



Jordan Knighton flies through the air for two points versus Aliceville last Friday night at the Tiger's Den (Photos by Clint Franks)



Verliyah Keeton powers into the paint to snag a basket versus Aliceville last Friday night.

Rough week for Lady Rebs

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GREENSBORO, TOXEY -- The New Year got off to a shaky start for the South Choctaw Academy Lady Rebels as they fell

to Southern and region foe Pickens last week. SCA lost to Southern 56-28 with Emma Kate Williams leading the Lady Rebels with nine points.

The Lady Rebels then fell to Pickens 47-28 with Grace Lucus chipping in six points.

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wishes and let them blast each other into non-existence.

But there are problems with that scenario as well – like Israel. Our friend and ally would stand at the mercy of a ‘world’ that believes they have no right to exist or to live or to remain on this planet at all. Our country bears some responsibility to ensure the safety of those whom we call allies. After all, we would expect them to do the same for us if need be.

We also know that there is no ‘Vegas’ rule in that world. What happens in the Middle East does not stay in the Middle East. It spreads like a cancer and permeates itself throughout the world, even onto our own soil.

There is no real solution to anything that happens in that part of the world. In a perfect scenario, we could just take our ball and go home, but there is no perfection. There is no common sense. There is no rhyme or reason to that world. Likely never will be.

So we remain marred there, stuck in a radical world where we will suffer no matter how we handle things, no matter whether we take out our enemies or let them continue to wreak havoc in our lives.

It is what it is. We could cower down and let Iran keep up its tirade of evil and do whatever they want to do over there, regardless. Or we can take action.

But what we MUST do is get ourselves together back here on American soil, join forces in opposition to our enemies, and stand united in the fight.

No matter whether you agree with Trump's actions or not, no matter whether you like him, hate him, or somewhere in between, you simply MUST NOT appear to be standing with the enemy, holding them up in higher esteem simply because you don't like our Commander in Chief.

There is something very wrong with the mindset that offers more respect to a murdering terrorist leader in a nation that would rather see us disappear from the earth than any semblance of respect offered to the man who was duly voted to serve as the leader of the free world.

We have every right to question our President's decisions, to use our freedom of speech to offer dissenting opinions about the actions of our government. That's the kind of freedom our country was built upon.

But when we are facing enemies who want only to remove us from existence, we MUST stand together against a common enemy, call that enemy what it is, and remember that a nation divided will not forever stand, no matter what.

Yellow Jackets sting Tigers

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BUTLER -- The Choctaw County High School Lady Tigers overcame a double-digit deficit midway through the 3rd quarter and tied the game but came up just short against the Aliceville Yellow Jackets 35-32 last Friday night at the Tiger's Den.

CCHS trailed 26-12 with less than four minutes left in the 3rd quarter but chipped into the Aliceville lead. CCHS would pull to within two on a layup by Verliyah Keeton, and Jakayah Charleston would nail a pair of free

throws with 1:11 left to tie the game at 32 apiece.

Aliceville was able to pull away in the final seconds to take a 35-33 win. Keeton led the way with 17 points and five rebounds. Charleston had eight points and nine rebounds. Shyninika Dukes had six points, seven rebounds and two steals.

In boys' action, Aliceville was able to dominate in the paint and on the boards. Aliceville led the majority of the game; CCHS was able to cut the lead to four in the 4th quarter but would come no closer and took the fall 54-47.

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I can do all of these things. I am mature enough to go and fight a war, I'm mature enough to help decide who will represent us all at the age of 18 but I'm not old enough to buy a handgun, run by the store and buy "a cold one" and now I'm not old enough to buy a pack of cigarettes and light one up.

I do not use tobacco products and I know the legal age to purchase tobacco in Alabama was 19 (my friends went over the state line into Mississippi and bought their cigarettes or found someone to buy them a pack.)

My view is very simple, If I am old enough to vote, get drafted and serve in

the military voluntarily then I am old enough to choose whether or not to buy a handgun, buy a beer or buy a pack of cigarettes

We all are very aware of the dangers of alcohol and tobacco. Simply put, drinking and smoking will kill you but then again so will eating too many cheeseburgers and getting hit by a truck.

In conclusion, a person that is old enough to vote and serve in the military should be old enough to make other adult decisions, and if we are going to raise the age to be considered an adult then the age of enlistment should be changed to age 21 and the 26th amendment should be repealed. You simply cannot have it both ways.

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