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Country legend to perform at Roxy Theater June 22nd

John Pilati
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When it comes to staying power, there's nobody more powerful in the country music industry than Whisperin' Bill Anderson.

Anderson, 81, has the distinction of having a country song (either recorded or written by him) on the charts for seven consecutive decades, dating back to 1958, when Ray Price released *City Lights*, an Anderson composition that soared to the top of the charts. Anderson was 19 when he wrote the song.

Anderson said he's not sure why he's appealed to fans for so long, but he traces the roots of his staying power to the mind frame he had when he started his career.

"When I got into this business in my late teens, I never intended it to be something I did for just five or ten years and then go do something else," Anderson said. "I was very committed to make this my life's work. Writing and performing songs then opened a lot of other doors (game shows, soap operas) that just came along later.



Whisperin' Bill Anderson

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Car club reaches out to help friend in need

John Pilati
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StreetFlex Car Club is all about helping other people. And a recent event not only helped raise funds to help a young man, it also gained the club a new member.

The club held a cruise-in Saturday, June 1 at Sloss Lake. The event included free hamburgers, hot dogs and smoked chicken, and a lot of fellowship, but the guest of honor was Colbert Heights resident Jason Handley, who became the newest member of StreetFlex when the club's sticker was placed on the side of Handley's wheelchair.

StreetFlex co-president Royce Renfro grew up with Handley. His friend broke his neck a couple of years ago during a vacation in Panama City. The incident left Handley paralyzed from the neck down. So Renfro and his club held the event to raise money to help convert the bathroom at Jason's house to make it easier for him to use.

Jason Handley becomes the newest member of StreetFlex Car Club as club president Royce Renfro places a sticker on his chair last weekend.

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Dorothy A. Bone-Hubbard, Huntsville (formerly of Russellville) Died Saturday, June 1, 2019. Funeral held at Antioch CME Church in Russellville. Interment in Fairview Cemetery in Russellville. Serenity Funeral Home in Huntsville assisted the family.

Dennis Ellis Freeman, Russellville, age 66 Died Wednesday, June 5, 2019. Memorial service held at Spry Memorial Chapel.



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RCS Board of Ed approves personnel moves

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A brief special called meeting of the Russellville City Board of Education saw seven personnel moves approved by the board.

The meeting was held at 7:30 a.m. last Tuesday, June 4. Personnel moves approved by the board

included:
•Leave of Absence: Caitlin Witt, Russellville Elementary teacher, from August 22-September 30.
•Employment in Position: Ben Phillips, RES custodian; Peyton Balentine, RES custodian; Cynthia Bowden, West Elementary teacher; Amy Grimes, WES teacher (contingent upon issuance of

Alabama teaching certificate).
•Transfer in Position: Talitha Fleming, from WES teacher to Library Media Specialist at WES.
•Volunteers: Ellie Kerby, RMS Cheer; Terrell Groce, girls basketball.
The next regular meeting of the RCS Board of Education will be Thursday, June 27 at 8 a.m., with work session Monday, June 24 at 3:30 p.m.

Franklin among Alabama counties eligible for disaster loans in wake of 2018 flooding

Submitted to the FFP

ATLANTA – The U.S. Small Business Administration is reminding small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private nonprofit organizations located in Alabama that July 8 is the filing deadline for federal economic injury disaster loans as a result of rainfall and flooding from April 1 through June 30, 2018.

The loans are available in the following counties: Colbert, Franklin, Lamar, Lauderdale, Marion, Mobile, Pickens and Washington in Alabama.

“These counties are eligible because they are contiguous to one or more primary counties in Mississippi,” said Kem Fleming, director of SBA’s Field Operations Center East in Atlanta. “The Small Business Administration recognizes that disasters do not usually stop at county or state lines. For that reason, counties adjacent to primary counties named in the declaration are included.”

Under this declaration, the SBA’s Economic Injury Disaster Loan program is available to eligible farm-related and non-farm-related entities that suffered financial losses as a direct result of this disaster. With the exception of aquaculture enterprises, SBA can not provide disaster loans to agricultural pro-

ducers, farmers or ranchers.

The loans are for working capital and can be up to \$2 million with interest rates of 3.58 percent for eligible small businesses and 2.5 percent for non-profit organizations, and terms up to 30 years.

In Alabama, July 8 is the filing deadline for federal economic injury disaster loans as a result of rainfall and flooding from April 1 through June 30, 2018.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA’s secure website at DisasterLoan.sba.gov.

Disaster loan information and application forms may also be obtained by calling the SBA’s Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing) or by sending an email to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Loan applications can be downloaded from the SBA’s website at www.sba.gov. Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

Completed loan applications must be returned to SBA no later than July 8, 2019.

City council takes action on nuisance property

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The Russellville City Council voted unanimously to abate an ongoing nuisance at 234 Highsmith Court at the council’s June 3 meeting.

The property is owned by Bank of New York Mellon in West Valley, Utah, and includes a residence and lot.

City of Russellville compliance officer Brian Shackelford filed the complaint on April 18, 2019, based on violations including litter, weeds and nuisance animals living inside the residence. Shackelford’s complaint gave the property owners five days to remedy the violations, which was not done, according to Russellville mayor David Grissom.

The citation read: *Your property is in violation of city ordinances. Your property must be cleaned of all litter, grass cut and maintained as well as secure the property from nuisance animals living inside the residence.*

City employees will now clean the property, and a lien will be placed against it for the expenses incurred in the cleanup.

In other action, the council:

•Approved the annexation of four lots in the Pace Hamilton Subdivision into the city limits. The lots are owned by Connie Christeen Funderburk, who made the request for annexation.

•Approved a \$1,709 expense for advertising with Business Alabama as part of a special issue that will highlight Franklin County.

•Approved a \$600 annual website design and maintenance contract with Shoals Computers to

maintain the website for the City of Russellville Parks and Recreation Department.

•Approved the acceptance of grants for the purchase of eight automatic external defibrillators. The grants were for \$2,506 from the Franklin County Community Development Committee and \$2,000 from Northwest Alabama RC&D. The remaining balance of \$2,475 will be paid by the city.

•Accepted the resignation of Russellville police officer Jacob Brimer and declared a vacancy for patrol officer and asked the Civil Service Board to add an additional name to the list.

•Declared a vacancy for Utility Technician in the Russellville Street Department and agreed to promote from within the Classified Service.

•Declared a vacancy for Equipment Operator III in the Russellville Street Department and authorized advertisement to solicit job applications.

•Approved a request from Antioch CME Church to waive the rental fee of the A.W. Todd Centre on July 6, 2019.

•Heard an update from Russellville Fire Department chief Joe Mansell about the acquisition of airpaks valued at \$168,000 through a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The grant was a 95/5 grant, meaning the city only was responsible for five percent of the purchase price. Mansell thanked RFD employees Justin Green, Grant Tarascou and Chris Watkins for their efforts in securing the grant.

“These guys help keep our fire department going. These airpaks keep our guys living when they go into a fire,” Mansell said. “I thank the council for what you do. If not for the mayor and coun-

cil and what y’all do and allow us to do, we couldn’t move forward.”

The next regular meeting of the Russellville City Council is set for Monday, June 17, with work session at 6 p.m. and meeting to follow.



PHOTO BY JOHN PILATI

RFD employee Justin Green demonstrates a Lucas 2 device, purchased with grant funding, to the Russellville City Council.

Honey Do: Father's Day

Father's Day is this Sunday, June 16. Yeah, it's a big deal. Just ask almost anyone.

Son, father, step-father, father-in-law, even grandfather--I am honored to wear all of these "titles." I have found them all to be, at times, challenging and rewarding, and I cherish many wonderful memories and look forward to many more memories to be made.

I have learned that any caring "Dad" wants three things for his children. He wants them to be healthy, happy and holy. Of these three,

Remember, this is one of the very few people in this world that really has a deep, selfless concern for your well being. On the honey-do list this week, give your dad a call. If it's not possible, just say "Happy Father's Day" and smile. He'll know it.

sometimes healthy may not be an option. But we do have control over our attitude, and a healthy attitude is an option.

You can come up with your own definition on the happy and holy part. Just remember to keep it simple. You don't have to be the pope or a millionaire to define these things for yourself. If you have these qualities, you have already given your dad a "Happy Father's Day."

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Doug Green



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Tips to save money while traveling

I love to travel. I love trying out a new hotel, sleeping in a California king-sized bed and not having to worry about making my bed in the mornings.

The one thing that's always true about traveling is that it costs money. And I'm all about saving money. So, here are my best travel tips to help you keep more of your hard-earned dollars in your pocket.

•If you're flying, travel on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays.

These are cheapest days to be in the air. If you can arrange your trip and vacation days to accommodate, you'll save money!

•Avoid baggage fees.

Don't forget that many airlines will charge you to check a bag, which could cost an extra \$50 to \$100 round-trip per person. So, factor this in when you're shopping for low fares, or just pack more efficiently into a carry-on.

I know there's always one reason or another to spend money going somewhere. But if you're in debt, now isn't the time to take elaborate vacations. All your extra money should be going toward building up a starter emergency fund or paying off debt. Trust me, you'll enjoy that beach trip so much more when you have money in the bank, and you paid for it with cash.

•Don't open a credit card just for the travel points.

Even if you think you're "working the system," and you'll pay it off before it's due, the facts say there's a real chance you won't. One in three Americans are behind on bills. Payments have a tendency to pile up, and they steal more than your paycheck. They steal your joy, too.

•Look into Airbnb.

With Airbnb, you can rent someone's whole house, or even just one room in their house, and many times it's a lot cheaper than staying in a hotel. If you're a real go-getter, try reaching out to the owner directly and make them an offer. The worst they can do is say no!

•Don't take a vacation if you have debt.

I know there's always one reason or another to spend money going somewhere. But if you're in debt, now isn't the time to take elaborate vacations. All your extra money should be going toward building up a starter emergency fund or paying off debt. Trust me, you'll enjoy that beach trip so much more when you have money in the bank, and you paid for it with cash.

For more tips on how to save money traveling, I've got two episodes of The Rachel Cruze Show that will help you: Travel Tips That Will Save You Money and How to Go to Disney World Without Debt.

About Rachel Cruze

As a #1 *New York Times* best-selling author, host of *The Rachel Cruze Show* and *The Rachel Cruze Show Podcast*, Rachel helps people learn the proper ways to handle money and stay out of debt. She's authored three best-selling books, including *Love Your Life, Not Theirs* and *Smart Money Smart Kids*, which she co-wrote with her father, Dave Ramsey. You can follow Cruze on Twitter and Instagram at @RachelCruze and online at www.rachelcruze.com, youtube.com/rachelcruze or facebook.com/rachelramseycruze.



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If you can't afford a 15-year mortgage...

Dear Dave,
Is there ever a time when a 30-year mortgage is better than a 15-year mortgage?

Julie

Dear Julie,
Let's see, how should I put this? No! If you can't afford a home on a 15-year mortgage, it means you can't afford the house. Period.

If you currently own a house, and the only way to keep from being foreclosed on or going bankrupt is to refinance into a 30-year mortgage, you'd probably do that—but it doesn't make it *better* than a 15-year mortgage. You'll never hear me recommend a 30-year mortgage. I might *tolerate* one in an extreme situation, but I wouldn't tell you to go get one.

Besides, why would you want to stay in debt for 30 years? Do you have a fear of winning with money? Are you feeling so generous toward the bank that you want to just hand them piles of cash every month for three decades?

The average millionaire in this

country pays off their mortgage in 10.2 years. Do what smart people do, Julie. Do what people who win with money do. A 15-year, fixed rate mortgage is the only kind of home loan I recommend!

Dave

Net worth and umbrella insurance

Dear Dave,
At what point, where your net worth is concerned, should you consider additional umbrella insurance?

Kyle

Dear Kyle,
You can buy an additional \$1 million in liability insurance for your home and car for around \$250 a year. Why would you want that? If you were a target. Why would you be a target? If you have a net worth of \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 or more. You might also be a target if you just have a *really* good income and make a lot of money.

In either case, you'd want to pick up a liability umbrella policy. Good question!

Dave

**Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including The Total Money Makeover. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 16 million listeners each week on 600 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.*

Bay Tree Council's *Finders Keepers* set for June 20-23

Submitted to the FFP

The Bay Tree Council for the Performing Arts in Red Bay announces its final production for the 2018-2019 season, *Finders Keepers*, by Donald Payton and directed by Georgia Jeffreys.

Performance dates are June 20-22 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, June 23 at 2 p.m. at the Weatherford Centre in Red Bay. Tickets, which are \$8.00 each, are on sale now and can be reserved by calling 256-356-9829 or going by the Weatherford Centre weekdays from 2-4 p.m. For group sales, please contact Beth Hammock at 256-356-9286.

Hercules Nelson's aunt and uncle invite Hercules and his best friend, Lucas, to spend the weekend with them. With suitcases in hand, the boys arrive at Uncle Bob's to discover that Uncle Bob is a MORTICIAN and there's a funeral scheduled Monday.

Well, it's not long before things start happening in ways that would put most brave men to flight. For one thing, the corpse walks, reads the paper and climbs into bed with Hercules. He gallivants around in a most uncorporeal fashion.

Needless to say, the boys are terrified until they find out that Mr. Quigley, the corpse, isn't really dead. Someone tried to knock him off while he was sleeping, so he devised a plan: He'd make his family think he was dead, then show up at his own funeral and trap the guilty party.

No doubt Mr. Quigley had a good plan, and no doubt things would have ended peacefully, but there's two things he failed to consider...Lucas Maxwell and Hercules Nelson.

Fortunately, they all escape with their hides, but not before one of the wildest finishes ever!

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American Legion Post 64 will meet Thursday, June 13 at 7 p.m. at the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce. Dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

The Shoals Area Chapter of the Order of St. Luke will meet in the Sheffield Room at Park Place (501 N. Montgomery Avenue in Sheffield) this Thursday, June 13 at 2:30 p.m. We believe that God heals spiritually, physically and emotionally. Prayer for healing will be offered. All are welcome.

The third annual Franklin County Sheriff's Rodeo will be held Friday and Saturday, June 14-15 at 7:30 p.m. at Cowboy Church Arena (25100 AL 24, Russellville, AL 35653). Presented by 3-A Rodeo Company. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Children five years and under get in free. \$1,500 Added Money - Bareback, Saddle Bronc & Bull Riding. \$875 Added Money - Team Roping, Tie-Down Roping, Cowgirls Breakaway Roping & Barrell Racing. For more information, visit us on Facebook @longhornfarmsarena.

The 27th annual Fun Field Day will be held this Saturday, June 15 at the Chucky Mullins Center from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Franklin Civic Club and will include FREE fun, games and activities, including a three-point shootout tournament. Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be served. For children of all ages! Door prizes will be given away. For more information, call Allen Rorer at 256-412-7950 or Harold Vaughn at 256-436-3039.

Macedonia Baptist Church in Newburg welcomes you to our church Homecoming at 11 a.m. this Sunday, June 16. There will be a special service, followed by a meal and a singing. Guest music provided by Brighter Day from Tuscaloosa. Music after meal. Everyone is invited! Church is located at 37050 Hwy. 724.

On Tuesday, June 18 from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., the RHS Athletic Department will host an Athletic Blood Drive at the RHS Gym. For every donor that day, the American Red Cross will make a donation to the RHS Athletic Fund. These donations will be used to purchase equipment utilized by ALL of the female and male athletes of Russellville City Schools. You can sign up for an appointment at <http://www.redcrossblood.org>. Our location code is goldentigerathletics. Click on location, and then see times to select an appointment time. If you are unable to sign up with the steps above, email tony.buckhalter@rcs.k12.al.us or john.ritter@rcs.k12.al.us with your name, phone number and a desired appointment time. Thanks for your support!

CR For anyone with the courage to be honest about life's hurts, habits and hang-ups, First United Methodist Church of Russellville will host *Celebrate Recovery!* on Tuesday nights with supper at 6 p.m., large group at 6:30 and small groups at 7:30. Free childcare provided. Church is located at 311 North Jackson Avenue. Come and join us!

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Join us in studying God's faithfulness to Joseph in Vacation Bible School at Oakwood Missionary Baptist Church in Spruce Pine on Saturday, June 22 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. This year's theme is "Farm Fresh Faith." The church is located on Hwy. 13 on the right before the four-lane ends. VBS is for ages 2 all the way through teenagers. Everyone is welcome!

North Russellville Baptist Church will have a one-day Vacation Bible School on Saturday, June 22 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. This year's theme will be "Wanted By God." All cowboys and cowgirls ages two years old through fifth grade are welcome, and lunch will be provided. The church is located at 1401 Waterloo Rd, Russellville. Hope to see you there!

Spruce Pine Historical Society meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Spruce Pine Community Center in Spruce Pine. Next meeting will be July 2. All members and friends are urged to attend.

The Kerry Gilbert Band will perform a benefit concert at the Roxy Theatre in downtown Russellville on Saturday, July 13 at 7 p.m. General admission seating. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-12, and free for children under 6. Call 256-335-4356. The KGB will be the featured act at a show sponsored by the Franklin County Arts Council at the Roxy on the second Saturday of each month. Proceeds will benefit the renovation and restoration of the historic Roxy Theater.



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Attention all young ladies of Colbert, Franklin and Lauderdale counties entering 10th, 11th and 12th grades in the Fall of 2019!!! The Distinguished Young Women Scholarship Program will be held Saturday, August 3, 2019 at Norton Auditorium on the campus of The University of North Alabama. Young ladies entering the 12th grade will have the opportunity to compete for cash scholarships as well as many other scholarships to colleges and universities. Also, each county winner will have the opportunity to represent her county at the state program in Montgomery in January of 2020. Information and registration meetings will be held Wednesday, May 8, Wednesday, May 15 and Wednesday, June 5 from 4-5 p.m. at First Metro Bank, Muscle Shoals. Young ladies entering the 10th and 11th grades have the opportunity to be "DYW Little Sisters." For more information, please contact Susan Hargett at 256-710-9239 or Katernia Cole-Coffey at 256-332-8880, or check information on our Facebook page at Distinguished Young Women of Northwest Alabama, or email dshargett@aol.com. Other information and sign up is available at www.DistinguishedYW.org. Please contact us no later than Sunday, June 23.

The NACOLG SenioRx Medication Assistance Program supplies free and low-cost medications for anyone in Alabama with a disability or a chronic illness, regardless of age, that requires daily medication. Medicare recipients may also be eligible. For more information, contact NACOLG SenioRx today. There is no charge for this service. Call 1-800-AGELINE (1-800-243-5463) or 256-389-0529 and ask for Paula Pardue. This program is in partnership with the state of Alabama and Alabama Department of Senior Services.

The Newburg Masonic Lodge #388 meets the first Thursday of every month. The Russellville Masonic Lodge #371 meets the first and third Tuesday of every month. The Franklin County Shrine Club meets the second Tuesday of each month. The Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 256 meets every second and fourth Tuesday of each month at the Russellville Masonic Lodge. Spruce Pine Masonic Lodge #608 meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Phil Campbell Masonic Lodge #880 meets the first and third Thursday of each month. Burlson Lodge #143 meets the second and fourth Monday of each month. Belgreen Lodge #428 meets the first and third Monday of each month. All meetings start at 7 p.m.

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Ten local establishments earn satisfactory ratings

John Pilati
Franklin Free Press

Each of the ten Franklin County establishments that received health ratings during the week of May 27-31 had scores that fall into the "satisfactory compliance" range.

Health ratings are required to be prominently posted in all food/lodging establishments. Scores are graded by the Alabama Department of Public Health inspectors on a 100-point scale.

Establishments with scores of 85 to 100 are considered to be in "satisfactory compliance" and are routinely inspected. Establishments scoring between 70 and 84 will be inspected again in 60 days, and those scoring between 60 and 69 will have another follow-up within 48 hours. Any establishment scoring below 60 will be immediately closed.

Areas of inspection by ADPH include management and personnel; food storage, preparation and service; equipment; utensils; linen cleanliness; plumbing and waste; poisonous or toxic material storage; and an inspection of the physical facility or property.

All three Franklin County businesses listed in the most recent food and lodging establishment ratings scored 85 or above, within the satisfactory compliance range. The highest score was 99, received by Los Primos, 105 Marion St., Russellville.

Inspections of Franklin County businesses, with critical item violations

noted, resulted in the following scores:

- C.J.'s Grocery, 14545 Hwy. 187, Russellville, 87. (Spray bottle of bleach not labeled; Prep cooler holding chicken salad, deli meats, cole slaw at 47 degrees).
- Little Caesar's Pizza, 13655 Hwy. 43, Ste. A, Russellville, 89. (No backflow preventer on outside hose).
- Legacy Chevron, 13518 Hwy. 43 South, Russellville, 92. (Paper hand towels stored in cabinet with various toxic items).
- Cedar Creek Chevron, 11477 Hwy. 43, Russellville, 92. (Spray bottle of cleaner not labeled correctly).
- Mama Cortez dba Rancho Viejo, 11797 Hwy. 43 South, Russellville, 93. (Toxic item stored with food).
- Big Star of Russellville Deli, 314 S. Jackson Ave., Russellville, 93. (Popcorn chicken and Asian chicken out of temp in warmer).
- Russellville Hospital, 15155 Hwy. 43, Russellville, 94. (Wash solution at manual warewashing not at required 110 degrees).
- N&F No. 1 Inc., 12301 Hwy. 43 South, Russellville, 95.
- Northside Grocery, 1328 Waterloo Road, Russellville, 96. (No food probe thermometer).

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The high score of 99 went to Dollar General #217, 207 W. 6th St., Tuscumbia.



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'LEGEND,' from page 1

"Making that my long-range goal maybe helped me stay focused and try not to do the same thing over and over. I've reinvented myself about a dozen times over the years, and I think that's helped."

Anderson and his full band will perform at Russellville's Roxy Theater on Saturday, June 22. The show begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at WGOL studios, 113 Washington Avenue NW in Russellville, or online at www.eventbrite.com. Tickets are \$30 and \$45, both of which are floor seats.

Anderson has released seven number one singles and 29 Top 10 singles, and he's a member of the Country Music Hall of Fame. His hits include "Mama Sang a Song," "Po' Folks," "Tips of My Fingers," "I Get the Fever," "My Life" and "Still."

He's also a prolific songwriter, and his music has been recorded by the likes of Connie Smith, George Jones, George Strait, Brad Paisley and Alison Krauss and Mark Wills.

"Songwriting got me in the door to start with. I pretty much came to Nashville on the heels of *City Lights*," Anderson said. "The recording-artist part sprang from that. There's a different kind of satisfaction in both. You write a hit song and it's a hit in Philadelphia, Chicago and Los Angeles, and that's a wonderful feeling, but not the same high as when you go on stage and perform and people love it and stand up not wanting you to leave the stage."

"I've been fortunate to do both in my life."

These days, Anderson enjoys performing at smaller, historic venues like the Roxy.

"I think those are wonderful. Over the past five to ten years, I've played dozens of those kinds of places," Anderson said. "The lighting, seating and acoustics are good at these restored theaters, yet they retain some of their old flavor as well. You can close your eyes and be back in the 40s and 50s. If a community cares enough to restore its theater, they care enough to support it and keep it going, and I'm glad to be a part of that."

Anderson is a fixture at the Grand Ole Opry, where he first appeared on the main stage in 1959. He still makes four or five appearances each month on the Opry stage.

"It was January 1959, and I'd just recorded my first single for Decca Records," Anderson said. "I got a spot on the Opry. Porter Wagoner introduced me the first time I went on stage. It's a wonder I could walk to the microphone. It was really a very humbling experience. At that time it was at the Ryman Auditorium. It never ceases to be a thrill to walk onto the Opry stage, wherever it may be."

Nicknamed Whisperin' Bill for his soft vocal style, Anderson roars like a lion in the music industry, where he's released a staggering 72 albums.

"I think the key to my staying relevant the last 20 to 25 years is I surrounded myself with a lot of these young people in the industry like Brad Paisley, Vince Gill and Kenny Chesney," Anderson said. "When I go into a room and write with these people, I never say this is how we did it in the 60s and 70s. I try to soak up all the knowledge they can share with me about how it's done today. I learn from them, and they learn from me. I have a young manager, young publicity team and that helps keep me young and keeps my energy going."

"People ask me about today's country music, and I say there's only two types of music, good and bad. Some is good, some is not so good and over the years I've made a little of both."

Anderson has hosted several game shows, including TNN's *Fandango*. He was a three-year regular on ABC's *One Life to Live*, and he co-produced TNN's *You Can Be a Star*.

When asked whether he considers his songwriting abilities a talent or a gift from God, Anderson quickly responded.

"In the first gospel song I ever recorded, I wrote a line saying 'I held the pencil but He wrote this song,'" Anderson said. "I have a very deep and abiding Christian faith. My grandfather was a Methodist minister, so I grew up in that environment."

"I never go to bed at night without thanking the good Lord for His many blessings. I've sat down before and stared at a blank piece of paper. Later, I stare at it and see words and wonder how they got there. There's no question the good Lord has had a big hand in my songwriting, my career and my life."

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Yard Sale this Friday, June 14 from 8 am-3 pm and Saturday, June 15 from 7 am-3 pm. Cleaning out garages! 26 Cedar Avenue, Russellville. Mantis tiller (needs some work), small green chair and ottoman (like new), other small furniture, large climbing tower for cats, dresses, women's clothes, tons of other items from A-Z. Postponed if raining.

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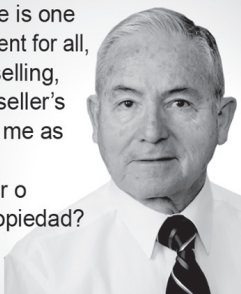
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"It's a pretty expensive ordeal," Renfro said. "I've known Jason all his life. I grew up with him. We were in the same hunting club and fished together.

"We had a great response from the club and their families. You get in this car club by being a good-hearted person, and that's what we're built on and why we're growing so much."

The StreetFlex raised more than \$800 to help Handley, and the afternoon was highlighted by Handley becoming the newest member.

"It was really exciting [to see] how touched Jason was," Renfro said. "We made him a member and put the StreetFlex sticker on his chair. At that moment, it was a pretty emotional moment for everyone there."

StreetFlex, which has been in existence two years, is now 75 members strong, Renfro said. Although their interest in cars initially draw members together, the club is about much more than displaying their custom cars. In fact, many club members don't own one.

"One thing that's special about this club is it doesn't matter what kind of car you have. You don't have to own a show car to be a member," Renfro said.

"Some guys may not be able to afford a part, and we'll pitch in to help them. If you see a StreetFlex sticker broken down on the side of the road, you stop and help them. That's a code of the club. That rule alone has made us grow.

"A lot of guys in StreetFlex don't have their own families, and they take this club very seriously. It's like their family."

To start the process of membership, log onto the club's Facebook page (found by searching StreetFlex) and hit "join group" and send a contact to Renfro.

"A lot of guys in StreetFlex don't have their own families, and they take this club very seriously," Renfro said. "It's like their family."

"We'll get in touch with you, invite you to an upcoming cruise-in and get to know you," Renfro said. "We usually meet every weekend, either an event or just somewhere downtown. We have family events. Kids are a big part of it."

Club officers include Renfro and T.J. Foster, who serve as co-presidents, vice-presidents Shane Smith and Tyler "Twitch" Jones, and Randy Cooper, who Renfro describes as the 'heart and backbone' of StreetFlex.

Club members display their StreetFlex stickers on the upper passenger side of their front windshields.

Renfro said StreetFlex members are looking for more people to help, and club members welcome ideas from the public.

"We're looking to do many more of these benefit fundraisers," Renfro said.

"It was so exciting how it turned out and really touching how excited Jason was. We're all about helping people. These guys love cars, but they may love their '92 Camaro.

"This is about having a place to meet, enjoying the fellowship and helping other people enjoy their cars. Those ideals have helped us grow rapidly."

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Six local softball players earn All-State recognition

Mike Self
Franklin Free Press

A banner season for Belgreen continued to generate accolades for the Lady Bulldogs this past weekend, as sophomore pitcher Emma Dempsey and senior first baseman Camie Terrell were both named first-team All-State in Class 1A by the Alabama Sports Writers Association.

"We are very proud of Camie and Emma," said head coach John Smith, who guided Belgreen to a 30-15 record and a berth in the state tournament. "They performed well this season under pressure and were clutch for us all year. I know they both know that without their teammates, the honors don't happen. I know their teammates are happy for them."

Dempsey had an outstanding season in the circle, leading Franklin County and ranking in the Top 12 in the state (according to MaxPreps.com) with 20 wins, 176 innings pitched and 219 strikeouts. She pitched in 39 of Belgreen's 45 games, starting 33 of them. She tossed 24 complete games, including 10 shutouts.

Dempsey was also a force at the plate, leading

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PHOTO BY KYLE GLASGOW

Terrell was a first-team selection in Class 1A after batting .544 with 28 extra-base hits.

Ward, Greenhill help Auburn earn first CWS bid since '97

Several other local players make splash this season

Mike Self
Franklin Free Press

The last time Auburn played in the College World Series, neither Judd Ward nor Cody Greenhill had been born yet.

On Monday, the two former Russellville High School teammates both helped the Tigers punch their ticket to Omaha for the first time in 22 years with a 14-7 win over North Carolina in Game 3 of the Super Regional in Chapel Hill.

Ward, a sophomore left-fielder, highlighted Auburn's 13-run first inning (the second-biggest inning by any team in NCAA Tournament history) with a three-run homer—his fifth of the season—and finished 3-for-5 in the leadoff spot with a walk and two runs scored.

Greenhill, a sophomore right-hander in his second season as the Tigers' closer, recorded the final five outs of Monday's series-clinching win in a non-save situation, allowing one earned run on three hits. He had already earned his 12th save of the season earlier in the series, pitching the final two innings of Auburn's 11-7 win in Saturday's opener.

Ward was coming off an All-Tournament performance the previous week at the Atlanta Regional, where he went 5-for-12 in three games with a double, three walks, an RBI and two runs scored. He also made a pair of highlight-reel defensive plays in the late innings of Auburn's regional-clinching 4-1 victory over Georgia Tech.

Greenhill closed out that 4-1 win with three solid innings, retiring nine of the ten batters he faced to earn the save. He gave up one earned run on one hit and struck out four.

Headed to Omaha for the first time since 1997, Auburn (38-26) will open play in the College World Series this weekend with a game against Mississippi State.

After playing part-time in the outfield as a freshman in 2018, Ward has put together a breakout sophomore season. The 6'1, 195-pound lefty hitter has started 63 of the Tigers' 64 games and leads the team in hits (70) and on-base percentage (.390) while ranking second in batting average (.283) and walks (37). He has 12 doubles and two triples to go along with his five home runs and has driven in 34 runs while scoring 42.

Ward has also been a weapon defensively all season, racking up nine outfield assists and starting three double plays—one of which came in the regional-clinching win over Georgia Tech when he caught a fly ball near the fence in left and doubled a runner off first base.

Greenhill, meanwhile, has made 27 relief appearances this season and ranks third on the team in ERA (3.49) and WHIP (1.23). He is 2-3

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COURTESY PHOTOS

Ward (above) has provided highlight-reel defense in left field while batting leadoff and leading the Tigers in hits (70) and OBP (.390). Greenhill (below) has racked up 12 saves in his second season as Auburn's closer, ranking third on the team in both ERA (3.49) and WHIP (1.23). Ward hit a three-run homer in the Tigers' 13-run first inning against North Carolina on Monday, finishing 3-for-5 with two runs scored. Greenhill recorded the final five outs in a 14-7 victory that punched Auburn's ticket to Omaha for the first time in 22 years.



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all of Franklin County and ranking in the state's Top 30 this season with 66 hits, including 16 for extra bases (one home run, four triples and 11 doubles). She tied for the county lead with 20 multi-hit games and ranked third in both batting average (.520) and RBIs (38). Her .539 OBP ranked fifth in the county.

"Emma's bat was big, but her pitching was even bigger," Smith said. "She is an outstanding athlete. She has blazing speed, but we didn't run her much. One wrong slide would have hurt our team."

Terrell batted .544 this season, ranking first in the county and 13th in the entire state (all classifications), according to MaxPreps.com. Of her 62 hits, a whopping 28 went for extra bases—easily the most in Franklin County. Her 21 doubles tied for sixth-most in the state, and she also had four home runs and three triples.

Terrell tied for the county lead in both multi-hit games (20) and RBIs (48). She ranked second with a .567 OBP and scored 36 runs while stealing 12 bases in 14 tries.

"Camie had a great senior year for us, and we are gonna miss her," Smith said. "Her bat and her glove were clutch. She was also a sneaky base runner who could steal a base in a big situation."

Dempsey and Terrell were two of six softball players from Franklin County to earn All-State honors from the ASWA. Red Bay sophomore shortstop Lila Blackburn was a first-team selection in Class 2A. Blackburn tied Russellville's Karlie Moore for first in Franklin County with seven home runs this season, and she also shared the county lead in RBIs with 48 in 35 games.

An on-base machine, Blackburn drew 19 walks to go along with her 45 hits and posted a county-best .604 OBP. Her .529 batting average ranked second in the county and 17th in the state, according to MaxPreps.com. She pounded out 12 doubles and two triples to go along with those seven homers, ranking third in the county with 21 extra-base hits. She also scored 40 runs and, just for good measure, stole 14 bases without getting caught.

Blackburn was a force to be reckoned with in the Class 2A, Area 15 tournament, going 12-for-16 with three home runs, three doubles and 15 RBIs in five games to help the Lady Tigers take home the area title.

"Lila is a hard-working kid who is willing to do whatever it takes to win," said Red Bay head coach Shane Nichols, who led the Lady Tigers to a 23-12 record and a berth in the North Regional. "She is fun to coach, with how hard she plays the game and the fun she has playing softball."

Blackburn also had a big season in the circle, going 8-4 with a 3.28 ERA as Red Bay's No. 2 pitcher. She struck out 85 batters and allowed just 48 hits in 63.2 innings. She made 18 appearances and 12 starts in the circle, tossing seven complete games.

Russellville senior pitcher Megan Warhurst was a second-team All-State selection in Class 5A. The senior left-hander carried a heavy workload for the Lady Golden Tigers, pitching in 36 of their 41 games. She made 25 starts and tossed 16 complete games, including five shutouts and a no-hitter against area rival Lawrence County in a 3-1 win on April 9.

Warhurst signed with West Florida last fall and then looked every bit the part of a collegiate pitcher this spring, putting together the best season of her prep career. She reached peak dominance in a five-day stretch in late April, striking out 32 batters while allowing zero earned runs on just five hits in 24 innings of work against Cullman, Decatur, Mortimer Jordan, Lawrence County and Hamilton.

"Megan has been a cornerstone for our program," said RHS head coach Kathryn Montgomery, who led the Lady Golden Tigers to a 22-18-1 record this season and a North Regional berth. "She is a goal-oriented and self-motivated individual. It's been a pleasure having her on our pitching staff and in our lineup. The Argos definitely got themselves a competitor."

Warhurst finished the season 18-7 with a 1.41 ERA that led Franklin County and ranked 15th in the state (all classifications), according to MaxPreps.com. She completely stifled opposing lineups, giving up just 87 hits in 149.1 innings pitched (an average of barely four hits allowed per seven innings). Her 18 wins and 172 strikeouts both ranked in the state's Top 20, according to MaxPreps.com.

Two Tharptown juniors, pitcher Olivia Ergle and shortstop Shaylee Wietng, both earned second-team All-State honors from the ASWA in Class 2A.

"I am so proud of Olivia and Shaylee," said head coach Susie Tverberg, who led the Lady Wildcats to a 26-16 record and a berth in the North Regional. "They're both very deserving of this award. These two girls work so hard at being good at the game they love. They both are great examples of team players, and they tend to make the players around them better."

"Olivia and Shaylee both spend their spare time playing travel ball or taking hitting or pitching lessons. They are always trying to get better. To me, that's what makes them special."

Tverberg says that Wietng is one of the fastest players she's ever coached.

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Maggerise, three Tigers honored by ASWA

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On more than one occasion over the past couple of years, Red Bay baseball coach Richard Maggerise would get a late-night phone call from a concerned member of the school's administration.

“My phone would ring at 10 p.m., and it would be the principal telling me the lights were on at the baseball field,” Maggerise said. “And Cade would be up there working, with nobody else watching.”

That would be Cade McKinney, a reserve outfielder throughout most of his Tiger career who blossomed into a big-time contributor this past season as a senior—in large part due to those late-night practice sessions on a lonely field. Not to worry, though. He's in good company now.

McKinney received All-State honorable mention in Class 2A from the Alabama Sports Writers Association this past weekend after a breakout season in which he batted .391 with 12 extra-base hits, 24 RBIs, 30 runs scored, 14 stolen bases in 14 attempts and a .486 OBP for a Red Bay team that won 20 games and reached the state quarterfinals for the first time in 26 years.

“Cade didn't even start when he played in junior high,” Maggerise said. “He didn't become a starter for us on the varsity until halfway through his junior year. I've never been around a kid who worked so much on his own. It's astounding. I have the utmost respect for that kid, because he did every bit of it on his own. He decided in the tenth grade that he was gonna make baseball a priority and work to be the best he could.”

“For a guy who was not even starting in junior high and then didn't start in the ninth grade, the tenth grade and most of his eleventh-grade year to make All-State his senior year is just amazing.”

McKinney was one of three Red Bay players to earn All-State honors from the ASWA. Senior shortstop/pitcher Kolby Bragwell was a first-team selection as an infielder, and senior Chase Allen earned second-team honors as a designated hitter.

Bragwell received the All-State nod for a third straight season after finishing fifth in the state (according to MaxPreps.com) with a .541 average. The 6'2, 205-pound slugger set new career-highs with 17 extra-base hits (including 13 doubles, two triples and two homers), 50 runs scored, 36 walks (including four intentional free passes in an area game against Colbert County) and 28 stolen bases in 29 attempts.

Opposing pitchers by and large did whatever they could to avoid throwing Bragwell anything over the plate, but he still managed to be both productive (27 RBIs in 31 games) and disciplined (only nine strikeouts in 114 plate appearances). He reached base safely either by a hit, a walk or a hit by pitcher 79 times, posting a staggering .693 OBP.

When opponents pitched around Bragwell, Allen more often than not made them pay, leading the Tigers (and tying for 13th in the state) with 44 RBIs. In the game in early April when Colbert County walked Bragwell all four times he batted, Allen went 3-for-3 and drove in seven runs to lead a 16-0 Red Bay rout.

After batting a solid .338 as a junior in 2018, Allen improved that mark to a

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Wieting put that speed to good use this season, leading Franklin County by a wide margin (and ranking third in the entire state, according to MaxPreps.com) with 55 stolen bases in 59 attempts. She also led the county (and tied for 12th in the state) with 63 runs scored in 42 games. She ranked third in the county with 61 hits (including four doubles and three triples), batting an even .500 for the season.

Wieting tied for the county lead with 20 multi-hit games and also drew 18 walks, reaching base at a stellar .563 clip. She struck out only 11 times all year in 142 plate appearances.

Ergle finished in the state's Top 20 (according to MaxPreps.com) with 17 wins and 174 strikeouts in 137.2 innings. Ergle pitched in 34 of the Lady Wildcats' 42 games, making 26 starts and going the distance 18 times. She tossed three shutouts and a pair of no-hitters, finishing the season with a 3.55 ERA and a very solid strikeout/walk ratio of 3.2/1.

Ergle was also productive at the plate, driving in a team-best 30 runs while batting .279 with three homers and five doubles.

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with 12 saves and has allowed 52 hits in 56.2 innings, holding opponents to a .242 batting average. The 6'4, 218-pound righty has struck out 43 batters while walking just 17.

Ward and Greenhill both graduated from RHS in 2017 after helping lead the Golden Tigers to three straight state championships and earning three All-State selections (and one Class 5A Player of the Year honor) apiece. They were not the only former Russellville players to make their mark at the collegiate level this spring.

Reed Smith, a 2016 graduate of RHS and former Class 5A state finals MVP, put together a strong finish to his first season at Troy University. The 6'0, 180-pound sophomore collected multiple hits in six of the Trojans' final 12 games, batting .333 (14-for-42) during that stretch with three doubles, a triple and seven runs scored.

For the season, Smith played in 48 games and made 41 starts, eventually settling in as Troy's everyday starter at second base. He batted .232 (35-for-151) on the year with four home runs, three triples, six doubles, 16 RBIs and 22 runs scored while committing only three errors in the field.

Smith, who earned All-Conference honors as a red-shirt freshman at Dyersburg State Community College in 2018, started his Trojan career with a bang, blasting a tie-breaking two-run homer in the seventh inning of a season-opening 3-2 win over Central Michigan on February 15 in his first-ever at bat for Troy. On February 27 against in-state rival Jacksonville State, Smith went 3-for-5 in the leadoff spot with a home run and a triple in a 9-7 loss.

Perhaps the biggest highlight of Smith's first season at Troy came on April 2 in Tuscaloosa, when he smacked a second-inning grand slam to break up a scoreless game and spark the Trojans to an 8-4 win over Alabama. He had another big game on April 30 at Alabama State, going 2-for-5 with a homer and a triple in a 20-5 win.

Troy finished the season 31-29, winning a pair of games at the Sun Belt Conference Tournament before being eliminated with a 1-0 loss to Georgia Southern.

Austin Bohannon, another 2016 graduate of RHS and former Class 5A state finals MVP, put together his share of highlights this spring in his first season at UAB. The 6'4, 225-pound junior lefty made his debut for the Blazers on February 23, tossing a scoreless inning of relief in a 20-6 rout of Holy Cross. He picked up his first win in relief on March 2, allowing one hit and striking out one in 1.2 scoreless innings in an 11-8 victory over Radford.

Bohannon also pitched well on multiple occasions against opponents from the SEC. He retired all four batters he faced in a 15-9 loss at Ole Miss on March 8. On March 19 at Auburn, Bohannon entered the game in relief in the third inning and retired the first seven batters he faced.



Smith

He then issued a one-out walk in the fifth and allowed a single to right field by Ward, his former Russellville teammate. After the Blazers committed an error, Bohannon allowed another single and issued his second walk before coming out of the game. Despite pitching well, he wound up taking the loss in a 13-5 defeat.

Bohannon, who spent the first two years of his college career at Shelton State, made his first-ever start at the Division I level on March 26 against Samford and was terrific, allowing just three hits and striking out five in four shutout innings. He ended up with a no-decision in a 9-0 win.

Bohannon got another starting assignment on May 7 at Auburn and went 3.1 innings, allowing two earned runs on three hits. The first time he faced Ward, he hit him with a pitch and then promptly picked him off first base. In Ward's second at bat, he put down a sacrifice bunt. Bohannon again ended up with a no-decision in a 6-4 win by the Blazers.

For the season, Bohannon was 1-3 with a 6.51 ERA in 16 appearances, including four starts. He allowed 31 hits in 27.2 innings, striking out 15 and walking 15. UAB finished the year 27-29.



Bohannon

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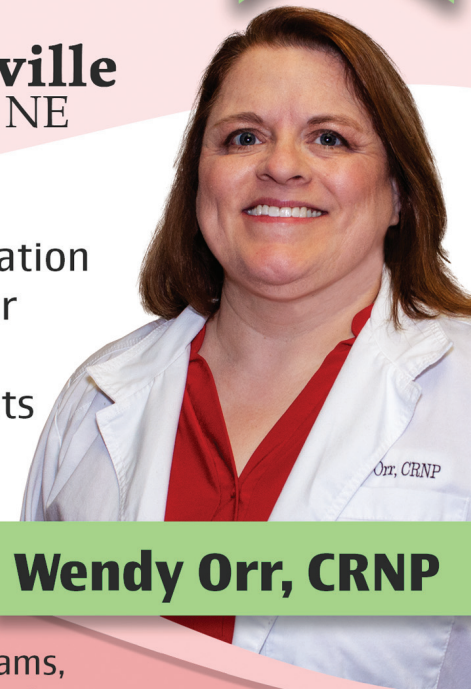
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Elsewhere in Conference-USA, former Golden Tiger ace Jacob Green picked up three wins and a save while making 23 relief appearances in his final season at Western Kentucky. The 6'3, 205-pound senior, a 2015 graduate of RHS who pitched two years at Shelton State and then two more for the Hilltoppers, struck out 37 batters in 33 innings this season while holding opposing hitters to a .256 average.

Green was highly effective in several multi-inning relief stints for Western Kentucky (26-29-1). On February 27 against Murray State, he retired all six batters he faced (striking out three of them) in two innings of work in a 9-5 win. On April 13, Green pitched the final 3.1 innings of a 16-11 victory over Marshall, earning the win. He gave up two earned runs on two hits and struck out four.

Green got another win on April 28 in a 4-2 victory at Texas-San Antonio, allowing just one hit and zero earned runs while striking out two batters in 3.2 innings of relief. He finished the 2019 season 3-2 with a 7.09 ERA.

For his two-year career at Western Kentucky, Green made 46 appearances and went 4-2 with two saves and 67 strikeouts in 57 innings pitched.

Landon Ezzell, a 2018 graduate of RHS, capped off a strong debut season at UAH with an outstanding performance at the plate in the 2019 Gulf South Conference Tournament last month.

The 6'3, 205-pound freshman collected a season-high four hits in the tournament opener against Montevallo on May 3, going 4-for-4 with three RBIs and two runs scored to lead the Chargers to a 7-3 win. Two days later, Ezzell went 2-for-5 with an RBI and two runs scored in a 12-8 loss to West Florida. He then went 1-for-3 with an RBI in the Chargers' final game of the tournament, a 5-4 loss to Valdosta State.

Ezzell finished the tournament 7-for-12 with five RBIs and four runs scored, batting cleanup in all three games and splitting his time between third base and first base.

Ezzell singled in his first collegiate at bat against St. Leo on February 3. He had a big doubleheader on February 27 against Miles College, going 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI to help UAH win the opener 9-2 and then blasting a three-run homer in the first inning of Game 2 to help the Chargers overcome an early 5-0 deficit and finish off the sweep with a 10-8 win.

On March 30-31, Ezzell enjoyed a productive series against GSC rival Delta State, going 3-for-8 with four RBIs and two runs scored to help UAH take two out of three.

Ezzell played in 32 games this season, starting 24 of them. He batted .323



Green

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Ezzell capped off a solid first season for the Chargers with a big GSC Tournament performance, going 7-for-12 with five RBIs and four runs scored in three games.

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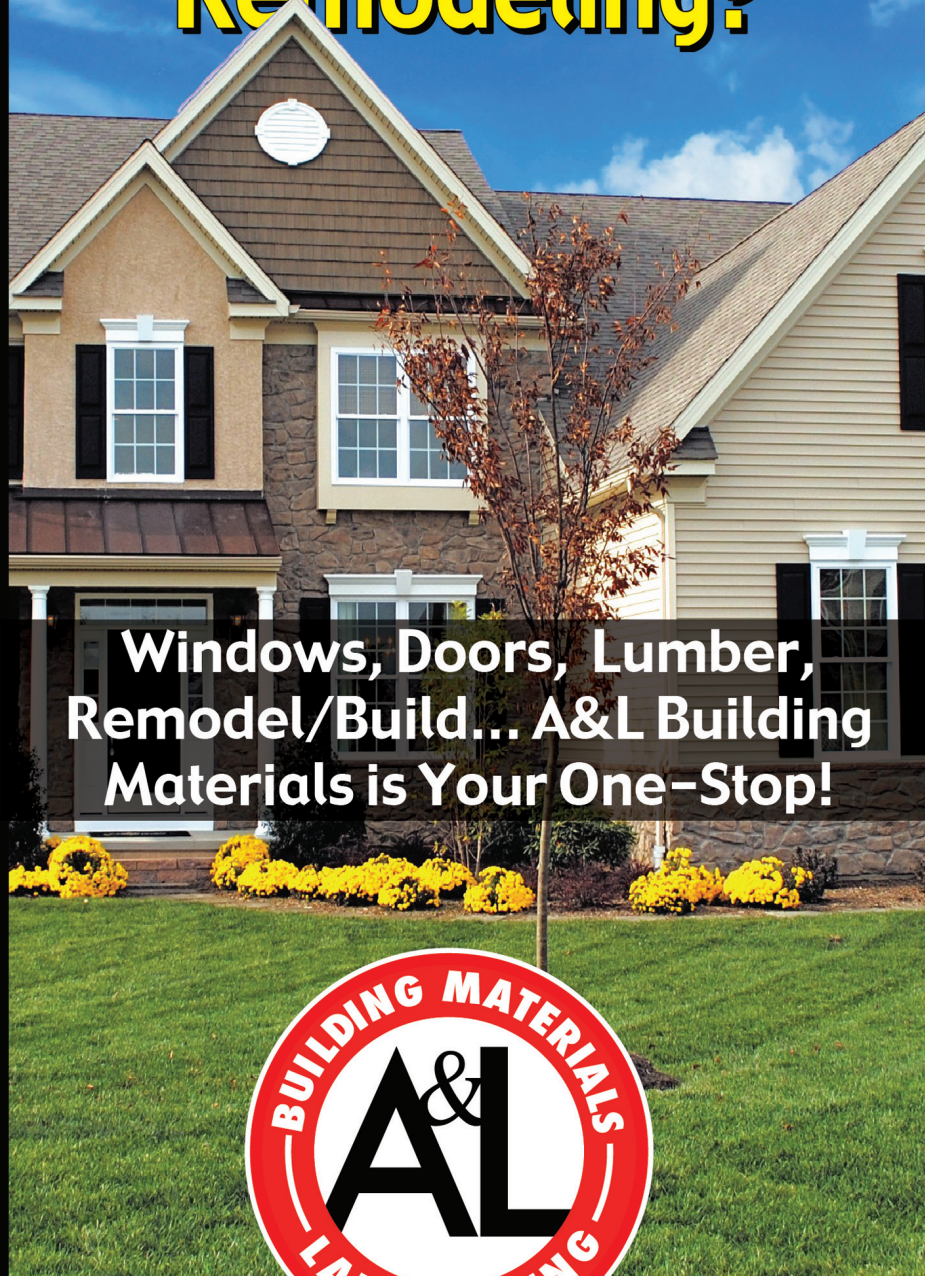
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(30-for-93) with one homer, six doubles, 23 RBIs and 18 runs scored. He also reached base at a solid .381 clip and collected eight multi-hit games. He was named GSC Freshman of the Week on April 9.

UAH finished the season 27-21 overall and 16-12 in GSC play.

Skylar Holland, a 2017 graduate of Russellville and a two-time state champion with the Golden Tigers, put together a monster first season at Calhoun Community College in 2019. The freshman first baseman played 48 games for the Warhawks and led the team in batting average (.368), on-base percentage (.429), slugging percentage (.737), home runs (12), doubles (16), extra-base hits (30) and RBIs (38). He collected 56 hits and scored 32 runs, drawing 17 walks and striking out just 26 times.



Holland

Holland was named ACCC Player of the Week for April 22-28 after batting .538 with four home runs, eight RBIs and five runs scored.

Holland wasn't the only former Golden Tiger to play for Calhoun this season. Jaret Ward, a 2018 graduate of RHS, pitched in 12 games for the Warhawks, striking out 10 batters in 9.1 innings.



Jaret Ward

Russ Carpenter, a 2017 graduate of RHS who started behind the plate for a pair of Golden Tiger state championship teams, had a productive first season at Lurleen B. Wallace Community College this spring. The 6'4, 220-pound freshman catcher played in 31 games, batting .310 (22-for-71) with two home runs, six doubles, 17 RBIs and 13 runs scored. He also posted a .409 OBP and a .479 slugging percentage.

Carpenter came through with some big hits for the Saints early in the season, going 2-for-3 with three RBIs in a 7-6 win over Lawson State on February 2 and then blasting a solo home run in a 3-2 win over Wallace State on February 9. He also drove in three runs in a 15-7 win over Calhoun on February 17.

Carpenter had a big series against Chattahoochee Valley in early May, going 5-for-9 with two RBIs and three runs scored to help the Saints earn a four-game split.

Rudy Fernandez, a 2018 graduate of RHS, played in 10 games this spring as a freshman at Motlow State Community College. He recorded his first collegiate hit in a 7-4 win at Cumberland on April 3, going 1-for-3 with a run. One week later, he went 1-for-3 with a run in a 13-6 win at Freed-Hardeman University.

Former Golden Tiger pitcher Chad Wray, a 2017 graduate of RHS, appeared in eight games this season for Shelton State, making a pair of starts. The 6'3, 215-pound freshman went 1-0 overall with a 4.82 ERA, allowing six hits and striking out 13 batters in 9.1 innings.

Austin Kitterman, a 2016 graduate of RHS who previously pitched at Union University and Shelton State Community College, spent this season at Middle Tennessee but did not pitch due to medical issues. His younger brother, Houston Kitterman, a 2018 graduate of RHS, red-shirted this season at West Alabama.

Phil Campbell's Peyton Thomas, a 2018 graduate of PCHS who won Class 2A Hitter of the Year honors for the Bobcats in 2017, got his first taste of Division I baseball this season as a freshman at North Alabama. The 6'1, 220-pound first baseman cranked a solo home run in an 18-11 loss at Memphis on April 23. One week later, he went 2-for-4 with another home run, a double and two RBIs to lead the Lions to a 6-5 win over Alabama A&M.



Thomas

Thomas had another big game on May 7, going 3-for-3 with a double and three RBIs in an 8-4 win at Belmont.

Former Red Bay standout Chandler Allen made nine appearances and five starts as a freshman pitcher this season for Blue Mountain College in Mississippi, working a total of 18 innings.

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stellar .410 in 2019, collecting 34 hits in 83 at bats. He struck out only a dozen times in 112 plate appearances, drawing 21 walks and posting an elite on-base percentage of .527. He also had one home run, four doubles and 27 runs scored, stealing eight bases in nine tries and recording eight multi-hit games.

"I've had a few times where we've had two guys make All-State, but never have we had three," Maggerise said. "I knew Kolby would probably get All-State for a third straight year, but this is an unbelievable honor for those other two guys.

"Chase is just a great kid with tremendous parents and a tremendous work ethic. He's always been a 'Yes sir' kind of guy. In six years of coaching him, I don't think I've ever heard him say something negative about anything. He's been a tremendous leader on and off the field for us."

Maggerise also received a major honor from the ASWA, which named him Class 2A Coach of the Year. He found out about it on Sunday morning when his wife Miranda spotted the news on social media.

"My wife saw it on Facebook or something that morning, and she asked me about it," said Maggerise, who has been at Red Bay for seven seasons, including the past six as head coach. "I said, 'Let me go look on AL.com.' And that's where I happened to see it.

"I'm not gonna lie to you—I was like a kid in a candy store. It's a very humbling thing to be honored by the state, obviously. For a coach, outside of winning a state championship, this is the highest honor you can get, just for the simple fact of how people perceive you as a coach and how they

perceive your program."

Red Bay recovered from a 3-5 start this season to win 17 of its last 23 games, finishing 20-11. The Tigers went 6-0 in area play and swept a pair of playoff series (against Collinsville in the first round and Sulligent in the second) to earn a quarterfinal berth for the first time since 1993.

"I'm not gonna lie to you—I was like a kid in a candy store," Maggerise said of his reaction to learning he had been named Class 2A Coach of the Year. "It's a very humbling thing to be honored by the state, obviously. For a coach, outside of winning a state championship, this is the highest honor you can get, just for the simple fact of how people perceive you as a coach and how they perceive your program."

Maggerise thought that such a special season might garner him some accolades on the local level, but ASWA Coach of the Year was not something he expected.

"I was joking around with my wife back when we got beat by Westbrook [in the state quarterfinals]," Maggerise said on Monday. "I said, 'Wouldn't it be something if I got Coach of the Year?' She was like, 'Do you really think you might get it?' And I didn't. People usually have to win a state championship or do something really astounding that year to get that honor. I really didn't think a whole lot about it.

"I thought I might could get something from the local paper. I thought there was a possibility there, but statewide? No. I didn't think it was that realistic of an opportunity."

Maggerise and his wife have two sons, three-

year-old Easton and one-year-old Camden.

Elsewhere in Franklin County, Phil Campbell had three players earn All-State honors in Class 3A from the ASWA. Sophomore pitcher Ridge Raper was a first-team selection, while junior catcher Rilan Garrison and senior first baseman Nate Owens each made second-team All-State.

Russellville senior catcher Hunter Briles received All-State honorable mention in Class 5A.

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