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RED DEVIL CROSS COUNTRY AWARDS – Receiving recognition at the South Fulton High School Fall Sports Awards Reception Feb. 2 at SFHS were Cross Country's Most Improved Award winner and Rookie Award winner Taylor Hall, and Most Valuable Runner and Most Medals Won awards, Cole Suiter. (Photo by Benita Fuzzell)



SFHS LADY DEVILS' SOCCER AWARDS – During the Fall Sports Reception held at South Fulton High School Feb. 2, Lady Red Devils' Soccer Team awards presented included Defensive Player of the Year, Callie Tucker; Most Valuable Player, Reagan Johnson; and Offensive Player of the Year, McKenzie Mayo. (Photo by Benita Fuzzell)



SERVICES PINS AWARDED – The Family Services staff was recently awarded Service Pins at their annual meeting. Those receiving Service Pins include: 20 years: Mitzi Stanley, Mayfield Preschool Head Start; 10 years: Stephanie Veatch, Fulton Independent Preschool Head Start; 10 years: Ashleigh Rogers, Graves County Preschool Head Start; 5 years: Audiene Nance, Fulton County Preschool Head Start; 5 years: Veronica Jones, Marshall County Early Head Start Home Based; 5 years: Liz Curtsinger, Carlisle County Preschool Head Start; 1 year: Jessica Williams, ERSEA Coordinator; 1 year: Molly Rogers, Nutrition Family Advocate; 1 year: Caela Black, Hickman County Preschool Head Start; 1 year: Jennah Dowell-Smith, Marshall County Preschool Head Start; 1 year: Tera Hochstatter, Mayfield Preschool Head Start; and 1 year: Katy Adreon: Graves County Preschool Head Start. (Photo submitted)

SF Middle School Red Devils claim Area Championship; season ends 17-5

Benita Fuzzell

South Fulton Middle School Red Devils continued their ascent in post season play, defeating Lake Road Generals in the Middle School Boys' Area Championship game Jan. 30, 40-36.

A first quarter tie at 8-8 inched to a 2-point South Fulton advantage at the end of the first half.

Returning into the third round of play, the Red Devils pushed a little further into the lead with a 32-28 score when that quarter ended.

Those 4 points would be the winning advantage for SFMS, as they pulled off the win against Lake Road 40-36.

The Red Devils then earned a spot in the next level against University School of Memphis, Feb. 1 at Rose Hill School in Jackson.

The Devils entered that

arena with a 17-4 record.

Jakob Cooley scored 13 points for the Red Devils and pulled down 6 boards in the Jan. 30 Area Championship game.

Jamison Barclay came away with 8 points and Tucker Forrest had 7 points and 9 rebounds in the South Fulton win.

Red Devils Brady Parnell, Jocquan Eaton and Aiden Wright rounded out the South Fulton Middle School scoring, with Parnell tallying 5 points and the same number of rebounds, Eaton with 4 points and Wright with 3.

The SFMS Red Devils ended their 2024-2025 basketball season with a 17-5 record, at the hands of University School of Memphis, in a matchup at Jackson's Rose Hill School Feb. 1.

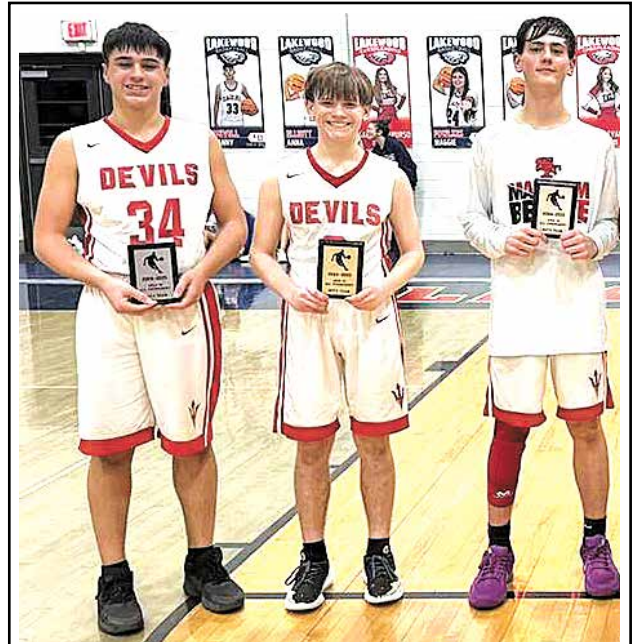
University School of Memphis jumped out to a 34-11 first quarter advantage and never looked back, amping up their offensive efforts in the second quarter even more, ending the half 34-11, in their favor.

The Red Devils put up 2 points in the third and 5 in the fourth, with University School of Memphis scoring 9 and 4 in the third and fourth, respectively.

The final was 47-18, USM, and saw the end of the Devils' 2024-25 season.

Tucker Forrest led the way for South Fulton, scoring 11 points and racking up 5 rebounds.

Red Devil Brady Parnell scored 3 points, with Jakob Cooley and Jocquan Eaton each scoring 2 points. Parnell pulled down 5 boards.



AREA TOURNAMENT ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM – South Fulton Middle School Red Devils who earned a spot on the Area All Tournament Team included Tucker Forrest, Jamison Barclay and Jakob Cooley. (Photo submitted)



INTER-COUNTY CONTEST – The South Fulton Middle School Red Devils basketball team battled it out with Lake Road Generals for the Area Tournament championship game Jan. 30, bringing home the championship, 40-36 Jan. 30. (Photo submitted)

Pilots come up short vs. Comets

Mark Collier

The Fulton County High School Pilots fell to their division rivals, the Carlisle County High School Comets, 67-47 Jan. 28 on the road.

The Pilots made 44.4%

of their field goals, as they made 20 of their 45 field-goal attempts, including four of their 11 three-point attempts. They also made three of their five free-throw attempts.

Three Pilots scored in double figures, led by

Tristan Kinney with 16, Braylan Hendrix with 11 and Jadairian Smith with 10 points. Also scoring were Zayden Kinney with six points, and Christian Coleman and Benjamin Gilkey with two points.

Tristan Kinney also

pulled down 10 rebounds to secure a double-double.

Also pulling down rebounds for the Pilots were Gilkey with five, Kimble with four, and Rashaud Houston, Zayden Kinney and Hendrix with one rebound each.

Lady Pilots upended by Carlisle Co.

Mark Collier

A cold shooting night contributed to the Fulton County High School Lady Pilots coming up short against the Carlisle County High School Lady Comets, 46-41, Jan. 28.

The Lady Pilots were only able to make 15 of their 47 field-goal attempts, for 31.9% shooting, but made four of their nine three-point attempts, for 44.4%. Cold shooting also followed the Lady Pilots to the free-throw line, where

they made only seven of their 15 attempts, for 46.7%.

Ja'Mesha Brown led the Lady Pilots with 29 points, making 11 of her 24 field goal attempts, including two of her four three-point attempts. Also scoring for the Lady Pilots were Kylee

Harrison with six, Hannah Murphy with five, and La'Brea Crumble with one point.

18 total team rebounds were grabbed by the Lady Pilots, as Murphy had a team-high six rebounds, followed by Smith and Brown with five rebounds each, and Harrison and Crumble with one rebound each.



UTM SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED – South Fulton High School senior Ryleigh Johnson was recently awarded a College of Business and Global Affairs scholarship at University of Tennessee at Martin. (Photo submitted)



STATE LEVEL COMPETITION COMING UP – A number of Fulton County High School students competed at the recent DECA Regional Career and Development Conference at Murray State University. These students have now qualified for the state level competition and have already begun prepping for that event in March. Those who placed include Tyler Jackson-1st place, Job Interview; Lee Thompson-2nd place Business Service Management; Mylei Sims-2nd place Sports and Event Marketing; Allie Grace Jones-3rd place Apparel and Accessories Marketing; River Branam-3rd place Marketing (Year One Students); Ra'Queria Beard- 5th place-Marketing communications; Caisley Coulson and Rylee Newton-5th place Travel and Tourism Team Decision Making; Zipporah Alexander and Alivia Brown-5th place Business Law and Ethics; Abryona Tucker-7th place-Marketing Communications; Asia Powers-7th place Marketing (Year One Students); and Rashauna Houston-8th Place Marketing Communications. (Photo submitted)

FULTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS ACCEPTING MOWING SERVICE BIDS

The Fulton Independent School District has announced that it is now accepting bids for professional mowing and lawn care services for the 2025 season. Local contractors and businesses with experience in lawn maintenance are encouraged to submit proposals to help keep the district's grounds well-maintained and inviting.

The scope of work includes regular mowing and trimming of designated areas, debris cleanup, and seasonal maintenance as needed to ensure the grounds remain safe and visually appealing for students, staff, and visitors.

Interested bidders must provide proof of insurance, applicable licenses, and a record of experience in professional lawn care. Additionally, contractors must demonstrate their ability to meet the district's standards and schedule for routine services.

All bids must be submitted by February 28, 2025 to the Fulton Independent School District office located at 304 W State Line, Fulton, Kentucky.

For more information or to request a full bid packet, contact Terry Sullivan at (270)472-1553 or via email at terry.sullivan@fultonind.kyschools.us

The district reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. This is a great opportunity for contractors to work alongside Fulton Independent Schools and contribute to maintaining a beautiful and safe environment for the community.

Be sure to submit your bid on time to be considered for this exciting opportunity!