



## Just Hunting

by Steve Brewer

As another spring turkey season comes to a close, I want to think, it has been a productive, as well as a safe one. I am from the days when hunters was shot while squirrel hunting, I never figured that out, but it happened. Now we have safety courses, and I hope hunters pay better attention. The running total as of this printing is 148 males killed in Estill county, and 2 females. Unless the two hens

where bearded hens, who ever killed them can expect a visit from the Fish and Wildlife officer soon. The farther break down is of the 150 total killed, 132 was long beards, 16 was jakes, and one was a archery kill. I was thrilled the other evening to overhear two young fellows loading up in their truck, in a parking lot to say, "That guy from the newspaper, said, it is the best time to hunt right now." Of course it

was about 4 in the afternoon, and it is the best time, the old long beards are looking for hens. The hens are nesting, and the big boy gets lonesome fast. We have had the wettest, coldest spring since records have been kept, so I am anxious to see what that does for next season. On May 16th thru June 19th, we will be heading into spring squirrel season, when I was young, it was called mulberry season, and time to get the old single shot 22 out. That was a fun time, I don't know how many hunters even know there is a squirrel season, that time of year. We will give you a full updated report on turkey season next week. till then, be safe.

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## Boyle County freshman Tommy Ziesmer already has six Division I football offers, including one from Kentucky.

by LARRY VAUGHT  
He won't turn 16 years old until November, but Boyle County freshman Tommy Ziesmer already has six Division I football scholarship offers.

"I think it is flattering. I like having offers and coaches seeing me as a person who as a senior can produce a lot more than I did as a freshman," said Ziesmer

Kentucky is one of the schools that has offered him along with Louisville, West Virginia, Tennessee, Eastern Kentucky and Western Kentucky.

"People told me the first offer was really hard to get. I was thinking maybe I would get one my junior year or at least senior year," the 6-2, 220-pound Ziesmer said. "But once Louisville offered me, I got a lot more offers and hopefully will get more."

He started at defensive end for Boyle County and coach Chuck Smith, a former assistant coach

at Kentucky under Rich Brooks and Joker Phillips. At UK he coached linebackers Bud Dupree, Wesley Woodyard and Danny Trevathan — all NFL players. Dupree recently signed a \$15.6 million deal for 2020 with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

"At first it was kind of intimidating playing for him because he is a very intimidating guy," Ziesmer said. "But he helped me a lot with my techniques and moves. He helped me a lot mentally, too. I know he has coached great players, so you have to be impressed with that. I was just lucky he taught me to do a lot of things last year."

Smith resigned after Boyle's 14-1 season ended with a loss in the Class AAA state title game but Ziesmer knows he can lean on Smith for help if needed.

"I got a lot more comfortable with him as the year went on and know

if I needed him, he would be there to help," Ziesmer said.

**Quote of the Week:** "He bulked up during the summer heading into his sophomore season and became a dominant presence in the post late last season. He has a vast array of post up moves and is solid from 15-feet in. Good footwork and soft hands. He'll fit in nicely in Lexington," Demon Deacons publisher Les Johns on UK transfer Olivier Sarr.

**Quote of the Week 2:** "I haven't had to do anything worse in my 11 years as commissioner and certainly in other positions where I have had to make a decision that was that difficult. We live every day and we work every day to create opportunities for students," KHSAA commissioner Julian Tackett on having to cancel the boys and girls state basketball tournaments.

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