



# Russell County FFA Attends Convention

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## Laker Baseball's historic run "Russell County is so very proud"

By Lisa Coffey  
Times Journal

As I sit down to write the "recap" of the KHSAA Clark's Pump N' Shop State Baseball tournament, I do not know the outcome.

One thing I do know, however, is the amount of hard work, dedication, and sacrifice the young men and their families have put forth to get where they are today.

I, too, was a parent of student athletes, and even

though neither of mine made it to the level, this team has, I can tell you it doesn't diminish the amount of pride and support I had for both of them.

I traveled everywhere to watch them compete, and I know what goes on behind the scenes, and it is a lot!

So, let's give credit where it is due.

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A wide range of emotions were present on the faces of Russell County fans as the Laker Baseball team battled Saturday at Proud Park, in Lexington, for the state championship. (Photo by Chris Zollner/ Carpe-Imago Studio)



## Fair enough!

The nine-day, 2022 Russell County Jaycees Fair came to an end Saturday.

Participants enjoyed a plethora of events including pageants, demo derbies, truck/tractor pulls, wrestling, a rodeo, carnival rides, and much more.

Above, brave riders took to the air in a thrill ride. Left, one of the wild rides/attractions on the midway. Below, Brantley Walden took to a device during a break between pageants last weekend. More fair photos appear inside this issue.



Will benefit BRCOG Youth

## Old-time gospel sing Saturday

By Wade Daffron  
TJ Editor

If you're a fan of old-time gospel singing, or wish to help local youth, you won't want to miss an event coming up this weekend...

Gospel legends The Blakey Quartet are bringing the "Bill Twyman's Gospel Sing" and a ton of talent to Russell County Saturday.

Keth Blakey, lead singer of The Blakey Quarter since its

founding in 1985, explained the history and importance of the event.

"Back in 1998, a man named Bill Twyman, of the Heartland Quartet, was inspired to put together a group of singers and musicians to sing the old hymns of the church," Blakey said. "Bill has said, and he believes these old songs and hymns were blessed of God and were

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## "Cowboy's Last Ride"

Veteran honored posthumously

By Renee' Daffron  
Times Journal

On March 7, 2022 Roger Dale Blair rode the "Cowboy's Last Ride."

Blair was a well-known horseman and rider, as well as an auctioneer and real estate broker.

He was always up for last-minute trips and even rode his last physical ride on February 21, 2022 - just two weeks prior to his passing.

Before living life as a "full-time" cowboy, Roger could be



Roger Dale Blair

heard bid calling at many an auction hosted through Town and Country Real Estate and

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