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McDowell set to take stage at Russellville's Roxy on June 26th

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Ronnie McDowell isn't one to slow

At 71, McDowell might well have enjoyed the break from performing and touring that was unexpectedly brought on last year from the COVID-19 pandemic.

But that's not McDowell's style.

Instead, he began streaming a live show last March every Friday and Saturday evening from the Donoho Hotel in Red Boiling Springs, Tenn.

The 100-year-old historic hotel holds a lot of history. Dinah Shore got her professional start there in the 1930s. And the Donoho is the home the Ronnie McDowell Entertainment Center and Museum.

"We didn't stop at all. I've worked every weekend since COVID began. We have a different celebrity guest every weekend. Recently, we have brought in Pat Boone and Mickey Gilley," McDowell said.

McDowell's touring schedule is now back in full swing. He will play two shows in Texas this weekend, and he'll return to Russellville on Saturday, June 26, at 7 p.m., for his annual benefit concert at the Roxy Theatre.

This will be McDowell's 30th appearance in his adopted hometown of Russellville. Joseph Baldwin and Johnathan Len will open for McDowell.

After the concert was rescheduled twice last year, Gov. Kay Ivey's

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Red Bay arrests leave unanswered questions, attorney says

John Pilati Franklin Free Press

A June 8th arrest of a Franklin County man and his son has raised an array of legal questions, according to the attorney hired by the two

Reese Dulaney and his father, Eddie Dulaney, were arrested last week by Red Bay Police Department officers after an incident at the Jr. Food Mart in downtown Red Bay.

Reese Dulaney faces charges of Resisting Arrest, Criminal Trespass Third Degree, Attempting to Elude, Endangerment Reckless Driving. His cases will be prosecuted in Red Bay Municipal

His father, Eddie, was charged with Hindering Prosecution, a misde-

meanor that will be prosecuted in Franklin County District Court. Court records show Eddie Dulaney is alleged to have "intentionally hindered the apprehension of Reese Dulaney by harboring or concealing him from law enforcement."

Russellville attorney Jeff Bowling, who is representing both men, said the case began when Reese pulled into the Jr. Food Mart last Tuesday to purchase gas. According to Bowling, Dulaney's girlfriend went inside to pay for the gas. The clerk on duty was Dulaney's former girlfriend, Bowling said.

Moments later, a Red Bay officer approached Dulaney, asked for his license, which he provided, and then asked him to step out of his vehicle.

At that point, Dulaney asked why

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Frances Louise Hill, 89, of Russellville, passed away on Friday, June 4th. Interment at Rea Cemetery.

Joy Marie Malone Tullis, 77, of Russellville, passed away on Saturday, June 5th. Interment at Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery.

Joan Murphy Wilson, 82, of Phil Campbell, passed away on Thursday, June 10th. Interment at Phil Campbell City Cemetery.

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The Russellville Police Department will soon have four new vehicles after the Russellville City Council approved the purchase at its June 7 meeting.

In addition to the four 2021 Ford Police Interceptors, the council approved the purchase of three 2021 Chevrolet Silverado trucks for the department heads in the Russellville Fire, Street and Building Departments.

The police vehicles come with a price tag of \$41,320 per unit. The Chevrolet Silverados will cost \$33,978 per unit, for a total purchase of \$267,215.80.

The RPD Project Star Account will be used to purchase one of the police vehicles. \$81,957.20 will come from the city's general fund and \$143,938.60 from the Local Gas Tax Fund.

Russellville Mayor David Grissom said he expects the city will generate

approximately \$56,000 from the sale of surplus equipment and those funds will be used to reimburse the general fund. That surplus equipment includes five 2004-2005 Ford Crown Victorias, one 2002 Chevrolet Impala, two 2007 Ford F150 trucks, one military dump truck and one 2001 Crown Victoria.

The four Police Interceptors will be assigned to patrol officers and the four Ford SUVs driven by those officers will go to Russellville Police Department's four School Resource Officers.

The 2004 school resource police vehicles will be declared surplus property and sold.

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In other agenda items, the council:

—approved a resolution congratulating RHS Freshman Peyton Parrish for finishing as the 4A-5A girls' tennis runner up in Number One Court Singles.

—approved a resolution recognizing Race Amity Day and the celebration of "commonly shared ideals of the collective citizenry of our nation."

approved a contract for Rick Itter to work as a RPD School Resource

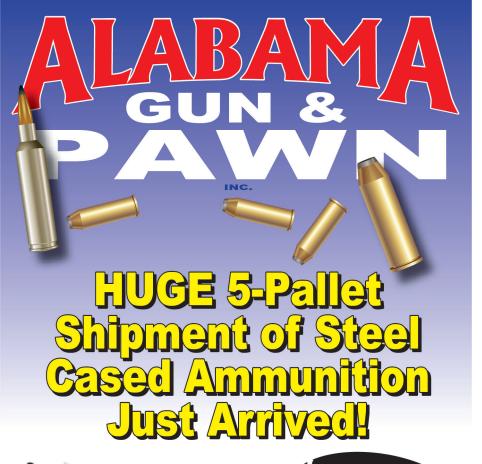
—approved a \$185,000 contract with Garver Engineering for professional services for the Russellville Municipal Airport runway pavement and lighting rehabilitation project. The council also approved an additional \$50,000 expense for the installation of flashing strobe lights at the end of the runway. This expense is expected to be fully reimbursable and is contingent on the FAA approving the installation of new edge lighting.

—promoted Jamie Reeves to Equipment Operator II with the Russellville Street Department.

The next regular meeting of the Russellville City Council is set for Monday, June 21, with work session at 6 p.m., and meeting to follow.

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Kiel announces grant for West Franklin Regional Industrial Park

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Rep. Jamie Kiel announced this week a \$200,000 grant to the City of Red Bay that will improve infrastructure in the West Franklin Regional Industrial

The Community Development Block (CDBG) grant comes from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs. The funds will be used for the construction of sewer and road improvements to accommodate the 45,000-square feet expansion of Southeast Sales, Inc., in Red Bay.

Southeast Sales, currently located in downtown Red Bay, is a wholesale and retail business that sells outdoor equipment, hardware, tools and other industrial equipment. The expansion is expected to create 25 new jobs.

Kiel said expansion of small business has been, and will remain, a priority

"Over the last three years, I have made it a priority to stand up for the small businesses in our area and assist with job creation whenever possible. Southeast Sales is a growing company with solid leadership and I was happy to assist with the grant," Kiel said.

The City of Red Bay has committed \$42,850 in matching funds to the proj-

"The City of Red Bay appreciates the efforts of many individuals who joined in the efforts of preparing and presenting the application of need for infrastructure funds to accommodate the second new industry to the West Franklin Industrial Park in Red Bay," said Red Bay Mayor Charlene Fancher. "I especially thank Rep. Kiel, Sen. (Larry) Stutts, NACOLG and City Engineer, Rod Hawkins, for their support on this endeavor," she added.

Kiel also said the project, with 25 new jobs, highlights the importance of job creation within House District 18.

"Job creation continues to be a focus for me as we continue to navigate the post-COVID era. Business is different now, but the bottom line is that we must press forward and keep Alabama's economy strong. Red Bay is a wonderful town and I'm glad to see it continue to prosper," Kiel said.

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he needed to step out of his vehicle when he wasn't doing anything wrong. Bowling said the officer told him he was trespassing upon Jr. Food Mart property after being told not to come onto the premises.

Dulaney then drove away and went to his parents' house on Highway 11 North. Red Bay police arrived later and Dulaney was inside his parent's

The house is located out in the county and is not within the Red Bay police jurisdiction, Bowling said.

The Franklin Free Press contacted Red Bay Police Chief Janna Jackson for her comments on the arrest, but Jackson referred the matter to city attorney Roger Bedford Jr., who contacted the FFP on Monday.

"Mr. Dulaney pulled behind his father's house and was seen by an officer. Officers went up to the house to talk with the parents and his father said the son wasn't there, even though he was," Bedford said.

Bedford also said Reese Dulaney had been notified previously not to return to Jr. Food Mart property.

Bowling said his client had received verbal notification not to come onto Jr. Food Mart property, but Alabama law requires written notice be served

upon a person in order to bring a criminal trespass case. Bowling said that was not done in this case.

Red Bay officers contacted the Franklin County Sheriff's Office for assistance and a sheriff's deputy arrived at the Dulaney's home, but did not get involved after speaking with Sheriff Shannon

"Toward the end of the situation we were called. When the deputy got there, Red Bay was already in the process of doing what they were going to do at the house, so the deputy left. He contact-

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ed his supervisor and they told me what was going on," Oliver said. "I think the deputy believed the situation was already being handled by Red Bay so there was no need to get involved as there was no imminent danger."

Interestingly, Eddie Dulaney was taken to the Red Bay Jail to be booked and sign his bond, rather than being transported to the Franklin County Jail, even though his charge was brought in county court.

Bowling believes there are multiple issues related to the actions of Red Bay officers that day. Those include jurisdictional issues, the issue of whether Reese Dulaney was properly served with a no trespass order, and whether his actions constituted any crime at all.

As for the elder Dulaney, Bowling contends his client was sitting in his home with his son watching television and he did nothing to hinder any prosecution or apprehension of his son.

Dulaney's Hindering Prosecution case will be set for a Franklin County District Court docket some time next month, according to court records.

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Officials warn of RHS football poster scam

John Pilati Franklin Free Press

A sales campaign soliciting advertising on a Russellville High School 2021 football poster is not affiliated with the school in any way, and according to the Russellville city attorney, may be in violation of local ordinances.

The sales campaign from Virginia-based All About Sports purports to solicit businesses to buy sponsorships on a RHS football poster. According to Russellville City Attorney Danny McDowell, the company may be in violation of city ordinances requiring a business license when conducting business in

"Since they are soliciting local businesses, it would likely require them to purchase a business license," McDowell said.

Aside from violating local ordinances, the company is also in no way affiliated with Russellville High School, according to RHS Varsity Football Coach John Ritter.

"This is not from us or how we do business. We will not ask people or businesses to make checks payable to anyone but Russellville Football with our address," Ritter said. "This is a scam. Do not fall victim to this sort of thing."

The Franklin Free Press obtained a copy of an invoice sent to one local business. The \$199 invoice was for a business card sized ad and the merchant was directed to send payment to All About Sports in Midlothian, Va.

In tiny writing at the bottom of the ad, it stated: All About Sports does not have any special relationship with any school or organizations.

Ritter would take that disclaimer one step further.

"They have absolutely no affiliation with Russellville High School. I'm always available to answer questions to help our supporters get answers to their questions," Ritter said.

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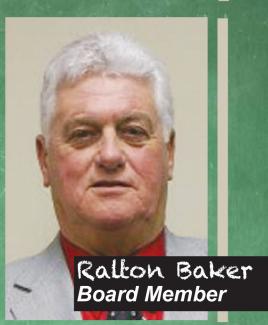
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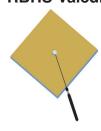
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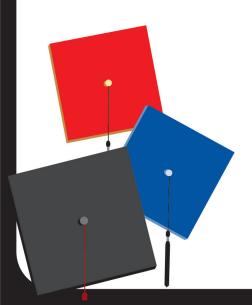
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RBHS Valedictorian: Lydia Morphis

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You won't find a more humble person than Red Bay High School valedictorian Lydia Morphis.

She's not one to boast or brag, although her academic accomplishments were certainly bragworthy. In fact, she doesn't much like to talk about herself. Instead, she'd rather talk about her friends and her family.

All this makes it more difficult to interview Morphis, but as you get to know her, you realize how refreshing it is to meet someone so reserved and unassuming.

Morphis, the daughter of Lee Morphis and Lynn Quinn, lives in the Seven Pines area in western Franklin County.

She will enroll at Mississippi State University this fall with plans to major in Wildlife Conservation Biology.

When it comes to her study routine, Morphis said she's always put pressure on herself to work hard and do well in school. Her parents, she explained, provided encouragement, while she created her own pressures.

"My class was very competitive and a group of us had a chance to be valedictorian so that made us try even harder," Morphis said. "But I'm always been self-motivated when it comes to school. I study a lot and have no problem doing that, so I think that will help me as I further my education."

Red Bay Principal Paul Humphres, who just completed his first year in that position, also noticed the competition among this year's senior class.

"They were a very competitive class and when it came to academics, they worked really hard. There were four or five kids vying for valedictorian," Humphres said.

"Lydia is a very dedicated and hard-working student and I'm sure she will do well at the next level."

In addition to finishing as valedictorian, Morphis was active in the Red Bay Future Farmers of America and the Robotics team. She is working this summer for the Franklin County TRACKS Program at Red Bay School, just as she's done the past few years.

A few years ago, Morphis wanted to study vet-

erinary medicine. But she realized she couldn't handle the difficult part of the job that includes putting down animals.

"That's when I found out about wildlife biology and how that field works with animals. I hope to better our environment and it really sounded interesting and not as emotionally hard on you as veterinary medicine," Morphis said.

As she pursues her degree, Morphis' out-ofpocket costs will be minimal. Scholarships will take care of her tuition and books, leaving her with just dorm costs.

She received scholarships from MSU, the Alabama Cattleman's Association, the Franklin County Cattleman's Association, the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, the Lions Club and the Tri-State Educational Foundation.

Although she was blessed to have many wonderful teachers, Morphis said Leah Torisky, her science teacher, and Jarrod Massey, Agri-Science teacher and FFA Advisor, both stood out.

"Mrs. Torisky always made sure everyone understood what was going on in class. She'd simplify it and if you didn't understand, she stayed with you until you got it," Morphis said. "She is the blueprint of an amazing teacher and I may not ever have one like her again.

"Mr. Massey was our FFA advisor and we had the first-ever horticulture unit. He always encouraged us and offered us a lot of motivation and support," she added.

When she's not studying or working at the TRACKS Program, Morphis joins her mom each day helping to care for the family's 50 chickens and four ducks.

When asked what subject in school was her most challenging, it didn't take long for Morphis to answer

"Spanish. I took it in the ninth and tenth grade. I got an 'A' but I didn't retain any of it. It was all online and I was just working to get a good grade. But I can't speak it at all," she said.

After living in Franklin County or Belmont, Miss., her entire life, Morphis has mixed emotions about moving to Starkville.

"I'm excited about the opportunity but I'll miss being able to just turn around and have someone else I'm familiar with to rely on when I need them," Morphis said.

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emergency order put an end to any attempt to bring McDowell to town for his 70th birthday.

Instead, fans will celebrate the entertainer's 71st birthday with his high-

energy show that always includes audience partici-

All tickets purchased for the 2020 show will be honored for the June 26 show. Concert organizer Wanda Myrick said it won't be necessary to obtain new or replacement tickets. A small amount of tickets remain. Call 256-415-3270 for ticket information. Proceeds benefit the Franklin County Arts and **Humanities Council's** Roxy Restoration Fund.

With a musical career spanning five decades, you might wonder whether McDowell ever has time to reflect on his success and how fortunate he has been. The answer is yes.

"Steve Geppi is a friend of mine. He's a big Elvis fan and he owns the world's biggest comic book distributorship," McDowell said. "I met him when his daughter

COURTESY PHOTO McDowell will return to the historic Roxy Theatre in downtown Russellville on June 26th for hia annual benefit concert.

hired me to do a painting of him and Elvis behind the old train station in

"Recently, he told me something. Steve said 'I want to remind you of something. There are eight billion people on planet earth. Do you realize you were plucked out of those eight billion to be the voice of the biggest entertainer there's ever been? You are his voice on TV shows, commercials and more. You need to reflect on that. And I have. It means a lot to me and to Steve, too," McDowell added.

McDowell's newest song release, You Can Do It, was one he penned with inspiration from Rob Schneider's character in the classic movie The Waterboy. The video sees McDowell performing with a mariachi band. It's a fun love song that will make you smile, he explained.

If you're in the audience on June 26th, you might want to brush up on your

singing voice, as McDowell loves to incorporate participation from the crowd into his Russellville show.

"I like to make it about the audience. If not for them, I wouldn't be able to do what I love doing," McDowell said.

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Bringing home the hardware

A historic baseball season in Franklin County results in multiple county athletes being named to all-state teams.

Brady Petree Franklin Free Press

When you have two teams bring home a state championship trophy in a specific sport, there's a very good chance that you'll have a plethora of individual awards coming home at the end of the year as well.

And after the ASWA banquet in which the allstate baseball teams were announced, one thing was very apparent: Franklin County was well-represented.

For the first time in his illustrious coaching career which includes four state titles with Russellville, Chris Heaps was named the 2021 5A coach of the year. Heaps led the Golden Tigers to a 42-7 record on the year, one of only three teams in program history to reach the 40 win mark while bringing his record with the Golden Tigers to 262-111 while going 49-13 in the playoffs. Along the way, the Golden Tigers compiled a perfect 4-0 record to capture the 5A area 15 championship while only losing two games in their championship playoff run. The Golden Tigers scored 317 runs on the year (6.4 per game) while allowing just 122 (2.4 per game).

Also garnering recognition for his outstanding play was Jackson Lindsey, who was named the ASWA 5A hitter of the year. Going into the state championship series against Pike Road, Lindsey, a UAH signee, managed to hit a scalding .378 on the season with an OPS of 1.091 to go along with

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Crossing the finish line

After putting together a historic career running cross country, Phil Campbell's Brittney Roberson becomes the first cross country scholarship recepient in school history.



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Roberson, front center, will continue her athletic and academic career at Calhoun Community College after signing on for a cross country scholarship recently.

Brady Petree Franklin Free Press

PHIL CAMPBELL - If you had asked Brittney Roberson when she started running cross country for Phil Campbell High School as to whether she believed she would have what it takes to run at the collegiate level, the answer almost certainly would have been one of little confidence.

But through hard work and dedication, Roberson was able to prove herself wrong and receive a full scholarship to Calhoun Community College to continue her cross country career.

As her signing day had finally arrived recently, Roberson says that the emotions felt from the culmination of her hard work were ones of happiness and relief and even caught her by surprise.

"When I first started running, I never really believed that I would be able to continue running cross country in college. Then once I realized that I was going to be able to continue doing what I love, it felt amazing because I had worked really hard," Roberson said. "We've only had a cross country team for three years and so it just surprised me a little bit that *me* being from a small town was getting the chance to go run cross country in college."

Over the course of the past three years, Roberson has had a plethora of chances to show-case her talents both via running as a Bobcat and independently. On her own time, Roberson ran in the 5K race at Toyota Field in Huntsville and came away with a highly impressive second-place finish. Then, in a race honoring Autism awareness, Roberson took home the top spot once she crossed the finish line.

Running as a Phil Campbell Bobcat, Roberson finished in the Indian Mound races with a time of around 20 minutes, which she says is one of her best performances in a school-related event.

With those impressive results in hand and a little boost of confidence from a teacher, Roberson knew she had a legitimate shot at becoming a college athlete.

"When I started running some independent races after my junior season got cut short due to COVID, I started thinking to myself that I might actually have a chance to do this at the next level. I got some encouragement from one of my teachers and I think that after that I realized that I wanted to keep running and try to be able to compete in college," Roberson said.

Roberson's cross country coach Brett Thomas

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has overseen the Phil Campbell cross country team since its inception three years ago. So if anyone has had an idea as to just how well Roberson has developed as a runner, it's Thomas.

And having someone like Roberson attain such high honors with a young program will hopefully yield more high results down the line for Thomas and the Bobcats moving forward.

"Brittney was my only senior this year and she is about one of the hardest workers that you'll ever see. She never complains, she just goes out there and trains and competes and I told her college coaches that they'll never have a complaint from her," Thomas said. "With Brittney receiving this scholarship and doing so well, it'll definitely entice some of the younger kids to join and run. It's not an easy sport to do to get out here in the heat and run three miles. So to get up early on Saturday morning and make the drive to competitions isn't easy. But to see her do this and accomplish this will definitely convince some of the younger kids to join and run."

The training regiment that Roberson attempts to upkeep everyday is one that gives you a clear idea as to why she's received a full ride for cross country, which is something else that isn't common.

Running 3.2 miles and working her way up from there on a daily basis, with some shorter and longer runs mixed in, while drinking only water to stay hydrated, it's no secret as to why Roberson has gotten so far.

And while she had other options on the table as to where she might advance her career, including Huntingdon College where her sister currently attends, once she visited the Calhoun campus, she knew she was home.

"I had thought about Huntington and I had talked to some coaches there, but then I reached out to the coaches at Calhoun and they got back with me and things went from there. So I went on a visit there and they offered me a full ride," Roberson said. "I really felt like the atmosphere and the people at Calhoun were right for me and that the coaches were going to help my career and my education as well."

And while she might spend a majority of her time blazing the cross country paths, Roberson plans to double down in the classroom to achieve her goals outside of athletics. Majoring in social work, Roberson says she has a passion for helping others and going into social work she hopes will allow her to help others on a daily basis.

"I've done a lot of service hours throughout my high school career and helping people is my biggest goal in life. I think that that's why God put me on this Earth and that's what I am going to try to do with my life," Roberson said.

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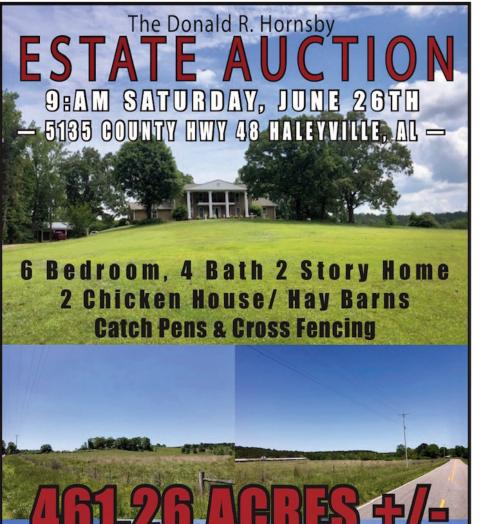
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four homers, 16 doubles and 34 RBIs on the year. Lindsey was also named to the 5A all-state first team alongside a very familiar face.

Emitt Green was also named to the all-state first team after leading the Russellville pitching staff as the ace for the Golden Tigers. Green pitched to a 12-1 record on the season with a sparkling 1.25 ERA in 79 innings pitched while striking out 72 and only walking 17 batters.

After winning the championship series MVP honors, Cole Barnett was named to the 5A all-state second team. Barnett slashed .314/.448/.512 in his senior season headed into the series against Pike Road as one of the main run producers in the Golden Tigers lineup. Barnett, who is signed on to play at the collegiate level at Wallace State Community College, led the Golden Tigers in home runs with six on the season with 30 RBIs and 38 runs scored.

Rowe Gallagher earned an honorable mention on the 5A all-state team after posting a 9-2 for Russellville. Gallagher, who oftentimes got the nod as the game two starter for the Golden Tigers, spun a 1.86 ERA across 56.1 innings pitched while striking out 66 and only walking 12.

The Golden Tigers weren't the only state championship team bringing home some awards this season. After winning the program's first state championship, the Phil Campbell Bobcats have an overwhelming amount of talent and coaching being recognized across the state.

Jonathan Raper was selected as the ASWA 3A head coach of the year after leading the Bobcats to an unprecedented state championship. Under his leadership, the Bobcats put together a 38-5 record while becoming only the fourth team in AHSAA history to score over 500 runs in a single season. Their 519 runs rank third all-time behind only Hillcrest-Tuscaloosa in 2007 (520 runs) and Brooks in 2013 (533 runs). During their postseason run, the Bobcats scored an overwhelming 137 runs (11.4 per game) while only dropping two games the entire postseason.

And it wasn't just the offense that led the way for the Golden Tigers either. The pitching staff for Raper and the Bobcats allowed just 90 runs across 43 games (2.0 per game).

Mason Swinney was named the 3A player of the year for the 2021 season after leading the state of Alabama (all classifications) in hits (67), RBIs (62) and runs scored (72) while slashing .455/.533/.797. But Swinney was a force

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to be reckoned with at the plate and on the mound. As the ace of the Bobcat staff, Swinney pitched to an 11-1 record with an ERA of 1.89 over 76 innings while striking out 122 and walking 34. Swinney was also named to the ASWA 3A all-state first team.

Also named to the 3A all-state first team was Swinney's teammate Austen Baker.

Batting in the third spot of a historically good Bobcat lineup, Baker batted .415 while putting together an OPS of 1.245 with eight home runs and 17 doubles and driving in 60 runs.

Baker, like Swinney, was also a threat on the mound as well. Across 20.1 innings pitched, Baker went 3-0 on the year while striking out 28 and only walking six.

Two Bobcats were also named to the 3A all-state second team. Senior Ridge Raper and sophomore Bryant Anthony both were selected to the second team after putting together strong campaigns for the Bobcats.

Raper, who is a Wallace State signee, might be best known for his work on the mound, although his work at the plate isn't anything to shake off either.

On the bump, Raper went 9-1 this season over 51 innings pitched while displaying excellent command after striking out 76 and only walking nine. He finishes his Bobcat career with a career record of 26-3 and a 1.61 ERA.

At the plate, Raper was just as impressive.

Batting .462/.548/.667 in his senior season, Raper mashed four homers to go along with two triples and 11 doubles while driving in 47 runs.

Anthony put together an incredible season to build off of as he will be one of the veteran leaders on the Bobcat team next season.

Posting a .429 batting average while compiling an OPS of 1.170, the sophomore backstop wreaked havoc on opposing teams all while batting out of the bottom spot of the Bobcats order. Anthony also hit two home runs in addition to three triples and 12 doubles while driving in 41 runs.

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