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Commission authorizes legal review of county's solid waste management plan

John Pilati
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The Franklin County Commission approved the cost of a legal review of the county's solid waste policy at the commission's March 20th meeting.

Franklin County's Solid Waste Management Plan will be reviewed by attorneys with Balch & Bingham, LLP, a Birmingham firm with attorneys who specialize in environmental engineering law.

Last year, Neil Hargett, owner of Franklin County Land Management,

Inc., filed an application to begin municipal solid waste collection at his privately owned landfill in Belgreen.

The application process reached the point where a public hearing was scheduled on Hargett's request, but he withdrew his application in September before the public hearing was held.

At Monday's meeting, Franklin County Probate Judge Barry Moore said the legal review of the county's Solid Waste Management Plan will let commissioners know if the existing plan is in full compliance with

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Man who sued RPD chief acquitted by Franklin jury

John Pilati
Franklin Free Press

A Franklin County jury has found a Littleville man not guilty of two misdemeanor offenses related to a 2020 incident that resulted in the man filing a federal lawsuit against Russellville Police Department Chief Chris Hargett.

Henry Eudone Donnie Vinson was acquitted on charges of Attempting to Elude a Law Enforcement Officer and a violation of Alabama's Move Over Law.

Vinson, who was found guilty of both offenses in Russellville Municipal Court in May 2021, appealed the cases to Franklin County Circuit Court and asked for a

jury trial, which was held on March 8, 2023.

Vinson filed a two-count civil complaint in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama on April 28, 2022, naming Hargett as the lone defendant.

According to documents filed in federal court, Vinson, who was 65 at the time of the incident, alleges Hargett unlawfully arrested and detained him on May 11, 2020, after he was taken into custody in the driveway of his Colbert County residence.

It was at that time Vinson was charged with Attempting to Elude, a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in jail, and a violation of Alabama's Move Over Law, which

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Jerry Gene Zills, 87, of Russellville, passed away March 19, 2023. Visitation will be held at Pinkard Funeral Home on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 from 11am-12:30pm. A committal service will be held at 1pm at Franklin Memory Mausoleum.

Robert "Bob" Daniel Hyde, 62, of Russellville, passed away on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. Spry Memorial Chapel assisted the family.

Johnny Lee Nance Sr. 76, of Russellville, passed away March 14, 2023. Pinkard Funeral Home assisted the family.

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RHS grad bringing band to Roxy on March 31st

John Pilati
Franklin Free Press

Mark Kelly moved away after his 1980 graduation from Russellville High School, but he'll always consider Russellville home.

And the talented singer/songwriter and his band, the Burnells, will come home for a show Friday, March 31st at the historic Roxy Theatre.

Showtime is 7 p.m. Doors will open at 6 p.m. Tickets for the Burnells are \$20 and available online at www.eventbrite.com or at the door.

Kelly, who works for Alabama Power and is an accomplished writer, lives in Birmingham, but he's hoping the response to the March 31st show will be good enough to start playing the Roxy on a regular basis.

The Burnells had a show last fall at the Roxy, but it coincided with a Saturday night football game between Alabama and Mississippi State, so turnout was limited.

"I've told people if I wasn't part of the band, I'd have been home watching Alabama too," Kelly said. "Hopefully, our schedule is better this time."

The local angle of this show is important to me. I want people to come out, have a good time and listen to some good music."

The Burnells will make a donation to the Russellville Homeless Coalition out of the gate. Kelly, who is friends with the Russellville Homeless Coalition's founder, Betsy Green, said it's a 'hidden' problem but an important one for his hometown.

"It's an issue you see everywhere. We see it here in Birmingham where I live, but it's not limited to big cities. It's everywhere and something that needs to be addressed," Kelly said. "We want to support the coalition so we hope folks come out to help do that."

The Burnells feature original music, much of which was written by Kelly and Gary Hyche, or in conjunction with fellow vocalist Kat Beckham. The group's unique sound is not pigeonholed into one genre. It includes tones of rock, blues, country-western, folk and

gospel.

After the group's October 2022 show, bass player Mike Fields needed back surgery, so his rehabilitation put the band's show schedule on hold. The Russellville show will be the second one on the Burnells' 'comeback' tour.

Russellville's G&G Steel is a sponsor of the upcoming show, which will feature selected songs from the Burnells' 2022 album, Turn to Now.

That album was recorded at Muscle Shoals' Wishbone Studios, with owner Billy Lawson producing it. The album also includes appearances by Travis Wammack, horn player Brad Guin and Spooner Oldham.

Kelly said the Burnells are looking forward to returning to Wishbone Studios later this spring to work on a new album.

This is essentially the second time around for the Burnells, who formed originally in 1997 as the Happy Burnells, playing the Birmingham music scene for five years or so.

17 years later, five of the original six members reunited as the Burnells, with the Turn to Now album coming three years later.

For more information on the group, like and follow "The Burnells" on Facebook or log onto www.theburnellsmusic.com.



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The next meeting of the Franklin County Community Development Commission will be Friday, March 31, 2023, at 8:30 a.m., at the Franklin County Courthouse Annex. All grant requests must be submitted to a member of the commission by Friday, March 24, 2023, at 12 p.m. Commission members include Brad Bolton, Jeremy Campbell and David Grissom.

Belgreen High School will hold Kindergarten registration on Friday, March 31, 2023, from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., in the Belgreen High School Library. Parents or guardians of children who are 5 years old on or before September 1, 2023, may register their child. Please bring child's birth certificate, Social Security card, proof of residency and updated immunization records. If you are unable to attend, please register your child through the online registration. It is preferable to register kindergarten students BEFORE the end of May to account for accurate numbers for the upcoming school year.

Russellville author Lonnie Freeman will host a book signing for his new book, Focus, Refocus, Maintaining Focus, on Saturday, March 25th from 12-2 p.m., at the Russellville Public Library on East Lawrence Street. You are invited to come by and visit with Freeman. He will be signing copies of his book, which will be available for \$20 per copy.

Russellville Masonic Lodge #371 is selling Smoked Hams during Easter weekend. Hams are \$35 each and may be pre-ordered by calling 256-810-1970. Pickup is Saturday, April 8, between 8-10 a.m., at the Lodge on Coffee Avenue.

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt after morning worship on Sunday, March 26, at North Russellville Baptist Church, 1401 Waterloo Road. The church will have morning worship, followed by an Easter meal. Egg hunt will be after meal. You will have the opportunity to have a picture with the Easter Bunny as well.

You're invited to North Russellville Baptist Church for Easter Bunny Pictures, Saturday, March 25, from 2-4 p.m. Photos will be set up in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own camera.

The Mom-Son Prom 2023 is set for Saturday, April 15, from 5-9 p.m., at the A.W. Todd Centre, 201 S. Washington Ave., Russellville. There will be food, great music and pictures. Church attire or formal wear please. \$25 for one mom and son. \$5/additional son. Please call Tammy West at 256-668-7649 for tickets or more information.

You are invited to Women's Brunch 2023, Saturday, April 1 from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m., at the A.W. Todd Centre, 201 Washington Ave. S, Russellville. There will be speakers, vendors and door prizes. A full brunch meal will be served. There will be singing and more! \$30 entry fee. Doesn't matter where you're from. Come join us! Call Tammy West at 256-668-7649 for tickets or information.

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carries a fine, and Resisting Arrest, a Class B misdemeanor.

Vinson was acquitted of the Resisting Arrest charge in Russellville Municipal Court after the court determined the incident took place in Colbert County and, as a result, the court lacked jurisdiction.

The March 8th trial absolved Vinson of any criminal liability from the May 11, 2020 incident.

One of Hargett's defenses in his answer to the federal lawsuit was that Vinson was not unlawfully detained because Hargett lawfully arrested and charged him with three offenses. Those charges have now all been adjudicated in

"stopped or parked barely off the right-hand side of the roadway."

The police vehicle was being driven by Hargett, who was working traffic overtime detail that afternoon.

Vinson maintains he slowed his truck in preparation to move into the left lane, but a white SUV was traveling in the left lane and prevented him from safely moving over, as is required by Alabama's Motor Vehicle Code.

Vinson further alleges that both Hargett and the driver of the vehicle he had stopped were both in their vehicles and he passed them "without incident," since he could not change lanes.

Vinson said he turned onto Lakeview Lane, which he described as a "very narrow roadway...choked with knee-high to waist-high weeds."

As he neared his driveway, Vinson's daughter told him there was a police vehicle approaching them with its lights and siren on. Vinson pulled into his driveway and the police vehicle, driven by Hargett, pulled in behind him, the complaint alleges.

From this point, the parties' versions of what happened differ significantly.

The complaint alleges Hargett approached Vinson "angrily and menacingly with his hand on his holstered weapon," as he "visibly was shaking with rage...with veins bulging in his neck," as Hargett accused Vinson of "almost running over him."

He then alleges Hargett "forcefully grabbed Vinson's right arm and twisted it behind his back," something Vinson protested due to his having had rotator cuff surgery on his right arm. The complaint goes on to state Hargett threw him on the ground, pinned him to the ground and forcefully placed handcuffs on him.

The complaint asserts Vinson incurred injuries to his neck, back and hips as a result of the incident.

In Hargett's answer, filed on June 1, 2022, he alleges Vinson "failed to slow down while passing him and his patrol vehicle...and continued to drive in the right-hand lane at the same rate of speed toward Lakeview Lane before turning onto Lakeview Lane."

Hargett also maintains Vinson failed to pull over even though Hargett's lights and siren were activated. And when he instructed Vinson to put his hands on his truck, he failed to comply so he grabbed Vinson's right arm.

Hargett, through his attorney, further maintains he did not use any excessive force and that he acted "reasonably and in good faith" while arresting Vinson.

Additionally, Hargett's answer asserts that Vinson's civil rights violation allegations fail because Vinson was in violation of Alabama law.

That defense, that Vinson was breaking the law and is therefore barred from alleging civil rights violations, would seemingly no longer be available in light of the jury's verdict.

The Franklin Free Press contacted Hargett for comment and he referred all questions to his attorney, Gregory Burgess, of Huntsville, saying he could not comment on pending litigation.

The federal case is set for trial in November 2023. All discovery must be complete by July 4, 2023, and all motions filed by August 3, 2023. The case was assigned to United States District Judge Madeline Hughes Haikala.



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Vinson's favor.

Vinson, through his attorney, Griffin Sikes, Jr., of Montgomery, alleges he was driving north on U.S. Highway 43 on May 11, 2020, with his wife, daughter and son-in-law in the car with him. Vinson's complaint maintains he was driving home, which would have entailed him making a right turn onto Lakeview Lane, where he lives about .5 miles down the road at the intersection of Lakeview Lane and Sheffield Circle.

Vinson alleges he was nearing Lakeview Lane when he drove "over a rise in Highway 43" and noticed a Russellville police vehicle on a traffic stop of another vehicle. According to Vinson's complaint, both vehicles were

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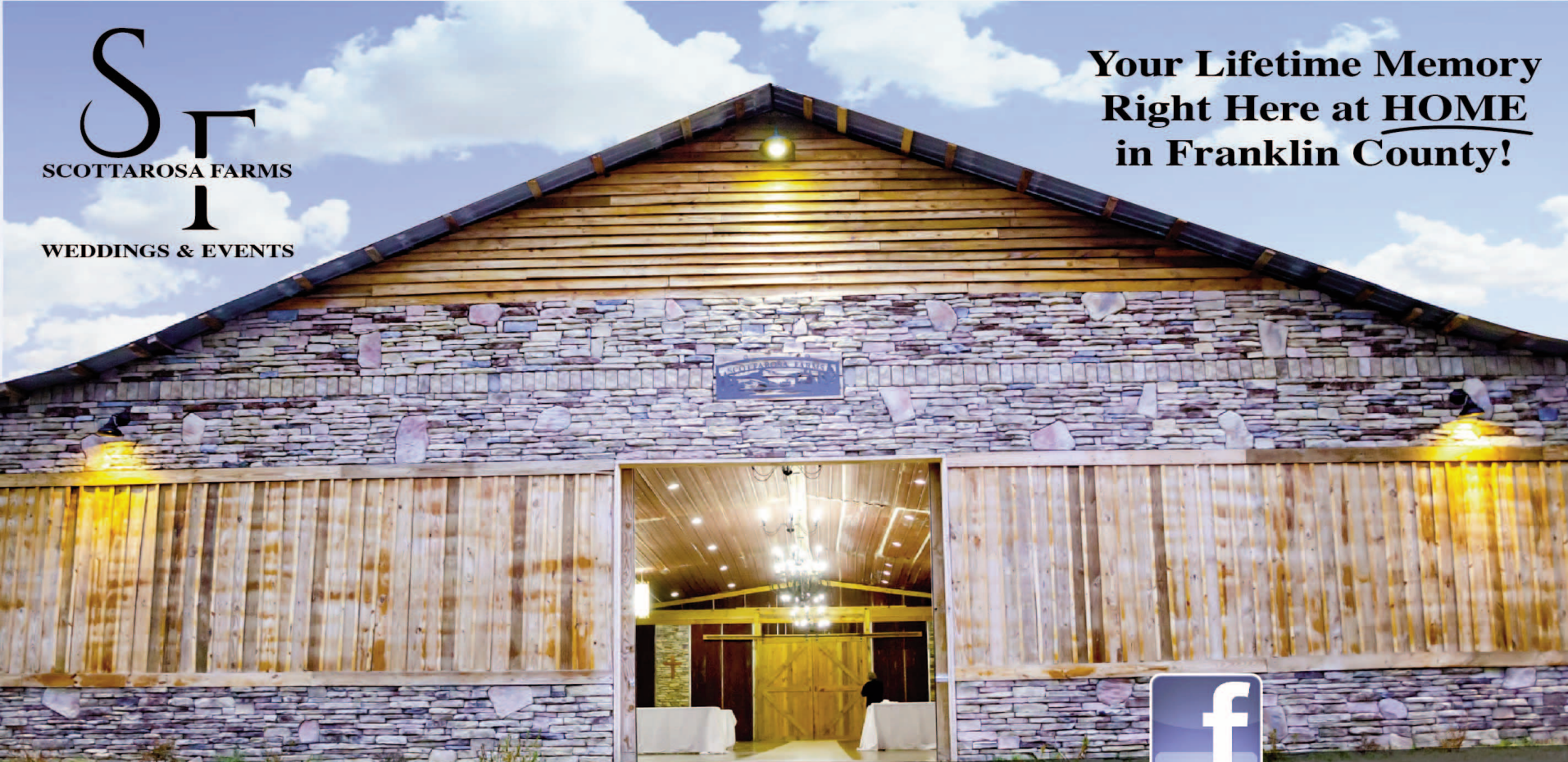
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All potential bidders are required to register at www.govease.com before the auction commences.

For more information about the upcoming tax lien auction, please contact the Franklin County Revenue Commissioners Office at 256-332-8841.

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state law and whether the plan needs any modification in the event a future application to collect municipal solid waste is filed in Franklin County.

"We reviewed the letters that were sent in (as part of Hargett's 2022 application) and had some questions so we are getting advice from an attorney familiar with environmental engineering to review our Solid Waste Management Plan and make sure it allows us to have solid legal grounds if we deny a future solid waste landfill applicant wanting to locate in Franklin County," Moore said.

Moore told commissioners the expected cost of the review would be between \$6,000-\$8,000.

In other agenda items, the commission:

--approved a resolution amending the compensation package for the Franklin County Coroner to \$10,000, with a \$300 annual salary and \$9,700 expense allowance. The resolution will now be presented to Franklin County's legislative delegation for consideration by the Alabama Legislature. If approved, the change would go into effect in next year's budget.

--approved an expense of \$71,500 for repairs to the elevator in the Franklin County Courthouse by Mallory Elevator. Moore said the repairs would be done this summer when the court docket is lighter so as to minimize the interruption to the public.

--declared a 2020 Maddock ditcher surplus property in the Franklin County Highway Department.

--approved the leasing of two motor graders and soliciting quotes on interest for the motor graders and two mini-excavators for a five-year term financing \$310,000.

--authorized advertising for a Roadway Maintenance Technician II position with the Highway Department and a Deputy in the Franklin County Sheriff's Office.

--approved the employment of Jennifer Mansell as Property Clerk in the Franklin County Revenue Commissioner's Office.

--approved the employment of Sarah Kimbrough as a part-time, as needed Corrections Officer/Dispatcher with the FCSO and Alexis Browning as a permanent Corrections Officer/Dispatcher.

--authorized soliciting for bids on the purchase of a dump truck for the Franklin County Solid Waste Department.

--approved a two-year contract extension for Franklin County Archives Director/Archivist Chris Ozbirn with annual payment of \$14,000.

--reappointed Mike Mayfield to the Riverbend Board of Directors.

--approved a reimbursable expense of \$10,000 for purchase of 383 weather radios to be distributed in Franklin and Winston Counties and Haleyville. The expense will be fully reimbursed to the county through a Resource, Conservation & Development Council (RC&D) grant

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Two Golden Tiger pitchers combine to no-hit Florence

Michael Rice
Franklin Free Press

The Russellville Golden Tigers baseball team threw its first two-pitcher no-hitter of the year in a 10-1 win over the Florence Falcons on Tuesday, March 14th.

Eli Boutwell started on the mound for the Golden Tigers and pitched three innings. Boutwell allowed no hits, no runs and walked two batters while striking out five.

Cayden Johns pitched four innings, allowing no hits, one run, and one walk. Johns struck out five batters and earned the win for the Golden Tigers on the mound.

Brandt Cummings went 2-3 at the plate scoring two runs.

Brodie Vandiver also went 2-3, scoring twice with one RBI.

On Thursday, March 16th, the Golden Tigers were defeated 10-7 by the James Clemens Jets.

Logan White pitched five innings and allowed six hits, four runs, four walks, and struck out five James Clemens batters.

Cummings pitched one inning of relief and was tagged with the loss for the Golden Tigers.

Brayden Spurgeon went 1-2 at the plate scoring twice.

The Golden Tigers faced Etowah later that afternoon and posted a 4-2 win after taking the lead in the sixth inning.

Spurgeon pitched 6.2 innings allowing two hits, two runs and struck out five batters.

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Patriots sweep conference opener

Michael Rice
NW-SCC Sports Information
Intern

The Northwest-Shoals Community College Patriots' baseball team opened its Alabama Community College Conference season with a doubleheader on Friday, March 10th with two wins over Calhoun Community College.

The Patriots won game one, 4-1, after building an early 2-0 lead in the first inning.

Michael Pfeiffer earned the win for the Patriots after pitching seven innings.

Pfeiffer allowed five hits, one run, four walks and struck out six.

At the plate, Taylor Bush went 2-3 and scored once. Alex Wilson went 1-3 with two runs scored.

In game two, the Patriots grabbed the lead in the fifth inning and held on to win 5-4.

Zach Hill went seven innings on the mound for the Patriots. Hill allowed six hits, four runs, walked two and struck out eight batters.

Offensively, Caleb Davis went 3-3 with one run scored. Wilson went 1-3 and Bush 1-2 as each player had one run scored.

The Patriots swept Calhoun in another doubleheader the following day on Saturday, March 11th.

In game one, the Patriots defeated CCC 13-4,



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after taking an early 6-2 lead in the second inning.

Bryce Sanders earned the win for the Patriots pitching six innings, allowing four hits, four runs, walking three and striking out four batters. Samuel Pace pitched one inning allowing no hits or runs, and striking out two batters.

At the plate, Wilson went 1-4, with two runs scored. Cade Prestegard went 2-4 and Eli Gipson 3-4, scoring twice with three RBIs.

In game two, the Patriots won 4-3.

Ethan Muncher pitched three strong innings for NW-SCC, allowing five hits, one run, one walk and striking out three.

Cason Henry pitched three innings allowing five hits, one run and two strikeouts.

Wilson went 1-3, with a run scored. Caleb

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NW-SCC softball has 2-2 week in ACCC play

Michael Rice
NW-SCC Sports Information Intern

The Northwest-Shoals Patriots varsity softball team went 2-2 in four games in Alabama Community College Conference play during the week of March 6-11.

Coach Angel Brown's team was swept in a March 6th doubleheader at Marion Military Institute, 9-0 and 12-4.

In the opener, Katie Dawson and Jade Roberson had one hit each, and Carley Hunter drew a walk as Patriot batters were stifled by Marion Military pitcher Kinley Bolton, who threw a complete game shutout.

In game two, the Patriot offense came alive for four runs. NW-SCC took a 1-0 lead in the first inning before the Tigers plated three in the bottom of the first.

Madalyn Scott went 2-3 with a double, RBI and run scored to lead the Patriots' offensive effort. Dawson (1-3) and Brooklyn Owens also had one RBI apiece for NW-SCC.

The Patriots returned home March 11th for a ACCC doubleheader with Calhoun Community College. NW-SCC swept both games, winning 4-3 and 4-0.

In game one, Taylor Cameron threw 6.1 innings, giving up six hits, three earned runs and nine strikeouts. Owens got the final two outs to preserve the win for the Patriots.

The Patriots' offense was paced by Chloe Handley, who went a perfect 3-3 with a double, walk, RBI with two runs scored. Alyssa Brown and Scott each had RBI hits and Scott drove in a run on a sacrifice fly.

Brown (2-3) and freshman Emily Ahonen (2-3) also had multi-hit games for the Patriots.

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Johns went 2-4 and scored twice. Neyland Baker went 2-2 with two RBIs.

On Friday, March 17th, Athens defeated Russellville 7-5.

Coach Jess Smith's Golden Tigers (7-8) will host Lawrence County in an area game Thursday, March 23rd at 4:30 p.m.

The Golden Tigers will travel to Moulton to face Lawrence County High School at 4:30.



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In game two against Calhoun, Mycala Mitchell threw a complete game gem, going seven innings yielding only three hits with three strikeouts and 26 batters faced.



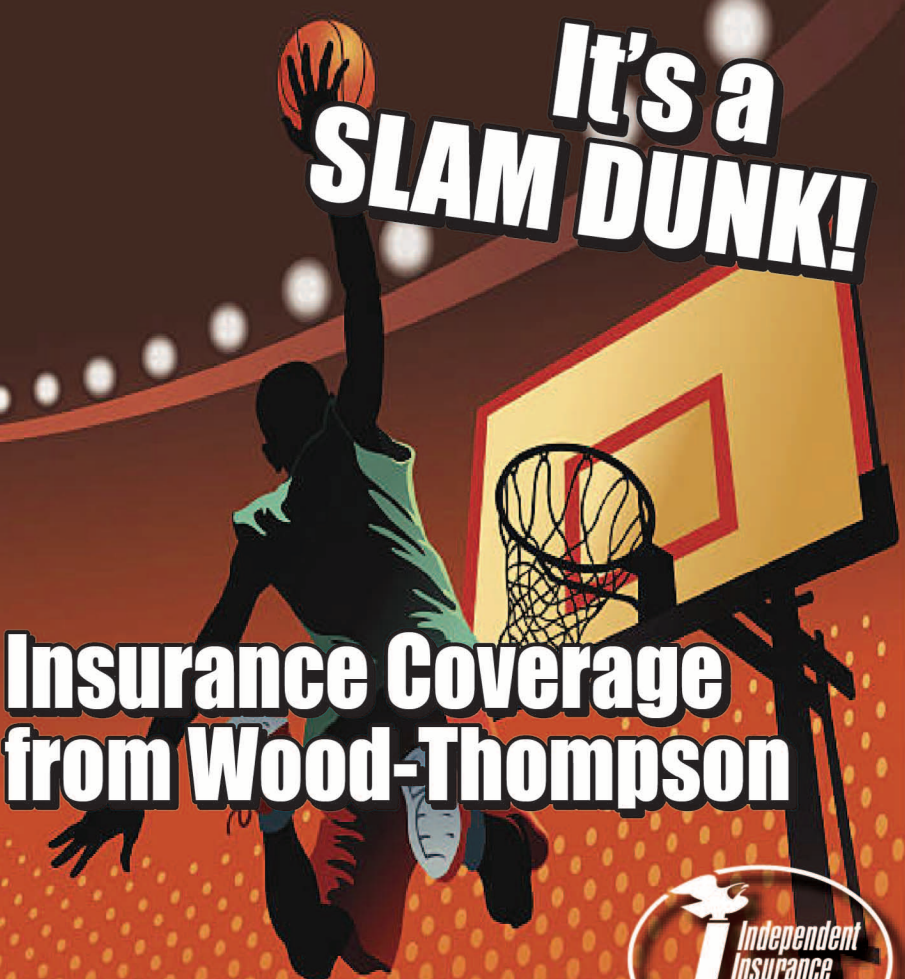
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Mitchell received offensive support from Brown (2-2), Courtney McGraw (2-3, double, RBI) and Kailey Armstrong (1-3, two RBI, sacrifice fly).

Brown nominated Alyssa Brown for ACCC Player of the Week. In four games, Brown batted .429 for the week to lead the team.

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Davis also went 1-3, scoring one run.

On March 14th, the Patriots faced Birmingham Southern College's Junior Varsity squad. Coach David Langston's team took a lead in the eighth inning when the Patriots scored two runs, and held on to earn a 4-2 win.

The Patriots' pitching staff was busy as four pitchers, Prestegard, Muncher, Pace and Landon Leslie, threw one inning each. Leslie earned the win for NW-SCC, and Jacob Little was on the mound for three strong innings.

The Patriots traveled to Wadley, AL to face Southern Union Community College in a doubleheader on Thursday, March 16th.

The Patriots defeated SUCC in game one, 4-3.

Pfeifer was on the mound for the Patriots for seven innings. He allowed seven hits, three runs, and struck out two to earn the complete game win.

At the plate, Wilson went 2-4, with one RBI. Cole Strachan went 2-3, scoring one run and driving in one.

The Patriots won the nightcap 13-3 with a dominant offensive performance.

Eli Gipson had four RBI on three hits to lead the hit parade. Strachan went 2-3 with a first inning RBI.

NW-SCC plated six runs in the second inning, led by RBIs from Wilson, Gipson, Prestegard and Drew McBurnett.

The Patriots had 14 hits, with five players enjoying multi-hit games.

Zach Hill started for the Patriots and threw one inning, allowing two runs. Pace came on in relief. He three four innings of two-hit baseball, giving up one run.

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Franklin BOE suspends Red Bay teacher for 20 days without pay

John Pilati
Franklin Free Press

The Franklin County Board of Education approved a 20-day suspension for a Red Bay Elementary School teacher at the board's March 7, 2023, meeting.

Board members unanimously ratified a recommendation from Superintendent Greg Hamilton to suspend Candi Fuller, a kindergarten teacher at RBES, without pay for 20 work days.

Neither Hamilton nor board attorney Danny McDowell would comment on the reason for the suspension.

"As with this and all personnel actions, we have no public comment on personnel matters," McDowell said.

According to a source familiar with the matter, there was an allegation in the fall of 2022 about a Red Bay Elementary teacher allegedly using inappropriate disciplinary means on a student. According to the source, who is a parent of a Red Bay student, the allegation was made against a RBES kindergarten teacher.

The Franklin Free Press could not independently confirm whether Fuller was the teacher involved in that incident.

In other agenda items at its March 7th meeting, the board:

--awarded a bid for Liquefied Petroleum Gas and equipment for school buses to the lowest responsible bidder, Suburban Propane, at bid price of \$.55 markup per gallon.

--heard a report from Hamilton about damage from the March 3rd severe weather incident.

"We had a significant amount of damage at Tharptown School," Hamilton said. "It includes our football concessions, baseball concessions, and we lost one roof off a softball dugout and both baseball dugout roofs, as well as damage to some of the trailers.

"We incurred some damage on the Red Bay ticket booth, at the

softball field too. Our insurance adjusters are assessing the damage now and getting a plan together going forward to get everything repaired," Hamilton added.

--approved personnel moves including:

--Resignation: Tanna Benford, Tharptown varsity basketball coach.

--Employment: Trinia Borden Waldrep, part-time custodian East Franklin, rescinded action of January 19, 2023, board meeting employing Angela Gilliland as temporary bus driver.

--FMLA Request: Barbara Garrett, CRNP Assistant for Phil Campbell Schools, from January 22-April 24, 2023.

--Teacher Substitutes: Kathryn Bragwell, Jessica Bullard, Sherry Cason, Krislyn Dodge, Casey Edwards, Jakelin Gonzalez, Amber Hallman, Jessica Harper, Kasey June, Tierney Lewis, Ashley McGuire, Julie Madden, Michelle Maddox, Krystal Mason, Addison Page, Amy Rhodes, Ashley Richardson, Melissa Roberts, Rachael Scott, Mallorie Simmons, Susan Strickland, April Tucker, Laura Hodge, Christian Hill, Karen Nichols, Jamie Tepoel.

--Child Nutrition Program Substitutes: Mindy Parker, Shelly Wellington.

--Volunteers: Abby Ward, volunteer track coach Vina High School and Wanda Raper, volunteer softball coach VHS.

--New Hires 21st Century Community Learning Centers: Kimberlyn Davis, Aide Phil Campbell and Elisabeth Lerch, teacher, Belgreen.

The next regular meeting of the Franklin County Board of Education will be April 18, 2023, with work session at 5 p.m., and meeting to follow.

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