



## Times Remembered

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The last two weeks, I've been out of town attending basketball tournaments in West Palm Beach, Florida and Bristol, Tennessee with the Scott County Girls Basketball team, where my daughter and son-in-law have coached for the past 20 years. Scott County is currently rated #1 in the state and have a 16-0 record. Right now they are rolling; and Bob and I love watching them play. We support them wherever they play.

On December 20-22 they participated in the Doc Maples Classic Tournament in Bristol, Virginia. They defeated Sullivan East Tennessee by a score of 94-40, then Spring Valley West Virginia, by a score of 92-53 and won the championship game by defeating Lebanon, Virginia for the score of 69-37. This was a nice win but I think everyone was looking ahead to the Florida Tournament.

On the morning of December 26, at 5:00 a.m. we boarded the big blue

## Basketball Tournaments

charter bus for West Palm Beach, Florida for the 2018 National Invitational Holiday Basketball Classic presented by BSN Sports. Thirty-two high schools from eleven states competed in the tournament.

Everyone was excited to be headed to the beach to play ball and experience some sunshine. After all, it had rained nearly all month here at home the past few weeks.

We left Georgetown at 5:00 a.m. as planned and everything was going great; we expected to be in West Palm Beach by 9:00 p.m. When we crossed into South Carolina things begin to change; traffic slowed; there was just two lanes of interstate instead of three and holiday traffic was heavy. The day after Christmas, everyone was returning home.

We were stalled in traffic about three hours due to a wreck and heavy traffic. We traveled 41 miles in three hours. It really was tiring, sitting on the bus that long. When we got to Savannah, Georgia the road widened and we were able to go faster. We arrived at West Palm Beach about midnight, tired and weary, and I for one was ready to go to my room. We checked in and fell asleep as soon as our heads hit the pillow.

The next morning we awoke to beautiful sunshine with a temperature of about 80 degrees. The motel was beautiful; palm trees, tropical flowers and green plants everywhere

welcomed us to the buffet breakfast bar set up for the team.

The girls were scheduled to play on December 27, at 2:00 p.m. Everyone was fired up and ready to battle. Scott County played Game 1 and defeated the Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High School team, from Miami, Florida by a score of 79-60.

In the second game on December 28, at 6:00 p.m. they faced Palm Lakes High School from Palm Beach; they were ranked #4 in the state of Florida. Scott County defeated them by a score 84-60. Maleah Owens, a 5'6 senior guard and a Middle Tennessee signee, scored 30 points in that game and Morgan DeFoor, a 5'7 junior scored 24 points. She has verbally committed to Morehead. Also, the girls scored 20 three-point shots in this game.

The final championship game saw Scott County facing a much bigger Ramsay High School team from Birmingham, Alabama. The game was pretty close until second half then the Lady Cards let loose scoring and wore the bigger girls out with their fast break play and pressure defense. They won the championship of the National Invitational Holiday Classic by a score of 69-51. Scott County never trailed in any of the tournament games.

The girls really are playing well and I hope they make it to state again this year. Keep the good work up girls!

## Political leaders need our prayers more than our criticisms



### America's Heartland

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A busload of politicians were traveling a country road when they suddenly careened into a pasture and crashed into an old farmer's barn.

The farmer dug a big hole and buried the politicians. A few days later, the sheriff passed by, saw the crashed bus, and asked the farmer where the politicians were.

The old farmer said he had buried them.

"You mean to tell me," the sheriff said, "every one of them was dead?"

"Well, some of them said they weren't," the farmer said, "but you know how those politicians lie."

Politicians certainly seem to be unpopular in our day and time, but there's really nothing

new in that. Down through world history, people have scorned their government leaders. Long before the typical official is elected, scathing personal attacks begin, oftentimes even from churchgoers who should know better.

Christians are called to pray for their government leaders, not scorn them.

The Apostle Paul called on Christians to pray for kings and all government leaders so "that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness (1 Timothy 2:1-2).

The Apostle Peter said we are to "show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor" (1 Peter 2:17).

Of course, Paul and Timothy spoke of kings and emperors, instead of presidents and prime ministers, because that happened to be the kinds of political rulers they dealt with in their day. But the notion of respecting and praying for our political leaders still holds, regardless of the titles they hold.

You don't have to be on Facebook or Twitter long to find that many people in our local communities and across our

country deliver hateful, scornful personal criticism at all our political leaders. Now, as a good American, I'm a defender of our constitutional right to free speech, so I wholly support everyone's right to say what they will regarding the issues of the day. But I've found that much of what is said doesn't address issues but instead is, instead, personal attacks meant to stir strife.

As a journalist for more than three decades, I've had the pleasure to know lots of politicians at various levels of government. I have the greatest of respect for many of them, who opt to go into public service despite the harsh, often unwarranted criticism they face from the moment they step into the spotlight.

As God's word commands, we really should commit to praying for our government leaders at least as much as we criticize them.

And, if ever a busload of them crashes into our barn, let's commit not to bury the ones who say they're alive.

**Roger Alford offers words of encouragement to residents of America's heartland. Reach him at rogeralford1@gmail.com.**

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MONDAY Jan. 14	TUESDAY Jan. 15	WEDNESDAY Jan. 16	THURSDAY Jan. 17	FRIDAY Jan. 18
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SOUTH IRVINE EARLY LEARNING CENTER BREAKFASTS				
Sausage Biscuit Oranges Milk	Oatmeal & Toast Apples Milk	Maple Waffles Peaches Milk	Biscuit & Gravy Hash Browns Milk	Chocolate Muffin Fruit Apple Juice, Milk

SOUTH IRVINE EARLY LEARNING CENTER LUNCHES				
Popcorn Chicken Biscuit Green Beans Applesauce, Milk	Beefy Mac & Cheese Texas Toast Peas Mandarin Oranges	Bologna & Cheese Potato Smiles Broccoli Bites Strawberry Cups	Chicken Pattie/Bun French Fries Peaches Milk	Pizza Corn Pears Milk

ESTILL SPRINGS BREAKFASTS				
Breakfast Pizza or Toast/Cocoa Puffs Pineapple Tidbits Asst. Juice Milk Choices	Min Maple Pancakes/ Syrup or Cinn. Toast Crunch/Graham Snacks, Applesauce Juice, Milk	Donuts or Strawber- ry Poptart/Trix Pears Asst. Juice Milk Choices	Scrambled Eggs Toast/Lucky Charms Bacon Mandarin Oranges Asst. Juice, Milk	Blueberry or Banana Muffin, Fruit Loops Peaches Asst. Juice Milk Choices

ESTILL SPRINGS LUNCHES				
Chicken Pattie/Bun Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Pears Milk Choices	TACO TUESDAY Taco/Wrap Let./Tom./Cheese Refried Beans, Salsa Peaches	Chicken Noodle Soup/Crackers Grilled Cheese Fresh Broccoli Mandarin Oranges	Pepperoni Pizza Corn Grape Tomatoes/Dip Pineapple Tidbits Milk Choices	Hot Dog/Bun French Fries Baby Carrots/Dip Applesauce Milk Choices

WEST IRVINE BREAKFASTS				
Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, Apple Juice, Milk	Biscuit & Gravy or Cereal Grapes Juice, Milk	Mini Cinni Rolls or Cereal Pears Juice, Milk	Scrambled Eggs or Cereal Toast, Peaches Juice, Milk	Assorted Muffins or Cereal Apple Juice, Milk

WEST IRVINE LUNCHES				
Baked Rotini/Texas Toast Romaine Salad Corn, Pears Milk	Rectangle Pizza Cucumber/Dip Cooked Carrots Pineapple Tidbits Milk	Chili/Grilled Cheese Sandwich Vegetable Cup/Dip Fresh Oranges Milk, Crackers	Bosco Sticks Marinara Sauce Baked Beans Fresh Broccoli/Dip Peaches, Milk	Round Pizza Corn Tomatoes/Dip Apple Milk

ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL BREAKFAST				
Pancake Porky w/ Syrup, I Mini Wheats Cereal Bars, Pop Tarts, Apple	Oatmeal & Toast Cinn. Toast Crunch Cereal Bars, Pop Tarts, Pears	Cream Cheese Ba- gel, Lucky Charms Cereal Bars, Pop Tarts, M. Oranges	Bacon, Egg & Cheese Biscuit Cinn. Chex, Pop Tarts, Banna	Choc. or Cinn. Muf- fins, Cocoa Puffs Cereal Bars, Pop Tarts, Pineapples

ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL LUNCH				
Asian Chicken, Roll Stir Fry Vegetables Asian Rice Carrot Sticks Apples, Pears Milk or Juice	Hamburger/Bun or Spicy Chicken/Bun French Fries, Baked Beans, Applesauce Let./Tom./Pickles Strawberry Cup	Corn Dog or Walking Taco Bar Baked Beans Carrot Sticks w/dip Peaches/Pineapples Milk or Juice	Chili w/Grilled Cheese, Cauliflower Bites, Carrot Sticks Mandarin Oranges Sidekicks Milk or Juice	Boscors or Chicken Quesadilla Marinara Sauce Broccoli & Cauli- flower w/Dip, Corn Pears, M. Oranges

ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST				
Sausage, Egg, Ch. Sliders, Cereal, Ce- real Bars, Pop Tart, Mini Choc. Donuts Oranges or Apples	Breakfast Pizza Pop Tarts Donut Holes Yogurt Parfait Apples or Oranges	Bacon, Egg, & Cheese Biscuit Pop Tarts, Yogurt Parfait, Donuts Apples or Oranges	Sausage Biscuit Pop Tarts, Yogurt Parfait, Donut Holes Oranges or Apples Juice, Milk	Eggstravaganza Wrap, Poptarts, Cereal, Cereal Bars Mini Choc. Donuts Oranges or Apples

ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH				
Boscors, Calzones Marinara Sauce Green Beans Corn, Sidekicks Tropical Fruit Juice Assorted Juice	Meatball Marinara on Bun, Chips Pizza Hut Pizza Let./Tom./Peppers Roasted Carrots Green Beans, Canta- loupe, Applesauce Juice/Asst. Milk	Cheeseburger/Bun Mini Corn Dogs Let./Tom./Pickles Garden Salad Potato Wedges Baked Beans Pineapples, Peaches Juice/Asst. Milk	Chicken Pattie/Bun Roll Let./Tom./Pickles Broccoli & Cheese Baked Potato Bar Pears, Applesauce Juice Asst. Milk	Chicken Noodle Soup, Crackers Grilled Cheese Broccoli Bites Carrot Sticks Mandarin Oranges Strawberry Cup Juice/Asst. Milk

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