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2X Defending All 'A' Champions

Dominant Livingston Central rolls to State Softball Title

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OWENSBORO, KY - Livingston Central had a dominant weekend as the Lady Cardinals rolled to their second straight All A Classic State softball championship on Sunday.

Livingston Central rolled to a 12-0 win over Ballard Memorial in the championship game at Jack Fisher Park in Owensboro. All three of Livingston's pool play games on Saturday, as well as two of Sunday's three tournament games, were decided by the mercy rule.

Livingston Central outscored its six opponents 73-2 at the All A state tourney and outthit them 72-10.

Eighth grader Addison Tramble allowed nine hits in six games pitched, with no earned runs allowed in 26.2 innings pitched. She struck out 50 and walked 11 in the six games.

Tramble combined with

Hadley Hargrove in the circle in Livingston's three Saturday pool play games to allow just one hit in wins over Whitefield Academy (17-2), Trimble County (15-0), and Covington Holy Cross (13-0).

The Lady Cardinals blanked Bethlehem 10-0 in Sunday's opener behind another one-hitter from Tramble, who struck out 13 and walked one.

The only team not to lose to Livingston Central via the mercy rule was Whitesville Trinity, which managed four hits but lost 6-0.

The Lady Cardinals took down Ballard Memorial 12-0 in the four-inning championship game.

Nevaeh Jennings had two hits and two RBI in the championship game, and Hadley Hargrove added a triple.

In the semifinal win over Whitesville Trinity, Irelynn Burns had three hits, and Tramble, Hargrove, and Emersyn Ramage each had two hits.

In Sunday's opener against Bethlehem, Tramble had two doubles and a triple as part of a 14-hit attack.

Ramage had three hits and three RBI in Saturday's final pool play win over Holy Cross.

Joiner smacked Livingston Central's lone home run of the tournament, part of a three-hit, three-RBI day in the win over Trimble County.

In the tourney opener, Joiner had three hits and four RBI, while Ramage added three hits and three RBI.

The All A state title is the third for Livingston Central, joining title runs in 2014 and last year. With three All A state titles, they only trail Reidland (six) and Louisville Holy Cross (five) for the most. The Lady Cardinals are also the first Second Region school to repeat as All A state champs.

Livingston Central improved to 19-3 with its 11th straight win. The Lady Cardinals will host Union County on Tuesday.



Addison Tramble was named the 2025 All 'A' Classic Most Valuable Player for the second year in a row. The Lady Cardinals placed 4 more girls on the All Tournament team: Victoria Joiner, Hadley Hargrove, Emersyn Ramage and Chloe Doyle.

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LIVINGSTON FISCAL COURT NEWS BRIEFS

by Scott Waggoner

Livingston Ledger Reporter

- The Livingston County Fiscal Court Meeting took place on April 2, 2025. Judge Mike Williams presiding.
- After a call to order, pledge of allegiance and short invocation and roll call the reading of previous minutes was approved.
- A Treasurer's Report, Treasure's transfers and claims and approval of bills.
- Committee and Department reports: Road Department, Emergency Management, Sheriff's Department, E-911 policy manual. A Jailer's Report, and a Transfer Station Report.
- A good discussion about the KY Transportation Cabinet regarding rural and secondary roads.

Budget amendments.

1. Library Grant \$3,000 (2nd reading).
2. A Grand Rivers Deputy reimbursement \$17,000 (2nd reading).
3. Library Grant \$10,000 (2nd reading).
4. Livingston County Future Leaders will recognize students in Livingston County who will be recognized for their exceptional leadership.

- One highlight was the introduction of SB63 Special Purpose Vehicles. This would allow people to use side by side and such vehicles to be licensed and driven on public roads in the county after they have been inspected at the sheriff's office. These vehicles will be allowed on roads with speed limits of 55mph or less. It would also be ok to drive these vehicles to other countries who have adopted such allowances. Marshall county has already had one reading and expects to have a 2nd reading at the next meeting there.

The meeting adjourned.



Kentucky Senate Bill 63 would bring registered off-road vehicles to highways



Estill73 Worthy Matron, Cindy Goodwin, and District 15 Deputy Grand Matron, Pam Simmons, were honored to give \$250 each the Marshal Mission Youth Center and Livingston County High School, LCFRYSC to help their youth. Estill73 which is located in Calvert City is Chapter 73 Order of the Eastern Star Grand Chapter of Kentucky. Goodwin said the 1st fundraiser of her tenure was way beyond her expectations and is hoping to continue the Valentine Pasta dinner at Gilbertsville Masonic Lodge in Grand Rivers next February. With the Masonic Lodge's generous donation of their building a fall meal fundraiser is also being planned. As Estill73 members our mission is to donate monies for charities and Goodwin's heart is for local high school age students.

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Rural expressway expansion project from Southern Illinois to St. Louis Metro area moves to next phase

ATTENTION
St. Louis Cardinal Fans

By Waylin Walls Parker, WSIL
Special to West KY News

MURPHYSBORO, IL (WSIL)-- A project looking to expand Western Illinois roadways that head to the St. Louis metro area is moving into its next phase. We're talking about the Southwest Connector Project. This is a plan that expands parts of Illinois 127, Illinois 154, and Illinois 3 into a rural four-lane expressway.

The project's coalition held a meeting today to explain the environmental engineering study that will start in June. Murphysboro Mayor Will Stephens says they are still far away from starting construction. "This is a billion-dollar project, and so we

have \$6 million to help further the study of the corridor," Mayor Stephens says. "But we are much closer now than we were six years ago."

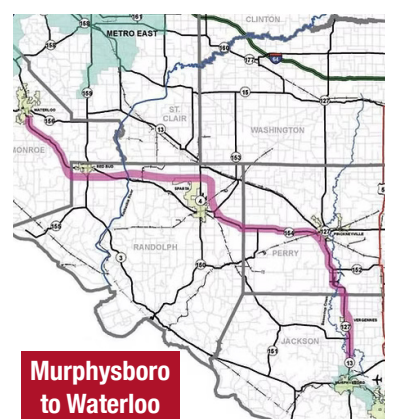
He says the road expansion is highly supported by state officials and local businesses that would use the route for commerce.

"We've got support from Governor Pritzker, we've got support from the house speaker, we've got support from the St. Louis Cardinals, from hundreds of elected officials and businesses along the route," Stephens says. "We really believe that in the next couple of years, these studies and the work we've put in are going to allow us to get the funding we've been

searching for all this time."

He says expanding those routes to a four-lane roadway also adds an extra safety precaution, as he remembers the deadly crash of an SIU student traveling that route in 2024. "Lyric Irby was an 18-year-old SIU student who died just north of Murphysboro in an area where, if there had been a four-lane highway, she wouldn't have had to even consider having to pass several vehicles in a tractor that was on the roadway. And so we want a safer road," Stephens said. Stephens says they also want the road expansion to bring economic development and better healthcare connectivity.

Stephens says they will have a website up soon following the study in June, but for now, people interested in following the project can go to www.swiconnector.com



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