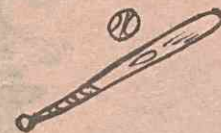


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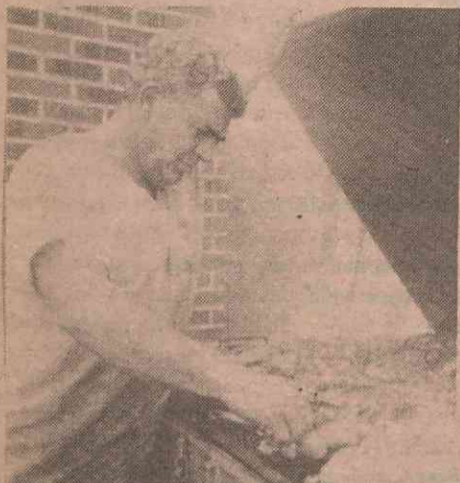


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Athletic Awards Banquet Set For May 28

By Beth Childress

The annual athletic awards banquet will be held on May 28 at 6:30 at the Agri-Civic Center. The banquet is sponsored by the Albemarle Booster's Club. This is a night for all athletes to be recognized for their participation and hard work. Special awards will be given for the most valuable player in each sport, and the male and female athlete of the year will be named. The Monty Canon Award and the Dave Moose Award, along with other special awards, will be given to selected senior athletes. Tickets will be sold will the week before the banquet. Come be a part of this exciting event.



Several hundred chickens were prepared and sold at the Chic'n Pic'n.

Boosters Hold Chic'n Pic'n

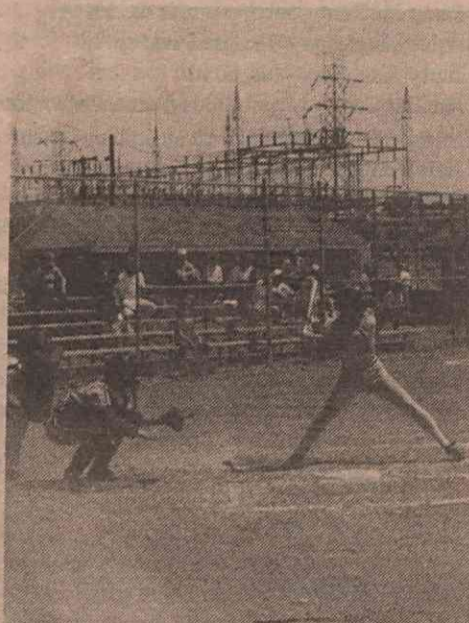
By Tim Burriss

On April 28, the Albemarle Bulldog Booster Club held its "Chic'n Pic'n" in the back of the school on the football practice field. Although cooking started at 4:00 A.M., the selling didn't start until 11:00 A.M. and lasted until 7:00 P.M. Selling at \$4.00 a plate, the Albemarle Booster Club was raising money to go into the Bulldog athletic department. With the Albemarle Invitational track meet going on at the same time as the Chic'n Pic'n, this also helped with the publicizing and selling of food. AHS athletics appreciate the efforts of the Booster Club for our programs.

Baseball Team Hoping For Strong Finish

By Beth Childress

In third place of the conference with a 4-3 record, the varsity baseball team is doing well. Every game is important if they want to move up in the standings. The team has been slowed down by the loss of two starters, Eric Hatley and Phillip Holshouser. Now that these two are healthy the team is on the rise. An advantage for the team is solid pitching performances by Brian Brown (3-1) and first year suprise Seth Smith. In the field, Doug Talbert at short-stop and Greg Emerson on third base have played well for the Bulldogs. Marcus Huneycutt leads the hitting attack as the best overall hitter. Coach Andrew feels like the team will qualify for regional competition. He also thinks the team must hit well to make a run for the conference title.



Greg Emerson awaits a pitch in hope of a home run.

What's the Outlook for 21st Century Sports?

By Jason Hazlett

When you think about sports, usually, a picture comes to mind of people playing or competing in games and events. More often than not, these people will probably be enjoying themselves while they are participating in this particular event. So why have sports become so controversial? People will do anything to win, disregarding the drawbacks or violations while they are doing so. This, of course, has absolutely nothing to do with Albemarle High sports but has a big effect on the way sports are developing for the 21st century.

In just the last few years sports, mostly collegiate and professional levels, have become financial investments instead of simple means of recreation. Athletes have become highly influential role-models as well as drawing cards for big bucks. Kids dream of being a Micheal Jordon or maybe a Richard Petty, while investors evaluate the potential worth of the superstars. The problem is that sports have become so competitive that illegal actions are being taken to increase profits. Just in the past years

we've seen Pete Rose, one of baseball's legendary greats, banned for life from the sport he dominated because his greed overshadowed his respect for the game. More and more college football players are being placed on probation for drug abuse or steroid use while entire programs are being penalized for recruiting violations because of the enormous pressures put on the programs to win. Many players are getting suspensions or being banned for life from the NBA because of illegal drug usage. And just recently on the college level, corruption was uncovered at North Carolina State University. Allegations of grade manipulation, point shaving and illegal payments to the players on the basketball team eventually led to the dismissal of long time coach Jim Valvano. Is this the direction our country's sports programs are heading? Think about the problems that are occurring in sports-related events. It is apparent that sports needs to look back to its roots of pleasure and entertainment rather than profit and power.

JV Team Gains Experience

By Rachel Kendall

The J.V. baseball team is trying to turn itself around. After not having a team last year, this year's players have had a chance to show their stuff. The team is led by captains John Page and Jeremy Talbert. The team has worked hard and is coming on strong at the end of the season. Their 2-5 record does not show the true picture. They were in most of the games and lost in the late innings. The team gets good pitching from Chad Whitley and Jeremy Talbert. The team also has experience from center fielder and 1 year varsity letterman Josh Cates.

Assistant coach Jonathan Bowers states, "We have great team work, and we work hard in practice. Most of all the players support one another through good and bad times." The J.V. team consists of Chris Huneycutt, Jeff Scheble, Kevin Presley, John Page, Josh Cates, Danny Landis, Chad Whitley, Andy Johnson, Rocky Smith, Jeremy Talbert, and Richie Myer.



Members of the 1990 JV Baseball Team show the winning look.

Tennis Team Looks For Good Showing in Tournament

By Beth Childress and Tim Burriss

The boy's tennis team has almost completed their season this year. With only the conference tournament and state competition left, head coach Gary Moran and his players are about to wrap-up a somewhat successful 1990 tennis campaign. After going 2-6 last year, the team has improved this year to a 3-5 record. The tennis team has had victories against East Montgomery, Anson County, South Stanly, North Stanly, and West Stanly and Parkwood. This year's team is primarily made up of sophomores and freshmen who have played admirably in a learning situation. They are led by two seniors, Paul Pack and Matt Lowder. The younger players have shown great improvement, and the freshmen doubles team consisting of Kerry Brooks and Chad Sullivan are still undefeated. As the conference tournament begins the tennis team is looking for some suprise wins with the season's experience behind them.



Dan Loflin follows thorough on another swing during a tennis practice.

AHS Hosts Special Olympics



Special Olympics is held here annually by the Jr. Civitans who volunteer to help with the activities. Leslie Anderson, Paul Pack, and Brian Brown were among the students that were selected to help with Special Olympics at Albemarle High Stadium on April 27, 1990.