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Barnett receives inaugural Sid Willis Memorial Scholarship

John Pilati
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When people talk to Hunter Willis about his brother, Sid, the first (and most frequent) thing they mention was Sid's smile.

So it's a fitting tribute that the inaugural Sid Willis Memorial Scholarship should be awarded to a Russellville High School senior whose confidence grew significantly as a result of that smile and the kind way Sid Willis treated him.

RHS graduate Cole Barnett received the Sid Willis Memorial Scholarship at the school's recent awards ceremony. Hunter and Tyler (Sid's brothers) presented the scholarship to Barnett.

In his application for the \$1,000 scholarship, Barnett recalled how

Willis helped him during a difficult time when he was in the eighth grade.

"After a day of feeling like the biggest loser in the world, going into the locker room at the baseball facility, there stood Sid, smiling at me," Barnett said. "Sid put his arm around my neck, rubbed my head with his casted hand and told me it was going to be okay no matter what happened."

"Sid was five years older than me, had no reason to be nice to me, and could have let me walk right by him and went on with his day, but that wasn't who Sid Willis was...I never told Sid what that hug meant to me, and I would kill to have the chance to, because to me that was more than a hug and some nice words. To me it meant the world," Barnett

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Hodges couple indicted on manslaughter charges

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A Hodges couple has been indicted by a Franklin County grand jury on charges of manslaughter after deputies with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office found their three-year-old child deceased in their car last May.

Dakota Heath Fowler, 21, and Brandi Michelle Burks, 22, each face a manslaughter charge for "recklessly causing the death of (a minor child) by leaving (a minor child) inside an unattended vehicle."

The child's name was redacted from the indictment before it was made public.

Their cases were presented to the May 2021 Franklin County Grand Jury, according to Franklin County

District Attorney Joey Rushing.

According to Franklin County Sheriff Shannon Oliver, deputies responded to a residence on Church Street in Hodges last May and found the child unresponsive in a car in the driveway.

According to a statement from the parents, the child was last seen around midnight when they put him to bed. Oliver said the parents told investigators when they woke up around 3 p.m., they could not locate the child, and they eventually found him in the car.

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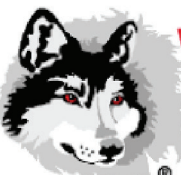
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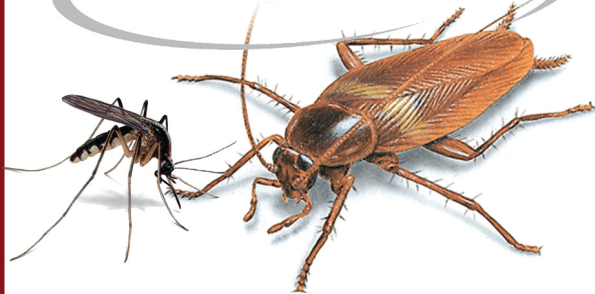
Rev. Charles Dale organized the clinic, along with the Alabama Department of Public Health, Russellville City Schools and the Franklin County Democratic Executive Committee.

On Friday, June 11, from 9-3 at the Mullins Center, 814 Hamilton Street in Russellville, anyone 18 or older may receive their initial dose of Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or the one-time Johnson & Johnson vaccine, Dale said. A date will be scheduled for the second dosage on the Pfizer/Moderna vaccines.

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BHS Valedictorian: Scout Bragwell

*John Pilati
Franklin Free Press*



Scout Bragwell
BHS Class of 2021 Valedictorian

The situation was nothing new for Belgreen High School senior Scout Bragwell.

Bragwell had the eyes of hundreds of Belgreen classmates, family and friends gazed upon him as he readied himself.

But this time, Bragwell wasn't launching a three-point shot. Instead, he was called on to deliver the Class of 2021 Valedictorian address at the school's May 28 graduation.

He admits there were some nerves. But just as he came through in helping lead his team to the Class 1A boys basketball finals, Bragwell made it through his address, admitting he even enjoyed it.

"I was really nervous. My speech was around seven to eight minutes and I told my parents I don't think I've ever talked that long without someone else speaking back to me," Bragwell said. "Once I got up there and started, I was fine. But sitting there anticipating it was nerve wracking."

Bragwell thanked everyone who had helped him on his journey from kindergarten through his senior year at Belgreen. He talked about how Belgreen was a place like no other. He shared some memories and some funny times he and his classmates had. Then Bragwell spoke about how much he and his classmates learned from their teachers and each other and how that will shape their future lives.

And most importantly, he closed by urging his 38 classmates to never forget where the Class of 2021 came from—Belgreen, Alabama.

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Bragwell will major in biomedical sciences and pre-dentistry, with plans to attend dental school after graduation from Auburn.

While most of us hate visits to the dentist, or worse, an oral surgeon, Bragwell's trip to an oral surgeon's office helped solidify his career choice.

"I went to see an oral surgeon a couple years ago and when I was there, I liked the atmosphere and the hands-on experience. That really interested me. I already knew I wanted to do something in the medical field and this helped me decide from there," Bragwell said.

Bragwell is the son of TJ and Tressa Bragwell. His sister Autumn is a 2020 Belgreen graduate.

While he's well-known as a three-point marksman (Bragwell holds two of the top three AHSAA all-time season three-point field goal percentage records), Bragwell's also an outstanding student.

And the admissions office at Auburn noticed, in the form of four scholarships. A combination of the Auburn 'Fearless and True' scholarship, a Board of Trustees scholarship, an All-Auburn scholarship and the Dr. Raymond M. Sims Presidential Endowed Scholarship will pay his tuition while on the Plains.

Bragwell credits his discipline and academic drive to his parents. He recalls talking with his mom and dad four years ago about setting goals.

"We did talk about the possibility that I could be valedictorian, but that wasn't the biggest goal I had," Bragwell said. "Obviously, as an athlete, winning a state championship in basketball was everyone's biggest goal."

"But when it came to school, I started working hard and my parents pushed me to see how hard I could work. They encouraged me to keep going and told me it would pay off," he added.

A four-year basketball letterman, Bragwell played baseball his freshman year and went out for track his junior year, before COVID-19 put an end to the spring semester. And he and classmate Bailey Oliver were selected this spring as Most Outstanding Male and Female in their class, an honor bestowed on them by their classmates for six consecutive years.

Bragwell enjoys traveling, playing tennis, hunting and fishing, scuba diving and hanging out with his friends. And yes, he's extremely competitive, regardless of the activity.

Although he would like to return to Franklin County, Bragwell said he's open to living wherever the best opportunity presents itself.

"I'll have to see where God puts me, and I'll be good with that," he said.

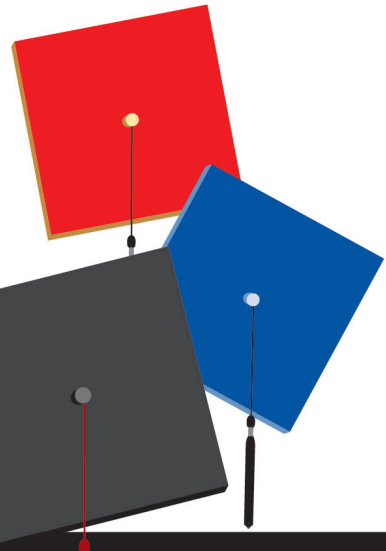
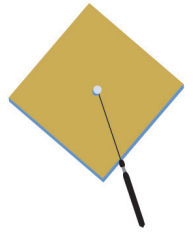
Although Belgreen School provided Bragwell with a lifetime of memories, he said he'll always remember Mrs. Lisa Miller, his first grade teacher.

"She's retiring this year. She was one of my teachers at Belgreen who I just cherish and love. She's been there a while and has seen me since first grade," Bragwell said. "She's seen me grow and mature. And she's always supportive of our community, our school and our team and I'll always be thankful for that."

Miller, who retired this spring after 27 years as an educator in Franklin County, recalls Bragwell as a driven, dedicated young boy, even in first grade.

"He always had the drive to do his very best. He always loved basketball, even in the first grade," Miller said. "He talked about staying up until after dark shooting free throws until he made enough to go in. He had the drive to do whatever he was doing right."

"Scout always had good grades and I never heard of him getting into any trouble. He was very involved in academics, his sports and he had that determination to always do his very best," she added.



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Willis, a 2017 RHS graduate, died November 1, 2020.

Russellville City School Board Member Greg Batchelor reflected back on getting to know Sid when they were neighbors.

"I remember him as my neighbor and always a very happy kid. He was very competitive—the most competitive for his size I've ever seen. And Sid was just a good kid who loved life, loved people and loved to smile," Batchelor said.

As the Willis family discussed a way to honor their fallen son, it didn't take long to settle on a scholarship to a RHS senior each year. Sid loved Russellville and through the Sid Willis Memorial Scholarship, his spirit lives on and will help a student moving on from RHS each year.

"This is our way of letting him give back to some of the students," Hunter said. "He always wanted to give back to Russellville and he didn't have the chance so we decided to do this. It's a family thing. We all pitched in ideas for it and everything," Hunter added.

There are no specific criteria for the annual scholarship. Hunter, the oldest of the three Willis sons, said it will be decided each year based on applications and an essay detailing what receiving the scholarship will mean to the applicant. Through fund raisers, the family hopes to present either a larger scholarship or multiple scholarships in future years.

Barnett, a member of the 5A champion Golden Tiger baseball team, is also an outstanding student, with a 3.92 GPA and a score of 27 on the ACT. Barnett will join the Wallace State Community College baseball program next year on scholarship.

Other high school accolades for Barnett include the National Honor Society, History Club and he was voted a permanent team captain by his Golden Tiger varsity football teammates. He plans to study business.

Barnett recalled when he and a group of eighth graders were moved up to the high school team there was one senior, Sid, who was there to answer their questions or help with any problems they had.

"Sid took care of us. If anyone messed with us he made sure they stopped, and if we didn't know what to do he would show us," Barnett said.

When Sid passed unexpectedly last November, it came as a shock to everyone. The three-sport athlete wasn't a drug user and his death resulted from natural causes. It wasn't part of anyone's plan for this young man to lose his life. Instead, it was part of God's plan.

And Hunter offered some advice to others who may lose a young family member unexpectedly.

"Really the best advice is to go day-by-day. Knowing Sid loved this community, this school and the City of Russellville and now giving back to it in his memory is exactly what he would want," Hunter said. "I miss him every day. Sid was my little brother (in age) but not in height and weight. I always called him my 'big little' brother."

Seven months since his 'big little' brother died, Hunter still hears people reflecting on the young man who was always smiling.


"His smile was one of a kind. Out of all the comments from people, I heard that one the most," Hunter said.

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Hunter & Tyler Willis present the Sid Willis Memorial Scholarship to Cole Barnett.

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Year in review

This week, we take a look back at the second half of what was a historic 2020-2021 high school sports scene in the FFP coverage area.

Brady Petree
 Franklin Free Press

Last week, we took a look at the first half of what was a spectacular high school sports season in Franklin County.

This week, we wrap up our review with the second half of the season where Franklin County saw multiple playoff bids and a couple of state champions as well...

As the seasons changed from winter to spring, expectations were high in Franklin County in soccer as well as both baseball and softball.

Safe to say those expectations were met and exceeded.

Two state championship trophies made their way back to Franklin County in baseball and a state runner-up trophy in soccer took its place in a trophy case in Russellville.

The Phil Campbell Bobcats made school history with their first-ever state championship after sweeping Bayside Academy in the 3A state title series. Behind the arms like that of Mason Swinney, Ridge Raper and Luke Barnwell (and Levi Crittenden in game two of the championship series), and a historically-good offense, the Bobcats made good on their preseason number one 3A ranking by bringing home a title.

Russellville, who is no stranger to Montgomery, came home with their fourth title in program history after a sweep of Pike Road. With a healthy does of talented seniors like Jackson Lindsey, Cole Barnett, Nick Smith and Gordon White, the Golden Tigers put together the program's second 40-win season en route to another state championship.

Also not lost in the mix was the Belgreen Bulldogs

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Putting on the finishing touches

Barnett wraps up stellar Golden Tiger career by signing scholarship with Wallace State

Brady Petree
 Franklin Free Press

During his baseball career at Russellville, Cole Barnett managed to put together quite the resumé. Not only did the former Golden Tiger second baseman perform at a high level on both sides of the ball for head coach Chris Heaps during his career, but Barnett also went out on top as the Golden Tigers clinched a state championship in his senior season.

And he wasn't done there. Once the dust settled and the dogpile had dissipated, Barnett was standing at the center of the diamond holding the 5A state championship series MVP award.

For Barnett, who recently signed a scholarship with Wallace State Community College to further his academic and athletic careers, the individual accomplishments might be nice and will certainly look good in the trophy case at home. But the individual accomplishments pale in comparison to what he was able to accomplish alongside his teammates over the course of his career.

"I got really emotional during my signing talking about my best friends like John David (Bishop) and I thanked him for helping me along the way. But the real emotion is realizing that it's over with my brothers," Barnett said. "I'm really excited that I get to move on to the next level but I don't know that I'll ever have a bond like the one I had with these guys. I'm really going to miss these guys like crazy"

While Barnett played a large part of a well-rounded defensive infield for the Golden Tigers, a majority of his damage came on the offensive side. Going into the state championship series, Barnett slashed a remarkable .314/.448/.512 on the season, managing the second-highest OPS on the Golden Tigers championship squad at .960, finishing behind Jackson Lindsey who sported a 1.091 OPS for the year.

Putting together a senior campaign like the one he just went through, Barnett had his fair share of college offers on the table once it came time to make a decision about his future. And when it came down to it, the one thing that Barnett focused on was the one thing he had focused on his entire career at Russellville: working to get better.

"Everywhere that I went and every turn that I took in this journey, everything had to do with work. And coach (Randy) Putman said that we're going to work here and here, and if this doesn't work, we're going to do this," Barnett said. "And that's where we come from here. No matter what happens everyday, we find a way to work and get better here at Russellville and I can't think of another way to do it other than to keep on working on my game somewhere else."

Of course with the occasion of signing on to play college ball, there are undoubtedly joyful feelings and thoughts. But for Barnett, there is a sense of bittersweetness that accompanies those joyful thoughts and feelings on his big day.

"It was bittersweet because on the one hand it's something that you dream about since you were a kid. I was in the sixth grade when Russellville won the first baseball championship and got to be a part



PHOTO BY CHRISTIAN MEDINA
 Barnett put pen to paper recently to sign a scholarship with Wallace State.

of the program when they won it the next two years," Barnett said. "You get that sweet enjoyment at first when you're dogpiling and throwing your hat into the air and celebrating. And then you get to dinner afterwards and you look around and you start crying because you know it's over."

While he'll certainly have plenty of opportunities in the future to leave his mark on other baseball programs and establishments, Barnett leaves Russellville with a ringing endorsement of just how special the Golden Tiger program has become over the past decade to its players.

"It wouldn't have mattered if it was the state championship or the World Series, it still would have been upsetting because there's nowhere like this place. No matter where else I go, there's nowhere in this world that can compare to Russellville High School," Barnett said.



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2021 Consumer Confidence Report

(MONITORING PERIOD PERFORMED JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 2020)

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Russellville Water & Sewer Board is pleased to share this year's Annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). It describes to you, our customer, the quality of your drinking water that's being delivered every day. This report covers the period from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. The Russellville Water & Sewer Board's drinking water supply surpasses the strict regulations of both the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), which require all water suppliers to prepare this report every year. Our goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water while ensuring the protection of our natural resources.

OVERVIEW

In 2020 we distributed approximately 1.3 billion gallons of water to our residential, commercial and wholesale customers. We wholesale water to the Franklin County Water Authority Water System and the West Lawrence Water System.

The Russellville Water & Sewer Boards drinking water sources are provided by both groundwater and surface water. Our groundwater well is located off Highway 624 West and Lawrence Street. This well draws water from the Bangor Formation Aquifer. We have two (2) surface water sources. Our primary surface water source draws water from Lake Elliott, a 200-acre reservoir also located just off of Highway 624 West. Our backup surface water source is located at the Cedar Creek reservoir located north of Highway 24 West.

We treat our surface water using Disinfection, Coagulation, Sedimentation and Filtration to remove and reduce potential contaminants that may be found in our source waters. Ground water was treated by Disinfection and Pressure Sand Filtration Process during 2020. All water was treated with fluoride for dental protection. The Russellville Water and Sewer Board has a Well Head Protection Plan for your groundwater source. A Source Water Assessment Plan is also maintained for each source being utilized.

The Fourth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 4) was published in the Federal Register on December 20, 2016. UCMR 4 requires monitoring for 30 chemical contaminants between 2018 and 2020 using analytical methods developed by EPA and consensus organizations. Russellville Water and Sewer Board collected two (2) rounds of samples from their well source during 2020 to check for PFAS. None were detected. This monitoring provides the basis for future regulatory actions to protect our public health.

We regularly provide a monthly Bacteriological Sampling and maintain an active Back-flow Prevention Plan. Our Drought Contingency Plan is available at the Water Office for review upon request.

IS OUR DRINKING WATER SAFE?

The Russellville Water and Sewer Board routinely monitors for substances in our drinking water according to Federal and State laws. We're proud that the drinking water we provide to our customers meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. **OUR SYSTEM HAS HAD NO DRINKING WATER VIOLATIONS!** We have learned through our monitoring and testing, however, that some substances have been detected. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) have determined that **YOUR DRINKING WATER IS SAFE** at these levels. A comprehensive list of these detected items is shown in the Tables in this Report.

WHAT DO THESE TABLES MEAN?

It's easy! The **Table of Primary Contaminants** provides an overview of some primary contaminants that are known to pose a health risk to humans. In the **Table of Detected Contaminants**, the column labeled Amount Detected shows the highest test results during the year. The column labeled "Sources of Contaminant Level" shows where each substance usually originates. The **Table of Secondary Contaminants** lists regulated contaminants that may cause cosmetic or aesthetic effects in drinking water.

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DEFINITIONS

AL: Action Level of a contaminant that triggers treatment or other requirements, which a water system must follow.

Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. The MCL has been set as close to the MCLG as feasible using the best available technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water, which there is no known or expected risk to health. The MCLG allows for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal or MRDLG: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level or MRDL: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Treatment Technique: A required treatment process, procedure, or activity necessary to provide deliverance of safe drinking water.

Key to Tables

AL	=	Action Level	pci/l	=	Picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
MCL	=	Maximum Contaminant Level	ppm	=	parts per million, milligrams per liter (mg/l)
MCLG	=	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	ppb	=	parts per billion, micrograms per liter (ug/l)
NTU	=	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	T T	=	Treatment Technique
ND	=	Not Detected			

Table of Primary Drinking Water Contaminants

Sample Period 1/01/2019 - 12/31/2019

At high levels primary contaminants are known to pose a health risks to humans. This table provides a quick glance of any primary contaminant detections.

CONTAMINANT	MCL	AMOUNT DETECTED	CONTAMINANT	MCL	AMOUNT DETECTED
Bacteriological (Units)					
Total Coliform Bacteria	< 5%	0	Endothall (ppb)	100	ND
Turbidity (NTU)	T T	.08	Endrin (ppb)	2	ND
Fecal Coliform and E.coli	0	0	Glyphosate (ppb)	700	ND
Radiological (Units)					
Beta/Photon emitters (mrem/yr)	4	ND	Heptachlor (ppt)	400	ND
Alpha emitters (pci/l)	15	ND	Heptachlor epoxide (ppt)	200	ND
Combined radium (pci/l)	5	ND	Hexachlorobenzene (ppb)	1	ND
Uranium (pci/l)	30	ND	Hexachloropentadiene (ppm)	1	ND
Inorganic (Units)					
Antimony (ppb)	6	ND	Methoxychlor (ppb)	40	ND
Arsenic (ppb)	10	ND	Oxamyl [Vydate] (ppb)	200	ND
Asbestos (MFL)	7	ND	PCBs (ppt)	500	ND
Barium (ppm)	2	0.0197	Pentachlorophenol (ppb)	1	ND
Beryllium (ppb)	4	ND	Picloram (ppb)	500	ND
Cadmium (ppb)	5	ND	Simazine (ppb)	4	ND
Chromium (ppb)	100	ND	Toxaphene (ppb)	3	ND
Copper (ppm)	AL=1.3	ND	Benzene (ppb)	5	ND
Cyanide (ppm)	200	ND	Carbon Tetrachloride (ppb)	5	ND
Fluoride (ppm)	4	0.644	Chlorobenzene (ppb)	100	ND
Lead (ppb)	AL=15	ND	Dibromochloropropane (ppt)	200	ND
			0-Dichlorobenzene (ppb)	600	ND

Mercury (ppb)	2	ND	p-Dichlorobenzene (ppb)	75	ND
Nitrate (ppm)	10	0.436	1,2-Dichloroethane (ppb)	5	ND
Nitrite (ppm)	1	ND	1,1-Dichloroethylene (ppb)	7	ND
Selenium (ppm)	50	ND	Cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene (ppb)	70	ND
Thallium (ppm)	2	ND	trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene (ppb)	100	ND
Organic Chemicals					
2,4-D (ppb)	70	ND	Dichloromethane (ppb)	5	ND
2,4,5-TP (Silvex) (ppb)	50	ND	1,2-Dichloropropane (ppb)	5	ND
Acrylamide	T T	ND	Ethylbenzene (ppb)	700	ND
Alachlor (ppb)	2	ND	Ethylene dibromide (ppt)	50	ND
Atrazine (ppb)	3	ND	Styrene (ppb)	100	ND
Benzo(a)pyrene[PHAs] (ppt)	200	ND	Tetrachloroethylene (ppb)	5	ND
Carbofuran (ppb)	40	ND	1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene (ppb)	70	ND
Chlordane (ppb)	2	ND	1,1,1-Trichloroethane (ppb)	200	ND
Dalapon (ppb)	200	ND	1,1,2-Trichloroethane (ppb)	5	ND
Di-(2-ethylhexyl)adipate (ppb)	400	ND	Trichloroethylene (ppb)	5	ND
Di(2-	6	ND	TTHM (ppb)	80	85.0
Dinoseb (ppb)	7	ND	Toluene (ppb)	1	ND
Diquat (ppb)	20	ND	Vinyl Chloride (ppb)	2	ND
Dioxin[2,3,7,8-TCDD]	30	ND	Xylenes (ppm)	10	ND
Chloramines (ppm)	4	ND	TOC	T T	1.0
Chlorite (ppm)	1	ND	Chlorine (ppm)	4	2.07
HAA5 (ppb)	60	77.0	Chlorine Dioxide (ppb)	800	ND
			Bromate (ppb)	10	ND

Table of Detected Contaminants

Sample Period 1/01/2019 - 12/31/2019

CONTAMINANT	MCLG	MCL	Range	Violation	Amount Detected (Units)	Likely Source of Contamination
Bacteriological (Units)						
⊙ Turbidity (NTU)	N/A	T T	0.02 - .08	NO	0.045	Soil runoff
Total Organic Carbon (TOC)	N/A	T T	0.6 - 1.0	NO	0.7 ppm	Naturally present in the environment
Organic Chemicals						
Copper	1.3	AL=1.3	.003 - .230	NO	0.0 ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Fluoride	4	4	.47 - .69	NO	0.644 ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Lead	0	AL=15	0.0 - 0.0	NO	0.0 ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate	10	10	0.436-0.021	NO	0.436 ppm	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

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Volatile Organic Chemicals (By Products of Disinfection)						
⊙ Chlorine	4.0	4	0.59 - 1.31	NO	2.07 ppm	Disinfectant
⊙ HAA5	40	60	23.0 - 77.0	NO	77.0 ppb	By-product of drinking water chlorination
⊙ TOC	NA	T T	0.55 - 1.0	NO	1.0 ppm	Naturally present in the environment
⊙ TTHM	60	80	37.0 - 85.0	NO	85.0 ppb	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Table of Secondary Contaminants

Contaminant	MCL	Units	Amount Detected
Alkalinity, Total (CA CO3)	NA	ppm	98.5
Aluminum	0.20	ppm	ND
Bromodichloromethane	NA	ppm	2.66
Calcium	NA	ppm	40.8
Carbon Dioxide	NA	ppm	3.0
Chloride	250	ppm	5.72
Chloroform	NA	ppm	17.78
Color	15.0	Units	ND
Dibromochloromethane	0.50	ppm	ND
Hardness	NA	ppm	106
Iron	0.30	ppm	ND
Magnesium	NA	ppm	1.67
Manganese	0.05	ppm	ND
Contaminant	MCL	Units	Amount Detected
pH	NA	ppm	7.8
Silver	0.1	ppm	ND
Sodium, as Na	NA	ppm	1.17
Sulfate	250	ppm	1.22
Total Dissolved Solids	500	ppm	108
Zinc	5.0	ppm	ND

CRYPTOSPORIDIUM AND GIARDIA

The Russellville Water System also tests their source water for pathogens, such as Cryptosporidium and Giardia. The pathogens can enter the water from animal or human waste. All test results were well within state and federal standards. For people who may be immunocompromised, a guidance document developed jointly by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Center for Disease Control is available online at www.epa.gov/safewater/crypto.html or from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or 800-426-4791. This language does not indicate the presence of cryptosporidium in our drinking water. Based on a study conducted by ADEM with the approval of the EPA a statewide waiver for the monitoring of asbestos and dioxin was issued. Thus, monitoring for these contaminants was not required.

REDUCED MONITORING FOR DISINFECTION BYPRODUCTS (DPB)

During past years, the Russellville Water & Sewer Board was required to collect samples at various locations throughout the distribution system to test for Trihalo-Methane (TTHM) and Haloacetic Acid (HAA5) levels in the drinking water. Due to the low levels detected, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) reduced the amount of required samples that Russellville has to collect due to its exceptional water quality.

All sample results are within the acceptable range required.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENTS

The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM), along with geologist have worked together to form a Source Water Assessment Plan (SWAP) for our Finished Water Well Supply; Lake Elliott and Cedar Creek Reservoirs. This Plan is an effort to conserve and protect your water source. Our final approval for the Source Water Assessment (SWA) determined our source to have an overall low ranking for susceptibility of contamination. Please help us make these efforts worthwhile by protecting our Source Water. Carefully follow instructions on pesticides and herbicides you use for lawn and garden. Also, properly dispose of household chemicals, paints and waste oil. The Source Water Assessment Plan (SWAP) has recently been updated during 2021. Customers are encouraged to view the SWAP in its entirety at the Russellville Utilities Office located at 721 Jackson Avenue South.

GROUND WATER RULE

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) requires all water systems that utilize a finished water wells for drinking water submit a Ground Water Monitoring Plan. Based on the City of Russellville's Plan, our ground water source meets the requirements for 4-Log inactivation of viruses.

REQUIRED ADDITIONAL HEALTH INFORMATION

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes limits on the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, but the FDA does not approve bottled water manufacturers or distributors. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

(A) Microbiological contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

(B) Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be natural occurring or result from urban storm runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

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(C) Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agricultural, storm water runoff, and residential uses.

(D) Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production. It may also be found from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.

(E) Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than is the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium, Giardia or other contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

INFORMATION ABOUT LEAD

Lead in drinking water is rarely found in source water but is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Your water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water; however, we cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Use only water from the cold-water tap for drinking, cooking, and especially for making baby formula. Hot water is more likely to cause leaching of lead from plumbing materials. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. These recommended actions are very important to the health of your family.

Lead levels in your drinking water are likely to be higher if:

- Your home or water system has lead pipes, or
- Your home has faucets or fittings made of brass which contains some lead, or
- Your home has copper pipes with lead solder and you have naturally soft water, and
- Water often sits in the pipes for several hours.

EPA and ADEM requires Russellville to collect and analyze Lead/Copper samples every three years from homes representative of its water service area. These samples were collected during 2019. The Lead/Copper results were all within an acceptable range. The next Lead /Copper sampling period will be in 2022.

If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water hotline or at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

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NATIONAL PRIMARY DRINKING WATER REGULATION COMPLIANCE

This 2021 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) was prepared by the Russellville Water and Sewer Board using technical assistance and guidance from the American Water Works Association (AWWA), the National Rural Water Association (NRWA), United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM).

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baseball team who managed to clinch a playoff spot on the diamond for the first time since 2018. And the Bulldogs weren't done there.

After beating Valley Head High School in round one, the Bulldogs managed to advance to the second round of the playoffs for the first time since 1990 where they fell to Marion County.

In softball the Belgreen Lady Bulldogs not only brought home an area title before running through the regional tournament in Florence, but they clinched a spot in the state tournament in Oxford, capping off a tremendous season.

The Red Bay and Russellville softball teams also found their way into the regional tournaments in Florence as well after running through their respective areas.

On the pitch, Franklin County was well-represented also.

The Tharptown Wildcats boys soccer team clinched a playoff berth in their first season of eligibility before falling to Mars Hill in the first round of the playoffs.

While the Wildcats were dipping their toes into the playoff waters, the Russellville Golden Tigers boys and girls soccer programs were doing extremely well in their own right.

While the girls managed to secure a playoff spot in the 2021 season, the boys were able to make the 4A-5A state championship game after an exciting finish in their semifinal win over Crossville. Despite falling in the state title game to Indian Springs, the Golden Tigers bring back a plethora of talent and will surely be one of the odds-on favorites to bring home a blue map in soccer in 2022.

Eric Boutwell, who ended his career as one of the more prolific golfers to come through Russellville, finished in the top-3 at the AHSAA golf tournament.

And finally, the RHS girls Tennis team made waves at the state tournament, finishing third overall in the 4A-5A tournament with Avery Miller and Roxana Velez-Serna bringing home individual state championships.

All-in-all it was a great year for sports in Franklin County. Every school in the FFP coverage area had some kind of notable sports accomplishment to boast about.

And while no one knows what the 2022 season and seasons beyond have in store, one thing is for sure: The 2020-2021 season was one for the ages in Franklin County.

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SEALED BID AUCTION

The Russellville Housing Authority will accept sealed bids for surplus property on Wednesday, June 16, 2021, from the hours of 8 a.m.-12 p.m., at the Russellville Housing Authority Maintenance Department, 100 Westside Plaza, Russellville, Al. Bids will be submitted by lot number. Bidding will end at 12 p.m., at which time all bids will be opened and the high bid per lot accepted. Property will be available for inspection the morning of sale. Buyers shall have until 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 16, 2021, to remove the property purchased, unless other arrangements are made in advance. All sales will be cash or certified check. No personal checks will be accepted. For more information, please call 256-332-1561.



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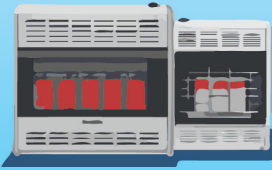
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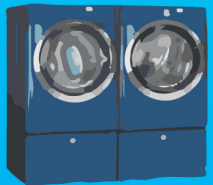


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