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Miss Marshall County Mary Elise Lynch presents the 2022 Lifetime Service award to Cecilia Spivy at last Friday's Women In Business luncheon.

Celebrating the women who get things done

By **Scott Pearson**
Associate Editor

Last Friday, the Lewisburg Rec Center was filled with people who get things done in Marshall County.

The inaugural Women in Business luncheon celebrated the female professionals, leaders, and business owners who do so much for the community at large.

This inaugural event was the brainchild of Joint Economic and Community Development Director Emily Darnell, who was praised during the comments for having “the vision to bring women together to celebrate our contributions.”

Demand for and support for the event was strong throughout the community. Half of

the tables for the event had been purchased as far back as March 3, and there was still demand for space after all had been sold out.

One attendee described the turnout and buzz around the event as the best thing to happen in Lewisburg since the creation of Fun Fridays.

The theme for the day was “Empowered Women Improve the Bottom Line” and the theme of empowerment ran throughout the luncheon.

The keynote speaker was Angie Teague Grissom, a Marshall County High School alumna, who is chief relationship officer and an owner of The Rainmaker Companies, a training and consulting firm with a particular focus in accounting firms.

Grissom touched on her

experiences growing up in Lewisburg

“I was lucky to have grown up in such an empowering place,” she said.

Grissom spoke to the full house on the importance of empowering yourself, those around you, and the community at large.

The organizing committee took those lessons to heart, inviting high school students to the event, one sitting at each table to begin building the relationships and mentoring opportunities vital to their future successes.

Three women were particularly honored for their success and service as well.

Nominations in the three categories were solicited and accepted from the public, not only attendees, for sev-

eral weeks leading up to the event.

Lacy Hooten was recognized as the Volunteer of the Year, with one of her nominators describing her as “amazing for many years” especially through the Young Professionals.

Jessica Tietgens was recognized as the businesswoman of the year, with her Weathered Farmhouse shop opened in 2016 lauded for “bringing life to the Lewisburg square.”

Cecilia Spivy was honored with the Lifetime Service award for her 35 years in practice as an attorney for which she was described as “selfless” and a “true mentor and leader.”

Proceeds from the event, more than \$3,000, will be used to provide feminine hy-

giene products for distribution as needed at Hopetown, the Marshall County Memorial Library, and the county's three high schools.

Darnell is proud of the reception of the Women in Business luncheon and is already looking toward next year.

“I am so proud of the overwhelming support of the Women In Business Luncheon, she said”. “Our committee is dedicated to recognizing and honoring the women in our community who give so much time and effort to make Marshall County a wonderful place to live. We are looking forward to hosting this luncheon annually and are committed to empowering the women in our community while showcasing their successes to our youth.”

New playground officially open for play

By **Scott Pearson**
Associate Editor

Sometime last year, then eight-year-old Jackson Davis asked his mother Louisa a question. “Why, if it is called a park, does Rock Creek Park not have a playground?”

That simple question led to discussions and planning and construction and, Tuesday afternoon, the official opening of a new playground in Rock Creek Park.

Teledyne Advanced Electronic Solutions stepped up to fund the project to completion as a way of giving back to the community the company has been a part of for 60 years.



Tribune photos by Scott Pearson
Jackson Davis, 9, slides on Tuesday at the Rock Creek Park playground which was initiated last year after he asked why there wasn't one.

Described as a perfect example of a public-private collaboration,



Representatives of the city and of Teledyne joined together to officially open the new Rock Creek playground on Tuesday afternoon.

the project brought together Teledyne, Lewisburg Parks and Rec, Lewisburg Public

Works, the Marshall County Young Professionals, and other individual businesses.

Located in the park opposite the Marshall County Memorial Library, the new play-

ground is described as only Phase I of possible future expansions to the facility.

Assessments rise, tax rates fall

By **Scott Pearson**
Associate Editor

Anyone who has followed real estate in middle Tennessee and Marshall County over the past several years knows that prices have been rising steadily.

The new appraisal numbers from the county assessor's office still caught some residents by surprise, however.

Those higher home values will not necessarily

translate into higher taxes though.

This week, County Assessor Michelle Clark delivered to each government body in the county, their new property tax rates as suggested by the state.

State law requires that property tax revenues in a reappraisal year be equalized with revenues the previous year. As appraisals and assessments increase,

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FORREST HIGH SCHOOL - 2021-2022 TOP TEN SENIORS



Left to Right: Braden Bowyer, Bailey Connor, Taylor Smith, Jacey Burgett, Alex Davenport, Neely Johns, Payton Toombs, Andrea VanSledright-Valedictorian, Kimberly Mackrella-Salutatorian, (not pictured Justina Mosley.)



Obituaries

Mary Ann Talley Clift

Mary Ann Talley Clift passed away peacefully in her sleep at home on May 11, 2022, at age 99. She was born in Eastland, TX to Claude and Sallie Hightower Lowe. At the age of nine, the family of seven moved to Tennessee.

Mary Ann is survived by her daughters, Jan Talley of Lewisburg, TN and Patricia Talley Gordon (Jerry) of West Palm Beach, FL. Mary Ann has eight grandchildren, Rob Talley, Rich Talley, Reese Talley Cook, Jeff Talley, Jennifer Talley Hart, Davy Talley, Kerri Talley, and Tiffany Talley Gordon MacMillan; eleven great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mary Ann is preceded in death by her husband, J.R. Clift; her previous husband, Robert (Bob) W. Talley; two sons, Jerald C. Talley



and David W. Talley; two daughter-in-laws, Montez Stapp (David) Talley and Joyce Talley (Jerry) Fowler, the mother of three grandchildren.

Mary Ann was a wonderful mother to her four children throughout their whole lives. She always provided a warm, inviting home for her family, including her extended family and friends. Mary Ann was an ideal homemaker,

a talented seamstress, and delicious cook. Her friends often requested her home made rolls for Christmas presents. She was a long time member of First Presbyterian Church of Lewisburg. For fun, Mary Ann enjoyed the game of bridge with close friends for seventy years.

Funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m., Saturday May 21, 2022, at Lone Oak Cemetery in Lewisburg, TN. Graveside visitation with the family will begin at 10 a.m., Saturday May 21, 2022, at Lone Oak prior to the funeral service.

Donations may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 122 2nd Ave North Lewisburg, TN 37091.

London Funeral Home and Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements

Margaret Elizabeth Rome

Margaret Elizabeth Rome, 95, of Belfast, died Thursday, May 12, 2022, at NHC Maury Transitional Care.

She was a native of Portland, TN, the daughter of the late Dorch Perdue and Ruby Vanatta Perdue. She was a retired seamstress from Petersburg Manufacturing and a member of the Medium Methodist Church. Mrs. Rome loved making Christmas fudge for many and deviled eggs for church functions. She had many friends & neighbors that cared and loved her and she will be missed.

She spent the last few weeks with her niece, Candy (Ernie) Binion;



great-niece, Gabrielle (Jamison) Reynolds; and great-great-nephew, Bentley Reynolds.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Rome; brother, Bruce Perdue; twin sister, Marie Per-

due; sisters, Mary Jo Marcum and Jean Hancock; son, David Rome; and grand babies, Anthony and Kerry. She is survived by daughter, Phyllis Pasquariello; granddaughter, Tracy Pasquariello; great-granddaughter, Karmyn Pasquariello; many nieces and nephew.

Graveside Memorial Services will be conducted on Friday, May 20, 2022, at 3 p.m. in Head Springs Cemetery with burial to follow.

There will be no visitation with the family before the services.

London Funeral Home and Crematory is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Margaret Ruth McLean

Margaret Ruth McLean, 94, of Lewisburg, died Thursday, May 12, 2022, at her residence.

She was a native of Marshall County, the daughter of the late Grover Cleveland and Mary Lou Luna McCrory. She retired from Genesco and Cosmolab and was a member of the Church of Christ.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Gene McLean; sister, Mildred Pruitt; brothers, Hume, Earl, JW, and Paul McCrory.

She is survived by one son, Bill (Jamie) Maynard and one daughter,



Anna (George) Childress, both of Lewisburg; twelve grandchildren, Andrea Childress Warf, Stuart Childress, Denise Warf, Joel Childress, Austin Childress, Todd Childress, Stephanie Maynard Tillman, Wesley Maynard, Ra-

chell Maynard, David Maynard, and Stephen Maynard, Jennifer Maynard and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted Friday, May 13, 2022, at 5 p.m. from the Short Cemetery with burial following.

Visitation with the family at the cemetery began Friday at 4:30 p.m. continued until the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or Lewisburg VFW.

London Funeral Home and Crematory assisted the family with the arrangements.

Joe Garrett Crabtree

Joe Garrett Crabtree, 94, retired Product Designer for Murray-Ohio and resident of Franklin, died Friday, May 13, 2022, at Alive Hospice in Nashville.

A graveside inurnment will be conducted Friday, May 20, 2022, at 1 p.m. at Pleasant Mount Cemetery with Patrick Kerstiens officiating. Military honors will be provided by Herbert Griffin American Legion Post 19. Oakes & Nichols Funeral Directors are assisting the family with arrangements.

The family suggests memorials to Alive Hospice, 1718 Patterson Street, Nashville, TN 37203 or Middle Tennessee Studebaker Drivers Club in memory of Joe Crabtree, 1204 Harvest Grove Blvd., Murfreesboro, TN 37129. Condolences may be extended online at www.oakesandnichols.com.



May 5, 2012. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War. Mr. Crabtree enjoyed traveling, classic car shows, antique auctions, working on clocks, and weekly trips for new places to enjoy catfish with his granddaughter and family. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his granddaughter, Robyn C. (Stephen) Kerstiens; great grandson, Baker Joseph Kerstiens; sister, Frances (Raymond) Stone of Wetumpka, AL; and brothers, James F. (Sue) Crabtree of Montgomery, AL and Harold P. (Carol) Crabtree of Columbia, TN.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his son, Dennis Joe Crabtree; brothers, William A. Crabtree, Jr., Calvin Bush Crabtree; and sister, Sara Emma Cox.



Born October 10, 1927, in Maury County, he was the son of the late William Arthur Crabtree and the late Bonnie Garrett. He married Syble Reavis who preceded him in death

Deborah Whitsett McCracken

A Celebration of Life for Deborah Whitsett McCracken, who passed away on Feb. 24, 2021, will be held on May 27, 2022, at the Lord's House of Prayer located at 1205 Nashville Highway, Lewisburg TN. Visitation will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the service will begin at 6:30 p.m. Reverend Tim Giles will officiate.

Born on July 3, 1949, in Lewisburg, she was the daughter of June Holt Ring and the late Coleman Whitsett. Mrs. McCracken spent most of



adult life serving veterans in multiple volunteer roles, including as the

VFW Ladies Auxiliary President and being appointed as a State Officer for Tennessee.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her son, Dennis Whitsett of Texas; brother, Jimmy Whitsett of Lewisburg; sister, Judy Whitsett Pirtle of Fayetteville; and fifteen grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband Jerold McCracken; her father, Coleman Whitsett; and sisters, Brownie Whitsett and Brenda Whitsett Jones.

Sigrid Tapp

Mrs. Sigrid Tapp, age 81, of Chapel Hill, died Friday, May 13, 2022, in

Nashville. Visitation was May 18, 2022, and funeral services

followed at Lawrence Funeral Home. Burial took place in Andrews-Liggett Cemetery near Lewisburg.

Lawrence Funeral Home & Cremation Services in charge of arrangements.

Glenna Sigler Hall

Mrs. Glenna Sigler Hall, 93, of Chapel Hill, TN, formerly of Champion, OH, died Monday, May 16, 2022.

There will be a private burial at a later date in Warren, OH.

Lawrence Funeral Home & Cremation Ser-

vices, of Chapel Hill, TN is in charge of arrangements.

Edna Peay Cook

Mrs. Edna Peay Cook, 84, of the Pottsville Com-

munity in Maury County, TN, died Wednesday, May 11, 2022, in Franklin, TN.

Visitation took place, May 16, 2022, and funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Tues-

day, May 17, 2022, from the chapel of Lawrence Funeral Home. Lawrence Funeral Home and Cremation Services handled the arrangements.

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Joe Jackson Hartsfield

Joe Jackson Hartsfield, 59, resident of Columbia, died Thursday, May 12, 2022, at Maury Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Oakes & Nichols Funeral Home with Walter Clot officiating. Burial followed in Rose Hill Cemetery with military honors provided by Herbert Griffin American Legion Post 19. The family visited with friends Tuesday from 12 p.m. until service time at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorials to Joe Hartsfield Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 1015, Columbia, TN 38402. Condolences may be extended online at www.oakesandnichols.com.

Born June 13, 1962, in Balboa, Panama, he was the son of the late Robert Allen Hartsfield, Sr. and the late Edith Frances Henson Hartsfield. Mr. Hartsfield was a former truck driver, car enthusiast, Chicago Bears fan, and enjoyed



fantasy football.

Survivors include the love of his life, Lisa Melheim; son, Jeremy (Kristin) Webb; daughters, Vanessa (Michael) Littlefield, Emily Melheim, April Chumley, Gabby Melheim; grandchildren, Damion Webb, Zach Webb, Sophie Webb, Gage Littlefield, Reiko Melheim, Daniel Melheim; brothers, Robert Allen Hartsfield, Jr., Johnny Keith (Sheila) Hartsfield; uncle, Jerry (Pat) Hartsfield; aunts, Faye Hartsfield, Pam Black, Regina Hartsfield; and several nieces and nephews.

Active pallbearers were Damion Webb, Zach Webb, Michael Littlefield, Colton Black, Mark Goatz, and Allen Hartsfield.

Rates

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the state lowers the tax rates to equalize the revenue, so that government does not benefit from the new values.

The Marshall County rate is expected to drop from \$2.81 per \$100 of assessed value to \$1.81 of assessed value.

Lewisburg is expected to fall from \$1.84 to \$1.29; Chapel Hill from \$1.49 to \$.90; and Cornersville from \$1.10 to \$.69.

Each body must still vote to accept the new rate.

Clark said that since 2017, the last year values were set for the county's five-year cycle, commercial and industrial property has increased approximately 20 percent while residential properties have increased anywhere between 40 and 75 percent, based on cost of new construction and the sale prices on existing homes.

Residents with an increase at the average of roughly 50 percent should see no change in taxes paid due to the equalization.

Properties over the average will see some increase, while those below the average increase will see a decline.

The office has been handling informal appeal requests for several weeks and the official meetings of the county Board of Equalization are set to begin at the start of June.

CEMETERY DECORATIONS

May 21 - Decoration at New Hope Cemetery at Talley Station will be Saturday, May 21st 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Board members will be present to take donations or donations can be made to the New Hope Cemetery checking account and mailed

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Last year's winners in the inaugural Juneteenth pageant sponsored by A Better Tomorrow Project

Juneteenth Pageant approaching

On June 15, 2021, the Senate unanimously passed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act announcing Juneteenth as a national holiday. Juneteenth, which was short for June and Nineteenth, originated when Major General Gordon Granger of the Union army read federal orders in the city of Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865. The proclamation stated that all slaves were freed. Even though Abraham Lincoln had announced the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, freedom did not officially come for African Americans until two and a half years later. The reason for this was that the Emancipation Proclamation extended freedom to enslaved people in Confederate States that were still under open rebellion. Making that order a reality depended on military victories by the U.S. Army with an ongoing presence to enforce the Proclamation.

Juneteenth not only symbolizes freedom, but it also gives Americans as a whole a chance to celebrate the African American culture, to pay homage to the enslaved who sacrificed their lives, and to enlightened all about those who played a huge part in building the fabric of America. It is about Americans coming together to celebrate our common bond of freedom through the recognition, observance, and education of the general public, for historic preservation is so important in this United States of America.

This year marks the anniversary of the second annual Juneteenth Pageant held in Marshall County, and the event also celebrates the second year of Juneteenth becoming a national holiday. The pageant is being held on Saturday, June 18, 2022, at the Lewisburg Recreation Center, 1551 Mooresville Hwy, Lewisburg, TN, 37091. The doors open at 11 a.m. with the pageant commencing at noon. Tickets are \$10.

The Marshall County Juneteenth Pageant is a wonderful opportunity for young girls to "shine" demonstrating their talents and abilities. Also, it is an opportunity for building character and self-esteem. The Juneteenth Pageant celebrates diversity -- bringing persons of all shades, creeds, religions and backgrounds together.

Applications are available in all Lewisburg Schools, Forrest School in Chapel Hill, Cornersville High School, Lewisburg Library & Kouture Studio, 206 West Church Street, Lewisburg, Tennessee, 37091. The application fee is \$25, and the deadline to apply is May 20, 2022. After the deadline date the fee becomes \$50 until June 1, 2022. Addition information may be obtained by contacting Ciji Jackson-Hurt by phone at (931) 675-0831 or by email at cijijackson21@gmail.com.

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Is this what Memorial Day means to you?

By Danny Tyree

So I can spend more time with my family, I am turning this week's column over to a bright fourth-grade student from an unnamed American small town.

Hi. My name is Liam. My history teacher, Mr. Burkhalter, assigned us to write a 500-word essay about lack of public appreciation for the significance of Memorial Day.

My grandpa suggested titling the essay "They've fallen, and our enthusiasm can't get up." Grandpa says a LOT of things that make us check his pill box.

Mr. Burkhalter, whom you may recall I already mentioned two paragraphs ago, drives a long, long, long way to instruct us kids, including Jenny and Claire and Eliot and Noah (how am I doing with the word count?), so I paid close attention when he said that Memorial Day is a day to honor those Armed Forces members who made the ultimate sacrifice.

After he explained that these brave men and women died so the rest of us could enjoy our freedoms, I decided that "ultimate sacrifice" is indeed an appropriate term. But I just want to state for the record that sharing a room with my little brother must rank as the NEXT TO ULTIMATE sacrifice. Sure, the Kaiser used chemical warfare, but he nev-

er tossed Petey's dirtysocks into the trenches. Google it.

It's hard to imagine the hardships our heroes endured, often short of food, short of medical supplies, short of pronouns...

The beginning of the observance that evolved into Memorial Day took place way back in 1868. Gen. John A. Logan probably had lots of time to organize such solemn ceremonies because I understand that the video games back then were totally lame. Don't get me started on the Pony Amazon riders.

Even though many people treat Memorial Day as just another three-day weekend (Indy 500! Action movies! Trip to the beach!), it has become part of the American fabric. (Speaking of fabric, they are having a big Memorial Day sale at Clem's Clothing Castle. Sing a verse of "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree" - whatever that is -- and get 10 percent off your order.)

Grown-ups often refer to Memorial Day as "the unofficial start of summer." You would think that summer would be grateful that humans granted it an unofficial start, but it is usually a case of "I got your mosquitoes and heat right here, pal."

Memorial Day has



become a lot like fun-focused Independence Day, except without the fireworks (unless Mom catches Dad showing off his "Kiss the Cook" apron a little too suggestively with Ms. Houlihan down the street).

Do you know what would be a neat way to celebrate Memorial Day? You know all those books about the cities you must visit before you die and the foods you must eat before you die and the movies you must watch before you die? Maybe one of my classmates will write "The 100 Warmongering Politicians You Must Get Rid of Before You Die."

I appreciate our hard-won opportunities. If not for fallen patriots, I might be speaking a foreign language, with phrases like "three channels" and "play out-doors" and "here's the change from your fill-up."

Thanks, Liam. I hope you've inspired everyone to observe a moment of silence at 3:00 p.m. on May 30.

I can almost smell the bombs bursting in air... No! Wait! It's Petey's socks!!!

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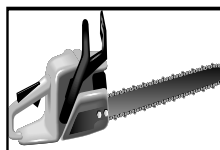
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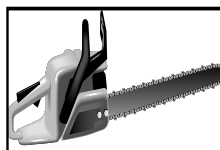
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4-H'ers awarded ribbons at horse judging contests

By **Kaylee Layton**
Special to the Tribune

What do you see when you look at a horse or watch a horse and rider at a show, trotting around the arena? Some people would say they are beautiful, majestic animals, while others may say they are useless and eat all their owner's money. Either way you see them, horses are much more than just four legs and a tail, and the Marshall County 4-H Horse Judging Team could tell you that. They have spent the last couple of months learning all about the balance and structure of horses. They could also tell you what a good performance looks like at a horse show. Members of the team this year are Clara Jean Thompson, Georgia Hazelwood, Kaly Hinds, Audrey Hobbs, Sara Kate Walker, Brylee Hobbs, Karson Watkins, Audrey Roof, and Patric Ramey.

On Tuesday, April 12, the Marshall County 4-H Horse Judging team traveled to Murfreesboro to compete in the Central Region 4-H and MTSU Open Horse Judging Contest. They competed against other counties in the region and various FFA chapters throughout the state. They spent the day judging a variety of classes including hunter under saddle, hunt seat equitation, ranch riding, 2-gait pleasure, and horsemanship. They also judged three conformation classes, stock type mares, stock type geldings, and Tennessee Walking Horses. It was a long day of horse judging, but their hard work paid off.

The team walked away with various ribbons. In the Central Region 4-H Horse Judging Contest, Clara Jean Thompson won 3rd place Overall Individual in the Sr. High Division. In the MTSU Open Horse Judging Contest, Audrey Roof won 3rd place for performance classes (individual) in the Junior Division.



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The staff at UT Extension are extremely proud of the team and they look forward to watching them succeed at future contests. 4-H would not be possible without the help from parents and volunteers. Many parents ensured their 4-H'er got to scheduled practices and studied their material. Brandy Hinds and Ariel Teague spent multiple evenings carpooling 4-H'ers all the way to Murfreesboro for practices and the contest. Their help and time are always appreciated!

Horse judging is not just for those crazy horse kids that want to stare at horses all day, anyone can learn to judge, and anyone can develop life skills by learning

to judge. It not only teaches an appreciation for horses and the variety of disciplines in the horse industry, but it teaches youth how to evaluate and make effective decisions. It builds public speaking skills and confidence. As the team sat together, waiting for the contest to start, they discussed how nervous they were, and their expectations seemed low. By the end of the day, they had a boost of confidence. They expressed their excitement for future contests and how they wanted to win more ribbons.

Horse judging is just one of many opportunities that 4-H has to offer. 4-H is open to all youth in Marshall County in grades 4 through 12. If you are interested in learning more about Marshall County 4-H, contact Kaylee Layton at 931-359-1929 or by email klayton2@utk.edu



Audrey Roof - 3rd place for performance classes (individual) in the Junior Division in the MTSU Open Contest



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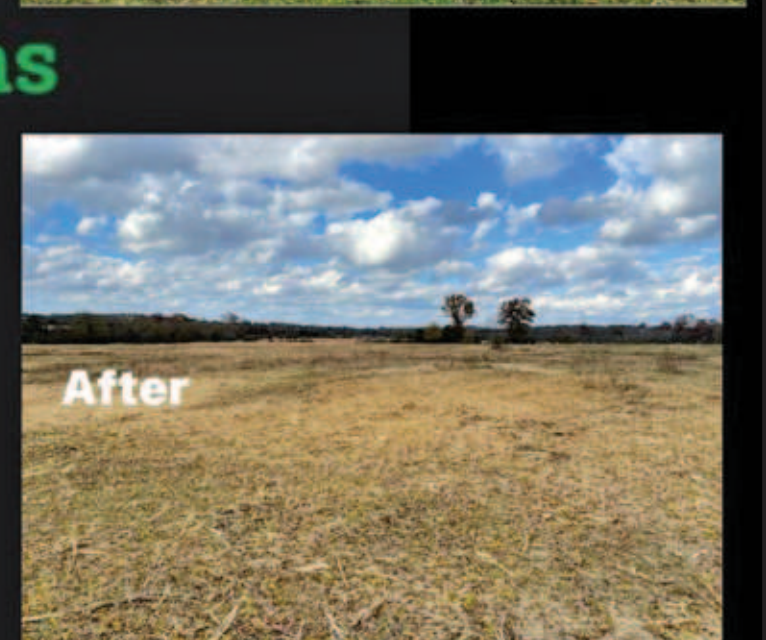


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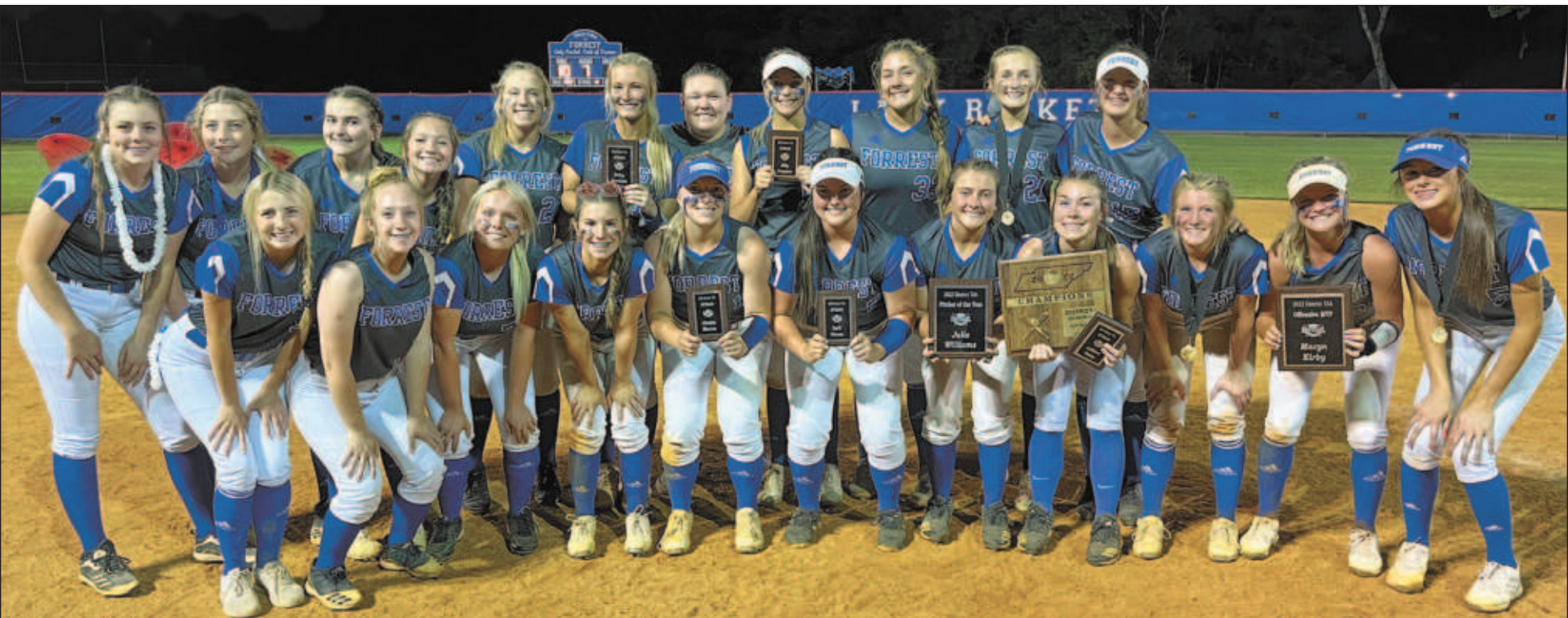
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The Forrest Lady Rockets pose with their new hardware after a thrilling come-from-behind victory against Community last week.



Ella Chilton picked up the win in the circle for Forrest, combining with Emory Hall for an all-freshman no-hitter versus Whites Creek in the opening round of the Region 4-AA Tournament at Chapel Hill Monday night.



Leslie Bartoli talks with Forrest assistant coach Rickey Stinnett after reaching first base with a base on balls in the first inning.

Tribune Photos by Anthony S. Puca

Lady Rockets cruise past Whites Creek

By **Anthony S. Puca**
Sports Writer

CHAPEL HILL — The Forrest Lady Rockets played with class and determination versus Whites Creek in Monday night's Region 4-AA Tournament opener at the Field of Dreams in Chapel Hill, taking care of business in a 16-0 three-inning, run-rule win over the Lady Cobras.

It was great to see that everyone got to contribute tonight," Forrest coach Shelby Lightfoot said. "Every single player on our bench got to play in a region game, all the way from our senior to our eighth-graders, so I was

excited about that." Forrest scored nine runs in the first inning and seven in the second and could have had many, many more if they wanted to, but Lightfoot was not going to embarrass her opponent.

On a few occasions, Lightfoot instructed her base runners to leave early off the base to be called out to end both Forrest at bats. Ella Chilton and Emory Hall combined for a perfect game in the circle for Forrest as they struck out all nine Whites Creek batters that came to the plate.

Chilton pitched the first two innings and struck out six and Hall pitched the

third inning and whiffed all three Lady Cobra batters she faced. Fourteen Lady Rockets batted in the bottom of the first inning with the big moment coming on an inside the park home run by Maggie Daugherty, who laced a line drive in to the right/center field gap and circled the bases to make it 6-0.

Christa Warren had a pair of RBI hits in the inning with a triple and double and scored twice while Macyn Kirby and Abby Ferguson walked twice and scored both times and Addison Bunty (SAC FLY) and Leslie Bartoli (FC) both drove in one run apiece.

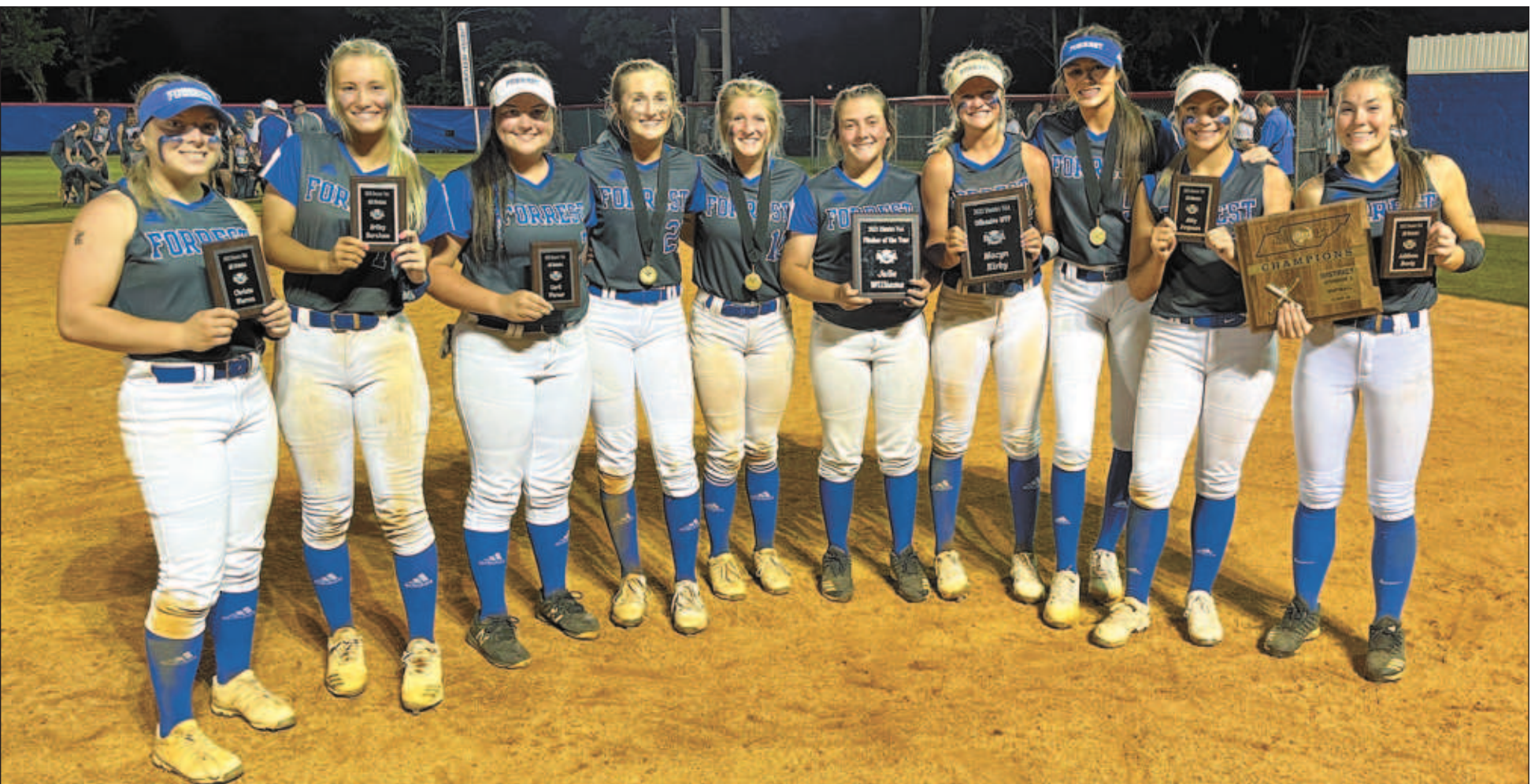
Carli Warner also had an

RBI triple and a base on balls in the frame. Lightfoot sent up all pinch hitters in the bottom of the second inning as the Lady Rockets sent 10 batters to the plate in the seven-run stanza. Haddie Patton had two hits, two RBIs, and two runs scored in the inning and Haylee Webb, Hall, Ella Chilton, and Miranda Stout all drove home one run.

With the win, Forrest (24-10) advances to the region tournament final and hosted a very familiar foe in the Community Viqueens (24-10), who traveled to Nashville and pasted East Nashville 31-0. Results from Wednesday's Region 4-AA champi-

onship were unavailable by press time.

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Whites Creek: No Hits
Fielding:
E: Kayla Jones 2, Samaria King 2, A'hja Davis.
LP: Gracie Gregory (2IP 10, 16R, 15ER, 1K, 0BB).
Forrest:
Christa Warren 2-for-2, Haddie Patton 2-for-2, Emory Hall 1-for-1.
Marley Chilton 1-for-1, Ella Chilton 1-foe-1, Carli Warner 1-for-1.
Miranda Stout 1-for-1, Maggie Daugherty 1-for-1.
BB: Macyn Kirby, Abby Ferguson, Leslie Bartoli, Warner, Briley Burnham, Stout, Parker Wales, Daugherty.
RS: Kirby 2, Warren 2, Patton 2, Hall, Marley Chilton, Ferguson, Jenna Goodman, Warner, Burnham, Stout.
Daugherty, Megan Dunn, Haylee Webb.
2B: Warren, Patton.
3B: Warren. HR: Daugherty.
RBI: Warner 2, Warren 2, Addison Bunty, Ella Chilton, Hall, Patton, Bartoli, Daugherty, Marley Chilton, Stout.
SAC: Bartoli.
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ROE: Webb. HBP: Ferguson, Goodman, Kirby.
SB: Burnham 2, Ferguson, Patton, Kirby.
Team LOB:
3 WP: Ella Chilton (2IP OH, 0E, OER, 6K, 0BB).
Relief: Emory Hall (1IP OH, 0R, OER, 3K, 0BB).



Forrest All-District award winners from left are, Christa Warren, Briley Burnham, Carli Warner, Maggie Daugherty, Parker Wales, Julie Williams (Pitcher of the Year), Macyn Kirby (Offensive Player of the Year), Ella Chilton, Abby Ferguson, and Addison Bunty.

Rockets crush Stratford in region semis

By Chris Siers
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CHAPEL HILL — After locking up the District 7-AA championship last week, Forrest coach Andy Burkett wanted his team to get a strong start in the Region 4-AA semifinals.

What he got was a 20-1 blowout victory over Stratford that sent the Rockets to the region championship.

“With the way the game unfolded, I was really happy with the guys and the way they were swinging the bats. They weren’t up there looking for walks. They went up there looking to put a drive into it. And some of the guys that got in the game, they played well too,” Burkett said.

Forrest dominated in every facet of Tuesday’s semifinal against the Spartans, with the Rockets hammering the Stratford pitching staff to the tune of 15 hits, highlighted by senior catcher Camden Vaughn’s third-inning grand slam.

Braden Bowyer also homered for the Rockets in eight-run first inning as well.

Forrest also collected five doubles in the win.

Forrest jumped on the Spartans with an eight-run first inning, and followed with a five-run second and a seven-run third.

District 7-AA MVP Riley Durbin got the start on the bump and aside from a lead off walk in the second inning, allowed just one base runner in his three innings.

And the one base runner Stratford managed against him was picked off at first base.

Durbin was nearly perfect, striking out eight in his three innings and giving up just the one walk.

After the Rockets built a 20-0 lead after the third inning, the Spartans collected a bloop single and a run off a Forrest error in the top of the fourth off middle-



Rocket first baseman Braden Bowyer gets set to lay the tag on a Stratford base runner for the out on a pick-off attempt.

Tribune Photos by Chris Siers



Forrest starter Riley Durbin was dominant in his outing against Stratford, striking out eight in three innings pitched.



Rocket senior Camden Vaughn catches a fist bump from coach Andy Burkett after mashing a grand slam in the third inning against Stratford on Monday.

reliever Shawn Brown.

But Brown pitched around the trouble and stranded three on base.

Kain Moses put a cap on the semifinal with a flawless fifth inning, sitting the Spartans down in order with a pair of strikeouts.

“It’s awesome to see and know we have

depth like that and to know that our team came in and ready to play.

“It’s a different mentality. You can definitely tell with the way the guys were. I saw them at school today and they were incredibly focused. I think that focus is going to be crucial for us moving for-

ward,” Burkett said.

Monday’s win over the Spartans was the 12th in the last 13 games for the Rockets and not only advances Forrest to Wednesday’s region finals, but also guarantees a state sectional berth as well.

Forrest advanced to the Region 4-AA finals in a district champion-

ship rematch against the Vikings.

At the time of this printing, the Rockets owned a 5-0 record against the Vikings this season, including a 9-8 win in the District 7-AA championship.

Community also won in a massive blowout in the other Region 4-AA semifinal, beating East

Nashville 17-2.

Results from Wednesday’s championship were unavailable by press time.

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Forrest: Camden Vaughn 1-for-2, Riley Durbin 2-for-3, Shawn Brown 1-for-1, Kason Fuller 3-for-4, Luke Allen 1-for-1, Ryan Meglis 1-for-1, Braden Bowyer 1-for-1, Kain Moses 1-for-3, Carter Walk 1-for-2, Preston Gentry 1-for-1, Andrew Timmons 1-for-3.
2B: Durbin, Brown, Moses (2), Fuller
HR: Vaughn, Bowyer
WP: Durbin
LP: Lupez

Tigerettes stun No. 2 Lawrence Co., finish 2nd in tourney

By Chris Siers
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LAWRENCEBURG — Entering the District 8-AAA tournament, the No. 3 seeded Marshall County Tigerettes went on an absolute tear, winning 12 of their previous 13 games.

During the opening round, the Tigerettes stunned No. 2 seed Lawrence County before falling to No. 1 seed Lincoln County.

In an elimination rematch against the Lady Wildcats, the Tigerettes got a steady game from starting pitcher Taylor Pickle and upset Lawrence County in a second-straight meeting to not only advance to the 8-AAA title game, but also to qualify for the Region 4-AAA tournament as well.

In the rematch, the Tigerettes downed Lawrence County, 11-7.

For head coach Amy Bonner, the hot-streak the Tigerettes got on toward the end of the season was the result of playing a tough regular season slate, but also the team growing together at the right time of the year.

“I think the biggest thing is, we’ve grown so much since the beginning of the year. When



The Marshall County Tigerettes upset No. 2 seed Lawrence County and will begin region play on Tuesday night.

Tribune Photo by Chris Siers

we started, we were trying to work out all the kinks. We’ve continued to step up a little bit each week and do a little bit better,” Bonner said.

“We played Lawrenceburg earlier in the season and had a loss to them. We were able to start realizing we could compete against some of these bigger teams.

I think they’ve done a good job of that.”

During the elimination game, Lawrence County jumped out to a 2-0 lead, but saw the tenacious Tigerettes battle back with a five-run second inning.

Marshall County saw the first four batters of the inning reach base, including singles by Jessa Lancaster, Kani-

yah Taylor and Kinley Wiser.

Senior Ellie Luce had the biggest hit of the inning, connecting on a three-run homer to left, which put the Tigerettes up 5-2 after the top of the second.

Lawrence County responded and tied the game at five, driving in three more in the bottom of the inning.

Marshall County took advantage of another big inning, plating four more runs in the top of the fourth.

A Mallory Woodward sacrifice fly to right scored Luce from third and a two RBI double by Taylor put the Tigerettes on top.

Lawrence County went on to plate a run in the bottom of the

fourth and fifth innings, but Marshall County preserved the lead by matching the Lady Wildcat production and scored runs in the fifth and sixth innings.

Marshall County collected 10 hits as a team and were led by Luce, Lancaster, Taylor and Demiyah Blackman, who all connected on

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SUDOKU

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Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

ANSWER:

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MARKET REPORTS

Weekly Tennessee Cattle and Grain Summary
Nashville, TN
For Week Ending: Saturday, May 14, 2022
Receipts: 5,420 Last Week: 6,440 Last Year: 4,341

Compared to last week, feeder steers were mostly 1.00-4.00 higher, and feeder heifers mostly steady to 3.00 higher with good demand for feeder classes. Slaughter cows and bulls were mostly steady to 2.00 higher with good demand. Summer temperatures were prevalent throughout the region for the week which increased field work and slightly decreased livestock movement.

STATE AVERAGES

Steers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
300-350 lbs	193.80	193.10	169.75
350-400 lbs	197.13	197.78	166.31
400-450 lbs	184.93	180.37	159.62
450-500 lbs	182.29	177.22	154.56
500-550 lbs	174.59	171.20	150.52
550-600 lbs	166.99	166.68	144.07
600-650 lbs	158.60	157.58	135.04
650-700 lbs	153.39	154.32	133.28
700-750 lbs	144.49	145.56	123.07
750-800 lbs	141.14	141.14	121.75

Heifers (M&L 1-2)

	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
300-350 lbs	159.99	167.89	138.51
350-400 lbs	162.61	163.07	137.51
400-450 lbs	158.21	159.38	134.48
450-500 lbs	156.31	156.94	132.21
500-550 lbs	148.03	152.15	128.10
550-600 lbs	144.99	144.56	124.06
600-650 lbs	138.77	138.46	120.30
650-700 lbs	135.09	135.35	113.14
700-750 lbs	127.62	122.93	107.61
750-800 lbs	124.82	120.23	103.01

WEEKLY COW SUMMARY

Slaughter Cows	Average	High	Low
Breakers	80.76	91.87	69.94
Boners	79.68	92.19	66.93
Lean			

Slaughter Bulls

	Average	High	Low
Yield Grade 1's	109.01	82.11	53.57

April 25, 2022
GOATS: 577
Kids Selection 1 48 lbs 430.00; 53-54 lbs 400.00-430.00; 64 lbs 430.00; 70 lbs 380.00; 85 lbs 360.00. Kids Selection 2 45-49 lbs 360.00-400.00; 54 lbs 390.00; 65 lbs 380.00; 85 lbs 350.00.

LAMBS: 425
Woolled & Shorn-Choice and Prime 2-3 73 lbs 340.00. Hair Breeds-Choice and Prime 2-3 48 lbs 340.00-360.00; 52 lbs 360.00; 61-69 lbs 355.00-367.50; 74 lbs 355.00; 90-97 lbs 300.00-335.00; 108-110 lbs 280.00-290.00

GRAINS

	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	7.57-8.18	7.50-8.29	6.62-8.15
Soybeans	15.80-16.88	16.17-16.95	15.89-17.16
New Crop Wheat	10.13-11.44	9.66-10.74	6.82-7.66

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Market Recap



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Scream loudly
- 5. Antidepressant (abbr.)
- 8. The bill in a restaurant
- 11. Oblong pulpits
- 13. Adult female chicken
- 14. Abnormal breathing
- 15. Financial obligations
- 16. Belonging to a thing
- 17. Winged
- 18. Peoples
- 20. College hoops tournament
- 21. An informal body of friends
- 22. Region of the world
- 25. In an early way
- 30. Connected by kinship
- 31. Type of tree
- 32. Official order
- 33. Foundation for an idea
- 38. Small, faint constellation
- 41. Book lovers
- 43. Vegetable
- 45. Cabbage variety
- 47. A way to heal
- 49. Illuminated
- 50. Dish that features a stick
- 55. Insurance-related costs (abbr.)
- 56. Solid water
- 57. Soldier's gear
- 59. "Uncle Buck" actress Hoffmann
- 60. Former measure of length
- 61. Arabic name meaning "spring"
- 62. Doctors' group
- 63. Actress Susan
- 64. Appropriate

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Cool!
- 2. Hebrew unit of measure
- 3. Swedish rock group
- 4. College army
- 5. Black eye
- 6. One who stopped working
- 7. Teach a value
- 8. Rhythmic patterns
- 9. "MASH" actor Alda
- 10. "Friday Night Lights" director
- 12. Midway between south and southeast
- 14. Indian musical pattern
- 19. Fulfill a desire
- 23. Water soaked soil
- 24. Brass instrument
- 25. Before
- 26. Popular color
- 27. Peyton's little brother
- 28. Partner to cheese
- 29. Put onto
- 34. "Much ___ about nothing"
- 35. A way to mend
- 36. Anger
- 37. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 39. Mobilized
- 40. Resembles an earlobe
- 41. Cut of meat
- 42. Nigerian people
- 44. Recently
- 45. Square stone building at Mecca
- 46. Adhere to orders
- 47. Adventure story
- 48. Marine bivalve mollusk
- 51. Retrospective analysis (abbr.)
- 52. Actor Pitt
- 53. Tibetan village
- 54. A way to change by heating
- 58. A beam of sunshine

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Golf Classic signups

After a two-year break, the J.R. Moon Golf Classic will return to play at Saddle Creek Golf Club on June 9.

The tournament benefits students attending Columbia State Community College.

Teams of four can register for \$550, or individuals can register for \$137.50.

Tee sponsorships are also being accepted for \$100.

Entry fees include green fees, cart, range balls, lunch and beverages.

Signing begins at 11 a.m., with lunch to follow at 11:30.

The shotgun start will begin at 12:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Shannon Davis at shannon.davis@columbiastate.edu.

MCHS baseball tryouts

Marshall County High School will hold tryouts for the 2023 season at Joe George Baseball Field on Monday, June 6 for upcoming freshmen and sophomores and on Tuesday, June 7 for juniors and seniors.

Each player trying out must show proof of physical.

Tigerettes

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two hits in the win.

Taylor and Blackman also doubled.

Pickle went the distance for the Tigerettes

in the pitcher's circle and despite giving up

11 hits, she was able to minimize the damage

and gave up just seven runs.

The upset win over the Lady Wildcats came

from the Tigerettes playing a brutal schedule,

but also gelling as a team over the course of the season.

"One of the things we've been talking about

as a coaching staff is the better competition we've faced, they better we would become. We knew even when we went to Gulf Shores we were going to face some tough teams and take some losses," Bonner said.

"I think facing those teams, especially Lawrence, Lincoln and some of these teams that have had solid programs, that only helps us get better."

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Lawrence Co. 230 110 0 — 7 11 5

Marshall Co.: Courtney Lynch 1-for-4, Ellie Luce 2-for-5, Jessa Lancaster 2-for-3, Demiyah Blackman 2-for-3, Kaniyah Taylor 2-for-3, Kinley Wiser 1-for-3.
2B: Taylor, Blackman
HR: Luce

WP: Pickle
LP: Tidwell

Buck, Aikman ready for fresh start with ESPN

By **JOE REEDY**
AP Sports Writer

It's been two months since Joe Buck jumped from Fox to ESPN. It wasn't until Monday that the gravity of moving into the "Monday Night Football" booth hit him.

Buck and Troy Aikman made their first trips to ESPN headquarters in Bristol, Connecticut, to meet with executives and future co-workers who are preparing for the upcoming season.

"It literally dropped out of the sky. The more I get around it, Troy and I were just blown away. We were in a conference room an hour ago with 20-plus people from all different parts of the support staff for 'Monday Night Football,' and it was overwhelming. I actually got emotional talking about it," Buck said Monday in his first comments since ESPN signed him and Aikman in March.

Aikman had considered pairing Thursday night games on Amazon with a reduced Fox schedule that would allow him to keep working the playoffs and Super Bowl. As trying to put that together became more challenging, ESPN started talking to the Hall of Fame quarterback about moving into the Monday night booth.

Aikman said the possibility of coming to ESPN — where he gets to call prime-time and playoff games and stays in the Super Bowl rotation — didn't crystallize until after this year's Super Bowl.

"This is an opportunity with ESPN that I'm really excited about," Aikman said. "I mean, like Joe said, we've been doing it for so long one way. To see how someone else does it and to work with different people, I feel like it's 2001 again. And kind of starting over my broadcasting career, and it probably comes at a really good time for me personally and probably for Joe, as well."

Once ESPN landed Aikman, conversations began about Buck joining him even though Buck's contract at Fox still had a year remaining. Buck said the parting was amicable, reiterating what Fox said a couple of months ago.

"I think they understood how it was such a great fit in my life to be selfish and personal about it," said Buck, who will make his ESPN debut Thursday when he hosts an alternate telecast of the PGA Championship. "I had a long talk with a lot of people, and the conversation I had with (former Fox Sports president) David Hill right at the end of it was what really sealed it. He said to me, 'You will be nervous before your first game, and when was the last time you were really nervous before your first time? These are opportunities, and you need to take it if you can get it.' It couldn't have worked out any better for me and for my family."

Buck and Aikman have been working together since 2002 when they became Fox's top crew. They will match Pat Summerall and John Madden for the longest NFL booth pairing at 21 seasons when Russell Wilson and the Denver Broncos visit Wilson's former team, the Seattle Seahawks, on Sept. 12.

"We sat down towards the end of the season to sort of think about where we were going. I think we were challenged to say what's your pie in the sky, and I'm now sitting next to the pie in the sky," said Stephanie Druley, ESPN's head of event and studio production. "Plan for the best, and yeah, my answer is yes, we have the best booth."

ESPN delivers with massive upcoming slate

By **JOE REEDY**
AP Sports Writer

Three huge matchups to kick off the college football season, the XFL, a new Australian Open agreement and two new "30 for 30" documentaries were announced Tuesday by ESPN as part of its presentation to advertisers in New York.

The five-year agreement with the XFL concluded the presentation. It includes all 43 games (40 regular season and the playoffs) on ABC, ESPN and FX. XFL owners Dany Garcia and Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson were in attendance and presented the news. The XFL is slated to kick off on Feb. 18, 2023, with eight teams playing 10 regular-season games and the playoffs.

ABC has a doubleheader on Sept. 3 to kick off the college football season. Georgia will face Oregon in the Chick-fil-A Kickoff game in Atlanta at 3:30 p.m. EDT. Besides the Bulldogs opening their national title defense, it marks the first game for Ducks coach Dan Lanning, Georgia's defensive coordinator for the past two seasons.

New Notre Dame coach Marcus Freeman makes his debut on the road against Ohio State at 7:30 p.m. The day will begin with ESPN's "College GameDay" originating from Columbus, Ohio, for its first on-campus show of the season.

Former Fighting Irish coach Brian Kelly gets ABC's prime-time spotlight the following night when LSU takes on Florida State in New Orleans.

Many thought ABC might have to give up the Notre Dame-Ohio State game as a way for Fox to let Joe Buck out of his contract early to join Troy Aikman in the "Monday Night Football" booth. But ESPN president of program-

ming and original content Burke Magnus said that wasn't considered.

"Fox has the No. 1 overall pick with the Big 10. That has historically and appropriately every year been Ohio State-Michigan. We knew that Notre Dame-Ohio State was going to come to us at No. 2, and then we weren't going to let that go," Magnus said. "That's just an enormous matchup to kick off the season. Labor Day weekend has become such a franchise for us. It's clear of NFL competition, and there are so many meaningful college football games played."

ABC will have the Sept. 24 game between Wisconsin and Ohio State, Texas vs. Oklahoma in Dallas on Oct. 8, and Florida at Florida State on Nov. 25. The faceoff between Sunshine State rivals will take place on the day after Thanksgiving for the first time.

ESPN has renewed its deal for the Australian Open through 2031. It extended its deal with Wimbledon through 2035 last year and has the rights to the U.S. Open through 2025.

The nine-year agreement with Tennis Australia will include increasing hours on ESPN and ESPN2. Viewers complained about the decrease in coverage for this year's tournament on the linear channels, especially during the overnight hours, which are the night matches in Australia. Those matches were on the ESPN+ streaming service.

"Frankly, we have the availability so we're going to add back in some overnight coverage on the linear networks. I think that will even out the balance between linear and direct to consumer," Magnus said. "There will still be hundreds of matches on ESPN+, but the mix between linear and digital will tilt back

more in the direction of linear."

ESPN+ will continue to have exclusive coverage of all matches not on ESPN or ESPN2, along with on-demand replays of completed matches and a daily highlights show. A one-hour highlights show will also air on ABC during the middle and final weekends of the tournament.

Among other ESPN announcements Tuesday:

ESPN Films will have two "30 for 30" documentaries sometime this year on pool great Jeanette Lee, nicknamed "The Black Widow," and the 2000 Baltimore Ravens, who beat the New York Giants in Super Bowl 35.

The "Black Widow" documentary will be executive produced by ESPN Films in association with Words + Pictures with Ursula Liang ("9-Man," "Down a Dark Stairwell") directing and Cora Atkinson ("Summer of Soul") as producer.

The Ravens film is in association with NFL Films, with Ken Rodgers and Jason Weber as co-directors.

Peyton's Places on ESPN+ will expand with new shows hosted by Sue Bird (college basketball), John McEnroe (tennis) and P.K. Subban (hockey).

Manning's production company, Omaha Productions, will have its first UFC Megacast on July 2 with UFC 276 from Las Vegas. It is headlined by the middleweight championship bout between titleholder Israel Adesanya and Jared Cannonier.

Peyton and Eli Manning hosted ESPN's portion of the Disney Upfront, which also features the "Monday Night Football" crew of Buck, Aikman and Lisa Salter.

Keeping schools out of NIL dealings opened door for boosters

By **RALPH D. RUSSO**
AP College Sports Writer

By trying to limit how much schools can help college athletes cash in on their fame, the NCAA seems to have inadvertently opened the door for boosters to get a foothold in a burgeoning market.

Now, as the NCAA and its highest-profile Division I member schools try to rein in booster-fueled organizations known as collectives, part of the solution could be taking down the firewalls between athletic departments and athletes when it comes to name, image and likeness compensation.

"The school is who helps the athlete when they have an injury," said Jim Cavale, the CEO of INFLCR, a company that works with more than 200 Division I schools on NIL programming and compliance. "The school is who helps the athlete when they struggle in school. The school is who helps the athlete with everything. And yet they're not able to help here and it left a gap where the school can't be involved and a booster and donor can."

Last week, the NCAA handed down guidance that made clear collectives should be treated as boosters, which means they should not be contacting recruits — high school or transferring college athletes — and influencing where they go to school.

Boosters can, however, be involved in NIL deals with athletes after they have enrolled.

The latest guidance was developed by a group of college sports administrators that included Ohio State athletic director Gene Smith.

"The primary concern was exactly what has emerged. It is the recruiting space," Smith said. "We've got to focus on the front door."

Smith earlier helped craft a plan to regulate NIL compensation that was never implemented by the NCAA.

That 31-page report released in April 2020 was dominated by the idea that schools should not be involved in NIL transactions amid pay-for-play concerns and fears it would eventually lead to student-athletes looking more like employees. The report included this line: "Outside the context of providing financial aid up to cost of attendance as allowed by prevailing law, schools, conferences and the NCAA should play no role in arranging NIL activities or payments for student-athletes."

That hands-off tone was reflected in many of the more than two dozen state NIL laws, including the one in Florida where schools are barred from any involvement in outside compensation for athletes.

"It's ironic that the NCAA drafting rules but not setting them actually indirectly created a rule that opened the door for collectives to walk in and be a solution where the school could not," Cavale said.

What has emerged is collectives filling the role of dealmaker and boosters operating with little or no accountability and oversight beyond the honor system.

"Any kind of outsourcing of benefits to athletes is not ideal. It's suboptimal," Florida athletic director Scott Stricklin said.

Stricklin said he and his staff communicate with the collectives working on behalf of Florida and are confident they are working within the rules. However, highlighting the line between what is and is not allowed with boosters and NIL is far easier than policing it.

"I don't know what legal guardrails could be put in place where you could prevent donors being involved, boosters being

involved on some level (with recruiting), even though none of us want that," Stricklin said.

Louisiana and Missouri are currently trying to rework their state NIL laws to allow schools, and even coaches, to be more involved in how athletes are compensated.

If that happens, they will be talking with collectives that do not all operate the same way. Some are being set up to engage a university's supporters and alumni more broadly, but others are funded and operated by smaller groups of wealthy boosters.

"So the majority of collectives currently existing are being run by alumni ... boosters, people that were previous donors to the university," said attorney Jason Belzer, whose company, Student-Athlete NIL, is managing collectives at Penn State and Rutgers. "And I think the best way to describe it is like a money laundering machine: 'How do we get as much dollars into the pockets of student-athletes as we can without actually having them deliver any real value in return?'"

Belzer said he and his clients are not concerned about the NCAA's warning "because we were never engaging in that type of conduct (in recruiting) anyway." Garnet Trust, a collective that supports South Carolina athletics, also released a statement saying it was already operating in compliance with the new guidance.

Smith, the Ohio State athletic director, said more involvement by athletic departments with NIL would help. Schools would be better off playing the role of matchmaker between athletes and brands while still staying out of the negotiation of any deals.

"To me," Smith said, "that's the line in the sand."

Tigerettes' season ends in region semis

By Chris Siers
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SPARTA — What's been a stellar year of a new direction in Marshall County Tigerette softball ended on Tuesday afternoon in the Region 4-AAA tournament at White County.

What started off as a fantastic pitcher's duel between Tigerette starter Haylee Hobby and Warriorette ace Addison Abell saw the hosts string together a few more hits with runners on base and take the 3-0 win over Marshall County.

Hobby and Abell dueling through a hitless first inning and it was Jessa Lancaster that delivered the game's first base runner when she doubled to right in the second frame.

Abell settled and recorded the final two outs to strand the Tigerette in scoring position.

The Warriorettes responded with a two-out double in the bottom of the second, but Hobby pitched to contact and forced a fly out to end the White County half of the inning.

The back-and-forth affair continued into the third inning when White County drew a leadoff walk and later scored on a one-out double.

Marshall County continued to put the bat on the ball in the and Mallory Woodward connect-



Haylee Hobby delivers a first-inning pitch against White County on Tuesday night.

ed on a two-out single to center in the fourth, but again was left stranded on base.

The Tigerettes' best scoring chance came in the top of the fifth with back-to-back singles by Kaniyah Taylor and Demiyah Blackman to lead off the inning.

Abell responded with a strikeout and a 4-3 ground out before a hard-hit ball by Courtney Lunch lined out at first base, which could

have plated the tying run.

White County answered in swift order and plated two insurance runs on three base hits in the bottom of the inning to put the game out of reach.

Marshall County didn't manage another base runner over the final two innings.

While White County connected for eight hits off Hobby, she kept the damage to a minimum



Mallory Woodward connects for a two-out single in the top of the fourth inning.

and gave up just three runs, while striking out three.

Taylor Pickle pitched the final inning in relief and didn't allow a hit.

Lancaster's second-inning double was the biggest hit of the night for the Tigerettes, while Woodward, Taylor and Blackman all singled.

"Coming into Marshall County this year, we knew we wanted to set a new precedent for the program. Our desire as a coaching staff has been to build a well-respected, competitive program for the school and for these young ladies," Marshall County coach Amy Bonner said.

It's been a year of changes with the team making a push to a second-place district finish and a competitive effort in the region semifinals.

"I have been incredibly blessed to have three assistant coaches that have all contributed greatly to the success of the team this year. I appreciate them so much and all of the hard work they have done behind the scenes to help make this team successful," Bonner added.

Having made the push to the region and picked up a handful of upsets along the way, Bonner feels the return-

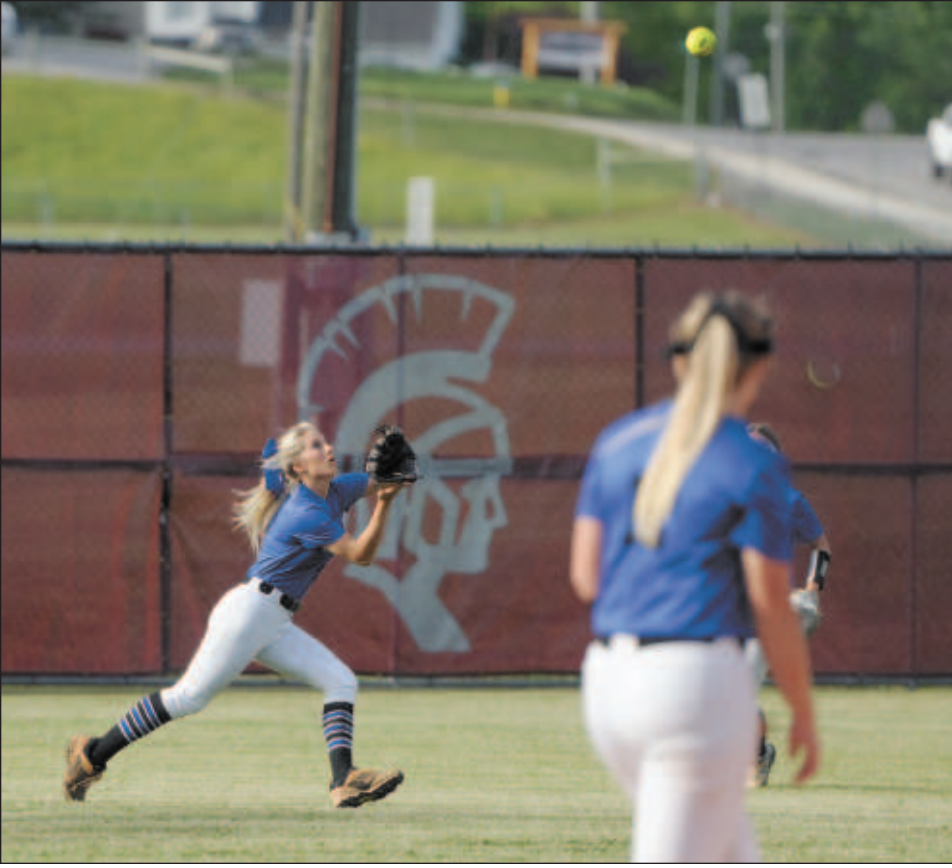
ing players, having been led by a quality core of seniors this year, have laid the foundation for reaching the vision of where the program can go from here.

"Unfortunately, our game against White County was not our best effort. The end of the year fatigue and lack of focus was something that we will work to improve on next season. However, we have definitely made strides in the right direction. We

will continue to build around the positive leadership we have from our returning players and work hard to show that Marshall County softball will continue to be a force to be reckoned with," she said.

Marshall County closes the season with an 18-8 overall record.

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Marshall Co.: Mallory Woodward 1-for-3,
Jessa Lancaster 1-for-3, Kaniyah Taylor
1-for-3, Demiyah Blackman 1-for-3.
2B: Lancaster
WP: Abell
LP: Hobby



Tigerette centerfielder Olivia Wooten dashes to record an out in the bottom of the third inning.



Right fielder Carlee Cole puts the squeeze on a fly out against White County on Tuesday.

Raiderettes rally past Cornersville in district tourney

By Dennis Holley
Sports Writer

CORNERSVILLE — After a late-night loss last Monday night that pushed Cornersville to the brink of elimination with a do-or-die game in District 9-A Tournament, the Lady Bulldogs faced the Moore County Raiderettes to see which team moved forward and which team packed up the gear and look to the next school year.

Unfortunately, the Lady Bulldogs, after taking the lead, saw the Raiderettes rally to tie the game in the fifth inning and with three runs in the top of the seventh inning pull out a 5-2 victory to send the Raiderettes to a game with Eagleville and the Cornersville team home for the season.

A saddened group of young ladies exited the field for the last time this season despite giving their all in a very well-played game.

Emma Ward pitched a complete game for Cornersville, along the way

gathering eight strikeouts, but was saddled with the loss as the Lady Dawgs bats were held down by Raiderette pitcher Paisley Logan, who gave up two runs on four hits.

With both teams experiencing jitters in game that meant the end of the season for one of the teams.

The game remained scoreless until the bottom of the third inning.

Zoe Blackwell for Cornersville got aboard on a Moore County error and Anna Wood was hit by a pitch to put two on base with no-outs.

Jayli Childress moved the runners up with a nice sacrifice bunt and Blackwell raced home on a wild pitch, just beating the tag with Wood advancing to third base.

After a walk by Alicia Polk, Emma Ward grounded a ball to the Moore County third baseman and as Ward was retired at first, Wood raced home, with once again the Cornersville runner just beating the tag and Cornersville led 2-0 after three in-



Emma Ward delivers a pitch for Cornersville.

nings.

Moore County responded in the top of the fourth as Anysten Metcalf singled and raced home after a Cornersville error to cut

second on a stolen base where Kendall Dangerfield, although striking out on a wild pitch, reached first base with Moorehead advancing to third base and scored as Paisley Logan grounded into a fielders' choice to tie the game at two.

The game remained tied until the top of the seventh inning where Moore County completed its rally as Anna-Leigh Ross opened the frame with a single.

Ward struck out the next Raiderette batter, but a Moorehead single put two runners on base.

The big hit of the game came off the bat of Dangerfield as she pounded a drive to left-center field for a double to drive in Ross.

Moore County had runners at second and third with one out; Logan then drove in both Raiderette runners with a double to left field, bumping the Moore County lead to 5-2.

The Lady Bulldogs fought back in the bottom of the inning as with one out Blackwell singled, Childress with

two outs reached on an error and Polk walked to load the bases.

But a fly-out to centerfield ended the game as well as ending Cornersville's season, as Moore County held on to win 5-2 and advanced to face Eagleville.

Although their season is over there is much to look forward to for this Lady Bulldog team. The entire team Coach Nathan Polk had on the field for this last game will return next year with Alicia Polk being the lone senior.

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Moore County: Emilee Moorehead 3-for-4,
Anysten Metcalf 3-for-4, Kendall Dangerfield
2-for-3, Anna-Leigh Ross 1-for-3.
RS: Dangerfield 2, Moorehead, Metcalf,
Ross.
RBI: Metcalf 3, Dangerfield.
BB: Dangerfield.
2B: Metcalf 2, Dangerfield.
SAC: Paisley Logan.
ROE: Childress, Blackwell.
SB: Wood.
HBP: Wood 2.
LOB: 8
LP: Emma Ward (7 IP, 9 H, 5 R, 3 ER, 5 SO, 1 BB).