

FOCUS



Bond's Broadcast
By Hank Bond

Congratulations Junior Jackets
All season long I have the sheer pleasure of talking with Barbara Kenney at least once a week.

Now, before you get the wrong idea Mike, let me tell you it's been strictly business.
For you see... Barbara is the head coach for the the Nicholas County Junior High School seventh and eighth grade basketball girls' teams, as well as the varsity girls coach at Nicholas County High School.
This year's junior high teams have combined for a record of 30-1. The seventh grade girls finished the year with a perfect 14-0 record, while the eighth graders were 16-1 for their season's efforts.

The eighth graders as a team have completed a two season record of 30-2, with only one point loss to blemish their record.
The girls lost in the seventh grade championship game last season to Belmont, by one point, and this year as eighth graders, dropped a one point decision to Paris in Paris early in the season.

They avenged the loss - twice - with Belmont this season, and also stopped Paris in the final two meetings.
The seventh grade team finished atop the conference this year, capturing the title, last Saturday night.

Put those trophies in the case, young ladies. More importantly, though, to this writer, who follows a team - win or lose - was the fan support I saw in evidence as these young ladies toiled game after game - week after week.

Home game crowds continued to grow with a nearly packed house for the game against Scott County last week - and then according to many who attended the finals in Mt. Sterling.



Julie's Jive
By Julie Pfeifer

Parents, go on, don't read this column. I have the feeling no teenagers will read it, but I can try.
I recently had an experience with a teenager. She lives in a city, has big hair and wears black clothes. My mother refused to let me wear black, saying it was too "mature" for me. She also had a midnight curfew, and wouldn't let me date until I was 16, period. And believe it or not, I'm glad she did all those things. I've talked to others who felt like their parents were entirely too strict, and they, too, seem to be pretty glad for the intrusion.

One thing I learned from those very hard years as a teenager was to believe in myself. Leon Uris, author of "Trinity," said something in an interview in "Writer's Digest" that really hit home with me. It was a tenet I formed long ago, when I was a teenager.
He spoke of proving ones self to others, that was the only way you could ever really motivate yourself. Some may not subscribe to this belief, it is rather selfish, perhaps childish, but it is what keeps me going. When the whole world, mom, dad, brother, sister, teacher, coach, friend and enemy seem to be against you, look into yourself.

Every Nicholas County citizen should be proud of the fact that this team has been so successful and our Hospital Administrator and Fiscal Court members should be commended for their support and positive action on this accomplishment.
Leon Higgs, DMD
Carlisle
Sincerely
Coach Barbara P. Kenney

ling, Saturday night, Nicholas County had more people on hand than the other teams combined. Of course, that may have been because there were two Nicholas County teams in the finals - but - nonetheless, Nicholas County had a tremendous success, and the young ladies deserved this kind of support.
So you see Mike, this was simply a way of telling the people of Nicholas County about the fine basketball teams at NCS - and I hope to keep on writing about those winning Bluejackets for a long time.

Kingsolver reception, Sunday; Just Stop by and... say Hi!

Book fans and interested persons from far and wide will be glad to know - if they don't already - of the book signing and reception for Barbara Kingsolver set for 2 - 4 p.m., at the Carlisle Depot.

The event is sponsored by the Nicholas County Historical Society.
Ms. Kingsolver, when accepting the invitation to return to Carlisle said, "I'm excited about getting to do this in my hometown - with people I know, in a place that really means something to me."

The whole event surrounds Ms. Kingsolver's authorship of her first novel - *The Bean Trees*.

The book is already making its way to the silver screen and is set to be made into a movie starring Debra Winger.

Ms. Kingsolver, is married to Joseph Hoffman, a chemist, and is the mother of a daughter, Camille, born in 1987.

She was co-valedictorian of her class at Nicholas County High School.

She graduated magna cum laude in 1977 from DePaul University with a B.A. in Biology and English.

She obtained her Master's Degree from the University of Arizona.

She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Wendell Kingsolver of Carlisle.

Joan Conley of the Nicholas County Historical Society said purchase of the book is not necessary to attend the reception - and Nicholas Countians are urged to attend the event to simply say, Hi!

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

Guest Editorials

Opinion column of the Lexington Herald-Leader (Nov. 1, 1988):
"It was a teen-age wedding," the old Chuck Berry song says, "and the old folks wished them well."
In Kentucky, unfortunately, the reality is a little less appealing. The latest example (although by no means the only one) comes from Lickinckle County, where two girls, aged 12 and 13, have recently married with their parents' consent.

Any wedding involving teen-agers is a chancy undertaking. But when the bride is this young, the chances of a successful marriage - or a successful life - are slim indeed.

That's why Kentucky should change its law allowing people under the age of 16 to marry with parental permission. The change is long overdue. Changing the law won't solve all the problems in this area, of course. There is, and to say, ample evidence that some 13-year-old girls can and do bear children. Making it harder for them to wed won't make their lives any easier or more rewarding.

But changing the law to require review of underage marriage licenses by a judge would add a useful safeguard. It would stop parents from merely dumping their children into wedlock in order to be rid of the responsibility of caring for them... It would give the state a chance to intervene before a parent allows a child to ruin his or her life.

Young love is a many-splendored thing, to be sure. But it also can lead to failed marriages, unbearable responsibilities and bleak lives. Making it harder for underage kids to marry would help forestall such dire consequences for young Kentuckians.

The Independent, Ashland (Oct. 31, 1988):
Most Kentuckians realize they are violating the law when they drive a truck or automobile on a public road while intoxicated. In case there was any doubt, they also can't operate a tractor on the road while intoxicated.

The Kentucky Court of Appeals wisely ruled recently that the state's drunken driving restrictions also include tractors.

A man recently admitted to being intoxicated while operating his farm tractor on a public highway, but he questioned whether the DUI law included tractors, since another state law specifically excludes farm tractors from being defined as "motor vehicles." Writing for the majority, Appeals Court Judge Harris Howard cited another state law that prohibits the driving of a "vehicle" while intoxicated.

The man, Howard ruled, "was driving a tractor at 1:30 a.m. on a public highway while drunk. The Breathalyzer reading was .16. It would seem to be a gross distortion of the intent of the referred to statutes to hold that the appellant was not guilty of drunk driving because he was driving a tractor."

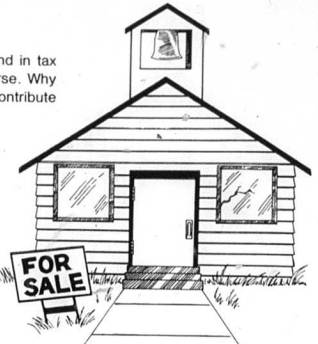
We agree. Whether the vehicle they are operating is a semi-truck, a car, a tractor or a bicycle, drunken drivers are a menace that must be removed from the road.

JACK SPRAT COULD EAT NO FAT... NO RED MEAT WHITE SUGAR, CHOLESTEROL, PALM OIL, CRITICAL SWEETENERS, SALT, ETC., ETC.

LETTERS
Editor:
Several years ago I had the privilege of being present for the opening of the Johnson, Mathers Nursing Home.
At that time there was a lot of enthusiasm and pride among Nicholas County and Fiscal Court members along with mixed feelings of how we would ever pay back the enormous debt that we had taken on to build this much needed Health facility.
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How much do the neighboring big city stores spend in tax money to support our schools? Nothing at all, of course. Why should they? Smart business people work for and contribute to their own communities.

"For Sale" signs in front of schools, homes and many local businesses are a real possibility if our retail trade continues to drift out of town.

Supporting local business is the first step to keeping this community strong and prosperous. It takes your dollars to build and support our schools, churches and public services...to make jobs for more people and improve property values.

SHOPPING AT HOME CAN SAVE MANY THINGS . . .

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