

FOCUS



Bond's Broadcast

By Hank Bond

Weekend event has nice crowd; Chamber lauded

Hats off to the Carlisle - Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce for the excellent planning and execution for Carlisle Court Days.

Even though the adverse weather; the surrounding festivals, and the soggy weather, the event was well staged.

Those responsible for the planning of the event should get a pat on the back for the way things turned out. With the many events for people to participate and enjoy it was a complete mini-festival.

Those not attending missed a fine time - and maybe next year the weather will cooperate a little more for the first day of the event.

Football Round - up 1988 should offer many things

October 28, the Nicholas County All Sports Booster Club is attempting to locate and ultimately invite every football player to play football in Nicholas County at ANY HIGH SCHOOL to Football Round-Up 1988.

This celebration will take place during the 1988 season finale for NCHS. The P-R-I-D-E is back in the theme for the event and all former players should make every effort to attend this game.

In addition, all former cheerleaders and band members are urged to attend. This event should offer a great time for all graduates of a Nicholas County High School, and give a boost to the athletic programs at NCHS.

Funding is an ever present concern for all programs within the schools and athletics need support just as others.

The formation of the booster club for all sports is to attempt to raise funds to be used for all programs.

Ultimately the design of the booster club is to support all of the young people involved. This is not simply a one sport - one program - booster club, but one which will help every program, down to the junior high level.

The round-up can certainly serve as a boost, with a large crowd, strong backing, and a show of unity for YOUR COUNTY'S young people and football team.

Concern for these young people has to be at the top of the list. By putting what is best for the young people at the top of the list... along with the entire program, regardless of sport, it will make it the best program it can possibly be.

It should be a night of great fun, and possible some teams, band members or cheerleaders from past years and all schools can plan dinners or get together to go along with the event to make it even better.

The meeting for the Nicholas County All Sports Booster Club will be September 28, beginning at 6:30 at Nicholas County Elementary.

If you'd like to be part, you're certainly invited, and even more importantly spread the word about this fun night.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

GUEST EDITORIAL

The Independent, Ashland (Sept. 19, 1988): The chilly relations between Gov. Wallace Wilkinson and Lt. Gov. Brereton Jones are the least bit surprising. In addition to having different political philosophies and personalities, Jones and Wilkinson are after the same job. Indeed, the verbal shots the two have traded recently could be characterized as the first volleys in the 1991 gubernatorial race.

Jones has never tried to hide his plans to run for governor in 1991. Even as a candidate for lieutenant governor, he always said he viewed the office as a steppingstone.

Wilkinson also has made it clear that he hopes to run for governor in 1991, but there is a little matter that must be taken care of first. The Kentucky Constitution prohibits governors from serving consecutive terms.

Wilkinson made a gubernatorial succession amendment to the constitution a major thrust of his administration's efforts in the 1988 General Assembly, and the governor blames Jones for doing everything he could to sabotage the change. Differences between what the governor wanted and what the General Assembly would accept resulted in no succession amendment being placed on the ballot.

Because of their increasingly intense rivalry, there is little chance of Wilkinson giving Jones anything meaningful to do as lieutenant governor. That's too bad. Jones is a bright, progressive man who could be an asset to state government.

Bowling Green Daily News (Sept. 16, 1988): An opinion from the state attorney general's office could have serious consequences on new gubernatorial and more importantly on justice, around Kentucky.

The opinion says that citations issued by policemen are not considered public records and, therefore, are not subject to the Open Records Law. That means citizens do not have to be made public until the case reaches final disposition, the opinion states.

What concerns us is that without public scrutiny, made through publication by the press or direct view by the public, some cases may never get to court.

It would be easy for a citation to be "lost" intentionally. Being able to check on police records is a public right and a prominent citizen is entitled in the same manner as the average citizen certainly to public business.

A second opinion is being written by the attorney general's office to clarify the first one, but the attorney general's opinion is considered law until challenged in court.

The Open Records Act was designed to prevent cover-ups. Should the attorney general's opinion stand unchanged, the public will be less sure that our legal system is as impartial and open to scrutiny as it should be.

Owensboro Messenger-Examiner (Sept. 20, 1988):

A new tax amnesty program which began this month is giving Kentuckians - and Kentucky businesses - a chance to get back into the state's good graces.

They have until Dec. 16 to take advantage of the program... Those who have underpaid or failed to pay other Kentucky taxes, including individual and corporate income, sales and use, coal and intangible taxes, can make amends now. All civil and criminal penalties will be forgiven for a taxpayer who pays his bills before mid-December, as will half of the accrued interest.

The state expects to generate \$10 million in back taxes this year and another \$10 million next fiscal year from increased enforcement.

The state's kindness toward those who didn't pay will end when amnesty does. After Dec. 16, willful and criminal penalties will be treated as a felony offense with a possible prison term of five years and a \$10,000 fine.

In addition, corporate officers can be held personally liable for some sales and severance taxes after amnesty.

The "Get Amnesty or Get Caught" campaign isn't cheap. It costs the state \$650,000, of which \$225,000 is for advertisements.

The Revenue Cabinet also received an additional \$2.6 million to hire additional personnel for the increased enforcement following amnesty.

But that kind of investment can certainly be justified if it brings in the \$20 million or more the state is owed.

No one likes to pay taxes. But those who do shouldn't have to shoulder the burden of taxes that went through reduced rates or higher taxes.



Julie's Jive

By Julie Pfeifer

This was one of those weeks, I just wasn't struck emotionally by anything in particular.

The televised "joint appearance" by the candidates was so mentally invigorating that Ring and I turned on the stereo and went outside to play.

I guess I'd mostly like to comment on the fact that my Aunt Lottie has passed away. She was my great aunt. I'd mostly like to remember that boy, could she cook. She made the best fried potatoes, and fried kraut ever. I remember her big oak table and her rushing around stuffing us full of a wonderful peanut butter and jelly cake that I've never seen since.

Aunt Lottie and Uncle Mob have been old an awfully long time. I was surprised to find out she was only 77. All my life both of them have had hearing trouble and wouldn't wear their hearing aids. It's funny now to realize they were probably only in their fifties when my family visited and we had to yell over the TV, which was tuned to Free Haw and turned up all the way.

A lot of things come back to you at a time like this - things you never thought about in your years. For example, her huge Aunt Jenima cookie jar... was it that big?

The couple had no children. Their main avocation was travel, driving across the country twice a year, and eating at the Po Folks restaurant in Bowling Green weekly.

I'm sure Beaver Dam will be a little smaller without Aunt Lottie, who was a wisp of a woman anyway. I know I feel a little smaller, thinking about that huge table and how important it was that it was filled whenever we visited.

Letters

Dear Editor: grandchildren and neighbor I always enjoy your children there when we're outdoors but I was shocked very young to see it when I read the one about the I imagine who ever stole it from back dog in the Carlisle will sell it at some of the surrounding flea markets for a small sum.

No one realizes that, for a small sum, are people who steal from the dead.

What a pity to know that we in this dog has been standing have people of this category in for many years. I have our beautiful community taken my children and a

Betty H. Harton

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GENERAL NEWS

Foster homes needed in Nicholas

By Julie Pfeifer Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff: There are so foster homes available in Nicholas County children in Nicholas County. This startling piece of information comes from Sheree Combs, a recruitment and certification worker for the Department of Social Services.

Their goal at the moment is to approve and certify "stable and flexible" homes in Nicholas County, so when a need arises, there is someone available, she said.

She said there are rigorous and thorough checks that foster families would have to go through. But, a family that didn't feel like they could go through the background checks may not be a family suitable for foster children.

"You have to make a commitment," she said. And part of that commitment is a willingness to go through the checks, as well as participating in the 18 hours of pre-certification training.

The commitment that you make to a child may last only one week, while the Social Services department seeks out a relative, Combs said, or it may last a year.

Right now, she said, there is a need for families that have room for sibling groups. A goal of foster care program is to place a child within its community, so they won't have to change schools or have their lives disrupted in other ways. If a group of siblings has to be separated, that is very upsetting to a child, she said.

At the moment, children from Nicholas County have to be placed in Bourbon County and Harrison County, so they are trying to start a new recruitment phase.

One worry some considering the program might express is the fact that some children may be unruly or hard to cope with, Combs said. A family does not have to accept any child they are called about. A family can also specify whether they want older or younger children.

"Most people don't like teenagers," she said. "We have one woman in Harrison County who asks for teenagers, and she does a great job with them." Combs stressed that once a child is placed with a family, they aren't thrown out on their own. The social services department provides support services and reimbursement for medical expenses and the like.

A foster family she explained, as a temporary place for the child to be cared for. Another goal is to reunite the natural family.

Court grants

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to Cassidy Creek by Myers Station and then to Dun Road in Nicholas County, so when a need arises, there is someone available, she said.

The water will be under the jurisdiction of the Shاربurg Water District, which will operate as not-for-profit organization.

This \$500,000 loan is just a part of a \$1 million and a half plan for the line extension. The rest of the money will come from Farmer's Home Grants and Loans. These

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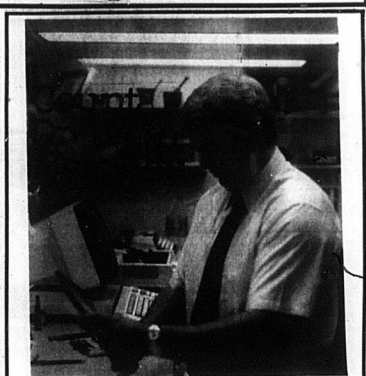
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sludge truck must meet exact specifications, such as dual wheels and has to be heavy duty enough to support a 2,000 gallon tank, Mary Tapp, city clerk, explained.

A new ordinance concerning water rates had its first reading. These new rates will go into effect with the November billing.

The first 1,000 gallons inside the city will cost \$6 inside the city, outside the city will cost \$6.50. This is a two dollar increase from previous rates.

The next 400 gallons will be \$1.60 inside the city and \$1.65 outside. This is an increase of six cents and 10 cents respectively.

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