

The regular season is over for football, but the season is not finished, as we will play in the Kentucky High School Class 3A playoffs this coming Friday night. This is not a feat that should go unappreciated. In the 58 years since the program was restarted, this is only the eleventh time we have made the playoffs. These young men have overcome so much to accomplish this, and our community should be happy for and proud of them.

Let us review last week's game, as the Lions defeated the Fairview Eagles by a score of 27-8 at Lewis County High School on Senior Night. This victory gave the team a 5-5 record on the season and gets them ready for a playoff matchup against Bourbon County this Friday, November 6, at Bourbon County High School. Kickoff is slated for 7:00 p.m. I hope a good crowd can follow them and cheer them on to victory.

Looking at last Friday's game, Fairview came to town with a 5-4 record and was hoping to secure a winning season, while the Lions were fighting for a .500 season. Both teams had improved from last year, and both were headed into the postseason, but who wanted the win more?

Lewis County would start the scoring when Aaden Bloomfield scored on a one-yard plunge, and Tyson McCray added the extra-point kick, giving the Lions a 7-0 lead. But Fairview would answer on the next drive with a 43-yard touchdown pass from Tevin Smith to Charles Fetters and would convert the two-point conversion to go up 8-7. Later in the half, Braylon Puente would take the snap and score from two yards out, and McCray would add the PAT to give Lewis County a 14-8 lead. Fairview threatened late in the half, but Ryder Montgomery intercepted a pass in the red zone to end the drive, and Lewis County would take the lead into halftime.

In the second half, the Lions recovered the onside kick and marched the ball downfield on a sustained drive that saw the Lions lean on their offensive line to pound the ball. After running it to the Eagles' 20-yard line, Braylon Puente hit Zane Smyke on a 19-yard pass to the 1-yard line. Smyke finished off the scoring drive with a one-yard carry to pay dirt, and McCray once again added the PAT, giving the Lions a 21-8 lead. The Lions would end the Eagles' next drive as Aaden Bloomfield intercepted the ball and returned it for a touchdown, but the score was negated by an illegal block on the return. Later in the game, the Lions would add another touchdown with a six-yard run by Aaden Bloomfield, but the two-point conversion failed. The final score was 27-8, giving the Lions a 5-5 mark on the season.

The Lions will play this Friday at Bourbon County. If you can't make it to the game, don't forget to tune in to 104.9 WKKS to listen to the play-by-play with Seth and Shane Wallingford. Good luck to the Lions!

The middle school football team wrapped up its season last Thursday night at Mason County as the Lions played the Royals in the first round of the Eastern Kentucky Conference playoffs. The Lions went up early and played well but could not overcome Mason County's size and speed. The Lions would fall 22-6 in a hard-fought game. A good crowd followed the team and was proud of how the guys played. Congratulations on a great season, and we hope you continue to play this great game for years to come.

Now, Some BT's Tidbits:

A big "Congratulations" to a couple of our Lewis County Middle School football players for receiving honors from the Eastern Kentucky Conference. Mr. Mason Freno was selected as the eighth-grade "Player of the Year," and Jase Ruggles was selected as the seventh-grade "Offensive Lineman of the Year." We are proud of these young men and the entire middle school program.

Remember that you can reach out to me with comments 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.

Some big news from the golf course this week! Corky Prater hit a hole-in-one on number eight at Laurel Oaks Golf Club this past week. Buddy Lykins, Joe Billman, and Jim Lykins witnessed the big event, and I think we can all believe such an illustrious group of individuals. Congratulations on this great accomplishment!

The basketball Blue and White game is scheduled for Friday, November 13. Come out and see the teams as they entertain you with their skills and skits.

A big thank-you to Coach Dalton Stamm and his staff (Coaches Bill Melton, Kane Neal, Ethan Sizemore, and Zach Mustard) for being guests on the WKKS Saturday Morning Sports Show. These young men sacrifice a lot of time to serve our community by coaching our team.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Teens for Christ will be hosting a soup dinner and coat drive on November 21 at Clarksburg Christian Church from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you or your church would like to help with the event, please contact Corky Prater.

Mike Edington plans to have Coach Sam Holder of the LCHS boys' basketball team on the radio Saturday, November 7, and Coach Bret Wampler of the LCHS girls' basketball team on Saturday, November 14. Plan on tuning in at 9:30 a.m. to hear some insights on the upcoming season.

I get a little sad this time of year as the football season winds down. I know that it is just a game, but you build bonds and memories that make your teammates special to you for the rest of your life. Whether it was an 0-10 team or a 10-0 team, you shared those experiences with your teammates, and it makes them special to you. I'm not always a big Shakespeare fan, but I think he summed it up well in Henry V when the king said, "We few, we happy few, we band of brothers," meaning that their common experiences make them all equal, all brothers in the cause. I just wish more young men would get to experience the game.

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The Electric Plant Board will accept Statements of Qualifications from engineering firms interested in providing services for this project until **4:30 p.m. E.T. / 3:30 p.m. C.T. on November 9, 2026**. An RFQ packet containing project information and the criteria that will be used to select the engineering firm may be obtained at HYPERLINK "http://www.btadd.com"www.btadd.com or by contacting Kristie Dodge, Community Development Director, Buffalo Trace Area Development District, via email at HYPERLINK "mailto:kdodge@btadd.com"kdodge@btadd.com.

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