



From the Press Box

By Bill Tom Stone

This past week was tough on us high school football fans as we had a bye week, but it was good for our young men to rest and heal up from the bumps and bruises a little before their next contest. And speaking of the next contest, it will be a great matchup as Lewis County takes on district foe Bath County. Each team has circled this game on its schedule, as it will more than likely be a playoff play-in game.

This is a tough district, but Lewis County and Bath County are similar in size and numbers, making this a game that must be won. Coaches Stamm and Melton went and scouted Bath County in person this past Friday and feel that we will be ready for the game. We encourage everyone to come out and support the young men who represent our county.

Friday will be a big night at the Lewis County High School football field. Not only will there be a great football game, but it is also homecoming. The festivities normally kick off around 6:15 or so. Then, at half-time, we will be inducting the first class into the Lewis County Football "Ring of Honor," as well as enjoying a great halftime show by the "Band of Pride."

This game is also the Paul Westerfield Bowl, with trophies to be presented after the game. It will be one of the most fun nights you can have in Lewis County. Come out and have a great time!

This week was a hard one for the Lady Lions volleyball team as they took on three tough opponents. Their first match was against the Greenup County Lady Musketeers, a district foe, on Tuesday, September 15, at Lewis County. Greenup is one of the top teams in the 16th Region, and they showed it as they took the match in three straight sets, 3-0.

Lewis County traveled

the next night to Mason County and once again fell, 3-1, to a good Lady Royals team. The Lady Lions returned home the following night to try to avenge an earlier loss to Bracken County but could not do so, falling 3-0.

On a good note, Myla Clark has reached the 1,000-dig mark in her young career. Myla is only a freshman, and we look forward to more great things from her in the future.

The Lady Lions will have three games this week as they head over to Olive Hill to take on the West Carter Lady Comets on September 21, host Russell on September 22, and finish the week on the road against Nicholas County on September 23. The Lady Lions are still in the district fight and are improving in key areas each week.

Our middle school football teams were in action this past week against Powell County. Our seventh graders lost by a score of 6-0, giving them a 2-3 record on the season. Coach Fite had to use a different quarterback after his starter broke his foot in a non-football-related activity. He feels confident that as they play together more, more victories will come.

Our eighth-grade team won 27-0 and now sits at 5-0 on the season. Both teams are fun to watch, and we hope to see you at a game soon. This week, they will be on the road at Mason County.

This week, the JFL football teams were home against the Fleming County teams, and our flag teams played Bracken County. Those who came to the games had a great time. Next week will be our last home games for the JFL this year as they take on the Rowan County teams. Come out and see the young guys have a great time.

Now some BT's Tidbits:
• Remember that you can reach out to me with com-

ments and suggestions by email at epb_billtom_stone@hotmail.com or by phone at (606) 541-0305. I look forward to hearing from you guys with information and ideas.

• A big thank you to the "Ring of Honor" Committee. The committee was made up of former players and coaches from throughout the decades of Lewis County football. Their job was not easy, and there is still work to do, but these men will see it through. Once again, thank you for your support of Lewis County football.

• I know that a lot of people keep up with our teams by utilizing the KHSAA/Riders Scoreboard, and that feature is no longer available. However, the Kentucky High School Athletic Association has started a new partnership with Ar-biterSports to help keep fans up to date. Just go to the KHSAA website and follow the Scoreboard. I'm still getting used to it, but it is better than nothing, and after we figure it out, it may be even better.

This coming Friday is one of the biggest games in the recent history of Lewis County football. Our program has been struggling for the past couple of years but has started this season 3-1 and is determined to make it to the playoffs. This team has 14 seniors who put it on the line each week, doing what is needed to represent our county with pride.

I hope that many of you can make it out on September 25 to see these young men play and cheer them on to victory.

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Inaugural Class of the Lewis County Football Ring of Honor Announced

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Football is a different beast when it comes to the recognition of players. In other sports, and sometimes in football as well, we lean on statistics: batting average, points scored, number of wins, etc. But in football, it could be that front line that blocks well, that defensive front that forces the opponent to run into the teeth of the defense, or a secondary that prevents opponents from scoring. There may be no stats to show for it, but that is what wins football games.

The Lewis County High School Football Ring of Honor was established to formally honor the memory and contributions of players and coaches who contributed to the success of our football program. The Ring of Honor serves as a symbol of our appreciation for the excellence, honor, and devotion displayed by these individuals.

In choosing the first class, the committee considered over 70 names of players, coaches, and contributors who have been instrumental in promoting football both on and off the field. Though this process is not perfect, the men chosen have contributed to the success of Lewis County football in one way or another. Only 10 names made the list this year, but many deserving names remain to join this first class in the years to come.

Now, the 2026 inaugural class of the Lewis County Football Ring of Honor:

Jerry O'Dell (1968-71) – Played football for the first four years of the program under three different coaches: Nick Diachenko, Hal Lockhart, and Bill Robinson. During his time at LCHS, Jerry set a single-game rushing record that would stand for 48 years when he rushed for 299 yards against Estill County on September 11, 1970. Jerry also played baseball and basketball. His enthusiasm for the sport of football helped cement its foundation by encouraging young men to keep playing the great game of football.

Leland Roberts (1970-1997) – Coach Roberts arrived in Lewis County in the fall of 1970 and would spend the rest of his life mentoring the young men of his adopted home. Coach Roberts would be the bedrock of Lewis County football for three decades. His love of the game and the young men who played for him changed countless lives. Coach Roberts never received the glory for the three district championships Lewis County won during his tenure, but his front lines and defenses were the deciding factors in numerous games. Even after his death, Coach Roberts continues to support his beloved football players through money he left to the program for scholarships in his name for graduating seniors.

Arthur Bruce "Corky" Prater (1971-74) – Played four years for Lewis County and then returned to coach the Lions, serving as head coach for 22 years. While playing for the Lions, he helped lead the team to score more than 300 points in three of his four years. Lewis County has accomplished this only one time since. He led his team to a district championship in his

senior year and was also named All-State. After graduating from Eastern Kentucky University, he returned to become a coach and, in 1985, led his team to a district championship. Corky continues to support the team by remaining active as a football booster.

Terry Lumpkins (1971-74) – Terry played and started both ways during all four years. He remains one of the top scorers on offense in school history, as well as one of the leading tacklers in school history. Terry was all-conference in his final three years and helped lead his team to a district championship in his senior year. He is still regarded by peers and coaches from his era as one of the best football players to play the game.

David Gaunce (1975-77) – Coming to Lewis County for his sophomore season, David is considered by many to be the best all-around athlete in school history. He played on what many called the best team in school history during his junior year and helped lead his senior-year team to a 6-6 record in a very tough district. David was named All-State as a linebacker following the 1977 season. He would go on to coach football for many years in Mississippi before retiring. His impact on the young people he coached has earned praise from thousands in his community.

Joe Gilliam (1976-78) – Playing both offensive tackle and middle linebacker, Joe helped lead his team to an undefeated regular season during his senior year in 1978. Joe and his teammates on the offensive line helped make the running game one of the best in Northeastern Kentucky. His play at middle linebacker also anchored one of the best defenses in school history. Joe earned honorable-mention All-State honors as both an offensive tackle and middle linebacker in 1978.

Kenny Ruckel (1982-85) – Kenny remains one of the

leading rushers in school history and held the single-season rushing record for more than 33 years. He helped lead his senior-year team to a district championship. He remains very active as a booster of the team and an ambassador for Lewis County football.

Jerry Lyons (1982-85) – Jerry is still regarded as one of the best defensive players to ever play in Lewis County football history. An outstanding member of one of the best defenses ever to play at Lewis County, he helped a unit that surrendered only 98 points during the 1985 regular season, still the fewest points allowed in school history. Jerry's aggressive play from his defensive end position forced opponents to change their game plans and helped lead his team to the district championship in 1985.

Harlin "Bub" Lee (1982-85) – One of the unsung front linemen on the 1985 team who helped make the district title possible, Bub gave his all to reach the objective. Just as he did in 1985, Bub is still doing the hard work behind the scenes to help make it possible for the Lewis County football program to continue operating today. As one of the team's most active boosters, the committee determined that Bub should be recognized for his contributions to the program as one of its biggest supporters.

Bill Tom Stone (1976-79) – One of the most vocal supporters of the program over the past few decades, Bill Tom believes football is one of the best ways to teach young men to work as a team. He remembers his old coach, Leland Roberts, summing him up when he told him, "You're not good enough to be on the field, but your heart is too big to take you off." Still promoting the values that football teaches, Bill Tom continues to be a passionate supporter. The committee selected him for his contributions to the program over the years.

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Stream restoration activities include 16,709 linear feet (LF) of re-establishment, 8,095 LF of rehabilitation, 2,804 LF of preservation (no construction), and 1,615 LF of sustainability (no construction). Additionally, 7.8 acres of wetlands will be established.

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