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Guts, Glory, God and a Praying Granny

So, sometimes I get a little off subject. This is one of those times. I thought it was a story worth telling so bear with me.

Due to starting a new business and carrying big loads I had to go up in truck size. I got a Dodge Ram 3500 Diesel. Since getting the truck, my boys are hard core Dodge RAM guys. On average I hear them say Guts Glory Ram a 100 times a day. They get excited every time a RAM commercial comes on. They are Dodge RAM brothers!

A few weeks back I had a pretty long and cold day of work. We had planted several thousand trees. I was whipped and when I jumped in the truck my mind was on cruise control homeward bound. This day I was hauling a big gooseneck trailer. I was running around 70 on I-75. I was in the middle lane when a lady in a small car decided to get in the far left lane. She decided to do this by slamming on the brakes in the center lane awaiting traffic to clear so she could get over. I was running 70 with a big gooseneck trailer. The RAM was about to become a RAM!

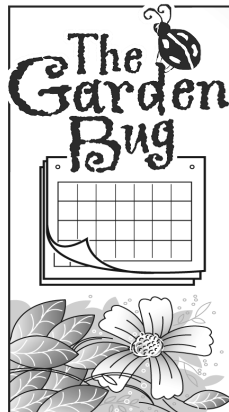
Ok, rewind a little and back to my praying little granny. My little Granny Bick is my go to prayer warrior. I know she has prayed for me even when I didn't think I needed it. She has prayed over my house while it was being built. I had her pray for me when I

made the decision to start a business. She has prayed over just about every vehicle I have ever owned. The Dodge RAM was no exception. I had it just a few days when I took it to her house to pray over it. Now back to I-75 and the car slamming the brakes on. I pretty much stood up on my brakes. The engine exhaust brake was popping. I got stopped just in time. There was not a single car behind me on I-75 at 5:30 p.m. The lady made it to the other lane and we went on our way. I am pretty sure she didn't realize how close she came to getting knocked into Irvine, if I had hit her car.

My first thoughts were the exhaust brakes and how good brakes stopped a bad accident. The other day I was reading some scripture on prayer when it hit me. It wasn't brakes that stopped me. It was the power of prayer. My little Granny prayed over my truck and prays every day for my safety. It was no coincidence that I got stopped and not a single car behind me. It was an answered prayer.

The power of prayer is amazing. I am sure the prayers of my little Granny has kept me out of countless accidents. I highly recommend you try talking to Jesus because He is always listening. Thanks and I love you Granny!!!

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



Plant types

Annuals complete their entire life cycle from seed to flower to seed within a single growing season, then all roots, stems and leaves of the plant die.

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Biennials require two years to complete their life cycle.

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Lady Engineers Weekly Recap

by **MIKE WISEMAN**
Tribune Sportswriter

The 2015 edition of the Lady Engineers Softball Team kicked off their season last week in hope of retaining their 56th District and 14th Region championships and another trip to the state tournament.

Lafayette 1 -- Estill 0

Last Monday night, the Lady Engineers traveled to Lexington to take on the Lady Generals of Lafayette. Estill's bats were as cold as the weather as they were able to scratch out only 3 hits in a 1-0 loss. Junior McKeely Muncie rapped out two of the hits while also toeing the mound for Estill. A leadoff double in the first inning and two ground outs later would bring in the only run Lafayette would need.

Estill 6 -- Montgomery 5

Estill would finally scratch the win column with a dra-

matic come from behind victory against the Lady Indians with a 3-run outburst in the bottom of the seventh inning. MaKenzie Angel and Taylor Wiseman would double in the final frame and an infield single from Bethany Hall would bring across the winning run. Muncie would get her first win of the season: 7 IP 6 H 2 ER 6 K 0 BB. Meredith Buscher Memorial Tournament @ Madison Central

Estill 14 -- Grant Co. 1

Lady Engineer bats would come alive in this 4 inning affair as five Ladies would pick up 2 hits each and seven would drive in runs to kick off a two day tournament in Richmond. This game would be decided in the first inning as six Estill runs would cross the plate.

Russell Co. 4 -- Estill 3

Estill's bats would be si-

lenced in this one as Russell's pitcher kept the Engineer batters off balance with a terrific drop curve. Estill would face a 4-0 deficit heading to the top of the seventh and would mount a furious comeback only to find themselves a run short.

Estill 3 -- Madison Cen. 1

Estill would not be denied in their final game as freshman pitcher Kelly Lay would scatter 6 hits over 6 innings to gain her first career victory. T. Wiseman, Zoe Deaton, and B. Hall would each collect 2 hit for the Lady 'Neers.

Estill 16 -- Lee Co. 1

Estill would begin defense of their district domination with a hit parade against the LadyKats from Beattyville. K.Flynn, Muncie, and Angel would combine for 7 of Estill's 13 hits. B.Hall and Z.Deaton would each drive in 2 runs in

this three inning affair to begin district play. Muncie would gain her third win of the season with a 2 hit, 3 K effort.

The Lady Engineers will be in action again on Tuesday night as they host Somerset at JL Thomas Field @ 6:30.

Upcoming Games:

- @ Madison Southern March 27th 5:30 pm.
 - Lady Engineer Triangle Saturday March 28th vs Boyle Co. @ 12:00pm vs Rowan Co. @ 4:00pm JL Thomas Field
 - Owsley Co. Monday March 30th @ 5:30 pm JL Thomas Field
 - @ Bourbon Co. Tuesday March 31 @ 6:00 pm JL Thomas Field
- Come on out and catch some Lady Engineer Softball as they roll this "Train" toward the State Tournament!
GO BIG BLUE!!!!

Bob Watkins' Sports In Kentucky

Wildcats and Cardinals: Break out the battle flags boys and girls and blow the trumpets



Bob Watkins

"You may have to fight a battle more than once to win."

- Margaret Thatcher

So it is, Old Kentucky Home brethren who hitch highest hopes onto our stars - two Sweet 16 entries headed north.

Before Thursday, Kentucky's unbeaten will be reminded five springtimes ago Bob Huggins' underdog West Virginia outflanked (and schooled) the Wildcats and stole their Final Four berth. This week Big Blue Nation rejoins the battle at Cleveland.

Before Friday, Louisville will be reminded of a score to settle with North Carolina State. A month ago the Wolfpack exacted a 74-65 whuppin' on the Rick Pitinos at Yum Center. This time, a neutral battle field at Syracuse.

So, button up, boys and girls, break out the battle flags, blow the trumpets and set upon their skirmish lines fiercely. Charge into them with Blue/Red state vengeance and apply a new exclamation mark on our Kentucky birth right claim anew, we are supreme at something.

Only a full-on charge into Yankees fortifications at Syracuse and in Cleveland will stir our hearts (and sell some new tee-shirts). Old scores will be settled, then push Kentucky's rally

flags through to where they belong, land of Elite Eight (for now).

Meanwhile, let's all calm down, have lunch and consort over did you see that! moments from another NCAA weekend.

√ Roxanne Chalifoux. Villanova's brave and teary piccolo player.

√ West Virginia coach Bob Huggins' idea of living in the moment after his team sent Maryland home on Sunday was, "John (Calipari) has a day and a half on us (to prepare for Thursday night)."

√ Thank you card, John Calipari to Cincinnati coach Larry Davis. The Bearcats rough-house 40 (minutes) gave Kentucky a game film of what is sure to come from Mountaineers at Cleveland.

√ Cincinnati forward Octavious Ellis got himself ejected from the Bearcats' game against Purdue, then tried thug ball against Kentucky. A storm of ugly and racist tweets followed. But no public criticism for Cincinnati's coach Larry Davis for not controlling his player?

√ Louisville. Chris Who? Since Quinton Snyder showed up, Terry Rozier has never been better. Helping free up Rozier's game (25 points, seven assists and five rebounds against Northern Iowa), Snyder had 10 points and one turnover in 36 minutes.

√ Much praise was spent on R.J. Hunter at Georgia State, Melo Trimbo at Maryland and others. Best penetrator/pull-up guard in the field of 68, Rozier at Louisville.

√ Seth Tuttle, Northern Iowa. Quintessential NBA-type power forward at 6-8, 240. An alpha-dog leader, where does Tuttle figure in the NBA June draft? No-where, in the first round 30, according to ESPN.com.

√ NBA mock draft - Why would Mark Cuban spend a

23rd pick for Dallas Mavericks on Kentucky's Dakari Johnson when Seth Tuttle's name is on the board?

√ Lost in shadow of R.J. Hunter at Georgia State ... whatever happened to Ryan Harrow (ex-Kentucky) and Kevin Ware (ex-Louisville)?

√ For 22 years Kansas declined to add in-state rival Wichita State to its regular season schedule because "... what have we got to gain?" The two met in the NCAA in Omaha, Nebraska last week. For those old enough to remember The Dream Game in Knoxville (1983), sound familiar?

√ What happened to Villanova? A nervous breakdown. Nova earned a No. 1 seed by shooting 53 percent in regular season. Against NC State, the Wildcats clanked 23 of 33 2-point tries and all but four of 23 3-pointers. Familiar? In 1984 Final Four Kentucky had the same breakdown against Georgetown in Seattle.

√ The storm is gathering over basketball and football programs at North Carolina. The University settled recently with ex-learning specialist Mary Willingham for \$335,000. She was fired after blowing the whistle on the school's academic fraud case.

UNC still faces two lawsuits from athletes, problems with accreditation and an NCAA academic misconduct investigation. Because the fraud claim report spans 1993 to 2011 and included more than 3,100 students, roughly half athletes, coaches Dean Smith to Roy Williams are implicated.

Comment: The NCAA won't dare besmirch Smith's revered reputation and Williams will likely get a pass as well using the Calipari and Jim Boeheim precedents, i.e. "I didn't know what was going on in my program therefore I am

not responsible."

√ Under headline: Kentucky Is the Only Team That Matters, an internet columnist sank venomous fangs into Kentucky basketball last week. Never mind his name, among items under sub-head: Accept these 13 things about Kentucky hoops or get the h out, are these hatefals ...

I mention them, with a comment or two, to remind us what superficial, ill-informed ignorance, packaged nicely as column-writing, looks like on the internet. To wit ...

• It's impossible to root for John Calipari. ... John Calipari doesn't play by the rules. ... One-and-dones are ruining college basketball.

• "But Kentucky fans are psychotic hill people." ... "The Harrison twins are obnoxious." ... "Kentucky is like the Yankees of college basketball."

More ...

• "Everyone is writing articles telling me to like this team, and it's so unbearable, and it's only beginning. ... God, I hope they lose." ... "It's more fun to hate Kentucky."

Comment: Fashion statements usually reserved for Duke.

Finally, my favorite from this self-righteous pup: "Adolph Rupp was an a-hole."

Isn't that a sweet list?
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One shining moment. Roxanne Chalifoux. Villanova's brave and teary piccolo player became face of the Tournament with her play-on courage. Among tweets to Chalifoux after Nova's ouster, "(Roxanne) spends 10 years learning piccolo just to be called flute girl."

And so it goes.
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