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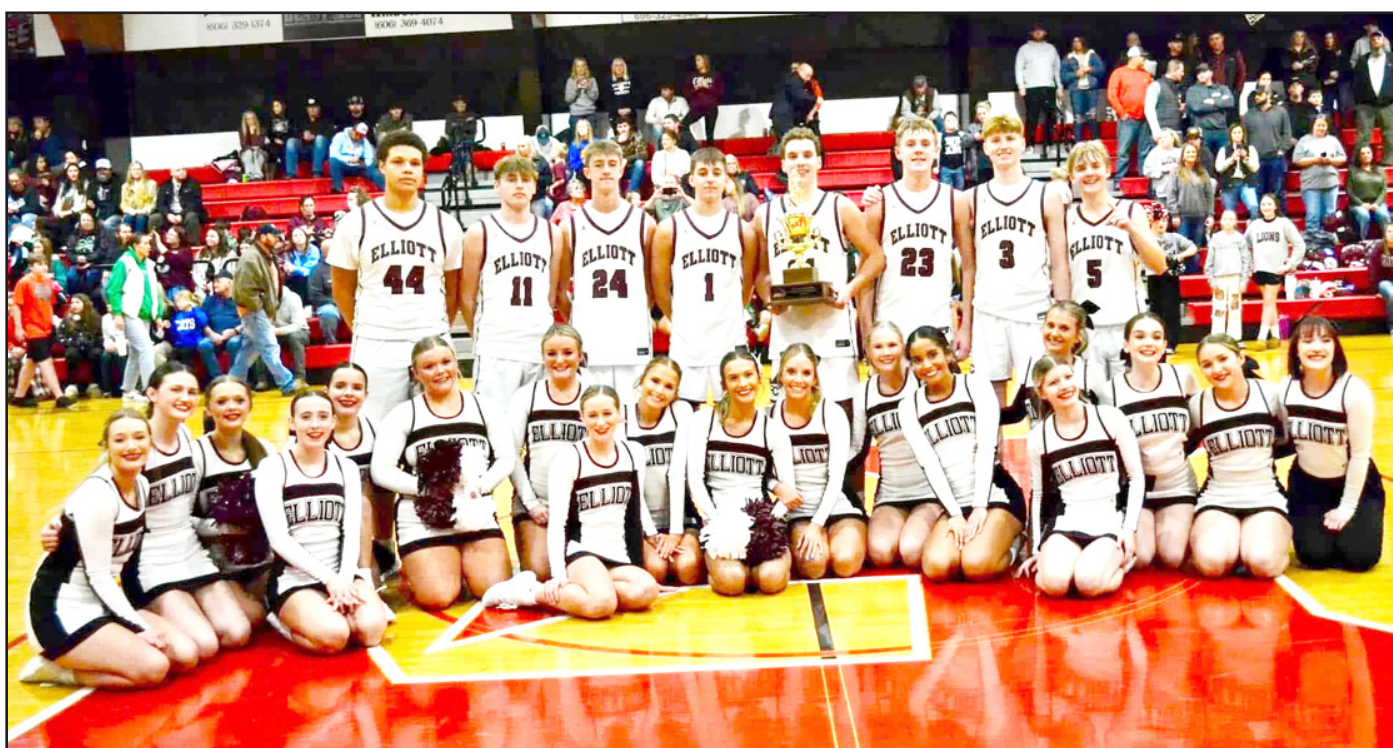
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ECHS basketball team and cheerleaders following All “A” Regional Tournament win.

Elliott County eligible for FEMA funds

By TOM LATEK,
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT), Jan. 16 – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) posted a public notice on Thursday that describes FEMA’s proposed funding for Kentucky remnants of Hurricane Helene work projects that may adversely affect historic properties, floodplains or wetlands; or may result in continuing vulnerability of these areas to flood damage.

By law, FEMA is required to announce its intent to provide federal assistance and grant opportunities under its Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation Grant programs, after the Nov. 26, 2024, major disaster declaration for Kentucky due to the remnants of Hurricane Helene.

The major disaster declaration authorizes FEMA to provide, under its Public Assistance Program, reimbursement or direct federal assistance for emergency and permanent work to eligible state and local agencies and certain private nonprofits affected by the Sept. 27-30, 2024, remnants of Hurricane Helene in 34 designated Kentucky counties.

They are Anderson, Bath, Bell, Bourbon, Bracken, Breathitt, Carter, Clark, Clay, Elliott, Estill, Fleming, Franklin, Greenup, Harlan, Harrison, Jackson, Johnson, Lawrence, Lee, Letcher, Lewis, Magoffin, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Owsley, Powell, Robertson, Rockcastle, Rowan, Washington, and Wolfe.

Federal funding also is available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures statewide.

For more information about these actions or a specific project, write to FEMA Region 4, 3005 Chamblee Tucker Road, Atlanta, GA 30341-4112.

You may also email FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Include in the email subject line, “DR-4848-KY EHAD.” Comments should be sent in writing

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LIHEAP Crisis applications are open thru March 15th

Comm. action agencies offering heating help across all 120 counties

FRANKFORT, Ky. (January 6, 2025): Kentucky’s Community Action Agencies (CAK) are set to begin accepting applications for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Crisis component from January 7 until March 15, 2025, on a first-come, first-serve basis.

This program assists eligible households facing a home heating emergency, such as imminent loss of heat, low fuel supply, or eviction due to unpaid utility bills. Households must meet eligibility requirements, including income eligibility of up to and including 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Prior LIHEAP assistance does not impact a household’s eligibility.

Crisis benefits will cover the minimum needed to alleviate the crisis not to exceed the Community Action Agency’s local cost for a deliverable supply of the household’s primary heating fuel or \$400 for gas or electric. Households can reapply each time they experience a crisis until they reach their maximum benefit. Benefits are paid directly to the fuel vendor.

Kentucky’s Community Action Network collectively operates outreach offices in all 120 Kentucky counties. To apply, contact your local Community Action Agency office or call 800-456-3452. Visit www.capky.org/network to find the nearest office.

For more information about LIHEAP, including contact information for all local Comm-

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School district facilities plan public forum, Local Planning Cmte. meetings set Jan. 28th

The Elliott County Board of Education will hold a Public Forum #1 for the District Facilities Plan on January 28th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center (PAC) of Elliott County Schools in Sandy Hook, KY.

Immediately following the Public Forum #1 in the PAC, the Local Planning Committee Meeting #3 will take place to discuss options for utilization of facilities/spaces and to create the first draft of the District Facilities Plan.

FROM THE ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT

Elliott County Claims All “A” Regional Championship

EDITOR’S NOTE

The All “A” Classic state tournament opening game between Elliott County and Danville Christian was played on Thursday, Jan. 23, after the publication of this week’s edition.

The following analysis of the regional championship game was published on Jan. 17 in The Ashland Daily Independent:

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By William Adams

WESTWOOD – The recently departed, legendary baseball player turned announcer Bob Uecker once said, “I had slumps that lasted into the winter.”

Luckily for Elliott County, the Lions were able to shake off their slump by the third quarter.

Elliott County captured the All “A” region championship on Thursday, defeating Raceland 63-58, in a game where the Lions trailed by as many as 19

in the second half.

“We sped up the game in the second half,” Elliott County coach Greg Adkins said. “I told them (at halftime) we got a chance. Ain’t nothing decided, and we got another 16 minutes to go. These opportunities don’t come here every day. Let’s go out there and get it. I have a phenomenal group of kids here.”

The come-from-behind win spoils Raceland’s hope for a three-peat.

“We lost our composure there a little bit in the second half,” Raceland coach Joe Bryan said. “Credit to (Elliott County), they made a lot of shots to get them back in the game. We settled for 3s that weren’t falling; we needed to get something going on to the rack. But, it hurts. We knew what was at stake.”

With 6:09 to go in the third frame, the Lions trailed 41-22 as Elijah Faulkner stepped to

the free throw line.

He made one of two but it kick-started a 15-2 run.

Faulkner followed up his trip to the charity stripe with a much-needed 3-pointer which inspired Tysen Crabtree, Ian Griffith, and Aiden Barker to each hit a 3 of their own.

The Lions scoring spree was only interrupted by a pair of Raceland free throws as Elliott County had severed the Rams’ lead down to 43-37.

After a Raceland timeout at 4:45, Jacob Waller found a much-needed 3 for the Rams to settle things down, but the Lions kept clawing away, including getting another 3 from Lake Adkins.

Elliott County trailed by just 48-45 come quarter’s end.

The Lions kept their foot on the gas in the fourth quarter, eventually taking their first lead since the 12-11 mark in the first quarter thanks to a Griffith steal and bucket to make it a 51-50

contest.

“We’ve got a bunch of kids out there who play for each other,” Adkins said. “They don’t care about themselves. It’s about the brotherhood and they care about getting the W for their team.”

Raceland briefly inched back out in front after Jonah Arnett laid one in off the glass. Barker calmly sank a pair of free throws to put Elliott County ahead for good. The Lions stayed there eventually calling timeout with just 1:06 to go, with the ball, up 55-54.

Raceland pressed out of the break and prevented Elliott County from getting across the timeline, but the Lions called timeout before a backcourt violation with 54.4 seconds remaining.

The Rams had to foul down the stretch as time became a factor. Elliott County took advantage of those late trips to

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Elliott Co. Middle School Academic Team Advances To Regional Governor’s Cup

Members earn several awards during event hosted at West Carter

FROM FACEBOOK – The Elliott County Middle School Academic Team brought home several awards during the 2025 District Governor’s Cup on Saturday, Jan. 18 at West Carter Middle School.

Students received awards in the following categories:

- Quick Recall – Second place.
- Future Problem Solving – Annabella Lewis, Grady Harper, Harrison Harper and Ricio Penix (second place).
- Science – Samuel Maggard (first place).
- Social Studies – Miles Brannan (third place), Samuel Maggard (fourth place) and Ricio Penix (fifth place).
- Language Arts – Khloe Kegley (fifth place).
- Arts & Humanities – Harrison Harper (fifth place).

The team also received the Hume Sportsmanship Award for outstanding sportsmanship, ethics, and spirit of friendly



Elliott County Middle School Academic Team

competition during the event.

The team will now advance to the Regional Governor’s Cup at Russell High School next month.

Future Problem Solving students will compete on Monday, Feb. 10, and Quick Recall and Written Assessment students will compete on Saturday,

Feb. 15.

Congratulations to our ECMS Academic Team and best of luck during the regional competition!

Kentucky voter registration remains strong

Scty. of State reports more than 9,000 new voters registered in Dec.

FRANKFORT, Ky. Jan. 17– Secretary of State Michael Adams announced voter registration remained strong in the last month of 2024, with 9,324 voters registering in December.

“It’s remarkable that in the month following a presidential election, and 17 months before our next election, Kentuckians showed strong interest in voting,” said Adams.

In December, 4,962 voters were removed from the rolls – 4,034 deceased voters, 505 felony convicts, 234 who moved out of state, 98 duplicate registrations, 56 who voluntarily de-registered, and 35 who were adjudged mentally incompetent.

Republican registrants account for 47 percent of the electorate, with 1,674,447 voters. Republican registration rose by 5,263 voters, a .32 percent increase. Democratic registrants make up 42 percent of the

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