

Fall Community Tennis begins

BY GRAYSON COUNTY NEWS

The Grayson County Fall Community Tennis league for local tennis enthusiasts has begun.

Matches are structured based on skill level, according to Grayson County tennis coach Sherry Vincent.

"Tennis is an excellent way to stay active, meet new people, and develop social connections and friends," she said.

Results from the first matches were as follows.

Miles Mudd & Jordan Smith defeated Wes Whitmore & Bryce Meredith 8-5.

Maddox Powell & Josh Hornbeck defeated Greg Bernard & Ethan Kingrey 8-4.

Whitney Hornbeck & Brittany Whitmore defeated Jessica Bernard & Kelli Meredith 8-2.

Roger Pierce & Max Wincklemann defeated Quintin Glasscock & Keegan Gregory 8-2.

Angie Durbin & Ben Bernard defeated Kevin Butler



Jessica Bernard and Kelli Meredith compete in doubles action.

& Dustin Hayes 8-4.

Ava Walker & Piper Mangan defeated Neely Hornbeck & Emma Walker 8-2.

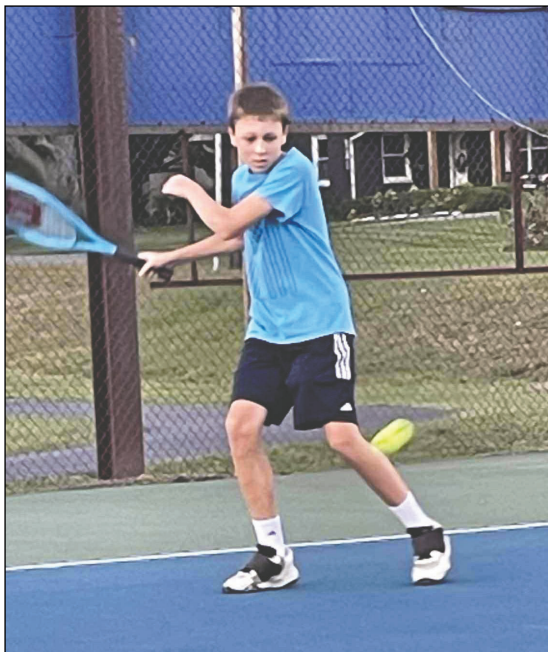
Collin Kingrey defeated Tanner Tilford 6-0.

Sanning Pierce & Tanner Tilford defeated Addison Meredith & Collin Kingrey 2-0.

Sanning Pierce defeated Collin Kingrey 2-0.



Whitney Hornbeck serves up for match play.



7th grader Tanner Tilford competes in the junior division of Fall Community Tennis.



Angie Durbin competes in the Fall Community Tennis league.



Bryce Meredith teams up with Wes Whitmore for a doubles match.

CPE board approves higher education budget request for next legislative session

SUBMITTED

The Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) board approved the public post-secondary biennial budget request for fiscal years 2026-27 and 2027-28, which includes requested increases in state funding to support general postsecondary operations. The request to the General Assembly includes:

- General Fund appropriations of \$1.15 billion in 2025-26 and \$1.21 billion in 2026-27 to support KCTCS and public university operations. This represents a 7% increase in the first year of the biennium and a 12% increase in the second.
- \$43 million in 2026-27 and \$87 million in 2027-28 to help offset inflationary pressures on campus operational costs, increases of 4.5% and 9%, respectively.
- \$30 million in 2026-27 and \$45 million in 2027-28 for the performance-based funding pool. This represents a 2.8% increase in the first year of the biennium and a 4.2% increase in the second, calculated on a \$1.02 billion General Fund base.

The request also includes funding to support campus renovation and renewal projects, new capital construction, a new tuition waiver reimbursement trust fund and CPE agency operations.

Additionally, the board took the following

actions:

- Approved revisions to CPE's policy for approving new academic programs at KCTCS and public universities, including new eligibility requirements and processes for comprehensive (regional) universities to offer doctoral programs.
- Approved revisions to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between CPE and Morehead State University, allowing more flexibility in nonresident tuition and fee charges in 2026-27 to assist in the recruitment of out-of-state students.
- Approved the repeal of the administrative regulation governing advanced practice doctoral degree programs at comprehensive universities (13 KAR 2:110), made obsolete by the passage of Senate Bill 77 (2025 Regular Session).

In other business, CPE staff provided an update on new key performance indicators (KPIs) for public postsecondary institutions. Additionally, Western Kentucky University discussed performance on KPIs during its annual presentation to the board.

Council meeting materials are available at cpe.ky.gov/aboutus/meetings.html. The board will hold its next work session on Nov. 6, followed by the regular board meeting on Nov. 7, at Brescia University in Owensboro, Ky.



Courtesy photo

Western Kentucky University held the official ribbon cutting and dedication of Amy and David Chandler Hall on Sept. 19.

WKU hosts ribbon cutting, building dedication

SUBMITTED

Western Kentucky University marked a significant milestone in the Gordon Ford College of Business's history on Friday, Sept. 19 with the official ribbon cutting and dedication of Amy and David Chandler Hall.

"When we opened the doors of this state-of-the-art facility to our students last month, we also opened the doors to endless possibilities for learning, for research, for leadership and for personal growth," President Timothy C. Caboni said. "This building immerses students in real-world experiences and fully equips them to thrive beyond their time on the Hill."

The 113,000-square-foot Collegiate Georgian facility on South Lawn blends cutting-edge technology with collaborative spaces that foster innovation, mentorship and professional growth. Since its opening, Chandler Hall has become a central hub for students, featuring flexible classrooms, an Investment and Applied Learning Lab, a dedicated sales classroom, a real-time stock-ticker and a comprehensive Student Success Center. The spaces were designed to more uniformly serve the needs of students and elevate the teaching and research of the faculty and staff. Additionally, its coffee shop, Topper Grind, has quickly become popular among the campus community.

The Gordon Ford College of Business has experienced significant enrollment increases in recent years, and the new building will support that enrollment growth while celebrating the history of business education in Kentucky.

The project was made possible through a combination of state investment and private philanthropy. In April 2022, the Kentucky General Assembly approved \$74.4 million as part of House Bill 1 to support construction. The commitment was strengthened by WKU alumni Amy and David Chandler, whose transformative gift inspired the building's name and provided critical support for the facility.

"Western Kentucky University holds a special place in our hearts," David Chandler said. "Supporting the new home of the Gordon Ford College of Business reflects our belief in the power of education to transform lives."

"We hope this investment helps provide students at WKU with the tools, opportunities and leadership skills they need to succeed," Amy Hale Chandler said. "And we hope they use those attributes to pursue their own giving opportunities for the benefit of others, just as we once dreamed of doing as students at WKU."

"Amy and David Chandler Hall truly blends innovation with connection," said Dr. Evelyn Thrasher, dean of the Gordon Ford College of Business. "It's not just a place to learn — it's a place

where mentorship, collaboration and professional growth happen every day. By distributing departments across multiple floors, we've created new opportunities for interdisciplinary faculty collaboration that directly benefits students."

Students have quickly embraced the space.

Senior Finance major Tanner Redmon said, "This building and its amenities make me want to be a student forever. One of the things I love most is that there's no wall between professors and students here. The design reflects the way our faculty are always available — ready to mentor and help us whenever we need it."

The ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony included remarks from Amy Chandler, Caboni, Thrasher, Janette Scott of Gensler architects, Tom Lampe of Messer Construction, GFCB Student Ambassador Tanner Redmon, Kentucky Senate Pro Tempore David Givens, and state Rep. Michael Meredith.

In addition to the gift from Amy and David Chandler, the facility currently features 35 philanthropically named spaces and a donor wall that recognizes an additional 76

donors who made gifts to support the facility. Learn more about these philanthropic gifts at <https://alumni.wku.edu/s/808/24/landing.aspx?sid=808&gid=1&pgid=7346>.

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