

FOCUS

Bond's Broadcast By Hank Bond

They never quit!

Without exception, I enjoyed the 14th Regional Basketball Tournament as much this past week as I have since I graduated from high school.

Since my wife is from Pendleton County we have usually rooted for the Wildcats, but since we have become Nicholas Countians, our attention has turned to being Bluejackets.

I have watched a bunch of basketball from nearly every angle on the court. I have covered basketball for five newspapers, done radio play-by-play, television play-by-play, written for a wire service, worn the striped shirt for nearly 2,500 games, and thrown a few hoops in, not usually from half court, though. I have even coached, officially, a couple years.

But this past week I enjoyed watching the Nicholas County basketball team, as much as I have enjoyed watching any.

No the Bluejackets didn't win the region... you already know that, but this assembly of young men and coaching staff did accomplish something much greater than that.

With an upset win in the 37th District tournament over Harrison County, this basketball team pulled Nicholas County together more than any other event in the past 16 months. That's how long we have been here.

If you know I nearly cheer with any regular should become involved. Involved in the community—and what its young people are doing.

You did... No question about that. I have covered many events, since moving to Nicholas County, but when I looked up in the stands Wednesday night to view the game, fought to the very end. On and on they Leo Cruse and the basketball chargers responded to the challenge. We Won!

But, not only did the basketball team and the high school win, the community and the county won. It was something to do together, but MOST IMPORTANTLY, it was PRIDE!

Throughout the game with Maysville, there was no less pride. Although the crowd may have been a little smaller, since the game began at 5 p.m., those backing the Jackets were there all the way.

When the players, all of them from Nicholas County, could have put their heads down... trailing by 30-35 points... it didn't happen.

These young men, everyone playing in the game, fought to the very end. On and on they fought, even though the final outcome was hardly ever in doubt, only the final score. It was the non-defeatist attitude I have been calling for all these many months.

I thank you Nicholas County... and I thank you Bluejackets for bringing many of us together. It was indeed a showing of pride. Good luck in the future to you all. To me, you're number one, no matter what the score.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

Nice Going Nicholas County!

Mercury Memories

5 Years Ago Thursday, March 24, 1983 The management in charge of the carryover tobacco program is urging that farmers be on hand at their receiving station when their harvest is weighed and graded on the specified time, between March 28 and April 21.

40 Years Ago Thursday, March 16, 1948 A total of 24.3 miles of roadway in Nicholas County have been repaved by the Road and Transportation Department of Highway 70, Frankfort for consideration.

10 Years Ago Thursday, March 23, 1978 Judge Reese Simons has received word that the Nicholas County Clerk of the Circuit Health Department has received a special CETA grant to teach Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) to the citizens of Nicholas County.

20 Years Ago Thursday, March 21, 1968 Taxpayers in Nicholas County will become shockingly aware, on or before April 15 of just how much they will have to pay this year because of the cost of operating the Federal government.

25 Years Ago Thursday, March 14, 1963 A state-wide tornado warning and communications exercise will be conducted on Thursday, March 24, sometime in the morning.

30 Years Ago Thursday, March 14, 1958 A red shepherd dog which had rabies, belonging to Henry Watkins, who resides on the Upper Neck, was killed near Jackson, Ky., Feb. 11, 1958. The dog was bitten by two members of the Watkins family, a one being four days old.

35 Years Ago Thursday, March 12, 1953 President Roosevelt laid 13,000 feet of the Great Seal of the United States on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives.

40 Years Ago Thursday, March 12, 1948 The Carlisle Mercury is a proud member of the Kentucky Newspaper Association, the National Newspaper Association, and the Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce.

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We 'The People' Celebrate By Voting

Throughout the county last year, commemorative were held honoring those who gathered in Philadelphia in 1787 and crafted the U.S. Constitution. Additional celebrations have been held (or have been planned) around this year and next in recognition of the 200th Anniversary of the ratification process.

Our system of government was bought with the blood and sweat of Americans throughout our history. The only way to repay our debt to the men of genius who wrote the Constitution and the men and women of valor who have brought to present it by exercising their rights to vote.

LETTERS

Approximately one month ago I received a letter through the mail from a local department store inviting me to their "Going Out of Business Sale."

When I did I purchased one pair of tennis shoes. I wrote a personalized check for \$25.00, and was asked to show two I.D.'s, because the check was for \$25.00.

Miller's Message By Chip Miller Basketball season draws community closer

Well, the Bluejackets' basketball season is over. After all the hoopla was over Friday night with the Jackets' 86-47 loss to Maysville, one can look back upon the season with a nod and a smile.

Ten wins, 16 losses, 37th District runner-up and a berth in the 10th Regional tournament in Maysville, eventually falling in the semi-final game to the Maysville Bulldogs, the 10th Region representative at the Sweet Sixteen State Tournament at Freedom Hall in Louisville.

Just ask Harrison County, or Bourbon County, or even the Deming Black Devils. But more importantly, more so than winning or losing, I saw the Carlisle-Nicholas County community pull together and share something in common.

I guess that's the real meaning of the word "Hometown."

GENERAL NEWS

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