

From the Press Box

By Bill Tom Stone

Where did the last four months go? This is my favorite time of year in high school sports because of my love for the game of football. Now, don't get me wrong, I love all high school sports. I love the lessons they teach, the determination they instill, and the bonds they build. But football is a little different in that it mirrors what our society actually looks like and how it can work if we work together. Let's look at the great sport getting ready to tip off: basketball. It is a great sport of fine athletes, but look closer. All of their skills are similar. They can all run fast, they can all shoot the ball (we hope), and they all fit a certain mold. Not so in football or in society. Football takes diversity and finds ways to make it work as a team toward a goal.

Enough of the preaching about the virtues of football, and let's look at the final game of the year. The Lewis County Lions traveled to Bourbon County to take on the Colonels in the first round of the Class 3A Kentucky High School Football Playoffs. The Lions entered the playoffs coming off their best season in four years with a 5-5 mark. Entering the season riding an 0-25 mark, they had set their sights on improving, and in most fans' eyes, they had exceeded expectations. Now, they were going to play in the playoffs for only the eleventh time in school history.

But the Colonels were a great team and dominated the game, winning 54-6. The Lions' lone score came late in the game on a short run by Jaidance Cottingham. Zane Smyke also added a few great catches. But the truth is that the senior class made this a fun season. Here are the seniors in order of their jersey numbers: (2) Jaidance Cottingham, (3) Ryder Montgomery, (8) Alex Russell, (19) Zane Smyke, (28) Aaden Bloomfield, (52) Brian Weber, (55) Jayden Zornes, (60) Landon Blevins, (62) Matthew Kennedy, (65) Everett Kamer, (79) Houston Colvin, and (82) Ayden Scott.

The coaches met this week and discussed the All-Eastern Kentucky Conference team, and this year, the Lions will have more members than they have had in years. We hope to have those names for the paper in the next few weeks.

Also, before closing the book on this season, I want to give you a glance into next year. Lewis County will be moving into Class 2A and a different district. We will be going into District 6 with West Carter, Morgan County, Powell County, and Jackson County. I would like to encourage every young man who has ever played football in the JFL, middle school, or high school, but has stopped for whatever reason, to reconsider playing again. We are on the horizon of a new chapter in LCHS football, and you can be a part of this great history.

Now, let's talk a little about basketball. The season is just around the corner, and the big Blue and White game is this coming Friday, November 13. Both the guys and gals will be displaying their skills. Come out and support these young men and women.

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 or by phone at (606) 541-0305. I look forward to hearing from you guys with information and ideas.

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 Sammy Holder for coming on the Saturday Morning Sports Show this past Saturday with Mike Edington and me. Coach Holder is excited about his team and is hoping to turn these young men into a competitive group that our community will be proud of.

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 on having 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.

In closing, I want to ask a question of the parents and grandparents of the children in our community: "Why are our kids dropping out of sports?" This past weekend, Coach Holder talked about only having around 20 kids come out for basketball! When I was in school, we had 15 to 20 freshmen come out. Have we taken the fun out of sports by specializing our children too soon? Has technology removed the physical drive and replaced it with one of a make-believe world of triumphs? Are we a better society because of these changes? Let's start encouraging our kids to interact and communicate with each other. Maybe they will be better citizens than it seems we have become.

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Legislative Update

State Representative Patrick Flannery



Taking time to give thanks to our veterans

I am certain I am not the only one grateful to have another election behind us. After months of campaign advertisements, yard signs, mail pieces and political conversations, a little break from politics would be welcome. Hopefully, we will have a chance to catch our breath, put the campaign season behind us and focus on the work ahead before the 2027 governor's race begins to heat up.

Before turning our attention to the work ahead, I want to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who has placed their trust in me to represent them. I am humbled by your support and never take the responsibility of serving in the Kentucky General Assembly for granted. While I recognize that not everyone cast a vote for me, I will continue working hard to represent every person in this district. I am also grateful to the volunteers, poll workers and election officials who helped make this election possible.

As we turn the calendar to November, another important occasion deserves our attention. Wednesday, November 11, is Veterans Day, a time to recognize the men and women who have worn our nation's uniform and answered the call to serve. To every veteran, thank you. Your willingness to defend our freedoms and protect this nation is a sacrifice we should never take for granted. I also want to recognize the families who stand behind our service members. Military service affects an entire family, and the sacrifices made by spouses, children and loved ones deserve our gratitude as well.

It takes a special kind of person to serve in the United States Armed Forces. Yet our veterans share a commitment to something bigger than themselves. They have taken an oath to defend the Constitution and protect the freedoms generations of Americans have worked and sacrificed to preserve.

One important lesson we can take from those who serve is the importance of putting something greater than ourselves first. Our service members do not take an oath to defend only those with whom they agree or those who share their beliefs. They take an oath to defend all Americans. At a time when our country often seems divided, that commitment reminds us of what unites us. We may disagree on policies and political parties, but we should never lose sight of the shared freedoms and responsibilities that make us Americans.

Across Kentucky, monuments and memorials honor those who answered the call. Our veterans are remembered in the names of buildings, parks and roadways, and in the rows of American flags that mark their final resting places. Kentucky is also home to important military installations and a proud military tradition that continues to shape our communities.

These memorials are important, but honoring veterans must mean more than remembering their service once a year. We have a responsibility to make sure those who have served have opportunities to build successful lives when they return home. That means helping veterans transition into civilian careers, recognizing the skills and experience they bring to our workforce, supporting military families and making sure veterans can access the services and resources they have earned.

As long as I have the privilege of serving in the Kentucky General Assembly, I will support efforts to make Kentucky one of the most military-friendly states in the nation. From reducing unnecessary red tape for military families to expanding opportunities for veterans entering the civilian workforce, there is more we can do to show our appreciation through meaningful action.

For families, service means long separations, missed holidays and the uncertainty that comes with having a loved one in harm's way. Those sacrifices are not always visible, but they are part of the story of military service. We should remember that when we thank a veteran, we are recognizing the people who supported that service at home.

As we celebrate Veterans Day, I hope each of us will take a moment to thank a veteran, reach out to a military family or attend an event in our community.

Freedom is never free. The men and women who have defended it deserve our lasting gratitude. To all who have served, and to the families who have stood beside them, thank you. We are forever in your debt.

As always, I can be reached anytime through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via email at Patrick.Flannery@kylegislature.gov and keep track through the Kentucky legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov.

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Tollesboro Class of 1961 Held Their 65th Reunion

Herald Report

Tollesboro Class of 1961 recently held their 65th class reunion at Earline's restaurant in Maysville. Many memories and laughs of high school days were shared. All classmates wore tee shirts donated by Ronnie Hord throughout the 65th year. They also received a new THS tee shirt donated by Ronnie to represent 65 years.

Bill McCann presented each class member with a 3x5 American flag to display our freedom, unity and national pride. A big thank you to Ronnie and Bill for the gifts presented to class members.

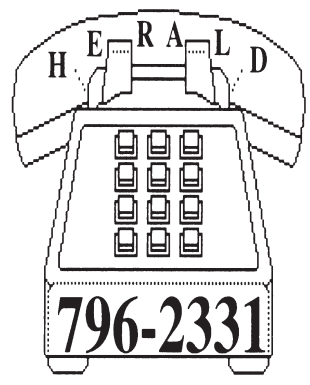
To the ones unable to attend, we missed you. Since we're senior citizens, a yearly reunion is held. Hope to see you next year.



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L to R: Vickie Merritt Eby, Charlotte Ginn Spangler, Loretta Ackley Dixon, Sandra Secrest Platt, Jenny Wilson Johnson. 2nd row: Jim McCann, Steve Rice, Bill McCann, Ronnie Hord.

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The Vanceburg/Lewis County Volunteer Fire Department reminds you that practicing fire safety can save your life.

• Don't leave the kitchen when food is cooking.

• Be careful with candles, and never leave them burning when you leave home or go to sleep.

• 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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