

Just Hunting

by Steve Brewer

As the days get longer, the "Big Boys" get more feisty. Starting around the 5th of March, if you

March is 'time to talk turkey'

are around some woods, you should hear them start to really get with the program. Actually, turkey season in the south of Florida will open then. My advice, just stay home and wait till it opens at least in the middle of Florida. When I was young, and even more foolish than today, I used to run to Okeechobee, Florida for a week hunt. Then one time my wife, Sharon went with me. After two days of hunting hard and no turkey, she looked at me and said, "it is 106 degrees, you are not killing any turkeys; either we load up and go home or get me on an airplane." We drove back the 20 hours, and I haven't hunted in southern Florida again.

I always wait for the center part to open, which is around the middle of March. My friend that let me hunt on her planation sold out last year, I never went then and won't be going there again. Nothing will make you feel better than to stand in your yard or sit on your porch with a good cup of coffee and listen from now 'till the end of May for the gobblers to ring the woods. After the winter we have had, it

will thrill your heart. I have no land leased to turkey hunt again this year. I have a couple of friends in this county that have told me I can hunt, and no charge, so I may take them up on that.

I had decided to walk you through a turkey's life, but then thought, I had better wait till closer to season. The information I give you can be deadly for turkeys, and I don't want you out using your new-found information to get into trouble by pouching. Word has reached me there are some in this county that still do pouch.

I would like to remind everyone, your old license has expired, time to ante up for a new set. We will start class around the last week of March, on how a turkey thinks, lives, and how you may put one in your trophy room, as well as on the dinner table

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Local Student Selected to Perform with the Bands of America Honor Band in the 2022 Rose Parade®

Ashton Hale, a freshman at Estill County High School, has been selected by Music for All to be a member of the Bands of America (BOA) Honor Band in the 2022 Tournament of Roses® Parade in Pasadena, California. Ashton was selected from among hundreds of applicants across the nation for membership in this prestigious national honor band. Ashton is the son of Shaun and Kim Hale. His band director is Jason Bowles. Ashton has four siblings, Mia, Ava, Harper and Miles.

The BOA Honor Band is a 300-piece national ensemble with winds, percussion, and a flag and dance team. Richard Saucedo, composer, conductor, and retired director of the national champion Carmel H.S. (IN) marching band, will direct the 2022 BOA Hon-

or Band. Music educator, conductors, and adjudicator David Starnes, Director of Orchestras at Kennesaw Mountain H.S., GA, is Program Coordinator.

Ashton, a Alto Saxophone player, will spend a week in Southern California, where He will have rehearsals, performances at the Tournament of Roses Bandfest and Disneyland, special activities and a featured appearance in the famous parade broadcast worldwide. The 2022 Rose Parade presented by Honda begins at 8 AM on New Year's Day and is themed "DREAM. BELIEVE. ACHIEVE." The 5.5-mile parade will be televised worldwide through its broadcast partners. Magnificent floral floats, spirited marching bands and talented equestrian units anchor the traditional, two-hour spectacle along Pasade-

na's famed Colorado Boulevard. Learn more about the parade and broadcast at tournamentofroses.com.

"To be selected for this opportunity is a once-in-a-lifetime experience for students, and a testimony to their excellence and achievements," says director Richard Saucedo. "The Rose Parade® is one of our country's national pageantry treasures. The 2022 Honor Band members are ambassadors of America's scholastic music and arts programs, as well as their schools and communities. Congratulations to Ashton on this fantastic accomplishment and recognition."

This will mark the fifth time Music for All's Bands of America Honor Band has performed in the Tournament of Roses® Parade. The BOA Honor Band also performed in

the Tournament of Roses® Parade in 2005, 2009 when it was a part of the President's Award-winning entry created with NAMM and Sesame Street Workshop, 2013 and in 2017. Music for All sponsors and partners will play an important role in preparing the BOA Honor Band for their performances. Yamaha Corporation of America, MFA's National Presenting Sponsor, will provide percussion and brass instruments. Fred J. Miller, Inc. (FJM) will outfit the members in custom uniforms designed by award-winning designer Michael Cesario, one of the nation's leading pageantry visionaries. Music Travel Consultants, MFA's Official Student Travel Partner, will manage the travel, housing and logistics for the band members and their families.



Ashton Hale

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One of the state's premier matchups will be shown live Saturday on CW



by Larry Vaught

One of the state's premier boys high school basketball matchups will be shown on The CW Lexington Saturday at 2 p.m. when North Laurel

and Lexington Catholic — both unbeaten going into play this week — play at Lexington Catholic.

Jeff Anderson, WKYT-TV vice-president and general manager, said this would be the "debut of airing" games on CW Lexington. They have been having high school games on WKYT.com in conjunction with PrepSpin and are hoping eventually to have a game of the week each Saturday.

"We will simulcast the game to the CW and you can also go to PrepSpin.com or WKYT.com to see the live stream of the game," PrepSpin founder

William Warfield said.

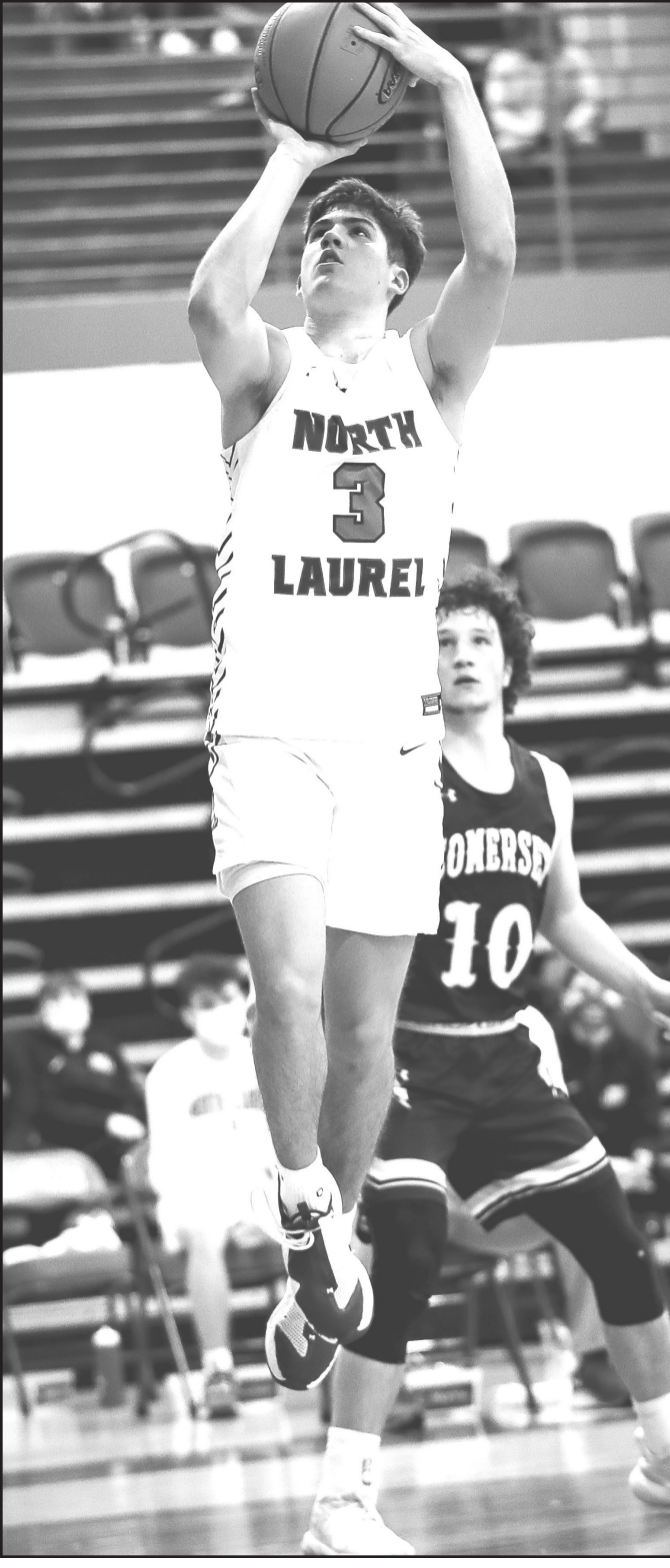
Reed Sheppard, the son of former UK standouts Stacey Reed and Jeff Sheppard, is a statewide sensation for North Laurel. He's averaging 33.6 points and 7.4 rebounds per game this season and is shooting 55 percent from the field, 40 percent from 3-point range and 87.3 percent at the foul line.

In his career he has already scored 1,804 points and grabbed 436 rebounds. He's made 362 of 442 free throws, an 82 percent mark. He's also made 124 3-pointers in 85 career games.

Lexington Catholic counters with Bellarmine commit Ben Johnson, a 6-3 guard who is Lexington Catholic's all-time leading scorer with 2,145 points. He ranks eighth in all-time scoring in Lexington.

Johnson is averaging 27.8 points and 6.6 rebounds per game this season and shooting 56 percent from the field, 47 percent from 3-point range and 82.4 percent at the foul line.

You can go to <https://www.cwvtv.com/thecw/stations/> to see if the CW in your area will have Saturday's game.



Reed Sheppard and North Laurel will face Lexington Catholic Saturday in a game that will be televised on The CW Lexington. (Les Nicholson Photo)

Transfer could not say no to Kentucky's offer

Once he decided he was going to leave Michigan State, receiver Tre'Von Morgan had some schools reach out to him and he reached out to a few others, including Kentucky.

The 6-6, 215-pound Morgan was the No. 1 receiver in Ohio in the 2019 recruiting class and a four-star prospect who caught 37 passes for 691 yards and 12 touchdowns his senior season. He also had offers from Ole Miss, Iowa, Iowa State, Cincinnati, Missouri, Pittsburgh and others. He picked Michigan State and red-shirted in 2019 and played

only sparingly in 2020.

"My cousin, Brandon Jackson, had played at Kentucky and was always telling me how nice it was and how he enjoyed it," said Morgan. "There really was not any interest from Kentucky when I was in high school other than maybe a few texts about me. But my (Michigan State) teammate (Luke Fulton) went there, I knew a lot of the coaching staff was from Youngstown and they had people I could connect with."

One of those was recruiting coordinator Vince

Marrow, so Morgan sent a text indicating he was interested in transferring to UK.

"I knew coach Marrow was a good dude and Kentucky was at a good spot in the SEC. I thought, 'Why not?' So I reached out to UK and some others," Morgan said. "I definitely had really strong interest from some other schools. If there was not any interest, I would never have left Michigan State. But schools like Pittsburgh, Virginia, Northwestern, Ole Miss and a couple of others had interest."

Morgan believes it was

his versatility that UK liked more than anything else.

"I know I can play and I know they needed a big receiver. I knew they had some 6-2 and 6-1 guys. I am 6-6 and go up and can catch the ball," Morgan said. "I can play inside or out, match up with a linebacker or whoever. I played inside in high school and outside in college. My role will be just to make plays downfield, inside, outside, block or whatever they tell me to do."

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