

## Current Sports/School

# FIS Preschool announces Head Start registration event

Families in the Fulton Independent School District are invited to register their children for preschool during an upcoming enrollment event for Fulton Independent Preschool, Head Start, and Early Head Start programs.

Registration will take place on Fri., April 3 at the Pontotoc Community Center in Fulton. Appointments are required to attend.

The event is open to children who are three or four years old and qualify for Head Start or Preschool.

The Early Head Start program serves children from birth to age three, as well as pregnant mothers. New students should be present at the appointment to complete required screenings.

Parents and guardians are asked to bring the fol-

lowing documents: the child's certified birth certificate; proof of all household income (2025 tax returns, W-2 forms, SNAP or KTAP letters, etc.); the child's medical insurance card; and custody or guardianship papers, if applica-

ble. To schedule an appointment, families may call 270-472-6559 or email [stephanie.veatch@fulton-ind.kyschools.us](mailto:stephanie.veatch@fulton-ind.kyschools.us) to begin the enrollment process.

Transportation is available for enrolled students

living within the Fulton Independent School District.

School officials encourage families to schedule appointments early to ensure a smooth registration process and secure placement for the upcoming school year.

# Pilot Partners Volunteer Program aims to support young learners

A new volunteer initiative is inviting community members to help "steer young pilots to success" through mentorship and academic support at the elementary level.

The Pilot Partners Volun-

teer Program is designed to provide students with additional encouragement and skill-building opportunities throughout the school day. Volunteers will assist with partner reading activities and help students strengthen

foundational skills, including math fluency.

The program operates during two daily time slots: 8:15 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 2:45 p.m., allowing flexibility for community members who wish to par-

ticipate.

Organizers emphasize that all volunteers must complete a board-approved volunteer form prior to serving in the school.

The initiative promotes the message "Navigate,

Encourage, & Grow," reflecting its focus on guiding students academically and personally. By working one-on-one or in small groups, volunteers will help build confidence, improve reading abilities, and reinforce

math skills.

Those interested in becoming a Pilot Partner are encouraged to contact Ashton Giles, Elementary Principal, at 270-236-3904 for more information about how to get involved.

# FCHS Pilots secure spot in First Region Tournament

Mark Collier

The Fulton County High School Pilots secured a spot in the First Region Tournament by defeating the Hickman County High School Falcons 46-44 in the first round of the First District Tournament Tues., Feb. 24.

In the championship game of the First District Tournament, the Pilots came

up short against the Carlisle County High School Comets, 78-53, on Fri., Feb. 27.

The Pilots will take on the Marshall County High School Marshals in the opening round of the First Region Tournament Wed., March 4 at the CFSB Center on the campus of Murray State University. Tip-off is set for 6 p.m.

CCHS 78

FCHS 53

The Pilots shot 37.3% from the field against the Comets, making 22 of their 59 field goal attempts, including four of their 14 three-point attempts.

They shot 35.7% from the free-throw line, making five of their 14 attempts.

Zayden Kinney led the Pilots with 25 points, followed by Zyian Frame with

10 points, Caden Kimble and Braylan Hendrix with seven points, and Charles Keys with four points.

The Pilots grabbed 39 rebounds, led by Kimble with eight, Frame with seven, Zayden Kinney with six, Keys and Rashaud Houston with five rebounds each, and Jamar Martin with one rebound.

FCHS 46

HCHS 44

The Pilots made 17 of their 41 field-goal attempts, for 41.5%, including seven of their 17 three-point attempts, for 41.2%.

They shot 38.5% from the free-throw line, making five of their 13 attempts.

Hendrix led the Pilots with 18 points, followed by Zayden Kinney with 14 points, D.K. Kinney with

eight points, Kimble with four points, and Frame with two points.

35 rebounds were grabbed by the Pilots, led by Kimble with 15 rebounds, followed by Hendrix with 10 rebounds, Zayden Kinney and Frame with three rebounds each, Houston with two rebounds, and D.K. Kinney and Keys with one rebound each.

# Lady Pilots fall to Lady Comets in opening round

Mark Collier

In the first round of the First District Tournament, the 2025-26 season came to a close for the Fulton County High Lady Pi-

lots after a 79-29 loss to the eventual First District champions, the Carlisle County High School Lady Comets, on Mon., Feb. 23.

The Lady Pilots shot 21.6% from the field, mak-

ing 11 of their 51 field-goal attempts, including one of their 11 three-point attempts.

They shot 85.7% from the free-throw line, making six of their seven at-

tempts.

Taylan Hendrix led the Lady Pilots with 11 points, followed by LaBrea Crumble and Jaleeha Smith with eight points each, and Julia Crovetto

with two points.

The Lady Pilots pulled down 20 rebounds, led by Crumble and Smith with five rebounds each, Hendrix with four, Essence Beard and Amijah Free-

man with two rebounds each, and Crovetto and Zola Cheirs with one rebound each.

The Lady Pilots finished with a 5-16 overall record.

# FHS Lady Bulldogs fall to Lady Falcons in District Tournament

Mark Collier

The 2025-26 season

came to a close for the Fulton High School Lady Bulldogs at the hands of

the Hickman County High School Lady Falcons after a 62-32 loss in the first

round of the First District Tournament Tues., Feb. 24.

The Lady Bulldogs were held to 37% shooting from the field, making 10 of their 27 field-goal attempts, but did make three of their six three-point attempts for 50%.

They also shot 50% from the free-throw line, making nine of their 18 attempts.

Cynthia Daniels led the Lady Bulldogs with 11 points, Desarae Johnson with nine points,

Ashlyn Virgin with five points, Jazya Jones with three points, and Madison Acosta and Piper Cavness with two points each.

The Lady Bulldogs grabbed 15 rebounds, led by Virgin with five rebounds, followed by Cavness with four, Johnson with three, Jones with two, and Acosta with one.

The Lady Bulldogs finished the season with a 8-16 record.

# Fulton County Elementary Beta Club accepting cereal boxes for Cereal Drive

During the month of March, the Fulton County Elementary School Beta Club will be accepting donations for their Cereal Drive.

Their goal is 200 boxes, and all new, unopened boxes will be donated to the Summer Feeding Program.

To donate a box of ce-

real, bring it to the FCES office, Amy Stephens, or Brey Jones.

Once the deadline is up, Fulton County Elementary School will participate

in the Cereal Box Domino Challenge on April 3, where they will line up all of the donations, knock them over and watch the chain reaction.

# University of Tennessee at Martin holds statewide 125th anniversary tour

Representatives from the University of Tennessee at Martin will make a tour across the state in April to promote and celebrate the university's 125th anniversary.

The UT Martin 125th Anniversary State Tour will begin Monday, April 13, in Knoxville and end on Friday, April 17, in Ripley, the home of one of UT Martin's six regional centers.

Throughout the week, the UT Martin caravan will make stops in Chattanooga, Nashville, Parsons, Selmer, Memphis and Somerville, celebrating a century and a quarter of providing higher education to West Tennessee.

Chancellor Yancy Freeman Sr. said he looks forward to meeting alumni and friends of UT Martin on the tour.

"For 125 years, UT Martin has been transforming lives and serving the people of West Tennessee and beyond," he said. "This state tour is an opportunity to take that story on the road, to celebrate our history with the alumni, friends and families who are the living proof of what this university means."

"Our legacy is written in the success of our graduates, and we want to honor that legacy in communities across the state."

To register for participation at the tour stops of your choice, visit [alumni.utm.edu/125tour](http://alumni.utm.edu/125tour), click on the appropriate link and register.

Here is a look at the ten-

tative schedule for the UT Martin 125th Anniversary State Tour (all times are local to the site):

- Mon., April 13: Legacy and Loyalty Brunch, The Square Room, Knoxville, 9-10:30 a.m.; UT Martin Alumni Mixer, Chattanooga, 6-8 p.m.

- Tues., April 14: Mere Bullets Restaurant, Brentwood, 6-8 p.m.

- Wed., April 15: UT Martin Skyhawk Sunrise Social, UT Martin Parsons Center, 9-10:30 a.m.; Skyhawk Legacy Hour student and family reception, UT Martin McNairy County Center/Selmer, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; UT Martin 125th Legacy Celebration Luncheon, UT Martin McNairy County Center/Selmer, noon-2 p.m.

- Thurs., April 16: UT Martin Alumni Mixer, Hilton Memphis, 6-8 p.m.

- Fri., April 17: UT Martin 125 Connection, 1070 WDIA, Memphis, "Stanley Bell Morning Show," 9-10 a.m.; Skyhawk Legacy Hour student and family reception, UT Martin Somerville Center, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; UT Martin 125th Legacy Celebration Luncheon, UT Martin Somerville Center, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; UT Martin Ripley Community Cel-

ebration open house, UT Martin Ripley Center, 4-6 p.m.

The university kicked off a yearlong 125th anniversary celebration on Oct. 10, 2025, with a formal ceremony in the Boling University Center on the main campus. The celebration is slated to culminate this October.

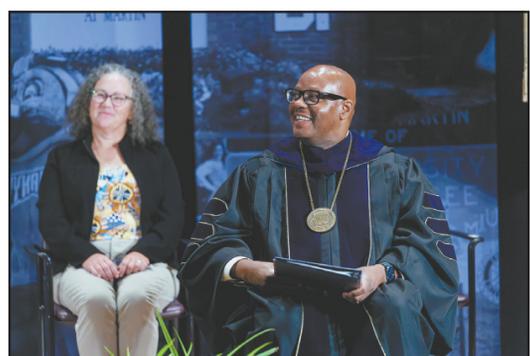
"At UT Martin, our philosophy is simple: every student, every time," Freeman said. "This tour is about connecting with the people who make that mission possible: our alumni, our supporters and the communities that

have believed in us for 125 years. We're not just celebrating where we've been; we're building momentum for where we're going."

UT Martin was established in 1900 as the Hall-Moody Institute, opening classes on Sept. 2, 1901. It underwent a number of changes since then, becoming the University of Tennessee Junior College in 1927, the University of Tennessee Martin Branch in 1951 and the University of Tennessee at Martin in 1967.

UT Martin has regional centers in Jackson, Parsons, Ripley, Selmer, Somerville and Springfield to bring higher education closer to the people of West and Middle Tennessee.

For more information about UT Martin, visit [www.utm.edu](http://www.utm.edu) or call 1-800-829-UTM1 (-8861).



STATE TOUR – UT Martin Chancellor Yancy Freeman Sr. smiles during a light moment in the UT Martin 125th anniversary celebration kickoff ceremony held Oct. 10, 2025, in the university's Boling University Center. UTM Faculty Senate President Dr. Sandy Mehlhorn is shown to his left. Freeman and other university representatives will make a statewide 125th anniversary tour in April to promote and celebrate the milestone. (Photo submitted)

## INVITATION TO BID

The Fulton County Board of Education is requesting sealed bids for lawn and campus care for the 2026 2027 School Year, a one-year contract running from April 1, 2026 to April 1, 2027. Sealed bids will be accepted until March 20 at 10:00 AM local time at the address listed above, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bid Requirements can be found at [www.fulton.kyschools.us](http://www.fulton.kyschools.us) or picked up at the Fulton County Board of Education.

## LEGAL NOTICE

### The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

In accordance with KRS 176.051, Kentucky's noxious weed law, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will control noxious weeds on state-owned right of way at the request of the adjoining property owner. The noxious weeds named in this law are Johnson grass (*Sorghum halepense*), Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), Cutleaf Teasel (*Dipsacus laciniatus*), Nodding thistle (*Carduus nutans*), Common teasel (*Dipsacus fullonum*), Poison hemlock (*Conium maculatum*), Marehail (*Conyza canadensis*), Amur Honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*), Multiflora Rose (*Rosa multiflora*), Japanese knotweed, (*Polygonum cuspidatum*), Spotted Knapweed (*Centaurea stoebe*) and Kudzu (*Pueraria montana*).

Persons who own property adjacent to state right of way and who are involved in eradication efforts on their property can submit a written application to the highway district office in their area. Contact information can be found at [transportation.ky.gov/DistrictPages](http://transportation.ky.gov/DistrictPages)

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