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Do you Remember? The Calico Shop



CONCETTA LOVOY KREPS

One of the first two quilts Concetta Lovoy Kreps made from material from The Calico Shop.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – If you were in Cullman from the late-50s to the mid-80s, chances are you wore something or received something hand sewn with fabric and materials from The Calico Shop. Gertrude and Luther Hinds opened the upscale fabric store, which was located at 209 First Ave. SW, in 1958. The store was known for its beautiful high-end fabrics and patterns for making anything from casual play clothes to the most elegant wedding dresses.

The Calico Shop was loved by many and perhaps a little boring for the kids expected to wait patiently as their moms or grandmothers browsed through the seemingly never-ending patterns. Mrs. Hinds and her staff helped many who hoped to make the perfect dress or desired to learn how. The Calico Shop provided materials for more than clothing, carrying loads of drapery materials, quilting supplies and craft projects.

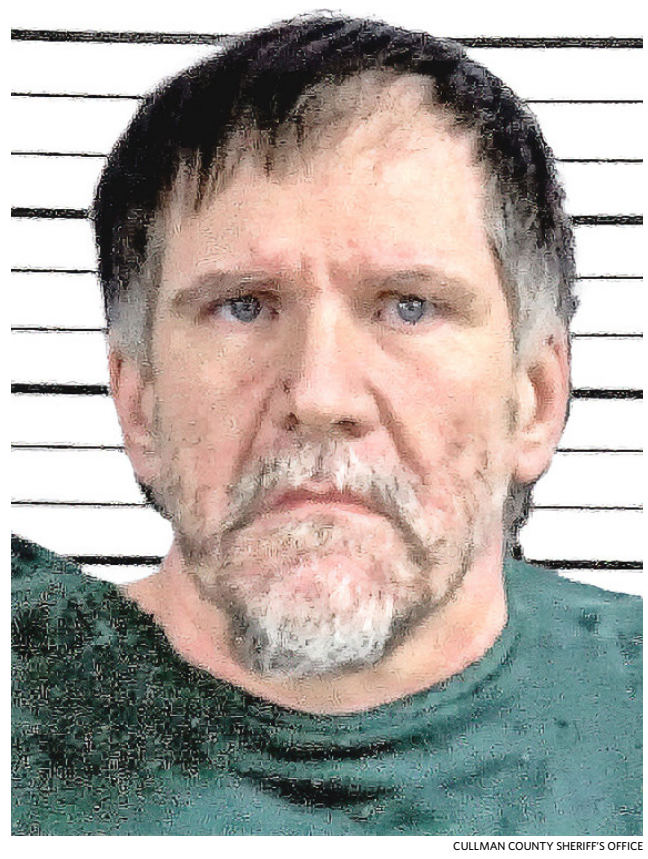
Concetta Lovoy Kreps recalls many wonderful trips to The Calico Shop with her mother.

"I started going there with my mother when I was just a little girl. I always had to go in and see all the fabrics. I'd go up and down the aisles looking at all them," she recalled. "I found what I thought was mink and I ran and got my mother. I said, 'They've got mink here!' She said, 'They do?' I said, 'Yes! Come see, come see!' She followed me and saw this huge bowl of fake fur. She bought it and made me a stole, a hat and a muff

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COURTS

Hanceville man charged with murder in DUI death



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Kelvin Rex Hathcote

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CULLMAN, Ala. – A Hanceville man was arrested Jan. 15 after being indicted on six counts by a Cullman County grand jury for his role in the vehicle crash that caused the death of a 16-year-old girl from Arab.

According to court records, the grand jury on Nov. 4, 2020 indicted Kelvin Rex Hathcote, 50, on one count of reckless murder by vehicle, one count of reckless manslaughter, two counts of first-degree assault, one count of homicide by vehicle and one count of second-degree assault. All of the crimes are felonies.

The charges stem from a wreck that happened Dec. 23, 2019 along U.S. Highway 231 in Cullman County in which Hathcote was allegedly driving under the influence of a controlled substance. A passenger in the vehicle Hathcote hit, Ana Grace "Gracie" Anderson, died four days later on Dec. 27, 2019 at Huntsville Hospital due to injuries sustained in the crash. Her father Roger Dale Fortenberry was seriously injured.

Alabama State Troopers investigated the crash.

Hathcote's bail was set at $90,000. He remains in the Cullman County Detention Center.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Jan. 21

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Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Jan. 21, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INCIDENTS
Jan. 19
• trespassing, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 124
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance, unlawful possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1043
• trespassing, harassment; CR 1180
• criminal mischief; CR 222
• theft of property; I-65
• harassment; Hwy. 157
• theft of property; Hwy. 31
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance; I-65/MM 299

Jan. 20
• domestic violence; CR 641
• harassment; CR 310
• domestic violence; CR 1551
• harassment; CR 616
• domestic violence; CR 1069
• theft of property; Young Road
• theft of property; CR 1184
• theft of property; CR 1387
• harassment; CR 1545
• harassment; CR 617
• harassment; CR 1696
• domestic violence; CR 1547
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance; Hwy. 91
• possession of drug paraphernalia; 2nd St. SW Garden City
• unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; Hwy. 31
• harassment; CR 735

ARRESTS
Jan. 15-18
Barnett, Terri Carrina, 27
• FTA- third-degree domestic violence- third-degree criminal mischief
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Bodine, Larry Adam, 47
• DUI- any substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Corley, Jonathan Nathaniel, 46
• FTA- third-degree burglary

Crawford, Harold Brian, 21
• FTA- third-degree burglary
• FTA- first-degree theft of property (2 counts)

Davis, Ronnie Scott, 49
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• illegal possession of prescription medicine
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Denney, Christopher Robin, 54
• contributing to truancy
• illegal possession of prescription medicine

Downey, April Lee, 39
• FTA- permitting dogs to run at large

Evans, Kimberly, 36
• probation violation- first-degree attempted theft
• probation violation- first-degree receiving stolen property

Graves, Hunter Tracy, 20
• third-degree assault

Hathcote, Kelvin Rex, 50
• first-degree assault (2 counts)
• second-degree assault
• homicide by vehicle
• manslaughter
• reckless murder

Hill, Christopher Shane, 45
• probation violation- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)

Hudson, Coy Ray, 48
• judge's order- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Hunter, Jonathan Paul, 42
• FTA- DUI
• motion to revoke bond- DUI (2 counts)
• FTA- driving while revoked (2 counts)
• motion to revoke bond- driving while revoked
• FTA- ignition interlock violation
• motion to revoke bond- ignition interlock violation
• FTA- illegal possession of alcohol
• FTA- interlock ignition misd
• FTA- improper taillights
• FTA- liability insurance required
• FTA- load must be secured
• FTA- open container in vehicle (2 counts)
• motion to revoke bond- open container in vehicle
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- second-degree promoting prison contraband
• motion to revoke bond- public intoxication
• FTA- seatbelt required
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Lindsey, Kristy Leigh, 43
• third-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument (4 counts)
• third-degree forgery (4 counts)

McCurdy, James Eugene, 34
• FTA- driving while revoked

Mize, Garry George, 73
• DUI- influence of alcohol

Monroe, Jason Terry, 42
• FTA- driver's license not in possession

Moon, Anthony Scott, 23
• GJ- fourth-degree receiving stolen property

Oates, John Dewayne, 49
• public intoxication

Oliver, Michael Allen, 43
• FTA- illegal possession of alcohol
• FTA- obstruction/using false ID (2 counts)
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
• FTA- illegal possession of prescription medicine
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Parris, Andrew Earl, 41
• public intoxication

Roach, William Lamar, 44
• FTA- DUI- .08 BAC or greater
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Robbins, Anthony Wayne, 38
• FTA- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Rowland, Jonathan Eugene, 34
• first-degree theft of property

Salers, Robert Junior, 36
• FTA- driving while suspended

Steeples, Jonathan Tyler, 22
• public intoxication

Tidwell, James Chalmer, 41
• third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Tidwell, Sharon Denise, 52
• third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Todd, Stephen Shawn, 46
• DUI- influence of alcohol

Watts, Jesse Weldon, 36
• judge's order- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Jan. 19
Burney, June Denise, 20
• FTA- driving without a license
• FTA- stopping on highway

Hardin, Dusty Ladonna, 42
• third-degree domestic violence- harassment
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Hardin, Gary Lee, 46
• third-degree domestic violence- harassment
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Kitchens, Timothy Justin, 30
• first-degree theft of property

Murphey, Heather Lee, 30
• FTA- liability insurance required

Schofield, Alexis Cheyenne, 18
• judge's order- chemical endangerment of a child

Strong, Gregory Trevor, 27
• driving while canceled
• interlock ignition misd
• seatbelt required

Washburn, Joe Clifton, 43
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Whatley, Kristen Paige, 38
• second-degree assault

Winn, Davis Lane, 19
• public intoxication

Jan. 20
Bailey, David Andrew, 49
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Cruz, Alec Stavon Knight, 27
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- second-degree theft of property
• unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle (without theft)

Herdon Jr., Bobby Joe, 37
• third-degree domestic violence- harassment
• writ of arrest- child support

Kempf, Michael Alan, 43
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property (2 counts)

Kitchens, Timothy Justin, 30
• fugitive from justice

Lane, Ross Douglas, 40
• negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument (7 counts)

Sanford, Tandelyn Aldridge, 54
• FTA- third-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Schafer, Cristina Lynn, 42
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (4 counts)
• FTA- illegal possession of prescription medicine
• FTA- unlawful distribution of a controlled substance (3 counts)
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Weeks, Amber Nicole, 29
• DUI- .08 BAC or greater

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
Jan. 18
• third-degree burglary; person; 3rd St. SW; wallet and contents

Jan. 19
• identity theft, first-degree theft of property, fraudulent use of a credit or debit card; Jackson Construction LLC; cash
• first-degree theft of property; person; cash

Jan. 20
• third-degree criminal trespassing; Wal-Mart; Highway 157

Jan. 21
• third-degree burglary; Borden Family Pharmacy; Highway 157
• unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; person; Highway 157; miscellaneous; $700

ARRESTS
Jan. 20
McWaters, Taylor Z., 27
• FTA- public intoxication (2 counts)

Suhy, Landon M., 19
• unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle (3 counts)

Brown, David O., 34
• third-degree criminal trespassing

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

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

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Data and Surveillance Dashboard

• Total confirmed cases in AL: 342,982 (+2,095 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in AL: 89,554 (+786 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in AL: 5,279 (+68 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in AL: 1,100
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 5,640 (+22 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 2,519 (+12 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 71 (+0 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 35
• Total tested in Cullman Co.: 34,020
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 4,081
• Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 678
• Total tested in Alabama: 2,058,224
• Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 46,071
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 254,422
• Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 2,478
• Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama: 40,277
• Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 233,211

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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.

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. Come and pray with us or come to receive prayer.
• Classes Wednesdays at 7 p.m. "Events of the End Time Series- 2nd Half of the Tribulation" by Pastor Bobby Dodd
• Sundays at 9 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Small group classes for adults, children and youth at 10 a.m. Praise and worship and message at 11 a.m.
• Sunday, Jan. 24 message- "These Come by Fasting and Prayer" by Pastor Bobby Dodd

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.

Good Hope City Council Meeting
Monday, Jan. 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Good Hope City Hall

Cullman City Council Meeting
Monday, Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. at Cullman City Hall

Colony Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, Jan. 26 at 5 p.m.

2021 Polar Bear Plunge
• Saturday, Jan. 30 at 10 a.m. at the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center
• Everyone that jumps will be entered to win a family membership to the facility, and aquatics admission on that day will be free from 9-11 a.m.
• If you plan to participate in this year's Polar Bear Plunge, online registration is available now at https://forms.gle/yTbKNvS4Zk1LU7rn7 or by going to cullmanwellness.com and clicking on "Polar Bear Plunge."

LifeSouth Community Blood Drive
Saturday, Jan. 30 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Vinemont Town Hall

Alabama Cooperative Extension Virtual Caregiver's College- "Love Yourself" Webinar
• Wednesday, Feb. 10 from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. There will be presenters on the following topics: Senior Rx, Medicare Part D, Estate Planning/Wills/Taxes, Identify Theft and Nutrition.
• This is the first virtual Caregiver's College. This program will be presented by ZOOM. This is a great opportunity for seniors and senior caregivers to gain resources and education and not have to leave the house if they have internet access.
• This event is free, but registration is required. Register by emailing jns0030@aces.edu or by calling the Dekalb County Extension office at 256-845-8595.
• Virtual attendees can ask to receive a goody bag for their attendance at this event. When you call or email, ask for the free goody bag.
• The speakers for this event are very knowledgeable experts and specialists in their fields. Please share half a day with us to learn more about how important caregivers are and how to "Love Yourself."

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AGRICULTURE

Contract broiler producers benefit from additional USDA assistance

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THE ALABAMA FARMERS FEDERATION

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Alabama contract broiler farmers are set to benefit from expanded federal assistance eligibility details released recently by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue.

Payments will be based on a decline in revenue when comparing income from Jan. 1-Dec. 27, 2019 to Jan. 1-Dec. 27, 2020. Producers should be prepared to present a copy of their integrator contract when applying. Broiler farmers receive up to 80% of their revenue loss, subject to the availability of funds.

They can apply for compensation through the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) from Jan. 19-Feb. 26.

Broiler producers will receive $1.5 billion of $2.3 billion available in the revised U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) program administered through the Farm Service Agency. Alabama is the second-highest broiler-producing state in the U.S. and processes 20 million chickens a week.

In addition to making contract livestock producers eligible, turfgrass producers are now specifically included in CFAP.

The updated rules adjust payment calculations for certain commodities already covered and allow producers of certain crops including corn, sorghum, soybeans, upland cotton and wheat to use 100% of the 2019 Agriculture Risk Coverage-County Option (ARC-CO) benchmark rather than 85% of that figure when 2020 Actual Production History (APH) is not available.

In the coming weeks, USDA will release details about other provisions approved by Congress, such as additional cattle payments and the expected $20 per acre on most row crops.

"This additional assistance builds on to the $23.6 billion in assistance already provided to our farmers and ranchers impacted by the pandemic," Perdue said, "and we will continue to implement other provisions enacted by Congress."

Learn more and apply here: farmers.gov/cfap.

Link (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Link of Cullman County on Wednesday hosted a roundtable discussion about substance abuse in the Cullman area, focused on identifying resources available to respond to the crisis, as well as barriers to response. The event was sponsored by the Montevallo-based David Matthews Center for Civic Life in conjunction with the Alabama Medicaid Agency, Alabama Department of Mental Health and the University of Alabama School of Social Work's VitAL program as part of the Alabama Provider Capacity Project (APCP).

APCP describes itself as "a statewide assessment to gain an understanding of Alabama's current capacity to address the substance use and opioid crisis.

"The goal of the project is to identify opportunities for decreasing the extent of health disparities related to substance use disorder (SUD) and opioid use disorder (OUD) within Alabama's low-income communities.

"APCP proposes to increase Alabama's capacity to provide substance use treatment by creating a pipeline to expand provider participation options.

"This project places great emphasis on promoting the principles of a whole person integrated care, a continuum of care, and seamless coordinated care systems.

"The insights gathered from this research could be used to strengthen Alabama's Medicaid health systems by

- Leveraging existing resources to reduce the morbidity and mortality of SUD,
- Facilitating new provider participation processes, and
- Utilizing telehealth technologies to intensify provider capacity."

Participants in Wednesday's conference included Link staff, local ministers, representatives of local government agencies and news media. Much of the discussion centered on identifying local organizations and resources for substance abuse response and treatment, barriers to getting treatment and the impact of COVID on treatment programs.

Listed organizations offering services, directly or indirectly, to people recovering from substance abuse included:

- Celebrate Recovery - recovery support group based in Holly Pond
- Cullman County Drug Court - long-term recovery program for those convicted of crimes related to substance abuse
- Cullman County Veterans' Court - recovery program focusing on multiple issues including PTSD and substance abuse, that often plague the veteran community
- Restoring Women Outreach - long-term residential recovery program for women
- Saving Forgotten Warriors - veterans' support organization focused on homeless veterans, but offering a wide range of services to vets struggling to return to civilian life
- Society of St. Monica - faith-based substance abuse recovery support group at Sacred Heart Church
- The Bridge - support group for adolescents with substance abuse issues
- The Foundry - long-term residential recovery program for men
- WellStone Behavioral Health - full-range mental health service

The group discussed issues facing recovering addicts and service providers, including:

- Lack of transportation to services and facilities
- Lack of facilities to provide long-term care or initial detox
- Lack of financial resources to pay for treatment programs
- Lack of childcare for parents attending recovery programs
- Social isolation due to COVID

Asked what the priorities should be for responding to substance abuse in the Cullman area, participants presented three main suggestions:

- Create resources for transportation to services and facilities
- Create affordable housing in the Cullman area, as people are more likely to recover successfully in safe and secure environments
- Make state funding available to faith-based recovery programs, which have been shown to have a higher recovery rate and lower recidivism rates than purely secular programs.

Link Team Leader Julie Hall told The Tribune after the meeting, "We were very excited to host the Alabama Provider Capacity Project discussion forum in partnership with the David Mathews Center for Civic Life.

"When various types of service providers in a given area come to the table to discuss, both, what is effective and what the barriers are in Substance Use Disorder treatment everyone leaves better prepared to serve the community. When an organization like DMCCL carries that information to policy makers at the state level, the increased awareness can open avenues for furthering treatment and support services for families and individuals affected by SUD. We look forward to seeing how God uses this event and the information gathered at subsequent events throughout the state to assist organizations in their work with families seeking freedom from Substance Use Disorder."

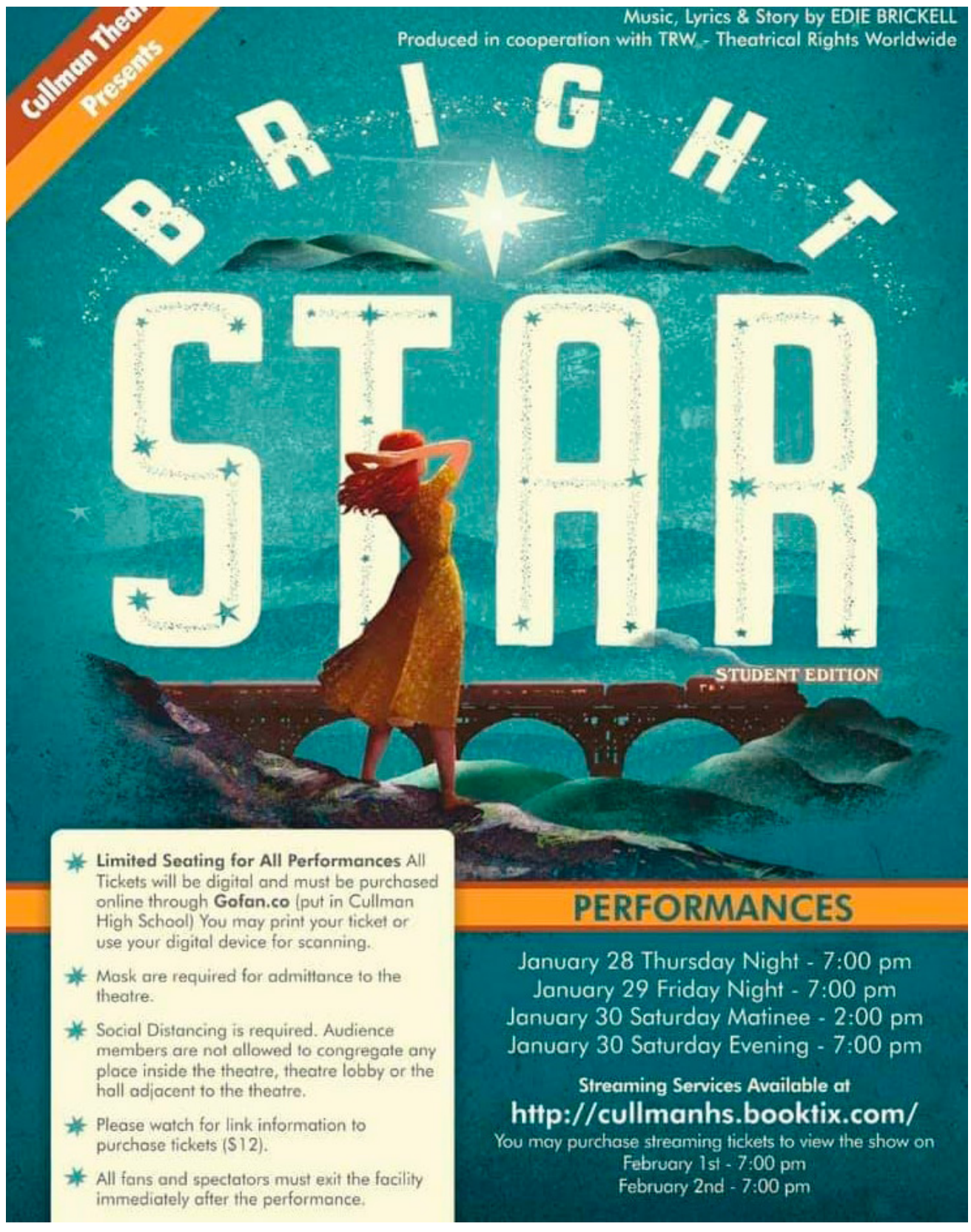
APCP is holding similar events across the state, explaining, "Community focus groups and surveys in all 67 of Alabama's counties will help APCP understand existing resources, local needs and gaps in our system.

"The first step in a larger effort to create solutions for Alabama's substance use and opioid epidemic, participation will allow the public to make an impact on their community.

"This research is not like just any regular focus group and survey. Participants from each county are individually selected based on their role in the community to encourage rich and informed discussions. The focus groups will be interactive and involve visual components to organize ideas about SUD (Substance Abuse Disorder) treatment in Alabama."

For more information on the substance abuse crisis in Alabama, see this fact sheet from vitalalabama.com/APCP (https://vitalalabama.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Fact-Sheet.pdf). For more on the Alabama Provider Capacity Project, visit https://vitalalabama.com/apcp/.





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Central Board approves return to play 'Best Practices' for spring sports and modifications to winter playoffs

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. – The Alabama High School Athletic Association Central Board of Control approved the AHSAA's Return to Play 'Best Practices' recommended guidelines for spring sports Wednesday and also approved Winter Sports Championship health and safety modifications due to COVID restrictions at its annual winter meeting at the AHSAA Office.

The Spring Sports 'Return to Play 'Best Practices' follow the most recent Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) and AHSAA Medical Advisory Board recommendations for sports such as boys' and girls' tennis, soccer, outdoor track, golf, baseball and softball. The link for the Spring Sports Return to Play recommendations is:

https://www.ahsaa.com/Portals/0/PDF's/AHSAA/Contingency%20Plans/Spring%20Sport%20Best%20Practices.pdf?ver=BV-A4MmT_VuDqSkMeFFc2Q%3d%3d&timestamp=1611152139096

The Winter Sports playoff modifications are necessary due to current health and safety regulations that restrict venue attendance to no more than 20% of capacity.

As with Fall Sports Championships, GoFan's digital ticketing plan will manage the ticket limitations at each venue and will require tickets to playoff events to be purchased digitally.

Among the Winter Sports championship play changes was establishing a second sub-regional round for the basketball playoffs at the site of one of the participating schools in lieu of playing regional semifinals at Region Tournament sites. The Region finals will be played at Regional sites.

The State Basketball Championships will begin Feb. 26 and will run through March 6. The BJCC Legacy Arena is undergoing renovations and will not be available in 2021. The State semifinals and finals will be played at one of two venues being used, Bill Harris Arena at the Birmingham CrossPlex and UAB's Bartow Arena.

Indoor Track competition will still be a two-day event at the Birmingham CrossPlex, Feb. 5-6. However, the four divisions will complete their meets in one day over the two-day period and all events will run as finals.

The AHSAA State Wrestling Traditional Championships are moving to two weekends and at three sites and the Super Sectional Wrestling Meets are being eliminated.

The sites will be Garrett Coliseum (Class 1A/4A) and Birmingham's Bill Harris Arena (7A) on Feb. 12-13. The Class 5A/6A Championships will be at Huntsville's Von Braun Center on Feb. 18-20.

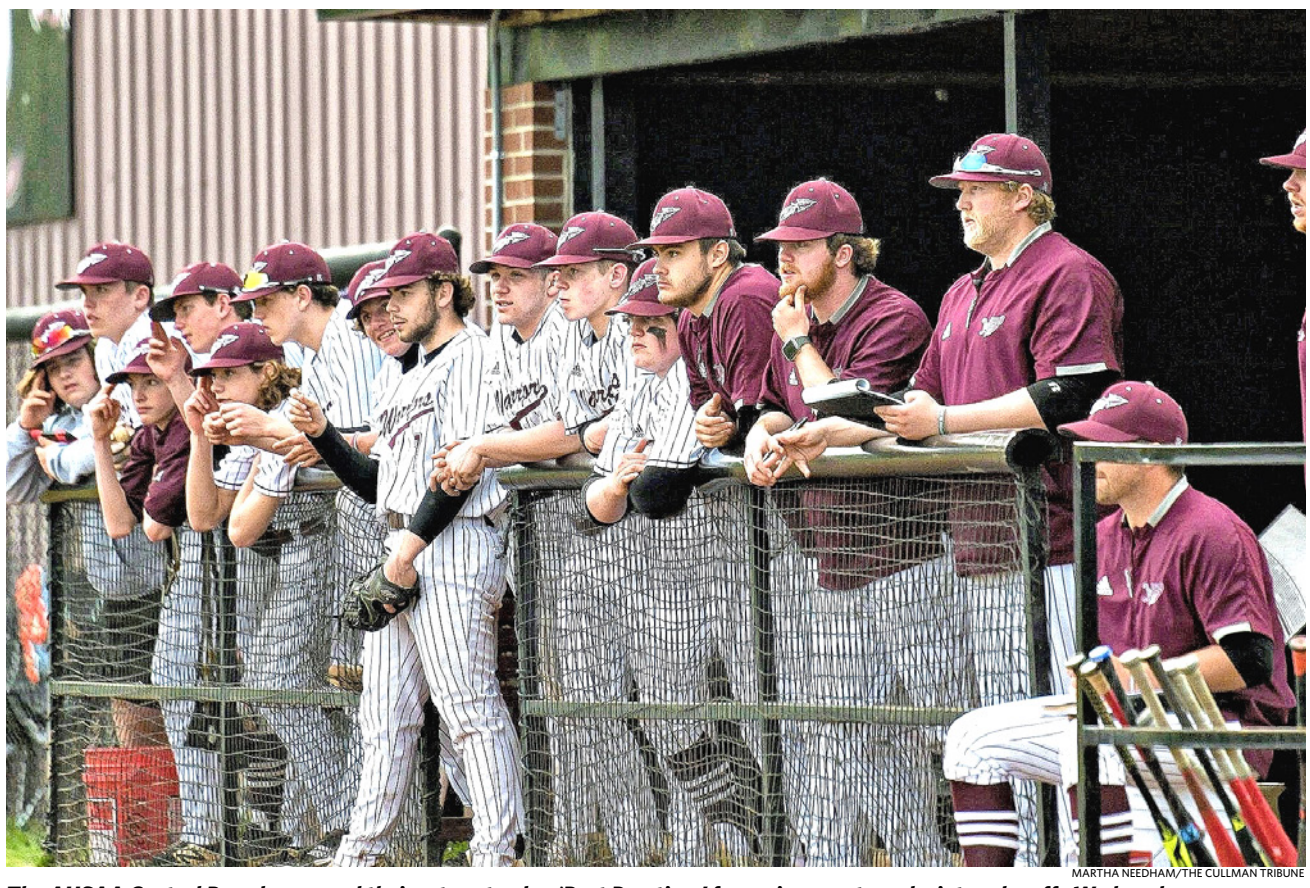
The Wrestling Duals finals will be played Friday, Jan. 22 at Bill Harris Arena with the Class 7A finals at noon, Class 5A/6A finals at 3 p.m., and Class 1A/4A finals at 6 p.m.

Bowling Regional Tournaments were backed up a week and will be held at Vestavia Hills (North) and Spanish Fort (South), Thursday and Friday, Jan. 21-22.

The AHSAA State Bowling Championships returns to Pelham's Oak Mountain Lanes next week, Jan. 28-29. The format has changed, due to attendance restrictions. Each division will complete its championship in a one-day session.

More details and all modifications approved for playoffs for all winter sports can be found at the following link:

https://ahsaa.com/2020-2021-Sports-Season-Rules-Modifications



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The AHSAA Central Board approved their return to play 'Best Practices' for spring sports and winter playoffs Wednesday.

AHSAA Executive Director Steve Savarese praised the Central Board for its leadership and commitment providing member schools direction in facing the challenges ahead.

"The purpose of the 'Return to Play Spring Sports' document and the Winter Sports championship play modifications have always been to offer AHSAA member schools the best recommendations possible to provide more opportunities for student-athletes and schools to participate," said Savarese.

Central Board president Van Phillips presided over his first board meeting. "I want to thank my fellow board members for having the confidence in me to lead this board," he said. "I stand on the shoulders of so many who have come before me – especially Ervin Romine and Richard Robertson, who were the first two black individuals to serve as Central Board president.

"This was a very important meeting as we move forward continuing to deal with the health and safety challenges our schools are facing. We dealt with a lot of concerns."

New board member Brian Jett, the principal of Fort Payne High School who is replacing outgoing District 8 member Keith Bender, who retired in December, was sworn in at Wednesday's meeting. Board member Larry Raines, representing the ALSDE, announced his plans to step down on April 1, and Terry Roller was introduced as the new ALSDE representative on the Central Board, beginning with the April meeting. Savarese also introduced Ken Washington as the AHSAA Director of Officials. He was promoted from his role as assistant director upon outgoing Director of Officials Mark Jones who retired in December.

In other Board action Wednesday:

• Approved the 2020 Super 7 Audit

• Approved expenses for the 2021 State Basketball Tournament

• Approved the 2020 Region and State Volleyball Championships Financial Reports

• Approved the 2020 Cross Country and State Swimming Financial Reports

• Reviewed Football Playoff Comparison Financials

• Approved Families First Corona Virus Response Act (FFCRA) extension until March 31, 2021

• Heard a report from Knight/Eady

• Heard a report from AHSAA CFO Amy Gulledge

• Approved a motion instructing the AHSAA staff to explore the possibility of implementing the sport of Flag Football for females

• Discussed the possibility of District meetings being held virtually in 2021

• Reviewed legislative proposals submitted this month by member schools

Despite strong start, Auburn falls short at Arkansas

Greg Ostendorf
AU Athletics

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. – For the first 16 minutes, Auburn did just about everything right. But the momentum started to turn late in the first half, and Arkansas flipped the script in the second half, rallying for a 75-73 victory at home Wednesday night.

"Disappointing loss," Auburn head coach Bruce Pearl said. "We kind of let one get away. Great first 16 minutes of basketball on the road. We played really well at both ends. The last three or four minutes of the first half, we kind of took our foot off the gas and gave Arkansas some confidence."

The Tigers had chances to win it in the closing seconds. They used a 7-0 run late to draw within one, giving Sharife Cooper a chance to win the game. But with less than five seconds left, Cooper had his shot contested at the rim, and then after Arkansas made 1 of 2 free throws, Allen Flanigan's desperation 3 at the buzzer fell short.

"Our back was against the wall, and we fought to the end," Cooper said. "I'm proud of that. One play away. But I can take that and be happy with it – that we didn't give up, we fought to the end."

"We showed some heart and some character getting back in the game late," added Pearl. "Obviously didn't quit."

Cooper scored a game-high 25 points to lead Auburn. The freshmen point guard was 9 of 19 from the floor and knocked down a pair of 3s. He's now scored 25 or more points in three of the four games he's played in this season and is averaging 22.5 points per game.

Seven of Cooper's 25 points came in the first 10 minutes as Auburn jumped out to an early 23-8 lead on the road. But as good as the Tigers were offensively, they were even better on the defensive end.

This was the same Arkansas team who scored 97 points in Auburn Arena less than a month ago, and Auburn held them to two points over a span of eight minutes during what was a 16-2 run in the first half. At halftime, it was 43-31 in favor of Auburn, and the Tigers had forced 11 turnovers with five blocks and five steals.

It was a team effort, too. Allen Flanigan had four steals, three coming in the first half. JT Thor added three steals. Babatunde Akingbola and Javon Franklin each had two blocks apiece in the first 20 minutes while Jaylin Williams blocked a shot in each half.

On offense, Thor was second on the team with 12 points. The freshman big also pulled down a team-high five rebounds to go along with his three steals and two blocks.

The Tigers got a much-needed lift from Franklin midway through the second half when the junior knocked down back-to-back 3s – the first 3s of his Auburn career – to put the Tigers back in front. The Arkansas native finished with career highs in points (8), rebounds (4) and blocks (2).



WALT BEAZLEY/UA ATHLETICS

Auburn point guard Sharife Cooper posted a game-high 25 points in the Tigers' loss at Arkansas Wednesday night.

Starters Jamal Johnson and Allen Flanigan both missed critical time in the second half due to foul trouble. The duo each saw 24 minutes on the court and combined for 16 points on the night.

It will be a quick turnaround for the Tigers (8-7, 2-5) who travel to South Carolina on Saturday. The game is scheduled to tip off at 11 a.m. CT and will be televised on ESPN2.

Mac Jones finishes Alabama career by winning Manning Award

UA Athletics
rolltide.com

NEW ORLEANS – Alabama quarterback Mac Jones was selected as the 2020 winner of the Manning Award, presented by the Allstate Sugar Bowl to the top quarterback in the nation. Jones becomes the first Crimson Tide signal-caller to earn the award after leading the Crimson Tide to a perfect 13-0 record and its 18th national championship in program history.

Mac Jones
Quarterback

• Led the nation in passing yards (4,500), completion percentage (77.4), passer rating (203.06) and yards per attempt (11.2) and was also second in passing touchdowns (41) and third in passing yards per game (346.2)

• First Alabama quarterback to throw for more than 4,000 yards in a single year

• Finished the season with a 77.4 completion percentage, a new single-season record in college football

• Named a consensus All-American and was a finalist for the Heisman Trophy

• In addition to the Manning Award, Jones won the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award and Davey O'Brien Award

Other finalists for this year's Manning Award were: Ian Book (Notre Dame), Matt Corral (Ole Miss), Justin Fields (Ohio State), Dillon Gabriel (UCF), Sam Howell (North Carolina), Trevor Lawrence (Clemson), Grayson McCall (Coastal Carolina), Brock Purdy (Iowa State), Desmond Ridder (Cincinnati), Kyle Trask (Florida) and Zach Wilson (BYU). The Manning honor caps one of the most impressive seasons by a quarterback in college football history. The Manning Award, now in its 16th year, was created by the Allstate Sugar Bowl to honor the college football accomplishments of Archie, Peyton and Eli Manning. It is the only quarterback award that takes into consideration the candidates' bowl performances in its balloting. The award is voted on by a panel of local and national media, as well as each of the Mannings.

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UA ATHLETICS

Alabama QB Mac Jones was selected as this year's Manning Award winner this week

WSCC Athletics: Per ACCC policy, no spectators allowed at indoor sports through Feb. 13

Russell Moore
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Wallace State's basketball teams play their 2021 home openers at Tom Drake Coliseum Saturday, beginning at 2 p.m. vs. Enterprise State.

In an abundance of caution during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Alabama Community College Conference has prohibited spectators from attending indoor events through at least Saturday, Feb. 13.

Therefore, Wallace State basketball home games will be live streamed at the college's YouTube page (www.youtube.com/user/WallaceState) and shared on the college's main and athletics Facebook pages (links below) while fans are prohibited.

The Wallace State women's game originally scheduled for Friday at 2 p.m. vs. Florida Southwestern has been postponed.

In addition to Saturday's doubleheader, basketball games to be streamed through Feb. 13 include Tuesday, Jan. 26 vs. Chattahoochee Valley; Tuesday, Feb. 2 vs. Shelton State; and Friday, Feb. 12 vs. Lawson State.

All NJCAA winter sports, including basketball, were pushed back to a mid-January start because of the pandemic. With the exception of cross country, NJCAA's fall sports were pushed to the Spring 2021 semester. Therefore, Wallace State volleyball will begin its season Jan. 26 at Bevill State for a conference match. The first home match is Wednesday, Feb. 3 vs. Gadsden State and Lawson State. The Lions are ranked No. 20 in the NJCAA Division I preseason poll as coach Randy Daniel kicks off his 14th season with the program.

Fans are allowed to attend Wallace State's outdoor sports, adhering to the ACCC Spectator Policy guidelines listed here: www.acccathletics.com/general/2020-21/releases/20210112uz8sfg

Wallace State's 19th-ranked softball team opens the 2021 campaign Feb. 5 at Dothan.

Wallace State's baseball team has a tentative season opener scheduled for Feb. 10.

Men's golf opens its season in Melbourne, Florida Jan. 31, while the women begin spring action March 7.

Wallace State's tennis schedules will be announced soon.

As dates for athletic events are subject to change due to the pandemic, please visit www.athletics.wallacestate.edu or the athletics Facebook page at www.wallacestate.edu/athleticsfb for updates. Like our main Facebook page at www.facebook.com/wallacestatecommunitycollege.

UA: Bill O'Brien named offensive coordinator, quarterbacks coach

The former college and NFL head coach will serve as coordinator of the Crimson Tide's offense and coach quarterbacks

UA Athletics
Contributor

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – Alabama head football coach Nick Saban announced the addition of Bill O'Brien to the Crimson Tide coaching staff on Thursday as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach for the Tide.

"We are pleased and happy to be able to add Bill O'Brien to our coaching staff," Saban said. "He has a wealth of experience as both an offensive coordinator and head coach in the NFL and college. Bill is one of the brightest offensive minds in football, an outstanding teacher and excellent recruiter. He will strengthen our coaching staff and give our players the best possible chance to be successful."

O'Brien arrives in Tuscaloosa after six-plus years as the head coach of the NFL's Houston Texans where he compiled a 52-48 (.520) record with four AFC South titles, four playoff appearances and two appearances in the AFC Divisional Round.

His offenses in Houston proved to be balanced and potent with the Texans ranking in the top 10 in the league in rushing yards, while quarterback Deshaun Watson threw for 4,165 yards in 2018 and 3,852 yards in 2019.

"I am honored and excited to join Coach Saban's staff at The University of Alabama," O'Brien said. "I have an incredible amount of admiration for the rich football tradition at this University and the success Coach Saban has had during his time in Tuscaloosa.

"I'm looking forward to the opportunity to work with some of the best football players in the country, while helping to continue the success this program has enjoyed for many years."

Prior to joining the Texans, O'Brien took on one of the tallest tasks in college football history when he was named head coach at Penn State on Jan. 6, 2012. He spent two years leading the Nittany Lions program, posting a 15-9 overall record and a 10-6 mark in the Big Ten, while garnering national and conference coach-of-the-year awards.

Penn State won eight of its final 10 games to finish the 2012 season with an 8-4 record. O'Brien, who also served as offensive coordinator for the Nittany Lions, was named the Bear Bryant, Maxwell Football Club and ESPN National Coach of the Year after winning more games than any other first-year head coach in the program's previous 125 seasons.

Before his time in Happy Valley, O'Brien spent five years on Bill Belichick's staff in New England, including calling offensive plays for three seasons and serving as the offensive coordinator in 2011. He coached in Super Bowls XLII and XLVI and was Tom Brady's position coach during his 2010 MVP season.

O'Brien owns 28 years of collegiate and NFL coaching experience and was last a college offensive coordinator at Duke during the 2005-06 seasons. Prior to his time with the Blue Devils, O'Brien served as the running backs coach at Maryland (2004) after spending eight years at Georgia Tech in a myriad of roles, including graduate assistant, running backs, offensive coordinator/quarterbacks and assistant head coach (1995-2002). O'Brien started his career at Brown, coaching the tight ends in 1993 and the inside linebackers in 1994.

O'Brien played linebacker and defensive end at Brown from 1990-92 and graduated with a double concentration in political science and organizational behavioral management in 1992. O'Brien and his wife, Colleen, have two sons, Jack and Michael.

While appropriate members of The Board of Trustees have been notified of the proposed terms and conditions of these proposed hires, the financial terms remain subject to the approval by The Board of Trustees.

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Bert Watts named Special Teams Coordinator and Outside Linebackers Coach at Auburn

Kirk Sampson
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. – Bert Watts has been named special teams coordinator and outside linebackers coach at Auburn, head coach Bryan Harsin announced Thursday. Watts spent the past season at Memphis as linebackers coach after three seasons at Fresno State, including two as defensive coordinator.

This past season at Memphis, Watts helped the Tigers to an 8-3 record and a bowl victory, while defensively the unit was top 20 nationally in red zone defense, turnovers gained and fumbles recovered.

"My family and I are excited to join the Auburn family and we're grateful to Coach Harsin and his staff to be a part of the legacy of Auburn football," Watts said. "I'm thankful and appreciative to get to work with players that will trust us on a journey to success and I can't wait to get started."

In three seasons at Fresno State (2017-19), Watts' defense ranked in the Top 10 nationally in several statistical categories. In 2018, the Bulldogs finished with a 12-2 record and were Mountain West Champions.

In 2018, the Bulldogs ranked third nationally in scoring defense, surrendering 14.1 points per game. Fresno State also finished the 2018 campaign ranked in the Top 10 in the FBS in red zone defense (1st), scoring defense (3rd), passes intercepted (4th), passing efficiency defense (5th) and turnover margin (9th).

Individually, Watts helped mentor linebacker Jeff Allison as the Mountain West Defensive Player of the Year in 2018.

Prior to Fresno State, Watts spent four seasons as the defensive coordinator at UC Davis with a focus on the defensive backs unit.

His first season overseeing the UC Davis defense in 2013 resulted in four of his players earning postseason recognition from the Big Sky Conference. Two more were recognized the next season and five more earned honors from the conference in 2016.

In 2016, defensive tackle Inoke Raikadroka was named a second-team selection after compiling 24 tackles, 3.5 TFLs, 1.0 sacks and one fumble recovery in nine games played. The Basking Ridge, N.J. native also holds NFL experience, helping the Denver Broncos earn the top seed in the AFC playoffs in 2012.

A three-year letterwinner at Cal, Watts led the Bears' defense with 80 tackles as a senior in 2002. Following his senior year, he was the recipient of the team's Joe Roth Award, given to the player that exemplifies superior courage, attitude and sportsmanship.

Watts earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees in education from the University of California. He is married to the former Lyndsay Graubard, and the couple has two children, Vedder and Willow.

The hiring of Watts completes the 10 on field position coach hires for Harsin and the Auburn football program. The breakdown on the defensive side of the ball is led by defensive coordinator and safeties coach Derek Mason, along with Jeff Schmedding (Linebackers and Defensive Run Game Coordinator), Zac Etheridge (Cornerbacks), Tracy Rocker (Defensive Line) and Watts (Outside Linebackers and Special Teams Coordinator). Of note with the Tiger defensive staff is that three of the members have previously served in a defensive coordinator role at an FBS school (Mason, Schmedding and Watts).

"We had a very detailed process in building this staff, and I truly believe we met the key objectives needed from a coach - being extremely good recruiters, teachers and leaders - in the hires that make up the Auburn football coaching staff," said Harsin.

Offensively, offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Mike Bobo was Harsin's first coaching staff hire. Joining Harsin and Bobo on the offensive side of the ball are Will Friend (Offensive Line), Brad Bedell (Tight Ends), Carnell "Cadillac" Williams (Running Backs) and Cornelius Williams (Wide Receivers).

All told, Coach Harsin and Auburn's 10 position coaches bring 168 combined years of on field coaching experience, 91 bowl games coached and 34 collective conference championships.

"Of the group, five have coached and recruited in the SEC, and understand what it takes to win in this conference. We were able to bring back two Auburn alumni who left a lasting impact on this program as players, and they join Cadillac Williams as first-class examples of what an Auburn Man is," Harsin said. "But the biggest thing I'm excited about is that each of these coaches bring an intense passion for the game and the mindset to actively develop the young men – on and off the field – who will represent Auburn."



Calico (from Front)

to wear for Christmas for church. I really thought I had mink. It was so funny."

A few years later Kreps' love of making quilts began, and she traces those beginnings back to The Calico Shop.

"I always talked to Rosie Morgan and she drew off my first pattern on a piece of paper," Kreps said.

Morgan worked downstairs with all the quilting fabrics and craft items. Kreps said she wasn't sure she would be able to make a quilt, but with Morgan's help and encouragement, she made the first of many.

"She helped me all the way- drew it out on a piece of paper. Back in those days, there was no such thing as quilting patterns. They offered people so much help, you could not fail," Kreps said. "Those are my favorite memories, especially the quilting. My mother bought all her fabric there and she just loved the place."

Sue Dyer Shoemake also has many wonderful memories of visiting The Calico Shop.

"The Calico carried really high-end fabric. Really good stuff. Mom made everything we wore, and it was rare when we bought anything from the store. Mom would tell us that she could make it prettier," she said. "Sewing was her passion."

Even Shoemake's wedding dress and attendants' dresses were made from fabrics from The Calico Shop.

Shoemake said when she had a day off from school, her mom would often say, "Sue, let's go to The Calico and we'll check out the patterns and everything."

Shoemake explained, "We would always go and find our patterns and everything first. The Hinds(es) had several little counter areas set up and you could sit on a stool and look through the patterns to your heart's content."

The Calico Shop had McCall, Simplicity, Butterick, Vogue and other patterns.

When Shoemake had her son, she said, he wasn't a big fan of the fabric store.

"He hated to go because he knew he was going to be sitting on the floor playing because we would stay too long," she laughed. "We didn't even get the door closed and he looked around and said, "Oh no, The Calico!' I have spent hours- I wish I knew how many hours of my life were spent in The Calico."

Shoemake also recalled longtime employee Novell Wynn and said, "She was really good about helping you. I remember when I didn't go with mom, after I was older, if Mrs. Wynn was in there, I'd say, 'Mrs. Wynn, do you think this fabric would be hard to sew?' She was honest, too. She would tell you, and I valued her opinion."

The Calico Shop closed in the mid-80s when the Hindses retired.

Reporters note: *Novell Wynn was my grandmother and she worked at The Calico Shop for many years. My attitude toward The Calico Shop was similar to Shoemake's son's. I remember a wall of gorgeous buttons in every shape, size and color that would keep me occupied while the few minutes grandmother said we would be there turned into an eternity.*

Grandmother was an expert seamstress and made most of my clothes and all my dresses when I was young. She even sewed one of my Sunday dresses that won the blue ribbon at the Cullman County Fair. I was incredibly proud of my blue ribbon dress. She also made stuffed animals for me with material from The Calico Shop including a gray Persian cat, a giant clown (which was moved to the attic after the release of 'Poltergeist') and my favorite Fuzzy Wuzzy teddy bear.

LEGALS

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Walker Brothers, LTD

(Plaintiff)

v. Case No. SM-2018-900086

Tim Creel

(Defendant)

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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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CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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v. Case No. SM-2017-900705

Vickie Roden

(Defendant)

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v. Case No. SM-2020-900448

Jodi Overton Hopper

(Defendant)

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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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Yvonne Copeland

(Defendant)

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Defendant, Yvonne Copeland, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD, for $2,127.97 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account.

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Crystal Berry

(Defendant)

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Defendant, Crystal Berry, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD, for 5916.50 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account.

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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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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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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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Defendant, Leslie Bell, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD, for $467.60 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account.

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Scott Patterson

(Defendant)

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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.

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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 $2,709.53 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account.

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Zach Russ

(Defendant)

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Jessica Davis

(Defendant)

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Michael Mobley

(Defendant)

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Mandate (from Front)

Wendy Sack
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MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Gov. Kay Ivey on Thursday extended the state's Safer at Home Order, including the statewide mask mandate, through March 5 at 5 p.m. It had been set to expire Jan. 22. Ivey was joined by State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris, who gave an update on the Alabama Department of Public Health's (ADPH's) COVID-19 vaccination efforts.

"The mask mandate remains the one step we can all take in order to keep some balance in our daily lives and stay healthy and safe," said Ivey. "Quite frankly, we've run out of ways to underscore the importance of taking this virus seriously, and ironically, it's not very complicated. Wear your mask, wash your hands, sanitize the places where you are, and if you're experiencing symptoms, please go get tested and wait until you receive the results before you interact with others."

She continued, "Even as we continue to practice personal responsibility, y'all, I want to also urge patience. As everyone knows, the vaccine rollout has begun, and Dr. Harris and his team (sic) are working around the clock to get shots in arms.

"And I'd like to personally thank the staff at ADPH who work seven days a week, diligently, and they receive no public acknowledgement."

Harris provided an update on the vaccine rollout in the state, acknowledging that many members of the public are "angry and frustrated" and don't understand the state's vaccine program or how or where they can get the vaccine. He said the biggest hindrance in the rollout is the available supply of vaccine.

"I want you to know that we hear all of those people who are saying that and share a lot of their frustration as well," he said. "It's my responsibility to make sure that you get a vaccine, and I will do that. Our team will make sure that you get a vaccine if you want to get a vaccine in this state."

Alabama is currently in Phase 1a and part of Phase 1b of its COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation Plan, which includes those 75 and older, first responders and health care workers.

According to Alabama's COVID-19 Dashboard Hub, the state has been allocated 640,150 doses so far, but only 446,150 have been delivered. Of those, 202,643 have been administered. Harris said many of the remaining doses are those held back as second doses for residents who've received their first doses, as well as doses already marked for eligible residents who have upcoming vaccination appointments.

Harris spoke to the ADPH's plan to accelerate the vaccine plan.

"People certainly have a right to expect that we can do things faster," he said. "I think we can also do things faster."

Harris said county health departments have been instructed to administer vaccines "all day every day until they run out," but said the health departments do not have additional vaccine doses at this time. He said the only doses the departments had as of Thursday were second doses and those held for already scheduled appointments.

"He also said the ADPH is contacting all vaccine providers personally to ascertain what supply they have remaining. He said they are all required to report those numbers, but some are having technical difficulties.

"He said if the ADPH finds cases where providers are not administering the vaccine as they should be, then those doses will be redistributed to other providers.

"In fact, we have already begun doing that this week," he said. "We moved some vaccine yesterday."

Harris said each provider will be given a week to administer the majority of the doses they receive.

He said the ADPH has worked out a partnership with Wal-Mart to begin administering the vaccine, saying, "We have talked to them for some time, and we're awaiting the rollout of a federal program that was expected to bring in the chain pharmacies." He gave no other details about the Wal-Mart partnership or when it might begin.

He said the ADPH is working on an online vaccination sign-up portal. The phone lines set up to make vaccination appointments have been overwhelmed, he said, as "more than 50%" of the callers are not eligible at this time to receive the vaccine.

Harris said there are 502 providers around the state that are set up to administer the vaccine, but due to supply, only a little more than half of those have actually received the vaccine.

Those eligible to receive a vaccine in Alabama right now are:
Phase 1a

- Frontline health workers, including clinical and non-clinical workers in hospitals, nursing homes, EMS, or those providing in-home mental health care directly

- Health care workers or laboratory personnel collecting or handling potential SARS-CoV-2 specimens

- Residents and staff of nursing homes and long-term care facilities (Provided by the Long Term Care Pharmacy Program)

- Pathologists performing autopsies on persons known or suspected to have had SARS-CoV-2 at the time of death

- Other health care workers who perform activities such as transportation or environmental services who risk exposure to bodily fluids or aerosols

- Other essential personnel with high potential for exposure to known or suspected sources of SARS-CoV-2 such as mortuary services

- Persons providing direct patient care

- Persons working in critical health care services who have direct contact with the general public, such as pharmacists

- Others with outpatient exposure risks such as non-hospital-based physicians, nurse practitioners, dentists, laboratorians, other providers and ancillary support staff in additional settings: private offices, federally qualified health centers, county health departments, subspecialties, mental health and treatment centers

(Parts of) Phase 1 b

- Persons 75 and older

- First responders including firefighters and law enforcement

"I'd like to once again thank the people of Alabama," said Ivey.

"Thank you for keeping on, keeping on and being willing to take the vaccine. We'll get through this thing together."

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Obituary Announcements: Jan. 22

Herlin Norris Calvert, 81, of Bremen
Visitation for Herlin Calvert, 81, of Bremen will be from 10 a.m.-noon Friday, Jan. 22, 2021 at Hanceville Funeral Home. A graveside service will follow at 1 p.m. at Persimmon Grove Church of Christ. Mr. Calvert passed away Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. He was born Jan. 29, 1939 to the late Mancle and Vannie Rae Calvert. Herlin was a loving brother, father, and grandfather. He proudly served in the U.S. Air Force from 1961 to 1965. This sparked his interest in flying and airplanes. He worked most of his life as an electrician. He enjoyed gardening, photography, cruising, and spending time with his family. He was preceded in death by his wife Janice Calvert, his parents, and his brother and sister-in-law Cleon and Kathryn Calvert. Survivors include his sons Brian (Heather) Calvert and Darrin (Jackie) Calvert; grandchildren Blake (Blair) Calvert, Morgan Calvert, Clara Johnson, Keira Calvert, and Miles Calvert; brother Eulane (Dian) Calvert; step-children Melroy Grant, Jodi Grant, and Chanda Gonzalez; and host of nephews, nieces, and cousins. Pallbearers are Caleb Anders, Heath Attaway, Howard Calvert, Mark Calvert, Shane Kilgo, and Tim White.

Mary Sue Brown, 82, of Gold Ridge
Mary Sue Brown, 82, entered into eternal peace Jan. 19, 2021. Mrs. Brown was a resident of Cullman, Alabama in the Gold Ridge community. She was preceded in death by her husband Charles D. Brown, Jr.; her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Cole; her brother Douglas Cole; and sister-in law Wanda S. Cole. Mrs. Brown is survived by her daughter Deborah (Jim) Phillips; her granddaughter Marianna Phillips; and daughter Rhonda (Fred) Bamberger. Beloved nieces and nephews include Angie Cole Davis, Stacey Cole, and Shannon Douglas Cole. Three great-nieces and nephews Zachary Roden, Brittany Simpson, Alexis Davis, and five great-nephews and nieces will cherish many fond memories and special times with "Aunt Sue." Numerous cousins, family, and dear friends join in remembering her as a beautiful, loving soul, with a strength of character and resolve that brought her through life's heartache as a survivor and inspiring lady with a beautiful smile and loving, accepting heart for which we are forever grateful. The family thanks everyone very much for all the love, comfort, and prayers sent to them. If you wish to make a donation in lieu of flowers, please consider the American Heart Association or the American Humane Society. Moss Service Funeral Home will be in charge of services.

Betty Dean Slaten, 72, of Vinemont
Funeral services for Betty Dean Slaten, 72, of Vinemont will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, 2021 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Bro. Tim Aris officiating; interment in Enon Baptist Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon-2 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Slaten passed away Monday, Jan. 18, 2021 at Cullman Regional. She was born May 14, 1948 to John Junior and Willadean Hines. She was preceded in death by her father John Junior Hines and eight siblings. Survivors include her daughter Gena Slaten; granddaughters Adrienne Slaten (Caleb Forester) and Jessica (Kain) Davenport; great-grandchild Kayden Dean Allison; mother Willadean Hines; brothers Keith Hines, Timmy Hines, and Randy Hines; sisters Linda Gourley and Peggy Bailey; friends Renatha Leger and Galen Smith; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Valerii Grigorievich Belash, 71, of Good Hope
A Celebration of Life service for Valerii Grigorievich Belash, 71, of Good Hope, Alabama will be held Sunday, Jan. 24, 2021 noon at the Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. Mr. Belash was born April 22, 1949 to Grigory Semenowich and Maria Patapora Belash. He passed from this life Jan. 21, 2021. Friends and family will gather together this Sunday in celebration of his life. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Belash family.

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Rates (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman County Water Department customers will see a 7% increase in water rates starting with the next billing cycle. The increase was recommended by St. John & Associates due to an increase in rates from the City of Cullman Utilities Board, according to the Cullman County Commission, which approved the County's rate increase at its meeting Thursday evening.

The commission approved the rate increase based on a review of the FY2020 rate study conducted by St. John & Associates.

St. John & Associates Engineer David Haynes explained, "Through the review of your revenues, your water purchase and other operating expenses, we have determined that the rate increase from 2020 for FY2021 was 6.5%. We've determined that needs to go up to 7%.

"That is a slight increase from the study from last year; however, it should be noted, and this is through conversations with the utilities board as far as their projections for rates moving forward from FY2021 through FY2024- through that four-year period they are anticipating a deduction in increase projections.

"Over the next four fiscal years, you are looking at a 19% deduction in our projections for what the County's rates will be."

Haynes also recommended that the commission approve the engineer's annual review of water rates for all customers, saying, "There is continuing litigation ongoing with the utilities board and some unforeseen projections or some items included in these projections that have been made."

Commissioner Garry Marchman said, "We have to increase (our rates) because the City of Cullman has increased their rates and we have to buy it from them. We can't buy from anybody else."

In 2010, the commission, under former Chairman James Graves, signed a contract with the City of Cullman to purchase water exclusively through the City.

The contract with the City of Cullman, according to Marchman, "is for 50 years with a renewal for 49 years- so 99 years."

Clearly frustrated, Marchman added, "We own property with the right to pump, a permit to pump, on the Tennessee River. We can't use that water because we are having to buy water here.

"People cuss us about the rates going up when we can't control that.

"We have to taper our rates so that we aren't operating at a deficit. It's a public service; we don't operate for profit."

Chairman Jeff Clemons added, "Every time they go up, we have to go up. The County can't lose money either.

"We are identifying some of these problems and trying to go back and look at some of this.

"We need to make sure the citizens understand, we don't want the rates going up all of a sudden 10% like it did a few years ago. That affects the farmers in a big way. We need to let them know it's coming in advance."

In other business, the Commission approved the following items:

- Ratified abatement for $284,860 for AGCOR Steel presented by Cullman County Economic Development. The $2 million project is expected to bring in $106,144 for the schools and about 30 jobs averaging $20 per hour.
- Resolution 2021-08: Amended Resolution 2013-01 from $5,000 to $10,000 that any single purchase, lease or contract for service (excluding road materials and services that are bid and within budget) must be approved in a commission meeting prior to a purchase order being issued regardless if such purchase, lease or contract was budgeted, and any monetary donations to outside agencies that were not budgeted for or exceed the budget, must be approved in a commission meeting prior to funds being issued.
- Resolution 2021-09 Authorized Clemons to sign the CDBG Grant for Cares Act Funding.
- Authorized Clemons to appoint Ken Brown to the Veterans Memorial Park Advisory Board.
- Authorized Commissioner Kerry Watson to appoint Clarence Benefield to the Veterans Memorial Park Advisory Board.
- Authorized Marchman to appoint Wiley Kitchens to the Veterans Memorial Park Advisory Board.
- Authorized Clemons to appoint Lane Lowery to the Airport Board for a four-year term to expire January 2025.
- Authorized Clemons to appoint Champ Crocker to the Industrial Development Board Authority for a six-year term to expire 1/19/2027
- Authorized Watson to reappoint Dr. James Thomas to the Industrial Development Board Authority for a six-year term expiring 1/19/2027
- Authorized Marchman to reappoint Jerry Wootten to the Industrial Development Board Authority for a six-year term to expire 1/19/2027
- Authorized Clemons to sign a one-year scheduled service agreement with Trane in the amount of $21,492 for the Cullman County Detention Center
- Authorized Clemons to sign a contract with Loomis Bros. Circus to perform at the Ag Center Feb. 5-7, 2021
- Approved extension of employee vacation time to June 4, 2021
- Approved the surplus of a non-operational 1986 Ford 6610 tractor
- Approved the County Rebuild Alabama Annual Report (CRAAR) as required by the Rebuild Alabama Act.
- Approval of Catastrophic Inmate Medical Insurance Company through Hunt Insurance Group LLC- premium of $61,110
- Approved the value of land to be exchanged for the land where the trade tower water tower currently sits. Swapping 1 acre for 1 acre, each valued at approximately $12,000
- Amended Section IX-1(a) of the Cullman County Subdivision Regulations to make provisions for an equivalent surety
- Bid #1334- Reject all bids (adjusted specifications for new bid on motor graders)
- Bid #1336- Awarded bid for lease of heavy duty motor graders to Warrior Tractor
- Bid #1337- Awarded bid for the re-roofing project for the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center to Willoughby Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc. for $267,570

The next commission meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 18, 2021 at 6 p.m. in the commission meeting room on the first floor of the Cullman County Courthouse.

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