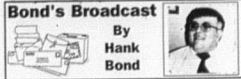


FOCUS



Bond's Broadcast By Hank Bond

It appears there are many things going on in Carlisle and Nicholas County which have made residents lift their eyebrows and ask some questions.

Nicholas County's school board's decision not to follow NCHS Principal Greg Reid's recommendation to allow a student, needing only three hours to graduate, to leave early has certainly sparked some controversy.

It is curious to me, why they have Greg Reid or Gerald Hammons to run the school buildings in Nicholas County.

Where does their decision making ability come into play.

These men, along with assistants, Rob Lane at NCHS and Marium Williams at NCEB, have spent many years in preparation for administrative positions, along with actual experience, and it is unclear why they cannot make decisions.

Of course, it would probably be best if some of these things would not come before the board, anyway.

I know these individuals are elected to represent the general public, but when it all comes down to it, most months the school board members come to the meeting, for three or four hours, and at other times have no involvement in the day-to-day operations of the schools.

Now it doesn't make sense to me, why they have principals, assistant principals, counselors, and other administrators, if the board is going to make all of the decisions.

Look at the money we allow the board members to run the schools.

It would allow these administrators to be somewhere else, because most schools don't run this way, and have an important impact on the lives of the students, somewhere else.

How can these principals possibly run their school buildings effectively, when they must spend time preparing to make a presentation to the board on what should be a routine, administrative decision?

That's not to say these administrators should not be accountable to the superintendent and ultimately the board, but there should be some leverage in these positions.

If board members are concerned the board should make bad decisions, then the board should review the annual evaluations and make changes if necessary. However, it makes a lot of sense to me to allow these educators and administrators to operate in the areas they have been trained for instead of making decisions on the political level - at the board meetings - which could most certainly be made at the school level.

Then, maybe the school board can begin considering things like how we're going to fund an ever inflated cost of operations as the general expense of operating continues to climb through inflation - or - how to fund the building of a middle school to allow separation and increased education to our students - or how - 1990s and beyond as a leader and not a follower.

But, for certain, the board should leave the administration of the schools to those charged with that job.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

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From Left Field By Josh Shepherd



The reason some people have a problem understanding free market enterprise and we are accustomed to hear about its functioning on the corporate scale, which is large enough to almost call the system at that level abstract.

Not so when searching for a parking space within reasonable walking distance to Commonwealth Stadium during a UK football game.

I have little patience with traffic, so when I saw the line of cars waiting to get on Alumni Drive from Nicholasville it seemed to me simpler to park and walk the last mile and a half to the stadium.

Along the street, down the small inlet way everywhere posted advertising parking space, signs being waved in the air by students and various other creative marketing schemes were set up to draw football fans to their lot.

It was close to game time and the price wars were at their height.

Farther from the stadium, prices tended to remain constant at \$2, though there was a strong indication, due to the \$3 and \$4 prices on the cardboard signs slashed by a magic marker, that business had been better.

But, since the market has a limited frame, desperate merchants were busily trying to undercut each other for the few extra dollars they could manage to scrape.

One group went so far as to dress in bathing suits for the "race sells" angle. Unfortunately, their market research must have been awry.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor: I am usually a very passive parent, like most parents working, she will be like so many other people who with a limited education can not find a job. This will be no one but our children.

Even though I do not know what the student is, I was appalled by the Board's recent decision to not allow a young mother (who only needs three credits to graduate) one hour off in the afternoon to care for her child.

Their reasoning was what? Because they have to make arrangements like this for other students. They don't want to keep our kids in school. They care nothing about what the Principal Greg Reid recommends. Mr. Reid works with these students daily, why did the Board have to discuss them?

I feel that his recommendation should have been ample.

I work for the Department for Social Insurance and deal with a majority of people on a daily basis that for one reason or another did not complete their High School education.

These people are forced to draw AFDC and Food Stamps because most of them are not educated enough to seek their own gainful employment.

Let us allow them to work daily promoting complete High School get your GED! But our School just give a student one hour a day so that they may complete her education.

This young woman already had two strikes against her-She's a wife and a mother. This harsh enough in the best of situations.

Unfortunately for her, she may have to quit school, not complete her education because our School Board is the exception of David Stout don't care. And when the time comes that this young woman has to

for they were faring no better than any other lot hawker on the street.

"Location is everything," one successful student said, "Price usually doesn't matter, except for the penny pinchers, but if they're willing to spend three hours driving up and down the stadium parking lot, more power to them."

Me, I was lucky enough to rent a house across the street from the drive so also the lot at Commonwealth is full, they got to come to me," he said smiling wryly and rubbing his hands.

However, he admits he does not necessarily have a corner on the market.

On the next block sat his rivals, waving their hands and carrying a sign, "Three Spaces Left Fifteen minutes to kick-off."

"I won this time because I got out early enough, before there were any real crowds on the street. There are people who don't like to waste their time around the stadium."

"See, after the game getting out is a real hassle, probably worse than getting in. So they come to me and on those, I can pull about \$5 or \$6 each."

"They are willing to pay just so they can get to the stadium faster. But you do have hagglers, and if it's getting toward game time, I'll talk because at that time people just expect there won't be anything close and will park on up the street."

"Then there are the die-hard's who are convinced someone missed a space right up close to the stadium. They are usually the ones who end up towed because they'll try and fit themselves in anything that remotely looks like a space."

It was getting on toward game time and he folded his signs, headed inside to count his take for the week. Next week, the process begins again.

Until Next Week...

J.L. Layart

After reading Mrs. Betty Barton's letter in the August 17 Mercury, one might come to a few revealing conclusions. Carlisle the great revenue maker in this county is the good people of Carlisle might not see her face in city government again? (What a load)

Isn't it revealing she's a thinker and her fellow council members aren't? (Wonder what they think now?)

Isn't it revealing the other four council members are not farighted enough to see that Carlisle would get what it needs, most-otherwise comminution grocery, deli, gas, and beer emporium with its bright lights, fancy traffic and parking in a residential area, and to deny the citizens of Carlisle the great revenue which would have been as gratifyingly as the county?

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GENERAL NEWS

County to sell rock to new plant

By Job Shepherd of The Carlisle Mercury Staff Nicholas County will sell rock to a new concrete plant.

The Nicholas County Board of Commissioners approved the sale of quarry rock to the new County Concrete Production facility because, according to a determination by the court, the sale serves a public need.

County Attorney Jack Conroy said there has been an agreement made roughly 30 years ago prohibiting the sale of quarry rock to the private industry. But, Conroy said, he has been unable to find any type of formal document.

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the plant's needs as long as they are of a consistent grade, Johnson said. If he is able to establish in the county, Johnson said the county will have to build a facility to handle the manufacture of industrial grade concrete.

The land on which Johnson wants to build is owned by the county and the court worked out a lease arrangement. The only stipulation Johnson requested to be included in the lease is an annual rather than monthly rental payment.

The court agreed to keep the annual rental payments low until the facility had had time to establish itself.

Let's not be too hard at the beginning. We can raise the rent once the plant gets operating, Judge Executive Rose Smoot said.

In accord, the lease agreement will be for five years with an option for County Concrete to buy the property

with rental payments beginning at \$100 a month until the plant gets set up. In other business, the court donated \$500 to the Nicholas County Library to help with the purchase of a micro-fiche enlarger equipped with a printer.

Approved Community Action request for \$2500 for their budget.

Approved budget transfers and the bills.

Heard a complaint from Floyd Russell that children are still skateboarding in town, though both the fiscal court and the city council put money up for the ramp construction.

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JUDY DRIVE-IN Fri., Sat., Sun. September 21, 23, 24 Showtime 8:15



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LETHAL WEAPON 2

Lester's Family Stores

Carlisle Court Days Agenda September 30 - October 1

- 11:30 a.m. Decorated Bicycle Contest Main St. in front of Courthouse
Saturday - September 30
12:30 p.m. Water Balloon Toss Courthouse Yard
1 p.m. Egg Race Main Street
1:30 p.m. Pie Contest 3-Divisions Main Street
Prettiest, Ugliest, Most Unusual Courthouse Yard
4 p.m. Jalapeno Pepper Eating Contest Main Street
Rob Hester - Chairman Main Street
Clogging - Doug Garrett Chairman Main Street
Walters Race - Rob Hester Chairman Main Street
Baby Pageant (0-36 months) Main Street
Debbie France - Charlotte Snapp - Brenda Rector Main Street
Lester's Family Store - Library - Bookstore Main Street
Art Contest - 3 Divisions Main Street
8th grade and under Main Street
9th - 12th grades Main Street
Adult (18 and over) Main Street

- Sunday - October 30
1 p.m. Tractor and Truck Contest Main Street
Oldest and Cleanest - George Garrett & Mark Mattox Main Street
3 p.m. Skate Board Contest Main Street
Booby Kelley, Joe Jennings, and Rob Hester Main Street
4 p.m. Pie Baking Contest Debbie France
Fruit - Cream - Seasonal Debbie France
5 p.m. Bonnet Contest Main Street
Sponsor, Country Collectibles, Carol Sparks Owner Main Street
6 p.m. Gospel Sing Main Street

For additional information call 289-5765 (evenings)

56th event

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Virginia and Washington County, Maryland, are reportedly interested in a Grand Circuit Fox Hunt at Whiting's Neck, on the first day of January 1991.

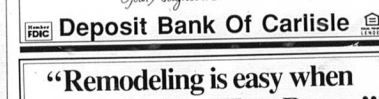
Second, the Kentucky, Missouri, Virginia, and Tennessee farmer hunters, as well as those from other states, are hunters which they hunt in small packs meeting by appointment, often on foot. Their pleasure is found in the raising of their hands, which they follow largely by ear, hence their complaint regarding poor country which remains unchanging for generations.

Perhaps the inception of the field trial can be traced to the Grand Circuit Fox Hunt, an announcement which appeared in the American Turf Register.

A good banking relationship is as important to the success of a business as it is to have customers working in the front door.

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS

With today's economic conditions it is essential for a business to take advantage of every opportunity to get its cash flow to work. Set aside time to develop for longer times when sales slump. A good banking relationship is essential to the success of a business as it is to have customers working in the front door.



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A partial list of field judges includes: Sam Clinkenbeard, George Estill, Roger McCarty, Sam Reynolds, Sam Cook Reynolds, Jack Ritchie, Leonard Soble, Ann Dixon and Howard Tilton.