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# MS Industries primary investor sues company, seeks \$54 million judgment

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A wealthy Arkansas businessman is the latest to file a lawsuit against MS Industries II, and he's seeking a judgment of more than \$54 million against the Russellville-based company and 70 other defendants.

The 80-page lawsuit, brought by Steven Booth and his management company, S3B, LLLP, was filed May 15, 2020, in Lawrence County Circuit Court.

In addition to naming MS Industries II and Steven Smith, its controlling manager and majority shareholder, Booth sued all MS Industries II shareholders and several other companies who either claim to have a royalty interest in MS Industries II or share some other business association.

Among those defendants is Finis St. John IV, the Chancellor of the University of Alabama System, who is alleged to be a minority shareholder in MS Industries II.

The case becomes the fifth pending lawsuit against MS Industries, and comes at a time when the Alabama court system has been shut down due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The Alabama Department of Revenue has a pending civil action against MS in Franklin County, where it is alleged the company failed to pay withholding tax to the State of Alabama.

In March, MS Industries II general counsel Chuck Kelley acknowledged the *Franklin Free Press* that his company owed money in those cases, and Kelley said they were working with each of the plaintiffs to get the matters resolved.

But in the latest case, MS Industries' officials are taking a decidedly different stance. "Our policy at MS Industries is to limit or refrain from commenting about the details of pending litigation," Kelley said. "We will simply say that we are disappointed that Mr. Booth, an investor in the company and a board member, chose this course of

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# Council approves management contract for Russellville Municipal Airport

John Pilati  
Franklin Free Press

Day-to-day operations of the Russellville Municipal Airport are now the responsibility of a newly-formed corporation, Explore Aviation, LLC, after the Russellville City Council approved a five-year agreement with the company at the council's June 15 meeting.

Explore Aviation is owned by Chris Williams and Robbie Tidwell.

The Russellville Airport has been managed since 2000 by Harry Mattox's Blue Diamond Aviation, LLC. That agreement, which called for Blue Diamond Aviation to be the fixed base operator at the airport, was terminated at Monday's meeting due to Mattox's imminent retirement and sale of his company to Williams and Tidwell.

The council agreed to waive the 90-day notice requirement in order to terminate the agreement with Blue Diamond Aviation.

Terms of the new agreement with Explore Aviation are the same as the previous agreement, with the exception

that it's a five-year, rather than a four-year, agreement, according to Russellville Mayor David Grissom.

The agreement provides that the city will lease the Russellville Municipal Airport property, including the hangars, terminal building, fences, parking lot and equipment, to Explore Aviation, LLC.

The city will pay \$51,199.96 per year to Explore Aviation, LLC, for its services, with the first monthly payment of \$4,333.33 due on July 1, 2020.

The city has responsibility for maintenance and insurance on the property, including the parking lot, painting and striping of the runway, taxiway and parking ramp.

Explore Aviation will be required to maintain liability insurance necessary to protect it and the City of Russellville from loss including hazard and liability insurance of at least \$1,000,000 (One Million Dollars) for each occurrence.

Explore Aviation will provide worker's compensation coverage for all applicable personnel and provide proof of said coverage to the city.

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Carol Sue Gravett, 78, died on Tuesday, June 16th.  
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Susan Wiley Henry, 89, of Haleyville, died on Wednesday, June 17th. A private service was held with family.

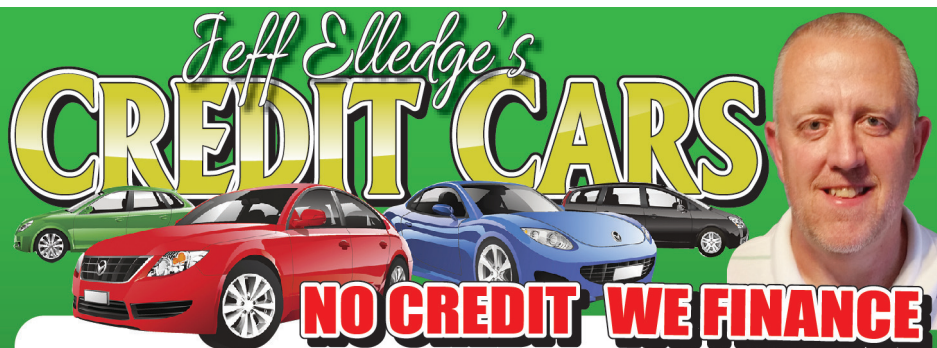
Bobby Lewis Huddleston, 80, of Haleyville, died on Thursday, June 18th. Interment at Winston Memorial Cemetery.

Ralph Edmond Letson, 78, of Tuscumbia, died on Tuesday, June 16th. Interment at Piney Grove Cemetery.

Frances Hovater Logan, 92, of Spruce Pine, died on Saturday, June 20th. Interment at Knights of Pythias Cemetery.

John Wayne Melton, 80, of Russellville, died on Sunday, June 21st. Interment at Liberty Hill Cemetery.

Ollie McGuire, 88, of Russellville, died on Thursday, June 18th. Interment at Tharptown Cemetery.



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## Franklin Watermelon Festival canceled due to COVID-19

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Franklin Free Press

The Franklin County Watermelon Festival, scheduled for August 21-22, 2020, has been canceled.

The Franklin County Chamber of Commerce sent out a press release Tuesday afternoon announcing the decision made by the Chamber's Board of Directors at their June 16 meeting.

This year's festival would be the 40<sup>th</sup> annual event. The Watermelon Festival began in 1981, with the original idea coming from Russellville businessman Bobby Bolton.

"After consulting with Russellville City officials, the Franklin County Health Department, and the Alabama Department of Public Health, and with their guidance, the (board) has reluctantly decided to cancel this year's 40<sup>th</sup> annual Franklin County Watermelon Festival scheduled for August 21-22, 2020, and the Watermelon Pageant scheduled for July 18, 2020," the release stated.

Franklin County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Cassie Medley said chamber officials were hoping to see the county's COVID-19 numbers leveling off instead of increasing by mid-June, but with the number of cases still rising, that it was in the best interest of the safety and health of volunteers, vendors and festival guests to cancel this year.

"We anticipate the virus being a memory of 2020, and we will be able to hold the 40<sup>th</sup> Franklin County Watermelon Festival on August 20-21, 2021," Medley said. "In the meantime, we will be praying for our county and our country."

Medley said chamber officials are planning a new event for this October, in anticipation of COVID-19 numbers leveling and decreasing over the coming months. Medley encouraged those interested to visit the chamber website, [www.franklincountychamber.org](http://www.franklincountychamber.org), for more information. The chamber's Facebook and Instagram pages will also have additional information.

The Franklin County Watermelon Festival becomes the latest on a growing list of events canceled this year. Those include the Spirit of Hodges, Phil Campbell Hoedown Festival and the City of Russellville's Jam on Sloss Lake.

## Russellville City Schools preparing to solicit bids for RHS addition

John Pilati  
Franklin Free Press

Bids for the 40,000-square foot addition at Russellville High School are expected to be posted July 2, according to Russellville City Schools Superintendent of Education Heath Grimes.

Grimes updated the RCS Board of Education at the board's June 18 meeting. Grimes said a qualifying meeting for the project has already taken place, and a pre-bid meeting is set for later this month.

Although there is no specific timetable for construction of the addition, Grimes expects it to start this fall, with the building ready for the 2021-22 school year. School officials are waiting for approval from the State of Alabama Department of Education of the architectural plans for the addition.

As for the system's new Early Learning Center that will house five pre-kindergarten classes at the former Mars Hill Preschool on East Lawrence Street, Mars Hill's Board of Trustees gave permission for Russellville City Schools to begin some improvements on that building.

The closing for the purchase of the building is set for the first week of August.

In other agenda items, the board:

—heard an update from Grimes on the "Road Map to Recovery" compre-

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# Tennessee Valley Museum of Art to hold art camp for students

John Pilati  
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The Tennessee Valley Museum of Art will hold Art Camp this summer for students from 3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

The Junior Artist session, for students entering grades 3-6, will be held July 6-10, with classes from 9-3 on July 6-9 and 9-noon on July 10.

The Advanced Artist session, for students entering grades 7-12, will take place July 6-10 from 1-3 p.m., daily.

Junior Artists will develop fundamental skills while exploring mediums including pastels, acrylics, colored pencils and more. Veteran artists and art instructors Barb Hendricks, Pam Wright, Paige Stevens and Amita Bhakta will teach the sessions.

Advanced Artists will work with the highly-skilled portrait artist Martha Carpenter to explore advanced drawing techniques, learn new skills and refine existing techniques.

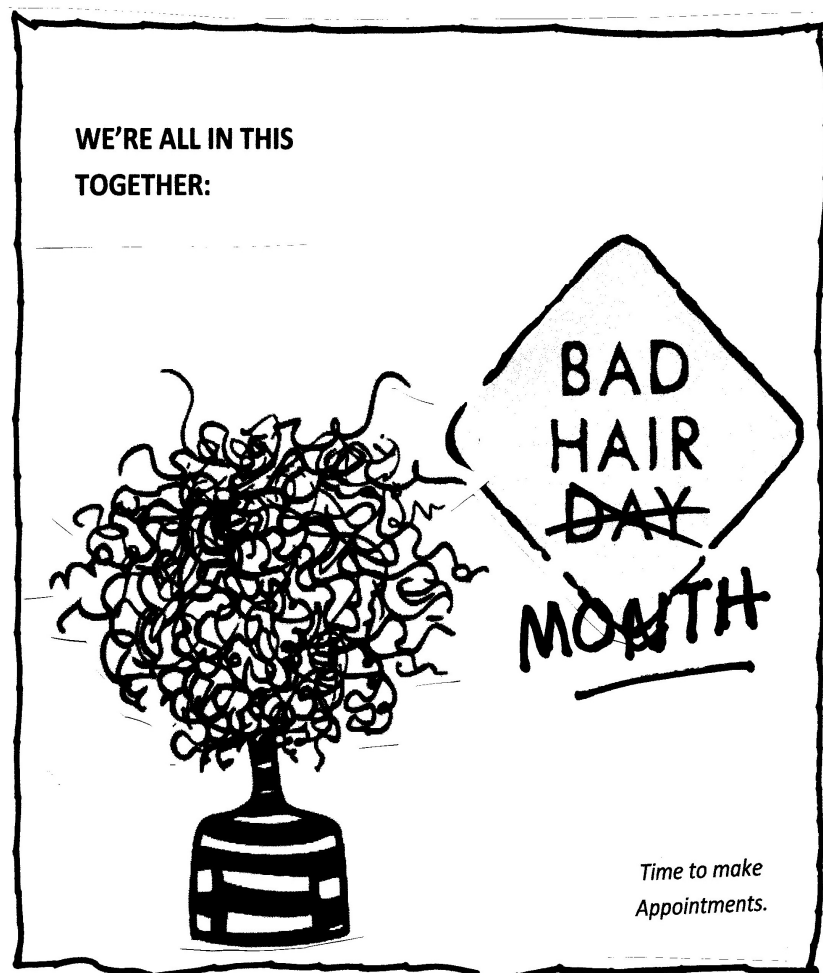
The sessions will be held at the Tennessee Valley Museum of Art, 511 N. Water St., Tuscumbia.

The fee for the Junior Artist class is \$195 (\$165 for TVAA Family/Friend members) and \$200 for Advanced Artist class (\$175 for TVAA Family/Friend). All supplies are included.

Class sizes are limited. Reservations may be made by calling 256-383-0533. The Art Camp will maintain social distancing and all recommended Center for Disease Control COVID-19 procedures throughout the camp. Students will work at their own workstation and each use a separate set of materials.

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Hi to all my friends!

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There is no longer the long waiting periods in seeing your doctor. Upon arriving for your doctor appointment, one must call to let them know you have arrived and wait in your car until the nurse calls you to meet her at the door. Your temperature will be checked and if it's okay, you just follow the nurse into your examining room.

There is no longer waiting in the lobby to be called into the waiting area to sit there for a while before being called back to see your doctor. Doing away with that is so nice.

Waiting in a checkout line at a grocery store is no longer a battle.

I no longer have to keep kids from pushing around me for no reason and turn around and push again to go back where they started. I can stand in a line now without my blood pressure going 'sky-high'. The thoughts of rebellion that used to cross my mind are now a thing of the past.

I can stand in line now without my heels and ankles being grazed by the buggy behind me. I have never understood the need to stand so close anyway. I wouldn't mind if social distancing went from six feet to four feet if it would keep me from needing a band-aid on my ankles.

I've even found moving through a clothing section of a store is even safer now.

There are fewer 'wild kids' running in front of my buggy. Notice I didn't say anything about stopping by buggy to avoid a collision but most of the time



Gail Motes

I do.

For the most part, I've stayed at home.

My lifestyle hasn't changed drastically during this time. My granddaughter has always done most of the shopping. We each have our individual spaces and always know how to find someone when needed.

I keep my life as simple as possible. I tend to forget easier than before. I think it's caused by a 'brain-overload' from all of the important info I've obtained but my boys and grandchildren have a different theory.

They say it's a loss of brain cells with a few mental issues.

That could very well be some of it. My patience has been tried too many times throughout the years of raising boys and two grandchildren and their animals they loved and wanted as babies. Until the baby phase was over and then I took over one pet at a time.

Maybe I have never experienced a mental breakdown. No, that can't be it because I'm still capable of tuning out anything when I want and you have to have a functioning brain to do all of that.

I do have one more comment but this has been going on a long time. The sign that reads, 'Ten items or less', I want it removed!

It causes an unnecessary emotion which has not always been ignored, if you know what I mean.

I think a more responsible sign would fit all express lanes. It's one that reads, 'Enter at your own risk', instead!

I think it's best I end this article at this time and as always...

Until later...

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prehensive plan to be released June 19 by State Superintendent of Education Dr. Eric Mackey. Grimes and school administrators will review the state guidelines and meet to decide how to proceed.

"Unlike the spring school closings, we expect this to be a local decision where each school system will devise its own plan," Grimes said. "We expect there to be different thresholds for schools based on the number of new cases of COVID-19.

"We are committed to returning to a traditional format of education with some changes. Physical Education and lunch, for example, will look very different as there will be no large groups," he added.

Grimes said his system has received grant funding through the CARES Act to help with the cost of virtual education in the coming year, which schools will be required to offer.

—approved facility use requests for the RHS gym on July 23-25 for the RHS Cheerleaders' cheer camp, RMS gym from July 6-8 for RHS Volleyball Camp and RHS baseball facilities during June and July for American Legion baseball games.

—approved a contract with McKinley Copeland for contract labor to clean West Elementary School campus during the months of June and July.

—approved a one year contract with A+ College Ready from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

—approved 55 personnel moves, including:

—Resignation in Position: Tony Buckhalter, RHS teacher, Alexa Knight, RES teacher, Alan Willingham, RMS/RHS teacher, Megan Smith, WES teacher, Molly King, RMS Assistant Principal and Stacie Givens, RHS Assistant Principal.

—Retirement in Position: Paula Pounders, RES teacher.

—Employment in Position: Chris Boatwright, Park & Recreation Department Maintenance Foreman, Rachel Lawrimore, RES Special Education teacher, Jennah Abrams Harrison, WES teacher, Harlee Murphy, WES teacher, Madison Thompson, WES teacher, Hannah Cummings, Dana Hill Massey, Gina Schmidt and Jennifer Lindsey, Pre-K teachers at WES.

—Voluntary Transfer: Libby Scruggs, from kindergarten teacher at WES to Pre-K lead teacher at WES and Tessa Rushing, from WES teacher to RES teacher.

—Temporary Employment in Position for 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Summer Program for Debra Lawler, Marlena Young-Jones, Donna Bolton, Gayla Mills, Rebecca Logsdon, Justin Chandler, Cindy Coan, Nancy Foster, Carol Fretwell, Donna Trapp, Lisa Thorn, Melissa Greenhill, Karren Sewell, Paula Pounders, Jamie Oliver, Joy McLaughlin, Emily Woods, MaKenzie Holley, Ponda Gordon, Lety Pascual, Kim McCulloch, Rhonda Pounders and Angela Crittenden.

—Employment in Supplement: 2019-20, Matthew Duncan, RMS head baseball coach.

—Resignation in Supplement: Mason Willis, RMS Girls tennis.

—Athletic Consultant for 2020-21: Will Rushing, Jacob Wallace, Terrell Groce to be pro-consults for RMS football, with pay not to exceed \$960 to be paid by Football Booster Club. Bryant Bonds and Chris Boatwright to be pro-consults for RHS football, with pay not to exceed \$1,380 to be paid by Football Booster Club.

—Temporary Employment in Position: Alan Willingham, Spanish/EL teacher at RMS.

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Mattox will work as an employee of Explore Aviation for one year and will help train his replacement. Mattox told the council it has been an honor for him to work the last two decades at the airport.

"I told the council 20 years ago when I started I would try and make Russellville Airport the Taj Mahal of small airports and I believe we've done that," Mattox said. "My plans are to serve for a year and I'm glad to be there another year to help train the new manager."

Williams and Tidwell are both certified pilots. Grissom, who has flown with Williams, said he's confident the two men will have the best interests of the airport as the heart of their business.

"I think Mr. Tidwell and Mr. Williams will have a great vision for Russellville Airport and they'll do a great job moving forward," Grissom said.

Williams expressed his appreciation to Mattox for his years of service with Blue Diamond.

"We hope to take what Harry built and build on it moving forward. We take a lot of interest in the Russellville Airport and we're excited about Harry working with us," Williams said.

In other agenda items, the council:

—appointed City Clerk Belinda Miller as 2020 Municipal Election Absentee Manager.

—authorized solicitation of bids for the purchase of a 2012 or newer high floor skid steer loader with cab, bucket and cutting head with less than 2,500 hours for the Russellville Street Department.

—accepted a letter of resignation from Russellville Police Department officer Brett Evans and declared a vacancy for patrol officer in the department.

The next regular meeting of the Russellville City Council will be July 6, 2020, with work session at 6 p.m., and meeting to follow.

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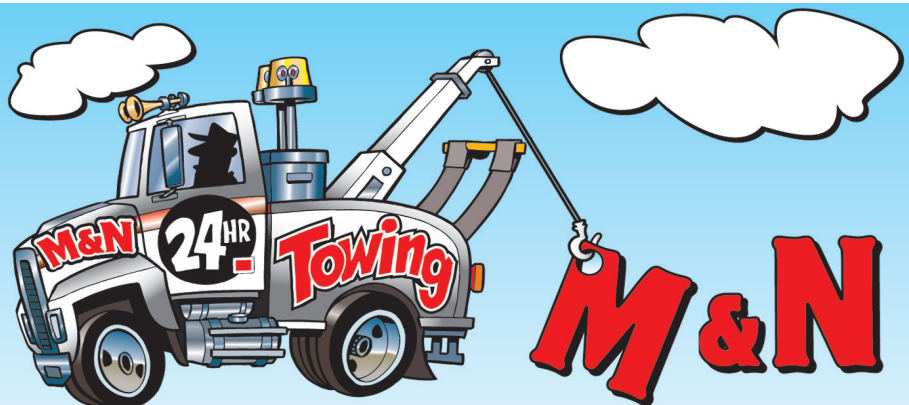
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# 'MS INDUSTRIES,' from page 1

action, and both MSI and Mr. Smith are aggressively defending Mr. Booth's lawsuit as reflected in our comprehensive motion to dismiss currently pending before the court."

Booth alleges that, beginning in 2015, he loaned MS Industries II \$10,000,000. Over the next three years, the total amount Booth says he "loaned" to the company was \$54,000,000.

Booth is represented by Arkansas attorneys Stephen Gershner, Charles "Skip" Davidson, D. Westbrook Doss and Moulton attorney Harry Montgomery. Messages left for the plaintiff's attorneys by the *Franklin Free Press* were never returned.

Booth maintains he was induced fraudulently by Smith to loan monies to MS Industries II based on Smith's assertions that he had "discovered valuable precious metals in connection with the company's silica mining activities" and that Smith was working on a method to extract the precious metals.

Booth alleges he executed the first note for the \$10,000,000 loan and that Smith and his wife Misty, also a defendant, signed personal guarantees to repay the note.

Booth also alleges that a series of loans made by MS to Smith and/or other companies owned or operated by Smith during the following three years were unknown to him and were fraudulent. Interestingly, one of those companies alleged to be controlled by Smith, Celebrity Rides, LLC, lists Davidson as the incorporator and registered agent on the Arkansas Secretary of State website. If that's true, then Davidson represented Smith when he formed Celebrity Rides, LLC, and now Smith's former attorney is suing his former client and a corporation he formed.

The complaint states that as of December 31, 2019, Smith owes MS Industries almost \$11,000,000 for funds transferred to him or for his benefit, Booth maintains. And MS Industries II, since its formation in 2012, has never made a profit and first totaled \$100,000 in gross income in 2019, Booth asserts.

According to a lengthy Motion to Dismiss filed by MS Industries II, Booth was far more than just a rich man loaning money to a company. In fact, at the time he first loaned money to MS, Booth became both a member and director of MS Industries II, according to the motion.

As a board member, Booth even signed off on MS Industries II's loans to Smith, the defendants allege.

Additionally, the motion also states Booth claimed to have experience in the mining industry and that he had full access to MS' financial records before he agreed to make any loan. MS maintains Booth even had his attorneys draft documents to allow him to "sign off on all use of funds for each loan advance."

MS Industries even sent its financial books and records to Booth's Arkansas attorneys before he advanced additional funds, the motion alleges.

It's clear the parties don't agree on much. Booth paints the picture of his loans being made based on misrepresentations and fraud from Smith, all the while as Smith diverted money from MS Industries to himself.

MS Industries responds by asserting that Booth was someone knowledgeable about extracting precious metals and that there was full disclosure made by MS before each and every loan advance from Booth, and that each advance was approved by Booth.

So what is Booth's role in MS Industries? That of an innocent businessman making loans based on false promises, or that of a board member and educated investor who's looking for a way out of his investments, or perhaps to take control of the company?

In addition to a \$54,000,000 judgment, Booth seeks punitive damages, a first priority lien on all MS Industries property, the appointment of a receiver to take control of all MS assets and a temporary restraining order that would enjoin MS Industries from the transfer of any assets.

The logistics of a civil case with more than 70 parties and 100 lawyers is complicated, particularly when the court system is operating on a lean schedule after reopening May 15. Jury trials remain suspended until at least September.

The next phase will be for the court to rule on the numerous motions to dismiss filed by defendants. If granted, those defendants would be dismissed from the case.

The *Franklin Free Press* will continue to monitor the status of this case and provide updates regularly.

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# Russellville man steals military vehicle, leads police on chase

John Pilati  
Franklin Free Press

A 'deuce and a half' could cost a Russellville man 20 after he was charged Thursday morning with theft of a motor vehicle.

Nathan Lowe, 20, of Russellville, was arrested at the intersection of U.S. 43/Hwy. 24 when a 2.5-ton cargo truck he was driving collided with a cement truck.

According to Franklin County Sheriff Shannon Oliver, there were no injuries in the accident.

Lowe was transported to the Franklin County Jail, where he was charged with Theft of Property First Degree, a Class B felony carrying a 2-20 year prison sentence upon conviction.

Oliver said deputies were dispatched to Highway 24 Thursday morning after a 911 call about a man walking down 24 west of Belgreen. The complainant said the man was staggering and walking in and out of traffic.

Police reports say the man, who was later identified as Lowe, was picked up by a woman but she pulled into CJ's Grocery moments later after 'feeling uncomfortable' with Lowe in the car. Lowe then walked east on 24 near the Belgreen Car Wash.

A deputy located a military vehicle sitting in the westbound lane of 24 facing east. The deputy observed Lowe in the back of the vehicle and confronted him and told him to get out. At that time, Lowe allegedly jumped in the driver's seat and drove away, nearly hitting the deputy, Oliver said.

The deputy fired his weapon and shot out one of the cargo truck's tires.

The chase continued east on 24 as Russellville Police officers got involved. Lowe exited 24 at the 43 ramp before colliding with the cement truck moments later.

The 2.5-ton cargo trucks are primarily used as military vehicles and have taken the nickname 'deuce and a half' due to their heavy weight. The truck is owned by Johnny Mack Morrow of Red Bay. Oliver said Morrow had the vehicle parked near the Belgreen Car Wash, with the owner's permission, in an attempt to sell it.

Oliver said there was a chain around the steering wheel to lock it, but Lowe drove the vehicle with the steering wheel chained.

Oliver said Lowe appeared to be intoxicated and/or under the influence of some "mind-altering substance."

Additional charges are expected to be filed against Lowe once the Sheriff's Office investigation is complete.

Lowe remains in the Franklin County Jail.



COURTESY PHOTO

Lowe led police on a chase along Highway 24 before colliding with a cement truck at the off ramp for Highway 43. Lowe is currently in the Franklin County Jail.

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# Weekend getaways: Ocoee River Run a great option for family fun

With the COVID-19 pandemic continuing to impact vacation spots across the United States, the Franklin Free Press will profile some weekend trips that won't break your family's budget this summer. Each of these will require less than 5 hours travel time. The first profile looks at the Ocoee River in Polk County, Tennessee, approximately a four-hour drive from Russellville. Scenic Highway 64 follows the river and makes for a beautiful drive.

In addition to some of the nation's best whitewater rafting on the Ocoee, the region offers another river, the Hiwassee, which offers a more relaxed trip. There are plenty of hiking, camping and lodging sites and more than enough activities to pack a fun-filled weekend:

John Pilati  
Franklin Free Press

Upon launching your raft into the Middle Ocoee River run, the whitewater action starts immediately.

As your group puts in just below the Tennessee Valley Authority's #2 Dam, you're greeted by Grumpy, a Class III rapid that immediately tests whether you paid attention to the pre-trip instructions from your river guide.

Our Ocoee River run came on Friday, June 5. Four of us were assigned to local outfitter High Country Adventures. 'Big Mike' was our guide, and much like the river she runs, 'Big Mike' was full of surprises.

First, she (yes, she) looked like no 'Big Mike' we had ever seen. 'Big Mike' is actually a 21-year-old guide named Micah. While small in stature, she controls the raft and guides you through the 20 named rapids as efficiently as Tom Brady leading his team on a last minute, game-winning drive.

Her friendly demeanor was sincere as she told us about the river, the upcoming rapids and other information she's said to hundreds of other groups.

With almost continuous class III whitewater, the Middle Ocoee requires some deft maneuvering to keep your raft upright. And having a knowledgeable, interactive guide made an exciting trip informative.

The Middle Ocoee drops more than 260 feet in its five-mile stretch. It was even exciting to hear the names of upcoming rapids. Who wouldn't build up some adrenaline before taking on Hellhole, Broken Nose, Table Saw and Flipper?

The Middle Ocoee is our country's most popular whitewater river run. While most guests opt only for the two-hour Middle Ocoee run, the Upper Ocoee offers class IV rapids along the venue that hosted the 1996 Olympic kayak and canoe events. The Upper Ocoee section is only open on Saturdays and Sundays.

Most outfitters offer a combo trip, which includes both the Upper and Middle Ocoee, with lunch served in between. Expect to pay around \$50 per person for the Middle Ocoee trip, and about \$80 for the combo. Price breaks are offered for larger groups. The combo trip takes 5-6 hours including the lunch break.

The minimum age for Ocoee river rafting is 12. But the entire trip is safe for families. Pay attention to your guide, though. And keep in mind an Ocoee rafting trip is not a relaxing day on the river. You'll be asked to paddle and move up and down inside your raft.

All equipment is included. Guests are encouraged to wear bathing suits or dri-fit clothing as you will get wet from the minute your trip begins. And you must wear shoes that secure to your feet.

Drive to your outfitter's location to begin your day. You'll leave from there on a bus to go to the launching point. High Country Adventures is located at 430 Hwy. 64 East in Ocoee, Tn. Call 1-800-233-8594 to make reservations, or book online at [www.hcrivers.com](http://www.hcrivers.com). The Ocoee River whitewater season runs through September.

Many Ocoee outfitters also offer ropes courses, hiking trips, rock climbing excursions and guided sunset kayak trips.

TVA constructed three dams on the Ocoee River that help provide electricity to eastern Tennessee residents. The river is owned and controlled by TVA.

While water from TVA's #2 Dam originally traveled to the powerhouse through a wooden flume, TVA can modify how much water is carried through the flume and how much water is released over the 30-foot dam.

An agreement between TVA and the State of Tennessee provides that TVA will release sufficient water for recreational use on the Middle Ocoee during the 116-day whitewater season.



COURTESY PHOTO

Franklin Free Press Publisher John Pilati and Franklin County singer/songwriter Lucas Shepherd took part in the Ocoee River Run which includes over five miles of rafting and 20 named rapids.

That agreement was recently extended for 15 years, due to the efforts of Polk County's legislative delegation and the Tennessee Legislature.

Today's Ocoee is a team effort that includes TVA, the State of Tennessee, Ocoee River outfitters and the U.S. Forest Service.

Since the Ocoee is too far to comfortably drive there and back in one day, consider making it a weekend trip.

Camping is available at the Hiwassee/Ocoee Scenic River State Park and other venues. And there are plenty of lodges and hotels nearby, including Harrah's Casino and Hotel in nearby Murphy, N.C., less than an hour from the Ocoee.

Parksville Lake, the reservoir formed behind Ocoee Dam #1, offers camping, relaxed pontoon boating, kayaking and an easy hike to a scenic waterfall.

The lake also boasts a reputation as an outstanding fishing destination, with three state-record fish coming out of its waters.

And you won't find a spot to see a more beautiful sunset than the nearby Chilhowee Mountain Overlook. The Chilhowee Recreation Area also offers hiking, camping, biking and swimming.

For more information on the Ocoee River and its beautiful river valley, stop by the Ocoee Whitewater Center, operated by the U.S. Forest Service. The center is located on Hwy. 64.

To learn more about the area online, visit [www.tnvacation.com](http://www.tnvacation.com) and search "Ocoee."

Regardless of how you fill your weekend, a trip to the Ocoee River is sure to be a lasting memory. And we're blessed to be a few hours away from this national treasure.

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Brady Petree  
 Sports Editor

# Tverberg hopeful youthful team can continue Belgreen volleyball dominance

Brady Petree  
 Franklin Free Press

BELGREEN - Last year, Belgreen volleyball was exceptional. That's probably putting it lightly.

They were dominant in both aspects of the game and worked their way to a 30-12 record and a berth in the regional tournament.

It took eventual state semifinalist Spring Garden High School to knock the Lady Bulldogs out of the state tournament picture.

However, their amazing run through the season was due in large part via the work of some outstanding seniors that Susie Tverberg had suiting up for her. With those seniors no longer in the picture, Tverberg and her team will have some work to do if they wish to get back to the level they are accustomed to being at. But there is hope as Belgreen has a steady influx of younger talent coming through the pipeline in hopes of continuing the winning ways as soon as a year or so down the road and maybe sooner.

Tverberg says that while there has been a lot of changes and uncertainty surrounding sports and the world in general since the COVID-19 pandemic began, she has been encouraged by the reception she has gotten from her players during workouts so far.

"We are in our third week of workouts now and we have a lot of protocols and things like that to go over of course, but I've been very happy with the amount of players we've had show up day in and day out with everything that's going on," Tverberg said. "We break into three separate groups and one group is weightlifting, one group is agility and the other group is for cardio and once they're done we sanitize everything and the girls use hand sanitizer so we're doing everything we can to stay safe."

The average number of players Tverberg has shown on a daily basis for workouts hovers around 20 total girls and official practice begins on July 20th for schools that were not able to have tryouts in the spring.

While Tverberg has acknowledged the difficulties that have come about when trying to plan out her roster and rotations due to not having tryouts, she says that the interest surrounding the program is at an all-time high.

"There's a lot of interest in volleyball at Belgreen and we have a lot of girls that have been playing

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# Ready to get rolling

Entering his fifth season as the Tharptown head coach, Kevin Lacey has high hopes for a Wildcat program in search of its first playoff berth

Brady Petree  
 Franklin Free Press

THARPTOWN - Every coach has peaks and valleys during their coaching careers, especially those that are early on in their quest to capture a state title. For fifth-year Tharptown football head coach Kevin Lacey, he has seen his fair share of valleys over the years in which his overall coaching record (with no prior head coaching stops before landing at Tharptown) stands at 7-31.

After dealing with injuries to some core players over the years, combined with a team full of young and inexperienced talent, there is reason to believe that Lacey has the Wildcats on a positive track.

That number in the win column might be trending upwards if things go according to plan for Lacey and the Wildcats this fall.

On the surface it might seem as though there would be room for pessimism heading into the 2020 season for the Wildcats solely based on last year's record. However, Lacey has seen signs of improvement during his squad's summer workouts and optimism is certainly building around the program.

Lacey says that he has been encouraged from the early results of summer workouts since they began the first of June.

"We could tell that our guys were ready to get back and have some sense of normalcy even though things aren't normal. They were just ready to get back out there and get back at it," Lacey said. "We have had an average of ten or so guys coming to workouts day after day. I feel like some of our guys have had cabin fever and you can just really feel that sense of urgency to get back out there and get to work."

Once workouts were able to begin in June, certain safety measures had to be taken before players were able to proceed with workouts. Such precautions included temperature checks, a series of questions and even a checklist that players have to pass before they are allowed to workout.

Lacey and his coaching staff will have their hands full as the Wildcats are now lumped into a region that consists of Mars Hill (14-1 in 2019), Red Bay (12-1 in 2019), Sheffield (6-5 in 2019) and Colbert County (6-5 in 2019). Throw in schools like Hatton and Lexington that typically have solid programs and suddenly the Wildcats find themselves in one of the tougher regions around.

In terms of the product that the Wildcats will put on the field this fall, Lacey feels strongly about the group that will don the blue and white uniforms, particularly up front and at the skill positions.

"Up front we have some guys like Travis Staten



COURTESY PHOTO

Tharptown returns key offensive linemen as well as experienced skill players that Lacey (above) hopes will propel the Wildcats to the programs first ever playoff bid.

and Tyler Amos who will be leading the charge for us on the line and then we have guys like Nathan Lucas at fullback who is a real bruiser with some quickness," Lacey said. "Dominic Baker, my running back will be back as well as Blake Daily to help him out in the run game. We've got some younger guys mixed in with our experienced guys and we really feel well about the group of guys we've got."

Of course this season figures to be different than any season that we have seen before due to the ongoing pandemic and Lacey is hopeful that by

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the time the season rolls around, things will be able to go full speed without any issues.

"I'm anxious to get back in school because we didn't have any kind of spring practices just like everybody else. I'm just ready to get back on the field and hopefully moving forward we don't have any more issues or anything like that. That's what I'm hoping for in the long run," Lacey said.

One aspect of getting a team through a difficult situation is the notion that the experienced players who have been around and been through some hardships can help out the younger players going through similar situations.

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That's exactly what Lacey is hoping his seniors and other experienced players will do in this difficult and different season.

"I've got roughly around 6 or so seniors and I'm really counting on those

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for a while. We lost a lot of girls last year, around five or six seniors, so we are basically going to have to learn and use the time we have to get better and work to get better," Tverberg said. "My biggest goal is to try and find girls that can replace the girls we lost and the roles that they filled. Noel Willingham was our setter on JV and we're hoping she can step up on varsity. Bailey Oliver, Kaylee Chandler and Emma Dempsey are some of our returning varsity players that we know we can count on as well."

One thing that will be certain for Belgreen volleyball this year is that there will be growing pains due to the among of younger players that will fill out the roster when tryouts eventually happen. However, Tverberg isn't ready to write this year off as a 'rebuild' just yet and potentially sees a path to the playoffs due to down years for rival schools and some classification juggling.

"We're down right now but so is everyone else. Phillips lost a ton of really good players as well as Waterloo. Spring Garden was bumped up to 2A so we're sitting here saying that we have a chance to go deep into the playoffs still because we have some girls that will hopefully pull their own weight and get us where we need to go," Tverberg said.

Of course Tverberg is hoping that a lot of her younger players will develop quickly and continue to progress and take up larger roles on the team. However she also understands that she will have a reliable group of experienced players to count on to lead those younger players as well.

"We're low in numbers with our upperclassmen but we've got a lot of players coming up through JV that we're hoping can make an impact quickly. We are going to be young but we've got some athletic, more experienced girls that we believe can really contribute right away as well and we feel really good about where we are now and where we will be when the season comes around," Tverberg said.

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