

FOCUS

Bond's Broadcast By Hank Bond

NCHS girls basketball Hold your heads high; you made a difference

Anyone, if you ever went to school and supported the school, can understand the feelings the members of the Nicholas County Girls' Basketball program had Sunday afternoon.

When the game is over and the final score is not in your favor it's tough to take a look at what you have actually accomplished. And, most importantly the kind of effort your effort has had on the people around you.

When we last time you saw 1500 - 2000 people together for anything in Nicholas County? Well, for three glorious days last week that's exactly what was happening. As the games continued the crowd grew larger.

That's something we have called for here for a long time. Not just for a ballgame - or one event - but, for everything.

Taking care of those that are here... that's what's important.

Instead of standing back and looking for the holes in the dyke, maybe it would be a little easier to get things accomplished if we were to take the time to work together on every project. That way, success will become the rule, rather than the exception.

Taxes and more taxes and more taxes

In The Chigger Patch With Jeff Spradling

I keep asking myself, 'Why would we want more taxes if we can't pay them?' I can just see the 'yes' respondents, and it probably looks something like one those Wendy's commercials where the poor fool takes a ranshy hamburger 'A' because he doesn't think he deserves a nice, juicy burger.

With all the recent talk about new taxes, taxes we don't want, taxes we do want (yeah, sure we want them, and taxes that would break every business in the state, I'd like to add a few observations on taxes, myself.

First of all, in my time as a voter, I have realized that any politician who says he won't raise taxes is lying. In fact, it is a rather embarrassing lie. Just fish out an old pay stub from three years ago and compare it to now. What you'll see is that there's a steady increase in money taken off the top of your paycheck, from the first politician who promises no new taxes, to the current day, who promises no new taxes but is raising the old ones.

Secondly, in regard to taxes, the fact that the county's net worth is up to \$1.5 billion is a fact that the county's net worth is up to \$1.5 billion is a fact that the county's net worth is up to \$1.5 billion.

Out of the office right now, I'll tell you the news...

Reporter: 'Let me speak to Mrs. Farquar please.' State: 'She's on another line right now. Hold one moment, please.' Reporter: 'Yes ma'am. I'm writing a story about the program that requires efficiency in government, and I'd like to get some information about it.' State: 'Well, sir, I am not authorized to make any comments to the press about that. You'll have to speak to Mr. Flanagan about it, and he's out of town for two weeks. He's at a conference about efficiency in government even as we speak.' Reporter: 'Thank you very much for your help.'

Meanwhile, that phone call cost about \$15. In addition, there's a tax on the call. You'll notice such a tax on every long distance call. It's a money probably helped finance Mr. Flanagan's trip to Albany.

State: 'Hello, Department of Bureau of Aeronautics.' Reporter: 'Yes, I need to talk to someone about the new program that highlights efficiency in state government.' State: 'That'll be handled by a special task force, and the office is in a new building across the street. I'll transfer you.'

State: 'Special Task Force on Efficiency in Government.' Reporter: 'Thank you very much for your help.' State: 'Hello, Cabinet Secretary.'

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