

MCHS mock trial team wins state championship, plans to compete at nationals

LEBANON — The Marion County High School mock trial team earned a chance to compete at the national level after coming away with the school's first mock trial state championship.

MCHS social studies teacher David Hibbard and his wife Stacey, an attorney, coach the team, which will now have an opportunity to travel to Phoenix, Arizona, in May for the national competition after winning the state tournament earlier this month.

"At times it was really tense," Hibbard said of the state competition. "When you get to the state level everyone is good so you walk into those courtrooms and you know the team you're competing against has achieved something or they wouldn't be there."

In mock trials, teams must defend one side of a case with students playing the role of attorneys and witnesses. They're judged based on their performance, many times by actual judges and attorneys.

Prior to competitions, the Kentucky High School Mock Trial Association creates a fictional case and provides documents to teams which they review. Starting in January, schools schedule scrimmages that lead up to the regional and state competitions.

Hibbard explained that his wife trains students on legal procedures (how to object, for example) while he is more focused on the performance aspect of the competition.

"It's not scripted, so students have to be prepared to think on their feet, do some critical thinking, analyze the case, and come up with good questions," he said.

Hibbard added that some of the team's members are now considering a career in law and added that the team has received high praise from those in the legal profession.

"We hear from lawyers and judges that our students are better prepared many times than actual lawyers that walk into the judge's courtroom," he said. "To me that's a tribute to the hard-working students we have who are willing to take on this



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role and be better prepared than people who do this for a living every single day."

Among the students involved is Hibbard's son Jaxson, a senior, who pointed out that the MCHS team doesn't have all the same advantages as some other high schools' teams.

"We're kind of an unorthodox mock trial team because a bunch of these other teams have classes within their school [for mock trial] and even one team we scrimmaged had a mini-courtroom inside of their school, which was pretty interesting," he said.

Instead, the team practiced after-school to prepare for their competitions.

"It's hard work. You definitely have to be dedicated and you definitely have to put a lot of time into it, but you see the rewards," the younger Hibbard said. "When you continue to practice and continue to better yourself it's very rewarding."

This is the third year of the current iteration of the MCHS mock trial team; earlier in his teaching career Hibbard helped coach a mock trial team for eight years. He agreed to restart the program when students started discussing mock trial programs at other schools and he mentioned that he'd been involved in the past.

"We had a really good group of kids interested, so we tried it and it all came

together," he said, adding he's hoping to add students who are eager to embrace the unique competitive nature of mock trials. "Anybody who wants to commit to being a better version of themselves through competition on the academic side. You really do compete against another team where you have to debate their ideas and prove your ideas are better. Students who enjoy looking at issues from different perspectives [...] those are the types of students we're looking for."

And while the competitive aspect of mock trial led to a state championship, Hibbard said his favorite part is seeing students take ownership of the critical thinking involved.

"The most fun comes from seeing students grasp a hold of an idea and take it and do their own thing without guidance from the adults," he said. "They took it in some different directions we hadn't thought of which is really cool to see."

For the national competition, the team will receive a new case to review, but unlike the regional and state competitions, will only have about a month to prepare. While there are enough students committed to make the trip, the team is still in the process of raising money to afford the trip. Anyone interested in making a donation to the mock trial team can contact Hibbard by email at david.hibbard@marion.kyschools.us.

Taylor tops Marion in tennis

BY DOUG THOMAS
SPECIAL TO THE ENTERPRISE

Taylor County dominated doubles play to defeat both the Marion County girls' and boys' tennis teams Tuesday at Miller Park in Campbellsville.

The Cardinals swept the Knights in boy's play 5-0 and narrowly defeated the girls' team 3-2 in a preview of the conference tournament next week.

Marion County easily won the first two singles matches in girls' action as top seeds Jacklyn Farmer and Miranda Buckler cruised to straight set wins. However, Taylor County's dominance in doubles play tied the afternoon at 2-2.

Hailee Sapp edged Lady Knights' three singles player Lila Filiatreau 8-6 to win the decisive third match to secure the victory.

"Jacklyn and Miranda both put up solid performances, but I was most impressed with Lila nearly pulling out a singles win in her first individual match. When our girls get their first serves in we have a much better shot at winning," Coach Steve Humphress explained.

Marion County doubles team had less success as the young talented Cardinal teams had little trouble in winning all but two games in four sets. "Taylor County always seems to find some good young players that can contribute right away. Their overall team depth, especially in doubles was evident in this match," Humphress added.

On the boys' side, top-seeded Jacob Hamilton continued to end up on the short end as he completes a gauntlet of the region's top players. Reece Spalding, a region semifinalist last year, ousted Hamilton in straight sets 6-2, 6-4 but according to Humphress his top player put up a good fight.

"They had some really good rallies in this match, but Jacob continued to lose his patience on the longer ones. He would make some great runs and then still lose the point. He's not far off from beating any of these top players," Humphress said.

Marion County second seed Gabriel Mullins dropped in a supersets loss 8-3 and Magnus Lieberum fell 8-2. The inexperienced Marion County doubles teams were no match for the home team as Taylor County completed the 5-0 sweep.

"Our young boys are getting better, but it's hard to compete at this level when you're still learning the game. The more these guys play the better they will be this time next season," Humphress explained.

The Marion County teams travel to Thomas Nelson tomorrow and begin Heartland Conference play on Monday in Campbellsville.

TAYLOR COUNTY 3, MARION COUNTY 2

Jacklyn Farmer (M) def. Catie Rexroat (T) 6-0, 6-2
Miranda Buckler (M) def. Shaylin Lemmon (T) 6-1, 6-3

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Marion County to host volleyball tri-match

LEBANON — Marion County is scheduled to host a boys' high school volleyball tri-match on Monday, April 14.

The upcoming tri-match will be comprised of host Marion County, Thomas Nelson, and Francis Parker.

Marion County is slated to meet Thomas Nelson at 5:30 p.m.

The Knights are slated to meet Francis Parker at 7:30 p.m.

Marion County entered April with a 5-3 record. The Knights

opened the 2025 boys' high school volleyball season 5-0.

Brinton Bland, Will Blake, Jaxson Hibbard, Jacob Hamilton, Caleb VanDyke, Cash Strong, Miquel Gijon, Magnus Lieberum, Rye Spragens, Cameron Knight, and Jacob Bland are each making an impact on the court for Marion County in the 2025 boys' high school volleyball season.

Additional opponents remaining on Marion County's 2025 regular season schedule

include Danville Christian, Collins, Southwestern, North Bullitt, West Jessamine, Henry Clay, Adair County, Casey

County, Pulaski County, and East Jessamine.

The Knights will enter the postseason in May.

O'Daniels celebrate their 70th Anniversary

Emma Osbourne (Springfield, KY) and Paul W. "Wally" O'Daniel (Lebanon, KY) met in the summer of 1952 just a few weeks after Wally returned from Korea with the Kentucky 623rd National Guard serving with the US Army. They were introduced by Emma's older brother Sidney. They married on April 11, 1955, while Wally was a student at the University of Kentucky. After graduating in January 1957 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, they moved to Columbus, Ohio, where he worked for North American (later North American Rockwell). As an engineer, he designed and developed parts for the aviation industry. He worked with test pilots, contributing to the development of jet engines and developing parts that were part of the Mercury and Apollo space missions.

Emma and Wally moved to the suburb of Gahanna, Ohio, in August 1959 with their growing family and buying their first home. They had four children, Maureen, Tim, and Kate between 1958 and 1960. Their son Paul was born in 1967 but sadly died of heart complications within days. The family were founding members of St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Gahanna. Emma began driving the school bus for Gahanna Jefferson School District as the kids started in middle school in the early 1970's. She worked summers as office staff for The Ohio Packing Company.

As the kids grew up and moved out, Emma and Wally moved to another home in Gahanna. Here they celebrated the marriages of their children and births of their three



WALLY AND EMMA O'DANIEL

grandsons (Christopher, Charles, and Daniel). Wally retired from Rimrock Corporation in the late 90's and Emma retired from the school system a few years later. They moved to a senior community in 2019 where they continue to be active with their neighbors, friends, and faith. They celebrated their first great grandchild in 2023.

Emma and Wally's children were raised to be responsible citizens and follow their passions. The kids had chores and responsibilities early and learned about faith, love, marriage, family, integrity, friendship and financial accountability from observing their parents. Emma and Wally have been an inspiration to their children, their friends and their many nieces and nephews (more than 70). Their love and devotion to one another continue to be admired by their family, neighbors and friends. Many thanks to all who will help them celebrate this special day and help support their ability to live independently including close family and friends — Brian Annis, Kim Greene, Charlie Annis, Daniel Annis, Christopher and Darcy O'Daniel, Maggie Berger, and Margaret O'Daniel.

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