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Athena Singh hoisted the Region 12 individual championship. Mason County's Sydney Ullery completed her round on the home course with an 80 to take medalist honors.

Elliott County's Maryn Sturgill leads the individual state qualifying list with an 84. Lawrence County's Abby Runyon posted an 87, East Carter's Bristol Boggs ended with a 90 and Rowan County's Callie Baber and Russell's Addie Mitchell rounded out the top five with 92.

The top 10 individuals not on the qualifying teams, earn a spot in the state tournament field.

Fleming County's Lucy Deatley (93), Bath County's Juliana Moore (97), Montgomery County's Izzy Stafford (101), Fleming County's Tatum Roberts (102) and Lewis County's Colleen Kennedy (104) all advance to the state First Round at StoneCrest Golf Course in Prestonsburg next Tuesday.

Calhoun enjoyed the state tournament experience with his son when he played at Ashland.

Now, he leads a team that faces the atmosphere for the first time. He feels they are ready for the challenge.

"We have a practice round on Thursday," Calhoun said. "I want them to enjoy the 48 hours after the region. It is different, and you have more people and teams. We are going over those things. We concentrate on one hole at a time. You may have a bad hole, but keep grinding away."

"It's one of those things that once you experience it, you understand," he continued. "We are going to be the fifth or sixth team on the list based on the other region scores, along with the top teams in the state, Lexington Christian Academy and Madison Central."

SPARKS

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way to the playoffs.

My heart wasn't in the picks column last week, but we have plenty now with the band, Heart, assisting the selections this week.

The best sports month is here and about to go "Crazy on You." Don't you dare tone down your excitement.

Week 6 Picks

Johnson Central over Boyd County: Most of us "Never" thought we would see a Johnson Central team with a 1-4 record at the midway point of the season. The Golden Eagles have played a loaded schedule and meet a Lions team brimming with confidence after a bye week. Boyd County fell by just seven points last year in Paintsville, and if the home team can match the contest's physicality, they will stay close, but the visitors have the edge.

Ashland over Greenup County: The Musketeers have their "Magic Man" on both sides of the ball in Jasper Davis. Ashur Wireman and an experienced line will be valuable assets in extending drives and keeping the Tomcats offense off the field. Ashland brings a different kind of speed, and Tre Taylor has gobbled up rushing yards like a "Barracuda." Greenup County must limit the explosive plays and find some of their own if it wants the first win in the series since 1999. The Tomcats have won 27 straight meetings and find a way to extend the margin.

Big Walnut (OH) over Ironton: I don't think I'm "Alone" in thinking it's the Fighting Tigers' toughest test so far. Both teams are 5-0. The Golden Eagles have won their games by a combined 206-35 scoring margin. It feels like Ironton always has an invincible effect inside Tanks, but the visitors prove to be a hard nut to crack.

Lawrence County over Letcher County Central: The Bulldogs only played a half at North Laurel last week before Mother Nature's lightning postponed the game. In baseball-like fashion, a late-season, mid-week makeup day was announced for Oct. 27. On a Tuesday, Lawrence County will conclude the game, meaning it will play three games in an eight-day stretch right before the postseason. Against the Cougars, it will be a "Dog & Butterfly" game as the visitors get caught in the net of the home team's full-game performance.

Lewis County over Bath County: The Lions achieved their first victory in nearly three years earlier this season and now want to "Even It Up" by claiming their first district win since a 2023 result against these same Wildcats. Lewis County gets it done.

Paintsville over West Carter: "The Road Home" to the Memorial Field end zone remains a welcome sight for the Tigers. The home team plans several trips against the Comets.

Fairview over Phelps: The Eagles play with "These Dreams" of competing in their upcoming district matchups and don't want to lose any momentum on their trip to Phelps before making travel plans to Carlisle the following week to start district play.

Russell over Fleming County: Everyone knows who gets the bulk of the Red Devils' carries, but Russell has multiple guys who can gain ground in the run game. So, the Panthers have to guess, "Who Will You Run To?" Russell gains another win on homecoming night.

SPORTS ON THE AIR

TODAY

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

7 p.m. — Benedict at TuskegeeESPN2

7:30 p.m. — Liberty at Coastal CarolinaESPN

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

6 p.m. — Wisconsin at Maryland.....BTN

6 p.m. — Memphis at South Florida.....ESPNU

7 p.m. — Notre Dame at DukeACCN

7 p.m. — Kentucky at South Carolina.....SECN

8 p.m. — UCLA at Rutgers.....BTN

8 p.m. — Mississippi St. at Tennessee.....ESPNU

GOLF

12:30 p.m. — 2026 Presidents Cup: First Round, Medinah Country Club, Medinah, Ill.GOLF

MLB

12:30 p.m. — St Louis at PittsburghMLBN

3:30 p.m. — Arizona at Colorado.....MLBN

7 p.m. — Cincinnati at AtlantaFS1

10 p.m. — San Diego at L.A. DodgersMLBN

NFL

8:15 p.m. — Atlanta at Green BayPRIME VIDEO

NHL

7 p.m. — Preseason: New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers.....NHLN

10 p.m. — Preseason: Utah at Vegas.....NHLN

WNBA

7 p.m. — Toronto at ConnecticutNBATV

8 p.m. — Indiana at Minnesota.....USA

10 p.m. — Las Vegas at PhoenixUSA

FRIDAY

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

4 p.m. — Army at TempleESPN

7 p.m. — Howard at Rutgers.....BTN

7 p.m. — Navy at UABESPN

7 p.m. — Harvard at BrownESPN2

8 p.m. — Northwestern at IndianaFOX

10:30 p.m. — Clemson at CaliforniaESPN

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

7 p.m. — Wake Forest at NC StateACCN

GOLF

2 p.m. — 2026 Presidents Cup: Second Round, Medinah Country Club, Medinah, Ill.GOLF

MLB

7 p.m. — Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees.....MLBN

7 p.m. — Cincinnati at TorontoREDS.TV

PUBLIC NOTICES

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COUNTY TAXPAYERS'S NOTICE

The Boyd County 2023 Unmined Coal tax bills will be due and payable beginning October 1, 2026. The 2023 Unmined Coal bills will be mailed out on or about September 29, 2026. Bills will be mailed directly to each taxpayer. It will be the taxpayer's responsibility to forward the bill to any paying agent. When mailing your payment, please include your copy of the tax bill or put the tax bill number on your check. The Sheriff's Department address is PO Box 558 Catlettsburg, KY 41129. If you wish to have a paid receipt returned to you, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. The following are the collection dates for Unmined Coal bills:

2% Discount	October 1, 2026 – November 1, 2026
Face Amount	November 2, 2026 – December 31, 2026
5% Penalty	January 1, 2027 – January 31, 2027
21% Penalty	February 1, 2027 – April 15, 2027

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All delinquent tax bills will be transferred to the County Clerk's office as of the close of business on April 15, 2027. In addition to the penalties and fees that are applied by the Sheriff's Office, all payments in the County Clerk's office are subject to a County Attorney's Fee, a County Clerk's fee, and interest per month. The delinquency is also subject to being sold to a Third Party in the Summer of 2027.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

KENTUCKY ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT CABINET

DIVISION OF WASTE MANAGEMENT

300 SOWER BOULEVARD, SECOND FLOOR

FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY 40601

NOTIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL COVENANT

MFM Realty, LLC, the sole owner of real property located at 2500 Winchester Avenue, Ashland, Boyd County, Kentucky 41101 (the "Property"), which said "Property 13" and "Property 14", PVA Parcel Nos. 038-07-05-0001.00 and 038-07-05-017.00, hereby states that an Environmental Covenant is being placed against said Property in accordance with KRS 224.80-100 et seq. The legal description of the Property is as follows:

Beginning at a PK Nail set with an orange plastic collar in the intersection of the South Right-Of-Way of Winchester Avenue (100' Right-Of-Way) and the East Right-Of-Way of 25th Street (80' Right-Of-Way), said point having a Kentucky State Plane Coordinate System, North Zone, NAD 83 value of N: 358346.05 E: 2104684.10; thence with the Right-Of-Way of Winchester Street, S 58°25'46" E a distance of 100.00 feet to a PK Nail set with an orange plastic collar being a common corner to the property of Bruce M Stapleton, et als (Deed Book 689, Page 634; see Deed Book 605, Page 98); thence with the property of Stapleton, et als, S 31°34'14" W a distance of 142.50 feet to a point in the corner of a brick garbage enclosure in the North Right-Of-Way of the Alley, N 58°25'46" W a distance of 100.00 feet to a PK Nail set with an orange plastic collar being in the intersection of the North Right-Of-Way of the Alley and the East Right-Of-Way of 25th Street, thence with the Right-Of-Way of 25th Street, N 31°34'14" E a distance of 142.50 feet to the point of beginning containing 0.33 acres.

The Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet (the "Cabinet") has determined that petroleum constituents were historically released and/or disposed of on the Property (the "Release"). As the sole and current owner of the Property and sole holder of record, MFM Realty, LLC has agreed to implement a Site Management Plan with respect to the Property to manage the effects of the Release. In accordance with the Site Management Plan, as approved by the Cabinet, an Environmental Covenant will placed against the Property: (i) prohibiting the Property from being utilized for residential use; (ii) prohibiting the utilization of groundwater from the Property for drinking or other domestic purposes; (iii) prohibiting the taking or omission of any action on the Property that creates a risk of migration of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants or a potential hazard to human health or the environment; (iv) prohibiting the disturbance of any engineering controls utilized at the Property to contain hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants or limit human exposure to hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants; (v) prohibiting the disturbance of any approved cap placed on the Property without obtaining the prior approval of the Director of the Kentucky Division of Waste Management (the "Director"); (vi) prohibiting the disturbance of soil at the Property in any manner inconsistent with the Site Management Plan without obtaining the prior approval of the Director; and (vii) prohibiting the construction of any building(s) on the Property without obtaining the prior approval of the Director.

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Johnson Central at Boyd County	J. Central	J. Central	J. Central	Boyd Co.	Boyd Co.
Ashland at Greenup County	Ashland	Ashland	Ashland	Ashland	Ashland
Big Walnut at Ironton	Big Walnut	Big Walnut	Big Walnut	Ironton	Ironton
Letcher Co. Cent. at Lawrence County	Lawrence	Lawrence	Lawrence	Lawrence	Lawrence
Bath County at Lewis County	Lewis	Lewis	Lewis	Lewis	Lewis
West Carter at Paintsville	Paintsville	Paintsville	Paintsville	Paintsville	Paintsville
Fairview at Phelps	Fairview	Fairview	Fairview	Fairview	Fairview
Fleming County at Russell	Russell	Russell	Russell	Russell	Russell
South Alabama at Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky
Wake Forest at Louisville	Louisville	Louisville	Louisville	Louisville	Louisville
Gardner-Webb at Marshall	Marshall	Marshall	Marshall	Marshall	Marshall
Illinois at Ohio State	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.
Panthers at Browns	Panthers	Panthers	Panthers	Browns	Panthers
Bengals at Steelers	Bengals	Bengals	Bengals	Bengals	Bengals