

Congratulations to Daniel Clark and Steve Behr

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What's that old cliché, happiness is.....Well in this case

happiness was seeing two of my best friends, Steve Behr, the Sports Editor at the Watauga Democrat, and Daniel Clark, the Sports Information Director at Watauga High, were rewarded with the Bill Ross and Pioneer Pride awards on Wednesday at the Media Center at Watauga High School.

What more can I say about these men? They are true professionals in their respective fields, and more importantly, they are my best friends. I love them both. They work extremely hard at their trades, and they've brought that professional touch to our broadcasts at High Country Radio.

I've been blessed throughout the years working here in Boone, and I have been truly blessed being associated with these men. I can still remember when I first met Steve way back in 1999. I remember he was a bit irritated because I mispronounced his name. But in the long run it all worked out. What more can I say? Steve is a true friend; a guy that can make me laugh when I'm down; a guy that can give good, strong advice when it's needed. And he's a very good journalist that has brought a big-city image of writing to the High Country.

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He is well respected by his peers, and rightfully so. Just read all those articles he wrote during Appalachian State's run at three national titles. That takes a lot of time, a lot of legwork and a lot of dedication. Steve, you're a great guy, a fine journalist, and I'm also glad to say, you're my friend. And this award you received is well overdue.

For Daniel, well, he was brought to us by former WHS football coach Adrian Snow. And let me tell you, Daniel provides us with statistics only found at the major-league level. I'm not joking. Covering a WHS game with Daniel aboard is like covering a sporting event at ASU. It's that professionally done. Daniel, sports management is, without question, you're calling in life. You'll make a fine administration some day. And it will be well deserved. And, much like Steve, I consider you a dear friend.

I want to say thank you (or should I say THAAAAANK YOOOU!) for putting up with me over the years. You two have been a blessing to me, and I deeply appreciate all you do.

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