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## All-District 6-AAA honorees

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Team success is the ultimate goal for the Warren County basketball programs, but it doesn't come without several individuals standing out. District 6-AAA coaches this week decided there were many locals who excelled on

the hardwood this season. Seniors Isaiah Grayson and Chance Hobbs were all selected to the All-District 6-AAA team released Wednesday. Also garnering recognition as honorable mention all-district were senior Tyree Ladet, junior Sloan Seymour and sophomore Irving Espinoza.

From the Lady Pioneers, junior Tyra Wright was selected as an All-District 6-AAA honoree while junior Megan Patch was honorable mention.

Five honorees speaks highly of the respect coaches have for the Pioneers, who finished second in the district and finished the regular season at 21-6. Coach Chris Sullens, who was named co-coach of the year with Rhea County's Daniel Curtis, is happy his group made a strong impression on their

"I'm proud of the guys who were selected by other coaches," said Sullens. "I told the team from day one this season wasn't about individual honors. That isn't the reason you play a team sport. With team success comes individual praise, and I'm happy they received it after a successful season. They're all very deserving of the honors."

Coach Shea Panter shared a similar mindset.

"I think all of our girls worked hard this year. I'm proud Tyra and Patch were recognized by the other coaches in the district for the way they played this season," said Panter.

Grayson, who was also an all-district honoree on the gridiron, was one of the district's leading scorers. The senior forward averaged 17.9 points per game in eight district games, including a season-high 31 points in a comeback victory over White County at Charlie Dalton Gym. Grayson is also among the team leaders in

rebounds, blocks, steals and

Opposing teams often set their entire defense to stop Hobbs, but the sharp-shooting senior still found ways to break out. Hobbs had his best game at home against Rhea County, when he sank eight 3-pointers en route to a 28-point performance. Hobbs was also the team's ultimate closer in the clutch, as his late free throws helped seal victories against Stone Memorial and White County.

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## Coach of the year



Jeffery Simmons photo

Following a 21-6 season, coach Chris Sullens was voted co-coach of the year in District 6-AAA. It's the second time Sullens has won coach of the year. He was previously recognized as Dictrict 9-A coach of the year at Boyd.

## Tournament time

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The second season begins for the WCHS basketball teams Friday.

The Lady Pioneers will be looking to extend their season in the play-in game of the District 6-AAA tournament Friday, while the Pioneers will be jockeying for region tournament positioning when they take the court Saturday.

The Warren County girls (11-17) will face the Cookeville Lady Cavaliers (13-14) in the first game at Rhea County High School, the host site for all district tournament games. Friday's tip-off is set for 5:30 p.m.

The winner will move on in the tournament, as well as punch its ticket to the region tournament. The loser will see its season end.

With the stakes at their highest, coach Shea Panter has her team focused on one goal.

"Win and advance. That's the only thing on our mind," said Panter. "We have been poised to make big moves this season, but have fallen short more times than not. This is the time to put it all together and keep it

going. The Lady Pioneers split the regu-

## **TOURNEY SCHEDULE**

**GIRLS** 

**COOKEVILLE VS. WARREN COUNTY** Friday, 5:30 p.m. WHITE COUNTY VS. RHEA COUNTY

Saturday, 2 p.m. STONE MEMORIAL VS. 4/5 WINNER Saturday, 5 p.m.

**BOYS** WHITE COUNTY VS. RHEA COUNTY

Friday, 7 p.m. WARREN CO. VS. STONE MEMORIAL Saturday, 3:30 p.m. COOKEVILLE VS. 4/5 WINNER Saturday, 6:30 p.m.

**DISTRICT FINALS AND CONSOLATION GAMES - MONDAY** 

lar-season series with Cookeville, winning 46-41 on the road before falling 52-47 at Charlie Dalton Gym on senior night.

Warren County will lean heavily on recent All-District 6-AAA selection Tyra Wright in the matchup. Wright is coming in playing her best basketball, scoring a season-best 24 points in the regular season finale against White County last Friday.

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