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## Diffie excited to play Jam on Sloss Lake

John Pilati  
Franklin Free Press

Through his 27-year music career, country star Joe Diffie has received many awards. That includes a Grammy in 1998 for Best Country Collaboration with Vocals for "Same Old Train," a song he recorded with Marty Stuart. Diffie was named Male Vocalist of the Year by Cash Box in 1990, and he earned honors with the Academy of Country Music for Vocal Event of the Year for "I Don't Need Your Rockin' Chair" with George Jones. But the honor he most cherishes doesn't

have anything to do with music at all. It's the 1997 Humanitarian Award he received from the Country Radio Broadcasters for his tireless work with the charity First Steps, a non-profit organization for the education of mentally and physically impaired children. Diffie's son Tyler was born with Down Syndrome, and he said First Steps was a blessing for Tyler. "It was surprising, stunning and really emotional for me to win that Humanitarian of the Year award," Diffie told the *Free Press* in an exclusive interview last week. "We did a lot



Grammy winner Joe Diffie is coming to Russellville on the Fourth of July.

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PHOTO BY JOHN PILATI

A Norfolk-Southern train, grounded since last Thursday due to mechanical problems, blocked a major intersection in Phil Campbell through the weekend.

## Grounded train blocks Phil Campbell crossing

John Pilati  
Franklin Free Press

Although the town of Phil Campbell hosted its annual Hoedown Festival this past weekend, there was one unwelcome visitor in town as a Norfolk-Southern train, grounded since last Thursday due to mechanical problems, blocked the town's major intersection through the weekend. Phil Campbell mayor Steve Bell said Norfolk-Southern representatives promised to have the train moved by 10 a.m. Monday morning, but as of noon Monday the train was still there. Bell said the city received numerous citizen complaints about the blocked crossings.


When contacted by the *Free Press* late Monday morning, a Norfolk-Southern

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# Jones: Alabamians are weary of 'career politicians'

Kadin Pounders  
Franklin Free Press

In 2018, Alabamians will head to the polls to decide who will serve as the next governor. The list of declared candidates so far includes familiar names like Huntsville mayor Tommy Battle and evangelist Scott Dawson, and the bids are sure to keep coming over the next few months. But one individual that has already decided to throw his name in the ring is not such a household name.

Josh Jones, a Birmingham businessman and Jackson, Alabama native, officially announced his candidacy for governor on Tuesday, June 6. Prior to his official announcement, he made a \$235,000 loan to his campaign on May 31, according to AL.com. Jones will run as a Republican.

"The people of Alabama are fed up with the same politicians running for different offices every four years," Jones told the *Franklin Free Press*. "I'm not a politician, and I don't aspire to be one. I'm in this to make this state a better place for everyone, and that's the only reason."

By all accounts, Jones is a political newbie. He has never run for political office at any level in the past. He has made a career in the medical technology industry; not a bad living by any standard, but he has decided to put his private career on hold to seek a public one, even if it happens to be short-lived.

Jones said his bid for governor will be the first and last time he runs for any elected political position.

"If I win, I'm committed to potentially serving eight years," he said. "If this doesn't work out, then we'll go back home, and in four years I'll be working in the private sector and spending time with my family. This is the first and last time I'm doing this."

Jones, who coins himself a statesman, said career politicians do not ultimately represent the people as they should.

"The people that sit in the governor's house and hold office all throughout this state—the career politicians—it's a game to them," he said. "Being a politician is their job, it's their life, it's how they pay their mortgage. And because being a politician is their livelihood, all they're thinking about is how they can maintain it. They're less concerned with what the people need and more concerned about how they can get re-elected."

Jones said he believes the people of Alabama are tired of the career politicians, and he said he can be one to shake things up in Montgomery.

"I truly believe that Alabamians are ready for someone fresh and new," he said. "Knowing you're going to go home when the job is done, it affords a clarity of mind that career politicians can't achieve. And that clarity of mind allows me to serve morally and to serve the people, not corporations or special interests."

Jones said there are three key issues affecting Alabama, and those will be the basis of his campaign. The first, he says, is the "culture" in Montgomery.

"People are tired of political-speak, of settling for managers instead of leaders and allowing our state to sit at the bottom of every meaningful ranking," Jones said

in a campaign press release.

In his interview with the *Free Press*, Jones said the culture in Montgomery is "toxic" and that Alabama needs someone with a moral compass to lead selflessly and with integrity.

Pointing to the likes of ex-governor Robert Bentley and former and now imprisoned speaker of the house Mike Hubbard as the most recent examples of moral insufficiency at the state level, Jones was asked why voters should believe him when he campaigns on the same platform.

"Talk is cheap, isn't it?" he said. "Look. We have a year for the people of Alabama to get to know me and my family, and I think the people that know me know the type of person I am.

"I am an Alabamian. I want to do the right thing for every Alabamian, and I want to surround myself with the right people."

Jones then briefly moved on to the economy, the second issue he plans to make central to his campaign. The Republican believes cutting taxes and regulations will help create jobs and grow Alabama's economy.

"There are those in the legislature that believe we can just tax ourselves to prosperity," he said. "That's not going to work. We have to innovate our way to prosperity."

By cutting red tape and reducing the tax burden, Jones said Alabama can be a leader in recruiting new businesses and encouraging economic growth.

"The potential for Alabama to be an economic leader is there," he said. "Cutting taxes and ending regulations would give us a better opportunity to recruit businesses and bring jobs here while also organically growing the economy by expanding businesses and jobs that we already have."

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The final key issue Jones discussed in his interview with the *Free Press* was education, something that he says needs to be "rebranded and reinvigorated." To do this, Jones said, the federal government needs to get out of the way.

"The federal government has no business in education," he said. "They need to get out."

And as the federal government leaves, Jones said the ability to choose needs to be at the forefront.

"The thing that makes us great is choice, but it seems the one part of our lives we have the fewest choices in is education," he said. "We've got to empower parents and our students to make choices about the kind of education they are getting. The kids that are in failing school systems shouldn't be forced to stay there."

When asked if he supported a voucher system, one of the more popular ideas among school choice advocates, or had another solution to the problem, Jones did not claim to be the know-it-all.

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traffic was forced to reroute to the Weeks Road crossing south of town.

"It's a difficult intersection coming downhill for trucks to make. We basically were cut off since Thursday," Bell said. "We received a number of complaints from residents, and our new police chief [Joe Fike] spent his first day on the job trying to get a train moved. It cuts off trucks from being able to access town, and it's a great inconvenience to our residents."



COURTESY PHOTO

Birmingham businessman and Jackson, Alabama native Josh Jones announced his candidacy for governor earlier this month.

"There's a lot of really good ideas out there, and there's a lot of bad ideas," he said. "I'm an innovator, and the great thing about innovation is there doesn't have to be just one solution to the problem. We don't have to do it just one way all the time."

Should Jones win the election, he said he will approach the office like he would his business.

"To me, the governor is like the chief development officer of the state," he said. "I'm in leadership, and I put together teams. My job is to put together the best teams possible to successfully complete the job. I believe my ability to build teams and get people to work together is why I'm a good fit for governor."

And anyone in a potential Jones administration would be there not because of his or her resume but because of his or her ability.

"The way I run my business, we hire people not based off their resume but based off their talents and their fit," he said. "I want to bring that to the governor's office. Any politician can build a good resume, but do they have the talents and ability to get the job done, and are they a good fit? Do they have the capacity between the ears to know what has to be done and how to do it?"

"Those are the questions that should be asked."

When asked if a political outsider could win against Alabama's household political names, Jones responded affirmatively.

"Absolutely," he said. "There are a handful of counties in this state that voted for an outsider candidate for president more than anywhere else in the country. The people of Alabama are ready for a change, and I can deliver it."

Jones has not announced any campaign stops in the Franklin County area yet but said he has plans to schedule visits to northwest Alabama in the future. Jones' official campaign website is [jonesforalabama.com](http://jonesforalabama.com).

The gubernatorial election will be held on November 6, 2018.

Bell said that a maintenance crew worked on the train last Thursday night and that Norfolk-Southern officials said the train would be moved Friday.

"Then they said they had a crew on it Friday and would move it," Bell said. "They told us the same thing on Saturday, and that's the last we heard until Monday morning, when they promised it would be moved by 10 a.m. You'd think they at least would have the courtesy of breaking it at the crossing."

supervisor said the train, which had three locomotives, had a "dead motor" but was being worked on and "had a crew on it." The supervisor was not able to offer a specific time the train would be operational again.

Phil Campbell's major railroad crossing comes as you enter town on Highway 13 from the north, and it provides access to County Road 81 and on to Highway 243, a popular truck route into the town.

With the intersection blocked for four days, Bell said

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Doug Green

2) Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of fluids, especially water. Take a cooler or water jug with you as you go about your daily activities.

3) Be safe. Always have a buddy with you when swimming. Follow all boating laws and have all safety equipment on hand. When working outside, wear eye and hearing protection and gloves.

4) Have fun. We live in a beautiful area with so much to see and do in the summer months, whether it's in your own back yard or a short drive away. You can be in the mountains or at the lake in no time.

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# The best road is rarely the easy one

By Caleb Crosby  
Alabama Policy Institute

Developing sound public policy is complicated, and we need leaders willing to admit as much. That's a heavy ask when the consequences for conceding complexity are often severe. When President Trump spoke to governors visiting the White House earlier this year, he announced, "Nobody knew that health care could be so complicated."

It was a moment of candor from Trump that earned him nothing but jeers and scorn from cable news pundits and social media. Most of us don't know how our health insurance works, the price doctors charge for basic services, or if better healthcare options exist. Even for the President, the myriad complexities of national healthcare policy are overwhelming.

When we fail to acknowledge the complexities of our shared problems, we lose our ability to seriously engage them.

With an election year on the horizon, we need to decide whether we want our aspiring leaders to help us solve problems or simply affirm our most basic political values.

Over the last cycle, we saw plenty of "my way or the highway" style leadership from Alabama campaigns. One after another railed against President Obama and liberal forces in the federal government. The "us versus them" message was the path of least resistance for many Alabama politicians. The problem was that those campaign advertisements failed to so much as hint at any positive policy ideas.

Alabama candidates aren't going to stop running against Washington, D.C. politics any time soon, but we also need to realize our main problems are right here in Alabama. We don't need "my way or the highway." We need the right way...right now.

It might not be exciting to campaign on stabilizing Alabama's General Fund through reasonable Medicaid reforms and grinding through ways to pay for capital costs in our prison system. Coming up with public education alternatives while simultaneously strengthening public education itself is incredibly difficult, even without the bruising political realities.

But we don't hear many details regarding those issues from politicians asking for our votes. Most of the political class think we're easy marks, and it's easy to understand why.

**The right way is hard. It demands the tenacity and humility to compromise, forge unlikely partnerships and move us toward real solutions....Alabama candidates aren't going to stop running against Washington, D.C. politics any time soon, but we also need to realize our main problems are right here in Alabama. We don't need "my way or the highway." We need the right way...right now.**

Support of the U.S. Constitution, including the Second Amendment, defending the unborn and maintaining religious liberty, should be a given for any candidate claiming the conservative mantle. Those are necessary policy positions, but we're kidding ourselves if we think they're sufficient to solve Alabama's greatest challenges.

While I'll always be impressed with a perfect game, I'd be more moved by a leader with his sights set on budget realities several years in advance rather than just trying to patch budgets together a year at a time, hoping they don't collapse.

I want to know that a candidate is willing to push

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Ben

Dear Ben,  
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Somehow, lots of people get the idea they can make money on insurance process. You don't. Insurance companies make money, and consumers pay insurance companies. You don't make money on insurance in the long-term. You may have a situation, once in a blue moon, where you come out ahead on a transaction versus what you paid in. But over the scope of your life, you don't make money on insurance companies.

The point is this: If you turn in the claim, you're going to experience a rate increase or cancellation somewhere—at some point—that offsets it. I only turn in substantial claims, meaning claims that are far above the deductible.

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legislation aimed at reducing abortions in our state, but I want to know how she is going to end the cycle of poverty for children already born in our state.

I expect to hear a candidate's boilerplate on defending religious liberty, but I really want to know how he exercises that liberty. What has he done for his community? Are there real people whose lives have been bettered because of his free religious exercise?

But that's where we've got to dig in, stop playing patty cake over which candidate is the "most" conservative, and figure out which one of the several conservative candidates possesses the most competency and character to make headway on the glaring problems we all see so clearly, one session after another.

The right way is hard. It demands the tenacity and humility to compromise, forge unlikely partnerships and move us toward real solutions. If we're satisfied with tough-talking politicians telling us that it's their way or the highway for true conservatives, we shouldn't be surprised when we're the ones left on the side of the road.

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Dave

**Pass on this deal**

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Cynthia

Dear Cynthia,  
I'd pass on this offer. It's not a good deal.

I'm glad they got some money. I mean, that's great for them. If they want to do some real estate investing, that's awesome, too. If they want to give their kids a gift out of the inheritance money, that would be a very nice, generous thing to do. But no, we're not going for a deal where they have ownership in your home. Things like that end up messy, and it won't get you where you really want to be. Even if it does, you won't like the trip!

If you take a deep look into this, you'll begin to understand there are some things involved that will change the nature of your relationship with your in-laws. Every time you see them and they see you, they'll see dollar signs. Dinners together will start to taste different, and they'll feel different, too.

Protect your relationships and your family, Cynthia. Please don't do it.

Dave

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 **T**he Kerry Gilbert Band will perform a benefit concert at the Roxy Theatre in downtown Russellville on Saturday, July 8 at 7 p.m. General admission seating. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-12, and free for children under 6. Group discounts available! Call 256-335-4356. Profits go directly toward the renovation and restoration of the historic Roxy Theatre.

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 **I**f you are interested in the study of the Civil War and have an ancestor who was in the Confederate Army, join the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month (except January and July) at 6 p.m. at the Russellville Rec Center. Next meeting will be August 3. The SCV is the direct heir of the United Confederate Veterans and the oldest hereditary organization for male descendants of Confederate soldiers. Organized at Richmond, VA in 1896, the SCV continues to serve as a historical, patriotic and non-political organization dedicated to ensuring that a true history of the period from 1861-1865 is preserved. Membership in the SCV is open to all male descendants of any veteran who served honorably in the Confederate Armed Forces. Membership can be obtained through either direct or collateral family lines, and kinship to a veteran must be documented genealogically. We hope you can join us for the celebration of our heritage! The minimum age for membership is 12. Call 1-800-MYDIXIE or 256-324-2317.



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## Kiel offers top-of-the-line equipment, first-rate service

John Pilati  
Franklin Free Press

There are many college graduates with business degrees who start their own companies after completing their education.

Jamie Kiel is an exception.

Kiel began his heavy equipment company in 1995, two years before graduating from the University of North Alabama with a management/marketing degree.

"I started the business and started at UNA at the same time. I went to UNA at night and a couple mornings each week," Kiel said. "I was looking for a career path. I knew I wanted to be in business and work for myself, so owning my own business was as good an educational experience as I could get anywhere.

"College teaches you how to learn but not how to run a business. You learn that on the job. Through running a business, you learn to manage money and how to treat other people."

Kiel's fledgling equipment rental store that began 22 years ago has blossomed into Kiel Equipment and Rental, a regional business serving customers from Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama.

Kiel Equipment and Rental sells Gravely Zero Turn mowers, Walker mowers and the popular line of Stihl handheld equipment. And Kiel remains the only equipment rental store in Franklin County.

Kiel's reputation as a fair, honest businessman is largely attributable to his father and uncle, Glenn and Gerald Kiel, who founded Franklin County Equipment Rental, Inc. in 1989. That Tharptown business included the lines of Kubota tractors and John Deere mowers

"Their dedication to offering the best equipment, along with their willingness to give their customers first-rate service after the sale, brought customers to the small community of Tharptown for their farm and lawn equipment purchases," Kiel said.

After Glenn and Gerald closed their business in 1998, Jamie added the John Deere brand of lawn equipment to his business. Rapid growth forced a move to the former Franklin County Co-Op building on Highway 43 in 2000, where his business remains today.



Jamie Kiel, pictured above with his wife Melissa and their three daughters, began his heavy equipment company in 1995.

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## 'DIFFIE,' from page 1

of work raising money for the school he attended, because it was mostly privately funded. It meant so much to my son, and I always wanted to give back."

Diffie will be the headliner at next month's Jam on Sloss Lake, the annual Fourth of July event hosted by the City of Russellville.

Diffie broke onto the country scene with a major splash in 1990. His first single, "Home," vaulted to No. 1 on the Billboard Hot Country Chart, and the hits kept on coming for Diffie. He has 35 charted cuts on Billboard, including 20 Top 10 singles and five No. 1 songs, including "If the Devil Danced," "Third Rock From the Sun," "Pickup Man" and "Bigger Than the Beatles."

For Diffie, success came so fast that he really didn't have time as a young artist to appreciate how far he'd come in the industry.

"There wasn't a lot of time for reflection. I kind of held my breath and hoped it would continue," Diffie said. "I got my first number one song, and it didn't seem real, but it was. I was on the road 230 days a year back then. And when we weren't on the road, I was doing Fanfare, the CMA Awards, etc., so needless to say I wasn't home much."

Although he's never recorded in Muscle Shoals, Diffie does have a Shoals connection with a song on his *In Another World* album, released in 2001. "Like a River Dreams of Rain," a tract on that album, was co-written by Shoals residents Walt Aldridge and James LeBlanc.

As a child, Diffie's family moved around a lot. His childhood saw Diffie residing in Oklahoma, Texas, Washington, Wisconsin and back to Oklahoma. Before he headed to Nashville in 1986, Diffie worked at a

foundry, worked in the Texas oil fields and drove a cement pump truck for Halliburton.

His first Nashville job was with Gibson Guitar Corporation, where he worked in the shipping/receiving department. He dipped into the country music industry recording demos, and he eventually did that full-time. Diffie was signed by Epic Records in 1990, and his career skyrocketed from there.

The 59-year-old still keeps an active tour schedule, something he plans to continue for the foreseeable future.



The Jam on Sloss Lake typically draws a big crowd, and this year's event should be no exception.

"I'd hate to sit home idle," he said. "I enjoy singing and enjoy performing in front of the fans. They're such a big part of what I do. Sometimes the travel gets old, but when I finally get on stage and interact with fans, nothing can duplicate that."

Although it only peaked at No. 5 on the charts, Diffie's signature song is "John Deere Green." The up-tempo love song is far and away his most requested by fans, he said. But Diffie's personal favorite is "Ships That Don't Come In," a heartwarming ballad that also ascended to No. 5 on Billboard.

"'Ships' tells a different story to different people," Diffie said. "I've had fans tell me so many different ways what that song means to them."

Fans interested in meeting Diffie can log onto [www.joediffie.com](http://www.joediffie.com) and sign up for a premium VIP Meet and Greet at his Russellville show. The package includes a Diffie T-shirt, CD, autograph and photos with the star.

Diffie's career received a shot in the arm with the 2012 release of Jason Aldean's "1994," a tribute to Diffie written by Thomas Rhett, who grew up a big fan of Diffie's. The song references many of Diffie's hits, and he's developed a new fan base comprised of fans of Rhett and Aldean, both of whom perform the song at their shows.

"His manager contacted my manager before the song was released to ask me what I thought," Diffie said. "I said I was flattered if they wanted to do that. Thomas Rhett wrote it, and nobody thought the song would be released as a single, but I get a lot of their fans coming to my show and they say, 'Oh, that's the guy they're talking about.'"

Diffie has signed with Silverado Records, and he's working on a new album set to be released in the fall of 2017.

"I'm looking forward to seeing everybody in Russellville and it should be a blast on the Fourth," Diffie said.

## 'KIEL,' from page 7

If you've got something to trade, Kiel Equipment and Rental is the spot to stop first.

"We trade for anything that doesn't eat," Kiel said. "I want to make sure the seller and buyer are treated fairly, and I would never want to take advantage of another person and never want to be taken advantage of."

Kiel and his wife Melissa have three daughters, all students at Tharptown School, where his wife was honored last year as Franklin County Schools Teacher of the Year.

The Kiels are members of Tharptown Baptist Church, where Jamie served 20 years as music director. He also volunteers as the public address announcer at Tharptown High varsity football games.

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Kiel attended Tharptown through the ninth grade before transferring to Russellville, where he graduated in 1993. He attended Northwest Junior College, where he served as student government president.

Kiel Equipment consists of four employees. Ed Martin is the service manager, Alan Green the service technician and Caleb Montgomery the service assistant. Kiel's father, Glenn, also helps out at the store.

One of the advantages of running a small business is getting to know your customers, and Kiel begins that relationship when a customer first walks in the door.

"I'm very much hands-on. I wouldn't have it any other way in running a business," he said.

Having operated a business through strong and weak economic times, Kiel is confident the economy is now heading in the right direction.

"I definitely think it's on the rebound. People are very optimistic with President Trump. Deregulation was a key point of his campaign, and he's making businesses optimistic again," Kiel said. "Businesses want to invest and let the free market decide who gets paid and who doesn't. With that in mind, I provide the best service to my customers that I can."

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# Battle ready to lead the fight for Alabama's future

Kadin Pounders  
Franklin Free Press

Tommy Battle, mayor of Huntsville, touts an impressive record as the chief administrator of the Rocket City, but now he wants to take his experiences and accomplishments to Montgomery.

The three-term Republican mayor of Alabama's fourth-largest city announced his candidacy for governor of Alabama on April 27 and has since been making campaign stops across the state, including a quick visit to Russellville on June 11.

"We're not just in a battle for Alabama's values; we're in a battle for Alabama's future. I'm running for governor because I'm ready to lead that fight," Battle said in a campaign press release.

Battle was first elected mayor in 2008, and since he took the oath Huntsville has become one of the fastest-growing and most prosperous cities in the state.

"We've been able to add 17,000 jobs, and we've grown with over two billion dollars invested in expansion," Battle told the *Free Press*. "As we've worked for this city, we want to bring the same job creation and prosperity to the state of Alabama."

Battle said jobs are the number one issue in his campaign, and, if elected, job creation would be a top priority.

"The key issue is jobs and standard of living," he said. "The prosperity that we've been able to achieve in Huntsville, that's what we want to bring to every city and town and county in Alabama. We've done it in the past, and we can piggy-back off that and bring it to the state level."

But in order to create jobs, Battle said education and infrastructure must also be at the forefront.

"In order to have jobs, you have to have a great education system and you have to have infrastructure," he said. "Great schools lead to great students, which lead to a larger and more educated workforce. Obviously, you have to have roads and transportation in order for people to get to work and go where they need to go."

When it comes to education, Battle said he is a supporter of public schools.

"I'm a public-school guy. My education is from a public school and a public university," he said. "We

have to have great public school systems, and anything that the state does that detracts from that, to me, is wrong."

Public school systems (and good ones), according to Battle, are a major factor when wooing industry and investment.

"As mayor of Huntsville, I've had a lot of meetings with people from all types of industries looking to make an investment in our city," he said. "And they don't ask about private schools or charter schools; they ask about the public school system."

By having a great public school system, Battle said it has the two-fold effect of educating students and bringing in more jobs.

"These industries want to invest in places with great public school systems, because that's where the employees will be sending their kids," he said. "And the following effect is that these industries will have a more educated, more qualified pool of candidates that are coming out of the public school system."

Since Battle took office, Huntsville has spent 250 million dollars on new education facilities, and the school system erased a debt of nearly 20 million dollars in 2010 to a current surplus of around 40 million dollars in 2016.

Aside from jobs, infrastructure and education, Battle wants to bring an openness to Montgomery that he said has not been there in many years.

"[In Huntsville] we've been an open and transparent government that tells the people what we want to do and how we want to do it," he said. "They need to know that you have a plan and that you're willing to do what it takes to accomplish it. By being honest and open, you give the people the opportunity to buy in to what you're doing."

And with the numerous scandals and allegations of misconduct that have rocked Montgomery recently—former governor Robert Bentley's resignation, former house speaker Mike Hubbard's imprisonment, and Supreme Court chief justice Roy Moore's suspension — Battle said that transparency and honesty at the capitol is needed now more than ever.

"We need to restore confidence in our state leaders," he said. "With all of the things that have happened in the last year, we need elected state officials that the



FILE PHOTO

Huntsville mayor Tommy Battle, a Republican candidate for governor, speaks at a recent campaign stop in Russellville.

people can trust and believe in."

If he were elected, Battle would be the first mayor in Alabama history to be elected governor, but he believes his experience as mayor would translate well at the state capitol.

"Mayors are down on the front line every day, and we can't run away from our problems," he said. "As the mayor, I see people at the store, in restaurants, at church, and they want to give you their feedback.

"You don't run for mayor or governor for yourself. You spend 365 days a year working on ways to help the people. If you're not in it for the people, you shouldn't be running."

Battle encourages any skeptics to ask around and check his record.

"Talk to the people I've worked with. Talk to people in Huntsville. That's where you can get a true picture of a person," he said. "I'll say this--of all the people running and probably those that will run, I'm the only one that has done what I've said I'll do.

"It's an honor to run for governor. There's a lot that we can accomplish and a lot we can do to turn Alabama from a good state to a great state. That's what it's all about."

Battle's campaign website is [tommybattle.com](http://tommybattle.com).

Alabama's next gubernatorial general election will be held on November 6, 2018.

# Commission approves Solid Waste Management Plan

John Pilati  
Franklin Free Press

The Franklin County Commission approved a detailed Solid Waste Management Plan at its June 19 meeting.

The plan, prepared by Southern Environmental Engineering of Florence, provides a plan for the management of solid waste within Franklin County and puts into place the necessary procedures so that solid waste management facilities may be planned, developed and operated within the county, along with the inclusion of public involvement in the county's solid waste management plan.

There was no public input received at the public hearing on the plan, which was set immediately before the Monday morning meeting.

After reviewing its current plan earlier this year, commissioners determined that it did not provide sufficient flexibility to meet the county's needs. Southern Environmental Engineering was retained to update the plan to comply with requirements of the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

Five of the six municipalities within Franklin County elected to participate in the county's plan, with Red Bay being the exception. The Town of Red Bay has

developed its own plan and decided not to participate.

The new Solid Waste Management Plan will be good for ten years through 2027.

"We can go in and amend the plan any time with a majority vote of the commission," said Franklin County probate judge Barry Moore. "This plan meets state guidelines for management of solid waste within Franklin County."

The estimated breakdown of solid waste generated in Franklin County includes 28.5 percent paper; 13.9 percent food scraps; 13.4 percent yard trimmings; 12 percent plastics; nine percent metals; 8.4 percent rubber, leather and textiles; 6.4 percent wood; and 4.6 percent glass.

A significant modification from the prior plan comes in the process of how new solid waste management facilities must be approved. Public participation is a key element of the plan, and local governments must provide notice to the public and allow for public comment prior to entering into any contracts or making any changes involving the collection, transport or disposal of solid waste within Franklin County, according to the plan.

In other action, the commission:

- Approved the hiring of Matt Miller as a full-time, permanent employee with the Franklin County Solid

Waste Department; approved Jason Tyson as a temporary employee; and approved the termination of Michael Bonds and James Leon Smith.

- Approved the hiring of Elaine Mitchell as a temporary custodian in the Franklin County Courthouse.

- Approved the following temporary employees to be hired by the Franklin County Highway Department at a rate of \$10/hour: Butch Harkness, Harold Harp, Sheldon Ergle, Donnie Hastings, Tristan Johnson, Jaydee Phifer, Michael Shivers, Barry Walker and Bailey Motes.

- Recognized the Phil Campbell Fishing Team and Russellville High School varsity baseball team for their state championships.

- Agreed to advertise for the possible vacation of a portion of Jackson Military Road (Cty. Rd. 122).

- Reappointed Danny McDowell, Margaret Jackson, Gene Thorn and Grant Atkins to the Franklin County Archives Advisory Board.

- Set a minimum of 10 percent of the 150 county employees to participate in any optional insurance plan in order to utilize payroll deduction.

- Approved a one-year extension of the contract with BFI Waste Services to handle certain solid waste hauling and disposal for Franklin County. The agreement shall run through September 30, 2018.

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# Russellville PD a safe trade zone for online transactions

John Pilati  
Franklin Free Press

With the ever-increasing number of online classified transactions comes the increased concern for safety for users of Craigslist and other sites.

According to safetradestations.com, 105 killings have been linked to Craigslist through 2015. While the site offers an important service, user safety should be of paramount concern.

With that in mind, Russellville Police chief Chris Hargett announced last week that the Russellville Police Station is now a safe trade zone that can be used by the public for online transactions.

"I was asked by some local residents to initiate the program," Hargett said. "We have cameras all around the police department, and it creates a safer area for transactions between buyer and seller. The public can come any time and use the station as a meeting place for online transactions."

There's no fee for using the police department as a meeting place. It's just a way for the parties to feel more secure about not having problems meeting someone they may not know to exchange goods for money.

"There's no need to contact us in advance or make any reservation," Hargett said. "We put up a small sign to reserve a parking place for parties coming to meet at the police department."

Although Hargett said he didn't recall any local robberies relating to parties meeting for online transactions, he said there have been a few instances where a buyer paid for goods online and the seller did not show up to deliver.

"The key is not to pay for anything until you meet with the seller and actually see the item," Hargett said. "That way you don't have to worry about it. There are so many scams out there today, especially

targeting the elderly. Sweepstakes are a popular one. If you didn't enter one, you're not going to win one. You never have to send money to pay taxes on winnings."

There is a national registry of police stations that may be used as meeting places for the public listed online at [www.safetradestations.com](http://www.safetradestations.com).

"Anyone who's not willing to meet at the police station is likely not someone you'd want to do business with anyway," Hargett said.

According to SafeTrade, meetings between buyer and seller should only be at a police station, sheriff's office or similar law enforcement facility. The parties should meet only during daylight hours, unless the police department has offered inside facilities 24 hours a day, as they have in Russellville.

If it's not possible to meet at the station, like in the case of buying a used car that isn't running or the purchase of a large piece of furniture, meet at the police station to exchange and photocopy each others' identification papers, such as drivers licenses. Email the information to a friend, or to someone trusted and not to yourself. If you're selling at home, or going to someone's home, never be outnumbered. Make sure you have two or three people there, and let the other person who is coming know you will have others with you. There's safety in numbers.

Always make sure the person who comes doesn't go anywhere on your property unescorted, not even to the bathroom. And never let more than one group come to your home at once to buy or sell.

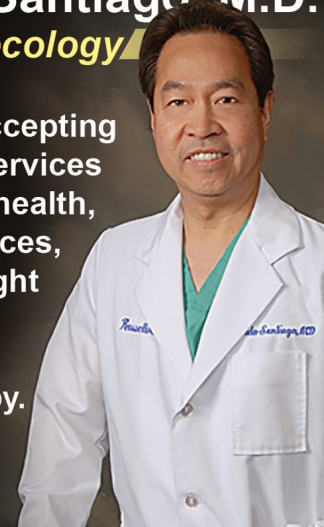
The Russellville Police Department is located at 400 North Jackson Avenue in Russellville. The phone number is 256-332-2230.

"We know there are people out there looking to take advantage of others," Hargett said. "People have been scammed in other areas. There's definitely a need for this service."

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## Wide gap between Tide, rest of SEC only getting wider

Mike Self  
 Franklin Free Press

For the better part of this century, the SEC as a football conference has been renowned for its quality depth. The league was hailed as the nation's strongest not because it always produced the single greatest team [though it often did] but because of the sheer number of championship-caliber teams it produced on a yearly basis.

From 1999 through 2014, no team managed to repeat as SEC champion. Only five different schools won the conference title during that span, but nine schools made it to Atlanta and twelve schools (all but Vanderbilt and Kentucky) had at least one 10-win season.

The SEC has taken great pride in being a no-holds-barred, survival-of-the-fittest, dog-eat-dog world during an era when other, more top-heavy [i.e. weaker] conferences were being ruled year in and year out by powerhouse programs like USC, Ohio State and Oklahoma. No such dynasties were possible, fans claimed, in the SEC. There were simply too many worthy challengers to the crown, too many talented athletes, too many tough teams—too much depth.

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Nick Saban and Alabama have conquered the SEC, transforming a once-vibrant democracy into a rigid autocracy—an oppressive form of rule in which one entity wields virtually all of the power.

Consider the facts:

- Alabama finished the 2016 season with a record of 14-1. No other SEC team won 10 games, and only two (Florida and Tennessee) managed to win nine. It marked the first year since 2000 that only one team in the conference reached double-figures in wins.

- Including conference championship games, Alabama has won 17 consecutive games against SEC opponents, with an average margin of victory of nearly 21 points. All but two of those 17 wins have come by double-digits, and six of them have come by at least 20 points.

- Alabama hasn't lost a game against an SEC East team in nearly seven years. Since falling 35-

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# Russellville reunion

## Two former Golden Tigers set to team up again at Shelton State

Mike Self  
 Franklin Free Press

As soon as Shelton State finished off a 5-4 win over Central Alabama on Saturday, May 13, Austin Bohannon started to get that old familiar feeling.

Granted, this was Ozark, Alabama, not Montgomery. It was the Alabama Community College Conference state tournament, not the Class 5A state playoffs. But those minor differences were merely details. The things that really mattered were very much the same.

Backs against the wall. Facing elimination. Season on the line. Do or die.

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"It was familiar," said Bohannon, a freshman pitcher

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FILE PHOTO

Kitterman, who clinched Russellville's second state title in 2016 with a complete game win at Riverwalk Stadium (above), is transferring from Union University to Shelton, where he'll be reunited with Bohannon (inset).

# RHS soccer teams split with Madison Academy

Kadin Pounders  
 Franklin Free Press

Preparation for 2018 is already under way for the Russellville High School soccer teams. Both varsity squads have been training so far this summer, and last Friday the girls' and boys' teams gave fans a very early preview of what to look forward to next season.

Last Friday night, Russellville hosted a summer "friendly" against Madison Academy at Golden Tiger Stadium. The girls' game got the exhibition started at 5:30 p.m.

Unlike the boys' team, which participated in an exhibition tournament in Florence on June 3, last Friday's matchup was the first chance for Russellville's girls to face competition this summer.

During the game, the Lady Golden Tigers found a few opportunities to score, including a shot on goal by returning striker Zayra Perez, but they could not get past the Madison Academy keeper. Defensively, returning goalkeeper Briana Ramirez made more than a few impressive saves, but she could not keep the Lady Mustangs out of the net forever.

At halftime, Russellville trailed 3-0 and eventually fell 6-0 to the Lady Mustangs.

"It was super-hot out there for the girls, so they hung in there and battled," said Russellville head coach Trey Stanford. "The girls played hard, but they have a long way to go."

Moving forward, Stanford said there are a few areas

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FILE PHOTO

Rising senior Jesus Betancourt returns for Russellville after a strong 2017 season in goal.

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for the Buccaneers, who had lost their ACCC tournament opener 6-3 to Wallace-Dothan the previous day. "It was just like being back in high school, when we played in the state finals."

One year earlier, Bohannon, then a senior at Russellville High School, had rescued the Golden Tigers with a career-defining performance in the 5A state championship series against Faith Academy. The Rams had routed Russellville 9-1 in Game 1, putting the Golden Tigers' hopes for a repeat in serious jeopardy, but Bohannon brought them back from the brink and evened the series with a two-hit shutout in Game 2, a 3-0 win.

Last month in Ozark, it was that outing that immediately sprang to mind for Bohannon, a 6'4, 220-pound left-hander who was due to start Shelton State's next game—another elimination affair against Snead State the following day.

"Instantly. As soon as we won the game [against Central Alabama], that's what I was thinking about," Bohannon said. "I woke up that [Sunday] morning about five o'clock and did a workout. We had a ten o'clock game, but I was awake at five. I was already thinking about the game."

In a Montgomery frame of mind, Bohannon came through yet again with the longest—and undoubtedly the most clutch—outing of his brief college career. He went the full nine innings against Snead, scattering nine hits and allowing just two earned runs in a 7-4 win that kept the Buccaneers' season alive.

"We were playing with a chip on our shoulder," Bohannon said. "I just went out there and tried to keep the momentum going and keep everybody in the game. I don't know how many strikeouts I had, but they were putting the ball in play. Everybody was really active, and our defense was making a lot of plays."

"We knew that could be our last game, so everybody was playing really hard. I was just trying to make pitches and miss barrels."

Bohannon, in fact, finished with just three strikeouts, but he only issued one walk and induced enough weak contact with the late movement on his two-seam fastball to get the job done. By day's end, he had thrown a career-high 136 pitches.

"And every single one of them was a two-seamer," Bohannon said. "I didn't throw a single four-seamer. No curveballs, no changeups. That was the only time all year I did anything like that."

It was also the only time all year that Shelton State coach Bobby Sprowl called upon Bohannon to go nine innings. Typically the Game 4 starter for the Buccaneers in each of their conference series, Bohannon was accustomed to pitching the second game of a doubleheader—a seven-inning game. The chance to go back out and take the ball for the eighth—and then the ninth—was a treat for the freshman.

"It was awesome," Bohannon said. "It felt like big-league ball."

Shelton went on to win two more games in Ozark before its state tournament run ended with a loss to Faulkner, but Bohannon's gutsy complete game against Snead was a fitting way for him to cap off a fine first year at the college level. He finished his freshman season second on the team in innings pitched (57) and first among the four starters in ERA (3.00), posting a 4-4 record in 12 starts.

"It went awesome," said Bohannon, who allowed 50 hits, struck out 38 batters and walked 20 on the season. "I went down there and fell in love with the game, just playing and practicing every day. I had a pretty big role on the pitching staff, got to be one of our starters and ate up a lot of innings. It went as good as I could have hoped for my freshman year."

In the Buccaneers' rotation this past season, Bohannon pitched right behind fellow Russellville graduate Jacob Green, who signed with Western

Kentucky earlier this month after a successful two-year stint in Tuscaloosa. Bohannon need not fret, however; another former Golden Tiger is on the way.

Austin Kitterman—who followed up Bohannon's Game 2 gem against Faith Academy in the 2016 state finals with a complete game win of his own in the Game 3 clincher—said on Sunday that he is transferring to Shelton State after a strong freshman season at Union University. Like Bohannon (and like Green before them), Kitterman hopes to use his time with Sprowl and the Buccaneers as a springboard to a Division One career.

**"That's the biggest thing for me—a chance to live out my dream of playing Division One baseball," Kitterman said of his decision to leave Union and join Bohannon at Shelton State. "Some doors opened up, and I prayed about it a lot. I feel like this is the best thing for me. It felt like the right decision for me with where I'm at in my life right now. Plus, having my best friend there, too, doesn't hurt."**

"That's the biggest thing for me—a chance to live out my dream of playing Division One baseball," said Kitterman, who led the staff at Union and ranked in the Top 10 in the Gulf South Conference this past season with a 2.89 ERA. "I was at a great program. Union is a great school and a great place, and I know people are gonna be like, 'Why would you leave?' But there are a lot of things that go into it."

"It's really hard to explain. Some doors opened up, and I prayed about it a lot. I feel like this is the best thing for me. It felt like the right decision for me with where I'm at in my life right now. Plus, having my best friend there, too, doesn't hurt. It'll be fun. I'm excited."

As a freshman at Union (a Division Two school in Jackson, Tennessee), Kitterman established himself as one of the top relievers in the GSC. He led the Bulldogs with 28 appearances and finished third on the team with 62.1 innings pitched. He went 1-3 with three saves and struck out 48 batters, walking just 18 and giving up 54 hits.

Kitterman made his college debut in Union's season-opener on February 4, holding Ouachita Baptist to one earned run and two hits in four innings to earn the save in a 7-4 win. A month later, he recorded his longest outing of the season, holding Delta State to two earned runs in six innings of solid relief in a 10-8 loss.

**"I'm ready for it to start back," Bohannon said on Sunday afternoon. "I was talking to one of the guys on the team today. I've never really missed practicing before, but I'm ready to get back out there."**

Kitterman's best outing might have come on March 24, when he struck out seven batters and did not allow an earned run in 3.2 innings of relief against West Alabama. He picked up his first collegiate win on April 2 with 3.2 innings of scoreless relief against West Florida, and one week later he held Lee University to two hits and zero earned runs in 4.2 innings in a 6-5 win.

Heading into a mid-April series at home against UNA, Kitterman had not allowed an earned run in his last 17.2 innings. His lone appearance against the Lions, however, did not go well: Seven runs and three homers allowed in 2.1 innings in a 14-2 loss.

"I was riding a real high going into that weekend," Kitterman said. "[UNA] had offered me a scholarship [coming out of high school], so it was like I was destined to go out there and do great against them. That didn't happen. I made some really good pitches, and they hit them really well. I made some bad pitches, and

they hit them out of the ballpark.

"It's college baseball. If you make a bad pitch, they'll make you pay. Everybody can hit—that's the reason they're there."

To his credit, Kitterman regrouped and immediately righted the ship, allowing just two earned runs on seven hits and striking out 10 batters in 12 innings over his final six appearances. The rough outing against UNA was just a footnote to an otherwise excellent freshman season.

"For me, honestly, that was the first bad outing I had," Kitterman said. "I was blessed that it came later on in the season. At the same time, it frustrated me really bad. I hate losing. I hate failing. It fired me up and made me work. It made me put my nose back to the grind and go back and work my tail off. I had to go back to basics and figure out what I was doing wrong."

"I think I finished the season on a good note. If the UNA series doesn't happen, my freshman year looks a lot better. But it happened, and I'm glad it happened. It made me a better pitcher."

Kitterman is also a *different* pitcher than he was at Russellville—at least in one respect.

"Well, I throw side-arm now," he said. "I'm about three-quarters. I'm throwing my sinker, slider, change-up—no fastball. I'm looking to disrupt timing. I'm still a bulldog when I go out there. I'm still gonna give my best effort every time. I'm still that same guy. I'm still the most competitive person on the field."

His new—and old—teammate at Shelton State might give him a run for his money in that department. Bohannon has already been working four or five days a week this summer with trainer/pitching coach Jeff Henry of Florence in an effort to add a few miles an hour to his fastball, which typically sits in the 83-85 range.

"I really want to get my legs and core and my shoulder stronger," Bohannon said, "so I can up my velocity. I'd like to add velocity without losing movement."

That natural late movement on his two-seamer (down and away from right-handed batters) is what makes Bohannon so tough to square up—even for college hitters. He's also adapted his secondary pitches, trading in a slow, backdoor curve for a harder breaking ball with "a little more bite to it" to try and generate a few more swings and misses.

As Bohannon works on refining and improving each of his pitches, he does so with the knowledge that he won't have to worry about which one to throw in a certain situation.

"Coach Sprowl calls pitches," Bohannon said, "and he knows when to throw what and what to throw who. I've never seen anything like it. I just follow what he tells me."

Sprowl, who pitched in the major leagues before embarking on a long and successful career as the head coach at Shelton State, is renowned for his ability to develop pitchers and prepare them for the next level—a fact that wasn't lost on Kitterman when he was weighing his transfer options.

"He's already known as one of the best—if not the best—JUCO coaches in a long time," Kitterman said of Sprowl. "They had eight sophomores last year, and all eight of those guys are going somewhere to play ball. That's his job, getting those guys to the next level."

"I think I can come in and have a big role and possibly be a starter. Coach Sprowl can get me to wherever I want to go. I was really impressed with the program and the success he's had there and the amount of guys he's got coming back."

That includes Bohannon, who is already itching to begin his second season in Tuscaloosa.

"I'm ready for it to start back," he said on Sunday afternoon. "I was talking to one of the guys on the team today. I've never really missed practicing before, but I'm ready to get back out there."

# Former RHS standout signs with Western Kentucky

Mike Self  
Franklin Free Press

After going 12-0 on the mound and leading Russellville to its first-ever baseball state championship in 2015, Jacob Green knew exactly what he wanted to do next: Become a Division One pitcher at the college level.

He also knew he wasn't quite ready. "Coming out of high school, I had to be brutally honest with myself, as far as what path would be best for me," said Green, a 6'3, 210-pound right-hander whose breakout senior season with the Golden Tigers included a 1.67 ERA and 107 strikeouts in 83.2 innings. "I needed to develop so much more coming out of high school. It was hard for me, but the JUCO route was the best route for me."

With that in mind, Green chose to head down to Tuscaloosa and play at Shelton State Community College, where long-time head coach Bobby Sprowl (a former major leaguer and renowned pitching guru) had built a well earned reputation for developing players—especially pitchers—and sending them on to the next level. Green, a power pitcher with an upper-80s fastball and a wipeout slider, envisioned himself as the latest in a long line of Sprowl success stories.

"As far as pitching goes," Green said, "there's nobody around who knows the game as well as he does. It was an honor to call him my coach and learn from him. I just tried to be a sponge and soak up as much information as I could."

Green, who tossed a pair of shutouts against Etowah and Alexandria during Russellville's 2015 playoff run and then beat Helena 4-1 in the clinching game at the

Class 5A state finals, took the lessons he learned from Sprowl and applied them toward becoming a more complete pitcher. This past season, his second at Shelton State, he posted the second-best ERA (3.10) among Buccaneer starters, striking out 51 batters and allowing just 44 hits and 16 walks in 52.1 innings. His best start of the year came on April 24 at Calhoun when he struck out 10 in eight innings while giving up only three hits and zero earned runs in a 5-1 win.

Shortly after Shelton's season ended in mid-May, Green began weighing his options with regard to the next step on his baseball journey. He ultimately chose to sign with Western Kentucky, a Division One school in Bowling Green and a member of Conference-USA.



Jacob Green

**"It's a dream come true," Green said of becoming a Division One pitcher. "This is one of the things you envision yourself doing your entire life. Then you get to a point where you're like, 'Am I gonna be able to do this?' For it to be upon me now, being able to fulfill my dream, it's an awesome feeling. I'm almost speechless."**

"I'm so excited," said Green, who also had talks with Tennessee Tech, UAH, UNA, UAB and Jacksonville State. "They had me up for a little visit. I threw to some live batters, and they showed me around the campus and everything. They gave me an offer, and almost instantly I knew that's where my heart was. I thought it

would be a really good fit for me, so I jumped on it. "My heart was set on Western Kentucky after I went up there. It's a beautiful place, and I thought I would fit in with their program really well. That was another big thing for me."

On Sunday afternoon, Green reflected on his road to becoming a Division One pitcher, and how sometimes the best path toward reaching your goals isn't necessarily the shortest one.

"Going to Shelton and spending those two years with Coach Sprowl, I really think he developed me into the pitcher I am today," said Green, who will have two years of eligibility with the Hilltoppers. "He's fantastic. It's been a blessing. I really think going to Shelton was a great move for me. I have zero regrets about going there. It was perfect for me."

Green's growth as a pitcher over the past two years has included the addition of ticks to his fastball, which now sits in the 88-91 range and can reach 92 or 93 when the situation calls for it. He also said that his slider, the pitch responsible for the vast majority of the 40 strikeouts he racked up in five starts for Russellville during that epic 2015 playoff run, has improved. Pure stuff aside, though, Green has learned how to navigate his way through a college lineup—when to throttle back, and when to reach for a little bit extra.

"I kind of try to save some in the tank," he said. "You never know when you're gonna be in a tight spot and have to dig deep and make a few pitches. It's been a part of my game here, to keep a little bit in my tank. Throughout a start, you might need to make a pitch here or add velocity on a certain batter, or something like

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## 'GREEN', from page 15

that. That's something I take a lot of pride in, being able to up my game on command.

"That's one thing Coach Sprowl taught us." The ability to pace himself through longer games at the college level is another valuable lesson Green picked up at Shelton, one that he had already begun learning from head coach Chris Heaps and pitching coach Eli Fuller while still with the Golden Tigers.

"Russellville got me ready for that," Green said of pitching a nine-inning game instead of seven. "The coaching staff there prepared me for that, just learning to keep my pitch count down and getting after guys, controlling the game. So when I started with the nine-inning stuff, it was almost like, 'Okay, I've got a little bit of experience with how this is gonna work.'

"The Russellville coaching staff and the guys there did a phenomenal job preparing me to make that next step. I would not have been close to ready for that if it wasn't for them."

Now, with Western Kentucky on the horizon and his goal of becoming a Division One pitcher in hand, Green is ready to make yet another step in his baseball career—a career that he hopes is nowhere near being finished.

"Oh, it's a dream come true," Green said. "This is one of the things you envision yourself doing your entire life. Then you get to a point where you're like, 'Am I gonna be able to do this?' For it to be upon me now, being able to fulfill my dream, it's an awesome feeling. I'm almost speechless. It's awesome.

"But I haven't scratched off all my goals yet. I'd really like to be drafted and have a chance to play professional baseball. I think with another year or two to develop, that's a huge possibility for me."

## 'SOCCER', from page 13

that the Lady Golden Tigers need to focus on as the team continues its summer training.

"We really have to work on footwork this summer," he said. "The girls' post touch, their speed and agility, overall movement of the ball and without the ball are four areas that we really need to emphasize a lot this summer."

But while the technical areas need work, Stanford said the girls' commitment and mental toughness during the game was encouraging.

"Overall, I was impressed with effort," he said. "It was, like, a hundred degrees, and they kept playing. Nobody complained about how hot it was, other than me, and I was impressed with that."

Following the girls' game, the defending Class 4A-5A, Area 16 champion boys took the field. Though the heat was not as much of a factor for the boys as it was for the girls, the Golden Tigers still faced a challenge in Madison Academy.

The Mustangs were stubborn and physical on defense, allowing the Golden Tigers a few chances throughout the game but never an easy goal.

At halftime [the matches were played like normal 80-minute matches with the exception of a 10-minute heat break during each half], Russellville led 1-0.

The lone first-half goal came from rising senior Andy Alonso who, off a give-and-go pass, received the ball back from a teammate on the right side of the net. With just a moment to make his calculation, and from about 15 yards away, Alonso smashed the ball past the keeper and into the left back corner of the net.

Alonso scored another impressive goal in the second half. This time the 30-goal scorer from last season leapt between the goalkeeper and another defender to head in a perfectly crossed ball from Esvin Mateo. Alonso's second goal capped the scoring and secured the 2-0 win for Russellville.

Although the result was different, the Russellville boys, like the girls, still have plenty to work on and improve. This summer, the key for the Golden Tigers is building teamwork and trust on a team with a mix of returning veterans and new faces, while simultaneously working to improve technique and skill.

"As they're playing together, they will be growing to know each other," Stanford said. "A lot of the new kids we have on our team don't know our returning players that well, and they have to trust each other.

"We had several times throughout the game that the younger kids didn't quite know where they should be, which is the lack of playing and lack of practice with our team and learning how we do things."

Communication on the pitch, another issue that Stanford stressed throughout the game last Friday, should improve over time, but passing is also a key area that the second-year head coach will continue to emphasize this summer.

"Our first touches need to be better and much more controlled," Stanford said. "We have to improve our quick, one-touch passes, and we have got to get better at movement without the ball so we can make the quicker one-touch passes."

That said, Stanford has seen improvement in those areas in just the last few weeks.

"I absolutely think the boys passed the ball better [against Madison Academy] than when we played the first exhibitions at Florence," he said. "I think we will get better as the summer goes along and as they start to gel with each other and learn how to play with each other."

Russellville's boys were set to host Florence in an exhibition game on Tuesday, June 20. The Golden Tiger guys and girls have two other exhibition games scheduled on June 22 at home versus Tanner and June 24 at Tanner.

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## 'GAP' from page 13

21 at South Carolina in October of 2010, Alabama has won 17 straight games against the East (again, conference championship games included).

- Alabama has won the last three SEC championship games by an aggregate score of 125-44, joining Florida (1993-96) as the only programs to win at least three conference titles in a row since the league went to divisional play in 1992.

- Alabama has won a total of 64 games over the past five seasons, 16 more than any other SEC team. Georgia is second over the past five years with 48 wins.

- Alabama has turned its chief rivalries into distinctly one-sided affairs, winning ten straight meetings with Tennessee (last loss in 2006), six straight with LSU (last loss in 2011), six straight with Florida (last loss in 2008), and three straight and seven of nine with Auburn. The Tide also has streaks of 21 straight wins versus Vanderbilt (last loss in 1984), ten straight versus Arkansas (last loss 2006), nine straight versus Mississippi State (last loss 2007), six straight versus Kentucky (last loss 1997), four straight versus Texas A&M (last loss 2012) and three straight versus Georgia (last loss 2007).

Granted, Alabama has twice met its match on the national stage (Ohio State in the 2014 semifinals, Clemson in last year's epic title game), but the Tide are thus far the only SEC team to make the College Football Playoff, which is now three years old. Other flagship programs like Georgia and LSU have parted ways with highly successful, long-time coaches, while Saban [who is now a mind-boggling 119-19 in ten seasons in Tuscaloosa, with five SEC titles and four national titles] just keeps signing top-rated recruiting classes and multi-year contract extensions.

Seemingly, there's no end in sight. Take a look at Alabama's 2017 conference schedule, and try to find a legitimate challenge prior to November.

Ole Miss at home on September 30? Please. The Rebels may have beaten Bama in 2014 and 2015 and then squandered a big early lead last season in Oxford, but the other shoe has officially dropped on Hugh Freeze and company.

At Texas A&M on October 7? Not likely. The Aggies have no quarterback, no defense and a coach planted firmly on the hot seat.

Tennessee at home on October 21? Seriously? The Vols had Josh Dobbs, Derek Barnett and home-field advantage last year, and Alabama beat them by 39 points.

The Tide's SEC streak should be sitting comfortably at 22 straight wins when LSU comes calling on November 4. The Tigers have a new offensive coordinator but the same old problems at quarterback. Alabama, meanwhile, has the reigning SEC Offensive Player of the Year at quarterback in Jalen Hurts, plus a passel of new recruits that includes three blue-chip players from LSU's own backyard. Ed Orgeron and company are going to have a tough time beating the Tide in November if they can't start winning a few more battles in early February.

Finally, there's the Iron Bowl at Auburn on November 25, which could potentially decide the SEC West. If a new offensive coordinator (northwest Alabama native Chip Lindsey) and a new quarterback (Baylor transfer Jarrett Stidham) can revive a dormant passing attack, the Tigers should pose the most serious threat to Alabama's bid for a fourth consecutive conference crown.

But make no mistake about it—with the top safety tandem in the country, an experienced offensive line, an embarrassment of riches at running back and a more seasoned Hurts running the show, Alabama looks like a good bet to be the first team to go 8-0 in SEC play in back-to-back years since...well, Alabama, in 2008 and 2009.

Not surprisingly, the greatest threat to the Tide's dynasty down the road could be Georgia, where former Alabama defensive coordinator Kirby Smart is already crushing it in recruiting as the Bulldogs' second-year head coach.

Whether it's Georgia or Tennessee or Florida or Auburn or LSU, one of the league's perennial contenders is bound to regain its footing at some point and topple the Tide. For now, though, the SEC is Alabama's world.

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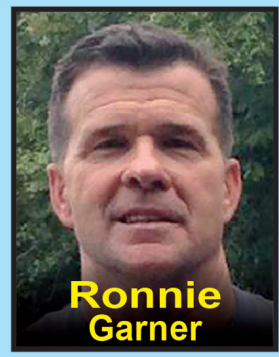
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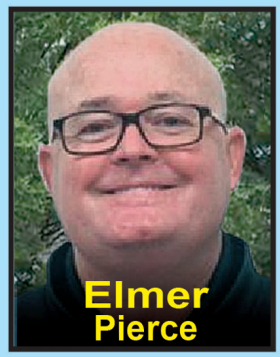
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