

Sports

HOMEGROWN



Abby Hooven
Luke Lyons snags a pass in Henry County's home football opener against Atherton. Lyons played a key role in helping the Wildcats to a 7-4 record.

Lyons reflects on time at HCHS

BY ABBY HOOVEN
There's no place like home for Luke Lyons.
Born and raised in Henry County, Luke Lyons has undoubtedly left his mark on the community that has shaped him into who he is today through his various athletic and academic endeavors.
"The community is unlike any other. Everyone is willing to do whatever it takes to make sure that people are successful and have the things that they need," said Lyons.
At HCHS, Lyons was a three-sport athlete until his senior year, when he added track to his repertoire.
He played year-round,

starting with football in the fall, followed by basketball in the winter and ending with baseball in the spring.
Lyons has played football for 10 years and began playing basketball and baseball around the same time. However, he noted his basketball career may have started slightly after the others as Henry County had not started its youth program until he was in the third or fourth grade.
"Then baseball has been little league, since I could hit off of a tee, so I've been playing sports my whole life," said Lyons.
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Photo submitted
Luke Lyons received both the Outstanding Senior Male and the Ross Wallace Award during Henry County's awards night in May.

Catfish Whiskers Farm owner has made Eminence fish stocking stop for 35 years

BY ROBB HOFF
When Ken Jacobs pulled his Whiskers Catfish Farm truck into the Southern States parking lot in Eminence last month, people were waiting for him and his cargo of live fish.
"This is as far away as I go," said Jacobs, who has owned and operated his fish stocking operation from Bowling Green since 1978.
While Jacobs stops in Eminence two or three times a year, his customers understand they have to get him while the getting is good because he only stops for an hour or so during each of his visits to Eminence.
"If they're successful with their ponds, word gets around," Jacobs said of the demand for his supply of fish.
The successful pond that Jacobs aims to help shape involves a couple of factors, one of which is to stock small ponds on private property with a population of healthy game fish for recreational fishing.
"That's really my business is game fish stocking," he said.
One of his Eminence customers last month, Cecil Parrish, bought 50 fingerling largemouth bass from Jacobs to keep his ponds thriving for his grandkids to fish. The largemouth bass that Jacobs brought with him this time to Eminence from his Bowling Green hatchery and spring fed ponds were four-to-five inches in length.
"Typically, we try to sell them smaller than that," Jacobs said. "But these are starting to grow."
Jacobs ensures the health of his fish for transport by his customers for release into their



Above: Besides being fun to catch and tasty to eat, channel catfish can help clean the bottom of ponds for improved water quality and health.
Left: Fingerling largemouth bass can grow into game fish in ponds that are fun to catch.
Robb Hoff
pond water into the transport bag prior to release for the fish to better acclimate to the pond water temperature upon release.
Besides the largemouth bass that Parrish bought, he also took home three pounds of fathead minnows and two sterile grass carp that serve the other primary purpose that Jacobs provides, which is to control moss and aquatic vegetation in ponds.
"That's the key to these people getting these fish back successfully," he said, advising his customers to pour some of the

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Quentyn Hardy buries a three over a Menifee County defender on Friday, June 16 at the KABC Titans Shootout.

Wildcats battle in KABC Titans Shootout

BY ABBY HOOVEN
The Henry County boys basketball team opened the Kentucky Association of Basketball Coaches (KABC) Titans Shootout with a 78-39 loss to Pike County Central on Friday, June 16.
Coming into the tournament, Henry County had a 9-6 record during the summer. Jordan King, Baylor Nolin and Quentyn Hardy came in averaging double-digit points per game as well.
Pike County Central, coming off a 21-9 season, started the game with four straight layups and attacked the paint often throughout the game.
Blaik Nation stopped the bleeding out of a timeout with a layup to trim the lead to 8-2 before the Hawks scored six in a row to push the lead to double digits.
Nolin, the Wildcats' leading scorer in the winter with 12.6 points per game, connected on a baseline jumper with 5:30 remaining in the opening quarter to cut the lead down to 10.
The Hawks' offense started out down low and expanded to the 3-point line. A triple from the wing brought the lead out to 17-4 and Pike County Central's big man put in a layup and a free throw to boost the lead to 21-4.
Hardy snapped a dry spell with a 3-pointer but the Hawks ended the quarter with five consecutive points, including two at the buzzer, to lead 26-8.
The Wildcats picked up the intensity to start the second quarter, opening with a layup from Hardy and a straight away triple by Nolin.
The brief spurt of momentum for Henry County was halted by a 7-0 run by Pike County Central. Nolin ended the surge with a teardrop floater along the baseline but the Hawks rattled off another 7-0 streak to go ahead 40-15.
Landen Tingle dropped in a layup with 1:24 to go, but the Hawks scored with five seconds left on the clock to end the second period with a 42-17 advantage.
Henry County entered the second half with more aggression on both ends of the floor. Nolin got going right away with a straight on 3-pointer and dropped in a floater nearly two minutes later after two Pike County Central layups to bring the margin to 46-22.
Nolin followed up a Hawks' layup with two points off a foul driving to the hoop and Hardy converted a layup off a well-oiled play to cut the deficit to 22 points.
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Cutie Pie contest winner



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Winner of the Henry County Fair "Cutie Pie" contest, Ella Singleton (age 3) is joined by her sister Abigail Singleton after her win. She is the daughter of Danielle Ingrand and Lamor Singleton.