

# Sports Corner

By Gary Kidwell



Since this week is the KHSAA Boys' State Tournament being held in Rupp Arena in Lexington, we will focus on the Rupp Arena facility. The tourney is held from Wednesday through Saturday nights, featuring four games per day and three games with semifinals and finals on Saturday night.

Rupp Arena, the showcase facility for basketball in the heart of the Bluegrass, is the seventh home for the Boys'

The awesome structure in sight and scope, the arena is divided into two seating areas. The lower level features 10,000 chair back seats and the upper level seats 13,000 and the arena was renovated in the last few years. The upper level can be virtually isolated to provide a more natural setting for small shows.

Built by the city of Lexington, the arena is the major portion of the \$53

teams that have captured their region championships, to play in the "Greatest Show on Earth" on the Rupp Arena basketball floor.

### Kidwell's Keynotes

Sympathy goes out to the family of Anna Robinson, who passed away last week. Anna was a former teacher in the Lewis County School System. Her husband, the late Bill Robinson, was also a teacher and football coach for Lewis County Schools.



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### Lexington, Kentucky's Rupp Arena.

Sweet "16." (Six other sites were Centre College, UK Gym, Alumni Gym, Armory (Louisville), Freedom Hall, and Memorial Coliseum). The first boys' state tourney held in Rupp Arena was held in 1979 and rotated between Freedom Hall in Louisville and Rupp Arena until 1995.

Since 1995, Rupp Arena has been the KHSAA Boys' State Tourneys' permanent home. No matter where the tournament has been held, it has experienced success at every stop, but nowhere has the success been greater than in the Lexington home of the Kentucky Wildcats.

Fans of Rupp have turned out in droves...23,000 to see Simon Kenton and Mason County battle for the 1981 state title. Then in 1987, over the course of four days more than 132,000 fans paid to watch school-boy legend Richie Farmer lead Clay County to its only state championship. Then in 1999, 23,965 fans showed up for the season that featured Scott County battle Madison Central and Paducah Tilghman take on Pleasure Ridge Park in the quarter-finals.

The facility, named after Kentucky's legendary coach, Adolph Rupp, has been the site of several other premier basketball events as well. In March 1985, all roads led to Lexington for the NCAA Final Four. In 1986, Rupp Arena played host to both the Southeastern Conference Tourney and the NCAA Women's Final Four.

The arena has been site to numerous NCAA Regional Tournaments, including 1989, 1992, and 1996 NCAA Southeast Regionals. Rupp has played host to past NCAA first and second rounds, including a first round regional just this past week.

million Lexington Center Complex, which includes a convention-exhibition hall, a luxurious Hyatt Regency Hotel and, a block away, the historic 1,200 seat Lexington Opera House. The UK Basketball Museum opened in The Lexington Center.

The arena is fully air-conditioned, equipped with specially designed high quality sound system and features complete lighting for events and TV coverage. The KY Wildcats command an exclusive dressing room 365 days a year, while they also have six team sized and eight smaller unit locker rooms.

The portable basketball court, which lies on an ice rink 118 feet below the ceiling, is 60 X 120 and made of an eight shade of northern maple trimmed in KY blue.

Four custom 35' X 4' scoreboards are placed so spectators can see at least three of the boards from any seat in the arena.

Again this week, Rupp Arena will welcome the 16

Anna is survived by her three sons, Ernie and wife, Angie, Woody and wife, Angie, and JR and companion, Joy. Also eight grandchildren, and one great-grandson. Anna will be sadly missed by her family and many friends in the Lewis County area.

### K-K-K-K-K

Next week we will try to have an article featuring the LCHS girls' softball and the Lions' baseball team. They are already playing in their regular season games. Get out and support both teams.

**Sportstumper:** Who won the KHSAA Boys' State Tourney in 2024?

**Answer:** Lyon County with their leading scorer Travis Perry, who now plays for UK.

Until next week this is the Old Righthander leaving you with this thought, "The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary."

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## Vanceburg Lions Club hosts Zone Meeting

By Craig Stanfield

The Vanceburg Lions Club held its meeting on March 20th at the Black Oak Volunteer Fire Department at 6:30 p.m. and hosted the District Zone meeting. President Lion Roger Brown called the meeting to order with Lion Austin Evans leading in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and Lion Austin Rucker giving the prayer. The president then invited the nearly 40 Lions present to enjoy a time of dining and fellowship.

Once the meal was finished, President Brown called the meeting back to order and recognized Zone Chairperson, Angela Jett who then went about conducting the business meeting for the zone. Each of the four clubs represented (Maysville, Orange-

burg, Tollesboro, and Vanceburg) detailed some of the activities they had been involved in and ones coming up in the near future. Based on the reports Lionism is alive and well in our area and Vanceburg Lions Club is thrilled to be a part of the organization.

After the business section of the meeting was concluded, Lion Angela then recognized Council Chairperson Steven Pedersen for his remarks. Lion Pedersen thanked our zone for its involvement with disaster relief over the past few years and highlighted some of the trips that he had made this past year. He let the group know that our area is one of the most generous regions of the state when it comes to helping our neighbors recover from

disasters and our local Lions Clubs play a vital role in coordinating our region's efforts.

After his comments, Council Chairperson Pedersen then announced that he had some awards to present. Lion Pedersen said that in District 43-Y 13 clubs received the 2023-2024 Club Excellence Award. Of those 13 Clubs, four of them were within our zone. Those clubs included Maysville, Orangeburg, Tollesboro, and Vanceburg. He then presented the awards to the clubs and thanked them for all their hard work and dedication to their communities.

Zone Chairperson Jett then turned the meeting back to local club president Lion Brown who asked if there was any other business, there being none we adjourned.



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Scenes from the March 20th zone meeting hosted by the Vanceburg Lions Club.

## Conservation District Cost Share Program Announced

By Angie Patton

The Lewis County Conservation District will be accepting requests for cost share funding under the Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Program on a continuous signup basis.

The Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Program was created to help agricultural operations protect the soil and water resources of Kentucky. This program is a result of House Bill 377 that was passed in the 1994 General Assembly. This bill established annual cost share funds to be administered by conservation districts with priority given to animal waste related problems and agricultural district participants where pollution problems have been identified.

Funding for practices will be approved by the Soil and Water Conservation Commission at the Kentucky Division of Conservation, located in Frankfort, as funds are available. For

more information, please contact your local conservation district office located at 38W KY8 Suite D, Vanceburg, KY 41179.

You may inquire in person Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Or by phone at: 606-796-3866 ext. 3.

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