

**Wanderings  
from the  
Woods  
& Water**  
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## Disconnect

I heard about a study that scientists did with rats. The scientist gave the rats a treat when they pushed a lever. When the lever was pushed it might give a full treat, partial treat, or no treat. Eventually the rats become addicted to pushing the lever. The scientist compared this study to how people are addicted to email, Facebook, twitter, Instagram, and texting. Sounds crazy, I guess, that people are addicted to technology!

So, how many times have you checked Facebook from a tree stand? How many times have you texted from a duck blind? How many times have you checked your email while fishing? How many times have you felt lost when you forgot your phone at home?

I made a decision a few years ago to not do Facebook or twitter. I will say that I fall in the category of being addicted to the cell phone. It seems like I couldn't function without a cell phone. I use it for directions, weather, internet, texting, and email. Sometimes I even talk on it.

It wasn't that long ago nobody had a cell phone. The world got along fine. We actually talked to each other. We had our heads up looking where we walked. People hardly notice what's going on around them!

What I am about to say might be hard to do! I might even struggle with it. This hunting season, disconnect! Turn the phone off when you head up in the stand. Just sit and enjoy God's creation without interruption! Try

turning off all technology for a few hours during waking hours. Have a conversation with the Creator instead of Facebooking, tweeting, emailing, instagramming, and texting.

The world has become a hectic place. We are always on the run. It seems sometimes I wake up and don't get a chance to stop until bedtime. It's rush here and run there. No time to take a break.

This hunting season I am turning off the phone. I am going to enjoy every detail of being outdoors. I plan on disconnecting from technology and reconnecting to God's creation. I might go squirrel hunting just to sit and watch a few hours go by.

Hunting season is finally here! To all my fellow hunters, good luck and hunt safe. Try getting disconnected this season. Please send email to me, the pictures of your successful hunt.

Until next week, get out and enjoy God's creation.



### Seed Tips

1. Freeze seed for 24 hours to kill bugs, moths and other creepy-crawly things and their eggs.
2. Try safflower seed if you don't want nuisance birds like grackles or pesky squirrels.
3. Use hulled sunflower chips or a waste-free blend to avoid messy hulls under your feeder.

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## Salato Wildlife Center to host free National Hunting and Fishing Day celebration this Saturday, September 13th

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources invites folks of all ages to participate in a celebration of hunting, fishing and the great outdoors at the Salato Wildlife Education Center in Frankfort on Saturday, Sept. 13. Activities and demonstrations will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern time). Admission into the center is free during this event.

Activities will include 3-D archery, archery trap shooting, air rifles, laser shot, and fishing and casting. Poles and bait will be provided to participants. A falconry presentation will also be featured, as well as instructional tutorials on fish filleting and squirrel field dressing.

Upper Sportman's Lake, a 6-acre lake located outside of the Salato Center, will receive a special stocking of catfish for this event.

Groups, including the Kentucky Hunter Education Association, Kentucky Outdoor Sportsmen Alliance, Trout Unlimited and Bluegrass Yakmasters will be present for this event. Participants can lend their creativity to a habitat art project that will be used as part of a new indoor exhibit, as well as enter a raffle for a free wildlife print that will be given away at 4 p.m. For a detailed list of activities and times, contact the center at (502) 564-7863.

The Salato Center is operated by

the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. The center is located off U.S. 60, approximately 1½ miles west of the U.S. 127 intersection. Look for the bronze deer statue at the entrance of the main Kentucky Fish and Wildlife campus.

Normal operating hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Salato is closed on Sunday, Monday and state holidays.

Except for select events, admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for youth 5 to 18. Children under 5 are admitted free. The center also offers annual memberships for individuals and families.

## Bob Watkins' Sports In Kentucky

By four miles to Bremen, Bill Gatton is philanthropist and hero for core fans



Bob Watkins

*Him who sees beyond himself, gives beyond his full measure, basks in glow of bright children, He is gathered among angels, He ... is heroic.*

-crw

The Man from Bremen. Who doesn't delight in a Twain-esque climb waaya up to success life story? Particularly one about a native Kentuckian who, over 82 summer times, kept in touch with who he is?

Beginning near Bremen in Muhlenburg County, Carol Martin 'Bill' Gatton earned his way, and titles and accolades enough to impress princes and kings. A CEO here, chairman of a board there, Board of Trustees (UK), his name on front of buildings (Universities of Kentucky and East Tennessee State). And, on the Western Kentucky University campus, the Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science opened in 2007. A veritable incubator for gifted high school juniors and seniors to finish last two years while dipping a collective toe into college life mainstream and taking college courses.

Success story titles? My favorite for Gatton—by four miles to Bremen—is philanthropist.

✓ The Gatton School at Western ranks best of its kind in America.

✓ Donated three-quarters of a million dollars in

1970s to establish a tutorial program for UK student-athletes.

✓ Millions of dollars to College of Business and Economics at UK.

✓ Millions more for College of Pharmacy at East Tennessee State.

✓ Last week, a \$20 million donation to expand UK's Student Center.

With it all, Bill Gatton said in a Lexington Herald-Leader interview last week his boyhood dream back in Bremen was like one many of us had growing up. "I'd have been an All-American player at Kentucky."

Gets better.

Asked in recent years to donate money for Rupp Arena renovation by big spenders ("we gotta be better than Louisville's Yum Center), with go-along-to-get-along UK director Mitch Barnhart in the front rank, Gatton said NO.

No! Why not? From his bully pulpit, Philanthropist Gatton uttered a Gold Standard mouthful from Big Blue Nation's main constituents that, in subtle truth, repudiates what Barnhart and John Calipari stand for. "Because," he said, "it sends the wrong message to core fans who have built the tradition of Kentucky basketball for years and years."

"It looks like they're doing something for the rich folks and not for core fans who have supported and made the reputation of Kentucky basketball."

1. "... tradition of Kentucky basketball for years and years," puts Calipari squarely where he belongs, John-Come-Lately. Legacy won't be NCAA banners, but father of one-and-done-ism.

2. "... core fans have supported and made the reputation of Kentucky basketball," is a volley for

gold standard Barnhart who doesn't see that core fans are not always those who travel to New York, Hawaii and the Bahamas, but are always Kentuckians who hold to the notion winning games with junior and senior student-athletes are important too.

Bill Gatton would've been one of those. And, because of who the Man from Bremen has become, Gatton is a University of Kentucky All-American. He ought have a jersey hanging in Rupp Arena next to Cawood Ledford.

### PRETTY WORK IS NOW ROAD WORK

Last week UK, UofL and WKU (in part) was Pretty Work. This week: Road Work.

Here come the dragons. The fun of dispensing dazzle verbiage on Louisville's new offense, Kentucky's new-agers and Western new high hopes via new coach, give way to going on the road.

✓ Louisville. The top 25-ranked Cardinals, having put a Bob Petrino-brand 66-spot on Murray State, play at Virginia (1-1). The Cavaliers should be victim two in a four game set as UofL marches toward Clemson October 11.

✓ Western Kentucky's familiar coulda-woulda-shoulda conversation starring Illinois, gives way to turn-the-page and renewal of a delicious rivalry in the land, Middle Tennessee (1-1).

Both coming off heart bruising losses to Big Ten teams, the Blue Raiders and Hilltoppers saddle up wearing Conference USA logos, but the same tough feelings remain dating to days in the OVC.

✓ Eastern Kentucky. Off to two-and-oh start, the Colonels are at home to

rival Morehead State this week, but the more promising news has road work written on it. By time the Colonels head to Eastern Illinois October 11, odds are improving coach Dean Hood's team will be 5-0.

✓ SEC headliner: Kentucky at Florida.

Kentucky owns the nation's seventh hardest schedule and this week is dream crash or dream catcher for the blue team in Gainesville. The usual credential is attached. UK is a severe underdog. But Mark Stoops' team gets what every feisty upstart plays for, a shot. This one comes with national television via SEC Network. Opportunity: To win ... to recruit ... to change landscape.

Florida? Coach-under-fire Will Muschamp let his Gators make Eastern Michigan their Hors d'oeuvre last week, 65-0. The smash was as much about cooling the hot breath of Gator fan base than it was showing off an offense.

Florida will be determined to do same to Kentucky ahead of its first road work next week at Alabama.

Kentucky? If the Wildcats take away respectability in Gainesville only, then the glass is still half full. As many as five opponents to come, four at Commonwealth Stadium, look ... beatable.

### WORTH REPEATING DEPARTMENT

From the New York Times: "Yes, it has all been unfair to the big time college athletes who appear on television and make so much money for their institutions. Clearly.

But what is the purpose of higher education? Earning? Or learning?"

And so it goes.

## Kruzers Newz

Twin City Kruzers will be hosting a Cruise-In this coming **Saturday, September 13th** from 5 until 9 p.m. in downtown Irvine. Every is welcome. It is free and open to the public. Music provided. We will be there, rain or shine.

We will also be hosting a Cruise-In during the Railroad Festival in Ravenna on **Saturday, September 20th** from 5 until 8 p.m. Come out and enjoy the vehicles while at the Festival. It is also FREE and open to anyone.

The Twin City Kruzers will be taking a cruise on **Saturday, October 3rd**. We will leave at 9 a.m. from Main Street. Bring a covered dish and join us for a fun day. The Club will furnish the hotdogs. Hope to see you. We will be cooking out at Natural Bridge.

Our next monthly meeting will be on **Monday, October 5th** at 7:00 p.m. in Irvine City Hall.

We encourage all Twin City Kruzers to attend these events. For more information, contact Kenneth Tipton at 723-7554 or Darrell Hall at 723-3612.

## Little Mountains

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## COIN & KNIFE SHOW

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**SATURDAY, SEPT 13TH**

**8:00AM to 5:00PM**

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**Free Admission and Free Parking**

Vendors please call (606) 723-6682 to reserve a slot  
40-table show -- \$15.00 per booth  
**(Concessions will be available)**

## Harvest Celebration

**Sat., Sept. 13, 9-5**

**Get ready for fall!**

Enjoy a day in the countryside with soup beans cooked in a cast iron kettle and all the fixins' to go with them, while you shop for your fall decorations; mums, asters, pumpkins, straw, gourds, fodder and lots more. You can also enjoy the music of THE JENKINS TWINS. Door Prizes!

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