

"Letters"

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Dear Editor,

I am writing to question the issues and party loyalty of County Judge Buzz Carlotis. You may remember my Judge Buzz off article in November 2000, when I criticized Judge Carlotis when he openly and publicly came out in support of the Democrat candidate Kuhl over our Republican State Senator Albert Robinson. We all know how that race turned out. Judge Carlotis is regarded as a Republican and stated that he became a Republican in 1972, however is at it again.

He attends fundraisers for Democrat candidates. He does not attend his own Republican party monthly meetings. He has not told our party who he intends to support in the upcoming State Representative race.

Will Judge Carlotis publicly run down our local Republican State Representative or support an out of the county Democrat like he did in the State Senator race? Is he really a Republican or is he a Democrat?

As far as I am concerned this is still an issue and the Republicans of this county should demand an answer.

Judge Carlotis is taking us for granted and this Republican does not like it. He wants to continue to run his office as a Republican then he needs to support the local Republican Party. If he can't attend local Republican meetings and support Republican candidates then he should register and run as a Democrat in future elections.

I want a true Republican to represent me and I am urging all Republicans to vote and support the true Republican candidate running for County Judge and other Republican candidates in future elections and ask yourself the question of how the county's obligations got to be over \$4 million.

Thank you,
Phil DeBorde
Mt. Vernon, KY

Dear Editor,

The Tri-County Foster Parent Association would like to express their thanks to the political candidates and their families, who recently gave donations to the recent children's fundraiser.

The Children's Fundraiser Event will be held June 15th.

Those donating were Jeffrey Burdette, Buzz Carlotis, James and Deann Miller, Shirley and Elizabeth Smith, Russell and Norma Houk, Connie and Teresa Vanzant, Darrell Doan, Bill McKinney, Donald Bullock, William Mullins, Gary Linville and Arnold McGuire.

Tri-County Foster Parent Association

Dear Editor,

The Mt. Vernon Elementary Bluegrass Band would like to thank the following people for making our performance at the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame such a success:

The Mt. Vernon Kiwanis Club for purchasing our t-shirts, the Mt. Vernon PTO for purchasing our bandanas, Mrs. Ann Henderson for the invitation to play, Mrs. Melinda Kinser, Mrs. Martha Cox, Cox Hardware, Leon Davidson, Charles Carter, Chris Cornelius, Bobby Webb, Sheila McQueary, Kaye Cameron, Michael Robinson, Thana Connolly, Paula Clark, Katrina Allen, Robin Rumsey, Carolyn Bryant and Judy Bullock.

It was truly an honor to be able to participate in such a historical event, and we are grateful to all those who helped us in this very special performance.

Thank you,
Jamie Cornelius & MVES
Bluegrass Band

Dear Editor,

Aristotle once said, "Democracy is when the ignorant and not the man of property, are the rulers." I understand when friends and family dedicate themselves to help someone campaign during an election, but these people have been or are currently in office surely do not need so much effort. If they have done or are doing such a "wonderful" job serving the community, then they should devote would have already spoken for itself. Making one time appearances at community functions and spending the peoples much needed "service and protection time" campaigning would not be such a necessary priority. Sheriffs, Deputies and other office holders should take their position in the community, while in office, not during an election.

Reading the weekly Signal and the latest news informs Rockcastle County residents of the corruption (not being abolished) that is overwhelmingly expanding throughout the county. It's a wonderful place to live, filled with wonderful people, but sharing a quote with an unknown author, "The most serious threat to democracy is the notion that it has already been achieved."

Why are so many more arrests taking place around election time? Why haven't our past and present law enforcement officials been cleaning up the county all along? Why are so many candidates that have been or are presently in office suddenly attending charity benefits and community functions that they should attend the entire time they are in office? And furthermore, why don't they put as much effort serving the community as they're trying to seek an election or re-election?

Upon reading a campaign ad for a candidate for Sheriff, I would like to agree that it is definitely a "Time for Change, to Protect and Serve." I would like to commend this candidate for his effort to represent this county in the manner it desperately needs, with such a strong platform, such as the war on drugs. For those who feel the heat from his candidacy for Sheriff, I quote John F. Kennedy, "Those who make peaceful change impossible will make violent revolution inevitable." It is now election time and the time for everyone in the county to use their stand and help clean out the mess that is presently corrupting this community. The first step belongs to us, the community. We must remember that Sheriffs are the only law enforcement officials in the state who answer directly to the people. Even though existing social and political climates can alter a Sheriff's duties, his basic responsibility to protect life and property has not been diminished.

Speaking for those seeking reelection, I would like to recite a quote from a great Roman ruler, Tacitus, "Great empires are not maintained by timidity." And for those who seem to be intimidated by their competition I would like to quote Thomas Jefferson, "The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not!" And he did say "those who would not."

Have you been receiving your answers?

Sincerely,
Verna E. Todd
Mt. Vernon, KY

Dear Editor,

May is Foster Care Month! As foster parents throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky and Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, my mom and dad have cared for 25 foster children while also parenting me and my two brothers. Foster care, the single most influential experience of my life, has penetrated every aspect of my being and molded me into who I am.

My parents chose to become foster parents as a way to put their Christian faith into action and make a positive impact on society. My parent's lifelong commitment to community service has made a permanent impression on me. Because of their example, I made volunteering a priority in my schedule. Involvement in foster care gave me a taste of what making a difference feels like and I wanted more of it.

Most of my foster brothers and sisters have been infants. We cared for them while arrangements were made for their adoption. Foster parents are needed in every community in Kentucky to care for children of all ages who, for various reasons, cannot live with their families. My family's experience with foster care has made me appreciate how blessed my brothers and I are to have a stable, loving home.

The example that my parents set by being foster parents has had a secondary effect: it has made me color blind. Prejudice grows out of a fear of the unknown. During my formative years, I was always in the presence of babies whose skins were differently hued from mine. My parents treated every baby like their own child, so I thought of them all as my own sisters and brothers.

Everyone carries with them their own "cultural capital" which can enrich the life of others. The best parts of my cultural capital came from rocking babies to sleep, volunteering in my community and learning to appreciate diversity. Foster care helped develop all of these aspects of my character. I encourage readers to consider the difference they can make in the lives of others through foster care.

Sincerely,
Mary Catherine Jackson
Louisville, KY

Dear Editor,

We would like to thank the following businesses, community leaders, parents and individuals for their support to Project Graduation Celebration 2002. We greatly appreciate each and every one for helping to make this a huge success.

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