

CAROL MURPHREE

Board of Education
District 4
November 8, 2022

Pd. Pol. Adv. By: Carol Murphree • 379 Keelson Gap Rd, Spruce Pine, AL, 35885



Fishing Tackle—20% Off!!
Huge Supply in Stock!

15347 Hwy 43 • 256-332-1108



Mitch M. McKinney
Attorney At Law

General Practice Including:
Real Estate
Personal Injury
Criminal & Family Law
Estate Planning

256.398.6815
102 Jackson Ave S.
Russellville

No representation is made that the quality of the legal services to be performed is greater than the quality of legal services performed by other lawyers.

REB 'accounting error' leaves unanswered questions

John Pilati
Franklin Free Press

When it became public in July that the Russellville Electric Board underpaid the City of Russellville more than \$141,674 over the past 15 months for in-lieu of tax equivalent payments, REB Manager Charles Canida was quick to point an accusing finger.

Canida read a prepared statement at the REB's July meeting regarding the monies due to the city. In addition to the July monthly in-lieu of tax equivalent payment of \$80,967.57,

the REB paid \$141,674.79 in arrearage—money that was more than a year overdue to the city.

"The reason for the increase is due to an accounting (emphasis added) error prior to April 12, 2021, that did not account for the new substation when it was built," Canida said.

Canida did not elaborate on who supposedly made the 'accounting error,' or whether it was internal or made by the outside accounting firm that audits the REB each year. But the April 12, 2021, date is significant, as it coincides with the time frame when Canida was privately urging

See 'REB,' Page 9

Franklin BOE terminates bus driver charged with DUI

John Pilati
Franklin Free Press

After a brief executive session at an emergency meeting held Monday morning, the Franklin County Board of Education unanimously followed the recommendation of Superintendent Greg Hamilton and terminated Rhonda Barksdale from her job as a Tharptown School bus driver.

Barksdale, 58, was arrested September 16, 2022, and charged with Driving Under the Influence of Any Substance That Impairs Mental Faculties and 40 counts of Reckless Endangerment while she was transporting children to Tharptown that

morning.

Barksdale's hiring was approved by the board earlier this month, and as such, she was a probationary employee and does not have the right to appeal the board's decision, according to Franklin County Schools Attorney Danny McDowell. Her termination is effective immediately.

After 15 minutes behind closed doors, the board resumed its meeting and McDowell made a statement regarding the executive session.

"During the executive session, the board discussed the good name and character of certain individuals. No vote was taken or any other action taken during the executive session,"

See 'BUS DRIVER' Page 3

The Jameson

APARTMENTS
NOW PRE-LEASING

Efficiency Living Studio Units
715 Lawrence East

\$700/mo., inc. Utilities & WiFi
Rent, Utilities & WiFi Included

256-718-2000

HABLA ESPANOL 256-284-1306

Taking care of
your family's
dental needs

Brett M. Bowen, DDS

Bowen
Family
Dentistry



243 Underwood Road • Russellville 256.332.4000



RUSSELLVILLE DENTAL CARE

Everyone Deserves To Smile!

We are sad to announce the passing of Dr. Steven Hammack.

Please keep his family and staff in your prayers. The office will remain open.

Dr. Hammack requested to continue to treat all patients with the help of Dr. Lester Norvell.

Appointments with our hygienists (Shannon, Kelly and Cassidy) are still scheduled and they are looking forward to seeing you.

Dr. Norvell is a Florence native and has practiced for several years. We are thankful to have him helping out.

256.332.6073

510 Engle Dr. • Russellville

Our team is ready to serve you!



531 St. Clair St., Russellville

Call 256.332.6888 to schedule your appointment today!



Hablamos Espanol



SingingRiverDentistry.com

BARGAIN HUNT Thrift Store

Big Outside Clearance Sale!
Most Items \$5 or Less Thru
Friday, August 19

1176 Hwy 48

Tuesday - Saturday 9-5

337-290-2536

**“Healthy Living
is
Happy Living!”**

**Introducing:
Dr. Christopher
Rankin**



- Primary Care Physician
- Medical Check-Ups & Consultations
- Health Screenings

256.331.2700
15225 Hwy 43 • Suite I



**PREDATOR
PEST CONTROL**
“The Insect Predator”

Eddie Deaton
(256) 627-1996

Toll Free 1-888-832-5405

(662) 862-5631

(662) 840-4055

Village at Oliver Place
Apartments & Townhomes
Water included starting at:

2 BR \$430 • 3 BR: \$505



205.993.5005 • Pike Avenue • Phil Campbell
TDD (Hearing impaired) 800.548.2546



FRANKLIN MEMORY GARDENS



We offer ground burial, mausoleum and cremation spaces. All may be purchased at need or pre-need to include the burial vault and bronze memorial.

Providing a peaceful, beautiful and serene cemetery for the people of Franklin County.

Carolyn Atkins Porter *Since 1960*
2710 Waterloo Road • 256.332.2115

*“In Memory of our loved ones...”
brought to you by Atkins Marble and Granite Works
and Franklin Memory Gardens*

**Annette Moss Malone, 64, of Russellville,
passed away on Monday, September 19.
Pinkard Funeral Home assisted the family.**

**Hubert J. Garrison, 82, of Russellville, passed
away on Friday, September 16. Spry Memorial
Chapel assisted the family.**

For updates on news and sports throughout the week, visit us on the web at www.franklinfreepress.net! Send your guest columns, recipes, cartoon panels, letters to the editor and other creative submissions to franklinfreepress@yahoo.com.



AVIATORS DETAILING
PROFESSIONAL DETAILING
PAINT CORRECTIONS CERAMIC COATING

Brandon Seay, Owner
13365 Hwy. 243
Russellville Airport
(256) 436-0465

George Evans, MD

Offering general medical care services for the entire family



**SHOALS
PRIMARY CARE**



256.383.4473 Ext. 2021
340 Cox Blvd • Sheffield, AL

'BUS DRIVER,' from page 1

McDowell said.

Hamilton then made his recommendation to terminate Barksdale, which was the only personnel item on the agenda.

The DUI charge and the Reckless Endangerment counts are Class A misdemeanors, punishable upon conviction by up to 12 months in jail. Barksdale was charged with one count of Reckless Endangerment for each child on her bus at the time of her arrest.

In a prepared statement, Hamilton said the safety of students is his primary concern, and he reflected on what could have been a tragic event, with the safety of children at risk by an impaired bus driver.

"The education and safety of Franklin County students is paramount," Hamilton said Monday. "I am very thankful that no one was injured as a result of the bus incident. The action of a concerned parent to help get the bus stopped cannot be praised enough.

"Due to the ongoing criminal investigation, I will not have any additional comments on personnel matters other than my recommendation to the Board of Education at today's meeting," he added.

Hamilton's statement referenced a parent of a Franklin County Schools student (whose child was not on the bus) whose quick action helped prevent a dangerous situation from becoming tragic.

According to Franklin County Sheriff Shannon Oliver, Barksdale's erratic driving of her school bus the morning of September 16th concerned a motorist to call 911, where she described a bus driver "driving erratically, including driving off the road multiple times." The call was received around 7:45 a.m., that morning.

Oliver said the motorist moved in front of the bus and slowed down enough to get the bus to stop. The motorist boarded the bus to make sure there was no medical issue with the driver.

When deputies arrived at the intersection of Highway 48 and County Road 77, Barksdale was sitting in the driver's seat with the bus parked on the side of the road. Oliver said paramedics examined Barksdale and did not observe any medical issue or emergency.

According to a source familiar with the investigation, Barksdale told officers

she had taken zolpidem (Ambien) and at least one other medication prior to her shift that morning. Zolpidem is a prescription sedative with several possible side effects including daytime drowsiness.

Florence attorney Tim Case is representing Barksdale. She has pled not guilty and the cases will be set on a trial docket later this year.

Franklin Free Press

113 Washington Ave. NW
Russellville, AL 35653
256-332-0255

The Franklin Free Press is published weekly by Pilati Investments, Inc.
Our publication is mailed to our readers at no charge.

Publisher

John Pilati

Executive Editor

Michael Rice

E-mail: franklinfreepress@yahoo.com

Sales Representatives

Michael Rice, John Pilati

Content Contributors

Gail Motes, Christian Medina

Graphic Design

Jason Hill

Correction Policy

The Franklin Free Press strives for excellence and accuracy, and we will be pleased to correct any error in our newspaper. To request a correction or clarification, call or e-mail our office.

Letters to the editor

The Franklin Free Press is published by hometown people, for hometown people. We urge contributions of all kinds, including guest columns, picture submissions, cartoons or letters to the editor. Send any letters to our office via U.S. Postal Service or e-mail, and we will gladly publish them. Letters must be signed and contain the hometown and phone number of the author. The Franklin Free Press reserves the right to edit letters for style, length and content.

Copyright Information

Published by Pilati Investments, Inc. Copyright 2022
All materials and content are copyrighted by the Publisher
This publication may not be reproduced, in whole or in part, by any method, without the express written permission of the Publisher.

For updates on news and sports throughout the week, be sure and visit us online at www.franklinfreepress.net!



SEWING MACHINE OPERATORS
FABRIC CUTTERS
STEEL & ALUMINUM WELDERS
PACKING DEPARTMENT
BUFFING DEPARTMENT
PAINT LINE
MAINTENANCE
WAREHOUSE

\$13 - \$24 PER HOUR
DEPENDENT ON POSITION & EXPERIENCE

\$200 SIGN ON BONUS

BENEFITS INCLUDING:
BCBS INSURANCE

LeisureCreations

Apply in person at 67 Ash Ave, Russellville, AL 35653
or scan the QR code to begin your application



It's Your Choice,



At the scene of an accident or breakdown, tell law enforcement you want M & N Towing!
We offer local pick up for service & maintenance!

TOWING & SERVICE CENTER
11833 Hwy 43 South • Russellville, AL 35653

256.332.7279

NOW HIRING

Starting wages of
**\$17 per hour up to
\$22.30 per hour with
incentive!!**

Benefits include: Medical, Dental, Vision,
Vacation, Holidays, 401K and Night Shift
Incentive and Opportunities for Advancement!

Join the Pilgrim's team by
applying in person at our plant on
2045 Hwy. 244 in Russellville,
or online at www.pilgrimsusa.com.
Call 256-768-3707 for more information!

Pilgrim's is an Equal
Opportunity Employer,
M/F/V/D.



Miranda Decker, M.D.

INTERNAL MEDICINE
Comprehensive Adult
Health Care

Russellville Internal
Medicine, P.C.



535 Gandy Street NE
Russellville, AL 35653
256-332-1120

Mon-Thur
8-5



Pest Solutions



**Pest & Mosquito
Control
256-332-4008**

For updates on news and
sports throughout the
week, visit us on the web
at www.franklinfreepress.net!

Send your guest columns,
letters to the editor and
other creative submissions
to
franklinfreepress@yahoo.com.

Commission inks three-year deal with Keller Ambulance Service

John Pilati
Franklin Free Press

The Franklin County Commission approved a three-year contract with Huntsville Hospital Health System Shoals, LLC, d/b/a Keller Emergency Medical Service, to provide emergency medical ambulance services for Franklin County.

The commission approved the agreement at its September 19, 2022, meeting.

The contract runs from October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2025. It also carries an additional 12-month renewal for up to three additional years unless either party provides the other notice of intent to terminate the agreement.

Keller Emergency Medical Service was the only entity to submit a bid.

Ambulance service in Franklin County has not been without controversy over the past 10 years, with issues arising due to ambulance shortages and violations of the minimum number of ambulances that must be in service inside Franklin County at any given time. County officials say those problems have been significantly improved since Keller began servicing Franklin County.

The contract requires Keller to have four ambulances stationed inside Franklin County's service area. Six additional ambulances are stationed in neighboring Colbert County to provide immediate support, including one ambulance available for hospital transfers when available.

One ambulance will be stationed in Red Bay, and three ambulances in Russellville. All ambulances will have the ability to move between Russellville and Red Bay as needed.

All emergency calls must be answered by an ambulance staffed with an EMT/Paramedic team. Ambulances responsible for transfers to doctors' offices and dialysis treatment appointments may be staffed with two EMTs.

One ambulance staffed with an EMT/Paramedic team must be in Russellville and another in Red Bay 24 hours a day. Additionally, a second unit staffed with an EMT/Paramedic team must be located in Russellville 12 hours a day, seven days a week. A third unit staffed with an EMT/EMT team must be in Russellville eight hours a day, seven days a week.

In other agenda items, the commission:

--approved the deeding of the parking lot behind the Byars Building in downtown Russellville back to Greg Batchelor. The property was donated to Franklin County by Cecil Batchelor several years ago for use as a parking lot. Since the county is not using the lot, the land will be deeded back to the Batchelor family.

--tabled the sale of a Nissan Titan truck owned by the Franklin County Coroner's Office after no bids were received on the vehicle.

--approved a \$165,000 bid from Shotcrete of America to remove the bridge on Highway 34 and replace the culvert.

--heard an update on the withdrawal of the the Franklin County Land Management Landfill expansion application from Probate Judge Barry Moore. The record now reflects the application was withdrawn by Neil Hargett.

--tabled approval of a contract with the Franklin County Board of Education for School Resource Officers until the Board sends the signed contract to the county.

--approved a bid for inmate medical services with Southern Health Partners for the 2022-23 FY at a cost of \$228,000.

approved the hiring of Matthew Darracott and Anthony Chance Hurt as Corrections Officers/Dispatchers, and the resignation of Charles Adcox, Samantha Long and Bobby Swinney as Corrections Officers/Dispatchers, and authorized advertising for three Corrections Officer/Dispatcher positions.

--approved the low bid for fuel from Tatum Oil Company, with a bid of \$.107 over rack price for gas and \$.117 over rack price for diesel.

--appointed Danyel Guth as the Town of Hodges appointment to the EMS Committee.

--approved the annual contract with the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce for \$5,500.

--appointed Jerry Groce, Brente Jeffreys and Lavon Duboise to the NACOLG Board.

--appointed Doug Hatton to the E911 Board.

--approved posting two Freightliner trucks, property of the Solid Waste Department, for sale on govdeals.com.

--authorized an increase of the cost to local municipalities (Russellville, Red Bay and Phil Campbell) to use the Franklin County Coroner to transport bodies from \$250 to \$350.

--accepted the low bid of 3.64% from Valley State Bank to finance a 60-month loan of \$390,000 to purchase two trucks for the Solid Waste Department.

Email your pet's Hallo-Win costume photo with your name, phone number and pet's name to jfp@franklinmediagroup.net, or visit our Facebook page and attach your entry as a comment to our post about the contest. New entries only! Photos previously submitted will not be eligible to win.

Hallo-WIN

+ Pet Costume Contest

Winner will receive a Halloween goodie basket filled with delicious treats for them and a few treats for their pet too. Entries must be received by 5 p.m. October 21

One Grand Prize Winner will be named.

Other prizes for "Best Costume Not on a Dog or Cat," "Best Matching Costumes for Pet and Owner," and "Silliest Costume." Good luck!

Brought to you by:

FRANKLIN FREE PRESS
P R E S E N T S



Red Bay Hospital

WE MAKE IT EASY FOR YOU TO STAY HOME!

CHOOSE RED BAY HOSPITAL'S OUTPATIENT SERVICES

ECHOCARDIOGRAMS • CAROTID DOPPLER STUDIES

ULTRASOUND • X-RAY • CT • MRI

LAB • IV INFUSIONS

PHYSICAL THERAPY

MAMMOGRAPHY



(256) 356-9532

HELENKELLER.COM/RED-BAY-HOSPITAL

**DEAL
OF THE
WEEK**

RAMONA REED AUTO SALES
256.398.8751
18516 Hwy 43 • Across from King Drive In



2015 Salem
Cruise Lite
Sleeps 6
ONLY \$11,900.00

**“Let us help you find financing
for YOUR dream car!”**

No Driver's License - No Problem!



PUBLIC NOTICE

RUSSELLVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY SECTION 8
(HCV PROGRAM) IS NOW ACCEPTING NAMES FOR
A WAITING LIST. COME IN THE OFFICE MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19TH THRU MONDAY, OCTOBER 24TH
7:00 AM UNTIL 4:00PM TO DO A PRE-APPLICATION.

MESSAGES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

**73 FLIPPEN STREET
MONDAY-MONDAY**

SEPTEMBER 19 - OCTOBER 24, 2022



**Dr. Kelly's 
Urgent Care**


Walk-In visits available.
We are available to screen
and test for COVID-19.


Mon.-Fri. 8-6, Sat. 8-3, Sun. 1-5
13150 Hwy. 43, Suite 10, Russellville
256-331-2092.


Serving your family for more than 30 years.
Family Practice, Pediatrics, Newborn Care.


What's Happening
256.332.0255


EVENTS OF INTEREST • FAMILY REUNIONS • PLAYS • CHURCH GATHERINGS • EDUCATIONAL • CLUB MEETINGS


 The Russellville Book Lovers will host a "Walk to Wellness" on Saturday, October 29th at 9 a.m., at the Russellville High School Field House and Track. There will be refreshments and information booths. Registration is \$25 and comes with a t-shirt. The annual event raises funds for breast cancer awareness. Funds will be used to benefit women with breast cancer who are on their "walk to wellness." More than \$2,400 has been donated to the Russellville Hospital Cancer Fund and cancer survivors. This year is dedicated to Maudie Bedford who recently passed away after an extended bout with cancer. She is the person who sponsored the Book Lovers' first year of Walk to Wellness. Please make plans to take part if you can!


 Everyone is invited to a free, powerful and impactful Gospel Horse Whispering event presented by Paul Daily with Wild Horse Ministries at Hodges Equestrian Arena in Hodges, Alabama, on Sunday, September 25, at 6 p.m. For more information, contact Emily Hubbard with Mending Hearts Farms.


 Back to Basics will host a White Beans and Ham Lunch Fundraiser on October 7, 2022, begin at 11:00 am. The lunch consists of white beans and ham, cole slaw, cornbread, dessert and a drink. Donations: lunch plate \$8.00, quart of white beans and ham \$5.00 and a pint \$3.00. Location 129 Winfield Street, Russellville, Alabama 35653, contact Mr. Joe Graham to pick up your advance ticket (256) 668-2228. Point of contact for this event is Lanny Hillman, (305) 610-1097.

 The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Lt Col John W Harris Jr, Camp #1833 will meet Thursday, October 6th, at 6:00PM at Russellville Rec Center on Ash Ave in Russellville. Camp #1833 meets the 1st Thursday of each month EXCEPT January and July. For more info call 256-324-2317. Everyone welcome!

 THE NACOLG SENIORx MEDICATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SUPPLIES FREE AND LOW COST MEDICATIONS FOR ANYONE IN ALABAMA WITH A DISABILITY OR A CHRONIC ILLNESS REGARDLESS OF AGE THAT REQUIRES DAILY MEDICATION. MEDICARE RECIPIENTS MAY ALSO BE ELIGIBLE. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT NACOLG SENIORx TODAY. THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS SERVICE. 1-800-AGELINE (1-800-243-5463) 256-389-0530 PAULA PARDUE 256-389-0529 THIS PROGRAM IS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE STATE OF ALABAMA AND ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR

 The Phil Campbell Arts & Historical Society will host its Second Annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 5th from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Phil Campbell Community Center, 132 Sherry Bryce Rd., in Phil Campbell. For booth information, please call 256-810-4572. There will be Arts & Crafts, Homemade Treasures, Scentsy, Christmas Decor, Unique Gifts, Bake Sale and Food Truck on site. Proceeds will be applied toward the purchase of a building in Phil Campbell.

 Hop on board the Haunted Hay Ride, Friday, Oct. 28, Saturday, Oct. 29, Sunday, Oct. 30 and Monday, Oct. 31, starting at 7 p.m., each night. Location is the end of Maddox Road in Phil Campbell. All proceeds go to the Ashridge Volunteer Fire Department in Haleyville. Admission is \$10 per person.

 Enjoy a "Night of Gospel Music" at Russellville's Roxy Theatre on Saturday, October 1, at 6 p.m. Tickets sold only at door \$15 each. Doors open at 5 p.m., Concert begins at 6 p.m. Hosted by ReSound Quartet, featuring Southern Image, Purpose and The Masters. For more information, call 256-668-7233.



We love to hear from you! Send your guest columns, recipes, cartoons, letters to the editor and other creative submissions to franklinfreepress@yahoo.com. For updates on news and sports throughout the week, don't forget to check us out online at franklinfreepress.net!

LIONEL
RICHIE

Multi-Platinum Artist

**REGISTER TO VOTE, AND
GET YOUR VOTER ID TODAY.**

**IT'S EASY ...
EASY LIKE SUNDAY MORNING.**



SECRETARY OF STATE
JOHN H. MERRILL

TO REGISTER TO VOTE OR SECURE A FREE ALABAMA PHOTO VOTER ID CARD, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL BOARD OF REGISTRARS, VISIT ALABAMAVOTES.GOV, CALL 1-800-274-8683, OR DOWNLOAD THE [VOTE FOR ALABAMA APP](#).

PAID FOR BY THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE JOHN H. MERRILL, MONTGOMERY, AL.





Photo by Jared Davis.

HOMEcoming 2022: Russellville High School students are celebrating Homecoming Week, with Brewer coming to town for a Friday night game. The RHS Homecoming Court is pictured above. Congratulations to these young ladies for representing their school so well! L to R: Kenley Lynch, Myriam Elena Garcia, Jenna Claire Whitfield, Hannah Figueroa, Kara Beth Moore, Silvie Miller, Olivia Gann, Melanie Trejo, Jaiden Raylynn Calvert, Allie Scott, Bailey Bishop, Madilyn Calderon, and Ashlee Moon.

Local, high-quality women's care is our specialty.

Our providers at North Alabama Specialty Care offer high-quality care in the area of OB/GYN Health for women in all stages of life.



Brent Hurd, DO
OBGYN

Brandie Garner, CRNP
Women's Health

Now accepting new patients!

256.767.0081
523 Gandy Street
Russellville, AL



North Alabama
Specialty Care

'REB,' from page 1

the board to terminate REB Accountant/Bookkeeper Harlan "PJ" Winston II, according to former board member Arthur Elliott.

After Winston's compensation was reduced twice in three months, he accepted an offer from the board that his employment with REB would terminate upon the board paying him a severance package of \$66,000 that the REB acknowledged was "above and beyond" anything to which Winston would have otherwise been entitled.

This language was contained in a Separation and Release Agreement between the Russellville Electric Board and Winston that was signed in June 2021. That agreement prevented Winston from saying anything "negative concerning employer or employer board of directors," as a condition of his receiving the money.

Winston said Canida required him to sign the Separation and Release Agreement as an express condition of receiving the \$66,000 severance package. Elliott recalls Canida's efforts to terminate Winston being in conflict with what Canida had previously told Elliott about Winston's job performance.

"I was told by Charlie (Canida) when I got on the board that PJ was doing a great job," Elliott said. "In March (2021) Charlie came to the board and said there were errors in our billing that resulted in the board losing more than \$500,000 in revenue. He said Saint Gobain was receiving a discount (rebate) on its account that was supposed to have ended the previous year."

PJ told me he was not responsible for that and he was never told the discount was supposed to end," Elliott added.

Elliott said Canida spoke with him prior to the March 2021 REB meeting and wanted Elliott to vote to terminate Winston, something he wasn't willing to do without more information.

The board held a special called meeting to address Winston's employment and Elliott said he had not been presented with any information that warranted firing Winston.

"There were two board members set to fire him, and Charlie was in there recommending that action," Elliott said. "What turned (Canida) against me was he thought I'd vote to fire PJ immediately. I fought hard for PJ and (two other board members) did the same. We told Charlie if he wanted PJ terminated, he would need to present sufficient grounds to the board to justify that action," Elliott added.

In response to an Open Records Act request to the Russellville Electric Board, the Franklin Free Press obtained a copy of records related to Winston's employment with REB. Between April 2017 and February 2021, Winston received at least three raises in his hourly compensation, according to records produced by REB.

As of March 1, 2021, Winston's hourly rate of pay was \$41.52, representing an annual income, not including any overtime, of \$86,361.60.

On March 3, 2021, Canida prepared a memorandum that reduced Winston's hourly rate of pay to \$32, almost a \$20,000 reduction in Winston's annual income,

and a change of job title to Office Clerk.

According to Elliott, Canida first offered Winston a severance package of approximately \$18,000, which Winston declined.

Canida told Winston he could remain employed as an Office Clerk at \$32/hour, and that his duties "would be determined based on the needs of the organization," according to a timeline prepared by Canida. That same month, Canida directed Winston to set up an email account for his replacement, new Accountant/Bookkeeper, Tiffany Holt.

As for the failure to increase REB's in-lieu of tax payment, Winston said that was a process done through an annual audit by an outside firm. Based on that audit and accounting,

"Charlie Canida runs the electric board and if anyone crosses him he crucifies them. And the way he keeps people quiet is with checks."

**— Arthur Elliott,
Former REB Board Member,
Russellville City Councilman**

the proposed annual in-lieu of payment was calculated and sent to the Tennessee Valley Authority for review. Winston said

calculation of that annual amount was not something he did as part of his job.

Additionally, Winston's access to REB's Creative Solutions Accounting (CSA) program was cut off in early March so he would not have been able to review financial records or audits anyway.

"I had no access to any financial records. I could only log onto the internet," Winston said. "When I asked about it, (Canida) said 'you're not doing that anymore.'"

Winston disputes Canida's assertion that an 'accounting error' was made in or around April 2021 because the monthly in-lieu of tax payment did not change from month to month.

"The payment wouldn't have changed in April. The payment changes each October with the new fiscal year, based on the audit and TVA's approval," Winston said. "And the substation wasn't a new asset as of April 2021."

"Everyone knew from the top down that (the new substation) had to be factored in. There should not have been an error because they knew about that asset long before that and the payment doesn't change in April, so it should have been figured into the annual payment," he added.

The FFP contacted Canida for comment about Winston's employment and the Separation and Release Agreement, but Canida failed to respond to the request.

The Russellville Electric Board pays an annual sum to the City of Russellville that is broken down over 12 monthly payments each fiscal year. That sum is based on the prevailing city tax for REB's electric system property within the City of Russellville, according to TVA Media Relations Director Scott Fiedler. Those payments must come from the electric system revenue/funds and are paid to the taxing jurisdiction, in this case the City of Russellville, to be used at the city's discretion.

The payment isn't made voluntarily by REB. Instead, it's made as a way for the city to offset lost tax revenue on tax-exempt assets owned by the utility that if owned by a private business, would otherwise be taxable.

In 2018, the board approved construction of a second substation to be located on Walnut Gate Road.

Ground was broken in May 2018 on the \$6,640,000 substation, and it was completed the following year.

As a result of a new \$6.6 million asset, the Electric Board's in lieu of tax payment, based on the value of its assets, should have increased significantly. But that didn't happen, so the \$141,674.79 was payment that supposedly represented the amount of the arrearage, according to Canida.

The new substation was announced by Canida and the board with much fanfare, including a dedication ceremony naming it in honor of a former board member. Why a multi-million dollar substation wasn't included among the assets of the Russellville Electric Board until three years later remains a question Canida hasn't answered.

Elliott said his relationship with Canida soured after he would not vote to terminate Winston without just cause.

"After that, it was downhill for me. It never was the same. It was the elephant in the room every time we met. That's the way I felt," Elliott said.

When Elliott's term on the Russellville Electric Board ended last December, Russellville City Councilman Dexter Hamilton made a motion to appoint Leamon Mosley to the board, instead of Elliott.

The next day, Elliott said Canida contacted the Russellville Water and Sewer Board Manager Eric Hill and told him the REB would no longer pay its share of the cleaning contract for the main office if Elliott's cleaning service continued doing the work.

Elliott was subsequently notified by Hill that his company's services were no longer needed.

Additionally, Canida sent Elliott a text message terminating his COVID-19 sanitizing at the Electric Board Warehouse and instructing him to turn in his keys immediately.

According to REB records received through an Open Records Act request, office cleaning is now being done Office Pride Cleaning, a company managed by the brother of Russellville Electric Board Nick Willis.

"Charlie Canida runs the electric board and if anyone crosses him he crucifies them. And the way he keeps people quiet is with checks," Elliott added.

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ALABAMA ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE ACT, ALABAMA CODE SECTIONS 32-13-1 THROUGH 32-13-8, THE FOLLOWING MOTOR VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD FOR CASH AT 10:30 A.M., ON NOV. 16, 2022, AT M&N WRECKER & SERVICE CENTER, 11833 HWY. 43 SOUTH, RUSSELLVILLE, AL, 35653. SELLER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY BID AND THE RIGHT TO BID. SELLER WILL ACCEPT SEALED BIDS THROUGH 5 P.M., NOV. 15, 2022, AT THE LOCATION DESCRIBED ABOVE. BIDS WILL BE OPENED ONSITE AT M&N WRECKER & SERVICE CENTER.

**04 FORD TAURUS LX
1FAFP52U34A113210**

**03 ACURA
19UUA56633A014045**

**97 CHEVROLET MALIBU LS
1G1NE52M8V6143621**

**08 SATURN VUE XE
3GSCL33P58S713113**

**01 BUICK LESABRE
1G4HP54K414238687**

**00 HONDA CIVIC LX
1HGEJ6673YL050591**



Classifieds

256.332.0255

BUSINESS • LOST & FOUND • GARAGE SALES • PETS • APPLIANCES • HELP WANTED • SERVICES • APPLIANCES • CLOTHING • FURNITURE

FOR SALE
Solid Coffee Table
Perfect condition
\$99
(256)332-5848
(4)

15-inch Tire and Wheel for sale. 5-hole wheel. \$20.
Call 256-324-2407
(4)

Troy Bilt 42-inch Riding

Mower For Sale. Briggs & Stratton Motor. \$550. Call 256-324-2407
(4)

Mums, Pumpkins, Hay Bales, Cornstalks
Sat 9-1
520 Hwy 77
Corner of 24&77
(256)668-3893

For Rent
1BR/1BA House for Rent.
\$375/month. Just outside city limits of Russellville.
Call 256-412-7544. (5)

Yard Sale
October 1st, 7 AM until, rain or shine. 280 Skyline Drive, Hester Heights, Russellville. 2 couches, dryer, clothes, etc.

October 1, 2022.
Beginning at 7:00 am. 4085 Hwy 56 (old Mt Star store bldg). Russellville. Kitchen items, bedding, curtains, men and women clothing and many more items.

Saturday, October 1,

2022.
Beginning at 7:00 am. 4085 Hwy 56 (old Mt Star store bldg.)
Russellville. Kitchen items, bedding, curtains, men and women clothing and many more items.

Saturday October 1, 2022
Beginning at 7:00 am
4085 Hwy 56 (old Mt Star store bldg)
Russellville, AL 35654

Beside on Rancho on Hwy 43
Saturday, October 1st

New load of merchandise

Friday and Saturday, September 30/October 1
8407 Hwy 243, Phil Campbell.
Furniture, glassware, Farm equipment, much more.

Lost and Found

Jewelry found near Russellville Hospital
Call (256)332-2518(5)

Services

I will Haul Off your old Refrigerator/Fr

eezer. Working or Non-Working.
Please call 256-331-9174.
(5)

Franklin Free Press Classified Rates
Yard Sale Rates: FREE, Deadline Monday at Noon; Real Estate-Homes, acreage, lots for sale or rent. \$25 for six consecutive weeks. Up to 40 words per ad; Vehicles, Boats, RVs, Motorcycles for sale. \$15 for six consecutive weeks.

Up to 25 words per ad; Pets For Sale only \$10 for six consecutive weeks. Up to 25 words per ad; Free of Charge: Lost & Found,

Giveaways, and Items Under \$100 (Private Parties Only). 15-word limit; Commercial Classified Rates: \$25 for

Don Enrique, Agent
enriqueshomes@yahoo.com
Servicios Generales de Seguros y Vivienda
256-740-2356

Registered Black Herefords FOR SALE

18-mo. old Bull \$2900
Bull breeding soundness certificate

15-mo. old \$1900
Open Heifer
Call 907-750-0635
drbishop65@gmail.com

"Eye Care & Eye Wear for Your Unique Lifestyle"

256-332-5440
15255 Hwy 43
Russellville

EyeCare Professionals

www.eyecareprofessionalspc.com • M-F 8-5

Letters to the editor may be sent to franklin-freepress@yahoo.com.

50 Years Combined Experience

PREDATOR PEST CONTROL
"The Insect Predator"

Eddie Deaton
(256) 627-1996
Toll Free 1-888-832-5405

(662) 862-5631 (662) 840-4055

Greyhound
CONNECT

SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY

Visit
WWW.GREYHOUND.COM
for
Locations Schedules
Everyday Low Fares



Auto, Home, Life Insurance
English and Spanish

Real deal with a local feel.
Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there.

Scotty Wood, Agent
13760 Highway 43 Ste 6, Russellville, AL 35653
256-332-0052
scotty@agentscotty.com
agentscotty.com



PRSR STD US POSTAGE
PAID Franklin Free Press
113 Washington Ave. NW
Russellville, AL 35663

Wildcats roll over Cherokee 48-22

Michael Rice
Franklin Free Press

The Tharptown Wildcats rolled over the Cherokee Indians 48-22 last Friday night in a non-region road game.

Coach Jacob Hamilton's Wildcats improved to 2-4 overall while still looking for their first 2A Region 8 win. Cherokee remains winless at 0-6.

The Wildcats toppled the Shoals Christian Flames in their season opener but have had a rocky start since. But Hamilton hopes Friday's win will be a turning point in their season.

Tharptown hosts Red Bay this Friday for the Wildcats' Homecoming game.

The Tigers are primarily a run offense and the Wildcats' defense has progressively improved every game this season.

The Wildcats started the game against Cherokee by giving up an interception returned for an Indian touchdown in the first drive for the Wildcats.

Hamilton used his high energy to motivate the Wildcats to not give up.

"Cherokee came ready to play with it being their Homecoming game. They had a big crowd and the band was playing well. I told my guys to wake up!" Hamilton said.

That got the Wildcats' mojo up and they took a 32-14 lead into halftime.

The Wildcats hadn't put the Indians to rest yet, as Cherokee came out after halftime and scored on its first drive.

Tharptown responded with another touchdown to regain the momentum.

"Joel Perez, Jeremy Vasquez, and Josh Magerise have improved so much week after week and had a great game Friday night," Hamilton said.

With the Homecoming game against a Franklin County rival, Hamilton's team will have the foundation for a late season run if they can defeat the 4-1 Tigers.

Bobcats overcome miscues in 28-0 win

John Pilati
Franklin Free Press

After a two-week layoff, it wasn't the most exciting win for the Phil Campbell Bobcats, but they did their job on Homecoming with a 28-0 victory over Carbon Hill.

The victory improved Coach Kevin Barnwell's team to 4-1 (1-1 in 3A, Region 8), with a home game next Friday night against Lauderdale County.

Phil Campbell totaled 423 yards of offense, compared to Carbon Hill's 228.

The Bobcats' balanced attack totaled 222 yards rushing and 201 yards passing.

"That was by design



PHOTO BY CHRISTIAN MEDINA

Noah Raper runs for a first down against Carbon Hill.

tonight," Barnwell said. "We tried to be balanced so we're not so one-dimensional. Sometimes, we're not very good at the things we try. We have an offensive identi-

ty, but we're trying for more balance and searching for some different things we can do here or there."

And once again, the Phil

Campbell defense had a good night, forcing four Carbon Hill turnovers (three fumbles and one interception). Sage Raper's nine tackles led the way defensively, with Cole Pace and Mason Weeks each credited with seven tackles.

Three of Weeks' tackles were for losses. Robbie Robinson had the Bobcats' interception.

"Our defense played pretty well," Barnwell said. "(Carbon Hill) did a good job with their

See, 'PCHS' page 14

Mars Hill edges Russellville in 31-30 thriller

Michael Rice
Franklin Free Press

After a long night at Russellville Stadium, the Mars Hill Panthers escaped with a 31-30 victory, as a potential game winning field goal by Manny Martinez went wide right with :03 left.

Mars Hill improved to 5-1, with the Panthers' only loss coming to Cullman. Russellville is now 3-3, but still in control of 5A Region 8 with a 3-0 record.

This Friday, the Golden Tigers will face off against the Brewer Patriots, who are 3-3 overall and 2-1 in Region 8 play. The Patriots' three losses are to Ardmore, Arab and Sardis.

Although the Golden Tigers lost, they had several stand-out performance on offense. Wide receiver Randall Johnson had a great game, as he hauled in five receptions for 150 yards and two touchdowns.

TJ King was close behind with seven receptions for 111 yards and one touchdown. Quarterback Harrison Burch finished the night with 322 yards passing, going 12-19 with three touchdowns.

Russellville's Conner Warhurst scored the first touchdown of the night on a 4th and goal run with two minutes left in the first quarter.

The Panthers then returned the kick off for a 95 yard touchdown and the quarter ended 7-7.

The Golden Tigers pulled ahead with seven minutes left in the second quarter with a 75-yard touchdown pass from Burch to Johnson, to bring the score to 14-7.

Near the end of the half the Panthers added a 23-yard field goal to bring the score to 14-10 at the break.

The third quarter started slow, but with five minutes left, the Panthers scored on a 5-yard run to take their first lead, 17-14.

On the Golden Tigers' next offensive play, King caught a 70-yard pass from Burch for a touchdown, and Russellville regained the lead at 20-17 after a failed PAT.

The Panthers quickly responded with a 61 yard touchdown pass. With the PAT, Mars Hill led 24-20, but the lead would not last long, as Russellville scored to go ahead 27-24.

A Martinez field goal late in the fourth quarter gave the Golden Tigers a 30-24 lead.

With two minutes left in the game, the Panthers began their game-winning drive that saw Mars Hill convert three third downs and ended with a nine-yard pass for the win.

The Golden Tigers host Brewer as it's Homecoming Week in Russellville. Kickoff Friday will be 7 p.m.

Vargas Roofing & Home Remodeling

Shingle & Metal Roofs, Vinyl Siding, Drywall and Much More.

Freddy Vargas
256.668.7715

Licensed • Insured • Jeremiah 29:11

Friday Night Football Schedule

September 30, 2022

Russellville vs. Brewer

Phil Campbell vs. Lauderdale County

Tharptown vs. Red Bay

Vina @ Phillips

Red Bay @ Tharptown

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Franklin County Commission is accepting applications for the following position(s):

Corrections Officer/Dispatcher(s) for Franklin County Sheriff's Office and Jail

Applications will be accepted in the Franklin County Commission office until 5:00 PM on Friday, September 30, 2022.

Assistant County Engineer in the Franklin County Highway Department

Applications will be accepted in the Franklin County Commission office the position has been filled.

An application and job description may be picked up, faxed or emailed upon request from the Franklin County Commission Office, located at 405 N Jackson Avenue, Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM or applications are available at www.franklincountyal.org under the Careers tab.

Franklin County is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in the employment or provision of services.

Now

OPEN

In Phil Campbell! 205-993-4554

FRANKLIN DISCOUNT

DRUGS

Free Local Delivery!
Convenient Drive-Thru!
Most Insurance Accepted!

Mon.-Fri. 9-6
3145 Hwy 237
Phil Campbell



Next to Phil Campbell High School

Owner/Pharmacist
Wes Mayfield



Russellville Gas Board

Natural Gas Appliance Rebates & Financing

Call for details
256.332.2020

Financing Available

Space Heater

Rebate of

\$300 / up to **\$600** total
per heater

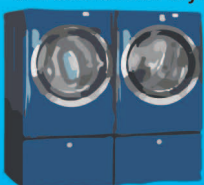


Loan Features:

- Can finance 100% of installation costs
- Monthly loan payment added to utility bill
- Quick approval process
- Fixed rate loan terms are available up to 6 years
- No prepayment penalty
- Must use licensed contractor
- Available to residential owner-occupied single-family and duplex homes

Clothes Dryers

High efficiency, less wrinkling and economical drying



\$100 Rebate

Ranges

Instant and precise heat control when preparing meals for your family and friends



Primary Home Heating Units

Superior heating to bring warmth and comfort to your home

\$800 Rebate



Water Heaters

Reliable hot water for your home

\$500 Rebate



'BOBCATS,' from page 11

game plan, trying to milk the clock out of the I-formation with a wing and they did a good job keeping the ball away from us. With four minutes left in the third quarter, we had run only one second half play."

Phil Campbell scored :19 seconds into the game, when quarterback Kyle Pace hit Jacob Barnwell for a 34-yard touchdown. Bryant Hyde's two-point run made it 8-0 before most fans settled into their seats.

The Bobcats looked to have their second touchdown of the first quarter with 1:08 remaining, as Pace connected with Sage Raper on a 94-yard TD pass. But an illegal block penalty erased the big play and the quarter ended 8-0.

It didn't take long for Phil Campbell to find the end zone again, though. Gage Baker's three-yard run made it 14-0. The two-point try failed and that score held up until halftime.

In a game that looked to be shaping up as an early blowout, the story took a different turn as a result of Phil Campbell mistakes. Those mistakes included three Bobcat turnovers and 11 penalties for 120 yards.

"We were just flat at times and ultimately, it's my job to be better and put us in a situation where we're not flat and we're more prepared to play," Barnwell said. "Our kids played hard, but we'd have a penalty here, or a fumble there. It wasn't just one person. It was a collective effort and we weren't effective tonight.

"Those things have to get corrected. We've got to fix the penalties, fumbles, bobbled snaps. Those things aren't occurring in practice, but they're showing up on Friday night," he added.

Carbon Hill ran 61 offensive plays for 228 total yards, an average of 3.7 yards per play. Compare that to Phil Campbell's 423 yards on only 40 offensive plays, for an impressive average of 10.6 yards per play.

Pace finished 6-8 for 201 yards and four touchdown passes. Pace hit Raper for a five-yard TD pass and Robinson for a 33-yard score in the fourth quarter to complete the scoring at 28-0.

The Phil Campbell defense held Carbon Hill quarterback Cameron DeJesus to 60 yards on four completions.

Noah Raper's 13 rushes for 146 yards led the Bobcat ground game. Sage Raper carried four times for 38 yards and Braxton Mayfield totaled 25 yards on two carries.

Madison Branch also had a good night for the Bobcats, as she was crowned the school's 2022 Homecoming Queen.

Phil Campbell's next opponent, Lauderdale County High School, lost 14-13 Friday night to Lexington. The Tigers' loss dropped their record to 4-2, but they are 3-0 in Class 3A Region 8 play, with wins over region foes Clements (49-6), Elkmont (58-0) and Colbert County (29-0).

Running back Jaylon Cade Byrd is averaging 120 yards per game and leads the team with seven touchdowns.

"We have a very good football team coming here next Friday, and I've got to get us more focused for practice and to where we're better prepared to play," Barnwell said

Shoals Primary Care

welcomes

Dr. Zaman Shah

to the practice
in Sheffield



Board certified in Internal Medicine, Dr. Shah is an exceptional physician and a close family member of Dr. Syed.

He will be continuing Dr. Syed's legacy of excellent and compassionate patient care with Shoals Primary Care.

Monday-Thursday 8am - 5pm

Walk-ins are Welcome

MOST INSURANCE ACCEPTED
MEDICARE PATIENTS WELCOME



342 Cox Boulevard
Sheffield
256-383-4473
shoalsprimarycarellc.com

Where Everybody
Knows Your Name...



FREE Local Delivery
FREE Curbside Assistance
Mail Order Delivery*



*Within the state of Alabama

(256)331-1919
14001 Hwy 43,
Suite 13
Franklin Shopping Ctr

RUSSELLVILLE DRUGS
FREE Local Delivery!



Letters
to the
Editor

We love to hear from you! Send your guest columns, recipes, cartoons, letters to the editor and other creative submissions to franklinfreepress@yahoo.com. For updates on news and sports throughout the week, don't forget to check us out online at franklinfreepress.net!

Russellville resident serving as campaign manager for Johnny Cochran

John Pilati
Franklin Free Press

Guillermo Vasquez is no stranger to politics. When the Russellville resident was growing up in Guatemala, his father was a Congressional candidate and his uncle served as a Congressman and mayor. So when Vasquez moved here in 2008, he had an interest in getting involved in politics.

The more he saw and read about the Republican and Democratic Parties, though, Vasquez realized there was something missing to him.

And the more he learned about the Libertarian Party, the more Vasquez identified with the party ideology, so much so that he's serving as campaign manager for Johnny C. Cochran, a Libertarian candidate running for Congress in Alabama's Fourth Congressional District.

Cochran will face Rep. Robert Aderholt (R-Haleyville) and Rick Neighbors, the Democratic nominee, in the November 8th general election.

Vasquez's interest in the Libertarian Party began when he met Dick Rowland, a retired Army Colonel who moved to Russellville five years ago. Rowland sought public office in Hawaii as a Libertarian Party candidate, and he told Vasquez he wanted him to be the first Libertarian candidate locally.

Vasquez got involved with the 2020 Franklin County Census Committee, for which Rowland served as chairman. That experience enlightened Vasquez as to how many Hispanics actually reside in Franklin County. It was a larger-than-expected percentage for a demographic that's underrepresented in local, state and federal government.

So Vasquez wrote a letter to Aderholt urging him to reach out to the growing Hispanic community. Vasquez said he received a form letter response and nothing more from his Congressman, and that didn't sit well with him. So Vasquez decided to get involved.

He contemplated running for Congress, but with a citizenship requirement of at least seven years, Vasquez didn't meet the qualifications. So he did the next best thing—he reached out to Cochran to offer his help.

"When we talked, it was like we each saw 20/20," Vasquez said of meeting Cochran. "I was looking for another option and I couldn't say no to this unique opportunity when I was asked to serve as campaign manager.

"We need real representation in Washington D.C.--a candidate that will bring

the issues we care about to the table—Enough playing politics of yeas and nays and no solutions. We are living in difficult times nowadays, and our representative is not being tough enough in Washington. We have to put an end to career politicians that are rooted to the political ruling class in Washington, D.C.," he added.

Vasquez works at his brother's business, AL Auto Insurance, in Russellville. He previously worked as a welder for G&G Steel and as a supervisor at Sunshine Mills in Red Bay before joining his brother Nery's business six years ago.

Cochran said he was encouraged by Vasquez' sincerity in his political convictions, and it didn't take the Tuscaloosa resident long to ask Vasquez to manage his campaign.

"His political involvement is very similar to mine," Cochran said. "We both were in the Republican Party and as we got more involved, we saw the party was not very 'top down' organizationally and the shots were all called at the top as opposed to listening to the people on the ground.

"If anyone could have brought the GOP to heel it would have been Donald Trump. But the reality is the Washington establishment threw a wrench in a lot of his plans. And here I was volunteering to try and make a difference in the Republican Party and if President Trump can't get the Republican Party to fall in line with his vision, how could I have any impact?," Cochran added.

Last weekend, Vasquez organized a 'Meet and Greet' for Cochran at the Grind Restaurant in Russellville. With a limited budget, it will take some creativity, mixed with a lot of hard work, for Cochran to reach North Alabama voters with his message. Unseating an incumbent Congressman is not easy, particularly one who's been elected to 13 consecutive terms.

"We are a grassroots movement and we need all the help that we can get to achieve our goal," Vasquez said. "Join us, and chip in to our campaign. District Four has become a three-party race for Congress, and it won't be an easy one."



From left: Vasquez, Cochran & Kyle Richard-Garrison



John Almirol, M.D.
Internal Medicine

"Over 22 Years Caring for Franklin County."

Mon-Thur: 8:30-5:00
Friday: 8:30-12:00

Se habla Español

Medicare, Medicaid, Viva, BCBS, Humana, and United Healthcare insurances accepted.

Specializing in preventing, diagnosing and treating a wide variety of diseases and health issues affecting adults.

Accepting new patients
256.331.1900

15225 Highway 43, Suite G
Next to Russellville Hospital

Pick up your FREE copy of the Franklin Free Press at CJ's!!!

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK 4a - 7p

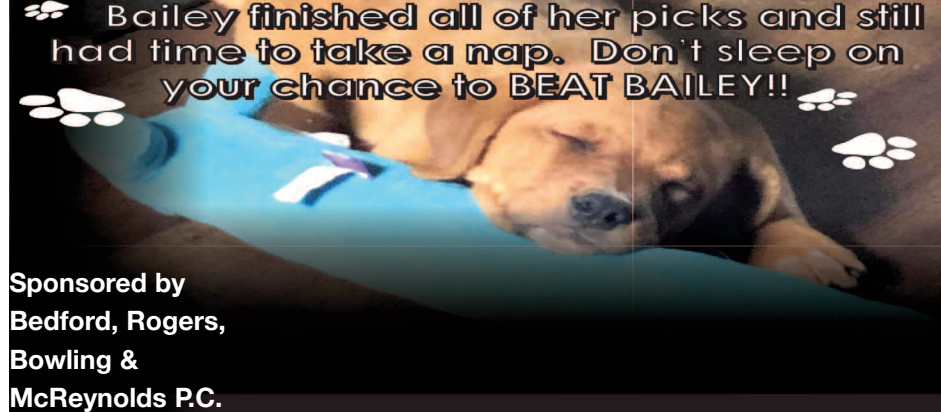


GROCERY
FISHING SUPPLIES
DELI

256-332-1324

-  Full Service Deli w/ Breakfast & Lunch Plates
-  Ethanol-Free Gas
-  Hunting/Fishing Licenses
-  Fishing Supplies/ Live Bait

**14545 AL 187 @
Intersection of AL 24**



Sponsored by
Bedford, Rogers,
Bowling &
McReynolds P.C.

Congratulations to Week Four winner Jason Bolton, who correctly predicted 9 of 10 games.
Submit your picks to us each week in one of two ways: Fill out the entry form on this page and mail it to us at 113 Washington Ave. NW, Russellville, AL 35653, or email your picks to us along with your name and number at franklinfreepress@yahoo.com. Picks sent in by mail for Week 5 must be postmarked by Friday, September 30 and picks submitted by email for Week 5 must be received by Saturday, October 1, at 10 a.m. Each week, the contestant who correctly picks the most games will win a free T-shirt and the chance to pick in the grand-prize final-week contest. If multiple contestants correctly pick the same number of games in a given week, the tiebreaker score will be used to determine a winner. Contestants are only eligible to win the weekly contest once. No multiple winners allowed. ONE entry per telephone number.

Bedford, Rogers,
Bowling & McReynolds, P.C.

303 N. Jackson, Russellville
256.332.2880

No representation is made that the quality of the legal services to be performed is greater than the quality of legal services performed by other lawyers

K&S TREE SERVICE
253 Laurelwood Drive
Russellville, Alabama

KARL RAGAN 256.332.9064
Trimming • Topping • Removal
Bucket Work • Stump Grinding

Visit us on the
web at
www.franklin-freepress.net!

- Building Supplies for Residential/Commercial Projects
- Metal Fabrication
- Custom Hardscaping
- Outdoor Kitchens

Mon.-Fri. 7:30-5 • Sat. 8:00-12

256.332.8181
HWY 43, Littleville

SEC Football Contest

Week 4 Sept. 24th Bailey's Pick. Your Pick

Kentucky at Ole Miss	Ole Miss	
Texas Tech at Kansas State	Kansas State	
Illinois at Wisconsin	Wisconsin	
Oregon St. at Utah	Utah	
Ala. at Ark.	Alabama	
Okla. St. at Baylor	Okla. St.	
Texas A&M at Miss. State	Miss. State	
LSU at Auburn	LSU	
N.C. State at Clemson	Clemson	
West Va. at Texas	Texas	
Tiebreaker Score:	Alabama	Arkansas
Your Name:		
Phone number:		

Jeff Elledge's
CREDIT CARS

NO CREDIT WE FINANCE!

06 Nissan Sentra \$800 Down	02 Lexus ES \$1500 Down
05 Chevy Tahoe \$1500 Down	06 Honda Pilot \$1200 Down
09 Kia Rio \$1000 Down	10 Mercury Milan \$1000 Down
07 Dodge Ram \$1200 Down	06 Nissan Maxima \$1500 Down

elledge.jeff@gmail.com

2506 Woodward Ave • Muscle Shoals
256.383.7979 • 256.710.3711

Send your guest columns, recipes, cartoon panels, letters to the editor and other creative submissions to franklinfreepress@yahoo.com.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY



Advertise with us! Call 256.668.2708 or 256.332.0255

franklinfreepress.net

MOWING

Salvador's
LAWN SERVICE
(256) 810-2351

Free Estimates
Licensed

MOWING • TRIMMING
MULCHING • CLEANING LEAVES
HEDGING & SHRUBS • EDGING

MASSAGE

REWARD YOURSELF OR
SOMEONE YOU
LOVE

256.332.4220
Angel Harris
Licensed Massage Therapist LMT #1495
Reiki Practitioner II
Gift Cards Available
Creative Image Salon
7129 Hwy 43 • Spruce Pine

LANDSCAPING

K&S TREE SERVICE
253 Laurelwood Dr. Russellville, Alabama

Trimming
Topping • Removal
Bucket Work
Stump Grinding
KARL RAGAN 256.332.9064

PEST CONTROL



**PREDATOR
PEST CONTROL**
"The Insect Predator"

Eddie Deaton
(256) 627-1996

50 Years Combined Experience

Toll Free 1-888-832-5405

(662) 862-5631

(662) 840-4055

HOUSING

256-332-1561
73 Flippen St

UNITS NOW AVAILABLE

Russellville
Housing Authority
Incorporated

"The standard for fixed-income
living in Russellville."



CHURCH

Come Worship with Us!

First Presbyterian Church

Sunday: 11:00 - 12:00

Adult Sunday School: 10:00 - 11:00

Everyone is invited to join us for
this special time of worship.

201 N. Green Street, Russellville

DISTRICT ATTORNEY



JOEY RUSHING
Franklin County District Attorney
256.332.8870 • 256.710.4713
(daytime) (after hours)

SHOP LOCAL



PUBLIC SERVICE

BUCKLE UP! It Could Save Your Life!

franklinsheriff.org
(256) 332-8811



**THERE ARE
OTHER WAYS**

**TO GET
OUR INK!**



MAILBOX • SMARTPHONE • TABLET • COMPUTER • RADIO

FRANKLINFREEPRESS.NET