

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

# Carolyn and Pam Sparks visit England

By Heather Mathes  
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A business trip is always made easier if it is with a friend, and it made even more so if it can be mixed with a little pleasure.

Carolyn Sparks, Carlisle business owner, decided she would make her trip of a lifetime and business trip combined with her daughter and friend, Pam Sparks.

Mrs. Sparks said, "Last year my husband, Robert and son, David, took a fishing trip to Canada and so this year, Pam and I wanted to take a similar trip, but somewhere we could feel safe."

Since that time Mrs. Sparks had been doing some serious thinking and planning on a trip to London, England and the surrounding countryside.

She said, "Pam got me a book on London for Christmas and we started serious planning even though we had many hold-ups."

"My daughter had national boards for dental school and I had bought the ship, but we decided there was never going to be a really good time to go, so we just went."

Triple A lined up rooms and a stop flight plan from Cincinnati.

Sparks said, "We left Tuesday evening on a late flight at 11 p.m. even though we were supposed to leave at eight, and took for our London trip on a non-stop eight hour flight where we lost five hours of flight time."

"We landed at Gatwick (airport) and rode on Bryl Rail which is Great Britain's

tremendous transportation system that travels throughout England and Ireland."

Sparks and her daughter then stayed in London for three days.

"Our hotel was only two blocks from Buckingham Palace and we took walking tours and saw almost all of London," said Sparks.

The two viewed the changing of the guard, Trafalgar Square, Westminster Abbey, the crown jewels, Parliament Square, the Tower of London and Saint Paul's Cathedral.

Mrs. Sparks was particularly impressed with the great series of history possessed by the British.

She explained, "When they spoke of us in the 1400's it could sense an enormous sense of history where the birth of our country was not really a long while, when they could trace the history of their country back almost to the beginning of civilization."

The Nicholas County travelers also spent time in the London Museum.

"While in the museum I was looking at the things especially interesting to me."

"We learned about Roman and Greek history and saw part of the Greek Parthenon temple built by Lord Elgin in 1816 which they took to Greece to now wanting back."

"While in the museum I saw the original cooking of Kentucky."

When we first arrived we did get to see the most interesting Kidney and steak pie, and the famous Yorkshire pudding.

"The appetizers were called starters and when you first

down they always brought you bread and offered tea."

"Fishes were their main stay and they ate an awful lot of dairy products with their meals."

"But other than not drinking their food in saucers, I thought the food we had there tasted a lot like the regional southern cooking we have here," Sparks said.

The two ate many of their meals in pubs.

She added, "A pub is not like a bar or anything, it is a respectable place to eat that have Carvers, like our all you can eat buffets."

"After their stay in London, they traveled to Harrogate for the business end of the trip."

She said, "Harrogate had about 66,000 people in the town, but it was more like a village with the flowers everywhere and we stayed at the Crown Hotel."

"When we got there it was tea time and we had not had a chance to eat lunch on the train so we had tea with scones, Danishes and fresh strawberries and other individual treats."

"They found Great Britain's gift fair very different from the others they had visited in the U.S."

She said, "I had went on buying trips to Louisville, Atlanta and Chicago but the United Kingdom British Craft Trade Fair had many different interesting things."

"We saw Nottingham Lace made by the people that do lace for the royal wedding, a line by Beatrix Potter and interesting candles, china and fine crystal," she said.

Sparks had heard of cold and smotherless Britains, but found something quite the opposite after her trip.

"You know you hear about these cold and smothering people, but they weren't at all, and in fact, they were really so courteous."

"I think people just get that

had impression because they have a real dry sense of humor, but felt right at home."

She concluded, "I would recommend this trip to anyone because it was fun, but also because it was safe."


"And when you traveling just two alone in a foreign country, being safe and secure is important."

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## Council sets

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paid to Kelly.

"I carry the check up here," Kelly said. "I know what I'm talking about."

The council had the first reading of Ordinance 44, Property tax was approved as 22 for every \$100 of value for use in the general fund. Ordinance 45 had its first reading, too. This is a motor vehicle tax of 22 for every \$100 of value.

The discussion turned to the Shop at Home free parking for two hours.

"It has worked," Mayor Bente said. It was intended to run the employees and employers off the street and it has worked, Bente said. If you go into town at any time of the day, there is a place to park

and the parking places are not taken up by people who work downtown, Bente said.

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## School Board

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er ship training course was approved.

In addition, Hugo Guthrie was employed as lunchroom monitor at the high school.

The board voted to add Timmy Thornburg, Rita Simpson and Darrell Sexton to the sub-bus drivers list.

The board acted to approve Mayville Community College instructors to use Nicholas County High School classrooms to teach English 101, Writing 1, and college Algebra on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

The board approved the facilities use request list, along with a request by the Nicholas County Band to make five trips for competition.

In addition, the board approved a request to use the Nicholas County Elementary cafeteria for the organizational meeting of the all-sports booster club.

A request by Mrs. Phyllis Guthrie to attend a basic lead-

ing sponsor.

The board adopted special education and related services policies, and voted to purchase a 1989 Dodge Neon Intercontinental bus at a cost of \$21,493.

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I certify that this information is a complete and accurate statement of the performance of this school district on the factors specified in this report.

September 12, 1988 September 12, 1988  
Date Signed Date Reported

**TABLE 1 - Percent of Students Mastering Essential Skills - DISTRICT**

GRADE	2001 AREA				NO. & % OF ENROLLMENT TAKING TESTS
	READING	MATH	SPELLING	WRITING	
K	90.9	97.8	97.8	n/a	97.8
1	81.4	92.5	87.9	86.1	86.1
2	76.9	91.3	81.7	88.5	87.7
3	94.0	98.8	95.2	90.5	97.6
4	78.3	92.5	83.0	88.7	86.9
5	76.6	94.5	76.6	81.8	89.6
6	70.5	88.1	83.2	83.2	95.1
7	71.3	91.8	88.9	86.4	96.7
8	86.4	81.6	90.5	94.2	92.2
9	87.6	90.2	91.5	96.3	92.7
10	88.9	98.8	93.8	86.4	79.0
11	85.1	94.0	85.1	n/a	88.1
12					67

**TABLE 2 - District Mean NCE Scores on Basic Skills - KEST**

GRADE	GRADE				OBT. TEST SCORE
	READING	MATH	SPELLING	WRITING	
1	60.7	65.2	65.8	62.5	n/a
5	50.5	58.6	56.9	56.4	54.1
9	57.5	58.6	56.1	63.7	58.2
10	46.4	51.8	50.0	65.5	53.3

**TABLE 3 - SAT and ACT Scores**

GRADE	SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST - SAT		NO. & % OF GRADUATES TAKING TEST
	MATH	VERBAL	
District	n/a	n/a	0
State - 1987	519	479	4,290

**AMERICAN COLLEGE BOARD TEST - ACT**

GRADE	GRADE			NO. & % OF GRADUATES TAKING TEST
	MATH	ENGLISH	COMPOSITE	
District	15.7	16.2	15.7	30
State - 1987	16.3	18.5	18.3	23,117

**TABLE 4 - Percent of Students Retained in Each Grade**

SCHOOLS	GRADE												
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Schools	10.4	2.2	5.6	2.8	0.0	1.0	0.0	5.6	2.9	13.2	5.3	2.4	4.3
District	10.4	2.2	5.6	2.8	0.0	1.0	0.0	5.6	2.9	13.2	5.3	2.4	4.3

**TABLE 5 - DROPOUT Rate - Students Quitting School as a Percent of Enrollment by Grades**

GRADE	1986			1987			1988		
	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	
8	2	1.6	0	0.0	0	0.0			
9	2	1.7	1	0.9	1	1.0			
10	6	5.8	3	2.6	4	3.4			
11	3	3.1	2	2.2	4	4.2			
12	0	0.0	1	1.3	1	2.3			
District	18	3.0	11	1.9	15	2.6			
State	10,863	3.75	8,656	3.39					

**TABLE 6 - Percent Attendance - Students**

SCHOOLS	1986		1987		1988	
	N.C.E.S.	%	N.C.H.S.	%	N.C.H.S.	%
Schools	95.26	95.85	96.69	96.63		
District	96.25	96.69	95.53	96.07		
State	94.30	94.74				

**TABLE 7 - Graduates Going to College or Other Postsecondary Training**

DISTRICT	COLLEGE			NO.	%
	NO.	1985	1986		
District	27	31	22	33	28
State	17,463	45.3	17,539	46.4	18,432

**OTHER POSTSECONDARY TRAINING**

DISTRICT	NO. 1985		NO. 1986		NO. 1987	
	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%
District	11	0	6	5	5	5
State	3,276	8.4	3,171	8.4	3,217	8.7

**TABLE 8 - Special Education Enrollment as a Percent of Total Enrollment**

DISTRICT	STUDENTS ENROLLED IN SPECIAL EDUCATION		NO.	%		
	NO.	1986			1987	1988
District	109	9.0	103	8.2	125	9.7
State	77,665	12.0	70,304	10.9	73,477	11.4

**SPECIAL ED STUDENTS RETURNED TO REGULAR CLASSROOM STATUS AS A % OF SPECIAL EDUCATION ENROLLMENT**

DISTRICT	1986		1987		1988	
	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%
District	6	5.5	5	4.9	29	23.2

**TABLE 9 - Number and Percent of Enrollment Classified as Economically Deprived**

GRADE	NO. 1986		NO. 1987		NO. 1988	
	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%
District	587	47.1	527	48.0	587	46.3
State	224,251	34.4	223,190	34.7	N/A	N/A

**TABLE 10 - District Secondary Vocational Education Enrollment**

GRADE	NO. 1986		NO. 1987		NO. 1988	
	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%
District	36	11.4	36	11.2	33	21.9
State	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

**TABLE 11 - Percent Attendance - Professional Staff**

TITLE	PERCENT	
	TEACHERS	ADMINISTRATORS AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL STAFF
District	96.7	98.7
State	96.9	

**TABLE 12 - District Pupil/Teacher Ratio**

SCHOOLS	RATIO	NO. CLASSES OVER MAX. SIZE		% STUDENTS IN CLASSES OVER MAX.
		NO.	%	
Schools	N.C.E.S.	19.8-0	0	N/A
District	N.C.H.S.	16.6-0	0	N/A
		18.7-0	0	N/A

**TEACHER/ADMINISTRATOR RATIO**

RANK	SALARY DATA - TEACHERS		SALARY RANGE	
	Percent of Teachers	Minimum	Maximum	Maximum
Rank 1	11	2500/0	31858	
Rank 11	62.5	29875	30375	
Rank 111	26.5	17005	25512	

**SALARY DATA - ADMINISTRATORS**

RANK	SALARY RANGE	
	Minimum	Maximum
Rank 1	30886	39775
Rank 11	30054	30054
Rank 111	n/a	n/a

**TABLE 14 - Classes Taught by Teacher Out of Field of Specialty**

SCHOOLS	N.C.E.S.	NUMBER TEACHING OUT OF FIELD OF SPECIALTY		NUMBER OF CLASSES OUT OF FIELD
		NO.	%	
Schools	N.C.H.S.	0	0	0
District		3	3	3
		3	3	3

**TABLE 15 - Cost of Professional Staff Development**

AVERAGE COST PER PROFESSIONAL STAFF MEMBER FOR IN-SERVICE ACTIVITIES	1985		1986		1987	
	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%
District	73		61		127	