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Batchelor honored as Franklin County Citizen of the Year

*John Pilati
 Franklin Free Press*

The main goal of the annual Farm-City Week is to deepen the understanding and relationship between rural farmers and urban workers.

So it was particularly fitting that the 2021 Franklin County Citizen of the Year was presented to the family of the late Cecil Batchelor, a man who made it a priority for his business to support local farmers.

Batchelor's children, Greg Batchelor and Rebecca Reeves, accepted the award from Franklin County Extension Coordinator Katernia Cole-Coffey at the Farm-City Awards Banquet, held Monday evening at the A.W. Todd Centre.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Batchelor, who died in August, was honored for a lifetime of community service at last week's Farm-City Banquet.

Phil Campbell employees to receive COVID-19 premium payment

*John Pilati
 Franklin Free Press*

Nine employees of the Town of Phil Campbell will be receiving one-time COVID-19 premium payments out of funds the town received through the Rebuild America Act.

The Phil Campbell City Council voted at its November 16th meeting to authorize a \$5,000 payment to its five full-time employees and \$2,500 to the town's four part-time employees.

Council member Lynn Landers said the council will consider a second premium payment to employees

when the town receives the second half of Rebuild America Act funds next year. The town received approximately \$250,000 in these federal funds.

The council voted unanimously to approve the premium payments, with the exception of council member Eddie Marbutt, who abstained due to his brother's employment with the Town of Phil Campbell.

Facing continued problems with Ballpark Road through deterioration and washing out, the council approved a 99-year lease with Crown Castle Communications for

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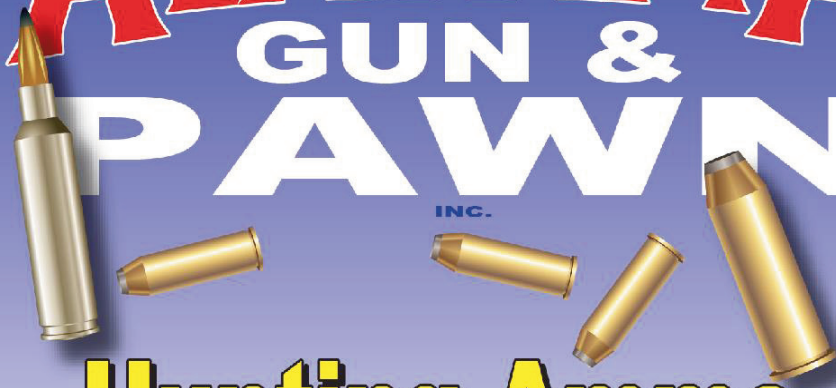
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Gary Lee George, 64, of Russellville, passed away on Sunday, November 14th. Interment at Knights of Pythias Cemetery.

Ellen Wood Patrick, 64, of Russellville, passed away on Thursday, November 18th. Interment at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery.

Brenda Brown Patton, 63, of Russellville, passed away on Wednesday, November 17th. Interment at Mt. Home Cemetery.

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'BATCHELOR,' from page 1

Nominees for Citizen of the Year are submitted by local civic clubs and Batchelor, who died August 17th, was the longest serving Civitan Club member in Alabama, with 72 years of service.

Batchelor was raised on a farm in Winston County, so when he began his tenure as Chairman of the Board for CB&S Bank, he made it a priority to support area farmers.

"My father did take some chances on (farmers)," Greg Batchelor said. "Farmers have always been important to CB&S Bank because my father lived the life of a farming family. He never forgot where he came from and he was raised on a farm."

Batchelor created a bull leasing program whereby his bank purchased high quality bulls and leased them out to local farmers so they would not have to put up big money to purchase prime bulls.

After a period of time, the bank would pick the bulls up and lease them back out to another farmer.

"It allowed a farmer to make his cattle operation much better. Without it, a farmer might only be able to afford a \$350 bull, but this program provided them with a \$3000 bull," Batchelor said. "Better quality bulls meant an upgrade in cattle all over the country. And my father believed farming was the backbone of this country."

Batchelor's civic and charitable involvement included serving on the Alabama Tuberculosis Association Board and he was an organizer of the Diabetes Trust Fund.

Batchelor served two decades as Chairman of the Russellville City School Board. He was the first president of the Russellville Industrial Board, and a member of the Russellville Jaycees, Russellville Merchant Association and a past president of the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce.

When Cole-Coffey presented the award to Batchelor's family, she described him as "a man who truly loved people and loved his community as well."

In addition to the Citizen of the Year Award, several other awards were presented. They include:

- Lifetime Agricultural Achievement Award: David Gaston and Jack Hargett.
- Franklin County Farmer of the Year: Jacob Murray.
- Farm Family of the Year: Graham Family.
- Agricultural Educators of the Year: Caleb Beason, Phil Campbell High School and Kristen Nunley, Vina High School.
- Franklin County Century and Heritage Farm Recognition: Bragwell Farms, owned and operated by Jack and Bonnie Hargett.
- Farm-City Coloring (Pre-Kindergarten) Contest: 1st Place, Kaylee Cienfuegos-Luna, West Elementary School. Teacher—Tiffany Terry.
- Poster Contest (K-3rd Grade): 1st Place, Logan Everett, Belgreen School. Teacher—Sheena Johnson.
- Poster Contest (4th-6th Grade): 1st Place, Heidi Madden, Phil Campbell Elementary. Teacher—Juljann Riley.
- Essay Contest (7th-9th Grade): 1st Place, Lindsey Everett, Belgreen School. Teacher—Mary Motes.
- Essay Contest (10th-12th Grade): 1st Place, Jonah Walker, Phil Campbell High School. Teacher—Caleb Beason.

Cole-Coffey expressed her appreciation to the following sponsors of this year's Farm-City Awards Banquet: Alabama Farm Credit, CB&S Bank, Community Spirit Bank, Civitan Club, Franklin County Commission, Franklin County Cattleman's Association, Franklin County Junior Leadership, Franklin County Farmer's Federation and the A.W. Todd Centre staff.



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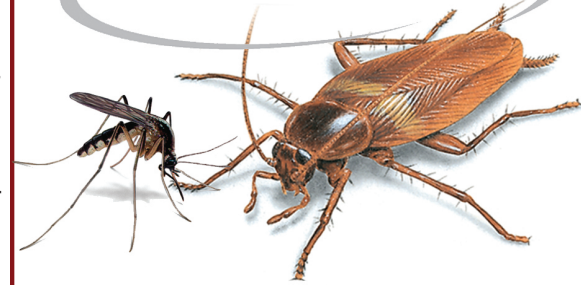
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County commission votes in favor of bridge closure, other measures

John Pilati
Franklin Free Press

The Franklin County Commission voted to close a bridge on Highway 27 in western Franklin County at the recommendation of Franklin County Engineer David Palmer.

Commissioners took the action at their November 15th meeting. Palmer said the bridge would be closed immediately.

Palmer told commissioners that the bridge was in need of extensive repair and was rarely used.

"It really needs to be closed. The road is barely passable down there," Palmer said. "We have repaired both ends of that road and the residents have state highway access at either end. It would cost somewhere between \$400,000 and \$600,000 to repair with hardly any vehicles using the bridge."

Franklin County Probate Judge Barry Moore said Emergency Management Agency Director Mary Hallman-Glass met with officials from Hodges and Vina Volunteer Fire Departments to make sure fire protection is provided to both sides of the bridge. Hodges VFD will handle the north end, with Vina VFD the south end, Moore said.

Palmer said there are no houses in close proximity to the bridge, and residents have access on both ends.

In other agenda items, the commission:

—approved the termination of an employee in the Revenue Commissioner's Office and authorized the advertisement for a Non-Certified Property Appraiser.

—approved the resignation of temporary employee Ana Lucas in the Revenue Commissioner's Office.

—approved the hiring of Brittney Roccato as a property clerk in the Revenue Commissioner's Office.

—approved the hiring of Colin James as a deputy in the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and Hailey Brown as a temporary full-time Office Clerk.

—approved the resignation of Ashleigh Gilliland, effective October 15th, as an Office Clerk in the Sheriff's Office.

—authorized Revenue Commissioner Stratt Byars to sign an agreement with GovEase that will increase the GovEase fee for each tax lien property

sold to \$20 from \$12.

—authorized the purchase of two historical markers, one in Frankfort and one in Belgreen, at a cost of \$2,440 each.

—appointed Dr. Karen Townsend to the Northwest Regional Library Board.

—authorized the Salvation Army to set up a bell ringer on the steps of the Franklin County Courthouse through December 24, 2021.

—approved a proclamation recognizing Farm City Week.

—set December 23-24 as Christmas holidays for county employees, since Christmas falls on a Saturday this year.

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Northwest-Shoals Community College's Music Department will hold a "Falling into Winter" concert Thursday, December 2 through Saturday, December 4 at 7 p.m., at the Lou B. Bevill Center on the NW-SCC Phil Campbell campus. The concert will feature the Show Choir, Vocal Point, directed by Jonathon Romero. Choreography of the show choir will be directed by April Smith Spencer. Admission for the concert is \$8 and children 12 and under are admitted free. NW-SCC employees and students will be admitted free with valid college ID. Show Choir members from Franklin County include: Amberly Brown, Avery Guinn from Russellville; Chloe Carpenter, Makenzie Galloway and Ari Gilstrap from Phil Campbell, Briley Mills from Red Bay.

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County school system gets a passing grade from state auditors

John Pilati
Franklin Free Press

It wasn't a doctor's visit, but Franklin County Schools Superintendent of Education Greg Hamilton received a clean bill of health for his system from state auditors at the board's November 16th meeting.

Denise Olive, Audit Manager with the State Examiner of Public Accounts, reported to the board that the audit performed for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, showed the system to be in compliance with state laws and regulations, with no irregularities in the audit.

There was one matter cited that the school system had not complied with, being the requirement that the annual financial statement must be published in a county newspaper each October. Olive said that was a minor non-compliance issue and was assured it would be done annually moving forward.

The annual election of officers for the Franklin County Board of Education saw Terry Welborn reelected as President and Shannon Oliver reelected as Vice President.

In other agenda items, the board:

—recognized board member Kacey Johnston for completing the Alabama Association of School Board Member Academy Level Two Certification.

—approved out of state trips including Vina basketball teams to Tremont, Miss., and Booneville, Miss., November 1, 2021, January 3 and 27, 2022, Belgreen basketball teams to Corinth, Miss., November 26 and New Albany, Miss., January 22, 2022, Red Bay High School (25 students) to Corinth, Miss., New Site, Miss., Gatlinburg, Tenn., and Belmont, Miss., on November 27, December 20, 28-30 and January 27, 2022, and Phil Campbell High School J AG & FCCLA to Memphis, Tenn., December 10.

—approved compensation package of \$1,500 to Melissa Cox, yearbook sponsor at Belgreen High School, with the school to reimburse the Franklin County Board of Education the \$1,500 plus applicable benefits.

—approved a system-wide Anaphylaxis Policy, Automated External Defibrillator Policy & Procedures, Naloxone Policy & Procedures and Medication Policy & Procedures.

—approved a bonus in the amount of \$50 for all certified and full-time support employees.

—approved Psychometric Services Contract with Donna Thigpen for the period of November 16, 2021 through December 16, 2022. Mileage to be covered by the Franklin County BOE.

—heard an update from Board Attorney Danny McDowell about the appeal by former Phil Campbell teacher Jordan Benford of his termination. The case will be reviewed by retired Circuit Judge Danny Banks from Huntsville. The review will not take place until next year.

—heard an update from Superintendent Greg Hamilton that the Certificate of Occupancy for the new East Franklin Junior High School office has been issued, the Vina High School softball field lights were installed and had been inspected and the new gym floor at Red Bay High School is complete and will be used for the home opener next week. The Red Bay Ag Building project is "95-98 percent done," according to Assistant Superintendent Johnny Cleveland

Benford faces multiple felony charges relating to an alleged sexual relationship with a student.

—approved the following personnel moves:

—Resignation: Carolyn Steward, Child Nutrition Program Assistant, PCHS,

Karen Thorn, Principal, Tharptown Elementary School, effective Oct. 15, 2021, Tamla Whitten, School Nurse, Anthony Oliver, history teacher at Vina, Bobby Champagne, teacher/head basketball coach at Tharptown and James Miller, elementary teacher at PCES.

—Retirement: Kenneth Dobbs, Technology Specialist, Brenda Hill, bus driver, Doris Langley, business teacher at Franklin County Career Tech Center.

—Leave of Absence: Kayla Bray, Pre-K auxiliary teacher, EFJH, Family Medical Leave of Absence October 6, 2021 through April 4, 2022, Hannah Pace, intervention teacher, TES, Family Medical Leave of Absence October 24, 2021 through January 10, 2022.

—Transfer: Tonya Emerson, from bus driver at Vina to bus driver at Red Bay, Olivia Hardy, from temporary elementary teacher at Belgreen to elementary teacher at Belgreen.

—Suspension: Lionel Landers, bus driver, EFJH, for ten work days without pay.

—Employment in Supplement: Carlee Robbins, head varsity girls basketball coach at RBHS, Hailey Hand, head varsity girls basketball assistant coach RBHS, Ryan Swinney, varsity golf, PCHS, Randy Barnes, varsity and junior high basketball coach at Vina, Luke Childers, varsity basketball assistant coach at Vina and Rusty Frost, assistant basketball coach at PCHS.

—Employment: Grant Fancher, bus driver at Vina, Milton Conwill, head boys basketball varsity coach/history or PE teacher at Tharptown, Randy Barnes, head boys basketball coach/history or PE teacher at Vina, Ana Lucas, EL Aide, Tharptown, Carol Childers, special education aide RBES, Sydnee Bishop, special education aide, PCES, Tonya Rhudy, special education aide, TES, Rebekah Myrick, special education aide TES, Julianna Blackburn, intervention aide, RBES, Sarah Motes, Access Facilitator at THS, Jessica Guzman, EL aide at THS and Paige Hester, elementary teacher at RBES.

—Extension of Contract Hours: Danielle Hargett, cosmetology instructor at Franklin County Career Tech Center, from half-day to full day, retroactive to October 12, 2021.

—Contract Principal: Molly King, Principal, Tharptown Elementary School.

—Volunteer: Ryan Harrison, volunteer assistant basketball coach, THS.

—Bus Driver Substitutes: Elizabeth Williford, Alton Barksdale.

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'PAYMENT,' from page 1

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Vina Lady Red Devils claim runner-up in holiday tournament

Staff reports

Area tournaments won't take place until February but the Vina Lady Red Devils are getting an early feel for tournament play just weeks into the 2021-22 season.

Vina was able to take home the runner-up trophy in the annual Vina Holiday Tournament with wins over Brilliant and Thrasher High School out of Mississippi before falling to Waterloo in the championship round.

Vina 62 Brilliant 54

Brilliant scored 27 points in the entire first half while Vina was able to put up that total in the second quarter alone. Outscoring Brilliant in the first half 38-27, the Lady Red Devils got eight points from Kaitlyn Athey in the half along with six points from Sara Scott, four points from Kass Gesler, three points from Hailey Cantrell and two points apiece from Kaley Arroway and Sara Harper.

Despite being outscored 36-35 in the second half, Vina was able to pace Brilliant en route to their 62-54 victory in round one of the Vina Holiday Tournament.

Going 2-6 from the free throw line, Athey scored 14 points in the second half to lead the Lady Red Devils in scoring on the day with 22 points. Harper added four points in the second half to bring her scoring total on the day with six points while Scott and Cantrell added five and seven points respectively, to give them each 11 points in the game.

Vina 57 Thrasher (MS) 52

Trailing 34-30 at halftime, the Lady Red Devils got a huge scoring second half from Athey and Harper to secure a win over Thrasher and advance to the championship game in the tournament.

Athey scored 13 points in the first half while Harper added five points including a three-pointer.

See 'TOURNAMENT,' page 14

Ready to run it back



PHOTO BY CHRISTIAN MEDINA

After last season's loss in the 1A state championship game, the Belgreen Bulldogs return three of the starting five from a season ago and a roster filled with talented depth as they look to make the trip back to Birmingham.

Brady Petree
 Franklin Free Press

BELGREEN - Just eight months removed from their first state championship appearance since 1994, the Belgreen Bulldogs have kicked off their quest for another trip to Birmingham in top-notch fashion.

Through two games, and two wins, the Bulldogs have started off the 2021-22 season in the best way possible over two quality opponents.

One of those aforementioned opponents could be a preview of a key playoff matchup once the playoffs roll around in a few months.

Belgreen 39 Covenant Christian 38

In what figures to be a key sub-regional matchup come February, the Bulldogs came away with the advantage in the first matchup of the season. A matchup between two of the top 1A teams in the state, Will and Collin Bonner picked up right where they left off as they both scored in double digits in the win for Belgreen.

Covenant Christian jumped out to a quick 12-6 lead behind four first quarter points from Reed Trapp as Will Bonner scored four points to lead the Bulldogs in the first quarter while Collin Bonner scored two points.

The second quarter, the Bulldogs started to gain ground on the Eagles' lead as they outscored Covenant Christian 9-8 in the quarter to make it a

20-15 game leading into halftime. Will Bonner added four more points to his total while Collin Bonner scored two points in the quarter. Adrian Reaves knocked down the first three-pointer of the season for the Bulldogs in the second quarter as well.

Coming out of the half clicking on all cylinders, the Bulldogs were able to continue to cut deeper into the Eagles' lead, outscoring Covenant 10-8 in the third quarter to set up a score of 30-23 entering the fourth quarter.

Will Bonner knocked down a pair of three-pointers and a pair of free throws to lead the Bulldogs in scoring in the third quarter with eight points while Collin Bonner added two points of his own.

The fourth quarter saw the Bulldogs surge ahead and finally take control of the game and take the final lead of the game. Pacing the Eagles to a score of 14-10 to win by a final of 39-38.

In the final quarter, Will Bonner scored nine points and Canaan Stough knocked down a three-pointer while Collin Bonner added two points of his own.

Will Bonner scored 25 points in the win while Collin Bonner scored eight points. Canaan Stough and Adrian Reaves both knocked down a three-pointer on the night.

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'BACK,' from page 11

It was a tale of two quarters in the first half in Belgreen's win over Sheffield. In the first quarter, Belgreen outscored Sheffield 13-7 behind six points from Will Bonner, five points from Austin James and two points from Collin Bonner.

The second quarter, however, wasn't exactly friendly to Belgreen as they were held scoreless in the quarter as Sheffield scored 22 points in the quarter to take a 29-13 lead heading into halftime.

The tide shifted in the third quarter as Belgreen was able to outscore Sheffield 14-4 in the quarter to make it a 33-27 game in favor of Sheffield. Collin Bonner led the scoring charge in the quarter with eight points including two free throws. Will Bonner scored six points in the quarter as well.

A 23-point fourth quarter enabled Belgreen to overtake Sheffield en route to their second win of the season. Will Bonner had an incredibly impressive fourth quarter with 16 points including nine free throws as Collin Bonner contributed five points in the quarter with Canaan Stough scored two points.

Will and Collin Bonner both scored in double digits for Belgreen as Will scored 28 points while going 13 for 17 from the free throw line and Collin scored 15 points while going three for six from the charity stripe. Austin James finished with five points on the night while Canaan Stough scored two points.

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'TOURNAMENT,' from page 11

Gesler and Scott added four points each in the first half as well. Scoring only eight total points in the third quarter, Vina scored 19 points in the final quarter to seal the 57-52 victory. Athey scored eight points in the fourth quarter to give her 21 points for the game to lead Vina while Harper (12 points) and Gessler (10 points) both scored in double digits. Scott scored eight points and Abbie Petree, KK Mitchell and Kaley Attaway scored two points each.

Vina 44 Waterloo 46

After a slow start for both Vina and Waterloo in a first quarter where the Lady Red Devils scored six points and the Cougars scored four points.

Vina was able to keep their lead through halftime after outscoring Waterloo 16-14 to give the Lady Red Devils a 22-18 lead. Sara Scott had six points in the second quarter while Harper and Athey knocked down one three-pointer each in the quarter.

Waterloo was able to tie things up at 33 points apiece at the end of the third quarter despite getting four points each from Scott and Athaway in the quarter.

The Lady Red Devils weren't able to get enough going offensively in the fourth quarter to counter the Cougars despite a last second shot failing to fall for Vina.

Attaway scored four points in the quarter and Harper added five points including a three-pointer.

Scott contributed 15 points in the game while Attaway and Harper also scored in double digits with 12 and 13 points each. Athey added four points for the Lady Red Devils.

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