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ENTERTAINMENT

Live concerts returning to Cullman: Kari Jobe, patriotic celebration on deck

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Stages will light up this spring as live concerts return to Cullman County. On April 24, Camp Liberty near the Battleground community will host a patriotic celebration with music and presentations at the American Hero Music Festival, and May 15, Cullman-based Premier Productions will bring multiple Dove Award winner and Grammy nominated Contemporary Christian artist Kari Jobe to Northbrook Baptist Church in Cullman.

Shane Quick, owner of Premier Productions, talked to The Tribune Thursday, after tickets went on sale for the Kari Jobe concert, about the relaunch of live entertainment events.

"We've been telling people 2020 was the year of closing, and 2021 is the year of opening. Disney is running 30 to 40% now, our airlines are flying a lot of their airplanes at a certain reduced capacity. We're doing the same thing on a lot of our tours; we aren't selling the full venue right now, because you can't. It is the promoter's responsibility to ensure people have the ability to social distance," he said. "These groups will be at a social distance level at Northbrook, and we're doing this in 25 other venues across the country. This is one of the first national tours that our company has done since COVID started."

American Hero Music Festival

The American Hero Music Festival will take place at Camp Liberty, 15719 Alabama Highway 157 in the Battleground community west of West Point, April 24. The event will feature headliner Black Oak Arkansas along with Blackbird Anthem, Billy Don Burrs, Rowdy Johnson, Michelle Leigh, Mercy Shine, Dawn Rix, Dee Rock and Kris Rowdy, as well as speakers Billy Howell, Jr. (veteran of the Special Forces unit that was the subject of the 2018 film "12 Strong"), Navy Rear Admiral Kent David and Dan Robinson. » PAGE 2

– FAITH –

Socially-distant Ash Wednesday observed at St. Bernard Prep



ST. BERNARD

Instead of receiving the usual cross of ashes on the forehead, ashes were sprinkled on the crown of the bowed head.

Joyce Nix
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Gathering together as a school community to observe Ash Wednesday was a bit different on the campus of St. Bernard Prep School as the middle school community socially distanced in the Abbey Church, and the high school did the same in the dining hall to begin the Lenten season.

Fr. Joel Martin, president and headmaster of St. Bernard Prep School, reminded students that the adjustments of life required because of the pandemic affected even Ash Wednesday, as put forth by the Holy See in Rome.

While the American method of putting ashes on the forehead in the form of a cross allows the ashes to be visible to others so that the communal, penitential nature of the day might be more readily visible, the adjusted method of distribution during this time of the pandemic is a return to the more traditional manner, and which has remained the practice in much of the Catholic world. Instead of receiving the usual cross of ashes on the forehead, ashes were sprinkled on the crown of the bowed head. And instead of repeating to each person the words "Remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return," that phrase from Holy Scripture was said only once before all in the congregation.

"Lent is a time of reflection, to look more deeply at life, to get control of our self by denying some simple pleasures and to expect more acts of goodness from our self," Fr. Joel said. He challenged everyone to take a moment and look in the mirror, then consider what they're grateful for in themselves, and also ask what needs to change – how to form good habits and push out bad ones, to love and forgive as Christ does, especially when that is difficult.

Saint Bernard Prep hopes for more normal times, yet it has benefited from the determination to remain open for classes every school day, helping students grow in knowledge and grace, even in the midst of necessary restrictions.

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Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday Feb. 26-28

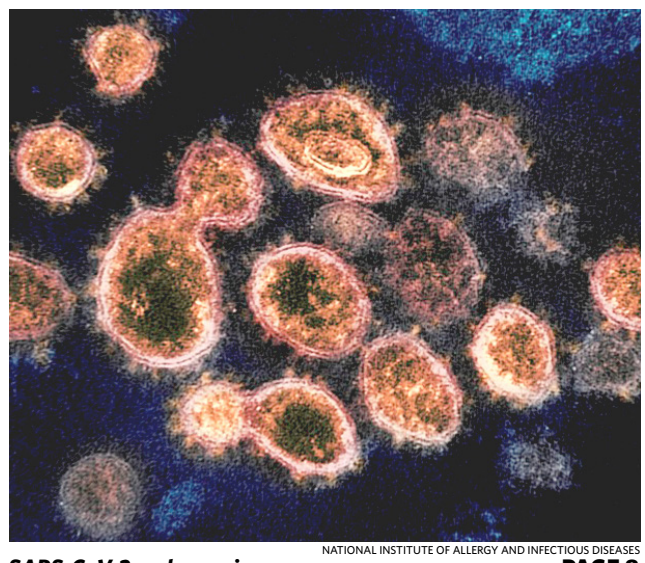


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A mangled tree is seen in front of a damaged home along County Road 617 in White City Friday, March 15, 2019. » PAGE 2

HEALTH

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Commission honors retirees; CR 1301 to be resurfaced

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Commission passed a resolution Thursday evening approving the resurfacing of County Road 1301 from near Monk's Flooring in South Vinemont toward Lake George and to Childhaven Road. The project will be funded by a $300,000 High Risk Rural Road (HRRR) grant funded by the United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration.

The project will also include some safety upgrades to the roadway. Cullman County Engineer Bryan Cheatwood said, "There's some safety improvements like widening the shoulders and trying to reduce some of the runoff accidents." Cheatwood said he is hopeful that work on the project can begin in the late summer.

Cullman County Parks and Recreation camping rates will increase for the first time in six years beginning March 1. After comparing current rates with those charged by other parks and locations in and around Cullman County, Cullman County Parks and Recreation Director Doug Davenport explained, "We found out we are like $8 under everybody else so we would like to see an increase from $22 to $30 a day."

Weekly and monthly rates will also be slightly increased. Davenport said the increased costs to the park for fuel, water and other services to operate the RV parks also factored into the rate increase.

The commission also terminated the local emergency declaration put into place at a special meeting Monday due to the inclement wintry weather. Cullman County EMA Director Phyllis Little reported said State's declaration is set to expire Friday afternoon.

In other business, the commission took the following actions:

- Tabled the ratification of the City of Cullman abatement for ST Holdings, LLC by the Cullman Economic Development Agency
- Approved Apel Machine & Supply Co. to fabricate 72 cell window screens with one coat of industrial enamel paint for the Cullman County Detention Center at a cost of $20,120
- Passed Resolution 2021-10 authorizing a grant application for Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Funds for Stony Lonesome OHV Park
- Approved the surplus and authorized sale by best means possible of 17 vehicles from CARTS
- Approved the surplus of a 2007 Ford Cutaway Van from CARTS to be disposed of as scrap
- Approved payment of CARES Act funds received from the Department of Corrections to the sheriff's office for housing state inmates in the amount of $345,745.25
- Approved the transfer of a Ford F-150 in the amount of $36,940 and a GMC Terrain in the amount of $19,206 from the sheriff's office to the Cullman County Commission
- Approved Tradition Gutters, lowest estimate, to complete the gutter and downspout project at the County Garage in the amount of $11,900
- Authorized distribution of request for qualifications for an architect/engineer to review County buildings and parks regarding ADA compliance
- Approved request to have a prayer gathering on the front steps of the Cullman County Courthouse Feb. 20, 2021 at noon by Jesus in the World Ministry.
- Approved Swamp John's food truck to use the south parking lot of the courthouse Feb. 25, 2021 from 3-8 p.m.
- Approved electronic filing of meetings minutes beginning Feb. 18, 2021
- Approved refinancing of 2015 and 2016 water sewer bonds
- Approved funding for the additional cost of design and construction required to maintain the 100-foot runway pavement width at the Cullman Regional Airport as part of the runway construction project. Estimated cost $647,000 to be split with the City of Cullman
- Approved the funding for replacement of Automated Weather Observation Station (AWOS) at Cullman Regional Airport
- Authorized John Bullard, county administrator, to work with Wesley Moore, city clerk, on financing options for airport runway and AWOS project
- Authorized Little to purchase a tent under ADPH Grant- cost $17,000 (100% reimbursable) covered by GSA contract
- Authorized Chairman Jeff Clemons and the county attorney to sign the Federal FY 2021 Certifications and Assurances for FTA Assistance Programs
- Reappointed Linda Cabri to the Regional Housing Authority for a 5-year term to expire 2/1/26
- Authorized County Attorney Emily Johnston to negotiate a purchase price for commercial property associated with the grant application approved in Resolution 2021-09
- Approved the reimbursement for a washing machine to the Cullman County Detention Center at a cost of $12,450
- Awarded Bid no. 1299 extension for guardrails to Alabama Guardrail
- Awarded Bid no. 1319 extension for bituminous plant mix (product only) to Good Hope Contracting
- Awarded Bid no.1335 for lease of one or more current model backhoe(s) to Warrior Tractor
- Awarded Bid no. 1338 for lease of one or more excavators to Warrior Tractor
- Awarded Bid no. 1339 for bituminous plant mix (installed) to Good Hope Contracting
- Awarded Bid no. 1340 for cement for full depth reclamation to National Cement
- Awarded Bid no. 1341 for herbicides and adjuvants to Helena Chemical
- Awarded Bid no. 1342 for polypropylene pipe to Bear Concrete Products

The next Cullman County Commission meeting will be March 16, 2021 at 6 p.m. in the commission meeting room.

Concerts (from Front)

The event is sponsored by and will benefit The Valkyrie Initiative, a Pelham-based nonprofit "dedicated to the successful transition of veterans, first responders and their families."

According to the group's website, "This is accomplished using jobs and life skills training, nutritional counseling, plus research-based modalities for addressing stress reduction and issues of PTS (Post Traumatic Stress). We do not call this PTSD because much research confirms that it is not a disorder but is the brain/body response to intense and/or continued stress, trauma, and dangerous situations . . . While not an attempt to change the warrior mindset, the goal is to teach management of vigilance so they are not in a constant state of adrenaline exhaustion.

"Besides therapeutic modalities for managing stress, Valkyrie will offer job skills, training and recreation programs taught by rotating veterans, contractors, and those who have been through Valkyrie programs and want to give back."

Col. Joe Land, owner of Camp Liberty, told The tribune, "Camp Liberty is proud to support The Valkyrie Initiative's American Hero Music Festival. They are very dedicated to supporting our country's military and First Responders, which is right in line with the mission of Camp Liberty. We look forward to this event where proud Americans can gather safely to celebrate our great nation!"

For more on The Valkyrie Initiative, including event information, visit www.thevalkyrieinitiative.org.

Kari Jobe at Northbrook Baptist Church

Jobe will appear at Northbrook Baptist Church, 3691 Alabama Highway 157 in Cullman, May 15 with Cody Carnes. Jobe is a six-time Gospel Music Association Dove Award winner and two-time Grammy nominee, including a current nomination for her worship hit "The Blessing."

Quick talked about why Jobe will be kicking off Premier's concert tour relaunch, telling The Tribune, "Kari and Cody wrote a song right at the very beginning of the COVID outbreak with a group from Charlotte called Elevation, and the song was called 'The Blessing.' Basically, it's the Aaronic prayer from the Old Testament, and the song is straight from scripture, and it's been one of the biggest songs in the church. It's not been one of the biggest; actually, it's been the biggest song in the church around the world since they put it out in March or April of last year, and it's called 'The Blessing.'

"Kari's new record is (also) called "The Blessing," and this is the first time people will be able to experience that song in a live setting. It's definitely the biggest song Kari Jobe has ever written, so I think she's the perfect one to do it.

"You know, she's a very trusted artist and people love her, and she's been out there for a long time and had some really big songs. The night will be a full night of her and Cody's biggest songs, as well as songs from 'The Blessing' record and, of course, the song 'The Blessing' will be out there."

He concluded, "You know, we're looking at a lot of other tours later in the year that we'll be doing around the world and definitely around the country, but Kari was definitely primed and ready.

"Normally, we would have toured her way before now with a song that big, so it was definitely long overdue. The tour actually went on sale today, and we're selling out shows all over the country this morning, as we speak. It's a pretty exciting morning for Premier Productions. We haven't been able to have a win like this in a long time, so the team is really thankful for this, this morning."

Pre-sale of tickets for the concert started at 10 a.m. Thursday. By the late afternoon, the event was sold out. Those who are interested in attending can be placed on a waiting list for available seats. Visit www.karijobe.com/tour.

Holiday (from Front)

Cullman Tribune Staff
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – From Friday, Feb. 26, to Sunday, Feb. 28 Alabama will observe the state's 10th annual Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday. The Alabama Retail Association encourages Alabamians to restock emergency supplies in homes, workplaces and vehicles during this three-day tax holiday. Certain emergency preparedness items will be exempt from the state's 4% state sales tax, and in some cities and counties, local taxes are waived on those items as well.

The tax holiday means shoppers can save as much as 10% on these items in some areas of the state.

The cities of Cullman, Good Hope and Hanceville and Cullman County are all participating, along with the towns of Addison, Dodge City, Eva, Fairview, Garden City and Arley.

To see which communities are participating, go to https://revenue.alabama.gov/sales-use/sales-tax-holidays/alabama-severe-weather-preparedness-sales-tax-holiday. (Localities that do not levy a sales tax are not listed.)

From 12:01 a.m. Feb. 26 to midnight Feb. 28, the tax-exempt items include the following priced at $60 or less:

- Flashlights, lanterns
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio
- Batteries
- First-aid kits
- Cell phone charger
- Two-way radios
- Manual can openers
- Tarps and plastic sheeting
- Duct tape
- Fire extinguishers
- Tie-down kits, bungee cords or rope

Other tax-free items include coolers, ice packs, plywood, window film and smoke/fire/carbon monoxide detectors.

Portable generators and power cords costing $1,000 or less are also tax-free. To see a full list of tax-free items, go to https://bit.ly/3qFabeI.

Alabama is one of three states with a severe weather preparedness sales tax holiday in 2021; the other states with similar holidays are Texas and Virginia.

"Severe weather can occur at any time, in any season," said Alabama Retail President Rick Brown.

"The tax holiday helps Alabama consumers remember to stock and prepare emergency kits to be ready when storms strike."

More often though, consumers tend to wait until an emergency occurs to get needed supplies.

In the final months of 2020, Andrews ACE Hardware in Chatom sold more than 100 generators, said Jon Odom, who with his brother, Eric, and father, Cat, own the 83-year-old Washington County store.

"We were threatened by (Hurricane Laura) in August and sold a bunch then and when Zeta came through in October, we sold even more," he said.

Zeta caused damage in 19 counties.

In September, Hurricane Sally made landfall in Gulf Shores and Orange Beach, the first hurricane to make landfall in Alabama since Ivan in 2004.

Our state experienced 73 tornadoes in 2020. Already in 2021, a Jan. 24 tornado in Fultondale damaged more than 60 businesses and almost 300 homes.

The state also has already experienced its first winter storm emergency of the year. Local hardware stores are prepared to serve their communities in the event of a natural disaster.

Alabama Retail recommends having enough supplies in emergency kits to last 72 hours following a disaster.

For information on what items to include in emergency kits, as well as steps to take before and after disasters, visit ready.gov.

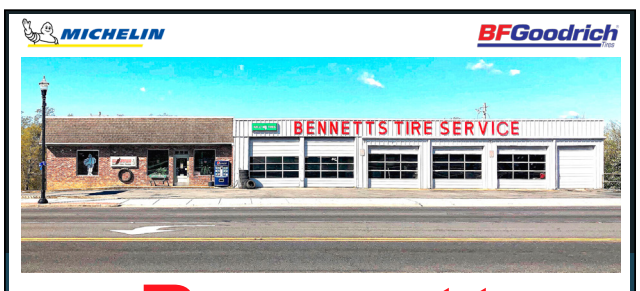
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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Feb. 18

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Feb. 18, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Incidents
No incidents reported.

ARRESTS
Feb. 17
Champion, Jennifer Lynn, 37
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
• FTA- shoplifting (2 counts)
• FTA- driving while suspended

Godfrey Jr., Rickey Dale, 42
• harassment

Mosley, Brandon Chase, 21
• domestic violence- strangulation

Rogers, Karen Ann, 45
• harassment

Smith, Charles Steven, 64
• attempting to elude

Thursby III, James Newton, 33
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Woodard, Jennifer Beth, 46
• second-degree theft of property

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS
Feb. 15
• third-degree criminal mischief, fourth-degree theft of property; Morrison Healthcare; Hwy. 157; damaged machines, cash

Feb. 17
• fourth-degree theft of property; person; Northcrest Dr. NW; tag; $111

ARRESTS
Feb. 17
Dyer, Stephanie D., 39
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Ellis, Daniel A., 40
• FTA- attempting to elude
• FTA- third-degree domestic violence- harassment
• FTA- driving while suspended (2 counts)
• FTA- reckless driving
• FTA- running a stop sign (2 counts)
• FTA- running a red light
• FTA- improper parking

Paradise, Kevin L., 35
• FTA- third-degree domestic violence
• FTA- public intoxication
• FTA- insurance violation

Allred, Dustyn H., 25
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

Lynn, Bradley A., 46
• second-degree criminal mischief (3 counts)

Peterson, George W., 54
• contempt of court

Murray Sr., Tevin O., 24
• FTA- running a stop sign
• FTA- driving while suspended
• FTA- insurance violation

Cofield Jr., William A., 40
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Thursday, Feb. 18, 2021 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Dashboard Hub (https://bit.ly/3iVJwXK)

Case details
• Total confirmed cases in AL: 379,795 (+1,010 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in AL: 104,570 (+188 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in AL: 7,391 (+67 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in AL: 2,033
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,001 (+3 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 2,812 (+5 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 110 (+0 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 61
• Total tested in Cullman Co.: 36,398
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 2,971
• Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 304 (unusual uptick; ADPH reported 180 Wednesday)
• Total tested in Alabama: 2,243,392
• Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 29,317 (unusual uptick; ADPH reported 19,088 Wednesday)
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 181,753
• Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 1,003
• Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama (reported M-F): 44,767
• Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 275,245

Vaccine details (updated Monday-Friday)
• Doses delivered to Alabama: 1,032,175
• Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 923,975
• Doses administered: 685,870
• Number of people receiving one or more doses: 515,731
• Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 169,339
• Doses delivered to federal Long-Term Care Program: 108,200
• Doses administered by the federal Long-Term Care Program: 66,654

Alabamians in Phases 1a and 1b, as well as people older than 65, are eligible to receive a vaccine.

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

Daily update from ADPH
COVID-19 cases
More than 480,000 cases of COVID-19 have been reported in Alabama, and Alabama's case fatality rate is more than 1.9%. During the past 2 weeks, COVID-19 numbers have trended downward, and hospitalization rates are one-third of what they were a month earlier. Alabama's percent positivity of 11.3% is its lowest since Nov. 1. Slightly more than 10% of Alabamians have received a first-dose vaccination and about 10% have been infected with COVID-19.

COVID-19 vaccination update
During the week of Feb. 7-13, more than 150,000 COVID-19 vaccine doses were administered in Alabama, and state providers are administering vaccine as quickly as possible. While the State expects to receive more than 90,0000 vaccine doses the week of Feb. 21-27, there is still a relative lack of vaccine for providers.

Race and ethnicity demographics
At this time, 54.9 percent of vaccine has gone to white persons, 11.7 percent to African Americans, and the race and ethnicity of 31.6 percent of persons are unknown or not reported. About 25 percent of the state's residents are African American. As expansion continues, ADPH hopes to rectify racial and ethnic disparities by offering walk-in clinics in close proximity to low-income neighborhoods and providing mobile vaccination sites for rural areas. Other strategies include targeted efforts to dispel vaccination myths among African Americans, offering transportation to vaccination sites, and vaccinating homebound individuals in congregate settings or homes. Demographic information is available on the vaccine distribution dashboard, that can be accessed here arcg.is/0brSGj

UK variant - B.1.1.7
ADPH is partnering with several private and commercial laboratories in the state to expand its ability to identify COVID-19 strains that are known to be more transmissible. To date, 8 variant strain cases of the highly transmissible COVID-19 B.1.1.7 variant have been identified in Alabama residents, but only a couple of the cases had out-of-state travel prior to illness onset which indicates this variant strain is already circulating in Alabama. Cases were identified in residents of Autauga, Jefferson, Madison, Mobile and Montgomery counties. The cases that have been identified correspond with the counties where a small portion of laboratories are collecting specimens for sequencing, so there is much yet to be determined about the variant's spread. The variant was first identified in the United Kingdom.

COVID-19 vaccine appointments that are no longer needed should be canceled
Please be considerate of others and cancel your scheduled COVID-19 vaccine appointment if you cannot make it or have received your vaccine elsewhere. This helps ensure that other people have access to appointments.

Second dose large-scale mass vaccination clinics to be held in March
Eight large-scale mass vaccination clinics took place throughout the state February 8-12, with more than 70,000 first doses given out. Clinics were located in Anniston, Birmingham, Dothan, Huntsville, Mobile, Montgomery, Selma, and Tuscaloosa. Attendees will return to the same locations in March to receive their second dose. Additional information will be provided soon.

COVID-19 vaccine delayed second doses due to inclement weather
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states that if a delay occurs in the normal schedule for receiving a second dose of COVID-19 vaccine, the second dose of Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines may be administered up to 6 weeks (42 days) after the first dose. ADPH will assure the opportunity for people to get their second dose over the next 2 weeks, including providing extended clinic hours as staffing availability permits. ADPH is pleased that there was no loss of vaccine in Alabama due to the inclement weather.

Volunteers supporting ADPH for vaccine distribution
As of today, ADPH has 455 medical volunteers, including physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, dentists, and LPNs, verified to support COVID-19 clinical activities. Please email requests to volunteer to Thresa.Dix@adph.state.al.us, and include your discipline, license number and county in which you would like to volunteer.

Be aware that vaccine shortages remain
Many county health departments are no longer offering first doses of COVID-19 vaccines and are currently administering only second doses to those people at highest risk and whose shots are already scheduled. This is due to the limited supply of vaccine. Please be patient and wait to schedule your own vaccination appointment if you have no underlying health issues or have limited contact with other people. Showing consideration for others will allow your neighbors who may be at higher risk to schedule their COVID-19 vaccinations.

Thursday, Feb. 18 update from Cullman Regional Medical Center
• 25 COVID positive patients, with 4 COVID patients currently on ventilators
• Cullman Regional has reported 175 COVID deaths to ADPH. Of those patients, 123 were from Cullman County.

"Numbers continue to decline – this is great news. We hope this trend continues; however, with the new variants of this disease, we must remain vigilant in order to prevent the spread. The Alabama Department of Public Health has confirmed that there are positive cases of the UK variant in our state; therefore, everyone must continue to be cautious."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Public Notice from Cullman Electric Cooperative
From Friday, Feb. 19 at 4:30 p.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, members will not be able to make payments or conduct business by website, telephone or kiosk. We are conducting regular maintenance of our payment system to ensure we provide our members the best experience.

Berlin Residents
The Town of Berlin will be handing out Midland WR-120 Weather Radios Saturday, Feb. 27 and Saturday, March 6 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Berlin Community Center. Citizens are asked to bring their current electric bills that show they are paying fire dues to the Berlin Volunteer Fire Department, along with a photo ID.

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

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.
• Ladies' exercise classes- Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Children welcome.
• Classes- Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult class, "The Phases of Armageddon" by Pastor Bobby Dodd
• Sundays at 9 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Small group classes for adults, children and youth at 10 a.m. Praise and worship and message at 11 a.m.
• Mondays-Fridays- Our 5 Points Ministry provide free hot meals for children and elderly 3:30-5 p.m. at the Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW Please call Aimee at 256-841-2060 to register or for more information. Eat in or take out. Kids' activities are available. Kids do not have to come to the center to get a free meal. Adults can list the names of the children and do takeout meals. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry and Spirit Life Church.
• Saturday, Feb. 20 from 9-11 a.m., Drive-thru food bank; bring an ID with you.
• Sunday, Feb. 21 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Revival led by Prophet and Evangelist Dr. Arvind D'Silva. Also Feb. 22-27 at 7 p.m.
• Saturday, Feb. 27 5:30 p.m. Chili Fundraiser for Children's ministry- $7 per person: chili, drink and dessert

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.

Friends of the Public Libraries of Cullman County Fundraiser at Panda Express
• Saturday, Feb. 20 from 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
• The Friends will receive 20% of your purchase.
• Panda Express is located at 5505 Alabama Highway 157 in Cullman.

Appeal to Heaven Prayer Gathering
• Saturday, Feb. 20 at noon at the Cullman County Courthouse
• We are gathering together to pray for our county, state and country. We will also be praying for anyone at the event who needs prayer or healing.

Good Hope City Council Meeting
Monday, Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m. at Good Hope City Hall

Berlin Town Council Meeting
Monday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. at the Berlin Community Center

Cullman City Council Meeting
Monday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. at Cullman City Hall

Virtual Concert Featuring Miss Alabama 2019 Tiara Pennington
Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 9:30 a.m. at bit.ly/missalabama-wscc. Pennington will also participate in a Q&A session. Her appearance is part of Black History Month events offered at Wallace State Community College.

Colony Town Council Work Session and Meeting
Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 5 p.m. at Colony Town Hall

Cullman Tree Commission Meeting
Thursday, Feb. 25 at 9:30 p.m. at Cullman City Hall

Tree-City USA Dedication Ceremony
Thursday, Feb. 25 at 10 a.m. at Cullman City Hall

PREP BASKETBALL

Cold Springs downs Aliceville 47-38 to advance to NW Regional

Nick Griffin
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BREMEN, Ala. – After a week full of delays, postponements and cancelations, the Cold Springs Eagles were finally able to hit the floor Thursday night for their sub-regional showdown against Aliceville. After jumping out to an early lead, Cold Springs overcame a scoring drought in the second quarter and did a lot of damage from the free throw line in the final frame to pull away and defeat the Yellow Jackets 47-38.

Seth Williams drilled a three-pointer from the top of the key to score the first points of the night and give the Eagles a 3-0 lead. Brody Peppers netted a pair of free throws to make it a 5-2 game early in the opening quarter and knocked down a three of his own midway through the period to make it 8-4. Williams laid one in to stretch the lead to 10-4 but Aliceville began heating up from three-point range. The Yellow Jackets hit a pair of shots from beyond the arc in the final minute of the first and were able to take a 12-10 lead into the start of the second.

The scoring drought continued for Cold Springs. Aliceville was able to pull ahead 17-10 midway through the second quarter, but another Williams layup finally got the Eagles back on the board and cut into the lead.

Points were still hard to come by for the Eagles, but Micah Calvert buried a three with 30 seconds remaining in the half to trim the Aliceville lead to 21-15 going into the break.

Another three-pointer by Williams cut the lead to 21-18 early in the third quarter and Peppers converted an and-one play at the free throw line to tie the game at 21.

Adam Hill scored down low in the post to give Cold Springs a 23-21 lead and after the Yellow Jackets scored on the other end, Calvert drained a deep three-pointer to put the Eagles in front 26-23 with four minutes to play in the third. Hill pulled down an offensive rebound and scored to stretch the lead to 28-24 late in the period but Aliceville was able to trim the lead down to 28-26 by the start of the fourth quarter.

Calvert got a running floater to drop at the start of the fourth to make it a 30-26 game and Hill scored another basket in the paint to give Cold Springs a 32-27 advantage with just over five minutes to play. Williams drained a corner three to stretch the lead to 35-27 midway through the period, but the Yellow Jackets responded and managed to cut the lead to 35-31 with around three minutes remaining.

Another Peppers bucket put the Eagles in front 37-31 and Calvert drained six straight free throws with less than two minutes on the clock to make it a 43-33 game. Calvert knocked down two more at the line to extend the lead to 12 with just over a minute remaining and Cold Springs held on to defeat Aliceville 47-38 and advance to the Northwest Regional Tournament.

Calvert led the Eagles with 16 points in the win. Williams added 13, Peppers posted 12, and Hill finished with six.

Cold Springs will either host Hatton or travel to Mars Hill for the first round of the Northwest Regional. Those two squads are currently scheduled to play Friday night. A date and time for the Eagles' Regional game will be announced later.



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Cold Springs' Tanner Kilgo drives to the basket during the Eagles' 47-38 win over Aliceville Thursday night.

WSCC ATHLETICS

Men's Basketball registers 1st ACCC victory; updates on softball, baseball, tennis, men's golf & volleyball

Russell Moore
WSCC Athletics

HANCEVILLE, ALA. – Wallace State's men's basketball team registered its first conference victory on Wednesday night, prevailing 67-55 over Southern Union at Traditions Bank Arena at Tom Drake Coliseum.

Sophomore guard Kuran Garner poured in a game-high 22 points and added five rebounds and four assists for the Lions (3-6, 1-4 Alabama Community College Conference). Jevon Laidler tallied a double-double off the bench, finishing with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Miguel Miranda had 11 points and Zion Fluellen added 10.

Wallace State controlled a 35-31 edge at halftime and consistently extended its margin to double digits in the second half.

The Lions, coached by Allen Sharpe, travel to Wadley on Friday for another tilt with the Bison.

WOMEN'S GAME
Southern Union 85, Wallace State 63
Wallace State sophomore Jiselle Woodson finished with 23 points and five rebounds as the Lady Lions dropped a conference game at home.

Kashara Preston had 11 points off the bench for Wallace State (5-3, 1-3 ACCC), Olivia Howard finished with nine points and nine rebounds and Makyia Broughton added eight points.

Southern Union nursed a 15-14 lead after the first quarter and sustained a 36-26 advantage at the break.

The Lady Lions also travel to Southern Union on Friday.

Wallace State softball, baseball, tennis, men's golf and volleyball updates
The 13th-ranked softball team will compete in the two-day Sun Chief Classic at Gulf Shores, beginning Friday. Opening opponents on Friday are Northwest Florida State and Pearl River CC and Saturday's slate includes contests vs. Jones College, Copiah-Lincoln CC and Coastal Alabama-East.

Wallace State softball (6-0) last played on Feb. 10 when it swept Wabash Valley College.

Sophomore Brantly Bonds is 11-for-16 to open the season with four doubles, a homer and eight RBIs, while freshman Kelsey McPeters is hitting .316 with a pair of homers and 10 RBIs. Morgan White is hitting .429 with two homers and seven RBIs.

On the mound, Haylee Folds is 3-0 with a 0.70 ERA in 10 innings, recording 20 strikeouts.

Sophomore counterpart Josie Thompson is also 3-0 with a 2.10 ERA in 16 2/3 innings. Wallace State baseball (2-3) travels to Coastal Alabama-South for a doubleheader on Friday and Saturday.

The Lions split a pair of games in Hoover on Feb. 14, beating Frontier Community College and losing to Wabash Valley.

In the victory against Frontier College, Preston Moore doubled and had a pair of RBIs. Cooper Prince and Mason Walker each added a single.

Joey Pourron was the winning pitcher in relief, allowing one run in 1 2/3 innings.

Trey Wright started and went three scoreless innings.

Wallace State's tennis teams host Piedmont College on Sunday, beginning at noon, and the men's golf team heads to Fairhope to compete in the Coastal Alabama Invitational early next week.

Wallace State's undefeated volleyball team, ranked 19th and 9-0, is slated to play three matches at the Itawamba Tournament on Sunday. The Lions last played on Feb. 11.

For more information about Wallace State athletics, visit www.athletics.wallacestate.edu or the athletics Facebook page at www.wallacestate.edu/athleticsfb.



WSCC ATHLETICS

Freshman Miguel Miranda is second on the team in scoring (11.4 ppg).

Role model Ryan Bliss: 'I've always loved this game'

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. – Ryan Bliss remembers first picking up a baseball at age 3. Wiffle ball games with his dad at the park soon followed.

"I've always loved this game," said Bliss, a junior shortstop and preseason All-American. "I did play basketball in high school, but it was never the same love as it was for baseball.

"Whenever I'm in between those two white lines, I get away. Everything else outside the park doesn't really matter. The only thing that matters is baseball and that's always been my mindset and that's why I will forever love the game."

A high school star and president of his senior class at Troup County in LaGrange, Georgia, Bliss chose Auburn over multiple college offers, and the opportunity to sign with the Boston Red Sox, which drafted him in the 30th round in 2018.

"I chose this school because, one, it's close to home," he said. "Being an only child, I love the ability that my parents have to come and watch me play a lot.

"The coaching staff, they're the best in the country. They made me feel at home when I visited. The biggest thing for me, when I came here compared to other places, the community and the people made you feel welcome. I came here and I felt comfortable. It was the best decision that I've ever made to come to Auburn. It's exceeded my expectations and even more."

As a freshman, Bliss earned the starting position at second base, helping lead Auburn to the College World Series for the first time in 22 years. As a sophomore, he moved to shortstop, playing 18 errorless games before the pandemic ended the season.

One of the Tigers' leaders, Bliss mentors underclassmen, viewing them not as rivals to beat out, but as teammates to build up. During each practice, he instructs freshman Cole Foster on the nuances of their complex infield position.

"He's teaching a guy who has enough skill to potentially take his position at some point during this year," Auburn coach Butch Thompson said. "That's a leader who's willing and unselfish enough to do that.

"He's the same player every day. He's the same person, he shows up with a smile, he's ready to work with consistent effort.

"Three, he's a good player. He has real skill. He can get on anybody's fastball. That's one of his gifts. He's good at everything and he's consistent with it. And on top of that, being unselfish and making everybody around him better every day.

"If he finishes the way he's gotten to up to this point, that's about as strong of a hat tip as I'll ever have for a player, I've had the opportunity to coach."

Last summer, Bliss served on Auburn Athletics' Advisory Task Force on Inclusion and Race Relations. One of five current student-athletes on the panel, Bliss helped formulate action items and ongoing plans for education and conversation.

"I was blessed to be on that committee," he said. "The opportunity to work with my peers to bring inclusion and awareness to the community, I'm thankful for it."

Beginning in travel ball when he was 12, Bliss has played with and against teams where he was the only Black player.

"When I see that, it motivates me to be that role model for younger African-American kids," he said. "Because it's such a beautiful and amazing game. I feel like I am one of the role models that African-Americans can look up to."

Through representation, Ryan Bliss aspires to bring baseball back to all communities.

"The game has brought me so many great experiences," he said. "It's allowed me to meet so many great people. One of my goals, later in life, I want to expand that to the community and get more African-Americans playing.

"I don't know what that looks like right now, but that is one of my goals. I feel like that's one of my callings as a player and a person, to get younger kids who may be less fortunate, to get the game available to them. I want to figure a way to do that so they can experience things that I have and meet the people I've met."



AU ATHLETICS

Auburn outfielder Ryan Bliss

OUTDOORS

R3 campaign encourages Alabamians to get outdoors

David Rainer
Contributor

With the social distancing requirements from COVID-19, many people have turned to the outdoors to escape the impact of the lockdowns.

The number of people fishing and hunting for a variety of game species has seen a boost, and Justin Grider wants to see that trend continue. Grider was recently named the Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) Division's R3 Coordinator.

R3 is a national program that addresses ways to boost hunting and fishing participation – Recruit, Retain, Reactivate.

"The overarching view of R3 is that we want to reverse the decline in hunting and fishing license sales that's been happening for several decades," Grider said. "The average age of a license buyer in the state of Alabama is the late 50s, and once they turn 65 they don't have to buy a license.

"We have to do something to change that trend. We not only want to revamp what we're doing, we want to get everybody on the same page Division-wide.

"We want to streamline existing programs and then create new, innovative programs that will allow us to reach more people and give us a bigger footprint.

"We also want to reach new audiences, not only the ones we're already in contact with."

Grider, WFF staff and the Communications and Marketing Section of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) are working on an R3 training video (I Am R3) to educate Department personnel.

"We want everybody in the Department to know what R3 is," Grider said.

"We want them to know the problems we are facing as an agency in that our funding model is tied to license sales. We need people to understand the importance of reversing downward sales trajectories."

Grider said the campaign will include having more outdoors-oriented events led by WFF staff as well as training volunteers so the volunteers will be able to host the events by themselves.

"We want to increase opportunities for people to learn and get involved," he said.

Outreach is a significant aspect of the R3 effort. A little over a year ago, Conservation Commissioner Chris Blankenship revamped the makeup and mission of the old Information and Education Section into the new Marketing and Communications Section and tasked Section Chief Billy Pope to find ways to expose the public to the benefits of outdoor recreation, including hunting and fishing.

"It's exciting that we are in a position to expand our marketing efforts with Billy Pope and his staff," Grider said.

"My hat's off to Commissioner Blankenship and Billy Pope for their willingness to try innovative ideas and new approaches in how we are promoting our programs, promoting our license sales and encouraging people to utilize public lands and water bodies.

"We're encouraging people to get outside to hunt, fish and get to the shooting ranges.

"That's not something we have done in the past as a Department.

"But this is a national trend in the last couple of years and especially during the pandemic; state agencies are starting to realize the role marketing can play in helping reverse downward trends in participation."

Although the white-tailed deer season has closed for now, Grider said the outreach will highlight the upcoming turkey season, which opens on March 20, and the abundant fishing opportunities in the spring.

The campaign will continue into the summer and fall with dove season, archery season and the rifle deer season.

During the COVID pandemic, Alabama has seen a significant increase in all outdoors activities. Hiking, biking, wildlife viewing and other activities have increased as well as hunting and fishing, which can be tracked through license sales.

"We have been very fortunate to see a surge in fishing, especially, but also in resident hunting licenses," Grider said.

"The goal is to retain those new license buyers. These outreach efforts we're putting in place are so we can retain those folks who got outdoors because of the pandemic.

"Because of the restrictions, people had more time on their hands and were able to get outside.

"We want to do whatever we can to retain that new audience."

Grider understands that when some of the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, the forces that caused the decline in outdoors activities will again be in play.

"We'll be competing for time again as things get back to normal, as normal as it can be," he said.

"As we get back to where folks are working more and kids are involved in extracurricular activities, we will be dealing with what we faced before the pandemic.

"I feel like if we can get out in front before their plates get full again and they see the benefits of getting outside, they see the benefits of hunting and fishing, then those outdoors activities, like hunting, fishing and target shooting, will maintain relevancy and continue to be a priority."

Grider said the new efforts will focus on spring and summer as well as continuing the outreach that occurs during hunting seasons with the Adult Mentored Hunting Program (AMH), the Special Opportunity Area (SOA) hunts and opportunities on our Wildlife Management Areas.

"We want to keep people engaged throughout the year, not just during hunting season," he said.

"That's where fishing events come into play. That's where shooting events come into play. This will help us stay relevant throughout the year.

"As for recruitment, we're looking for new audiences. There is a lot of interest in learning how to fish and hunt in major metropolitan areas. In our marketing efforts, we will encourage those people to participate, whether it is the Adult Mentored Hunting Program, the new 'Go Fish Alabama!' program or getting to one of our events at one of our shooting ranges."

The retainment aspect of the R3 program will encourage existing hunters, anglers and target shooters to take advantage of the outreach events and to volunteer to teach the newcomers the skills needed to enjoy outdoors activities.

"There are really good hunters, really good anglers and shooters who want to get involved by teaching," Grider said.



BILLY POPE
WFF Wildlife Biologist Justin Gilchrist shows SOA hunters how to age a deer with its jawbone.

"We'll use those folks as mentors. We're seeing that already within the Adult Mentored Hunting Program.

"Folks in that program three or four years ago are coming back to serve as mentors."

Reactivation efforts will reach out to those who have hunted or fished in the past but those activities have lapsed for whatever reason.

"Some of the folks who got back out during the pandemic were some of those people who had lapsed or had not purchased a license for several years," Grider said.

"They may have grown up in the outdoors or dabbled in it as an adult and just got busy with other priorities in life. When the pandemic offered them spare time, they were able to get back involved in the outdoors.

"Some of the reactivation efforts are tied to recruiting as well.

"We think there are people in metropolitan areas who haven't participated in R3-type activities in five, 10 or 15 years.

"They may have moved from rural areas where they grew up to metropolitan areas where they can't go hunting, fishing or target shooting as easily.

"We want to educate the public about the great hunting, fishing and shooting opportunities in or near the major metropolitan areas all over the state."

Grider said WFF Director Chuck Sykes has made the R3 program and the marketing efforts a priority.

"We're going to try innovative ways to reach these people," Grider said. "And I think this will allow our efforts to come to fruition. If we aren't selling licenses, we aren't able to continue conservation and our wildlife and fisheries management programs. The majority of people care about conservation. We just need to get that message in front of them."

Grider said the "Go Fish Alabama!" program will hold fishing events in areas like Public Fishing Lakes, state parks and local lakes in or near metropolitan areas. The program will be geared toward adults and families.

"We want to teach people how to fish so they have the knowledge to do it themselves," he said. "We'll have mentors on-site teaching participants how to use the equipment, how to target specific species and how to clean and cook the fish."

Grider said the "Go Fish Alabama!" program will start as soon as COVID-19 restrictions allow. Visit www.outdooralabama.com/fishing/freshwater-fishing for the latest details.

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Obituary Announcements: Feb. 19

Hershel "Bill" Hall
Hershel "Bill" Hall went to be with the Lord and join his life-long love, Delores Jean Hall, Monday, Feb. 15, 2021. He was born March 12, 1932 to Bob Mirl and Lena Bell Walton Hall, and he was the youngest of 11 brothers and sisters. He was married to Delores Jean George June 23, 1952. He worked for Chrysler and served in the Army during the Korean War. He was a member of First Assembly of God in Arab, AL, where he served as a Deacon and the head of the senior group there until he was unable to attend due to health issues. He also worked with Outreach Ministries that helped rehabilitate young men and help them overcome addiction. He loved to farm and grow things, as well as being a devoted husband, dad, grandpa, and great-grandpa. He was preceded in death by his parents Bob and Lena Bell Hall and his 10 brothers and sisters; as well as his wife Jean Hall. Survivors include his three daughters Lynn Hall, Shelia David, and Carol Helton; eight grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren. The graveside service will be at United Methodist Church in Fairview, AL at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, 2021, with Brother Austin Ball officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Shaun Patrick Bailey, 41, of Falkville
Shaun Patrick Bailey, 41, of Falkville passed away Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2021 at Cullman Regional. He was born Feb. 21, 1979 to James Alton Bailey and Katherine Audi Bailey. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife Tina Bailey; daughters Makayla Bailey (Dakota Creasey) and Morgan Bailey; granddaughter Avery Bailey; and brothers Jason Bailey and Nathan Bailey. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Charles Dye
Funeral services for Charles Dye will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb 22, 2021 at Cullman Funeral Home. Family will receive friends Monday from noon-2 p.m. prior to the service. The interment will follow the service in the Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Bobby Kerry Calvert, 68, of Cullman
Bobby Kerry Calvert of Cullman passed away Feb. 17, 2021 at the age of 68. He was born in Cullman Sept. 26, 1952 to Aubrey Glenn and Minnie Lee Stone Calvert. He was retired from the United States Air Force as an E8,SMSGT and he was a cattle farmer. He was a lifetime member of Disabled American Veterans and a member of Dorces Baptist Church. He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers Kenneth Calvert and Charles Calvert; and granddaughter Ashley Faith Calvert. Funeral services are Saturday, Feb. 20, 2021 at 3 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Bowman Chapel Cemetery. Survivors are wife Peggy Calvert; sons Levi (Jessica) Calvert and Seth (Magen) Calvert; daughter Keri Kurry; grandchildren Sydney, Kylie, Leah, Peyton and Malachi Calvert; and sister Glenda Callan. Visitation is at Moss Funeral Home Friday, Feb. 19, 2021 from 6-8 p.m. Due to COVID-19 guidelines, we ask that everyone practice social distancing and the use of a mask while visiting.

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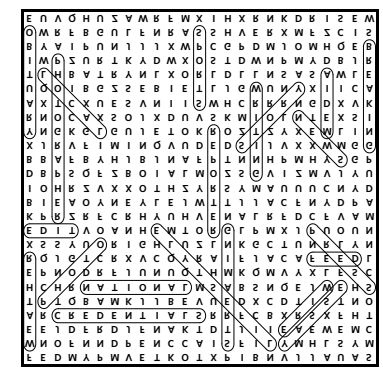
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LEGALS

Notice of Requests for Proposals (RFP) to Design and Construct a Major Addition to a Waterpark

The City of Cullman is currently accepting proposals for Design and Build Services for a Major Addition to the "Wild Water" waterpark at the Cullman Wellness and Aquatics Center. The project with a projected $7,000,000 budget includes the complete design and construction of an approximate two acre expansion to the existing aquatics and waterpark facility. All bids must be submitted on time and meet the criteria set forth in the RFP instructions to be considered. The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. The City accepts no responsibility for expenses incurred in the proposal, preparation, and presentation. Such expense is to be borne exclusively by the proposing party. Bids are due by 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 1, 2021 in the Lucille N. Galin Auditorium at Cullman City Hall located at 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055. Interested parties can attain information from Cullman City Clerk Wes Moore by calling 256-775-7110 or emailing wmoore@cullmanal.gov.

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LARRY DAVID BAILEY * CASE NO.: PC 2021-048
Deceased. *

NOTICE
PETITION FOR SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Summary Distribution has been filed by Donna Lee Bailey, petitioner, on the 2nd day February, 2021, and that thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to the law of the State of Alabama, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent.

Donna Lee Bailey
Petitioner

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for Petitioner
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To: PUBLISHER OF *The Cullman Tribune*

Please publish the above notice **ONE TIME** in said newspaper, and thereafter file with the Court a copy of the notice so published and an affidavit of publication.

DONE this the 17th day of February, 2021.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
VIRGINIA GRAF WADDEY, * CASE NO.: PC2021-044
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Ancillary Letters of Testamentary having been granted to HAYLEE ADELE WADDEY HALL and ALEXANDER CLINTON WADDEY as Ancillary Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of VIRGINIA GRAF WADDEY, deceased, on the 4th day of February, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Haylee Adele Waddey Hall
Alexander Clinton Waddey
Ancillary Co-Personal Representatives

Debra D. Spain, Esq.
Attorney for Ancillary Co-Personal Representatives
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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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STATE OF ALABAMA *
* IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
CULLMAN COUNTY *
* CASE NO. PC2021-019

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF B. G. MAXFIELD, DECEASED

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED
BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said Deceased having been granted to the undersigned, LARRY NEAL MAXFIELD, on the 10th day of February, 2021, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Dated this the 10th day of February 2021.

Larry Neal Maxfield
LARRY NEAL MAXFIELD
Personal Representative of the
Estate of B. G. Maxfield,
Deceased

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Judge of Probate

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STATE OF ALABAMA *
* IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
CULLMAN COUNTY *
* CASE NO. PC2021-020

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MARIE L. MAXFIELD, DECEASED

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED
BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said Deceased having been granted to the undersigned, LARRY NEAL MAXFIELD, on the 10th day of February, 2021, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Dated this the 10th day of February, 2021.

Larry Neal Maxfield
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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
JUDITH E. BROCK, * CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
deceased. * CASE NO. PC2021-059

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to SHERRI SUZANNE TURNER, as Personal Representative of the Estate of JUDITH E. BROCK, deceased, on the 18th day of February, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

DONE this the 18th day of February, 2021.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

TO: Publisher
The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for 3 consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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AGRICULTURE

Picking blackberry cultivars

Mary Leigh Oliver
Contributor

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. – Blackberry cultivars are a perfect example of selective plant breeding modifications to fruit and wild blackberry growth. While the fruit from a blackberry cultivar is superior in comparison to wild blackberries, these plants require significant maintenance.

Blackberry cultivars

Blackberry cultivars require specific conditions as opposed to the wild blackberry's only need: full sun. According to Alabama Extension Agent Chip East, blackberry cultivars grow best in full sun, should be irrigated in times of drought, trained correctly, pruned correctly, have weeds managed, have proper soil pH and have good internal soil drainage. To cultivate a sweet, productive blackberry, it will take some work.

Growth conditions

Whether planting blackberries for a home garden or as a commercial farmer, it's important to know the growth habits and proper planting locations.

"Plant location is important with regards to winter injury," East said. "It's common for blackberries to start blooming before the danger of frost is over."

It is best to avoid any low-lying areas where cold air settles. Planting on a slope or at the top of a slope will allow cold air to drain away from the plant. Trees growing around the field can also hold in the cold temperatures.

"A grower might be able to do something about some of these issues," East said. "However, freezing temperatures during blooming are always a concern."

Growth habits

The growth habit of a blackberry cultivar can be erect, semi-erect or trailing.

East recommends spending time studying the different cultivars before deciding which blackberry to plant in a given location. The trailing and semi-erect plants require a trellis, while erect plants may not need one.

When planting more than one row of blackberries, the rows should be about 12 feet apart.

In-row spacing can vary for each cultivar; however, trailing blackberry cultivars need to be spaced about 10 feet apart. This allows the plants to grow about 5 feet in either direction.

Growers should trellis and maintain the erect plants at the recommended 3-foot height. Then the in-row spacing would need to be 3 feet apart. When trellising erect plants, it is common to plant them about 5-6 feet apart.

Thorny or thornless

The next step is to choose thorny or thornless plants. While thornless seems to be a less painful choice, it does not necessarily mean it is a better plant.

Thorny plants are very productive due to their aggressive growth habit and superior disease resistance. Cultivars are available that grow large fruit on both thorny and thornless plants.

Popular thorny, erect cultivars include Chickasaw, Choctaw, Kiowa and Shawnee. Popular thornless, erect cultivars include Apache, Arapaho, Natchez, Navaho and Ouachita.

As fruit growth and production continues to advance, growers must stay up to date on appropriate care methods to achieve the large, sweet fruit so many love and enjoy.

More information

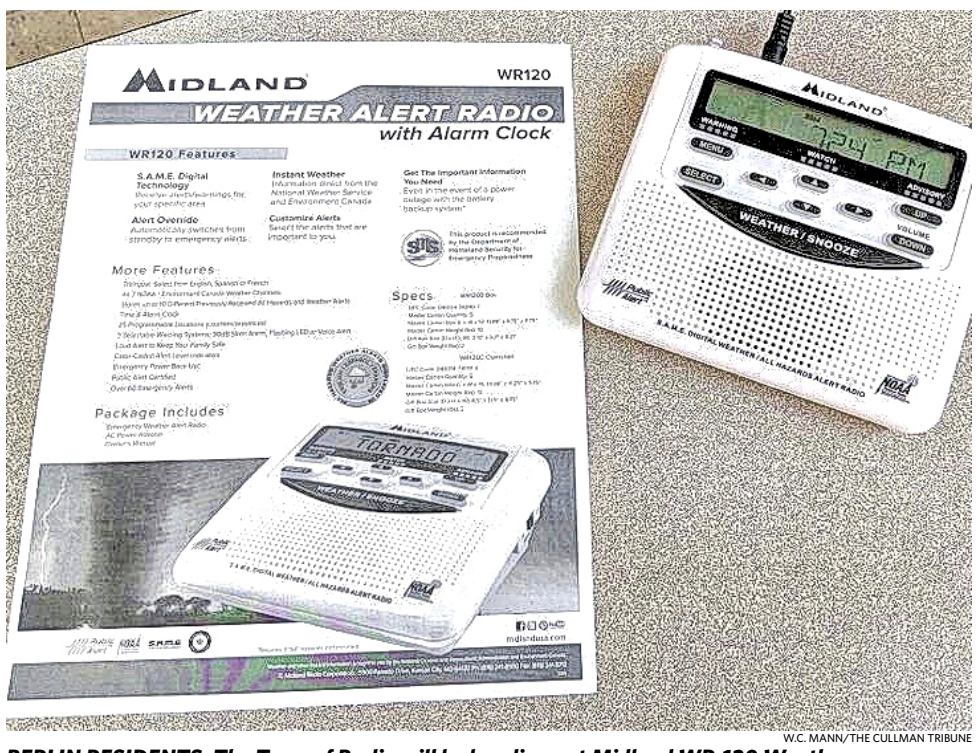
For more information on blackberry cultivars, visit the Alabama Extension website at www.aces.edu.



ALABAMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SYSTEM

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Town of Berlin to hand out weather radios to residents



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BERLIN RESIDENTS: The Town of Berlin will be handing out Midland WR-120 Weather Radios Saturday, Feb. 27 and Saturday, March 6 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Berlin Community Center. Citizens are asked to bring their current electric bills that show they are paying fire dues to the Berlin Volunteer Fire Department, along with a photo ID.

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Variant (from Front)

Cullman Tribune Staff
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) reported Thursday that eight variant strain cases of the highly transmissible COVID-19 B.1.1.7 variant (or U.K. variant) have been identified in Alabama residents.

The ADPH said it "is partnering with several private and commercial laboratories in the state to expand its ability to identify COVID-19 strains that are known to be more transmissible and may sabotage current progress of reducing cases in the state."

According to the department, only a couple of the eight confirmed U.K. variant cases had out-of-state travel prior to illness onset, which it said indicates the variant strain is already circulating in the state.

Cases were identified in residents of Autauga, Jefferson, Madison, Mobile and Montgomery counties.

The cases that have been identified correspond with the counties where a small portion of laboratories is collecting specimens for sequencing, so there is much yet to be determined about the variant's spread.

The variant was first identified in the United Kingdom.

Infectious disease experts and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have indicated that the current vaccines should be effective against the strain; however, this is still being studied, according to the ADPH.

Currently, the B.1.1.7 variant has not been definitively linked to worse outcomes of the disease.

"As this variant is recent to the United States, it is important to follow the outcome of persons infected with this variant.

"If a patient presents with recent taste or smell disorder, or clearly presents with COVID-19 illness, and tests negative for SARS-CoV-2, providers are asked to collect a specimen as soon as possible for submission to the ADPH Bureau of Clinical Laboratories or a laboratory that performs sequencing," said a media release from the department.

ADPH advises the public to continue practicing the usual mitigation standards with emphasis on correct and consistent use of face masks of washable, breathable fabric such as cotton, practice social distancing, and wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

For general information about COVID-19, visit www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/index.html or call the COVID-19 Information Hotline number at 1-800-270-7268.



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