

Lady Braves fall to Eminence in two sets

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SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Facing a regional opponent, the Grant County Lady Braves volleyball team suffered a hard loss last Thursday night. With the Eminence Warriors going undefeated in two sets, Grant lost 25-17 and 25-20. Strong hitting from Eminence, combined with a few errors from the Braves, made a fatal combo as Grant is now 14-10.

Grant started the game with serve, but Eminence managed to score the first point with a fake set. The Warriors then scored off the subsequent serve before the Lady Braves regained their footing.

Fighting back, a set and spike

from Oliva Ginn to Isabelle Russell, along with an ace from Moriah Wills, tied the game 2-2.

Afterwards, the game fell into a stalemate as neither side managed to get ahead. Trading the lead, both teams exchanged blows with strong hitting, racking up kills. Hits from Russell, Mallie Bates, and Rylee Akers were not left unanswered as Eminence earned two blocks and three kills to set the score at 8-8.

An ace from the Warriors gave them some momentum, but this was momentary as Grant retaliated and tied the game once more at 11-11. However, this tight scoring wouldn't last as the Lady Braves began to lose steam.

While their offense battled the

Warriors to a standstill, Grant's defense began to falter, and Eminence capitalized. Following a block against Grant, the Lady Braves gave up several points as strikers began to find their marks in the previously stalwart defense.

The tight game then shifted dramatically as the Warriors built a seven-point lead before Russell ended Grant's dry spell. Thanks to an assist from Ginn, Russell earned the Lady Braves two points with kills.

Despite this, the first set was already nearing its end as Eminence was only four points from victory. Although an ace from Ginn, along with a net violation and an out on the Warriors, kept Grant alive for

some time, they were unable to climb out off the deficit. A kill concluded the first set 25-17.

Progressing into the second set, Eminence opened with serve and once more scored first. Akin to the opening of the matchup, the Lady Braves hung close to the Warriors, exchanging points on offense.

As Aker and Russell both earned kills, Eminence fired back with spikes of their own.

Great defense from the Lady Braves saw them hold back the Warriors hitting initially, as brief spurts saw the lead change hands. The stalemate in scoring carried on until the Warriors again went on a run halfway through the set.

Determined to stop history from repeating, Grant managed to stop the bleed at 18-15 with a hit from Akers. Sadly though, this short lapse in the defense proved fatal.

After a failed serve cost the Lady Braves their momentum, Eminence pushed ahead once more at 23-17. Responding, Grant sparked a rally of their own as time wore thin on the set.

Clawing back into the game, the Lady Braves' offense scored three consecutive points. Unfortunately, the strong hitting from the Warriors would end the set with a final long rally, completing the game at 25-20.

Origin stories

BY TOMMY DRUEN
COLUMNIST

My uncle collected comic books. Growing up, that meant I had access to stories far beyond the standard superheroes my friends knew. But it wasn't the adventures that hooked me most—it was the encyclopedias: The Official Handbook of the Marvel Universe and DC's Who's Who. They cataloged every character with details like aliases, first appearances, and, most fascinating to me, origin stories.

Origins mattered because they explained the "why." They showed the crucible moments that turned ordinary people into something greater—or darker. Peter Parker became Spider-Man not because of the spider bite but because of the guilt he carried after Uncle Ben's death. Bruce Wayne donned the cape because he couldn't endure others suffering as he had when his parents were gunned down in an alley. (Granted, not every character had that depth—sorry, Matter-

Eater Lad.) Still, origin stories revealed purpose.

We may not have superpowers, but we all have our own origin stories. Mine includes 1992, when I was 14 and entering eighth grade. My mom received the class roster, and I eagerly searched for guys I hoped were on it. None were there. Not even the boys I didn't like. By fate or mischief, I landed in a class with eight boys and 20 girls. Many would envy those odds. My 14-year-old self did not.

Yet that year became my favorite. I learned quite a bit, mostly outside of the textbooks. It was like I was living in a lab related to how girls thought. It was also the year that Trinidadian-German artist Haddaway made us all ponder the question: "What is Love?" (Feel free to pause here for a Will Ferrell—Chris Kattan head bob.) The answer, I discovered, was that I could truly love a girl—or an entire gaggle of them—on a purely platonic level. The romantic love we mostly think of would evade me for a long time. And that

was okay.

However, by my final semester of college, I worried a little. I was at the ripe old age of 22 and I still hadn't met "the one." It wasn't like I was without passion though. It just typically was on the golf course. Everyone has a love language; at the time, mine involved a straight drive and a long putt.

Then, one cold winter night, I fired up AOL Instant Messenger and randomly messaged someone with the handle "Chem Nerd 7." It turned out to belong to a freshman at Georgetown College. We talked that night. And the next. And the next. Soon, our conversations weren't distractions from my classes and golf, but rather they were distractions from our conversations.

Eventually, I did the unthinkable and asked to meet. To my surprise, she agreed to hang out together in her dorm. Her friends checked in often, making sure she was safe from the "random internet boy." I didn't mind. Their concern meant she was someone worth protecting.

Sometimes changes are not so good

BY MARK MATTMILLER
COLUMNIST

Bobby Dylan sang "The Times They are A-changing." It was sometime in the late 1960s. Of course things were changing then, and they still are. Change is just an integral part of a growing society.

Over the long haul, change is usually a good thing. We wouldn't want to go back to making our living hunting, gathering and living in a cave would we? For me, I'm glad I don't have walk to the spring for water. How about walking miles to the nearest school, or no school at all. This stuff makes running water and a school bus look pretty good.

My father was born in 1905. There were hardly any cars in his early days. He saw the world grow from horses and buggies to airplanes and men on the moon. He even became aware of Microsoft Word when it was in its infancy.

And now we have all of the technological advances that have become such a big part of our daily lives. We used to have to go to the encyclopedia or the

library to resolve a question, but now we have Google. Letter writing and telephone calls are being replaced by texting and e-mails. We get our news on our phones. It seems like every new gizmo (from cars, to telephones, to cell phones, to computers) replaces something. That's just the way it is and has always been. We may not like some of the changes at the time of their introduction, but we learn to live with them.

But some things seem so fixed in our world that it's hard to imagine them gone forever, and I believe that our local newspaper is one of those things.

The U.S. is losing newspapers at the rate of more than two a week, at a steep cost to our communities. The U.S. has lost more

than 2,500 newspapers since 2005 and is on track to lose twice that many before the end of this year.

The result is a growing number of Americans, almost 70 million, who live in a "news desert"—a community with no local news source. Most of those shuttered papers are weeklies covering smaller communities.

The newspapers have been such an important solidifying part of our small communities. It's hard to imagine not having them. So many people look forward to going over the local papers from front to back every week. It has a unifying effect. It brings us together, and keeps us abreast of what's going on. It's part of our small towns.

I do hope that never changes!

Grant County News

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David A. Henson,
Mayor City of Williamstown, Kentucky

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Notice is hereby given that the Grant County Board of Adjustments will hold the following public hearings:

- Linda Bauer** requesting a Dimensional Variance Permit to reduce the front yard setback from 50' to 25' for the property located at 6550 Lawrenceville Rd. Grant County.
- 41 Properties** requesting a Dimensional Variance Permit to reduce the front yard setback from 50' to 30' and the side yard setbacks from 20' to 10' for the property located at Lot 9 Bullock Pen Drive. Grant County.
- Bobby Richerson** requesting a Dimensional Variance Permit to reduce the front yard setback from 50' to 25' for the property located at 4460 Sherman Newtown Rd. Grant County.
- CHM Homes** requesting a Dimensional Variance Permit to reduce the front yard setback from 50' to 25' for the property located at 340 North Fork Dr. Grant County.

A full copy of all requests may be reviewed at the Planning Commission Office during normal business hours. All public hearings will be held before said body on Monday, October 20th, 2025 at 6:00p.m., at the Grant County Courthouse, 101 North Main Street, Williamstown at which time those wishing to comment on these items shall appear and be heard.

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