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# Worth a Fortune: Legendary artist coming to Russellville

John Pilati  
Franklin Free Press

What started out as a temporary gig for Jimmy Fortune turned into a wonderful 21-year partnership with the legendary Statler Brothers, and country music fans everywhere were the beneficiaries.

Fortune first joined the Statler Brothers as a temporary fill-in for Lew DeWitt after DeWitt took a break from touring due to a battle with Crohn's disease. Ironically, DeWitt was the one who recommended Fortune after hearing him sing at a ski resort.

Fortune performed his first show with the Statlers on January 28, 1982, in Savannah, Georgia. After DeWitt's health prevented him from returning to the group, Fortune was hired later that year as a permanent replacement.

Although the Statler Brothers retired more than 16

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# Friends, Vietnam vets reunite after 53 years

Brady Petree  
Franklin Free Press

In this day and age of social media, if friends or old acquaintances grow apart and years down the road wish to reconnect with one another, there are a plethora of ways they can do so. A quick search through Facebook or a Google search of someone's name, and anyone can be found within a matter of seconds.

For two Vietnam Veterans living nearly 900 miles from one another and having not seen one another for 53 years, the connecting piece ended up being a rather outdated search tool: A phone book.

Larry Greenhill, a 1963 Belgreen High School graduate, enlisted for the U.S. Army in 1965 after holding a wide variety of jobs that ranged from picking apples to working in a factory near Decatur. Originally intending to become a tanker, Greenhill eventually ended up as an infantryman before enrolling in jump school for the airborne division of the army.

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Belgreen graduate Larry Greenhill (left) and Pennsylvania resident Larry Mylin, who served together in Vietnam, recently reunited for the first time since 1966.

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Died Monday, August 26, 2019. Graveside service held at Jefferson Memorial Cemetery in Birmingham. Pinkard Funeral Home of Russellville assisted the family.

**Beatrice Williams Lindley, Vina, age 81**  
Died Tuesday, August 27, 2019. Funeral held at Spry Memorial Chapel in Russellville. Interment in Dempsey Cemetery.



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# Census Committee urges Hispanics to respond

John Pilati  
Franklin Free Press

With concerns growing about whether Hispanic residents in Franklin County will proportionately respond to the 2020 census, the Franklin County Census Committee will have a community meeting to urge Hispanic business and church leaders to encourage participation.

The meeting is set for Thursday, September 12 at 7:15 p.m. at the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, according to committee chairman Dick Rowland. The nine-member Franklin County Census Committee includes Rowland, Leah Mansell, David Palmer, Michael Hughes, Mary Hallman-Glass, Jason Miller, Greg Hamilton, Heath Grimes and Katernia Cole-Coffey.

The meeting is designed to solicit "advice, concerns and other input from Latino business leaders," according to Rowland.

"This is an important step as we design our plans to get maximum possible Latino participation in the 2020 census in Franklin County," Rowland said. "A robust census count is vital to county economic health for the next 10 years.

"Every person living in our county, legal or otherwise, should be counted. Financial support for our schools, highways and other vital functions are based on the census numbers—one by one and family by family."

Most federal programs whose funding alloca-

tions are determined by population rely on census data to calculate the division of monies to states. That averages out to about \$1,600 per person in Alabama in federal funding. Completing a census form will help ensure that Alabama, and Franklin County, receive their fair share of funding.

Rowland is asking citizens to contact Latino business owners and community leaders to encourage them to attend next week's meeting.

**"We felt like in 2010 we didn't get a good count on our Latino population," Miller said. "That is one reason for the focus. Think of the money we could lose in our school systems. That and other funding issues are another reason we're trying to get a good count."**

In mid-March of 2020, every Alabama household will receive a packet from the U.S. Census Bureau in the mail. It will include information on how to complete the census form in one of three ways: Online via computer or smart phone; by calling a toll-free number and completing it over the phone with a U.S. Census Bureau employee; or calling a toll-free number and requesting a traditional paper form.

Some rural areas, including some in Franklin County, that have low internet access, will receive a paper form in the initial mailing.

Information supplied in answering the census may not be used by other agencies, pursuant to federal law. Therefore, it won't be used against cit-

izens in any way or for any purpose other than census information.

It is this concern that has some Hispanics concerned about responding to the census. While President Donald Trump sought to have a question on the census asking about citizenship, the census forms that went to press earlier this year don't have that question on them.

Still, there remain concerns that Hispanics will be underrepresented in the 2020 census, particularly if there is fear that information they submit in response could be used against them in some way.

Franklin County commissioner Jason Miller said there are two primary reasons that committee members want to focus on increasing Hispanic census responses.

"We felt like in 2010 we didn't get a good count on our Latino population," Miller said. "That is one reason for the focus. Think of the money we could lose in our school systems. That and other funding issues are another reason we're trying to get a good count."

2010 census information showed Franklin County to have a population of 31,704 with 5.82 percent Hispanics. The 2010 census showed Russellville with a population of 9,830 with 2,560 Hispanics.

Rowland and other committee members believe those numbers to be well below the actual population and Hispanic percentage.

# Five local eateries receive satisfactory ratings

John Pilati  
Franklin Free Press

All five Franklin County establishments that received health ratings during the week of August 19-23 had scores that fell 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.

Each of the five Franklin County businesses listed in the most recent food and lodging establishment ratings scored 85 or above, within the satisfacto-

ry compliance range.

The high score was 98, scored by Backwoods Bargains, 30012 Hwy. 24, Russellville.

Other inspection scores and violations of Franklin County businesses included:

- Wendy's of Russellville #514, 13679 Hwy. 43 South, Russellville, 90. (Prep cooler holding bleu cheese, chopped lettuce and sliced tomatoes at 45-51 degrees).

- Taylor's Restaurant, 808 Ronnie McDowell Ave., Russellville, 93. (Dented cans).

- Kelly's Kitchen, 17901 Hwy. 43, Russellville, 94. (Improper insecticide).

- East Franklin Jr. High, 1815 Hwy. 89, Phil Campbell, 95. (Chopped lettuce, tomato, ham and sausage held on serving line and reach-in-cooler at 45-51 degrees).

Of the 31 inspections done in Colbert County from August 19-23, all received scores falling in the range of satisfactory.

The high score of 100 went to Yogurt Mountain, 3312 Woodward Ave., Muscle Shoals.

Health ratings are available at [www.foodscores.state.al.us](http://www.foodscores.state.al.us) and may be viewed by city or county.

# Community Development Commission approves grants

John Pilati  
Franklin Free Press

The Franklin County Community Development Commission met August 23 and approved a number of grants to local schools and non-profit agencies.

The commission, which includes Brad Bolton, Jeremy Campbell, Chris Wallace and David Grissom, meets quarterly to review grant applications.

The next meeting of the commission will be October 25 at 8:30 a.m. at the Franklin County Commission Annex. Any grant request for that meeting must be received by a commission member on or before October 18 at noon.

With the most recent grants, more than \$1.936 million has been returned to Franklin County since the inception of the funding. The funds come from in lieu of tax payments from the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The Franklin County Legislative delegation, Sen. Larry Stutts, Rep. Poncey Robertson and Rep. Jamie Kiel, each make an appointment to the

commission to represent them.

Grant awards for the August 23 meeting included:

- \$1,500 to Phil Campbell Elementary School third grade purchase of 65 student desks.

- \$6,700 to Liberty Learning Program, a school citizenship program.

- \$5,000 transfer to fund for future economic development.

- \$1,000 to City of Red Bay for Founders Day sponsorship.

- \$4,290 to Franklin County Board of Education Red Bay campus for fence/gate project at the kindergarten building. The project is funded in thirds by the development commission, Franklin County Board of Education and City of Red Bay, for a total of \$13,000.

- \$1,000 to Phil Campbell High School football for seeding/mulching equipment and facility upkeep.

- \$1,500 to Red Bay Quarterback Club for contribution toward purchase of

# Outrage isn't the answer; we need more leadership

By Phil Williams  
Alabama Policy Institute

Time and again over the past few years, we have witnessed a disturbing trend among liberals, namely that if you don't agree with their positions that you are to be silenced, boycotted, or removed.

Recently, the Executive Committee of the Alabama Republican Party jumped into the liberal playbook feet first when it passed a resolution calling for Representative Ilhan Omar (D-MN) to be ousted from Congress.

As I write this, I imagine that some of my GOP brethren around the State are slack-jawed that I would say such a thing. So, before you espouse my demise as a conservative, let's be clear: I am an individual with unquestioned credentials as a conservative, a Christian and a Republican. I find Congresswoman Omar to be generally reprehensible, a fomenter of chaos and a person with whom I have yet to find agreement. I also find her opinions to be protected under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.....and that, my conservative friends, is what really matters.

Winston Churchill, never one to mince words, said "Everyone is in favor of free speech. Hardly a day passes without its being extolled, but some people's idea of it is that they are free to say what they like, but if anyone else says anything back, that is an outrage." What we need is less outrage and more leadership with willingness to debate.

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It wasn't so long ago that In-and-Out Burger was threatened with a boycott for supporting Republicans. Chick-Fil-A has often faced criticism and

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# Sweat equity is vital to getting the most out of your marketing budget

By Dave Ramsey

Lots of small business owners who are just starting out ask me how to determine the proper amount of money to budget for marketing. Most young companies must rely on what some people call "bootstrapping." This is where you re-invest a large portion of your profits to keep things growing. Combining this with social media—which is free and extremely effective—allows many start-ups to keep their heads above water.

In the early days of my company, we were just like a lot of other newly established small business in many regards. We didn't have a lot of cash coming in, and the budget was minimal. We had to make every dollar we spent work very, very hard. In fact, we used a ratio of 10 percent dollars to 90 percent sweat equity.

Sweat equity means doing something physically that's pushing your message out in front of people. Back then, I must have spoken to every Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club and Sunday school class out there. None of them paid me a dime, but I was there every time someone would allow

me to present to their group.

Even though these little speaking gigs didn't create a direct income, it gave me numerous opportunities to get the word out about who we were and what we offered. With time, and a lot of work, those little opportunities really got the ball rolling. We're still enjoying the momentum they created today.

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Go slow, and take time to learn about what's effective in your particular field. Don't waste what little marketing budget you have on one or two expensive options that don't work!

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Bryce

Dear Bryce,  
The first thing I'd advise telling him is that you and his mom aren't going to whip out the checkbook and make his problems disappear. That may sound harsh, but he had a really good thing going until he messed

it up by acting impulsively and irresponsibly with his finances. Nope, I wouldn't take care of it for him—not at his age. This young man needs to have some skin in the game.

I'd tell him to sell the fancy car and get something way cheaper to drive for a while. I'm talking about a little beater in the \$2,000 to \$3,000 range. It sounds like he'll have to get a small loan to cover the difference, but a *little* car debt is better than a *lot* of car debt. I'd also advise him to pick up a part-time job nights or weekends until he gets that credit card debt paid off.

In other words, let him wallow in it and worry about things for a while. Then, if he's willing to accept responsibility for his actions and starts handling money more wisely, you two might help out ever so often with a little extra cash on the payments. But I'd test his resolve first. And I'd want to see proof he has learned from his mistakes!

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](http://daveramsey.com) and on Twitter at [@DaveRamsey](https://twitter.com/DaveRamsey).

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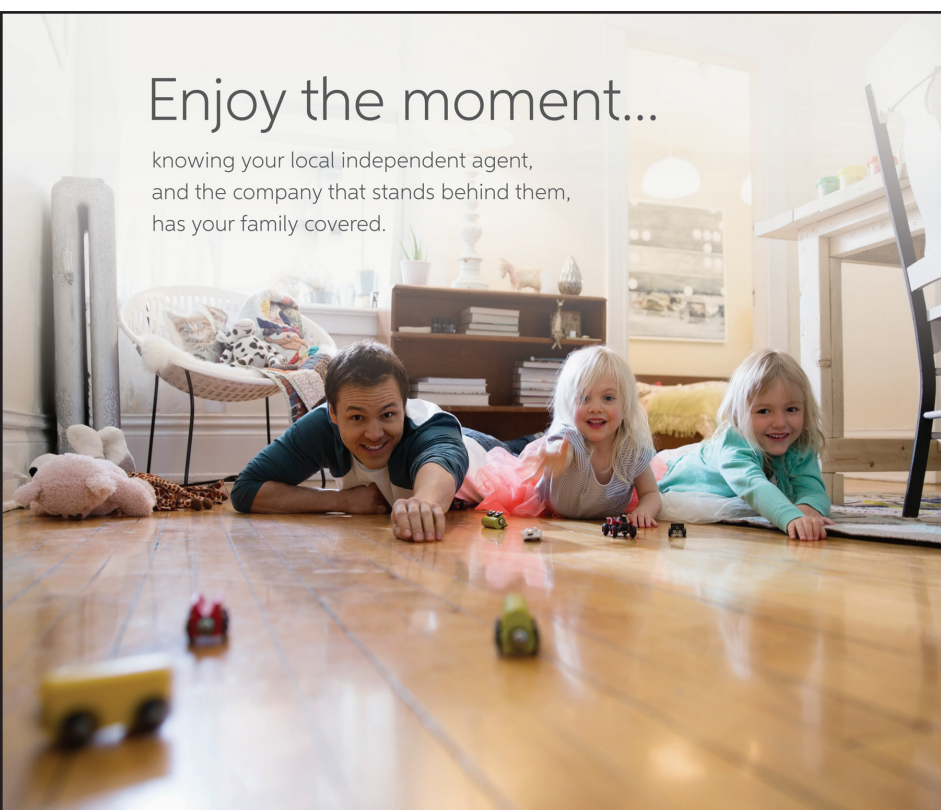
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 If you are interested in the study of the Civil War and have an ancestor who was in the Confederate Army, join the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month (except January and July) at 6 p.m. at the Russellville Rec Center. Next meeting will be September 5. Call 1-800-MYDIXIE or 256-324-2317. The Sons of Confederate Veterans is the direct heir of the United Confederate Veterans and the oldest hereditary organization for male descendants of Confederate soldiers. Membership is open to all male descendants of any veteran who served honorably in the Confederate Armed Forces.


 DivorceCare, a special help seminar and support group for people experiencing divorce and separation, will be held on Sunday evenings at 5 p.m. at First Baptist Church Colbert Heights. DivorceCare features nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics. Seminar sessions include "Facing My Anger," "Facing My Loneliness," "New Relationships," "KidCare" and "Forgiveness." Meetings will be held at 6000 Woodmont Drive, Tusculumbia, AL. For more information, call First Colbert Heights at 256-383-8016.


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 American Legion Post 64 will meet Thursday, September 12 at 7 p.m. at the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

 The Shoals Chapter of the Order of St. Luke will meet in the Media Room at Park Place (500 N. Montgomery Avenue in Sheffield) on Thursday, September 12 at 2:30 p.m. Gail Cross will lead the study "God Comforts Us in Our Affliction" from the book *Anointed to Heal* by Larry and Audrey Eddings. We believe that God heals spiritually, physically and emotionally. Prayer for healing will be offered. All are welcome.

 The Kerry Gilbert Band will perform a benefit concert with special guest Brandon Whyde at the Roxy Theatre in downtown Russellville on Saturday, September 14 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.

 On Friday night, September 20, from 6-8 p.m., a concert to kick off the Red Bay Founders Fest will be held at Red Bay's Heritage Park featuring Resound and the Red Bay FFA String Band, with a fireworks show immediately to follow. Light concessions will be on hand. On Saturday, September 21, a one-day tribute to the town's heritage will have visitors headed to Red Bay for a day of free family fun. Situated under the shade trees of Bay Tree Park, the annual Red Bay Founder's Fest will have contests, sidewalk sales and live music. The day-long event kicks off with the Queen's Train Ride at 8:30 a.m., from the beauty pageant winners that will be held on September 15 at Red Bay High School, and live music cranks up at 9 a.m. A contest in the gazebo to see who has the best fried pie entries with the best tasting and most unusual will take home a cash prize. There are a variety of contests for festival-goers to participate in, including a buck dancing contest held at the main stage, a quilt contest, a coloring contest and a photography contest, which will be on display at the Weatherford Library. Additional activities include arts and crafts and an antique car-truck-motorcycle-tractor show. The Red Bay Museum will be open for tours and for the viewing of "Making Alabama," a Bicentennial Traveling Exhibit. The merchants will offer sidewalk sales, specials and door prizes throughout the day. A variety of delicious festival food will be available, and the giveaways are another crowd favorite. Prizes will be awarded to the largest family, longest distance traveled to the event, and youngest and oldest attendees. Also, Life South will hold a blood drive at Red Bay City Hall. Bay Tree Park is located near 2nd Street in downtown Red Bay. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call Tracie Clark at 256-356-4473, ext. 3.

 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 October 1. All members and friends are urged to attend.

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## I-65 rates as Alabama's most dangerous roadway

John Pilati  
Franklin Free Press

According to data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Alabama's most dangerous highway for summer travel is Interstate 65, which is the main north-south corridor in the state.

Statistics for 2015-2017 from the NHTSA showed 83 fatalities on I-65, compared to the second most dangerous Alabama highway, Interstate 59, with 48 fatalities, and the third, US-SR 1, with 37 fatalities. Researchers reviewed the number of fatal crashes from May-September for a three-year period.

The information was compiled by [www.asecurelife.com](http://www.asecurelife.com). The web site is an online safety and security resource for consumers. The experts for the site test products, conduct research and post reviews that make it easy for consumers to understand.

While most drivers realize severe winter weather can provide driving hazards, summer weather also incorporates its share of dangers, with teen drivers out for summer break, families on road trips, and travel to summer outings like barbecues and beach trips.

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The NHTSA recommends regular summer maintenance on vehicles as a way to reduce chances of an accident or being stranded by a disabled vehicle. The summer maintenance checklist includes: Tires, lights, cooling system, fluid levels, belts, hoses, wiper blades, air conditioning and floor mats.

To prepare a route using the safest roads, plan ahead and utilize the Federal Highway Administration's Real-Time Traveler Information, as well as the FHA's National Traffic and Road Closure Information.

According to the NHTSA, Alabama is among the nation's most dangerous states for travel on and around the Fourth of July holiday.

The study showed Texas to have the highest speed limits in the nation and to be near the top of the most fatalities.

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# Local church joins effort to help families in need



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When Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents converged on seven Mississippi towns recently, it resulted in mass detention of 700 illegal workers. More than 350 of those workers remain detained, and they leave behind family members, including young children, who are in need of assistance without their parents at home. As a result, a group of Alabama churches have organized a support effort to help immigrant families impacted by the Mississippi ICE raids. Volunteers are collecting supplies and donating them to these families during this time of need. Rev. Charles Dale of Russellville and his church, St. Paul CME Church, are among those who are rendering assistance. "These are families in need, with children separated from their parents," Dale said. "These families need our help. This is not a political issue. They are human beings, and it is our duty to be there to help."

Dale and church members are working to collect supplies most needed by these families. Items suitable for donation include baby bottles, baby wipes, diapers, shampoo, wash soap, toilet paper, toothbrushes and toothpaste, laundry soap, bleach, soda and juice, pancake mix, shelf milk, rice, beans, oil, Maseca, cereal, salt and sugar. "These are families in need, with children separated from their parents," Dale said. "This is not a political issue. They are human beings, and it is our duty to be there to help."

The items will be delivered to the Mississippi communities of Forest, Carthage, Canton, Morton and Laurel, among the cities most impacted by the ICE raids. Additionally, there is a fund set up to allow donations to help these families stay in touch during the separation of their loved ones. More information is available on Facebook by searching "@msresiste." Donations of supplies and food items listed above may be made at St. Paul CME Church, 406 Hamilton St., Russellville, or by calling Dale at 256-436-7713.

PHOTO BY JOHN PILATI

Rev. Charles Dale, far right, helped load supplies bound for Mississippi families with relatives displaced due to recent ICE raids. Dale was joined by, from left: Helen Walker, Flora Johnson and Janice Lewis of Huntsville.

## 'GRANTS,' from page 3

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# Russellville man pleads guilty, receives 25 years

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A Russellville man will spend the next 25 years in prison after pleading guilty to raping a child under the age of 12.

Miguel Lopez Ortiz, 30, Beech Avenue, Russellville, entered the plea in Franklin County Circuit Court August 19. The case had been set for a jury trial before Ortiz decided to plead guilty.

Ortiz was indicted by a Franklin County grand jury on multiple felony counts, including two counts of Rape, 1st Degree, one count of Rape, 2nd Degree and Sexual Abuse of a Child Under Age 12. He was arrested in August of 2018 after he showed at the Franklin County Department of Human Resources office and a worker recognized him and contacted police.

According to Franklin County district attorney Joey Rushing, Ortiz abused a young girl who was a family acquaintance. The girl told officers the abuse had been ongoing for more than a year before it was reported to law enforcement. The case was reported to DHR officials in February of 2018.

The case was investigated by officials with Franklin County DHR and the Russellville Police Department.

"Both the police and DHR officials did an outstanding job investigating and handling this very serious case," Rushing said.

Upon Ortiz's plea to Rape, 1st Degree, the remaining charges were dismissed. He will serve the 25 years day for day, and Ortiz waived appeal and any probation consideration when he pled. Ortiz will have to register as a sex offender for life if he is released.

But there could be immigration issues that may preclude his release in 25 years.

"If there are immigration or deportation proceedings or issues, those won't be addressed until he serves his entire sentence," Rushing said.

Ortiz was represented by Boaz attorney Enza Giles.

## 'FORTUNE,' from page 1

years ago, Fortune's musical career is still going strong, and he'll bring his blend of Statler Brothers hits, contemporary Christian and Southern Gospel music to Russellville's Roxy Theatre on Saturday, November 2.

Alabama Crimson Tide fans need not worry about missing a game, as the Tide is off that week. Franklin County musician Joseph Baldwin will open the show at 7 p.m.

Tickets for the show are \$35 for premium reserved seating in the front ten rows. Reserved floor seating from rows 10 back are \$35/ticket. Tickets may be ordered by calling WGOL-FM at 256-332-0214; at WGOL studio, 113 Washington Ave. NW, in downtown Russellville; or by visiting Briarfork Entertainment on their Facebook page or at [www.briarforkrecords.com](http://www.briarforkrecords.com).

A portion of all ticket sales will benefit United Cerebral Palsy of the Tennessee Valley.

"We are so excited to bring the legendary Jimmy Fortune to Russellville's Roxy Theatre," said Franklin County Arts and Humanities Council chairperson Susie Malone.

The concert is sponsored by Briarfork Records and Entertainment.

Fortune penned the Statler Brothers' second number one hit, "Elizabeth," in 1983. He followed that with two more number one hits, "My Only Love" and "Too Much on My Heart."

Fortune also co-wrote the Statlers' 1988 top-10 hit, "More Than a Name On The Wall."

Fans may remember Fortune and the other band members from their television show on The Nashville Network, fittingly titled *The Statler Brothers Show*, which aired for seven seasons.

Fortune's touring schedule remains extensive, and he continues his career as a songwriter as well. In 2015, he released *Hits & Hymns*, which reached the top ten on Billboard's Top Country Albums chart.

Fortune and the Statler Brothers were inducted into the Gospel Music Association Hall of Fame in 2007 and the Country Music Association Hall of Fame the following year.

In 2017, Fortune released a compilation of his favorite songs titled *Jimmy Fortune Sings the Classics* on the Gaither music label. He continues to work with Gaither music, and Fortune released his latest album, *God and Country*, in May of this year.

"Please join us for a fantastic night of music with Jimmy Fortune and special guest Joseph Baldwin," said Jim Anderson of Briarfork Records. "We hope this will be the first of many shows we will have at Russellville's Roxy Theatre."

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## 'OUTRAGE,' from page 4

threats for standing for their corporate Christian culture. Entire states, including the great state of Alabama, have been the subject of proposed travel bans and business exodus for daring to stand for the rights of the unborn.

All of these examples, and more, exist in current lexicon and were rebuffed by conservatives to include the ALGOP. And then, in a fit of hypocrisy, members of the same party, who withstood those similar attacks, cast aside any notion of constitutional protection and called for a duly elected representative from Minnesota's Fifth Congressional District to be thrown out of Congress altogether for her liberal views.

Justice Antonin Scalia, arguably one of the most conservative jurists of our time, considered the notion of content discrimination a matter of strict scrutiny on the question of freedom of speech.

Referring to this principle as the "first axiom" of First Amendment law, Scalia stated, "The point of the First Amendment is that majority preferences must be expressed in some fashion other than silencing speech on the basis of its content."

Let's be real here....conservatives don't generally like Representative Omar. I get it. The answer to that is to debate on the merits of our own

position. Say what you want on your social media, or around the water cooler. Heck, we can even travel to Minnesota and campaign for her opposition. I suspect her public image is actually going to implode on its own. But the idea that a group of Alabama hecklers is going to have her thrown out of office is not only ludicrous and beneath what we stand for, it is antithetical to the foundations of this great experiment we call a representative democracy.

I'm not afraid of Ilhan Omar. I'd be proud to debate rings around her in a public forum. But, like many others, I swore an oath to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States. And that same Constitution affords a voice to all, not just to some.

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## RHS hosts 'Senior Night' to help Class of 2020 prep for next step

Staff reports

Last Monday, the staff at Russellville High School hosted a Senior Night for the graduating class of 2020. The presentations for the night included information from local colleges, banks and other informative groups.

Northwest-Shoals Community College, the University of Alabama and UNA all provided information about enrollment, scholarships and important deadlines.

Cash for College, a group that aims to help students seeking to further their education, gave a presentation focused on informing seniors and their parents on how to fill out the FAFSA, as well as other ways to receive financial aid for college.

Community Spirit Bank was in attendance as well. Door prizes were given away, and UNA gave a bookstore scholarship to one lucky senior student.

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## 'VIETNAM,' from page 1

According to Greenhill, the class originally began with 700 participants but was eventually whittled down to 500 by the time the class was finished. As soon as he found out he was going to be shipped overseas to Vietnam, Greenhill called his father to inform him about his situation and was able to spend a weekend at home before his company was shipped out to San Francisco. They would spend a week in San Francisco before they would be sent to Vietnam.

While in Vietnam, Greenhill was faced with a ton of difficult decisions and situations, from being ambushed by Viet Cong soldiers in the middle of the night to the commanding leader of his platoon being killed. Greenhill believes that God and divine intervention played a major role in his survival while in Vietnam. One particular situation comes to mind where Greenhill believes God prevented the worst from happening.

"We stopped at a camp to eat dinner, and about two hours later we were told to line up and get ready to head out on the chopper," Greenhill said. "But then my sergeant told me to stay behind and come out in the morning. I told him that I wanted to go with him, and he gave me an order to stay there, so I said okay.

"They took off, went about twenty miles, and the chopper crashed and killed everyone on it. God had other plans for me. There's no doubt about it."

Greenhill had only been in Vietnam for about four months when Larry Mylin first landed in Vietnam. Mylin, who currently resides in Quarryville, Pennsylvania, would turn out to be Greenhill's best friend while they were both stationed overseas with the 502nd Battalion in the 1st Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division.

"He and I just hit it off from the get-go," Greenhill said. "He was put into our squad, and it worked out to where he was my assistant gunner. And when he was gunner, I was his assistant gunner, so we spent a lot of time together in the time we were over there."

Greenhill, who is a year older than Mylin, took Mylin under his wing and attempted to help him ease into the process of being in Vietnam.

"When I first got to Vietnam, it was 4 p.m., and my sergeant told me to grab a duffel bag and a rifle because we were going on patrol at 7 o'clock, so I had very little time to get familiar with much of anything," Greenhill said. "We always shared, regardless of what it was. They gave us a case of c-rations, which had twelve meals, and you wouldn't get any more for six days. We just helped one another and just became pretty good friends."

Once Greenhill had served his time in Vietnam, he was unsure about what had happened to his friend as they were separated before he was sent back home. Having no idea where Mylin was from or what had even happened to him while still in Vietnam, Greenhill believed he would have never seen his friend again if it hadn't been for Mylin.

According to Greenhill, it was Mylin who, after 53 years, began searching for his long-lost friend. Mylin contacted Greenhill and told him that he and a buddy of his from Quarryville were going to be making a trip down to Alabama and wanted to see if the two could reconnect. The two were finally able to meet on July 22 of this year. Greenhill said that he and Mylin talked for hours at dinner just getting to know one another again, discussing their families and their careers, as well as telling stories from the past.

Greenhill said it was nice to be able to connect once again with his friend.

"It was great to find out how each other was doing," Greenhill said. "We talked about what each other did for a living, and just basically got to know each other again. When I left from Vietnam, I had no clue where he was or what he was doing. So the fact that I know he's doing well and we got to see one another again was very special."

With stories like this one, there tend to be a few unique coincidences wedged between the tales of the past and the reconnection of old friends, and this story is no different. Not only do both Greenhill and Mylin share the same first name, but their wives do as well (Linda). In addition to having the same names as one another, their families resemble each other's as well. The Greenhills had one girl and two boys, while Mylin and his wife had two boys who are very close in age to Greenhill's sons.



Mylin and Greenhill were both stationed overseas with the 502nd Battalion in the 1st Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division.

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## Week 2 in the SEC

Last week's record: 4-0  
Year-to-date record: 4-0  
This week's games:  
West Virginia at Missouri (-14) –  
11:00 on ESPN2



Mike Self  
Sports Editor

I thought the Tigers had a legitimate shot to start the season 8-0. Last week's stunning loss at 17.5-point underdog Wyoming is going to make that difficult.

Kelly Bryant threw for 423 yards in his Missouri debut, but the Tiger defense got gashed on the ground to the tune of 7.1 yards per carry. Getting out-rushed 297 yards to 114 (on the exact same number of attempts) by a middling Mountain West team is not a good sign, to say the least.

**The Pick: Missouri 41 West Virginia 24**  
Texas A&M at Clemson (-17.5) – 2:30 on ABC

This is the first of two huge non-conference clashes on Saturday featuring SEC teams playing true road games against Top 10 opponents. A&M nearly knocked off the eventual national champs in College Station last September, but that was before Trevor Lawrence ascended to the starting role. Lawrence could be playing with a chip on his shoulder after uncharacteristically throwing a pair of interceptions in last week's opener against Georgia Tech. [He only threw four picks all of last season in 397 attempts.]

A&M kept it close last year by limiting Travis Etienne to 44 yards (on eight carries) and by getting a monster game from Kellen Mond, who threw for 430 yards and three touchdowns. It says here that Etienne—who ran for 205 yards on just 12 totes against the Yellow Jackets last week—burns the Aggies this time around while Mond doesn't approach his numbers from last year's meeting.

**The Pick: Clemson 38 Texas A&M 20**  
Arkansas at Ole Miss (-7) – 6:30 on SECN

We pegged this one in the preseason as the Hogs' only SEC win of the year. Their 20-13 win over Portland State last week didn't exactly inspire a ton of confidence, but Week 2 is way too early to be jumping off bandwagons. Besides, Arkansas should be competitive defensively, and Ole Miss managed a grand total of 173 yards on offense in a 15-10 loss to Memphis last week.

**The Pick: Arkansas 27 Ole Miss 24**  
LSU (-5) at Texas – 6:30 on ABC

Granted, it was against Georgia Southern, but the Tigers' new RPO-driven passing attack certainly looked sharp in Week 1, generating 350 yards through the air. Joe Burrow had more touchdown passes (five, all in the first half) than incompletions (four, in 27 attempts). Texas obviously represents a major step up in competition, but if LSU finally has a legit offense to go along with what should be a nasty defense, watch out.

It's tempting to ride with Sam Ehlinger and the Longhorns as a home underdog, but LSU could be cooking up something special this year. The winner of this game establishes itself as an early playoff favorite.

**The Pick: LSU 34 Texas 27**

# Next play



PHOTO BY KYLE GLASGOW

McCulloch (4) ran for a pair of first-half scores, while Bishop (9) and Brockway (17) hooked up on the game-winning touchdown in overtime.

## A resilient Russellville team overcame a handful of mistakes to earn a second straight OT victory over rival Deshler

Mike Self  
Franklin Free Press

TUSCUMBIA - Football coaches are fond of saying that the team that makes the fewest mistakes is the team that's going to win. And more often than not, they're right.

On the other hand, mistakes—particularly in season openers—are bound to happen. Sometimes the team that wins is the team that demonstrates the most resilience in bouncing back from those inevitable miscues.

"We always talk about, 'Next play.' When you screw up and don't do what you're supposed to do, you have to forget about it," said John Ritter, Russellville's second-year head coach. "Because if you let one play hang in your mind, you're gonna screw up the next four plays. That's one thing our

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The Golden Tigers were far from flawless in their Week 1 game at Deshler last Friday night. They committed three turnovers (two of which set up Deshler touchdowns in a 21-point second-quarter flurry by the Tigers), had a pair of punts blocked and dropped a couple of key passes that would

# Wildcats get new offense rolling

## Shaw, Pugh combine for 308 rushing yards in 28-12 win over Wilson

Mike Self  
Franklin Free Press

In the days following his team's 36-0 loss to Red Bay in the season opener on August 23, Taylor Leathers' message to his Colbert Heights players centered around one key word.

**Trust.**  
The Wildcats had made significant changes in personnel and scheme during the offseason, moving dual-threat quarterback Carson Shaw to running back and pairing him with Cherokee transfer Gage Pugh in the team's new double-wing offense. The shutout loss to the Tigers, in which Colbert Heights struggled with the timing and rhythm of its new offense and totaled only 114 yards and eight first downs, wasn't exactly the start Leathers was looking for—particularly with an extremely young roster featuring only four seniors and half a dozen juniors.

"We've got a lot of younger players, and young guys can be easily discouraged sometimes," said Leathers, now in his fourth season on The Mountain. "Our players were fully bought in coming into the year, but going up against a team like Red Bay was a lot different than going up against our scout team, which is mostly made up of ninth-graders. Red Bay's front eight [on defense] is really, really good. That's one of the best defenses we'll see all year, if not the best."

With that in mind, Leathers wanted to make sure his players didn't begin to waver in their belief that the new system could—and would—be successful.

He and his coaching staff hammered that message home all throughout the week leading up to last Friday's game against Class 4A Wilson.

"We wanted our guys to trust that what we were doing was gonna work," said Leathers, who had guided Colbert Heights to a 21-13 record in his first three seasons, with runner-up finishes in Class 3A, Region 8 each of the last two years. "We told our running backs, 'Trust your path. Trust your aiming points. Trust your blockers. Trust your coaches.'"

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The Wildcats kept the faith and then reaped the rewards of that trust last Friday, rushing for 339 yards and evening their record at 1-1 with a 28-12 win over the Warriors at Amos Mitchell Stadium (where they are now 13-3 in home games since Leathers arrived).

"This was exactly how we drew it up," Leathers said. "When we made the changes we made this offseason, moving Carson to running back and going to the double-wing, this was exactly what we had in mind. We were able to control the clock and possess the football. Andrew Tedford [the sophomore who took over for Shaw under center] managed the game and ran the offense really well, and we put to rest a lot of those season-opening mistakes we made against Red Bay. We played a clean game against Wilson.

"I was proud of our offensive line, too. We played very, very well up front. We played physical. We tell our guys all the time, blocking doesn't start until the point of contact. Instead of just hitting our man and thinking we've got him blocked, we did a good job the other night of hitting people and then driving them."

The O-line (with returning starters Trey Robinson, Logan Simpson, Cory Martinez and Ethan Seal leading the way) opened holes for a pair of 100-yard rushers against Wilson. Shaw, a junior, had a monster game on the ground, rushing for 186 yards and two touchdowns on 16 carries—including a highlight-reel run that Leathers described as "incredible, probably the best run of his career." Pugh, also a junior, added 122 yards and a score on 13 carries.

The Wildcats' one-two punch at wing back combined for 308 yards and three touchdowns on 29 attempts—an average of 10.6 yards per carry. That level of production prompted Leathers to deliver another message to Pugh when he came to the sideline following one of his many long runs last Friday night.

"When Gage got over there," Leathers said, "I kept telling him, 'I told ya! I told ya!' Those guys trusted us, and we were able to make some big plays."

Leathers was pleased to see Shaw have a breakout game after largely being bottled up by Red Bay.

"Carson is just a great athlete," Leathers said. "He's willing to do whatever is best for the team. He's really embraced the running back position, but at the same time he also knows that he's still gonna get the chance to play some quarterback in certain situations."

Defensively, after allowing Wilson (0-2) to score a pair of early touchdowns, Colbert Heights held the Warriors scoreless over the final three quarters, largely shutting down their option attack. Wilson finished the night with just 196 total yards (156 on the ground and 40 through the air).

"We gave up a couple of touchdowns in the first quarter, but I was excited about the way our defense played the rest of the night," Leathers said. "It was good to see us keep them out of the end zone for the last three quarters. Lonnie Robinson, our defensive coordinator, did a good job all week getting our guys ready to play against the option, making sure we had somebody on the dive, somebody on the quarterback and somebody on the pitch."

The Wildcat defense will face an entirely different kind of challenge this Friday when reigning region champion Westminster Christian visits The Mountain for the Class 3A, Region 7 opener. Westminster (1-1) opened the season with a 68-34 rout of D.A.R. before falling 46-23 last Friday to Madison County.

The Wildcats, coached by Louis LeBlanc, went 11-1 in 2018, advancing to the state quarterfinals before falling to Piedmont 27-26. They beat Colbert Heights 50-20 last September in the region opener.

"They like to spread it out, and they like to play up-tempo, no-huddle, hurry-up offense," Leathers said. "They have seven returners on the offensive side, with four of those up front on the offensive line. Their quarterback is new, but

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Seniors Logan Simpson (56), Skyler Gault (11), Jasper Dickens (16) and Patrick Holt (67) will lead the Wildcats against Westminster Christian on Friday in the Class 3A, Region 8 opener for both teams.

## 'WILDCATS,' from pg. 14

He's talented. The running back is a returner, and he's explosive. They're pretty close to 50-50 on offense as far as run-pass.

"This game will really be a challenge for our defensive backs. Our corners and safeties will have to play well."

Pugh and sophomore Skyler Balta are slated to start at corner this week, with Tedford and Daniel Folsom also in line to see some snaps. Skyler Gault starts at safety, with the versatile Shaw also dropping back into the secondary when the Wildcats go with a two-safety look. Shaw and fellow outside linebacker Austin Scott will figure prominently in Colbert Heights' coverage schemes on Friday as well.

"This offense can be our best defense," Leathers said. "If we can make first downs and control the clock and keep their offense off the field, that will help our chances of making it a competitive game for four quarters."

The best way to slow down Westminster Christian's offense, however, may be to keep it on the sideline. This seems like exactly the kind of game Leathers was envisioning when he installed the double-wing, ball-control offense this spring.

"This offense can be our best defense," he said. "We have to stay on schedule, though. We have to be in second-and-six and third-and-three. We can't put ourselves in third-and-12. If we can make first downs and control the clock and keep their offense off the field, that will help our chances of making it a competitive game for four quarters."



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have gone for big gains. They committed seven penalties, including a holding infraction that negated a 50-plus-yard completion in the first quarter. They missed a couple of assignments defensively against Deshler's Wing-T, allowing the Tigers to bust loose for scoring runs of 54 and 47 yards in a three-play span late in the first half.

But the players responsible refused to allow those mistakes to determine the outcome. They were resilient. They bounced back.

One such player was sophomore Nathan Brockway, a 6'3, 215-pound H-back/tight end. Brockway, a varsity rookie who broke out with two catches for 53 yards in the spring game in May, slipped behind the Deshler defense on a third-quarter route but couldn't squeeze an on-target pass from senior quarterback Jacob Bishop.

The drop was frustrating, but Brockway didn't dwell on it.

"I was thinking about it right after the play," he said, "but I got over it and just kept on playing."

A little while later, after senior tailback Austin Ashley had bounced back from a third-quarter fumble to score the tying touchdown on a 12-yard run, and after Russellville's defense recovered from that rough six-minute stretch in the second quarter to dominate the second half, Brockway got his chance at redemption. On second-and-goal from the eight in the first overtime period, Brockway caught a short pass from Bishop in the right flat and then turned up the field, following the blocking of receivers Cole Barnett and J.D. Price into the end zone for a walk-off touchdown and a thrilling 27-21 victory.

It wasn't a work of art, by any means. But it was a win—not to mention a lesson in the value of the 'next-play' philosophy that Ritter and his staff so often preach.

"We came back to him in the most crucial part of the game," the coach said of Brockway, who finished the night with two catches for 18 yards. "Bryant Hyde [who also had a drop on Friday but finished the night with 43 yards on two receptions] is just a freshman, but he bounced back. Austin Ashley made a huge play on the boot throwback [a pass from Bishop that Ashley hauled in along the left sideline for a gain of 49 yards, just three plays before his 12-yard touchdown run pulled the Golden Tigers even early in the fourth quarter]. I can't say enough about our kids. They were resilient tonight."

The result of that resilience was a second consecutive last-play victory in one of northwest Alabama's oldest and most tradition-rich rivalries. [Russellville rallied to beat Deshler 40-34 in double-overtime last season in



PHOTO/KG  
Bishop threw  
for 141 yards  
and ran for 24  
in his Golden  
Tiger debut.

Ritter's debut.]

So, is going to overtime with the Tigers just going to be an annual thing? "Lord, I hope not," Ritter said with a weary sigh. "I'll tell you what, it was bad last year with two [overtimes], but it was worse this year just being one. I'm tired."

Ritter's players undoubtedly slept soundly on Friday night, too, after an impressive finishing kick that saw the Golden Tigers out-gain Deshler 161 yards to 33 in the second half and overtime.

"That's a testament to our guys. They were very resilient," said Ritter, who is now 2-0 against Deshler and 10-2 overall as Russellville's head coach. "Things weren't going very well for us in the second quarter on anything and in the third quarter on offense, but we hung in there and made plays when we had to. Hats off to Randall Martin [Deshler's first-year head coach]. That's a great job. He had those guys playing hard, and you can do a lot of things when you play hard."

"I'm so proud of our guys for hanging in there and finding a way to get it done."

**"We played three quarters on defense; unfortunately, in the second quarter, they scored three times," Ritter said. "At halftime, we told our guys two things: One, don't relax, and two, do your job. The three plays they scored on, it wasn't because they were mashing us. It was because we were not doing what we were supposed to do. That's the thing about defense. You can play good seven out of ten times, but the three plays you don't, if they score, that's 21 points. But I thought we responded well. Chris [Balentine, the team's defensive coordinator] came in at halftime and got those guys refocused. We played very passionate football in the second half."**

After playing a scoreless first quarter marked by a pair of key plays on special teams [senior linebacker Grant Wisdom blocked a punt for Deshler, but the Tigers failed to cash it in due to a high snap on what would have been a chip-shot field goal for senior kicker Jose Rocha], the two teams combined for five touchdowns and 35 points in a wild second quarter.

Sophomore tailback Airreon "Boots" McCulloch ripped off a 51-yard run to open Russellville's third possession of the night and then capped off the drive with a 1-yard touchdown to make it 7-0 with 11:01 left in the first half. The Golden Tiger D forced a quick three-and-out, and then Bishop hooked up with Barnett for a gain of 27. Bishop later ran for 15 yards down to the Deshler six, and McCulloch scored his second touchdown of the night on the next play to make it 14-0 with 6:57 left in the half.

Russellville had held the Tigers to minus-1 yard of total offense up to that point and seemed on the verge of turning the game into a rout, but things changed drastically in the next five minutes. First, senior fullback Colton Patton took the handoff on a quick-hitter and broke loose for a 54-yard touchdown run to get Deshler on the board at the 5:34 mark.

Senior defensive back William Collinworth picked off a Bishop pass on the very next snap, leading directly to a 47-yard touchdown run by senior running back Bryan Hogan that tied the game 14-14 with 4:43 remaining in the first half. A botched handoff by the Golden Tigers (1-0) gave the ball right back to Deshler at the Russellville 23, and senior quarterback Will Pilgrim scored on a one-yard run three plays later to put the Tigers on top 21-14 with 2:27 left in the half.

After totaling five yards and zero points on its first 11 offensive plays of the night, Deshler (0-2) had totaled 128 yards and 21 points on six plays in the span of barely three minutes. Instead of taking complete control as they had appeared poised to do just moments earlier, the Golden Tigers found themselves trailing by a touchdown as they headed into the locker room.

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After yielding 133 rushing yards on 18 carries in the first half, Russellville held Deshler to just eight rushing yards on 23 attempts in the second half and overtime. Senior Jose Gaspar led an inspired effort by the defensive line, and linebackers Jamal Hubbard and Brooks Scott (both three-year starters) racked up tackles in bunches.

"Jamal Hubbard...he was a leader tonight," Ritter said. "I loved his body language more than I loved the tackles. Even when things got bad, he hung in there and kept making plays. Brooks was another guy. We got on him a little bit in the second quarter because he missed a tackle on the quarterback



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and they ended up throwing it deep, but he came back and responded in a huge way. I'm proud of those guys. I'm proud of all of them."

The defense was dominating in the second half, but the offense struggled to find its rhythm. The Golden Tigers started to make a little headway on their third drive of the half, picking up one first down on a seven-yard run by Ashley and another on a 10-yard completion to Brockway. Ashley fought through several would-be tacklers and pushed the pile towards another first down on the very next play, but the Tigers stripped the ball out and recovered it at their own 33 to end the drive. "Offensively, we misfired too many times in the third quarter to get it going," Ritter said. "In that fourth quarter, we came back and we executed. We found a way."

On Russellville's first offensive snap following the fumble, Bishop rolled to his right, stopped and then fired a strike down the left sideline to a wide-open Ashley, who raced down to the Deshler 14 for a gain of 49 yards. Three plays later, Ashley—playing every snap at tailback in the absence of McCulloch, whom Ritter said was suffering from a "full-body cramp"—hit pay dirt from 12 yards out, and Miguel Flores drilled the extra point to tie the game 21-21 with 7:39 left in regulation.

"We said from day one, we feel really good about our backs," Ritter said. "Boots came out on fire, and then Austin stepped in. Austin came in, and what a job he did. You take out the one fumble late in the third quarter, and he kind of put us on his back and carried us to victory by doing what he's supposed to do—running hard."

After rushing just four times for eight yards in the first half, Ashley carried 16 times for 79 yards and a touchdown in the second half and overtime. The senior back finished the night with a career-high 136 yards from scrimmage. On the Golden Tigers' final drive of regulation, Ashley gained 41 yards on seven carries, the last of which was an 11-yard run on third-and-goal from the 13.

Facing fourth-and-goal from the two with less than a minute remaining, Ritter elected to forego what would have been a 19-yard field goal attempt by Flores and instead chose to play for the touchdown. Deshler's defense stuffed Bishop for no gain on a quarterback keeper, and the game went to overtime.

Afterward, Ritter said his decision to pass on the short field goal in the final minute was all about three things—location, location, location.

"The ball was on the right hash on the two-yard line," he said. "For a right-footed kicker...we push a lot of kicks, and pushing it means it's gonna slide to the right. From that angle...I kind of had a flashback to 2014 on the other end, where we declined a penalty when I was here at Deshler, and we beat Hamilton [22-21 in the first round of the Class 4A playoffs] because they missed the same kick.

"I looked at Miguel and just said, 'Look dude, we're gonna go for it. You're gonna have a shot. But if we score, it's over.' Either way, he was good with it. He understood. It's all about, I want to put our kids in a position to be successful. The right hash on the two-yard line is not a good place for a right-footed kicker."

Deshler got possession first to begin overtime, but a false start (one of 12 Tiger penalties on the night for a total of 125 yards) left them facing third-and-goal from the nine. Patton was stopped for no gain, and then a delay of game penalty pushed the Tigers back to the 14. Rocha came on to attempt a 31-yard field goal, but he never got to try it. Collinworth, the holder, couldn't handle a low snap and was forced to scramble to his right



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Hogan (3) broke loose for a 47-yard touchdown run in Deshler's big second quarter, but Williams (5) and the Russellville defense held the Tigers to 33 total yards in the second half.

before heaving a desperation toss toward the goal line. His pass was incomplete, giving the Golden Tigers an opportunity to win the game with points of any kind on their first overtime possession.

Again, a field goal would have sufficed, but Ritter remained aggressive. The first-down play from the Deshler 10 was designed to be a pass, but Bishop started to lose his grip on the ball on a play-fake to Ashley, so Ashley wisely grabbed the ball from him and got what he could, which was two yards. The next play will be remembered in Golden Tiger lore not only for being an overtime game-winner to beat Deshler but also for having one of the coolest-sounding names in play-calling history.

"It was Black Falcon Slice," Brockway said. "I just came across for a flat route, and it was open. I saw Cole's block, and I just jumped right over and got in the end zone. I knew I was gonna score as soon as I got the ball."

Ritter once again had no qualms about playing for a touchdown when a field goal would have been enough to win the game.

"We were gonna take three shots at it," he said. "We had two very controlled calls. We felt good about the call. Oddly enough, the first play was a pass. The ball slipped out of [Bishop's] hands, and Austin had the sense just to hang on to it and run. But it was supposed to be a pass, and it was wide open, too.

"Then we come back with the same look. We ran inside zone, but instead of having a pitch back, we sent the H-back to the flats. Brockway was wide open. Jacob made a great pass, and Brockway does the rest."

As soon as Brockway bulled his way into the front right corner of the end zone, the Russellville sideline emptied in a hurry. Golden Tiger players and coaches rushed the field en masse, but Brockway peeled off to his right and managed to skirt around the oncoming horde.

"Just trying not to get hurt while we were celebrating," he explained afterward with a smile.

Russellville finished the night with 301 yards of offense on 59 plays, including 160 rushing yards on 39 carries. Ashley ran 20 times for 87 yards,

and McCulloch carried 10 times for 55 yards and two scores. Bishop rushed eight times for 24 yards and also threw for 141 yards on 10-for-20 passing, with one touchdown and one interception.

Barnett caught two passes for 23 yards, and Rowe Gallagher added three grabs for eight yards.

The Golden Tiger defense held Deshler to 166 total yards, including just 25 through the air on 3-for-10 passing.

"Our defense played great," Brockway said. "They did a great job in the first quarter, and then we had a few turnovers and [Deshler] scored. But in the second half, our defense came out and didn't let them score again.

"It's huge for us to get this win and be 1-0. It's a good learning process for us, with the turnovers and them scoring. Now we just have to go out next week and get better and get ready for Corner."

The Yellow Jackets (2-0 after beating Northside 20-12 in Week Zero and Oak Grove 45-0 last Friday) will visit Russellville on Friday night for the Class 5A, Region 7 opener. The Golden Tigers won 24-13 at Corner last September, with both teams going on to earn a playoff berth.

Ritter expects the Yellow Jackets, who jumped out to an early 13-0 lead last season before Russellville rallied to win, to once again provide a stiff challenge.

"I think it's the biggest game of the year," Ritter said last Friday. "It's coach-talk, I know, but it's the next one. We have to focus on, how are we gonna get better from Sunday to Thursday to make sure we're in a position to be successful? John Clements [now in his second season as the Yellow Jackets' head coach] does a phenomenal job. We've talked about Corner since last year, how they're probably gonna be there at the top because he does such a great job and his staff does a great job.

"It's gonna be the home opener. I think there's a lot of excitement around Russellville football, like there should be. We want our fans to come out and support these kids and make it a true home environment for us and hard to play in for Corner."

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# Red Bay rallies, rolls to 14th straight W over PC

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When Michael Jackson surveyed Phil Campbell's defense last Friday night at Fred Bostick Jr. Memorial Stadium, he saw something he's virtually never seen in his five-plus seasons as Red Bay's head football coach.

The Bobcats were lined up in Cover Two, with their corners pressing up on the Tigers' outside receivers and two safeties providing help over the top. In other words, Phil Campbell was playing a defensive scheme designed to limit Red Bay's passing attack while inviting the Tigers to run the football.

Prior to last Friday, how many opponents had ever given Jackson's typically run-heavy Red Bay teams that defensive look consistently throughout the course of a game?

"None," Jackson said Sunday. "We might have seen it for one or two snaps, at most. [Phil Campbell] played us more Cover Two the other night than I've seen from all the other teams combined in the five years I've been here."

The Bobcats' approach on defense may have been unusual, but it was also justified. One week earlier, the Tigers had unveiled their retooled, RPO-driven offense, with junior quarterback Jalen Vinson throwing for 218 yards and two touchdowns on 10-for-15 passing in a 36-0 rout of Colbert Heights. Phil Campbell's tactics were aimed at containing Red Bay receivers Arden Hamilton, Mason Holt and Colyn Humphres, who had combined for 222 yards on 10 catches against the Wildcats.

The strategy was effective, limiting the Tigers to six completions in 13 attempts for 83 yards. Fortunately for Jackson and company, his team still knows how to move the ball on the ground, too—even with leading rusher Colbie King lost for the season to a torn ACL suffered in the opener.

Red Bay ran for 220 yards on 37 carries and also scored three non-offensive touchdowns, rallying from an early 14-0 deficit to run away with a 54-20 win, their 14th in a row over the rival Bobcats and their ninth in a row at home dating back to October of 2017.

After watching his team rush for 164 yards on 33 attempts the previous week against Colbert Heights, Jackson said one of the Tigers' top priorities moving forward would be running the ball more consistently out of their base offense and not just out of their heavy, short-yardage formation. He felt like they took a positive step in that direction against Phil Campbell (0-1).

"We got in Bone some, but we ran the ball well out of our base offense," Jackson said. "We averaged right at six yards a carry, so that's pretty good. Our offensive line played well, and we just have to keep getting better."

Filling in for his injured elder brother, junior tailback Hunter King ran 14 times for 64 yards. Humphres, who splits his time between the backfield and the slot, rushed for 72 yards and two touchdowns on 12 carries, and Vinson led the team with 75 rushing yards on eight attempts.

The Tigers (2-0) didn't panic early, even after Phil Campbell quarterback Luke Barnwell hooked up with fellow junior Ridge Raper on scoring strikes of 15 and 32 yards in the span of less than a minute to stake the Bobcats to a stunning 14-0 lead right out of the gate.

"Phil Campbell played extremely hard," Jackson said, "and they hit a couple of passes on us early. I saw them in 7-on-7 this summer, so I knew they could throw the ball. They have a good quarterback and some guys who can catch it. We lost a fumble on our second snap of the game, too, and that helped them get off to that fast start. But that was the only turnover we had all night, and our defense came up with five takeaways."

Red Bay intercepted four passes on the night, getting pick-sixes from sophomore corner Elijah Luster early in the second quarter and junior linebacker Cam McKinney late in the third. They also scored on special teams right after the Bobcats' second touchdown when Holt took the ensuing kickoff 95 yards to the house to give the Tigers some much-needed early momentum.

Humphres ran in the two-point conversion and then scored on a seven-yard run with 3:36 left in the first quarter to tie the game. Vinson tacked on the two-point try to give Red Bay its first lead at 16-14, and then Luster intercepted a pass and returned it 33 yards for a touchdown at the 9:54 mark of the second quarter. The Tigers converted the try for two on another run by Humphres, stretching the lead to 24-14.

Barnwell answered with his third touchdown pass of the night, a 58-yarder to sophomore receiver John Randle Herring that brought the Bobcats back within four at 24-20 with 8:33 left in the first half. Red Bay scored once more before the break on a 10-yard run by Humphres, and Vinson's two-point pass to Alex Kennedy sent the Tigers into the locker room with a 32-20 lead.

Red Bay dominated the second half, getting a 37-yard touchdown run from Vinson and a 41-yard pick-six from McKinney in the decisive third quarter. Vinson hooked up with Hamilton on a 60-yard touchdown pass with 3:58 remaining to provide the final margin.

## Austin Ashley Senior RB, Russellville

With starting tailback "Boots" McCulloch sidelined by cramps in the second half of last week's opener against Deshler, Ashley stepped in and stepped up. After rushing for just eight yards on four carries in the first half, Ashley ran for 79 yards on 16 carries after the break. He also caught a 49-yard pass, setting up his own 12-yard touchdown run that tied the game 21-21 midway through the fourth quarter.

Ashley finished the night with a career-high 136 yards from scrimmage, helping the Golden Tigers rally for a 27-21 overtime win.



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