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Jag basketball player scores a first for HCCHS

Press Release

Junior Rafael Tyes was selected to represent the North in the State's 2019 North/South All-Star Basketball Game.

Tyes is the first Holmes County Central High School (HCCHS) Jaguars player selected to the All-Star team, and the second choice of college coaches throughout the country, according to longtime Coach Antwayn Patrick.

"Only 12 students are selected out of more than 50 schools," he said. The All-Star Game will be played March 29 at Mississippi College.

Tyes is the starting point guard for the Jaguars. He was very excited to hear that he was selected. "I really feel good about this!" he said. "I knew that if I worked hard enough, I could achieve something like this." He added that he is performing well academically.

Coach Patrick said when Tyes found out, "he hugged me and said, 'I love you, Coach.'" Patrick said it is a great feeling when he



RAFAEL TYES

sees his players excel and achieve.

"I'm extremely hard on this young man. He's getting better and to see his work being noticed is gratifying. As a coach—you realize that this is one of the reasons why you coach," Patrick said.

Patrick expressed that this recognition is big for the county and for the school. "I'm big on team; however, I love when players get an individual award from other

coaches. We have a lot of talent here, and this is just the beginning for Holmes County Central."

Superintendent of Schools, James L. Henderson, Ed.D., concurs. "Indeed, we have a lot of talented students throughout the district," Henderson said. "That is why we are so aggressive in seeking more highly qualified educators to help our students realize their greatest potential—so the doors of opportunities for them can be endless."

In a brief telephone interview with Tyes's mother, Jennifer Luckett of Durant, she reacted: "Oh, I can't even find the words!" She indicated that she believes this will provide many opportunities for her son.

Luckett, a single mother of three children (two in the district and a daughter at Mississippi State University majoring in Social work), said: "I always pray this prayer over my children: 'God, if you don't favor me, favor my children.'"

We forecast a bright future for Rafael Tyes.

Holmes County February Circuit Court term set

Staff Report

The February 2019 terms of Holmes County Circuit Court will open on Monday, February 4 with Impanel Jury, Criminal Motions and Status Conference.

Civil motions will be on Tuesday, February 5.

On Wednesday, February 6, cases to be heard are: case #15-0049, Harry Sly, Cts. I & II aggravated assault, Ct. III first degree murder - habitual offender; case #18-0076, Broderick Latiker, attempted murder; case #18-0066, Damen Stewart, felony fleeing in motor vehicle (bw); case #12-0002, Isiah Jones Jr., grand larceny (bw); case #12-0053, Percy L. Murphy, two counts felony bad check (bw); case #17-0092, Christopher Mungon, possession of a firearm by convicted felon (bw); case #17-0053, Aavon Coffey, burglary-

breaking & entering of occupied dwelling (bw); case #17-0048, Kemechie Coffey, burglary-breaking & entering of occupied dwelling (bw); case #17-0045, Antwon M. Hogan, auto burglary (bw); case #17-0012, Melvin Day, aggravated assault (bw).

On Thursday, February 7, cases to be heard are: case #17-0071, Marshall Howard, burglary-breaking & entering occupied dwelling; case #18-0063, Clyde Tillman, domestic violence aggravated assault; case #18-0053, Maurice Robertson, simple assault on law enforcement, possession of firearm by a

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Stolen equipment from school district recovered, arrest made

Staff Report

An investigation remains ongoing after the theft of an estimated \$24,000 of grounds-keeping equipment from the Holmes County Consolidated School District which was recovered.

The equipment, that was being stored at the former Lexington Elementary School on Pine Street, included a zero-turn mower, hedge trimmers, chainsaw, pressure washer and a generator.



DEMARKIS KIRKLIN

A joint effort between the Lexington Police Department and the Holmes County Sheriff's Department led to the arrest of 19-year-old Demarkis Kirklin of Lexington. Kirklin was charged with receiving stolen property and was expected to bond out last week on a \$10,000 bond.

Police officials said they are looking to make another arrest in the case.

Trojans continue with busy basketball season

Staff Reports

The Central Holmes Trojan girls are continuing to roll. Their winning streak now stands at 11. This week was no different as of Thursday, January 10, the Lady Trojans took on the Columbus Christian Rams in Columbus despite a fairly close halftime score of 20-14.

The Lady Trojans controlled the second half and routed the Lady Rams after exploding for 33 points while holding the Rams to just five points, finishing strong with a final score of 53-19.

Senior McKenna Polk led the way with 18 points and sophomore Breann Bell with ten points. On Friday, January 11, the Lady Trojans got off to a sluggish start against district opponent Marshall Academy, leading the Marshall girls 28-25 at the half. However, the Trojan girls ignited by sophomore guards Cameron Martin (27 points) and Breann Bell (14 points) scored 45, second half points while pulling away from a scrappy Marshall team for an easy 73-36 victory.

Senior forward Laura

Kathryn Rutledge scored nine points and pulled down an impressive 19 rebounds.


The Central Holmes boys struggled against two tough opponents this week. They traveled to Columbus and faced a well-coached, talented Columbus Christian team to jump out early and hold on late. The Trojan boys came back from several double digit deficits before taking their first lead of the game at 56-55 with about 20 seconds to play, the Columbus Christian boys hit a late shot with just seconds on the clock and the Trojans were unable to connect on three consecutive close (heavily contested)

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Pictured above (from left), Lexington Police Officer Elijah Brooks, Chief Robert Kirklin, Sr. and Assistant Police Chief/Investigator John Newton stand behind all the recovered grounds-keeping equipment belonging to the Holmes County Consolidated School District that was stored at the former Lexington Elementary School. The investigation into the thefts is ongoing. (Photo submitted)


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