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Local school systems on solid academic, financial footing

*John Pilati
Franklin Free Press*

There were recurring themes at Thursday's Franklin County State of the Schools luncheon—excitement and optimism.

Sponsored by the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, the annual event provides an opportunity for the public to hear reports from Russellville City Schools Superintendent Heath Grimes, Franklin County Schools Superintendent of Education Greg Hamilton, and for the first time, Northwest-Shoals Community College Interim President Dr. Chris Cox.

"Today gives representatives from NW-SCC, and our city and county

schools an opportunity to share with our community and county what things are going on with their systems and their vision for the future as well as any challenges they face," said Franklin County Chamber of Commerce Board President Brett Bendall.

Cox spoke first, and described NW-SCC as being 'in a good place,' as he shared plans for the \$30 million investment in the Phil Campbell and Muscle Shoals campuses to renovate and modernize them.

Cox also announced the phased return of athletics to Northwest-Shoals, beginning with baseball and softball next year. Basketball and volleyball should make their return in 2023, Cox said.

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First United Methodist Church celebrates 200th anniversary

*John Pilati
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After 200 years of Methodism in Russellville, there was cause to celebrate that 2020 milestone.

But the COVID-19 pandemic erased plans for the bicentennial celebration last year.

Instead, the congregation and staff of Russellville First United Methodist Church will celebrate 200 years (plus one) on Sunday, November 7, 2021.

There will be a special service that day, at 10:30 a.m., with Rev. George Cobb preaching, along with other special guests and presentations.

A pot-luck lunch will follow the serv-

ice. The church is located at 311 North Jackson Avenue in downtown Russellville.

The history of the Methodist Church in Russellville began prior to 1820, when John Wyatt Harris and William Stratton Jones moved from Virginia and settled in Russell's Valley, just south of William Russell's homestead and trading post.

Both men married sisters, who were the daughters of Henry Cox.

According to the church history, Cox insisted his daughters and their families attend church and be educated, so Harris built and established the Harris School, Franklin County's

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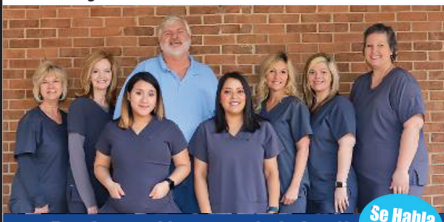
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Gerald Waymon Hammock, 76, of Russellville, passed away on Thursday, October 14th. Interment at Dempsey Cemetery.

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The *Franklin Free Press* exclusively reported the return of athletics to the college last month, as part of an article featuring Cox.

Franklin County Commissioner Jason Miller, who attended the State of the Schools event, said the return of sports will open the college's doors to more students who might not otherwise be able to continue their education.

"The return of athletics to Northwest-Shoals Community College is a tremendous asset to our county and to our student athletes who want to pursue their sport at the next level," Miller said. "We have so many talented students here in Franklin County who will be able to benefit from the athletic program's return, not just because of the sports but because of the athletic scholarships some will receive that will allow them to further their education."

After he took over as interim president, Cox said he was repeatedly asked by Franklin County residents about the future of NW-SCC's Phil Campbell campus and whether it would be closed.

"That's a strong no. We are at the service of this community and want to serve this community at the Phil Campbell campus," Cox said. "There's a fine facility there, but I admit it's been somewhat neglected and we're going to work on that right away."

Cox said he has met with Grimes and Hamilton to discuss ways to increase dual-enrollment opportunities for high school students, something he described as 'a priority.'

Grimes, in his sixth year as RCS Superintendent of Education, said his system has 2,561 students, with Russellville High School and West Elementary School leading the way with 705 students at each school.

The demographics of Russellville City Schools continue to change, as Hispanic students now comprise more than 55 percent of the system's enrollment, followed by 35 percent White, 6 percent Black and 3 percent other ethnicity.

More than 27 percent of RCS students are not English language proficient, with an additional 13.9 percent former EL. Grimes and the Russellville City Board of Education are focused on providing those students the tools to become proficient in English, beginning with kindergarten.

Much of the system's CARES Act funds were used to hire additional teachers and bilingual aides to work with EL students both during the school day and in after-school programs.

COVID-19 funding allowed Russellville City Schools to hire 44 additional employees to address areas of special need.

RCS has 362 employees, including 17 teachers participating in Alabama's TEAMS program, the Teacher Excellence and Accountability for Mathematics and Science initiative, which offers up to \$15,000 additional salary for qualified math and science teachers, both of which are areas in serious need of more instructors.

Grimes said progress of the system's Phase One capital initiative is going well, with the \$12.3 million two-story addition at Russellville High School expected to open next fall. The addition will feature new administrative offices, two science labs, 15 classrooms and a storm shelter.

The \$4.5 million Phase Two will include a major renovation of the Career Tech area with the addition of four new classrooms.

Hamilton, now in his second term as Franklin County Schools Superintendent, has worked for the system for more than 26 years.

His system recently completed the accreditation process, with a preliminary report of no issues.

With 10 schools on six campuses, Franklin County Schools' enrollment is 3,598, including pre-kindergarten. The recently approved \$42.5 million budget is the largest in the system's history.

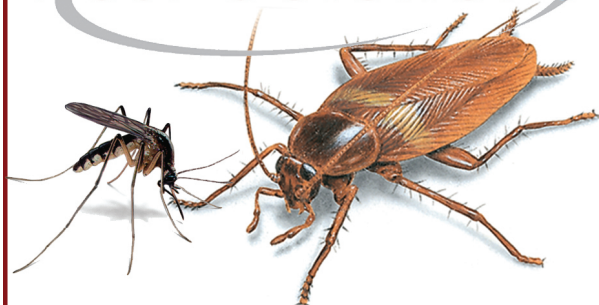
With a one-month fund balance near \$5 million, the system is in good financial shape with more than twice the minimum amount required available.

"Our financial condition is better than it ever has been, and that is due to the hard work and efforts of our teachers, administrators and staff," Hamilton said. "We have building projects going on at each of our six campuses that will contribute to maintaining and improving the quality of education for our students."

Franklin County Schools began an academic tutoring program last year to help offset the loss of instruction due to the COVID-19 pandemic. More than 100 7th-12th graders have benefited from the tutoring program this year, Hamilton said.

The system does have a problem with classroom space, though, with enrollment closed at all but one school (Vina). Even with recent additions of classrooms at Tharptown School, the school continues to face overcrowding issues, Hamilton said.

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Council approves refinancing of general obligation warrants

John Pilati
Franklin Free Press

The Russellville City Council approved the refinance of the city's \$7.56 million general obligation warrants in a cost-saving move that will lower the interest rate paid on the bonds and avoid future year payments that would exceed \$1.1 million.

The council approved the action at its October 4th meeting. Russellville Mayor David Grissom said the primary reason for the refinancing resulted from the payment schedule that would begin in 2027. The bond issue was originally done in the early 2000s under a different administration and the payment schedule, due to run through 2034, called for annual payments of approximately \$187,000 through 2026, followed by seven years of payments of \$1.1 million.

"When it was originally set up, it was done with higher principal payments at the end," Grissom said. "With seven years of \$1.1 million a year, that's the reason we had to refinance these bonds. We will also save some money with the lower interest rate, though it's not a large difference."

This is the second time the bond has been refinanced. City officials are working with Joe Jolly and Company in Birmingham on the refinance.

Grissom said three local banks, CB&S Bank, Community Spirit Bank and Valley State Bank, have purchased several million of the \$7.56 million bonds placed on the market.

"We appreciate our local banks supporting the city with the purchase of a large amount of these bonds locally," Grissom said.

A portion of the refinanced amount includes approximately \$600,000 remaining on a bond issue for the Russellville City Board of Education. Russellville City Schools, pursuant to an agreement with the city, will leave its payments the same each month, even though the bond has been refinanced. That way, the school system will pay off its debt sooner than if it made a lower monthly payment.

In other agenda items, the council:
—approved a resolution recognizing October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
—authorized the mayor to enter into an agreement with the Alabama

Department of Transportation for streetscape improvements along Limestone Street, Jackson Avenue and Montgomery Street.

—authorized the mayor to sign the pre-application for federal grant funding for the Russellville Airport taxiway. The funding includes \$315,000 of federal monies, \$17,500 state monies, \$17,500 from the city for a total of \$350,000.

—authorized a free energy audit with LED Solution to inspect the lighting systems in city buildings to see if energy savings are available.

—accepted a letter of resignation from Derek Russell, dispatcher in the Russellville Police Department, and declared a vacancy and authorized advertisement of the position.

—declared a vacancy for the sergeant position with RPD and promotion from within the Classified Service.

—declared vacancies for a laborer position, utility technician, equipment operator II and equipment operator III positions with the Russellville Street Department and authorized advertisement to solicit job applications.

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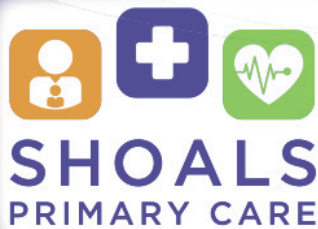
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In September of 1828, the church trustees purchased a lot in Russellville for the Methodist Episcopal Church. The lot was at the intersection of Franklin and Green Streets. A church building was erected at that location, approximately two miles from the Jones Meeting House.

In April of 1880, the Methodist Church moved to a white wood frame building at its current location, the intersection of North Jackson Avenue and Madison. A much larger church building was constructed in 1904 to accommodate the church's growth.

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A bicentennial cornerstone was placed on the church property on November 1, 2020.

The Russellville City Council approved a resolution Monday evening recognizing and commending the First United Methodist Church on its 200th anniversary and the positive leadership it has provided the community for more than 200 years.

"The Russellville First United Methodist Church has been an important and respected part of our community for more than two centuries," said Russellville Mayor David Grissom. "We are proud to honor the church membership, staff and all those who preceded them in their service to Christ."

The church will collect special Bicentennial Celebration donations to its building fund or the Russellville Methodist Legacy Endowment Fund in honor or memory of loved ones or someone from the church who made a significant impact in the lives of others.

For more information on the church and its bicentennial celebration, log onto <http://www.russellvillefumc.com>.



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Bobcats secure home field advantage with OT win over East Lawrence

Brady Petree
 Franklin Free Press

For the first time in nearly two decades, the Phil Campbell Bobcats will play host to a first round playoff game in the AHSAA football playoffs in a few weeks.

But it didn't come easy for head coach Kevin Barnwell and the Bobcats.

With terrible field conditions due to rain, combined with going up against an extremely athletic and motivated East Lawrence team, the Bobcats needed the win to clinch the home-field playoff advantage in the first round without relying on help from other teams within the region.

And the Bobcats needed every last second to pull out the monumental win.

But going into last Friday night, the emotions and expectations were not lost on Barnwell and his staff as they attempted to remind their players what they were going up against throughout the week.

"We were coming off of an emotional game ourselves the previous week and then they (East Lawrence) had lost to Clements the previous week and the thing that stood out to me was the talent that East Lawrence possessed," Barnwell said. "They had great skill players and they get the ball in their playmakers hands very well and coverage-wise, we knew some of the things that they were going to do was going to give us some trouble and we worked on it all week. You can warn your guys all week but until you get on the field and see the speed of the game, it's different. And it took our guys a little bit to adjust to that."

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Back-to-back champs

Riding an impressive defensive streak and a potent offense, the Russellville Golden Tigers came away with a 42-0 victory over East Limestone and more importantly, the programs second-straight region title.

Brady Petree
 Franklin Free Press

The weather conditions weren't great and the field was essentially turned into the longest Slip-N-Slide this side of the Mississippi, but that didn't stop the Russellville Golden Tigers from routing East Limestone to bring home the program's second-straight 5A region 8 title last Friday night.

In the pouring rain and on the road, Russellville needed the next four quarters to go their way in order to bring home back-to-back region titles which is something that hadn't been done in program history since the 2005 and 2006 seasons and was part of a string of six straight region championships from 2001-2006.

"I think it shows that we're working hard against the teams that are put in our region and we're doing what we need to do to compete for region championships and hopefully that's going to lead to state championships," Ritter said.

And it didn't take long for the Golden Tigers to get off on the right foot.

After Gavin Slay picked off an East Limestone pass, the Golden Tigers got to work offensively and the work happened rather quickly. Just two plays after the Slay interception, running back Conner Warhurst found a gap up the middle and ran straight through and to the house for a 52-yard touchdown, the first of multiple on the night for Warhurst, to get Russellville on the board first.

Warhurst again found the end zone early in the second quarter, this time from 20 yards out, after a fumbled kickoff recovered Arrieon "Boots" McCulloch to extend the Russellville lead to 14-0 early in the first half.

And Warhurst wasn't finished yet for his first half performance.

Less than two minutes removed from his previous touchdown run, the senior back managed to find some breathing room along the right side on the first play of the drive from 49 yards out to give Warhurst his third touchdown of the half and put Russellville up 21-0 following the PAT from Emmanuel Martinez.

For head coach John Ritter and his staff, the offensive performance considering the conditions was better than anticipated, with Russellville only having one botched snap over the course of an extremely wet and rainy game.

"I thought we had a really clean game considering the conditions and I think we snapped the ball 46 times and only had one bad snap. And then you factor in the fact that we had six extra points that had perfect snaps, perfect holds and perfect kicks and that speaks volumes for Tait Barnes and Tal Hamilton and then Tillman Baker who's our shortsnapper," Ritter said. "So it was just a really great effort by our guys and handling the conditions the way that they did and not worrying about them was huge."

Randall Johnson would haul in a 69-yard pass from Gabe Amick to make it a 28-0 game in favor



PHOTO BY CHRISTIAN MEDINA
 Warhurst, above, had three touchdowns on the night to lead the offensive charge for the Golden Tigers en route to a 42-0 region championship victory over East Limestone.

of the Golden Tigers heading into the half. In the second half, the Golden Tigers would continue to pour it on, no pun intended.

McCulloch would find the end zone twice in the second half, once from 64-yards out and once from 13-yards out to wrap up a 42-0 offensive showing for the Golden Tigers.

And while the offense did its job extremely well last Friday night, the defense has been on an entirely different level over the course of the region schedule for Russellville.

Through five region games, including the shutout against East Limestone, the Golden Tigers have four shutouts to their credit (with all four coming within the past five weeks), and have allowed just ten points in region play, which is good for a staggering two points per game allowed.

And so the fact that the Golden Tigers seem to be hitting their stride defensively as well as offensively is something of a welcomed surprise for Ritter and his staff.

"We had high expectations for our guys but we also had a lot of questions and there's a lot of uncertainty coming into this year because we had some new names. But the expectations and standards didn't change just because of the names," Ritter said. "Those guys have worked hard and played with a chip on their shoulder all year long. We've gotten better each and every week and you take out the second half of the Hartselle game and we've played extremely well."

With a region title in their pocket and their playoff seeding lined up, the Golden Tigers now turn their focus towards fine-tuning a few things before

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the playoffs kickoff in three weeks.

And over the next two weeks, the Golden Tigers will have a good opportunity to see what things need to be tweaked and focused on improving as they take on Lee Huntsville this Thursday night, which is senior night, and will wrap up the regular season with a Madison Academy team that currently sits at 7-1 while winning 5A region 7.

"This coming week is senior night and we talk all the time to our kids that games like these are the ones they'll remember, just like the rain game last Friday night. And we want to make sure that those memories on nights like that are good memories," Ritter said. "And we want to make sure it's not something where we're asking ourselves what happened or what went wrong. The focus should be there 100% because it's the next game and we want to continue to play and get better. And again, it's senior night and there's a lot that goes into a night like senior night and so I think we will be very focused and even though there's not a region championship on the line, the scoreboard is still on."

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On the first play from scrimmage for Phil Campbell, Bryant Hyde found the end zone around the left side for the first score of the game.

The lead didn't last long, however, as East Lawrence returned the ensuing kickoff for a touchdown.

The Eagles would score 21 unanswered points more than halfway through the second quarter as the Bobcats were looking for answers to avoid going into the locker room down 21-6, which might have been insurmountable in one half considering the conditions.

But things got back on the right track for the Bobcats as Hyde once again punched his way into the end zone for his second score of the night followed by a touchdown run from quarterback Kyle Pace to make it a 21-20 East Lawrence lead at halftime.

Bouncing back after such a rough start is a sign of overall improvement in the program at Phil Campbell and has certainly caught the eye of their fourth-year head coach.

"I thought it said more about our program in winning the way that we did. Because when we were down 21-6, our backs were against the wall and our kids never let up and I know in years past we've had trouble getting our guys to understand that we're here to win, not just play," Barnwell said. "And I think our kids were on a mission, refused to lose and really just found a way to win really."

While Hyde did a majority of the offensive damage for the Bobcats in the first half, and his abilities were on full display, Barnwell and his staff understand the importance of winning the battle in the trenches along with every other team aspect that enables teams to find ways to win games.

"Bryant did a really good job and he has a lot of god-given ability and we stay on him a lot about using that ability. But we had some guys that really blocked well for him and Sage Raper also blocked really well for us all night too," Barnwell said. "I tell our guys all the time that football is the ultimate team sport. And there's so much that goes into winning a football game and it takes everyone and not just the players, but the coaches too and even the scout team players. It takes everyone to be a successful program."

After an East Lawrence touchdown late in the third quarter, the Bobcats needed a big play, any play, to turn the tide and get momentum back on their

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On the ensuing drive, Herring would get the call to punch it into the end zone to tie, and potentially take the lead for the Bobcats, which would have been their first lead since the opening drive of the game.

Following a two-point conversion that was sniffed out by the Eagles, overtime was in the cards in what was already a high-stakes matchup.

After the Eagles converted on their first drive in overtime, the Bobcats looked to Herring to make a play to keep them in the game.

He did that and thensome.

Rushing the ball into the end zone from just one-yard out, the Bobcats decided to go for two and more importantly, the win.

And at that moment, who better to call on than Herring?

And the senior delivered.

"We were in the huddle and of course in overtime, each team gets one timeout. But East Lawrence called a timeout there which in turn really helped us out because then once we converted, we were able to take a timeout to discuss what we wanted to do there," Barnwell said. "So we were in the timeout and in the huddle trying to figure out who we were going to go to to get the two-point conversion and John Randle was adamant about doing whatever it took to convert and I said let's give it to him. And that speaks volumes about how far our program has come because he didn't care who got the ball or what we did, he just wanted to win."

With Herring converting the two-point conversion to seal the 36-35 overtime win for Phil Campbell, the Bobcats secured the two seed in 3A region 8 and more importantly gained the right to host the aforementioned first round playoff game.

Coming back from a 21-6 deficit and remaining competitive might not seem like much to some. But for a Phil Campbell program that has essentially worked its way from the ground up when Barnwell took over four years ago, an overtime victory while battling back from a wide deficit is a tell-tale sign that Phil Campbell is headed in the right direction.

"The mindset that we are trying to instill in our kids is starting to take hold and they're coming in to win instead of just play and that's what we've been trying to teach them," Barnwell said. "And we also had some great senior leadership last Friday night. Because in years past, I would have to try and get the guys going or get them back into things and I didn't have to do it because the seniors were all over it and took care of it. And things like that make me excited for where this program is heading and where we are currently at."



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When > Every Saturday Evening ☺ 7:00 p.m.

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2 Samuel 7:22 – Therefore you are great, O Lord God. For there is none like you, and there is no God besides you



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Herring had a massive game in a must-win situation for the Bobcats last Friday night in their 36-35 OT win over East Lawrence to secure home field advantage in round one of the playoffs. While Herring only accounted for eight yards rushing on two attempts, those touchdowns were arguably the two biggest scores of the game including one in overtime to tie things up in overtime. Add in a converted two-point conversion to take the win along with a sack for a safety and Herring was able to do it on both sides of the football. Defensively, including the aforementioned sack, Herring had 9 tackles including 4.5 tackles for a loss.



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LSU at Ole Miss	Ole Miss	_____
Clemson at Pittsburgh	Clemson	_____
Tennessee at Alabama	Alabama	_____
USC at Notre Dame	Notre Dame	_____
South Carolina at Texas A&M	Texas A&M	_____
NC State at Miami	NC State	_____
Mississippi State at Vanderbilt	Mississippi State	_____
Northwestern at Michigan	Michigan	_____
Wisconsin at Purdue	Purdue	_____
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