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READ THE LINES
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 By KARA READ

Not long ago a friend and I went to McDonald's for lunch. I had been avoiding McDonald's but since she was paying and I was hungry, we went. The reason I had not been to McDonald's in a long time was because much of their food was packaged in containers that aren't good for the environment. I am trying to join the fight to be good for the planet.

With this in mind, I told my friend to ask if I could have my Big Mac wrapped in paper instead of the usual polystyrene container. I think we were both a little too embarrassed to ask so I got the polystyrene.

Looking back, I wish I had had the courage to ask for what I wanted. The reason I wanted my Big Mac in paper was because polystyrene does not degrade very quickly and, during its manufacturing process, harmful chemicals may be a result.

Watching the evening news last week, I learned that McDonald's is going to quit using the polystyrene containers and wrap their sandwiches in paper instead.

The reason for this, it was reported, was that customers had shown concern over the packaging and in paper instead.

McDonald's realized that paper will not be as harmful to the environment. So my Big Mac might get cold a little faster now. I can live with that.

McDonald's decision encourages me in my personal goal to become more environmentally aware. It taught me that if enough of the little people speak up, the big corporations may hear our cry.

You've all heard it before, but it is true that we only have one earth. We should treat it the best we can. I know it takes extra effort at times to help the environment. Recycling is one of the easiest ways to help but still it takes a little extra effort to separate your trash instead of tossing it all in one bin.

The way I see it is that if saving the environment becomes a priority, it will not be as hard.

People in this country are willing to pump their own gas to save a few extra pennies a gallon. We clip coupons out of the newspapers to save money at the grocery store.

Saving money is a priority to many, so a little work toward that goal is okay in most people's mind. We need now to make the environment one of our top priorities. Even our state government realizes this. When we do this, we won't be losing when we recycle or try to conserve. It will be second nature to use products which are safer for the environment.

It won't be that difficult to help Mother Earth, we must first convince ourselves that it is a necessity. When we do that it will be easy.

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PLAIN TALK
 By TIM JONES

It doesn't look like much. But 4.7 could easily have been 8.3. Most people don't know I don't. The reason I don't respect the benders and smokers is because it's wrong. It sets a poor example, whether it's cheating in sports or cheating your government at tax time.

A classic example of this is the situation UK found a couple of years ago. A good friend of mine was angry. "Everybody cheats," he said. "We didn't do anything wrong." My friend was wrong. Kentucky, the school I graduated from, was as guilty as sin. But people will always believe what they want to believe.

My friend was right. My friend had a young son. A good kid. Yet my friend would stand up in front of his kid and say you have to do what it takes to win. And if you have to cheat, let me be the first to tell you that's not a good idea.

Winning at all costs cheapens victory and it cheapens the people who do it. Our society has slid more and more toward the win at all costs mentality and we have the numerous Wall Street scandals and the savings and loans mess to prove the problem.

The attitude and conduct of the Nicholas County team is a direct reflection on the coaching staff. Greg Leitcher and his assistants never cheated and never allowed the sidelines. They always set a good example for the youngsters who played for them.

At the West Carter game in Olive Hill, I got into a lengthy discussion with a member of the chain gang. The guy was a schoolteacher at West Carter Junior High School and a major in the Army Reserve. He also coached the cross-country and wrestling team at West Carter.

"You guys have a good coach," the chain man said. "He doesn't yell and scream and curse along the sidelines like a don't care." The chain man also noted the players were well mannered and behaved along the sideline. "This team's a class act."

Some people, and I know they're out there because I've heard them selling disconcerting within earshot of the field, will say Big Deal. They think a team should always be able to win and you have to do "what it takes" to win.

Nicholas County had the right approach. They didn't get cheap shots and didn't verbally abuse their opponents like some other schools I could name. They played clean, solid football and conducted themselves like gentlemen.

Football is a hard sport to coach. In some ways it reminds me of training Marines. You have to make your people hard and tough but they have to use common sense and decency. They must possess toughness but must have the heart to use it in the right setting. They must have fierce hearts, but gentle souls. I am not for losing. No Never. Always play to win. But play like winners the rest.

MERCURY MEMORIES

5 Years Ago
 Thursday, November 7, 1985
 Citizens from all parts of the central United States are expected to be on hand at the 1985 World's Fair on WindStone Farms Friday, November 8, 1985.

Members of the Nicholas County Fire Department spent a long Halloween night fighting fires apparently set by pranksters. Nicholas County's oldest voter to visit the polls, Mr. Graves Stephenson, died for the 76th time during his life span of 97 years on Tuesday.

BORN: Daniel Clay Jr., Martin, October 26, 1985; Christina Maria Hardwick, October 31, 1985; Dorothy Jane Greener, September 13, 1985.
DEATHS: Elbert Braxton Chandler, 83, October 28, 1985; Margaret Heaster Insko, 89, October 29, 1985; Mrs. Tevin Kerens Rolle, 92, November 1, 1985; Mrs. Glenna Faye Walker, 27, October 31, 1985; Bryan Mitchell, 84, November 2, 1985.

10 Years Ago
 Thursday, November 6, 1980
 The Nicholas County Bluejackets played the Homecoming game against the Mayville Bulldogs, winning with a score of 29-0.

There will be no property tax bills in 1980; Nicholas County Property Valuation Administrator Mrs. Rose Brady said last Friday.

The Green Clover Club of the Nicholas County Elementary School #4 H group held its monthly meeting Wednesday, October 22.

DIED: Sarah Elsie Terrell, 84, Died Friday, October 21, 1980; Mrs. Mattie Smith Porter, 99, Wednesday, October 29, 1980; Mrs. Ruth Murray King, 72, October 28, 1980; Dr. William R. Lemons, 42, Wednesday, October 28, 1980; William R. Dullins, 57, Wednesday, October 29, 1980; Robert T. Jones, 88, Monday, November 5, 1980.

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20 Years Ago
 Thursday, November 6, 1970
 Six bids for the construction work on the new Nicholas County Elementary School were opened Monday afternoon in the County Courthouse.

The Jaycees Ice Tea Bowl was played on a mud swamped field last Thursday evening.

R.S. Willis Jr., narrowly defeated his opponent incumbent Marion Sims for the school board member post in District Number 3.

DIED: Mrs. Geraldine Super Gansaul, 68, October 31, 1970; Terry Hanson Crump, October 31, 1970; John Robert Wagner, 62, October 28, 1970; Mrs. Martha Clay Moore, 61, October 27, 1970.

40 Years Ago
 Thursday, November 9, 1950
 Miss Josephine McEhee and Luther Wilson were crowned senior King and Queen at the Moonlight Halloween carnival on October 30, and Linda Elye and Paul Leitcher were crowned Princess and Prince.

City Attorney Pat Conley received Tuesday, a letter from the Federal Power Commission giving the go ahead signal to the proposed natural gas system to be installed in Carlisle.

BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. F. Foley Winchester, daughter, Sunday.

MARRIED: Miss Dottie Dean Lemons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Lemons, 42, Wednesday, October 28, 1980; Mrs. Effie Mae Ritchie, 86, Tuesday, Sunday, November 2, 1980; William R. Dullins, 57, Wednesday, October 29, 1980; Robert T. Jones, 88, Monday, November 5, 1980.

DIED: Mrs. Eliza Hornback, 66, in Anderson, Indiana, October 17, 1980; Mrs. Kate L. Wagner, 82, in Madison, Mo., Saturday, November 3, 1980; Mrs. Elizabeth Zebian of Chicago and Fred Peaback of Dayton, Ohio, Saturday afternoon at Dayton; Miss Christine Crump and Myron Berry, June 15 at Georgetown; Miss Margerie Esther Tassant and Richard A. Fay, November 9.

DIED: John W. Hall, 50, native of Nicholas County, Sunday; Mrs. Anne Cole Alexander, Nicholas, 43, at Hadesville Sunday night; David Wells Arthur, native of Harrison Memorial Hospital in Covington and other leading Cynthia.

Recently there has been a lot of activity at the old county jail building. National Guardsmen have spent several weeks cleaning out debris in preparation for the street block-off. Perhaps you noticed the street block-off at the corner of Main and Elm you might have seen a year or so ago. It was a muffled dust rolling out the windows.

Once the modern paneling in the two front rooms was removed the walls were to be covered with seventeen layers of wallpaper. The woodwork is in shreds and what's left, however, is in presently covered by numerous coats of paint.

GENERAL NEWS

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Mary Riggs and Tommie Bowles of the Nicholas County Hospital administrator chemical strip diabetes tests and check blood pressure of the First National Bank in Carlisle last week. The bank is only one of several businesses in Carlisle the hospital staff will visit in the next two weeks.



The Carlisle Mercury Tim Jones photo. The Nicholas County Hospital dedicated a plaque to the memory of Mrs. Bob Booth Saturday afternoon. The Mrs. Booth Memorial Fund, named after Mrs. Booth, has donated over \$2,000 in equipment to the physical therapy department. Equipment includes an exercise bike, a policy system for upper body development and hot and cold packs. Several relatives and friends attended the ceremony Saturday afternoon. Those pictured above are Andrea Mclain, Rachel Booth Murchey, David W. Booth, assistant hospital administrator Doris Ecton and Brenda Leitcher.

Be A Winner
Turkey Bingo
Friday, Nov. 16
Beginning 7:30 p.m.
Nicholas Co. Elementary

Watch For How
You Can Win
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- Hopkins Drug
- Duncan's Electric
- Reid & Vice
- Eddie's Restaurant

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At The
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Tickets
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FOR:
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 M. Cox
 Memorial
 Scholarship
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20
Refreshments
Turkeys

A 12 Gauge Remington Semi-Automatic Shotgun to be given away at the Turkey Bingo!

