

SPORTS ON THE AIR

TODAY

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

11:30 a.m. — Big Ten Tournament: TBD vs. Ohio St., Third Round, Chicago BTN
 12:30 p.m. — Southeastern Tournament: Kentucky vs. Missouri, Second Round, Nashville, Tenn.SECN
 2:30 p.m. — Southeastern Tournament: TBD vs. Tennessee, Second Round, Nashville, Tenn.SECN
 7 p.m. — Southeastern Tournament: TBD vs. Georgia, Second Round, Nashville, Tenn.SECN
 9:30 p.m. — Southeastern Tournament: TBD vs. Texas A&M, Second Round, Nashville, Tenn.SECN

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

5 p.m. — Southland Tournament: TBD, Championship, Lake Charles, La.ESPNU

GOLF

1 p.m. — PGA Tour: The PLAYERS Championship, First Round, TPC Sawgrass (The PLAYERS Stadium Course), Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.GOLF

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MLB

1 p.m. — Spring Training: Boston vs. Minnesota, Fort Myers, Fla.MLBN
 6 p.m. — Spring Training: Atlanta vs. Pittsburgh, Bradenton, Fla.MLBN
 9 p.m. — Spring Training: Kansas City vs. San Diego, Peoria, Ariz.MLBN

NBA

7 p.m. — Philadelphia at Detroit PRIME VIDEO
 9:30 p.m. — Boston at Oklahoma City PRIME VIDEO

TENNIS

2 p.m. — Indian Wells - Live; ATP/WTA Quarterfinals....TENNIS

FRIDAY

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

1 p.m. — Southeastern Tournament: TBD, Quarterfinal, Nashville, Tenn.ESPN
 3:30 p.m. — Southeastern Tournament: TBD, Quarterfinal, Nashville, Tenn.ESPN
 7 p.m. — Southeastern Tournament: TBD, Quarterfinal, Nashville, Tenn.SECN
 9:30 p.m. — Southeastern Tournament: TBD, Quarterfinal, Nashville, Tenn.SECN

AUTO RACING

3 p.m. — Indy NXT Series: Practice, Streets of Arlington, Arlington, TexasFS2
 4 p.m. — NTT IndyCar Series: Practice, Streets of Arlington, Arlington, TexasFS2

COLLEGE BASEBALL

8 p.m. — Georgia Tech at Clemson ACCN

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

5 p.m. — America East Tournament: TBD, Championship... ESPNU

WOMEN'S COLLEGE GYMNASTICS

4 p.m. — TBA ACCN
 6 p.m. — BYU at Clemson ACCN

GOLF

1 p.m. — PGA Tour: The PLAYERS Championship, Second Round, TPC Sawgrass (The PLAYERS Stadium Course), Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.GOLF

NBA

7:30 p.m. — Cleveland at Dallas PRIME VIDEO
 10 p.m. — Minnesota at Golden State PRIME VIDEO

Big fourth quarter lifts Lions over Devils

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MOREHEAD What does a slot machine player have in common with Russell and Boyd County?

On Monday night inside Ellis T. Johnson Arena, both the Red Devils and Lions were down to their last quarter, looking for a big win.

Boyd County hit the jackpot and got past Russell 76-71 in a game that came down to the wire.

"These guys have been doing this all year long," Boyd County coach Randy Anderson said. "They really believe in each other. They have a lot of toughness to them. In the first half, we just got drilled on the boards, I think it was like 25-12, but in the second half, we made a commitment to cleaning that up. I'm proud of their efforts."

Both teams remained neck and neck all night, with Russell leading by five at halftime before the score got knotted up heading in to the fourth quarter.

"Tonight, they did everything that we set out to do, and I thought we played a great first half," Russell coach Derek Cooksey said. "We took advantage of opportunities and outworked them. We knew they were going to come with a run, we anticipated it, but then we just didn't capitalize. We missed some shots and that's the game of basketball."

The Lions' performance in the final frame was a masterclass in efficiency, as the 64th District champs shot with 90% accuracy in the quarter, going 9-10 from the field.

In a game where neither team had led by double digits in the first three frames, a 13-3 Lions run to start the fourth kicked off by a Jacob Spurlock 3 and highlighted by a pair of Ethan Rardon treys changed the complexion of the night with under five minutes to go.

Malachi Payne facilitated a lot of the offensive efforts for Boyd County, assisting on four buckets and getting a pair of his own.

"I felt like we needed some of that adversity," Payne said. "We were a little too comfortable at the beginning. That adversity allowed us to go out and fight. I feel like we've been through this the whole season, so that's nothing new for us."

Payne led the Lions on the night with 24 points.



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Russell's Tyler Cordial blocks the shot attempt by Boyd County's Malachi Payne on Monday.

His scoring abilities in the first half went a long way in keeping Boyd County going amidst an aggressive defensive presence from Russell.

"He takes what the game gives," Anderson said of Payne. "If he can get to the rim, which he did a lot, he uses his speed and quickness. He was really good in the second half, but he hit some perimeter shots in the first half, too. He just does a good job of looking for Spurlock, and Gunner knows those guys are our first options. If not, he makes sure that we get it where it needs to be."

The Red Devils cleaned up under the basket on

boards, securing 25 to the Lions' 12 in the first half, which helped give Russell the 37-32 advantage at halftime.

Those second, third, and sometimes fourth-chance opportunities paved the way for Russell to find plenty of points in the opening half.

"We knew from playing them in the regular season that you don't want to get down and play from behind against Boyd County," Cooksey said. "I thought we were able to rebound the basketball. You can't give a team like that second and third chances, because if you do, they shoot the ball so well they're going to

make you pay."

A 3 from Gunnar Woods put Boyd County up seven going into the first-quarter media timeout at 2:37.

That was the largest lead either squad would see in the first half.

A 7-0 run capped off by a Kaiden Benge trey set the score even, where both teams remained into the second quarter.

A pair of back to back 3s by Malachi Payne edged the Lions back in front 30-25 in the second quarter, but the Red Devils continued to outpace their opponents on rebounds, which kept them in stride with Boyd County.

A last-second tip in from Tyler Codial topped off another 7-0 run from Russell to close the first half up 37-32. The shot was the third look the Red Devils had on that possession.

Russell's Ryder Burgess led the night in scoring with 28 points, including six made 3s. He's part of the young core that Cooksey looks to lean on next year.

"Most of our team is sophomores, plus guys like Gabe Pridemore and Corbin McGrath coming back as seniors," Cooksey said. "There are some big expectations in our program moving forward. Ryder put it upon himself to get some offensive buckets and we played off that. The future is bright and we've got to get back to work."

With the win, Boyd County moves on to face Ashland for the fourth time this year, and for the fourth year in a row in the region finals.

Anderson knows his guys understand what's at stake. With a season full of battles, including winning

the 2A State championship, he sees them as ready to get the job done.

"We've battled all year long," Anderson said. "These guys have played in some pretty big tournaments and won the 2A. I think they realize that games like this go really fast, believe it or not. You cannot turn the ball over and you can't get beat on the boards. Ashland is going to guard it hard. They're going to crash the boards hard. Defense and rebounding wins in the postseason. That will be the emphasis."

Payne agrees and says his team needs to stick to their identity to end Ashland's seven-year region streak and punch that elusive ticket to Rupp Arena.

"I just think we need to be us," Payne said. "I feel like the first two games, we didn't play our game. It was kind of one-on-one basketball, but I feel like now we're gelling. Gelling on the court and off, in the gym... we know each other's strengths and weaknesses, and that's key for us."

RUSSELL	FG	FT	REB	TP
Burgess	11-22	0-2	2	28
Cordial	7-14	0-0	12	15
Benge	5-7	2-3	6	13
Prickett	3-14	1-2	9	7
Pridemore	1-5	2-2	5	4
White	1-3	2-3	1	4
Mcgrath	0-1	0-0	1	0
Team			5	
TOTAL	28-66	7-12	41	71

FG Pct.: 42.4. FT Pct.: 58.3. 3-pointers: 8-23 (Burgess 6-12, Benge 1-3, Cordial 1-3, McGrath 0-1, Pridemore 0-1, White 0-1, Prickett 0-2). PF: 18. Fouled out: None. Turnovers: 7.

BOYD CO.	FG	FT	REB	TP
Payne	7-12	8-10	4	24
Spurlock	7-15	4-5	9	20
Woods	5-8	2-3	3	16
Rardon	4-6	0-0	1	11
Rimmer	2-6	1-2	5	5
Huff	0-0	0-0	0	0
Carter	0-0	0-0	3	0
Team			1	
TOTAL	25-47	15-20	26	71

FG Pct.: 53.2. FT Pct.: 75. 3-pointers: 11-21 (Woods 4-5, Rardon 3-5, Payne 2-4, Spurlock 2-6, Rimmer 0-1). PF: 16. Fouled out: None. Turnovers: 9.

RUSSELL	FG	FT	REB	TP
Woods	19	18	14	20
BOYD CO.	19	13	19	25

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BOYD CIRCUIT COURT
 CIVIL ACTION NO. 24-CI-00203

DOT CAPITAL INVESTMENTS, LLC, PLAINTIFF,
 vs. ADVERTISEMENT

RTLF-KY, LLC DEFENDANT/
 CROSS CLAIMANT

vs.

BOBBY JOE VANHOOSE;
 UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF BOBBY JOE VANHOOSE;
 COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF BOYD; and
 SOUTHERN STATES FLEMINGSBURG COOPERATIVE, INCORPORATED;
 DEFENDANTS.

Pursuant to Order to Re-Schedule Sale entered on February 20, 2026, I shall sell the property described herein below at public auction in the lobby inside the front door of the old Boyd County Courthouse, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, on **Friday, March 20, 2026, at 11:25 a.m.**, to highest bidder on the following terms:

Full purchase price will be due at time of sale, payable by personal, business or official check. We do not accept cash. **IF the Master Commissioner has pre-approved the surety and collateral for a bidder's bond**, a down payment of ten-percent (10%) of the purchase price will be due at time of sale, and the unpaid balance with interest at the rate of **12.00% per annum** will be due within thirty (30) days from the date of sale.
 Address/Short Description of Property: 19.948 acres on Davis Branch Road, Rush (For Legal Description, see LSOT: Deed Book 796, Page 404, and Deed Book 796, Page 407, for outward conveyance in the Boyd County Clerk's Office)
 Map/Parcel ID Number: 028-00-00-038.00

NOTE - Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter.

/s/ Kenneth Williams, Jr.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

BOYD CIRCUIT COURT - DIVISION II
 CIVIL ACTION NO. 23-CI-00006

PLANET HOME LENDING, LLC, PLAINTIFF,
 vs. ADVERTISEMENT

PAMELA S. BERRY;
 MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC,
 COUNTY OF BOYD, KENTUCKY,
 DEFENDANTS.

Pursuant to Amended Judgment and Order of Sale entered on February 9, 2026, I shall sell the property described herein below at public auction in the lobby inside the front door of the old Boyd County Courthouse, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, on **Friday, March 20, 2026, at 11:10 a.m.**, to highest bidder on the following terms:

Full purchase price will be due at the time of sale, payable by personal, business or official check or money order. We do not accept cash. **IF the Master Commissioner has pre-approved the surety for a bidder's bond**, a down payment of ten-percent of the purchase price will be due at time of sale, and the unpaid balance with interest at the rate of **3.375% per annum** will be due within thirty (30) days from the date of sale.
 Address/Short Description of Property: 1530 Kentucky Avenue, Ashland (For Legal Description, see LSOT: Deed Book 787, Page 746, Boyd County Clerk's Office)
 Map/Parcel ID Numbers: 031-20-09-002.00

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/s/ Kenneth Williams, Jr.
 KENNETH WILLIAMS, JR. BOYD CIRCUIT COURT MASTER COMMISSIONER
 Please visit our website:
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 NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE'

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Greenbrier Minerals, LLC, 100 Bill Baker Way, Beckley, WV 25801 has applied for Phase I, II and III Bond Release on Increment No. 1 of Permit Number 810-8037, which was last issued on July 15, 2024. Increment No. 1 covers an area of approximately 7.38 acres located in Boyd County.

The proposed area is approximately 0.21 miles south of Old U.S. 60's junction with U.S. 60 and located Big Sandy River. The Latitude is 38 degrees 21 minutes 05 seconds. The Longitude is 82 degrees 35 minutes 56 seconds.

The bond now in effect for Increment NO. 1 is a Surety Bond for two hundred twenty-two thousand dollars (\$222,000.00). The remaining bond of two hundred twenty-two thousand (\$222,000.00) is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed on Increment No. 1 includes backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching completed in January 2026.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, 300 Sower Blvd., Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by May 2, 2026.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for May 4, 2026 at 10:00 at the Department for Natural Resource's Pikeville Regional Office located at 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, KY 41501. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by May 2, 2026.
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