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HEALTH

Ivey extends mask mandate until April 9

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey on Thursday extended the state's Safer at Home Order, including the mask mandate, until Friday, April 9 at 5 p.m. It had been set to expire March 5. She was joined in a press conference by State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris.

"As of Tuesday, Alabama has seen the lowest average for daily new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations since late June. Y'all, this is definitely an indication we're moving in the right direction. I want to thank Alabamians for their tremendous help and support to get us where we are. However, even with this positive news, Dr. Harris and I believe more Alabamians need to get their first shot before we take the next step. Folks, we're not there yet, but we're getting close," Ivey said in a statement.

While acknowledging the positive trends across the state, the governor said the new, modified order will ease up on some restrictions while maintaining the mask order, which she » PAGE 2



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE/HAL YEAGER

Governor Kay Ivey gave an update on the Coronavirus during a press conference Thursday March 4, 2021 in Montgomery, Ala.

COURTS

Circuit Clerk's Office passes 2015-2020 financial audit

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Big deals for Cullman Caring for Kids!

Cullman Lions help out; 'Southern Momma' coming to town



CONTRIBUTED

Cullman Lion Jerry Bonner (left) presents Cullman Caring for Kids Executive Director Javon Daniel (right) a check for $15,000 at the club's meeting Monday evening. » PAGE 7

– CULTURE –

Colony holds Black History Month celebration



FEB. 27, 2021 PHOTO FROM THE NORTH ALABAMA AGRIPLEX

Members of the Colony community shared family stories and celebrated Black History Month Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021.

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COLONY, Ala. – The town of Colony on Saturday, Feb. 27 concluded Black History Month with a celebration at its educational complex, inviting members of the community to bring photos and other artifacts to create a temporary museum, tell their families' stories and commemorate African-American historical achievements.

Event coordinator and Colony Councilwoman Ethel Alexander declared, "The museum was a success.

"We had Ms. Barbra Moody sing and recite the poem 'Still I Rise' by Maya Angelou, along with Ernestine Bell singing 'I Ain't Going to Let Nobody Turn Me Around' and Ms. Linda Bradford singing 'Hold On.' Ms. Pat Ponder presented a video of Mr. George M. Flanigan making a straw seat for a cane chair and 1884 Homestead Certificate of her relative Robert Sapp."

The event included displays featuring:

- Black dolls
- Martin Luther King, Jr.
- President Barack Obama
- Harriett Tubman
- Cooking pots belonging to Ms. Precious Fitts' great-grandmother
- "Must-read" books of famous African-Americans
- Church hats from Ms. Katherine Minnett and Precious Harris
- Colony's Alabama 200 Bicentennial Murals and bronze plaque
- African-Americans- born slaves and died freed- contributed by the Birmingham African American Genealogy Group, Inc.
- Retired Councilman and military veteran Melvin Hammond's Quilt of Valor, hats and banner

Colony was settled by freed slaves following their emancipation at the end of the Civil War and remains today Cullman County's only majority African-American community. » PAGE 3

Food, love, care... all in a backpack



TY WATWOOD

Some of the food packed by Hanceville Knapsacks for Kids

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported March 4

Cullman Tribune Staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported March 4, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

March 1

- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 260
- theft of property; Boundary Ave.
- unlawful possession of marijuana; CR 1488
- illegal possession of prescription drugs; I-65 S/MM 305
- domestic violence; CR 725

March 2

- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; CR 316
- criminal mischief; CR 1254
- theft of property; CR 216
- domestic violence; CR 469
- theft of property; CR 842
- theft of property; Schwaiger Road
- harassment; CR 1092
- theft of property; CR 1490
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1371
- theft of property; CR 1252
- criminal mischief, trespassing; Leonard Road
- domestic violence; Hwy. 69

March 3

- theft of property, criminal mischief; CR 702
- theft of property; Hwy. 69 S
- domestic violence, menacing; Hwy. 278 E

ARRESTS

March 1

Jones, Jeffery Dewight, 50
- FTA- driving while suspended

Marlowe, Jamie Danielle, 33
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Morris, Christopher Dean, 39
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence- third-degree criminal trespassing
- FTA- harassment

Pate, Cody Wade, 34
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle (without theft)

Picard, Robert Alan, 53
- harassment

Stephens, David Lee, 42
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Weldon, Tracy Michelle, 46
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

March 2

Bagwell, Dachery Dewayne, 29
- unlawful distribution of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- third-degree theft of property

Elrod, Christopher Allen, 30
- public intoxication

Najmeh, April Nicole, 36
- assault
- resisting arrest

Ponder, Dustin Edward, 36
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Pugh, Ashley Cheyenne, 21
- third-degree domestic violence- harassing communications

Randall, Joshua Scott, 33
- identity theft

South, Jason Howard, 43
- FTA- theft (2 counts)
- FTA- receiving stolen property (2 counts)

Startley Jr., Troy W., 35
- FTA- DUI

Tanner, Rebecca Lynn, 52
- FTA- child abuse (2 counts)

Turner, Stacy Lee, 37
- unlawful distribution of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Witcher, Billy Keith, 55
- FTA- driving while suspended

March 3

Baker, Jessica Ann, 27
- probation violation- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Cole, Nicholas J., 37
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- FTA- driving while suspended (2 counts)

Jackson, Henry George, 25
- reckless endangerment

Lindner Jr., William Adam, 64
- FTA- driving while suspended

Watkins Jr., Gerald Timothy, 33
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

March 3
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment; person; Lessman Circle SW
- harassing communications; person

ARRESTS

March 3

Hooper, Robert D., 39
- fourth-degree theft of property

Graves, Candace A., 34
- fourth-degree theft of property

Whittle, Lauren P., 28
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Cole, Nicholas J., 37
- FTA- driving while revoked (2 counts)
- FTA- no seat belt

Cox Jr., Larry W., 56
- FTA- third-degree criminal mischief

Collier, Michael C., 24
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- FTA- improper signal

Armstrong, Stacey M., 41
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- driving while suspended

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

Mandate (from Front)

said she will not extend past April 9.

"Dr. Harris and I are both convinced that we need to get past Easter and hopefully allow more Alabamians to get their first shot," she said, "before we take a step some other states have taken to remove the mask order all together and lift other restrictions. Folks, we're not there yet, but goodness knows we're getting closer."

The modified Safer at Home Order makes changes concerning senior citizens, summer camps, restaurants, hospitals and nursing homes.

Here are the changes:

HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES

Subject to reasonable restrictions, patients and residents will be allowed visits from as many as two caregivers (up from one) or as many as two visitors (up from one) at a time.

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS

Programs other than congregate meals may resume, but only outdoors and subject to guidelines by the Alabama Department of Senior Services. Meals still available by curbside pick-up or delivery.

RESTAURANTS, BARS AND BREWERIES

Still may open, but with no limit on party size at tables. Still required: Partitions or 6 feet between tables and additional sanitation rules and guidelines.

SUMMER CAMP

Still may open subject to social-distancing and sanitation rules and guidelines. The social-distancing requirement was changed to mirror the one used for schools.

See more at https://governor.alabama.gov/assets/2021/03/GKI-Health-Order-Update-04.09.21-Vertical.pdf.

Harris reminded those listening that Alabama passed the grim milestone of 10,000 COVID-19 deaths recently, before delivering some better news on vaccinations.

"We have lost more than 10,000 of our friends and family and church members and work colleagues," he said. "It's just a reminder of what a tough year we've had in 2020."

He continued, "That said, we do see some bright spots, finally. Our hospitalization numbers are as good as they have looked since very early summer... new case numbers are continuing to improve. We're very proud of our vaccination numbers; they continue to increase, and as the governor mentioned to you, yesterday, we gave the one-millionth shot."

Harris said there are more than 1,200 providers across the state enrolled to administer vaccines, although not all have vaccine available due to the numbers of vaccines available.

He said next week the state will receive more than 100,000 first-dose Moderna and Pfizer vaccines, along with 40,000 doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

He said after next week, the state will not receive more Johnson & Johnson product for at least three weeks.

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.

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

Cullman Wal-Mart on Olive Street began administering COVID-19 vaccines Feb. 26.

Vaccinations are given by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, go to www.walmart.com/COVID-vaccine.

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

The Cullman County Health Department offers appointment-only vaccinations. It is located at 601 Logan Ave. SW in Cullman.

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/.

Leading up to Thursday's announcement, Alabama doctors and health officials urged the governor to extend the order, saying recent positive trends could be reversed if the mask mandate were lifted prior to more people being vaccinated.

"It just seems to me until we get more people vaccinated, the most prudent thing to do is to stay the course and continue to try to drive these numbers down, especially because we are still worried about the U.K. variant and the South African variant," Dr. Don Williamson, the former state health officer who now heads the Alabama Hospital Association, told the Associated Press.

On Wednesday, Lt. Gov. Will Ainsworth urged Ivey to lift the mandate, just as the states of Texas and Mississippi have done.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Thursday, March 4, 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: 390,672* (+900 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 107,404 (+22 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 7,920 (+48 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 2,174
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,159* (+10 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 2,825 (-5 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 119 (+0 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 63
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 37,618
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 3,068
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 180*
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,311,207
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 14,095*
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 170,194
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 544
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama (reported M-F): 45,807
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 295,690

*Important Notice (03/04/21) The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) processed a backlog of 2114 positive PCR results from a facility on 03/02/21 and 346 positive PCR results from the same facility on 03/03/21. These will be classified as confirmed COVID-19 cases reported on 03/03/21 and 03/04/21 even though the tests were performed since May 2020. For information regarding daily numbers and the 7-day moving average of cases by infectious date, see Tab 7A. Information on Tab 7A visualizes cases by date of infection rather than date reported. All laboratories are required by law to report all results (including positive and negative tests) for SARS-CoV-2 to ADPH. Delays in reporting by required reporters is not within control of ADPH. All laboratories are required by law to report all results (including positive and negative tests) for SARS-CoV-2 to ADPH. Delays in reporting by required reporters is not within control of ADPH.

Vaccine details (updated Monday-Friday)

- Doses delivered to Alabama: 1,475,925
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 1,262,625
- Doses administered: 1,003,396
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 648,686
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 352,749
- Doses delivered to federal Long-Term Care Program: 213,300
- Doses administered by the federal Long-Term Care Program: 81,280

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

Threshold of 10,000 COVID-19 deaths crossed

Even as the rates of new COVID-19 infections and hospitalizations continue to decline across Alabama, the death toll has reached a new milestone. On March 3, Alabama surpassed 10,000 deaths of state residents from COVID-19. Since the first COVID-19 death in Alabama was reported last March, the vast majority (78.9%) of deaths have occurred among those age 65 and older, followed by people in the 50-64 year-old age range (16.7%), followed by those ages 25 to 49 (4.2%). Females represented 46.4% of deaths; males, 53.4; and 0.2, unknown. By race, 59.4% of decedents were white, 27.8% were black, 8.7% were race unknown, 0.3% were Asian, and 3.8% were of other races. Reported COVID-19 cases are now approaching 500,000.

CDC Social Vulnerability Index (SVI)

Social vulnerability is a term the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention uses to describe the vulnerability of a community to human suffering and financial loss in the event of a disaster. Social vulnerability refers to the potential negative effects on communities caused by external stresses on human health. Such stresses include natural or human-caused disasters, or disease outbreaks. Reducing social vulnerability can decrease both human suffering and economic loss.

CDC describes the Social Vulnerability Index (CDC SVI) as follows: CVI uses 15 U.S. census variables to help local officials identify communities that may need support before, during, or after disasters. CDC SVI is updated every 2 years based on U.S. Census Bureau data releases. The Census releases American Community Survey data in December of the year following the survey. Thus, there is a time differential in when it can produce and disseminate updates of CDC SVI.

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) is reviewing the index to promote equitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccine. Nine counties will be part of the initial outreach. The total population of these counties represents about 150,000 persons. At this time, at least Barbour, Dallas, Greene, Hale, Lowndes, Perry, Pickens, Sumter, and Wilcox counties are part of this effort as they are counties that rank lowest on this metric. More information about the index can be viewed at the following: www.atsdr.cdc.gov/placeandhealth/svi/index.html

Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine

ADPH is excited to have the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine available as a single-dose vaccine. It prevents serious illness, hospitalization, and death just as effectively as other products that we have available. This additional vaccine option will allow us to have vaccine available at more providers. The vaccine to take is the one that is first available to you; please don't try to specially select one or pick and choose. Alabama is expected to receive 40,100 doses of the vaccine this week but has been notified not to expect any additional shipments, besides the initial one, for the next three weeks.

COVID-19 vaccine appointments that are no longer needed should be canceled

Please be considerate of others and cancel your scheduled COVID-19 vaccine appointment if you cannot make it or have received your vaccine at another provider or at a drive-thru clinic. This helps ensure that other people have access to appointments.

Second dose large-scale mass vaccination clinics continue 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 should return to the same location this week to receive their second dose.

Celebration (from Front)

Over the years, the town sported several businesses, a Masonic lodge hall and its own school, built by members of the community. The building that housed the lodge and a mercantile store is no longer in use but remains standing today, and Colony's school was consolidated into the Hanceville system in 1965. The community was incorporated as a town in 1981.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

ALERT: Cullman Electric Cooperative has scheduled an emergency planned power outage that will affect a portion of the co-op's service area in Hanceville Friday, March 5, 2021.
The outage is scheduled to begin Friday, March 5 at 9 a.m. and should be completed by 2 p.m. This outage will affect approximately 3,500 members. The areas affected include Johnson's Crossing, White City, Center Hill, Louisiana Pacific, Wallace State Community College and the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament. This outage will not affect Hanceville schools.

Road Closure Alert
• The Cullman Police Department on Saturday, March 6 at approximately 9 a.m. will close all four lanes (both directions) of US-278 and all four lanes of AL-157 from Yutaka Technologies to US-278, and County Road 719 will be closed at US-278.
• The Cullman Police Traffic Homicide Unit will be drone mapping this intersection for the investigation into the fatal crash that occurred Feb. 20, 2021.
• This area should be closed for approximately two hours.

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@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.

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.

Cullman High School Band MPA Performance
• Thursday, March 11 at 7 p.m. at Cullman High School
• Free tickets will be available soon. Check www.CullmanBand.com.

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.

Good Hope High School Pageants
Saturday, March 20 in the school gymnasium. The Good Hope High School Fair Queen Representative Pageant will begin at 4 p.m., and the Miss Good Hope Heritage Princess and Miss Good Hope Heritage Pageants begin at 5 p.m. Admission is $7.

Food Drive with Comedian Darren Knight
• Wednesday, March 24 from noon-3 p.m. at Cullman Caring for Kids, 402 Arnold St. NE Cullman
• Join us for a day of fun, laughter and a mission to help feed hungry children.
• Darren Knight (known as "Southern Mama") will be accompanied by fellow comedians "Red Squirrel and Gary Cargal."
• For every 20 cans of food donated, you can have your photo made with them!

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.

Senior Easter Egg Hunt
• Friday, March 26 at 10 a.m. at Sportsman Lake Park Veterans Memorial, 1544 Sportsman Lake Road NW, Cullman
• Sponsored by the Cullman County Commission on Aging. FREE admission, and lunch provided by the Cullman County Sheriff's Office.

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 Cleanup 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 BASEBALL

Warriors blank Fairview at home 10-0

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WEST POINT, Ala. – After handling Athens on the road 10-0 earlier this week, the West Point Warriors returned home Thursday for a showdown with the Fairview Aggies. Branson Smith got the start on the mound for the Warriors and picked up a win after tossing five shutout innings that included just three hits and four strikeouts.

After the Aggies went three up, three down in the top of the first, the Warriors built a lead early in the bottom half of the inning. Back to back singles from Eli Folds and Smith put a pair of runners on the bases and Will Cochran drew a walk to load them up. Cleghorn singled into right field two pitches later to bring Folds and Smith home and take a 2-0 lead. Cleghorn later scored from third on a sacrifice fly by Carter Thornton to make it a 3-0 game going into the second inning.

A single from Bryceson Turner and a walk from Crimson Wright gave Fairview a couple of base runners in the top of the second but a strikeout gave the Warriors two outs, and they caught an Aggie in a rundown at third base to get out of the jam.

After a quick bottom of the second and a quick top of the third, West Point began adding to its lead in the bottom half of the third inning. Cochran and Cleghorn were both hit by a pitch to put a pair of runners on and Isaac Hoffpauir drew a walk to load the bases with no outs.

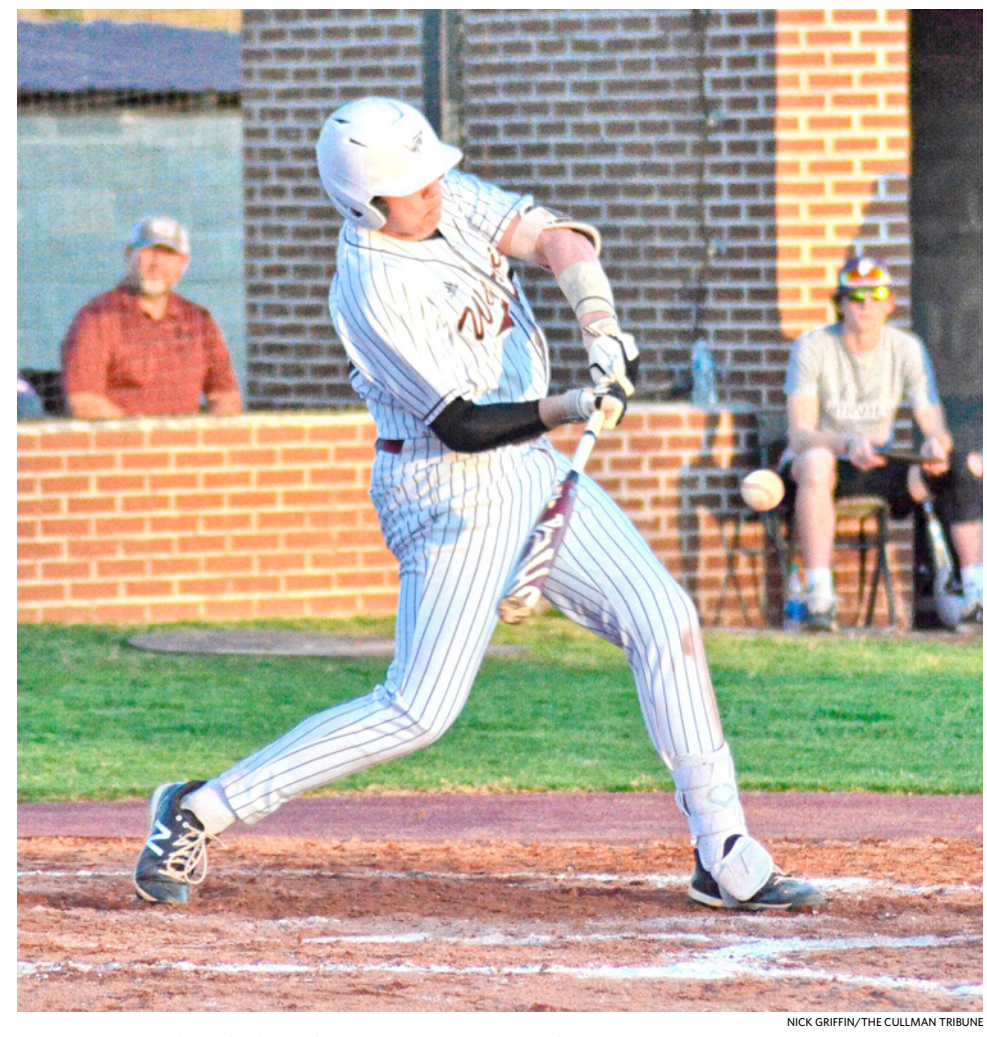
Thornton then drew a walk to bring in a run and in the next at bat, JD Cochran was hit by a pitch to force home another run and make it a 5-0 game. Calden Rodgers kept the momentum going with an RBI single that made it 6-0 and Chase Sibley singled into center field to score Thornton and make it 7-0. JD Cochran scored on a sac fly by Folds and Rodgers crossed the plate on a passed ball to stretch the lead to 9-0 going into the fourth.

Singles by Dalton Payne and Levi Garner gave Fairview two more runners in the top half of the fourth but a fly ball and a strikeout by Smith got the Warriors out of another jam and back at the plate with a chance to end the game.

Isaiah Wylie was hit by a pitch to lead off the next frame for West Point and Thornton drew another walk to put runners on first and second. Cade Simmons walked to load up the bases and Wylie scored from third on a balk to give the Warriors a 10-0 lead. Smith came back out for the top of the fifth, needing just three more outs to complete the shutout win in five innings and got it done with just 12 pitches to ice the 10-0 win for West Point.

Cleghorn and Thornton each finished with 2 RBIs in the win. Sibley, Rodgers, Folds and JD Cochran each drove in a run for the Warriors as well. Payne, Garner and Turner posted the three hits for the Aggies in the loss.

West Point improves to 3-6 with the win and will be back home for a doubleheader against Hanceville and Southeastern starting at noon Saturday. Fairview will be on the road Saturday for a doubleheader at Decatur against Decatur Heritage and Priceville starting at 11 a.m.



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West Point's Aubry Cleghorn drove in a pair of runs in the Warriors' 10-0 win over Fairview Thursday.

PREP SOFTBALL

West Point falls to Hayden at home 12-1

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WEST POINT, Ala. – The West Point Lady Warriors returned home to host Hayden for a varsity matchup Thursday night and after building an early lead in the first few innings, the Lady Wildcats were eventually able to pull away and defeat West Point 12-1. The Lady Warriors were held to just two hits in the loss.

After a scoreless first inning, Hayden led off the top of the second with a solo homerun to take a 1-0 lead early in the game. Carlie Wilkins struck out the next three batters to end the top of the second without any further damage on the scoreboard. Wilkins got the top of the third started with two more strikeouts but after an error and a walk gave the Lady Wildcats a pair of runners, a 3-run homer made it a 4-0 game going into the bottom half of the third.

Braelee Quinn led of the bottom of the inning with a single into left field and after a pair of fielder's choices gave Hayden a couple of outs, Lexi Shadix drove a double into center field to score Bethany Minck and cut the lead to 4-1 going into the fourth.

A passed ball and an error gave the Lady Wildcats two more runs early in the fourth and made it a 6-1 game. A 2-run double later in the inning stretch the lead to 8-1 and another passed ball gave Hayden a 9-1 advantage going into the bottom of the fourth inning. Brindlee Phillips was hit by a pitch and Nikki Tyree drew a walk to give West Point a pair of base runners but back to back strikeouts ended the inning and stranded the runners for the Lady Warriors.

The Lady Wildcats put another 3-run homer over the fence to add to the lead in the top of the fifth and West Point went three up, three down in the bottom half of the inning to end the game in five innings with Hayden on top 12-1.

Wilkins struck out seven batters in the loss and Shadix (1 RBI) and Quinn finished with the two hits for the Lady Warriors. West Point will look to bounce back when it hosts Priceville Monday night.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

West Point's Carlie Wilkins pitching during the Lady Warriors' 12-1 loss to Hayden Thursday.

6-run third highlights Alabama's 9-1 win over Troy

UA Athletics
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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – The Crimson Tide offense posted six runs in the third inning to put the game out of reach early as Alabama cruised to a 9-1 win over Troy on Wednesday afternoon at Sewell-Thomas Stadium. The victory moves UA to 8-1 on the year.

Alabama's bats produced nine runs on a season-high tying 12 hits including three home runs on the day. The roundtrippers came from Peyton Wilson, Sam Praytor and Zane Denton. Wilson's led off the game with Praytor and Denton going back-to-back in that huge third inning.

Eight of the nine Tide starters recorded at least one hit with T.J. Reeves leading the team in that category thanks to a perfect 3-for-3 effort that included a double, one run and a walk.

Not to be outdone were the Alabama pitchers. Starter Connor Shamblin (1-0) combined with William Freeman to allow only one run on five hits with no walks.

Shamblin worked a career-long 5.1 frames and allowed only one run with a career-high tying six strikeouts. Freeman followed with 3.2 scoreless innings to pick up the save.

From Head Coach Brad Bohannon

"Good day for us at the park. I thought Connor Shamblin and William Freeman both were just outstanding. They pounded the strike zone — nine innings, no walks — both of them commanded their fastball to both sides and threw their secondary stuff for a strike to really set the tone for us. (We had) a lot of hard contact up and down the lineup. Fortunately, Troy helped us some defensively, but eight of our nine starters had at least one hit today. Not perfect — we need to continue to get better — but I'm really glad to get a win over a good Troy club and to be 8-1. I'm excited to get on the road this weekend."

How It Happened

• B1 | Peyton Wilson led off the game with a solo shot to left-center to get Alabama on the board first. The leadoff home run was his third of the season and his fourth home run overall. (1-0, Alabama)

• B3 | Alabama exploded for six runs in the third thanks to eight hits and an error. Wilson reached with a one-out single and was brought home in the following at-bat when T.J. Reeves singled to center and the ball got past the Troy defender. Drew Williamson then brought Reeves home with an RBI-double and Williamson came in himself thanks to a Sam Praytor home run in the next at-bat. Zane Denton kept it going with a homer of his own to give the Tide back-to-back homers. After a pair of singles and a fielder's choice, Jim Jarvis singled through the right side to score one more in the inning. (7-0, Alabama)

• T6 | A solo shot by Troy got the Trojans on the board. (7-1, Alabama)

• B8 | Wilson led off the inning with a walk and was followed by Jackson Tate, who was hit by a pitch. A groundout moved both runners into scoring position before a passed ball brought in Wilson. Praytor followed with a 6-3 groundout to plate Tate and widen the gap to eight. (9-1, Alabama)

Postgame Notes

• Connor Shamblin worked a career-long 5.1 innings in today's game. His previous career-high total was 5.0 which he had on five other times during his career, most recently against Lipscomb on March 7 of last season.

• Shamblin's six strikeouts matches his career-high total. The junior also had six in that matchup with the Bisons.

• Alabama has recorded two-or-more home runs in six of nine games this season, including three on three separate occasions after today's game.

• The Crimson Tide put up six runs in the bottom of the third. The six runs were UA's most in a single inning since last season's March 10 contest at UAB when the Tide posted six runs as well.

• Peyton Wilson's leadoff home run was his third of the season and fourth home run overall. Wilson also homered to lead off the games against Jacksonville State (Feb. 23) and against Wright State (Feb. 26).

• Sam Praytor and Zane Denton recorded back-to-back home runs. The back-to-back home runs are the first since T.J. Reeves, Morgan McCullough and Tyler Gentry homered in three consecutive at-bats at Samford on April 9, 2019.

• Praytor finished 1-for-4 on the day to extend his hitting streak to six games. Across that time, the Tide catcher is batting .250 (6-24) with three doubles, two home runs, seven RBI, four runs and three walks.

ATTENDANCE: 1,742

Alabama takes to the road this weekend as the Tide travels so South Carolina to take on the College of Charleston. Game one on Friday is scheduled for 5 p.m. CT followed by a 1 p.m. first pitch on Saturday.

The series finale on Sunday is set to start at noon with all three games being streamed on FloSports.

Get all the latest information on the team by following @AlabmaBSB on Twitter and Instagram and on Facebook at Alabama Baseball. General athletic news can be found at UA_Athletics on Twitter and Instagram and AlabamaAthletics on Facebook.



UA ATHLETICS

The Crimson Tide put six runs on the board in the third inning during their 9-1 win over Troy Wednesday.



GOOD HOPE PAGEANTS SET FOR MARCH 20

Good Hope High School pageants will be held Saturday, March 20 in the school gymnasium. The Good Hope High School Fair Queen Representative Pageant will begin at 4 p.m., and the Miss Good Hope Heritage Princess and Miss Good Hope Heritage Pageants begin at 5 p.m. Admission is $7.



AMANDA WILLIAMS

Miss Good Hope Heritage Princess Pageant contestants are (top, left to right) Lexi McMinn, Natalie Scott, MaKenna Pesola and Aubrey Aker; (bottom, left to right) Abby Gurley, Gracelyn Bowerman, Marlee Williams, Jenna Crumpton, Avery Flint and Kailey White.



AMANDA WILLIAMS

Good Hope High School Fair Queen Representative Pageant contestants are Allie Sartin and Zoe Vincent.



AMANDA WILLIAMS

Miss Good Hope Heritage Pageant contestants are (top, left to right) Zoe Vincent, Allie Sartin, Amber Mitchell, Audri Patrick, Aaliyah Smith and Kiara Elliott; (bottom, left to right) Ava Hedgecock, Katie Hutchenson, Bijou Philips, Charli Overton and Gracie Nichols.





North Alabama Agriplex kicks off 2021 adult and children's programs

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The North Alabama Agriplex's 2021 public program schedule is now set with many in-person and virtual programs scheduled for all ages. Register for programs at www.agriplex.org.

CHILD PROGRAMS

Little Farmers Preschool Program

This program is for children ages 3-5 (accompanied by an adult). Each month's class is from 10-11 a.m. and cost $5 per child. Pre-registration is required.

- March 12- Birds of a Feather
- April 9- Beatrix Potter Tea
- May 14- Fam Animal Babies
- Aug. 20- Farmer's Market
- Sept. 10- The Very Hungry Caterpillar
- Oct. 8- Pumpkins
- Nov. 12- Turkey Talk
- Dec. 10- Santa's Workshop

Farm Kids Club

This program is for kids ages 5 and older (accompanied by an adult). Each month's class is from 9-10:30 a.m. and costs $5 per child. Pre-registration is required.

- March 6- Goats
- April 3- Natural Egg Dyeing
- May 1- Mother's Day Planters
- June 5- Garden to Table Cooking
- July 10- Make & Take Worm Bins
- Sept. 4- County Fair Crafts
- Oct. 2- Pumpkin Patch
- Nov. 6- Animal Signs
- Dec. 4- Winter Crafts

Heritage Homeschool

This program is for homeschoolers (kindergarten and up) once a month. Students will be divided into older and younger age groups with parents expected to assist their children. Each month's class is from 9-11 a.m. and costs $8 per child (Max cost of $16 per family). Pre-registration is required.

- March 25- Attracting Butterflies
- April 29- Recycled Crafts
- May 13- Reptiles and Amphibians
- Aug. 26- Solar Power
- Sept. 30- Harvest and Seed Saving
- Oct. 28- Leatherwork
- Nov. 18- Woodworking
- Dec. 9- Growing Indoors

ADULT PROGRAMS

Living Landscapes

This monthly educational series for adults offers information about sustainability in your own backyard. All programs are $5 per person and start at 6 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Pre-registration is required.

- April 15- Growing Backyard Fruits
- May 18- Blooming Planters ($30)
- June 22- Succulents-Make and Take ($15)
- July 20- Permaculture: Creating Edible Ecosystems
- Aug. 31- Growing Berries and Grapes
- Sept. 14- Raising Pigs
- Oct. 5- Rain Barrels
- Nov. 9- Cheesemaking ($10)
- Dec. 4 (2pm)- Grapevine Wreath Making ($15)

Heritage Skills

This monthly series provides the opportunity to learn heritage skills passed down through generations. All programs are $5 person and begin at 6 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Pre-registration is required.



NORTH ALABAMA AGRIPLEX

The North Alabama Agriplex offers a wide variety of programming for kids and adults.

- March 11- Natural Beauty Care Class ($10)
- April 20- Spring Herbs for Health ($15)
- May 3- Barn Quilts of Alabama
- June 8- Canning Class
- July 8- Chair Caning ($40)
- Aug. 10- Beginning Brewers Class
- Sept. 9- Cowboy Cooking: Cooking with a Dutch Oven
- Oct. 14- 4:30-7:30pm Introduction to Beekeeping
- Nov. 2- Beginning Crochet ($10)
- Dec. 14- Make and Take Trio: Terrarium, Airplant Ornament and Dish Garden ($30)

The North Alabama Agriplex is located at 1714 Tally Ho St. NW, Cullman.

Find out about more programs https://agriplex.org/WPtest/services/.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CUILLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
WILLIAM S. YEARWOOD, * **CASE NO.: PC2020-353**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to VALARIE STERLING YEARWOOD as Personal Representative of the Estate of WILLIAM S. YEARWOOD, deceased, on the 4th day of March, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Valarie Sterling Yearwood
Personal Representative

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CUILLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
HILDA JEANETTE TODD, * **CASE NO.: PC2020-367**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to ROSE EDMONDSON LANGSTON as Personal Representative of the Estate of HILDA JEANETTE TODD, deceased, on the 4th day of March, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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Rose Edmondson Langston
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: *
LARRY PAUL WOODY, * **CASE NO.:** PC2021-008
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

A Petition for Summary Distribution of the estate of Larry Paul Woody has been filed by Wanda Woody on the 23rd day of February, 2021, in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by the law or the same will be barred.

Wanda Woody
WANDA WOODY
Petitioner

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

Cody Lancaster
Personal Representative

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE

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

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE OF MINOR

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

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

DONE THIS 24th DAY OF February, 2021.

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

Johnny V. Berry
Attorney for Petitioner
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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
* *
JUDITH E. BROCK, * CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
*
deceased. * CASE NO. PC2021-059

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

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

DONE this the 18th day of February, 2021.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

TO: Publisher
The Cullman Tribune

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Congressman Aderholt announces 2021 4th District Art Competition & Awards Ceremony

Cullman Tribune Staff
Contributor

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Robert Aderholt, R-Alabama on Wednesday announced the start of the 2021 Art Competition for high school students across the 4th District. The awards ceremony will take place April 6, 2021 at the A.W. Todd Centre in Russellville. Students in the 9-12th grade, whether they attend a public school, private school or are home-schooled, are eligible to participate.

"It's hard to believe that it is already art competition time again," Aderholt said.

"But I'm pleased to once again serve as an honorary chairman of this national competition, (held in all 435 Congressional Districts) which began back in 1982 under my predecessor, Congressman Tom Bevill."

"Because of the pandemic, we were forced to cancel last year's award's ceremony, but my staff and I are committed to following safety guidelines that will allow for us to host an in-person reception and ceremony to honor the artistic students within the 4th Congressional District.

"The event will also be streamed live on my official Facebook page for those students who cannot attend.

"I look forward to seeing all of the great artwork on April 6."

Student entries must be delivered to one of Aderholt's four district offices by 4:30 p.m. March 31, 2021. The Cullman District Office is located at 205 Fourth Ave. NE, St. 104. Reach the office at 256-734-6043.

More information, including rules and entry forms, may be found under the services banner at Aderholt.House.Gov.

Backpack (from Front)

Ty Watwood
Contributor

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Two breakfasts, two lunches, two suppers and six snacks... all packed up for the weekend. That is what the Hanceville Knapsacks for Kids program is all about. The program is a well-organized machine that involves volunteers, donors and others who come together with a mission: feed students who may be hungry and show them they care.

Hanceville's Knapsacks program is one of several in Cullman County. While the Cullman County Schools Child Nutrition Program takes good care of our students Monday through Friday, organizations like this help to fill the weekend gap. Every Thursday morning, volunteers gather to pack food at the Hanceville Civic Center, in a space the City of Hanceville donates.

When the food is ready, Hanceville school workers Jerry Bice and Frazier Edmonson drive across the street and pick up the food and distribute it to all three Hanceville schools. From there, counselors pack the food in backpacks and send it home on Friday.

"It would not be possible without the groups that volunteer to pack, and individuals who contribute supplies and funding", said Dr. Nancy Horton, former Cullman County School superintendent who is one of the Knapsacks organizers. "We want these students to know the love of Jesus through this program."

The Hanceville Elementary PTO officers spent this past Thursday morning helping. "The PTO's goal is to serve our community and our students, and this is a great way to do that," said Bethany Byrne, PTO vice president.

A total of 36 students receive food in Hanceville each week. The program also feeds 34 students at the head start program in Garden City.

This is the Hanceville Knapsacks' fifth year in operation. If you would like more information, or would like to donate or volunteer, visit www.facebook.com/HancevilleKnapsacks.

Deals (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman Caring for Kids (CCK) has plenty of good news to report these days, celebrating a large contribution that will help make up for the canceled 2021 Empty Bowls of Cullman County fundraiser, and announcing a new upcoming fundraiser featuring popular comedian Darren "Southern Momma" Knight.

Cullman Lions donate $15,000

At Monday's meeting of the Cullman Lions Club, the group presented CCK Executive Director Javon Daniel a check for $15,000 to help offset the loss of income from the cancellation of the long-running annual Empty Bowls of Cullman County fundraiser, which raised a record $24,000 last year. The event averaged $14,000-16,000 for the last several years and has contributed almost $150,000 to CCK since it started in 2003.

Daniel told The Tribune, "We are so thankful for the Cullman Lions Club. They saw that we were going to have a huge shortfall this year because of no Empty Bowls, and they have been such a supporting organization to us, and they stepped up and made this donation, and it will make a tremendous difference about what we're able to do."

Daniel currently serves as president of the Cullman Lions Club but recused himself from the decision-making process concerning the donation.

"Southern Momma" coming to town!

CCK will hold a fundraising event at the CCK office, 402 Arnold St. NE in Cullman, Wednesday, March 24 from noon-3 p.m., featuring Munford, Alabama-based standup comedian Darren Knight, well known to internet audiences for his "Southern Momma" videos. Knight will be joined by fellow comedians "Red Squirrel" and Gary Cargal.

Folks are encouraged to stop by and bring canned goods for the CCK food pantry. If you bring at least 20 cans, you can have your picture taken with the comedy team.

A release from CCK read, "Join us for a day of fun, laughter and a mission to help feed hungry children."

Always a need

Daniel told The Tribune that, in addition to canned goods, the food pantry has a constant need for dry beans and rice, as well as popular children's cereals that seem to leave CCK as fast as donors bring them in.

For more on CCK, visit www.facebook.com/CullmanCaringForKids or www.cullmancaringforkids.com or call 256-739-1111.

For more on Darren Knight, visit https://comediandarrenknight.com.



Audit (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman County Circuit Clerk Lisa McSwain reported this week that her office received a clean financial audit report from the Alabama Department of Examiners of Public Accounts. The audit examined funds collected and disbursed by the clerk's office.

According to Chief Examiner Cathy Cook, "The Office of Circuit and District Courts, Cullman County, Alabama, receipts, disburses and otherwise accounts for court costs, fines, forfeitures, fiduciary funds and other miscellaneous receipts for cases under the Courts' jurisdiction. The amounts collected are then distributed to various state and local entities as ordered by the Courts and in accordance with state and local laws and regulations. The Circuit Clerk, an elected official, is responsible for overseeing the operations of the Circuit and District Courts."

Examiners concluded, "Tests performed during the examination did not disclose any significant instances of noncompliance with applicable state or local laws and regulations." McSwain told The Tribune, "This is my third audit since taking office in 2013 and all audits have been perfect audits with no findings."

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Divisions:	Civil	Criminal	Juvenile	Total
Beginning Balance Dec. 1, 2015	$112,990.67	$136,887.90	$141.45	$250,020.02
Receipts	$11,333,913.51	$11,604,931.51	$253,690.28	$23,192,535.30
Available for Disbursement	$11,446,904.18	$11,741,819.41	$253,831.73	$23,442,555.32
Disbursements	$11,121,769.35	$11,609,622.86	$253,781.73	$22,985,173.94
Ending Balance July 31, 2020	$325,134.83	$132,196.55	$50.00	$457,381.38

Fiduciary funds on hand July 31, 2020 - $748,790.08 in Civil Division only

Circuit Clerk's Fund

Receipts	
Restitution Recovery Fees	$315,783.25
Solicitor's Fees	$66,632.27
Pre-Trial Diversion Fees	$6,075.99
Court Fees	$385.45
Copy Fees	$45,466.18
Interest Earned	$2,045.47
Other	$6,184.85
Total Receipts	$442,573.46
Disbursements	
Salaries	$140,161.68
Office Supplies	$10,371.15
Conference Expenses	$22,013.32
Contract Services	$72,776.63
Equipment	$34,476.63
Miscellaneous	$7,564.03
Total Disbursements	$287,363.44
Excess of Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	$155,210.02
Balance - December 1, 2015	$158,413.94
Balance - July 31, 2020	$313,623.96

Circuit Clerk's Judicial Administration Fund

Receipts	
$35 Bail Bond Fee	$113,644.01
3.5 % Bail Bond Fee	$151,109.14
Civil Docket Fees	$61,307.58
Criminal Docket Fees	$90,199.42
Municipal Docket Fees	$30,679.26
Miscellaneous	$826.11
Total Receipts $447,765.52	
Disbursements	
Salaries	$416,975.31
Total Disbursements	$416,975.31
Excess of Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	$30,790.21
Balance - December 1, 2015	$101,274.44
Balance - July 31, 2020	$132,064.65

Obituary Announcements: March 5

Mary Elizabeth Kyte, 85, of Cullman

Graveside services for Mary Elizabeth Kyte, 85, of Cullman will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 6, 2021 at East Point Cumberland Presbyterian Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Kyte passed away Monday, March 1, 2021 at the Folsom Center. She was born Dec. 22, 1935 in Cullman, Alabama to William W. and Ethel Williamson. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband J. C. Kyte; daughter Vanessa Walsh; and brother Robert Williamson. Survivors include her son Tim Kyte; grandchildren Christy Elizabeth, Danielle Tarr, A. J. Walsh, and Asher Kyte; and great-grandchildren Cassidy and Cooper Clemenson, Cade Martin, Riley Hanners, Jake Tarr, Ally and Mattie Walsh, S. J. and Olivia Walsh, and Aspyn Elizabeth Shaw.

Robert George Watson, 73, of Addison

Robert George Watson, 73, of Addison entered into rest Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at his home. Mr. Watson was born July 11, 1947 in Camden, New Jersey to George and Margaret Watson. Robert graduated at Camden Catholic High School. He proudly served in the United States Navy for four years and served in law enforcement at the Miami Beach Police Department for 25 years. No services are planned by the family at this time. Mr. Watson is survived by his wife Sue Themann; children Bob Watson, Christine Heidinger, Shawn Watson, Ryan Watson, and Heather Watson; step-son William Allcorn; and four grandchildren.

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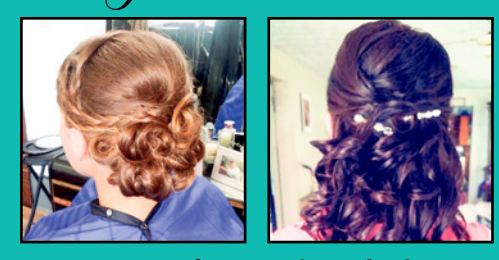
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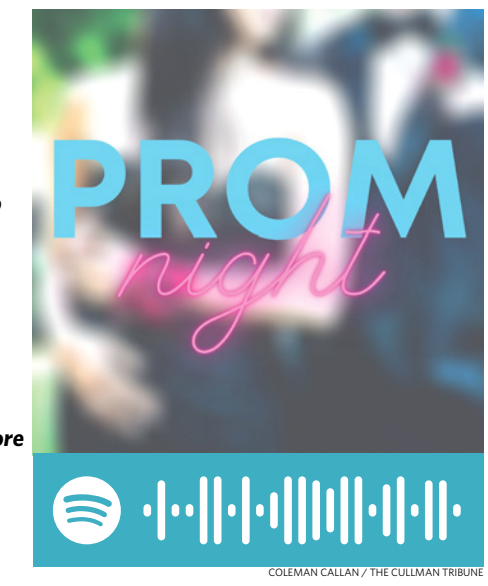


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