

# Sports

## Fink competes in All-Star Classic



Photo courtesy of Maurice Bowling Middle School  
**Maurice Bowling Middle School student-athlete Jack Fink competed in the Kentucky Middle School Football Association All-Star Classic in late-November.**

## Girls basketball: Lady Rebels trounce Lexington Catholic

**BY STAFF REPORTS**

OWENTON — Owen County compiled a 1-1 record in the first week of the 2025-26 girls high school basketball season.


The Lady Rebels opened the 2025-26 girls high school basketball season with back-to-back home games versus familiar opponents.

Western Hills prevented Owen County from prevailing

in a season opener. Among the 11th Region hoops teams on the rise, Western Hills pulled away to defeat Owen County 64-39 in a girls high school basketball season opener on Wednesday, Dec. 3.

Owen County and Western Hills aren't scheduled to meet again in the 2025-26 girls high school basketball season.

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# LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE  
OWEN CIRCUIT COURT  
CIVIL ACTION # 25-CI-00098

KENTUCKY HOUSING CORPORATION PLAINTIFF

VS. NOTICE OF SALE

GARRETT D. HANKINS, ETAL. DEFENDANTS

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By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered in the Owen Circuit Court on the 18th day of November, 2025, I will sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder on the front steps of the Owen County Courthouse, 100 North Thomas Street, Owenton, Kentucky at the hour of 10:00, a.m. on Saturday, December 13, 2025, the following described property:

A house and lot in the City of Owenton, Owen County, Kentucky, known as 207 Roland Avenue, being the same property conveyed and described in Deed Book 274, page 446 in the Office of the Clerk of Owen County.

Property address: 207 Roland Avenue, Owenton, KY 40359  
Parcel No.: 061-20-00-017.00

The amount of money to be raised and for which this sale is being made is the sum of \$155,646.68 adjudged due to plaintiff on its first lien on the property, together with interest thereon at the rate of 6.5% per annum, from December 1, 2024 until paid, plus court costs and attorney's fees.

The real estate shall be sold on the terms of 10% cash at the time of the sale, with the balance payable within 30 days, except that the deposit shall be waived if plaintiff is the successful bidder. Any purchaser, other than the plaintiff shall be required to execute a bond, with surety thereon acceptable to the Master Commissioner, to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price, and said bond shall bear interest at the rate of 6.5% per annum from the date of the sale until paid, and shall have the same force and effect as a judgment and shall remain and be a lien on the property until paid. The purchaser shall have the privilege of paying all or part of the balance of the purchase price prior to the 30 day period.

It is further provided that the property sold contains insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's expense, procure a policy of fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements in the amount of the appraised value, or the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, as a minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Owen Circuit Court or the plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchaser to effect such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require the plaintiff to effect said insurance and furnish the policy, or evidence thereof to the Commissioner if it so desires, and the premium thereon or a proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's cost.

When the purchase price is paid in full, title will be conveyed to the purchaser by commissioner's deed.

The aforesaid real property shall be sold free and clear of any and all liens and claims except the following:

a. All State and County real estate taxes payable on the property for 2026 and thereafter;

b. Easements, restrictions and stipulations of record;

c. Assessments for public improvements levied against the property;

d. Any facts which an inspection and accurate survey of the property may disclose.

For further information, see the Judgment, Order and pleadings of record in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Owen County.

s/ Mark R. Cobb  
MARK R. COBB  
MASTER COMMISSIONER  
OWEN CIRCUIT COURT

## Boys basketball: Rebels knock off Titans, fall to Wolverines

**BY STAFF REPORTS**

HARRODSBURG — Notching its first win in the 2025-26 boys high school basketball season, Owen County defeated Mercer County 51-42 on Saturday, Dec. 6.

The win allowed Owen County to even its record to 1-1.

Owen County shot 42.5 percent from the field. The Rebels made four of 18 three-point field goal attempts.

Owen County shot 56.5 percent from the free throw line.

Michael Smith led Owen County offensively, scoring 18 points for the Rebels. Smith connected on each of his six two-point field goal attempts.

Accompanying Smith in double figures for Owen County, Harper Duvall netted 16 points.

Seven players entered Owen County's scoring column. The additional scorers for Owen County were Briton Stafford (seven points), Bryson Tirey (four points), Connor Dezarn (three points), Tanner Holt (two points) and Hatcher Smith (one point).

Tirey paced Owen County inside, clearing out eight rebounds for the Rebels.

Mercer County shot 35.9 percent from the field. The Titans shot 37.5 percent (six-of-16) from three-point range.

Mercer County shot 61.5 percent (eight-of-13) from the free throw line.

Gage Phillips paced Mercer County, scoring 12 points for the Titans. Phillips was the only Mercer County player to reach double figures.

Narrowly missing double figures for Mercer County, Davis Tyler and Jackson Doughty netted nine points

apiece.

Rounding out Mercer County's individual scoring, Caden Brogli contributed seven points while Carson Haven added five points.

Owen County and Mercer County aren't scheduled to meet again in the 2025-26 boys high school basketball season.

**REBELS DROP SEASON OPENER TO WOLVERINES**

FRANKFORT — Western Hills dealt Owen County a loss in a season opener, outlasting the Rebels 73-70 on Wednesday, Dec. 3.

Owen County excelled offensively in the short effort, shooting 57.5 percent from the field. The Rebels shot 57.9 percent from three-point range.

Owen County shot 76.5 percent from the free throw

line.

Michael Smith nearly recorded a double-double and led the Rebels. Smith, who led a trio of Owen County scorers in double figures, netted a game-high 32 points and claimed nine rebounds.

Harper Duvall followed Smith in Owen County's scoring column, netting 17 points,

Giving Owen County three scorers in double figures, Briton Stafford tallied 11 points.

Six players accounted for all of Owen County's scoring. Bryson Tirey (four points), Connor Dezarn (four points) and Wade Cook (two points) were Owen County's additional scorers.

Owen County (31st District/8th Region) and Western Hills (41st District/11th Region) aren't scheduled to meet again in the 2025-26 boys high school basketball season.

## Sign up now for Parks and Rec gymnastics

**BY STAFF REPORTS**

OWENTON — Owen County Parks and Recreation has announced that late winter/spring signups are open for gymnastics.

The signups will close on Feb. 1, 2026.

Late winter/spring gymnastics will start Feb. 16, 2026. A 10-week session for the gymnastics will continue through May 7, 2026. The week of spring break will be an off period for the gymnastics.

The class for children ages 3 and up will last 45 minutes and is \$12 per class.

The class for children ages 2 and below will last 30 minutes and is \$10 per class.

Classes will be held on Thursdays between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Registration for OCPR Gymnastics is available online at <https://forms.marts.com/form/2fk1>.

## Cheerleaders to sell items during home games


**BY STAFF REPORTS**

OWENTON — The Owen County High School cheerleading program will offer various items for sale at home basketball games throughout the month.

The items for sale will include old pom poms, T-shirts and signs.

Cash or check will be accepted as forms of payment for the Owen County High School Cheerleading-related items.

For more information about the items for sale, contact Owen County cheerleading head coach Sarah Young



# LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE  
OWEN CIRCUIT COURT  
CIVIL ACTION # 25-CI-00120

KENTUCKY HOUSING CORPORATION PLAINTIFF

VS. NOTICE OF SALE

GENI LYNN WILLOUGHBY, ETAL. DEFENDANTS

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By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered in the Owen Circuit Court on the 18th day of November, 2025, I will sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder on the front steps of the Owen County Courthouse, 100 North Thomas Street, Owenton, Kentucky at the hour of 10:00, a.m. on Saturday, December 13, 2025, the following described property:

A small parcel of real property lying near Hwy. 127 South in Owen County, near the Franklin County line, designated as Tract 7 (1.19 acres) of the Littrell Farm Division as shown on the plat of said subdivision of record in Plat Cabinet 1, Slide 394; and the same property conveyed and fully described in Deed Book 273, page 493, all in the Owen County Clerk's Office.

There is included in this sale a manufactured home which is located on the real property, the title to which has been converted to real estate.

Property Address: 305 Gills Branch Road, Owenton, KY 40359  
Map No.: 054-00-00-021.08

The amount of money to be raised and for which this sale is being made is the sum of \$150,005.44 adjudged due to plaintiff on its first lien on the property, together with interest thereon at the rate of 6.5% per annum, from February 1, 2025, until paid, plus court costs and attorney's fees of \$3,900.00.

The real estate shall be sold on the terms of 10% cash at the time of the sale, with the balance payable within 30 days, except that the deposit shall be waived if plaintiff is the successful bidder. Any purchaser, other than the plaintiff shall be required to execute a bond, with surety thereon acceptable to the Master Commissioner, to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price, and said bond shall bear interest at the rate of 6.5% per annum from the date of the sale until paid, and shall have the same force and effect as a judgment and shall remain and be a lien on the property until paid. The purchaser shall have the privilege of paying all or part of the balance of the purchase price prior to the 30 day period.

It is further provided that the property sold contains insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's expense, procure a policy of fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements in the amount of the appraised value, or the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, as a minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Owen Circuit Court or the plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchaser to effect such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require the plaintiff to effect said insurance and furnish the policy, or evidence thereof to the Commissioner if it so desires, and the premium thereon or a proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's cost.

When the purchase price is paid in full, title will be conveyed to the purchaser by commissioner's deed.

The aforesaid real property shall be sold free and clear of any and all liens and claims except the following:

a. All State and County real estate taxes payable on the property for 2026 and thereafter;


b. Easements, restrictions and stipulations of record;

c. Assessments for public improvements levied against the property;

d. Any facts which an inspection and accurate survey of the property may disclose.

For further information, see the Judgment, Order and pleadings of record in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Owen County.

s/ Mark R. Cobb  
MARK R. COBB  
MASTER COMMISSIONER  
OWEN CIRCUIT COURT



# LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE  
OWEN CIRCUIT COURT  
Civil Action No. 24-CI-00174

DOT CAPITAL INVESTMENTS, LLC PLAINTIFF

VS. NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

Electronically Filed

THOMAS B. LAWHON, JR. DEFENDANTS  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF THOMAS B. LAWHON, JR.  
UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS OF 5145 GEORGETOWN ROAD  
OWEN COUNTY, KENTUCKY  
BRIDGES AND BRAUN, LLC  
AMERICAN TAX HELP SERVICE COMPANY, LLC  
CAPITAL ONE N.A. CORPORATION  
PEOPLES BANK & TRUST CO.

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By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Owen Circuit Court on the 20th day of November, 2025, I will sell at public auction on the front steps of the Owen County Courthouse, 100 N. Thomas Street, Owenton, Kentucky, the property described herein located in Owen County, Kentucky, on MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2025, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., prevailing time, and more particularly described as follows: Property Address: 12.55 acres at 5145 Georgetown Road, Owenton, KY 40359  
Map ID Number: 076-50-00-011.00  
Being the same property conveyed to Thomas B. Lawhon, Jr., by Deed dated May 5, 1993, of record in Deed Book 171, Page 10, in the Office of the Owen County Court Clerk. A life estate was reserved to the Grantor Thomas B. Lawhon, Sr., however, as evidenced by Owen District Court Case No. 10-P-00070, Thomas B. Lawhon, Sr., is now deceased.

AND ALSO INCLUDING:

Being the same property conveyed to Thomas B. Lawhon, Jr., by Deed dated February 5, 1972, of record in Deed Book 121, Page 84, in the Office of the Owen County Court Clerk.

AND ALSO INCLUDING:

Being the same property conveyed to Thomas B. Lawhon, Jr., by Quitclaim Deed dated August 17, 2015, of record in Deed Book 244, Page 659, in the Office of the Owen County Court Clerk.

THERE IS NO MOBILE HOME, DOUBLEWIDE AND/OR MANUFACTURED HOME INCLUDED IN THIS SALE.

The amount of money to be raised by this sale is the sum of \$10,640.89, with accrued interest included therein in the amount of \$1,163.52, as of October, 2025, and with interest continuing to accrue from October, 2025, at the rate of \$10.98 per month until fully paid, together with reasonable attorneys fees and court costs.

The real estate shall be sold on the terms of ten (10%) percent cash at the time of the sale, except that said deposit shall be waived if the Plaintiff is the successful bidder at the sale, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days bearing interest at the rate the judgment bears per annum from date of sale. When the purchase price is paid in full, the deed will be delivered to the purchaser. It is further provided that the property sold includes insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's own expense, carry fire and extended insurance coverage 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, as a minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Owen Circuit Court or the Plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchaser to effect such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require, the Plaintiff DOT Capital Investments, LLC, to effect said insurance and furnish the policy or evidence thereof to the Commissioner if it so desires, and the premium thereon or the proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's costs.

The aforesaid property shall be sold free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, except the following:

a. All unpaid state, county and city real estate taxes for the year 2025;

b. Easements, restrictions, and stipulations of record;

c. Assessments for public improvements levied against the property; and,

d. Any facts which an inspection and/or accurate survey of the property may disclose.

For further information, see the Final Judgment and Order of Sale and pleadings of record in the Office of the Circuit Court of Owen County.

/s/ Jake A. Thompson  
JAKE A. THOMPSON  
SPECIAL MASTER COMMISSIONER  
OWEN CIRCUIT COURT