

From the Press Box

By Bill Tom Stone

Well, I hope everyone is ready for a great Thanksgiving Day this week. It's funny how, as we get older, we reflect on memories of loved ones who are no longer with us but who made our lives fuller. Thanksgiving is one of those holidays. I'm so thankful for so many people who helped me along the way in my business life and my family life. God is so good to us, and we are often too busy when we are young to see it as we should. As we get a little older, I think we start seeing those blessings. So, this year, I hope you are thankful for your blessings. Now, on to the business of sports in Lewis County.

Both our Lions and Lady Lions had scrimmages this past week, and both teams are showing improvement. The Lions played, and Coach Holder was pleased with the effort the guys delivered during the game. The Lions were down 10 points at halftime and started the fourth quarter down 10 before battling back to take the lead. However, they ran out of gas and lost by two points. Coach Holder said he saw a lot of good, bad and ugly, but he is starting to see how he can make this team into a competitive unit. The Lady Lions scrimmaged against Lawrence County this past week and won by 15 points. Coach Wampler is very positive about our potential this year.

According to the schedules on the KHSAA website, the Lions will tip off their season on December 3 at Lewis County Middle School against Pendleton County. The Lady Lions will start their season on the road at Fleming County on November 30. I know that the coaches would love to see a big crowd following their teams, so do your best to make it out.

We started looking at the rosters last week, pointing out the seniors on both squads. This week, we will talk a little about the juniors. However, there are no juniors on the Lady Lions' roster, so we will drop down to the sophomores. In the sophomore class, the team returns its third-leading scorer from last year, Reagan Lykins. Reagan scored 181 points last year as a freshman and is hoping to play a bigger role this year. Braley Stevenson, Samantha Arnold and Sarah Kennedy are also returning from last year's team and are excited about the contributions they will make to the team.

The boys will have four juniors on the team this year. Ryder Owens saw some important minutes last year and hopes to add some very valuable playing time this year. Tanner Detillion is also returning from last year's team and is looking forward to a great year. Ryan Wolfe and Noah Pollitt are new to the varsity roster this year but are showing promise and hope to contribute to this team's success.

Well, football is still being played around the state as the state playoffs continue for the next few weeks. We are down to four teams in each class, but the only one close to us is Raceland. However, Coach Stamm is looking to the future, as he has given us a sneak peek at next year's proposed schedule (contingent upon all games being approved). Here is the proposed schedule:

August 20 – At East Ridge

August 27 – Home vs. Gallatin County

September 3 – At Fairview

September 10 – Home vs. Berea

September 17 – Home vs. Owen County

September 24 – Home vs. West Carter

October 1 – At Powell County

October 15 – Home vs. Morgan County

October 22 – At Jackson County

October 29 – At Casey County

This schedule has six teams that the Lions have never played before. Moving into a different classification (Class 2A) has really given the team a new beginning, and Coach Stamm is excited about our future.

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.

This coming week, Coach Dalton Stamm and some of his staff will be joining Mike Edington and me on the Saturday Morning Sports Show. Coach Stamm will talk about next year and some of the awards his team has received.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Teens for Christ hosted a soup dinner and coat drive on November 21 at Clarksburg Christian Church from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A big thanks to all the churches and youth who made this event possible.

In closing, I want to thank you for reading the column. I know that I go on with some nonsense, but I think most of you understand the source and just laugh a little. I hope some good information is found along the way. I hope you and your family all have a great Thanksgiving!

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Legislative Update

State Representative Patrick Flannery



Session Results: Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Protection

During the 2026 Regular Session, the House Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Protection Committee focused on issues that directly affect the safety, well-being, and quality of life of Kentuckians, while also supporting those who have served our nation. With a broad jurisdiction covering military affairs, the Kentucky National Guard, veterans' services and benefits, and the retention of military installations, the committee also considers matters involving fire prevention and public safety, food and drug protections, public health regulations, sanitation, and waste disposal. This work reflects the committee's important role in protecting Kentucky communities, supporting military families and veterans, and ensuring the health and safety of residents and visitors across the Commonwealth.

Measures that received committee approval and cleared the legislative process to become law include:

HB 369 includes post-traumatic stress disorder as a qualifying medical condition for hyperbaric oxygen therapy.

HB 419 strengthens firefighter representation on the Kentucky Fire Commission and expand access to life-saving cancer screenings.

HB 436 allows free greens fees at state park golf courses to veterans who graduate from the PGA HOPE program.

HB 652 streamlines school mapping by consolidating it under the 911 Services Board, improving access to the most current floor plans in an emergency. Vetoed. Overridden.

HB 767 strengthens emergency response by requiring the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management to establish and maintain the Kentucky Qualification System, designed to ensure personnel involved in disaster and incident management have the proper training, qualifications, and credentials to respond effectively when emergencies arise. It also supports the development of trained incident management teams and emergency operations center support teams, helping Kentucky better prepare for and coordinate responses to disasters and other emergencies.

SB 11 establishes a residential safe room rebate program, offering homeowners up to $5,000 (50% of costs) for safe rooms that meet standards and are open during emergencies.

SB 77 establishes a structured pathway for Kentucky to explore the clinical use of ibogaine in treating substance use disorders and related conditions through FDA-approved trials, while ensuring patient safety, transparency and appropriate regulatory oversight. Vetoed. Overridden.

SB 98 sets requirements for structural steel welding projects, including the use of certified welders and nationally recognized welding standards. The requirements do not apply to work done on a homeowner's or farmer's own property.

SB 102 allows eligible retired Kentucky State Police Troopers to return to duty, helping address staffing shortages and strengthen public safety.

SB 104, the HALO Act, establishes a 25-foot safety zone around first responders while they are lawfully performing their duties, preventing interference in high-risk situations while protecting lawful public activity.

SB 278 authorizes Kentucky State Police Troopers to participate in approved, off-duty law enforcement work for eligible entities and establish formal policies governing that work.

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.

Thanksgiving Joy

By Freddie Stamm

"Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks" (I Thessalonians 5:16-18a). "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift" (II Corinthians 9:15). Also, in John 15:11, Jesus told His disciples that their joy might be full, the joyful Jesus. Think of the joy that Jesus gives us. I'm so very thankful for Jesus, my salvation (a free gift), eternal life, the peace of God, and joy in the midst of hard times and sorrow.

Don't forget, "Jesus wept" (John 11:35). Christians are to be people of joy in the midst of sorrow and anguish, hard times. In John 15, Jesus wanted His disciples (and us) to have His joy. As Christians, we are supposed to have fun because Jesus created joy and fun. Hebrews 12:2 tells us that Jesus endured the cross for the joy that awaits us in Heaven. Jesus is eternally joyful. I Peter 1:8 speaks of "joy unspeakable and full of glory."

So much of our country and the world is missing out on this joy. I'm talking about people who are not saved, not Christians, not born again. They really don't have true joy, no matter what they say.

I know that for me, there are times when things seem to be going all wrong. I'm thinking about the virtual iPad, health insurance situation (ordeal).

But then the Lord gave me the idea to call a Christian friend to help me and be a blessing to me in troubled times. I think of Joseph in Genesis 50:20. Our joy is not rooted in our circumstances but in the finished work of Christ.

Even though for the month of September I had a small amount in my checking account, homeowner's insurance, etc. I'm still grateful and thankful for all that Jesus has already done, and counting it all joy.

It is my prayer and wish that all of the many charities that say they are in need of financial donations would be able to get the money they need from people who actually have been blessed and are prospering in this economy.

I have not been prospering for the past five-plus years! (Job 13:15). I pray that in some way this article has been a blessing.

I'm thankful for my friends who brought me canned food for my thanksgiving dinner.

I'm thankful for Brown Communications, Dennis, Tammy, the staff at the Herald, 104.9 FM, WKKS-FM. Happy Thanksgiving!

By the way, Wall Street is not Cooper Street or Main Street!

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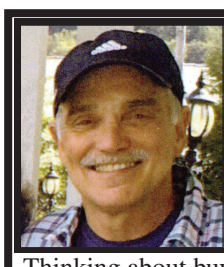

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