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**Legendary High School Baseball
Coach Gumm passes away****DALE CURRY**
STAFF WRITER

Legendary high school baseball coach, Larry "PeeWee" Gumm passed away Friday in Louisville, following an illness.

Gumm was a fixture in high school baseball for many years. At one point, he became the winningest Kentucky high school baseball coach when he won # 963 in 2003.

He retired from coaching at Green County High School following the 2007 season.

Please see page 5A for Coach Gumm's obituary and see next week's issue for more information about his life and career.

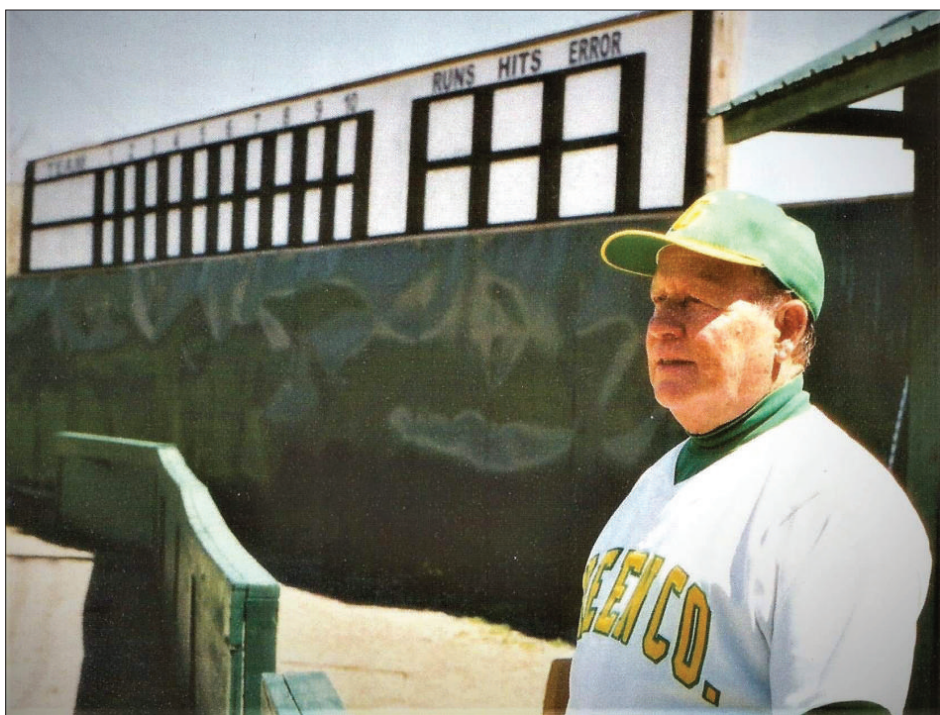


Photo by Lanny Tucker

Coach Larry Gumm coached the Green County High School Baseball team for 44 seasons. He had an overall record of 1,006-493, becoming the first Kentucky high school baseball coach to reach 1,000 wins.

**Edwards, Smith inducted into
5th Region Hall of Fame**

Two of Green County's finest were recognized at last week's 5th Region Tournament held at Hart County High School.

Wayne Edwards was inducted into the 5th Regional Athletic Directors Hall of Fame last week.

Edwards graduated from Greensburg High School in May 1966. He played basketball all four years, making All District and All Regional teams throughout his high school career, along with making All SKAC Team. He averaged 21.5 points per game his senior year.

He played for Lindsey Wilson College from 1966-1967.

He continued playing after being drafted into the U.S. Army. He played on the base team in the fall of 1970 competing at bases throughout South Korea. His base team won the four-base area tournament. The team then went to Seoul, Korea to participate and were runner-up in the division there. He also served as a referee for Intramural basketball games on base.

Edwards, who presently referees, began refereeing in 1972. He joined the 5th Re-

gion Officials Association in 1972 and has served in multiple positions, including president, vice, and treasurer. He has refereed 35 boy/girl District Tournaments, 28 boy/girl Regional tournaments, 4 boy/girl Class "A" State tournaments, 1 final Class "A" State tournament and 3 KHSAA Girls State Tournaments.

Edwards is active in the community. He previously served on the Greensburg City Council for 12 years, spent 15 years with the Greensburg/Green County Fire Department, and was the treasurer of the Industrial Foundation for 10 years. Wayne is also a member of the Greensburg United Methodist Church and volunteers for many church events.

Andrea Smith was

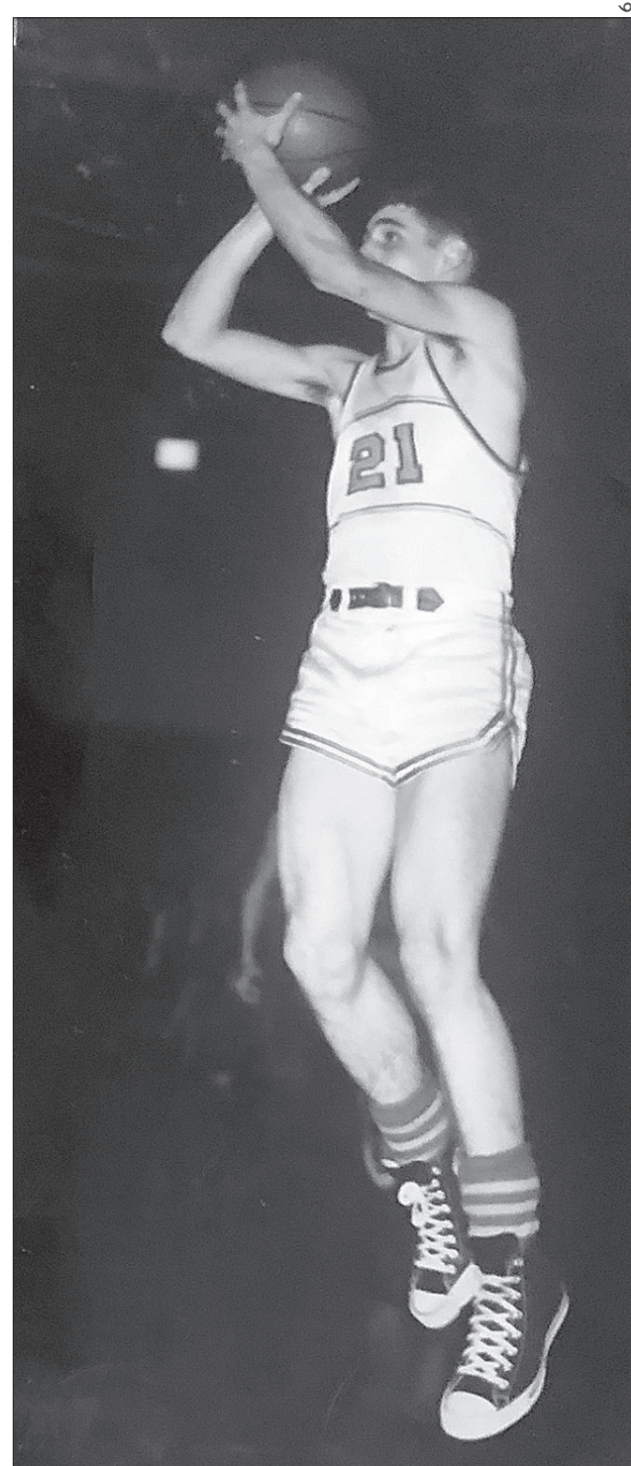


inducted into the 5th Region Athletic Directors Hall of Fame last week.

Smith graduated from Greensburg High School in May 1991. Her athletic accomplishments include

1,496 points, 810 rebounds, and 158 blocks. Andrea led the Lady Dragons to four District titles, two Class A Region Titles, two Regional Runners-up.

See Hall, page 16A



Bobby Joe Simpson was an outstanding basketball player for Greensburg High School in the 1950's, scoring 1830 points.

**Coach Bobby
Simpson –
A basketball
icon****CLEVIS JEFFRIES**
STAFF WRITER

Green County native Bobby Joe Simpson has a love for the game of basketball.

The legendary player and coach said, "I love basketball and I love being around kids."

Since his playing days at Greensburg High School in the 1950's to his present-day coaching basketball at Oldham County High School, he will long be remembered for his dedication to the game he loves.

In 1956, he was named Kentucky High School Basketball All-State Honorable Mention by the Louisville Courier-Journal.

Simpson was also chosen All-SKAC, All-District, and All-Region during his high school career along with scoring 1830 points as a Dragon.

After graduating from high school in 1957, he attended Campbellsville Junior College where he played for the Tigers two seasons from 1957-1959.

Responding as to why he got into coaching basketball, Simpson said, "By playing in high school, I just loved the game."

Simpson credits his Greensburg High School Eugene Tate for having the biggest influence on his basketball exploits.

He said, "He helped me more than anything. He gave me instructions on playing the game."

Coach Simpson's coaching career spans some 50+ years.

His tenure as a coach began in 1962 at Liberty Elementary in Oldham County. After two seasons, Simpson became the coach at LaGrange Elementary from 1964-1966.

Coach Simpson noted that a friend informed him about a coaching position that became available at Oldham County.

His acceptance of coaching basketball at Oldham County High also provided him a job as physical education instructor.

In 1966-1968, he served as the junior varsity basketball coach at Oldham County High School.

Becoming head coach at Oldham County High from 1968-1974, his teams won three district titles (1969, 1970, and 1973) and had an overall record of 103-62.

See Coach, page 7A

Fiscal Court approves truck purchase**CLEVIS JEFFRIES**
STAFF WRITER

Green County Fiscal Court, in a special called meeting Wednesday, March 8, approved County Judge-Executive John Frank to negotiate the purchase price of a 2011 Chevrolet Silverado 4x4 not to ex-

ceed \$11,500 to be used by the County Road Department.

"We are in need of a different truck to be used to move the recycling trailers. The truck we are using now has approximately 250,000 miles on it and needs to be replaced," said Judge-Executive Frank.

In other business, magistrates approved:

(1) The Preventative Maintenance Contract with TP Mechanical, of Lexington, regarding the Judicial Center for the term of one year, beginning Feb. 28, 2023 to Mar. 1, 2024 at an annual cost of \$5,167;

(2) The Jail Fund

budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 with total receipts and appropriations amounting to \$324,700;

(3) The hiring of Pete Bell as part-time inmate supervisor.

The Court also acknowledged the Green County Sheriff's audit for the year ending December 31, 2021.