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## Girls regional tourneys set for this week

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Lawrence County's girls high school basketball teams will both head south this week, to participate in Illinois High School Association regional play.

Lawrenceville's Lady Indians begin play in the Class 2A regional tonight, with a 7:30 p.m. game against Flora. Red Hill, seeking its third consecutive Class A regional title, will travel to Edwards County Wednesday. The Lady Salukis will play at 6 p.m., against the winner of tonight's game between host Edwards County and Cisne.

Lawrenceville (8-17)

The Lady Indians have played their best basketball since Christmas. Lawrenceville lost its first nine games, and stood 1-12 at one point. However, LHS beat Dugger, Ind., and Red Hill to claim the Red Hill Holiday tournament in late December, and continued to play well after that. LHS enters the tournament having won seven of its last 17 games.

Tonight's meeting with the Wolfgals will be the third this season. Flora beat the Lady Indians, 50-44, in a game at LHS on Jan. 18. The Wolfgals also won in the Little Illini Conference Tournament, 54-37.

The Lady Indians are led by 5-5 senior Audrey Metheny, who is scoring nearly 12 points a game. Six other Lady Indians average three points a game or more.

The Lady Indians are seeking their 10th regional crown, and the first since 2007.

The tournament semifinals are scheduled for Wednesday, with the championship tilt set for Thursday.

Red Hill (11-9)

The Lady Salukis are the favorite to win the championship for the third straight season. Red Hill, which has won a total of 10 regional crowns in its history, defeated Louisville-North Clay to win last year's title,

48-43.

After the Lady Salukis play Edwards County or Cisne Wednesday, Noble will face Wayne City. The Lady Salukis won at Wayne City last week, 33-26. Red Hill has split games with Noble this season. RHHS defeated the Lady Wildcats, 40-30, in the Red Hill Holiday Tournament on Dec. 28. In a game at Noble on Jan. 11, Noble prevailed, 40-34.

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