the ball . . . or made a great defensive play.

That just wasn't the case. It was no different than the Frankfort game, a couple weeks ago. Both visiting schools, Frankfort and Berea, made more noise with a much smaller crowd than did the fans from NCHS.

Nicholas County had the advantage of having its hand in the stands, as well, and it didn't appear to make much difference.

**WHERE IS THE PRIDE!**  
These boys and coaches want to win as badly as the fans do, but even when NCHS took a 7-0 lead at intermission and fought back to take a 13-8 lead in the second half it didn't make any difference.

The hand played the school song after the touchdowns and nobody stood up . . . or at least where I could see.

When the cheerleaders did their cheers, no matter what they say, no one really responded . . . not even the student body.

These football games have become something more than a social affair and that isn't fair to those on the field.

My kids are no different. All they want to do is run and of course, spend money.

That won't be the case two weeks from now, when the jackets are back home.

They'll sit in their seats and have some idea of what is going on . . . or they won't again.

Winning and losing are not the only factors to be considered when looking at this.

These young people at the games need YOUR SUPPORT!

That doesn't mean simply going and yelling at the officials or complaining when a pass pattern doesn't work or a running back gets stopped at the line. No, not at all.

What it means is you should support the players and the team . . . EVERY PLAY.

With only one high school in the county, it is a

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shame the stands aren't full every game. There are enough people to fill up both sides of the field but that's not going to happen. Too bad. It's a loss for everyone.

The program can do nothing but suffer from this apathetic attitude.  
If you simply think the crowd has no influence on a team, take a look at programs in any league at any level.

Paris will have a full house. The University of Kentucky plays in front of 50,000 plus crowds every week, some professional teams have never performed in front of less than a sell-out crowd . . . win or lose . . . and it makes a difference.

Football is a little different than basketball. In a gymnasium there is only a certain amount of room and the noise rings from the rafters. The more the better, but it's different.

In football the sound doesn't echo through the valley. It has to be there as a constant thing. Players on the sidelines are no different. They have to be involved in the game as well. They need to know every play and what is supposed to happen. They need to be yelling encouragement to every player at every possible moment not just rushing to give a high five when the team has finally been able to score a touchdown.

The community and schools need to look at this as being part of the team. There is no "I" in team it is a group effort.  
The crowd, the players the coaches, the band and cheerleaders. It takes all of this to make a successful program in any sport. These young men need your support as will the basketball teams and on and on.

Get out there and show them you actually support the program and its important TO YOU for them to know you're there.

If you do that, you'll see amazing results!

**Historical Update**

Members of the Nicholas County Historical Society have planned a public meeting for Monday, September 28 at 7 p.m. at the Depot to consider a project in conjunction with the Kentucky Heritage Council and the Kentucky Historic Preservation Office.

The Historical Society needs to know whether to go forward with the project.

The society WANTS YOUR VOTE. The group is asking if at all possible for attendance at the meeting. If it is not possible to attend, contact Jo Lynn Garrett or one of the directors.

The project would document the many significant historical buildings, structures, sites, objects and districts worthy of preservation in Carlisle and Nicholas County.

The only Nicholas County properties listed on the National Register are James Ellis Stone Tavern, Carlisle L&N Passenger Depot and six sites at Forest Retreat.

National Register listing will identify properties for a wide range of planning purposes that may provide an invaluable tool to use to promote Carlisle and Nicholas County.

The Chamber of Commerce and Carlisle-Nicholas County Industrial Authority have given support to the projects, as have some other groups.

It may very well be worth your while to attend the meeting.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

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**Report to Kentucky**

SENATOR WENDELL FORD

**HELPING SMALL BUSINESSES COMPLETE GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS**

Our enormous trade deficit has sparked an effort to rekindle the entrepreneurial spirit and make American business and industry more competitive on world markets.

In the private sector, we have seen moves to put more emphasis on product development and create more of a team spirit among management and labor. Many of us in Congress are pressing for a trade management bill. We are also looking for ways to encourage our small businesses to capture their share of the business offered by their own government.

Our federal government is the world's largest customer, buying more than \$12 billion worth of goods and services a year. Much of this business goes to small and medium-sized domestic companies.

As helpful as these programs have been, we still aren't introducing enough small business to government opportunities. Fortunately, our Government Printing Office has taken a step in the right direction by issuing a list of very helpful sources of information for anyone interested in doing business with the government.

**LETTERS**

Editor: Monday, September 14, 1987, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kentucky wrote a letter canceling its KyCar health insurance contract with the Commonwealth of Kentucky for persistent failure to pay premiums when due.

This action was taken reluctantly, with the conviction that the action was justified. During the many years Blue Cross and Blue Shield has held the Blue Cross and Blue Shield contract with the Commonwealth of Kentucky with the highest degree of concern for their well-being.

Recent news accounts of the cancellation have offered only a glimpse at this complex contract and the events leading up to the cancellation. Some of those news accounts have led to confusion as to why Blue Cross and Blue Shield arrived at its September 14 decision to cancel.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield would like to inform you that although Blue Cross and Blue Shield submit new rates and benefits for review, Blue Cross and Blue Shield must to discuss those rates with the State contract.

The most confused area of historical buildings is and around the Courthouse Square. Therefore, we would particularly like all of these property owners to be present, all property owners of any other historic properties in the Nicholas County to consider something that will benefit us all in the long run.

The Chamber of Commerce and the Carlisle-Nicholas County Industrial Authority have both given their full support to this project, as could be worked out.

We need to know whether to go forward with this project or not. We want your vote. Please let us know how you feel at this meeting. If you cannot attend, please contact Jo Lynn Garrett for the meeting details and benefits requested by the State would not be accepted.

The letter, coupled with persistent delinquent premium payments, forced Blue Cross and Blue Shield to cancel the contract.

Under a specific contract provision allowing Blue Cross and Blue Shield to cancel the contract for failure to pay premiums when due, Blue Cross and Blue Shield reluctantly chose to take this step.

In summary, when this meeting was held in July, Blue Cross and Blue Shield's intent was to work with the Chamber of Commerce and the Carlisle-Nicholas County Industrial Authority to resolve the problems of the contract.

We believe that they, too, wanted to resolve these concerns.

We do not know who the carrier for the new Master Contract will be. We do know, however, that our Opinion 2000 and HB0 Kentucky programs, which have been approved by State officials and effort State and School Boards employees

very comprehensive benefits, will be available during the next State negotiating period.

We hope many State employees will make this choice.

Tom V. Ellis

Editor: The Nicholas County Historical Society has scheduled a public meeting Monday, September 28, at 7 p.m. at the Depot to consider a project in conjunction with the Kentucky Heritage Council and the State Historic Preservation Office, to nominate Nicholas County historical properties to the National Register of Historic Places.

This project if undertaken and completed would document the most significant historical buildings, structures, sites, objects and districts worthy of preservation in Carlisle and Nicholas County (currently the only Nicholas County properties listed on the National Register are James Ellis Stone Tavern, Carlisle L & N Passenger Depot, and six sites at Forest Retreat).

It would also be valuable in attracting future industries to our County.

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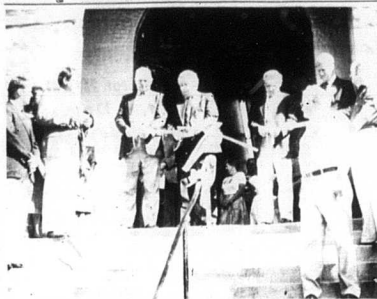
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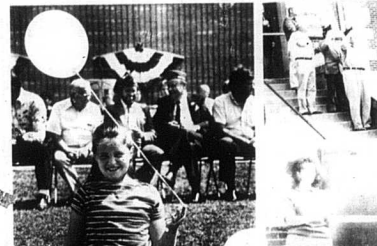
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