

BARNES,

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Barnes, on Thursday, May 26.

For nearly four decades, Mr. Barnes cultivated the minds of Russell County.

His dedication in the Russell County School System has left an everlasting impact on many students, teachers, and staff.

Mr. Barnes first started teaching in a two-room school at Union Chapel.

From there, he continued his education and became a principal at both Jamestown Elementary and Russell Springs Elementary.

His career culminated as Superintendent of Russell County Schools.

Mr. Barnes loved his job in every position, but most of all, he loved the students.

He didn't just teach out of a textbook, but from the heart.

He instilled core life lessons and skills needed to be successful in the real world.

Countless stories have been shared about the memories of Mr. Barnes.

He took students to the doctor or dentist for medical attention, drove students to ball practice, and even transported students to and from school.

Mr. Barnes had a heart of gold guised under a stern, humorous, and caring demeanor.

Outside of education, he was a farmer, conservationist, avid duck hunter, coach, Boy Scout troop leader, and served his country during the Korean War.

Mr. Barnes was also a part of the local Freemasons and chapter president of the Lion's Club.

He loved his community and he worked to make it a better place for the generations to come.

Although Mr. Barnes has left his earthly home, his legacy will live on through all the lives he has touched and through his granddaughter, Jalena, who is following in the footsteps of her grandfather as a teacher.

Jalena is also honoring his memory through the founding of the Wilbur & Margie Barnes Education Scholarship for graduating high school seniors wanting to major in the education field.

Campbellsville University Excellence in Teaching Awards



Left-right, Russell County School Superintendent, Michael Ford, Melinda Wright(RSES), Lindsey Gibson(RCMS), and Carol Ackerman(RCHS)

Congratulations to the following teachers: Melinda Wright (RSES), Lindsey Gibson (RCMS) and Carol Ackerman (RCHS)! The teachers have been selected

to represent Russell County Schools and their respective grade level for Campbellsville University's Excellence in Teaching Awards! Excellence in

Teaching 2022 award ceremony was held Saturday, May 14th in the Ransdell Chapel at Campbellsville University.

BASEBALL,

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Tournament.

Russell County's Nathan Lawson and Isaac Roy each delivered a run-with Trace Stringer and Nick Aaron finishing with crucial hits.

Nathan Lawson was the winning pitcher-lasting seven innings, and giving up two hits and one run while striking out six.

Saturday, the Lakers defeated Beachwood 1-0.

The Lakers only run came when Isaac Roy

and Nick Aaron managed a couple of hits, and designated runner Alex Reynolds came across the plate thanks to a sacrifice bunt from Evan Hammond.

Cody Luttrell was the winning pitcher-lasting seven innings, allowing four hits, zero runs, and striking out eight.

Friday, the Lakers will face Woodford County in the state semifinals at Kentucky Proud Park in Lexington.

The game is

scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m. CST.

Nathan Lawson and Cody Luttrell were named first team all-state by the Kentucky Baseball Coaches Association.

In 1957, Russell County defeated Newport, 9-7 in the quarterfinals of the state tournament, and were defeated by Owensboro 0-9 in the semifinals.

Russell County was coached by Kamos Carpenter.

Now, You can Enter the Kentucky State Fair

State Fair Officials announced this week that the time has arrived for the most talented Kentuckians to get ready for the Kentucky State Fair. The premium book, which outlines all the classes, rules and deadlines, is now online.

The best bakers, livestock exhibitors, artists, crafters, and gardeners compete for cash prizes and more

than 5,000 blue ribbons awarded at the annual festival.

Competitors can choose from 31 departments – including culinary, antiques, livestock, homebrew beer, photography and textiles – which are further divided into 7,000 total classes of competition.

Entries are open June 1 and are available at kystatefair.org/

participate/compete.

The Kentucky State Fair is August 18-28, 2022.

For additional information about entries, fees, categories, prizes and more, refer to the Kentucky State Fair premium book online at kystatefair.org/ participate/compete.

For more information, visit www.kystatefair.org

PIERCE,

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valiant fight inspired many, and brought people together in prayer.

Pierce leaves behind a caring and compassionate wife, Brittany, and

lovely daughter, Olivia, who always has a smile on her face.

He also leaves a legacy of countless friendships, a trail of

fond nicknames, and wonderful memories.

He will be missed.

An obituary for Ricky Pierce, Jr. appears in this issue.

Bill Twyman's Gospel Sing

Saturday, June 18, 2022
6:30 CT -- 7:30 ET

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