

ALL-AREA

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hits, 45 RBI, 10 doubles, while hitting .424. His biggest stat was astounding, as he struck out only nine times on the season while being walked 42 times.

"I think it's just a confidence thing," Marushi said. "It's putting in the work during the winter and getting a lot stronger

and more explosive. It lets me go to the box more confidently, feeling like no one can beat me. It's just me and the dude on the mound to win the battle."

Marushi's ability to work as the Tomcats' leadoff man was played to perfection, as he plated 32 runs on the season, second only to LJ Murphy's 35, who hit behind him.

"I feel like I am a good leadoff hitter," Marushi said. "Obviously, there are

some faster dudes than me. You have a fast player at the leadoff spot. But as far as seeing pitches, relaying tendencies to the dug-out and getting on base, I feel like I am the dude who can do it."

Conley offered high accolades for the senior catcher.

"Marushi is tough," Conley said. "He's the guy you have to have three, four or five different plans for on how to pitch. We played in the state championship, and we didn't see a better catcher than him, and we didn't see a more dangerous hitter than him. A guy like him in the lineup makes every other hitter in the lineup better. Guys who hit behind him are hitting with him on base. Guys who hit in front of him are getting fastballs right down Broadway. Second-team All-State is impressive, but there isn't a first-team All-State if he isn't on it."

Marushi helped guide Ashland to a region-best 30 wins this season, a far cry from the 11-19 season in 2022 before his dad, Shane, took over the program.

"We have laid the foundation for these younger guys," Marushi said. "I hope they continue to keep working. We talk during the winter about building a winning program and what it means to be a winner. I think it really showed this year. I hope the younger kids take this and run with it."

Marushi spent four years with his father at the controls, culminating in a 64th District championship in 2025.

"It's been awesome," Marushi said. "My dad and I push each other very hard. We butt heads a lot. We expect a lot from each

other. If I make a mistake, he will let me know about it. If he makes a mistake, I will let him know. I am super grateful for this time with him."

Cole Adams, Jace Manning, Alex Maynard and Grant Slater represent Boyd County. Adams batted .404 on the season with 25 RBIs. Manning batted .346 with three doubles and a pair of triples. Manning logged a team-high 37 innings with a 4-2 record, including a win over South Oldham in the opening round of the state tournament. Maynard hit .396 on the season with 36 hits and 31 RBIs. Slater rounds out the Lions with a team-high .450 average with 45 hits, 40 RBIs and 15 doubles. Slater went 6-0 in his nine appearances with an 0.89 ERA over 31 1/3 innings of work.

Joining Marushi for Ashland are Zane Ingram and LJ Murphy. Ingram hit .280 on the season while driving in 32 behind three home runs. Murphy batted .289 with 21 RBIs and eight doubles. Murphy went 7-2 on the year with two saves while striking out 103.

Johnson Central added three to the team behind Kyler Callaham, Braxton Perry and Chase Preece. Callaham hit .389 with 44 hits and 35 RBIs. Perry hit .379 while leading the Golden Eagles with 50 hits and 35 stolen bases. Preece hit .301 on the season while driving in a team-leading 41, behind 10 home runs.

Raceland placed a trio of players on the team with Landon Bloss, Brigham Davidson and Parker Ison. Bloss led the Rams with a .431 average and 47 hits. He was 6-2 from the hill with a 1.92

ERA over 47 1/3 innings of work. Davidson hit .304 while leading the Rams from the bump with a 7-1 mark and a 1.79 ERA over 54 2/3 innings. Ison hit .407 on the year with 46 hits, 34 RBIs and nine doubles. Ison served as the Rams' closer with a pair of saves and a 0.91 ERA over 15 1/3 innings of work.

East Carter, Greenup County, Rowan County, and Russell each placed two players on the team. Colton McGuire and Landon Yoak represent-

ed the Raiders. Hunter Holbrook and Gavin Roy guide Greenup's additions. Rowan placed Mason Havens and Aaron Pennington on the team. Lokelio Ancheta and Jacob Tolliver represented Russell.

Rounding out the team are Fairview's Tevin Smith, Fleming County's Preston Cropper, Lawrence County's Gray Derifield, Morgan County's Cooper Fleming and Paintsville's Brody Howell.



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Boyd County coach Frank Conley signals to his team during the KHSAA state championship game against Trinity at Kentucky Proud Park on June 13.



Ashland's Brady Marushi swings at a pitch during the opening round of the 16th Region Tournament in Morehead on May 25.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF ASHLAND BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Ashland Board of Zoning Adjustment will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers, third floor of the Ashland City Building, 1700 Greenup Avenue. This building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Special assistance or special accommodations may be requested in advance.

The Board will consider the following item:
V26-06-01, 3404 Winchester Ave., Ashland, KY 41101: A request for a variance to allow an accessory storage structure to encroach into the required fire separation distance from the primary structure.

Additional information can be obtained by calling the City of Ashland, Department of Community and Economic Development at (606) 385-3317 or visiting the office at 1700 Greenup Avenue, Room 208 during normal business hours, Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF ASHLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Ashland Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on **Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.** in the City Commission Chambers, third floor of the Ashland City Building, 1700 Greenup Avenue. This building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Special assistance or special accommodations may be requested in advance.

The Planning Commission will hear public comment, discuss, and consider amendments to the City of Ashland Zoning Ordinance pertaining to the regulation of Data Centers.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Notice is given that the Boyd County Judge Executive does hereby call a special meeting of the Boyd County Fiscal Court, to be held on Thursday, July 9th, 2026, at Noon. This meeting will be held in person, in the Old Boyd County Courthouse, 2nd Floor Courtroom, and streamed on the Boyd County Fiscal Court Facebook page.

AGENDA

**Executive Session Renewal of Lines of Credit
Award Sandy Ridge Access Road AMLER Bid
Data Center Moratorium**

A copy of this notice shall be delivered to The Daily Independent and all members of the Boyd County Fiscal Court by personal delivery, facsimile, and/or electronic mail at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting. (KRS 61.823).

This notice shall be posted in not less than two (2) conspicuous places in the Boyd County Courthouse, not less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

Pursuant to KRS 61.823(3), discussions and actions at the meeting shall be limited to items listed on the agenda. This 7th day of July, 2026.

Eric Chaney

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Boyd County Judge Executive
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BOYD CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL ACTION NO. 26-CI-00010

KAR TAX LIEN PORTFOLIO, LLC, PLAINTIFF,
vs. ADVERTISEMENT

TAMMIE JOHNSON;
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TAMMIE JOHNSON;
CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A.;
CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY;
COUNTY OF BOYD, KENTUCKY, DEFENDANTS.

Pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale entered on May 15, 2026, I shall sell the property described herein below at public auction in the lobby inside the front door of the old Boyd County Courthouse, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, on **Friday, July 24, 2026, at 11:15 a.m.**, to highest bidder on the following terms:

Full purchase price will be due at time of sale, payable by personal, business or official check. We do not accept cash. **IF the Master Commissioner has pre-approved the surety and collateral for a bidder's bond**, a down payment of ten-percent (10%) of the purchase price will be due at time of sale, and the unpaid balance with interest at the rate of **12% per annum** will be due within thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

Address of Property: 3016 Carter Avenue, Ashland (For Legal Description, see LSOT: Deed Book 835, Page 322, Boyd County Clerk's Office)
Map/Parcel ID Number: 038-08-15-003.00

NOTE - Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter.

/s/ Kenneth Williams, Jr.
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