

Dancing Devils collect two trophies

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Russell's varsity dance team earned Region 4 titles on Saturday at Corbin High School in both categories in which it competed: Pom and Hip-Hop (small division). The Dancing Devils are pictured.
Back row, left to right: Scarlett Rose, Abbey Webb, Dylan Ferguson, Addison Daniels, Savannah Miles, Emme Whaley, Charlee Hall and Ansley Clark. Front row, left to right: Tinsley Snyder, Reanna Allen and Reagan Burgess.

SIDEBURNS

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the appearance of a basketball court with a wide shot of Rupp Arena on one of the walls. Patrons can watch sports or play sports-themed arcade games in the shop. It is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

This week, anyone who gets a haircut receives a ticket to enter a raffle for prizes such as Texas Roadhouse gift cards, a hair-drying kit and Gillette razor packs. If you don't get a haircut, you can stop in and say "happy birthday" and get a ticket.

"We appreciate the support these 15 years," Lewis said. "We've learned a lot, and can't wait to see what happens in the next 15."

Lewis said he's enjoyed working with different stylists over the years, some of whom have gone on to start their own salons.

Lewis said the business encountered several challenges early on, but they managed to style hair for as many as 600 customers a week prior to COVID. Since the pandemic, which prompted the business to go to mostly scheduled appointments, they still style 300-350 heads of hair a week. If the "walk-in" light is on in the window, they will handle walk-ins.

Lewis said they've seen children get their hair cut as toddlers and watched them grow up before their eyes.

"It's been a roller coaster with lots of work, emotional strain, lots of positives, team growth and community impact," Lewis said. "It's been a crazy, beautiful ride."

Families will often come in and get haircuts together, he said.

The location is ideal, he said, because it's "easy in and out" with plenty of parking. Heavy traffic flows through the area regularly.

Sideburns has been involved in several community outreach projects, such as backpack giveaways and free haircuts. The business frequently donates to school athletic programs and events.

"Anything that has an impact on kids, that's what we've tried to help most," Lewis said. "The kids I've personally seen impacted has been some of the best moments, like seeing a kid light up because they're getting a backpack they've been wanting, getting a haircut and going back to school looking good, or going to school with new shoes that aren't torn up."

Lewis said it's been tough at times because he is not trained to personally jump in and cut hair.

"Every industry has its positives and negatives," Lewis said. "I've learned a whole bunch. Emotionally, I've grown. ... I've learned a lot over the last 15 years — what I want out of life, how to treat people, what it takes to run a business ... I have so much respect for anyone that's tried to open a business.

"We've had a lot of great people on the team," he added. "Every one of them has helped me learn something."

Lewis said the near future will hold some changes, as rent prices continue to climb. Follow Sideburns Stadium Haircuts on Facebook for updates and information.



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Sideburns owner Diamond Lewis stands by a sign celebrating 15 years of business in Russell Monday.

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"Our commitment to eastern Kentucky goes beyond providing reliable electricity," said Cindy Wiseman, President and Chief Operating Officer of Kentucky Power. "We've served these communities for generations, and we want our customers and communities to share directly in the benefits when new investment comes to the region. Eastern Kentucky has a tremendous opportunity ahead, and thoughtful growth can strengthen our electric system, support good jobs and attract new investment."

Kentucky Power announced its amended agreement with TeraWulf in October. Friday's filings mark the next step in seeking the regulatory approvals needed to move the project forward, according to the release.

TeraWulf's planned Muskie Data Campus is expected to support up to 1 gigawatt of contracted electric demand in phases by 2029, subject to regulatory approval and construction schedules, the release stated. To reliably serve that demand, Kentucky Power is seeking approval to construct a new 760-megawatt combined-cycle natural gas facility next to its Big Sandy natural gas generating unit in Louisa and a new transmission substation in the EastPark Industrial Park area.

The planned Muskie Data Campus also is expected to generate new economic activity through infrastructure investment, construction activity, permanent jobs and new tax revenue for local communities.

If approved by the PSC, TeraWulf will fund $100 million in winter bill credits for Kentucky Power's residential customers beginning in 2029 and continuing over the first 10 years of the contract.

Kentucky Power signed the White House Ratepayer Protection Pledge, reaffirming its commitment that growth should pay for growth while delivering long-term value for existing customers, according to the release. Additionally, Kentucky Power's large-load tariff requires data centers to provide financial backing for the cost to serve their projects before they connect to the grid.

In addition to paying all applicable service charges, TeraWulf has agreed to pay the estimated financing costs associated with construction of the proposed generation facility at Big Sandy. Together, these protections are designed to ensure the costs associated with serving TeraWulf's new demand are paid for by TeraWulf, while allowing new and existing customers to share in the benefits created by the growth.

Friday's filings begin the next phase of regulatory review for the proposed agreement and infrastructure. The generation facility and transmission infrastructure each require separate Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity from the PSC. Subject to the PSC's review schedule, decisions on the filings could come as early as mid-year 2027.

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