

FOCUS

From Left Field By Josh Shepherd



A strange thing about the English language...

For instance, progress. I remember talking to my grandfather...

Thinking back on it, I realized that things I have come to...

Now, Progress can be a good thing for people...

Now, Wallace Wilkinson, often criticized, will get some praise from me...

Ordinarily, I would criticize such a move. Paris Road is a beautiful drive...

Academic team looking ahead

Josh Shepherd Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff The Nicholas County Academic Team...



The Nicholas County Academic Team members are from left to right...

The Carlisle Mercury (USPS 090-820) Staff Editor: Day the media released the rankings of the Basic Skills Test...

trademark that should be preserved. But, it is also badly congested, especially during rush hours...

But the four lane road itself does not concern me as much as the thought of what usually happens after it is installed.

It used to be a nice drive, as resonant of Lexington's heritage as Paris Pike. But soon it will begin to resemble the apartment house suburbia that has infected Tates Creek Road.

It seems as though once a small benefit is added, like an expanded highway, Lexington developers seem compelled to put something in it.

The drive out of Lexington on Man O' War was as beautiful as Paris Pike, but soon I won't be too surprised to see another string of fast food restaurants and mini-marts.

Historic preservationists are staunch about Paris Pike and if plans come for increased development of the area, it is a safe bet they will put up a fight.

Unbridled development does not come within a mile of my definition of progress.

Bond's Broadcast By Hank Bond

We should no longer accept things the way they are...

According to test results released recently by the Kentucky Department of Education, things do not appear to be all that great in the state's education system.

Granted, Judge Ray Corns has declared the state's education system (and been supported) out of whack, and our statewide test scores show we have some work to do.

It isn't necessary to pick on just one school system when saying this, because the overall results are terrible.

I can assure you the administration of Nicholas County Schools is very concerned about the performance of our students and the test results in an overall vein.

Now we can listen to all the arguments around on the fact this test was different...

There were 62 - SIXTY TWO - school systems in the state of Kentucky which scored less than the national average of 50.0 composite.

It doesn't really matter what test was taken the facts speak very loudly.

Not that I believe a national average of 50.0 is all that good as a representative figure for our nation...

One of the biggest problems the state superintendent pointed out was a lack of sufficient funding within school systems and a lack of parental involvement.

A lack of interaction between school age children and their parents is a substantial problem.

There's no amount of talking to uneducated people about educating others that will change anything.

It is indeed unfortunate many residents of this state have made the decision not to obtain as much education as possible...

The system was certainly developed to help those truly needing help, not as a means to provide lifelong income to those opting not to participate in the general mainstream of life.

This is undoubtedly an indication of a lack of motivation. Where that comes from, nobody knows, however, to make it to tomorrow our plans and methods of operation must change.

The people of this state must come to the understanding we cannot accept things as they are - but to strive for perfection.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty. City officials attend meeting

City of Carlisle officials Garrett, Cartmel, Lester, Betty Barton, Charles Fay and city clerk Mary Tapp...

GENERAL NEWS

Nicholas County Schools

Because of our location away from rural centers, we have placed a certain amount of emphasis on enrichment courses in the elementary school...

But if we want to make our students good test takers then we may have to reconsider what our priorities are.

There are a number of different factors involved in the low scores. When you have a small number of people taking the test compared with other areas, low scores can really weigh down the average score.

I fully expected our students to do a good showing, and when the results of the test came in, I was shocked.

The higher scores of other classes are not reflected in the evaluation published for all schools, and there were many strong scores, especially in math.

Students are disappointed at the score comment. We seem to be entering the scores to be better and our ranking higher.

Since the change in tests, I have had to basically create a new file of scores and this first set of course only sets a baseline for me to compare future performance.

But until then, instead of dwelling on our performance last year, we will concentrate harder on improving our score this year.

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