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RHS graduate fulfills 'dream' of publishing her first novel

John Pilati
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It was her paternal grandparents who helped Brooke Terry Sorrells develop her love of reading, so when she published her first novel, it was released in her maiden name as a way to honor them.

Her new book, *Dreamwalkers*, by Brooke Terry, was her tribute to Harold and Frances Terry.

"My dad's side of the family doesn't have any boys, so our family name is not going to be passed on," Sorrells said. "My dad's parents were the ones who really loved to read in our family. They always asked me what I was reading and I got my love of reading and writing from them, so I

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COURTESY PHOTO Sorrells', above, new book, *Dreamwalkers*, is a fantasy novel geared towards young adults and is available on multiple platforms.

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Phil Campbell council changes rental process for community center

John Pilati
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After several incidents where the building was left dirty and damaged, the Phil Campbell City Council voted to increase the rental deposit for the Phil Campbell Community Center.

At the council's October 19th meeting, a motion that would increase the deposit to \$150 passed unanimously. New rentals will now include the rental fee, a \$150 deposit and a photo ID. Additionally, the rental contract will include a provision that if there is any physical damage to the facility, the renter shall pay for repairs in full or face criminal

charges.

The council also voted to reopen the center effective immediately in the mornings so senior citizens may gather and play cards. Mayor Mike McQuary said he had received several requests from citizens to reopen the community center.

In other agenda items, the council: —voted to reimburse Mike Mann \$112 for garbage fees paid for a building that will house a restaurant in the city. Mann has been charged garbage fees since he had the power turned on even though he hasn't generated any garbage.

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Rickey Lane Crum, 73, of Russellville, passed away on Wednesday, October 20th. Interment at Franklin Memory Gardens.

Kathy Sue Putman, 72, of Russellville, passed away on Thursday, October 20th. There was a celebration of life event held at North Highlands Church of Christ.

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County commission approves numerous personnel moves

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The Franklin County Commission approved several personnel moves and appointments at a short meeting held October 18th.

Commissioners approved the hiring of Kathrine Guzman as a Tag/Title Clerk in the Revenue Commissioner's Office, and the transfer of Rita Fisher to Property Clerk/Bookkeeper.

Fisher's former position of Property Clerk will be advertised for applications.

Matt Miller was approved as a Solid Waste Technician in the Franklin County Solid Waste Department. The hiring of a deputy sheriff in the Franklin County Sheriff's Office was tabled until next month.

Terry Bolton and Randy Holland were reappointed to the Public Building Authority Board and Timmy James was also appointed to that board.

In other agenda items, the commission:

—approved moving the Jonesboro Voting Precinct from the Jonesboro Community Center to Jonesboro Baptist Church, effective for the May 2022 primaries.

—approved the purchase of a chipper for \$89,717 for the Franklin County Highway Department.

—approved a mass fatality response plan required by the State of Alabama. The plan, coordinated by Franklin County Emergency Management Agency, will now be submitted to the state for approval.

—approved a resolution for additional funds up to \$100,000 through a Community Development Block Grant. If received, the funds will go toward the purchase of a vaccine trailer for Franklin County. The trailer has already been ordered and is expected to be delivered in December.

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My take on this... Spruce Pine Day was a huge success!

What a beautiful Saturday Spruce Pine Day turned out to be and I'm not referring only to the weather. It seemed to be the smoothest-running and most enjoyable one we've had in a while.

I had no idea that ten or so people could carry out such an enormous task. Regardless of the hard work done before the big day, it's the day of that determines the final results. I must say that the day was close to perfect.

The door prizes were some of the most well-liked ever! As the person who had the unpopular challenge of "asking," I was blessed to have positive results from the ones I asked. I couldn't continue this very popular "free gift-giving," without the kind hearts of your donations. I appreciate you and I wish you could see the smiles of the lucky winners. They are priceless!

Enough can't be said for the members of Spruce Pine Historical Society for voting to have Joe King being in charge of the sound system for the band and me, the emcee, this year. The band members appreciated it also. Less hassle for them and the ones listening. In past years I've seen the spectators covering their ears because of the increase of unnecessary volume. The next minute, they would be leaning in falling out of chairs. (Not exactly falling out of chairs, but it does bring a touch of humor. Ha! Ha! You know me, I love humor!) Several people commented on it being the best entertainment ever. That was a combination of the singers and the precision of the man in charge of the sound.

That man was the ever popular Joe King. I'm thankful for the members agreeing to give him a chance. It was the best asset to Spruce Pine Day. Joe King, I can't thank you enough for all your work. Your company wasn't half-bad either. Only joking! It was a pleasure and I even appreciated being taught things I never thought I needed to know. I walked away filled with wisdom. Added to what I already had, of course!

I was fortunate enough that the band, Joyful Noise stepped in for the cancellation of The Tidwells. They had asked to play, but my line-up had no spots available. Debbie said they would fill-in if needed. Thank goodness they were.



Gail Motes

Dana Hill was gracious enough to fill a spot cancelled a couple days before playing. Dana willingly made my life easier at that moment by agreeing to come. Not only being on a short notice, she also had a scheduled practice for a play she was in at church immediately after.

I didn't know about the practice until after she had sang. That's what you call "a true friend." Thank you Dana! I appreciate you even more after finding out about that.

Adam McCollum was a newcomer to the band line-up. And that ended up being the best phone call I had received. Finding out he lived in Spruce Pine and was a performer every Sunday at the popular Rattlesnake Saloon even made it more impressive. The word "Saloon" in the name does not refer to a western saloon with drunks and gunslingers. I felt the need to add this just in case it triggered such a thought.

They also have a restaurant there with the most tasty food, located in the most natural and relaxing environment. You would have to see it to appreciate its beauty. Jerry Martin and Pure Diamond played last year, along with Joseph Baldwin and Jacob Green. Jacob played with a finger full of stitches. Even with the discomfort and having to keep it stuck out while playing his guitar, he did the most awesome job as always. There is no way a word of thank you is enough for the band who were kind enough to accept my offer and to show u pamid stitches and rehearsals.

I didn't get a chance to talk with Joseph but I'd bet he was on his way to his next performance.

So, thank you to every person who showed up.

The cooks and helpers don't get the recognition they deserve for the hours they invest. If you remember any of these hard workers, please give them a thank you for all they do, when you see them out.

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RFD installing smoke alarms free of charge to residents

John Pilati

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The Russellville Fire Department wants to make sure every home in Russellville has a working smoke alarm, and they're making it easy for residents who don't have one to change that.

If you don't have a working smoke alarm in your home, or your current smoke alarm is more than 10 years old, simply contact the RFD and schedule a time for a firefighter to visit your home and install a new smoke alarm at no cost to you.

You can contact the fire department by calling 256-332-8765, by email at main.rfd@gmail.com or through Facebook by searching *russellvillefire*. You will need to provide your full name, home address and contact phone number.

If your home already has working smoke alarms, the RFD encourages you to change the batteries when you change your clocks. Daylight savings time ends Sunday, November 7, when clocks are turned back one hour. Firefighters encourage you to change your batteries that same day.

The Russellville Fire Department will also host its second annual Halloween Drive-In on Saturday, October 30, from 4-9 p.m., at Russellville Fire Station #1 on South Jackson Avenue.

There will be a safe drive-thru line with candy given out and kids can see Sparky, the RFD mascot. The event is scheduled from 4-9 but will end whenever all candy is given out.

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Grant allows for purchase of ambulance for PC Rescue Squad

John Pilati
Franklin Free Press

The Phil Campbell Rescue Squad will soon have a new ambulance, thanks to a grant received from the Alabama Office of Emergency Management Services.

The Rural Provider Equipment Grant, in the amount of \$172,000, is available to emergency medical providers in counties with a population of less than 50,000. Franklin County, with approximately 32,000 residents, fits within the grant criteria.

Barry Pounders, President of the PCRS, said the funds will be used to purchase a new ambulance with a self-loading cot feature that will facilitate loading patients into the ambulance.

Additionally, the Rescue Squad will purchase a new defibrillator, in an estimated amount of \$40,000.

The Phil Campbell Rescue Squad currently has three ambulances, the newest of which is a 2007 model with more than 256,000 miles.

While delivery of a new ambulance typically takes nine months or more, Pounders said another agency canceled an order so he expects to have the new ambulance in Phil Campbell next month.

Pounders expressed his appreciation to Rep. Jamie Kiel for his support in the grant application efforts. Kiel wrote a letter recommending the application be approved. Pounders described the importance of a new, reliable ambulance as 'immeasurable.'

"Most of our people are excited over the self-loading cot," Pounders said. "We've had some problems with the current ambulance and if we take it out of service, we then fall back on a 1997 model. You're looking at an ambulance more than 25 years old, so we are really appreciative of this grant."

The Russellville Fire Department also received good news about its application under the Rural Provider Equipment Grant. The RFD will receive a \$75,500 grant that will be used to purchase sustainable EMS equipment, including a cardiac monitor.

RFD Fire Marshal Justin Green and Chief Joe Mansell expressed their appreciation to Kiel, as well as Franklin County Probate Judge Barry Moore and Russellville Mayor David Grissom and the Russellville City Council for their support in the grant application process.



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A Foster Parent Training Course will be offered by the Franklin County Department of Human Resources starting Sunday, Sept. 12. The Sunday classes will be from 2-5 p.m., and will end on Sunday, November 14. Foster parent licensing requirements include being 19 years or older, passing a criminal background check for all household members 19 or older, clearance of state central registry on child abuse and neglect for all household members 14 or older, family stability, regular source of income, if married the marriage must be at least one year in duration. For more information, contact Leilani Johnson at DHR at 256-331-5940.

The Russellville Fire Department has started its annual Breast Cancer Awareness T-Shirt Sale fundraiser. Order forms can be picked up at either Russellville Fire Department locations. They are \$15 for short sleeve and \$20 for long sleeve, with an added \$2 for XXL and an added \$3 for XXXL t-shirts. First order will be sent out September 17. But there will be an additional order after that. All proceeds will go to Russellville Hospital fund for those who can't afford to have mammograms done.

Russellville Masonic Lodge #371 is selling Smoked Hams for Thanksgiving. Hams are \$30 each and may be pre-ordered by calling 256-810-1970. Pickup is Wednesday, November 24th, 8-10 a.m., at the Lodge on Coffee Avenue.

The Phil Campbell Arts & Historical Society will host the first annual Christmas Bazaar, Saturday, November 13th, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Phil Campbell Community Center, 132 Sherry Bryce Road in Phil Campbell. For booth information call 256-810-4572. There will be arts & crafts, homemade treasures, Scentsy, Christmas décor, unique gifts, and Peggy's Backwoods "On the Go."

There will be a meeting of the Franklin County Democratic Party this Thursday, October 28th at 6 P.M. at the Russellville Parks and Recreation Center Building located at 201 Ash Ave., Russellville. Rhoda Gore, a candidate for Congress in District 4, will be our guest speaker.

You are invited to a 'Tailgate-N-Treat' on Saturday, October 30th from 5 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. at Mt. Hebron Church. There will be food, fun, games and prizes. Located on hwy 59 in Spruce Pine. Everyone is welcome!

The United Methodist Women will sponsor their annual rummage/bake sale from 7 A.M. - 5 P.M. on Friday, November 5th, and 7 A.M. - 11 A.M. on Saturday, November 6th in the ministry center directly behind the First United Methodist Church in downtown Russellville. This event is held to raise money for local and foreign missions. Items for sale include household goods, furniture, books, and white elephants. Cakes, pies and other homemade baked goods are available for purchase. We ask that you mask!

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wanted to continue their legacy of love for reading.”
Dreamwalkers is a fantasy novel geared toward young adult readers. The book was released in June, and early feedback from readers has been overwhelmingly positive.

“A number of people I know who read it have reached out to me and been really encouraging and supportive. It’s received great support and response locally, but I don’t yet know how it’s going nationally,” Sorrells said.

The book is set in the country of Arvenia, where a group of residents known as dreamwalkers are being systematically killed. Dreamwalkers inherit their skills from family members once they are ready to handle the gift responsibly. There are different types of dreamwalkers. Some can influence dreams. Seers can see the future and Persuaders can influence others and try to change their ideas and dreams to effectuate positive change in the world.

Two dreamwalkers, Ansley, an 18-year-old newbie, and Kenna, a seasoned wielder of earth, are united through fate as each uses their skills to protect their family and friends in the dream realm. As with most dreamwalkers, Ansley and Kenna are fighting the good fight to help others.

“Most dreamwalkers are supposed to be good. They train their children and relatives to be good and build appropriately to help others, but there are a few dreamwalkers who are not good,” Sorrells explained.

The idea for *Dreamwalkers* came from one of Sorrells’ own dreams, along with the movie *Inception*, a Leonardo DiCaprio film about a thief who steals corporate secrets through the use of dream-sharing technology.

“I am actually a really avid dreamer,” Sorrells said. “When I dream it’s pretty interesting and I came up with the idea for the book through a dream. The movie *Inception* is about dreams that are changed and *Dreamwalkers* is similar to that but it goes in a whole other route with that idea.”

While many aspiring authors must sift through dozens of publisher rejection letters, Sorrells struck gold with the first publisher she contacted, Beacon Publishing Group. While no deal has been signed for a sequel, Sorrells said Beacon representatives have expressed ‘definite interest’ in publishing future books written by her. She has written most of the second novel in the

Dreamwalkers series, but it’s not quite finished.

Sorrells and her husband Karl live in Huntsville. She is the daughter of Sam and Charlotte Terry of Russellville. Brooke was the Valedictorian in the Russellville High School Class of 2009.

She received her Bachelor’s degree in Communicative Disorders with a minor in English from the University of Alabama, and her Masters of Science from the University of South Alabama in Speech-Language Pathology.

Sorrells is a self-employed speech language pathologist contracted with Silver Linings Neurodevelopment. She works with patients of all ages to improve their communication skills, but her passion is working with children to help them overcome language delays.

Dreamwalkers is available through Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Walmart, Target and Books-A-Million websites. The 294-page book is available in paperback through most retailers.

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to open a new business like a restaurant in our city, we need to help all we can, and this is a way to do that," McQuary said.

—approved an increase in solid waste fees for businesses with an eight-yard dumpster on a second dump from \$70 to \$75.

—voted to change the time of work sessions prior to council meetings from 6 p.m., to 6:30 p.m., with the meeting starting at 7 p.m., on the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

—approved the high bids of \$200 for a surplus Ithaca short-barrel shotgun and \$85 for a Mossberg short-barrel shotgun. The \$200 bid came from Kevin Hill and the \$85 on the Mossberg from Tyler Harper.

—heard from Phil Campbell Zoning Board member Jack Caddell, who asked about the status of compliance case against Smiley Auto Sales located on Highway 13 at the north end of town.

Caddell expressed concern about when, and if, town officials were going to pursue a case for alleged violations of the company's business license, which was originally for auto sales.

City Clerk Virginia Burks said a representative from Smiley's purchased an additional license for auto repair, but the business was not licensed as a salvage yard or junkyard.

The council requested that Phil Campbell Police Chief Jessica Clements follow up and charge the owner with operating a business without a license for allegedly storing inoperable junk cars. The case would be prosecuted in Phil Campbell Municipal Court.



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NW Alabama RC&D Council reviews project funding at annual meeting

John Pilati
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At the annual meeting of the Northwest Alabama Resource Conservation and Development Council, there was a review of 13 projects funded by the council in Franklin County this year.

The meeting was held October 15th at the A.W. Todd Centre in Russellville. The Northwest Alabama RC&D Council promotes and supports "impact, driven projects and activities designed to promote the sustainability and productivity of the abundant natural and human resources in the area that includes Franklin, Colbert, Lauderdale, Marion and Winston counties, according to the council's mission statement.

More than \$66,783 was distributed across Franklin County with funding from Northwest Alabama RC&D, along with the Alabama Legislature, in support of educational and community-oriented projects this year. They included:

- Northwest-Shoals Community College \$10,000 for walking trail.
- Phil Campbell High School \$3,000 for Archery program.
- Tharptown Elementary School \$7,000 for Back to Basics & Write program and \$5,776.18 for Coming Up Short educational program.
- Belgreen High School \$9,750 for Maintaining Learning program.
- Russellville High School \$5,800 for Virtual Learning program.
- Franklin County Emergency Management Agency \$3,652.38 for Command Post.
- Franklin County Dive Team \$6,000.
- Belgreen High School \$5,457.15 for Grand Slam program.
- Russellville High School \$3,000 for Javelin Track.
- Town of Hodges \$3,000 for park security.
- Vina High School \$3,000 for softball facility.
- Franklin County Sheriff's Office \$5,000 for traffic safety.

Additionally, several awards were presented across the five-county area, including:

- 2020 Outstanding Support Partner: Northwest Alabama Spay and Neuter Assistance.
- 2020 Outstanding Project of the Year: ACES, Lauderdale County Farm Tours.

- 2020 Outstanding Youth Involvement: Phil Campbell FFA, Caleb Beason.
- 2021 Outstanding Support Partner: Colbert EMA.
- 2021 Outstanding Youth Involvement: Main Street Ministry and Haleyville Center of Technology.

—2021 Southeastern RC&D Council Outstanding Project of the Year: ACES Lauderdale County Farm Tours.

- 2021 Outstanding Support Partner: Colbert EMA.
- Colbert County Superhero Award: Jennifer Palmer.
- Franklin County Superhero Award: Katernia Cole-Coffey.

—Lauderdale County Superhero Award: Heidi Tilenius.

—Marion County Superhero Award: Ginger Eatmon.

—Winston County Superhero Award: Zack Brannon. Rep. Jamie Kiel attended the annual meeting along with Rep. Poncey Robertson, Rep. Tracy Estes, Rep. Phillip Pettus and Sen. Larry Stutts.

Kiel said the work of Northwest Alabama RC&D is investing tax dollars into local education and community needs.

"The more money we can put into schools, the more we will see these investments paying off in the long run," Kiel said. "These projects are about bringing tax dollars back to northwest Alabama for the benefit of its residents."



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Final Franklin County high school football preview of the 2021 season

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The final week of the 2021 regular season wraps up this week and while all playoff matters in Franklin County are settled, there are still some intriguing games on the docket this week and we are here to provide you with one final preview before the end of the season.

From powerhouse matchups, to longtime rivalries, to teams just looking to wrap up their seasons with a win, there's a matchup for every football fan in Franklin County to enjoy.

So for the final time this season, let's dive into the matchups this week...

Russellville at Madison Academy (Thursday)
 For two powerhouse programs in North Alabama, this will be the first *actual* meeting between 5A program's Russellville and Madison Academy as last year's matchup was cancelled due to COVID-19.

Going into last season's matchup, both programs were at an elite level with Russellville only holding one loss on the season with Madison Academy sitting with an undefeated record.

Fast-forward to this year and neither program has skipped a beat.

Both programs sit at 8-1 on the season and this game will stand as a measuring stick for both programs just one week before the playoffs and potentially could serve as a potential preview down the road in the postseason if both teams were to make a deep enough run.

Russellville finished their region schedule with a
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Football playoff preview

With one week to go in the regular season, two teams in Franklin County are gearing up for what they hope will be a lengthy playoff run. This week, we take an in-depth look at who Phil Campbell and Russellville will match up with in round one of their respective playoff matchups.



Both Russellville, left, and Phil Campbell, right, have had stellar seasons. And once the final week of the season wraps up, both schools will be looking to make a deep playoff push.

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The final week of the 2021 regular season takes place this week and while three teams in Franklin County will have their seasons come to an end at the conclusion of Friday nights games, there are two teams who have already secured their spot in the AHSAA playoffs starting next Friday night.

And while there is one week to go in the regular season, we thought it would be beneficial to get an early jump on looking ahead to those respective matchups and give you all the information you need to be prepared and well-informed before kickoff next week.

Both Phil Campbell and Russellville both clinched playoff spots earlier in the season, with the Golden Tigers clinching their region for the second straight season and the Bobcats clinching the two seed in 3A region 8 and more importantly

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will host a playoff game in the first round for the first time in nearly two decades.

So whether you're a Golden Tiger fan, a Bobcat fan or just a football fan in general, this has been a historic year for football in Franklin County and there are plenty of reasons to drive out and be in attendance at either of these games next week.

So to kickoff our preview, let's start our preview off with a team that hasn't lost a region game in over two seasons.

Russellville Golden Tigers vs. Lincoln Golden Bears, Golden Tiger Stadium, Friday, November 5th, 7 p.m.

As the Golden Tigers wrap up their 2021 regular season with a matchup against perennial 5A powerhouse Madison Academy this Friday night, Russellville will be looking to measure just where they are heading into the first round of the 5A playoffs.

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offs.

With a 49-14 win over Lee Huntsville last week, the Golden Tigers wrapped up a perfect region schedule for consecutive seasons with a 13-game region winning streak dating back to 2019.

The eighth-ranked Golden Tigers (8-1, 6-0) have been dominant on both sides of the football this year in a season that includes seven games scoring 40 points or more while having four shutouts on their resumé. And what makes the defensive metrics even more impressive is the fact that in region play, Russellville had taken their talents to an entirely different level.

Across six region games, the Golden Tigers allowed just 24 points total. That's good for allowing an average of 4.0 points per game. Four points per game. That's not a typo.

Winning the first five games on their schedule, including a win over 6A Decatur to start the year, the Golden Tigers outscored their opponents in those first five games by a 211-62 margin.

After a midseason loss to 6A behemoth Hartselle, the Golden Tigers bounced back nicely and won the next three matchups with two shutouts included.

On the season, the Golden Tigers have scored 374 points through nine games, good for an average of 41.6 points per game so far while the defense has allowed 134 points, good for an average of 14.9 points per game.

The non-region schedule for the Golden Tigers included the likes of Decatur (a 27-15 win), Deshler (a 45-37 win), Hartselle (a 58-21 loss) and Madison Academy which is to be played this Thursday night.

Russellville has had quite the extensive postseason history with the first playoff appearance dating back to 1967 and over the course of the nearly six decades of postseason football for Russellville, the Golden Tigers have racked up a record of 64-32 with 19 region championships and two state championships to their credit.

Located 154 miles from Russellville on the east side of the Coosa River right outside of Pell City, Lincoln High School has seen its fair share of success on the gridiron in recent memory.

With region titles in 2018 and 2019, the Golden Bears have made the postseason in every season except for three (2015, 2017, 2020) dating back to 2011.

The playoff history for Lincoln includes a record of 28-22 with a lone appearance in the state championship game coming back in 1999 where they lost to Briarwood by a final of 55-19.

Now let's take a look at how the Golden Bears got to this point.

Situated in 5A region 6, Lincoln of course finished fourth in their respective region behind Alexandria, Leeds and Center Point. With a record of 6-4 (4-3 in region play) the Golden Bears managed to win their opening game of the 2021 season against 6A Southside Gadsden (who finished fourth in 6A region 7) before dropping the next three games in a row.

The Golden Bears closed out the second half of their season with a record of 5-1 over the final six games with the only loss coming to Alexandria, who would go on to win 5A region 6 with a record of 9-0 on the season so far.

With a bye week in the final week of the season, the Golden Bears have

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would go on to win 5A region 6 with a record of 9-0 on the season so far. With a bye week in the final week of the season, the Golden Bears have wrapped up their regular season and will turn their attention towards the Golden Tigers.

On the season, Lincoln has scored 233 points (23.3 points per game) while allowing 186 (18.6 points per game). The non-region schedule for Lincoln included the likes of the aforementioned Southside Gadsden, along with 5A Sylacauga (forfeited loss) and 4A Munford High School. The Golden Bears went 2-1 in their non-region schedule.

This will be the first matchup between Russellville and Lincoln in their respective histories.

Phil Campbell Bobcats vs. J.B. Pennington Tigers, Parrish Stadium, Friday, November 5th, 7 p.m.

For the first time since 2002, Parrish Stadium will play host to a Phil Campbell Bobcats football playoff game. After securing the two seed in 3A region 8, the Bobcats will take on J.B. Pennington High School in round one of the 3A AHSAA playoffs next Friday night.

After beating Danville last Friday night, the Bobcats finished off their region schedule with a record of 5-1 on the season. And while they take on Hackleburg this week to close out the regular season, this Bobcat team has already accomplished back-to-back six-win seasons which has not been done since the 2000-2001 seasons for Phil Campbell.

Despite having three losses on their schedule, the losses have been extremely close for the Bobcats. With losses to Lamar County (7-0), Haleyville (13-12) and Lauderdale County (13-6), the three losses have come to a combined total of 15 points.

Over the course of the nine games played this season so far, the Bobcats have scored 255 points, good for an average of 28.3 points per game. Defensively, the Bobcats have surrendered only 125 points which equals out to 13.9 points per game allowed.

On their resumé, the Bobcats boast some impressive victories. With a 42-7 win over Colbert Heights (which has proved over the past few seasons to be a highly-competitive matchup) and a 37-14 win over Clements, the Bobcats routed the third and fourth playoff seeds from their respective region earlier in the year.

Factor in a one-point overtime win on the road *and* in the rain against East Lawrence to secure the aforementioned home-field advantage in the first round and the Bobcats look primed and ready for the playoffs more than they ever have before.

The Bobcats win/loss pattern over the course of the season has kind of flip-flopped. With a win over Phillips to start the season, the Bobcats dropped a game to Lamar County before winning their next two games. Then after sandwiching a win between two losses, the Bobcats back-to-back games against East Lawrence and Danville before taking on longtime rival Hackleburg to wrap up the regular season.

The non-region schedule for the Bobcats includes an opening week win over Phillips (27-0), a loss to Lamar County (7-0) and a loss to 4A Haleyville(13-12).

In terms of the playoff history for the Bobcats, Phil Campbell is 5-15 all-time in postseason games with a record of 3-12 in the first round while the third round is the farthest any Bobcat team has advanced in the postseason.

Meeting up with the Bobcats for the first time ever is the J.B. Pennington Tigers as they finished third in 3A region 6 with a record of 6-3 so far on the year with a region record of 5-2 while playing in an eight-team region.

Just a few miles east of Hanceville, J.B. Pennington High School sits in Blountsville and has sported a football team every season since 1908.

Through nine games this season, the Tigers have scored 237 points on the season (26.3 points per game) while allowing 210 points (23.3 points per game).

After opening the season with three consecutive wins, the Tigers suffered back-to-back losses in the middle of the season before going 3-1 over the next four weeks. J.B. Pennington will take on Locust Fork High School this Friday night to close out the regular season.

The non-region schedule for the Tigers includes the likes of 4A Oak Grove (a 21-20 win), 2A Cleveland (a 55-0 loss), and Locust Fork.

The playoff history for the Tigers includes a record of 12-21 which included a 2nd round appearance in 2020. The Tigers have only made the third round of the playoffs three times while failing to advance any further in their history.



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perfect record while upping their scoring average on the season to 41.9 points per game while their points allowed average totaled 14.9 points per game so far on the season.

The Golden Tigers won last week's matchup against Lee Huntsville by a score of 49-14. A resounding win considering that the Generals were able to keep it a one score game (21-14) at halftime.

As for the Mustangs, they too finished their region schedule last week with a win to give them a region record of 7-0 on the season. After a season-opening loss to Briarwood, the number one ranked Mustangs then went on an eight game winning streak leading up to this Thursday nights matchup with Russellville.

The Mustangs lone non-region victory came against Scottsboro in week two.

Across nine games, the Mustangs have scored a whopping 366 points, good for an average of 40.7 points per game on the year while allowing 112 points (12.4 points per game).

Phil Campbell vs. Hackleburg

Out of all the opponents in Phil Campbell's history, the Bobcats rivalry with Hackleburg is the longest-standing one, with matchups dating back to 1928.

Hackleburg has had the upper hand in the all-time series, winning 49 games compared to Phil Campbell's 35, the Bobcats have won the previous two matchups.

On the season, the Bobcats currently sit at 6-3 following a 40-28 region win over Danville last Friday night.

The Bobcats will play host to J.B. Pennington next Friday night in the first round of the 3A playoffs but will first look to close out their regular season with a win and give Phil Campbell their first seven win season since 2002.

Through nine games, Phil Campbell has scored 255 points (28.3 points per game) while allowing 125 points (13.9 points per game).

The Panthers finished third in 1A region 8 behind Decatur Heritage and R.A. Hubbard with a record of 6-3 (5-2 in region play).

Hackleburg will travel to Hubbertville in the first round of the 1A playoffs.

In the nine games played for the Panthers, Hackleburg has scored 306 points (34 points per game) while allowing 206 points (22.9 points per game).

In terms of a non-region schedule, the Bobcats sport a win over Brilliant with a loss to Hubbertville.

Red Bay at Fayette County

Despite missing out on the playoffs for the first time since 2017, the Tigers will look to close out the first season under head coach Heath Childers with a win.

Taking on the Fayette County Tigers while sitting at 2-6 (2-4 in region play),

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Red Bay will look to notch their third win of the season. Scoring 18.6 points per game (146 total points), Red Bay has allowed 201 points on the year (25.1 points per game). The two wins on the schedule for Red Bay includes wins over region rivals Tharptown and Sheffield while the non-region schedule includes losses to Hamilton and Belmont (MS) with the final game of the season against Fayette County being the last chance to get a non-region win on the year for the Tigers.

Fayette County finished third in 4A region 5 with a record of 5-4 and will travel to Randolph High School in the first round of the playoffs.

En route to the 5-4 record on the season, the Tigers are scoring an average of 18.9 points per game while allowing 13.1 points per game.

Last season's matchup between the two schools marked the first matchup with Red Bay winning 36-20.

Tharptown vs. Vina

The last inter-county matchup of the 2021 season sees Tharptown looking to notch their fourth win of the season while Vina searches for its first win of the year.

Tharptown needs a win to give the team its first back-to-back four win seasons in program history.

With a 3-6 record through nine games, Tharptown has wins over Shoals Christian, Phillips and Cherokee on their resumé this season while averaging 13.4 points per game on offense and allowing 37.9 points per game on defense.

Meanwhile Vina will be looking to avoid a winless season with a win over Tharptown on Friday night.

Through nine games on their schedule, the Red Devils are scoring 8.9 points per game while allowing 37.3 points per game.

Vina owns the all-time series with an 8-6 record over Tharptown while the Wildcats have won six out of the past seven matchups including three straight shutout victories.

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Week 9: October 30th **Bailey's Pick** Your Pick

Michigan at Michigan St.

Michigan

Iowa at Wisconsin

Iowa

Texas at Baylor

Baylor

Miami at Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh

Colorado at Oregon

Oregon

Virginia Tech at Georgia Tech

Virginia Tech

Illinois at Maryland

Illinois

Iowa St. at West Virginia

Iowa St.

Georgia at Florida

Georgia

Penn St. at Ohio St.

Ohio St.

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