NISSAN
Innovation that excites
TONY SERRA
NISSAN CULLMAN
256-676-2435 • TonySerraNissanCullman.com

The Cullman Tribune

SERVING CULLMAN – IN THE HEART OF DIXIE – SINCE 1874

VOL. 148 • 50¢ PER COPY | FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2021 | USPS 139-700 • NO. 41

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Hanceville talks March 13 Irish Festival

Christy Perry
christy@cullmantribune.com

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – The Hanceville City Council met Thursday evening with a light agenda, discussing the Hanceville Irish Festival, which is planned for Saturday, March 13.

Festivities will kick off at 9 a.m. in downtown Hanceville and will feature traditional Irish music from musical acts Black Market Haggis, A Shamrock in Kudzu, O'Toole Brothers and David Boling. Also returning will be the O'Faolain Academy of Irish Dance Alabama.

The council approved the appointment of Sammy Parker to Place 1 on the Industrial Development Board. The six-year term will begin March 1. Elaine Perkins was reappointed to Place 5 on the Industrial Development Board, also for a six-year term.

The next council meeting will be March 11, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at Hanceville City Hall.



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Members of the Hanceville City Council are seen Thursday evening, Feb. 25. »

– FEATURE –

ALWAYS PREPARING

Almost a decade since April 2011 tornadoes, local law enforcement, EMA, utility leaders discuss approaching spring storm season



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Local leaders listen Thursday as Cullman Electric Cooperative Manager of Communications & External Affairs Brian Lacy (right) speaks about the upcoming spring storm season.

Nick Griffin
nick@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. – With the 10-year anniversary of the destructive April 27, 2011 tornadoes approaching, Cullman Electric Cooperative (CEC) hosted a meeting with local law enforcement and emergency management leaders Thursday to discuss the upcoming spring storm season and how things have changed since that day nearly a decade ago.

Cullman County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director Phyllis Little kicked things off by thanking all those in attendance for the work they do to keep people safe within the community when disasters hit.

"You all know that the 10th anniversary of the April 27, 2011 tornadoes is coming up and the goal here is just to give everybody an opportunity, no. 1, to get out of the house from COVID and no. 2, to honor our first responders with a good meal, especially those folks that were with us and responding during that time," Little said. "We all remember how chaotic it was and how quickly our communities came together for anybody that needed help. I just want you all to know how much I appreciate what you do; I appreciate what the guys at the co-op here do to keep my power on and I just want you to know you are appreciated. If you ever need anything from our office at any time, please call us and let us know."

CEC Manager of Communications & External Affairs Brian Lacy picked up where Little left off, reflecting on the decade that has passed since the devastating storms and how the co-op has changed in that time.

"As Phyllis and I were talking about doing this and with the 10-year anniversary of April 27 coming up, we just thought it would be a good time to reflect on how things have changed and some of the lessons that we learned from that time across each of our depart- » PAGE 5

Holly Pond woman killed in 3-vehicle wreck at Hwy. 278/Hwy. 69

» PAGE 3

Good Samaritan Health Clinic names 5 new board members

» PAGE 5

BUSINESS

Small Business Spotlight: Magnolia Soap and Bath Co.



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Magnolia Soap and Bath Co., located at 1837 Patriot Dr. SW, is open Monday-Friday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sundays from 1-6 p.m. » PAGE 6

WARM UP WITH THESE GREAT DEALS!
Bill Smith
BUICK GMC
ALABAMA'S LARGEST BUICK GMC DEALERSHIP
*Notates all rebates applied, must have 2005 or newer qualifying trade in. Prices are plus tax, title, & fee. Colors may vary.
WAS $44,810
NOW
$39,673*
NEW 2021 BUICK ENVISION
FWD 4dr Avenir
NEWLY REDESIGNED!
STK#14123
BILLSMITHBUICKGMC.COM • 1940 SECOND AVE NW • CULLMAN, AL 35055 • 256-734-4472

© 2021 THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

CATA teacher Ray Brauer dies after battle with COVID-19

Brauer is the first full-time Cullman County Schools employee to die from the disease

W.C. Mann
craig@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman Area Technology Academy (CATA) Mechatronics teacher Raymond "Ray" Brauer passed away Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 24. According to CATA staff, Brauer had been hospitalized for treatment of COVID-19.

Cullman County Schools Sup erintendent Dr. Shane Barnette told The Tribune, "Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Mr. Brauer. Ray was passionate about helping his students to learn a skill that they could turn into a career for years to come.

"He was loved by his fellow educators and his students. He will be greatly missed."

Barnette said Brauer is the first full-time employee of the system to die from COVID-19.

Back in December, former longtime West Point volunteer softball coach Mike Brown also succumbed to the disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

CATA Principal Billy Troutman shared, "Mr. Brauer was a gifted teacher who was passionate about his students and the Mechatronics Program, but more importantly he was a kind and compassionate person with a great sense of humor and dear friend to us all here at CATA. We love Ray and will dearly miss him."

The family will receive friends Friday, Feb. 26, 2021 at Ridout's Gardendale Chapel, 2029 Decatur Hwy., Gardendale, AL.

A memorial service will be held at 3:30 p.m. with a time of visitation following the service from 4-5 p.m.

Go to page 6 to read Brauer's obituary from Ridout's Gardendale Chapel.



BILLY TROUTMAN/CATA
Ray Brauer demonstrates mechatronics to a group of young students.

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Feb. 25

Cullman Tribune Staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Feb. 25, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Feb. 22
- theft of property; CR 558
- theft of property; CR 747
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, unlawful possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 31
- harassment; CR 222
- domestic violence; CR 401
- burglary; CR 248
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1488
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 437
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, tampering with physical evidence; CR 1184
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1434

Feb. 23
- harassment, criminal mischief; CR 691
- unlawful possession of marijuana; CR 557
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 67
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; I-65SB/MM315
- theft of property; CR 223
- domestic violence; CR 1508
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 975
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 109
- harassment; Super Saver Road
- domestic violence; CR 1605
- theft of property; CR 994
- harassment; CR 1059
- theft of property; CR 395
- theft of property; CR 1508
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278 W
- theft of property; CR 738
- domestic violence; CR 437

Feb. 24
- harassment; CR 222
- harassment; CR 437
- receiving stolen property; CR 820
- violation of a protection order; CR 641
- domestic violence; CR 128
- harassment; CR 15
- theft of property; CR 820
- trespassing; CR 747
- domestic violence; CR 369

ARRESTS

Feb. 22

Anders, Jeremy Keith, 28
- FTA- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle (without theft)

Anthony, Cory Daniel, 28
- escape
- illegal possession or use of a credit or debit card (2 counts)
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Crosby, Brittney Racheal, 33
- harassment

Fanning, Nathan Dewayne, 36
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Fanning, Ricky Dean, 29
- tampering with physical evidence (2 counts)

Fisher, Matthew, 47
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing

Harbison, Alexander Evan, 28
- harassment

Harden, Dale Edward, 56
- FTA- DUI

Ingram, Billy Ray, 37
- receiving stolen property

Loggins, James Brian, 41
- FTA- burglary, non-residence
- FTA- burglary, residence
- FTA- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle (without theft)
- FTA- criminal trespassing

Lovell, Anthony Ray, 46
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- FTA- resisting arrest
- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- disorderly conduct

Mead, Jody Alan, 36
- theft

Newell, Megan Hamilton, 33
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Shepherd, Andrea Leanne, 25
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Snow, Cynthia De Anne, 60
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Feb. 23

Brizendine, Christopher Neal, 46
- harassment
- identity theft

Calvo, Kathryn Morrigan, 18
- minor- consumption of alcohol

Davis, Brooke Nicole, 28
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- promoting prison contraband
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Hunt Jr., Jimmie Ray, 45
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

King, Sherman Heath, 52
- driving while license suspended
- DUI

Leeth, Joshua Ray, 25
- public intoxication

Leis, Joel Richard, 34
- unlawful possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- felon in possession of a firearm

Milburn, Vernon Lee, 49
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Molette, Daja Jenia, 22
- counterfeiting
- possession of a forged instrument

Monroe, Ashley Christian T., 35
- FTA- harassment

Peterson, Ashley Summer, 38
- second-degree theft of property
- theft

Speakman, Tyler Lamont, 26
- probation violation- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Swann, Ethan John, 18
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- minor- consumption of alcohol

Villa Jr., Antonio, 41
- motion to revoke bond- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)
- motion to revoke bond- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- motion to revoke bond- resisting arrest

West Jr., William Eddie, 49
- FTA- operating a vehicle without insurance

Williams, Chloe Amanda, 40
- second-degree elder abuse and neglect

Feb. 24

Barnett, Christian Davis, 24
- probation violation- unlawful distribution of a controlled substance (3 counts)

Boyd, Lucas Andrew, 33
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Calvey, Crystal Deanna, 53
- probation violation- attempting to commit a controlled substance crime

Dallaire, Makayla Annette, 18
- assault
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Hays, Katherine Alecia Barbee, 38
- possession of a stolen vehicle

Kanute, Jerrell Wayne, 51
- FTA- SORNA- failure of adult sex offender to comply with requirement

Koshowsky, Donly Kevin Sadet, 30
- judge's order- reckless driving

Riggs, Destiny Veronica, 21
- criminal trespassing

Smith, Micah Steven, 37
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

No incidents reported.

ARRESTS

Feb. 24

Bumpus, Dustin W., 28
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle
- fourth-degree theft of property

Thursby, Jessica L., 31
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing
- FTA- third-degree promoting prison contraband
- FTA- switched tag
- FTA- expired driver's license

Terry, Kielynn B., 22
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- fourth-degree receiving stolen property

Monroe, Mitchell R., 41
- FTA- attempting to elude
- FTA- speeding
- FTA- running a stop sign
- FTA- driving without a license

Chappell, Sonya O., 27
- FTA- third-degree theft of property (2 counts)

Christiansen, Joseph W., 35
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- driving while suspended

Self, Cru A., 32
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- driving without a license

Lay, Rachel L., 30
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence (2 counts)
- FTA- giving false information to law enforcement
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing (3 counts)
- FTA- disorderly conduct (3 counts)
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- driving while suspended (2 counts)
- FTA- failure to signal
- FTA- harassment

Taylor, Deborah D. 54
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Ochoa, Ruby J., 46
- receiving stolen property
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of a forged instrument (2 counts)
- fraudulent use of a credit or debit card

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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



HEALTH

ADPH asks Alabama residents who have had COVID-19 to complete a confidential survey

Benjamin Hornstein, Ph.D.
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) is conducting an online survey designed to learn more about the spread of COVID-19 and to supplement ADPH investigation and contact tracing efforts.

Any Alabama resident who has ever tested positive for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, is asked to complete the survey. All answers will remain confidential.

The survey will take 5 to 10 minutes to complete.

The direct link to the survey is at https://epiweb.adph.state.al.us/redcap/surveys/?s=YFXWHEATFK, or go to alabamapublichealth.gov and click on the "Have you had COVID-19?" banner to access the survey. You may also go to ADPH's social media pages for a direct link.

General information about COVID-19 is available at alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19 or by calling the COVID-19 Information Hotline number at 1-800-270-7268.

Wreck (from Front)

Wendy Sack
wendy@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. – One person was killed and four injured in a three-vehicle crash at U.S. Highway 278 and Alabama Highway 69 in east Cullman County Wednesday afternoon. The wreck happened at approximately 2:45 p.m.

Cullman County Coroner Jeremy L. Kilpatrick on Thursday morning identified the victim as Tracey Mabrey, 54, of Holly Pond.

Cullman Police Traffic Homicide Investigation Sgt. Joey Duncan said four other people were transported to Cullman Regional.

Said Duncan, "The Traffic Homicide Investigation Unit was called out to investigate the crash.

"It is still under investigation."

CPD Lt. Jeff Warnke, THI Officer Jonathan England, CPD patrol officers, Cullman Fire Rescue and Cullman EMS also responded to the scene.

This incident came just four days after a fatal crash at U.S. Highway 278 and Alabama Highway 157.



The Cullman Tribune
Cullman County's Oldest Business, Serving the area since 1874
Publication Number USPS-139-700
Telephone: 256-739-1351 Fax: 1-256-739-4422
Humble Roots, LLC
Published Tuesday - Saturday at 219 2nd Avenue SE, Cullman, Alabama 35055 Entered as periodical material at the Cullman Post Office Periodical postage paid at Cullman, Alabama 35055
POSTMASTER: SEND ADDRESS CHANGE TO:
The Cullman Tribune
219 Second Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Email Address: robin@cullmantribune.com

ANNUALLY BASED RATES

Cullman.....$100.00
Outside Cullman.....$150.00

Noah Galilee - Publisher
Dustin Isom - Associate Publisher
Wendy Sack – Editor
Christy Perry - Lifestyle/Reporter
W.C. Mann - Senior Reporter
Sammy Confer-Youth/JVSports Editor
Nick Griffin -VarsitySports Editor
JoeMcElroy -Photographer
Bill Piper - Photojournalist
Howard Cole - Photojournalist
Martha Needham - Photojournalist
Robin Winton - Newsroom Manager
Janet Chandler - Marketing Specialist

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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.

Cullman Electric Cooperative Scholarship Opportunity
Do you know a high school senior attending a college, university or technical school in the fall? The scholarship deadline is one week away! Applications are due Friday, Feb. 26, at 4 p.m. Scholarship applications can be found on our website at https://bit.ly/3arxOSk.

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.

Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation District 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 256-734-1431 or 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.
• Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. Revivial

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 Tree Commission Meeting
Friday, Feb. 26 at 9:30 a.m. at Cullman City Hall

Tree-City USA Dedication Ceremony
Friday, Feb. 26 at 10 a.m. at Cullman City Hall

Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday
• From 12:01 a.m. Friday, Feb. 26 to midnight Sunday, Feb. 28, Alabama will observe the annual Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday. Certain emergency preparedness items will be exempt from the state's 4% state sales tax, and 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, waiving local tax on certain items.

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.

Fairview Lions Club Pancake Breakfast
• Saturday, Feb. 27 from 7-10 a.m. at Fairview Town Hall
• Plates are $6 and consist of pancakes, sausage and bacon. Eat in or carry out.
• All proceeds will go to the Fairview Lions Club project fund.

Colony Black History Museum
• Saturday, Feb. 27 from 3-5 p.m.
• Colony Educational Complex, 151 Byars Road in Colony

Chili Cook-Off
• Sunday, Feb. 28 directly after 11 a.m. service at Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Free entry- win prizes-$7 per meal- Children 5 and younger free

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

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

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

Baileyton Town Council Meeting
Monday, March 1 at 6 p.m. at Baileyton Town Hall

Living Landscapes "Backyard Chickens"
Tuesday, March 2 from 6-8 p.m. Join Rachel Dawsey, backyard chicken veteran and Alabama Co-op Extension Agent Landon Marks as they cover everything you need to know about having your own flock. This class will cover nutrition, housing, breed selection and more. Class cost $5. Program will be held under the pavilion (outdoors) so please dress appropriately. The Agriplex will be following all state mandated guidelines. Register at Agriplex.org.

Farm Kids "Goats"
Saturday, March 6 from 9-10:30 a.m. Come & meet our playful goat friends! We will learn all about goats and their many uses on the farm. $5 per child, $10 family max. This event will be held outside under the pavilion so please dress appropriately, the Agriplex will be following all state mandated guidelines. Register at Agriplex.org.

Heritage Skills "Natural Beauty Care"
Thursday, March 11 from 6-8 p.m. Join us & local herbalist DeAnn Duke, along with daughter Mary Beth as they cover natural beauty care. In this Heritage Skills class, we will cover toxic ingredients to avoid and learn how to replace them by making our own simple alternatives. Not only we will learn about lowering our toxic intake, but how to beautifully benefit our skin & hair naturally. This class will be held under the pavilion (outdoors), so please dress appropriately. The Agriplex will be following all state mandated guidelines. Register at Agriplex.org.

Little Farmers "Birds of a Feather"
Friday, March 12, from 10-11 a.m. Explore the world of birds with hands-on crafts, snacks and feathers, of course! Ages 3-5, $5 per child/$10 family max. Program will be held outdoors under the pavilion so please make sure your little farmer is dressed appropriately! The Agriplex will be following all state mandated COVID-19 guidelines. Register now at Agriplex.org.

St. Paul's Spring Flea Market
• St. Paul's Lutheran School will host a Spring Flea Market fundraiser Saturday, March 20 from 8 a.m.-noon. Vendors will be located inside the gym and in the front parking lot of the school. Spaces are limited. Interested vendors should contact Emily Trahan at emilytrahan@stpaulscullman.com. Find out more at www.stpaulscullman.com.
• St. Paul's is located at 510 3rd Ave. SE, Cullman, AL 35055.

le petit Fashion Show
• Saturday, March 29 at 2 p.m. in the garden at Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE, Cullman
• A BD Ballet Academy scholarship & performance fund evet
• Tickets are $10. For reservations, call 256-338-6401 or email brooke.desnoes@gmail.com.

Annual Spring Clean-up for City of Cullman Sanitation Customers
• March 29 – April 2, 2021
• Place your old unwanted appliances, furniture, mattresses, and other large items curbside on MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2021. Crews will be picking up these items throughout that week (separately from your regular garbage and recycling). This is a service provided to our customers at NO EXTRA CHARGE!
• There are some things we can't pick up, though. We CANNOT pick up rocks, dirt, bricks, concrete, construction materials, hazardous materials or tires. And due to the large volume of items to be picked up, we will not be picking up brush, tree limbs and other yard waste during the week of March 29-April 2, 2021.
• If you have any questions, please contact the City of Cullman Sanitation Department at 256-737-7560 or cityhall@cullmanal.gov.

The American Hero Music Festival
• Saturday, April 24 at Camp Liberty, 15719 Alabama Highway 157 in the Battleground community west of West Point- Gates open at 9 a.m., with the show going from 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
• 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.
• Activities consist of an Airsoft shoot house, zip lines, food, vendors and giveaways, with the grand price being a Smith & Wesson M&P AR15 style rifle.
• Lodging available through Camp Liberty (cabins, camping/RV, and bunk rooms)
• Get tickets at http://bit.ly/2NLka3a.

No. 17 Auburn sets school record in 33-0 blowout of Alabama A&M

George Nunnelley
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. – No. 17 Auburn set the school record for runs in game as the Tigers defeated Alabama A&M, 33-0, Wednesday night at Plainsman Park.

Sophomore Brayton Brown hit a double into the gap in left center to score Cole Foster from first and set the single-game record, eclipsing the previous mark of 32 runs against Troy on Mar. 2, 1994.

Along with setting the school record for runs, the Tigers also tied the program record with 27 hits in the contest. The previous mark was also set against Troy in 1994.

"That's about as much professionalism as I've seen in nine innings, respecting the opponent," head coach Butch Thompson said.

"We just continued to have at bats that never got stale.

"We played the game of baseball and respected it and played it at a very consistent, high level for nine innings.

"When we can get where there's one way to play this game, that'll keep us off an emotional roller coaster and get us playing good consistent baseball," Thompson added.

Fifteen Tigers saw action in the contest, and 12 different players recorded a hit. Brody Moore led the way by going 4-for-6 with seven RBI as 10 players, including all nine in the starting lineup, ultimately collected multiple hits and nine drove in multiple runs.

"It was awesome," Moore said. "Hitting is always contagious, and we have guys that can just pass the bat down to the next guy and go at-bat to at-bat and not worry about the scoreboard or about the team we're playing."

With the record-setting output, Auburn outscored Alabama A&M 51-2 and outhit the Bulldogs 41-6 in two games this week.

"Stay short and let the big things happen," Moore added of the team's offensive mindset. "I think that resulted greatly in what we did tonight."

After the two teams went scoreless in the first two innings, Auburn scored in each of the last six frames, including four or more runs in five straight innings from the third through the seventh.

The team's 14-run fourth inning came up two runs shy of tying the program record for runs in an inning.

Fifteen of Auburn's 27 hits went for extra-bases, including 11 doubles, three triples and one home run. Moore, Steven Williams and Garrett Farquhar each collected a pair of doubles in the game as the Tigers totaled 10 or more doubles for the first time since 2010.

Tyler Miller was one of four players to drive in four or more runs and hit his first home run in an Auburn uniform in the game.

Freshman Jack Sokol (1-0, 0.00) made his Auburn debut in the start and pitched 4.0 scoreless innings. The right-hander allowed one hit and issued three walks with six strikeouts.

The first two batters in Alabama A&M's lineup reached to start the game, but Sokol settled down and struck out four straight batters in the second and third innings.

Auburn's bullpen continued its strong start to the season as Blake Burkhalter, Hayden Mullins, Joseph Gonzalez, Seb Thomas and Carson Skipper threw an inning apiece to finish it off. Burkhalter, Mullins and Gonzalez each struck out a pair in their outings.

After doubling on the first pitch of the game, Alabama A&M didn't record a hit until the eighth inning.

Auburn hits the road for the first time since the 2019 College World Series as the Tigers are set to take on Oklahoma, Baylor and Texas A&M in the Round Rock Classic this weekend.



JACOB TAYLOR/AU ATHLETICS

Tyler Miller hits his first career home run vs. Alabama A&M.

No. 6 Alabama falls on the road at no. 20 Arkansas, 81-66

UA Athletics
rolltide.com

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. – The No. 6/7 Alabama men's basketball team dropped an 81-66 decision at No. 20/20 Arkansas on Wednesday night inside Bud Walton Arena. The Razorbacks used a big run midway through the second half and went 27-of-43 from the charity stripe, compared to 3-of-8 free throws by the Crimson Tide, to secure the 15-point victory.

Jordan Bruner led UA with 14 points, including four first half three-pointers, while Jahvon Quinerly scored 13 and John Petty Jr. added 12. Juwan Gary also had a solid game after missing the previous two contests with a shoulder injury, going for nine points and a season-best nine rebounds, four of which came on the offensive glass.

After Arkansas (18-5, 10-4 SEC) took a 31-21 lead in the first half, Alabama (18-6, 13-2) ended on a 17-8 run over the final four-plus minutes to trim the lead to 39-38 at intermission.

Bruner scored the final 12 points of the half, knocking down four straight shots from beyond the arc.

The Crimson Tide picked up where it left off as it scored the first eight points over the opening 1:52 of the second half to take its largest lead at 45-39. Combined, the 25-8 run spanned halftime and lasted 6:17.

After Arkansas called a timeout to stop the momentum, the Razorbacks answered with a 17-2 run over the next 7:54 to take the lead for good, 56-47, with 10:39 remaining.

The 43 free throw attempts by Arkansas and 32 fouls called against the Crimson Tide were both high marks in a game this season.

The Razorbacks were led by Moses Moody's 24 points, 16 of which came from the foul line (16-of-19).

Coach Nate Oats Postgame Comments

"Disappointing loss. Arkansas outplayed us and was ready to go. They were getting every loose ball and made some tough plays. We struggled shooting the ball out of the gate. Jordan Bruner got us going with some made threes and so did (John) Petty. We didn't shoot terrible from three.

"We hit 33 percent which should be good enough to win if our defense was better. We have to defend without fouling. We had a season high in fouls committed and a season high in opponent free throw attempts.

"We can't put them on the line 43 times and expect to win a game. We need to do a better job on both ends of the floor.

"We were upside down on turnovers, had 16 turnovers and 14 assists. Way too many (turnovers). It was a great chance to win the conference outright on the road against the second-place team but didn't take advantage of it."

Team Stats

• The Razorbacks shot 46 percent (25-of-54) from the field and 4-of-14 (28.6 percent) from three-point range while limiting Alabama to 38 percent (26-of-69) shooting from the floor and 11-of-33 (33.3 percent) from beyond the arc

• Alabama shot a total of only 3-of-8 from the three-throw line while Arkansas shot 27-of-43 from the charity stripe

• It was the most free throw attempts allowed by the Tide this season while the 32 fouls committed was the most UA committed in a game on the year

• The slight advantage went to Arkansas on the boards with 39 compared to Alabama's 38, with the Razorbacks winning the points in the paint 36-28

• After the Tide's 8-0 run to begin the second half, the Razorbacks outscored Alabama 42-20 over the remaining 18:02

First Half

• The first five minutes went back-and-forth with the score tied 6-6, but Arkansas used a 9-0 run to take the 15-6 lead at the 13:19 mark

• The Razorbacks took its largest lead of the half behind a quick 6-0 spurt to extend the lead 21-9

• The Tide responded with a 7-0 spurt to cut the lead to 21-16 with 9:25 left in the opening stanza

• After Arkansas extended its lead to 10, the Tide used a quick 5-0 spurt of its own to inch closer to the Razorbacks 31-26 lead with 3:35 left

• Jordan Bruner drained four straight three-pointers to send the Tide into the locker room trailing 39-38

• The Tide ended the first half on a 17-8 run over the final 4:26 with Bruner scoring 12 straight points

Second Half

• The Tide wasted no time regaining the lead in the second half with an 8-0 run in the first two minutes to take a 45-39 lead

• Arkansas responded by scoring 17 of the game's next 19 points, including holding the Tide scoreless for over five minutes to take the lead for good at 56-47 with just over 10 minutes left

• The Tide ended scoring drought with a quick 5-0 spurt to shrink the Razorbacks lead to 56-52

• Arkansas would go on to shoot 25 second half free throws compared to only two by Alabama, with both of those coming from a technical foul, to hold on to a double-digit lead and secure its eighth-straight SEC win

Next Game

The Tide will look to clinch a share of SEC regular season title when it takes on Mississippi State on Saturday, Feb. 27, in Starkville, Miss. The game is slated for a 5 p.m. CT tip and will be televised on SEC Network.

For all the latest information on the team, follow AlabamaMBB on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. General athletic news can be found @UA_Athletics on Twitter and Instagram and Alabama Athletics on Facebook.



UA ATHLETICS

Alabama's Jahvon Quinerly posted 13 points in the Crimson Tide's 81-66 loss at Arkansas Wednesday night.

UAB Men's Basketball Visits UTSA this weekend

UAB Athletics
uabsports.com

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – UAB (18-5, 10-4 C-USA) heads to San Antonio for its first of three consecutive trips to Texas. The Blazers will take on UTSA (12-9, 8-6 C-USA) on Friday night at 6 p.m. and Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m.

UAB LATELY

UAB is coming off its second highest scoring output in program history on Monday night when it defeated Rust 117-45. Tony Toney had a breakout game, recording a career-high 23 points on 10-of-14 shooting. Toney was one of six Blazers to score in double-figures. The Blazers are 3-3 on the road this season.

UTSA LATELY

UTSA has not played since Feb. 13 when it finished up a sweep of Florida Atlantic. In the series against the Owls, Jhivvan Jackson averaged 25 points, 7.5 assists and 6.5 rebounds per game in the two-game series en route to being named Conference USA Player of the Week. The Roadrunners are 10-1 at home and have won eight of their last nine games.

UAB AND UTSA HISTORY

The series began in 2014 when UTSA joined Conference USA. In total, the teams have met 11 times, with UAB winning seven of the contests - including last season's quarterfinal matchup in the C-USA Championship.

COMMON OPPONENTS

UAB and UTSA have five common opponents this season: Louisiana Tech, North Texas, Rice, Southern Miss and UTEP. The Roadrunners' series against Charlotte was canceled.

AMONG THE BEST IN THE COUNTRY

Through games played Feb. 23, UAB is tied for 10th in the NCAA with 18 wins.

D-ING UP

In addition to being fourth in the nation in scoring defense (59.1), the Blazers are second in turnover margin (6.1), 14th in FG% defense (39.2) and 15th in scoring margin (+14.8).

UP NEXT

UAB travels to Denton to visit North Texas on March 5-6. The series versus the Mean Green is rescheduled from the first week of the conference season.

WRECKER/TOW TRUCK Driver

Clean driving record, clean criminal record, able to pass DOT physical, able to pass pre-employment drug and alcohol screening, must have CDL's, must be 21 years of age or older, good positive work ethics.

NO PHONE CALLS

Stop in office to fill out application

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Mullins Body Shop, LLC
11042 US Hwy 31 South, Cullman, AL 35055

Preparing (from Front)

ments," Lacy said. "I got together with our team here at the co-op and we just talked about what we learned from that experience and how things changed here over the last 10 years. Our first thing is that it's been 10 years since we've experienced anything like that so we're thankful for that."

Lacy said the co-op has experienced a high level of turnover these last 10 years, but he believes the infusion of new voices and ideas has helped the co-op develop and improve.

"We have a little over 100 employees that work here at the co-op and as of today more than half of the people who work here right now, did not work here in April 2011. That's a huge amount of turnover for our company. Without looking at the records I would assume that we've never had a decade at the co-op that had that much turnover," Lacy said. "So obviously, we've lost a lot of knowledge, but we feel like what we have gained in those new employees is a lot more valuable in terms of new energy and new ideas on how we approach things. We have a completely different philosophy in how we handle outage management and that comes from a lot of these new people that weren't here at that time. I think all these guys that are here with me and work downstairs in operations will tell you that we've got better teamwork and a more diverse set of skills here at the co-op than we had 10 years ago."

Fortunately, Cullman has avoided another disaster of that scale in the past decade, but Lacy explained that CEC linemen have still been gaining experience by helping with those situations elsewhere.

"Our linemen have a ton of experience dealing with disasters like that. We have a great mutual aid network, and our linemen help other co-ops all across the state. They've made many trips down to the coast for hurricanes over the last decade; they go up to Kentucky and the Midwest for ice storms, and they spent some time this past year in Louisiana with hurricanes as well, so our guys get a lot of experience working in those type of disaster recovery situations," he said. "We've also got great connections and we know that the next time we have something like that happen here, we're going to have people from other co-ops across that state and the region that will be here at a moment's notice if we need them."

Another big part of the co-ops growth has been a shift in technology. Lacy went through some of the updates that have been made in the last decade and how they're helping the co-op manage outages and other events.

"Technology has changed dramatically here at the co-op. We've got a new dispatch system- a new phone system for people calling in and reporting outages- you can report your power outage by text message now," Lacy said. "We've got the ability with the staking software we use for guys in the field to send in pictures from their phone that go directly to our office so our guys here can assess damage instantly. Our warehouse folks have just put in a new barcoding system that's going to help us manage inventory the next time this happens, too. So, the technology leap we've made in 10 years has completely revitalized things since the last time we had a major event."

Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry spoke next and began by thanking all the agencies and their employees for the work they do. Gentry went on to say that the teamwork between these agencies is what will help the most if and when the next disaster does strike.

"I think one of the blessings we have in Cullman County is teamwork. During the 2011 tornadoes, I was assigned at DEA at the time and still working narcotics, but we came up as a group and figured it out and worked together," Gentry shared. "I think that's one of the great attributes we have in Cullman is the willingness to do everything it takes to get the mission accomplished together. I think as long as we continue to instill that every day, then no matter what the disaster is, we'll be very successful as a community. We do it as team, and I think that's one of the most important things that all of us as leaders can instill within our agencies."

Cullman Police Chief Kenny Culpepper was at the meeting as well and reiterated the benefits of participating in the mutual aid program. He said it allows local first responders to provide aid to others, but it also provides invaluable experience and relationships when your own community is affected by a disaster.

"Like Brian said, we're part of the mutual aid system, and what really benefited us in 2011 was that about 80% of my officers had already been down to the Gulf and had experience dealing with a disaster. They were used to working with the National Guard, they were used to working with other agencies, and it didn't take us long to figure out that the linemen had the best base camps and the best food," Culpepper joked. "We went there to try and mooch off their food because we weren't as prepared as the electric companies were."

He continued, "We had our chiefs' conference last week, and in our new chiefs' mentoring session that's one of the things I always tell them: you need to participate in mutual aid. Don't complain about being shorthanded and how much it's going to cost because it's going to pay dividends when you have a disaster yourself. You're going to know what to do, your men are going to know what to do and you're also making those relationships with other agencies. When south Alabama came up here in 2011, we already knew those guys because we had gone down there and worked with them before, so it was every easy for us to coordinate law enforcement. One other thing that we really learned then is that when it's your disaster, you're not only working the disaster, you're worried about your families. You have to work out a plan to take care of your employees' families so they can do their job and not be worried about their wives and kids and moms and dads."

Members (from Front)

W.C. Mann
craig@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman's Good Samaritan Health Clinic recently named five new members to its board of directors, and executive director Jolanda Hutson was proud to introduce them.



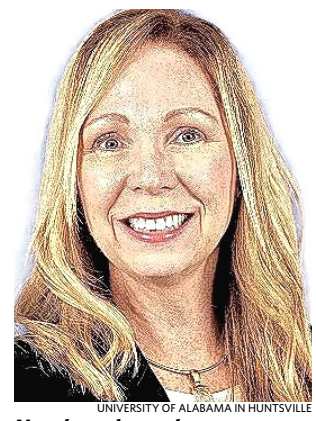
GOOD SAMARITAN

New board member Zach Lee



GOOD SAMARITAN

New board member T'aira Ugarkovich



UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA IN HUNTSVILLE

New board member Maria Steele



ST. JOHN & ST. JOHN

New board member Shay Persall



GOOD SAMARITAN

New board member Adam Clark

Adam Clark
Clark is a sergeant with the Cullman Police Department, working in its investigation division. He has been commended for his efforts in community outreach including coordinating the department's "Shop with a Cop" Christmas charity and working on its annual Halloween Trunk or Treat event.

Hutson said, "Personally, I did not know Adam before he joined the board, but after our first board meeting, I knew he was going to be a great addition. His enthusiasm is contagious, and he has already contributed so much to the clinic in less than two short months."

Zach Lee
Lee is an operations manager with Lowe's, having been with the company for more than 17 years. He has worked in the Cullman community for 25 years and has served on multiple organizational boards in the area.

Hutson said, "Anyone who knows Zach, knows he cares about people and has a servant's heart. I first met Zach a couple of years ago when he was part of the (Cullman Area) Chamber's Leadership Cullman County.

"He came to me after my presentation to the group, offering his help to the clinic in any way needed. Well, since that time, he and Lowe's have been very benevolent to the clinic and our patients. In 2020, he and Lowe's provided meals for seven of our patients' families during Thanksgiving and Christmas and also provided 60-plus poinsettias for us to give as tokens of appreciation to our volunteer physicians, dentists, community partners and the clinic's staff."

Shay Persall
Persall is an attorney with St. John & St. John, with degrees in criminal justice. She practices in the areas of civil litigation, estate planning and probate administration. She has also served on the board of Cullman Caring for Kids and sits on the board of the Stephen K. Griffith Memorial Fund.

Said Hutson, "I first became acquainted with Shay about a year and a half ago when the clinic began conversations with the Steve Griffith Memorial Fund in an effort to address the mental health crisis in our community.

Shay has been instrumental in the evolution of the clinic's newly formed partnership with the fund and Haven Counseling Services. I'm confident Shay's leadership and advocacy for the clinic and Memorial Fund alike will continue to lead to great things for our community."

Maria Steele, DNP
Steele is a family psychiatric nurse practitioner and clinical assistant professor at UAH. She holds a master's degree in public health administration and has clinical expertise in public health nursing and psychiatric mental health nursing.

Hutson said, "As a health care provider, Good Samaritan Clinic seeks board leadership from medical experts in the community. The clinic certainly feels blessed to have Maria join the board of directors particularly with her knowledge and expertise in the mental health realm.

"The timing of her joining the BOD couldn't be better with the clinic now providing mental health counseling services for our patients. Maria will bring much insight to the clinic as we seek to help our patients build on a stronger foundation towards both mental and physical health."

T'aira Ugarkovich
Ugarkovich is executive vice president and relationship manager with Cullman Savings Bank, and has worked for the bank for more than 11 years.

Hutson said, "Cullman Savings Bank has been a longtime supporter of the clinic and has been our sole platinum sponsor for our signature event, the Caring for Cullman Concert, the past couple of years.

"CSB not only supports our efforts financially but is always willing to get behind us in other practical ways in meeting our patients' needs. T'aira has a reputation of being passionate and a hard worker in whatever she does. I'm thankful she reached out to me wanting to serve on our board."

Lee and Ugarkovich took a moment to talk about their decisions to serve on the board and what they hope to accomplish.

Ugarkovich shared, "I chose to serve on the board because of the Good Samaritan Clinic mission. The clinic does amazing things for our community and I want to be a part of this. I would hope that my time on the board can be spent spreading the word of all the good work the clinic does to reach the potential clients that may need the clinic's assistance."

Lee told The Tribune, "One of the things I'd like to do is increase community awareness of the clinic: what they offer and who we actually serve, and who would actually be available, too.

"As a board (member), I want to continue the success of managing the current and future budgets, ensure that the clinic's operating effectively. Another important thing of mine is employee relations; I want to make sure that the employees' development is always ongoing."

Lee said he has seen just what a charitable organization like Good Samaritan could do through friends who were clinic patients, adding, "One thing I found is that giving back to the community is really a true fulfillment for me. Seems like the older I get, the more I give, but it fulfills me so much more than where I was as a young man.

"But now, getting up in age, if I've got it, if I've got the opportunity to give, I'm going to give. And that's basically how I live my life: if I've got it to give, I'm probably going to give it to you."

Good Samaritan's board also includes:

- Board Chairman Joe McNulty, pastor, Cornerstone Church of the Nazarene
- Vice Chairman Jared Rice, PharmD, pharmacist, Borden Family Pharmacy
- Secretary Paula Waters, social worker, clinic volunteer
- Board Treasurer Lindsay M. Rhodes, CPA/PFS, CGMA, Lindsay M. Rhodes, CPA, LLC
- Heather Ashley, nursing faculty, Wallace State Community College
- Charna Brown, chief nursing officer, Cullman Regional Medical Center
- Conna Canada, certified audiologist (Retired), clinic volunteer
- Matt Dellinger, DMD, dentist, Matt Dellinger, DMD

To find out more about Good Samaritan Health Clinic, visit www.goodsamaritancullman.com or call 256-775-1389.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Thursday, Feb. 25, 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: 384,640 (+758 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 106,470 (+132 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 7,706 (+63 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 2,125
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,041 (+12 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 2,828 (-7 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 117 (+3 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 62
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 36,841
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 2,732
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 107
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,276,188
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 14,091
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 161,078
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 773
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama (reported M-F): 45,312
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 285,130

Vaccine details (updated Monday-Friday)

- Doses delivered to Alabama: 1,087,285
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 963,875
- Doses administered: 839,409
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 583,217
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 254,907
- Doses delivered to federal Long-Term Care Program: 123,410
- Doses administered by the federal Long-Term Care Program: 72,475

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

FDA says Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine meets requirements for EUA

The Food and Drug Administration released an analysis today that says it has reviewed data for the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine and has determined that it is consistent with the recommendations set forth in the FDA's Emergency Use Authorization guidance for vaccines to prevent COVID-19. The FDA has scheduled an advisory committee meeting for Feb. 26 to consider the documents and make a recommendation on whether the vaccine should be authorized. We anticipate the Johnson & Johnson vaccine being approved soon after the meeting, joining the Moderna and Pfizer vaccine options. ADPH encourages the public not to vaccine shop, as all approved COVID-19 vaccines are excellent options.

Federal Retail Pharmacy Program expands to offer new Alabama COVID-19 vaccine locations

The Federal Retail Pharmacy Program has expanded to begin administering the COVID-19 vaccine at nine select CVS locations throughout the state Thursday, Feb. 25. The vaccine will be available at CVS locations in Bayou La Batre, Camden, Evergreen, Greensboro, Jackson, Lanett, Moulton, Tuskegee and Union Springs. Available appointments can be scheduled at www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine. Walmart and Sam's Club are also expanding locations in Alabama to offer COVID-19 vaccine sites at additional stores throughout the state. Eligible customers can schedule vaccine appointments at www.walmart.com/COVIDvaccineand www.samsclub.com/covidas new appointments are available. Discussions continue to bring additional partners on board, and information will be announced as new sites are added.

How to safely put on and take off face masks

You have heard these specific recommendations about handling masks before, but they bear repeating. Wash your hands before putting on your mask. Then, try not to touch it. If you must adjust your mask, wash your hands or use hand sanitizer before and after to prevent the transfer of germs between your hands and the mask. When removing your mask, take it off without touching the fabric itself. Untie the strings or slip off the ear loops. Fold the mask, discard the mask if it is disposable, or place a cloth mask in the laundry. Do not wear a dirty mask, and make sure masks are completely dry before putting them on.

Spotlight (from Front)

Christy Perry
christy@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. – Magnolia Soap and Bath Co. is now open in Cullman. Its products are made from all plant-based ingredients, and customers can watch as the colorful bars of soap, soothing bath bombs and other fragrant beauty and home products are made on-site.

Store manager Jaime Pilgrim said business has been "crazy" since opening four weeks ago.

According to Pilgrim, the Mississippi-based company's owner, Magen Bynum, started Magnolia Soap and Bath Co. in her own kitchen. Pilgrim explained, "Her children had sensitive skin, so she was messing around in her kitchen and came up with it. That is what she does every day."

While visiting her lake house at Smith Lake, said Pilgrim, Bynum knew she wanted to open her next location in Cullman. The local store is one of two in Alabama; the other is in Tuscaloosa. There are eight stores in Mississippi, one in Oklahoma and two in Tennessee, according to the company's website.

Magnolia's products are friendly for those with skin conditions such as eczema and psoriasis.

What makes Magnolia Soap and Bath Co. different, according to Pilgrim? "Everything you see here we make here in the store, so you can come here and watch us make it. The only thing we have shipped in is our facial line."

There are products available for men, women and the home. Pilgrim especially loves the laundry powder.

"We do our own laundry detergent, which is wonderful, and you only need two tablespoons," she said. "You can also use it for mopping and it can be made in any scent we carry."

There are more than 70 scents from which to choose.

Shower steamers can be used for headaches, sinuses, muscle aches and more. Shave bars are another top seller.

Magnolia Soap and Bath Co. makes unique bar soaps, bath bombs and bath scoops in a variety of colors and scents.

For men, there are shave bars, beard oil, beard balm, soaps and shower oils. For the home, Magnolia carries candles, wax melts and room spray. Pilgrim said they hope to add a multi-purpose cleaner and hand soaps soon.

For a fun night out, Magnolia offers bath bomb parties, and Pilgrim said, "I know in the future we are going to have a candle bar. It's going to be set up like a bar and there will be bottles of scents and you can book a candle party where you come and make your own candles."

Magnolia Soap and Bath Co., located at 1837 Patriot Dr. SW, is open Monday-Friday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sundays from 1-6 p.m.

Find out more at www.facebook.com/magnoliasoapcullman.

Obituary Announcements: Feb. 26

Raymond Alan Brauer, 62, of Cullman

Raymond Alan Brauer, 62, of Cullman, Alabama entered into rest Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2021 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. Ray was born June 20, 1958 in Niles, Ohio. He was a graduate of the Class of 1976 at Howland High School and went on to the University of Cincinnati where he received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. He worked as electrical engineer for over 30 years. In 2015, he became the Mechatronics teacher at the Cullman Area Career Center. He also taught Sunday school class at Gardendale First Baptist Church for over 18 years. He enjoyed going to Gulf Shores in the summer and working a part-time job at Meyer Vacation Rentals and Publix. He enjoyed watching and supporting his kids and grandson playing sports. He also enjoyed spending time at the beach, and it became his second home here on Earth. Ray impacted everyone he came in contact with, whether he knew it or not. He had a special way of making people laugh with his dry sense of humor, and we all knew if he wasn't picking on you, he didn't like you. Ray was hardworking, sarcastic, and was a man after God's own heart. He will be truly missed. The family will receive friends Friday, Feb. 26, 2021. Ray is survived by his wife Karla Bailey Brauer; sister Sandra Brauer; sons Blake Brauer (Rachel), Michael Brauer (Lacey), and Cole Fetner (Emily); daughter Mckenzie Alston (Jordan); grandson Cade Brauer; uncle and aunt Richard and Sally Brauer. Ray was preceded in death by his father Raymond C. Brauer; mother Janet Pavlik Brauer; and mother-in-law Eloise Bailey. The family will receive friends Friday, Feb. 26, 2021 at Ridout's Gardendale Chapel, 2029 Decatur Hwy., Gardendale, AL. A memorial service will be held at 3:30 p.m. with a time of visitation following the service from 4-5 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to North Jefferson Women's Center 1209 Decatur Hwy., Fultondale, Alabama 35068. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.ridouts-gardendalechapel.com for the Brauer family.

FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED SINCE 1998
HOLLY POND FUNERAL HOME
SPECIAL PRICING ON CREMATIONS OPTION
Speak with one of our licensed funeral directors today for special pricing on Direct Cremation, Cremation with a Memorial Service, or Funeral Services followed by Cremation.
★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★
TRADITIONAL "CARE" BURIAL FUNERAL PACKAGES
CURRENTLY BEGIN AT $3,995. ADDITIONAL PACKAGES AVAILABLE.
THIS ESTABLISHMENT DOES NOT OWN A CREMATORY.
161 BROOKLYN ROAD, HOLLY POND, AL | 256-796-0333

THE TOMBSTONE COMPANY
Custom Granite Headstones and Monuments
Date of Death Engraving in Cemeteries
Locally Made and Locally Owned
Low Cost, High Quality
30-Day Delivery, Guaranteed
We Use Only American Granite
2117 US Hwy 278 West
Cullman, AL 35057
(2 miles West of I-65)
256-734-2005
Saturdays by Appointment
www.thetombstonecompany.com

Free Obituary Listings
HAVE YOUR FUNERAL HOME CONTACT US
Email: robin@cullmantribune.com • Fax: 256-739-4422
Complete obituaries may be found free of charge at CullmanTribune.com/obituaries.

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.

PB MIN BK 194 PG 509 - 02/24/2021 02:03 PM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JAMES D. LANCASTER, Deceased. * CASE NO PC-2020-354

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Administration having been granted to Cody Lancaster, as Personal Representative of the Estate of James D. Lancaster, Deceased, on the 24th day of February, 2021, by Tammy Brown, Probate Judge. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claim against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Cody Lancaster
Personal Representative

C. Blake West
Attorney for the Petitioner
1701 Main Ave, SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

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

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

PB MIN BK 194 PG 516 - 02/24/2021 02:23 PM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
A.C.R.
D.O.B. 12-18-2007 CASE NO: PC 2020-306

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE OF MINOR

TO: ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN BIOLOGOCAL FATHER OF THE CHILD BORN TO PENNIE LYNN MCBRAYER HILL KNOWN AS A.C.R.

The Petition to Change Name of Minor was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Pennie Lynn McBrayer, Biological Mother. If you should contest, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioners, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 24th DAY OF February, 2021.

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

Johnny V. Berry
Attorney for Petitioner
405 Second Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

PB WIL BK 100 PG 230 - 02/10/2021 03:24 PM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA *
CULLMAN COUNTY * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
* 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

PERRY D. KNIGHT
Attorney for the
Estate of B. G. Maxfield, Deceased
412 First Avenue SE
Suite 101
Cullman, AL 35055
256-734-4090

To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

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

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
Judge of Probate

PB WIL BK 100 PG 193 - 02/10/2021 03:00 PM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA *
CULLMAN COUNTY * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
* 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
LARRY NEAL MAXFIELD
Personal Representative of the Estate of Marie L. Maxfield, Deceased

PERRY D. KNIGHT
Attorney for the
Estate of Marie L. Maxfield, Deceased
412 First Avenue SE
Suite 101
Cullman, AL 35055
256-734-4090

To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

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

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
Judge of Probate

PB WIL BK 100 PG 353 - 02/18/2021 01:32 PM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JUDITH E. BROCK, deceased. * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA * 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.

Attorney for Petitioner:
J. Bradley Wilson
BAGGETT & WILSON, LLC
206 Ninth Street Southwest, Suite 102
Cullman, AL 35055
256/737-0740

EDUCATION

Wallace State Computer Science program commended for new Google IT Support Professional Certificate

Russell Moore
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Wallace State Community College's Computer Science program was recently commended for its newly-created Google IT Support Professional Certificate.

Through a grant from Jobs for the Future (JFF), Wallace State students can now earn the specialized online certificate, preparing them for an entry-level job in information technology support - one of the fastest growing jobs in the United States.

An update recently released from JFF indicated that Wallace State completers of the certificate make up 1,175 students to have successfully done so across 105 community colleges in 20 states, over a two-year span. Fifty-two percent of the program completers have been between the ages of 24 and 45, including 23 percent who had never previously taken an online class.

Eighty-five percent of the completers said the certificate has had a positive impact, including 23 percent to say the certificate helped them earn a job or advance at their current positions.

Joshua Apodaca completed the Google IT Support Professional Certificate at Wallace State in December, in addition to pursuing an associate degree in cyber-infused networking technology. Apodaca is currently employed as an operations technician for Mazda-Toyota Manufacturing in Huntsville.

"It's a fantastic program, and I appreciate my instructors encouraging me to complete it.

"Once I finish my degree, one of my goals is to transfer into the IT Department at Mazda-Toyota, and I hope having the Google IT Certificate on my resume will speak volumes and give me a competitive advantage," Apodaca said.

The five required courses for the certificate cover important IT components, including troubleshooting, customer services, networking, system administration, security and operating systems. The courses are hosted by the Qwiklabs online learning platform.

"The Google program is a great opportunity for learners who are interested in information technology. It provides a great foundation and builds skills needed to fulfill a high-demand, high-wage job," said Wallace State computer science instructor Gregory Knight. "We've included the courses in our full-degree plan or students can complete those specific classes."

Through the JFF grant, the IT Support Professional Certificate is available to community college students in 16 states, including at Wallace State. According to Burning Glass Data in 2018, there were 215,000 unfilled IT support jobs in the U.S, and the median wage for computer user specialists is $54,760 according to the latest data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

JFF Vice President Kathy Mannes writes, "The Google IT Certificate program represents a new approach to workforce development in which a curriculum created by a high-profile employer is delivered by a college to help expand and diversify its talent pipeline.

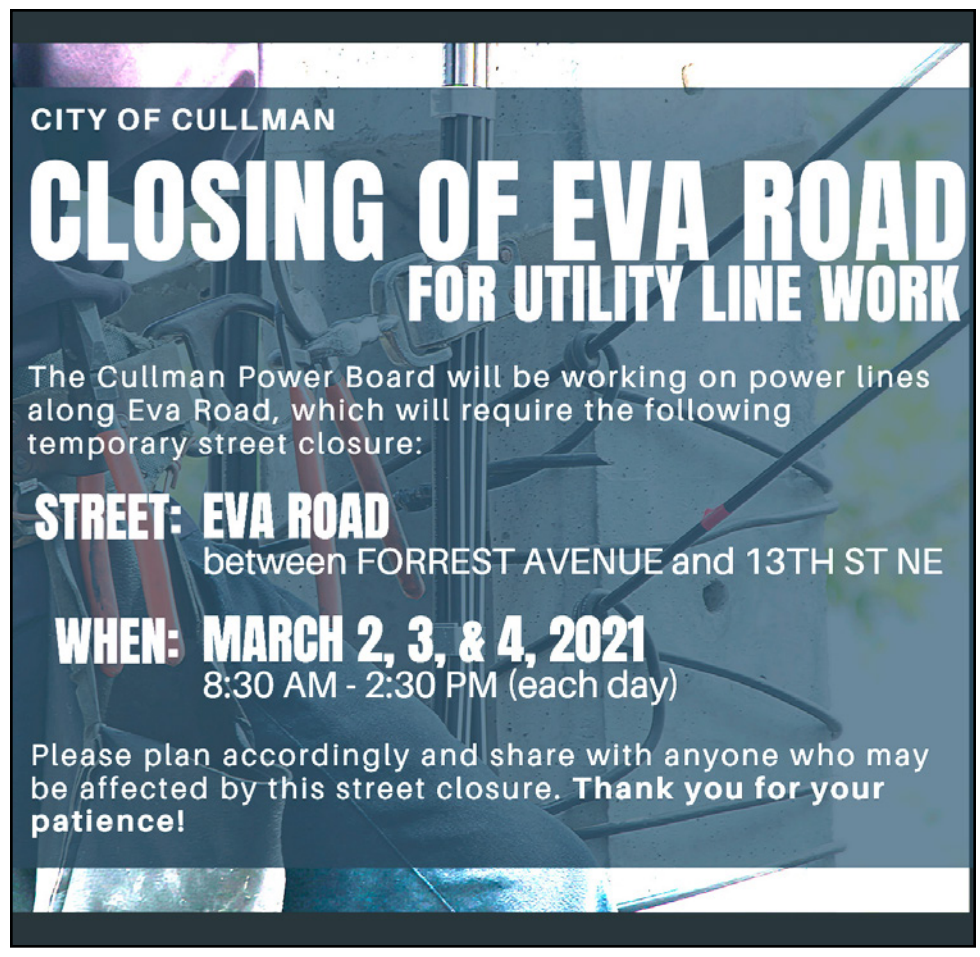
"At the same time, the program has enabled community colleges to respond to the economic development and workforce needs of their local communities.

We're excited about the contributions this work is making to the field, particularly in helping colleges support the needs of their communities during the COVID-19 pandemic and better aligning high-demand programs with their local labor markets."

For more information about enrolling in the Google IT Support Professional Certificate at Wallace State, contact Knight at 256-352-8158 or by email at gregory.knight@wallacestate.edu

For more information about Wallace State, visit www.wallacestate.edu.

VIRGIL B. FOWLER
Real Estate and Insurance
AGENCY
Quality Since 1935
734-3821
vbfowlerinsurance.com
Successors to
WILLIAM RICHARD & SON INSURANCE
" Established 1885 "
Virgil B. Fowler 1895-1978 - Virgil B. Fowler Jr. 1937-2019 - Dorothy S. Fowler - Jason S. Fowler











EDUCATION

Black heroes remembered by Wallace State professor

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Wallace State Community College Professor Robert S. Davis received Honorable Mention in the first Black History Black Stories contest sponsored by Macmillan Learning publishing company in honor of Black History Month.

February is recognized Black History Month and the contest asked participants how they were drawing inspiration from historical Black events, movements and leaders.

Davis's inspiration came from African American patriots and of the soldiers who literally fought for their freedom in the Civil War.

Davis submitted an essay on Austin Dabney, a slave who received his freedom from the state of Georgia for crippling wounds he received during the American Revolution.

Dabney was the first African American to receive a government pension and the only Black federal pensioner for the first 40 years of United States.

Davis is writing a biography of Dabney and has published several articles on this Black hero.

He also manages the genealogy collection at Wallace State, which includes a number of resources for family history research of all kinds, including African American.

You can read Davis's essay at https://go.macmillanlearning.com/black-history-black-stories.html.

This same month, Davis has also published an article on the Haitian soldiers who served in the French army in the battles around Savannah in 1779.

These soldiers served and suffered valiantly fighting alongside and, at one point saving, the American Army from disaster.

A monument to the Haitian soldiers, some of whom would later have leadership roles in the Haitian Revolution, stands in Savannah. Some of their descendants live in the United States, including whose ancestors deserted the French army to find liberty in the new United States.

The article appears in the free online Journal of the American Revolution. Davis first explored the Haitian troops while writing another article for the JAR on the history of 20,000 acres in Clarke and Jackson counties in Georgia given to the French commander, the Comte d'Estaing.

He also recently contributed articles on the sacrifices of Georgia women in the American Revolution.

Professor Davis' article on Alabama's United States Colored Troops was the cover story for the winter 2020 issue of Alabama Heritage. Among the patrons using Wallace State's extensive genealogy collection is a project in Rome, Georgia to honor the 44th USCT, an African American regiment recruited from Alabama, Georgia, Ohio, and Tennessee that served valiantly at Dalton and Nashville.

The genealogy program at Wallace States helps many people with their research, both visitors and students. For visiting hours contact robert.davis@wallacestate.edu or 256-352-8265.

Aside from an independent study course in genealogy, the program will be offering short continuing education classes in family history, Civil War, and other research this summer.

For more information, contact Amanda Aris, at amanda.aris@wallacestate.edu or 256-352-8386.

For more information about Wallace State, visit www.wallacestate.edu or call 256-352-8000.



WALLACE STATE

Wallace State Community College Professor Robert S. Davis

Bill Smith
BUICK GMC

WARM UP
WITH THESE GREAT DEALS!

NEW 2021 BUICK ENCORE
GX Preferred FWD
$399 DUE AT SIGNING
STK#14028
LEASE FOR $199 A MONTH*
39 MONTHS | 10K MILES A YEAR

NEW 2021 GMC CANYON
Crew Cab Short Box 4-Wheel Drive AT4
WAS $40,475
STK#17384
NOW $30,995*

NEW 2021 GMC TERRAIN
FWD 4dr SLE
WAS $31,865
STK#17612
NOW $22,950*

2021 GMC ACADIA
SLT
WAS $43,870
STK#17056
NOW $34,322*

NEW 2021 BUICK ENVISION
FWD 4dr Avenir
NEWLY REDESIGNED!
WAS $44,840
STK#14123
NOW $39,673*

Bill Smith BUICK GMC
*Notates all rebates applied, must have 2005 or newer qualifying trade in. Prices are plus tax, title, & fee. Colors may vary.
BILLSMITHBUICKGMC.COM • 1940 SECOND AVE NW • CULLMAN, AL 35055 • 256-734-4472
© 2021 THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE