# Cougars win senior night; Panthers earn first win in blowout

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Friday night saw both hometown football programs come away with wins in district play this week. For the Logan County Cougars, they hosted the Franklin-Simpson Wildcats and came away with the 40-19 victory on their senior night celebration. As for the Russellville Panthers, they went on the road to take on the Caverna Colonels and earned their first victory of the season in a 60-0 blowout win.

The Panthers had an offensive explosion against the Colonels as quarterback Amari Beard found Darrius Browder for 60 yards and the score to open the first quarter. Beard ended the night with five passing touchdowns, including a 36-yard score to MJ Merriweather and a 64-yard touchdown to Ezra Stratton. Merriweather made his impact felt all over the field, with a receiving touchdown, a 40-yard rushing touchdown, and a 45-yard pick-six on defense. Good things happen when the ball is in Merriweather's hands and it showed against the Colonels. Fellow freshman Hunter Morgan scored his first touchdown of the season, on a 37-yard rush, as Browder ended the game with three of Beard's five touchdown passes.

The Panthers shut out the Colonels, marking not only their first win of the season but also the first win for Head Coach William Griffin as they look to make it two in a row tomorrow night against Fulton County on the road. If the Panthers win that matchup, they will have the number-two seed in their district, earning a playoff spot.

Moving to the Cougars' district matchup against the Wildcats, it was a slow start for the Cougars. The Wildcats moved down the field and scored the first touchdown of the night, chewing up most of the first quarter, playing keep-away from the Cougars. Midway through the second quarter, the Cougars responded as quarterback Luke Rogers hit Ty'Sean Thomeczek for a 34-yard catch and run touchdown off the screen pass. Thomeczek would strike again to open the second half, reeling in a deep ball for 52 yards and the score, ending the night with four catches for 94 yards.

The senior running back duo of Christian Helle and Carson Carlock combined for three touchdowns on the ground, with Lane Bush leading the three-headed monster with nine carries for 56 yards. Senior Elijah Sells was a two-way star against the Wildcats, with four catches for 81 yards and a touchdown on offense, with an interception on defense. The duo of JB McTire and Kenton Holloway earned the Culver's Players of the Week award, combining for 25 tackles and four tackles for a loss apiece.

Looking ahead, the Cougars have an important matchup tomorrow night as well, as they will go on the road to take on the Warren East Raiders. If the Cougars win that matchup, they will earn the number two seed in the district and host their first playoff game in the postseason.

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**Amari Beard (5) had five touchdowns through the air for the Panthers in their win over Caverna.**



**Russellville's freshman duo of Darrius Browder (1) and MJ Merriweather (4) combined for six touchdowns for the Panthers in their 60-0 win over Caverna.**

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**Logan County's Elijah Sells (4) rushes upfield as he ends with a touchdown on both sides of the ball against the Wildcats.**



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**Cougars quarterback Luke Rogers puts the pass in the air on his way to a 3-touchdown night against the Wildcats.**



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**Cougar Alex Weaver (13) puts the hit stick tackle on the Wildcats rusher.**



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**Logan County's Lane Bush (23) takes the handoff from Rogers as he had nine carries on the night.**

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**LEGAL PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE IN SUMMARY CITY OF LEWISBURG, KENTUCKY**
**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-07**

**AN ORDINANCE ASSESSING AND LEVYING THE 2026 ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX ON REAL PROPERTY AND TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF LEWISBURG, KENTUCKY**

In accordance with KRS 83A.060(9), the undersigned, a licensed, practicing attorney in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, summarizes this Ordinance as follows:

1) This Ordinance assesses and levies an Ad Valorem Tax of $0.459 per $100.00 assessed valuation of all taxable real property within the City of Lewisburg and an Ad Valorem Tax of $0.459 per $100.00 assessed valuation on all taxable tangible personal property within the City of Lewisburg.
2) This Ordinance requires that any taxes remaining unpaid on January 1, 2026, shall be charged a penalty equal to 5% of the total tax amount. Any taxes remaining unpaid on February 1, 2026, shall be charged a penalty equal to 10% of the total tax amount. Any taxes remaining unpaid on April 1, 2026, shall be charged a penalty equal to 15% of the total tax amount. All costs and expenses incidental to any action taken by the City for the collection of delinquent taxes shall be paid by the taxpayer.
3) The full text of this Ordinance and its attachments is available for copying and inspection at the office of Lewisburg City Clerk, 549 South Main Street, Lewisburg, during normal business hours.
4) The City Council of Lewisburg, Kentucky enacted this Ordinance after a first reading conducted on August 10, 2026, and a second reading and passage on the 14th day of September, 2026.

**CERTIFCATION OF COUNSEL**: The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that the foregoing is an accurate summary of City of Lewisburg Ordinance No. 2026-07.

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LEGAL NOTICE

**MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE OF THE LOGAN CIRCUIT COURT, the Master Commissioner will sell at public auction the real property in the following actions on **Monday, November 2, 2026, about the hour of 1:30 p.m., on the steps of the Logan County Court of Justice Building, Russellville, Kentucky, 42276**. Said property shall be sold to collect the amounts due in the court judgments.

A. The purchasers will be required to pay the full purchase price or a minimum of ten percent (10%) down the day of sale and post bond on the remainder with the balance due in thirty (30) days. Said bond will bear interest at the judgment rate per annum upon the unpaid balance from the date of sale until paid in full.

The Master Commissioner will retain a lien on the property sold to secure the sale price. **If the purchaser does not pay cash in full the day of the sale, he/she will be required to post bond and provide sufficient surety thereon at the sale. Please contact the Master Commissioner's office prior to the sale with questions regarding approved surety at (270) 717-1110.**

B. The property is sold subject to the following: a) State, county, city, and school taxes payable for the entire year of 2026 and all taxes due thereafter; b) easements, restrictions, and covenants of record; c) assessments for public improvements levied against the property; d) any facts which an inspection or accurate survey of the property may disclose.

C. The property shall otherwise be sold free and clear of any and all right, title, and interest of the parties to this action and of their liens and encumbrances thereon except such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America or the defendants.

D. It is further provided that when the property sold includes insurable improvements, the successful bidder at the sale, at bidder's own expense, shall carry fire and extended coverage insurance on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid, to the extent of the court appraised value of said improvements or the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, at a minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Master Commissioner of the Logan Circuit Court, or to the Plaintiff. Failure of the purchaser to effect such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereof, but shall entitle, but not require, the Plaintiff to effect said insurance and furnish the policy or evidence thereof to the Master Commissioner of the Logan Circuit Court if she so desires, and the premium thereon, or proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser at purchaser's costs.

**Sale No. 1: Franklin Bank & Trust Company Vs. Curtis James Goodrum, et al.;** pending in Logan Circuit Court Civil Action No. 25-CI-00342.
**249 S Lincoln Street, Auburn, KY 42206**
**Tax Map Number: 137-02-05-010-00**
**NOTE: SUCCESSFUL BIDDER TO PAY 2026 AD VALOREM TAXES**

This the 13th day of October, 2026.

/s/ Ami L. Brooks
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that a copy of the foregoing was this 13th day of October, 2026, mailed by U.S. Mail, faxed, e-mailed, or hand delivered to the following:

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