

OPINION

Conservative Columnist

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bitterness comment? I'm not bitter - I'm just mad. The mainstream media has assumed that Kentuckians, who chose another candidate over Obama by a wide margin, could only be doing so because of his race. It's as if they are saying, "Don't those poor uneducated country bumpkins see that the groups of people joining at Obama's feet? There is no excuse for this because we know they all have satellite!"

I propose some different reasons that many of us aren't voting for Barack Obama. It may have something to do with his upbringing by a mother who was a member of the Communist anti-western movement. It may have something to do with his early mentors, Frank Marshall Davis, who was a card-carrying member of the Moscow-linked Communist Party of America.

Or perhaps his later mentor, the infamous 60's radical Marxist agitator, Saul Alinsky. Or it could be Obama's "friendly" associations with the Weather Underground terrorist, William C. Ayers. Maybe it's that flag lapel pin thing. In and of itself, it's not that big of a deal, whether a candidate wears a flag lapel pin or not.

Perhaps here in Kentucky we are not the bumbling racist rednecks that the mainstream media thinks we are. Maybe we're just intuitive. Whether Democrat or Republican, most of us still have an acute sense of what the American Dream really is, and it doesn't include audacious change for the sake of ambiguous hope.

I am not a racist. It is very disingenuous for the press or anyone else to generalize Kentuckians and accuse us of blanket racism because of our votes. There are many reasons why we may not choose to support a candidate with an unclear background and a tenuous record. Perhaps Kentuckians are simply exercising their prerogative to think

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LIFESTYLE

Community Calendar

AA meetings held

AA meetings are held every Tuesday at 8 p.m., except the third Tuesday of the month is a 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the Nicholas County Health Department.

Veterans Benefits Field Representative at Courthouse

A Veterans Benefits Field Representative with the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs will be at the Nicholas County Courthouse on the third Tuesday of each month. The hours are 9-11 a.m. Veterans aid their families will be given counseling in filing for Federal and State Veterans benefits.

Auxiliary meets second Tuesday

The Johnson Mothers Health Care Auxiliary meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 a.m. in the hospital dining room. Anyone interested in joining the auxiliary is welcome.

Orient Lodge #500 to hold meeting

The Orient Lodge #500 meets the second Thursday night of each month at 7:30 p.m. All Master Masons are welcomed.

The Adult Learning Center offers a flexible schedule

The Adult Learning Center offers a flexible schedule and personalized instruction to help students successfully complete their GED. The center offers students the opportunity to study at their own pace and on their own schedule.

Stop Smoking Classes

Wedco District Health Department will be beginning new "Stop Smoking Classes" on Thursday, July 3rd at the Nicholas County Health Center at 5 p.m. for more information, call Peggy Siethers

1955 Class Reunion to be held

The class reunion of 1955 will be held at Blue Licks Lodge on June 7th.

Cruise In scheduled June 21st.

Lugnutz Hot Rod Club presents their annual "Chrome and Cruise" cruise-in Saturday, June 21st.

Kiwana's Club will meet

Kiwana's Club will meet the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the Nicholas County Health Department.

Public Notice

The second reading of a joint ordinance of the City of Carlisle and Nicholas County, setting the terms of the City of Carlisle and the County Judge of Nicholas County, is on the agenda for the Board of Directors of the Carlisle-Nicholas County Joint Board of Directors.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The annual reading and adoption of the Nicholas County proposed budget for the fiscal year 2008-2009 is scheduled to be held at the courthouse on June 10, 2008 at 10:30 p.m.

SECTION ONE: The following budget is adopted for the fiscal year 08-09

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes General Fund, Road Fund, LGEA Fund, etc.

SECTION TWO: This ordinance shall be published in the Carlisle Mercury by 5th and summary within thirty (30) days following adoption.

SECTION THREE: This ordinance becomes effective upon passage and publication.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

All interested persons and organizations in Nicholas County are hereby notified that a copy of the county's proposed budget is available for public inspection at the Office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.

NEW LISTINGS

- List of real estate listings with addresses and prices: \$279,900, \$82,500, \$189,500, etc.

Turn Your Trash Into Treasure. Advertise Your Garage Sale in the Carlisle Mercury. Just stop off your ad at 117 Lewis St., Carlisle. \$2.00 per wk. \$10.00 additional week.

Auction Saturday, May 31, 2008 - 9:30 a.m. 1549 White-Turley Road - Mt. Sterling, KY

From Paris, follow US 460 through North Middletown toward Mt. Sterling, turn right on Chiles Highway, left on Donaldson Road, then right on White-Turley Road. Farm is on the left. From US 60, turn on to White-Turley Road and follow through 4-way to auction on the right.

MARK MATTOX REAL ESTATE BROKER, INC. 3740 Maysville Rd., Carlisle, KY 40311. 859-289-5720. Visit our website at www.mattoxrealty.com

3 DAY SALE Friday, Saturday, Sunday - May 30, 31, June 1

Mini Carrots \$1.99 per lb. Carrots \$2.99 per lb. Liver \$5.99 per lb. Boneless Pork Loin Roast \$1.49 per lb. Value Time Sugar \$1.29 4 lb., limit 2.

IGA Sunny Water 24 pack \$3.50. Sunny D 64 oz \$1.29. Kingsford Charcoal 18 lb. bag \$7.49.

CROCKETT'S IGA Market St. • Carlisle Grocery: 859-289-5433 Deli: 859-289-5788

Carlisle Cemetery Notice

Memorial Day is now over and it is time for us to begin our mowing and yard maintenance again. Please help us by removing all artificial flowers, except those in approved containers by Sunday, June 1, 2008. All unapproved flowers left after that time will be removed by Cemetery personnel.

Carlisle Cemetery Board of Directors

Smart drivers have Shelter on their team. You don't have to race stock cars to know that reliable auto insurance is as important to your car as a good mechanic. Shelter's great rates and excellent customer competition.

Bill Clark 152 Old Paris Road Carlisle, KY 40311 859-289-2500. 305 MOOREFIELD RD 289-2200

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Frozen Explosions \$2.59 One Size Only. WAVE Cigarettes Carton \$18.88. 20 oz. Pepsi and Coke 2 for \$2.22.

BREAKFAST SPECIAL \$4.19 2 eggs, bacon or sausage, hashbrowns or homefries, one biscuit and gravy. Stromboli's \$3.50.

Daily Lunch Special One Meat, Two Vegetables Roll or Cornbread \$5.29. Complete Line of Soft Drinks & Beer. On Road & Off Road Diesel. Three Grades of Quality Gasoline.

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NICHOLAS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY Launches Summer Reading Program JUNE 16-20

Join "Catch the Reading Bug!" this summer at the Nicholas County Public Library and discover the amazing world of insects. The 2008 Summer Reading Program is open to young people, 3 years old to 5th grade, with a magician, prizes, story hours, a bug festival and more.