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County Commission tables request to vacate half-mile stretch of Edgar Branch Rd.

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After hearing concerns about whether emergency vehicles would be able to access some residents, the Franklin County Commission tabled a request at its July 15 meeting to vacate a half-mile stretch of Edgar Branch Road in the Gravel Hill community.

The request to vacate the road was made by Terry Raper. At a public hearing prior to the meeting, commissioners heard opposition to the proposal from Dwight Wilson, who said he was concerned about fire trucks and ambulances not being able to take the quickest route to respond to emergency calls if the road was vacated.

Commissioners and Franklin County probate judge Barry Moore requested that Franklin County engineer David Palmer and Franklin Emergency Management Agency director Mary Hallman-Glass research the matter to determine if emergency response personnel have the road in their system and whether it would limit access to some residences if the road was closed.

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TRACKS summer campers enjoy educational program

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Franklin County children enjoyed a day of magic, science, athletic skills and fun that featured two Franklin County residents who have taken their talents to the national, and international, level.

The events took place at Belgreen High School on July 12 as part of the Franklin County TRACKS 21st Century Community Learning program, which provides summer and after-school education and recreation for local children.

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Trash appears on Alabama Public Television in a Saturday morning series that helps children learn STEM education in a fun and entertaining way. According to Trash's website, he has entertained more than 25 million people since he began performing in 1984.

The event was planned as part of a "Fantastic Fun Day" organized by Dr. Susan Hargett with Franklin County

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Geraldine Bell, Phil Campbell, age 81

Died Thursday, July 11, 2019. Memorial service held at Pinkard Funeral Home in Russellville.

Vera M. Collum, Russellville, age 90

Died Friday, July 12, 2019. Funeral held at Union Hill Congregational United Methodist Church. Interment in the adjoining cemetery. Pinkard Funeral Home assisted the family.

Juanita Etoil Maloney, Tuscumbia, age 75

Died Tuesday, July 9, 2019. Funeral held at Akins Funeral Home in Russellville. Interment in Knights of Pythias Cemetery.

Julian "Dude" Oneal Pounders, Spruce Pine, age 94

Died Saturday, July 13, 2019. Funeral held at Mt. Hebron Baptist Church in Spruce Pine. Interment in Franklin Memory Gardens. Spry Memorial Chapel of Russellville assisted the family.

Evelyn Rae Reeves, Russellville, age 90

Died Sunday, July 14, 2019. Visitation will be held Wednesday, July 17, 2019 from 11 a.m.-noon at Calvary Baptist Church in Russellville, with funeral service to follow at noon. Interment will be in Franklin Memory Gardens Mausoleum. Pinkard Funeral Home of Russellville assisted the family.

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Local establishment earns satisfactory rating

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Only one Franklin County establishment received health ratings during the holiday-shortened week of July 1-5, and it had a score that fell into the "satisfactory compliance" range.

Health ratings are required to be prominently posted in all food/lodging establishments. Scores are graded by the Alabama Department of Public Health inspectors on a 100-point scale.

Establishments with scores of 85 to 100 are considered to be in "satisfactory compliance" and are routinely inspected. Establishments scoring between 70 and 84 will be inspected again in 60 days, and those scoring between 60 and 69 will have another follow-up within 48 hours. Any establishment scoring below 60 will be immediately closed.

Areas of inspection by ADPH include management and personnel; food storage, preparation and service; equipment; utensils; linen cleanliness; plumbing and waste; poisonous or toxic material storage; and an inspection of the physical facility or property.

The lone Franklin County business listed in the most recent food and lodging establishment ratings scored 85 or above, within the satisfactory compliance range.

The score received by Yogi's Food Co, 501 Waterloo Road, Russellville, was 94. One violation was noted for unapproved pesticide usage.

Of the three inspections done in Colbert County from July 1-5, all received scores falling in the range of satisfactory.

The high score of 94 went to Papa Wok, 2001 Avalon Ave., Muscle Shoals. Health ratings are available at www.foodscores.state.al.us and may be viewed by city or county.

Community Development Committee awards grants

John Pilati
Franklin Free Press

The most recent grant awards from the Franklin County Community Development Committee were primarily education-related.

The grant awards were announced after the committee met June 28 to discuss applications for grant funding. The grants also included the transfer of \$5,000 to future economic development, something the committee approved at a prior meeting.

Representatives on the committee include Russellville mayor David Grissom, Chris Wallace, Brad Bolton and Jeremy Campbell. While the Russellville and Red Bay mayors rotate appointments every two years, the other appointees are selected by Rep. Jamie Kiel, Rep. Proncey Robertson and Sen. Larry Stutts.

Grant awards included:

- \$500 to the Tharptown High School Rocketry Team for the Team America Rocketry Challenge in Washington, D.C.
- \$1,000 for technology purchases at the Russellville Public Library.
- \$150 to the Franklin County Career Technical Center for Awards Day expenses.
- \$1,000 to Tharptown High School for purchase of Chromebooks and a storage cart.
- \$500 to Russellville Middle School for the volleyball program to purchase a net system.
- \$250 to the Franklin County Career Technical Center for FBLA State Winners to travel to Nationals.
- \$250 to the Tennessee Valley Art Association for funding for an exhibition and publishing catalog on Spruce Pine pottery.
- \$2,500 to Red Bay High School football for purchase of and repair of helmets.
- \$360.82 to Red Bay High School for purchase

of two table charging stations.

- \$250 to Red Bay High School for expenses related to HOSA Nationals.
 - \$2,500 to Franklin County EMA for purchase of an inflatable rescue raft.
 - \$250 to Red Bay Senior Center for Car Show expenses.
 - \$125 to Belgreen High School Fishing Team for competition expenses.
 - \$500 to Red Bay High School FFA Chapter for state competition expenses.
 - \$2,000 to Shoals Sav-A-Life for capital improvements to the women's clinic.
 - \$750 to Tharptown High School Band for purchase of instruments.
- The next meeting of the Franklin County Community Development Committee will be August 23 at 8:30 a.m. at the Red Bay City Hall. Requests for grants must be received by August 16 at 12 p.m.

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Community Education and Katernia Cole-Coffey with the Franklin County Extension System. Cole-Coffey serves as co-applicant for the Franklin County TRACKS grant and has been associated with the program for several years. Rep. Jamie Kiel (R-Russellville), Rep. Proncey Robertson (R-Mount Hope) and Sen. Larry Stutts (R-Tuscumbia) provided funding for the Fun Day.

"We truly appreciate the support from Senator Stutts and representatives Kiel and Robertson," Cole-Coffey said. "Without their support, this program would not have been possible."

Kiel, who attended with his children, has been a fan of Steve Trash for years.

"We were very fortunate to have an opportunity for our community to experience Steve's unique show," Kiel said. "He's always very busy teaching kids about science with his new PBS television show. I've known Steve for years, and he's truly one of Franklin County's greatest ambassadors."

"Steve travels across the United States and around the world entertaining and using his talent to make people aware of the need to recycle," Kiel said. "He's always very busy teaching kids about science with his new PBS television show. Because Steve is on the road so much, most people don't know he lives right here in Franklin County."

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After the last show, students enjoyed some sno-cones courtesy of Cole-Coffey and then headed to the Belgreen gymnasium for a show by another Franklin County talent, Siran Winston.

Winston, a Russellville resident, is a member of the Harlem Globetrotters and renowned for his basketball ball handling skills. Winston put on a demonstration and shared some basketball fundamental skills with students.



COURTESY PHOTO

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Honey Do List: Cool it!

What a crazy year this has been. Almost flooding in the beginning and then giving way to a really hot, dry May. Now we find ourselves in July, with typical high temps and spotty showers that bring on the grass and high humidity.

It really makes it challenging to keep ourselves and our homes cool and comfortable. The humidity also can promote mold and mildew in areas that can't get fresh air.

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Many window units have nylon filters that can be blown out or washed. Make sure they are dry before reinstalling them and turning on the unit.

CONSIDER A PROGRAMMABLE THERMOSTAT. If everyone is gone during the day, a timer can save you money as well as wear on your system. Set the thermostat a little higher during the day, and have it set lower in time to cool the house down before you get home. This also keeps the unit from running so hard during the hottest part of the day.

"Smart" thermostats that can be controlled from your cell phone are really getting popular and have gotten somewhat less expensive. Newer models will actually learn your habits and schedules. They are a little pricey, but there will be a quick return in energy savings.

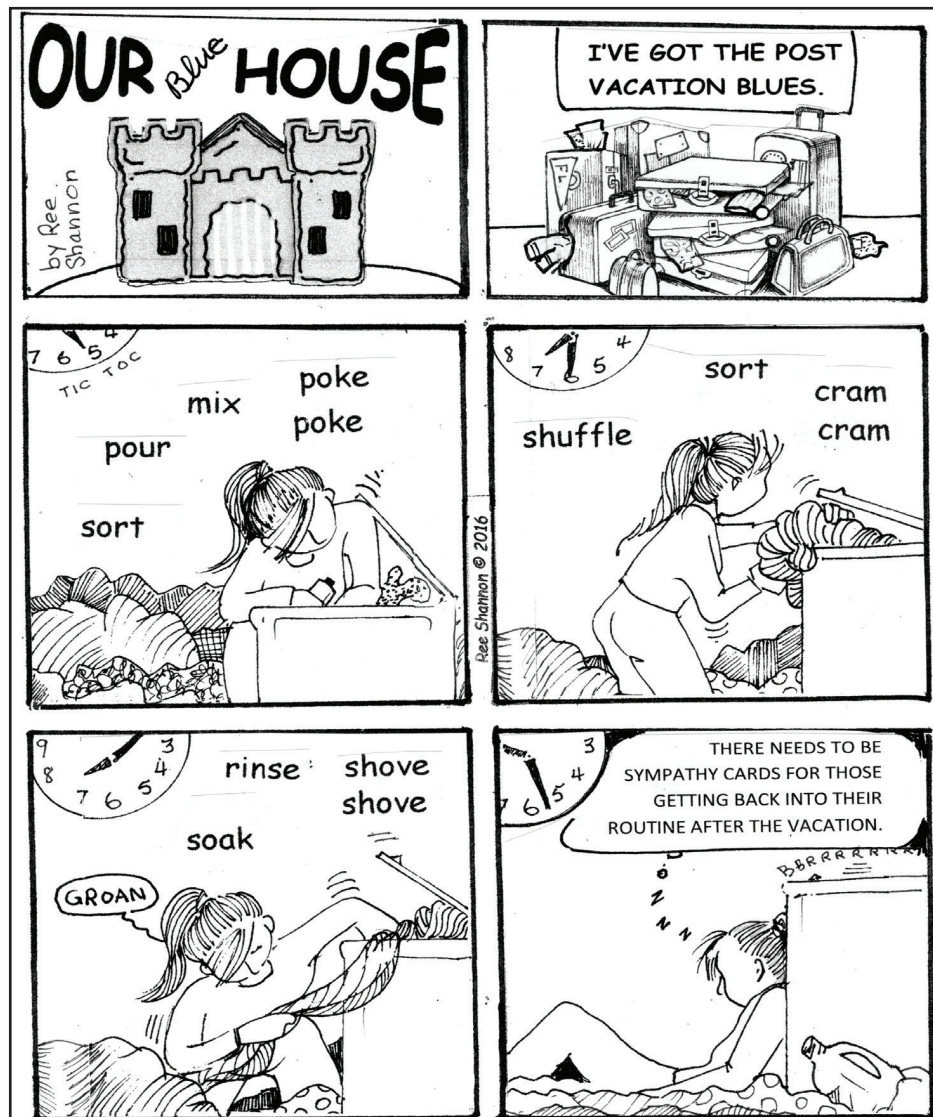
USE "BLOCK OUT" CURTAINS, BLINDS OR SHADES. During the hot part of the day, blocking out the heat from the sun can help keep the inside of your home cooler.

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Rise of the robocall epidemic: Protect yourself with these tips

Submitted to the FFP

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) estimates that nearly 50 percent of the 48 billion robocalls in 2018 were illegal--and some predict the number of robocalls will continue to rise to 60 billion in 2019.

The term "robocall" covers a wide array of calls, many of which are legal, such as school closing announcements and medical appointment reminders.

"Your dentist's office can robocall you with an appointment reminder, or an airline with news about a flight change," explains Evey Owen, interim associate state director of communications for AARP Alabama. "Legal robocalls can be beneficial, but illegal robocalls that can be both frustrating and dangerous."

Illegal robocalls are those from companies you have not authorized to contact you, as well as attempts at outright theft and scams. Recent examples include the social security scam, jury duty scams or health insurance scams.

Scammers often hide a call's true origin through what's called 'spoofing'—that is, faking the number that appears in your 'caller I-D', to make it seem local. That's a concern, because a recent AARP survey found that U.S. adults are more likely to answer a call seemingly from a local area code (59 percent), an area code where friends or family live (44 percent) or an area code and telephone exchange matching their own (36 percent).

AARP Alabama offers these tips on how to protect yourself and avoid being scammed:

- Screen incoming calls by letting them go to voicemail and never press a key or verbally respond to a command if you do pick up.

- Add your number to the National Do Not Call Registry at www.donotcall.gov or at 1-888-382-1222.

- Explore free or low-cost call blocking options that are compatible with your phone and your service provider.

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- Report scam calls to the Federal Trade Commission at www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov or your state attorney general.

AARP's Fraud Watch Network can help you spot and avoid scams. Sign up for free "watchdog alerts," review our scam-tracking map, or call our toll-free fraud helpline at 877-908-3360 if you or a loved one suspect you've been a victim.

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Honesty and togetherness

Dear Dave,
I've never hidden debt from my husband, but I do hide money from him on occasion. I don't hide it for my personal use, but I have been setting money aside for emergencies without his knowledge. He's not terrible with money, and he works very hard, but he always seems to find something to spend it on. We were never able to save much of anything before I started doing this, but recently I've begun to feel bad about doing it. Can you give me some advice?

Penny

Dear Penny,
I'm glad you seem to be re-thinking this strategy. I believe in saving up for emergencies and having an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses in place. But deception in any form is never a positive thing in a relationship—especially a marriage.
I know it won't be easy, but you have to let him know what you've

been doing. You also need to make sure you tell him in the right way. Even though your intentions may have been good—getting into better financial shape—you've deceived him by doing it the way you did.

Make some time for just the two of you. Sit down with him, and let him know what has happened and that you're sorry for not being completely honest about it all. Explain that the reason you hid the money was that you didn't want to speak up about how it was being handled in your marriage. Ask him to forgive you, and let him know you won't do it again, but explain, too, how important it is that the two of you work together on saving more, spending less and getting control of your finances.

Managing money in a marriage is a "we" thing. Decisions should always be made—here's that word again—*together*. It means you each have a vote, and it also means you should stand up and vote "no" if he wants to spend money on something silly when you don't have your financial house in order!

Dave
**Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including The Total Money Makeover. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 16 million listeners each week on 600 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.*

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vent for screens that keep the critters out.
CHECK THE DRYER VENT. At our house we discovered a lot of condensed water around our vent due to the combination of heat and moisture from the dryer, the high humidity and the cooler air inside the house. That's a great spot for mold to develop if it's left wet.
These are just a few tips to help keep you and your wallet more comfortable this summer. Stay cool and hydrated, and remember that help is just around the corner at your local hardware store.

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 Daniel Wallace's *Big Fish* will be discussed at the July 17 10 a.m. meeting of the Readers of the Lost Ark Book Club. The club meets at Coldwater Books, 105 West Sixth Street, Tusculumbia. For more info, email nancy537481@yahoo.com.


 The Franklin County Watermelon Pageant will be held this Saturday, July 20 at the Russellville City Schools Auditorium. For an application or more information, visit www.franklincounty-chamber.org or call 256-332-1760. The deadline for entries is June 28.


 Cherry Hill Baptist Church will host Vacation Bible School this Saturday, July 20 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The church is located six miles east of Russellville. Everyone welcome!


 Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church (305 Bethlehem Road, Russellville, AL 35654) will have Summer Revival beginning with an all-day service this Sunday, July 21, with afternoon preaching by evangelist Bro. James Nichols at 2 p.m. The revival will continue with evangelist Bro. Glenn Bridgemon July 22-26 with services at 7 p.m. each night. Pastor Bro. Frank Chaney and congregation invite everyone to attend!


 The Russellville Golden Tiger football program will host a Youth Camp and Ladies Football Clinic on Monday, July 22 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The youth camp is for kids in grades K-8, and ladies age 15 and up are invited to be a part of "Ladies Night Out," where they will have the opportunity to learn football facts and phrases, get an idea of the daily routines of Golden Tiger players and coaches, take part in a Q&A session with coaches and participate in light drills with the youth campers. Dinner will be provided, and prizes will be given away. Go online to goldentigers.net for more information.


 Praise Tabernacle (12232 Hwy. 43 South, Russellville, 35653) will have Vacation Bible School Monday-Friday, July 22-26 from 6-9 p.m. VBS theme is "Hero Central," and children ages 3-youth are invited to attend! For more information, call 256-324-8253.

 Russellville Middle School will hold registration for the 2019-20 school year according to the following schedule: Eighth grade - Wednesday, July 24 from 8-11 a.m.; Seventh grade - Wednesday, July 24 from 1-4 p.m.; Sixth grade - Thursday, July 25 from 8-11 a.m. Students must come during their designated time frame only.

 The Franklin County Arts Council is sponsoring the 19th annual "Evening at the Roxy" during the week of the W.C. Handy Music Festival. Entertainment will be presented by local talent featured as "The Great Pretenders" on Thursday, July 25 at 7 p.m. The prelude to the show will feature the group "Still Here," which consists of Larry Freeman, Byrant Bonds, William Nelson, Eric Goodloe, William Buchanan, Ryan Freeman, George West and Rev. William Freeman. The main show starts at 7 p.m. The following are just some of the entertainers scheduled to perform—Meletha Walker, Hudson Copeland, Gary Cummings, Sydney Medley, Avery Guinn, Jayne Wells, Angela Townsel, Jeff Allen, Danyelle Hillman, Alissa Young, Angela Cummings, Konner Bendall, John Pilati, Jacob Green, Mattie Grace Oliver, P.J. Winston, Will Brown, Buford Parker, Dana Hill, Debra Williamson, Leah Nix, Cassidy Willis and others. Katerina Cole-Coffey will serve as emcee. All proceeds go to the Historic Roxy Theatre. Tickets cost \$5 and will be sold at the door. Children under six get in free.

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

 Attention all young ladies of Colbert, Franklin and Lauderdale counties entering 10th, 11th and 12th grades in the Fall of 2019!!! The Distinguished Young Women Scholarship Program will be held Saturday, August 3 at Norton Auditorium on the campus of The University of North Alabama. Young ladies entering the 12th grade will have the opportunity to compete for cash scholarships as well as many other scholarships to colleges and universities. Also, each county winner will have the opportunity to represent her county at the state program in Montgomery in January of 2020. Young ladies entering the 10th and 11th grades have the opportunity to be "DYW Little Sisters." For more information, contact Susan Hargett at 256-710-9239 or Katernia Cole-Coffey at 256-332-8880, or check information on our Facebook page at Distinguished Young Women of Northwest Alabama, or email dshargett@aol.com.

 Spruce Pine Historical Society meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Spruce Pine Community Center in Spruce Pine. Next meeting will be August 6. All members and friends are urged to attend.

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R For anyone with the courage to be honest about life's hurts, habits and hang-ups, First United Methodist Church of Russellville will host *Celebrate Recovery!* on Tuesday nights with supper at 6 p.m., large group at 6:30 and small groups at 7:30. Free childcare provided. Church is located at 311 North Jackson Avenue. Come and join us!

American Legion Post 64 will meet Thursday, August 8 at 7 p.m. at the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church Russellville will host its 152nd Homecoming on Sunday, August 11. Worship service will be at 10:30 a.m., with message from previous interim pastor Bro. Danny Knight, Guin. Music by Denise Davis Arnold, singer/songwriter from Nashville. Covered dish luncheon immediately following worship service in Fellowship Building. Our interim pastor is Dr. Gene Balding. Minister of music/senior adults is Bert Fowler. Children's ministry coordinator is Jennifer Willis, and interim student pastor is Bro. Kyler Childers. Church is located at 213 Jackson Ave. North in downtown Russellville.

The Franklin County Arts & Humanities Council will hold auditions for "The Roxy's Christmas Spectacular" at the Roxy Theater on Sunday, August 11 starting at 1:30 p.m. for children (ages 6-12); 3:30 p.m. for females (ages 13 and up); and 5:30 p.m. for males (ages 13 and up). There will also be a makeup day for auditions on Monday, August 12 starting at 5:30 p.m. Doors open 30 minutes prior to audition time. Public performances will be held December 5-8, and tickets are on sale now. Main floor seats are reserved. The costs are: Orchestra \$15 (first 10 rows/all sections); Mezzanine \$10 (Rows 11-19/all sections); and Balcony \$6 General Admission. Follow the Facebook Page "The Roxy's Christmas Spectacular" for up-to-date information.

Russellville Masonic Lodge #371, located at 416 Coffee Avenue, will be selling fish plates during the Franklin County Watermelon Festival on Friday, August 16 from 5-7 p.m. and Saturday, August 17 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Eat in air conditioned comfort or take out! Plates cost \$12 and may be pre-ordered by calling 256-810-1970.

Russellville Masonic Lodge #371 will be selling Boston butts during Watermelon Festival weekend. Butts are \$30 and may be pre-ordered by calling 256-810-1970. Pick-up will be Saturday, August 17 from 8-10 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge on Coffee Street.



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road in their system and whether it would limit access to some residences if the road was closed.

"We really need more information in order to make an informed decision on the petition to vacate Edgar Branch Road," Moore said. "We asked our county engineer and EMA director to research the matter, and we'll bring it up at our August meeting."

In other moves, the commission:

- Approved the permanent hiring of Chase Holland, David Hamilton, Bruce Wilson and Matthew Murray, and temporary employees Sidney Johnson and Dwight Hargett.

- Approved a resolution and agreement to resurface and stripe Highway 80.

- Approved the retirement of Highway Department employee Jackie Carter effective August 1, 2019.

- Accepted the low bid of \$335 for a 1995 Chevy truck previously declared as surplus property in the Franklin County Animal Control Department. The commission will open bids for a 2005 Ford truck since no bids were received on that vehicle.

- Accepted the resignation of James Taff from the Upper Bear Creek Water, Sewer and Fire Protection Board and appointed Bart Moss to replace him.

- Responded to a request for input from Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs on how to use a \$1 million grant for Alabama counties to assist with the 2020 Census.

- Approved a disaster assistance recovery grant division that provides for 75 percent federal funding, 12.5 percent state funding and 12.5 percent county funding. The grant applies to damage from severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes and flooding from February 19, 2019 through March 20, 2019.

- Approved a policies and procedures manual for procurement agreements for federal grants and a county procedure for federal grant filings as to how to determine allowable costs.

- Approved a procedure for refunding out-of-county travel expenses for transportation, lodging, subsistence and related items. There were no changes to existing policy on lodging or mileage. On meal reimbursements, allowable expenses are now \$30 per day for overnight trips and up to \$5 reimbursement for breakfast, \$10 for lunch and \$10 for evening meal when not staying overnight.

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Tips on teen budgeting

In order to win in life, your teen is going to need a solid plan for everything—including their money! If they learn to budget today, they can avoid some common money mistakes and start building a strong financial future ASAP.

They might need a friendly push to get started, so here are a few things that will help get them motivated.



Anthony O'Neal

•Why budgeting matters

Your teen is probably pumped to get a taste of the real world, whether that means getting their first job or getting out of your house and into a college dorm. But before they get too caught up in dreaming about their new freedom, they need to realize that freedom comes with responsibility.

Trust me, I've been where they are now. When I first started living on my own, I didn't have a clue about how to balance my income and expenses, much less how to think about long-term financial goals. Living without a plan got me in some serious trouble. Luckily, my dad saw what was happening and jumped in with some wisdom. He showed me exactly how to create a plan for my income and expenses.

I know that for your teen, the thought of writing a regular budget sounds like as much fun as an all-nighter cramming for a calculus final. But becoming a budgeter was the best financial decision I ever made. Not only did budgeting take away a lot of stress, it also helped me move toward financial peace and achieve my dreams.

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•How to budget

Now that the why behind budgeting is clear, let's jump into the how. Writing out a zero-based budget every month is your teen's blueprint for financial success. Tell them not to get intimidated. A zero-based budget just means they're creating a complete plan for all their spending ahead of time. It's like they're giving every dollar they earn a job to do.

Here's a simple budgeting plan you can give them:

Step 1: Have them list all their income sources for the month. They should include paychecks from work or side jobs, plus any extra financial support they get from family. Add it all up. If your teen doesn't have an income, and needs some extra cash this summer, I have a list of great summer jobs for them to check out at anthonyoneal.com.

Step 2: Have them list every expense they're going to have for the month. Here are some examples of what they might want to include:

- School fees
- Rent (unless they live at home)
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- Clothing
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- Savings
- Emergency fund/savings

Step 3: Have them total up their expenses, and subtract that number from their total income. Do they get zero? If they've got money left over, great! It can go into savings. If not, that just means they need to find a way to make more money or spend less money on some of their expenses.

And that's it! It's actually a lot easier than it sounds.

Here's my last tip. Tell your teen not to get discouraged if every little thing doesn't work as planned the first month. That's totally normal. It might take a few months, but with your help they'll work out the kinks over time. And as they do, I know they're going to have the freedom and confidence to take on whatever's coming their way!

About Anthony O'Neal

Since 2003, Anthony O'Neal has helped thousands of students make good decisions with their money, relationships and education to live a well-balanced life. He's the national best-selling author of Graduate Survival Guide: 5 Mistakes You Can't Afford to Make in College, and travels the country spreading his encouraging message to help teens and young adults transition into the real world. You can follow Anthony on Twitter and Instagram @AnthonyONEal and online at anthonyoneal.com or facebook.com/aoneal.

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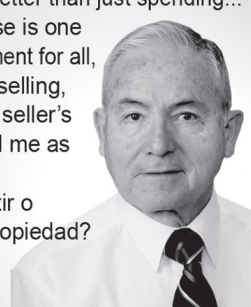
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Submitted to the FFP

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The prelude to the show will feature the group "Still Here," which consists of Larry Freeman, Byrant Bonds, William Nelson, Eric Goodloe, William Buchanan, Ryan Freeman, George West and Rev. William Freeman.

The main show starts at 7 p.m. The following are just some of the entertainers scheduled to perform—Meletha Walker, Hudson Copeland, Gary Cummings, Sydney Medley, Avery Guinn, Jayne Wells, Angela Townsel, Jeff Allen, Danyelle Hillman, Alissa Young, Angela Cummings, Konner Bendall, John Pilati, Jacob Green, Mattie Grace Oliver, P. J. Winston, Will Brown, Buford Parker, Dana Hill, Debra Williamson, Leah Nix, Cassidy Willis and others.

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Each year the W. C. Handy Festival grows larger. It brings people from all over the state as well as from other states to northwest Alabama. This event promotes the tourism in our area and helps our local economy. Several local businesses, industries, and individuals support this program by sponsorships. They will be acknowledged in the program, on the Roxy movie screen, on the Website, and recognized throughout the evening.

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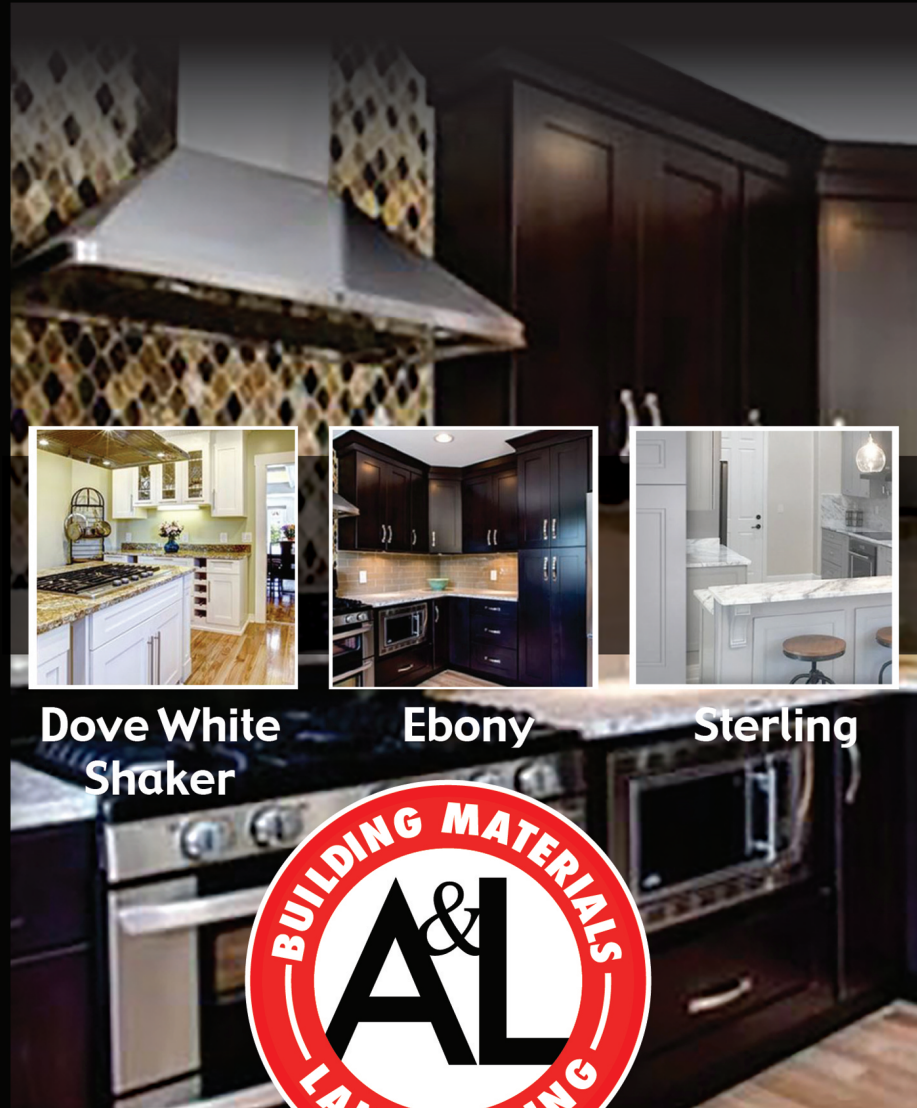
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How well do you know your SEC football?

SEC Media Days are taking place this week in Hoover, so now's a great time to test your knowledge of SEC football. Consider this an opportunity to stretch those mind muscles a bit before fall practice kicks off next month. (You'll find the correct answers to our fun little quiz below.)



Mike Self
Sports Editor

- Question 1:** Which SEC team has the longest active streak of appearing in bowl games?
- Question 2:** Over the past five seasons (2014-18), Alabama has won 67 games, by far the most of any SEC team. Which team has the second-most wins during that span?
- Question 3:** Preparing for his 13th season at Alabama, Nick Saban is the longest-tenured head coach in the SEC. Two other head coaches have been at their current schools for six seasons, tying them for the second-longest tenure in the conference. Name those two coaches.
- Question 4:** Of the five head coaches who debuted last season at new schools, three of them posted winning records. Name those three coaches.
- Question 5:** Of the league's 14 head coaches, only three have guided their current schools to the SEC Championship Game. Name those three coaches.
- Question 6:** Last season, Kentucky beat Florida 27-16, snapping a streak of 31 losses in a row to the Gators. What is now the longest current win streak by one SEC team over another?
- Question 7:** Alabama went unbeaten in SEC play last season, accomplishing the feat for the fourth time in the past 11 years. Only three other schools have posted a perfect 8-0 season in SEC play during that span. Name those three schools.
- Question 8:** The conference as a whole returns only three players who rushed for at least 1,000 yards last season. Name those three players.
- Question 9:** The conference as a whole returns only one player who had at least 1,000 receiving yards last season. Name that player.
- Question 10:** Three quarterbacks are tied as the active career leaders in the SEC with 54 touchdown passes. Name those three quarterbacks.
- Question 11:** Only two teams ranked in the league's top five in all four major offensive categories (points per game, rushing yards per game, passing yards per game, total yards per game) last season. Name those two teams.
- Question 12:** Which team led the SEC last year in all four major defensive categories (points allowed per game, rushing yards allowed per

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Great expectations



Shaw (3) rushed for a team-high 81.5 yards per game and 13 touchdowns in his first season as the starting quarterback. He'll transition to tailback this season while also still taking some snaps in passing situations.

Even with an extremely young roster, Colbert Heights coach Taylor Leathers is holding firm to his philosophy: It takes big goals to achieve big things.

Mike Self
Franklin Free Press

Most coaches suffer from extreme tunnel vision. It comes with the job. Start talking to them about the potential for historical achievements and record-setting accomplishments, and you'll be lucky to even finish the sentence.

Coaches, as a general rule, dismiss such thoughts, preferring instead to focus on the next opponent, the next game, the next play, the next practice rep. The process. Any discussion of breaking records or taking the program into uncharted territory is deemed too results-oriented, a distraction at best.

Taylor Leathers doesn't see it that way. Tell Leathers, now preparing for his fourth year as the head football coach at Colbert Heights, that the Wildcats need seven wins this season to tie the program record for most wins (24) in a three-year span, that they have a chance to string together three consecutive playoff berths for just the third time ever, and he doesn't dismiss it. He embraces it.

"We talk about always being a playoff team," Leathers said. "That's gonna be our goal. We've hosted a first-round game two years in a row, and we've finished region runner-up twice. Even though we only have four seniors, those guys want to win a region championship. That's a tall order, and we know it's a tall order, due to the type of young team we have. But I know this—when you don't set your goals high, you don't achieve anything. We're gonna set our goals high and achieve as much as we can."

"That's great. I love hearing numbers like that," said Leathers, who went 4-6 in his first season on The Mountain but has since guided Colbert Heights to a 17-7 record that includes an 11-2 mark in region play. "We've finished region runner-up two years in a row. I haven't seen the history on that. We've hosted a first-round game two years in a row, and we did it last year with an inexperienced team. This year we've got a young team, a very thin team in terms of depth. But our goals haven't changed."

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Leathers isn't backing down from that philosophy in 2019, not even with an extremely young roster featuring 28 sophomores and freshman among 38 total varsity players. Sure, he's as excited as anyone about the future of the program, what with 40-plus seventh- and eighth-graders on the junior high roster, but for seniors like guard/linebacker Logan Simpson, nose guard Patrick Holt, tight end/safety Skyler Gault and running back/defensive end Jasper Dickens, the future is now.

"The seniors we do have are all players. They've been football players since I've been here," Leathers said last week. "They'll get more playing time than they want, and it'll be the same for our juniors. Our depth chart is very fluid at this point, and there's a lot of tenth-graders on the list. But you'll see those seniors and juniors, too. Those ten we have are gonna be on the field."

"When you have a team like that, and you're playing a lot of young players because you're a little thin in the upper classes, you've gotta be in great shape. You've gotta be in great condition, because you're not gonna be coming off the field. That's a given. The next thing is, most importantly, you have to create depth out of those ninth- and tenth-graders. A lot of those tenth-graders will be starting, and we may have a freshman or two that get a start."

"We don't have anybody exceptional who's just a cut above the rest. What we've got are a lot of kids who are very hard workers. They're willing to do

whatever you ask, and that's a great thing to coach. They may not be five-star recruits, but they'll do everything you asked them to do."



PHOTO BY KYLE GLASGOW

Leathers has led the Wildcats to 17 wins the past two seasons, the second-most in any two-year span in program history.

With such a young roster, it's somewhat surprising to note that Colbert Heights does have seven players returning on the offensive side of the ball with starting experience. It's even more surprising to learn that not all of those players are returning

to their former positions. Junior Carson Shaw, who shined as a dual-threat quarterback a year ago in his first season as the starter, will spend a fair amount of time at running back in 2019, with sophomore Andrew Tedford moving over from slot receiver to split quarterback duties with Shaw.

It's a bold move—particularly since Shaw was so successful at quarterback in 2018, rushing for an average of 81.5 yards per game and a team-leading 13 touchdowns while also completing 57 percent of his passes for 1,088 yards and six scores with only two interceptions. But Leathers believes that shifting Shaw to tailback—and pairing him with Cherokee transfer Gage Pugh in what could be a dynamic backfield tandem—will enable the Wildcats to better dictate pace and tempo with a ball-control running game.

"Carson, of course, as our quarterback last year, ran for over 1,000 yards and threw for over 1,000," Leathers said. "A lot of people would look at that and say, 'You're gonna take that kid and move him?' Well, we are. There will still be certain situations where Carson will be our quarterback. When we get into situations when we want to pass the football more, Carson will be our quarterback. We'll be using two different styles in certain situations—maybe in two-minute situations or before the half. Carson will go to quarterback, and we can spread the ball around."

"I think he'll do really well. Carson is extremely talented. With this offense, by moving him to running back, it's really gonna showcase his ability to do that as well. He was a very effective runner from the quarterback position, and he'll also be very effective from the running back position. It just goes to show his versatility as a player and what he brings to our team."

"We're gonna have two really solid running backs we're excited about there."

The other featured back in the mix is Pugh, a junior who comes to Colbert Heights from county rival Cherokee. Leathers envisions him forming a potent one-two punch with Shaw as they run behind an offensive line that returns four starters from a year ago.

"Gage is new to our program," Leathers said. "He's lived in the Colbert Heights school zone, and he showed up and enrolled and said he wanted to play football. He wanted to come to school here and play football. He'll be eligible this fall, and we're excited about him being here."

"I like the direction of our offense, with this systematic approach. We know what Carson can do. He's a talented player. And I've seen Gage play at Cherokee. He's another extremely talented running back. When you have two players in your program who can run the football effectively...I think that run-first approach, that physical approach, is gonna benefit us while allowing us to maintain the versatility of shifting to Carson playing quarterback, spreading things out, and still being able to run or throw the football."

Leathers, who ran the triple-option for years as the offensive coordinator at Lexington High School

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prior to taking the Colbert Heights job in 2016, declined to get too specific about his plans for the Wildcat offense, but the ultimate goal seems pretty clear.

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"To me, it's an original brand of football. I think things come in cycles. We're excited about being able to run this type of offense and having the type of kids to do it. Certain offenses are my favorite, but at our level of football and at Colbert Heights, I'm gonna run the offense our kids can run the best. Looking at what we have and the type of numbers we have, the kids we have, this offense is best-suited for what we have right now."

Dickens and junior Blaine Holt will also play roles in the offensive backfield, but the success of the plan may ultimately hinge on how well Tedford handles the transition to quarterback. Leathers obviously wouldn't have made the move if he didn't feel confident about the young sophomore's ability to thrive under center.

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"Andrew started at slot as a freshman last year. He has great leadership abilities, and he's a great competitor," Leathers said of Tedford, who caught 11 passes for 190 yards last season as a slot receiver. "He's a very heady kid, very smart, and he makes good decisions. He's the type of kid that sticks out to you as a coach because he wants to go the extra mile. He's always putting in extra work, always wanting to improve his craft. We feel like he's our best-suited quarterback leading into the season.

"We're really excited to see what Andrew will bring to the offense." Tedford will be taking snaps from another sophomore, Trey Robinson, who returns as the starting center. Simpson and junior tackle Ethan Seal provide a veteran presence on the right side of the line, with Cory Martinez (who played significant snaps up front as a freshman last season), sophomore Gabe Burns and freshman Avery Hood all in the mix for playing time on the left side.

Gault, who averaged 18.2 yards per catch on his five receptions in 2018, will start at tight end, with junior Daniel Folsom and sophomore Dayton Wilkinson providing depth.

"We've used a tight end a lot in the past, and we'll continue to use a tight end," Leathers said. "We've got three guys right now who I feel like are good receiver/tight end type players. In some formations, we'll go with a two-tight end set. We'll also use some one-tight end formations."

On the other side of the ball, the Wildcats will continue to run a 4-4 defense under veteran coordinator Lonnie Robinson. Patrick Holt will anchor the four-man front at the nose, with Seal and Martinez slated to play the three-technique. Trey Robinson will also play on the interior of the line, with Dickens, Folsom and Wilkinson rotating at end. Josh Chambers is also in the mix on the D-line.

Shaw is trading places defensively as well, transitioning from situational starter at corner to full-time starter at outside linebacker in what should be a very strong unit. Shaw (48 tackles last season) will be joined on the outside by sophomore Austin Scott, who made 32 tackles as a freshman in 2018.

Simpson (53 tackles last year, including 6.5 for a loss) returns as "the captain of the defense," according to Leathers, at middle linebacker, and he'll be joined inside by some combination of Blaine Holt, Hood and Pugh. Leathers also said that freshman Caden Hyde will factor somewhere in the linebacking corps.

Junior Austin Castle and sophomore Skyler Balta are expected to hold down the corner spots, with Tedford and Folsom also in the mix. Gault will anchor the secondary and serve as the last line of defense at safety.

"He's got good speed," Leathers said. "We're looking for him to be our prevent-the-big-play guy."

Leathers is a self-described "slogan guy," and at the conclusion of spring practice in May he gave each of his players a wristband that read, 'Colbert Heights Football 2019: So What? Now What?' It's a rallying cry that Leathers

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borrowed from renowned sports psychologist Dr. Kevin Elko, who has spoken to players at Alabama, Clemson and with the Dallas Cowboys, among others.

"It's about your response to adversity," Leathers said of the new slogan. "We've certainly had our share of it."

Last year, early in the morning on the Monday before the first-round playoff game with Saks, Leathers got a phone call from someone telling him the roof of the Wildcats' field house had been blown off by a storm and was resting on the 20-yard line at Amos Mitchell Stadium.

"I'm not sure if it went through the goalpost or around it," Leathers quipped last week, "but there it was, laying on the 20-yard line. It had poured buckets into the field house, and all the sheetrock had been destroyed—the ceiling tiles, the flooring, you name it."

Displaced from their usual home, Wildcat players dressed out for that Friday's playoff game in the weight room and were forced to use the public restrooms on the visitor's side of the stadium. It's now going on nine months since they've been able to make use of the field house.

"It's been a long process of not being able to go in there," Leathers said last week. "We have not been in our field house since the first week of November. There's been times where we needed to get in there and get our equipment or get a cooler of water, and we couldn't get in there. I had people tell me, 'Coach, you're gonna have to cancel spring training.' Our guys were asking me if we were still doing spring, and I said, 'Absolutely. I don't care if we have to dress out there on the field. We're gonna have spring, and we're gonna have a good one.' And we did."

"We had a successful spring. We did it out of the weight room. Our players' helmets, shoulder pads, jerseys and stuff from the spring are still in the back of our weight room."

Leathers said the field house should be operational again by August 1. ["When everything is completed, there's no doubt it's gonna be the nicest county school field house you're gonna find," he said. "We're excited about it."] If nothing else, he and his players have found inspiration and motivation in the facility's temporary unavailability.

No field house? So what? Now what?

"With what we were going through at the time, I thought that was a good saying for us," Leathers said. "A lot of people look at this team, with just four seniors and six juniors, and don't expect much from us this year. How are they gonna respond to hearing that type of thing in the preseason? 'So what? Now what?'"

"It's an interesting season going into it. I always get excited this time of year. You don't know what you're gonna make out of them, but this team is very enjoyable to be around. These guys are gonna do what you ask them to do, and that is fun to be around. A lot of that is just them being young and learning, but it's neat to see. We're excited."

Colbert Heights' 17 wins over the past two seasons are the second-most for any two-year period in program history, which dates back to 1966. [The Wildcats won a total of 19 games in 2006-07.] The school record for wins in a three-year span is 24 from 2005-07. That mark is within reach this season, as is a third straight playoff appearance, which has only happened twice in program history (1992-94 and 2009-11).

Clearly, Colbert Heights has plenty to play for in the here and now, but Leathers is also very excited about the overall direction of the program in his

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Golden Tiger football program plans Youth Camp, 'Ladies Night'

Staff reports

The Russellville Golden Tiger football program will host a Youth Camp and Ladies Football Clinic on Monday, July 22 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The youth camp is for kids in grades K-8, and ladies age 15 and up are invited to be a part of "Ladies Night Out," where they will have the opportunity to learn football facts and phrases, get an idea of the daily routines of Golden Tiger players and coaches, take part in a Q&A session with coaches and participate in light drills with the youth campers.

Dinner will be provided, and prizes will be given away. Go online to goldentigers.net for more information.



PHOTO BY KYLE GLASGOW

Shaw, who threw for more than 1,000 yards and six touchdowns last season, will split time at quarterback with sophomore Andrew Tedford.

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fourth season.

"This year we'll play seventh- and eighth-grade football and B-team football," he said. "On our junior high team, we'll dress over 40 seventh- and eighth-graders. That's huge for us. By the time those seventh- and eighth-graders move up to be ninth- and tenth-graders, and by the time our ninth- and tenth-graders are juniors and seniors, we could be dressing 68 kids. We're excited about that."

The Wildcats will kick off the 2019 season with non-region games at home against Red Bay and Wilson before hosting reigning Class 3A, Region 8 champion Westminster Christian in the region opener on September 6. Three straight road trips (to Lauderdale County, East Lawrence and non-region rival Cherokee) follow before Colbert Heights wraps up non-region play with a home game against Decatur Heritage on October 4.

The Wildcats will then close out the regular season with three straight region games versus Lexington, at Clements and versus Phil Campbell.

"Our first three are at home, and we've got six home games this year, so we're excited to get to play in front of our home crowd," Leathers said. "The schedule is difficult, but I can't say as much that it's front-heavy this time. Knowing the improvement I've heard out of East Lawrence and Clements and Phil Campbell...this schedule is difficult throughout. Our goal is to be competitive in each game. There's nobody on the schedule that you look at and say, 'We can just walk out there and win.' Not with the young roster we have."

"The region is really very balanced, I would say, as far as who can get in and who can get in where. It's gonna be interesting. It's anybody's game."

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game, passing yards allowed per game, total yards allowed per game), becoming the first team to do so since Alabama in 2011 and 2012?

Question 13: Only two teams in the entire country are scheduled to face both Clemson and Alabama this season, and both are in the SEC. Name them.

Question 14: Match the following non-conference opponents with the correct SEC teams they're scheduled to play this season.

- Miami (FLA)
- Notre Dame
- West Virginia
- Oregon
- Texas

Question 15: Which two SEC schools do NOT have a Power 5 opponent (from the ACC, Big 10, Big 12 or Pac-12) on their non-conference schedule this season?

Question 16: Which SEC team has the longest current bowl drought?

Question 17: Which is the only SEC West team that hasn't beaten Alabama since Nick Saban arrived as head coach in 2007?

Question 18: Four schools in the SEC play in home stadiums with seating capacities in excess of 100,000. Name those four schools.

Question 19: How many current SEC head coaches have been the head coach at more than one SEC school?

Question 20: Dating back to 2005, only one SEC school has posted both an unbeaten season in conference play and a winless season in conference play at some point over the past 14 years. Name that school.

Answers:

Question 1: Georgia has qualified for a bowl game in 22 consecutive seasons, edging out LSU (19) and Alabama (15).

Question 2: Georgia has won 52 games over the last five years, second only to Alabama. LSU is third with 44.

Question 3: Auburn's Gus Malzahn and Kentucky's Mark Stoops have each been the head coach at their respective schools for six seasons.

Question 4: The three first-year head coaches to post winning records in 2018 were Dan Mullen (10-3 at Florida), Jimbo Fisher (9-4 at Texas A&M) and Joe Moorhead (8-5 at Mississippi State).

Question 5: Nick Saban has led Alabama to seven SEC title game appearances. Gus Malzahn and Kirby Smart have taken Auburn and Georgia twice, respectively. No other SEC head coach has guided his current school to the conference championship game.

Question 6: Alabama's streak of 22 straight wins over Vanderbilt is the longest current win streak by one SEC team over another. [Vanderbilt's most recent win over the Tide was 30-21 in 1984.]

Question 7: LSU ran the table in SEC play in 2011. Auburn did it in 2010, and Florida accomplished the feat in 2009.

Question 8: The three returning 1,000-yard rushers in the SEC are Vanderbilt's Ke'Shawn Vaughn (1,244 yards in 2018), Missouri's Larry Rountree III (1,216 yards) and Georgia's De'Andre Swift (1,049 yards).

Question 9: Alabama's Jerry Jeudy is the only 1,000-yard receiver returning to the SEC this season. Jeudy had 1,315 yards last year on his way to winning the Biletnikoff Award as the nation's top receiver.

Question 10: Alabama's Tua Tagovailoa, Georgia's Jake Fromm and South Carolina's Jake Bentley are tied for the active career lead among SEC quarterbacks with 54 touchdown passes each.

Question 11: Missouri (third in scoring, fifth in rushing yards, third in passing yards, third in total yards) and Texas A&M (fourth in scoring, third in rushing yards, fifth in passing yards, fourth in total yards) were the only two teams to rank in the league's top five in all four major offensive categories last year.

Question 12: Mississippi State led the SEC last season in points allowed (13.2 per game), rushing yards allowed (95.1 per game), passing yards allowed (168.0 per game) and total yards allowed (263.1 per game).

Question 13: South Carolina (which hosts Alabama on September 14 and Clemson on November 30) and Texas A&M (which travels to Clemson on September 7 and hosts Alabama on October 12).

Question 14: Miami plays Florida (August 24 in

Orlando), Notre Dame visits Georgia (September 21), West Virginia visits Missouri (September 7), Oregon plays Auburn (August 31 in Arlington), and Texas hosts LSU (on September 7).

Question 15: Neither Arkansas nor Tennessee face a Power 5 opponent from outside the SEC this season.

Question 16: Ole Miss has failed to qualify for a bowl the last three seasons. The Rebels' most recent postseason appearance was a 48-20 win over Oklahoma State in the Sugar Bowl at the end of the 2015 season.

Question 17: Saban is 12-0 against Arkansas since taking over in Tuscaloosa in 2007.

Question 18: Texas A&M and Kyle Field (102,733); Tennessee and Neyland Stadium (102,455); LSU and Tiger Stadium (102,321); Alabama and Bryant-Denny Stadium (101,821).

Question 19: Four current SEC head coaches have been the head coach at more than one SEC school: Nick Saban (Alabama and LSU); Will Muschamp (Florida and South Carolina), Ed Orgeron (Ole Miss and LSU); Dan Mullen (Mississippi State and Florida).

Question 20: The only SEC school with both an unbeaten season in conference play and a winless season in conference play over the last 14 years is Auburn (8-0 in 2010, 0-8 in 2012).

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