

Sports



Left: Panther Jamarion Gardner (5) elevates for the dunk in transition.

Panthers fall to Hopkinsville in home finale

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Monday night, the Russellville Panthers basketball team hosted their final home game of the regular season against the visiting Hopkinsville Tigers. In what has been a long and turbulent season for the Panthers, they operated short-handed, missing multiple key players in the 81-46 loss against the Tigers. Despite missing several pieces, Coach Phil Todd's team played the full 32 minutes and never let up as they shift their focus towards the 13th District Tournament next week.

The Panthers starting lineup consisted of senior Kein Gray at forward, the sophomore pairing of TK Darden

and Jamarion Gardner, and freshmen Mason Davenport and William Johnson. Rotating in off the bench was junior Labryan Nourse, freshmen Eli Flippen, Braxton Coleman, Issiah Browder, and seventh-grader Darius Browder. The biggest star of the night was Gardner at the top of the scoring column, putting up 20 points for the Panthers, with 14 coming in just the first half. Nourse finished second with eight points, as Darden added six points. Another big moment for the Panthers came from Darius Browder in the fourth quarter, scoring his first career basket in a varsity game on a layup drive, the first of what will be a long basketball career.

When the Panthers could turn it into a track meet, they scored points easily in transition, keeping the Tigers backpedaling. Fast break opportunities were a major point in the Panthers offense, especially early on. Falling behind by 14 points, the Panthers managed to close the gap midway through the second quarter, cutting the lead to just five after a huge three-point make from Mason Davenport. Davenport's make had the entire gymnasium on their feet, shifting the momentum. The Tigers, however, would go on a 20-6 run to try and put the game out of reach going into the third quarter.

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Panthers gain valuable experience despite 74-28 loss

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Monday night, before the Panthers took on the Hopkinsville Tigers, the Lady Panthers took to the floor against the visiting Edmonson County Lady Cats in their home finale. With a team that has plenty of room to grow and develop, the Lady Panthers continue to gain varsity experience despite the loss. The young roster could not overcome, as the Lady Panther fell to the Lady Cats 74-28.

Coach Orlando Hayden's starting lineup consisted of seventh grader DeMyiah Allen at center, eighth graders Mariyah Merriweather and Legna Taylor in the backcourt, freshman M'Riyah Boyd and eighth grader Aliza Wilson at the forward spots. Rotating in off the bench were senior Maddie Kimbrough, sophomore Saniyah McCoy, and seventh grader Kha'Mirah Hampton.

The Lady Panthers had a good start to their offense with Merriweather knocking down a three-pointer starting one-for-one on the night. Following up, Allen bruised her way to the free-throw line, knocking down both shots to start. Kimbrough added another three-point make for the Lady Panthers in the first quarter and would later make a second in the fourth. Merriweather hit her second three-point shot of the night in the second quarter after a layup drive the previous possession. Merriweather finished as the leading scorer with 10 points. Allen finished with seven, and Kimbrough had six on the night.

On the defensive side, the Lady



Photos by Wes Elrod/News-Democrat & Leader
DeMyiah Allen (35) at the free-throw line for the Lady Panthers.

Panthers made plays where they could with a few steals coming from Taylor and Kimbrough and a great deflection and block on a fast break attempt from Boyd. With the season winding down, that kind of intensity is what a young team needs when moving forward in the postseason and the seasons ahead.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 24-230-07 (An Amendment to Ordinance No. 08-230-03 **AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES COMPENSATION PLAN AND CLASSIFICATION PLAN ADOPTED ON JANUARY 11, 2005, CREATING AND ADDITIONAL POSITION AT THE LOGAN COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE** was held on January 28, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. in the Fiscal Court Room of the Logan County Courthouse. A copy of the ordinance may be viewed at the County Judge's Office located at 200 W. 4th St. Russellville, KY 42276 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Phil Baker
Logan County Judge/Executive



LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE REGISTERED PERMIT-BY-RULE
Jerry McKinney proposed to submit a registration for a registered permit-by-rule for a less-than-one acre construction/demolition debris landfill facility to the Energy and Environment Cabinet, Division of Waste Management, pursuant to 401 KAR 47:110. The registration shall become effective thirty (30) business days after the cabinet receives it unless the cabinet denies the registration within that time. The proposed facility will be located at 88 Noe Lane, Russellville, KY 42276. For questions regarding this proposed facility, contact Jerry McKinney at (270) 725-1400. Questions concerning the registration process for registered permit-by-rule can be directed to the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection, Division of Waste Management, Solid Waste Branch, 300 Sower Boulevard, Second Floor, Frankfort, KY 40601, (502) 564-6716.

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The City of Auburn, KY will be selling surplus property via online auction at www.GovDeals.com. The auction is scheduled to begin February 28th, 2025 and end on March 14th, 2025. Items included in the auctions are a backhoe and a storage building. For more information, please contact the City Clerk's office at 270-542-4149 ext 3 or cityclerk@auburnky.us



The City of Russellville will be accepting bids until Thursday, February 27, 2025, for a new four-wheel drive cab chassis truck, gasoline V8 engine with a minimum of 440 cubic inches (7.3L), automatic transmission, 205-inch wheelbase, 19.5-inch tires, 19,500-pound GVWR, dual batteries, rear-view camera. Bids may be turned in at Russellville City Hall 168 South Main Street, Russellville KY. Bid opening will be held at Russellville City Hall on Thursday, February 27th, 2025, at 10:00 AM. The City of Russellville reserves the right to reject any or all bids and or award the bid to the most responsible bidder/contractor. For questions or information call Russellville Utility Director Michael Black at (270) 726-5042 or email at mblack@russellvilleky.gov



NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Case #25-P-00021

Notice to Creditors is hereby given that Administration has been granted by the Logan District Probate Court upon the Estate of: FLORENCE MILDRED BUCKLER whose last known address was 8197 HIGHLAND LICK ROAD, LEWISBURG, KY 42256. The date of Administration is JANUARY 27, 2025. All persons having claims against this Estate are hereby notified to present them properly verified, according to law, not later than six (6) months from the date of Administration to the EXECUTOR namely BRYAN BLAYLOCK whose address is 10424 ROCKCASTLE ROAD, EDDYVILLE, KY 42038 or to AMI L. BROOKS Attorney for the Estate whose address is PO BOX 335 RUSSELLVILLE, KY 42276.

MARY J. ORANGE
LOGAN DISTRICT CLERK
RUSSELLVILLE, KY 42276



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February 12, 2025
To whom it may concern:
You are hereby notified as a potential vendor that the Logan County Board of Education is soliciting bids for **Bid Number 2025-01: Mowing the Campuses of all Schools**. The opening for this bid number is Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 2:00 pm, at the District Office.
You will find all necessary information on the following enclosures:
1. A copy of the Bid Advertisement,
2. A Notice to Bidders containing generic instructions to all bidders
3. Specifications specific to this bid
4. A Bid Form that must be used to submit all bids.
If you require further information contact me at the address and/or phone number above. Be advised that all bids should be addressed to the Bid Officer and should be **CLEARLY LABELED AS BID FOR BID NUMBER 2025- 01**.
On behalf of the Board of Education, I thank you for your acceptance of this invitation.

/s/ Benjamin Kemplin
Benjamin Kemplin, Bid Officer