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HEALTH

'Don't Wait': Cullman Regional encourages vaccination amid rise in cases

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Regional is encouraging people to get their COVID-19 vaccinations as the community, state and nation experience a new rise in cases. New forms of the virus, including Delta and Gamma variants, are increasing in frequency as students prepare to return to school.

"What we are seeing with the variant is greater transmission of the virus," said Dr. William Smith, Cullman Regional Chief Medical Officer. "The people who were previously vaccinated are not getting as sick. In order to help stop the spread, it's important that everyone get vaccinated."

Cullman Regional has seen an uptick in cases, with 21 COVID-19 positive patients, three of them on ventilators at press time.

Hospital Public Relations Coordinator Mary Beth Sellers said, "The majority of people being hospitalized are unvaccinated."

The hospital offers the Pfizer vaccine at its Urgent Care Center, 1958 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman, AL 35058, by appointment Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For more information or to schedule your vaccination appointment, visit https://cullmanregional.com/cullman-regional-vaccination-clinics/ or call 256-737-2090.

– LOCAL GOVERNMENT –

South Vinemont Town Council lends helping hands during cleanup for new park project







CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Council members and spouses cleanup Henry & Roe Wood Park. Top: Sonya Adams; Bottom left: Sonya Copeland; Bottom right: Zack Copeland

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VINEMONT, Ala. — Henry & Roe Wood Park received some TLC Monday morning thanks to the South Vinemont Town Council. Mayor Radginal Dodson, all the members of the council and several of their spouses, in a show of unity, worked together to clean the park and provide new landscaping. The beautification project is just the first of many that the council looks forward to carrying out together.

The project was truly a group effort with each member of the council giving the credit to the others. Council member Chris Thompson said, "We are a team and this is just the beginning. This is an effort from all of us that didn't cost the town anything." The new shrubs, flowers and mulch were donated by the Man Cave » PAGE 2

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Project (from Front)

Market.

Oscar Garcia with The Best Bamboo Landscaping also came out to lend his expertise to the community project.

With two children at Vinemont Elementary, he was excited to have an opportunity to give back.

Council member Sonya Copeland was busy picking up garbage and glass from the park. She was thrilled to see the council coming together.

She said, "Do you know how excited I am to see every council member here doing something for our community? I am so proud. It's a brand-new energy from all of us."

The park project will take several days to complete. Council member Sonya Adams was busy giving the park's sign a new coat of paint.

Pine straw will be added around the new flower beds to help with erosion and additional cleanup will continue. They also hope to get a new pump for the fountain in the center of the park.

The park improvements should be complete in time for the Vinemont Freedom Fest scheduled for Friday from 4-7 p.m. at the school.

Vinemont Town Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Vinemont Town Hall. The public is invited to attend.

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COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Wednesday, Aug. 4 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Dashboard Hub (https://bit.ly/3iVJwXK)

ADPH COVID-19 dashboard changes

Along with decreases in COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths, ADPH will be updating its dashboard less frequently. Effective June 7, the Data and Surveillance Dashboard will update Monday, Wednesday and Friday; the Vaccine Distribution Dashboard will update Tuesday and Thursday and no weekend updates will be made. Additional information may be provided in the future as ADPH gathers more data on the pandemic.

*The dashboard has been redesigned to help people better understand the current transmission levels in their communities and the impact of COVID-19 in Alabama. The moving 7-day sum is updated daily instead of weekly--instead of a 3, 7 and 14-day average, the dashboard will provide a 7-day moving sum for cases. The 2020 and 2021 breakdowns of cases and deaths will be provided - not just a total sum over both years.

Case details (Updated Monday, Wednesday, Friday)

- Percent change in Cases: 1.8
- Percent positivity in Tests: 22.9
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 392,661
- Probable cases in Alabama (2021): 203,155 (+6,421 since Monday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,169
- Probable deaths in Alabama (2021): 4,392
- Percent change in cases in Cullman Co.: - 14.5
- Percent positivity in tests in Cullman Co.: 14.2
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2020): 7,670
- Probable cases in Cullman Co. (2021): 2,973 (+ 75 since Monday)
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 129
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 77 (+15 since Monday)
- Total tested in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 1,418
- Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 201
- Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 60,456
- Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 13,824
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 1,736

Vaccine details (updated Tuesday, Thursday)

- Doses delivered to Alabama: 4,963,215
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 3,223,725
- Doses administered: 3,516,814
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,027,984
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 1,606,554
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 1,739,490

Alabamians in Phases 1a, 1b and 1c (including those 12 and older) are now eligible to receive a vaccine.

View the Alabama COVID-19 Vaccination Allocation Plan at: www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19vaccine/assets/adph-covid19-vaccination-allocation-plan.pdf

Variants of SARS-CoV-2

Variants of SARS-CoV-2 continue to circulate in Alabama and pose a significant threat of increased disease. Variants of concern reported, as of July 9, are Alpha (820 cases), Beta (2 cases), Gamma (31 cases) and Delta (56 cases). These variants are more transmissible, specifically the Alpha and the Delta, and some variants have less response to treatments such as monoclonal antibodies.

Percent positivity escalates

Alabama's current statewide percent positivity for COVID-19 has increased to its highest level since February 2021, at 7.7%. This is equal to the percent positivity recorded April 3, when vaccines had not been readily available.

Percent increase in COVID-19 cases

The number of COVID-19 cases reported in Alabama has risen 39% from June 26 - July 9. The best way to prevent getting the highly infectious and easily transmissible Delta variant or any other strain of COVID-19 is to get vaccinated as quickly as possible. The vaccines we have are highly effective and their benefits far outweigh any risks. Only a very small percentage of deaths due to COVID-19 are among the fully vaccinated population.

COVID-19 hospitalizations increase

As of July 14, 341 persons were reported hospitalized as a result of COVID-19 disease. On July 3, 179 persons were hospitalized due to COVID-19. Increases in numbers of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations due to COVID-19 are the result of low vaccine rates and unvaccinated persons not following preventive measures for themselves such as wearing masks, good hand hygiene and social distancing. So long as Alabama has such low rates of vaccination, cases will continue to rise, posing risk of illness and death from COVID-19, as well as threatening the ability of our health care system to treat all Alabamians.

Make vaccination a priority

This July 14, 4,124 doses of COVID-19 vaccine were administered in the state. At the height of vaccine administration on April 8, 45,128 vaccine doses were given. Young people and others who are taking a wait-and-see stance on vaccination should be aware that they need to protect themselves, their families, friends and communities by getting vaccinated as soon as they can. Safe, effective and free vaccine shields vulnerable people and saves lives.

Cullman Regional COVID-19 update

On Aug. 4 Cullman Regional released the below update.

- Cullman County is in the High-Risk Category for overall level of community transmission.

Cullman Regional Current Situation

- 21 COVID-19 positive patients and three on a ventilator.
- Hospitals across the state are seeing an increase in hospitalizations. Continue to be vigilant in mask wearing and social distancing. Everyone should continue to follow precautions to prevent the spread of infection – wash hands, socially distance and wear a mask when you cannot social distance. Current information regarding statewide hospitalizations can be found on slide 7 of the ADPH Online Dashboard.

Vaccine administrations:

- Cullman Regional has created an online scheduling system so that patients can self-schedule for a vaccine appointment.
- Appointments are available by visiting: https://cullmanregional.com/cullman-regional-vaccination-clinics/?swcfpc=1.
- Appointment dates/times are only released five days prior to vaccine clinic days to make sure we have plenty of vaccines to administer for all appointments created. If no appointments are available, please check back the following day for more appointment openings.
- The vaccine clinic is located at the Cullman Regional Urgent Care Center (1958 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman, AL 35058).

Visiting Cullman Regional

As a reminder, Cullman Regional upholds visitation restrictions in accordance with CDC guidelines.

These restrictions include:

- All visitors must check-in and complete a temperature check at the front desk
- Masks are required regardless of vaccination status
- Only one visitor is allowed per patient
- COVID-19 positive patients will not be allowed to have visitors
- All visitors must be over the age of 16

Please remember that visitor hours are from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily.

Visitors to the Cullman Regional Medical Group Clinics must wear a mask regardless of vaccination status and only one visitor is allowed per patient (or two visitors per minor under the age of 16).

We appreciate your compliance with these regulations to keep our staff, patients and families safe.

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported August 3-4

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported August 3-4, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
August 2
• fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; skateboard; $40
• fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; miscellaneous charges
• third-degree criminal trespassing; Cullman Housing Authority; Cobb Ave. SW
• fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $95
• third-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $966
• harassment; person; Logan St. SW

August 3
• third-degree domestic violence-harassment; person; Heritage Cir. SE

ARRESTS
August 2
Cole, Tabitha L.; 39
• third-degree theft of property

Pate, Carrie B.; 36
• unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance
• FTA- third-degree domestic violence

Hill, Christopher S.; 45
• FTA- third-degree domestic violence
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property (2 counts)
• FTA- third-degree criminal trespass

Cofield, Tristan D.; 23
• third-degree criminal trespass
• giving false information to police officer

Gossett, Mary E.; 60
• fourth-degree theft of property

August 3
Hooper, Steven D.; 39
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Weeks, Christopher J.; 43
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
• FTA- unauthorized use of vehicle

Curvin, Meshach J.; 25
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
• FTA- attempt to elude
• FTA- third-degree assault
• FTA- third-degree criminal mischief
• FTA- resisting arrest
• FTA- third-degree domestic violence

Sellers, Margaret D.; 47
• FTA- public intoxication

Reeves, Brian W.; 44
• ignition interlock

McAlpin, John B.; 53
• DUI

Arnold, Zachary C.; 31
• public intoxication

Woodard, Lora A.; 63
• third-degree theft of property

Cofield, Caleb C.; 36
• FTA- possession of paraphernalia
• FTA- driving while license revoked
• FTA- improper lane usage

Pettey, Andrew R.; 36
• DUI
• attempt to elude

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

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



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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"Come to the Well" Community Women's Bible Study
• Tuesday mornings at 10 at the Hebrews Cafe at East Side Baptist Church, 1111 Third St. SE in Cullman
• Please wear a mask/face covering.

Baileyton Bargain Days
• First and third Saturday of each month from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the old Baileyton fire station next to the town's park
• Beauty and health products, toys, home goods, pet items, food and many everyday items
• A donation of $20 will allow a shopper to fill up a bag, and for $40 a shopper can fill a large box. Some of the items of greater value will require a larger donation. There will be some restrictions and product limits on the items. Cash and checks accepted.
• Proceeds will be used for park improvements and capital improvements for the town.

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 Staint Joseph Drive NW, Cullman
• Prayer meetings- Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Come and pray with us or come to receive prayer.
• Ladies' exercise classes-Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Children welcome.
• Classes- Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult class, "The Phases of Armageddon" 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.
• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m. – noon, Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m. – noon Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry, and Spirit Life Church.
• Sundays-9 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Small group classes for children, youth and adults at 10 a.m. Praise and Worship and message at 11 a.m.
• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthday. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pick up is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (Jasper 5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.

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

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Festhalle Farmers Market
• 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Open every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from April – October
• Stop by to shop the freshest produce from Cullman-based farms.
• For more information, call 256-590-5009 or send an email to mgraveman@cullmanrecreation.org

Agriplex Children's Summer/Fall Camp Programs
• Aug. 20 - 10 a.m., Little Farmers Farmer's Market: Run your pretend farm stand and then use tokens to shop with a local farmer.
• Aug. 26 - 9 a.m., Heritage Homeschool Solar Power: Celebrate the new solar panels producing electricity at the Agriplex with hands-on activities powered by the sun.
• Sept. 4 - 9 a.m., Farm Kids Club County Fair Crafts: Create handicrafts that can be entered in the Cullman County Fair and win prizes!
• Sept. 10 - 10 a.m., Little Farmers "The Very Hungry Caterpillar": Explore the miracle of the butterfly life cycle through the beloved Eric Carle classic.
• Sept. 30 - 9 a.m., Heritage Homeschool Harvest & Seed Saving: Harvest the falls bounty at the Agriplex and save seeds for your very own collection. We will pick, taste and learn how to preserve the harvest.
• Oct. 2 - 9 a.m., Farm Kids Club Pumpkin Patch: Pick a pumpkin out of our patch and join us for some fall-themed fun! We will play games, have snacks and carve a pumpkin.
• Saturdays, beginning at 9 a.m. at Festhalle Farmers Market, Power of Produce: Kids up to age 12 can sample fresh produce while earning market money (pop bucks) to buy produce from local farmers.

Agriplex Adult Programs
• Aug. 10 - 6 p.m., Heritage Skills Beginning Brewers Class: The Cullman Brewers Guild will explain the process of brewing and demonstrate how to make homemade beer. See equipment and learn the science of brewing your own beer.
• Aug. 16 - 6 p.m., Learn to Sew Christmas in August: Get an early start on Christmas decorating and join us for felt ornament making for the tree using sequins and decorative thread.
• Aug. 18 - noon, Lunch & Learn presents Planting & Growing Fall Veggies. This is a free program, light lunch provided. Please call us at 256-297-1044 to reserve your spot.
• Aug. 31 - 6 p.m., Living Landscapes Growing Berries & Grapes: Retired Auburn Experiment Station Director Arnold Caylor will be back at the Agriplex sharing his vast knowledge on growing berries and muscadines best suited for our region.
• Sept. 9 - 6 p.m., Cowboy Cooking - Cooking with a Dutch Oven: Local ranchers Greg and Emily Anderson from Sullivan Creek Ranch will be demonstrating how to cook over an open fire.
• Sept. 13 - 6 p.m., Learn to Sew Projects for the Kitchen: This will be a fun class making things to use in your kitchen.
• Sept. 14 - 6 p.m., Heritage Skills Raising Pigs: Learn the basics of raising pigs for your family.
• Thursdays: noon - 1 p.m., Yoga under the Pavilion, Join us for a beginner yoga class in the serenity of nature. $5 per person, summer family special of $10 per family. Ages 10 & up, must be able to follow along with class. No registration required. Please bring your yoga mat & water.

Country Legends Rediscovered Exhibition
• Evelyn Burrow Museum at Wallace State Community College.
• Through Aug. 31. Tuesday-Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

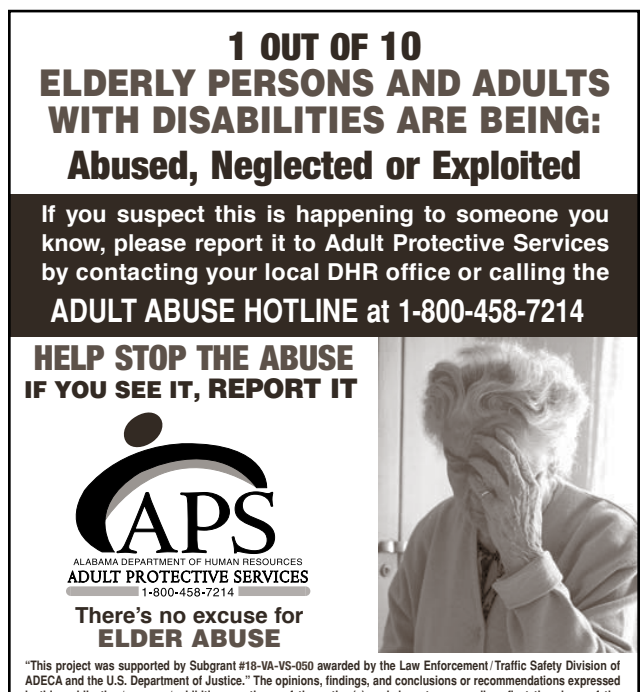
Wallace State Diesel by Distance Open House
July-August - Wallace State's Diesel by Distance program will host a series of open house events to learn more about the program, experience virtual reality lessons and more. Open house will be held from 3-7 p.m. in the Diesel Technology building on the Hanceville campus on the following dates: July 1, July 8, July 29, Aug. 5, Aug. 12 and Aug. 19. For more information, contact Anna Parrish Beard at 256-352-8356 or anna.parrish@wallacestate.edu or visit www.wallacestate.edu/dieselby-distance.

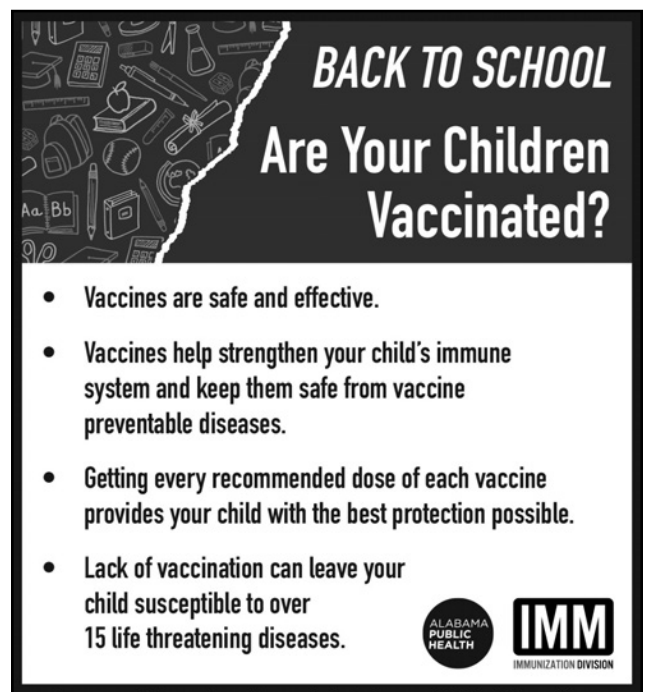
Purple Heart Memorial Service
Aug. 7 - 10 a.m. at the Purple Heart Monument in Sparkman Park, Hartselle. Sponsored by the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter for Cullman and Morgan counties. Contact Clifford Gissell at 256-338-5617 or tothemax42@gmail.com for more information.

Quilters Retreat Bunch Annual Yard Sale
• Aug. 7 -Saturday from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church (1310 Saint Joseph Drive NW). Lots of fabric (all kinds), books, glassware, baskets, kitchen items, craft items, vintage table with four chairs, two bookcases, round table, odd chairs, pictures, sewing notions, tons of thread, grab bags, yarn, Christmas items and MUCH MUCH MORE. Don't miss it!
• Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame
• Aug. 14 - The Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame will hold its annual banquet and induction ceremony Aug. 14, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Stonebridge Farms. Tickets can be obtained at First Southern Financial and are $20 each. For more information call 256-737-5120 or 256-736-4445.

WSCC Applied Technologies Open House
Aug. 17 – Wallace State Community College Dept. of Applied Technologies will host an Open House Tuesday, July 20 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Department tours and refreshments will be provided. Stop by the Bailey Center Lobby for campus maps, schedules and information. Call 256-352-8000 for more information.

Free Community Movie Night at Vinemont Community Center
Aug. 21 – Bring a blanket or chair and come enjoy "Toy Story 4!" Start time will be announced at a later date. Vinemont Community Center – 88 Ridgeway St., Cullman, AL 35058





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AUGUST 5, 2021

‘Confident’ Bo Nix ready for Auburn preseason camp

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. – Auburn junior quarterback Bo Nix begins his third preseason camp with 24 consecutive starts on his resume, including 18 SEC games.

“Going into year three, I’ve seen a lot of football,” Nix said. “I’ve seen a lot of defenses. I’ve played against some of the top defensive coordinators and top defenses in the country. That’s continued to add up and build to where now I feel as confident as I ever have been.”

With 28 career touchdown passes, Nix ranks No. 10 in Auburn history along with Ben Leard.

Two more TD passes, and he’ll tie Cam Newton at No. 9, three more and he’ll equal his dad, Patrick Nix, at No. 8.

Nix has spent many hours over the summer studying video and preparing to operate Auburn’s offense under coordinator Mike Bobo, Nix’s third OC in three seasons at Auburn.

“I’ve gotten to learn and grow with each coach,” Nix said. “My dad was a college coach, so I knew coaches would come and go, but obviously Auburn is there to stay. I chose Auburn because I wanted to go and grow as a person and as a player, and I knew Auburn would do that for me.

“Most good quarterbacks are instinctive anyway, so once the play starts, they just kind of roll with what they have and they make things work. But understanding the pre-snap will tell you what the defense is not in, which can help you as a quarterback.

“The SEC is about processing information as fast as possible. The quarterbacks who succeed process information, and they get the ball out where it needs to go.”

A spread offense quarterback throughout his career, Nix adjusted to operating under center, which provides a different vantage point and allows him to keep his eyes up at all times.

“That’s a different dynamic to our offense, which I’m excited about,” said Nix, who will be tasked with changing play calls at the line of scrimmage based on defensive alignment.

“I’m excited because I feel I can get us in the right play,” he said.

“A lot of combo plays, which will give us an advantage because the defense can line up and we can get in the right play and then we can match up better against them.

“When you get this coverage, you’re going here. In this offense, we have a bunch of answers that I’m really looking forward to, and I know where I’m going with the ball.”

With multiple formations and protections, Nix believes Auburn’s 2021 offense will challenge defenses.

“To where maybe we can get an advantage over defenses and keep defenses on their heels,” he said.

“And I can continue to play fast, put us in the right play, and make those throws that will separate quarterbacks from the college level to the pro level.”

After adjusting to the SEC’s faster speed and tighter throwing windows, Nix is challenging himself to make tough throws from the pocket, while balancing being aggressive with valuing possessions.

“I’ve shown it and done it in the past,” said Nix, who holds Auburn’s record 251 consecutive pass attempts without an interception. “I know I can do it. I’ve just got to continue to do it. Sometimes I’ve just got to pull the trigger and make those tighter throws and if they’re picked, they’re picked.

“Sometimes as quarterbacks we get gun shy because of not turning the ball over, but if you look at all the great quarterbacks, they threw some picks and they tried to thread the needle a little bit. That’s what made them successful.”

A dual threat with 14 career rushing touchdowns, the 2019 SEC offensive freshman of the year and 2020 team captain embraces the opportunity to be the first quarterback in Auburn’s Bryan Harsin era.

“I’m excited to be around different coaching staffs, and I’m excited to do different things and to have a different offense,” he said. “It’s refreshing to do different things that will give us an advantage.”



SHANNA LOCKWOOD/AU THLETICS

Auburn junior Quarterback Bo Nix

UAB Football Fall Camp Coverage: Practice No. 1

Ted Feeley
UAB Athletics

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — With expectations to capture its third Conference USA title in the last four years, the UAB football team opened the 2021 season on Tuesday with the first day of fall camp at the Football Operations Center.

Three things to know

The Blazers are loaded with returning talent and it was evident on both side of the ball during the first practice. Despite not wearing pads, the offense and defense were getting after each other with big plays on both sides, while doing a great job of not tackling to the ground.

Offensively, with starters returning at quarterback, tight end and the entire offensive line, along with freshman sensation DeWayne McBride entering his sophomore year at running back, all eyes are on the wide receivers to see who will step up in replacement of Austin Watkins Jr. (49ers) and Myron Mitchell (Vikings). Redshirt sophomore Ryan Davis was featured often during today’s practice and should be someone to keep an eye on, while Trea Shropshire and Samario Rudolph had huge games down the stretch of last season.

The defense has the most depth its ever had with playmakers all over the field. Eight of the 11 returning starters earned All-Conference USA honors last season and this unit aims for its fourth-consecutive top 10 national finish in total defense in 2021.

HEAD COACH
BILL CLARK

Opening statement

“We had a really good summer. We saw a few guys struggle with the pace and competition, so we’ve got a long way to go. We competed against each other and protected each other well, but we have a lot of work to do.”

On digging into the deep roster...

“From these first three weeks, we’re just looking at who can play. We’re hoping to see lots of different faces so we can play more guys. The expectations and standards are high, both the players and coaches realize that.”

On if this is the deepest UAB roster ever...

“I think it is. We’ve had some really good players before but looking at the talent of the new guys coming in, top to bottom this might be the deepest roster we’ve had.”

On experimenting with Antonio Moultrie’s positioning...

“We really want to find the right spots for him. (Antonio) is a guy we’re playing a little more outside, some of that goes to depth, but some of it goes to what really fits the opponents’ body types. We want to have a defense versatile enough to take advantage of those body types.”

On Kristopher Moll moving back to safety...

“We want what’s best for UAB and what’s best for his future, because we think he might play at the next level. He needs to get out there and cover people, and this experiment is important to see how he deals with it.”

Senior safety Dy’jonn Turner

On the depth of the defense...

“The talent that we have on the defense from the A1s, the A2s, to the B1s is crazy. It’s so much talent throughout the whole program.”

On the first day of practice...

“It felt good for real. Just being here with everybody, we’re a family. It feels good to be around family and just working hard. We love each other, so we try to let that reflect on the field.”



UAB ATHLETICS

UAB Head Coach Bill Clark speaks to his team at day one of practice.

On being a Top 10 Defense for the past three years...

“Our standard is to be number one every year and to be number one in the country. That is our standard and the guys coming in are learning from the old heads. So, they are going to pick up on it. So, after we leave it’s their turn.”

Senior offensive lineman Sidney Wells

On how it feels to be back...

“I’m very excited, this is one of the best off-seasons that I’ve been a part of. Just to sit back and reflect, the O-line is definitely open. We’ve got talented guys from JUCO transfers, even the incoming freshmen are looking nice. They are definitely the future. It’s exciting to know what we have in store from an offensive standpoint to watching the defense. Everyone is loaded. We’ve just got to put it together.”

On the identity of UAB football...

“In my opinion, when I think of UAB football I think of excellence. From a team that was just happy to be reinstated, we’ve built a culture here. From the guys that are from ‘18 and even ‘17. We’ve built a culture to establish that we want championships. That describes excellence to me.”

The Blazers return to the field on Wednesday morning for practice No. 2. The Blazers open the season in 29 days against in the Montgomery Kickoff against Jacksonville State.

Meet the Coaches: Auburn offensive line coach Will Friend

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. – When Will Friend wanted to talk to his high school football coach, all he had to do was look across the dinner table.

The son of a coaching dad and a teaching mom, Auburn’s offensive line coach knew early on which career he would pursue.

“Growing up in a coaching family you saw what kind of influence they had on people and in the community,” Friend said. “I always wanted to do that, plus I always wanted to stay in the game. That’s what I always knew and that’s what I wanted to be from a young age.

“The people who coached me were good role models as fathers and husbands, and you hope you have the same effect on the guys that you coach.”

With Southeastern Conference playing experience at Alabama and coaching stops at Georgia and Tennessee, Friend knows what winning O-line play looks like in the SEC.

“This league is not for everybody. You’ve got to be able to sustain and do it every day,” he said.

“We’re all competitive. You always get to compete and be part of a team. That drives me. The competitive nature of wanting to do your part to help Auburn be successful. You want your players to be the best they can be, and you want to live that way, too.”

Friend seeks to model the behavior he expects from the players he coaches.

“Show up and do what you’re supposed to do,” he said. “Care about doing it, and then do it over again the next day. You hope you give them that example and you hold them to that, and that becomes a habit.”

‘That’s what we’ll be here’: Auburn O-line coach Will Friend knows physicality wins in the SEC

At all five positions, Auburn’s offensive line returns players with starting experience.

“They’re eager to do what you ask them to do,” Friend said. “They’ve got good character. They’re wanting to do well and have success. They want to be a reason why Auburn succeeds.”

When not developing Auburn’s current linemen, Friend constantly evaluates video and connects with prospective future Tigers, selling them on the program’s tradition.

“At our position, we want to be hard-working and we want to be tough,” Friend said. “You look at the history of Auburn – and it’s one of the reasons I want to be part of this program – it’s a history of toughness, it’s a history of teams with character. It’s a culture built on toughness and doing things the right way and being physical.

“The way coaches and players are treated here is second to none. People here care about Auburn people. I think that’s something that goes a long way.”

As the offensive coordinator and O-line coach at Colorado State from 2015-17, Friend coached against Auburn head coach Bryan Harsin when Harsin coached at Boise State.

“I was always impressed with the culture and toughness of Coach Harsin’s teams,” Friend said. “The same things you always respected about Auburn teams.

“To have the opportunity to come here and be a part of that, I was excited to be able to do that. Coach is building it the right way, he’s building it through culture.

“We’ll put a team on the field that Auburn people are proud of. Auburn people know when your team is tough, physical and competitive. That’s what we’ll be here.”

Born in Philadelphia, Mississippi, Friend and his wife, Carrie, a Birmingham native, have three children: 17-year-old daughter Katie, 11-year-old daughter Brooks and 8-year-old son Charlie.

“This is a great town and a great community,” Friend said. “You can see why so many who played, coached or went to school here want to come back. Of all the places I’ve been – and I’ve been lucky enough to be at a lot of great places – more people want to do that here than anywhere else.”

When Auburn hosts the Iron Bowl on Nov. 27, Will Friend will have experienced college football’s fiercest rivalry from both sides, joining a fraternity that includes Pat Dye, Bill Oliver and one of Friend’s mentors, Neil Callaway, Auburn’s offensive line coach for the entire Dye era.

“Through Coach Callaway, I met a lot of people at Auburn,” he said. “Nothing but respect for Auburn. I spent seven years at Georgia. I spent three years at Tennessee. The people you work with and the players you coach, you become a part of that program.

“The fact that I’ve been at those places, it’s not a big deal to me or my family because I’m just as much of a Georgia Bulldog as I am a former Alabama guy. Hopefully we’re here at Auburn a long time and I’ll be considered an Auburn man, too.”

Wallace State offers vaccine incentive to students

Kristen Holmes
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College is adopting a number of measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and to promote a successful fall semester. Chief among these is an emphasis on COVID-19 vaccinations.

Each student registered for fall semester who presents proof of completed COVID vaccination by Sept. 15, will receive a $150 cash award.

These students will also be entered in a drawing to receive one of five additional $1,000 cash awards.

"As an institution of higher learning with an outstanding reputation in the health sciences, and a National Center of Excellence in Nursing, we wanted to motivate students to take this step and to make it easy for them to do so," said Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Karolewics.

A COVID-19 vaccination clinic will be held at the School of Nursing and Center for Science on the Wallace State Main Campus from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Aug. 19 for the first dose of the Pfizer vaccine, with the second dose given Sept. 9.

This clinic is also open to the public. Register for the vaccination clinic in advance at https://bit.ly/wsccvaccineclinic. Walk-in appointments are also available.

"We felt it was important to show leadership on this issue and to make it clear that we stand on the side of science and the health and safety of our students and community.

"Vaccines are vitally important to the essential, human-centric work we do, and have been proven to save lives by preventing the severity and spread of disease," Dr. Karolewics said.

All of the counties in Wallace State's service area and virtually all the counties in the state have been categorized as "High Risk" by the Alabama Department of Public Health and Centers for Disease Control. Vaccine rates, at 34%, are still alarmingly low in the state and the lowest in the nation.

For Alabamians to enjoy a more normal fall this year, these numbers need to improve.

Students do not have to attend the Wallace State vaccination clinic to be eligible for the incentive. To find other convenient COVID-19 vaccination locations, visit https://www.vaccines.gov/, text your ZIP to 438829 or call 1-800-232-0233. Proof of a completed COVID vaccine from earlier this year also qualifies.

COVID-19 vaccinations are offered free of charge.

"Completed" or "full" vaccination is defined as having received two doses of either the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine or one dose of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine.

(NOTE: The two doses of the Moderna vaccine are given one month apart, and the two doses of the Pfizer vaccine are given three weeks apart, so students must plan ahead to meet this deadline).

Wallace State's vaccination incentives are funded by federal Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds made possible through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act and the American Rescue Plan.

An incentive will also be offered to fully vaccinated employees.

Wallace State has been designated as a Caring Campus by the Institute for Evidence-Based

Change and has put in place many free resources to help students achieve success. Registration for fall semester is underway at https://www.wallacestate.edu/. Classes begin Aug. 19.

West Elementary temporarily relocates three classes for mold testing, cleaning

Trent Moore
Cullman City Schools

CULLMAN, Ala. — Three West Elementary School classrooms impacted by the potential discovery of mold will be temporarily relocated while the affected areas are tested and cleaned for the new school year.

Cullman City Schools is having the air quality tested in the entire school and is moving forward immediately with cleaning the affected areas to resolve the issue. It's expected to be resolved within a couple of weeks, after which classes should be able to safely return to those areas.

"We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate the patience of parents as we work to proactively and safely resolve this issue as quickly as possible," Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff said. The school administration is working with the affected teachers to temporarily relocate their classrooms to different areas of campus, and West Elementary Principal Dr. Jay Page is contacting the parents of students impacted by the temporary moves. Students return to Cullman City Schools Wednesday, Aug. 11 for the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

Virtual School applications now available for Cullman City Schools students

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Virtual School application have been made available through the Cullman City School System. As of now, the 2021-2022 school year will primarily proceed as face-to-face instruction in a traditional classroom setting. The Cullman Innovation Academy is a fully virtual curriculum and will only be available to applying students in grades 6-12 who meet the requirements for the program. Students considering this option should be highly motivated, independent learners capable of thriving with limited support from certified teachers. This will not be a hybrid program and will exclude students from extracurricular activities.

In order to qualify for the Cullman Innovation Academy, students in grades 9-12 should be on track for graduation with their cohort, have demonstrated success in face-to-face learning environments, should not have excessive absences, and also should demonstrate characteristics that would show excellence within the virtual learning program such as self-motivation, organization, and self-discipline. Students in grades 11-12 should meet their College Career Readiness Indicator.

Alongside the required qualifications, students will have limited access to elective courses. All state testing will be conducted on campus at the student's applicable school, and all students who commit to the Cullman Innovation Academy will not be able to transition out until the end of the semester. If transitioning, schools must be notified by Nov. 30. To apply for the Cullman Innovation Academy, contact Ms. Bates at 256-734-2233, ext. 9076, or visit https://cullmancats.net. Enrollment for the Cullman Innovation Academy will close Wednesday, Aug. 10, at 4 p.m.









Charges (from Front)

Lauren Estes
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VINEMONT, Ala. — Cullman County Sheriff's Office deputies, in conjunction with the Alabama Bureau of Pardon and Parole, on Wednesday conducted a search of a Vinemont-area residence.

CCSO Director of Communications Chad Whaley said law enforcement received information that major drug activity was occurring at the location, and that the alleged offender was on probation.

Jessie Ray Perkins, 37, was located inside the residence.

Approximately 9 ounces of methamphetamine, 3 ounces of marijuana, prescription medications and multiple drug paraphernalia items were also inside the residence.

Perkins was arrested and transported to the Cullman County Detention Center.

He was charged with the following: drug trafficking (methamphetamine), drug trafficking (opiates), possession of marijuana in the second degree and possession of drug paraphernalia.

"Having a good working relationship with other agencies is an absolute necessity in law enforcement," Sheriff Matt Gentry said, "We, at the Cullman County Sheriff's Office, will continue to do everything in our power to keep drugs off the street, and to keep our citizens safe."

Holly Pond (from Front)

W.C. Mann
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HOLLY POND, Ala. — Holly Pond Mayor Carla Hart announced at Monday evening's Town Council meeting that the town received $98,080.13 from the American Rescue Plan. The council, in consultation with Town Attorney Dan Willingham, discussed possibilities for expenditure of the funds, which can only be used for certain types of projects.

The council agreed that costs related to sewer system repairs and upgrades, and infrastructure for the new senior center would be good choices, and approved the immediate expenditure of approximately $17,300 for a new pump and shaft for the town's water treatment plant.

The council approved four other expenditures, from regular town funds:

- Purchase of laminate kitchen cabinets from Jeff Lambert for the Holly Pond Event Center, at a cost of approximately $4,000.
- Purchase of a new refrigerator and drop ceiling tiles for the town-owned Lions Club building, after a recent inspection found deficiencies. Mayor Hart was authorized to get prices and make purchases at her discretion.
- Purchase of signs for Governors Park stating that fishing, littering and loitering are not allowed in the park. The council did not set an amount.
- Hiring of Zack Nail to be a part-time maintenance worker who will work two to three days per week, and more as needed. The council approved wages of $12.48 per hour plus Workman's Comp.

Hart told the council that the town-owned building near Governors Park that formerly housed Middle of Nowhere Antiques is now under contract for sale. The sale should be finalized in September.

The Holly Pond Town Council meets at 6 p.m. on the first Monday of each month in the conference room at the Guy Hunt Memorial Library. The public is invited to attend.

LEGALS

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicles, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned motor vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80, as per Legislative Act 2015-470:

2003 Ford Windstar, Vin#2FMZA52443BB00201
2018 Nissan Pathfinder, Vin.#1N1DR2MN8JC622611
1992 GMC Sierra, Vin.#2GTEK19K3N1529576
1996 John Deere Tractor 5400, Vin.#LV5400E640574, with a 2006 attached loader, Vin.#W00522X007008

These vehicles will be sold on Friday, September 10, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. for towing/storage fees if not claimed. Located at Hammock Auto Sales, 17 County Road 406, Cullman, Alabama 35057, 256-775-3754.

DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY
500 2ND Ave SW
Room 303
Cullman, AL 35055

Walker Brothers, LTD

(Plaintiff)

v. Case No. SM-2021-900480

Steven Jones

(Defendant)

NOTICE OF FILING OF LAW SUIT

Defendant, Steven Jones, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD. for $2,157.32 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account

ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT MUST BE MADE BY THE SAID DEFENDANT on or before the 3rd day of September, 2021, or a default may be rendered against it in the above styled cause.

Dated this the 27th day of July, 2021.

LISA MCSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY
500 2ND Ave SW
Room 303
Cullman, AL 35055

Walker Brothers, LTD

(Plaintiff)

v. Case No. SM-2021-900220

Justin Leach

(Defendant)

NOTICE OF FILING OF LAW SUIT

Defendant, Justin Leach, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD. for $2,127.81 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account.

ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT MUST BE MADE BY THE SAID DEFENDANT on or before the 3rd day of September, 2021, or a default may be rendered against it in the above styled cause.

Dated this the 27th day of July, 2021

LISA MCSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
ROBERT EDWARD BURKE, III, * CASE NO.: PC2021-~~270~~ 228
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to LANA LUNCEFORD as Executrix of the Estate of ROBERT EDWARD BURKE, III, deceased, on the 3rd day of August, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Lana Lunceford
Executrix

Michael A. Stewart. Sr.
Attorney for Executrix
207A Third Street, Southwest
Cullman, AL 35055
256-747-5700

TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

Please publish the above Notice once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF)
A.R.S.)
Date of Birth: 1-20-14) Case No. JU 2021-194.01

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

Kameron Smith, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the mother of the child in regards to the above reference child born on January 20, 2014 by the 26 day of August, 2021, or thereafter a judgment terminating his parental rights may be entered against him in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 19 day of July, 2021.

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk

Petitioner:
Megan Nabors
127 Buettner Drive
Cullman, AL 35055

Sara T. Baker
Attorney for Petitioner
100 Fifth Street S.E.
Cullman, AL 35055
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CIRCUIT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
IN AND FOR
CULLMAN COUNTY,
ALABAMA

CV-2014-028

IN Re: the Guardianship/Conservatorship of :
EILEEN R HOOK, an alleged incapacitated person
NOTICE OF FILING OF MOTION TO DISMISS

YOU WILL TAKE NOTICE THAT
the appointed Conservator/Guardian
for the Estate of EILEEN R HOOK,
an adult incapacitated person
files this notice of Dismissing the Conservatorship
is set for a hearing on August 19, 2021 at 1:15 p.m.
on the third floor of the Cullman County, Alabama.

Judge Gregory Nicholas

Andria Sims, Esq, LEE015
300 1st Avenue, SE Suite 104
Cullman, AL 35055
256-775-7757

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk
7-19-21

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on June 11, 2020 by Trula Otey, aka Trula Ann Otey, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1917, Page 71 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on August 12, 2021:

Begin at a stake on the south line of the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 32, Township 8 South Range 2 West, which stake is located 630 feet east of the southwest corner of said forty; thence north 595.0 feet; thence east 146.43 feet; thence south 595.0 feet to a stake on the south line of said forty; thence west 146.43 feet to the point of beginning.
ALSO: Commencing at the southwest corner of the NW ¼ of the NW ¼, Section 32, Township 8 South, Range 2 West; thence N 89°00' E distance of 526 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning of the lands herein conveyed; thence continue N 89°00' E a distance of 104.0 feet, more or less, to a point; thence N 00°30' W a distance of 342.5 feet to a point; thence S 62°53' W distance of 104 feet, more or less, to a point on the east line of the R. V. Russell and Sherlene Russell tract; thence S 00°30' E to the south line of the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of said section and the point of beginning hereof.
ALSO; A right of way and easement for ingress and egress, said easement going over and along the following tract of and being more particularly described as follows:
Commencing at the southwest corner of the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 32, Township 8 South, Range 2 West; thence N 89°00' E a distance of 630 feet to a point; thence N 00°30' W a distance of 342.5 feet, which is the point of beginning of the easement herein; thence continue N 00°30' W for a distance of 497.5 feet, more or less, to a point on the right of way of County Road No. 35; thence S 62°53' W along said right of way a distance of 15 feet to a point; thence S 00°30' E distance of 497.5 feet, more or less, to the north boundary line of a tract of land owned by Donnie T. Banks and wife, Loretta Banks; thence along line a distance of 15 fret to the point of beginning of the easement granted herein. Said lands lying and being in Cullman County, Alabama.

This conveyance is made subject to matters of survey and other matters of record, if any.

The following manufactured home to be auctioned separately and together with the real estate:
1980 mobile home, unknown make and model. Serial Numbers GEO065157 and GEO065158.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Dewayne N. Morris
Attorney for Mortgagee
2131 Third Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
The Cullman Tribune-July 22, 29, August 5, 2021

Obituary Announcements: Aug. 3-4

Horace "The Candyman" Edward Gentry Sr., 90, of Crane Hill
Horace "The Candyman" Edward Gentry Sr., age 90, of Crane Hill, Alabama passed away Saturday, July 31. Horace was born March 28, 1931, in West Blocton, Alabama. Horace is survived by sons: Horace (Vicki) Gentry Jr. and Cary (Cheryl) Gentry; daughters: Debbie (Ron Chandler) Gentry and Sandra (Michael) Mattox; grandchildren: Kevin (Kelley) Gentry, Chris (Belinda) Gentry, Patrick (Britney) Dunagan, Carissa (Corey) Dell, Kelsey (Eric) Cornelius, Joe Bailey Jr., Jay (Amy) Gentry, Chris (Holli) Mattox and Ashley (Matt) Knight; 18 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews. Horace was preceded in death by wife of 64 years: Mira Dean Morrison Gentry; parents: Charlie Caldwell and Mary Della Hyde Gentry; sisters: Virginia (Robert) Gosnell, Mona Ray Livingston, Edith (Marty) Green and Jeanette (Leyton) Chastain and brothers: Elbert (Flo) Gentry, Glen (Bernice) Gentry, Paul (Opal) Gentry, A.J. (Mattie) Gentry and Don Gentry. A celebration of life visitation for Horace will be held Tuesday, Aug. 3, from 5-7 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home (1901 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, AL 35055). A celebration of life funeral service will occur Wednesday, August 4, at 10 a.m. in the chapel. An interment will occur Wednesday, Aug. 4, at Good Hope Cemetery (90 Good Hope School Road, Good Hope, AL 35057).

Anita Ilene Thompson Wood, 97, of Cullman (Updated)
Graveside memorial services for Anita Ilene Thompson Wood, 97, of Cullman will be Saturday, Aug. 7, at 10 a.m. at Cullman City Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Wood family. Mrs. Wood passed away Saturday, Aug. 1, at her residence. She was born Aug. 22, 1923, to L.L. and Josephine Clara Canant Thompson. She was a lifelong member of Faith Baptist Church. She loved her family. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband: Erskine Patrick Wood; son-in-law: Clifford Ray Thornton; grandson: Chris Harper and brothers and sisters. Survivors include her daughters: Pat Thornton, Sharron (Robert) Harper, Susan (Bobby) Aldridge and Donna Wood; grandchildren: Autumn (Chad) Patterson, Jerrid (Shanna) Thornton, Steve Harper, Cindy (Thomas) Humphries and Ben Aldridge; great-grandchildren: J.C. Patterson, Max Patterson, Caleb Thornton, Chloe Harper, Mary Emma Harper, June and Georgia Humphries; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com

Timothy Alan Schaeffel, 63
A graveside memorial service for Timothy Alan Schaeffel will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, August 7, 2021 at Center Point Baptist Church. Mr. Schaeffel was born July 15, 1958 to John A. Schaeffel, Sr. and Betty Ann Lowery Schaeffel. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Schaeffel family. Ray of sunshine. Always happy. People person. Kind. Gracious. Generous. Intelligent. Witty sense of humor. Contagious smile. One of a kind. Magnetic personality. Made everyone feel good. Barrel of fun. Brilliant. Accepting. Life of the party. Those are words friends and family used to describe the man that showed my mom and I what the definition of a husband and father was. He was our rock. The greatest and most knowledgeable man who loved us hard and true. Our Tim passed in peace Aug. 2, and was preceded in death by his parents: John A. Schaeffel, Sr. and Betty Ann Lowery Schaeffel. He is survived by his wife: (Ms. Ellie) Ellen Schaeffel and son: Daniel Schaeffel, along with his brother: John and Kathy Schaeffel and sisters: Joan and Sid Lee and Ruth and Charles Paine. Considering his love for music, it only makes sense to end with the words of Tim McGraw:

"Don't take for granted
the love this life gives you
When you get where
you're goin' don't forget
turn back around
And help the next
one in line
Always stay humble
and kind."

Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Sybil Juanita Roberson, 82, of Cullman
Sybil Juanita Roberson, age 82, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Sunday, Aug. 1. Sybil was born Aug. 27, 1938, in Cullman to Harvey Henry Jordan Sr. and Annie Mae Harris Jordan. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband: William Charles Roberson Sr.; brother: Harvey Jordan Jr.; sister: Ann Kern; son-in-law: Kenny Tubbs and great-grandson: Tucker Colt Evans. A funeral mass will be held Thursday, Aug. 5, at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Cullman. Father Patrick Egan OSB will officiate. Interment will follow services in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery. Survivors are daughters: Penny Evans, Cynthia Tubbs and Claudia Frye; sons: William Charles Roberson Jr. (Kim) and Brian Roberson (Felicia); sister: Dot Daniels; 18 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Visitation is scheduled for Wednesday Aug. 4, at Moss Service Funeral Home from 6-9 p.m. A rosary will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Moss Service Funeral Home. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Roberson family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

William Sherman Smith, 79, of Cullman
Graveside service for William Sherman Smith, 79, of Cullman will be at 11 a.m., Friday, August 6, at Duck Creek Cemetery with Bro. David Chambers officiating. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 5, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Smith passed away Monday, Aug. 2, at Cullman Regional. He was born March 26, 1942, in Holly Pond, Alabama to Homer Troy and Edith Ressie Smith. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother: Wilford Smith and sister: Jean Randolph. Survivors include his wife: Janice Smith; sons: Terry (Donna) Smith, Stan (Lisa) Smith, Daniel (Katie) Smith and Terry (Gloria) Yates; daughter: Sherry Bethune; 12 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and brothers: Douglas (Sue) Smith and Robin Smith.

Patricia Ann (Thomas) Griffin, 75, of Hanceville
Patricia Ann (Thomas) Griffin, age 75, of Hanceville, Alabama passed away Sunday, Aug. 1. Patricia was born Feb. 4, 1946, in Cullman, Alabama to Lee Thomas and Gladys Absher Thomas. A visitation for Patricia will be held Saturday, Aug. 7, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Garden City First Baptist Church (407 Third St. W, Garden City, AL 35070). A funeral service will occur Saturday, Aug. 7, at 2 p.m. (407 Third St. W, Garden City, AL 35070). An interment will occur Saturday, Aug. 7, at Garden City Cemetery (Sixth Street SE, Hanceville, AL 35055). Survivors are daughters: Mary Elizabeth Griffin and Sarah Ruth (Ton) Bates; son: William Joseph Griffin and grandchildren: Daniel and Abigail Bates. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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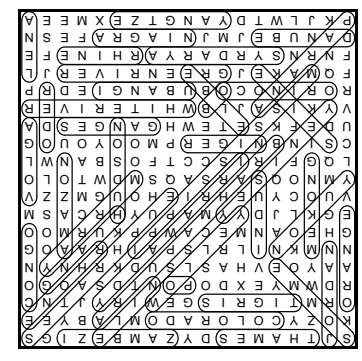
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Route (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Police Department, in coordination with Cullman High, Middle and Primary Schools announced this week a new school driving route plan.

CPD Patrol Captain Jeff Warnke said the work was done in tandem with the schools to ensure that the students' safety was held at the utmost regard.

"There's a lot of changes to the school traffic routing areas but it was necessary and all done to keep the traffic flowing and the kids safe," Warnke said.

"It may be a little confusing for parents moving from elementary to middle school or for a grandparent that is having to take a child to school for the first time. We're trying to keep everything smooth for parents and students."

Warnke said one of the primary issues is the Sewer project on Oak Drive leading to the closure of that roadway.

"Also, the half-moon area for drop-offs near the school will be closed to parents dropping off kids, but used temporarily for teacher parking until construction for the new school building project starts," Warnke said.

Warnke asks all parents to please have their children exit to curbside drop-off locations away from traffic. They are labeled on the attached photos.

"We do not want a child exiting into traffic and getting hurt, so please be aware of what drop-off locations you're using," Warnke said, "There will be two drop-offs--one at the new gym and one behind the lunchroom. Each will have school administrators available to help gather students into groups, stop traffic and utilize the crosswalks to walk to the main campus."

Another drop-off location for high school students who do not drive will be the circular drive at the teacher parking lot, Warnke noted.

"There will be additional officers at different exit locations," Warnke said. "All this has been done with the main objective of keeping the kids safe and creating as few headaches as possible. The traffic unit will be out in full force for the first two weeks of school.

We will also have air support and watch an overview of the flow of traffic and let the officers know of any traffic issues."



CPD

***Left:** Cullman Middle School temporary traffic plan; **Right:** Cullman High School temporary traffic plan*

Safety (from Front)

Trent Moore
Cullman City Schools

CULLMAN, Ala. — With COVID-19 cases increasing in the State of Alabama and Cullman County, Cullman City Schools is strongly encouraging students to wear masks and for eligible students to be vaccinated as the 2021-2022 school year begins Wednesday, Aug. 11.

"We hoped we would be past COVID and related restrictions by the time the new school year started so that we would have a normal school year," Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff said, "But unfortunately, Alabama's low vaccination rates coupled with increasing circulation of the Delta variant have forced schools across Alabama to institute COVID-19 protocols for the third consecutive school year."

Masks and facial coverings are strongly recommended while indoors, however they will not be required. This is subject to change based on rates of positive COVID-19 cases on each campus, Cullman County and the State of Alabama. Masks will be required while on school buses.

If a student comes in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 (within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period), the school will notify the parents or guardian. Schools are also required to report suspected and diagnosed COVID-19 cases to the Alabama Department of Public Health.

The ADPH is recommending students who have been identified as a "close contact" to quarantine at home. If a child has been identified as a close contact, a letter from ADPH with additional details will be provided to a parent or guardian.

The school system has also set quarantine regulations for the new school year, which will vary based on whether a student was masked or vaccinated at the time of exposure.

Students who are a close contact will not need to quarantine if they have no symptoms and are vaccinated, have no symptoms and tested positive in the prior three months or have no symptoms and were correctly wearing a mask.

Vaccinations for COVID-19 are not required in order for students to attend school; however, it is strongly recommended that students ages 12 and older are fully vaccinated.

School administration and nurses have the right to inquire if a student has been vaccinated. Students who voluntarily provide proof of vaccination status do not have to quarantine if they are asymptomatic after a potential exposure.

If any families or students have questions about COVID-19 vaccinations or would like more information, Cullman City Schools' Lead Nurse Jennifer Shugarts can be contacted at 256-734-3923, ext. 2001.

For students who miss assignments due to COVID-19 isolation or quarantines, pandemic-related absences will be excused with proper documentation (i.e., doctor's note or notification for the ADPH). Student assignments will be available on the Schoology platform or by using other instructional software.

More specific information will be provided to affected students when applicable.

All protocols are subject to change based on the Center for Disease Control and Alabama Department of Public Health recommendations, statewide Alabama health orders and the safety of Cullman City School System students and employees.

Online curriculum

The vast majority of Cullman City School students will be taught in a traditional face-to-face classroom setting this year. Unlike the 2020-2021 school year, all available teacher units will be used to support traditional face-to-face classroom instruction. A fully (100% virtual) online curriculum will only be available for students in grades 6-12 who meet specific prerequisite requirements.

Students who choose this option will need to be able to work independently with limited support from certified teachers.

This will not be a hybrid option and will exclude participation in extracurricular activities.

Eligible students for online curriculum must: be on track for graduation with their cohort (9-12), have demonstrated academic success in face-to-face classes, should not have excessive absences and should have demonstrated characteristics that would make him/her a good candidate for virtual learning (i.e. self-motivated, organized, self-disciplined). Also, potential online students in grades 11 or 12 must have met his/her College Career Readiness Indicator.

In addition to the prerequisites, the following criteria will be included in this virtual option: students will have limited access to elective courses, all state testing will be conducted on campus at the applicable school and students who commit to the Cullman Innovation Academy will not be able to transition out until the end of the semester (December 2021).

Schools will need to be notified by November 30. To apply to the Cullman Innovation Academy, you may contact Aimee Bates at 256-734-2233, ext. 9076 or visit https://www.cullmancats.net. The enrollment window for this virtual option will close Tuesday, Aug. 10 at 4 p.m.

Safety precautions

Parents and guardians are being asked to closely monitor their child's health before coming to school. If a child has a fever, parents are being asked to please not send him/her to school. If a child has shortness of breath, sudden loss of taste or sudden loss of smell, please contact a health care provider before sending the child to school.

Once at school, if a student has a fever, shortness of breath, sudden loss of taste or sudden loss of smell, they will be isolated from their peers while being monitored until their parent or guardian can pick them up.

Once the school year begins, each school will have limited-to-no indoor activities involving visitors until COVID-19 cases decline in Cullman County and the state of Alabama.

If anyone does visit a campus, they are strongly encouraged to wear a mask while indoors and maintain 3 feet of distance from others.

The school system is taking every effort to maintain 3 feet distance between students; however, this will be difficult due to the current overcrowding on each campus. The system will also continue to keep campuses clean and supply hand sanitization on all campuses. Students will be encouraged to wash their hands multiple times throughout the day.

Cullman City Schools is also in the process of adding air purifiers on all campuses and updating identified HVAC systems.

These are two of many measures being implemented to improve air quality and mitigate the spread of all viruses across all campuses.

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