



*Knott County*  
**SPORTSPLEX**  
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*Come Join in the Fun Today!*



BASEBALL



SOCCER



BOWLING



CHEER ZONE

## WHAT A FANTASTIC START!

It all began on Friday October 12th 2007 with Judge-Executive Randy Thompson welcoming around 400 people to the grand opening ceremony for the Knott Co. Sportsplex. "I stand here with mixed emotions," Thompson related. "Obviously, I'm excited. But I'm also sad because two of our biggest supporters couldn't be here. We lost my father-in-law, Ray Slone, last week, and Kenny Champion, a founding member of the Youth Foundation and also a coach, passed away only last month." Judge Thompson went on to say "A group of us formed a youth foundation, primarily because we were frustrated that there was no place for kids. We decided to bring back Little League baseball, which had been missing from the county for 20 years. We now have 26 teams. Kenny Champion was a driving force; he just kept pushing us."

Judge Thompson had a list of people to thank for bringing the project to completion. He began with Rhett Gibson, director of the Sportsplex, "who worked into the wee hours to get the facility ready." The judge thanked the parks crew for their hard work, the new tourism commission whose members greeted the public before the ceremony, and Carolyn Gibson, Glenn Hale and the students in art class who created the sculptures in front of the center.

The judge thanked both fiscal courts, the one that was in place at the time of his appointment, and the current court. He also thanked Rep. Ancel Smith who was in attendance. Rep. Smith spoke about the youth foundation's early work at the Veterans Field ball park to discussions of buying the old Hindman gym, then property near the board of education office. "From there, we ended up here on the hill, which is so much better. I can't envision anything more impressive than the finished product."

Judge Thompson introduced State Senator Johnny Ray Turner who said, "I've coached basketball, baseball, golf and track. All over the state I've seen great facilities. But nothing in the state rivals this." Turner explained that after he retired from the school system and was elected senator, he heard people talking about the need for this type of facility. "It was in 2002 that I first talked to Randy Thompson and Jerald Combs about the dream of this place. Ancel and I found money in the coal severance budget and got the design work done. Bob Miller and Pocahontas Coal were willing to donate property -- but only for a first-class facility, so we secured funding for a road that suited such a facility. This tells you something about Bob, who runs a first-class operation."

Secretary Teresa Hill with the Cabinet of Environment & Public Protection spoke briefly, saying she was proud the Sportsplex was built on a former mine site. "As a former basketball player who received a scholarship that allowed me to continue my education, I think this facility is important...especially to have a facility that will improve the health of people in the area. I want to congratulate all of you on this special day."

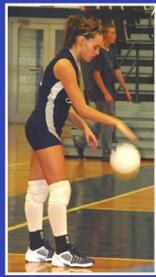
Commerce Cabinet Secretary George Ward congratulated everyone who had worked toward the day. "I'm in the hotel business. I know what a facility like this could generate. All this activity will bring people and help grow your economy. Your kids will have the opportunity to hone their talents. How many people will earn college scholarships because they have this place to practice and play? This weekend, because of the basketball tournament here, 70 rooms were sold in Hazard. As the private sector realizes the impact, more development will come."

Derrick Ramsey, Assistant Secretary of Commerce and former U.K. football standout, shared his enthusiasm. "I grew up in a town like this, with around 800 people. A small town is where I feel most comfortable. When we drove up, all I could say was 'WOW.' This just proves that when people come together, no one can stop you."

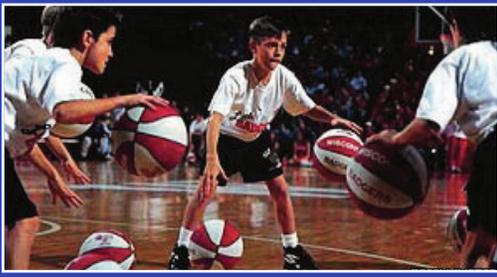
Judge Thompson thanked the coal companies again, then made a surprise announcement. The first baseball field will be named Bob Miller Field, and the high school field will be designated the Western Pocahontas field, in honor of their tremendous support. The third field, a Little League field, will be the Kenny Champion Field. *(Continued)*

*(left to right) Assistant Secretary of Commerce Derrick Ramsey, Commerce Cabinet Secretary George Ward and Knott County Judge Executive Randy Thompson*





VOLLEYBALL



BASKETBALL



ARCADE



FITNESS CENTER

That evening there was an open house at the Sportsplex with hundreds of Knott Countians showing up to play basketball, bowl, exercise, try their skill at the arcade or grab a bite to eat at the concessions and converse with their neighbors. The following day, 43 teams from throughout Kentucky and from as far away as Ohio and Virginia came to play in a BCI basketball tournament organized by David Clevenger. The games were postponed briefly Saturday night so the spectators, teams and refs could watch University of Kentucky beat top-ranked Louisiana State in 3 overtimes on one of the 5 big screens located within the Sportsplex. As soon as UK won, the tournament resumed. The tournament ended Sunday afternoon.

*Excerpts from an article by Karen Joy Jones, Troublesome Creek Times*



## KNOTT COUNTY SPORTSPLEX

Knott County Sportsplex is the most modern, state-of-the-art multi-sports complex facility in the state of Kentucky.

Located six miles east of Hindman, take Hwy 80 past mile marker 13 and turn onto Chestnut Ridge Road, follow to Kenny Champion Loop. The Sportsplex is right in the heart of elk country and offers:

- 3 baseball fields with lights for nighttime play
- 2 soccer fields
- 66,000 sq. ft. of indoor fun
- 5 full-sized hardwood maple basketball courts
- 5 volleyball courts
- Arcade
- 8 lane bowling alley
- Fitness center
- Baseball batting cages
- Cheer center
- Conference room
- Sports museum
- Indoor walking track
- Concessions (indoor and outdoor)
- Eating and viewing area
- Sports shop



20 minutes east of Prestonsburg and 30 minutes west of Hazard on Hwy 80.

In addition to being the home of the Mountain Legends' Hall of Fame, Knott County Little League and BCI basketball, we look forward to hosting regional and statewide sporting events.

Knott County Sportsplex  
 P.O. Box 1347, Hindman, KY 41822  
 Street Address:  
 450 Kenny Champion Loop, Soft Shell, KY 41831  
 (606) 785-5932



# FEATURES



## BASEBALL FIELDS

There are two Little League fields and one high school baseball field all with lights for night games.



## SOCCER FIELDS

Both fields are regulation size with lighted fields.



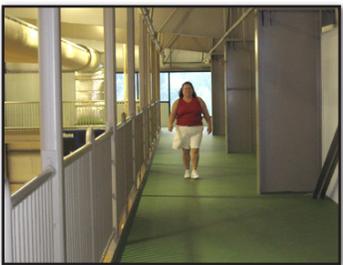
## BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL COURTS

There are five full-size combination basketball/volleyball courts with hardwood maple floors and electronic scoreboards.



## CONFERENCE ROOM

A large conference room upstairs will also serve as a museum of sports memorabilia including information on the strong basketball tradition in the mountains of eastern Kentucky.



## INDOOR WALKING TRACK

A mondo walking track overlooks the basketball/volleyball courts.



## INDOOR AND OUTDOOR CONCESSIONS

There are both indoor and outdoor concession areas at the Sportsplex. The indoor concessions includes an area for birthday parties and special groups.

# FEATURES



## ARCADE CENTER

A special room in the center of the complex contains the “newest and best” in video and arcade games along with a few long time favorites.



## BOWLING ALLEY

Featuring 8 lanes with electronic scoring. There will be “cosmic” bowling for teens on Friday and Saturday nights and senior citizen leagues during the week. Prices: \$3 per person; \$1 shoe rental. Monday night is “Family Night” - Dad can enjoy Monday Night Football, pizza and hot dogs while the kids bowl! Family Night Prices are \$2.50 per game and FREE shoe rental.



## FITNESS CENTER

The fitness center features nautilus equipment, free weights, circuit training, steppers, four ellipticals as well as four stationary bikes and six tread mills that allow one to watch TV while they work out. 33 machines all together.



## CHEER ZONE

A special area has been designated for both tumbling and cheerleading with a special spring flooring for added height on jumps.

## GREAT NEWS!

Henry Young will be the director of the tumbling and cheerleading program at the facility. He was previously the director for the Kentucky Bluegrass Games in tumbling and the sports chair for KAAU/T&T and has had two world tumbling champions from Kentucky winning silver medals for the USA in Portugal and Australia at the World's Age Group Champions with over 25 national champions in both tumbling and trampoline and over 75 state champions\*.

*\* Information provided by Troublesome Creek Times*



## MOUNTAIN YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUES

The Knott County Youth Foundation will be holding its first youth basketball leagues this fall in the new Knott County Sportsplex. There will be six divisions:

- Mini All Stars (boys and girls ages 4-6)
- Little Champions (boys and girls 7-8)
- Girls Semi-Pro League (ages 9-10)
- Boys Semi-Pro League (ages 9-10)
- Girls Pro Division (ages 11-12)
- Boys Pro Division (ages 11-12)

The Pro and Semi-Pro Leagues will play boys and girls separately, while the Mini All-Stars and the Little Champs League will be co-ed. Coaches are encouraged to get their teams together now. Rosters are to range from 10-15 players. Games are set to begin on October 15, 2007 with over 70 teams planning to participate.



*A little help from a friend.*

## TOURNAMENTS

Kentucky BCI Girls Middle School Classic  
October 12-14, 2007  
7th & 8th Grade Teams  
Entry Fee: \$150    Entry Deadline: Oct. 5

Kentucky BCI Boys/Girls Veteran's Memorial  
November 9-11, 2007  
7th & 8th Grade Teams  
Entry Fee: \$150    Entry Deadline: Nov. 2

TVS Cable/Kentucky BCI Boys/Girls Thanksgiving Invitational  
November 23-25, 2007  
7th & 8th Grade Teams  
Entry Fee: \$150    Entry Deadline: Nov. 16



*Two teams battle it out at the Kentucky BCI Tournament in October at the Sportsplex.*





BATTING CAGES



MEETING ROOMS



CONCESSIONS



INDOOR TRACK

## TOURNAMENTS (CONTINUED)

Hampton Inn/Kentucky BCI Boys/Girls Middle School Tip-Off Classic  
 November 30-December 2, 2007  
 7th & 8th Grade Teams  
 Entry Fee: \$150 Entry Deadline: Nov. 23

Kentucky BCI Boys/Girls Winter Shootout  
 January 4-6, 2008  
 7th & 8th Grade Teams  
 Entry Fee: \$150 Entry Deadline: Dec. 28

Kentucky BCI Boys/Girls Grade School State Qualifier  
 February 1-3, 2008  
 2nd-6th Grade  
 Entry Fee: \$150 Entry Deadline: Jan. 24

Kentucky BCI Boys/Girls Mountain Preview  
 March 21-23, 2008  
 Entry Fee: \$200 Entry Deadline: Mar. 14

Kentucky BCI Boys/Girls Super Showcase  
 April 18-20, 2008  
 Registration: Print  
 Entry Fee: \$200 Entry Deadline: Apr. 11

Appalachian Mountain Challenge  
 May 2-4, 2008  
 Entry Fee: \$200 Entry Deadline: Apr. 25

Parker Professional Pharmacy/Kentucky BCI Boys/Girls  
 JV & Varsity Summer Showdown  
 June 20-22, 2008  
 Entry Fee: \$350 Entry Deadline: Jun. 13

### MOUNTAIN LEAGUE BASKETBALL LEAGUE RULES

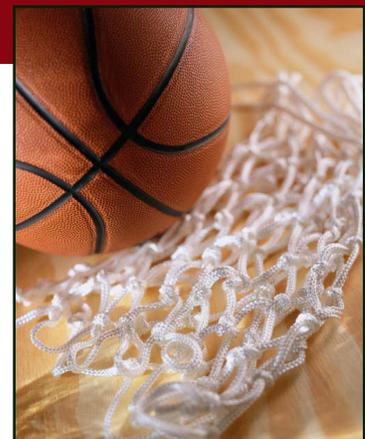
Games will consist of 4 six minute quarters  
 Mercy rule will go into effect after a 20 pt. lead  
 Teams must have a min. of 8 players  
 Players can not be added to a team's roster beyond the second game.  
 Players must have insurance  
 Teams should have legal uniforms  
 Basketballs will be supplied by Sportsplex  
 Players are to carry playing shoes into the facility  
 Home team will provide official scorer and timer  
 Players can play up a level but not down  
 All players on the roster must play one quarter

### MINI ALL STARS

Wrist band rule  
 Coach has discretion to shoot freethrows/  
 inbound ball  
 No backcourt defense  
 Eight foot goal  
 27.5 inch ball

### LITTLE CHAMPIONS

Eight foot goals  
 28.5 inch ball  
 Back court defense allowed by trailing team only  
 in the 4th quarter



# Become a Member!

## SPORTS MEMBERSHIPS

Membership to the Sportsplex is an all inclusive membership. There are no initiation fees or extra user fees.

### All members have access to the following:

Fitness Center  
Locker rooms (private individual lockers & showers)  
Walking track  
Basketball courts (based on availability)

Membership does **NOT** include admission to special events, such as BCI and AAU Tournaments.

### Membership Rates:

Daily Individual: \$5	Daily Couple: \$7.50	Daily Family: \$10
Monthly Individual: \$25	Monthly Daily: \$35	Monthly Family: \$45
Annual Individual: \$250	Annual Couple: \$350	Annual Family: \$450

### Non-Residential Rates:

Daily Individual: \$5	Daily Couple: \$7.50	Daily Family: \$10
Monthly Individual: \$30	Monthly Couple: \$50	Monthly Family: \$70
Annually Individual: \$300	Annually Couple: \$500	Annually Family: \$700

### Walking Track Only Passes:

Daily: \$1 Monthly: \$15 Annually: \$150

*\*A 10% discount will given to students and senior citizens (62 +).  
Call (606) 785-5932 for special corporate and medical discounts.*

### General Policies:

Knott County Sportsplex strives to offer a wholesome environment for our fans as well as participants. Any activities that detract from our image, as a safe and healthy environment, will be dealt with quickly and strongly leading to expulsion and possible persecution. Help us maintain our wholesome image by observing the following rules:

- Absolutely no alcoholic beverages permitted.
- Exhibit good sportsmanship - no profanity or obscene gestures.
- No tobacco products allowed.
- All participants shall play at their own risk.
- No outside food or beverages (including coolers) permitted.
- Playing shoes must be carried into the facility.
- No running on the walking track.
- Parents must monitor their children especially when occupying the mezzanine level.

### BIRTHDAY PARTY PACKAGES

(All parties include a host or hostess to serve your party, balloons, and table settings. Your tables are also reserved for party participants for two hours. There is a minimum of six children per party.)

### BOWLING PARTY

\$8.50 per child  
1 game of bowling (shoes included)  
2 slices of pizza  
1 medium drink

### ARCADE PARTY

\$8.50 per child  
20 game tokens  
2 slices of pizza  
1 medium drink

### 3-POINT PARTY

\$8.50 per child  
2 hours of basketball  
2 slices of pizza  
1 medium drink

### COMBINATION PARTY

\$12.50 per child  
Combine any two packages listed above

### DELUXE PARTY

\$15.50 per child  
Includes all three packages listed above

*\*There is a \$25 non-refundable deposit required for all parties. Any cancellations must be made within 24 hours of the party. No food or drinks allowed on premises except for cake & ice cream.*

