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Just the facts: Landfill debate clogged with misinformation

John Pilati
Franklin Free Press

With two weeks to go until the Franklin County Commission holds a hearing to receive public comment on a proposed private landfill expansion application, it's becoming increasingly difficult to filter out the misinformation from the facts. Earlier this summer, Franklin County Land Management, Inc., (FCLM) submitted an application seeking local approval from the Franklin County Commission so the company can seek a modification to its existing Alabama Department of

What would change if Franklin County Land Management's application is approved?

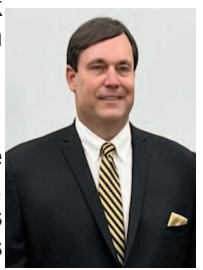
- Collection and disposal of Municipal Solid Waste.
- Expansion of service area to include all of Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee.
- Increase of maximum daily waste volume to 1,000 tons.
- Increase of landfill's permitted acreage from 45 up to 467.

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Off and running: Madden's tenure as RHS principal begins

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Russellville High School teachers returned to work August 1st to begin the new school year. Their new principal, Dr. Jeremy Madden, joined them one month later. Madden's first day as RHS principal was September 1st.



Hired to succeed Dr. Jason Goodwin, who was promoted to the Russellville City Schools Central Office. Madden has served as princi-

pal of Fayette County High School for 11 years and he extended the professional courtesy to Fayette County officials to work out a one-month's notice before returning to his alma mater. Madden is a 1993 graduate of RHS. Wednesday was Madden's final day working for a school system, and community, that's been his home for 23 years. After starting his career at Haleyville Elementary School, followed by one year at Belgreen, Madden was hired by Fayette County Schools in 2001, where he's worked as a teacher, assistant principal and high school principal since 2011.

Madden ran for Fayette County

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Opinion: Commissioners must consider cemeteries in landfill decision

To the Franklin County Commission:

I am writing this letter to you as the Archivist for Franklin County. I know you are receiving a lot of comments on the proposed landfill and I think there is one aspect you haven't considered. There are at least five cemeteries that are located in the area. All these cemeteries have been placed on the Alabama Historical Cemetery Register. These cemeteries are the resting place of many of the oldest settlers in our county, with four of them having Confederate Soldiers' grave sites.

The one that stands out most to me is the McNatt Family Cemetery. I was told it is on Mr. Hargett's property. One of the grave sites there is PVT. Henry Harrison Moore. He served in Co. E 4th Alabama Cavalry. PVT. Moore is the great, great grandfather of Probate Judge Barry Moore. I am not saying that one grave is more special than the others, but using this grave as an example. Eighty-five percent of our patrons here at the Archives are researching their ancestry and one of their main goals is to visit the cemeteries and stand at their ancestors' graves. I certainly don't want to be the one to tell them their ancestors are in the garbage dump. If the Commission approves this landfill I will send them to you to explain what happened to their loved ones.

Is this the legacy you want to leave when you are no longer in office? If so, how will you lay down and sleep at night knowing what you did to our county?

My other concern has to do with tourism. We try very hard to promote tourism in our county and I truly believe that this landfill will be a deterrent to the tourist and the local people that come to our beautiful county.

With all of this being said, I am asking the Commission to please consider all the aspects before you make your decision.

Respectfully,
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Franklin County Archivist



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Stem cell patches one of Porter's therapy options

John Pilati
Franklin Free Press

Jamie Dozier has endured chronic knee pain for years, and that's a big problem for the Guin resident, especially when he becomes 'Santa' Jamie each year.

Dozier's calendar in November and December is full of bookings for 'Santa' Jamie, and that means lots of bending and sitting with kids perched on his ailing knees as they rattle off their wish lists for Christmas morning.

So Santa turned to Anna Carol Porter, owner of Holistic Harmony in Russellville, to try a new patch designed to elevate the body's stem cell activity in an effort to relieve some of his pain, and prolong his imminent right knee replacement. Porter is a certified holistic health practitioner, whose services include hypnotherapy, fascial stretch therapy, craniosacral therapy and she offers a line of several LifeWave products for sale.

Dozier met Porter when both were involved in a production at Russellville's Roxy Theatre. He knew about Porter's certification in hypnotherapy, which he would use later as part of his post-surgery rehabilitation, but he'd never heard of the LifeWave X39, a patch that elevates the peptide GHK-Cu through phototherapy, helping to activate the body's stem cells.

GHK-Cu is a naturally occurring copper complex in the body, first identified in human plasma, and also in saliva and urine.

Phototherapy is the use of natural or artificial light to treat illness. The LifeWave X39, through this process, can help the body heal from injury, reduce pain, and increase energy, according to the company's website.

But did the patch provide an early Christmas present for 'Santa' as he looked for a way to prolong his knee replacement?

"They helped tremendously," Dozier said. "I used the patch daily for pain and I definitely saw some improvement. I ended up getting the knee replacement after I fell and finished it off. If not for that, the patches were definitely helping me."

For Shoals resident Gene Anne Gifford, the patches had an almost immediate impact on her energy level.

"When Anna Carol suggested I try the X39 patches, I was pretty skeptical because they looked like little round Band-Aids," Gifford said. "To my surprise, I felt more energetic after only a couple of days. In fact, I had to skip wearing them every third day because they interfered with my sleep at first.

"After about a month, I was able to wear a patch every day, and now, it's hard to remember how listless I was before I started," she added. Gifford also uses essential oils she purchased through Porter. And she said the fascia massage therapy has made the most significant impact on her overall health.

"My muscles are more relaxed and I am much more healthy since I started getting these massages," Gifford said.

After his surgery, Dozier continued using the X39 patches to help heal the extensive bruising around his knee. "I put a patch on my leg where the bruises were worst and within days the bruising around the patch was healing noticeably less than the areas with no patch," Dozier said.

He also began post-surgical hypnotherapy treatment with Porter to help with pain management and as an alternative to taking prescription pain medication every day. "I was skeptical at first about (hypnotherapy)," Dozier said. "But the stem cell patches were already working and helping me so I thought I'd try another alternative. I saw where Anna does that so I gave it a try. As my pain level decreased, I phased out of it but I still use what she taught me to deal with the pain and I won't have the left knee replacement until I absolutely have to."

Dozier's knee problems began 12 years ago. He received cortisone injections in both knees every three months for more than a decade. When he started using the LifeWave X39 patches, he pushed back that frequency to four months, and he increased the interval between injections as his chronic pain subsided.

"Both the patches and the hypnotherapy significantly passed any expectations I had about them. My wife uses the patches and she says the same thing. It's definitely made a difference in my life," Dozier said.

The patch is applied daily either at the base of the neck between the shoulder blades, or below the navel on the abdomen. The X39 patches may also be placed directly at the source of pain or injury. The patch is worn 10-12 hours, then removed, with the same routine following each day.

The regenerative medicine industry is booming, with more than \$49 billion in sales last year. LifeWave X39 patches are a comparatively low-cost option to help with stem cell activation, and Dozier is a big believer.

Dozier said having a positive frame of mind is an important part of pain management.

"You need to be positive. If you go into (hypnotherapy) saying it's not going to work, it won't. If you have an open mind, and let your mind help out, it will improve your overall health to a tolerable rate where you can survive without a bunch of medication," Dozier said.

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Cahaba Shriners will host a Kids Fishing Rodeo, Saturday, Sept. 24, at 1226 Blake Bottom Road in Huntsville, from 12-3:30 p.m. A hot dog lunch will be provided. First place trophy for Big Fish, and first place trophy for little fish! Kids 14 and under will receive a free Fishing Rodeo t-shirt, rod and reel with tackle box. Free family fun! Come join us!

Attention: Russellville City Schools Parents

In an effort to strengthen and reinforce school safety procedures, Russellville City Schools officials will hold practice lockdown drills this week after students return from the Labor Day holiday. RCS Superintendent of Education Heath Grimes said the system will partner with local law enforcement and the Franklin County Emergency Management Agency so they can also reinforce their school safety training and procedures. Blackboard communications will be utilized to inform parents when the drills begin and end, so there is no confusion about what is happening on their child's campus when law enforcement and EMA officials are on site this week.



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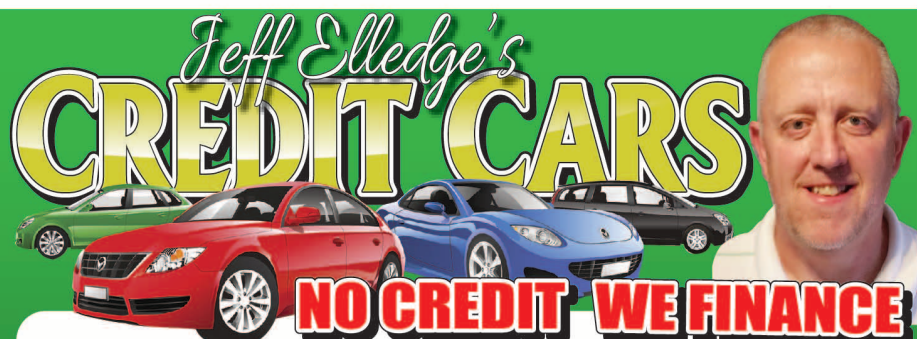


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Environmental Management permit. That modification would permit the landfill, located on Welch Cemetery Road near Belgreen, to collect and dispose of municipal solid wastes, with an increase in the landfill's service area to include all of Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama. The modification would also increase the facility's maximum daily volume from 250 tons to 1,000 tons, and the acreage for waste disposal from 45 acres to a maximum of 467 acres.

The Franklin County Commission will hold a public hearing from 5-9 p.m., Thursday, September 22, at the A.W. Todd Centre in Russellville. Citizens who want to address the commission must request to speak by emailing Franklin County Administrator Leah Mansell at lmansell@hiwaay.net by 4:30 p.m., on September 21, 2022. The email should indicate whether the citizen will be speaking for or against the proposed modification.

As of September 1, 25 requests had been made to speak at the September 22 hearing, Mansell told the Franklin Free Press.

While the debate over expanding the landfill is, at its core, an environmental versus an economic one, there are multiple reasons why approval of FCLM's application could be a good, or bad, decision for Franklin County.

Commissioners will have to sort through Code of Alabama sections 22-27-48 and 22-27-48(1), which outline the procedure for filing a permit modification with ADEM, to make sure state law has been followed in the process.

Additionally, the commission is charged with weighing public input into its decision whether to approve the application, along with reviewing the Local Governmental Approval Study prepared and filed by LaBella Associates, an engineering consulting firm hired by FCLM owner Neil Hargett to work with him through the ADEM application process.

LaBella filed the 29-page study, along with Franklin County Land Management's application, with the Franklin County Commission on July 18, 2022.

Any citizen may receive a copy of the study by visiting the Franklin County Commission Office, 405 Jackson Avenue North, in Russellville, from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

While much speculation exists about what FCLM might petition for down the road if its application is approved by the commission, the only modification requested by Hargett is approval to collect Municipal Solid Waste, or MSW.

Even if the commission approves FCLM's application, several steps remain before a final decision is made by ADEM. The local host governmental agency, in this case the Franklin County Commission, can end the process if it rejects the application. If approved by the commission, the application moves to the next phase with ADEM.

According to the study, Franklin County Land Management, Inc., began its landfill operations in 1995 on a 154-acre tract, 45 acres of which are permitted for waste disposal. The landfill is currently permitted as an industrial landfill and that permit was renewed in June of 2020.

The landfill's approved service area includes all 67 Alabama counties, Alcorn, Tishomingo and Itawamba Counties in Mississippi and Hardin, Wayne and Lawrence Counties in Tennessee.

This would change if the modification is approved. That service area would expand to the entirety of Mississippi and Tennessee.

FCLM's current permit authorizes the collection and disposal of "nonputrescible and nonhazardous construction and demolition waste and rubbish as defined by ADEM Administrative Code 335-13-1-.03, asbestos, tires, Vetrotex and waste generated by the Innovative Hearth Products manufacturing facility in Russellville. IHP's waste includes refractory brick, waste concrete, fiber panels, logs and dust."

While it is permitted for up to 250 tons daily volume, FCLM's average waste volumes for the past three years are nowhere near that amount. In 2021, average tons per day were 36.9 (Q1), 43.2 (Q2), 36.5 (Q3) and 33.6 (Q4). The average waste volumes in 2020 and 2019 were similar totals.

Commissioners are directed pursuant to Code of Alabama 22-27-48(c) to evaluate the application against the following six criteria:

--The consistency of the proposal with the jurisdiction's solid waste management needs as identified in the plan.

--The relationship of the proposal to local planned or existing development or the absence thereof, to major transportation arteries and to existing state primary and secondary roads.

--The location of a proposed facility in relationship to existing industries in the state that generate large volumes of solid waste, or the relationship to the areas projected for development of industries that will generate solid waste.

--Costs and availability of public services, facilities and improvements required to support a proposed facility and protect public health, safety and the environment.

--The impact of a proposed facility on public safety and provisions made to minimize the impact on public health and safety.

--The social and economic impacts of a proposed facility on the affected community, including changes in property values, and social or community perception.

With a projected total waste disposal footprint of 467 acres, the expanded FCLM landfill would allow for the management of 100% of Franklin County's municipal waste disposal needs based on projected waste acceptance rates for the next seven years, according to the study.

For Cedar Lake resident Scott Mugno and other citizens who oppose the

application, it's not just about the capacity issues of an expanded landfill. It's also a concern what type of waste is being deposited.

"The landfill they've got right now is a construction debris, inert landfill," Mugno said. "It's not properly placed to be an expanded landfill because it's situated next to creeks that feed into Cedar Lake. It's 1.5 miles from the underground lake in Belgreen.

"That type of expanded landfill they have in mind would have never been placed where the current construction debris landfill is located," he added.

With household garbage, or MSW, two primary environmental concerns are methane emissions and leachate. Leachate is contaminated water from rainfall that permeates through MSW, carrying bacteria and toxins which, if a proper liner is not installed, seep into the water table.

In order to be permitted for MSW collection, a landfill must meet ADEM's requirements for methane testing and leachate collection. Unless it is treated prior to disposal, leachate cannot be directly discharged into the environment.

FCLM's plan is for all leachate collected at the landfill to be hauled to an off-site wastewater treatment plant for treatment and disposal.

LaBella engineers state in their study that the landfill would be constructed with both a composite liner and a leachate collection system, providing two layers of protection. They point out that extensive testing by ADEM would have to be done before the landfill could begin collection of MSW.

Additionally, MSW landfills must implement gas monitoring programs to check for the presence of gases generated by the decomposition of organic garbage.

But opponents of the expansion are concerned about the 'what ifs' of leachate leakage. It's the environmental analogy of saying you can't unring the bell once it sounds.

According to 2010 U.S. Census data, 483 people live within a three-mile radius of the FCLM landfill. LaBella asserts that this analysis does not indicate any significant socioeconomic vulnerabilities in the study area.

As a result, they maintain, the proposed landfill expansion "is not expected to significantly impact property values nor cause any additional significant socioeconomic effects to the local community."

For those residents living inside that three-mile radius, though, their definition of 'significant' is likely markedly different from that of the LaBella study.

'MADDEN,' from page 1

Superintendent of Education in the May 2022 Republican Primary, and finished third in a four-man race, with 23% of the vote.

While Madden wasn't actively looking to leave the Fayette County system, he began to consider some opportunities presented to him that he would not have considered previously.

"We've really invested the last 23 years of our lives here," Madden said. "Our school has seen some really good success. And we wanted to do that for the district but weren't successful. My wife (Dwan) is a Fayette hometown girl. But after the election, I started answering some phone calls I might not have answered before.

And obviously, when there was interest from Russellville High School, that carried more weight with me. It's my hometown. The tradition is strong. Russellville people are so special to me. And I'm in a position today to be the best version of myself with the skill set I bring to Russellville High School and that's exciting because I know what we can do here," he added.

Madden posted a message on Thursday, his first day at his new job, that went to the very heart of the responsibility he feels taking the helm at RHS.

"It's an honor and privilege to return home to Russellville High School. I'm deeply appreciative of the faith Superintendent (Heath) Grimes and the Board of Education members demonstrated in asking me to lead one of the truly great high schools in Alabama," Madden said. "I'm excited for the opportunity at RHS and I promise high energy, effort and hard work every minute of the day."

Madden was one of three applicants interviewed for the principal job, with the other two being RCS in-system candidates. Madden appreciates the opportunity and realizes the leap of faith taken by Grimes and the RCS Board of Education.

"I appreciate the faith and Dr. Grimes and the board have placed in me. They don't go out of system often. They hire from within, and I understand that. They're trying to train people and promote people in the system," Madden said. "So I'm very appreciative of them breaking that cycle and bringing me back.

"We've had success (in Fayette County) because of the teachers, the programs we had and the community. And we will work in Russellville every day to do our very best," he added.

When news broke about the RHS principal's vacancy, Grimes said it would be 'his preference' to hire either an in-system applicant or a RHS graduate.

"We want both our graduates and those who have contributed positively in our system to know their work is valued and that we want them to grow and be promoted," Grimes said.

"Hiring from within lets those in the system know their hard work and contributions are valued and will payoff. Hiring graduates fosters our culture of pride and tradition. Everyone can't be a Russellville graduate or it can potentially weaken the system, but having a good mix and hiring a graduate when they are equally or more qualified brings a great balance and quality to our system," he added.



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Golden Tigers score early, often in rout of Lawrence County

Michael Rice
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The Golden Tigers took the field under the Friday night lights 0-2 with a chip on their shoulder.

The Lawrence County Red Devils started their season off with a win against Danville. The following week against Guntersville it was a lopsided 55-0 loss.

And an angry Russellville awaited them in the Golden Tigers' home opener. Coach John Ritter's team rolled to a 49-0 win. As the game began, the Red Devils completed their first pass for 15 yards. However that play did not detour the Golden Tigers from their mission. The Red Devils then went 3 and out and the Golden Tigers ran the jet sweep to senior Randall Johnson that resulted in a Golden Tiger first down inside the red zone.

Senior running back Conner Warhurst was then able to punch in a 17-yard touchdown run.

Later in the first quarter Warhurst's name was called again and he answered with another touchdown.

With 1:15 left in the 1st quarter, Warhurst had a break out run for over 60 yards that put the Golden Tigers in scoring distance. Then freshman Cam Phinizee ran in a 2 yard touchdown to make the score 21-0 as the second quarter began.

An interception by junior Matthew James put the Golden Tigers in business again and none other than Warhurst came in to score another TD.

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Passion play: Swinney continues FB career at UNA

Michael Rice
Franklin Free Press

For most athletes, after high school, you're never able to step on a field again. For Boone Swinney the thought of never being on a football field again was too much, so he did something about it.

After graduating from Phil Campbell High School in May of 2022, Swinney immediately went to work. He moved to Gulf Shores and found work with an electrical company. But the competitive fires inside him never flamed out.

"I started missing football not long after arriving in South Alabama. I missed the workouts, being on a team and the physicality of the game," Swinney said.

Swinney worked for a few months when something happened while he was on a job.

"I saw the Gulf Shores High School football team having summer workouts and practicing and it really started to set in. I wanted to be out there with those guys," Swinney said.

While Swinney was getting ready to leave Gulf Shores, he saw the University of North Alabama was having an open tryout for football.

"I've always enjoyed the campus and I loved watching their basketball and football games. With UNA being only 45 minutes from home, it would be an awesome place to play football at a high level and not in a different state away from family," Swinney said.

Swinney contacted his high school coach, Kevin Barnwell, for advice on what he should do.

"I came to Coach Barnwell and explained my situation. He told me he couldn't make the decision for me but if it was him he would go play football somewhere," Swinney said.

Barnwell is in his fourth season coaching the Bobcats.

"When Coach Barnwell came to Phil Campbell, we didn't have a winning culture. He came in and changed our mindset. Coach Barnwell and I are a lot alike. We're both winners and we want to be around the game any



Swinney during the 2021 Phil Campbell season

way we can," Swinney said.

Swinney sent in his game films and waited to be contacted by the UNA coaching staff.

"It took a while for them to contact me, but finally during the first week of school, Defensive Coordinator Steadman Campbell contacted me about an open linebacker spot," Swinney said.

Swinney made the Lions' squad as a linebacker, but will more than likely be redshirted his freshman year since he missed fall camp.

Swinney is the son of Jason Swinney and Melinda Swinney. He will be majoring in secondary education with a focus in science so he can pursue his coaching dreams.

And whatever his role, he's back on the field as a member of the UNA Lions. And that's right where he wants to be.

"It's the greatest sport ever. There's nothing else like it," Swinney said.

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Notice of Public Hearing

Franklin County Land Management Expansion Request

Franklin County Land Management, Inc. (FCLM) submitted an application on July 18, 2022, seeking Local Host Government Approval from the Franklin County Commission so that FCLM can seek a modification to their existing Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) Solid Waste Disposal Facility Permit No. 30-04.

Under Section 22-27-48 of the Code of Alabama, solid waste management facilities that are seeking to make certain modifications to their ADEM Solid Waste Disposal Facility Permit, are required to first obtain local host governmental approval.

The primary objectives of the FCLM permit modification are the following:

- Allow for the construction and operation of Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Units as defined by ADEM Admin Code 335-13-1-.03(89).
- Allow for the acceptance and disposal of municipal solid wastes, industrial wastes, construction and demolition debris and other waste types authorized by the ADEM Division 13 regulations for disposal in a municipal solid waste landfill.
- Expansion of the facility's service area to include all cities and counties in Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee.
- Increase to the facility's maximum average daily volume to 1,000 tons per day.
- Increase the facility's acreage for waste disposal from 45 acres to a maximum of 467 acres.

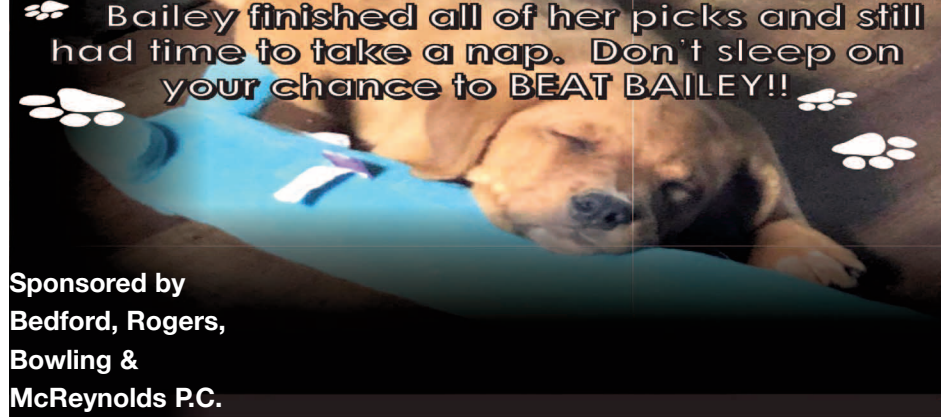
Franklin County Land Management, Inc. prepared this application to evaluate the compliance of this facility expansion with Alabama Code Title 22 Health, Mental Health, and Environmental Control 22-27-48, as well as Section 9.0 of the Franklin County Solid Waste Management Plan.

The Franklin County Commission has performed a review of the application and has made a preliminary determination that it is relevant and consistent with the Franklin County Solid Waste Management Plan and in compliance with Alabama Code 22-27-48.

Having made these preliminary determinations, the Franklin County Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held on Thursday, September 22, 2022 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the A.W. Todd Centre, 201 Washington Avenue SW, Russellville, AL 35653. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear and consider public comments about this proposed application.

Persons commenting will be allowed 5 minutes to speak. Persons wishing to speak should email Leah Mansell at lmansell@hiwaay.net by 4:30 PM on September 21, 2022 to be added to the agenda. The speakers will be scheduled on a first come, first serve basis.

A copy of this application and the Franklin County Solid Waste Management Plan can be reviewed by contacting Franklin County Administrator Leah Mansell at (256)332-8850 or visit the Franklin County Commission office at 405 Jackson Avenue North, Russellville, AL 35653 from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday.



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In the second half, a long run by Warhurst put the Golden Tigers into scoring position and Phinizee's number was called again and he answered with his second score.

At halftime the Golden Tigers led 35-0.

The Golden Tigers scored quickly in the second half with a 28-yard pass from junior Harrison Burch to Randall Johnson for a touchdown.

Later, junior Malachi Duncan had a sack which resulted in a scoop and score by junior Demontae Thornton.

That would be the last score by the Golden Tigers who had a dominating win.

Freshman quarterback Ben Pounders saw game play in the fourth quarter. On a 2nd and 6, Pounders had a big run for a first down.

The Golden Tigers take on the West Point Warriors on the road next Friday, hoping to improve to 2-0 in Class 5A, Region 8 play.

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3-0 Bobcats head to Leighton for Friday showdown

John Pilati
Franklin Free Press

The Phil Campbell Bobcats used a 30-point second quarter to build a 42-6 halftime lead over Elkmont en route to a 58-20 win Thursday night.

Coach Kevin Barnwell's team improved to 3-0 and will travel to Leighton next Friday to face the Colbert County Indians.

The Bobcats scored the first of their two first-quarter touchdowns when Bryant Hyde scored on a two-yard run. The PAT failed and it was 6-0 with 8:52 left in the opening quarter.

Four minutes later, Kyle Pace connected with Robbie Robinson for a 21-yard touchdown. It was one of only two passes completed all night by Pace, but he made those two worthwhile, as he finished 2-7 for 84 yards and two touchdowns. Braxten Goodson hauled in the other TD reception on a 63-yard scoring play.

After two Sage Raper touchdowns in the second quarter, from three yards and 13 yards out, Elkmont finally dented the scoreboard with a 69-yard TD pass from Logan Jones to Jake Guthrie.

Phil Campbell led 34-6 with two minutes left in the half.

The Bobcats offense went to work quickly, and Noah Raper's 35-yard touchdown with :09 left made it 40-6. Pace ran in the two-point try and the Bobcats led 42-6 at halftime.

Phil Campbell totaled 428 yards of offense, including an impressive 344 rushing yards on 33 attempts. That comes out to a 10.4-yard per rush average, and Barnwell knows his team can win a lot of football games with those numbers.

"We did some things alignment-wise we hadn't done yet, so that put the other team in a bind as far as assignment football," Barnwell said. "We still did that stuff out of the wishbone set, but it was different schematically and in our blocking assignments."

As a player at Hackleburg, Barnwell learned from Coach Bill Smith the importance of an effective run game.

"I grew up in the late 70s-80s when power football was the thing. I watched those Alabama and Auburn teams and that's how I learned football. My philosophy is you've got to run to win and you've got to stop the ball on the other side to win," Barnwell said.

Phil Campbell's running backs had a field day running behind their dominating offensive line. Noah Raper finished with 95 yards on eight carries and a touchdown. Hyde had five carries for 83 yards and two scores. Sage Raper's five carries yielded 50 yards and two touchdowns. Isaac Hill had three rushes for 23 yards and a score.

Barnwell was pleased with his defensive effort, and saw a more inspired defensive unit than the first two weeks.

"They ran to the ball better than they have been," Barnwell said. "Last year we had all 11 players around the football and we try to emphasize when the whistle blows you've got to be around the ball."

Ak Cleveland led all Bobcat defenders with five tackles. Alex Allison had 4.5 and Jeitt Traywick and Boone Larrimore had four apiece.

As with all coaches, Barnwell sees room for improvement, even with his team's 3-0 start. And that begins with improved ball protection.

The Bobcats fumbled four times against Elkmont, losing three of those. And each Phil Campbell turnover proved costly. Three lost fumbles for the Bobcats turned into three touchdowns for Elkmont.

If that happens Friday at Colbert County, Barnwell knows it won't be pretty. He watched the Indians' game against Brooks, a 48-0 loss, but Barnwell still came away impressed.

"They have real good team speed, they're well coached in putting personnel in the best position to be successful," Barnwell said. "We've got to correct our turnovers with a week of good preparation. It's a tough matchup athletically for us so we need to reduce turnovers and mental mistakes to compete with them."

"Every Elkmont touchdown came off a turnover, so we've got to do a better job preparing our kids through drills and practice to eliminate those mistakes," he added.

Colbert County, 1-1, had a bye this week. The Indians rebounded from the Brooks' loss with a 51-20 defeat of Sheffield.



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RMS volleyball team begins busy September schedule

*Daniel Aycock
Russellville Middle School*

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The Russellville Middle School volleyball team played in a tournament Saturday, August 20th at Deshler.

The team split in the tournament.

The Golden Tigers traveled to Phil Campbell for a match on August 22nd, and split its games. RMS played at Hackleburg on Thursday, August 25th, and faced Florence Middle School on August 29th.

The RMS 7th and 8th grade won both of the games they played.

The team will travel to Deshler for a match on September 8th, to East Lawrence for a match on September 12th and to Hatton on September 15th for a tri-match with Hatton and Moulton.

Russellville will host a tournament on Saturday, September 17th, and finish its regular season at Florence Middle School (September 22nd), home against Hatton (September 28th) and at Haleyville (September 29th).

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CLARIFICATION - It has been pointed out to the grassroots effort SAVE FRANKLIN COUNTY ALABAMA that the term “hazardous waste” appears in some of its ads and posts. “Hazardous waste” is not just a generic term used to describe wastes that pose a hazard to human health or the environment; it also has a technical meaning under State and federal law and regulations. While those opposing the landfill expansion do see the proposed disposal of large volumes of municipal solid waste (including household garbage) as posing a hazard to human health and the environment, such waste is not “hazardous waste” in the term’s technical meaning.

Franklin County Land Management, Inc., Neal Hargett and their engineering firm have NOT requested that “hazardous waste,” in its technical meaning, be accepted or disposed of in the proposed landfill expansion. The grassroots effort SAVE FRANKLIN COUNTY ALABAMA acknowledges that and will clarify that distinction or respond to it where it can and going forward.

The grassroots effort SAVE FRANKLIN COUNTY ALABAMA remains opposed to the landfill expansion for all the other reasons mentioned to date and reasons to be added in the coming weeks. Additionally, the language in the proposal “and other waste types authorized by ADEM regulations for disposal in a municipal solid waste landfill” remains very concerning.