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– LOCAL GOVERNMENT –

Charlotte Cosper appointed to Vinemont council, place 3



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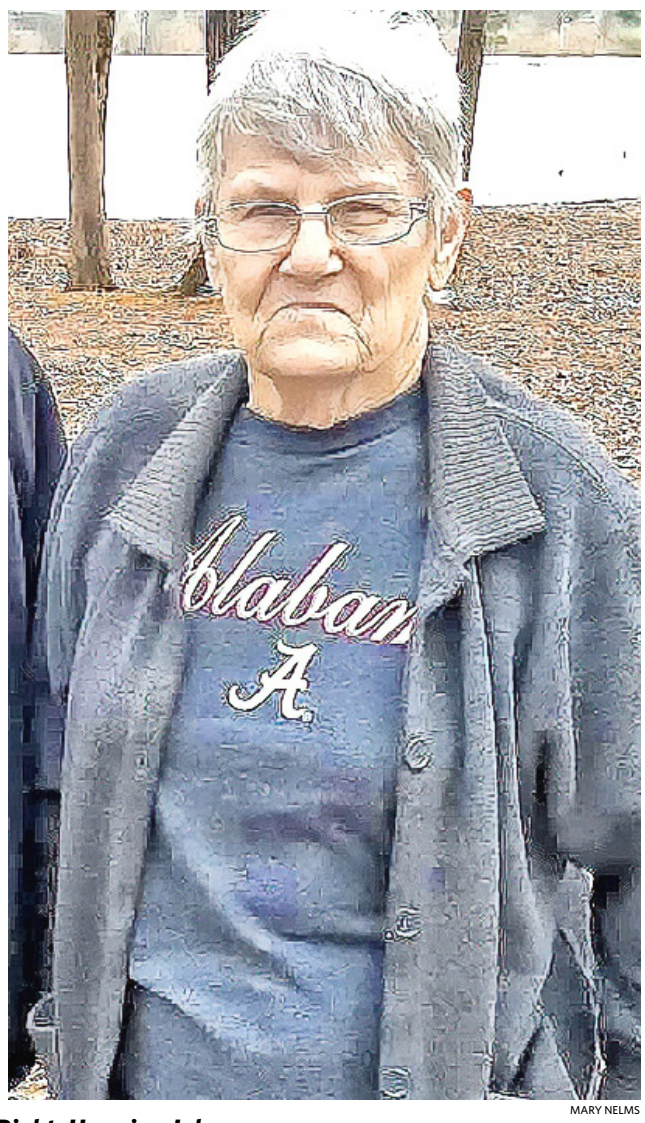
Left to right are Councilman Chris Thompson, Charlotte Cosper, Councilwoman Sonya Copeland, Councilwoman Sonya Adams, Councilwoman Bonnie Goodwin and Mayor Radginal Dodson.

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– FEATURE –

REMEMBERING HERMINA JOHNSON





MARY NELMS

Left: Hermina Johnson (seated) with her daughter Angie ; Right: Hermina Johnson

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The Tribune is paying tribute to those in our community lost to COVID-19. If you would like to share your family's story, email Christy@CullmanTribune.com.

VINEMONT, Ala. – After battling COVID-19 for a month, Hermina Johnson died Dec. 1, 2020. Johnson tested positive and was admitted to Cullman Regional Oct. 31. She spent 18 days alone and unable to see her family. Many of those days she was unable to speak to them even by phone.

Johnson was born in Cullman. She was a lifelong member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and graduated from Sacred Heart School.

Her daughter Mary Nelms said, "Her daddy helped build the steeples for Sacred Heart Church."

Although she graduated from nursing school at Sacred Heart May 28, 1957, Johnson married and stayed home to care for her growing family. She married Henry Johnson Feb. 3, 1962. They had six children, including Angie, who was

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Cullman man killed in crash in Good Hope

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. – A Cullman was killed in a two-vehicle crash along County Road 437 on the Interstate 65 overpass in Good Hope Wednesday night.

Cullman County Coroner Jeremy L. Kilpatrick confirmed the fatality, identifying the victim as Michael Thomas Ashley, 43.

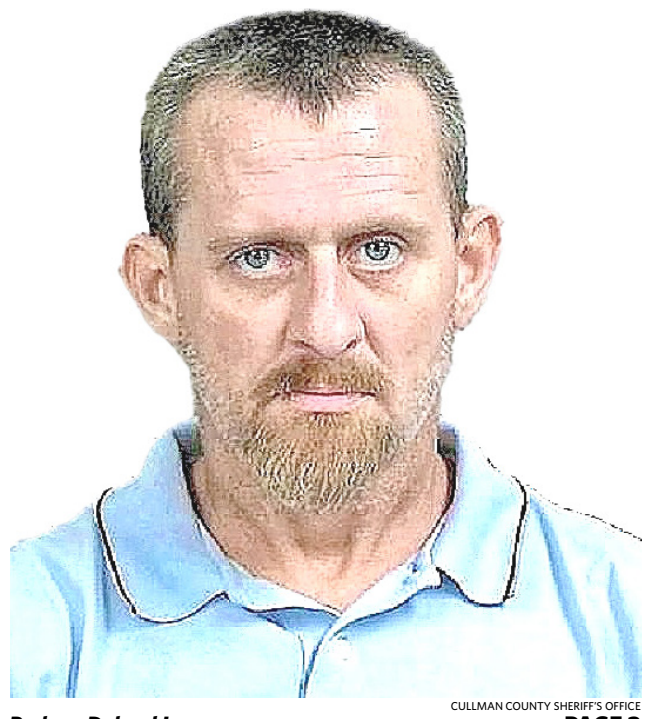
Ashley, who was operating a motorcycle at the time of the incident, was pronounced dead at the scene.

The crash happened shortly after 11 p.m.

More details will be released by Alabama State Troopers.

COURTS

Looney sentenced to 99 years for attempted murder of Lt. Rex Sorrow

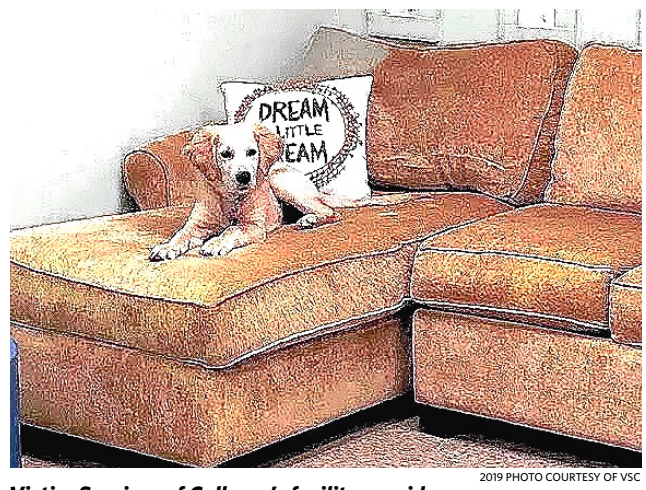


CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Rodney Deland Looney

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Victim Services of Cullman sees needs increase in 2020



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Victim Services of Cullman's facility provides a comfortable environment which appears to have support dog Bella's approval.

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STATE

ADPH, Medicaid, attorney general warn of COVID-19 testing and vaccine scams

Joy Patterson
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – The Department of Public Health and the Alabama Medicaid Agency are receiving reports of citizens being contacted at their homes for the purpose of being offered COVID-19 vaccinations at home. In addition, individuals claiming to be employees of the Medicaid Agency are contacting recipients by phone or in person and offering free COVID-19 testing.

State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris, Medicaid Commissioner Stephanie McGee Azar and Attorney General Steve Marshall warn that this is a scam and anyone who is contacted about an offer for free in-home COVID-19 testing or vaccinations should immediately end the contact.

The public is encouraged to report such calls to the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Hotline at 1-800-392-5658 or via email to ConstituentAffairs@AlabamaAG.gov.

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Jan. 7

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Jan. 7, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

GJ = grand jury; **FTA** = failure to appear

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Jan. 4

• unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, unlawful possession of marijuana; Pear Drive NW
• unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 1092
• unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; Hwy. 91
• trespassing; CR 222
• harassment; CR 843
• theft of property; Hwy. 67
• domestic violence; CR 1208
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, theft of property; CR 1344
• domestic violence; School House Road
• domestic violence; CR 601

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• domestic violence, criminal mischief; CR 843
• shooting into an occupied dwelling; CR 1223
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance; Beech Ave. SE
• menacing; CR 376
• criminal mischief; CR 503
• unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; CR 1508
• unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 1674

Jan. 6

• possession of drug paraphernalia; Denson Ave. SW
• possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69 S
• theft of property; Hwy. 69 S
• unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 1626
• trespassing; Catoma Lane NE
• domestic violence; CR 1551
• harassment; CR 670
• harassment; 3rd St. SE Arab
• theft of property; CR 1545
• violation of a protection order; Eddleman St.
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 813
• criminal mischief; CR 1650
• possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69 S
• unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 360
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; I-65 N/MM 280

ARRESTS

Jan. 4

Bailey, Jon Austin Hilton, 37
• FTA- driving while revoked

Hardin, Gary Lee, 46
• second-degree perjury
• first-degree theft of property

Imler, April Michelle, 44
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Ivey, Zakary Kermit, 32
• DUI- .08 BAC or greater

Phillips, Danny Joe, 44
• FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing

Phillips, Shannon Dawn, 41
• FTA- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Skinner, Cassondra Leigh, 53
• FTA- expired driver's license

Tarvin, Kristen Leigh, 24
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- public intoxication

Walker, Joey Vance, 23
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Williams, Stacy Jo, 43
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• second-degree theft of property
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Jan. 5

Cantrell, Jacob Ray, 28
• motion to revoke bond-third-degree burglary

Halik, Andrew Michael, 33
• FTA- attempting to elude
• FTA- third-degree domestic violence- harassment
• FTA- driving while suspended
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Jones, John Charles, 29
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Jones, Larry Wayne, 43
• violation of a domestic violence protection order

Lay, Rachel Lynn, 29
• FTA- driving while suspended

Little, Robert Joel, 32
• harassment

London II, Dennis Charles, 33
• judge's order- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Maddox, Courtney Marie, 29
• judge's order- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

McIntosh, Renae Watson, 42
• FTA- driving while suspended

Neely, Zachary Griffin, 40
• FTA- driving while suspended (2 counts)
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle (without theft) (2 counts)

Waters, Steven Andrew, 41
• failure to register quarterly SORNA
• sexual offender failure to register termination SORNA
• travel permit requirements SORNA

Jan. 6

Butler, April Rana, 42
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Eidson III, Roger Dennis, 38
• fugitive from justice

Link, Adam Colby, 29
• fugitive from justice

Lowery Jr., Douglas Edward, 25
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Pigg, Jordan Alyssa, 28
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Shader, Raechel Nichole, 35
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- second-degree promoting prison contraband
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Jan. 6

• duty upon striking an unattended vehicle; person; Olive St. SW; damage to '18 Toyota Highlander; $300

ARRESTS

Jan. 6

Barnett, Terri C., 27
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

Brasher, Zachary S., 29
• public intoxication
• resisting arrest

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

Find arrest reports online Monday-Friday at www.CullmanTribune.com.

AGRICULTURE

PUBLIC NOTICE: Pesticide Collection Day in January 2021

Tony Glover
Contributor

Farmers, pesticide applicators, pesticide dealers, pest control operators and nurserymen (no homeowner/gardeners):
A Clean Day Pesticide Disposal Day has been planned for our area to dispose of unwanted agricultural chemicals. This program will allow you, at no cost to you, to bring unwanted pesticides for safe and environmentally sound disposal. Products that will be disposed of include pesticides, insecticides, fungicides, herbicides and rodenticides. If you have products that have lost registration, have illegible labels, are out of date or are any of the mentioned products that you cannot use, you are encouraged to take advantage of this program.

This will allow you to protect your health and the health of your employees as well as protect your property and the environment.

Remember, you will not be charged for disposal, and there will be no questions asked as to why you have any product.

This program is conducted as a service to Alabama farmers, pesticide dealers, pest control operators and nurserymen and is a joint effort between the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries and the Alabama Cooperative Extension System.

You must complete a Pesticide Registration Form and return the form to your local County Extension Office or fax it to Daniel Sheffield 334-240-7168 on or before Jan. 18, 2020. The form is available at the Cullman County Extension office by calling 256-737-9386 or emailing Cullmancounty@auburn.edu.

You will be contacted and provided the collection location and date/time once your registration/inventory form is received, so it is very important that the form is completely filled out and that adequate and accurate information is provided.

Again, should you have any questions please email or call the Cullman County Extension office or Daniel Sheffield with the Alabama Department of Ag and Industries at 334-240-7236.

EDUCATION

4 area students named to Troy University Chancellor's List

Matt Clower
Contributor

TROY, Ala. – Troy University is pleased to announce students who have been named to the Chancellor's List for the Fall Semester and Term 2 of the 2020/2021 academic year. Full-time undergraduate students who are registered for at least 12 semester hours and who earn a grade point average of 4.0 qualify for the Chancellor's List. The Fall Semester includes students at the Troy, Ala., campus. Term 2 includes students at TROY's campuses in Dothan, Phenix City and Montgomery, Ala., along with locations outside of Alabama and online.

Cullman area students on the list include:

• Hannah Dempster, of Baileyton
• Cady Martin, of Cullman
• Sarah Laney, of Cullman
• Lily Latham, of Vinemont

About Troy University

Troy University is a public, historic, international university with 22,500 students and 154,000 alumni. Students choose TROY for its quality academic programs, reasonable costs and availability of financial aid, outstanding faculty, and flexible in-class and online class offerings. Students on the Troy, Ala. campus enjoy a traditional college experience, while adult students are the centers of attention at campuses in Dothan, Montgomery and Phenix City, Ala., as well as at locations around the world and online.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submit your calendar items or public notices to wendy@cullmantribune.com

PUBLIC NOTICE from Cullman County District Judge Chad Floyd
The traffic call dockets that were scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021 and Jan. 13, 2021 beginning at 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. have been combined with the March 3, 2021 traffic call docket.

PUBLIC NOTICE from Cullman County Courts
Cullman County jury trials currently scheduled for Jan. 25, 2021 have been postponed until February.... Cullman Circuit and District courts will remain open and motions may still be filed in all cases either electronically or directly through the Circuit Court Clerk's Office. Virtual court hearings will be held for the remainder of January as a substitute for in-person proceedings, where feasible. In-person judicial proceedings will be held utilizing previously adopted COVID-19 safety measures, in cases where it is necessary to provide immediate relief in emergency circumstances and for all court hearings deemed so essential that a postponement is not appropriate.

PUBLIC NOTICE from the City of Cullman Municipal Court
All cases that were set for Jan. 6, 2021 have been reset to Jan. 27, 2021 at 3 p.m. All cases that were set for Jan. 7, 2021 have been reset to Jan. 28, 2021 at 3 p.m. Reset court date notices will be mailed to each defendant. It is imperative that defendants ensure we have the correct address on file. To update your address, please call the court office at 256-775-7136.

Alcoholics Anonymous
The Grace of God group of Alcoholics Anonymous has open AA meetings (all are welcome) Monday and Thursday nights from 7-8 p.m. at the Carriage House, located next to Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE Cullman. Contact phone numbers: 256-347-1097, 256-841-2209 or 256-708-1340

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Prayer meetings- Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Please join us to pray or come for ANOINTED PRAYER!
• Classes Wednesdays at 7 p.m.
• Sundays at 10 a.m. adult, youth and children's classes; 11 a.m. children's classes; praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd
• Sunday, Jan. 10, Message-"Wake Up the Dry Bones" by Pastor Bobby Dodd
• Sunday, Jan. 17, The group PURPOSE will lead praise and worship and bring the message.

Free Community Dinner at Center Hill Baptist Church
• 5-6 p.m.- The first Wednesday of every month we will be offering a Free Community Dinner. Church members, community members, neighbors and friends are welcome. This will be takeout only. Please message or comment with how many plates you will need to help us prepare enough food for everyone. RSVP at http://bit.ly/centerhill.
• 13108 County Road 747, Hanceville, AL 35077

Miércoles de Despensas
• 6-7 p.m. ler. miercoles del mes, En Su Tierra Cullman FUMC
• Despensas para la comunidad. No requiere ID. Entrega en su vehículo. Por favor use mascarilla.

Cullman City Schools Special-Called Meeting
Friday, Jan. 8 at 8 a.m. in the central office board room

Cullman City Council Meeting
Monday, Jan. 11 at noon at Cullman City Hall

Good Hope City Council Meeting
Monday, Jan. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at Good Hope City Hall

Colony Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, Jan. 12 at 5 p.m. at Colony Town Hall

Vinemont Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, Jan. 12 at 6 p.m. at Vinemont Town Hall

Cullman Education Retirees Association Meeting
• Thursday, Jan. 14 at 11 a.m. at Stone Bridge Farms, 281 County Road 717, Cullman
• Our program will be presented by Kelly Smith, personal financial counselor. Following our program, we will have a short business meeting and then enjoy lunch together. Remember to wear your mask and practice social distancing.

Hanceville City Council Meeting
Thursday, Jan. 14 at 5:30 p.m. at Hanceville City Hall

Dodge City Town Council Meeting
Thursday, Jan. 14 at 6 p.m. at Dodge City Town Hall

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Data and Surveillance Dashboard

• Total confirmed cases in AL: 311,583* (+3,314 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in AL: 77,647* (+1,732 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in AL: 4,408* (+62 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in AL: 672*
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 5,273* (+44 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 2,265* (+48 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 61 (+0 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 17
• Total tested in Cullman Co.: 32,235
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 4,164
• Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 909
• Total tested in Alabama: 1,932,031
• Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 51,782
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 215,066
• Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 3,015
• Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama: 36,411
• Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 211,684

See more details at https://bit.ly/2VjCQbP.

Important Notice (01/07/21): Case counts and deaths reported this week may represent a delay in reporting to the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) due to the holiday weekends.

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POLITICS

Cullman GOP issues statement on events of Jan. 6

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Republican Party on Thursday issued a statement on the chaos that erupted in Washington, D.C. Wednesday, Jan. 6 as the U.S. Congress was in the process of certifying President-Elect Joe Biden's Electoral College victory over President Donald Trump.

A mob of rioters rushed the U.S. Capitol, breaking windows and storming the chamber, while members of Congress and Vice President Mike Pence were evacuated.

Statement sent from Cullman County Republican Party Chairman Kelly Duke:

"The Cullman County Republican Party was not happy with the results of the 2020 presidential election but will never condone the use of violence, unlawful rioting and the destruction of property to achieve any agenda.

"The party fully supports all the rights guaranteed to every citizen by the United States Constitution including free speech, peaceful assembly, the right to bear arms and the ability to vote in our elections.

"On January 6th the local party was deeply saddened as we watched in horror as a few individuals turned an otherwise peaceful protest in our nation's capital violent.

"We are thankful that our local congressional delegation members are safe and proud that they properly contested the election results in Washington within the rule of law.

"The CCRP will continue to advocate for law and order and conservative Christian values from the courthouse to the White House."

Looney (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Rodney Deland Looney, 48, of Cullman County on Thursday was sentenced to 99 years in prison by Cullman County Circuit Court Judge Gregory Nicholas for the 2016 attempted murder of Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) Lt. Rex Sorrow. Looney's mental state had been an issue in the trial, though an earlier plea of not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect was withdrawn by the defense. Looney was convicted Oct. 21, 2020.

"I am pleased with the jury's verdict and the maximum sentence imposed by Judge Nicholas," said Cullman County District Attorney Wilson Blaylock.

"Above all else, we are thankful that Lt. Sorrow's life was spared. Lt. Rex Sorrow has always served our community with honor and courage. Looney's attempt to take Lt. Sorrow's life is grave reminder of the dangerous situations that our law enforcement officers encounter every day. Justice has been served."

Looney has a history of arrests for public intoxication and DUI, and was intoxicated at the time of the shooting, according to an eyewitness.

The grand jury's 2017 indictment alleged that Looney "did, with the intent to commit the crime of Murder (Title 13A-6-2(a)(1) of the Code of Alabama) attempt to intentionally cause the death of another person, to-wit: REX SORROW, by SHOOTING AT HIM WITH FIREARM/RIFLE."

According to Magistrate Joan White's report submitted shortly after the incident in 2016, Sorrow responded to a call on County Road 1223 in reference to Looney shooting his rifle in the front yard of his house. The defendant's mother Janice Looney called the dispatcher, saying that the defendant was suicidal and intoxicated. Upon the deputy's arrival in the driveway, Looney's mother urged the dispatcher to tell Sorrow to "back up; he is heading towards the deputy to shoot at him."

The report describes a scene in which Looney was walking toward Sorrow's patrol vehicle when he opened fire, discharging at least three shots from an AR-15 type rifle. Neither the officer nor his vehicle was hit; Looney's mother, who witnessed the incident, stated that the rounds were fired into the ground, though no bullets were recovered.

Sorrow, taking cover behind his vehicle, repeatedly ordered Looney to stop, and when Looney began advancing faster and raised the rifle again, Sorrow fired two shots, striking the suspect both times. When the suspect went down, Sorrow called 911 and went to the suspect and administered aid until paramedics arrived.

Bodycam video from the scene recorded Looney's mother, who witnessed the incident, telling Sorrow that he had no choice but to shoot the defendant. She repeated that statement later to CCSO Capt. Edward Potter. She also said that she feared her son was attempting "suicide by cop."

Johnson (from Front)

born with mental disabilities.

Explained Nelms, "Angie goes to Margaret Jean Jones and mama took care of her until 2013. Mama had a stroke, and she couldn't take care of Angie or herself anymore.

"I moved mama in with me, and Angie lives in a group home through Margaret Jean Jones and she loves it. Mama lived with me up until she died, but mama had always taken care of Angie. That was her baby."

Once Johnson's youngest child started school, she went to work for Quincy's.

"She made the yeast rolls for about 10 years or more," Nelms said.

The family also had a farm and Johnson stayed busy in the garden and canning food. Henry Johnson died in 1993 when Nelms and her younger brother were still young teenagers.

"She never remarried, and she raised us all practically by herself," Nelms said.

"She loved to garden, can, spend time with her grandkids. She loved to play bingo and she liked puzzle books. She really just liked getting outside in her flowers and gardening. She was also a huge Alabama football fan. She loved Alabama football!" Nelms smiled.

Johnson had six grandchildren with whom she loved to spend time.

According to Nelms, when Johnson learned about COVID-19 she was scared of catching it. She was very careful and wouldn't go anywhere.

Nelms said Johnson had a doctor's appointment and a little while after the appointment, she developed a cough. Like many people, she thought it was due to allergies, but the symptoms got worse.

Nelms recalled, "I was afraid I had brought it back home to her, but she tested positive and I was negative. She felt bad so I took her to the emergency room, and she tested positive, but they sent her back home.

"The next day, she got better and was laughing and talking to me. Then Saturday morning, she couldn't get out of bed, so I had to call the ambulance. That was it."

Nelms said Johnson was in the hospital for just over a week when she flatlined and the medical staff was able to bring her back and put her on a ventilator.

"She never wanted all that, but I understand," said Nelms. "All that happened so fast and they wanted to give her a chance."

Nelms said her mother spent almost two weeks on a ventilator and then was able to be weaned off.

"She got to where she couldn't talk to anybody. I got to where I would call, and she wouldn't answer the phone so I would call the nurses' desk and they would say that she didn't want to talk to nobody or couldn't talk. It's bad. You can't see her and when I did see her with all that stuff, it just broke my heart," said Nelms. "Then I think, for the two weeks she's been laying here, does she wonder where we were? Had we just left her? You don't know what she was thinking and why no one had come to see her. Those days, they had to just drag on."

On Nov. 15, Johnson suffered a stroke. Her speech was affected, and the family was unable to understand what she was trying to say. Nelms said doctors explained to her that COVID causes blood clots and patients are put on blood thinners, but Johnson had developed bleeding in her stomach, so they had to stop giving her blood thinners.

Johnson was sent home, where she fought for two more weeks.

"While mama was at home, we went and got my sister Angie and mama was kind of out of it. She had her eyes closed and Angie came in and said, 'Mama, I love you!' Boy, her eyes popped open and after that she really wasn't communicating anymore. It's like she was waiting on Angie to come see her," Nelms shared.

As her mother's full-time caregiver, Nelms said she struggled not only with her mother's illness, but she herself had COVID pneumonia. She was put on oxygen and was quite ill.

"I had the virus, too. I got it from mama. She lived with me, but she didn't ever know. She was in the hospital when I tested positive and I told my brothers and sisters not to tell her because I didn't want her worrying that I was sick and that she had given it to me," Nelms said.

Although she is now COVID negative and back at work, Nelms said she continues to experience the many lingering effects of the illness.

"Through all of this, mama dying and me being that sick, I have learned there are so many little things in life that are not worth worrying about.

"We worry about so many little things that there's no need to worry about when there is a COVID out there that can kill you within a week. It can take your mama or loved one away."

Hermina Johnson died Dec. 1, 2020. She was 82 years old.

Victim Services (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The year 2020 was a hard one for all, but victims of domestic violence faced twice the catastrophe as the issues of the pandemic and shutdown led to increases in violence and difficulties in getting help.

Victim Services of Cullman Executive Director Carol Horstman told The Tribune, "2020 was a busy year for Victim Services. One of the effects of last year's pandemic has been an increase in domestic violence worldwide, and our community is no different. For victims of domestic violence, quarantines and lockdowns increase the isolation they already experience and make it harder for them to get help. The shelter provided a place to live for 48 women and 11 children, some for emergency housing and others for longer term as they transition to living on their own. These numbers are higher than in typical years. Similarly, 57 clients received individual counseling in 2020, a higher number than recent years.

"Our increased focus on intervening in the lives of children who have been exposed to violence has resulted in twice as many completing the Supporting Kids in Transition (SKIT) Program as in 2019. Through SKIT, children's support groups and individualized activities, 46 children received emotional support and advocacy in 2020. Thanks to much community support, our Annual Christmas Gift Drive was a great success, making Christmas brighter for 32 children this year."

The agency's advocacy services included:

- assisting 28 clients with safety plans
- 24 protection orders
- 24 court advocacy actions
- 25 applications and referrals for legal services and victim compensation
- 40 legal advocacy actions
- 24 accompaniments to court, forensic exams or medical care
- 12 referrals for other community services

COVID impact

Horstman said, "Weekly Parenting Class and Support Groups had to be suspended in March due to COVID concerns. We have adapted and learned in order to function remotely and continue providing services, such as using ZOOM for staff meetings, providing counseling and advocacy services through e-mail, phone and other media.

"Due to COVID-19 concerns, our annual St. Paddy's in the Park event was canceled in March, as well as the fall Masquerade Ball. However, we did have two events while maintaining COVID safety measures.

The First Annual Ride for Justice took place in June with 30 participants. In October, we held our first Jail and Bail fundraiser. We appreciate all the good sports who were 'arrested' and those who bailed them out! Over $9,000 was raised during this fun event."

Community support crucial to the mission

Horstman shared, "There are so many people to thank for their service and support in 2020: First Annual Ride for Justice- Iron Order Motorcycle Club of Moulton, Iron Rockets 256 Krew Motorcycle Club of Cullman, Law Tigers of Alabama, Sarge at Hawg Engineering and Daystar Church; Christmas Toy & Gift Card Drive- St. Andrews United Methodist Church, Daystar Church, Peoples Bank, Toys-For-Tots, The Freeman Sunday School Class from First Baptist Church in Cullman, Bethel Baptist Church, Cash Express, and Mr. Rickey Foster and friends. Thanks also to volunteers from REHAU for painting the fire escape and to Daystar Church for landscaping and grounds cleanup.

"We are especially grateful for our community partners who provided support in 2020: United Way of Cullman County, Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, Alabama Department of Public Health, City of Cullman, Cullman County Commission, CCCDC, Wal-Mart Distribution Center and our Board of Directors: Cindy Rohrscheib (president), Crystal Parker (vice president), Gwen Parker (treasurer), Alicia Alldredge (secretary), James Fields, Amber Hembree, Josh Speakman and Tosha Quick."

The final word

Said Horstman, "This coming year is a big one for Victim Services because 2021 will be our 30th year of service! As we strive to find new ways to reach those in need of our services, we will continue providing shelter, advocacy, empowerment programs and trauma counseling to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Cullman and Winston counties."

If you need help

- 24-Hour HELPLine 256-734-6100
- 24-hour Spanish HELPLine 256-708-4769
- Facebook messenger @ victimservicescullman

Learn more at www.victimservices.online or www.facebook.com/victimservicescullman.

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THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
JANUARY 8, 2021

Alabama downs Florida, 86-71, to go to 3-0 in SEC play

UA Athletics
rolltide.com

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – Alabama men's basketball rolled over the Florida Gators, 86-71, Tuesday night in Coleman Coliseum, improving to 3-0 to start Southeastern Conference play for the first time since 1986-87. The Crimson Tide claimed its fourth straight win and fifth win over its last six games to improve to 8-3 overall, while Florida drops to 5-2 (2-1, SEC).

Herbert Jones, Jaden Shackelford and Keon Ellis scored 16 points each to lead the Crimson Tide, with all three scoring six in the first half and 10 in the second. James Rojas turned in 15 points while John Petty Jr. tallied a dozen to round out the Tide's double-figure scorers. Ellis, who had scored just 23 points the entire season entering Tuesday night's contest, also led UA with eight rebounds and a +30 in +/- points, all coming on the defensive end of the floor. Jordan Bruner posted a game-high five offensive rebounds, four assists and three steals.

Tyree Appleby led the Gators and the game with 18 points

Coach Nate Oats Postgame Comments

"That was a great effort from all of our guys defensively. I thought we really locked in after the first eight minutes. If you take away that first minute-and-a-half of the second half, I thought our defense was really good that half as well. Florida is a good team. They play a lot of four out and have quick guards that can drive you. I thought we did a good job to keep them out of the paint and we had a big advantage in paint scoring tonight. Then obviously, Keon Ellis had a big game for us. He grew up about an hour and a half from Florida's campus and he came ready to play tonight. He was +30 when he was in the game and that's maybe the highest plus-minus I've seen in a 15-point game maybe ever. I thought our entire bench stepped up tonight in Jahvon Quinerly's absence."

Team Stats

- Alabama scored 86 points on 31-of-67 shooting (46.3 percent) while holding Florida to just 27-of-68 (39.7 percent) from the floor
- UA improves to 7-0 when it shoots 40 percent or better (46.3 percent) and when it scores 80 or more points in a game
- The Crimson Tide bullied the Gators in the paint with 46 points inside with a total of 44 rebounds, allowing Florida just 28 points inside and 39 rebounds
- Alabama's bench played strong in the win, scoring 36 points, outscoring the Gator bench by 10
- In all, the game totaled six ties and nine lead changes, however the Crimson Tide never trailed after taking a 26-24 lead with 5:20 left in the first half
- The Crimson Tide used a 20-4 run over an eight-minute span in the second half to pull away from the Gators for good



UA ATHLETICS

Alabama's James Rojas (33) posted 15 points in the Crimson Tide's 86-71 win over Florida Tuesday night.

- Ellis tallied a career-high 16 points on 5-of-6 shooting, including 3-of-3 from beyond the three-point arc while grabbing a career-high eight rebounds
- Rojas' 15 points was a career high, while his seven rebounds tied his best in a Crimson Tide uniform
- Quinerly, who was have averaging 13.0 points and 3.2 assists per game, missed the contest due to a medical condition

First Half

- The Gators jumped out to a 5-0 lead, but the Tide quickly came right back to take its first lead of the game at 12-11 with 13:34 remaining in the opening stanza
- The next few minutes went back-and-forth with the game tied 24-24 with 6:29 left to play in the first half
- The Crimson Tide went on a 13-5 run from the 6:29 to the 2:27 mark. Alabama knocked down 5-of-8 from the field during that span to take a 34-29 lead
- Alabama closed the half out with a 7-3 spurt to take a 39-32 lead over the Gators into the locker room
- The first half featured nine lead changes and five ties
- UA shot 45.5 percent from the field (15-of-33) while holding Florida to 37.5 percent (12-of-32)

Second Half

- Florida came out on a 7-0 spurt to start the second half to pull into a 39-39 tie just two minutes in
- The Crimson Tide caught fire with a 20-4 run that spanned more than five minutes making 8-of-12 field goals and 2-of-4 from beyond the arc to take a 61-45 lead
- The Gators cut the lead to 12 points with 8:39 remaining in the second half to set the score at 65-53, but a quick 7-3 spurt pushed Alabama's lead to 72-53
- Florida closed out the game outscoring Alabama 18-15 over the final eight minutes of the game, but the Crimson Tide's lead never fell below the 12-point margin
- Alabama shot 47.7 percent from the field and knocking down 11-of-13 second half free throws while holding Florida to 41.7 shooting to earn the 86-71 victory

Up Next

The Crimson Tide returns to the road, traveling to Auburn on Saturday for an 11 a.m. CT on ESPN2

For all the latest information on the team, follow AlabamaMBB on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. General athletic news can be found @UA_Athletics on Twitter and Instagram and Alabama Athletics on Facebook.

Jaylin Williams posts career high in loss at Ole Miss

Greg Ostendorf
AU Athletics

OXFORD, Miss. – Jaylin Williams scored a career-high 24 points Wednesday night, but Auburn couldn't overcome another sluggish first half and lost 72-61 on the road at Ole Miss.

Williams scored the first five points for the Tigers and had 16 in the first half, including four triples, but the rest of the team scored only 13 points in the first 20 minutes. Auburn went more than seven minutes without a field goal and trailed 43-29 at the break.

"We've got to do better starting the game off and communicating," Williams said. "The second half, we communicated."

The Tigers battled back in the second half and cut the lead to single digits with five minutes left. Junior Jamal Johnson knocked down three 3-pointers and Williams connected with fellow sophomore Devan Cambridge on an alley-oop dunk during what was a 14-4 Auburn run to make it 60-52. However, Ole Miss responded with a 7-0 run of its own to put the game away.

"I thought Jamal Johnson and Jaylin Williams both played really well for us," Auburn head coach Bruce Pearl said. "Jaylin was plus-2 in an 11-point loss and obviously played hard. I thought we had a chance. With about four minutes to go, we had a couple empty possessions, turnovers, and they ran it back out on us."

Williams capped his night by banking in a deep 3 in the final minute. He shot 6 of 10 from beyond the arc and was 7 of 14 from the floor. He also added four assists and four rebounds.

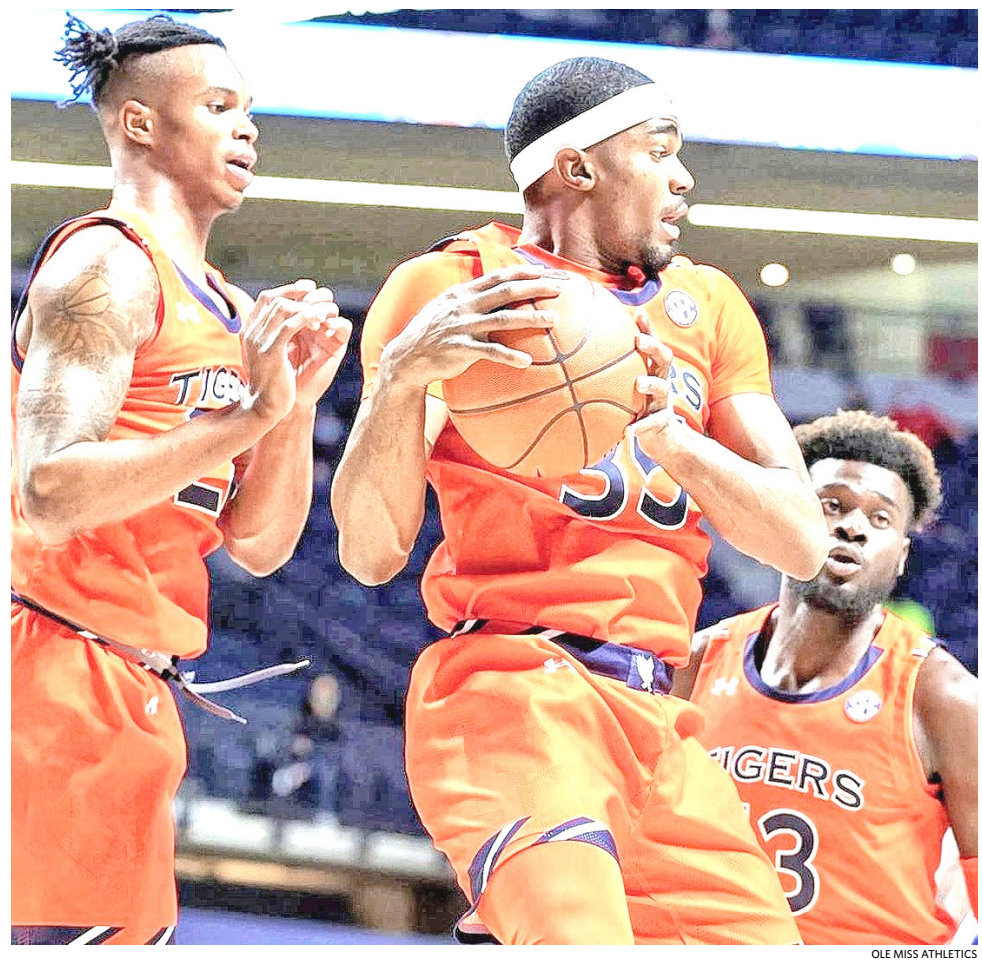
Johnson finished with 11 points, making it four straight games in double figures. The junior guard, who earned the start in place of the injured Justin Powell, is averaging 17.3 points per game and has 13 triples through the team's first three SEC games.

Powell missed the game due to a head injury he suffered against Texas A&M, and his absence was felt, especially in the first half when Auburn struggled against the Ole Miss defense.

The Tigers outrebounded Ole Miss, 37-35. Allen Flanigan pulled down a team-high six rebounds while freshmen JT Thor and Dylan Cardwell had five boards apiece. Thor was also third on the team in scoring with nine points on the night, two shy of his career high.

After two consecutive road games, Auburn will return home Saturday to take on in-state rival Alabama. The game is slated to tip off at 11 a.m. and will be televised on ESPN2.

"There's not a lot of room for error," Pearl said. "So obviously, I am proud of them for continuing to battle. But as long as we continue to grow and learn – the schedule is going to get tougher now. It's going to get tougher with Alabama at home, then going to Georgia, we play Kentucky. This is all just a process."



OLE MISS ATHLETICS

The Auburn Tigers fell to Ole Miss on the road 72-61 Wednesday night.

Crimson Tide in the NFL Spotlight: Week 17

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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – The final week of the 2020-21 season in the National Football League wrapped up on Sunday. Below is a look at some of the highlights from week 17 by former Crimson Tide players currently in the NFL. As the NFL heads into postseason play, Alabama is represented by 32 players across the 14 playoff teams in the 2020-21 NFL Playoffs. Of that group, 25 are on an active roster. The Crimson Tide will be well-represented with at least one former player on 12 of the 14 teams in the postseason.

Derrick Henry capped off the regular season with one of his most impressive performances yet. Henry helped the Tennessee Titans clinch the division title, rushing for 250 yards and two touchdowns on 34 carries against the Texans. With his Week 17 performance against Houston, Henry clinched the NFL rushing title for a second consecutive year, leading the league in rushing yards (2,027), attempts (378) and rushing touchdowns (17). The former Heisman winner became the eighth player in the NFL to reach the 2,000-yard mark in one season.

Joining Henry with an impressive outing at running back was Josh Jacobs. The Las Vegas Raiders rusher topped off his season with 15 carries for 89 yards and two touchdowns. Jacobs finished eighth in the league in rushing yards and fourth in rushing touchdowns. Two former Tide receivers also had big performances on Sunday. Jerry Jeudy caught five balls for 140 yards and one touchdown in the finale of his rookie campaign. In addition, Calvin Ridley capped off another impressive season. The Atlanta Falcons wideout hauled in eight catches for 52 yards and one touchdown. Alabama was also well-represented on the defensive side of the ball in Week 17. In the secondary, Xavier McKinney intercepted the first pass of his NFL career to halt a game-winning drive by the Dallas Cowboys. McKinney also recorded eight tackles, including one tackle for loss, in the New York Giants' winning effort.

Two more former Tide defensive backs provided solid performances on Sunday. Kareem Jackson recorded three tackles, intercepted one pass, broke up one pass and recovered a fumble for the Denver Broncos. Cleveland safety Ronnie Harrison returned to the field to record six tackles and a pass breakup in the Browns' win over the Pittsburgh Steelers. Thanks in part to Harrison's performance, the Browns clinched a spot in the postseason for the first time since 2002.

Rounding out the defensive group was Johnathan Allen. In the trenches, Allen recorded six tackles and helped lead Washington to a win over the Philadelphia Eagles. With the win, the Washington Football Team clinched a playoff berth out of the NFC East.



UA ATHLETICS

Former Crimson Tide running back Derrick Henry eclipsed the 2,000-yard marker against the Houston Texans Sunday.

Get all the latest information on the team by following @AlabamaFTBL on Twitter and Facebook and AlabamaFBL on Instagram. General athletic news can also be found at UA_Athletics on Twitter and Instagram and AlabamaAthletics on Facebook.

OUTDOORS

WFF reactivates 800 number for Game Check

David Rainer
Contributor

The toll-free Game Check phone number, 1-800-888-7690, is back and better than ever. The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) has reactivated the number for hunters to comply with the reporting requirements for the harvests of white-tailed deer and wild turkeys.

What makes the reactivated number better is that hunters who use this method will talk to a live person at the call center that is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Chuck Sykes, Director of the ADCNR's Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) Division, said the 800 number had been deactivated because of the faulty data it produced under the previous format.

"We had the IVR (interactive voice response) for the first couple of years of Game Check, where the computer took people's information," Sykes said. "The data we were getting through that system was faulty and was costing a fair amount of money, so we chose to eliminate that option."

Hunters were urged to use the Outdoor AL app on their smartphones when possible. Harvests could also be reported at www.outdooralabama.com.

Sykes said WFF officials have allowed hunters to call in harvest reports to district offices this year if they did not have internet access or had trouble with the Outdoor AL app.

"Compliance with Game Check has definitely gone up this year, and we felt it was the right thing to do to give hunters that third option again," he said. "But we were not going to waste time, money and energy on a computer system that would produce bad data.

"Now we have a 24-7 live operator who can help people Game Check their deer. It's a more customer-friendly experience, and it gives us the data we desperately need."

Amy Silvano, Assistant Chief in the WFF's Wildlife Section, is in charge of the 800-number system and saw immediate use of the phone option.

"In the first 24 hours, 172 people had utilized it," Silvano said. "And, I want to point out that this is not a new number. It's the same Game Check number from before. We just switched from an IVR to a call service. So, it's not a new way to report it.

"We had problems with the original system. We weren't getting all the data we needed. We might get the date of harvest, but sometimes that was it. It was prompting through, allowing for the confirmation number, and we weren't getting good viable data. Now you will have a live person on the line, and they will walk you through the reporting system."

Silvano said the viable data include overall harvest per county and date of harvest. That provides WFF officials with a look at the harvest throughout the season.

"The date of harvest allows us to determine the peaks and bounds of harvest, and the county data allows us to look at the distribution of harvest across the state, because we do have multiple zones," she said. "That information, along with our rut map, helps us define the zones as well as the timings of the seasons that we recommend.

"Overall, our harvest data is our population metrics. We can look at the transient harvests. If our harvest is going down in certain areas and our hunter numbers are being maintained, we know something is going on in the population that is not attributed to hunter activity. That could mean there is not enough deer for them to harvest. The same holds true with turkeys or any other game species. We would expect if hunters are declining, the harvest would also decline at the same rate. The overall data allows us to look at that. With the county data and date of harvest, we can look at the localized scale at zone levels."

Silvano said the county data with dates of harvest allows WFF officials to determine the season dates for each zone that offer hunters the best time to be in the woods during peak rutting activity.

When hunters call the 800 number, they will first hear a recorded message prompting them to have their information ready before speaking to an operator. Callers must have their Conservation ID or ADCNR hunting license number to begin the reporting process with the live operator, who will input the data from the harvest.

Hunters will be asked to provide the date and county of harvest, type of land (public or private) and the antler point count when reporting a deer. To report a turkey harvest, callers will be asked for the date and county of harvest, public or private land, the turkey's age (jake or adult) and beard and spur lengths.

Exempt hunters can especially benefit from the 800-number option, according to Silvano.



DAVID RAINER

Hunters in Alabama can now use the reactivated 800 number to report harvests of deer and turkeys.

"With a live person on the line, it helps hunters, especially hunters who are license-exempt," she said. "The operator can go into the system and generate a HELP (Hunter Exempt License Privilege) or Conservation ID (CID) number and check the deer or turkey for them. This provides a lot more benefit than a recorded system did. We can assure that all the data is being collected. The call center is entering the information into the system like it was the hunter."

Silvano said the smartphone Outdoor AL app (version 1.3.2 or higher) continues to be the most frequently used method to report harvests at 77 percent, followed by online at outdooralabama.com.

"The 800 number is working as planned," she said. "The good thing is the number is the same, so people who used the phone system before will have access to that same number."

Reporting is still required within 48 hours of any deer or turkey harvest or when possession of the deer or turkey is transferred to a processor, taxidermist or another individual.

"When we updated the possession regulation this year, it caused the compliance to go up," Sykes said. "To make it easier on the processors, taxidermists and folks who don't have a smartphone or internet access, we felt it was a wise use of our resources to reactivate the 800 number. But the most important thing is that we get quality data."

The possession regulation Sykes referred to applies to deer and turkey. Whoever is in possession of all or part of a deer or turkey that is not their own must retain written documentation with the name of the hunter, the hunter's Conservation ID number, the date of the harvest and Game Check confirmation number. The information can be documented on a piece of paper, or a transfer of possession certificate is available in the Alabama Hunting & Fishing Digest or online at outdooralabama.com.

The documentation must be kept as long as that person is in possession of the deer or turkey. The hunter who harvests the deer or turkey is required to enter that animal into the Game Check system and maintain in his or her possession a valid confirmation number for that animal.

Learn more about Alabama's Game Check reporting requirements at www.outdooralabama.com/hunting/game-check-and-harvest-record-information.

AGRICULTURE

Start planning now for spring gardens

Mary Leigh Oliver
Contributor

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. – While experiencing the cold winter weather, one of the many things people look forward to are luscious spring gardens. It is never too early to start planning. Now is the time for gardeners to begin prepping their gardens for the spring growing season.

Getting started

Before taking any steps toward growing a spring garden, it is essential to first remove all the plants and weeds from the previous season. Starting from a clean slate will give the garden a clean, organized appearance, as well as healthy, fresh soil.

The most important step when beginning to prep a garden is to conduct a soil test. Based on the results of the soil test, gardeners may have to add nutrients to adjust the pH of the soil in order for it to best suit the plants. Soil that is overly acidic may be harmful to some plants. It is important to keep a constant eye on soil pH levels to ensure they remain within the 6 to 7 range.

"You might want to plant a cover crop if you have poor soil," said Rhonda Britton, an Alabama Cooperative Extension System home grounds, gardens and home pests regional agent. "This will help build up organic matter in the soil."

Also, it is important to determine whether the proposed garden plot receives at least six hours of full sunlight. Without the adequate amount of sunlight, the plants would not be able to thrive.

Plan out the garden

To have a successful spring garden, Britton suggests keeping a notebook for gardeners to plan what they are going to plant. In the same notebook, people can plan the potential layout, dates and times for planting. Getting ahead and staying on top of a gardening routine will ensure a successful, flourishing garden.

Britton said at the beginning of the planning process, it is important for people to decide whether they want to buy transplants or plant their own seeds inside, starting in the winter.

"Some plants, such as squash, cucumber, corn and beans, do better with direct seeding," Britton said. "Plants that do better as transplants are tomatoes and peppers."

If people plan to plant seeds, they should begin searching through seed catalogs now to purchase their desired seed. Having the plants or seed planned out before the spring season will allow for a quick and efficient growing season.

Regional conditions

Lastly, depending on the region, it is important to identify and keep note of the different weather conditions. For example, depending on where gardeners live in Alabama, certain areas can begin planting before others. The warm temperatures in south Alabama would allow people to begin planting much sooner than the cooler temperatures in north Alabama do.

Britton recommends downloading the Alabama Extension SOW app. This application includes recommended dates for planting based on the region or county the person is located in. Knowing the specific conditions for the area is crucial for a long-lasting spring garden season. Visit the Alabama Extension content piece SOW–A Planting Companion for more information on downloading the SOW app.

More information

With the dull colors and cold weather dragging on, it is thrilling to get to plan for the warm, bright colors of the season to come. Don't let the winter blues get you down; start planning for your spring garden before you're too late. For more information on planning for spring gardens or other topics, visit the Alabama Extension website, www.aces.edu, or contact your county Extension office.

Cosper (from Front)

Christy Perry
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SOUTH VINEMONT, Ala. – Charlotte Cosper was appointed Thursday night to fill the seat left vacant on the South Vinemont Town Council when J.D. Marcum died in November. Cosper will fill place 3.

The council held a special-called meeting Thursday night and started by asking for nominations. Only two people were nominated. Councilman Chris Thompson nominated Cosper and Mayor Radginal Dodson nominated Jerry Smith.

A roll call vote was then held for each nominee with Cosper receiving a 3-2 vote. Thompson, Councilwoman Sonya Adams and Councilwoman Bonnie Goodwin voted in favor of Cosper. Councilwoman Sonya Copeland and Dodson voted for Smith.

A resolution was approved unanimously following the vote appointing Cosper to the position. Cosper will be sworn in at the next regular council meeting scheduled for Jan. 12 and 6 p.m. at Vinemont Town Hall.

Cosper said of her new role, "I am excited. It's something I have never done, but I look forward to working with everybody and doing a good job. I've got a lot to learn but I hope they will teach me."





LEGALS

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Walker Brothers, LTD

(Plaintiff)

v. Case No. SM-2018-900086

Tim Creel

(Defendant)

NOTICE OF FILING OF LAW SUIT

Defendant, Tim Creel, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD, for $2,651.23 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account.

ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT MUST BE MADE BY THE SAID DEFENDANT on or before the 12th day of February, 2021, or a default may be rendered against him her in the above styled cause.

Dated this the 4th day of January, 2021.

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v. Case No. SM-2017-900705

Vickie Roden

(Defendant)

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Defendant, Vickie Roden, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD, for $3,396.90 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account.

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v. Case No. SM-2020-900448

Jodi Overton Hopper

(Defendant)

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Defendant, Jodi Overton Hopper, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD, for $1,580.26 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account.

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v. Case No. SM-2018-901138

Jason White

(Defendant)

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Defendant, Jason White, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD, for $1,939.27 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account.

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v. Case No. SM-2020-900445

Yvone Copeland

(Defendant)

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Crystal Berry

(Defendant)

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(Plaintiff)

v. Case No. SM-2019-900801

Rickey Smith

(Defendant)

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Defendant, Rickey Smith, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD, for $1,495.87 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account.

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v. Case No. SM-2019-900795

David McCain

(Defendant)

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Defendant, David McCain, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD, for $615.65 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account.

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(Plaintiff)

v. Case No. SM-2019-900797

Zachary Hamilton

(Defendant)

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Defendant, Zachary Hamilton, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD, for $840.63 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account.

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v. Case No. SM-2019-900646

Leslie Bell

(Defendant)

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Walker Brothers, LTD

(Plaintiff)

v. Case No. SM-2018-901153

Scott Patterson

(Defendant)

NOTICE OF FILING OF LAW SUIT

Defendant, Scott Patterson, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD, for $3,112.38 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account.

ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT MUST BE MADE BY THE SAID DEFENDANT on or before the 12th day of February, 2021, or a default may be rendered against him her in the above styled cause.

Dated this the 4th day of January, 2021

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Cullman, AL 35055

Walker Brothers, LTD

(Plaintiff)

v. Case No. SM-2017-900184

Chandra Naramore

(Defendant)

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Defendant, Chandra Naramore, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD, for $2,769.53 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account.

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Walker Brothers, LTD

(Plaintiff)

v. Case No. SM-2019-900203

Zach Russ

(Defendant)

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Defendant, Zach Russ, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD, for $1,549.45 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account.

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(Plaintiff)

v. Case No. SM-2018-900605

Jessica Davis

(Defendant)

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Defendant, Jessica Davis, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD, for $2,510.36 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account.

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(Plaintiff)

v. Case No. SM-2018-900608

Michael Mobley

(Defendant)

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Defendant, Michael Mobley, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD, for $3,458.50 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account.

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(Plaintiff)

v. Case No. SM-2017-900182

Shalkeamist Burge

(Defendant)

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Defendant, Shalkeamist Burge, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD, for $2,561.90 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account.

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Walker Brothers, LTD

(Plaintiff)

v. Case No. SM-2017-900349

Angela Hooper

(Defendant)

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Defendant, Angela Hooper, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD, for $1,529.53 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account.

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Walker Brothers, LTD

(Plaintiff)

v. Case No. SM-2016-900558

Delana Dingler

(Defendant)

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Defendant, Delana Dingler, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD, for $1,607.92 plus court cost cause of action being: Open Account.

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Obituary Announcements: Jan. 8

Mark Kibler was born in Dothan, Alabama Feb. 3, 1968 to Norma Stephens Kibler and William Harold Kibler. He grew up on his family's farm along with his brother Billy and sisters Robin and Laura. Mark helped his parents on the farm and developed a solid work ethic from them, along with a strong faith in the Lord and love for his family. Mark always had a passion for reading and learned how to read from his Aunt Doris, who endlessly read comic books to him as a child. He also loved to hear his Uncle James tell him about his service in the Army Air Corps during World War II. After graduating high school, Mark moved to Montgomery to study at Huntingdon College, where he met Beth. They dated for four years while in college and were married at Saint Bernard Abbey in Cullman. They were married for 26 years, and together for 30 years. Having Gabriel Kibler was the highlight of his life, and Mark's world revolved around his son. He loved nothing more than spending time with Gabriel, talking, sharing stories, and listening to Gabriel's stories, too. Mark loved reading the comics Gabriel drew, and was so happy Gabriel used his creative talents. He especially loved going back to Dothan and spending time with Gabriel and his family at the farm. Mark started working in the restaurant industry in college and made it his career. The last 16 years he worked with Jim 'N Nick's Community Bar-B-Q at both the Jasper and Cullman stores. He loved being part of both communities. Mark is survived by his wife Beth; his beloved son Gabriel; sister Robin Kibler; brother and sister-in-law Billy and Gwen Kibler; brother-in-law and sister Jack and Laura Populorum; nephews Wesly Kibler and Ian Populorum; Beth's parents Robert and Kathryn Atkins; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Bob Atkins and Ana Reinert, and David and Jennifer Atkins; and niece Rose Atkins. Mark was preceded in death by his parents Norma Stephens Kibler and William Harold Kibler. In lieu of flowers the family has asked that donations be made to the Gabriel Kibler College Fund at Premier Bank of the South in Cullman, Alabama or Sacred Heart School.

A memorial service for Matthew Sean Breeden, 54, of Hanceville will be planned and announced in the future. Mr. Breeden passed from this life Jan. 5, 2021 at his residence. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Breeden family. Mr. Breeden was born May 13, 1966 to Dennis E. and Angela Hazel Breeden. He was preceded in death by his grandparents and his father. He is survived by his mother Angela Breeden; children Heather Breeden, Josh Breeden, Raven Breeden, Katlin Breeden, Jacob Breeden, and Zackary Breeden; siblings Mark Breeden of SC, Michael (Shasta) Breeden of NC, and Deborah (Jason) Smith of Cullman; five nieces and nephews; one great-niece; and a host of family and friends. Family and friends can sign the online guestbook at cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Rev. Albert Dean Estes of Falkville, Alabama passed away Jan. 7, 2021 at the age of 85. He was born Sept. 27, 1935 in Pulaski, TN to Ewell Wade and Myrtle Pauline Ramsey Estes. Mr. Estes was a veteran of The United States Marine Corps. He pastored multiple churches in the East and West Cullman Associations. He is preceded in death by his parents, sister Shirley Ruth Estes Francis, and brother Willie Joe Estes. Funeral services are Saturday, Jan. 9, 2021 at 2 p.m. at Daniels Chapel Baptist Church with Rev. Tim Aris and Rev. Jeremy Calloway officiating. Interment will follow services in Etha Cemetery. Survivors are his wife of 63 years, Mary Vee Byrd Estes; daughter Alison Renee Estes (Mike) Tomberlin; son Darren Neil (Dawn) Estes; and grandchildren Lauren Estes, Natalee Estes, Aaron Estes, Flannery Tomberlin and Michaela Tomberlin. Visitation is Friday, Jan. 8, 2021 from 6-8 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home in Cullman, Alabama. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Michael Thomas Ashley, 43, of Cullman Funeral services for Michael Thomas Ashley, 43, of Cullman will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, 2021 at Friendship Baptist Church with Tim McCormick officiating; interment in Good Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, 2021 at Friendship Baptist Church. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Ashley passed away Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021. He was born Jan. 6, 1978 in Fulton, Georgia, to G.C. and Alice Ashley. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife Maranda Ashley; son Austin Ashley; daughters Summer Ashley (John Bray) and Klarissa Cordes; brothers Stephen Ashley and David Ashley; and a host of nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Memorial service arrangements for Mr. Emmett Seimon Blocher, Jr., 72, of Cullman are incomplete and will be announced at a later date. Mr. Blocher passed from this life Jan. 7, 2021 at the Cullman Regional Medical Center. He was born March 12, 1948 to Emmett Seimon, Sr. and Rosalind Berniece Gill Blocher.Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Blocher family. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister Carol Delk; and brother-in-law Jerry Delk. Mr. Blocher is survived by his wife Marcia Susan Blandenburg Blocher; daughter Natalie Blocher; brother Maurice (Lisa) Maurizi; niece Corey Delk (Doug) Riccardi and their children, Matthew, Meredith and Marshall; nephew Cobey Delk and daughter Riley; grandchildren Desmond Cox and Ava Cox; extended family in Indiana; his loyal employees at Blocher Company, Inc.; and a host of friends. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

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Walker Brothers, LTD
(Plaintiff)
v. Case No. SM-2017-900943
Kenneth Woods
(Defendant)

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Defendant, Kenneth Woods, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD. for $717.22 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account

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Walker Brothers, LTD
(Plaintiff)
v. Case No. SM-2015-900441
Brad Grady
(Defendant)

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Defendant, Brad Grady, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD. for $2,163.85 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account.

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Walker Brothers, LTD
(Plaintiff)
v. Case No. SM-2016-900176
Christopher Bailey
(Defendant)

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Defendant, Christopher Bailey, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD. for $379.24 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account.

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Walker Brothers, LTD
(Plaintiff)
v. Case No. SM-2015-900289
Pond View Farms
(Defendant)

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Defendant, Pond View Farms, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD. for $979.42 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account.

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Walker Brothers, LTD
(Plaintiff)
v. Case No. SM-2015-900545
Robin Canaday
(Defendant)

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Defendant, Robin Canaday, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD. for $3,223.40 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account.

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Walker Brothers, LTD
(Plaintiff)
v. Case No. SM-2015-900549
Tyler Freeman
(Defendant)

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Defendant, Tyler Freeman, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD. for $640.68 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account.

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Wallace State OTA program hosting virtual 5K in support of community partners

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – The Wallace State Community College Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) program's Student Occupational Therapy Association is hosting a virtual 5K to support its program and its community partners — The Link of Cullman County, Hope Horses, Inc., and Flourish of Cullman, Inc.

The Running to Resolutions Virtual 5K will be held Jan. 9-16, with runners choosing when and where they will run or walk.

"The run is free, but we are accepting donations from runners and those who want to support the program from their couch," said Laura Smith, director of the Wallace State OTA program. "This run is on the honor system, so they run – or don't — and then upload pictures and their times to the event website."

Funds will be donated to the community partners that the OTA program works with to provide clinical experience to their students.

The Link's mission is to help people grow out of poverty through encouragement, education and employability training.

Hope Horses' mission is to provide therapeutic horsemanship programs to individuals with special physical, social, cognitive and emotional needs.

Flourish of Cullman provides community-based support to individuals with developmental disabilities who would like to live as independently as possible.

"We really wanted to find a way to support the programs that have supported us," Smith said. "When the pandemic hit, traditional fieldwork sites closed down or did not allow outside personnel in, and many of our students did not have a place to go and get workforce experience. Each of these three community programs opened their doors and took our students for eight weeks; they took multiple students and multiple sessions of eight weeks. These additional sites helped fill the gap and allowed our class of 2020 to complete their fieldwork class and graduate the program. We are forever grateful to them and hope that raising some money for them will express our gratitude."

Go to https://runsignup.com/Race/AL/Virtual/mOTivAtedWSCCVirtual5K to register or make a donation. Registration continues until 11:59 p.m. on Jan. 8.

The Wallace State Occupational Therapy Assistant program is five-semester associate degree program, with two semesters of prerequisite courses to be completed before applying to the program to take three semesters of program-specific courses. Applications are accepted each year from March 1 to June 1 for fall entry. For more information, visit www.wallacestate.edu or contact Smith at 256.352.8333 or laura.smith@wallacestate.edu.

For information about the community partners visit: The Link: www.linkingcullman.org/; Hope Horses www.hopehorsesinc.com/; Flourish of Cullman: www.flourishofcullman.com.

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