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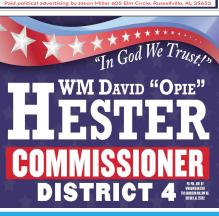


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# Voters urged to 'familiarize' themselves with amendments on ballot

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Franklin County voters will have six Constitutional amendments to decide on the November 3, 2020, general election ballot, in addition to federal, state and local races.

Franklin County Probate Judge Barry Moore is urging voters to familiarize themselves with these amendments so they can make a quicker decision when marking their ballots on election day.

"With social distancing there is only a limited amount of voters who can come into the polling place at one time, so this is one way for voters to speed up the process by understanding the effect of these amendments before election day," Moore said.

With credit to Alabama Secretary of State John Merrill and the Fair Ballot Commission, the *Franklin Free Press* offers voters the following neutral explanations of the six Constitutional amendments. The full wording of the amendment is listed, followed by an explanation of what the amendment would do:

Amendment One: Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of See 'AMENDMENTS,' page 4

Baker changes affiliation to

Republican Party

John Pilati Franklin Free Press

With a room full of Republicans welcoming Rep. Robert Aderholt, Franklin County Republican Executive Committee Chairman Jerry Mays used the opportunity to introduce Franklin County's newest Republican—Ralton Baker.

Baker became the latest local elected official to change from the Democratic Party to the Republican Party.

The six-term Franklin County Board of Education District one member said he had considered changing parties for a long time, and decided this was the appropriate time to do so.

"The national Democratic Party has moved so far left that the things they stand for concerned me," Baker said. "This is not about getting elected again. This is about what the



PHOTO BY JOHN PILATI

Baker (left) pictured with Rep. Robert Aderholt. Baker recently switched his party affiliation from the Democratic Party to the Republican Party.

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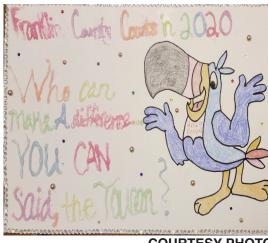
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FOLLOW YOUR NOSE: Brookelynn Davis, a student in Melissa Greenhill's class at Russellville Elementary School, won the Most Creative Entry in the Franklin Free Press/Franklin County Census Committee's Poster Contest. Brookelynn received a \$100

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—The Alabama Constitution grants the right to vote to United States citizens who meet certain requirements. This amendment will not change those requirements, but if approved, the language will grant the right to vote to "only" United States citizens.

Even if the amendment is defeated, the Constitution still will grant the right to vote to all United States citizens who meet the listed requirements

Amendment Two: Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to increase the membership of the Judicial Inquiry Commission and further provide for the appointment of the additional members; further provide for the membership of the Court of the Judiciary and further provide for the appointment of the additional members; further provide for the process of disqualifying an active judge; repeal provisions providing for the impeachment of Supreme Court Justices and appellate judges and the removal for cause of the judges of the district and circuit courts, judges of the probate courts, and judges of certain other courts by the Supreme Court; delete the authority of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to appoint an Administrative Director of Courts; provide the Supreme Court of Alabama with authority to appoint an Administrative Director of Courts; require the Legislature to establish procedures for the

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—If Alabama voters approve Amendment Two, a bill previously passed by the Alabama Legislature will become law. This act creates a process to fill vacancies in the position of the Administrative Director of Courts.

The six changes to Alabama's judicial system proposed by this Amendment include:

- —District courts do not have to hold municipal court in a city with a population of less than 1,000.
- —The Alabama Supreme Court, not the Chief Justice, would appoint the Administrative Director of Courts.
- —The total membership of the Judicial Inquiry Commission would increase from nine to 11.
- —The governor, rather than the lieutenant governor, would appoint a member of the Court of the Judiciary, which hears complaints filed against judges.
- —A judge would be prevented from being automatically disqualified from office simply because a complaint was filed with the Judicial Inquiry Commission.

-Only the Court of the Judiciary would have

authority to remove a judge from office.

Amendment Three: Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide that a judge, other than a judge of probate, appointed to fill a vacancy would serve an initial term until the first Monday after the second Tuesday in January following the next general election after the judge has completed two years in office.

—Alabama law provides that the initial term for a person appointed to fill a vacant judgeship lasts until the first Monday after the second Tuesday in January following the next general election held after the person has completed one year in office or the remainder of the original term of the judge elected to the office, whichever is longer.

This amendment would change that to a term lasting until the first Monday after the second Tuesday in January following the next general election held after the person has completed two years in office. Then, the election would fill the judicial office for a full term.

Amendment Four: Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to authorize the Legislature to recompile the Alabama Constitution and submit it during the 2022 Regular Session, and provide a process for its ratification by the voters of this state.

—Under existing law, Alabama's constitution may only be changed during a Constitutional Convention or when a majority of voters approve a constitutional amendment. If approved, Amendment Four would allow the Alabama Legislature, in 2022, to draft a rearranged version of the constitution that would allow removal of

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views don't align with me."

The process to change parties for an elected official begins with a request being made to the local Republican Executive Committee. There is usually an interview with the official and a subsequent vote by the committee.

Mays welcomed Baker to the local Republican Party and said he has been contacted by other elected officials also interested in changing parties.

"It goes back to what brought the Republican Party to life—the Democratic Party is not the Democratic Party of the past," Mays said. "They have some extreme views that do not coincide with the thinking of Franklin County residents. He's not leaving the Democratic Party. The Democratic Party left Ralton Baker."

Baker, whose six-year term runs out in 2024, has not decided whether he will seek a seventh term on the Board of Education.

The announcement came at a luncheon at the 43 Grill with Aderholt as the featured guest. Aderholt, who was first elected to Congress in 1996, faces Democratic nominee Rick Neighbors in the November 3, 2020, general election.

Aderholt recalled his 1996 campaign and the encouragement and support he received from Franklin County Republicans.

"Lowell Moore was my first coordinator in Franklin County when I ran in 1996. I want to thank him for his support and thank all of you for your support as well," Aderholt said.

In addition to asking those in attendance for their vote, Aderholt also put in an encouraging word for President Donald Trump.

"This election is about the direction this country is going to take. It's not about Donald Trump or Joe Biden. It's about what direction we will go as a country," Aderholt said.

"I am encouraged by the way Donald Trump has moved our country and how he's brought common sense to the White House. It's a breath of fresh air to have someone in the White House who resonates on issues like bringing jobs back to America and bringing back traditional values to our country," he added.

The November 3<sup>rd</sup> election will see Franklin County voters deciding two local races, Franklin County Commission District Two and District Four. The Republican incumbents, Jason Miller and David Hester, face off against the Democratic nominees, Mitchell Hamilton and Judy Bullen.

"I'm excited about election day, both locally and nationally," Mays said. "We expect to be very pleased at the end of the day."

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Amendment Five: Relating to Franklin County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide that a person is not liable for using deadly physical force in self-defense or in the defense of another person on the premises of a church under certain conditions.

—Alabama's 'Stand Your Ground' law states that a person may use reasonable physical force without having to retreat. If approved, Rep. Jamie Kiel's Amendment One would add a special 'Stand Your Ground" law applying to churches in Franklin County. Persons using such force in defense of a church or church member would not be prosecuted.

Kiel explained that he wants church security teams to be able to serve and protect their congregations without having to worry about being hauled into court.

"We've seen on the news that our churches, especially rural churches, are vulnerable to attack. Law enforcement is often several minutes away when called upon to respond," Kiel said.

"Because of this, many churches have security teams to protect their congregations. This amendment will extend "Stand Your Ground" protection to church security team members who may be pursuing a threat in another part of the church campus. We need to be sure that our security teams are protected from prosecution if and when they are called upon to protect the church from attack."

Amendment Six: Relating to Lauderdale County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide that a person is not liable for using deadly physical force in self-defense or in the defense of another person on the premises of a church under certain conditions.

—Similar to Amendment Five, but applicable to Lauderdale County citizens, Amendment Six would add a special "Stand Your Ground" law that applies to churches in Lauderdale County.

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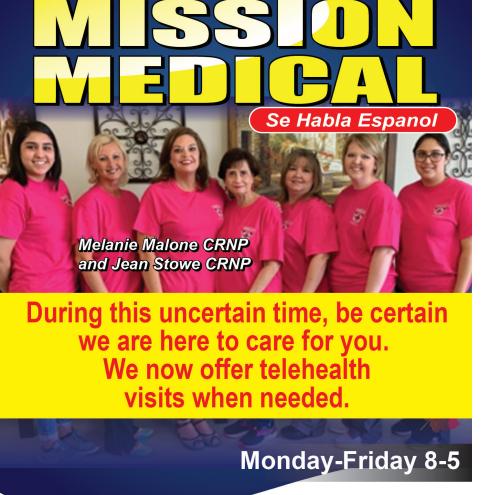
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### Tigers turn focus to Colbert County, eyeing second seed in 2A Region Eight

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RED BAY - It wasn't the outcome that Red Bay head coach Michael Jackson and his squad were hoping for, but the Tigers were still able to come away with a few positives following Friday night's 35-8 loss to Mars Hill.

One of those positives is the notion that the Tigers will be familiar with the Panther's scheme and athleticism were the two schools to find themselves against one another yet again sometime in the playoffs.

"You're more prepared to play a team like that. One that's already beaten 5A and 6A schools this year so you're not shocked and the skill level that they've got. So I think that if we are to match up with them again in the playoffs will play into our favor when that time comes," Jackson said.

Going into Friday night's match up, Jackson and the Tigers knew what to expect from the Panthers and despite the loss, Jackson believes that it's only a matter of when, not if, the two squads will square off again.

"We know going into playing a team of that skill level that you've got to execute and you've got to make sure that you don't put yourself in a bad situation and make good plays. I felt like they were stronger than us up front because we weren't 100% in terms of our personnel to match up with them up front," Jackson said. "We understand the speed that they played with and we've just got to move forward. The goal is for us to get back to how we play and get ready for this week. We're more than likely going to be playing those guys again so we've got to work to get better each week

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# MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

After clinching their first region title since 2015 with a win over East Limestone last Friday night, Russellville now sets their sights on making a deep dive into the playoffs in a year unlike any other.



Brady Petree Franklin Free Press

RUSSELLVILLE - A lot has changed since 2015. Across the last five years, players and coaches have come and gone and region opponents are vastly different.

2015 was the last time Russellville was able to lay claim to the region title and while there were instances where the Golden Tigers had come close to getting over the hump, that return to claiming the title remained elusive... until Friday night.

After beating East Limestone 35-19 to move their region record to 5-0 on the year, the Golden Tigers were able to once again call themselves champions of their region.

For head coach John Ritter, winning the first region title in his third season at the helm of the Russellville program is the result of a process years in the making.

"Anytime you can win the region championship, it's a great feeling. I'm really proud for our kids who have worked really hard for three years to get to this point to have an opportunity to not only play for the region title but also win it and come out on top against a very rough and very good East

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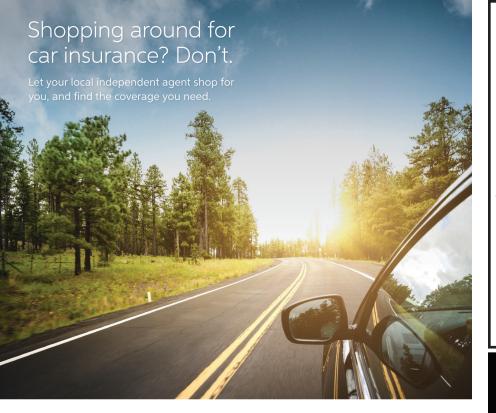
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Limestone team," Ritter said.

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An added layer that makes this region title victory stand out from those in recent memory is the fact that this championship comes during the 100th season of Golden Tiger football.

While the Golden Tigers haven't been able to celebrate the century mark for the program the way that the school had hoped due to COVID-19, Ritter says that due to the unusual circumstances that accompanied this season combined with the 100th season makes the region title feel a bit more special.

"We had a lot of special plans for this year and we had made a lot of renovations this year including the jumbotron, and we wanted to be able to use those improvements as part of the celebration. We wanted to get some of the older guys that had played here years ago and not only recognize and celebrate this years team, but all the teams that have played here across the years and obviously COVID has thrown a wrench into those plans," Ritter said. "To go through this year and to have the type of year that we've had considering all the circumstances that have come along with this unprecedented pandemic is great. It really makes it that much sweeter."

Of course Ritter and his squad hopes that a region title is just the tip of the iceberg for this Golden Tiger squad that boasts an elite run game paired with a defense so dominant that it has only allowed 40 total points across five region games.

A big reason for the dominance of the Golden Tiger run game has been their ability to rely on multiple backs to get the job done on the ground.

After Arrieon "Boots" McCulloch went down with an arm injury against Hartselle, the Golden Tigers had to shift gears and find a reliable tailback to pair up with Caleb Matthews to take some of the pressure off of the senior back. As it turns out, quarterback-turned-tailback Conner Warhurst was the right man for the job as he has been key for the Russellville offense since picking up more carries beginning in the Golden Tigers 41-3 victory over Ardmore two weeks ago.

Last week was no different as Warhurst continued his fine stretch of rushing attacks finishing the night against East Limestone with 72 yards on twelve carries to go along with three touchdowns on the night.

arries to go along with three touchdowns on the night. To get the level of offensive output that the Golden Tigers have gotten out

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so that we can get to that point."

After a first half that saw the Tigers allow 21 points to the Panthers, the Red Bay defense that has been a staple of the sustained streak of winning looked as though it was returning to form after allowing just two scores in the sec-

That defense will have to be near its top form as the Tigers head to Leighton this Friday night to take on a Colbert County squad that averages over 31 points per game. The winner between the Tigers and Indians will claim the rights to the number two seed in 2A Region Eight.

Going back-to-back weeks in high-stakes games for the Tigers might be cause for concern seeing as though both games had playoff seeding implications. After all, this squad hasn't done much losing over the previous two seasons with their only losses in the past two years coming during the play-

However, Jackson is confident that once his guys return to practice and acclimate to bouncing back after a tough loss, they'll return to form.

'The major thing is for us to regroup really fast because this is a good Colbert County group. This is the first time that our guys have practiced after a loss in the past two years because we've only lost in the playoffs the previous two seasons," Jackson said. "We've got to take care of our mistakes and when you point that out to them about what we did here and

what we did there and how successful we could have been if we did things differently, that gets their minds right and ready to play this week."

Jackson knows what the Tigers are up against this week in Colbert County and knows what his guys need to do to be successful and clinch the number two seed in their region.

"We've got to be able to play in space against Colbert County. They've got a lot of skill guys that will put you out in space and we've got to be able to control that part of the game," Jackson said. "Controlling the

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speed and athleticism is how you go about handling them and we're really focusing on that this week.

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of the sophomore back might be surprising to some, but not to his head coach.

"I'm not surprised at all. Because he's a winner. We started playing (Gabe) Amick more at quarterback and with the injury to Boots we've shifted Conner to more of a tailback role and that's what he's played for us the last two weeks and that joker is taking advantage of every opportunity that he's given. That's just the kind of player he is," Ritter said. "He's a hard-worker, a winner, and just very football savvy. We're going to try looking at him in some defensive situations for us as we get closer to the playoffs because the kid is just a ballplayer."

Russellville closes the book on their 2020 region season this Friday night as they take on Lee Huntsville at home and the Golden Tigers will be looking for their third undefeated region finish since 2010.

While it might be easy with a region title under their belt for the Golden Tigers to look past these last two weeks of the season, Ritter says that the mindset for his squad is the exact opposite.

"We approach every week the same, we're going to worry about Russellville. Continue to work to improve in the areas we need to improve on to make a successful run in the playoffs. We're not looking ahead to Madison Academy or whoever we match up against in the playoffs, we're solely focused on Lee and what our job is this week," Ritter said. "It's easy to have a let down when you have two emotional weeks in a row so we need great senior leadership to make sure that we're focused every day this week to improve and where we need to be to give our best effort."

Matthews finished his night against East Limestone 16 carries for 119 yards. Amick completed seven passes for 138 yards and a touchdown through the air to TJ King who caught four of Amick's passes for 67 yards. Nathan Brockway hauled in two catches for 51 yards and Banks Langston caught one pass for 20 yards.

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Congrats to Week 6 winner Alicia Lambert, who correctly picked 6 out of the 8 games that were played and also won the tiebreaker between Memphis and UCF!



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# Conner Warhurst Quarterback, Russellville Sophomore

Warhurst led the rushing attack for Russellville en route to their first region title since 2015 in a 35-19 victory over East Limestone. The sophomore quarterback for the Golden Tigers accounted for 72 yards on 12 carries with three touchdowns on the night including a 15-yard carry into the end zone to kick off the scoring on the night for Russellville.





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The 2020 Census brought unprecedented challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic, so we want to say a heartfelt 'Thank You' to every residence that completed the 2020 Census.

And a special thank you to the hard-working members of the Franklin County Census Committee for your efforts in encouraging participation this year.

--Katernia Cole-Coffey, Franklin County Census Committee