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SPORTS

Butler County set to host Lady Cats

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The BCHS Lady Bears (4-9) finished their spring break with four games in three days; they are set for playing seven games this week. After a road trip to Whitesville on Monday, the Lady Bears will host Glasgow on Tuesday before a rematch with the Lady Cats of Edmonson County on Thursday, this time in Morgantown.

The Lady Bears will go to Franklin-Simpson on Friday evening before three games in Greenville on Saturday to end a hectic week

of games. They are set to play Logan County at 10am, Central Hardin at 2pm, and Muhlenberg County at 4pm in the Mustang Stampede.

To begin the week, the Lady Bears, who are 1-1 in the district, will face Whitesville Trinity, who has yet to play a district game. Trinity (5-5) traveled to the Ft. Walton Beach over the break before playing Owensboro Catholic in the All "A" Classic Region Championship on Sunday. Trinity has some impressive wins on the season.

One game at a time is always the motto,

but Coach Rogers will definitely have her girls geared for the Lady Cats of Edmonson County on Thursday. The Lady Cats routed Butler County in Brownsville a couple weeks ago, 11-3. Edmonson County has not played Grayson County or Trinity in district play.

The Lady Bears are hitting .294 as a team through nine games. Jenna Tomes has catapulted to leading the team in many offensive stats. Tomes owned a .476 batting average, .607

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Bears Win Two Over the Break

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The Butler County Bears baseball team, which consists of many seniors, took the ever-so-popular spring break trip to the panhandle of Florida to play some baseball and enjoy the beach and bonding time. It is an adventure the boosters diligently fundraise enough funds in order to allow these young men this opportunity. It goes back to days when Coach Lewis Evans braved taking teams on spring break.

Back when Coach Lew, what many referred

to Coach Evans, took teams to play against local Florida and Alabama schools; whereas, most of the baseball filled action is against other Kentucky high schools these days. The Bears played Hart, Gallatin, Taylor, and Henry County schools while soaking it up in the sunshine state.

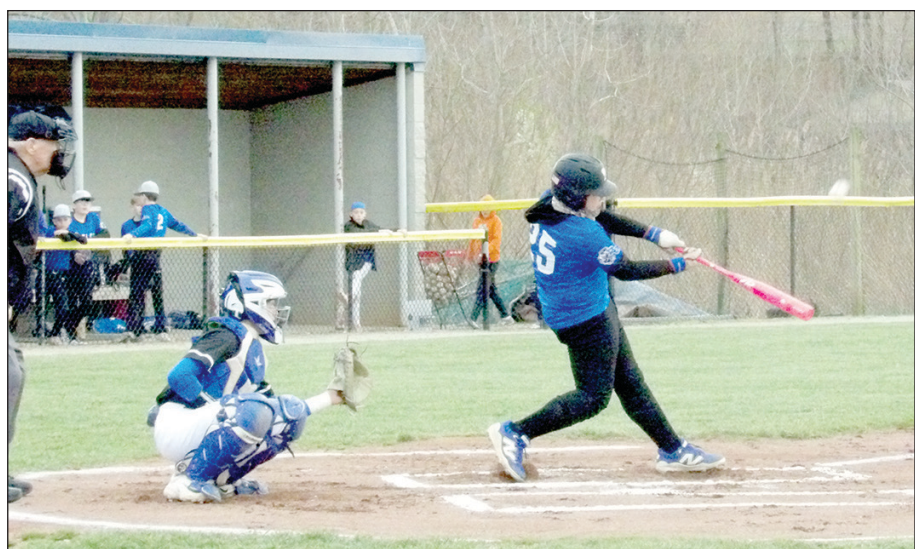
After opening the week with wins over Hart and Gallatin to extend their win-streak to four games, the beach life got too much for the Bears; they fell to Taylor and Henry Counties to end the week. The long road

trip will keep the Bears at .500 before district matchups with Edmonson County to start this week.

In Monday's win over the Raiders, the Bears found themselves down 2-1 after an inning of play. An explosive three-run fourth supported an excellent evening of pitching from Eli Oaks. Oaks nearly went the distance before turning it over to Duncan Tyree, who closed out the scoreless seventh despite giving up a couple hits.

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Grayson County to open the season at 3-1. Franklin-Simpson stymied the Bears' bats, winning both games and the Bears split with Todd-Central.

Brody West got the win on the mound in the second game of the doubleheader with Glasgow. West did not allow a hit over three-plus innings. He sat down six on strikeouts while walking two batters. Charlie McKinney, Clay Amos, Deacon Phelps, J.T. Reid, and Maddox Keown each collected hits in the 9-1 victory.

In the first game with Grayson County, the contest went back and forth. West, who had two hits, doubled in the third inning to solidify the win for the Bears, 10-6. Levi Forbes got the win on

the bump. He struck out eight Cougars over three innings of work. Colton LeBlanc collected the save. Evan Darsey stayed on base with three walks. Reid led the Bears with three runs driven in.

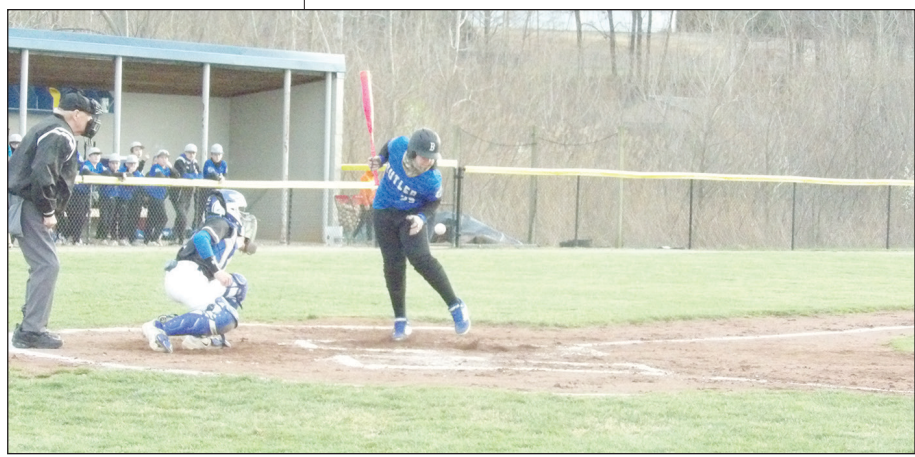
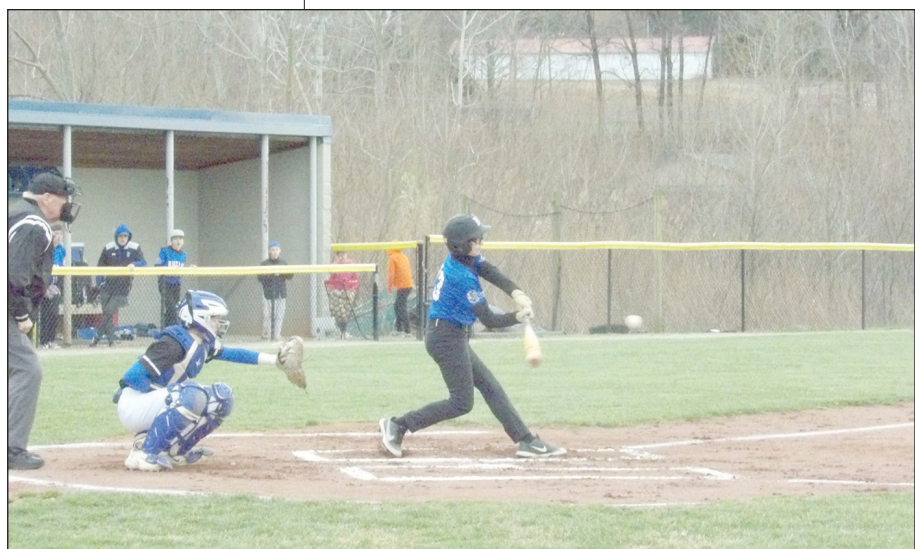
West got another win on the hill in the nightcap with Grayson County. He gave up only one hit, walked three, and struck out five. Keown finished off the Cougars to secure the win, 6-3, after LeBlanc's three-run double broke the 3-3 tie. Noah Cockerell led BCMS with two hits.

In a three-game stint, the Bears struggled to plate runners when they did get them on. In that stretch, Keown, Phelps, Forbes, LeBlanc, and Elijah

Barrow mustered hits sparingly, but the two runs was all they could scratch before the finale with Todd-Central.

Keown and Darsey each drove in runs for the Bears. Keown got the win while fanning five. Cockerell saved the win for Keown in relief of the 6-4 get-right win for the Bears. The .500 Bears will stay busy over the next four weeks.

BCMS will travel to Greenville for a DH with Muhlenberg County on Thursday after going to Todd County on Monday. On Saturday, the Bears will host Franklin-Simpson starting at 11:00am. Get over to the high school field to watch these young Bears play hard for Coach Embry.



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BCYBA NIGHT

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