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Two mail collection boxes on Lauderdale to be removed this month

John Pilati
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The City of Russellville will soon have only one blue mail collection box after the United States Postal Service announced its intention to remove the two collection boxes located on the south side of the Russellville Post Office on Lauderdale Street.

Russellville Postmaster Kenny McDonald confirmed the two collection boxes are scheduled to be removed on January 19, 2024. A let-

ter was affixed to the boxes on December 18th to notify postal customers about the planned removal. USPS regulations require a 30-day advance notice before a collection box may be removed.

The remaining collection box will be the one near Russellville Drugs in the Franklin Shopping Center, as McDonald said there were no plans to remove it at this time.

McDonald said the decision to remove the boxes was not made by him or any local officials at the Russellville Post Office. Instead,

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Holcomb's confidence high in long shot bid to unseat Aderholt

John Pilati
 Franklin Free Press

Don't ask Justin Holcomb how he can overcome great odds against unseating 14-term Congressman Robert Aderholt, because he says that's the wrong question.

"The question should be how is Robert Aderholt going to win and how does he feel about such great odds in favor of Justin Holcomb?" Holcomb told the Franklin Free Press in a recent interview.

The 33-year-old Holcomb is challenging Aderholt in the March 5, 2024, Republican Primary. While Aderholt has faced Democratic opposition in recent years, he's only

had Republican Primary opposition twice since first being elected in 1996.

Holcomb's message to voters in Alabama's Fourth Congressional District is straightforward—the people of Alabama are disrespected, mistreated and undervalued in Washington, D.C.

And, if elected, he plans to change that.

"The people of Alabama have been underestimated for far too long, and our current conditions are reflective of leadership that has gone horribly wrong," Holcomb said. "This will change on March 5th."

"The country and the world will be put on notice that our people will

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Chris Oden age 79, of Red Bay, passed away December 25, 2023. Pinkard Funeral Home assisted the family.

Laura Anne Dinsmore, age 46, of Russellville, passed away on December 25, 2023. Pinkard Funeral Home assisted the family.

Loma A. Whitehead, 90, passed away on December 25, 2023. Akins Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Owen Roger Swinney, age 84, of Phil Campbell, passed away on Monday, Christmas Day, December 25, 2023. Spry Memorial Chapel assisted the family.

Keith Lynn Owens, Sr., age 66, of Phil Campbell, passed away on Tuesday, December 26, 2023. Spry Memorial Chapel assisted the family.

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postal inspectors at the district level decided to remove the two collection boxes after a December 18th incident where someone broke into one of the boxes and stole all the contents.

That theft, along with collection box breakins in Red Bay, Moulton and Huntsville, led postal inspectors to the decision to remove the blue metal collection boxes at all locations where thefts had occurred.

McDonald said the USPS is working on alternative options to the traditional metal collection boxes that will provide additional security to protect the mail inside. No time frame has been announced about when any new boxes or devices would be installed.

"They're really trying to protect people. These boxes can be pried with a crowbar and the contents gone within a matter of minutes. This is being done for our customers. People may not understand that

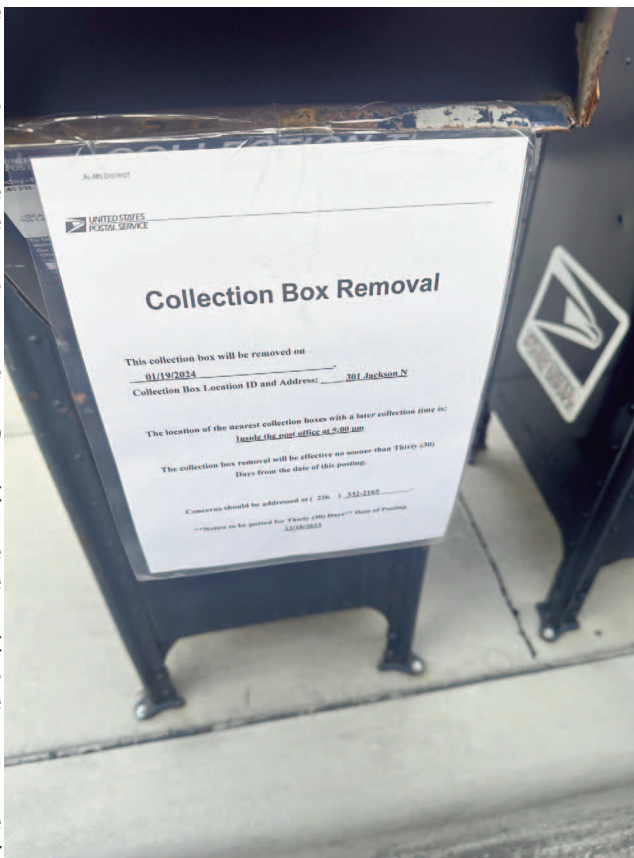


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but there's nothing we can do at the local level," McDonald said.

Russellville Police Chief Chris Hargett said his department received a report from Russellville Post Office officials about someone breaking the lock and prying open one of the mailboxes by the post office.

"We took a report and one of the boxes were broken. They had pried open the door and left it damaged after taking all the contents," Hargett said.

Although the case remains under investigation, Hargett said there are no suspects and no video recording of the incident, which occurred early morning on December 18th.

The collection box had been emptied by postal workers Saturday evening at 5 p.m., so the amount of mail in the box several hours later was likely minimal, McDonald said.

As a safety rule, the USPS recommends customers place mail into collection boxes before the last collection time of the day, to minimize the time the mail is in the box. Postal Inspectors state that most mail theft occurs overnight when there are fewer possible witnesses.

Theft of mail from collection boxes is a rampant problem for the USPS and one that, unresolved, can erode customer confidence in the safety and reliability of mail delivery.

In many instances, including the Russellville and Red Bay mail thefts, the Postal Service has removed the vandalized boxes permanently.

Theft of mail is a federal crime punishable by up to five years in prison and significant fines as well as a state crime of theft of property.

The notice posted on the Russellville collection boxes advises customers to address their concerns to the Russellville Post Office by calling 256-332-2165

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never be disrespected again. President (Donald) Trum will feel the support of more than 700,000 citizens in north Alabama who are ready to take their country back from a career politician who's led us astray," he added.

That message of being disrespected is at the core of Holcomb's campaign, and it's a message he's attempting to share with little to no campaign funds to promote it.

The most recent federal election disclosure information shows Aderholt (in the quarter that ended September 30, 2023) with receipts totaling \$426,370.28, disbursements of \$349,252.89 and \$1,236,562.62 cash on hand in his campaign account.

Holcomb, on the other hand, reported no receipts, disclosures or cash on hand as of the same date, making it a challenge to get his message to voters in a district where Aderholt has represented them for almost three decades.

Holcomb began personally meeting voters in the Fourth District last summer and he's visited 11 of the 13 counties included therein.

"This is a full-time job for me starting October 3rd through March 5th, 2024," Holcomb said. "I'm self-funded so far and have devoted all my own resources to this point.

"Everyone has been so welcoming. It's very inspirational to go to someone's door and see them excited to have someone new as a candidate," he added.

Holcomb is a former web editor for www.Townhall.com, a conservative website that pulls together political insight and commentary from more than 100 sources.

He has a political science degree from the University of Alabama Birmingham. In 2015, Holcomb went to work in Washington, D.C., where he worked with the Trump campaign to support Senate and House candidates that were key to the Republican plan of gaining numbers in the mid-term elections.

Holcomb's campaign was dealt a major blow in November, when Trump endorsed Aderholt in his reelection bid for Alabama's Fourth Congressional District. Undeterred, Holcomb remains consistent with his message.

"I will make Alabama's elected representation more representative of the strong will and virtues of Alabama," Holcomb said. "We have been left behind, discarded and moved to the back of the line. I will reverse this trend, change course, and renew the potential of Alabama."

Holcomb's platform also includes a call for Congressional term limits, something he says he'll abide by if elected.

"There's only one school of thought on the matter and that's the George Washington school of thought. He only served two terms. That set a precedent for the rest of the country," Holcomb said. "We are a stale cracker right now in Washington and we need new energy. I want to set up a two-term limit for the Fourth District and I don't a law to do it.

"My opponent is the epitome of what Washington needs to change. He's been up there too long not providing results the Fourth District needs. And how many people have run against him the past 30 years? That's the problem. Voters are desperate for competition and energy. This is healthy for our country and healthy for Alabama. And that's the reason I'm doing this," he added.

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Denied Russellville medical cannabis applicant among those requesting investigative hearing before medical cannabis commission

John Pilati
Franklin Free Press

With a rollout that makes the 1985 debut of 'New Coke' look successful, Alabama's medical cannabis licensing process is once again being chal-

lenged, this time by 12 applicants denied integrated facility licenses, a group that includes the Russellville-based Natural Relief Cultivation, LLC.

For the third time, the Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission awarded licenses to five integrated facilities applicants. These valuable licenses allow

recipients to sell, cultivate, process, transport and dispense medical cannabis at up to five dispensary sites.

Natural Relief Cultivation, LLC, was once again not among the five companies who received integrated facility licenses. Coordinated by Brian Faught, the operator of Arkansas' largest dispensary, Natural Relief entered into an agreement with the City of Russellville in 2022 to purchase 28 acres on Highway 24 East from the city, with the con-



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dition the sale would only go through if its application was proved by the AMCC. The company also has an agreement in place to purchase a separate parcel of land on 24 East to build a dispensary conditioned upon it receiving a license.

Even with an experienced medical cannabis professional leading the application process and hundreds of millions of dollars in place to complete its buildout, Natural Relief Cultivation was not among the top 15 applicants when the commission ranked the applicants at its December 12th meeting.

With allegations of political cronyism, conflicts of interest for commission members and secret meetings, the application process has been challenged in court each time it was completed.

Sen. Larry Stutts, who represents Franklin County in Alabama's District Six, has been one of the most outspoken legislative critics of the Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission.

"You have a few people selecting a few applicants and to get selected is worth millions of dollars. That opens up the floodgates for corruption," Stutts told the FFP last month.

Stutts believes some of the controversy might be manufactured in an intentional attempt to attack the process and get the commission to award licenses to all qualified applicants.

Alabama's medical cannabis law states an applicant who is denied a license may provide a public investigative hearing where the applicant may present any documentation or evidence it believes shows it suitability for a license.

Each of the five integrated facility license grantees paid its \$50,000 license fee within the allotted time and the process to become operational has begun.

With lawsuits pending and allegations that question the integrity of the process, it seems we remain a long way from actually providing medical cannabis to Alabamians whose medical conditions qualify them to use it.



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How to stop constant worrying in your life

Stan Popovich
For the Franklin Free Press

Do you find yourself worrying about everything that is going on around you?

It can be very tiring and depressing to constantly worry about your family, your job, your health, and everything else that is happening. Having things out of your control is very scary.

As a result, here are 7 tips on how to overcome the cycle of worry and fear in your life.

1. Focus on the facts of your situation; not your thoughts: When people are stressed out, they rely on their fearful and depressing thoughts. Your fearful thoughts are exaggerated and are not based on reality. When you are anxious, focus on the facts of your current situation and not on what you think.

2. You can't predict the future: Remember that no one can predict the future with one hundred percent certainty. Even if the thing that you are afraid of does happen, there are circumstances and factors that you can't predict which can be used to your advantage.

For example, you miss the deadline for a project you have been working on. Everything you feared is coming true. Suddenly, your boss tells you that the deadline is extended and that he forgot to tell you the day before. This unknown factor changes everything.

3. Take a break: Take a deep breath and try to find something to do to get your mind off of your anxieties and stresses. A person could take a walk, listen to some music, read the newspaper, watch TV, play on the computer, or do an activity that will give them a fresh perspective on things. This will distract you from your current worries.

4. Take it one day at a time: Instead of worrying about how you will get through the rest of the week or month, focus on today. Each day can provide us with different opportunities to learn new things and that includes learning how to deal with your problems.

5. Learn how to manage your thoughts: Challenge your negative thinking with positive statements and realistic thinking. When encountering thoughts that make you fearful, challenge those thoughts by asking yourself questions that will maintain objectivity and common sense. Your negative thoughts are usually exaggerated with reality.

6. Things change over time: Regardless of your circumstances, your current situation will not stay the same. Everything changes over time. Knowing that your situation will improve will help give you the confidence that things will get better in time.

7. Get some help: Sometimes, it helps to be able to talk to someone about your stressful situations. Talking to a trusted friend, counselor, or clergyman can give you additional advice and insights on how to deal with the fear of the unknown.

BIOGRAPHY

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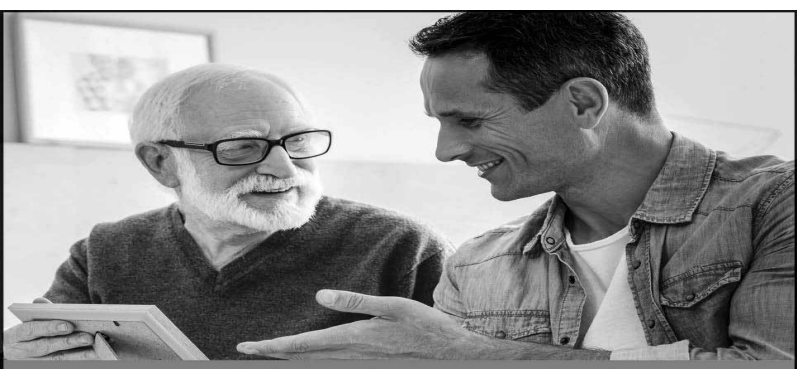
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The Piecemakers Challenge theme for this year is "Paper Piece Challenge". In conjunction with this exhibit, a display from guild members private quilt collections can also be enjoyed.

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All interested individuals, from beginners to professional, are welcome at the meetings of the Shoals Piecemakers. The guild meets every second Monday evening at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, located at 1900 Darby Drive in Florence, Alabama.

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Belgreen rolling through early hoops season

Michael Rice
 Franklin Free Press

As 2023 comes to an end, the Belgreen Lady Bulldogs are 15-4 half way through their basketball season. The Bulldogs are 4-0 in their area with wins over Vina, Hackleburg and two over Phillips.

"We've progressed every game so far as the year went on. The Lord has really blessed us," head Lady Bulldog coach Chad Green said.

The Bulldogs participated in the Winston County Christmas tournament and came away with three good wins against Winston County, 60-34, Carbon Hill 74-37 and most impressively, a 48-45 defeat of a Dora team that came into the game 11-1.

The Bulldogs have a core group of girls who play aggressive and fast.

"Our team is completely balanced, and our post players chip in and do their jobs well. My daughter, Dakota Green, scored her 1000th point last week and she's our leading scorer," Green said.

"Makenna Fisher is an outstanding scorer for us. Our point guard Bryn Scott has been a leading scorer in some individual games. All of our players individually contribute evenly and that great for us. It's hard for our

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Colbert Heights' region realignment includes familiar faces

John Pilati
 Franklin Free Press

A day after the Alabama High School Athletic Association announced its reclassifications for fall sports, Colbert Heights varsity football coach Tyler Jeffreys finalized his team's 2024 schedule, the first time the young head coach went through that sometimes difficult process.

Colbert Heights was reclassified in 3A Region 7, along with five of the teams in the Wildcats' previous Region 8. Colbert Heights, Clements, Colbert County, Elkmont, Lauderdale County and Mars Hill Bible School remain together, joining newcomers Sheffield and Rogers.

The Wildcats will play three non-region opponents, Cherokee, Carbon Hill and Falkville.

Announced as Colbert Heights' new head coach last May, Jeffreys soon began talking with other head coaches about scheduling games for the 2024-2025 seasons.

"If you don't start early it can be pretty difficult," Jeffreys said. "Luckily we were able to start a little earlier talking with some people before the new regions came out. All coaches pretty much do that and talk about contingencies where 'if this



Colbert Heights varsity head coach Tyler Jeffreys

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Lady Bobcats win two in holiday tournament

Michael Rice
 Franklin Free Press

The Phil Campbell Lady Bobcats are 11-7 this season and currently preparing for more area games after their New Years break.

The Lady Bobcats competed in a pre-Christmas tournament last week and went 2-1. Phil Campbell started off with a loss to Dora 60-53 in overtime on December 16th.

They had Sunday to rest and pulled out a win against Winston County on Monday, 52-43.

The next day the Lady Bobcats defeated Carbon Hill 46-44 to finish play in the Winston County tournament.

The Lady Bobcats finished the week with a loss to Belgreen 51-37 on December 22nd.

"We didn't shoot well behind the three point line, but our senior Hannah Welborn scored 15 and junior Macy Hardy had 14," head Lady Bobcats coach Craig Thomas said.

"Hardy continues to improve week after week and she helps us open our offense up because teams have to really key in on her quite a bit," Thomas added.

Sophomore Leela Baker is the team's leading rebounder and she had 12 boards against Belgreen.

The Lady Bobcats traveled to West Morgan December 27th to begin another holiday tournament. Phil Campbell faced Falkville first and lost 57-35.



The Bobcats then faced Hanceville and Addison to complete tournament play. Phil Campbell defeated Hanceville 35-34 and knocked off Addison 55-30.

"We're gonna use these games to help pre-

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pare us for our area games coming up. Each team we face the next few days will give us different looks that our area competitors will likely use," Thomas said.

The Lady Bobcats are 2-1 in their area with wins over Colbert County and Colbert Heights, and a 37-34 road loss at Danville on December 8th.

The Lady Bobcats will have a chance to pay back Danville as they face off on the Bobcats' home court January 5th at 5:45p.m.

Thomas' team will travel to Haleyville Saturday, January 6th for a 3 p.m., contest with the Lions.

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happens, we'd like to do that.' You keep as many contacts as possible and when the schedule comes out it's a fun day."

With scheduling complete, Jeffreys' focus now turns to preparing his young team to compete in 2024 after a 1-9 record last season. The Wildcats will be loaded with underclassmen but many of those players earned valuable game experience at the varsity and B-team level last fall.

"This group coming back is full of kids who are young, but work hard. We won't have many seniors next year," Jeffreys said. "But I believe this group is willing to work as hard as needed and do what it takes to win. We've got some really heavy hitters in our region so I'll continue with the mentality I tried to bring last season—taking it one week at a time."

The Wildcats' schedule includes traditional powers Mars Hill and Lauderdale County, but the front half of the schedule sets up well for a good start to the season.

Colbert Heights opens with a road game at Cherokee on August 23rd, followed by its home opener against Carbon Hill on August 30th. Region play begins September 6th at Clements, with Elkmont visiting the Wildcats on September 13th. The season's mid-point comes September 30th at Sheffield.

"I hate last year happened like it did but we played a really tough schedule. We were in a lot of games, but things just didn't go our way," Jeffreys said. "You've got to keep working on that. You can't worry about anyone else on your schedule down the road. You've got to worry about yourself. I feel we can do a better job at that and focus on us getting better each week at practice," he added.

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Russellville girls cagers set for Area 15 games to begin this week

John Pilati
Franklin Free Press

The Russellville Lady Golden Tigers began their post-Christmas schedule Wednesday with a loss to Ardmore in the first game of the West Morgan Tournament.

Ardmore had a one-point lead at halftime, but outscored Russellville 16-7 in the decisive third quarter.

With the loss, the Golden Tigers dropped to 5-7. But the team had an opportunity to erase the Ardmore loss the following day against a talented Decatur team.

Unfortunately for Russellville, the Lady Red Raiders raced out to a 10-point lead after one quarter, and led at halftime 29-15 en route to a 60-39 Decatur win.

Jacey Moore led Russellville's scoring with 15. Ella Copeland had 13, Avery Watts five, Desiree Medina three, Jemma Moore two and Laila Hill one point.

The Lady Golden Tigers finished tournament play with a 45-34 win over Danville to improve to 6-8.

Russellville led 8-4 after one quarter and 23-13 at halftime.

Ella Copeland, Avery Watts and Laila Hill each contributed 10 points. Jacey Moore he seven, Medina six and Jemma Moore two. Russellville returns to area play January 5th with a road trip to West Point, followed by a home date with Brewer on Tuesday, January 9th.

Vina girls take two of three games in Waterloo Tournament

Submitted

The Vina Lady Red Devils won two out of three at Waterloo Tournament on Friday improving their record to 8-10.

The first victory was over Cherokee 40-10.

Sophomore Miranda King led scoring hitting 3 threes for 9 points, followed by senior Mikala Mitchell with 7 points and sophomore Braxtyn Quinn and freshman Layla Hester with 6 points each. Hester pick up 8 assists also. Senior Kaley Attaway, sophomore Harleigh Ridge and eighth grader Kari Harper each scored 3 points.

Vina then lost to a heartbreaker to Tharptown 37-35. Vina was without Junior Khylee Brooks and Sara Harper with the flu. Freshman Lana Bell led Vina with 10 points followed by Quinn with 7 and Hester with 6 points . Attaway chipped in 4 while Mitchell and Freshman Makenzie Elrod scored 3 points each.

Angeleah Smith scored 19 points to lead the Lady Wildcats.

Vina bounced back with a narrow victory over 3A Colbert Heights 37-35.

Attaway controlled the backboards with 16 rebounds and 9 points. Three Vina players hit 1 of 2 free throws each in the final minute which was the margin of victory.

Elrod's free throw was one of her 8 points, and Hester hit 1 for her 7 points and Quinn hit 1 for her 6 points. Bell chipped in 6 points and Mitchell chipped in 1 point to finish Vina scoring.

The Lady Red Devils host Phillips in an area Thursday, January 4th in an area matchup.

TVA begins prescribed burns on public lands in Alabama

Submitted

TVA Natural Resources Management has started its prescribed fire program on public lands in Alabama. Counties where burns may be carried out include Colbert, Franklin, Jackson, Lauderdale, Limestone, Marion, and Marshall.

All prescribed fire use is subject to favorable weather conditions and the availability of fire personnel. The planned time period for burning is December 2023 to March 2024.

Prescribed burns, sometimes referred to as controlled burns, are valuable tools to protect and improve natural resources. They can help maintain and establish wildlife habitat, and reduce thatch and leaves that help fuel wildfires. Burns also stimulate the growth of desirable vegetation and recycle nutrients back into the soil.

Safety is a top priority. Fire managers from several state agencies, including the Alabama Forestry Commission, are partnering to prepare written prescribed burn plans.

A prescription is a set of conditions that considers the safety of the public and fire team members, land management objectives and favorable weather.

Proper permits are obtained and landowners within a reasonable distance of the burn are notified of the intent to burn as well as the local volunteer fire departments. The plans are prepared and the safety measures taken are vital to safely meeting the site specific land management objectives.

Prior to and during firing operations, all weather conditions are closely monitored to ensure prescription parameters are met. TVA and partners have safely conducted prescribed burns on more than 20,000 acres of public land in recent years.

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opponents to prepare for us when you have everyone contributing," Green added.

On December 21st, the Bulldogs defeated their area rival Phillips for the second time this season, 75-27.

Fisher finished the night as Belgreen's leading scorer with 19. Lillian Willingham added 10 to pace the Bulldog offense.

The next day, the Bulldogs beat county rival Phil Campbell 51-37 to round out their schedule before Christmas break. Fisher finished the game with 19 again and as Belgreen's leading scorer.

The Bulldogs faced Elkmont on Friday in the Lauderdale County Christmas tournament. Belgreen fell to Elkmont 47-44.

Belgreen was set to face Russellville Tuesday, January 3rd, with a road game at Tharptown set for Friday, January 5th, with a 5 p.m., tipoff.

The Bulldogs will travel to Vina on January 23rd and host Hackleburg on the 25th to round out area play.



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Tuesday, January 9

4:00p	JVG	2 Vina vs. 3 Phil Campbell
5:30p	VG	4 Tharptown vs. 5 Red Bay
7:00p	VB	4 Phil Campbell vs. 5 Vina

Thursday, January 11

4:00p	9thB	1 Vina vs. 4 Belgreen
5:30p	VG	1 Belgreen vs. 4/5 Winner
7:00p	VB	1 Red Bay vs. 4/5 Winner

Friday, January 12

4:00p	9th B	2 Tharptown vs. 3 East Franklin
5:30p	VG	2 Phil Campbell vs. 3 Vina
7:00p	VB	2 Tharptown vs. 3 Belgreen

Saturday, January 13

12:00p	9th B	Finals:
1:45p	JVG	Finals: 1 Belgreen vs. 2/3 Winner
3:30p	JVB	Finals: 1 Red Bay vs. 2 Phil Campbell
5:15p	VG	Finals:
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