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School systems differ in COVID notification process

John Pilati
Franklin Free Press

Franklin County Superintendent of Education Greg Hamilton and Russellville City Schools Superintendent Heath Grimes spent most of their summers working on plans to reopen their schools in the midst of the country's COVID-19 pandemic.

One month into the school year, Franklin County and Russellville administrators must wrestle with the need to keep parents/students/teachers informed about COVID-19 exposure balanced with confidentiality issues regarding the release of information.

Part of Russellville City Schools' reopening plan called for seating charts on all buses and in all classrooms. With that information available, if a student tests positive, school officials can immediately see who the student has been around to determine if he or she has been in close contact or violated the '6/15' rule.

The 6/15 rule provides that any person spending than 15 minutes within six feet of a person who has become infected with COVID-19, starting 48 hours before the person became sick.

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Hammack participating in COVID vaccine trial

John Pilati
Franklin Free Press

As one of America's pharmaceutical giants, Pfizer Corporation is conducting an investigational study to develop an effective vaccine against COVID-19.

And Russellville dentist Dr. Steve Hammack is one of only 300 Alabama residents taking part in that process.

While watching television several months ago, Hammack saw a feature where Pfizer was conducting a study comparing an investigational vaccine against a placebo to see if



COURTESY PHOTO

Dr. Steve Hammack, pictured with his staff at Russellville Dental Care, is participating in an international study of a proposed COVID-19 vaccine.

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John Dupree, 45, of Russellville, passed away on Saturday, September 12th. Pinkard Funeral Home assisted the family.

Judith Ann Scharnagel Foster, 88 of Russellville, passed away on Saturday, September 12th. Pinkard Funeral Home assisted the family.

Alice Faye Hornsby, 80, of Phil Campbell, passed away on Tuesday, September 8th. Pinkard Funeral Home assisted the family.

Ima Sue McLemore, 75, of Russellville, passed away on Wednesday, September 9th. Spry Memorial Chapel assisted the family.

Starland Newell, 89, of Phil Campbell, passed away on Wednesday, September 9th. Interment at Blue Springs Cemetery.

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Grimes named SSA District Eight superintendent of the year

John Pilati
Franklin Free Press

When Russellville City Schools Superintendent of Education Heath Grimes answered a call from Decatur City Schools Michael Douglas the morning of August 24, his first thought was the varsity football game between the two schools set that evening was in jeopardy.

The game was still on as scheduled. And Douglas' call had nothing to do with football.

Instead, he was calling to let Grimes know he had been named the School Superintendents of Alabama (SSA) Superintendent of the Year for 2020 in District Eight.

"He had told me if they had to cancel a game, he wouldn't do it until the day of the game, so when I got that call, I thought 'oh no,'" Grimes said. "We want to play. But he was calling to say congratulations and he let me know I was one of the finalists for the 2021 Alabama Superintendent of the Year."

Along with nominees from the other eight SSA districts, Grimes will find out the winner at the School Superintendents of Alabama Fall Conference set next month in Florence.

The eventual winner will receive a Superintendent of the Year ring and travel expenses for a trip to the AASA National Conference next February in New Orleans.

The state winner will be determined based on his or her career achievements and success in advancing public education in Alabama.

The SSA is affiliated with the Council for Leaders in Alabama Schools, or CLAS. Grimes was instrumental in founding the CLAS affiliate Alabama Leaders Advocating for English Learners, or ALA-EL. That group has been successful in increasing funding for school systems, like Russellville City Schools, with a large percentage of English Learner, or EL, students.

EL students are those who are not proficient in English, most of whom live in households where English is not the primary language used.

"The EL population from a statewide approach was not receiving a lot of attention," Grimes said. "There weren't a lot of answers, support or help and definitely not any funding, and that needed to change."

"We worked to increase funding from \$58,000 for our 580 EL students, and now we've received over \$370,000 the last two years. With the highest percentage in the state of EL students (26%), that makes up for a lot of funding we were expending locally to make these kids successful. Now there's not an unfair bias where we have to spend something everyone else we're judged against doesn't have to spend," he added.

Although most of Russellville City Schools' EL students are in kindergarten and elementary grades, there are some who come into the system in high school, and that poses challenges for teachers and administrators.

"You either make them stay until they're older or accommodate them some way to they can earn those credits. That's a real challenge most people don't even recognize that we face," Grimes said. "We do a lot of work so those students can graduate on time."

"Russellville City Schools is a statewide competitor and player in academics, and we're able to do that because we fought for funding and the support to remain a player statewide, regardless of our demographics," he added.



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Reader takes issue with candidate's campaign strategy

To the editor:
You know what is pathetic? On the very same day that Darren Woodruff decides to serve up ice cream to the entire City of Russellville District 2 as a thank you for talking with him and listing their concerns... William Nale passes out a smear campaign of a door hanger that doesn't even list one accomplishment of his. Instead, it lists how ONE VOTE doesn't amount to a hill of beans to Nale & how he doesn't think

Woodruff can get anything done if he becomes councilman for District 2.
Woodruff has passed out more masks, hand sanitizing soap, bottled water, food, etc in the past month than William Nale has in the past TWELVE YEARS!!!
If that doesn't speak volumes I don't know what does. I urge all voters to use their ONE VOTE to make a difference on Tuesday, October 6!
Jennifer Hamilton, Russellville

Russellville Board of Education approves budget for new fiscal year

John Pilati
Franklin Free Press

The Russellville City Board of Education approved a \$38.5 million budget for the 2020-21 fiscal year at its September 10 meeting.
The budget includes \$38.5 million of expenditures and anticipated revenue of \$32.5 million. The approximate \$6 million shortfall is due to the bond issue the system did last year which will produce \$10.5 million in proceeds for the Russellville High School addition capital improvement project, explained RCS Chief Financial Officer Lisa Witt.
That revenue is reflected in the beginning fund balance of \$16.174 million but the expense will be spread over three fiscal years, so there is \$6 million in the new budget for that capital project, Witt said.
The system is expected to have an ending fund balance of \$10.4 million, well above the one-month fund balance required by the State of Alabama to be maintained.

The majority of the \$32.5 million in revenue comes from the State of Alabama. 55.9% of the budget is state revenue, 23.2% local revenue 17.7% from federal revenue with 3.2% from other sources.
Local revenues are budgeted at \$7,751,561. That figure includes \$1.125 million appropriated from the City of Russellville to Russellville City Schools.
The largest expenditure is for instructional sources, which includes salaries and benefits for employees, and represents 40.6% of the budget. 17.8% of the expenditures is allocated for capital outlay, 10.4% for auxiliary services, 9.5% for debt service and 7.3% classified as other expenditures.
Enrollment for Russellville City Schools is 2,445, with 575 students at West Elementary School, 586 at Russellville Elementary, 548 at Russellville Middle School and 736 at Russellville High School.
The system has 318 total staff for the 2020-21 fiscal year.
Additional state appropriations for the new year include \$151,149 for school nurse, \$61,368 for Technology Coordinator and \$85,951 for At-Risk expenses.
Teachers are allotted \$600 each for materials and supplies, and the budget includes a \$350/unit technology allotment.

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Russellville First Free Will Baptist Church to host 2020 Outdoor Expo

John Pilati
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With deer season approaching, it's the perfect time for the 2020 Outdoor Expo, a special event set for Sunday, October 4th at First Free Will Baptist Church in Russellville.

The idea to host an Outdoor Expo came from First Free Will pastor Derek Washington, whose previous church in Oklahoma hosted a very successful similar event.

The Outdoor Expo will be held in two parts. First, from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., the featured speaker will be Clay Dyer. Dyer is a professional sport fisherman and motivational speaker.

The main event portion of the Expo is set for 4 p.m.-8 p.m., and the \$5 cost includes the event and dinner.

Television host Jimmy Sites will speak at 7 p.m. Sites is the host of *Spiritual Outdoors Adventures* and is a renowned champion of the Big Buck Outdoor Games. Sites served as Senior Minister at a church in Nashville until his television program began airing in 2002.

Willow Oak Lodge and Timmy Horton Outdoors is co-sponsoring the Outdoor Expo.

\$5 chances will be sold and one name will be drawn to receive a \$4,000 guided deer hunt in Missouri with IMB Monster Buck Outfitters.

Tickets are available at First Free Will Baptist Church, 16140 Highway 43, Russellville, Stidham

Feed and Seed, Green's Dependable Hardware and at Happy Herd Nutrition in downtown Russellville and American Health and Fitness.

There will be plenty of activities at the Expo, including skills challenges for all ages, great door prizes, a 3D archery shoot, updates on hunting regulations for 2020, and muscle cars, RV, trucks, motorcycles and ATVs on display.

Washington said his congregation was looking for a way to hold a community event but also invite non-church folks into their church.

"We wanted to provide something for our community. Most of the Expo will be outdoors and it will be safe for everyone to attend. We are living in different times, but this event will be exciting and fun," Washington said.

Washington, a 1988 Russellville High School graduate and football standout, continued his playing career at the University of North Alabama before leaving UNA for bible college. He pastored a church in Oklahoma for 20 years before the opportunity to return to his hometown came last year.

"We always felt like the Lord would lead us back this way. I came to our 30-year high school reunion and one of my best friends, Terry Prince, who is one of the deacons, asked me if I would be interested in being a candidate for pastor at their church, and I said we would," Washington said.

For more information on the 2020 Outdoor Expo, contact Washington at 256-398-8810.

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the vaccine would be effective in preventing COVID-19.

Hammack called the Pfizer corporation, and was told to contact North Alabama Research Center in Athens if he was interested in taking part in the study.

He was and he did. One week later, Hammack had a phone interview and was given an appointment to come to Athens and go through the process of receiving the injection.

Pfizer's international study includes 30,000 people from 36 different states and 120 countries. Hammack is number 59 of only 300 Alabama participants taking part in the investigational study.

Half of the participants receive the COVID-19 vaccine, and half receive a placebo. Participants receive two injections about three weeks apart. Hammack's mind frame for taking part was simple—if there's a vaccine out there, he wanted to receive it.

"I want to protect myself, and I knew there was a 50-50 chance I would receive the vaccine," Hammack said. "And just as much as protecting myself, I want to protect my patients and my family.

"I knew with a 50 percent chance I'd probably get the vaccine. I'm lucky and the main reason for going is I wanted to get the vaccine," he added.

Since it's a 'blind' study, where neither the participant nor the study doctors or nurses know who's receiving the vaccine or placebo, Hammack can't be sure which injection he received, but he has a pretty good idea he received the injection based on the side effects he felt.

"I had a sore arm after the first injection for two days and I felt tired for a couple days. Those are the only symptoms I had but they were both listed in possible side effects from the actual vaccine," Hammack said.

After a second dose of the injection (or placebo), participants return to Athens and have blood drawn. Those blood samples are sent to Pfizer's lab in Cambridge, Mass.

The entire study takes two years, with a total of six visits Hammack will make to Athens. He also keeps an electronic diary of any side effects that are reported to the center.

Hammack receives \$119 for each trip to Athens, for reimbursement of mileage, gas and a meal, so it's not a profitable venture to take part in the study. But that's not what his motivation was to get involved in the first place.

"I didn't want to get COVID-19 and accidentally pass it on, or not be able to work," Hammack said. "It would put me out of business for two to four weeks, if it didn't kill me.

"In my opinion, me getting COVID-19 would be worse than any side effects I could have experienced in this study," he added.

As far as when a vaccine may become universally available, Hammack believes that date is closer than some might think.

"They hope to have the 300 completed by the end of this week. And when they get the last one done, about a month after, it will be time for the antibody test," Hammack said. "Around the end of October they'll get blood draws from everyone. It will take a few weeks to analyze and around the start of November, they'll have the data and say let's do a bunch more."

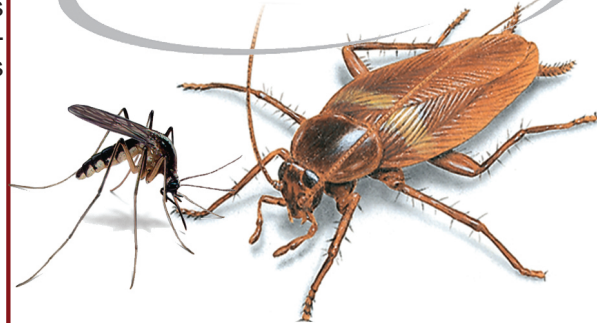
As with any clinical trial, the study needs to represent the diversity of the population the vaccine would serve, and in this case that includes participants from communities severely hit by COVID-19, like Franklin County. People from all backgrounds, ages, gender must be included.

So Hammack isn't just representing himself and his patients. He's a representative for the entire county.

And he believes finding a vaccine to prevent this deadly virus is worth taking part, even if it includes a sore arm.

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 **T**here will be a classic car cruise fundraiser in order to raise funds for treatment for Celia Grace Hamlet on Saturday, September 19th from 7 a.m. until 12 p.m. Hamlet was diagnosed with a rare genetic disorder known as Metachromatic Leukodystrophy Disease and doctors have recommended a special treatment in Italy that will take up to four months to treat. Celia's father, Gary Hamlet, is a police officer in Winfield and her mother, Kassie Hamlet, works at Citizens Bank in Winfield. The cruise will be police-escorted through 77 miles of beautiful Northwest Alabama including drives through the Appalachian Mountains and cities such as Haleyville, Bear Creek, Hackleburg, Hamilton, Guin and Winfield. Registration begins onsite at 7 a.m. with the cruise leaving at 9 a.m. and returning at 11 a.m. The cruise will begin at Grey's Landing at 7005, Highway 129, Winfield, 35594. Breakfast and lunch will be available onsite. Open to all cars manufactured before 1989 and the price is \$25 per car which will include a t-shirt and entries for door prizes as well. All proceeds from the cruise will go to cover medical, travel and living expenses for Celia and her parents. For more information call Hilda Smith at (205)-275-4432.

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releasing information, we will release general statements, like we have X number of positive cases in the system, or X number at West Elementary School for example," Grimes said. "But that's about as specific as we can get."

Russellville City Schools were closed to students last week for the four days following the Labor Day holiday. Grimes said there was not an outbreak that caused the closing. Rather, it was a precaution to help avoid a spike in positives following a holiday weekend. Similar spikes were seen earlier this year after Memorial Day and Independence Day.

Franklin County officials, when it comes to releasing information about COVID-19, have been more tight-lipped, with Hamilton citing health and privacy law confidentiality requirements as the reason for not releasing information.

East Franklin Junior High School was closed for two weeks recently at the recommendation of the Alabama Department of Public Health.

Hamilton declined to comment on how many, or if, any students or employees tested positive for COVID-19.

"When a student/employee tests positive, the student's parent or the employee notifies the principal or school nurse," Hamilton said. "The superintendent is notified of positive cases by the principal or school nurse."

The system's COVID-19 policy requires parents to be notified of any potential exposure their child may have had to someone who tests positive or meets the COVID-19 symptom criteria.

"Our school nurses and principals utilize the Alabama Department of Public

Health Back to School Toolkit and follow the guidelines provided," Hamilton said.

"We contact the parent/guardian, ask them to come pick up their child from school, and give them a copy of the COVID-19 Parent Checklist. This form states your child may have had close contact (within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes) with someone diagnosed with or exhibiting major symptoms of COVID-19," he added.

The date of last exposure to close contact is also provided to the parent, Hamilton said.

If a student or employee exhibits symptoms at school, the student's teacher will notify the school nurse, who will determine if the student/employee has symptoms that meet the ADPH criteria to be sent home.

Parents of a symptomatic student are instructed to contact their child's healthcare provider/doctor, follow their instructions and report to the school nurse the results and outcome of the call to the healthcare provider/doctor.

Bullen announces candidacy for District Four commission seat

Submitted to the FFP

Judy Bullen officially declared her candidacy for Franklin County Commissioner, District four.

Judy is a lifelong resident of Franklin County and is heavily involved in the county. Bullen has served on the Red Bay Water and Gas Board, as vice-chairman of the Red Bay Hospital Advisory Board and as chairman of the Red Bay Industrial Development Board. Bullen has served on those boards for more than a decade working for the welfare of the citizens.

She previously served on the Red Bay City Council as well.

Bullen also has a strong business background through spending two decades in the banking industry before starting a successful small business.

"I'm very excited to announce my candidacy for the Franklin County Commission. I have served the people of Franklin County my entire life through charities, serving on boards, and even the Red Bay City Council. I understand the issues that the people of Franklin County care about and plan to fight hard to solve them," Bullen said. "The county must work to maintain our county roads, protect our county employees and support and recruit industry that will bring high paying jobs to Franklin County. District four needs a commissioner who will listen to their needs and be a strong voice for them. I want to be that fair voice that solves the problems that Franklin County is facing. I look forward to serving the people of Franklin County. When elected, my phone will always be on and my door will always be open to hear from the people of Franklin County."



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No festival, no problem! Jackson wins 'unofficial' melon contest



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Although this year's Franklin County Watermelon Festival was cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns, a group of friends got together Saturday in Phil Campbell to weigh their melons and crown the 'unofficial' champion of this year's Biggest Melon in Franklin County.

Barry Pounders brought his scale, an antique from Inman Seed and Feed in Russellville, and did the honors. Here are the results:

4th Place: Joey Wingo, 103 pounds.

3rd Place: Jo Rudi and Betsy Trapp, 159 pounds.

2nd Place: Rhett Jackson, 181 pounds.

1st Place: Reed Jackson, 187 pounds.

Even in the midst of a difficult time, it's great to see Franklin County families get together for some fun and fellowship. Congratulations to Reed, this year's unofficial champion grower of Franklin County's Biggest Melon!

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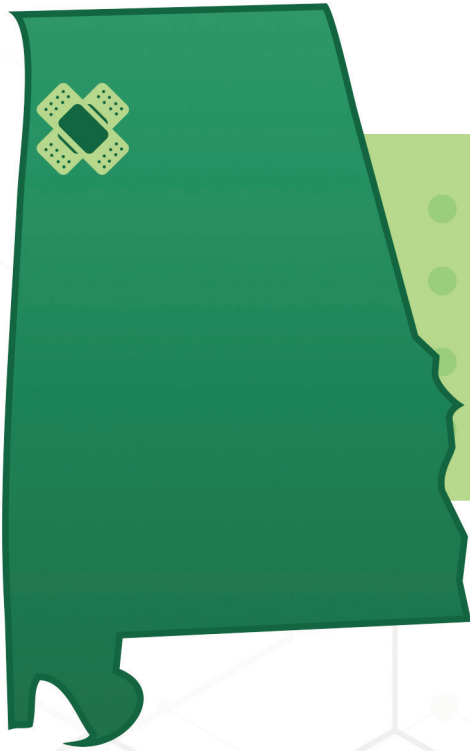
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Answering your call

New week, same dominance: Golden Tiger defense excels once again, offense shines en route to 59-0 rout of Brewer

Brady Petree
Franklin Free Press

RUSSELLVILLE - If you ask Russellville head football coach John Ritter to describe just how good his defense has been to start the 2020 season, one might assume he would have a plethora of adjectives to go with.

Dominant. Ferocious. Hard-nosed. Exceptional. All of those and a multitude of various descriptive words would fall right into place if you're describing the Golden Tiger defense this year.

While Ritter could easily use any of the words mentioned above, he believes there is a better word to describe the way his defense has performed so far: prepared.

The defense has certainly been prepared through the Golden Tigers first three games this season as they have yet to allow an opponent to score the entire year. Heading into this week's match up against region-rival Lawrence County, Russellville owns a +128 point differential thanks to three consecutive shutouts to start the year.

The defense continues to shine week in and week out, but the offense for Ritter and his staff has taken it's game to a new level in the previous weeks with a peak last Friday night as Russellville routed Brewer 59-0 to improve to 2-0 in the region.

"Improving the passing game was important for us last week because we're going to have to be solid in all three phases if we want to achieve some of the goals that we've set for ourselves," Ritter said. "Improving in that facet was number one on our list in terms of what we wanted to do last week in practice and be more efficient in the passing game. We're never going to be that team that throws it 30 times so being 24-30 isn't something we're going to be. But we want to be somewhere around 12-15 or 9-10 and we were 7-9 against Brewer and it ultimately led to good things on that side of the ball."

A byproduct of utilizing the passing game more often is getting a chance to use a number of the talented skill players that Ritter has at his disposal. In the previous week against Mae Jemison, it was the running back tandem of Airreon "Boots" McCulloch and Caleb Matthews shouldering the offensive load. This week, due to an up-tick in passing offense, TJ King and Banks Langston were able to showcase just what they are capable of.

The sophomore wide receiver King caught three passes for 101 yards and went for two touchdowns on the night. The first touchdown for King came in the first quarter from 10-yards out while the second touchdown reception included a massive run combined with a juke move that looked like it came straight out of a video game to go 78 yards to the house in the second quarter.

Langston totaled one catch on the night, a 38-yard reception for a touchdown on the night.

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Taking the next step

New Russellville Cross Country head coach Shawn Greenhill knows a thing or two about running cross country. Now he'll look to build a young roster into a title-contending squad while passing down lessons and information that helped him become such an efficient runner.



COURTESY PHOTO

Greenhill (pictured above in grey), has long been an avid runner. After running cross-country at Bevil State CC, Greenhill wound up at West Alabama running cross country. Now he looks to pass along information and techniques to a younger generation.

Brady Petree
Franklin Free Press

RUSSELLVILLE - When you hire a coach for a sport, you probably want your candidates to be passionate about the sport he or she will be coaching.

To say that Shawn Greenhill has a passion for running would be a bit of an understatement.

The Belgreen graduate who currently resides as the Postmaster of the Tuscumbia Post Office is now the head coach for the Russellville Cross Country team.

Normally, head coaching jobs remain in-house within a school system. However, the resume that Greenhill has given him the leg-up when it came time for the Golden Tigers to hire on a new head coach. It wasn't until Greenhill had a conversation with superintendent Heath Grimes that he felt as though he had the opportunity to coach.

"I was out somewhere and saw Mr. Grimes and he knew that I had ran in college and so we got to

talking about things and he wanted to know if I would be interested in taking the position. Then we got together again and talked some more back in the spring and things started moving in that direction," Greenhill said. "Then I got a call from the athletic director Coach (John) Ritter back before school started and everything just fell into place from there."

As for that aforementioned resume that Greenhill has, one could say that resume might be able to match up with any other cross country coach in Northwest Alabama. In addition to running cross country at Bevil State Community College for two years, Greenhill also ran cross country for two years at division two school, West Alabama. In his personal time, Greenhill still maintains a heavy running schedule, which includes, from time to time, running from his home in Russellville, all the way to work in Tuscumbia - a span of nearly 18 miles.

So far this year, the Russellville cross country

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team has only been able to participate in three meets, with seven more scheduled along the way. Greenhill says that having such a low amount of meets early on in the season allows for him to get acquainted with the team as well as those meets serving as building blocks for his athletes.

"We have a fairly young squad which is a good thing from my perspective because we can get these kids in here while they're young in their running career to actually build up something for the next couple of years because we do have some ways to go," Greenhill said. "On the girls side I have five girls (three seniors) and I'm hoping next year to add more girls into the mix for us. We do have around 14 guys on the team with only two seniors on the guys side. We have a lot of room for improvement and a lot of room for growth. But I do see improvements every week and we're constantly getting better."

For Greenhill who comes from an extensive background in running cross country, to be able to hand down information to the younger generations is something that motivated him to go into coaching.

"It's a great thing it took me a lot of years of failing to get to where I am in terms of where my knowledge comes from. After a lot of years of figuring out what works and what doesn't work, I realized that it's now my time to pass it on to others," Greenhill said. "I told the parents and students when we started that in other sports, running is viewed as a punishment and I'm trying to show that this is something that these kids can use not just here in school but potentially down the road in terms of staying healthy and things like that."

The future is certainly bright for the cross country team at Russellville with so many young student-athletes in the mix for years to come. Not only does Greenhill believe that the Golden Tigers are looking to contend in the near future, but he also sees an avenue for some of his runners to continue at the next level.

"There's a lot of hidden talents in running that a lot of people don't know they have and that's what I try to tell our runners and I think that here in a few years you're going to start to see more and more runners from Russellville getting some nice scholarships for cross country," Greenhill said. "To me helping and giving these kids an opportunity to excel at something they enjoy

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and potentially getting to go get a scholarship for doing something they enjoy is what it's all about. Just giving kids the opportunity to succeed."

In terms of the goals the cross country team has in their first year under a new head coach, Greenhill says that one goal sits above the rest.

"Build a solid foundation. Build that base so that we can succeed for years to come. We'd also like to go compete at state as a team. I believe there have been years where there have been some individuals who go and compete but never as a team so we'd like to see that happen," Greenhill said. "We are on the right track. Coach Plyler has done a great job with our runners day in and day out and we're just working to improve every single day and build for the future."

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Seeing guys like King and Langston excel through the air just adds another layer to the complexity for opponents facing the Golden Tigers every Friday night.

"TJ is a guy that can get on top of guys in a hurry. He's a 4.4, 4.5 guy that is very athletic and while he's still very young and very green, he's still an athletic guy who we want to try and get out into space and see what he can do," Ritter said. "Langston took a bubble and ran for 40 and went untouched and he's another athletic guy that we've got. At the beginning of the year we felt like we have some good skill guys and that each week there could be a different guy that shines for us and that's been the case so far."

As the Golden Tigers gear up for their game at Lawrence County this Friday night, Ritter says that the mindset going into traces back to that one word he used to describe his defense.

"Our guys have done a phenomenal job being prepared no matter the opponent. No offense to the teams that we've played but we're not worried about who we play. We're worried about Russellville and doing the things we need to do to be successful. Really focus in on the little things on offense, defense and special teams. If we'll take care of our business each week I feel like we're skilled enough to go out there and have a chance in every ball-

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game," Ritter said. Malachi Duncan rushed 16 times for 79 yards and two touchdowns while quarterback Conner Warhurst rushed three times for 76 yards and two scores of his own to go along with one touchdown through the air. Gabe Amick went for 5-6 through the air for 99 yards and one touchdown on the night.

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TJ King Sophomore, Wide Receiver Russellville

Through two games, Russellville has been dominant in nearly every aspect of the game. However, one area the Golden Tigers had yet to show their teeth in was the passing game. That changed this week in the Golden Tigers 59-0 rout of Brewer. One large part of the renewed passing scheme for the Golden Tigers was TJ King. King reeled in just three catches but he accounted for 101 yards, good for 33.6 yards per reception. King's night included two touchdowns as well. Those two scores came on a 10-yard pass in the first quarter and then a massive 78-yard reception in the second quarter. King now has 175 yards on six catches (29.1 yards per reception) to go along with two scores for the year.



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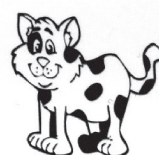
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