

Aynor wrestlers dominant at LHS

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Wrestling before the Christmas break Loris High hosted a tough and determined Aynor team that started slow but handed the Lions a 54-30 defeat on the evening.

Filled to capacity, the small gym at LHS saw a total of 12 matches and two forfeits on the night.

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Johnstave Stevenson would start the night and win by fall over Hunter Richardson from Aynor. The second match would see Jyheem Myers from Loris also take a win over Johnson Graham. Chandler Graham from Loris would win over Hunner Grimsley and Lorenzo

Wallace would win over Braxton Davis as Loris would take the first four matches.

Aynor would get on track in the fifth set as Carson Andrew would defeat Marquel Moore from Loris.

Loris sophomore Ridge Kidder would win by fall over Aynor's Jordan Owens to give the Lions their final win of the night.

Haven Johnson would defeat Saalih Freeland, Mitchell Goude would defeat Amaron Riggins and Guillermo Oliveira would defeat Nathan Todd as the Blue Jackets would pull even in the scoring with the Lions.

Loris would forfeit a match to Troy Gasque and Chris Kerby to put the Blue Jackets ahead for good.

After the forfeit and both teams regroup Aynor would win the last three matches of Preston Brown over Chris Gilchrist, Noah Jones over Gage Connor, and Drake Carroll over Damonte Wallace.

Aynor Coach Billy Jones said that he was proud of his team and ecstatic about all their hard work.

Coach Benzel Vereen said his Loris team has come a long way and must continue to work hard to improve.

Coach Vereen said the Lions are working hard to rebuild a championship team and hopes the recognition will build the team morale.



Keyonna Ridges drives as the Lady Trojans of Green Sea Floyds take on Latta in the Swamp Fox Invitational Tournament. (Tara Jacobs, TLT)

Trojan ladies struggle in basketball tournament

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Two up, tow down, the varsity girls basketball team from Green Sea Floyds High struggled during the recent Swamp Fox Invitational Tournament held during the holidays in Marion.

Taking on the Lady Bears of Carvers Bay in the opening round, the Lady Trojans lost 48-44, and followed up with a second round 58-29 loss to Latta.

In the opening round GSF got off to a slow start, with the lid seemingly over their basket, falling behind early 8-5.

Rallying in the second quarter GSF outscored Carvers Bay and took a 16-14 lead into halftime.

Both teams opened the second half strong, Carvers Bay with a big third quarter to take back the lead, a pressing defense enough to hold on for the win in the fourth quarter.

Laura Black was the leading scorer GSF with 20 points, but it came with a price as Black aggravated an injury to her leg, putting her out of the second round game.

GSF clearly missed their leading scorer, and with a couple of other players out sick the Lady Trojans were behind 34-8 at halftime.

There was little improvement in the third quarter, GSF ending the period behind 49-18. GSF caught fire in the fourth quarter, but it was too little, too late to make up for the bit Latta lead.

Keyonna Ridges scored 13 points for the Lady Trojans, a GSF bright spot in a tough game.

Loris boys claim tourney title, girls take third

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Holiday basketball tournament action for the varsity boys and girls teams from Loris High School brought strong performances from both, the boys taking the A&J Holiday Classic title in Hemingway, the Lions Ladies finishing third in the Little Caesars Invitational Tournament in Florence.

Boys

Other teams taking part in the A&J Classic included hosts from Hemingway High School, Brooklyn Cayce and May River high schools.

Loris battled Brooklyn Cayce to open the tournament, a strong physical opponent on the inside but outmatched by the Lions' quickness and excellent shooting outscoring the Bearcats 22-15 in the first half.

Loris went to the inside big man William Hemingway in the second half, outscoring the Bearcats in the final two quarters to claim the 56-42 victory.

William Hemingway led all scoring with 19, Jahriqye Isaiah also in double digits with 12.

In the second round Loris took on a much larger May River squad, but was not intimidated, the Lions scoring the first 10 points of the ball game to take a commanding lead and never looking back.

With the Sharks pressing, double teaming and in a strong zone defense, May River was unable to stop the Lions, Loris ahead 30-22 at the half.

Settling in and methodically building on their lead, the Lions ended the third quarter ahead 44-33, and despite some long range shooting from the Sharks Loris won 60-51, claiming the tournament trophy.

Hemingway, who led the Lions both nights in scoring, was named to the All-Tournament team. Teammate Jahriqye Isaiah was named tournament MVP.



LHS' Ty' Anna Greene takes aim in a crowd of Hartsville players during the Little Caesars Invitational Tournament in Florence. (Tara Jacobs, TLT)

Ladies

Action at South Florence High School was a little different for the ladies of Loris High, the format more like college ball with two halves, instead of four quarters.

Loris was pretty evenly matched with the Lady Red Foxes from Hartsville in the opening round, the Lions relying heavily on their seniors to match up with an impressive back court duo from Hartsville.

The Red Foxes would narrowly outscore the Lady Lions and take a 27-26 lead into halftime. Loris began to press to open the second half and the Red Foxes relied heavily on efficient passing to make the ladies from Loris pay in transition.

Hartsville claimed the opening round with a 52-48 win over Loris.

Loris seniors Neandra Gause and Ty'anna Green scored 24 and 10 points, respectively. Neandra Gause led all

players in the game with 13 rebounds.

Lamar was Loris' second round appointment, and Lions coach Doug Gause challenged his players to put forth more effort than they had all season, the message clearly received.

Seven of Loris' nine players scored during the game, the Lady Lions used great ball handling and efficient ball passing to outscore the Silver Foxes in the first half 33-15.

In the second half the lady Lions shuffled their substitutes and starters throughout the game to win 61-27 and bring home the third-place trophy.

Neandra Gause again led all scoring with 24 points. Junior Ari'yana Hayes also scored double figures with 11. Gause again was the rebound leader with eight.

Senior Neandra Gause and Junior Ari'yana Hayes were named on the All-Tournament team.



Higher Goal champs

Fall basketball champions for the Higher Goal basketball program at Forest Lawn Baptist Church in Tabor City are Austin Mayo, Coach Corey Sykes (Coach), Lucas Ford, Anthony Baskerville, Chris Mayo, Dustin Little, Chase Strickland, and Jeffrey Benton.



Workforce Continuing Education Personal Interest Classes

Title	Date	Day	Time	Location	Registration/Other Cost(s)
Adult Hip Hop - Beginners	2/11-3/18	M	5:30-6:30pm	SCC, HHS-141	\$25 + \$0.55 ins
Cake Decorating	2/04-3/11	M	6-9pm	SCC, T-118	\$45
Chunky Blanket - Hand Crocheting	2/21-3/07	Th	6-8pm	SCC, M-116	\$25
Craft Vinyl Cutting - Introduction	1/28-3/04	M	6-8pm	SCC, M-116	\$60
Craft Vinyl Cutting - Introduction	1/12 & 1/19	S	9am-3:30pm	SCC, M-116	\$60
Craft Vinyl Cutting - Introduction	5/04 & 5/11	S	9am-3:30pm	SCC, M-116	\$60
Craft Vinyl Cutting - Intermediate	3/18-4/29	M	6-8pm	SCC, M-116	\$60
Crocheting for the Beginner	1/17-1/31	Th	6-8pm	SCC, M-116	\$25
Crocheting (Advanced)	4/04-4/18	Th	6-8pm	SCC, M-116	\$25
Floral Design Fundamentals - Special Holiday Edition	1/24-2/28	Th	6-8pm	SCC, NES-214	\$44
Floral Design Fundamentals - Spring/Easter Edition	3/14-4/18	Th	6-8pm	SCC, NES-214	\$44
Intro to Acrylic Painting	2/05-3/05	T	6-9pm	SCC, D-112	\$60
Intro to Acrylic Painting	3/19-4/16	T	6-9pm	SCC, D-112	\$60
Joy of Painting	2/04-3/04	M	6-9pm	SCC, D-112	\$60
Joy of Painting	3/18-4/15	M	6-9pm	SCC, D-112	\$60
Stained Glass for Beginners	3/07-4/04	Th	6-9pm	SCC, D-112	\$75
The Art of Making Beaded Jewelry	2/09	S	9am-1pm	SCC, M-116	\$20
The Art of Making Beaded Jewelry	4/13	S	9am-1pm	SCC, M-116	\$20
Three-Course Cooking w/Jennie	2/05-2/26	T	5:30-8:30pm	SCC, T-118	\$38
Wheel Throwing for Beginners	2/04-3/05	MT	5:30-7:30pm	SCC, D-111	\$100
Yoga	1/08-2/14	TTh	4-5pm	SCC, NES-217	\$55 + \$0.55 ins

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