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Jones selected to perform in Macy's Parade

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This year's Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade will give local viewers a little something more to watch for. Green County High School freshman Sidney Jones will be heading to New York and donning the iconic red and white uniform. Jones was selected to perform in the Macy's Great American Marching Band in the parade this Thanksgiving.

Jones, the 15-year-old daughter of Bradley Jones and Amy Beard, is a fourth year concert band flute



Sidney Jones

player and also a woodwind section leader.

Sidney said she was inspired by the 2018 Macy's Band performance on tv. When the television announcer said, "The Macy's Great American Marching Band accests High School students from all across America by audition," Jones immediately grabbed her laptop and began researching.

"My mom and I began researching audition requirements and costs and the logistics of it all," Jones said.

The Macy's Day Parade, a holiday tradition across the nation, has over 8,000 participants each year.

There are over 3.5 million spectators and 50 million viewers.

The Macy's Great American Marching Band accepts 180 high school students from across the country. Around three students from each state are accepted into the ensemble.

"The audition process itself was fairly simple," she said. "I knew going into the process that auditions were viewed in order of submission so once the deadline opened, I was working as fast as possible to get my audiotape read to go."

A 3-7 minute recorded submission was required,

as well as a video demonstrating marching fundamentals.

Jones pieced together a video from a previous Campbellsville University performance and a new recording of fundamentals she made in the band practice field near the schools.

"After this, all I had left to do was fill out the actual application, attach the audition video, and wait."

Jones said she checked her email countless times for weeks. It was around the two month mark that she received a response.

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R-H file photo

The 2019 Farmers' Market on Green River will open at American Legion Park tomorrow. The 2018 market had over 1,300 customers who took advantage of a variety of products for sale including fruit and vegetable produce, live plants, crochet items, wood crafts, bath and body products and candles.

Farmers' Market opens tomorrow

The 2019 season of Farmers' Market on Green River will commence tomorrow at American Legion Park.

The Farmers' Market will be open each Thursday from 3 to 5:30 p.m. CDT through October, except for the week of the Green County Fair.

All products sold at the market are locally home-grown, homemade or handmade.

One of the many benefits of shopping at a local farmers market is that it is a source of local jobs and patrons are also supporting the local economy and family farms.

Last year was the second full season of Farmers' Market on Green River.

The 2018 Farmers' Market on Green River was open 29 weeks and had eight different vendors throughout

the season.

The total number of customers who took advantage of the local market last season was 1,328.

The market offered a variety of products for sale including fruit and vegetable produce, live plants, crochet items, wood crafts, bath and body products and candles.

Last year's total market income was \$8278 with an average of \$240 each day.

"I would like to thank the community and vendors for supporting the market," said Jacky Pierce, President of Farmers' Market on Green River Board of Directors.

"We have worked really hard to provide the best products for our customers."

Producers that are interested in becoming a market member may contact Jackie Hodges at 270-932-4341.

Brackets busted in R-H contest

BY CRYSTAL CECIL
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With UK and Duke losing Sunday, judging the R-H bracket contest got a lot easier. Only seven brackets still have games alive, but there are eight contenders, technically.

Brian Burriss is leading with 375 current points in the R-H contest, but he also has Duke and Tennessee in the final game, and that's obviously not going to happen. However, depending on the final game pairing, he could still win.

In fact, thanks to upsets, the leaderboard on page 8-9A is updated, but it isn't really relevant at this point in the contest.

Top leaders, based on points, are:

- Brian Burriss, 375
- Tomasz Dziabula, 360
- *Mickey Milby, 355
- *Mary Ann Larimore, 340
- John Shuffett, 340
- Jennifer Hancock, 340
- Braylee Mackie, 335
- Phyllis Milby, 335
- John VanMeter, 335
- *Boog Powell, 330
- *Terry Larimore, 330
- Brad Wise, 330
- *Lisle Cheatham, 315
- *Tim Darnell, 295

Those with asterisks still have at least one team alive in the finals.

Lisle Cheatham has Virginia and Michigan State in the final.

Along with Cheatham, Boog Powell, Mickey Milby, Tomasz Dziabula and Mary Ann Larimore all have Michigan State in the final game, but they all paired them against UK, who lost Sunday.

Terry Larimore has Michigan State in the final, but against North Carolina, who is also out.

Tim Darnell has Virginia in the final game, winning over Gonzaga-- who is out.

The outcomes look like this:

Lisle Cheatham has the best chance of winning the hundreds of dollars worth of prizes. He has the ONLY bracket with two teams alive. Cheatham has Michigan State and Virginia heading to the championship-- and he has Virginia winning.

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New equipment at ATC



Photo submitted

The Green County Area Technology Center recently accepted delivery of a new Acer Vertical CNC Milling Machine for its machine tool shop. The machine, costing approximately \$29,000, was purchased with funding provided through the Work Ready Skills Initiative grant. This is the second vertical CNC milling machine, along with other top-of-the-line machinery previously purchased through the grant. Residual funds from the \$1.2 million grant will continue to be expended on facility improvements and to purchase additional machinery, software and training materials. The new equipment has already served as a training tool as Mr. Parrish's industrial maintenance students unbolted the machine from its pallet and inspected it for safety prior to the mill being placed into service.