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## 'Pink Power:' Jail staff wears pink to promote awareness

John Pilati  
Franklin Free Press

The 18 employees of the Franklin County Jail have gone pink for the month of October, with t-shirts that promote National Breast Cancer Awareness month becoming part of their official work uniform.

And that includes Franklin County Jail Administrator Theresa Qualls, who wears her pink shirt to work each day. For Qualls, though, breast cancer awareness is personal, as she was diagnosed last year with invasive ductal carcinoma, a serious

form of cancer where cancer cells that began forming in the milk ducts spread beyond the ducts to other parts of the breast tissue, according to [www.nationalbreastcancer.org](http://www.nationalbreastcancer.org).

Qualls has run the Franklin County Jail since 2014. She's been employed by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office 21 years, so there's hardly a face that comes into the jail she doesn't recognize.

Ask those who work under Qualls how she runs the jail and you hear one consistent answer—firm but fair.

And as Qualls continues her battle with cancer, she's an inspiration to

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## Canida withholds contract extension from Open Records response

John Pilati  
Franklin Free Press

After reporting last week about Russellville Electric Board Manager Charles Canida hiding records of a REB savings account used to make more than \$8,700 in cash withdrawals and gift card purchases, the Franklin Free Press has now learned that Canida did not disclose an extension to his employment contract in response to the same public records request that asked for records of the savings account.

According to multiple sources, the Russellville Electric Board approved a five-year extension of Canida's contract from its original expiration date of December 16, 2022.

Sources familiar with the board's action told the FFP the extension was approved in a business meeting held in August 2020. Additionally, the financial terms of the extension were to be decided when Canida's contract was originally supposed to end in December 2022, one source told the FFP.

On December 22, 2021, the FFP served Canida and his Executive Assistant Sherry Smith an Alabama Open Records Act request to inspect and/or copy certain records.

Paragraph 1 of the request stated: "Please include a copy of Canida's current employment contract with the Russellville Electric Board."

Canida demanded the FFP and Russellville City Councilman Darren

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*David Norman Bixler, 58, of Russellville, passed away on Sunday, October 23, 2022. A memorial service will be held in honor of his Life at a later time. Pinkard Funeral Home of Russellville assisted the family.*

*Roger Dale Motes, 69 years old of Phil Campbell, AL, passed away October 22, 2022. Akins Funeral Home is assisting the family.*

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# McGee Street project nears completion

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Franklin Free Press

The Russellville Street Department is near completion of a road improvement project on McGee Street that should alleviate drainage and flooding issues in the area.

Russellville Mayor David Grissom expressed his appreciation to the Street Department at the council's October 17, 2022 meeting.

"We want to thank Shannon Wilson and the Street Department for the work they did on that project. They have done an excellent job on a project we wanted to do for a long time,"

Grissom said. Shannon Wilson, Street Department Manager, said his

pipe and materials cost approximately \$85,000, Wilson said. With Street Department employees doing the labor, the city saved a significant amount of expense by not having to employ a contractor.

The job was done last week and the road reopened October 17th.

"We ran into some issues, so it actually took a little longer than I hoped, but we did the work as quickly as possible to reduce the inconvenience to the residents in the area," Wilson said. "All the work was done by Street Department employees. We saved the city a lot of money in labor."

Wilson said the new road must settle before it can be paved. Street Department employees will spread straw, sow the sides of the road and pave it as the final step.

In other business at its October 17th meeting, the council:

--held a public hearing to receive citizen input regarding rezoning two lots owned by Beech Tree Media, Tracts 36 and 36A, on James N. Hovater Road.

--approved an ordinance to rezone two tracts owned by Beech Tree Media, Tracts 36 and 36A, from Multi-Family (R3) to Business General (B-2).

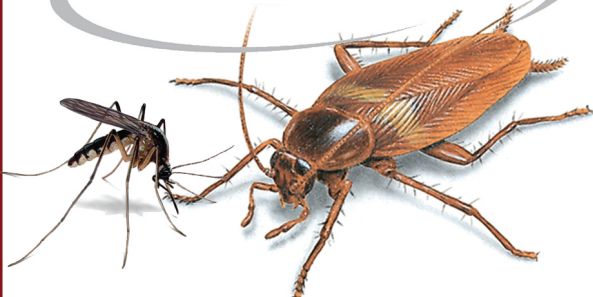
--hired Roy Caul and Randal Jacob Vandiver as patrol officers in the Russellville Police Department.

--approved temporary appointments in the Russellville Fire Department, retroactively to October 15, 2022, for Mickey Gentry to Lieutenant, Jeremy Glenn to Captain and Bryan Sutton to Fire Fighter II.



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employees began demolition of a bridge on McGee Street, just off Underwood Road, last Monday. Once the bridge was removed, three large pipes were installed under the roadway. This will allow more water flow under the road and reduce or eliminate flooding that came during heavy rains with the smaller opening through the bridge. Engineering for the project was done by the Civil Group. The engineering,

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## Sheriff's employees to get second \$1/HR. raise

John Pilati  
Franklin Free Press

Employees of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office will receive an additional \$1/hour raise after the Franklin County Commission approved the increase at its October 17th meeting.

The \$1/hour for Franklin County Jail and Sheriff's Office employees will take effect on the November 4, 2022, payroll, according to Franklin County Administrator Leah Mansell. This is in addition to the \$1 across the board raises the commission approved last month.

Franklin County Probate Judge Barry Moore said the additional \$1/hour will help make the Sheriff's Office and jail jobs more attractive to applicants.

"The commission feels this will help in recruiting and maintaining employees and help reduce turnover in the department," Moore said.

Commissioner Jason Miller, who did not attend the October 17th meeting, said he fully supported the pay increase and believes it was well-deserved.

In other agenda items, the commission:

--approved taking bids on a 2007 Nissan Titan and a 2008 Dodge Durango, both located in the parking lot behind the Franklin County Courthouse. Bids will be accepted until November 14, 2022, at 2 p.m.

--approved a grant for approximately \$8,000 administered through the Northwest Alabama Resource Conservation and Development Council, to purchase 14 infrared monitors to be distributed to all Franklin County volunteer fire departments and the Russellville Fire Department. The county will pay for the monitors and will be fully reimbursed through grant funds.

--approved a budget amendment of \$80,424 for aerial photos to be taken out of the Reappraisal budget.

--approved a contract labor agreement with Charles Michael for courthouse security for a 12-month period.

--approved the hiring of Andrea Jenkins, David Lang, Michael Harris, Anthony Chance Hurts and Amye Clay as Corrections Officers/Dispatchers.

--approved catastrophic sick leave for Steve Bullion and Theresa Qualls.

--authorized the continued advertisement for a Heavy Equipment Operator with the Franklin County Solid Waste Department.

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many, including her boss, Sheriff Shannon Oliver.

"Theresa has been strong and a fighter and has not missed lot of work. She's been there as much as possible, with a positive attitude. She's well respected by everybody."

When Qualls felt a lump in her breast last March, she already had a doctor's appointment scheduled. A scan of her right breast showed a cancerous tumor. Chemotherapy treatments started soon thereafter, with the goal of reducing the 4.3 centimeter tumor as much as possible before it was removed seven months later.

Qualls was optimistic and upbeat after her initial diagnosis. It wasn't until doctors told her she was at Stage 4, where the cancer had spread to her lymph nodes and lungs, that emotions got the best of her, at least for a short time.

Her husband Zont died in 2019. He passed away from kidney disease but had previously gone through cancer treatments.

Qualls needed to tell her two sons about her Stage 4 diagnosis, and she was fighting thoughts of how they would take the news.

"Even though they're grown, they're still my kids and that got to me," Qualls said.

When her chemotherapy ended last November, the lumpectomy was performed December 15, 2021. That was followed by 31 days of radiation.

Qualls continued to come to work, with her only lengthy time off coming after surgery.

A positron emission tomography (PET) scan was done in April and it showed the spot in her lungs had returned.

That meant starting chemotherapy treatments again and returning to the arena for another battle with cancer.

"That was a devastating blow and I felt sorry for myself having to start chemotherapy all over again, but that's what I need to do, so I'm doing it," Qualls said. "All this has been made so much easier by my staff and the sheriff has been great. He and my staff have taken the load off me while still keeping me in the loop."

As a testament to the type of person she is, some of the jail's 89 inmates made homemade t-shirts showing their support for Qualls. A few artistically talented inmates decorated a wall in the hail with a breast cancer ribbon in Qualls' honor.

Several inmates wrote cards and letters of encouragement to her, and she's read every one of them.

"Knowing people are in my corner makes me feel good. Our inmates have been so supportive. It's important to remember they are people first, regardless of why they are in jail. And I've always tried to remember that," Qualls said.

She will undergo a second PET scan next week that will indicate whether the second round of chemotherapy has been effective.

Ironically, Qualls has wanted to do pink uni-form shirts for Breast Cancer Awareness Month for several years prior to her diagnosis.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month is devoted to educating everyone about breast cancer and why early detection is so important as well as access to timely, quality health care.



**REAL MEN (AND WOMEN) WEAR PINK:** Franklin County Jail Administrator Theresa Qualls, center with black sweater, and her staff are wearing pink shirts as part of their work uniforms to promote October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Qualls is in the second year of her battle with breast cancer and she's an inspiration to those who work with her



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 My Father's House will host a Family Fun Day on Friday, October 28, 2022, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. This free event includes roasted hot dogs, marshmallows, games, a cake walk, and a hay ride! Everyone is welcome, so please join them!


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 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.

 First United Methodist Church will hold a Rummage Sale for Missions, Friday/Saturday, November 4/5. Friday hours 7-5, Saturday 7-11. There will be furniture, kitchen items, household goods, jewelry, books, baked goods and more! Sale will be at the church, located on North Jackson Ave in downtown Russellville.

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Woodruff (who also made a similar Open Records Request) pay more than \$1,000 in advance of receiving any response to the Open Records Act request. The charge was based on a per hour rate for Canida's time, along with a per hour rate for Smith and REB Accountant Tiffany Holt.

The initial invoice did not include the names of REB employees whose time went into preparing the requested records. Canida later acknowledged who the three employees were before the invoice was paid. Woodruff made this information a specific prerequisite to his paying for the records search.

Canida produced a document entitled "Revised and Renewed Employment Agreement," which was approved by the REB on April 24, 2018. This agreement extended Canida's original contract through December 16, 2022, with annual five percent raises from his 2018 base salary of \$135,000.

Canida's W-2 for 2021 showed wages of \$177,736.85.

Canida's response to the Open Records Act request from December 2021 did not include any documentation, whether in the form of an extended contract, a revised contract, a new contract or minutes from any meeting when his contract was extended, and to date, the only contract provided by Canida and/or the REB is one that expires December 16, 2022.

At the time of the August 2020 meeting, the REB consisted of James McDuffa, Bill Jackson, Nick Willis and Joan Pace. Pace is no longer on the board. There was no fifth REB member at the time due to former board member Dexter Hamilton's resignation earlier in the year.

The FFP's request for Canida's current employment contract continues to remain unanswered as to any extension or modification beyond December 2022, almost one year after it was requested.

If the contract was extended five years, the current employment contract would seemingly reflect that it runs through December 2027.

On Monday, the FFP received a copy of REB meeting minutes from August 17, 2020, that indicate McDuffa made a motion to "extend the contract of General Manager Charles Canida for an additional five years after his current contract expires. Wages will be addressed at the end of the current contract that ends December 31, 2022. (REB Minutes from August 17, 2020 meeting)."

The minutes reflect Willis seconded the motion and all board members approved with none opposed.

These meeting minutes were not supplied to the FFP by Canida.

So the question remains whether a revised contract that runs through December 2027, approved by the board in August 2020, was actually drafted at the time of the extension, or any time thereafter. If no such revised contract exists, did the REB approve a contract extension without reviewing a draft of the contract before voting on it?

One source told the FFP they were sure a revised contract was done but the source did not have a copy of the contract reflecting the revised dates.

Another unanswered question is why Canida did not disclose the five-year contract extension as part of the Open Records Act response that he prepared.

Canida was contacted for comment on this article but failed to respond.

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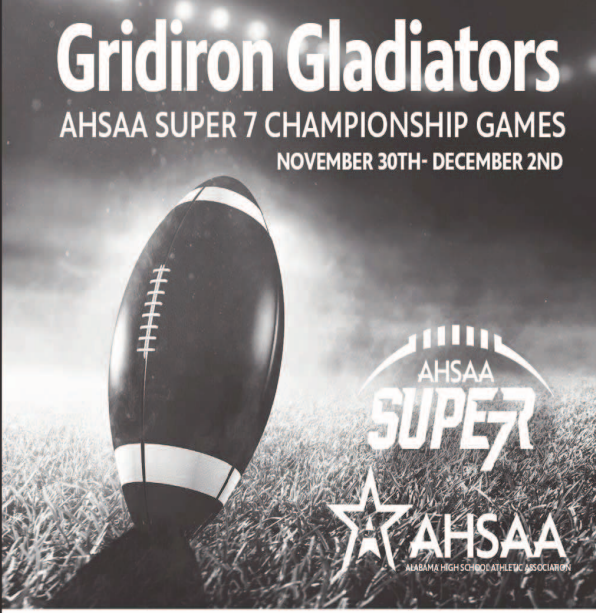
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**Red Bay, PC to clash in playoff tune up**

*Michael Rice  
 Franklin Free Press*

The Red Bay Tigers took a Region 8 road trip Friday night to Hatton, but came up short, falling to the Hornets 38-22.

The Hornets started the season with no idea what their season would be like after a slew of new faces moved in from R.A. Hubbard High School, which closed its doors permanently last spring.

With the win, the Hornets (7-2, 4-2) earned the three seed in the region, right behind the Lexington Bears at one and the Falkville Blue Devils at two. The Tigers (6-3, 3-3) clinched the fourth spot, as the top four Region 8 finishers advance to the playoffs.

"The Hornets did a great job planning for us by taking Brady Hardin out of the ball game. Hardin collectively had 74 yards rushing when he normally rushes for 200+," Red Bay Coach Heath Childers said.

Red Bay had 249 total yards to Hatton's 299. The real difference was in the rushing yards with the Tigers rushing for only 133 yards and the Hornets rushing for 254.

"We played hard, but didn't always play smart," Childers said.

The second half is where the Hornets pulled away, outscoring the Tigers 24-8. The teams went into halftime tied 14-14.

"We didn't take advantage of all the opportunities we had and it caught up to us in the fourth quarter," Childers said.

The Tigers will host the Phil Campbell Bobcats (6-3, 3-3 in 3A Region 8) Friday in the regular season finale for both teams.

Childers said the Bobcats are an all around solid team who can run the ball when they want and sneak in a pass when they need to.

"Phil Campbell is a very physical team and well coached. It's going to be a real tough ballgame," Childers said.

The Tigers and the Bobcats will be a game won in the trenches, Childers said.

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**RHS pounds Fairview to secure region title**

*Michael Rice  
 Franklin Free Press*

With the Region 8 championship on the line, the Russellville Golden Tigers didn't waste their road trip to Fairview.

The Golden Tigers kept the game close in the first quarter, but then pulled away by halftime. Russellville came home with a Region 8 championship clinching 41-14 victory.

The Aggies scored first with a three-yard touchdown run by quarterback Barrett York and the extra point made it 7-0 with three minutes remaining in the first quarter.

The Golden Tigers caught up the next drive with a Conner Warhurst 65-yard touchdown run. Manny Martinez's PAT made it 7-7.

The Aggies responded with a 35-yard touchdown



**TJ King had 91 yds. receiving and one TD.**

pass and an extra point to make it 14-7.

After an Aggies' turnover, Russellville cashed in when Harrison Burch found Randall Johnson for a 68-yard touchdown

pass. The Martinez PAT tied it 14-14 with nine minutes left in the second quarter.

Burch then found TJ King on the Golden Tigers' next drive for a 58-yard touchdown

Russellville led 21-14 with four minutes remaining in the half.

Taylor Crumpton recovered a fumble on the ensuing kickoff that allowed Warhurst to add a seven-yard touchdown run to his total, making the score 28-14.

Warhurst then punched in his third touchdown of the night after a bad snap on a punt by the Aggies and Russellville led 34-14 at halftime.

In the second half, the Golden Tigers held the Aggies scoreless and added one more touchdown in the middle of the fourth quarter to make it 41-14.

"We played extremely well, extremely physical. We dominated Fairview on all three phases," RHS Coach John Ritter said.

Burch completed 8 of 11 passes for 183 passing yards and two touch-

**See, 'RHS,' page 12**

**Colts buck early, but Bobcats roar in the end**

*John Pilati  
 Franklin Free Press*

At 2-7 (1-4 in Class 3A, Region 8), the Clements Colts didn't appear to be a major obstacle standing in the way of the Phil Campbell Bobcats' pursuit of a playoff berth.

But football isn't played based on appearances.

On Senior Night in Athens, a gamely Clements team battled Phil Campbell touchdown for touchdown, until a key fourth down stop late in the third quarter by the Bobcat defense gave Coach Kevin Barnwell's team the opportunity to go up by two scores.

The defense swarmed Clements quarterback Brady Moore on fourth down near midfield and came up with a game-changing sack.

"That play was huge for us," Barnwell said. "Clements gave us a good test. They have a four-year starter at quarterback/linebacker and an outstanding back who's a great athlete and very fast."

Leading 30-24 at the time, the Bobcats scored quickly, with Gage Baker's six-yard touchdown finishing the drive. The two-point try failed, but Phil Campbell led 36-24 with :49 left in the third.

Jayden Gilbert's 19-yard touchdown with 8:33 left pushed Clements closer, to 36-30. But Baker's 24-yard touchdown, followed by a two-point conversion run by Hayston Scott was enough for the Bobcats to secure a 44-32 win and clinch a playoff

spot as the fourth-place finisher in the region.

Phil Campbell, 6-3 (3-3 in Region 8) will travel to Red Bay Friday to close out the regular season.

The other 3A Region 8 playoff teams are Mars Hill (1st), Lauderdale County (2nd) and Colbert County (3rd).

Clements outgained Phil Campbell in total offensive yards, 427-350, and ran more than twice the number of plays as the Bobcats (75-34).

**See, 'BOBCATS,' page 13**

**Friday Night Football Schedule**  
**October 28, 2022**

**Russellville vs. Athens**

**Phil Campbell vs. Red Bay**

**Thartown vs. Whitesburg Christian**

**Vina vs. Waterloo**

# 'RHS,' from Page 11

downs.  
 Warhurst had 22 carries for 193 yards and three touchdowns. Cam Phinzee had 10 carries for 77 yards and a TD.  
 TJ King had four receptions for 91 yards and one touchdown and



Randall Johnson had two catches for 77 yards and a touchdown.  
 Defensively, Javonte Hill led Russellville with 12 tackles.  
 This Friday night, the Golden Tigers renew an old rivalry against the Athens Golden Eagles.  
 "This is a game for all the old school Russellville fans," Ritter said.  
 The Golden Eagles are 4-5 on their season in Class 6A play.  
 This Friday is also Senior Night where the program will honor its seniors.  
 Before the game, Russellville will also honor former Colbert County High School Head Football Coach Don Creasy before the game. Creasy tragically passed away in a car accident earlier this month. Creasy was a two-time state champion coach at Colbert County and a 2003 Alabama High School Hall of Fame inductee.

"This is a great opportunity not only to celebrate our seniors, but also to honor the Creasy family with a plaque for all that Don Creasy has done in his lifetime," Ritter said.

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# 'BOBCATS,' from Page 11

The difference was production per play, as Phil Campbell netted 10.3 yards per snap to Clements' 5.7. The Bobcats amassed 246 yards rushing on 27 attempts for a lofty 9.1 yards per rush.

The Colts were aided by seven Bobcat penalties, including several unsportsmanlike conduct calls that Barnwell addressed in the locker room at half-time.

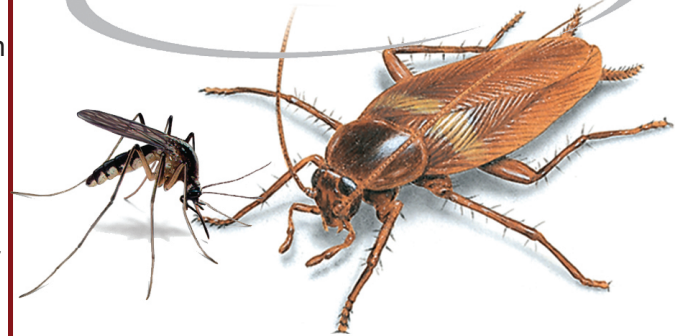
“We shot ourselves in the foot in the first half with penalties. We had a spirited discussion at halftime about that,” Barnwell said. “It's been a problem for us all year and there comes a point in time when I got blunt with them and tell them you're being selfish when you say something that draws a flag. I love the competitive spirit but you have to keep your mouth closed.”

Pace finished 4-7 passing for 104 yards and a touchdown. Gage Baker ran for 130 yards on 14 carries and had three touchdowns.

Phil Campbell will be without Braxten Goodson and Noah Raper for its playoff run, as Barnwell said both players had knee surgeries last week.

Jett Traywick led the defense with 11 tackles. Mason Weeks and Cole Pace had 10 apiece.

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# Belgreen celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

Michael Rice  
Franklin Free Press

Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated typically from September 15th through October 15th. It recognizes the contributions and influences of Hispanic Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States of America.

Belgreen School has been underway teaching and celebrating

Hispanic Heritage month with activities such as dancing to Hispanic music and eating food from Hispanic nations. This is Belgreen's second year celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month.



As part of a daylong celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, students were served empanadas from El Buen Sabor, a Russellville restaurant.

Belgreen intervention teacher Isabel Makepeace helped students understand the importance of embracing Hispanic Heritage and what it means to the community.

Makepeace is originally from Guatemala and moved to the United States and started first grade at Red Bay School.. Makepeace then attended Northeast-Mississippi Community College and later transferred to the University of North Alabama.

"Heritage is a special possession, and we all grab things from different areas and traditions. I think those traditions are worth sharing. I think each of us are special and our differences should be celebrated," Makepeace said.

From coloring to breaking pinatas, the Belgreen student body experienced multiple Hispanic cultural activities.

Along with English Second Language teachers, other Belgreen instructors have received Hispanic teaching materials from the school to help educate students about Hispanic culture in each subject.

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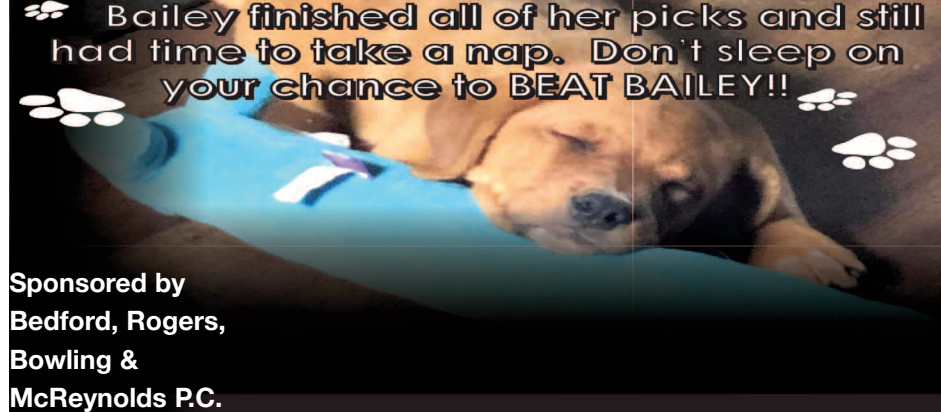


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and 7 on the November 8, 2022, general election ballot."

AMENDMENT ONE would give judges discretion whether to grant or deny bond for defendants charged with violent Class A felony offenses. Bail could be denied for charges including rape first degree, sodomy first degree, burglary first degree, terrorism and other violent Class A felonies. Amendment One would create Aniah's Law, named after Aniah Blanchard, who was murdered by a man out on bond for attempted murder. AMENDMENT TWO would allow a county, city or town to use federal or state funds for expanded access to high-speed Internet.

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