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## Lake lands B.A.S.S. event

### Eufaula set to host 2021 team tourney

#### B.A.S.S. COMMUNICATIONS

BIRMINGHAM — The last spot in the 2022 Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic presented by Huk will be filled on historic Lake Eufaula as this Alabama fishery hosts the Bassmaster Team Championship and Classic Fish-Off Dec. 8-11, 2021.

Battling for that coveted berth in the Bassmaster Classic will be

the grassroots anglers competing at the Bassmaster Team Championship. The team portion of the event will be held Dec. 8-9 and will feature anglers from across the country — 32 states in 2020. The winning duo will not only win a cash prize, but they'll also lead the charge into the Classic Fish-Off which will take place Dec. 10-11.

The top three teams through Day 2 — six anglers in all — will have their weights zeroed and then compete individually in the

Fish-Off. The competitor with the heaviest two-day total of the group will earn their spot in the Classic.

In 2020, that honor went to Jordan Wiggins, a 29-year-old Cullman, Ala., resident whose older brother Jesse notched a third-place finish in the 2019 Classic.

“What a wonderful way to end a year,” says Ann Sparks, Tourism and Main Street executive director for the City of Eufaula. “We

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Alabama's historic Lake Eufaula will host the 2021 Bassmaster Team Championship and Classic Fish-Off Dec. 8-11. B.A.S.S.



SAVANAH WEED

### TIGERS STAY PERFECT IN AREA PLAY

After Saturday's 86-60 victory against area-rival Valley, Eufaula High School boys' varsity basketball ended area play a perfect 7-0 and will be ranked as the No. 1 seed going into the area tournament on Wednesday, Feb. 10. The Tigers will finish out the regular season on the road against Abbeville and Central (Phenix City) and look to add two more wins to their 24-4 record. In the photo above, Caleb Paige goes up for a layup against the Enterprise High School Wildcats at the EHS gym last week. The Tigers came home with a 54-47 win.

## Alabama extends vaccine eligibility

### Variety of categories grows as more shots available to residents

#### STAFF REPORTS

Beginning Monday, Feb. 8, Alabama will extend eligibility for COVID-19 vaccinations to include people age 65 and older as well as additional frontline workers such as teachers, child-care workers and grocery store employees.

Gov. Kay Ivey and the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) announced the changes last week. The Vaccine Allocation Plan is available at [www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19vaccine/assets/adph-covid19-vaccination-allocation-plan.pdf](http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19vaccine/assets/adph-covid19-vaccination-allocation-plan.pdf).

Frontline critical workers listed in the plan include first responders; corrections officers; food and agriculture workers; U.S. Postal Service workers; manufacturing workers; grocery store workers; public transit workers; education sector employees (teachers, support staff, community college and higher education); childcare workers; and judiciary workers including but limited to circuit judges, district judges and district attorneys.

According to the press release from governor's office, the additional priority groups will add over 1 million people that are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccination in Alabama. While just under 2 million people will qualify to receive the vaccine, the state continues to only receive around 100,000 doses each week.

As of Friday, 148,549 doses of the Pfizer vaccine and 175,326 doses of the Moderna vaccine

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## Schools reopen for in-person classes

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Eufaula City Schools welcomed students at all schools and grade levels back in school buildings on Monday, for five days a week.

Bus services is available, but parents who are able to make

other transportation arrangements are asked to do so.

“We continue to make a focused effort to protect the health of students and staff members by constantly cleaning, wearing masks, practicing good hand hygiene and social distancing as much as possible,”

Superintendent Joey Brannan said. “Parents, please continue to do your part at home and in the community. We ask that you monitor your children for any symptoms of COVID-19. Please keep students at home if they are sick and contact your health-care provider or child's school

nurse for guidance.”

Although schools are now open, students do still have the option of virtual instruction. Parents who are interested in having their child attend classes virtually should contact their school with questions or for more information.

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