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Parker's YouTube channel aiming to help inform cattle farmers

*John Pilati
 Franklin Free Press*

A new You Tube channel hosted by a Franklin County resident is bringing helpful tips and information to cattle farmers around the world. LaDonna Parker's "Double L Cattle Farming & Hatchery" channel on You Tube launched in August. Parker and her husband Lee lease 160 acres on which they raise registered Hereford cattle on their Belgreen farm and Brahman cattle on their Tharptown farm. Together, they own more than 100 head, a number which continues to expand. The Parkers have been married more than five years. Although Lee occasionally handles video recording duties on the You Tube channel, it's

primarily LaDonna's project. She releases one video each week, usually on Friday afternoon. The 8-10 minute videos are targeted toward cattle farmers. Parker shares some of her successful cattle farming strategies as well as some ideas that didn't work so well. She encourages viewer input and has received feedback from viewers as far away as Morocco and Canada. Archived video topics include how to weigh a baby calf or calves, how to build a sprayer, six reasons why we bale graze and dealing with pasture sage grass or broomsedge. Her subscriber numbers for the free channel continue to grow and the channel has more than 12,670 views since it began five months ago.

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Increased supplement designed to bolster medic numbers within RFD

*John Pilati
 Franklin Free Press*

While the recent pay increase approved by the Russellville City Council for Russellville Fire Department employees who attain Advanced or Paramedic certification hasn't yet remedied his department's shortage of those specialized caregivers, RFD Chief Joe Mansell says it's "definitely a step in the right direction." Last year the council increased the annual bonus for firefighters with medic certification to \$10,500, from a previous bonus of \$6,000. Firefighters with Advanced certifica-

tion receive an additional \$5,400 per year, Mansell said. Russellville Fire Department is an Advanced Life Support, or ALS, department. This ALS certification means the department is authorized to assess and treat critical patients at the scene of emergencies. The Franklin County Emergency Medical Services, or EMS, Committee requires ambulances responding to 911 calls to have a paramedic on the scene. The Russellville Fire Department does not have that same requirement, and that concerns some residents who have questioned why RFD para-

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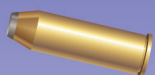
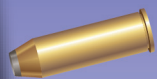
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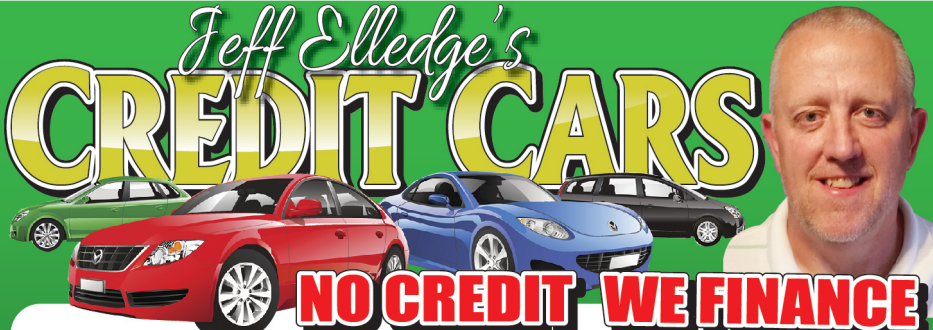
Gerald Delane "Sonny" Scott, 78, of Phil Campbell, passed away on Friday, December 31st. Spry Memorial Chapel assisted the family.

Joshua Michael Thornton, 41, of Russellville, passed away on Thursday, December 29th. Interment at Knights of Pythias Cemetery.

Cassie Brooke Vandiver, 23, of Russellville, passed away on Saturday, December 25th. Interment at King Cemetery.

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"I love getting feedback on the videos," Parker said. "We are always learning. I don't want anyone to think I believe I'm smarter than any other cattle farmers. I just thought it would be a good thing to do.

"We wanted to share what we've learned and hope people give us feedback as to what they've learned and that will lead to a better way of doing things for all of us. Work smarter, not harder," Parker added.

LaDonna grew up on her family's farm. Her parents, Ted and Linda McCollister, raised cattle, pigs, chickens and horses on their Lost Creek farm. Her papaw, Rubin Moore, was a cattle farmer who owned registered Herefords, sparking her interest in the breed at a young age.

When she and Lee married, their mutual passion for cattle farming led to them leasing land for that purpose. LaDonna was working full-time at First Metro Bank in her position of CSR Lending Assistant and working on the farm nights and weekends. In December 2018, she decided to go into cattle farming full time.

"When you grow up with cattle, you always want to get back into it. I wasn't really hands on growing up. I would go pet them and feed them, but didn't really take care of them," Parker said. "When I was getting ready to move (a few years ago) I told Lee about the craziest thing ever. I used to drive by this cattle farm on my way to First Metro. I told him I was going to miss the smell of that farm. It sounds stupid, but he says that's when he fell in love with me. He knew I was the one when I said that," she laughingly recalled.



COURTESY PHOTO

LaDonna Parker, pictured on the farm with her four grandchildren, typically releases YouTube videos on Friday, targeted towards cattle farmers.

Their decision to farm Brahman cattle was the simple result of supply and demand. The ability to cross-breed Herefords was the biggest attraction of that breed, Parker said.

"There were not a lot of Brahman in the area. And really, not a lot of registered Herefords around," Parker said. "To make most breeds, you mix a Hereford with another breed. Brangus is an Angus and Brahman, so we felt there was demand for both breeds."

The Parkers' cattle operation includes breeding and sale of cattle right off the farm. As their head numbers grew, they began identifying bull calves they did not believe would make good herd bulls. They steer those bulls and sell them as beef, a part of their operation that has grown tremendously after the COVID-19 pandemic sent beef prices through the roof.

The YouTube channel also has the benefit of helping market their cattle, beef and chicken operations. They sell beef by the quarter, half or whole, and all their beef inventory through 2022 has already been sold, Parker said.

Parker says she enjoys filming the videos, though it took the assistance of her daughter Anna Tidwell to learn how to properly edit them.

With four grandchildren between them and a fifth on the way, the Parkers enjoy the opportunity to allow their grandchildren to interact with the animals.

To subscribe to her channel, search "Double L Cattle Farming & Hatchery" on You Tube and click 'subscribe.' Parker also invites anyone interested in inquiring about cattle, beef sales or chickens to email her at doublelparker@yahoo.com.

And don't forget to look for new videos every Friday afternoon. You might just learn something new.

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Storm shelter tax credit program available to qualifying county residents

John Pilati
Franklin Free Press

Franklin County residents who incur costs to purchase and/or install a qualified storm shelter at their primary residence will be eligible for an income tax credit.

Mary Hallman-Glass, Franklin County Emergency Management Agency Director, announced the program last week. The window for the tax credit for storm shelter program opened on January 1, 2022, and is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The tax will equal \$3,000 or 50 percent of the total cost of the construction, acquisition and installation of the qualified storm shelter (whichever amount is less) at the primary residence.

The tax credit excludes any costs reimbursed or expected to be reimbursed by other reimbursements, grants or government subsidies or incentives, Hallman-Glass said.

The statewide tax credit is limited to a collective amount for all taxpayers of \$2,000,000 annually.

The taxpayer shall file an annual information report in a manner given by

the Alabama Emergency Agency, which includes information reflecting the costs of the construction, acquisition or installation of the qualified storm shelter along with additional information as required by Alabama Emergency Management Agency. The agency will issue a tax credit certificate to the taxpayer seeking the credit.

Tax credit certificates are available on a first-come, first-serve until the annual \$2,000,000 cap is exhausted.

After the cap is met, all eligible taxpayers with applications pending will be notified by AEMA that there will be no additional tax credit approvals during that tax year. Those taxpayers may seek a tax credit certificate in the following tax year, subject to the limitations of the annual cap.

The tax credit may not decrease a taxpayer's tax liability to less than zero. The tax credits allowed will be effective January 1, 2022, and run through the 2025 tax year unless extended by an act of the Alabama Legislature.

For general questions, contact the Alabama Emergency Management Agency at 205-280-2200 and the Alabama Department of Revenue for state income tax questions at 334-242-1170, Option #1.

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RCS Board accepts bid for new cafeteria service line

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The Russellville City Board of Education accepted a bid of \$121,495 for a new cafeteria service line at Russellville High School.

The board approved the action at its December 16th meeting. The bid, from Hotel & Restaurant Supply, was the lower of two bids received for the project.

In other agenda items, the board:

- welcomed new board member Radford Hester to his first meeting.
- approved use of the West Elementary School gym on Jan. 5-6, 2022, for the RHS Cheerleaders annual mini cheer camp.
- approved revised job descriptions for Site Coordinator and Custodian/Groundskeeper in the Russellville Park and Recreation Department.
- elected board member Kim Clonts as vice-president.
- approved several personnel moves, including:
 - Resignation in Position: Caleb Mansell, Custodian/Groundskeeper at Park and Recreation Department, Tami Groce, CNP Worker and Angie Bailey, Mental Health Service Coordinator/Social Worker, effective January 14, 2022.
 - Retirement in Position: Denise Allen, bookkeeper at WES and Sharmaine Fikes, library aide at Russellville Elementary School.
 - Employment in Position: Ashten Huggins, Custodian/Groundskeeper, Park and Recreation Department, Julie Hulsey, bookkeeper at WES.
 - Temporary Employment in Position: Chelsey Puckett, Kellie Calderon, Whitney Clement, Anayeli Ruiz as aides for Afterschool Tutoring & Summer Learning Project, Tyrone Wilson and Jacob Wallace, teachers for Afterschool Tutoring & Summer Learning Project, Chris Boatwright as 21st CCLC aide and Deandre Coleman as 21st CCLC teacher.
 - Voluntary Transfer: Tonya Lawler, from special education aide at WES to library aide at RES and Ryan Freeman, from Mental Health Specialist to System-Wide Mental Health Service Coordinator/Social Worker.

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Alabama ranks in top-10 for best fishing states

John Pilati
Franklin Free Press

You often see Alabama near the bottom of state rankings when it comes to education, health care or average income, so it's refreshing to see our state in the top 10 when it comes to America's best states for fishing.

A new ranking from <https://lawnlove.com>, finds Alabama to be the nation's 10th top ranked fishing state, with an analysis that includes community, access, cost and supplies.

Alabama's high scores in fishing access, which includes factors like coastal or landlocked status, percentage of state covered by water and shoreline mileage, helped catapult it into the top 10, alongside fishing paradises like Louisiana, Alaska, Michigan, Maine and Florida.

Alabama's high ranking for fishing may come as no surprise to Franklin County anglers, who enjoy one of the state's top fishing areas in the Bear Creek Water Control Project.

Created in the 1960s by the Tennessee Valley Authority, the system of four lakes is managed and controlled by the Bear Creek Development Authority. And if fishing isn't your thing, you can enjoy a 30-mile canoe float stream between Upper Bear and Big Bear Reservoirs.

Bear Creek Reservoir has 670 acres of surface area. Little Bear has 1,560 acres of surface area and Upper Bear has 1,850 acres.

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When it comes to America's worst states for fishing, there's a match between low rankings and low water percentage. The five worst fishing states are Nebraska, Kansas, New Mexico, Arizona and Nevada, according to <https://lawnlove.com>.

Alabama ranks number 22 on the list of per capita fishing licenses issued each year, and it won't cost you an arm and a leg to fish, as evidenced by the state's number eight ranking of lowest costs associated with fishing.

And the four local lakes (Cedar Creek, Little Bear, Upper Bear and Bear Creek), are rated among the cleanest recreational waters in the southern United States.

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Alabama ranked in the top ten in best states for fishing by lawnlove.com thanks in part to fishing areas such as the Bear Creek Reservoir in Franklin County.

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medics have not responded to all 911 emergencies while they are on duty. A source familiar with the RFD who asked not to be named said the department has only two medics working shifts, and they don't run all calls even if they are on duty.

"Why pay them the extra money when they aren't running all the calls while at work?," the source asked. "The fire department has to run calls if a medic is there or not for no extra money, and if a medic is called in while off duty he gets extra money."

Russellville Fire Department has three paramedics within its ranks—Chris Watkins, Jeremy Glenn and Justin Green. According to Mansell, Watkins works 'A' shift and Glenn 'B' shift. Glenn is a lieutenant assigned to RFD Station Two on Hwy. 43 North. Watkins is assigned to Station One on South Jackson Ave.

"The way calls are designed for us, if it's an emergency call inside city limits, both stations are to respond," Mansell said. "If there is a medic at the other station, he is supposed to respond. If it comes in as a non-emergency call, whatever station the call falls in will respond to it," Mansell said.

Green, who also serves as RFD Fire Marshal, works day shift and if there's an emergency call, he responds if there's not a medic at the station, Mansell explained.

While Mansell acknowledges there are times when no medic is on duty, he believes the department's policy that all firefighters must be certified at least as Basic EMTs insures that someone is always on the scene to render whatever aid is necessary on an emergency call.

"Everyone in the department has to be an EMT Basic," Mansell said. "Whatever level you're trained to there are duties you are licensed to perform. Our policy is we get there and we start performing or rendering any aid that needs to be provided until the ambulance arrives on scene."

"Once the ambulance arrives, patient care is transferred over to the ambulance service. If the ambulance is already there when we arrive, we are there to assist them with whatever they need us to do as far as emergency medical treatment," he added.

Mansell said he hopes to start a class this year for firefighters who want to attain their Advanced certification. With a department loaded with firefighters with 18-20 years of experience, Mansell said it's a challenge to get those vet-

eran employees to undergo the amount of school and training necessary to reach Advanced or Paramedic certification.

"We all get into this for the firefighting. But the job has kind of expanded into the medical field too," Mansell said. "Ultimately, we are there to provide the best service we can to the citizens of Russellville. I think we've done that and definitely give the citizens great service and we have outstanding employees in this department."

Mansell said he hopes the increased annual supplements will encourage firefighters with Advanced or Paramedic certification to apply with the department. Additionally, he believes the annual bonus will serve as an incentive for younger firefighters to further their education and earn additional certification.

"My plan is to have at least two medics every shift, with one at both stations. It's been a work in progress. The annual supplement was \$6,000 for some time and now it's been raised to \$10,500. We just weren't getting anyone to apply at the \$6,000 level, so the council was willing to go up," Mansell said.

"The mayor and council are doing all they can to try and make sure our citizens are well protected. I believe this was a good next step," he added.

Brandon James, Chairman of the Franklin County EMS Committee, explained that the Russellville Fire Department, as an ALS service, has paramedics and Advanced EMTs working for it. But the department is not the primary responder to emergency calls. That's the responsibility of Keller Ambulance Service.

"As far as medical emergency treatment goes, it would be the ambulance service, with the fire department there strictly for assistance," James said. "But the end goal is patient care and doing whatever it takes to get the patient's needs taken care of and I think the Russellville Fire Department does a very good job at that."

Mansell said there was a time when RFD had every shift covered with a medic, but one of those paramedics took a job with another department. Earning paramedic certification can take several years and the annual supplement serves as an incentive for firefighters to take that next career step.

As an ALS provider, every Russellville Fire Department truck must contain a medication bag for drugs that may be administered only by a medic.

According to the source familiar with the department, annual inspections of those medications have routinely resulted in extensive medications being disposed of as a result of being out of date, including as many as 25 medications at a time.

"The city is paying a lot to keep medics and buy supplies it's not using. Why is Muscle Shoals or Florence or Athens Fire Departments not ALS and paying big money for medics?," the source said.

Mansell said Watkins serves as the department's EMS officer and as such, he regularly goes through items in the medic bags.

"His job is to make sure items going out of date get replaced. Every shift monitors these bags, but it's the medic's place to go in and check those drugs," Mansell said. "Everything on the trucks, when it comes to the medical side, has expiration dates. We have had some things go out of date and had to discard them. But that has not been a problem. It's done regularly as part of the EMS officer's duties."

Mansell said around 85 percent of his department's calls allow Basic EMTs, a certification all Russellville firefighters have, to provide medical treatment.

"You always have to prepare for the worst, though, and that one call where we need that medic there we want to make sure the citizens of Russellville are taken care of on those calls," Mansell said.



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County varsity basketball tournament to take place beginning January 11th

Kicking off the year right



PHOTO BY CHRISTIAN MEDINA

Looking to repeat as the champions of the north region in 1A, the Belgreen Bulldogs are trending in the right direction to start off the new year and home stretch of the season.

*Brady Petree
 Franklin Free Press*

Taking part in the annual Bracy Invitational Tournament, the Belgreen Bulldogs managed to make their way all the way to the prestigious tournament championship game as they began their tune-up headed into the second half of the season before making a push towards the playoffs.

In addition to a very strong showing at the Bracy Tournament, the Bulldogs also were able to maintain their perfect area record headed into January.

Belgreen 64 Central 46

The Bulldogs kicked off their tournament run in a strong way with a resounding win over 4A Central.

Jumping out to an early 19-9 lead, the Bulldogs got 11 points in the first quarter from Collin Bonner to outscore Central in the quarter. Will Bonner and Adrian Reaves each scored three points in the quarter while Cole King scored two points.

Central was able to keep the deficit at ten after pacing Belgreen at eight points apiece in the quarter, making it a 27-17 lead for the Bulldogs headed into halftime. Reaves scored five points in the quarter while Will Bonner knocked down a three-pointer to give him three points in the quarter and six points in the half.

Belgreen extended their lead in the third quarter after outpacing Central 19-13 in the quarter to give the Bulldogs a 46-30. Collin Bonner scored eight points in the third quarter to lead Belgreen while Will Bonner and Adrian Reaves scored four points each. Austin James scored two points and Cole King scored one point.

During the final quarter, Belgreen outscored Central 18-16 to seal the 64-46 win for Belgreen.

Adrian Reaves scored eight points in the fourth quarter, Collin Bonner scored five points, Will Bonner scored four points and Canaan Stough scored one point.

Collin Bonner led all scorers with 24 points, Adrian Reaves finished with 20 points and Will Bonner scored 14 points.

Belgreen 52 Mars Hill 48

In a back-and-forth matchup against 2A Mars Hill, the Bulldogs needed a strong showing from someone and they got just that from senior guard Will Bonner.

Scoring 32 points in the win, Bonner led the charge in a round two matchup in the Bracy Invitational Tournament for the Bulldogs.

Scoring nine points in the first quarter, Will Bonner led all scorers in the quarter as the Bulldogs outscored Mars Hill 14-11. Adrian

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Staff reports

The 2021 Franklin County varsity basketball tournament is scheduled to kick off next Tuesday, January 11th at Vina High School. And with five separate brackets on the slate for county titles on the line, there's plenty of intriguing matchups to keep fans of each county team invested.

The varsity boys tournament will consist of all five varsity programs in the county with the Belgreen Bulldogs secured the number one seed and a first round bye with a 14-3 record to this point in the season. For the first game of the varsity boys bracket, Vina (four seed) will take on Tharptown (five seed) on January 11th at 6:30 p.m. with the winner advancing to take on the top-seeded Bulldogs.

Red Bay (two seed) and Phil Campbell (three seed) will square off on Friday, January 14th in one of the two semifinal matchups where the winner will advance to the championship on Saturday, January 15th slated for 7 p.m.

On the varsity girls side of the tournament, the Tharptown Lady Wildcats have secured the top spot in the tournament with a 7-6 record thus far. The Lady Wildcats will take on the winner between Vina (four seed) and Red Bay (five seed) in the semifinals.

Phil Campbell (two seed) and Belgreen (three seed) will take on one another in the second semifinal game before the winner advancing to the championship game on Saturday, January 15th at 5:30.

As for the b-team varsity bracket, three teams

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Reaves scored three points while Collin Bonner scored two points in the quarter.

The Panthers were able to take the lead from the Bulldogs in the second quarter after outpacing Belgreen 14-10, giving Mars Hill a one-point lead of 25-24 headed into halftime.

Collin Bonner and Will Bonner did all the scoring in the second quarter as Collin scored four points in the quarter and Will scored six points.

Belgreen was able to get the game back to a tie after the third quarter in which the Bulldogs outscored Mars Hill 15-14, making it a 39-39 lead entering the fourth quarter. Will Bonner scored ten points, including two three-pointers, in the third quarter as Reaves scored three points and Collin Bonner scored two points.

Belgreen outscored Mars Hill 13-9 in the fourth quarter to retake the lead for good, to give the Bulldogs a 52-48 victory, advancing to the next round of the tournament. Will Bonner scored seven points in the fourth quarter, Collin Bonner scored three points, Adrian Reaves scored two points while Cole King scored one point.

Covenant Christian 57 Belgreen 32

In a third round matchup of two of the top teams in the state at the 1A level, Covenant Christian got the upper hand in the second matchup of the season between the Eagles and the Bulldogs as the season series stands at 1-1.

Outscored 17-8 in the first quarter, the Bulldogs got four points from Will Bonner, three points from Adrian Reaves and one point from Collin Bonner.

The second quarter saw Covenant outscore Belgreen 11-10, making it a 28-18 lead headed into halftime. Austin James knocked down a pair of three-pointers in the quarter, Braycen Johnson also hit a three-pointer and Collin Bonner knocked down a free throw.

A strong third quarter from Covenant Christian effectively shut the door the rest of the way as the Eagles outscored Belgreen 19-6 to extend the lead to 47-24. The only points for the Bulldogs in the quarter came from Collin Bonner (four points) and Will Bonner (two points).

In the fourth quarter, Covenant Christian outscored Belgreen 10-8 to cap off the 57-32 win. Alex Jarnigan scored five points and Carson Cox scored three points.

Belgreen 72 Phillips 44

Coming out of the Bracy Invitational Tournament, the Bulldogs bounced back following a loss to Covenant Christian with a crucial area win over Phillips to move their area record to a perfect 4-0 on the season.

Getting off to a bit of a slow start, by their own standards, Belgreen outscored Phillips 11-4 after getting four points from Collin Bonner, three points from Carson Cox and two points each from Canaan Stough and Alex Jarnigan.

A very strong second quarter from the Bulldogs in which they outscored Phillips 23-16, saw Belgreen carry a comfortable 34-20 lead into halftime. Collin Bonner scored 11 points in the quarter while Austin James and Adrian Reaves each knocked down a three-pointer. Carson Cox, Canaan Stough and Jordan Wright each chipped in with two points in the quarter.

The third quarter saw the Bulldogs outpace Phillips 20-15 to extend their lead to 54-35 leading into the fourth quarter. Canaan Stough and Austin James both had five points in the quarter with Adrian Reaves and Collin Bonner scoring four points in the quarter. Cole King also scored two points in the quarter.

A final quarter push is where Belgreen capped off a resilient victory over Phillips following a 19-8 outsourcing in the quarter for the Bulldogs. Austin James scored five points in the fourth quarter, Collin Bonner scored four points, Adrian Reaves and Braycen Johnson scored three points, Jordan Wright scored two points and Will King scored one point.

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will suit up in search for the county crown. Red Bay has locked down the top seed in the bracket with Phil Campbell (two seed) and Belgreen (three seed) rounding out the rest of the bracket. The Tigers have secured a first round bye, therefore giving them a pass into the championship game where they will await either the Bobcats or Bulldogs. The championship game is scheduled for 4 p.m. on January 15th.

With only two teams in the b-varsity girls tournament, Vina (one seed) and Phil Campbell (two seed) will play at 2:30 p.m. on the 15th for the championship at 2:30 p.m.

The ninth grade boys county tournament consists of three teams, two of which (Tharptown and Phil Campbell) are undefeated so far into the season. Tharptown took the top seed in the tournament with Phil Campbell (two seed) and East Franklin (three seed) looking to make their way to the title game. The ninth grade county tournament championship will take place on Saturday, the 15th at 1 p.m.

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