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Williamstown 6th grader Lily Isaacs executes a dig in her team's game against Grant County on Sept. 21.

6th Grade Lady Demons take down district rival Lady Braves

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The Williamstown Lady Demons took on the Grant County Lady Braves in a two out of three district match-up Monday, Sept. 21. After two sets of non-stop grit and determination, the Lady Demons defeated Grant County in three sets.

After the game, head coach Tabitha Jordan was excited to share her thoughts on the girls' performance.

After being asked what the girls have been doing especially well with, Jordan responded, "The 6th grade girls have all stepped it up, and have each shown they are understanding the game more."

The middle school "A Team" took the court for the first set, dominating from the start and winning the set with a large lead. For the second set, the "B Team" battled till the very end, eventually losing a tight set.

For the third and final set, the "A Team" returned to the court, coming out hot and taking down the Lady Braves.

"This season has been a really big growth season for all three of our teams," Jordan said. "A lot of our girls had never played before, and the accomplishments they have made in the last two months have been amazing!"



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Williamstown 5th grader Bridget Jones serves the ball in the 6th grade game against Grant County.

Coach Jordan said she cannot wait to continue to see her players grow throughout the last portion of the season, and she has high hopes for next year's teams, as most of the girls will be returning for another season.

The Williamstown Lady Demons will play a few more games this season, with their 8th grade night coming up Oct. 1. Their 7th and 8th grade tournaments will take place over Fall Break.



Xu Bingjie/Xinhua via AP

Vehicles carrying a pair of giant pandas, Ping Ping and Fu Shuang, leave the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding in Chengdu, southwestern China's Sichuan Province on Saturday, Sept. 26.

2 giant pandas arrive in Atlanta under a US-China government agreement

BY HUIZHONG WU
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BANGKOK — Two giant pandas arrived in Atlanta on Sunday morning as part of an agreement between the Chinese and American governments.

Ping Ping and Fu Shuang departed Chengdu in southwestern China early Sunday aboard a dedicated "FedEx Panda Express" Boeing 777 aircraft, officials said. A new agreement between Zoo Atlanta and the China Wildlife Conservation Association makes Atlanta one of three zoos in the U.S. to house giant pandas, along with the San Diego Zoo in California and the Smithsonian's National Zoo in Washington, D.C.

"This is a thrilling day for Zoo Atlanta and a historic moment for the City of Atlanta, the state of Georgia, and beyond," Zoo Atlanta President and CEO Raymond B. King

said in a statement. "We are elated to welcome Ping Ping and Fu Shuang and could not be more excited about sharing that joy with our Members, guests, city, and community in the coming weeks."

Zoo visitors will have to wait awhile to see Ping Ping and Fu Shuang, officials said. The bears will be quarantined for about a month in a biosecure area of the wildlife park's new giant panda complex. Park officials haven't confirmed a specific opening date.

The pandas' arrival was announced Thursday by Chinese President Xi Jinping during a three-day summit with U.S. President Donald Trump. The loan of the pandas was one of the few concrete outcomes to come out of the state visit, which saw expressions of goodwill between the leaders, but no fixes to any of the long-standing differences between the two coun-

tries.

Atlanta said farewell to its last pandas in 2024, leaving the zoo without the bears. The new agreement was announced back in April, but without any dates.

Ping Ping and Fu Shuang will be on loan to Zoo Atlanta for 10 years as part of the agreement. Both pandas were born in 2020 and were kept at the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding. Ping Ping, the male, has dark black circles around his eyes, while Fu Shuang, the female, has a forehead that protrudes a bit, according to the Xinhua News Agency.

China has long used the pandas as part of its diplomacy globally, deploying the bears in loan programs as expressions of goodwill and letting loan agreements lapse when tensions arise.

Xi had said the loan program was an example of "friendship between the Chinese and Americans."

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DEFENDANTS

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Grant Circuit Court on September 18, 2026, I will sell at public auction at the **Judicial Center Lobby**, 224 South Main Street, Williamstown, Kentucky, the property described herein located in Grant County, Kentucky, on **Wednesday, October 21, 2026**, at the hour of **1:30 p.m.**, prevailing time, and more particularly described as follows:

Property Address: 1425 Baton Rouge Rd, Williamstown, KY
with PVA Map/Parcel No. 046-00-00-039.00

There is not a mobile home, doublewide and/or manufactured home included in the sale.

Announcements made on the day of sale take precedence over printed material.

The amount of money to be raised by this sale is the principal sum of \$61,078.51 adjudged due plaintiff on its first lien on the property, together with interest at the rate of 7.125% plus attorney fees and costs of collection, expenses, and disbursements, and other sale costs and fees.

The real estate shall be sold on the terms of 10% cash at the time of the sale, except that said deposit shall be waived if the Plaintiff is the successful bidder at the sale, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days bearing interest at the rate of 7.125% per annum for the date of sale. When the purchase price is paid in full, the deed will be delivered to the purchaser. It is further provided that the property sold includes insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's own expense, carry fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid in the amount of the Court appraised value of said improvements or the amount of the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, at minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Grant Circuit Court and the Plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchasers to obtain such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require, the Plaintiff to obtain said insurance and furnish the policy or premium thereon or the proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's costs.

The aforesaid property shall be sold free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, except the following:

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- Assessments for public improvements levied against the property;
- Any facts which an inspection and/or accurate survey of the property may disclose.

For further information, see the Final Judgment and Order of Sale and pleadings of record in the Office of the Circuit Court of Grant County.

/s/ Edward M. Bourne
MASTER COMMISSIONER
GRANT CIRCUIT COURT