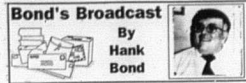


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Josh Shepherd From Left Field

Ah, High School Football season. What painful nostalgia it brings to me. I played on one of the best teams Carroll County ever had.

Once it is taken away we'll not get it back

In light of the uproar caused by a report saying Robertson County Schools would be targeted with other school systems for study- and possible closing - it may be time to pause and look at what it means.

It, in some way, it is decided by state officials to find a way to close the high school or all of the schools in the county and bus students away it will be FOREVER.

Closing the schools will be just like the removal of federal revenue sharing funds.

The schools will be gone and with the philosophy of "Bigger is Better" it will mark the end of many years of tradition.

Across Kentucky many school districts have consolidated inside a county to produce one school. Nicholas County is no different.

Carlisle High School and Headquarters High School were consolidated with Nicholas County Schools to make one county high school.

This marked the end to tradition. Many people work to keep the tradition alive in Carlisle with an annual reunion of Carlisle High School graduates, but the school is gone.

It is not an argument here if it is good or not that the school was closed, but merely to point out that once the school was closed - it was closed forever.

Robertson County is no different with its schools. Once the high school is allowed to close, short of a population explosion in Robertson County, which would do over crowd adjoining school systems, there would be no high school here.

It isn't a pleasant thought and something to keep in mind when the alternatives to keeping the schools in operation move from the conference table to reality.

Not only can it happen in Robertson County but in any county, once this barrier is broken, what if the state says all high schools with less than 1000 students must be consolidated into larger systems?

What if, indeed, That would mean Nicholas County, too, would no longer have a high school - any high school - to call its own.

This is something everyone needs to consider, when the schools need something.

Not only financial support through taxes, but moral support, as well. If the state looks at a viable, well supported system, then there will certainly be nothing to worry about.

Losing the schools would not be unlike so many other things - no one would really miss it, until it is gone.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

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We came back the next year and, for the first time in Carroll County history, we made the state playoffs by beating Fleming 8-6 in one of the grittiest, toughest games it has been my pleasure to be involved in.

Coach McConaughay, who now is head coach of Scott County, had a team of pure talent.

A talented, cocky quarterback and a receiver who seemed to have glue sticks for fingers, power running backs and a determined, though small, front line.

Unfortunately, I was not among them. But, if the truth be known, I would have to say I was a major reason for the team's success.

In a way I was like Binkley from Bloom County, a confirmed pacifist in the midst of a pack of wild dogs.

I was a third stringer with a big mouth on the sidelines during the games and an effective blocking dummy during practice.

Football practice for me was more of a fight for survival than learning experience.

For a moment, I'm airborne, the only sound in my ears were the "oohs" from the rest of the players, and then, skidding on my back, I came to rest next to the water cooler, which is where I really wanted to be in the first place.

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I played defensive tackle and end.

The offensive starter, a squat but hulking figure lined up in front of me, would smile maliciously before each play and, as an added incentive for me to do well, he would tell me where the ball was going.

Then he described in as much detail as his narrowed eyes could say just how futile it was for me to get the tackle.

The ball would snap and I would meet him face mask to face mask before being thoroughly pummeled to the ground.

Afterwards, he would cheerfully extend his hand to help lift me from the three foot impression of my body in the ground and smile again as if to say, just wait and see what I'll do to you on the next play.

For health reasons, I switched to defensive end. I figured attempting to block passes was less painful to my body.

And as usual, I was wrong.

I was also an incredible sucker for a pulling guard on sweeps. I saw the running back headed for me with the fullback on a lead block and when he ran to take out the linebacker, I thought I had the quarterback cold. I stepped over the line to contain me and just as I turned I saw a guard with the top of a charging rhino coming out me, shoulders squared and a grimace only a mother could love. There was little I could do to avoid the hit, it was mesmerized like a deer in front of the headlights of an oncoming train.

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GENERAL NEWS

Nicholas School Board

length, but Elder said the school principals have far more important business to attend to than standing in the school doorway measuring the length of each student's shirt.

The board accepted the Dent Corporation's bid and agreed to re-configure the middle section first and, if it is possible, to replace the others. Work is expected to begin September 16.

The board amended Section 7 of the student conduct code dealing with student dress. Elder said he had talked with Elementary School Principal Gerald Hammons and High School Principal Greg Reid and they recommended allowing students normal dress during normal school hours as long as they do not distract from normal classroom activity and they promote decency, safety and acceptable behavior.

Board members asked if there would be restrictions on Ohio, an aunt, Mrs. Mary Jackson, 35, 414 Hillside Court, Apartment 460, died Sunday, August 13, 1989.

He was a member of the Immanuel United Church of Christ. His survivors include wife, Mrs. Marietta Leake Jackson, three sons, Alverton, Jr., Victor, and John Jackson, Lexington, one grandson, Alverton Jackson, III, Lexington, a brother, Walter Jackson, Lexington, three sisters, Mrs. Hazel Walker, Sharpsburg, Mrs. Gladys Samuels and Mrs. Betty Madden, Cincinnati.

Survivors include nephew, Earl Buckler, Lexington, niece, Edith Shields, Carlisle, several great nieces and nephews.

Services were held Friday, August 11, 1989 at the Mulberry Grove Funeral Home in the Rev. Dorothy Shannon, Charleston, officiating. Burial will be in the Olive Branch Cemetery in Fleming County.

Answer: If you are enrolled in an employer sponsored private group health insurance plan, you won't have to pay a penalty when you do sign up for Medicare medical insurance, or Part B of Medicare as it's often called.

However, if you are not enrolled in an employer health plan, you will have to pay an additional 10 percent premium when you sign up for Medicare, for each year that you go without health coverage between the time you're 65 and when you sign up.

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Veteran Missionary To Speak. Ralph Harter, missionary in India since 1947, will be the guest speaker Sunday, August 27, at the East Union Christian Church.

Among many things, Mr. Harter preaches and teaches (Bible) in North India with headquarters in the city of Kanpur on the Ganges River. Mr. Harter is an off-quota speaker and will read all area residents are guaranteed an splitting hour regardless of denomination.

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Gave permission for Sue Kirby and 15 students to attend the State Champions Against Drugs Regional Camp to be held September 9, 10.

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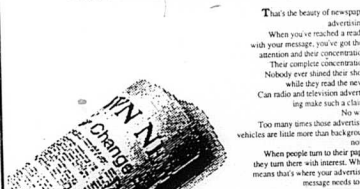
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