



Cooper Stone scored a team high 27 points against Marion County Thursday night. He hit five three point shots as the Dragons ran away with the game.

GCMS Basketball



Demetrius Hancock looks for a basket in the GCMS 8th Grade team's 50-20 win over visiting Casey County.



Darius Anderson leads the charge down the floor against Casey County. Anderson scored 12 points in the win for GCMS.

*Photos by
Dale Curry*



Landon Matney nails this three point shot against Marion County. The GCMS 8th grade team made a total of eight three-point shots.



Mason Collins plays tough defense against Marion County. All three GCMS teams defeated Marion Thursday night.



Despite being outsize, Peyton James scored a game high 22 points against Marion County in a seventh grade game.



Sixth grader Braxton Judd swats this ball away against Casey County. Judd had several blocked shots during the sixth grade and seventh grade games.



Deacon James scored 13 points as the GCMS 8th graders completely dominated Marion County 61-34.

Applications now open for The Center for Rural Development's 2023 Rogers Scholars Program

CENTER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

The Center for Rural Development is accepting applications from rising high school juniors in Southern and Eastern Kentucky for the 2023 Rogers Scholars Program. RogersScholars-The Center's flagship youth program - is an intensive, one-week summer program that provides valuable leadership skills and exclusive college scholarship opportunities for students to build their skills as the region's next generation of business and entrepreneurial leaders.

"The Rogers Scholars Program challenges students to look at all of the possibilities open to them and start, if they haven't already, planning for their future that will not only change their lives forever but leave a lasting impact on our region," said Lonnie Lawson, President and CEO of The Center for Rural Development. The program was established through the vision of U.S. Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-05) that "no young person should have to leave home to find his or her future." Applicants must be

a current sophomore in high school; live in a Kentucky county located in The Center's 45-county primary service area; have a strong interest in developing skills in leadership, technology, entrepreneurship, and community service; and have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4-point scale). To apply for Rogers Scholars, visit www.centeryouthprograms.com and fill out the application form. The deadline to apply is Jan. 31, 2023. "Rogers Scholars opened my eyes to how many students, just like me, there are in the

region," said 2022 Rogers Scholars graduate Ella Bussell. "The program brings together students with a passion for their communities allowing them to collaborate for the greater good of the state." The 2023 Rogers Scholars will be held on the campus of Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia, Ky., and Morehead State University in Morehead, KY. Dates have not been announced for the camps. For more information about Rogers Scholars or the application process, contact Amy Ellis at aellis@centertech.com or call

606-677-6000. The program is provided at no cost and open to students within The Center's 45-county primary service area. Those Kentucky counties include Adair, Bath, Bell, Boyd, Breathitt, Carter, Casey, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Elliott, Estill, Floyd, Garrard, Green, Harlan, Jackson, Jessamine, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lincoln, Magoffin, Martin, McCreary, Menifee, Metcalfe, Monroe, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Rowan, Russell, Taylor, Wayne,

Whitley, and Wolfe. Established in 1996 through the vision of U.S. Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers, (KY-05), and other leaders, The Center for Rural Development is a nonprofit organization fueled by a mission to provide leadership that stimulates innovative and sustainable economic development solutions and a better way of life in Southern and Eastern Kentucky. In its 45-county primary service region, The Center provides innovative programs in leadership, public safety, technology, and arts and culture.