



## From the Press Box

By Bill Tom Stone

The fall sports programs are in the last few weeks of the season, and it makes me a little sad for the young people who play these sports, as another chapter is closing in their book of memories. When we are young, time is something we think little about, but as we get a little older, we realize that it is really the only commodity that is worth anything. Time to spend with family and friends, time to make memories, and time to make a difference. I hope that the young people playing the games are having a great time and making some great memories.

Now to the results from this past week. In volleyball, our Lady Lions dropped two district games and will be the fourth seed in the district playoffs. On Tuesday, October 6, they traveled to Raceland and lost to the Lady Rams in four sets, 3-1. They then traveled to Russell on Wednesday to play the Lady Devils and lost 3-0. This wrapped up district play and cemented their spot in the 63rd District Tournament. They will play Greenup County in the tournament here in Lewis County, as we will host the tournament. Though plans are still not final for the tournament, it looks as if the Lady Lions will play the Lady Musketeers on October 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the LCMS gym. So come out and support the young ladies.

However, before we start focusing on the district tournament, let's support them in their last two games of the regular season. Both games will be played here at home. On Monday, October 12, the Lady Lions will host Mason County on Senior Night. Come out and thank the young ladies who have represented our community with pride. They will then close out the regular season against East Carter on Wednesday, October 14. Hope to see some of you at the games.

Now, the football team played the Russell Red Devils this past Thursday and lost by a score of 60-6. Russell is a good team, and we were playing without some of our senior leadership and others for various reasons, but did I say that Russell is good? They will more than likely be the number one seed from our district, and as of right now,

we will be the third or fourth seed, depending on the outcome of this coming Friday's game.

We will be traveling to Grayson to take on the East Carter Raiders, who lost to Fleming County last Friday, giving them a 1-1 district record. The Lions have a 1-2 record and will be playing for the third-place position Friday. Though nothing is final yet, it could determine where we will travel to play our state playoff game. But the season is not finished yet, and we are fighting for a winning regular-season record.

If you get a chance, load up and come over to Grayson on Friday to support the team. Kickoff will be at 7:30 p.m. If you can't make it, listen to Seth and Shane Wallingford on WKKS 104.9, as they will entertain you with the call from the field and give you a unique view of the game and life.

Our only score Thursday night came on a kickoff return by Jaidance Cottingham. Jaidance has become one of our senior leaders and one of our leading rushers. We hope to have a little more about some of our seniors in one of the upcoming columns.

Our middle school football teams were in action this past week against Rowan County. Our seventh graders lost, giving them a 2-6 record on the season. Our eighth grade also lost its game, giving the team a 5-3 record on the season. They are scheduled to be on the road against Bath County on October 15.

This week, the JFL football teams are on the road against Nicholas County, which should wrap up the regular season for JFL football. There will be a divisional championship and an Eastern Kentucky JFL Championship, but we will know more next week. Here's wishing our young players the best of luck this week.

Now, some BT's Tidbits:

Remember that you can reach out to me with comments and suggestions by email at [epb\\_billtom\\_stone@hotmail.com](mailto:epb_billtom_stone@hotmail.com) or by phone at (606) 541-0305. I look forward to hearing from you guys with information and ideas.

The Lewis County High School administration has been working on

filling the open Lady Lions softball head coach position over the past few months. They are hoping to start interviews soon and fill the position. We wish the committee the best of luck.

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association has started a new partnership with Arbiter-Sports 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 they continue to make it more user-friendly each week. Give it a shot and see what you think about it. Can't wait until the other sports come online.

Next weekend, the Vanceburg Lions Club will be having its Heritage Festival in downtown Vanceburg. There will be a lot of activities and free entertainment, so come out and have some fun.

The Lionbackers are having their fall "Big Raffle" to help support the football team. Contact one of the Lionbackers to get your ticket, and thanks for supporting LCHS football.

I remember, as a kid, one of my mom's favorite shows was "Days of Our Lives." The show started by showing an hourglass with the sand running through it and the announcer saying, "Like sands through the hourglass, so are the days of our lives." This meant nothing to me then, other than I knew "Mr. Cartoon" was coming on in about two hours, but now I see my hourglass in a little different light.

I know the sand seems to be running faster as my time is getting shorter, but that is why I'm enjoying my time with family and friends more and more. So, spend time with your loved ones and encourage our youth to make memories and friends. In the end, that is what really matters.

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## Suffering and Hardships for Christians

By Freddie Stamm

This is most likely one of the most asked questions for Christians. First of all, let us think about I Peter 4:12-13. I want to point out that, as I understand it, in I Peter 4:12-16, Nero's persecution of Christians was the direct work of the devil. Think about II Timothy 3:12.

Any number of senior citizens who are Christians may very well be having a hard time with the economy. It has been that way for some time now—a hardship. They are living on a very limited fixed income, and the cost of living keeps going up.

On the question of why God allows Christians to suffer, there have been different reasons given. One reason might be to get your attention and also to develop righteousness and maturity. Looking at the longest

chapter in the Bible, Psalm 119, please read verses 67 and 71.

Also, a reason for suffering has to do with pruning our lives, as John 15 teaches. Hebrews 12:5-6 talks about teaching us obedience through chastening. Suffering teaches Christians to trust in the Lord and tests us to depend on the goodness and grace of God. This helps us to share in the holiness of Christ and to be godly men and women.

As I Thessalonians 5:18 brings out, we are taught to give thanks in everything (not for everything, but in everything).

Finally, think about the greater progress of the gospel. Consider a passage of Scripture like Philippians 1:12-14. Of course, there were two positive results from Paul's imprisonment. Caesar's palace learned

the gospel from Paul, and many Roman Christians were stirred to preach the gospel.

Also, remember II Corinthians 4:17, which speaks of light affliction for but a moment. We may believe that there are better times to come.

No doubt, readers of this article could come up with other thoughts and ideas concerning this subject. Not nearly all of the answers are here.

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- Don't use space heaters as your primary source of heat, and keep them at least three feet away from furniture, curtains and other flammable materials.

- Put matches and lighters in a safe place and never let children play with fire.

- If you use wood heat, have your chimney cleaned and inspected regularly.

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