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Bond's Broadcast
By Hank Bond

From the notebook . . .

With an opening for Dollar General, Eddie's Family Restaurant and Lakeside Restaurant, it's nice to have new businesses locating in Nicholas County.

With the continuing reports across the country of small businesses failing, and small towns closing up, new businesses mean we're moving in the right direction.

Bobby Dailey has moved his CBC Landscaping Business to the western edge of town, another plus for businesses in Carlisle and the county, where expansion of existing businesses and the opening of new businesses marks progress.

Progress is what we have to have to continue the upward pattern we're striving for.

A look inside other businesses shows added dimension and growth planning.

Bobby Crockett and Gayle Kelley have installed new equipment in the past months to offer customers variety.

David Zachary has taken on a new franchise of merchandise and C.C. Myers has added a new computer system.

Business by business improvements, new lines, and expansion mark progress.

Of course, there's probably some changes I have failed to mention here. This is certainly an oversight.

I'm a promoter of growth and expansion; additional employment, and movement in the local economy.

This is what makes a small town stay alive and remain vibrant.

Not to bore you, but a simple trip through the pages of the Wall Street Journal will give you many examples of what is happening across America.

In this state, there are at least five business failures per week. That means there are at least 260 failures per year, and remember, that is only an average.

Every job we have taken out of the state reduces the tax base of the state, the spendable income in the respective community, and ultimately the economy of the state.

For those with money, financially set, shall we say, the future is far less important than for those working to make certain that future is what will be best for us and our children.

There's no use in kidding ourselves. We can only go in two directions: forward or backward - there is no standing still.

I haven't really had an opportunity to address the passing of Barry Bingham Sr., a few weeks ago.

He was an outstanding leader in the newspaper business.

He was far more than a leader in the newspaper industry, but a leader in Louisville - Kentucky - the United States.

With his passing, gone is a true leader in fairness in the press. He was, as his son, a believer in truth, justice and the American way.

He believed an individually held corporation could offer its community a quality newspaper, without the strings attached to national, corporate ownership.

Certainly he found a way - truly a national to make a profit, but he spared no expense to cover the events affecting the people of his town - his state.

In addition, his personal giving funded many projects for the City of Louisville, Jefferson County and indeed the United States.

Uniquely, when Gannet Newspapers purchased

the Louisville Courier Journal and Times Company, they were pleased at a disadvantage.

So often, in this type of corporate purchase, a new company can come in and make big changes, overshadowing the years of commitment of the previous ownership, however, in this case, it's the exact opposite.

For the new ownership it will be a constant challenge for the new owners to keep up with the efforts put forth by the Bingham family.

It was pleasing to see the following at the Nicholas County - Mason County football game.

Although the Jackets had a little letdown in the fourth quarter and ultimately fell 32-12, it was nevertheless a good football game.

In this week's letters to the editor, one writer complained about the dirty play two weeks ago in the Richmond Madison football game.

I don't want to speak to that, that was her personal opinion, but as to officiating, there's a little question there.

I won't say for a minute Nicholas County could have beaten Richmond Madison or Mason County, or more precisely - the losses could have been blamed on officials - but, in the long run something needs to be looked at.

I have no personal knowledge of the teams of officials working the first three home games, however, it appears quality of officials has changed.

For the first three games of the year, I have been on the sidelines with the Nicholas County football team.

I have seen officials not responded to requests from the coaching staff, ignore fouls (which were right in front of them) and apparently have less than what would be considered total concentration on the field.

I have seen team members of the officials' crew stand, talk and laugh while players were administered to on the field. This happened more than once.

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This may take the form of additional clinics, continued education of the rules and game administration, or some manner.

Again, this is not directed to all game officials, but some members of the crews I have seen this season.

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And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

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I certainly understand this can happen once - an unrelated incident - but, while a player is down, it appears the officials should have a little more concern than to stand and laugh, while players are on the field.

This happened not only when it was a Nicholas County player, but players from their teams.

It's not consistent with proper game administration for a coach to ask who a foul is against (penalty) and get no answer.

I have seen this time and time again, in fact, last Friday the only answer the coach was given when Coach Barr asked was he would get a flag thrown on him for being to far out on the field.

I wonder sometimes if it is the same on the other side of the field.

I realize coaches aren't supposed to be on the field while the game is going on, but a little reason has to be applied.

Clipping and other illegal blocks, facemask infractions, and other potentially dangerous infractions in the games apparently go unpenalized.

I certainly can't say some of the flags shouldn't have been thrown against Nicholas County, but I've seen plenty of these infractions against Nicholas County as well.

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Julie's Jive
By Julie Pfeiffer

To celebrate Ring coming to live with me, I would like to share a few dog related articles that I have found. Well, my mother found one.

This one is for my mother, who says I cannot let Ring be my flower girl.

A blind man in Traverse City Michigan had his guide dog on hand while his wife gave birth after hospital officials agreed to a compromise between the needs of the dog and the baby.

Brad Schuler, 23, and his Seeing Eye dog, Theo, were in a critical stage of the dog's training when Schuler's wife went into labor. Schuler had told officials at the hospital that he couldn't be separated from the 70-pound Labrador retriever and asked to bring him into the delivery room.

This one is for my friend, Tim, who says I am obsessed with my dog.

No charges will be filed against a woman in St. Petersburg, Florida who killed her husband after he threatened to shoot the couple's cocker spaniel, then started beating her when she protested, police said.

During a struggle late Thursday in a motel room, Mrs. Hess reached under a nightstand, grabbed a small-caliber handgun and shot her husband in the shoulder. He died a short time later, police said.

This one is from my mother, from Parade magazine. She always threatens my life and the life of my dog, when I let Ring sleep in my bed.

According to the German wire service, a group of scientists meeting in Germany, declared that sleeping with your dog or cat can prove more hazardous to the health of the pet than to you.

The report said dogs and cats are especially at risk of contracting tuberculosis, diphtheria, syphilis, influenza and various fungus infections from their masters.

The magazine then phoned Dr. P. Eric Hughes, senior veterinarian in charge of disease investigation for Los Angeles County and asked his opinion.

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