

Bush offers lifetime of dedication

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During the spring and early summer months, Green County American Legion Park comes to life as the late afternoon sun beats down on the fields four nights a week with summer leagues, followed by All-Stars, tournaments, and a number of events throughout the year. Behind the scenes there are many volunteers who spend many hours each month to ensure the park is ran effectively. Over the years a number of projects have been completed within the park to improve the overall experience.

The park board, comprised of community members, volunteers time to oversee many of the projects, as well as coordinate summer leagues.

Danny Bush has been a member of the park board for more than 30 years. He has been re-elected and held the president position for 20. He is one person who never misses an event, and can often be seen after the crowds die down or prior to.

Bush and his long-time dedication to the park and community speaks volumes of his character, love, and compassion for the youth... but Bush is a behind-the-scenes man. Recently the 8U ball field was dedicated and renamed in his honor, he quietly walked away from a photo op, making it clear he has enjoyed working from behind the scenes.

Judge-Executive John Frank openly shows his appreciation for Bush and acknowledges his leadership qualities and dedica-

tion. "Not sure what the American Legion Park would do without Danny. He's been on the park board for more than 35 years and is aware of anything that has ever gone on in the park," said Frank. "He's an excellent resource when it comes to information regarding water lines, electric lines and anything else that comes up when a project is underway or being considered."

"I can't say 'thank you' enough to Danny and all the other park board members," Frank said. "It's a thankless job and I really appreciate all the time that the board commits to the park."

The Bush family has always had strong ties to the park.

Father Doyle Ray Bush was actively involved in the Legion and mother, Jean Bush was a part of the Auxiliary, ran the kitchen, and held a position on the park board.

Bush, along with his siblings, spent a lot of time in the auxiliary, which doubled as a restaurant, when they were young.

The Bush kids, Danny, Mike, Joey, and Julie, all took part in the summer work programs in the park.

Bush started working for the park at the age of 15 and never stopped even after the summer work ended. Two other summer workers and Bush built the canoe shed one year.

The Bush family have all cycled through the summer leagues, their children followed suit and most played through high school.

Now, Bush's grandchildren have entered into summer league and Bush has returned

to the coaching world to coach his grandkids' wee ball team.

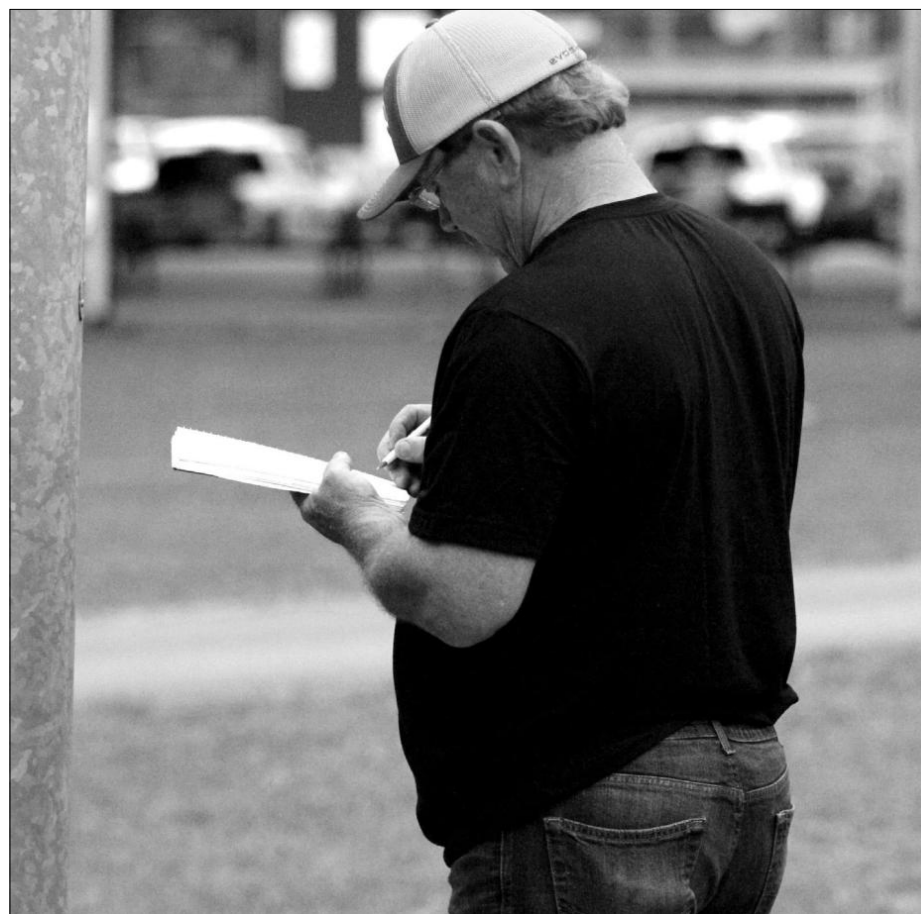
A number of the family members have continued to stay connected and involved with the park from coaching, umpiring, score-keeping to playing in the leagues and for the school teams. His dedication to the park and community runs deep as he often heads to work at 3 a.m. so he is guaranteed to be home in time to make sure the park is in tip-top shape for the day, and he can be wherever his grandchildren are playing.

Daughter Becca Bush refers to the park as their family's second home.

"We have all played ball down there for the majority of our lives and continue to be down there numerous times per week," said Becca. "My dad has always been about the kids and doing what is best for them; if a kid wants to play ball he is going to make sure they get to."

She described her dad as dependable, always there when someone has needed him, and always willing to help and offer advice when needed, whether it be to the coaches or kids.

As the seasons have winded down for the year, a new memory, new journey, or maybe a sequel has begun for Bush. From tee ball through 12U, Becca, Colton, and Emilee's league teams were always The Rockies. It was not until the kids reached 16U when they were allowed to branch out and have another team name. This year, Bush's granddaughter and grandson played Wee Ball... for the Rockies.



Photos by Angelina Alcott

Danny Bush, long-time park volunteer and park board president, takes a couple hours one evening to mark down lights that need to be replaced. Bush and his family have had many years dedicated to the upkeep and improvement of the park for the community.



Son, Colton Bush, right, umpires at the 8U field that was dedicated as Bush Field this year for the long-time dedication of their father, park board president, Danny Bush, and his family. Older sister Becca Bush keeps the scorebook during the summer league games. Danny started working for the park when he was 15 years old through a summer program.

Sheriff's Ranch



Photo submitted



The summer camping program at the Kentucky Sheriffs' Boys & Girls Ranch officially opened to campers for their 45th camping season in June. The camp runs through June and July, serving both boys and girls alternating weeks, throughout the camp season. Pictured are campers Callee Talbott, Kacie Pierce, Kloe Stout and Kaylen Scout McKinney pictured with Green County Sheriff Robbie Beard and Ranch Coordinator Kayla Quarles. At left, Kaylen "Scout" McKinney was named Camper of the Week and won a bicycle.

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