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CULLMAN COUNTY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Lady Warriors outpace Cold Springs 64-53



West Point's Braelee Quinn finished with 18 points in the Lady Warriors' 64-53 win over Cold Springs Thursday night. West Point will advance to play Fairview in the varsity girls championship game Saturday at 5:20 p.m. at Tom Drake Coliseum.

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Lady Aggies down Good Hope 54-38



Fairview's Emma Garcia (30) posted 12 points in the Lady Aggies' 54-38 win over Good Hope Thursday night. Fairview will advance to face West Point for this year's varsity girls' county championship Saturday at 5:20 p.m. at Tom Drake Coliseum.

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– ARTS –

Raise the curtain!

Live theater returns with Cullman High's 'Bright Star'

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"Bright Star" opened Thursday night at Cullman High School. Left right are Lydia Wells, Madison Smith, Emiley Gable, Lake Murphree, Kate Rains, Caleb Brown, Dominick Brunetti, Mary Claire Page, Devon Campbell, Laci New, Clay Brown, Chandler Greer, Cannon Trimble, Joey Ruse, Avery Drake and Logan Kee.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Live theater returned to Cullman Thursday with the opening of Cullman High School's COVID-friendly production of the Steve Martin Broadway hit "Bright Star."

Broadway.com gives this synopsis of the musical:
"Featuring a score by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell, Bright Star is set in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina and travels between 1945 and 1923. Billy Cane, a young soldier just home from World War II, meets Alice Murphy, the brilliant editor of a southern literary journal. Together they discover a powerful secret that alters their lives."

The story is based on true events, and the school's Theatre Department web page calls it "a story of redemption, love and second chances."

COVID-friendly
Cullman High School Theatre Director Wayne Cook talked to The Tribune in a previous interview about rethinking a stage production to account for the restrictions of the Coronavirus pandemic:

"We do everything safe. We've had to limit rehearsals; we've had to limit everything! It's totally different from what we're normally used to. But we've put together a plan based on the safety protocols, and the administration thought it was a good plan, and we've been implementing it since the beginning of the semester. We've scheduled this show; once we got into it and started working a little bit on it- of course, we were working on it last spring, but we had to recast it, redevelop it. We've had to socially distance the show, so we re-blocked it. We've got a lot of different things going on that we didn't have in the spring; we don't have live musicians, we're going to be doing recorded music, things like that. Just a lot of things are different about it, but, you know, I've got some of the most talented kids that I have ever worked with in this show. Some of my seniors are some » PAGE 3



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Devon Campbell (Billy) and Mary Claire Page (Margo) perform their library scene in "Bright Star."

CRIME

1 dead, 1 injured in shooting near Arkadelphia

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EDUCATION

Kyle Kallhoff named superintendent of Cullman City Schools



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Cullman City Schools' new superintendent Kyle Kallhoff stands alongside retiring superintendent Dr. Susan Patterson. » PAGE 3

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

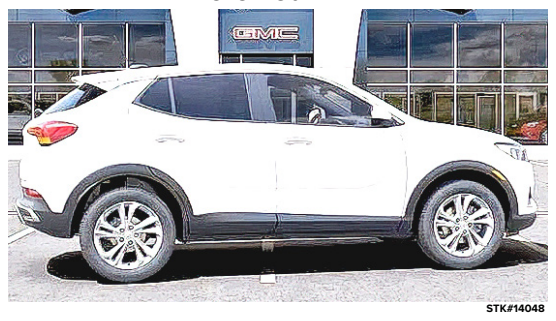
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FAITH

Daystar Church to distribute food across region in February

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Jan. 28

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Jan. 28, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Jan. 25

- unlawful possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 91
- domestic violence; CR 1101
- harassment; CR 940
- theft of property; CR 1753
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 1107
- theft of property; CR 321
- theft of property; Hwy. 91
- theft of property, possession of drug paraphernalia, receiving stolen property; CR 1212

Jan. 26

- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; I-65 N/MM 296
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278 E
- theft of property; CR 544
- theft of property; Hwy. 69 S
- domestic violence; CR 1101
- harassment; Hwy. 69 N
- attempting to elude, harassment; Hwy. 278 E
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance; Day Gap Road
- theft of property; CR 1735
- domestic violence; CR 396
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1413
- unlawful possession of marijuana; CR 216

Jan. 27

- harassment; CR 1699
- domestic violence; CR 572
- domestic violence; Wesley Ave. N
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance; CR 222
- harassment; CR 1155
- theft of property; CR 1184
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 941

ARRESTS

Jan. 25

Brannon, Donald Lynn, 60
- FTA- identity theft
- dealing false identification documents
- FTA- using false ID

Cofield, Caleb Craig, 36
- FTA- driving while suspended

Gold, Thomas Anthony, 52
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- receiving stolen property

James, Carie Renea, 41
- FTA- illegal possession or use of a credit or debit card

Lopez Jr., Daniel Ignacio, 55
- FTA- DUI
- FTA- driving while revoked

Richardson, James Wayne, 64
- domestic violence- harassment (2 counts)

Shelton, Savannah Rachelle, 27
- FTA- driving without a license

Steele, James Tyler, 29
- theft
- theft (of truck)

Jan. 26

Armstrong, Stacey Denise, 42
- third-degree domestic violence- harassing communications

Barboza Jr., Rafael Hidrogo, 24
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Cain, Madalyn Bailee, 18
- third-degree domestic violence- third-degree criminal mischief

Hays, William Jason, 41
- FTA- theft
- FTA- receiving stolen property

Hill, David Andrew, 35
- DUI

Miller, Steven Joel, 49
- DUI

Phelps, Crystal Michelle, 35
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Stallings, Alyssa Mercedez, 22
- FTA- domestic violence
- attempting to elude
- resisting arrest
- obstructing governmental operations
- FTA- public intoxication

Strong, James Edward, 57
- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful distribution of a controlled substance

Washburn, Jodie Rachele, 39
- FTA- driving while revoked

Jan. 27

Boyd, Amy Jessica, 50
- probation violation- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Cranford, Mason Anthony, 37
- FTA- driving while suspended

Eady, Steven Bryant, 59
- third-degree domestic violence- harassing communications

Gray, Charles Edward, 56
- third-degree domestic violence- harassing communications

Hand, Justin Alan, 38
- motion to revoke bond- aggravated assault
- motion to revoke bond- domestic violence- harassment
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- motion to revoke bond- resisting arrest
- motion to revoke bond- DUI

Scott, Brittany Marie, 37
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (4 counts)
- unlawful distribution of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- promoting prison contraband

Smith, Brian Neal, 47
- probation violation- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- probation violation- unlawful distribution of a controlled substance (2 counts)
- nonsupport
- theft

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Jan. 22
- leaving the scene of an accident; Shell 157; Hwy. 157; damaged property

Jan. 25
- third-degree criminal trespassing; The Foundry; 2nd Ave. SW

Jan. 27
- duty upon striking an unattended vehicle; person; 4th St. SW; damage to '16 Hyundai Elantra; $500
- leaving the scene of an accident; person; Hwy. 157; damage to Jeep Cherokee; $2,500
- duty upon striking an unattended vehicle; person; Cherokee Ave. SW; damage to '20 Kia Soul; $1,000
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $17
- third-degree burglary, second-degree criminal mischief, first-degree criminal trespassing; person; 2nd Ave. NE; damaged property

ARRESTS

Jan. 27

Cranford, Mason A., 37
- fourth-degree theft of property

Powers, Rainey N., 31
- third-degree criminal trespassing
- third-degree domestic violence

Marion, Chasey R., 36
- fourth-degree theft of property
- third-degree criminal trespassing

Lewis, James B., 42
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment
- fourth-degree theft of property
- third-degree criminal trespassing
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Hollingsworth, Chance C., 25
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Brown, Christopher L., 46
- DUI

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Dashboard Hub

Case details

- Total confirmed cases in AL: 357,471 (+2,504 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 95,263 (+1,144 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 5,928 (+111 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 1,412
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 5,799 (+37 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 2,667 (+17 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 92 (+0 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 53
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 34,693
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 3,673
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 558
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,116,642
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 39,535
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 241,153
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 2,052
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama: 41,483
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 242,143

Vaccine details

- Total doses delivered to Alabama: 764,125
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 685,150
- Doses administered: 302,269
- Doses delivered to federal Long-Term Care Program: 78,975
- Doses administered by the federal Long-Term Care Program: 37,487
- Currently eligible for vaccine: 326,000 health care providers, nursing home residents, law enforcement officers, firefighters and 350,000 persons age 75+
- Average first doses of vaccine shipped to Alabama per week: 50,000-60,000

Expansion of age groups for vaccination to persons 65 and older: At the final Operation Warp Speed briefing Jan. 12, 2021, spokespersons for HHS recommended that states expand age groups for vaccination to persons 65 and above. However, these changes have not been made in Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance for when vaccine supply is limited. Vaccine supply is limited and does not meet demand at this time for the current numbers of persons identified as healthcare workers, first responders, fire, police, and persons 75 and older. Current recommendations from CDC are based on those from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). ACIP is an independent panel of medical and public health experts who provide vaccine guidance to CDC.

See more details at https://bit.ly/3iVJwXK.

Thursday, Jan. 28 update from Cullman Regional Medical Center

- 42 COVID positive patients; of those, 12 are currently on ventilators.
- Cullman Regional has reported 158 COVID deaths to ADPH. Of these patients, 112 were from Cullman County.

"Although numbers continue to decline, we still need to remain vigilant. Dr. (William) Smith reminded us yesterday that yes, numbers are down, but our inpatient numbers are still higher than this summer's peak. Therefore, we all need to remain vigilant to stop the spread.

"Vaccination numbers continue to increase, and we continue to improve the overall process to get our community vaccinated in accordance with the State of Alabama vaccination plan. Today we vaccinated over 500."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Scholarship Opportunity
The Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation District is now accepting applications for a $500 scholarship sponsored by the Alabama Conservation District Employees Association. Applicant must be a U. S. citizen, high school senior and living in the state of Alabama. Applications may be picked up at the District office located 501-B Fourth St. SW, Cullman, AL 35055. Deadline to receive completed applications in the District office is March 12, 2021. For more information, contact Kathy Holmes at 256-734-1431or kholmes@cullmanswcd.com.

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

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD
- Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
- Prayer meetings- Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Come and pray with us or come to receive prayer.
- Classes Wednesdays at 7 p.m. "Events of the End Time Series- 2nd Half of the Tribulation" by Pastor Bobby Dodd
- Sundays at 9 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Small group classes for adults, children and youth at 10 a.m. Praise and worship and message at 11 a.m.
- Sunday, Jan. 31 message- "Go in the Strength You Have" by Pastor Bobby Dodd

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

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

Cullman High School Theatre Presents "Bright Star"
- (In-person) Friday, Jan. 29 at 7 p.m.
- (In-person) Saturday, Jan. 30 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Limited seating. Masks required. Social distancing required.
- Purchase tickets ($12) at https://gofan.co/app/school/AL560.
- (Streaming only) Sunday, Feb. 1 and Monday, Feb. 2 at 7 p.m.
- Purchase a steaming pass at https://cullmanhs.booktix.com/

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

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

Cullman City Planning Commission Meeting
Monday, Feb. 1 at 5:30 p.m. at Cullman City Hall

Holly Pond Town Council Meeting
Monday, Feb. 1 at 6 p.m. at the Guy Hunt Museum

Fairview Town Council Meeting
Monday, Feb. 1 at 6 p.m. at Fairview Town Hall

Baileyton Town Council Meeting
Monday, Feb. 1 at 7 p.m. at Baileyton Town Hall

Community Blood Drive
- Wednesday, Feb. 3 from 1-5 p.m. at The Link of Cullman County, 708 Ninth St. SE
- Free COVID-19 antibody testing, $5 Amazon gift card and Red Cross T-shirt for all donors.

Cullman County Community Development Commission Meeting
Thursday, Feb. 4 at 6 p.m. at the Cullman County Economic Development office

St. Bernard Athletic Boosters Carry-Out Swamp John's Dinner
- Saturday, Feb. 6 from 4-7 p.m. Plates will cost $12 each and will include a choice of shrimp, chicken, fish or a combination of two. Dessert will be included.
- For tickets, contact the school at 256-739-6682. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

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

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EDUCATION

WSCC Future Foundation accepting applications for 2021-2022 scholarships

Gail Crutchfield
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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – The Wallace State Community College Future Foundation is taking applications for scholarships for the 2021-2022 academic year that will begin in the fall 2021 semester.

Each year, the Future Foundation awards hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships to students and has more than 150 different scholarships available for future students and those currently enrolled at Wallace State. The Future Foundation awarded more than $270,000 in scholarships for the 2020-2021 academic year.

"We are proud to offer these scholarships to our students and thankful to our donors who make that possible," said Suzanne Harbin, vice president of advancement and innovation at Wallace State.

"Many of these scholarships help students complete their education and achieve dreams they might not have realized otherwise. Some of them take care of simple but important needs such as food and fuel, while others cover tuition, books, supplies and even certification exams."

Current high school students who will be attending Wallace State next fall and current Wallace State students who will be returning in the fall are eligible to apply for the Future Foundation scholarships. Students must have submitted an application to the college and have been accepted and have a Wallace State email address. They should have also completed the 2021-2022 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at www.fafsa.gov.

The more than 150 scholarships include opportunities that are specific to certain programs or divisions at the college, as well as general scholarships which are open to most of the student population.

Requirements vary depending on the specific scholarship. These scholarships can be combined with other Future Foundation scholarships, with institutional scholarships, federal student aid and with outside scholarship awards.

"Many times, we see students who may not qualify for Pell grants, but who still struggle with being able to pay for college expenses," Harbin said. "Our goal is to fill that gap as much as possible so that students can earn the degree or certificate they're seeking and enter the workforce, gain a promotion, or transfer to a four-year university to advance their education."

Visit https://wallacestate.academicworks.com/ to view the scholarships offered by the Wallace State Future Foundation and to complete the application. The deadline to submit an application is March 5.

Applications are also being accepted for scholarships offered by the college, with a Feb. 16 deadline to apply. Visit www.wallacestate.edu/financial-aid/wscc-scholarships to see the list of these scholarships and to submit the application.

OUTDOORS

Alabama State Parks provided safe haven for Alabamians in 2020

Cullman Tribune Staff
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Alabama State Parks found a new purpose during an eventful 2020.

State officials kept the parks open as a safe recreational option during the COVID-19 pandemic, as the parks' wide-open spaces and variety of activities made it possible to practice social distancing while enjoying family-friendly trips into Alabama The Beautiful.

The total number of visitors to the 21 parks soared to 6.27 million, an increase of more than 1.5 million visitors, or about 32%, during the fiscal year that ended in September 2020. Visitors continued to arrive in large numbers throughout the fall.

"Alabama State Parks has always been one of the state's true treasures, and it's gratifying to know so many people recognized that fact and visited the parks last year," said Chris Blankenship, commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. "From the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains to the beautiful sugar-white beaches on the Gulf of Mexico, each of the 21 parks offers something unique.

"I remain intensely grateful to Gov. Kay Ivey for making the courageous decision to keep our parks open," he continued. "People needed an outlet for recreation, and the amazing staff at our parks made sure people could visit safely."

Camping and golf remained two of the largest attractions for Alabama State Parks in 2020.

Visitors played 61,235 rounds of golf, an increase of 39%, at the golf courses in the state parks system during the fiscal year that ended in September.

Campsite occupancy also grew 9.5% year-over-year, an impressive figure considering the Joe Wheeler campground was damaged by a tornado in December 2019 and remained closed for much of the year.

The renovated 23-site RV campground and new off-road vehicle trail at Buck's Pocket State Park were also unveiled in 2020.

Hurricane season also disrupted camping throughout the fall at Gulf and Meaher state parks in Baldwin County. To reserve your campground spot, cabin or lodge room at one of the parks, please visit alapark.com/reservations.

"We all recognize the challenges all Americans faced in 2020, and the parks system faced the added stress surrounding hurricane damage and recovery," Alabama State Parks Director Greg Lein said. "But everyone pulled together and made sure the parks thrived despite every obstacle. That's a testament to all of our employees who made sure that our visitors enjoy a wonderful experience.

"I also want to thank everyone who visited our parks. You are the reason we do what we do, and we hope you'll be back soon."

Growing the number of visitors remains crucial to the parks system's vitality. Approximately 80-90% of annual funding comes from customer fees, not taxes, and that makes Alabama State Parks among the nation's most efficient state parks systems.

Alabama State Parks offers some of the nation's best bass fishing from Lake Guntersville and Joe Wheeler state parks. It offers spectacular cave features at Rickwood and Cathedral Caverns state parks.



ALABAMA STATE PARKS

Camping at Joe Wheeler State Park

There's zip-lining available at three locations — the Screaming Eagle Aerial Zipline at Lake Guntersville State Park, the Zipline Canopy Tour at Wind Creek State Park and the Aerial Zipline at DeSoto State Park.

Don't forget: Hiking, biking, running, horseback riding, backpacking, geocaching and birding activities are available, too, and a state park is within a short driving distance of virtually every Alabamian.

"We know our parks offer some of the most beautiful natural scenery anywhere in the world," Lein said. "We're also proud that our parks offer activities and attractions that promote safe recreation while social distancing. That's a unique blend that explains why so many people visited the parks in 2020, and we hope it continues in 2021 and beyond."

About Alabama State Parks
The Alabama State Parks is a division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and maintains 21 state parks encompassing approximately 48,000 acres of land and water in Alabama. The parks range from Gulf Coast beaches to Appalachian Mountains and provide opportunities and facilities from basic day-use activities to resort convention lodging, restaurants and golfing areas. These parks rely on visitor fees and the support of other partners like local communities to fund the majority of their operations. Learn more at www.alapark.com.

Kallhoff (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Kyle Kallhoff has been named the new superintendent of Cullman City Schools. Superintendent Dr. Susan Patterson announced back in September that she will retire July 1, 2021.

Kallhoff, the current superintendent of Demopolis City Schools, was appointed to the position at Cullman City Schools by unanimous board approval at a special-called meeting Thursday morning.

A media release from the board said Kallhoff's exact start date and salary are set to be negotiated, and he will take over following Patterson's retirement.

Kallhoff has worked as a school superintendent in Alabama for the past eight-and-a-half years.

He has served in the position at Demopolis, a city school system in Marengo County in southwest Alabama, since 2015. Before that he was the inaugural superintendent of the Chickasaw City School System in Mobile County.

During those two previous superintendent stops, Kallhoff helped develop strategic plans, partnered with local colleges and universities and was a member of the Transformation Leadership Academy in Alabama.

He was named Superintendent of the Year for the School Superintendents of Alabama in District 2 in 2018.

Kallhoff said he is excited to make the move and start the transition.

"Everyone is familiar with the city school system. You guys have done tremendous things over the past 5-7 years, and really 100 years of excellence. It is my pleasure to serve the community, the students, the families and the great employees," he said.

"You don't have the school system doing as well as this school system is if you don't have great employees and great administrators. A lot of that is due to Dr. Patterson's work and what she has done here the past few years."

Cullman City School Board President Chris Branham said the board is excited to have someone with Kallhoff's experience and background take the helm of the system.

"We believe this will make for a really smooth transition," he added.

Before becoming a superintendent, Kallhoff began his education career at Satsuma High School in 1997 as a classroom teacher.

After seven years at Satsuma, he pursued a career in educational administration and went on to serve as a middle school administrator, school improvement specialist, director of instruction and assistant superintendent before moving into his two superintendent roles.

Kallhoff is married to fellow educator Kristina Kallhoff and has four children. He's also been extensively involved with charities and volunteer agencies throughout his career, serving with business councils, chambers of commerce and as a volunteer coach for youth sports and the local Special Olympics.

"Not only is this a system you want to work in, but you want to put your children in it as well," he said. "We feel this is a really great fit for us, so we are excited."

Kallhoff said he hopes to be in Cullman before the end of the school year so his children can get acclimated and make new friends before the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

Cullman City Schools Attorney Taylor Brooks was tasked with conducting the superintendent search, which began Oct. 15. "The process included a two-month period for potential candidates to apply," he said. "After the close of the application period, I provided access to the resumes of the applicants, and the board members were to individually send me their list of top candidates."

The board received approximately 20 applications for the superintendent position, though officials said Kallhoff was the only applicant with experience as a superintendent in the state of Alabama. Brooks described all the candidates as "impressive."

Bright Star (from Front)

of the most talented kids I've ever had; I just hate for them not to go out with something strong. So we're working on the show; we're going to do it."

This week, as final preparations were being made for the opening, Cook shared, "I would say that it has been a very difficult year, but we are so excited about actually putting something on the stage. We are extremely proud of these students and how they have handled the difficulties and been overcomers.

Sarah Jane Skinner, who is the school's choral director and music director for the production, told The Tribune, "There were certainly challenges which arose when we began rehearsals with COVID restrictions. The most difficult was in having to rework the blocking, or placements and paths of the actors.

"It caused us to have to be more creative to portray emotional moments without the actors being able to touch one another. We, both the directors and the students, were forced to think outside the box and grow as creative artists, which I found to be an interesting and rewarding challenge, even with its frustrating days.

"As always, I have been very impressed with Mr. Cook's ability to keep everyone calm, focused and working toward a goal. I have also been so proud of the resilience, creativity and determination of this cast to present not only a production, but one as high-quality and moving as this. These kids hold a very special place in my heart."

Come and see, or even stay home and see!

"We hope people will help support this production," said Cook. "There are limited seats due to COVID restrictions and we hope to sell every ticket. The ticket revenue helps us with our program and is important for us to have so we can do the next production. My hope is that people who have enjoyed Cullman Theatre in the past will be willing to buy tickets to this show to support the program. We have streaming passes and live in person tickets for sale."

The show will run through Feb. 2, with in-person shows Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and a 2 p.m. Saturday matinee; Friday evening's show will be streamed, and streaming-only shows will take place Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Streaming passes can be purchased at https://cullmanhs.booktix.com.

In-person tickets can be purchased at https://gofan.co/app/school/AL560.

Cook concluded "This cast is incredible, and this show is very incredibly engaging. People will regret not being able to see it. I really want to encourage everyone to come and see these very talented students.

"I want to thank my wife and family. Their support for what I do makes it possible. They are the biggest supporters of Cullman Theatre. I want to thank Mrs. Skinner for her help. Without her it would be very hard for us to do what we do. Thanks needs to be given to the other Fine Arts teachers at CHS. Our project has been a collaboration of all their minds and ideas. I also want to thank our school administrators. They have been so supportive in a very difficult year. They are always wanting the best for the students."

At a glance
Cullman High School Theatre's production of "Bright Star"

- Cullman High School Auditorium
- Friday, Jan. 29 through Feb. 2, 2021
- In-person shows Friday, Jan. 29 and Saturday, Jan. 30 at 7 p.m.
- 2 p.m. Saturday matinee
- In-person tickets can be purchased at https://gofan.co/app/school/AL560.
- Live streamed shows Friday, Jan. 29, Monday, Feb. 1, Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 7 p.m.
- Streaming passes can be purchased at https://cullmanhs.booktix.com.

CULLMAN COUNTY TOURNAMENT

Bulldogs survive 63-62 thriller against Vinemont

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Varsity boys action in this year's Cullman County Basketball Tournament officially tipped Wednesday night and things got started with the Hanceville Bulldogs and the Vinemont Eagles. After a very tight three quarters, the Bulldogs began to pull away in the fourth but had to fend off a late rally from the Eagles to escape with a 63-62 win.

Ryan Stewart knocked down a long jumper to give the Eagles an early, 2-0 lead and Curtis Kennedy added a three-pointer from the right corner to make it 5-0. A Colby Miller three stretched the lead to 8-0 midway through the first but Izayah Glenon laid one in to get the Bulldogs on the board. Tristin Herrera and Stewart traded three-pointers to make it an 11-5 and Zach Campbell hit a three of his own to cut the Vinemont lead to three. Glenon scored inside to trim the lead to 11-10 with two minutes to play in the first and Noah Jones drilled back to back threes to give Hanceville a 16-13 lead. Will Rhodes split a pair of free throws in the final moments of the period cut make it a 16-14 game going into the second.

A pair of Colin Techmiller baskets tied the game at 18 at the start of the second quarter but scores from Glenon and Campbell gave the Bulldogs a 4-point lead. Stewart laid one in to cut the lead to 22-20 and Techmiller netted a pair of free throws to tie things up with five minutes to play in the opening half. Stewart buried a three from the left corner to give the Eagles a 25-22 advantage but Braxton Broad tied things up with a trey of his own on the other end. Stewart hit another three to give Vinemont a 28-25 lead with three minutes remaining in the period, but Campbell answered with a pair of free throws to make it a 1-point game. Rhodes extended the Eagles' lead to 31-27 with a corner three but free throws from Campbell and Glenon cut the lead to 31-29 at the halftime break.

Herrera knocked down a three at the start of the third quarter to put the Bulldogs ahead 32-31 and Campbell added three more free throws to make it 35-31. Kix Johnson knocked down a three-pointer to cut the lead to one and Teichmiller split a pair of free throws to tie the score at 35. Campbell nailed a three from the left wing to give Hanceville a 38-35 lead with three minutes to play in the third but Teichmiller responded with a three-pointer of his own on the other end to tie things back up at 38. Broad hit another shot from three-point range to give the Bulldogs a 41-38 lead with less than a minute remaining in the fourth but a free throw and a layup from Rhodes in the final seconds of the period tied the game at 41 going into the final frame.

Herrera nailed another three-pointer to give Hanceville a three-point lead early in the fourth quarter and a floater by Campbell stretched the lead to 46-41. Campbell followed Herrera with another deep three and made it a 49-42 game with five minutes to play. Broad kept the streak going with a corner three that gave Hanceville a 10-point advantage. Broad then scooped up an offensive rebound and put it in to make it 54-42 with just over three minutes remaining but Johnson stopped the run with a three-pointer that cut the lead to 54-45. Carson Garrett drained a pair of free throws to add to the lead and Teichmiller and Glenon quickly traded baskets to make it a 58-47 game. Kennedy knocked down a three to trim the lead to eight with just under two minutes to play but two more free throws from Campbell built the lead back up to 60-50. Johnson scored inside to cut the lead to eight with 50 seconds on the clock and he buried another three-pointer 10 seconds later to make it a 60-55 game. Teichmiller scored a quick basket to trim the lead to 61-57 and after Glenon split a pair of shots at the line to extend the lead to five, he laid in another one to make it 62-59 with eight seconds to play. Campbell went to the line for two free throws and hit one of them to stretch the Hanceville lead to four. That free throw proved to be the difference when Teichmiller came back down the floor and drilled a deep three from near half court to bring the final score to 63-62 in favor of the Bulldogs. Campbell led Hanceville with 24 points in the win, followed by Broad with 11, Glenon with 10, Herrera with nine and Jones with seven. Teichmiller posted 20 points for Vinemont in the loss. Stewart added 13, Johnson finished with 11, Rhodes posted seven and Kennedy scored six.

Vinemont will advance to play the top-seeded Cold Springs Eagles in the semifinal round Friday at 6 p.m. at Tom Drake Coliseum.



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Hanceville's Zach Campbell (23) led the Bulldogs with 24 points in their 63-62 win over Vinemont Wednesday night.

CULLMAN COUNTY TOURNAMENT

Good Hope outlasts Fairview 64-54

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Good Hope and Fairview clashed in Wednesday night's second varsity boys matchup and it was a fast-paced affair from the start. The Raiders were in control for what felt like most of the game but could never quite pull away from Fairview. However, Good Hope was able to hang on at the end to defeat the Aggies 64-54, clinching a spot in the semifinals.

Owen Yarbrough and Parker Martin layups gave the Aggies a 4-0 lead to start the game, but Colton Lindsey got the Raiders on the board with a three-pointer to cut the lead to one.

Tanner Malin scored an easy basket off a turnover to give Good Hope a 5-4 lead, but Yarbrough nailed a deep three to put Fairview back in front 7-5. A pair of Malin free throws tied things up at 7 midway through the first and he and Charlie O'Neil added threes give the Raiders a 13-7 advantage.

Landon Tweedie stopped the Good Hope run with a three from the right wing, but Lindsey responded with a three of his own to make it a 16-10 game with a minute remaining in the first. Yarbrough laid one in to trim the lead to 16-12 late in the period and the Aggies went into the second quarter trailing by just four.

Lawton Farr converted a three-point play at the line and scored another basket off a turnover to extend the lead to 21-12 at the start of the second but Peyton Bailey drilled a three-pointer on the other end to cut the lead to six. Preston Ryan scored inside to make it a 4-point game but Malin answered with a three to stretch the lead back to 24-17. Jack Brown and Yarbrough each scored to make it a 24-21 game with less than five minutes remaining in the half, but Farr drained another three to put Good Hope in front 27-21.

That's when Bailey knocked down corner three and got fouled. After converting the 4-point play at the line, the Aggies trailed by just two. A bucket from Noah Barnette made it a 31-25 game with two minutes to play in the half and Yarbrough knocked down a pair of free throws to make it a 4-point game. Ryan laid one in to trim the lead to 31-29 but Lindsey scored inside to build the lead back to four. Malin scored in transition to give the Raiders a 35-29 lead with 30 seconds remaining in the period and he tipped in his own miss just before the buzzer make it a 37-29 game at the halftime break.

Ryan and Malin traded baskets to start the third quarter and make it 39-31 and Farr and Malin each scored off turnovers to give Good Hope a 43-31 lead. Another transition basket by Malin put the Raiders in front by 14 with five minutes to play in the third but a pair of Tweedie free throws brought the lead down to 45-33.

Michael Owens laid one in to add to the Good Hope lead midway through the period, but Yarbrough responded with a basket on the other end to keep the Raiders from creating more separation. Yarbrough scored inside to make it a 48-38 game with two minutes remaining in the third quarter, but Lindsey scored a basket in the paint on the other end to keep the Raiders in front by 12. Bailey nailed a three-pointer with 30 seconds on the clock, but Lindsey drilled a three of his own just before time expired to give Good Hope a 53-41 lead going into the final frame.

A three-pointer from Ryan made it a 54-44 game early in the fourth quarter and JT White tacked on a three of his own to trim the lead to 54-47. Farr drove to the basket and laid one it to give the Raiders a 10-point lead with just over five minutes to play and Noah Barnette netted four straight free throws to make it a 61-48 game with less than three minutes remaining in the fourth.

Yarbrough scored a tough basket inside the paint to cut the lead to 11 with two minutes on the clock and Ryan laid one in to make it 61-52. Martin drove to the rim and scored with 49 seconds to play to trim the lead to 61-54 but Malin scored in transition to make it a 9-point game with less than 30 seconds on the clock and ended any hopes of a dramatic comeback for Fairview. The Raiders went on to win it 64-54 and secure a spot in the semifinals.

Malin led Good Hope with 22 points in the win, followed by Lindsey with 15 and Farr with 12. Yarbrough posted 16 points for the Aggies in the loss. Ryan finished with 11 and Bailey added 10.

The Raiders will advance to face West Point Friday night at 6 p.m. at Tome Drake Coliseum.



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Good Hope's Tanner Malin posted a game-high 22 points in the Raiders' 64-54 win over Fairview Wednesday night.

CULLMAN COUNTY TOURNAMENT

West Point handles Holly Pond 73-55

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Holly Pond faced West Point in Wednesday's night cap at Tom Drake Coliseum and the Warriors were able to take control in the first half before pulling away in the second half to eliminate the Broncos 73-55.

Kobe Bowers got things started with a three-pointer for the Warriors and a pair of Carter Thornton free throws made it a 5-0 game early in the opening quarter. Parker Sellers netted a jumper to get the Broncos on the board and make it a 3-point game, but Will Cochran scored back to back buckets inside to give West Point a 9-4 lead midway through the first. Cleghorn laid one in to stretch the lead to 11-4 and he drained a three on the next possession to make it a 10-point game. Gunnar McBee drove the length of the court and scored to cut into the Warrior lead but back to back baskets by Cochran built the lead back up to 18-6 with less than two minutes remaining in the first quarter. Sellers knocked down a three in the final minute of the period to trim the lead to 10 but West Point still managed to carry a 21-9 advantage into the second.

Cade Simmons knocked down a trey to add to the Warrior lead at the start of the second quarter and Logan Selby scored inside to extend the lead to 26-9. Another score from McBee made it a 26-13 game midway through the period but another bucket from Cochran gave West Point a 28-13 lead. The Warriors continue to pull away as back to back baskets from Bowers made it 37-16 with less than two minutes to play in the half. Andrew Lynn drained a three from the left wing to extend the lead to 42-19 and West Point went into the locker room at halftime leading the Broncos by 23.

Thornton knocked down a three to give the Warriors a 46-21 lead early in the third quarter and Cochran laid another one in to make it a 25-point game. Bowers and Brown traded baskets to make it 50-27 and Cleghorn scored in transition to build the lead back up to 25. Cleghorn added a pair of shots from the free throw line to stretch the lead to 56-29 midway through the period. Bowers buried a three-pointer from the top of the key to give West Point a 30-point lead with less than three minutes to play in the third but baskets from Landon Rowell and Gunner Creel cut the lead to 59-33 with just over a minute to play in the quarter. At the end of three, the Warriors held a 61-35 lead over Holly Pond.

West Point maintained a 64-39 advantage over the Broncos early in the final period, but Holly Pond was able to cut into the lead and used a 9-0 scoring run to make it a 64-48 game midway through the fourth. Ethan Gammon and Jayden Perkins traded baskets to make it 66-50 with three minutes remaining. Lynn knocked down a three from the right wing to give the Warriors a 73-52 lead with just over a minute to play and West Point went on to win it over the Broncos by a final score of 73-55.

Cochran led the Warriors with 20 points in the win, followed by Bowers with 12 and Cleghorn with nine. McBee led Holly Pond with 15 points in the loss. Perkins added 11 and Casey Brown finished with nine.

West Point will advance to play Good Hope in the varsity boys semifinals Friday night at 7:15 at Tom Drake Coliseum.



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Good Hope's Tanner Malin posted a game-high 22 points in the Raiders' 64-54 win over Fairview Wednesday night.

PREP BOWLING

Lady Saints compete in bowling regionals

Joyce Nix
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – For the first time since the inception of bowling in the Alabama High School Athletic Association in 2016, Saint Bernard Prep's girls' bowling team qualified for the 1A-5A North Regional Tournament. The girls earned the runner-up position in the region by defeating Priceville by 80 pins after losing to the same team earlier in the season. The Lady Saints' regional record was 3-3. SBP is by far the smallest school in the region with all other school being 4A or 5A schools.

The regionals, which were held at Vestavia Bowling Center Jan. 22 proved to be a wonderful experience for the young team.

The Lady Saints were 1 of only 8 teams from north Alabama competing for a berth in the State Bowling Tournament but were eliminated by Etowah County.

Coach Elicia Fallin said her girls were extremely excited about qualifying for the regionals and looked forward to the experience.

"We have a young team with rookie bowlers. The good thing is, with the exception of one, all will be back next year," she said.

Top scorers for the Lady Saints throughout region play were senior Helen Kim and juniors Claudia Fallin, Maddie McBride and Merrilee Schartung.

Senior Katherina Gill and juniors Piper Watson, Emma Whaley, Riley Holmes and Mollie Woods also contributed to the team's successful season.



ST. BERNARD PREP

Kneeling in front, left to right, are Riley Holmes and Merrilee Schartung. Back row, left right, are Katherina Gil, Piper Watson, Claudia Fallin, Coach Elicia Fallin, Mollie Woods, Emma Whaley and Maddie McBride.

Daystar (from Front)

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. – Daystar Church, with campuses in Good Hope and Hartselle, has been selected as a distribution point for an upcoming Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)-funded Farmers to Families food box distribution event. Daystar Church has secured 12,000 food boxes to be distributed throughout the month of February.

The church said that it, in partnership with the Farmers to Families Faith-Based Coalition and CityServe, will be joining together with other churches in the southeastern United States to serve as a point of distribution for fresh food boxes to be distributed to local communities. Each food box will contain perishable food products such as pre-cooked chicken or pork, dairy products and assorted fruits and vegetables.

Families will not need to show any proof of need or identification. The boxes will be given to individuals and organizations on a first come, first served basis while supplies last. Boxes will be available on delivery days at 9:30 a.m. and must be picked up no later than noon in order to guarantee freshness.

The Farmers to Families Food Box program is part of the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP), which was developed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.Using authority provided by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, USDA partnered with national, regional and local distributors, whose workforces were significantly impacted by the closure of restaurants, hotels and other food service businesses, to purchase and distribute agricultural products to Americans in need. It is a $4 billion provision of the Cares Act that was signed into law by Former President Donald Trump.

Food boxes will be distributed at all Daystar campuses. The two closest campuses below:



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Daystar volunteers hand out boxes of food at a previous Farmers to Families distribution event.

Daystar Church - Good Hope (200 Daystar Dr., Cullman, AL 35057)
• Monday, Feb. 8, 2021 (1,200 boxes)
• Monday, Feb. 15, 2021 (1,200 boxes)
• Monday, Feb. 22, 2021 (1,200 boxes)

Daystar Church - Hartselle (1010 Nance Ford Road, Hartselle, AL 35640)
• Monday, Feb. 8, 2021 (1,200 boxes)
• Monday, Feb. 15, 2021 (1,200 boxes)
• Monday, Feb. 22, 2021 (1,200 boxes)

For more on Daystar Church, visit https://daystarchurch.tv.

Hanceville (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – The Hanceville Police Department (HPD) has decided to end its K-9 program and asked the Hanceville City Council Thursday night to allow the two K-9 officers to be surplussed. The council approved the surplus but did so in a manner that will allow the dogs to live out their lives with their handlers to whom they are bonded.

Hanceville Police Chief Bob Long explained, "Basically, it's just not cost-effective. We aren't making as many cases as we would like and we have to, and to keep the dogs, even though we have those who donate to us locally and our local vet, the kennel time stuff that you have to pay the officer, which is usually the OT (overtime) rate, it costs us a little over $10,000 a year. I think it would just be best to cut out the program."

The two HPD K-9s were donated to the department, with the first dog donated with the understanding that the dog would go with the handler once the dog was retired or if its handler left the department.

The second dog did not come with the same agreement, but, Long said, "Typically, when you do something like this, the handler and the dog have bonded for a few years and so it's pretty much in the animal's best interest to let him go with the handler and that's what we would like to do at this time."

Hanceville's senior center project will be rebid after Mayor Kenneth Nail discussed the project with Terry Acuff, grant consultant with Community Consultants.

Said Nail, "There's been so many changes and taking things off the plans.

"He felt like because of the way over 10% change, that we need to reject that bid and rebid the senior center."

Nail estimated that more than $100,000 in goods and services have been donated toward the project, causing significant changes to the original bid.

The Commercial Street repaving project has been awarded to Wiregrass Construction out of Guntersville in the amount of $319,884.06.

The project will include tearing out curbs and gutters from Church Street to the Lutheran church, followed by repaving from Church Street to Self Avenue.

Nail said, "It will not have the gutter and curb. It will have what's called a valley gutter."

The City of Hanceville was hit with a large bill from the Municipal Workers Compensation Fund.

The invoice for $138,813 is a 68% increase over the previous year's bill.

"The last couple of years we had a couple of pretty serious accidents," said Nail, "and it's probably caught up to us."

The council agreed to pay the bill and granted Nail authorization to negotiate with local banks to open a line of credit of $500,000 at the best rate available.

The line of credit will be a safety net when unexpected expenses and emergencies arise.

The budget was also amended to show the $52,000 approved for the workers compensation invoice.

Crews from Hanceville have been traveling each day to assist their neighbors to the south in Fultondale after the devastating tornado Monday night.

Nail said to the council, "I appreciate your support in doing that.

"I've not seen a negative comment about us doing that. I think it's not just a good thing, I think it's our duty."

The next Hanceville City Council meeting will be Feb. 11 at 5:30 p.m. with the work session at 5.





Shooting (from Front)

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ARKADELPHIA, Ala. – One person was killed and one injured in a shooting late Wednesday night in southern Cullman County. The incident happened at a residence along the 3200 block of County Road 5 south of Arkadelphia.

Cullman County Coroner Jeremy L. Kilpatrick identified the deceased as Tammy McClellan, 50, of Bremen. The other person has not been officially identified.

Members of the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO), Cullman EMS, the Arkadelphia Volunteer Fire Department, Cold Springs Volunteer Fire Department and Regional Air-Medical Services all responded to the scene. Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry said late Wednesday night, "We had an active shooter incident in the Arkadelphia community that is currently under investigation. This was an isolated incident and there is no threat to the citizens of this community. We will update everyone as new information becomes available."

Thursday afternoon, Gentry said, "It has been determined that this was a domestic incident which led to an altercation. The altercation escalated and both individuals sustained gunshot wounds. Unfortunately, this resulted in the death of one of the individuals, while the other is being treated in an area hospital. It is still early in the investigation process. If there are any new discoveries, the information will be passed along at that time."

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LEGALS

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v. Case No. SM-2018-900086

Tim Creel

(Defendant)

NOTICE OF FILING OF LAW SUIT

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

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

Dated this the 4th day of January, 2021.

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Vickie Roden

(Defendant)

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

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Jodi Overton Hopper

(Defendant)

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

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Jason White

(Defendant)

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Uvone Copeland

(Defendant)

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

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v. Case No. SM-2020-900442

Crystal Berry

(Defendant)

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Defendant, Crystal Berry, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD, for $916.50 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account.

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v. Case No. SM-2019-900801

Rickey Smith

(Defendant)

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

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David McCain

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(Plaintiff)

v. Case No. SM-2019-900797

Zachary Hamilton

(Defendant)

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

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(Plaintiff)

v. Case No. SM-2019-900646

Leslie Bell

(Defendant)

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

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(Plaintiff)

v. Case No. SM-2018-901153

Scott Patterson

(Defendant)

NOTICE OF FILING OF LAW SUIT

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

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

Dated this the 4th day of January, 2021

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Chandra Naramore

(Defendant)

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Defendant, Chandra Naramore, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD, for $2,700.53 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account.

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Zach Russ

(Defendant)

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

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Jessica Davis

(Defendant)

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

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(Plaintiff)

v. Case No. SM-2018-900608

Michael Mobley

(Defendant)

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

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OUTDOORS

Woodcock monitoring program tracks migration routes

David Rainer
Contributor

Seth Maddox will head out in February with other Division biologists to do some woodcock hunting. Yes, that is after the woodcock hunting season closes Jan. 31, but Maddox will not be using a conventional harvest tool. He will be wielding a long-handled dipnet.

Maddox, the Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) Division's migratory gamebird coordinator, will be on a mission to continue a woodcock tagging program to determine migration routes as well as conduct genetic studies on the birds also known as timberdoodles.

The woodcock is a migratory bird similar in size to the bobwhite quail but with a long, slim bill. The birds winter in the Southeast, which means Alabama will have a population of woodcock during the winter hunting seasons. As soon as it starts to warm, woodcock head north to their breeding grounds.

Maddox and WFF are working with the Eastern Woodcock Migration Research Cooperative to trap birds and attach transmitters that will track movement. For the first time since 1985, woodcock were trapped in 2020 in Alabama to become part of the study, which is spearheaded by the University of Maine.

"The project started about four years ago," Maddox said. "The Cooperative was interested in migration patterns. They began putting transmitters on birds in the fall for their migration to the South. Here, we started putting transmitters on birds in the winter, following their spring migration to the North.

"These studies will narrow down key factors, like stopovers on the migration routes. It will determine if they have to travel farther because the habitat has been degraded or lost over the years."

In February 2020, Maddox and crew went afield with spotlights, a thermal camera and the long dipnet.

"Once we locate the woodcock, we use the spotlight to try to disorient it for a minute," he said. "We move forward, shaking the light to get close enough to catch the bird with the net.

"It's not quite like a snipe hunt, where you have a cloth bag or burlap sack," he said, referring to the prank where some unsuspecting individual is left in the middle of the woods holding the bag.

Maddox said last year they saw hundreds of woodcock, but they proved very difficult to capture.

"We ended up catching 13 birds," he said. "We had seven transmitters to deploy, and we deployed all seven. We put four transmitters on females and three on males. The transmitters (less than the size of a quarter) on the females will give us information on nest success on the breeding grounds.

"We also took feather samples to do isotope analysis to determine geographic origin. You can look at the carbon in the feather and see where the bird was hatched. We also took blood samples for genetic analysis to determine population connectivity."

The woodcock population is confined to the Eastern U.S., bordered by the Mississippi River to the West, the Canadian Provinces of Manitoba, Quebec and Novia Scotia to the north and Florida to the south. Maddox said where the prairie starts to the West is where the woodcock population ends. One of the birds tagged in Alabama last year traveled 2,100 miles into Manitoba. The woodcock are managed in two management regions, the central and eastern. Alabama is in the central management region.

"Woodcock are prevalent in the eastern U.S.," Maddox said. "Alabama, being in the center of the Southeast, is kind of like a funnel for the birds that come from Minnesota, Michigan, Maine, Quebec, New York and Pennsylvania during their winter migration. We have a lot of habitat for woodcock with our woods and timber harvest operations."

Maddox said ideal habitat for woodcock is forests that have been manipulated.

"Logging operations really help," he said. "Every time you clear-cut a patch of land, when it starts coming back up, that first five or 10 years provides the ideal cover for woodcock. When the trees get tall, the woodcock don't use it as much because there is less underbrush."

Alabama has a 45-day woodcock season with a three-bird daily bag limit. A few hunters specifically target woodcock, but most are incidental harvests by quail hunters. Woodcock is a federally managed migratory species.

"Typically, woodcock hunting involves a pointing dog, kind of like quail hunting," Maddox said. "But woodcock prefer thicker habitat along streamside management zones. You really have to get into the habitat because the birds hold very tight. It's hard to hunt them without a dog.

"Their main source of food is earthworms. They use that long bill to probe into the soil and pull those worms out. They need really loose, moist-soil habitat that is found in bottomland areas. They'll be along the water edges in thick cover. They won't be in standing water, just a moist-soil environment where there is thick cover."

Other hunters may encounter woodcock when pursuing other game.

"This time of the year, hunters see them from their deer stands or when they are walking to and from their stands," Maddox said. "You'll see woodcock feeding in the mornings or at night and after rains in harvested agricultural fields.

"You might also see the males doing a mating display, known as the sky dance, where they jump and fly 50 feet off the ground. As they fly in an arching pattern, the wind passing over their wing feathers will make a distinctive musical twitter sound. Their call is a peenting sound, which is sort of like a buzz. It sounds a little bit like an insect, like a cicada. While the birds are down here, they are pair bonding. The male is trying to attract a female with the displays. Then the pair will migrate north and establish a nest."



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WFF biologists attach a leg band to one of the 13 woodcock that were captured in 2020.

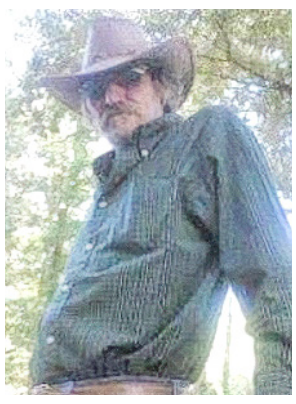
According to the WFF hunter survey, about 300 hunters take advantage of the woodcock season with an average annual harvest of about 2,000 birds.

"The big harvest states for woodcock are Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota," Maddox said. "I think most of our woodcock are taken by hunters who are probably not targeting woodcock. They are likely targeting quail.

"With the quail population at low levels, hunting woodcock could be a good way to get your bird dogs out and get some exercise. We have woodcock on lots of our WMAs (wildlife management areas), and you probably won't run into many woodcock hunters. You'll likely have it to yourself."

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Doyle Franklin Haney, 66, of Cullman

Funeral services for Doyle Franklin Haney, 66, of Cullman will be at noon, Saturday, Jan. 30, 2021 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Bethel Baptist Cemetery in the Blair community; Rev. Steve Rodgers and Rev. George Johnson, Jr. officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Haney passed away Jan. 26, 2021 at Cullman Regional Hospital. He was born Aug. 30, 1954 to Leon and Vera Mae Miller Haney. He was a member of Simcoe Worship Center. Doyle loved karaoke on the weekends. He was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents Joseph and Betty Haney and Franklin and Lou Miller; and brother Douglas Paul Haney. Survivors include his children Debbie and Jay Morgan, Tabatha Thompson (Eli Lott), Dawn Marie Haney and Mark Anthony Haney of Wisconsin; brothers and sister Herman and Linda Sue Haney, Joe Haney, and Annie Ruth Johnson; grandson Easton Thompson; step-grandchildren Jason and Katie Morgan; step-great-granddaughter Paisley Harris; and family and friends. Pallbearers will be George Johnson, Wayne Murphree, Phillip McDonald, Elton Jones, Jason Jones, and Rickey Caver. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Nellie Marie Elliot Graves, 88, of Hanceville

Graveside services for Nellie Marie Elliot Graves of Hanceville, Alabama will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, 2021 at Garden City Cemetery. Nell died at the age of 88 at her home Jan. 28, 2021 peacefully, surrounded by her daughters and granddaughter. She was such a strong, loving, and incredibly lovable wife, mother, and grandmother. She loved just as much as she was loved, which was beyond measure, and she will be greatly missed. Mrs. Graves is survived by her daughters Faye (Dwayne) Morris, Youvon Graves Sharp, and Becky (Kenny) White; daughters-in-love Delilah Sontag and Becky Bowers; grandchildren Shawn and Tracy Burgess, Austin White (Cheyenne Phillips), Houston (CarrieAnn) White, and Jazzlyn Sharp; and great-granddaughter EllieAna White. She was preceded in death by her husband Max Graves; daughter Maxine Graves Clay; mother Lottie Elliot; and brother Carlie Elliot.

Donald "Don" Lyle Young, 75, of Orange Beach

Funeral services for Donald "Don" Lyle Young, 75, of Orange Beach will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1, 2021 at Sacred Heart Church with Father Patrick Egan, OSB officiating; burial at Sacred Heart Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Young passed away Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021 at Cullman Regional. He was born May 12, 1945 to Lyle Wesley and Muriel Young. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife Sandra Young; son Kevin Schaap; daughter Tracy (Chris) Holmes; grandchildren Carson Holmes and Riley Holmes; sister Linda (Ross) Massecar; nieces Lori Hoffman and Amy (Mark) Ryan; and a host of family and friends. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to St. Jude or Sacred Heart School.

Mickey Clay Waldrep, 36, of Cullman

Mickey Clay Waldrep, 36, of Cullman passed away Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021 at his residence. He was born Oct. 18, 1984 to Mickey Shirrell and Sebrenia D Waldrep. Survivors include his daughter Lexie Waldrep; parents Mickey Shirrell and Sebrenia D Waldrep; sisters Veronica Thompson and Vickie Gaddis; and a host of aunts, uncles, family, and friends. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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Both home gardeners and small-scale commercial growers can benefit from growing Alabama-emergent Asian vegetables. Growing emergent crops, such as bitter melon and yard-long bean, enhances the novelty of a garden, the biodiversity of growing operations and the nutritional quality of meals. Each presentation in this series provides information on the botany, growing conditions and uses of Asian vegetables that grow well in Alabama.

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