

OPINION

Bond's Broadcast

When I have been a blithering morose of February, there has been a lot going on in the Nicholas News...

Chris McGehee, a developer and investor in several local business projects, has bought the Nicholas News. This sale is effective March 1, 2007.

His efforts are being met with resistance from those who are not interested in the team or group success, but rather individual endeavors.

I have watched him grow from a polite little fellow into a wonderful young man. We know where he is going and he will find success.

Carol Beaufort, Dellana Adams, Mildred Mitchell

I have been a basketball coach for 12 years in areas ranging from middle school boys to high school girls, to varsity boys. I have learned much about kids and their parents during those years.

One can play hurt - he can't and he can't be treated as if he is. It is not a feel-good journal program in which all kids get to play even numbers of minutes and no seem to hurt.

Those who do not totally follow that concept are identified with status quo and are not interested in achievement on the highest

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and I can go on my merry way

Well there are a couple things. First, there are twins and if you think you can carry them both around all the time when I am there, go ahead.

Secondly, you will have to lay one of them down to change the other one, or feed one or the other, and then while distracted, pa-paw can do what he darn well please.

There is a famous family story about a then dad (me) and Beth at a few months before I was born.

We lived in Frankfort when she was born and it was my responsibility to

And so, for another week this is his and thirsy.

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Honoring Gene Snyder

Last week I was deeply saddened to learn of the death of former Congressman and fellow Kentuckian Gene Snyder.

Born in Louisville, Gene Snyder attended the University of Louisville and earned a law degree from what was then the Jefferson School of Law.

He began his political career in 1954 as a city attorney for Jeffersontown, Kentucky, at the age of 26.

In 1962 he ran for Congress and was elected to represent the 3rd District of Kentucky. After losing his bid for reelection in 1964, he ran again in 1966. This time he was elected to represent

with a great sense of humor who loved to tell a good story.

As Senator Mitch McConnell recalled in his eloquent eulogy at Congressman Snyder's funeral, Gene was a conservative before being conservative was cool.

He stood firmly behind Barry Goldwater for President in 1964, a year when he was swept out of office in the Johnson landslide. He knew what he stood for and believed he was right, so he ran again, won and served twenty more years in the House. During that time, he worked to build an active Republican Party in Kentucky.

During his time in the House, Congressman Snyder was an unyielding force whose visionary efforts laid the groundwork to improve our region and the lives of Kentuckians for generations to come.

Through a fiscal conservatism that was tough and thrifty, he worked tirelessly to bring federal funds back to Kentucky's 4th District.

As a member of the Public Works and Transportation Committee, he secured federal funding for transportation projects such as I-75 and the "Big Mac" and Gray Wade Bailey bridges stretching across the Ohio River to Cincinnati.

He also secured federal dollars to help protect Bellevue and Dayton from the floodwaters of the Ohio River.

But perhaps two of his better known legacies are his help in securing the Louisville and the federal court house and the federal court house that bear his name.

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Steve's Report

By Steve Sealf

I am a bit of a perfectionist. It can really drive Cindy nuts at times. She wishes I would start listening to the expostion, "Leave well enough alone." But no - there always seems to be "just one more thing" I need to fiddle with before the job is done.

When I consider being conscientious, others may call fusing or nit-picking. But in the eye of the beholder, or something like that, I suppose.

After hearing the question from Cindy often enough, I have finally had to ask myself, "Why are you like this? Why do you always have to do that?"

As a matter of fact, as a kid I was pretty lazy. My parents believed children should have chores - lots of them - and share with them. She crawled up onto his chest. Before that Angel was a family dog. Ben's dad found her in the middle of the desert near the mine where he worked during my senior year of high school. Ben's family didn't want another dog as they already had two.

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