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EDUCATION

City schools celebrate Dr. Seuss-style for Read Across America Week

Cullman City Schools
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Students in the Cullman City Schools system are celebrating Read Across America by tapping into the love and history of some childhood classics this week.

Young students at West Elementary School, East Elementary School and Cullman City Primary School are celebrating the works of children's book author Dr. Seuss with themed days, ranging from silly socks, to pajama parties, and wearing as many differently-colored clothes as possible — all in an effort to promote reading and show students the joy that can be found in a good book.

Cullman City Primary School Principal Dr. Tricia Culpepper said Dr. Seuss week is a highlight each and every year at the primary school and head start program.

To celebrate, the school is virtually welcoming in readers to share a book each day, including guests like Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey and local community leaders.

"We instill the love of reading each and every day, but during Dr. Seuss week we focus on becoming lifelong readers and the importance of reading each day," she said.

"Our hope for all of our students is for them to leave the primary school being proficient and lifelong readers."

West Elementary School Principal Dr. Jay Page echoed those sentiments, noting Read Across America is an excellent way to highlight the importance of reading with fun activities framed around Seuss classics "My Many Colored Days," "The Foot Book," "The Cat in the Hat" and "I Am not Going to Get Up Today."

"We want this week to be a springboard for a lifelong love of reading, and Dr. Seuss' books are fun and inspirational for our students," Page said." » PAGE 8



CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

Cullman City Schools students enjoy Read Across America Week, which was spent wearing silly socks, reading Dr. Seuss stories, and having guest readers share stories.

– LIFESTYLE –

'A REALLY GREAT HONOR'

Local artist's work on display in Selma



DAVID LEE BROWN

Left to right are artist Bethany Kerr, Terry Chestnut and National Park Service Park Ranger Trini Moye.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman native and artist Bethany Kerr's talents can be seen in and around Cullman, and now a special portrait she created can be seen at the Selma Interpretive Center. The portrait, done in pencil, of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was originally a gift to Terry Chestnut, son of Selma's first African American attorney J.L. Chestnut, but he felt the portrait deserved a home where it could be enjoyed by others.

The idea to draw the portrait began after Kerr's boyfriend, David Lee Brown, delivered a couple of doghouses to Selma.

"I have a boyfriend who builds doghouses, and he was delivering two doghouses to Selma and the guy he was selling it to was Terry Chestnut," said Kerr. "He's a radio show host and tour guide. We went on a tour with him and we got to know him a little bit. I drew a picture of his dog, and then I thought, you know, I'm going to draw a picture of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and give it to him as a gift."

She drew the portrait around the time of King's birthday. The portrait was done entirely with a mechanical pencil. When she presented Chestnut with the gift, he loved it.

Said Kerr, "He loved it so much that he thought it would be really good to present it to the Selma Interpretive Center."

The Selma Interpretive Center is a welcome center at the foot of the historic Edmund Pettus Bridge at the beginning of the Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail. Kerr and Chestnut presented the portrait of King to National Park Service Park Ranger Trini Moye. The portrait will hang in the center.

Kerr said, » PAGE 8

FEATURE

Calling our community

West Point's Maggie Grant, 4, in late stages of acute myeloid leukemia



ANGEL'S HOPE 2021 CALENDAR

Maggie Grant

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Baileyton names parks director, schedules 'Day in the Park'



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Baileyton Mayor Windell Calloway (left) and Councilman Dewayne Sumner (right) are seen at the Monday, Jan. 4, 2021 meeting of the Baileyton Town Council. » PAGE 8

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Community (from Front)

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WEST POINT, Ala. – She told her mother a list of things she dreamed of doing someday- mostly family vacation destinations she hoped to experience including the beach. She, along with her mother and two older brothers, was able to feel the sand and the ocean's waters on her feet. Sadly, it was the first and only family vacation for 4-year-old Maggie Grant of West Point. She is currently at Children's of Alabama with acute myeloid leukemia (AML), and doctors say they have exhausted all treatment options.

"She is 4 years old and loves everything Disney princesses. She loves everything unicorns. She is HILARIOUS! She will have you rolling, and it is insane," said Maggie's mom, Kathryn Grant. "She is just the life of the party when she is able. That's been one thing that has inspired me and surprised me about this is her attitude and her perseverance and her integrity and her strength through all this. The fact that she has had the most beautiful attitude throughout the entire process. She has never been defiant. They've never had to fight her, and she has been through A LOT. When I say a lot, I mean a lot- more than any adult would be able to handle- and never once has she complained or shown any bad or negative attitude. She's always smiling and always happy and she will light up a room."

Maggie, daughter of Victor Grant and Kathryn Grant, was only 2 when she suffered from persistent ear infections. While at the hospital for tubes to be implanted into her ears, little Maggie and her family waited for pre-op lab work to be completed.

Her mom explained, "She had been having several ear infections and one day she had a double ear infection, so we had a checkup to see if the antibiotic she had been on had cleared up the infection. The night before that appointment, her face became paralyzed. The next day the pediatrician felt we needed to have imaging done."

Doctors performed imaging to look for tumors and also considered Bell's Palsy but had not seen that condition in 2 year olds.

Kathryn continued, "There were no tumors, and they said that she just needed tubes. They ran all the pre-op bloodwork, and everything needed to do the surgery. Somehow it was ordered: a blast count. It was a God thing."

The blast count was ordered by accident and the results were shocking. "It showed up that she was just eaten up and it was the craziest thing. They kept doing labs to make sure it wasn't a mistake because we had had no problems and no symptoms of leukemia. I was in nursing school and just accepted a job at Grandview. I would have picked up on that," said Kathryn.

The day the family thought it would be leaving Children's after Maggie's surgery, a team of 15-20 doctors came in to inform Kathryn the family would be staying and would be there for a while. "They gathered around me and told me and told us that we wouldn't be going home for a long time and that she had cancer and they would be transferring us to 8-Quarterback. We've been here ever since, and that was two years ago," Kathryn said.

8-Quarterback is the Hematology/Oncology- Acute Care Unit at Children's of Alabama. It has become home for Kathryn and Maggie, with the exception of a brief two-month remission after Maggie's third birthday. "I just started knowing that it was back, but it took over a month for it to show back up in both her peripheral blood work and in her bone marrow," Kathryn recalled.

For Maggie, the only life she has known for two years is inside the walls of a hospital. The understanding she has of oncology terms is both impressive and devastating. Said her mom, "It's unbelievable. The way she would get her chemotherapy is called a port or central line that goes directly into her heart. When the lines aren't being used, to keep them clear from infection, you have to flush them with saline and then hep-block them. The nurse would be in there flushing her line and Maggie would say, 'Is that heparin? Are you fixing to hep-lock me or is that just saline?' You are like, 'what? You are 4!'"

During her two years at Children's, Maggie has also experienced the loss of many friends. Kathryn explained, "I think she has two who have not passed away. There have been about 10 of the ones we were close to that have died at this point. That is scary and more so now knowing that she is fixing to become another one."

Maggie also possesses a sweetness and a kindness that everyone notices. So much so that it has sparked conversations regarding how she worries how her illness has and will continue to affect others once she is gone. The doctors have informed Kathryn that Maggie could only have a few days left here, and Maggie has recently expressed anxiety.

When asked if Maggie had ever asked "Why me?" Kathryn shared, "I'm not sure if it is, 'Why me?' as much as it is, 'I'm scared.' Yesterday morning, it was 4 in the morning and she was awake, and she asked to turn on a movie and it was a scene she had seen 1,000 times. It was a scene of a girl dying and she said, 'I don't want to die' and that has never been anything even close to what she would say. She has talked so many times about how excited she is to be able to meet Jesus one day and how glorious that will be- what a beautiful and perfect homecoming that will be and no more hurting. That perspective has shifted to almost maybe a little bit of anger and fear. We are working with Child Life to try and make her more at peace again."

For Kathryn, thinking of Maggie being scared is incredibly difficult. She said, "At this point, anything that will help her not be scared. That haunts me; that is what my nightmares are made of- thinking of her being scared of dying and me not being able to do a thing and her not wanting to let go because of being scared."

With Maggie and Kathryn being at the hospital, times have been difficult on Maggie's older brothers, Kyle (8) and Eli (7).Both boys attend West Point Elementary.

"Before COVID, they were allowed to go to school in Cullman and if there was an opportunity for them to see her, they would have to completely strip down, shower, put new clothes on, wash hands and not kiss her, those kinds of things. They were able to continue with schooling."

A week and half ago, the decision was made to pull the boys from school so they can be with their sister.

Last year, after a strong round of chemotherapy that the family hoped would work in order to have the opportunity for a bone marrow transplant, doctors allowed Maggie to go home for a couple of days. Maggie asked to go to the beach, and a family in Cullman arranged for the trip.

Kathryn shared, "They arranged for us to go to a private island because she can't be around people or in public. It was also during the peak of COVID. I left, went home, packed all three kids a suitcase and we took off to the beach. My doctor was irate and did not like the idea due to the risk of exposure." Within an hour of being at the beach the call came that the chemo did not render the desired results. "That kind of knocked us back and put a monkey wrench in our plans."

Once they returned, Maggie underwent full body radiation, and the bone marrow transplant was attempted. Maggie's older brother, Kyle, was her bone marrow donor. "That's a lot of burden and responsibility that an 8 year old should not have to carry," said Kathryn.

The bone marrow transplant did not work, and the cancer came back more aggressively than before. "It's just kind of gone downhill and there's just nothing more to try at this point," she said. "They have tried everything they can, and the cancer is just so much more aggressive than we can battle."

On Maggie's fourth birthday, people sent her hundreds of Disney princess gowns. She has a couple of favorites, according to her mom. "We are talking beautiful ballroom gowns. It was so amazing and so humbling. The Elsa dress, in particular, is her favorite and it has a long train. She usually would put her dresses on and get all fixed up and walk down the halls and show everybody and wave." Two days ago, Maggie woke up and wanted to put on her Elsa dress. Soon she discovered that she was no longer able to walk. "We just carried her down the hallway in her dress and tried to make it work the best that we could."

One of the main hopes Kathryn has by sharing Maggie's story is raising awareness of childhood cancers and the amount of money spent researching childhood cancers. Less than 4% of cancer research funding focuses on childhood cancer research. Said Kathryn, "It's extremely discouraging and disappointing, the lack of funding. They are worth more than 4%. There are only four drugs/chemotherapies approved for the use in treatment of childhood cancer. Adult cancers, there are hundreds upon hundreds of FDA-approved chemotherapies approved. Why are children only getting 4%?"

She also urges parents to be aware of your child's symptoms and to pay attention to how they react, saying, "Sometimes, their internal and emotional reactions can manifest in physical ways like 'My tummy hurts.' Sometimes there is not one thing you could have done differently, which is what I am trying to tell myself because it is easy as a parent to blame yourself."

Three days prior to Maggie's cancer diagnosis, Kathryn took a job with Grandview Hospital but had to quit in order to care for her daughter. The financial burden has been overwhelming. "God has blessed me with what I needed at the time and I am a single mom with three kids and no job," she said. "Whether it be a T-shirt fundraiser here or there or someone just donating a little bit of money, it's been enough. We haven't been without at any time."

The Maggie Grant Fund has been set up at Cullman Savings Bank to help Kathryn and Maggie. Donations can be made at any Cullman Savings Bank location.



ANGEL'S HOPE 2021 CALENDAR
Maggie Grant, 4, enjoys the ocean with her mom and two brothers.

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COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Tuesday, March 2, 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: 387,420 (+487 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 107,001 (+165 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 7,840 (+51 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 2,151
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,076 (+4 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 2,827 (+2 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 118 (+0 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 63
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 37,118
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 2,595
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 108
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,295,722
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 12,403
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 157,105
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 631
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama (reported M-F): 45,699
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 285,130

Vaccine details (updated Monday-Friday)

- Doses delivered to Alabama: 1,403,845
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 1,235,325
- Doses administered: 944,795
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 627,092
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 316,059
- Doses delivered to federal Long-Term Care Program: 168,520
- Doses administered by the federal Long-Term Care Program: 80,584

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

Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the Johnson & Johnson single-dose COVID-19 vaccine for individuals 18 years of age and older. Alabama will receive 40,100 doses of the vaccine this week. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine will not be used to target a specific population but will go through our normal allocation process of identifying providers that are next in line to receive vaccine. The average weekly allocation of first doses received in Alabama will increase this week due to the Johnson & Johnson shipment. At this time, it will be a one-time allotment, and we do not know when the state will receive additional Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

COVID-19 vaccine appointments available at select CVS Pharmacy locations

The Federal Retail Pharmacy Program expanded to begin administering COVID-19 vaccine at nine select CVS locations throughout the state Thursday, Feb. 25. As of Monday, March 1, vaccine appointments are currently available at CVS locations in Camden, Evergreen, Jackson, and Union Springs. Available appointments can be scheduled at www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine, or by calling 1-800-746-7287.

Second dose large-scale mass vaccination clinics to be held this week

Eight large-scale mass vaccination clinics took place throughout the state Feb. 8-12. Attendees that received a Pfizer vaccine for their first dose will return to the same location this week to receive their second dose.

Volunteers supporting ADPH for vaccine distribution

As of today, ADPH has 488 medical volunteers, including physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, dentists and LPNs, verified to support COVID-19 clinical activities. Please email requests to volunteer to Thresa.Dix@adph.state.al.us, and include your discipline, license number and county in which you would like to volunteer.

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported March 2

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported March 2, 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. 26
• duty upon striking an unattended vehicle; person; 2nd Ave. SE; damage to '14 Jeep Cherokee; $1,000

March 1
• harassment; person; 6th St. SW

ARRESTS
March 1
Sisk, Justin W., 32
• FTA- improper lane usage

Villa, Patricia D., 39
• fourth-degree theft of property

Tompkins, Daniel R., 22
• FTA- third-degree domestic violence

Pate, Cody W., 34
• FTA- animals running at large
• FTA- failure to have rabies tag
• FTA- public intoxication
• FTA- driving without a license
• FTA- DUI (2 counts)
• FTA- failure to yield
• FTA- driving while revoked

Brown, Jo A., 51
• fourth-degree theft of property

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, 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@cullman-swcd.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.
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• 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.

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.

Jay's Legacy Shoe Drive BBQ
• Saturday, March 13 at noon at J&S Karaoke, 10303 Hwy. 31 S, Hanceville
• Jay's Legacy is hosting a BBQ/ party and all we ask is that you bring two pairs of shoes to attend. We will have music, food, games and more. We will be selling food plates as well. We are inviting everyone in the community to come out and be part of the cause. Suzette Kendall will also be giving a speech on distracted driving, and how it impacted her life.

Zoom Lunch & Learn Pruning Ornamentals
• Wednesday, March 17, noon-1 p.m.
• Join Tony Glover for this free online class as he covers why, when and how to prune ornamentals. Register at Agriplex.com.

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.

Heritage Homeschool Attracting Butterflies
• Thursday, March 25, 9-11 a.m.
• We will cover the importance of our native butterflies and how to help create the perfect habitat for them in your own yard. Register at Agriplex.com.

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.

Holly Pond Community Easter Egg Hunt
• 2 p.m. Saturday, Apr. 3 at 2 p.m. at Governor's Park
• Children are encouraged to bring their own baskets, but some baskets will be available for kids who do not have one of their own.

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 BASKETBALL

A look back at a memorable 2021/21 season

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Good Hope's Tanner Malin (11), Cold Springs' Seth Williams (12) and Fairview's Daisy Manasco (10).

CULLMAN, Ala. – The 2020-2021 basketball season wasn't your typical season as COVID-19 limited seating at the games and provided distractions across the state, but all things considered, everything went smooth and according to plan. There were some amazing contests that went on during the year and some incredible seasons by several local teams.

Addison: Girls (12-13, Winston County Champions) - Boys (17-14, Winston County Champions)

Addison's varsity girls started the season with a new head coach: Bailey West, who was the perfect fit for this young, but experienced squad. It was an up-and-down year for the Lady Bulldogs, but they had some great games and some key wins, including huge wins over Meek and Winston County (OT) to take home the Winston County Championship. Addison's season ended in the first round of the area tournament to Falkville, 69-61, to finish the year at 12-13, and with everyone coming back for coach West next season, expect a big year for the Lady Bulldogs in 2021-2022.

The Addison Bulldogs improved a lot under second-year head coach Ben Mastin and brought back a lot of experience, including Logan Wilkins and Eli Howse, to name a few. They collected some huge wins during the season, including victories over Falkville and a Christian Roberts game-winning shot gave Addison a big win on the road at Cold Springs. Like the girls, the Bulldogs defeated Winston County and won a thriller against Meek to take home the Winston County Championship. The boys got the top seed in the area tournament, but got upset by Winston County, 47-46, and they finished the campaign at 17-14. They had a great season, and with six seniors graduating, some new players will look to step up and fill some huge shoes in 2021-2022.

Cold Springs: Girls (19-8, Area Champions) - Boys (22-6, County Champions and Area Champions)

The Cold Springs Lady Eagles lost some key pieces from last year's Class 2A runner-up team that lost to Collinsville in the title game, but they still returned a lot of key players, including Toni West, Shay Sellers, Lacey Rice, and Brooke Crider, to name a few. After getting off to a little bit of a rocky start, Cold Springs started to get it going as they went on a nine-game winning streak, including big wins over Good Hope and Falkville.

The Lady Eagles rolled past Winston County and then took down Falkville in an overtime battle to take home the Class 2A, Area 13 championship. They eased past Sulligent in its Sub-Regional game before falling at home to Hatton, 65-46, in the NW Regional Semifinals as they finished with a 19-8 record. With some huge pieces graduating, Coach Tammy West will look to a really young, but determined, squad to make some noise in 2021-2022.

This season will be one that Cold Springs fans will never forget. What made things even better is that they brought back a lot of key players in 2020-2021, including Adam Hill, Brody Peppers, Tanner Kilgo, Micah Calvert, and Roberto Ayala. They started the season out strong, going 6-2 and that included a huge basket just before the buzzer by Peppers to stun Good Hope on the road.

The Eagles just got better and better as the season went along and they rolled past Vinemont 50-34 in the Cullman County Semi-Final game before taking down the two-time county champion Raiders 53-48 to win its first county title since 2014. Cold Springs then took down Falkville and Winston County to capture the area championship. They defeated Alicevville in the Sub-Regional game before falling to Hatton, 54-48 in the NW Regional Semifinals and they finished the year with an incredible 22-6 mark. The Eagles will lose five players to graduation and will have some players coming back, along with some young talent, as they will look to have another special season in 2021-2022.

Cullman: Girls (15-11) - Boys (13-9)

The Cullman Lady Bearcats looked to make some noise in 2020-2021 with a young, but experienced squad led by Hannah Hoffman and Regan Quattlebaum. They picked up some key wins during the season over Austin and Huntsville and played in a very tough area that included Hartselle and Muscle Shoals. Cullman played some of the best teams on their schedule pretty good despite falling to them. The Lady Bearcats won the West Morgan Christmas Tournament championship over Good Hope, 52-46. They rolled past Hayden and Hanceville to end the regular season strong but ended up falling to Muscle Shoals in the first round of the area tournament to finish with a 15-11 record. The Lady Bearcats will lose Hoffman and Emma Ray to graduation, but they will have a lot of young, talented players coming back in 2021-2022 and they will look to get keep better and better under head coach Josh Hembree.

The Cullman Bearcats brought back a lot of key players and a lot of veteran players, led by Nic Glass, Tucker and Max Gambrill, and Kaleb Heatherly, looked to lead the way for what would be coach Bobby Meyer's last season as the head coach. The Bearcats started out 4-1, which included tough wins over Austin and Lincoln County. But they went through a little bit of a rough stretch, dropping three in a row at one point. Cullman quickly righted the shift, going 4-1 in their final five games and looked to add another area title to coach Meyer's resume, but it wasn't to be as Muscle Shoals ended the Bearcats' season early, 60-50, as they finished with a 13-9 mark. Cullman will lose just three seniors to graduation, and whoever is named the new head coach will have a lot of experienced players coming back in 2021-2022 in hopes of having a breakout season.

Fairview: Girls (17-10, Area Runner-Up, County Champions) - Boys (5-15)

The Fairview Lady Aggies looked to keep up its recent success under head coach Justin Billings. They picked up some huge wins over Cold Springs, West Point and Guntersville and they also won the county title as they took down last year's county champions, West Point, 50-47.

The Lady Aggies looked to add the area title to its resume as well, but they fell just short to Guntersville, 50-33. They made some noise during the postseason, getting by Boaz in the Sub-Regional game before falling to Ramsay in the Sweet 16, finishing with a 17-10 mark. It marked the last game for four seniors: Maddie Yeager, Daisy Manasco, Molly McKelvy, and Jacy Gorham, and they will be sorely missed at Fairview. The Lady Aggies will have some young talent coming back in hopes of making some more noise in 2021-2022.

The Aggies looked to take that next big step in 2020-2021, but it was a struggle the whole season as they finished with a 5-15 record. They did pick up wins over Holly Pond, Brindlee Mountain, and Phil Campbell. Five seniors will graduate from this team: Jack Brown, Peyton Bailey, Aaron Carpenter, Preston Ryan and Clayton Strane, and coach David Martin will look to a young, talented squad to get Fairview back on track next year.

Good Hope: Girls (25-10, Area Champions, Elite Eight) - Boys (23-8, Area Champions)

After going from five to 18 wins last year under first-year head coach Justin Aby, the Good Hope Lady Raiders brought back a very young, but talented squad who looked to make their own mark this season. They won six in a row early in the year as they held a 7-2 record after November. Good Hope went through a little bit of a tough stretch, falling to three great teams in Oneonta, Cold Springs, and West Point, but they quickly got back on track after that and ended the season by rolling past Dora, 69-53.

The Lady Raiders rolled past Curry at home and then took down Oneonta on the road, 40-29, to win the Class 4A, Area 11 title. They routed Haleyville in the Sub-Regional game and after trailing 70-54 in its NW Regional matchup against no. 5 Deshler, Good Hope staged a miraculous comeback to stun the Lady Tigers in overtime, 79-76. But their Cinderella run ended in the Elite Eight to no. 4 Rogers as they finished the year with an incredible 25-10 mark, and everyone will be back next season in hopes of making an even deeper run.

After graduating 95% of their scoring from last season, Good Hope looked to some new faces in hopes of keeping their recent success alive. The Raiders started its season 6-0 and despite going through a rough stretch, they got back on track and behind Tanner Malin, Noah Barnette, Colton Lindsey, and Lawton Farr, they got some huge games from those four, along with K'mal Bell, who came off the bench, along with Michael Owens, Ethan Anderson, and Eli Pugh. Good Hope won their final three regular season games and continued that momentum into the area tournament, where they rolled past Hanceville and they squeaked past Oneonta to win the area title. Their season would end in the Sub-Regional game to Hamilton and Good Hope finished with a 23-8 mark. The Raiders will lose Farr, Pugh, and Owens to graduation and will look to a veteran squad to make it even deeper into the postseason.

Hanceville: Girls (5-20) - Boys (5-13)

The Hanceville Lady Bulldogs had a new head coach to start out the season: Tim Bellmon. He brought a defensive mind-set to Hanceville and the Lady Bulldogs, despite finishing 5-20, stayed close in some ball games this season due to their defense. They picked up wins over Curry, Corner, Hueytown and Vinemont. Cassidy Campbell and Jessica Thompson are the only two seniors on the teams and coach Bellmon will have a lot of great, young talent coming back in hopes of seeing his team get better and better next season.

After losing some great talent from last year's team that made it to the Final Four, Hanceville looked to some young players to build off of what happened last year. It wasn't meant to be as the Bulldogs finished the season at 5-13 and four of those wins came against Vinemont, Fairview, Curry and Holly Pond. The Bulldogs will lose only Izayah Glenon to graduation and will look to see their younger players get better and better next season in 2021-2022.

Holly Pond: Girls (7-18) - Boys (2-20)

The Holly Pond Lady Broncos looked to make another postseason run in 2020-2021, but it didn't quite happen for them as they finished with a 7-18 record and the area runner-up. The Lady Broncos dropped its Sub-Regional game to Winfield, and they will lose Sarah Finley and Tate Duke to graduation. But Holly Pond will have some veteran players coming back in hopes of making some noise in 2021-2022.

It was a long season for the Holly Pond Broncos as they finished with a 2-20 record and those wins came against Susan Moore and Hanceville. Holly Pond will lose seven seniors to graduation and will look to see some of its younger talent grow more and more each day in hopes of a better season in 2021-2022.

Meek: Girls (15-10) - Boys (17-8)

The Meek Lady Tigers got off to a very strong start in 2020-2021, going 10-3 in their first 13 games and they finished as the Class 1A, Area 12 runner-up to Marion County. Meek made a deep run in the postseason, knocking off Lynn and R.A. Hubbard to advance to the Elite Eight before falling to Marion County, 58-30, to finish with a 15-10 mark. The Lady Tigers will lose four key seniors to graduation and will look to build off of this next season.

The Meek Tigers got off to a 4-1 start and reeled off six straight wins late in the season to put them at 10-2. They went 3-2 in their final five regular season games and knocked off Brilliant and Lynn to take home the area title before falling to Holy Spirit Catholic in the Sub-Regional game to finish with a 17-8 record. The Tigers will lose three seniors to graduation and will look to get better and better next season in hopes of a deeper playoff run.

Vinemont: Girls (5-20) - Boys (9-17)

The Vinemont Lady Eagles improved a little bit in 2020-2021, going 5-20 with wins against Westminster Christian, Hanceville, St. Bernard, and East Lawrence County. With only three seniors graduating from this year's squad, coach James Brown will have a young, but talented team next season in hopes of getting not only a few more wins, but maybe a spot in the postseason.

The Vinemont Eagles improved a lot under head coach Preston Boyd in 2020-2021 as they went 9-17, picking up wins over St. Bernard, Hanceville, Falkville, Athens Bible, and Holly Pond. With a huge chunk of the roster graduating in May, some younger talent will look to fill some huge shoes and get even better in 2021-2022.

West Point: Girls (15-11, Area Runner-Up) - Boys (17-11, Area Runner-Up)

The West Point Lady Warriors looked to keep things going their way after losing a ton of seniors from last season. They started out 4-2 and after that, they went back-and-forth, going 11-9 the rest of the way. West Point finished as the Class 5A, Area 15 runner-up to Lawrence County and they closed out its season with a 78-35 loss to Mae Jemison in the Sub-Regional game. Lexi Shadix will be a huge loss for West Point, and they will look to fill her shoes next season with some younger talent and some great players coming back in 2021-2022.

West Point got off to a blazing start in 2020, winning their first six games of the season and they won four in a row late in the season before going 2-4 in their final six contests.

The Warriors finished as the Class 5A, Area 15 runner-up to Russellville and wound up dropping its Sub-Regional game to Lee, 83-41, to finish the season at 17-11. West Point will lose a lot of key pieces to graduation, including 1,000-point scorers Kobe Bowers and Will Cochran, along with Carter Thornton and Aubry Cleghorn. They will look to fill some huge shoes and build off of this success next season.



PREP SOFTBALL

Fairview hammers J.B. Pennington 14-4

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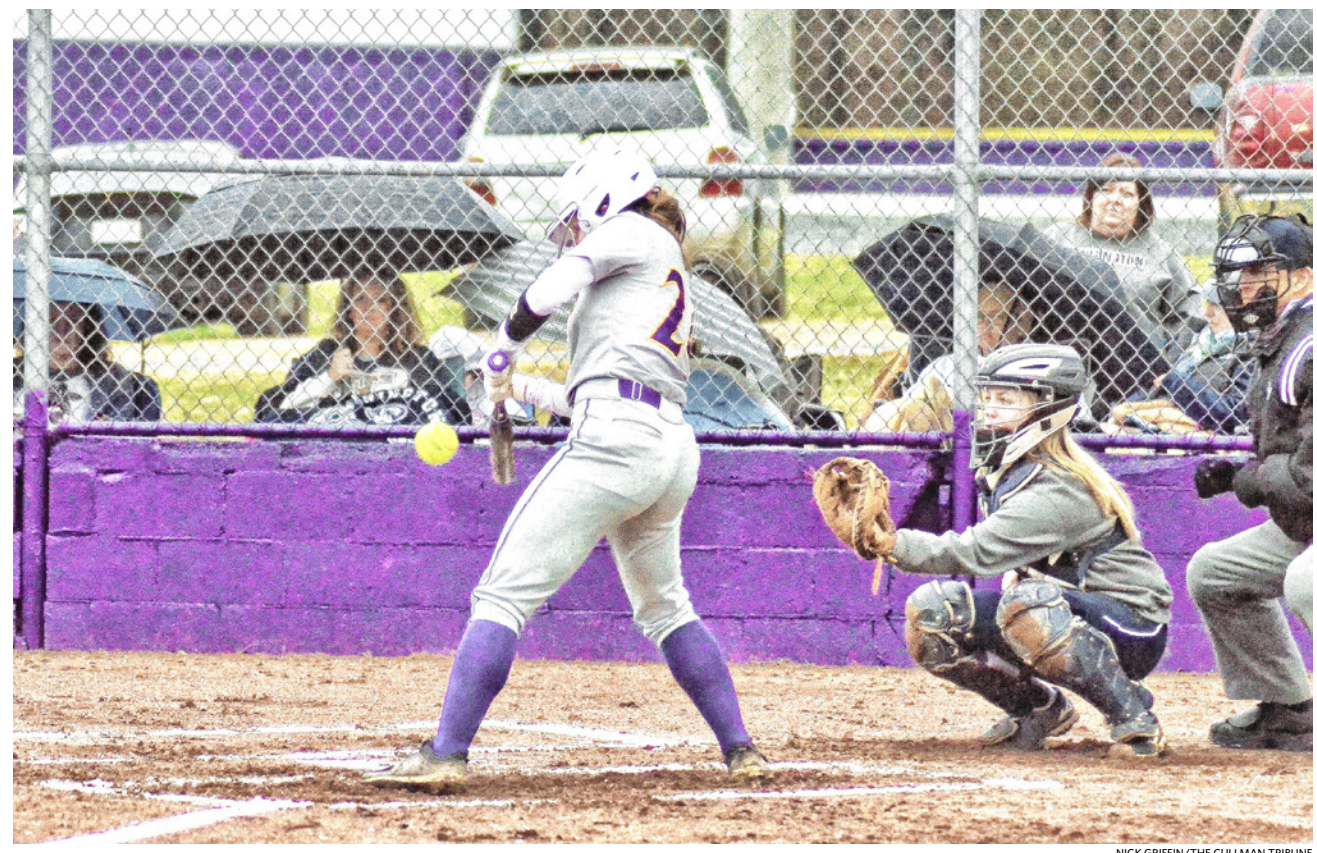
FAIRVIEW, Ala. – The Lady Aggies hit the field their home opener against J.B. Pennington Tuesday night and after the Lady Tigers made it a 1-run game in the third inning, Fairview plated seven runs in the fourth to take control and eventually pulled away to win it 14-4 in five innings. Ayda Payne got the start and the win in the circle for the Lady Aggies, allowing four runs on four hits and striking out four batters.

Pennington went three up, three down in the top of the first and Fairview went to the plate of the bottom half of the inning. The leadoff hitter, Kloie Watson, was hit by a pitch to give the Lady Aggies a base runner and after a sacrifice bunt by Savannah Bryson, Kaitlyn Benson drove Watson home with an RBI single to make it 1-0. Fairview couldn't get any more runs on the board in the first but after Payne collected three quick outs in the top of the second, the Lady Aggies went right back to work.

A leadoff single from Emma Roberts got the second inning started with another base runner and Sydni Hall reached first on an error to give Fairview a pair of runners with one out. Bryson drew a walk to load the bases with two outs for Deavan Fulmer and she drilled a single into left field to score two more runs and make it a 3-0 game. The Lady Tiges got the third out of the inning on the bases after the runs scored and we went to the third with the Lady Aggies on top 3-0.

Pennington found some offensive success in the top of third, plating a pair of runs to make it a 3-2 game but Payne ended the inning with her second strikeout of the night to prevent any further damage. The Lady Aggies weren't able to get on the board in the bottom of the third inning but the fourth is when Fairview found its rhythm and began to pull away.

After Hall reached base on an error, Reagan Dunkin singled into left field to give the Lady Aggies a pair of runners with one out. Bryson singled up the middle to score Hall and stretch the lead to 4-2 and two pitches later, Fulmer put a 3-run bomb over the left field fence to put Fairview on top 7-2. A walk from Benson, a single by Emma Garcia and another walk from Kyleigh Aleman loaded the bases for the Lady Aggies and Payne drove a 2-run single up the middle to make it a 9-2 game. Aleman scored on an error in the outfield to give Fairview a 10-2 lead and we went into the fifth leading by eight.



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Fairview's Deavan Fulmer (24) collected five RBIs in the Lady Aggies' 14-4 win over J.B. Pennington Tuesday and blasted a 3-run homer in the fourth inning.

An error and an RBI single allowed Pennington to score two more runs in the top of the fifth and trim the lead to 10-4 but the Lady Aggies got those runs back and then some in their half of the inning. After Bryson reached on an error and Fulmer and Garcia each drew a walk to load the bases, Aleman singled up the middle to score Bryson and Fulmer, making it 12-4. After a pop out gave the Lady Tigers two outs, Payne officially put things away with a 2-run single into left field that ended the game in five innings and secured a 14-4 win for Fairview.

Fulmer racked up five RBIs for the Lady Aggies after drilling a 2-run single and a 3-run homer in the win. Payne finished just behind her with four RBIs after going 2 for 4 at the plate and Aleman drove in a pair of runs of her own. Bryson and Benson each added RBIs in the win as well.

Fairview is scheduled to be back in action Thursday night on the road at Vinemont.

Auburn's Trace Bright tabbed SEC Pitcher of the Week

Greg Ostendorf
AU Athletics

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – Sophomore right-hander Trace Bright has been named the Southeastern Conference Pitcher of the Week, the league office announced Monday.

Bright is Auburn's first SEC Pitcher of the Week since Jack Owen earned the recognition in week four of the 2019 season.

"For him to give us six scoreless innings there with 20 mile-per-hour winds blowing straight out, for him to pitch that way in that ballpark was impressive and even more impressive in person," head coach Butch Thompson said of Bright's outing.

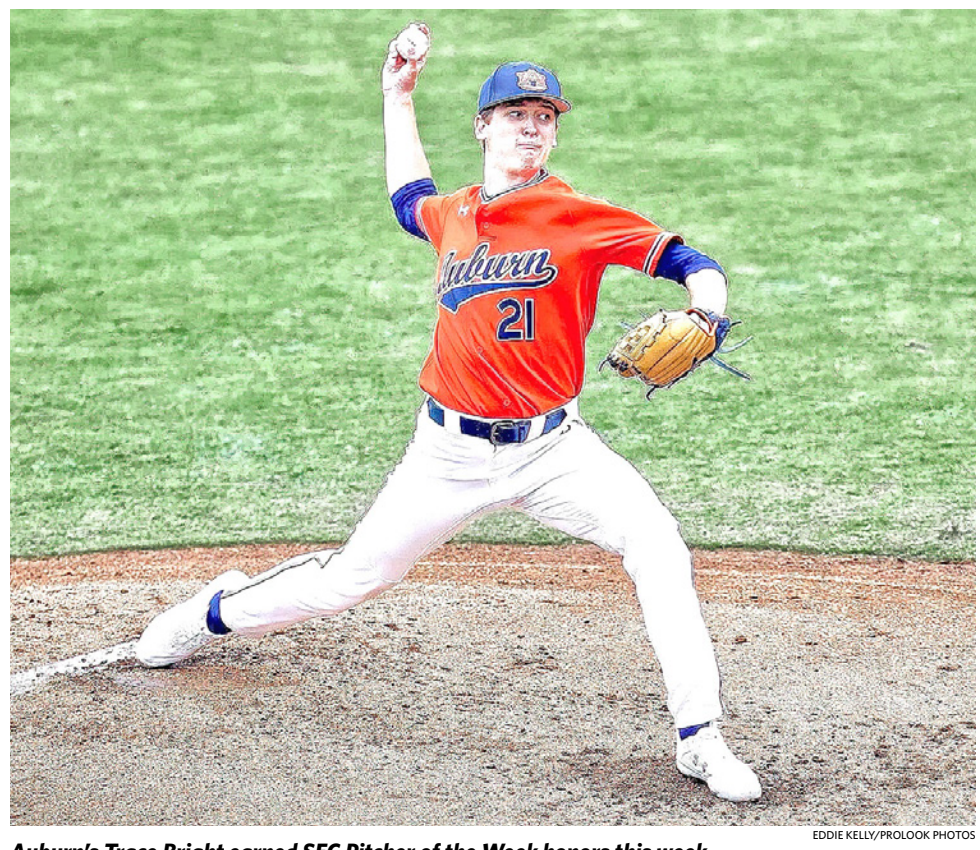
The Montgomery native made a pair of starts last week, including his first weekend start as an Auburn Tiger, and went 2-0 with a 0.90 ERA in 10.0 innings. He allowed five hits, holding opponents to a .147 average against, and issued two walks with eight strikeouts.

After earning the win and striking out a career high seven batters in 4.0 innings against Alabama A&M Tuesday, Bright drew the Sunday start against Texas A&M in Round Rock, Texas, and turned in the best outing of his Auburn career.

Texas A&M has scored 20 runs on 21 hits in the previous two games of the Round Rock Classic, but Bright held the Aggies to just three hits in a career high 6.0 scoreless innings, marking Auburn's first quality start of the season and the first of his career. He faced one batter over the minimum through four innings before working around a pair of base runners in the fifth and another in the sixth to end his outing.

Entering week three of the season, Bright is tied for the league lead in wins (two) and ranks tied for seventh in innings (11.0) and tied for ninth in ERA (0.90).

Bright and the Tigers continue the team's busy stretch to start the season by hosting Jacksonville State Tuesday at 4 p.m. CT at Plainsman Park.



EDDIE KELLY/PROLOOK PHOTOS

Auburn's Trace Bright earned SEC Pitcher of the Week honors this week.

Troy announces 2021 football schedule, season tickets now on sale

Troy Athletics
Contributor

TROY, Ala. – Featuring home games against Sun Belt rivals South Alabama, Louisiana and App State, the 2021 Troy football schedule was released Monday by the Sun Belt Conference office. Fans can secure their seats for the six-game home slate now at TroyTrojans.com/tickets or by calling 877-878-WINS (9467); season tickets purchased before May 15 will guarantee fans a limited-edition Troy replica mini helmet.

"It's always an exciting day to see how your schedule will lay out for the upcoming season and today is no different," Troy head coach Chip Lindsey said.

"We've got some of our biggest games of the season at home this year and we look forward to seeing Trojan Nation back in The Vet. We'll be tested early, especially with that long run of road games, before an opportunity to close out the season with a big stretch of home games."

Troy hosts South Alabama on Nov. 6, which marks the first Saturday "Battle for the Belt" at The Vet since 2015; the Trojans have won three straight in the series against their in-state rival.

Troy's lone mid-week contest of the year sends the Trojans to Conway, S.C., on Thursday, Oct. 28, for a tilt against Coastal Carolina on an ESPN network.

Troy's four non-conference games come within the first five weeks of the season around the Sun Belt opener at ULM.

The Trojans open with back-to-back home games against Southern (Sept. 4) and Liberty (Sept. 11) before hitting the road for a stretch of five-of-six away from home.

Around the trip to Monroe (Sept. 25), Troy visits Southern Miss (Sept. 18) and South Carolina (Oct. 2) to wrap up the non-conference portion of the schedule.

Troy's first home game in almost a month brings Georgia Southern to town on Oct. 9 before the Trojans head back out on the road to Texas State (Oct. 16) and the Thursday-night showdown at Coastal Carolina.

The Vet will be busy in November with Troy playing host to three Sun Belt games that figure to have major implications in the conference race.

Following the "Battle for the Belt", Troy hosts Louisiana (Nov. 13) and Appalachian State (Nov. 20) in consecutive weeks before closing out the regular season at Georgia State (Nov. 27).

The Sun Belt Championship Game will be played at the division champion with the best league record on Dec. 4.

Season ticket prices will not increase for the fifth straight season with packages starting as low as $60 for general admission seats and $100 for reserved seats.

Limited North End Zone and Stadium Club seats remain, and fans can reserve their premium North End Zone Tents for specific games or purchase the entire season for the price of just five games.

Monthly payment plans are available on all season ticket purchases and the deadline for priority renewals is Tuesday, June 15. Troy University faculty and staff are eligible for discounts on season tickets in reserved sections.

2021 Troy Football Season Tickets

- Community Hero - $48
- General Admission - $60
- Reserved (Sections 104, 112, 114, 204, 206, 216, 218) - $100
- General Admission Four Pack - $200
- Benchback (Sections 106, 108, 110) - $200
- Chairback (Sections 208, 210, 212, 214) - $300
- Reserved Four Pack (Sections 107, 116) - $300
- North End Zone (Premium Seating) - $400
- Stadium Club (Premium Seating) - $600
- North End Zone Tents (Premium Seating) - $2,000/game | $10,000/season

2021 Troy Football Schedule

- Sept. 4 Southern
- Sept. 11 Liberty
- Sept. 18 at Southern Miss
- Sept. 25 at ULM
- Oct. 2 at South Carolina
- Oct. 9 Georgia Southern
- Oct. 16 at Texas State
- Oct. 28 at Coastal Carolina
- Nov. 6 South Alabama
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- Nov. 20 Appalachian State
- Nov. 27 at Georgia State
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OPINION

Guest Editorial: It's the dirt that makes us

Kyle Morris
Contributor

The Bible tells us that we are all made of dust, and to dust we shall return. Well, I think the Good Lord must have made me out of Alabama red clay and river bottom silt. I was born and raised on a cattle operation in Cullman County, Alabama, the grandson of a sharecropper, and only the third generation of my family to even attend high school. My grandfather was the fifth of five children born to sharecroppers in the Blount/Cullman/Jefferson County area. His mother passed away when he was 6 years old. He was basically orphaned, living with his older siblings at times, and his father and stepmother at other times. In 1963 he and my grandmother saved enough money to purchase their first farm, in the Arkadelphia area of Cullman County, and that was the Genesis of Mulberry Bend Cattle Farm.

After 16 years building his farm in coal country, the strip mines came for his land, and then along with my mother relocated north of Hanceville and bought 100 acres and the house that I live in today. In 1981 he purchased our farm's namesake and 280 acres along the Mulberry Fork of the Black Warrior River. As I came along in 1987, our family's farm was in full swing, and I grew up learning the trade of cattle farming.

I graduated from Cullman High School in 2005, then attended the University of Alabama, where I graduated in 2008 with a bachelor's in business management. Upon graduation, a friend and I bought 10 Angus heifers, and began our own farm for the first time. After three years, I felt called into education, and sold out my half of the cattle and began my master's in education at the University of Southern California. Upon graduation I was hired at my high school Alma Mater, and nine years later, I'm still teaching and coaching at Cullman High School.

However, during that time I always felt the draw back into cattle. Both my grandfather and my stepfather helped me learn cattle and how to tend the land growing up. We had often based our herds around Angus, but a longtime friendship with Tinney Farms was pulling me towards Santa Gertrudis. So, in 2016 I began building towards using what we have grown here since 1963, but with my own twist.

My wife, Ashley, and our children Avery (7) and Luke (5) were determined to build upon what was given to us and keep it going to future generations. We knew that raising a family on the hard work and lifestyle associated with farming was a top priority, so making sure our kids learned the values of farming was paramount to us. They have each been assigned chores on the farm- gate openers, helping mix mineral, help count cows, and of course the bottle-feeding duty when needed. They have learned that early, cold mornings demand work just like the sunny, fun June days.

Working with Tinney Farms has allowed me to build an exceptional herd of Santa Gertrudis influenced cattle that I sold as replacement heifers for other farms, but I still felt like I was missing something; too many people were paying too high of prices for average to below average beef. After prayers and discussion with my wonderful wife, Ashley, we decided to start offering farm-raised beef.

We do so because we feel we can offer our neighbors a superior product, at a competitive and sometimes lower price. We treat our cattle humanely and ethically. We treat our pastures to give them good grazing, and we feed the herd our own hay to ensure quality forage. We worm and give mineral shots twice a year and keep high quality mineral available free choice year-round. We supplement their hay and pasture forage with free choice 12-14% protein feed as well.

We only offer to sell beef to our neighbors and family that we eat ourselves, so you can be sure of the high quality and standard to which we hold ourselves. After all, nearly 60 years in business, three generations, and the love and caring of a family farm is in this land.

And it's in the dirt that makes us.

Kyle Morris, Mulberry Bend Cattle Farm, via Sweet Grown Alabama News



SWEET GROWN ALABAMA

Kyle Morris

AGRICULTURE

Avoid planting summer vegetables too early

Mary Leigh Oliver
Contributor

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. – In anticipation of enjoying summer vegetables, gardeners often plant too early causing them to struggle. In Alabama the often-warmer temperatures in late winter and spring can fool gardeners into planting too soon.

Alabama summer vegetables
According to Alabama Extension agent Jack LeCroy, of the hot summer vegetables grown in Alabama, the most common include tomatoes, corn, squash and okra. When it comes to deciphering when to plant these vegetables, there are a range of factors that impact each vegetable.

Alabama gardening calendar
The Alabama Gardening Calendar shows the times and days to start planning many of these summer vegetables. However, the dates in the guide are specific for central Alabama weather. Location in the state heavily impacts planting dates for vegetables. For example, homeowners located in Mobile would be able to start growing before homeowners in Huntsville would be able to.

"The rule of thumb for south Alabama is to make the spring plantings approximately ten days earlier than the dates listed," he said. "In north Alabama, make the spring plantings approximately ten days later than the dates listed."

With this in mind, Alabamians should plant summer vegetables in March and April.

General conditions
Aside from knowing exactly when to plant summer vegetables, there are several general conditions to check for the vegetables to succeed.

"Plants are like people," LeCroy said. "They all have different attributes that make them unique."

While all summer vegetables have different needs to grow properly, there are basic conditions that are essential for every vegetable.

Soil
The first condition to check is the soil. Conduct a soil test to check the existing or non-existing nutrients in the soil. A soil test is also important to check the pH levels. The specific required pH levels may vary for each vegetable. Ensure the soil is well-drained and in a space that receives about six to eight hours of sunlight.

Irrigation
The second most important condition is irrigation.

"We need to be consistent with our irrigation to try to just water around the plants' base and not the leaves around it," LeCroy said. "If there are leaves or other debris around the vegetables that may hold water, this can cause diseases to form around the plant."

Maintenance
Lastly, no matter what is growing in the garden, make sure to consistently scout in the garden.

"Look under leaves and around the plants to try and catch problems early so they can be treated," LeCroy said.

More Information
For more information on summer vegetables, visit the Alabama Extension website, www.aces.edu, and the Alabama Gardening Calendar.



ALABAMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SYSTEM

In Alabama the often-warmer temperatures in late winter and spring can fool gardeners into planting too soon.

LEGALS

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These vehicles will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at Smith's Body Shop and Wrecker Service, LLC, 11597 US Highway 278 East, Holly Pond, Alabama, 35083, on Friday, April 2, 2021, at 8:00 a.m.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO. SM 2020 – 900839

HARMONY MOBILE HOME PARK, LLC

Plaintiff,

v.

JENNIFER L. BIRCHEAT and KENNETH I. BIRCHEAT,

Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Please take notice that a Summons and Complaint in the above-styled matter was filed by Plaintiff, Harmony Mobile Home Park, LLC, in the District Court of Cullman County, Alabama, on August 15, 2020. Attempts have been made to serve Defendants, Jennifer L. Bircheat and Kenneth I. Bircheat, with the Summons and Complaint by Certified U.S. Mail at the last known addresses of the Defendants, 3911 County Road 216, Hanceville, AL 35077. Please be advised that Jennifer L. Bircheat and Kenneth I. Bircheat, as the named Defendants, have thirty (30) days from the last date of publication to contest said Complaint and must do so by filing a written response with the Cullman County Clerk of Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055 and with Plaintiff's Attorney, Shay Persall, St. John & St. John, LLC, P. O. Box 2230, Cullman, Alabama 35056.

Done this 19th day of February, 2021

LISA M. SWAIN, CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

s/ Shay Persall
Attorney for Plaintiff
ST. JOHN & ST. JOHN, LLC

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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 *
WILLIAM NEAL HARDYMAN * CASE NO.: PC2021-065
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Leatrice Lenora Hardyman as Personal Representative of the Estate of William Neal Hardyman, deceased, on the 23rd 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 be barred.

Leatrice Lenora Hardyman
Personal Representative

Neil Halvorson
Attorney for Petitioner
3221 Starlake Drive
Hoover, Al. 35226

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

Obituary Announcements: March 3

Margaret Camp Hamrick
Funeral services for Margaret Camp Hamrick will be Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Moss Service Funeral Home with Rev. Tom Richter officiating. Burial will follow in the Cullman City Cemetery. Moss Service Funeral Home directing. Mrs. Hamrick will lie in state at the funeral home from noon until service time. Mrs. Hamrick passed from this life Sunday, Feb. 28, 2021 at her home surrounded by her family. She was born Jan. 11, 1936 to Carl and Georgia Camp. She was loved by so many. She opened Kiddy Land Daycare in the early 1970s and operated her nursery for 40 years. Margaret truly loved all who belonged to the Kiddy Land family. She lived a beautiful, full life and to her, each day was a gift. The family is grateful for all of your kind words and prayers. She is preceded in death by her husband John Wendell Hamrick, Sr.; her parents; brothers S.C. Camp, Clifford Camp, and Fred Camp; and sisters Lorene Scott, Theolene Hill, Mildred Lambreth, and Jean Roberson. Survivors include two daughters Tracy Hamrick and Deborah Singleton; one son John Hamrick, Jr.; one grandson Josh (Maria) Singleton; two great-granddaughters Kate Singleton and Caroline Singleton; and a host of loving family and friends. Condolences and special memories may be shared with the Hamrick family at www.mossservicefh.com.

Worland Clay Fowler, 61, of Cullman
Memorial services for Worland Clay Fowler, 61, of Cullman will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 13, 2021 at Springville First United Methodist Church, 6471 U.S. Hwy. 11, Springville, AL 35146.

Larry McKelvey, 79, of Boston, VA (formerly of Cullman)
Larry McKelvey, 79, of Boston, VA passed away peacefully at the Culpeper Feb. 27, 2021. Larry was born and lived the first 19 years of his life on a farm in Cullman, AL. After graduating high school, he attended Alverson Draughn Business College in Birmingham, AL. He then entered the U.S. Air Force. After serving in the Air Force for four years, he worked for the federal government for 30 years, serving in embassies around the world, including India, Austria, Bangladesh, and Ghana. He also traveled to numerous other foreign countries on temporary duty status. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Shirley; son Patrick of Johnson, IA; daughter Cynthia Hill of Birmingham, AL; sister Linda Hawkins of Cullman, AL; and brothers Ricky (Pamela) of Fayetteville, TN and Anthony of Cullman, AL. He will also be missed by three grandchildren. Larry enjoyed gardening, hunting, and playing music. His passion was playing the upright (doghouse) bass. After retirement in his later years, he formed a bluegrass band (Stoneridge) and played for nursing homes, senior citizen facilities, festivals, and family get-togethers, etc. He also played bass with the Flat Run Ramblers and at Shelva's jam on Rt. 20 in Orange County every Thursday morning. He will surely be missed by his friends in those places. A celebration of his life will be held at Moser Funeral Home in Warrenton, VA March 4, 2021 with a visitation at 5 p.m. and a funeral service to follow at 6 p.m. His remains will be interred at the Simcoe Community Church in Cullman, AL. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Larry's memory to the church or charity of your choice. Online condolences may be expressed at www.moserfuneralhome.com. Obituary compliments of Moser Funeral Home Inc.

Teresa Annette Spain of Columbia, TN
A funeral service for Teresa Annette Spain of Columbia, Tennessee who died Feb. 27, 2021 at her residence in Columbia, Tennessee will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 6, 2021 in the chapel of Hanceville Funeral Home. Teresa's family will receive friends beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday. She is survived by daughters Sarah McDonald, Jessica Keel, and Ginny Keel; brothers Allen Harris and Danny Johnson; step-father Tommy Harris; and five grandchildren.

Brenda Faye Kerns Phillips, 74, of Cullman
Brenda Faye Kerns Phillips of Cullman passed away March 1, 2021 at the age of 74. She was born in McCall, South Carolina Feb. 23, 1947 to Newty and Lillie Mae Chavis Kerns. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband Curtis Lee Phillips, Jr.; and siblings Virginia Grooms, Jesse Lee Kerns, Bobby Kerns, Eugene Kerns, and Roy Earl Kerns; as well as Mary Lillie Kerns. Mrs. Phillips was a retired caregiver. Funeral services will be Thursday March 4, 2021 at 11 a.m. at Moss Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Keith Whitley officiating. Interment will follow services in Cullman City Cemetery. Survivors are daughters Kimberly (Donald) Cheek of McCall, SC, Daphne (George) Bacon of Winterville, NC., Bobby (Tammy) Phillips of Madison, AL, and Bonnie (Michael) Phillips of Cullman, Alabama; sister Linda (Dennis) Armstrong of Pocatello, Idaho; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; her beloved Maltese Dusty; and numerous nieces and nephews. Visitation is Thursday from 10 a.m. until service time at 11 a.m. Memorials may be made to Hospice Family Care in Huntsville, Alabama. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.mossservicefh.com. Following COVID-19 guidelines, we ask that you observe social distancing and the use of a mask. Moss Service Funeral home directing.

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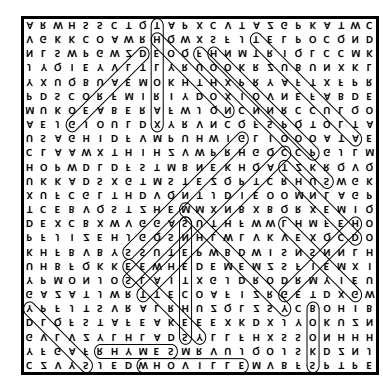
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Baileyton (from Front)

Christy Perry
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BAILEYTON, Ala. – The Baileyton Town Council approved at its meeting Monday night several new hires in preparation for what it hopes will be a successful ball season. Ryan Chambers was named parks director for a one-year term, while Dianne Whitehead will be the new concessions stand manager and be compensated $50 per night. Councilmen Roy Shedd, Greg Griffin and Wendell Peterson abstained from voting.

To help Whitehead at the concessions stand, the council approved the hiring of Sharon Gorham and Wanda Gregory at $35 per night. The council also gave approval for Chambers to purchase any necessary equipment for the season.

A "Day in the Park" event is scheduled for June 12. The event, similar to the former Founders Day celebration, will feature music, vendors, games and more.

The Town is looking for community members interested in being on the planning committee.

Those interested can contact Councilman Dewayne Sumner, Town Clerk Pat Gilbert or Patricia Peterson.

The Town of Baileyton will soon have a new website after securing the domain townofbaileyton-al.com for the next three years. The site is being built by Jack McGee.

Previously, the council approved $2,000 toward the purchase of a new digital sign for Parkside School. Recently, Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman said he would give $5,000 toward the project if the council would match that amount.

The council voted to increase the amount it will give to $5,000.

Surplus furnishings were purchased from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) to be put in the new Baileyton Town Hall.

For $600, the Town purchased 30 visitor chairs, 10 office chairs for the council, clerk and speakers, and two wooden office desks.

The new town hall will also have a new sound system, at a cost of $12,321, as well as a new printer from Ameritek.

Baileyton Bargain Days are going "extremely well" according to Sumner. He thanked the council, their families and Charlie and Phillip Whitehead for use of their truck and trailer.

The town's weather siren has been repaired just in time for severe weather season. Council members thanked Joe Perry and the workers from the Cullman County Garage for their help repairing the siren.

The Baileyton Town Council meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the town's senior/community center.



Honor (from Front)

"It's really cool and a really great honor. That's the bridge where Martin Luther King and others marched."

Kerr, also a muralist, is now regularly painting at Leigh Acres event venue in New Market, Alabama. She has also illustrated eight books to date. Several murals in Cullman were painted by Kerr including the Cullman Electric mural across from Traditions Bank and the Welcome to Cullman mural on the Newman's Cleaners building. She also restored the Jazz Feeds and Cullman Banana Supply paintings.

Find Kerr's art on Etsy at www.etsy.com/shop/BethanyKerrFineArt or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bethanykerrfineart. For more information on Brown's dog houses, check out www.bargainbarnsalabama.com.

Week (from Front)

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