

FOCUS



Bond's Broadcast By Hank Bond

Cameras on the loose Carlisle and Nicholas County have been abuzz with photographers, when those shutter bugs from across the country poured into Carlisle as the Kentucky Railway Museum historical train made its way through the city and county Saturday.

Chamber Update: Will we pay the price?

As Carlisle and Nicholas County investigate the inclusion and application in Kentucky's Main Street program, John Burke, president of the Chamber of Commerce posed an interesting question to those attending a banquet last Thursday.

As he stood before the gathering of local citizens, business owners and others, he asked if we (the city and county) would be willing to pay the price.

John, that was an excellent question. What would be the use to have a lot of effort, energy and money expended to just let the project die... from inattention?

Paying the price is not simply writing a check. It is a dedication to cause. Following a table of pre-planning, which in the long run will benefit EVERY Nicholas Countyman.

How? Well, that's a tough question, but one which deserves some discussion. In one of the biggest concerns in the state... in every small town... is that the business

Voter turnout tests popularity

AP News Analysis **The Associated Press. All rights reserved. By Charles Wolfe. Associated Press Writer FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) - Kentucky's thinly spread and lightly attended legislative primary elections suggest that translating a governor's popularity into purely local votes is difficult at best. The stage was set in the 74th District, made up of Montgomery, Bath and Nicholas counties, where

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communities will die before long. This cannot be prevented from simply joining a Main Street program, pouring big bucks into a renovation program, and then maintaining the same attitude of business. There are a few things which must be adjusted in any business to make it possible for that business to stay in operation.

One, is a general attitude that, "We're here, and everybody knows it. People know what we have to offer, and that's what matters." This simply isn't the only reason people continue to shop anywhere. Most people know where the large discount stores are, too.

For those of you sitting here in Nicholas County, resting comfortably in what we have, you could have not lived here all of your life... or the last 25 years. I have lived where you couldn't find anybody to do anything. Business people took everyone for granted, and when you could get a little service it took a third loan on a house to pay for it.

Commonwealth Perspectives

WPSD-TV, Paducah:

There are signs that Kentuckians are developing a new realism about the cost of good schools. A new poll, commissioned by the Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education, shows that just about everybody thinks good schools and colleges are important to Kentucky, most think the state should spend more money to improve them; and 72 percent would be willing to pay higher taxes for that purpose.

That's a big turnaround from earlier polls, which indicated just the opposite. That could be because of the timing. The Advocate's survey was taken in mid-March, as the legislature was wrestling with a new state budget. It was becoming painfully clear that there just wasn't enough money to go around.

Since this poll was commissioned by an ad-

sidewalks... at any hour... and be safe. You had to lock every lock in your house before you could go to sleep, and then have an electric security system to wake you up if the locks were broken into.

How much of that do you have here? Business is no different. If you do business with anyone here for any length of time, you are known by name... where you live, and all other kinds of things of a personal nature. Sure, sometimes it's like living in a glass house, but all-in-all you don't have to worry too much about someone throwing rocks, because they live here, too.

It's time for people to start being a little happy about things. Take care of what is close to home and what is happening to your lives, because we can all get a big dose of big city with about an hour's drive. Then it's good to get back home.

Pay the price folks... or there won't be anything left to protest.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

voey group, and backs up the group's own priorities, some may not want it to give much weight. It is encouraging though, if it truly reflects a shift in attitudes toward the financing of education in Kentucky. But if it does nothing more than stimulate interest and discussion about the subject, it will have served a valuable purpose.

The Paducah Sun:

You can usually tell a good deal about a person by the kinds of things that make him angry. So we note with approval that Gov. Wallace Wilkinson got angry when he learned that he had not been told that a hazardous waste site was polluting their well, from which they drew their drinking water.

He ordered some changes, and last week the Department for Environmental Protection should have seen that the Bullitt couple were notified but failed to do so have been disciplined...

Gov. Wilkinson appointed Don Harker head of the waste-management division a month ago, and Mr. Harker says that he will hire some more people and get them out into the field more actively than has been true until now...

Mr. Harker believes financial help for these purposes can be obtained from the federal Environmental Protection Agency, and he intends to pursue that. All this is more than encouraging. It is necessary...

We have a right to presume that the environmental agencies are doing their jobs and that they take them seriously. Gov. Wilkinson and Mr. Harker seem to agree, and we hope the reality is the same as the appearance.

LETTERS

Editor: I would like to commend you for the article you published about the conflict between our city and county firemen. I feel they should be paid and I feel that they have. It's not the little guys; it's the ones in control. They go out and risk their lives for they are all dedicated servants of a very little pay and very little praise.

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GENERAL NEWS

Nicholas farmers agree with national farm vote

By April 18th News Service And The Carlisle Mercury Staff DENVER - By more than a 10-1 margin, producers have voted to continue to beef checkoff, according to final results released Friday by the Department of Agriculture. Results of the Nicholas County Beef Referendum held May 10 show the county a little less in favor than the state or national average.

In Nicholas County 84 votes cast, 50 votes (59.5 percent) were cast in favor of the \$1.00 checkoff while 34 (40.5 percent) voted opposed the continuation of the program. According to Nicholas County Extension Agent Mike Phillips, Phillips said on a statewide 61 percent of the vote was in favor, with a total of 9,356 cast. "We feel tremendous about it," said Dave Ives, manager of information for the National Milk Producers' Association. The results indicate the producers think the program is fair and effective.

Court tables.....

Continued from Page 1 more information could be sought. The final discussion concerned the opening of Johnson Road. Smoot said, "Dr. Hammonds had approached me on opening the road and the fact that several other people live on that road." The court agreed to table the discussion until June 8 when road and take further action at the next meeting.

Extended forecast for Kentucky Thursday through Saturday. Fair and dry Thursday and Friday. Increased cloudiness with possible thunderstorms on Saturday. Highs mostly in the 60s. Lows from the upper 50s to middle 60s.

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