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## Rebels race past Trimble County for Homecoming victory

BY STAFF REPORTS

OWENTON — Owen County used a balanced offensive attack to beat Trimble County 68-32 in a 31st District boys' basketball game on Friday, Jan. 16.

The Rebels improved to 7-6 overall after notching the win.

Owen County shot 41.8 percent from the field. The Rebels made seven of 36 three-pointers.

Owen County connected on five of seven free throw attempts.

The Rebels controlled the backboards, outrebounding the Raiders 47-21.

Bryson Tirey led Owen County, scoring a game-high 15 points for the Rebels. As part of Owen County's balanced offensive attack, Michael Smith scored 12 points while Briton Stafford netted 10 points.

Smith recorded a double-double, clearing out a game-high 13 rebounds.

Finishing near double figures, Harper Duvall pushed in eight points for the Rebels.

Nine different players entered Owen County's scoring column. The additional scorers for Owen County were Connor Dezarn (six points), Wade Cook (six points), Tanner Holt (four points), Trip Allnutt (four points) and Charlie Wright (three points).

Trimble County shot 30.4 percent from the field. The Raiders connected on two of 18 three-pointers.

Trimble County made two of eight free throw attempts.

Briley Clifford (seven points), Zach Rice (seven points), Liam Taylor (six points), Drake Pennix (six points), Jacoby Clark (four points) and Hudson Jent (two points) accounted for Trimble County's scoring.

Owen County is scheduled to visit Trimble County for another 31st District boys' basketball game on Monday, Feb. 9.



Photo by Ann Carter

Homecoming royalty poses for an image during the Owen County boys basketball game Jan. 16 vs. Trimble County. From left are Homecoming Queen Maddy Moss, Homecoming King Colton Hurley, Prince Landon Thomason, and Princess Azaria Hearn.



Photo by Ann Carter

Liddie June and Jacob Webber cheer on the Rebels during Homecoming.



Photo by Ann Carter

Wade Cook plays strong defense during Homecoming vs. Trimble County.

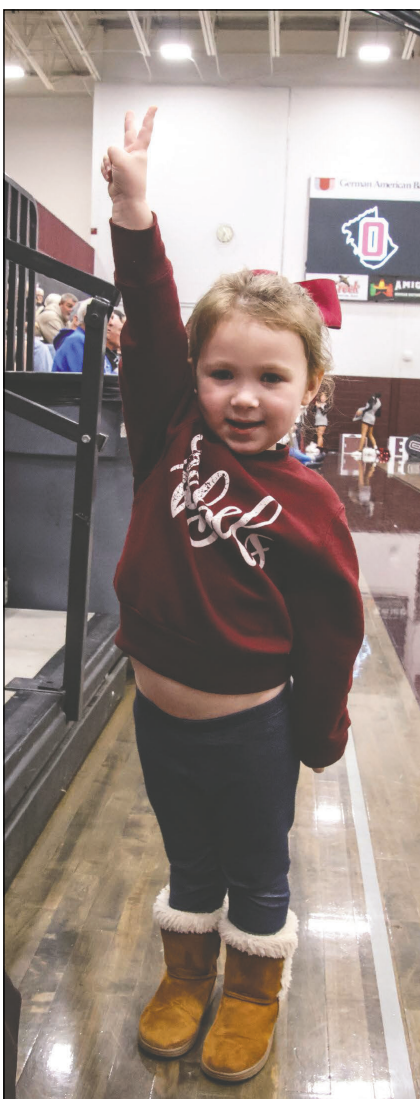


Photo by Ann Carter

Future Lady Rebel Madelyn Smither cheers from the sideline during the homecoming game.



Photo by Ann Carter

Michael Smith battles in the paint during the Rebels Homecoming victory over Trimble County.



Photo by Ann Carter

Harper Duvall eyes a shot during Homecoming vs. Trimble County.

## Looking good



Photos courtesy of Owen County High School

Owen County Schools' new athletic facilities are taking shape. Progress continues on the Owen County High School baseball, softball and football fields.

## Fiscal court hears reports from jailer, EMS

BY ANN CARTER  
CORRESPONDENT

The Owen County Fiscal Court addressed emergency management, transportation, the county clerk's office and approvals for expenses and personnel changes during its Jan. 13 meeting.

The jailer's 2025 annual report was submitted and approved, including operational figures for the year. The report detailed a total of 331 inmate transports and 30 bond releases, medical expenses in the amount of \$3,149.79, as well as pharmaceutical costs totaling \$7,838.59. Additionally, housing for inmates represented the largest expenditure at \$380,963.38.

Tim Cammack, emergency management director, presented the December EMD/911 Agency report to the court. The report included total expenditures of \$5,425.09, the assignment of eight new addresses, and 10 hours logged along with 186 miles traveled for 911 related duties. Cammack also reported holding a safety walk-through with Owen Electric, a school exercise conducted in coordination with the local school district, and completion of required

FEMA training.

The court approved several personnel changes within several departments. James Arnold and Frazier Fryman were hired as part-time drivers for the Public Transportation Department and Amy Green joined the county clerk's office as a full-time deputy clerk.

The court approved 114 claims amounting to \$203,919.71. Among the expenditures were \$7,573.20 for equipment maintenance, parts, and repairs; \$6,950.64 paid to Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP for sprinkler replacement; and \$2,478.18 to Cecil's HVAC for fall maintenance services. Additional costs included \$13,262.69 to Morton Salt for road salt, \$13,500 to Craignyle Farm Equipment for the purchase of a new rotary cutter, and \$16,481.99 to Seiler Instrument & Manufacturing for emergency management equipment funded through a grant award.

The next Owen County Fiscal Court meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. Jan. 27 in the upstairs meeting room of the Owen County Courthouse located on Thomas Street.

## Early Kentucky: Fertile ground for the Gospel

Kentucky was fertile ground for early circuit riders to sow the word of God. Those stalwart preachers came from the same stock as the pioneers who settled the frontier; and though most were not college educated, they preached the Gospel whenever they were moved by the spirit.

Frontier preachers

were zealous and their fiery sermons were embraced by the pioneers whose indomitable ruggedness had forged homes in the wilderness.



BONNIE STRASSEL

Many settlements held church services outdoors, weather permitting, and men of the frontier kept their rifles close at hand in the

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