



Just Hunting

by Steve Brewer

Well, it won't be long 'till our turkey season opens, and I am having trouble containing myself. Under normal times, I would be heading to Florida, their season opens there around the first of March, to hunt their Osceola. These are not normal times.

After hunting the Water Melon Pond Plantation for eighteen seasons, and the owner growing older, she is probably in her eighties, never married and no children, she has sold the Plantation to the State.

Hunting closed. Oh, well, it is her property, she could do what she wanted to do with it. Thousands of acres was lost to us hunters as soon as the deal was closed. The State will close it to everyone, do a research on the property to see if it can be hunted and fished; then after about fifteen years make a decision. To save them millions of dollars, all they need to do is ask me, or hunters like me, that has killed their "Slams" on that property, if it is hunt able. I think I have hunted ever foot of that property and have saw turkey, deer, wild boar, quail, and all kinds of "Gators". I have taken many friends there to get their "Slams" including your own, Rick Hardy, of Estill County. He killed his two before eleven that morning, and we was heading home.

When my daughter, Nema Brewer, wanted to go wild boar hunting, I took her to the Water Melon Pond; before eleven that night she had killed a monster. We both looked forward to going back, but now that it is owned by the State, that dream is over. Us as hunters need to take the time to reflect on how fast things change. Within nine months of my last hunt there, three thousand acres closed to hunting and fishing.

There is probably a couple hundred hunters in this county that turkey hunts, how many of them belong to the NWTTF? How many of them even knows what the NWTTF is? I will let you ponder on that question. Myself, I have been a member since 1978.

Hunters love to turkey hunt, but who stops to think, where did they come from? Worse than that how many belong to the organization that got them here. I often think, how many hunters in Estill County even think about a "Slam", or are you satisfied with just getting the Eastern turkey every year. Fellow Hunters, "think outside the box". I hunt all over the United States, Canada, and Mexico; in my opinion, every hunter needs to try that. Remember, we just go around once.

I will head to Mexico this May, to try for my "Royal" slam. I would love to look around the lodge and see someone who says "I am from Estill County." You think that will happen, or only in my dreams. I would love to hear from you Estill County hunters, and tell me, "I belong to the NWTTF, or I have my "Slam". I welcome your response.

You can email Steve Brewer at <News@EstillTribune.com> and we will forward message.

Lady Engineers will play in 56th District championship

The Estill County Lady Engineers earned a spot in the 56th District Championship on Thursday night and are assured of a berth in the 14th Region Tournament after winning 56-53 over the host Powell County Pirates on Monday night in Stanton.

The two teams each finished 3-3 in the district and each had won one game over the other, but Powell County was seeded #2 after winning over Estill in their first regular season game by six, 52-46. The Lady Engineers got the second win but by only four, 52-48.

Monday's game was close with the Lady Pirates threatening to the final seconds, but the Lady Engineers held on for the win.

Estill's ladies will be playing on Thursday night, also in Stanton, against the top seeded team in the 56th District, the Owsley County Lady Owls.

The Lady Owls finished 7-0 in district play and easily dominated the Lee County Bobcats for the third time this season to win 63-15, also on Monday night in Stanton.

Owsley won both matches this season against Estill. The Lady Owls bested the Lady Engineers by 20, 74-54, in December in Booneville; then won by 13, 47-34, in a rematch in January in Irvine.

This time, Estill senior Kaylee Riddell will back healthy for the Lady Engineers, and several younger Estill players continue to improve.

In the most notable of recent games, the Lady Engineers only lost by five to Montgomery County last Thursday at home, 58-53, after having lost by 37 to the Lady Indians in the Gateway Classic in December.

Three players were in double figures against Montgomery County, including 8th grader Sarah Baker and freshman Haley Angel (13 each) and sophomore Mia Hale with ten. Haley also got 13 rebounds against the Lady Indians.

Estill plays at 7:00 p.m. at Stanton against the Lady Owls on Thursday night. Pack the stands to support this excellent group of young ladies.

Go, Lady Engineers!

Engineers likely also in championship with another win over Lee, Tuesday

The Estill County Engineers will also likely be in the the boys 56th District championship to be played on Friday night in Stanton.

Estill was playing Tuesday night in their tournament opener against the Lee County Bobcats, a team they had beaten easily twice in regular season.

The Engineers won first by 17, 70-53 at home on the 17th; then traveled to Beattyville only three days later where they beat Lee County by 39, 81-42.

Several non-starters saw action in this one and substitute Kenny Rose was able to add 11 points, along with scoring by the usual suspects.

The highlight of the week for Estill was a game on Saturday against the 14th Region's top team, the Hazard Bulldogs, where Estill fell by one, 41-40, with no time left.

The Engineers came back to tie the game at 40-all, but Hazard got the last shot attempt, which missed, but a foul was called at the buzzer giving them a shot at the win from the free throw line. It took their second shot for the win while Estill players and fans watched.

Sophomore Landon Napier scored 19 and senior Joe Benton got 13 in the heroic effort against the homestanding Bulldogs on Hazard's senior night.

Earlier, Estill won 75-59 over Menifee County with Benton dropping in 30 points. Junior Will Isfort got 18 and Dyllon Long had 13.

Owsley and Powell County were also playing Tuesday night for a berth in Friday's championship of the 56th District. Those teams were tied 3-3 in regular season district standings. Owsley beat the Pirates 56-46; then Powell beat the Owls by 15, 67-52 in a rematch.

Estill had beaten both Owsley and Powell twice in regular season to win the season title and #1 seeding with a 6-0 district record. Despite the wins, you can never underestimate the Pirates nor the Owls at tournament time.

If the Engineers won over Lee County on Tuesday night, Estill will return to Stanton on Friday where they will take on either Owsley or Powell on Friday night at 7:00 p.m. and the Pirates' gym will be rocking with Estill's cheerleaders and band leading the cheers.



Estill County Middle School Youth Services Center Coordinator, Michael Flynn, has been participating in the KY Charge teacher leader program. KY Charge teacher leaders participate in the Kentucky Education Development Cooperative's (KEDC) Project CHARGE (Civics History through Advanced Research and Geography Education) which provides professional development for approximately 375 veteran and new K-8 public school teachers in Bell, Estill, Middlesboro Independent, Knox, Laurel, Barbourville, Pulaski, Williamsburg Independent and Pineville Independent school districts. One of the many professional development programs offered to teacher leaders is the KAGAN Program. This program is a positive student engagement and classroom management training. Pictured above is Flynn using these strategies as he leads a student workshop at the National Association of Student Councils Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

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DATES

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Wednesday	March 4	6:00pm – 8:00pm
Saturday	March 7	11:00am – 1:00pm
Sunday	March 8	2:00pm – 4:00pm

LOCATION: Estill County High School Gym Lobby

Baseball & Softball Leagues

Boys/Girls	Tee-Ball	Ages 4-5
Girls	Coach Pitch	Ages 6-8
Girls	Player Pitch	Ages 9-10
Girls	Player Pitch	Ages 11-12
Boys	Coach Pitch	Ages 6-8
Boys	Player Pitch	Ages 9-10
Boys	Player Pitch	Ages 11-12

COST – 60.00 per kid

Payment is due when you come to sign up!

Boys age is determined by what age he will be on or before April 30, 2020

Girls age is determined by what age she was on December 31, 2019

Everyone must sign up at one of the designated times.

We will not take sign-ups over the phone.

Parents must come and sign their child's form!

*******ANYONE interested in COACHING***** needs to come to one of the sign-ups**

Please remember * MARCH 8 *** is the last day to sign up**