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HEALTH

South Cullman Wal-Mart now administering COVID-19 vaccines

Here is where you can get the vaccine in Cullman County

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman Wal-Mart on Olive Street began administering COVID-19 vaccines Friday. Vaccinations are given by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, go to www.walmart.com/COVIDvaccine.

People eligible for a vaccine in the state of Alabama are those recognized in Phases 1a and 1b and parts of Phase 1c of the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) Vaccine Allocation Plan.

That includes:

• frontline health care workers

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WAL-MART

To schedule an appointment, go to www.walmart.com/COVIDvaccine.

– LOCAL GOVERNMENT –

TREE CITY USA

City recognized for 33rd year; Arbor Day Poster Contest winners named



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Pictured, left to right, are City of Cullman Tree Commission Chairman Everett Wier, Asher Thomas (St. Paul's), Sarah Glasscock (Cullman Christian) and Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Friday morning, the City of Cullman Tree Commission and Mayor Woody Jacobs celebrated the city being designated a "Tree City USA" by the Arbor Day Foundation for the 33rd consecutive year. Arbor Day poster winners were also recognized at the meeting.

Jacobs read a proclamation declaring Feb. 21-27 Arbor Week in the city of Cullman and urged all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands and to support Cullman's community forestry program. City Arborist Darrell Johns was unable to attend to accept the proclamation.

"Normally, I'd present this proclamation to Darrell," said Jacobs.

"In the 33 years the city of Cullman has been designated a Tree City USA, Darrell has been here.

"He helped get it started in the beginning when he worked in forestry and has helped keep it going as city arborist.

"We wouldn't be celebrating 33 years as a Tree City USA if it wasn't for Darrell, and we miss him being here today."

Albert Mayo with the North Alabama Forestry Commission presented this year's Tree City USA materials which included a Tree City USA flag, two new "Tree-City USA" reflective placards to be placed on existing signs in town, and other materials.

Due to inclement weather, the Tree City USA flag could not be raised during the ceremony, but Jacobs told Mayo he would make sure the new flag was raised in front of city hall as soon as weather permits.

Jacobs then recognized the winners of

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NATIONAL

NASA names headquarters after 'Hidden Figure' Mary W. Jackson

'NASA is dedicated to advancing diversity, and we will continue to take steps to do so'



NASA

Mary Winston Jackson (1921–2005) successfully overcame the barriers of segregation and gender bias to become a professional aerospace engineer and leader in ensuring equal opportunities for future generations.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine announced this week the agency's headquarters building in Washington, D.C. will be named after Mary W. Jackson, the first African American female engineer at NASA. The naming was official Friday.

Jackson started her NASA career in the segregated West Area Computing Unit of the agency's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia. Jackson, a mathematician and aerospace engineer, went on to lead programs influencing the hiring and promotion of women in NASA's science, technology, engineering and mathematics careers. In 2019, she was posthumously awarded the Congressional Gold Medal.

"Mary W. Jackson was part of a group of very important women who helped NASA succeed in getting American astronauts into space. Mary never accepted the status quo, she helped break barriers and open opportunities for African Americans and women in the field of engineering and technology," said Bridenstine. "Today, we proudly announce the Mary W. Jackson NASA Headquarters building. It appropriately sits on 'Hidden Figures Way,' a reminder that Mary is one of many incredible and talented professionals in NASA's history who contributed to this agency's success. Hidden no more, we will continue to recognize the contributions of women, African Americans and people of all backgrounds who have made NASA's successful history of explora-

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AGRICULTURE: Growing vegetable transplants

Mary Leigh Oliver
Contributor

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. – With spring on the horizon, it is time to start preparing vegetable transplants. When growing vegetable transplants for the home garden, there are several considerations to be made, from sowing seeds to proper care.

Purchasing

A transplant is simply a plant grown in a container to then move to the garden. When purchasing seed from the store, it is best to buy from a reputable source. Purchase just enough seed for one year. Seeds purchased should be ready to germinate.

Make sure to thoroughly read the label on the seed packet. It should detail the specific resistance of the plant to fungi, viruses and more.

Days to maturity as well as planting depth should be listed on the packet as well. Gardeners can watch a video for selecting seed for transplants on the Alabama Extension YouTube account (alcoopextensionvideo).

Growing

Once growers have chosen which variety to grow, the next two important steps are to choose a proper container and growing media. According to Alabama Extension Horticulture Specialist Joe Kemble, the best containers are plastic trays.

These are often reusable and easy to sanitize between uses. Other options include pots made of compressed peat and disks of pressed peat that swell to pot-like cylinders when wet, as well as peat cubes.

"Some of the simplest containers for starting seeds can be found right in your kitchen," Kemble said.

"Whether it is plastic, Styrofoam, wax-coated drink cups, egg cartons or the bottom halves of milk cartons, any sturdy, clean container in the home with drainage holes will be suitable."

If these containers were previously used or contained food, sanitize them with a 10 percent bleach solution prior to use. Just dip them in the solution or spray it on then rinse with clean water after a few minutes.

Along with the container, the growing media is essential for successful transplant growth. Purchase growing media from local garden centers or from a seed and garden catalog.

"These media generally contain a mixture or peat moss, vermiculite, and perlite," Kemble said. "They also contain a small amount of nutrients called a 'charge' to help the seedlings to grow."

This charge will only provide enough nutrients for about two weeks. After two weeks, gardeners will need to apply more nutrients.

General maintenance

Last but not least, transplants must have proper maintenance until they are ready for transport to the garden. Transplants require sufficient sun, preferably on a sun porch or directly in a window with southern exposure. The transplants must remain warm, yet moist. If the plants begin to feel dry, water the media. It is important to monitor the plants daily until they are ready for the garden.



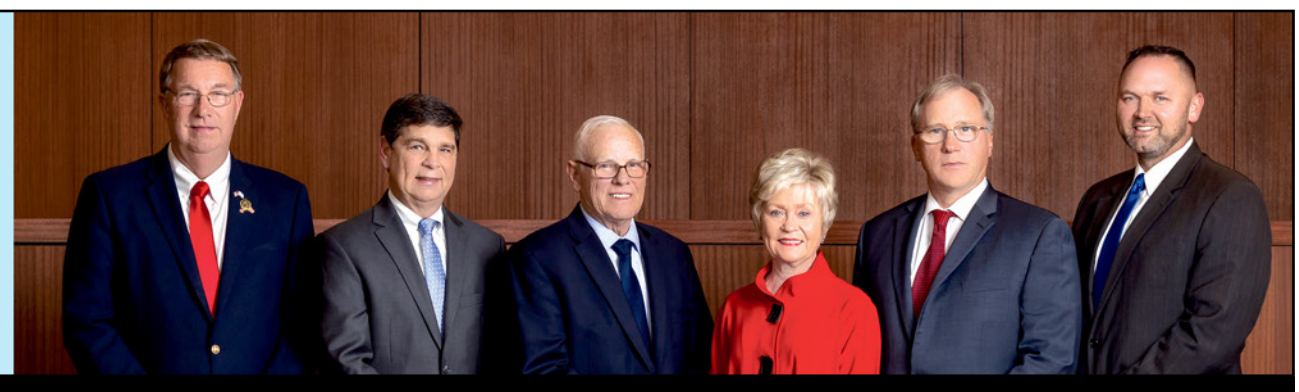
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When growing vegetable transplants for the home garden, there are several considerations to be made, from sowing seeds to proper care.

More information

The Alabama Extension publication "Keys to Producing and Selecting Quality Vegetable Transplants" is a great resource for information. For further information on vegetable transplants, visit the Alabama Extension website, www.aces.edu.

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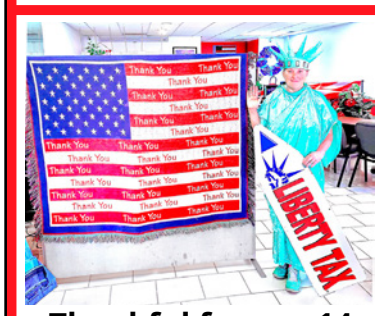


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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Feb. 26

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Feb. 26, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
Feb. 21
• fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $258

Feb. 24
• harassment, menacing; person; Hwy. 157
• fourth-degree theft of property; Hobby Lobby; Town Square Shopping Center; miscellaneous; $230

Feb. 25
• duty upon striking an unattended vehicle; Jackson Plumbing; Hwy. 157

ARRESTS
Feb. 25
Foster, Alexandria N., 29
• third-degree criminal trespassing

Guthery, Justina B., 29
• FTA- driving without a license
• FTA- insurance violation

Oliver, Michael A., 43
• third-degree criminal trespassing

Marion, Chasey R., 36
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property (2 counts)

Smith, Jacob M., 23
• DUI

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

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


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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.

"Come to the Well" Community Women's Bible Study
• Tuesday mornings at 10 at the Hebrews Cafe at East Side Baptist Church, 1111 Third St. SE in Cullman
• Please wear a mask/face covering.

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.

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.

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.

Cullman Education Retirees Association Meeting
• Thursday, March 11 at 11 a.m. Stone Bridge Farms
• The program will be our Memorial Service in which we honor members and other education retirees who passed in 2020. We will also have a business meeting before enjoying lunch. All education retirees are invited to attend. We continue to practice CDC guidelines such as wearing face masks and social distancing.

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
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• 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.

PREP SOCCER

Lady Bearcats down Gardendale 6-0

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CULLMAN, Ala. – After defeating Randolph 4-0 on the road to improve to 2-1 earlier this week, the Lady Bearcats returned home Thursday night to host Gardendale in another varsity matchup. Cullman built a 3-0 lead going into the halftime break and then tacked on three more goals in the second half to secure a 6-0 win over the Lady Rockets.

Cullman 6 – Gardendale 0 (varsity girls)
Jeta Falcon scored the game's first goal off an assist from Ashlei Bryant to make it 1-0 early in the first half and Elley Atchison scored off an assist from Mercy Vandyke 10 minutes later to give Cullman a 2-0 lead.

Falcon was fouled inside the penalty box late in the first half and Bryant scored on a penalty kick to add to the lead and give the Lady Bearcats a 3-0 advantage at the half.

Cullman kept it going in the second half. Bryant connected with Mimi Lunsford and Lunsford found the back of the net to make it a 4-0 game with just over 30 minutes remaining on the clock. Bryant scored her second goal of the game just a few minutes later to make it 5-0 and Falcon scored her second of the night late in the game off an assist from Lunsford to wrap up a 6-0 win on their home turf.

Cullman improves to 3-1 on the season with the win and is scheduled to travel to 7A powerhouse Vestavia Hills next week.

OTHER LOCAL SCORES
West Point 5 – West Limestone 0 (varsity girls)
The Lady Warriors hit the field for their first game of the season Thursday night and collected a 5-0 win over West Limestone.

Grace Lee racked up three goals in the win for West Point and Kyli Armstead put two more in the back of the net to help lead the way for the Lady Warriors. Georgia Metrock kept the Lady Indians off the board with an impressive performance in goal. West Point kicks off the season 1-0 win the win and will be back on the field to host New Hope Monday night.



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Cullman's Elley Atchison scores a goal in the first half of the Lady Bearcats' 6-0 win over Gardendale Thursday night.

PREP BASEBALL

Good Hope rolls past Holly Pond 18-1; Thursday scoring recap

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. – The Good Hope Raiders hosted Holly Pond in Thursday afternoon baseball action and it was all Good Hope from the start as a couple of big innings helped them build an early lead and roll past the Broncos 18-1.

Holly Pond looked to get on the scoreboard to start the game after Andy Light hit a single to center field and Seth Whiting hit a double to put runners on second and third with two outs, but Braxton Marshall got Charlie Huddleston to fly out to get the Raiders out of the inning unscathed.

Caleb Rusk drew a leadoff walk for Good Hope and later scored on a single from Travis Brock.

Ethan Anderson, the courtesy runner for Brock, after a couple of errant throws by the Broncos, crossed home plate for the Raiders' second run of the inning and Preston Seymore later made it 3-0 with a two-out RBI single.

The Raiders blew it open in the second inning as Lawton Farr hit a leadoff double and a pair of walks by Brock and Lane Speegle loaded the bases with one out. Morgan Cook drew a walk, Marshall hit an RBI single and Speegle scored on an error to make it 6-0. Landon Piper drew a bases-loaded walk with two outs, Marshall scored on another Bronco error and Rusk hit a three-run double to make it an 11-0 game.

The Raiders added seven more in the third inning to push its lead to 18-0. Holly Pond got on the scoreboard in the fifth inning as John Martin hit an RBI single, but the deficit was too much for the Broncos to overcome as the Raiders went on to rout Holly Pond 18-1.

Rusk led the way for Good Hope (2-0) with two hits and four RBIs. Marshall and Seymore each collected a pair of hits and two RBIs.

Cook and Bagwell each added a pair of RBIs as well and Brock finished with a hit and an RBI. Marshall pitched three and 2/3 scoreless innings, giving up just five hits and walking just one while striking out three.

John Martin collected three hits and an RBI for Holly Pond (0-3). Light added a pair of hits and Whiting and Levi Farr each finished with a hit.

Good Hope will host Leeds Saturday afternoon while Holly Pond will look to bounce back at home against Whitesburg Christian Academy Friday afternoon.

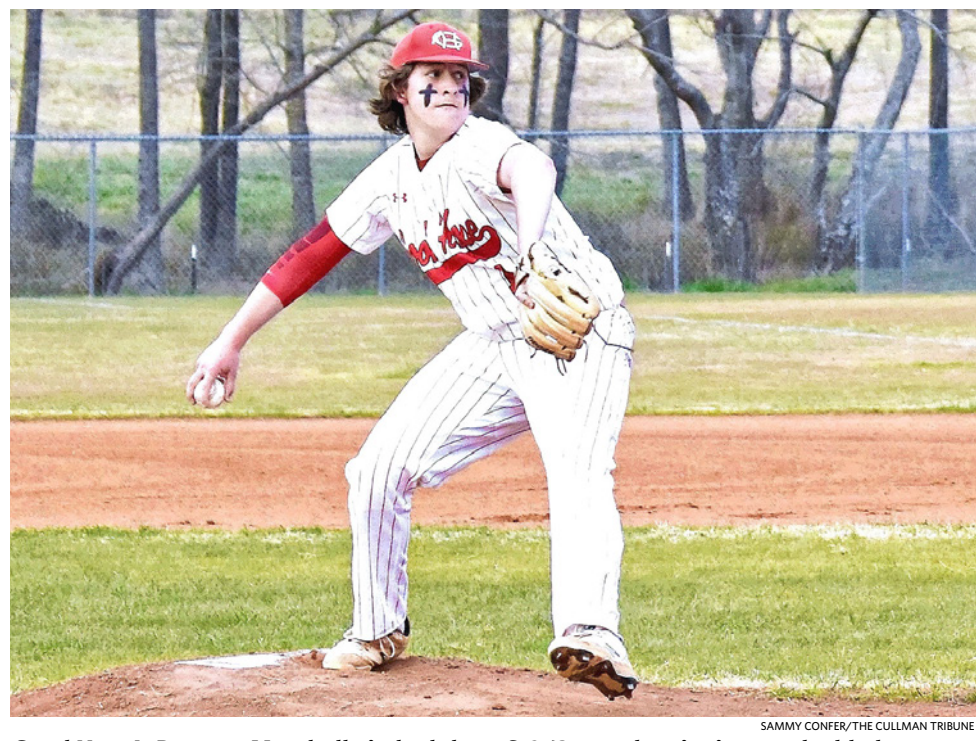
Vinemont 2 - West Morgan 0 (Baseball)
Vinemont got a lights-out pitching performance from Deacon Samples, striking out 14, as he no-hit the West Morgan Rebels on the road, 2-0.

The only time that Samples got in trouble was in the bottom of the third inning as he walked three straight batters to load the bases with two outs, but he got the next batter looking to get out of the inning unscathed.

The Eagles got a rally started with two outs as Braden Boner, Collin Teichmiller and Ayden Thomason all drew walks to load the bases. Jarrett Friedrich and Austin Riddle then drew back-to-back walks to give Vinemont a 2-0 lead.

Samples really turned it up a notch in the final four innings, striking out nine of the final 13 batters that he faced, and he induced a groundball to Riddle at first base to complete his no-hitter as the Eagles shut out West Morgan, 2-0.

Will Rhodes and Colby Miller collected the only two hits for Vinemont (2-1) and Friedrich and Riddle each finished with an RBI. The Eagles will host Falkville Monday.



SAMMY CONFER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Good Hope's Braxton Marshall pitched three & 2/3 scoreless innings and added a pair of hits and RBIs in the Raiders' 18-1 win over Holly Pond Thursday.

Dale County 2 - Fairview 1 (Baseball)
Fairview traveled to take on Dale County and in what turned out to be a pitchers' duel, Dale County walked it off in the bottom of the seventh as the Aggies wound up dropping the game, 2-1.

An RBI triple put Dale County on the board first in their half of the second, but Fairview answered right back in the top of the third. A one-out triple by Parker Martin later led to an RBI groundout by Brody Hogeland as the Aggies tied it up at one. Both pitchers really settled in after that, keeping the score tied going into the bottom of the seventh, but Dale County loaded the bases with one out and an RBI single ended the game as Fairview wound up losing a heartbreaker on the road, 2-1.

Hogeland finished with a hit and an RBI for Fairview (2-1). Martin added a pair of hits and Bryceson Turner and Tanner Bennett each collected a hit as well. Turner turned in a spectacular pitching performance as he went the distance, allowing just four hits and two runs, walking five and striking out six. The Aggies will travel to take on Providence Christian Friday afternoon for a doubleheader.

PREP SOCCER

Fairview celebrates senior night, hosts matchups against Priceville

Nick Griffin
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FAIRVIEW, Ala. – Thursday night was a special night for Fairview soccer as 17 seniors were recognized on their home field for their years of time and effort dedicated to the program. Between the Aggies and Lady Aggies' games against Priceville, the seniors and their families were honored on the field.

2021 Fairview Soccer seniors
- Brian Apreza
- Sydney Babb
- Jasmine Cortes
- Luis Cortes
- Alex Cruz
- Addison Eddleman
- Cade Hardin
- Lauren Lawson
- Dylan Lively
- Ricardo Medina
- Jillian Moore
- Monse Moreno
- Briana Ramos
- Olivia Sears
- Emily Smith
- Levi Trejada
- Lewis Zak

Lady Aggies Coach Jeff Daniel reflected on the legacy his seniors are leaving behind and the high examples that they have set for younger players to come.

"This group of seniors is not just a group of good players, they're exceptional leaders. They lead on the field, they lead in the classroom, if I'm late getting down to the field, they're already leading stretches and taking ownership of the team.

"This is my first year here, but they've been doing that for several years and they've taken ownership of the team," Daniel said.

"We're very senior-led and it shows on the field. They'll definitely be missed next year and they're just a great group of girls. They're high integrity, high character type girls and I couldn't say anything bad about them. They're just that kind of group of girls."

Aggies Head Coach Nick Feldner echoed several of Daniel's sentiments, crediting this group of seniors for laying a foundation that has the soccer program at Fairview on steadier ground.

"As you can see, we have a big senior class. We've had some smaller classes come through and occasionally big classes, but this class has been with us for six years and because of their consistency and everybody knowing what we're all about, it has fed our program every year. We've been able to build into JV teams and bring in those younger players and they know the expectations from our older group that's been around for so long," Feldner said.

"Because of that, it doesn't leave us in limbo in terms of wondering if we're going to play this year or anything like that.

"You know you're going to show up in the spring and have a team and a position and it gives them something to look forward to and build on each year."

Fairview dropped both of its matchups against Priceville Thursday night. The Lady Aggies fell 5-0 and the Aggies came up short against the Bulldogs 8-4. Jesus Avalos scored a pair of goals in the loss and Bryan Ruiz and Adrian Lopez each added goals as well. Avalos finished with a pair of assists in the loss while Brian Pecina and Lopez posted assists of their own.

Fairview is scheduled to host St. Bernard Friday as long as rain doesn't cancel those plans.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Fairview soccer's senior class was recognized between the girls' and boys' games against Priceville Thursday night.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Look at some of the things I have lost

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



Well, I've gone and done it again. I've lost my keys. They have been AWOL for two weeks now. I've even had new keys cut. I thought surely that would beckon my lost ones out of hiding, but even that didn't work. There aren't many things more annoying than not being able to find what we have lost or misplaced. Well, one thing that might be more annoying is someone asking, "Where did you lose it?" There are certain items around the house that seem to regularly sprout legs when we aren't looking and go play hide and seek.

When I was a kid, Mama used to tell me I would lose my head if it wasn't attached to my shoulders. While I've never lost my head, sometimes I think I may have lost my...my...you know, that thing inside my head. As I've gotten older, the problem has grown worse, but it has always been there. Recently, I've been thinking about some of the items that have disappeared over the years. I'll dare to say, you have the same problem with some of the same items.

So, here are some of the ones on my list.

1. Keys. Ever asked, "Have you seen my keys, please?" I've come to realize that the "key" to not losing keys, is to put them in the same spot every night. I've made a habit of doing that each night, every night, except for one night, about two weeks ago. I've searched high and low, but I still haven't found them. I think they may have run off and joined the circus or eloped with my neighbor's keys. Once, about 30 years ago, I lost my keys only to find them about a year later lying in the grass in the middle of my back yard. If they had been a snake in the grass, they would have bitten me! This time I know they are inside because I came home that night and used them to get in the house. I'm sure glad Jesus holds the eternal keys, and not me!

2. Cell Phones. Cell phones were harder to lose in their early days because they about the size of a 1958 Ford Edsel. Now you can buy one in a wrist watch. Now, you can lose your phone and your watch all at the same time. For some reason, Jean does not find it humorous when she asks me if I'll call her phone and I say, "Here phone, here boy." I have one simple question to ask. Why is it, when you misplace your phone, the ringer is always turned off? Sometimes we get blessed and it is on vibrate and on a hard surface. If you turn off the television, heater, refrigerator, freezer, washing machine, and ask the bullfrogs to shut-up, you might hear it vibrating.

3. Remote Controls. I was the remote control before we had remote controls! I think we should all do like the hospitals and put TV remotes on a long cord. We have 398 remotes in our house and at any given time I can only find 375 of them. No, not really, but we have too many. I need one universal remote to control everything, but then when I misplace it, nothing will work. You can't even call your remote like you can your cell phone, but I do understand they now make one with a locator in it. Maybe we need those in everything. I've reached my word count, so we'll finish this list next week, or in the next 39. Until then, since I don't have truck keys, can someone please come drive me to work?

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: 1900, 1930

From the Files of 1900

The length of public schools in this county will be increased this year from three to four and-half months.

The Tribune-Gazette this week goes to a seven column paper, from a six column.

Probate Judge, S.L. Fuller has received warrants for 253 disabled Confederate soldiers and widows of deceased soldiers, which he will distribute.

The Cullman Cotton Company has completed arrangements for putting in a guano factory, which will be ready for operation next year.

H.A. Worley will conduct an all-day singing at Mount Nebo on Sunday.

From the Files of 1930

Byron Ashwander, of Hanceville, purchased the first "A" automobile license in this county on October 1, according to Probate Judge, Homer F. Mitchell.

The tag is number A 103-301 and will be used on a Ford coach.

George Ashwander of Hanceville purchased the first "B" tag for his Dodge sedan and Alton McBrayer purchased the first truck tag for his Ford truck.

At the B.P.W. benefit "Bug" party on Thursday, Miss Mamie Hoelscher won first prize and Miss Margaret Schlosser and Miss Gertrude Ziegler second and consolation.

Mrs. N.J. Duke was seriously injured, on Friday morning, when she fell from the back doorstep at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Norton entertained on Friday evening, honoring their son, Willie, on the anniversary of his birth.

W.L. Guthrie and son, Thurman spent Sunday in Sipsey as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Johnson.

Among those attending the state fair in Birmingham this week were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hill and Miss Gertrude Hill, Casper Mages and Miss Betty Mages, Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Rainey, Hartwell Speegle, Miss Sophie Schneider, Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Leeth and children and Miss Thelma Kinney.

Joe Hacker spent the weekend in Birmingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo Watts, Miss Selena Watts, Hubert Stisher, Corbin House and Hugh House have returned from Detroit, Michigan.

The Cullman Bearcats won their opening game of the season, by defeating Fairview, 12 to 0.

Charley Bilgero, who underwent an operation in Birmingham last Thursday, is reported to be resting well, at this time.

W.C. Debtor of Simcoe is enlarging his poultry farm.

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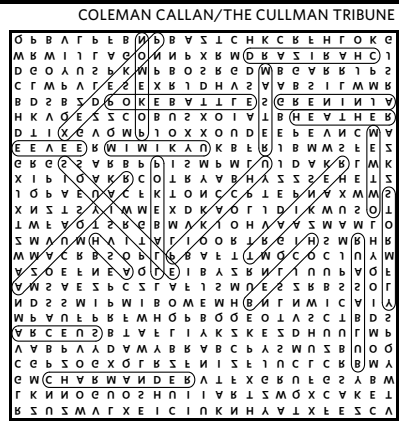
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POET'S CORNER

Storage War

By: Randy C. Hale

They say there's no use,
to keep too many things around,
if you don't use them in a year,
"Throw them out!"

But I can't do that,
the way I was raised,
so I keep the old jars,
and boxes of things.

There are rusty old bolts
and pieces of wire.
There are things in plastic totes,
that I have acquired.

I have lots of rope and string
for I never know
when I might need
to tie something down you see.

I keep the worn out brooms
to sweep up the mess,
I've made when I'm looking
for 'Something' Somewhere!

There are different cans of paint,
leftover halves and fourths,
for if I have a spot,
a bit of paint would coat.

There is plenty of old tools,
rusty rakes and hoes
because they live forever,
and I keep them just because.

Yes, It's almost impossible to find
what I need when I need it
and when I'm trying to find
something else,
well there it is, Dang it!

And have two of them,
so I put them where I will know,
when I need them again,
and surly that's so.

Throw these things out?
No, not today!
I have to look for those blame parts,
I know certain I've saved!

Vaccines (from Front)

- nursing home residents
- law enforcement
- firefighters
- first responders
- people older than 65
- educators
- people living in congregate settings
- food and agriculture workers
- U.S. Postal Service workers
- manufacturing workers
- grocery store workers
- public transit workers
- judiciary
- clergy/ministers
- state legislators
- supreme court and appellate judges
- constitutional officers
- cabinet agency heads

View the allocation plan at www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19vaccine/assets/adph-covid19-vaccination-allocation-plan.pdf.

WHERE else in Cullman County can an eligible person receive a vaccine? (Please note there is a limited supply of vaccine statewide.)

1. Cullman Regional
Sign up on the waiting list for the hospital's Community COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic by visiting https://cullmanregional.com/coronavirus-2/community-covid-19-vaccination-clinics/.

2. Cullman County Health Department
The Cullman County Health Department offers appointment-only vaccinations but is booked through the month of February with appointments for people receiving second doses.

The health department will begin taking appointments for first doses again March 1.

It is located at 601 Logan Ave. SW in Cullman.

Other providers enrolled with the ADPH to administer vaccine* are:

3. Cullman Family Practice, 408 Clark St. NE, Cullman

4. Southview Medical Clinic, 222 Arkadelphia Road NE, Hanceville

5. ABC Family Medicine, 24 County Road 262, Hanceville

*These providers are enrolled, but that does not mean they have received vaccine allocations from the ADPH, as vaccine supply remains limited statewide.

Appointments with enrolled providers and the Cullman County Health Department can be made in the COVID-19 Vaccination Eligibility Check and Scheduling Portal at www.alcovidvaccine.gov/.

Tree City (from Front)

this year's Arbor Day Poster Contest. Each year in celebration of Arbor Week, fifth-grade students at each public and private elementary school in the city are invited to participate in the contest.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its disruption of regular school schedules, only two schools participated this year: Cullman Christian School and St. Paul's Lutheran School.

First-place posters from each school were also judged at the state level.

This year's poster theme was "Trees are Terrific...in Cities and Towns!"

Winners from St. Paul's were:

- 1st place- Kambell Blackwood
- 2nd place- Asher Thomas

Winners from Cullman Christian were:

- 1st place- Sarah Glasscock
- 2nd place- Roman Higdon

First-place winners received $25 and a certificate while second-place winners received $15 and a certificate. Thomas and Glasscock were present at the ceremony. Blackwood and Higdon were unable to attend.

"COVID has disrupted a lot of things during the past year," said Jacobs.

"But I'm thankful for the two schools who participated this year and hopeful that next year all of our schools will once again be able to participate in this contest."

Trees provide multiple benefits to a community when properly planted and maintained.

They help to improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants, and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.

Cullman achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements:

1. A tree board or department. Cullman's Tree Commission is comprised of seven members and meets at 10 a.m. on the third Tuesday of every even-numbered month at city hall. Cullman also has a part-time city arborist, Darrell Johns. The city arborist and the Tree Commission work together to develop an orderly process for identifying public tree needs including maintenance, removal, planting, replacement, and public education. Current members of the Tree Commission include Everett Wier (chairman), Peggy Harris, Nona Moon, Jan Barnett, Barry Slatton, Michael Sullins and Amy Leonard.

2. A tree care ordinance. The City of Cullman's Urban Forestry Ordinance is Ordinance #1343.

3. An annual community forestry budget of at least $2 per capita

4. An Arbor Day observance and proclamation

For more information on the Arbor Day Foundation, visit arborday.org. For more information on the Tree City USA program, visit arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.

Jackson (from Front)

tion possible."

The work of the West Area Computing Unit caught widespread national attention in the 2016 Margot Lee Shetterly book "Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race."

The book was made into a popular movie that same year and Jackson's character was played by award-winning actress Janelle Monáe.

In 2019, after a bipartisan bill by Sens. Ted Cruz, Ed Markey, John Thune and Bill Nelson made its way through Congress, the portion of E Street SW in front of NASA Headquarters was renamed Hidden Figures Way.

"We are honored that NASA continues to celebrate the legacy of our mother and grandmother Mary W. Jackson," said, Carolyn Lewis, Mary's daughter.

"She was a scientist, humanitarian, wife, mother, and trailblazer who paved the way for thousands of others to succeed, not only at NASA, but throughout this nation."

Jackson was born and raised in Hampton, Virginia. After graduating high school, she graduated from Hampton Institute in 1942 with a dual degree in math and physical sciences, and initially accepted a job as a math teacher in Calvert County, Maryland.

She would work as a bookkeeper, marry Levi Jackson and start a family, and work a job as a U.S. Army secretary before her aerospace career would take off.

In 1951, Jackson was recruited by the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, which in 1958 was succeeded by NASA.

She started as a research mathematician who became known as one of the human computers at Langley.

She worked under fellow "Hidden Figure" Dorothy Vaughan in the segregated West Area Computing Unit.

After two years in the computing pool, Jackson received an offer to work in the 4-foot by 4-foot Supersonic Pressure Tunnel, a 60,000 horsepower wind tunnel capable of blasting models with winds approaching twice the speed of sound.

There, she received hands-on experience conducting experiments.

Her supervisor eventually suggested she enter a training program that would allow Jackson to earn a promotion from mathematician to engineer.

Because the classes were held at then-segregated Hampton High School, Jackson needed special permission to join her white peers in the classroom.

Jackson completed the courses, earned the promotion, and in 1958 became NASA's first Black female engineer.

For nearly two decades during her engineering career, she authored or co-authored research numerous reports, most focused on the behavior of the boundary layer of air around airplanes.

In 1979, she joined Langley's Federal Women's Program, where she worked hard to address the hiring and promotion of the next generation of female mathematicians, engineers and scientists. Mary retired from Langley in 1985.

In 2019, President Donald J. Trump signed the Hidden Figures Congressional Gold Medal Act that posthumously awarded the honor to Jackson, who passed away in 2005, and her "Hidden Figures" colleagues Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Christine Darden.

In 2017, then 99-year-old Katherine Johnson was there to personally dedicate a new state-of-the-art computer research facility the bears her name at Langley.

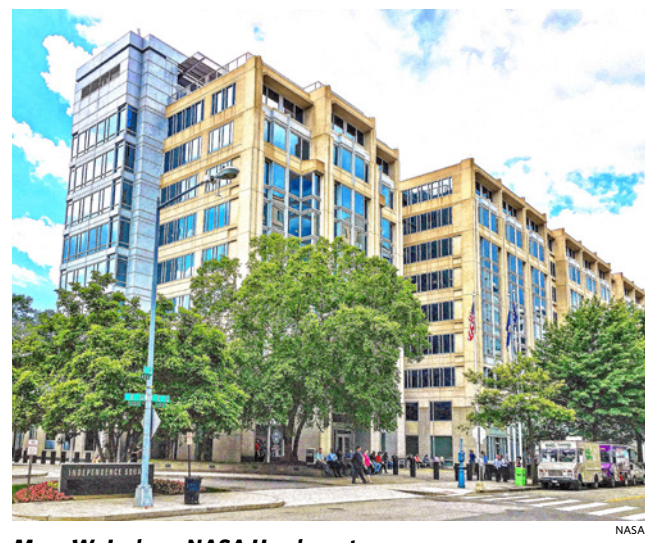
Johnson, another original member of the West Area Computing Unit, also was honored as a trailblazer and given the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2015.

In addition, Johnson was part of the group honored with the Congressional Gold Medal, and NASA's Independent Verification and Validation facility in Fairmont, West Virginia also bears Johnson's name.

"NASA facilities across the country are named after people who dedicated their lives to push the frontiers of the aerospace industry. The nation is beginning to awaken to the greater need to honor the full diversity of people who helped pioneer our great nation. Over the years NASA has worked to honor the work of these Hidden Figures in various ways, including naming facilities, renaming streets and celebrating their legacy," added Bridenstine.

"We know there are many other people of color and diverse backgrounds who have contributed to our success, which is why we're continuing the conversations started about a year ago with the agency's Unity Campaign. NASA is dedicated to advancing diversity, and we will continue to take steps to do so."

For additional information on Mary W. Jackson, the "Hidden Figures," and today's Modern Figures, visit www.nasa.gov/modernfigures.



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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF D.R.S.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 08/30/2016

CASE NO.: AD2021-008

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: AMANDA DYE, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER
RANDY ALLEN SCOTT, BIOLOGICAL FATHER

The Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Hilda Watts and Ronnie Watts, Petitioners. If you should contest this adoption, 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 5th DAY OF February, 2021.

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

Melvin Hasting
Attorney for Petitioners
P.O. Box 517
Cullman, AL 35056

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
LARRY MONROE FOLDS * CASE NO PC 2020-371
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND AMENDED PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: LINDA R. MADDOX, DORIS D. SMITH AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

The Petition of Robert R. Folds to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Larry Monroe Folds, deceased, filed by Kimberly H. Drake, Attorney for Robert R. Folds, Petitioner, has been set for the **15th day of April, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman, Alabama.

All persons in interest residing or being without state are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

DONE this the 26th day of February, 2021.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks in said newspaper

Kimberly H. Drake
Attorney for Petitioner
419 2nd Avenue Southwest, Suite B
Cullman, Alabama 35055

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE THE MATTER OF:
G.C.B.,
a minor, DOB: 03/04/2015

CASE NO. JU-2020-559.01

NOTICE OF PETITION

JOSHUAH BLACKWOOD, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights by March 15, 2021 or thereafter a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case No. JU 20-559.01 in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 26 day of January, 2021.

Lisa McSwain
Clerk of Court

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF KATHERINE LEE McDONALD, DECEASED

TO THE HON. TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to RACHEL McDONALD, as Administratrix of the Estate of KATHERINE LEE McDONALD, Deceased, on the 18th day of February 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown.

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.

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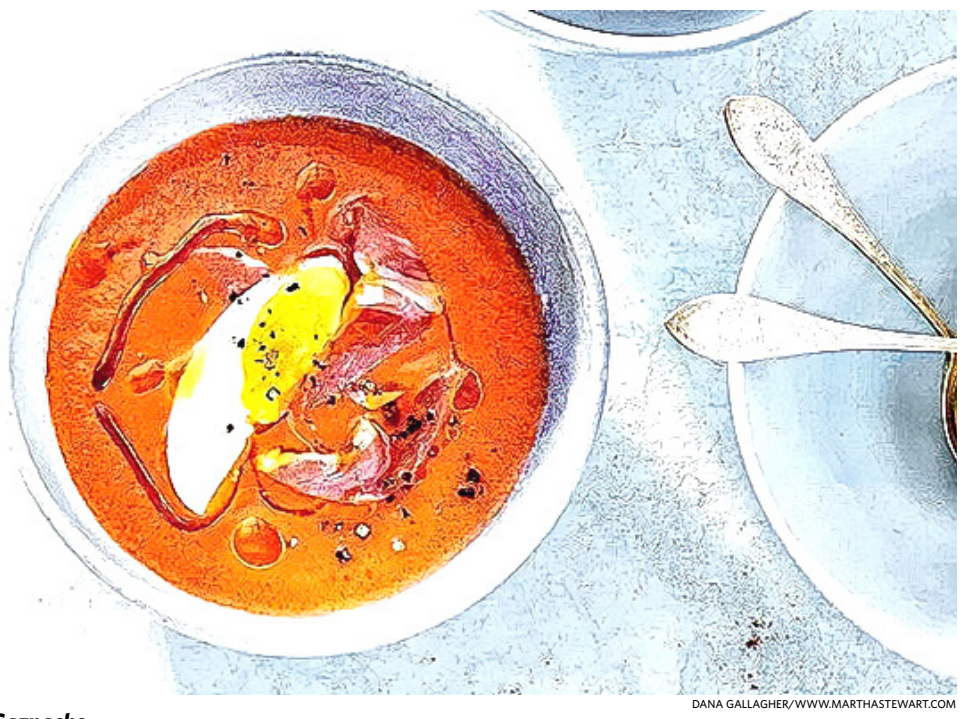
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Tammy Brown
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Judge of Probate

A Round of Applause for 365 American Joy-Givers in 2021: The Playful, Positivity Birthday Party

Ben South
Tribune Columnist



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Gazpacho



BendigoArt.com/CullmanTribune.com

The playful "pop-up party tent" is designed by the artist many critics believe to be "The Greatest Architect of Our Time," Frank Gehry. He was inspired by a Dr. Seuss drawing of the tilted, stovepipe chapeau of "The Cat in the Hat."

Typical of Gehry's most-acclaimed buildings, like the titanium-clad "sails" of the Guggenheim Bilbao museum (Spain) and Walt Disney Concert Hall (Los Angeles) the angles are wonky, and the materials are common yet not commonly used in great design; the results are positively delightful. In this case, our party venue is made from the knitted pigskin of thousands of repurposed footballs.

The place settings are equipped with a working telephone for each birthday celebrant. Should anyone want more ice in their drink or more "buttah" for their "Dinah" rolls, all they need to do is give a little call to the servers.

Join us...
You sense the joy the minute you walk into the cat's tall hat. HOORAY FOR THE JOY-GIVERS! (Note: The comments attributed to these famous joy-givers come from words they have written or said.)

Please give A ROUND OF APPLAUSE for these American joy-givers celebrating a birthday this week:

Feb 27—MARIAN ANDERSON, the operatic contralto has performed in major concert and recital halls around the world, often serving as an American cultural ambassadress. Her most famous concert venue was the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. on Easter Sunday, 1939 to an open audience of 75,000 and LIVE to millions in a nationally broadcast radio audience. She is a recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Grammy Award and the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Feb 28—FRANK GEHRY (born Frank Owen Goldenberg), many, including Vanity Fair, consider him the most important architect working today. The Canadian-American will be 92 this week. His alchemy of turning "everyday" materials like corrugated steel, raw plywood and chain-link fencing into wondrous struction, makes him a top international "starchitect."

March 1—DINAH SHORE, born Fannye Rose Shore in Winchester, Tennessee, the Russian-Jewish-American singer, actress and television personality was the top-charting female vocalist of the 1940s. She had 80 popular song hits from 1940-1957 and enjoyed even greater fame with four decades of television stardom. Many reading these words: "See the USA in a Chevrolet" will now have an ear bug and can hum the catchy tune. The rest of you should YouTube "The Dinah Shore Show," and that happy jingle to add some bouncy joy to your week.

March 2—DR. SEUSS, (born Theodor Seuss Geisel) a children's book author, political cartoonist, illustrator, poet, animator and filmmaker. He wrote and illustrated more than 60 books which have sold more than 600 million copies and have been transformed into 11 television specials, five feature films, a Broadway musical and four television series. His birthday has been adopted as the annual date for National Read Across America Day, an initiative on reading created by the National Education Association.

March 3—ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL, a Scottish-American inventor, scientist and engineer credited with inventing and patenting the first, practical telephone. He also co-founded AT&T. Both his mother and wife were deaf, which greatly influenced his life's work. At birth, he wasn't given a middle name, but his father, Professor Alexander Melville Bell, allowed "Aleck" to choose one as an 11th birthday gift. "Graham" was a beloved patient of Professor Bell's. Everyone still just called him "Aleck."

March 4—KNUTE ROCKNE, a Norwegian-American football player and one of the greatest college football coaches (University of Notre Dame) in the history of the American game. He was born in Voss, Norway where his dad was a blacksmith and wagonmaker. The younger Rockne helped popularize the forward pass and molded the "Notre Dame Fighting Irish" into a football juggernaut. If you're reading this and don't know the phrase, "Win one for the Gipper," please put down your reading for a moment and add the 1940 film, "Knute Rockne: All-American," to your "must-see" queue.

March 5—EVA MENDES, Cuban-American actress, model and business leader (born Eva de la Caridad Mendez) has starred in many blockbuster films, from thrillers to rom-coms.

COMMENTS OVERHEARD at "The Playful, Positivity Birthday Party" for American joy-givers:

"Today you are you! That is truer than true! There is no one alive who is you-er than you!"—Dr. Seuss

"When one door closes, another opens, but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us."—Alexander Graham Bell

"Courage means being afraid to do something, but still doing it."—Knute Rockne

"I love being naked. I do everything in the nude, even the gardening! I'm Cuban, and it's a hot island. Why not?"—Eva Mendes

"When I sing, I don't want the audience to see that my face is black; I don't want them to see that my face is white. I want them to see my soul. And that is colorless."—Marian Anderson

"Your best work is your expression of yourself. Now, you may not be the greatest at it, but when you do it, you're the only expert."—Frank Gehry

"When I was 4 or 5, my father had a general store in Winchester, Tennessee, and I don't think the farmers were allowed to leave on Saturday afternoon until I had been placed up on the counter to sing."—Dinah Shore

"When something bad happens, you have three choices: You can either let it define you, let it destroy you, or let it strengthen you."—Dr. Seuss

"One day, every major city in America will have a telephone."—Alexander Graham Bell

"I found that prayers work best when you have big players."—Knute Rockne

"I have full faith in people. I think we have the ability to change. We're habitual creatures. Once we figure out some bad habit and identify it, we can change that habit... it's doable."—Eva Mendes

"When you stop having dreams and ideals—well, you might as well stop altogether."—Marian Anderson

"You have to find your signature. When you find it, you're the only expert on it. People can say they like it or don't like it. They can argue about it, but it's yours."—Frank Gehry

"I'd like people to remember that whatever I did, I did with all my heart."—Dinah Shore

"You have to be odd to be number one."—Dr. Seuss

"Why fit in when you were born to stand out?"—Dr. Seuss

"Leave the beaten path behind occasionally and dive into the woods. Every time you do you will be certain to find something you have never seen before."—Alexander Graham Bell

"Leaders are like eagles... they don't flock. You'll find them one at a time."—Knute Rockne

"There's something very romantic to me about people who persevere, who get told 'No, no, no' on a daily basis, and still do it anyway."—Eva Mendes

"I owe everything—my success and happiness—to men."—Dinah Shore

"It's fun to be a woman. It's fun to flirt and wear makeup and have boobs."—Eva Mendes

"Creativity is about play and a kind of willingness to go with your intuition. It's crucial to an artist. If you know where you are going and what you are going to do, why do it?"—Frank Gehry

"If you get a chance, take it. If it changes you, let it. Nobody said it'd be easy, they just promised you it would be worth it."—Dr. Seuss

"If you have a purpose to which you believe, there's no end to the amount of things you can accomplish."—Marian Anderson

"Today was good. Today was fun. Tomorrow is another one."—Dr. Seuss

"Concentrate all your thoughts upon the work at hand. The sun's rays do not burn until brought into focus."—Alexander Graham Bell

"Make the present good and the past will take care of itself."—Knute Rockne

"You can lose a lot of time hating people."—Marian Anderson

"I never wanted to set the world on fire. So I never had to burn any bridges behind me."—Dinah Shore

"You have to be optimistic. I still have doubts and conflicts, but the bottom line is, I believe in the future...You've got to bumble forward into the unknown."—Frank Gehry

"There is no need to continue unless you are improving."—Knute Rockne

PARTY MENU for "The Playful, Positivity Birthday Party:"

First, here's another quote from Mendes:
"I don't cook; I respect food too much." If you DO COOK, the links will take you to recipes. Plus, here's a NO-COOK, CUBAN GAZPACHO recipe Mendes could concoct in the nude donning just a "splash guard" acrylic apron.

SALAD—Frank Gehry Architecturally Stacked Tomato and Burrata Salad (allrecipes.com)

SOUP—Eva Mendes Gazpacho (see below)

ENTRÉE—Alexander Graham Stuffed Bell Peppers (delishcravings.com)

BREAD—Golden "Dinah" Rolls (tasteofhome.com)

BEVERAGE—Dr. Seuss "Cat in the Hat" Mocktails (3boysandadog.com)

DESSERT—Knute Rockne Pannekaken "Norwegian Pancakes" (allrecipes.com); these crepes served with Marian Anderson Pennsylvania Lingonberry Jam (allrecipes.com)

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

After Anderson agrees to perform her magnificent version of "My Country 'tis of Thee" for these American joy-givers, Shore joins her for some glorious spirituals they both know: "My Lord What a Morning," "Deep River" and all joined them for a joyous sing-along of "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands."

ONE TO GROW ON

A great, new-ish biography for you to learn more about his boundless creativity, is "BECOMING DR. SEUSS: Theodor Geisel and the Making of an American Imagination" by Brian Jay Jones (Dutton Publishing, 2019).

Seuss puts a bow on "The Playful, Positivity Birthday Party" with these words: "Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind...Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened."

EVA MENDES' GAZPACHO

Even Mendes, who doesn't cook, could prepare this easy and deliciosa chilled soup.
(adapted from MarthaStewart.com)

Serves 5 cups.

Ingredients
- 1 slice sandwich bread, crust removed, torn into bite-sized pieces
- 1/3 cup fresh orange juice
- 3 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil, and more for drizzling
- 2 lbs. red, heirloom, vine or beefsteak tomatoes, cored and chopped (6 cups)
- 1 small clove garlic, smashed
- 1 red bell pepper, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped red onion
- 1 tbsp. sherry vinegar
- 1/2 tsp. ground cumin
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper

Directions

1. In a blender, combine bread, orange juice and oil. Let stand until bread is soft, about 5 minutes.

2. Add tomatoes, garlic, bell pepper, onion, vinegar, cumin, 1 tbsp. salt and w/4 tsp. pepper. Puree until silky and smooth, 2-3 minutes.

3. Refrigerate until cold, at least 2 hours, or in an airtight container, up to 3 days.

4. Season with more salt and pepper, drizzle with oil; serve.

You could garnish with chopped egg and tuna/sardines or diced, cured ham.



HEALTH

Scale Back Alabama extends start date to April 5

Jeannie Gaines, Molly Killman

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Scale Back Alabama, the state's largest wellness program, is extending the 2021 start date to Monday, April 5. Originally slated to start Monday, March 1, the program will now kick off the following month in an effort to accommodate a bigger and better participant experience. Anyone who lives or works in Alabama and wants to develop a healthier lifestyle is encouraged to register for the free program.

This year, Scale Back Alabama will be an entirely virtual program. Participants will register online and choose one to three goals to work on throughout the 10-week program.

Each week, participants will receive a challenge and a health tip that will encourage them to reach their goal(s). Weight loss is now optional, and participants will select their own wellness goals.

It is easy to register an individual participant. Two-person teams are no longer required:

- Visit scalebackalabama.com/member/register.
- To get started, participants will answer a few questions that will help them choose the best goals for them.
- By April 5, participants will receive an email from Scale Back Alabama with instructions on how to access their personalized user dashboard and set wellness goals for the program.
- Registration closes on April 4.
- Important: Public weigh-in sites are no longer available. Some workplaces or organizations may host private sites if they can do so safely. Weigh-ins and outs are no longer required to participate in the program.

Prizes

- All prizes will be on an individual basis; there will be no team prizes.
- At the end of each week, participants will indicate on their user dashboard if they did or did not complete that week's challenge. Participants that did complete the challenge on any given week will be entered into a drawing for that week's prize.
- Each week, participants will indicate on their user dashboard if they did or did not meet their pre-set goal(s) that week. For every week that participants meet at least one of their goals, their name will go into a prize drawing to be held at the end of the program.
- All prizes will be in the form of an Amazon e-gift card.

Facts about Scale Back Alabama

- Inaugural contest started in January 2007
- Now in its 15th consecutive year
- Cumulative number of pounds lost statewide: 1.4 million
- Cumulative number of participants statewide: 335,752







COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Friday, Feb. 26, 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: 385,229 (+589 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 106,620 (+150 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 7,734 (+28 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 2,135
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,054 (+13 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 2,825 (-3 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 117 (+0 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 62
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 36,926
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 2,565
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 109
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,281,648
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 13,589
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 159,886
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 691
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama (reported M-F): 45,368
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 285,130

Vaccine details (updated Monday-Friday)

- Doses delivered to Alabama: 1,326,345
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 1,184,525
- Doses administered: 869,164
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 595,275
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 272,494
- Doses delivered to federal Long-Term Care Program: 141,820
- Doses administered by the federal Long-Term Care Program: 76,927

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

Friday, Feb. 26 update from Cullman Regional Medical Center

- 7 COVID positive patients; of those, 1 COVID patient is currently on a ventilator.
- Cullman Regional has reported 175 COVID deaths to ADPH. Of these patients, 123 were from Cullman County.

"Numbers continue to decline. This is great news! We are cautiously optimistic. Everyone still needs to remain vigilant as we are not entirely sure how the new COVID variants may impact us in the short or long term. We encourage everyone to continue practicing guidelines including masks, hand washing, social distancing and staying away from others when you are sick."

Obituary Announcements: Feb. 27

George Albert Warnke, Sr., 81, of Cullman
Funeral services for Mr. George Albert Warnke, Sr., 81, of Cullman, Alabama will be Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 1 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. He will lie in state from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. prior to the service. Reverend John Bussman will officiate the service. The interment will be in the Cullman City Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Warnke family. Mr. Warnke was born March 24, 1939 to Herman Robert and Alma Fredricka Reichwein Warnke. He passed from this life Feb. 24, 2021 at Vanderbilt Medical Center. He was a lifetime member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. He loved livestock, farming, and being outdoors. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Jeanette Goodwin Warnke; sister Dorothy Neal; and brother Robert Warnke. Mr. Warnke is survived by his daughter Tammie (Brian) Dufrene; sons Albert (Kristy) Warnke, Jr., and Don (Terrie) Warnke; grandchildren Adam (Melissa) Warnke, Andrew (Nikki) Warnke, Austin (Carlie) Warnke, and Ashton (Josh) Bagwell; great-grandchildren Anna Kate Warnke, Ella Warnke, Mary Wynn Warnke, Tanner Warnke, Jed Bagwell, and Kainan Bagwell; and a host of family and friends. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Friend may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Phillip Dale Waldrep, 64, of Hartselle
Funeral services for Phillip Dale Waldrep, 64, of Hartselle, who went to be with his Lord Thursday, Feb. 25, 2021, will be at Moss Service Funeral Home Sunday, Feb. 28, 2021 at 2 p.m. with Bro. Hal Daigre officiating. Burial will follow at Livingston Chapel Cemetery. Moss Service Funeral Home directing. Visitation will begin at noon until service time. Mr. Waldrep was born Dec. 15, 1956 in Cullman, AL to James H. and Joanna Burrow Waldrep. He was a loving husband, son, father, and grandfather. He was a member of First Independent Methodist Church in Flint and loved reading the Bible. He enjoyed being out in nature, especially hunting, fishing, hiking, and taking photographs. He was preceded in death by his father. Survivors include his wife Jeannie Byrd Waldrep; mother Joanna Burrow Waldrep; daughters Bridget Waldrep Hope (Scott) and Megan Waldrep Selby (Cody); and grandchildren Harrison Hope, Harmony Selby, and Autumn Selby. Condolences and special memories may be shared with the Waldrep family at www.mossservicefh.com.

Tracey Ann Mabrey, 54, of Holly Pond
Tracey Ann Mabrey, 54, of Holly Pond passed away Feb. 24, 2021. She was born Dec. 22, 1966 in Jefferson County to Robert and Elizabeth Ann Martin Mabrey. Ms. Mabrey is preceded in death by her daughter Ashley Ryan Graham. She is survived by her parents Robert and Ann Mabrey; sons Wesley and Terra Graham and Oakley and Amanda Graham; grandchildren Allydee, Kooper, Jaxson, Daxton, and Addison; brother Mike and Marsha Mabrey; boyfriend Jeff Miles; and her beloved dogs. Tracey loved beautiful things and was an exceptionally talented lady. She enjoyed painting, coloring, creating things, and she loved to write as well. Ms. Mabrey was a chef at The Sanctuary and was sharing her talents in the kitchen with the residents there. Tracey also loved a day fishing, and she was an exceptional softball player, too. Tracey adored her dogs, Remy and Ginger, but her source of joy was her family. Tracey was a daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, and friend and she will be missed by so many. A Celebration of Life will be held for Tracey at a later time. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Mabrey family.

Betty Carol Price, 78, of Hanceville
Funeral services for Betty Carol Price, 78, of Hanceville will be Sunday, Feb. 28 at 2 p.m. at Riverside Baptist Church with Buddy Jackson and Wendell Peterson officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be Saturday, Feb. 27 from 5-7 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Price was born April 4, 1942 in Cullman County to Joseph Henderson Hammock and Bessie Florence Ryan Hammock. She passed away Feb. 25, 2021 in Athens. She worked as an RN. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband James Price; brother Joe Ray Hammock; and sister Faye Hammock. She is survived by her daughters Kathryn Green (Tony) and Hilda League; sister Sandra Duren; grandchildren Kaitlin Purser (Zack), Chris McDowell, and Tammy Wilson; great-grandchildren Easton James Purser, Hunter McDowell, and Hannah McDowell; godson Kliff Minor; niece Rhonda Duren Calvert; great-niece Reagan Calvert; and a host of other family and friends.

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