

Wanderings from the Woods & Water by Jay Bicknell

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only good for deer they can also be a good place to find a spring gobbler. The phone apps can be a big help in planning your food plot. Walk the ground you're planning to put a plot on so there are no surprises. A big rock or tree stump can make for a bad day on your equipment. With the thin winter vegetation these obstacles are easy to see.

January/February is the time to get a good quality deer mineral out. A good quality mineral has less than 50% salt. The does are pregnant and bucks will soon be putting on antlers. The mineral will help aid in antler growth. It will help pregnant doe be healthier and help in lactation. Keeping mineral out year round is a wise decision for the health of your herd.

I have already seen some bucks who have shed their antlers. So getting out in the woods you might see some sheds. This will give an idea of the bucks your

property is holding. Plus it's fun to get out and look for sheds. I usually do more looking than finding. You also can get a little exercise to cut off all the holiday pounds you might have picked up.

Putting a plan together now can help you harvest a beast next season. A little foot work now can take the guess work out when opening day of bow season comes in. So, get off the couch and start scouting for next season.

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



Birding BITS BY Cindy Brook
Fresh Water
 I know it's cold out there, but birds still need fresh water. Birdbaths don't have to be fancy. Just make sure they're easy to clean and shallow enough so small birds will use them. Many online and local sources carry de-icers and/or heated birdbaths. The birds will thank you.
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Tony Ricketts with coyote caught with foot hold trap.

Deer Season Is Over

So deer season is over. What to do now? Well now is a great time to prepare for next season. Now is the time to figure out how to put your tag on the big buck next season.

Now that season is over, I have starting writing down everything I can remember about past season; Such as where I saw deer out of range. I found a spot at the end of season where the deer had been crossing a downed fence. I made a mental note where I plan on putting a

stand for next season.

Now is a good time to get out in the woods and scout. The deer trails are very easy to see with the lack of vegetation. It's a good time to make note of all the old rubs and scrapes. There are some great phone apps that will help keep up with your scouting notes. They also have aerial photos integrated to help you find that honey hole on your property.

This is a great time to start planning your spring food plots. Spring plots are not

Bob Watkins' Sports In Kentucky Mid-term college hoops in Kentucky ... prosperity extraordinaire!



Bob Watkins

College basketball in Kentucky ... mid-term: (January 19), *prosperity extraordinaire!*

Traditional stars occupy their customary positions in the heavens.

✓ **Kentucky** is 18-0, ranked number one in America.

Expectations? For fan and talking-head, Kentucky must make "one small step for man ... one giant leap for mankind."

With this team, anything short of giant leap will be a thud heard from city limits of Ashland to outskirts of Monkey's Eye Brow.

✓ **Louisville** is 15-3, nationally ranked and in a bad mood.

Cardinal Nation is not happy with ownership of an oh-fer - North Carolina, Kentucky and Duke.

Expectations? "Need shooters? You did the recruiting, you find 'em."

✓ **Western Kentucky** is 12-5, atop Conference-USA and drawing comparisons to Days of Uncle Ed.

Expectations? Schedule ahead is, well, a bear and his pals. But still, there are hints of Hilltoppers *Being Special*.

53 play dates, fans in Kentucky went home happy 45 times.

BEHOLD!

Basketball prosperity extends far across this Kentucky homeland given us by Adolph Rupp, King Kelly Coleman, Jaime Walz, and spirits of Happy Chandler,

Cawood and Claude, and word pictures from Van Vance, Wes Strader and Dan Manley.

Beyond counties Fayette, Jefferson and Warren?

✓ **Campbellsville 19-1** is ranked No. 1 in NAIA. The Tigers' 13-game win streak is best since a Travis Ford team ran off 19 straight in 1998-99. The Tigers inflicted Pikeville's only loss, beating UPike 99-79 November 22.

✓ **Pikeville 18-1**. Having seen the Bears put 68 points on the board against Kentucky at Rupp Arena November 2, UPike looked promising. At mid-January, the Bears owned an 12-game win streak and ranked 4th nationally.

✓ **Murray State** is 15-4 after beating Belmont last week. The Racers are also in a familiar spot, atop the Ohio Valley Conference at 4-0.

✓ **University of Cumberland 16-4**. With half dozen games decided by six or few points, the Patriots go into the last week of January with a handsome record and a date for fans to look forward to. Pikeville travels to Williamsburg February 7.

✓ **Georgetown 15-3**. Coach Chris Briggs has the Tigers at a level traditionalists expect. They're nationally ranked too.

✓ **Kentucky Wesleyan 13-4**. Coach Happy Osborne's team had an eight game win streak stopped last week. The Panthers are 3-1 in conference play.

✓ **Bellarmine**. Beyond a typical 12-2 record at mid-season, the big news for Coach Scott Davenport's program last week was off court - Knights basketball was recipient of NCAA D-II Award for Excellence.

✓ **Centre College 11-3**. The Colonels are fresh off an upset win over Southern Athletic Association leader Sewanee.

✓ **Berea 10-4**. Under the big guns radar the Mountaineers have quietly built a better than respectable re-

cord. Carry on.

Tallied up: November-to-mid-January: 208 games. 177 wins. Every 10 games played, fans celebrate wins seven times.

Epilogue. If the energy, passion, devotion (and tee-shirt buys) invested in 208 college basketball games (overtime hysterics not included) could be converted into electricity then our Commonwealth would be independently energy free with enough left over to sell border states for a thousand years.

And, we have a season to go. America. I love this place.

KENTUCKY SPORTS PERSON '14

Sports Person of the Year 2014, the Lexington Herald-Leader will publish its choice soon. Meanwhile, while difficult to exclude Shoni Schimmels (Louisville basketball), Anthony Davis (NBA Pelicans), Teddy Bridgewater (NFL Vikings), and Brandon Doughty (WKU), my list would be exclusive to Kentuckians.

Top five for 2014: 1. Devante Parker (Louisville football), 2. Jeff Brohm (WKU rookie football coach), 3. Elijah Sinderlar (Caldwell County, Mr. Football), 4. Kaleb Duckworth (Henderson County, co-Mr. Baseball), 5. Emma Talley (Alabama, golf).

HARRIS TO 'BAMA

Stunner, wasn't it, Madison Southern running back Damien Harris (5-11, 205) choosing Alabama over Kentucky? Why?

• Could be noise generated by Air Raid emphasis when UK hired its new offensive coordinator.

• More likely Harris's choice came down to a scenario described by a Kentucky fan last week. "Nick Saban just went to Harris, looked the kid in the eye and said, 'if you come to Alabama you'll play behind the best offensive line in the country.' That's all he

had to say really."

And so, Bluegrass State's highest rated high school running back prospect since Shaun Alexander (Mr. Football 1994), Harris made the same choice for same reasons.

COACH K and SUMMITT

As Hall of Famer Mike Krzyzewski nears his 1,000th coaching win, probably by weekend, let us remember Pat Summitt-coached Tennessee teams. Her Lady Vols won 1,098 games (1974-2012) and eight NCAA championships.

Any celebration of Coach K's success ought include acknowledgement of Coach Summitt.

ESPN's hour long special Sunday devoted to Krzyzewski affirmed what fair-minded fans know is true. He is best of the best not only as a ball coach with an impeccable record, but as family man and father figure to his players.

A statement by the coach's wife stood out as she spoke with three daughters and a television audience.

"Hate. Some people say they hate him," she said. "I don't understand that. Those people don't even know him."

BEST OF BEST DEPT.

• Rick Pitino talking basketball with analyst Bob Valvano. Crisp no-sugarcoat questions and straight-up no nonsense answers.

• By way of CBS last week, Pitino: "Coach K is the modern-day John Wooden. ... What I love about him, too, is that when he loses, he's a gracious loser. He doesn't give you the blow by hand-shake. He'll stay there, he'll congratulate you, he'll praise you in the press conference. So he has it all together."

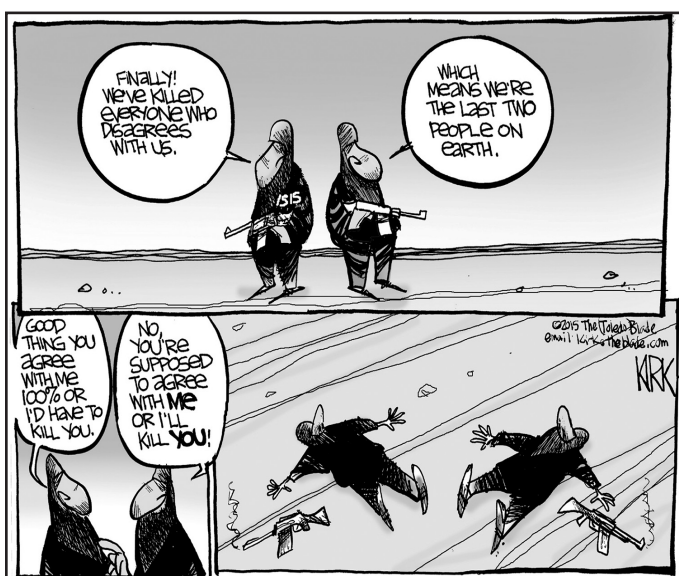
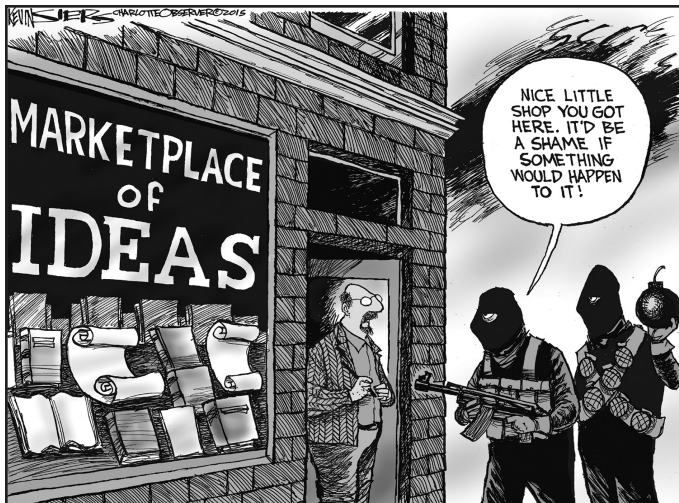
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Estill County Engineers 2014-15 Boys Basketball

Jan 23	Powell County	H	8:00
Jan 24	Letcher County Central	H	2:30
Jan 26	Model	A	7:30
Jan 27	Lewis County	A	7:30
Jan 30	Owsley County	A	6:00
Feb 3	Buckhorn	H	7:30
Feb 6	Lee County	H	8:00
Feb 10	Jackson City	H	7:30
Feb 13	Berea	A	7:30
Feb 14	Somerset	A	7:30
Feb 16	Riverside Christian	H	7:30
Feb 17	Menifee County	H	7:30
Feb 19	Clay County	A	7:30
Coach: Jon B. Bentley			

Estill Lady Engineers 2014-15 Girls Basketball

Jan 23	Powell County	H	8:00
Jan 24	Jackson County	H	7:30
Jan 30	Owsley County	A	8:00
Jan 31	Hazard	A	4:00
Feb 2	North Laurel	A	7:30
Feb 6	Lee County	H	6:00
Feb 7	Pendleton County	H	4:30
Feb 9	Harrison County	H	7:30
Feb 12	Jackson City	H	7:30
Feb 14	Knott County Central	A	3:00
Feb 17	Buckhorn	H	6:00
Feb 19	Wolfe County	A	7:30
Coach: Brian Hall			



2015 Estill County Primary League

CENTRAL OFFICE GYM	WEST IRVINE GYM	CENTRAL OFFICE GYM	CENTRAL OFFICE GYM	CENTRAL OFFICE GYM	WEST IRVINE GYM	CENTRAL OFFICE GYM	CENTRAL OFFICE GYM
MONDAY JAN 26	MONDAY JAN 26	TUESDAY JAN 27	WEDNESDAY JAN 28	THURSDAY JAN 29	THURSDAY JAN 29	FRIDAY JAN 30	SATURDAY JAN 31
5:30 27 vs 28	5:30 2 vs 4	5:30 13 vs 11	5:30 24 vs 26	5:30 17 vs 18	5:30 1 vs 2	5:30 15 vs 13	
6:30 17 vs 18	6:15 1 vs 6	6:30 15 vs 12	6:30 25 vs 22	6:30 27 vs 28	6:15 3 vs 4	6:30 14 vs 11	
7:30 33 vs 34	7:00 5 vs 8	7:30 14 vs 16	7:30 23 vs 21	7:30 31 vs 33	7:00 5 vs 6	7:30 12 vs 16	
8:30 31 vs 32	7:45 3 vs 7			8:30 34 vs 32	7:45 7 vs 8		