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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

South Vinemont meets with light agenda

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SOUTH VINEMONT, Ala. – The South Vinemont Town Council met Tuesday night with a light agenda. The council unanimously accepted the minutes from both the work session and regular meeting from Feb. 9. and the January and February financials.

All voted in favor except Councilwoman Sonya Copeland, who was absent.

In other business, the council gave approval for Mayor Radginal Dodson and the council members to attend the 2021 League of Municipalities Convention to be held in Huntsville May 12-15.

The council also voted to approve a payment adjustment in the amount of $408 for the Worker's Compensation Fund.

The South Vinemont Town Council meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at South Vinemont Town Hall.

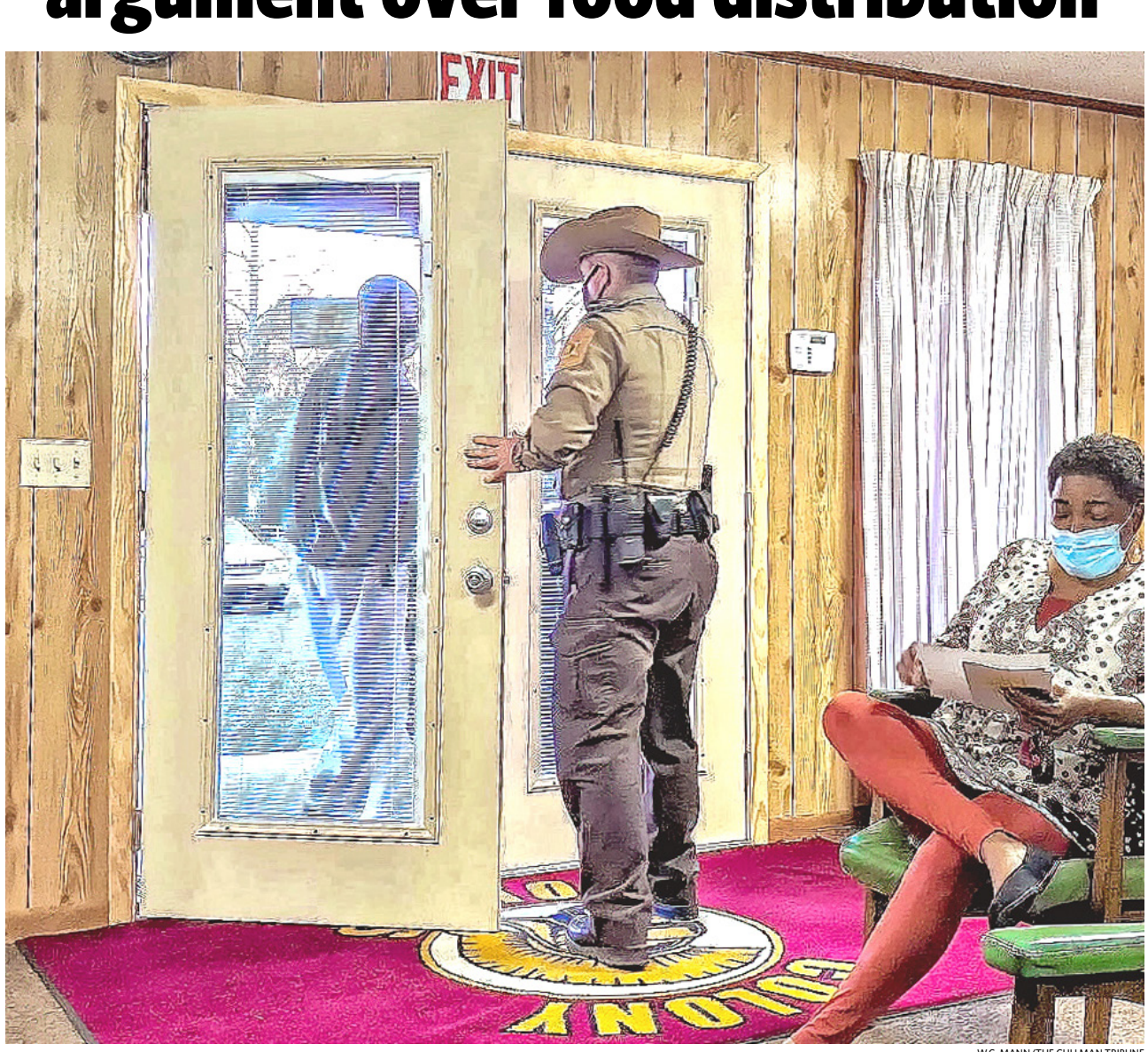


Council members Chris Thompson, Sonya Adams, Charlotte Cosper and Bonnie Goodwin are seen Tuesday night, March 9, 2021.

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– LOCAL GOVERNMENT –

Former Mayor escorted out of Colony Town Council meeting after argument over food distribution



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A CCSO deputy closes the Colony Town Hall door behind former Mayor Donnis Leeth after a verbal altercation with current Mayor Curtis Johnson.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Colony Town Council had a fairly quiet agenda Tuesday evening until it reached the public comment section. At that point, former Mayor Donnis Leeth rose to challenge current Mayor Curtis Johnson and his supporters on the issue of the distribution of USDA food boxes in the community. The Colony Carpenter's Cabinet food pantry distributes the grocery packs to anyone who comes to pick one up on distribution days, but Johnson also picks up boxes separately in the name of the town, and Leeth, who has picked up boxes in the name of the town for distribution at the pantry, accused the group of refusing to give food to anyone who lives outside the town.

Johnson countered, "The food boxes I get, that's in the name of the town of Colony. What y'all do out there (at Carpenter's Cabinet), that's y'all's business. I don't say anything to y'all about what y'all do out there."

When Stephanie Marshall, a resident attending the meeting, ac- » PAGE 6

Strawberry Festival is back, coming May 1

Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism touts active slate starting this week with archery and pro fishing tournaments



CULLMAN TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

The Strawberry Festival has long been a big draw in Cullman.

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AGRICULTURE

ACES: Empowering women in agriculture



ALABAMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SYSTEM

In honor of International Women's Week beginning March 8, the Alabama Extension animal science and forages team is empowering women in agriculture

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CULTURE

Hanceville gears up for its 4th annual Hanceville Irish Festival

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – In 1832, the City of Hanceville was founded by Irish settlers and on March 13, the city will celebrate with the 4th Annual Hanceville Irish Festival. The festival is hosted by local non-profit The Friends of the Festival and will kick off at 9am with great entertainment, shopping, food and more.

The Friends of the Festival is led by Tim Burney and Nolan Bradford.

Bradford told the Tribune that many of the past years' entertainers will return, along with a new addition.

The music schedule is:

- 10-11 a.m. - The O'Toole Brothers
- 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Dave Boling
- 12:30 - 1 p.m. - The O'Faolain Academy of Irish Dance
- 1:15 - 2:15 p.m. - A Shamrock in Kudzu
- 2:30-4 p.m. - Black Market Haggis

Dave Boling will be joining the festival for the first time. He is from Huntsville, Alabama and is a talented musician who specializes in playing the Uilleann pipes, Irish-style bagpipes.

Following Boling will be last year's crowd favorites, the talented and impressive young ladies from the O'Faolain Academy of Irish Dance.

As always, admission to the festival is free and pets (on leashes) are certainly welcome. Craft and food vendors will be located along Commercial Street and don't forget to stop and support the many great shops and boutiques located in Downtown Hanceville. Parts of Commercial Street and Bangor Avenue will be closed for the festival with the stage located on Bangor.

Follow Hanceville Irish Festival on Facebook for more information and announcements. Guests are asked to follow all Alabama Covid-19 guidelines regarding social distancing and masks are strongly encouraged.

Festival (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman's Strawberry Festival has been a community institution since its inception in 1939. The 2019 80th anniversary event saw record attendance numbers of more than 20,000, with more than 4,000 gallons of strawberries sold.

However, with Cullman feeling the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, there was no festival in 2020.

Now, Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism (CPRST) reports, Strawberry Festival 2021 is on, taking place Saturday, May 1 as part of a growing slate of area activities that include big events.

CPRST Executive Director Zac Wood told The Tribune, "It's going to be a typical Strawberry Festival. The plan is to be a full-blown Strawberry Festival like we've done in the past- vendors and the stage there, and some entertainment.

"Just trying to make it a little different this year, you know, a little new, kind of updated a little bit, but we're planning on a normal Strawberry Festival."

By "normal Strawberry Festival," that means a Festhalle full of farmers, Depot Park full of crafters and other vendors, a variety of food to eat and live entertainment through the day.

According to Wood, CPRST already has 76 vendors committed.

Said Wood, "Everybody's ready to come, ready to go!"

Entertainment is still in the works, but Wood said he hopes to begin making those announcements soon.

A busy parks and rec season, starting now

Wood told the Cullman City Council at its Monday meeting that, before the upcoming Strawberry Festival, the Festhalle Farmers' Market will open April 3. CPRST is also working with the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce on relaunching 2nd Fridays celebrations this summer.

This Thursday and Friday, CPRST will host a National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) regional tournament at the Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center. Wood told The Tribune that the tournament is open to all schools and individuals across the area, and that more than 380 students have already signed up to take part over the two days.

Plans are for this tournament to be an annual event that will be part of NASP's championship series.

This Thursday through Sunday, March 11-14, Major League Fishing (MLF) and Fishing League Worldwide (FLW) will make stop number two on the 2021 Tackle Warehouse Pro Circuit at Smith Lake.

MLF's prediction for the pre-spawn early season event is bigger numbers and bigger fish, so it should be a good one for fishing fans. Get more information at https://majorleaguefishing.com/pro-circuit/2021-tackle-warehouse-pro-circuit-smith-lake-preview/.

"It's going to be huge this year," said Wood. "We're counting on a full slate of events this year, just like we've done in the past."

Agriculture (from Front)

Victoria Dee
Contributor

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. – In honor of International Women's Week beginning March 8, the Alabama Extension animal science and forages team is empowering women in agriculture. Through videos and a roundtable panel, this team is highlighting women in the beef and forage industry. A passion of these panelists is empowering women in agriculture. Two panelists, Jacee May and Donna Jo Curtis, share more about their industry background and the event.

Jacee May

A fourth generation seedstock cattle producer and graduate of Oklahoma State University with a degree in agricultural communications, May works for Corteva Agriscience.

Working for this company for six years has expanded her knowledge of the agricultural industry, as she previously worked on their crop protection portfolio in northeast Arkansas.

May's current job allows her to serve as pasture territory manager covering Alabama, Mississippi and the panhandle of Florida.

"In this role, I am able to partner with ranchers to help them get the most out of their land and forage systems," May said.

Prior to graduating from Oklahoma State, May exhibited her bred and owned cattle herd at local, state and national levels.

Upon receiving a livestock judging scholarship out of high school, she was a member of national champion judging teams at Black Hawk College in Galva, Illinois.

While in college, May was not only a tour guide for Oklahoma State University but also an ambassador for their college of agriculture and participated in multiple internships within the agricultural industry.

"You could say the beef and agricultural industry as a whole is in my blood and has raised me, so I am naturally passionate about it and the people that make it whole," May said. "It is not just an industry for me, it is a way of life."

Donna Jo Curtis

Former Alabama Cattlemen's Association president, Curtis has been on a farm for her entire life.

She grew up helping her father on a grade B dairy operation that later switched to beef cattle.

She also grew up assisting with their family row crop operation.

Curtis graduated from Middle Tennessee State University with a degree in animal science.

Upon graduation, she worked in a fertilizer plant before feeling the pull to home.

"My husband John and I bought some cows and started Curtis Farms," Curtis said.

"We have expanded through the years to a 150-head commercial cow-calf program."

At Curtis Farms, truck load lots of cattle are sold through video sales. Curtis Farms also sells replacement heifers.

Curtis is proud of her three children who all have degrees in agriculture as well.

Women in Ag

"The Women in Ag virtual program is a place where women in the industry can come together, learn and be inspired by one another," May said.

Curtis emphasized that the can program teach new information or be a refresher course for those already familiar with it.

"Through the videos and culminating roundtable, these women in agriculture will discuss their challenges and experiences in the industry.

"I am honored to be one of the women to present a message of empowering women in agriculture," Curtis said.

More information

Register at http://bit.ly/3ryoemC to attend the Women in Ag roundtable. This will begin at 1 p.m. March 12. For more information, visit www.aces.edu.

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Part I April 5 - May 10, $150
Part II May 24 - June 28, $150
Part III A July 12 - Aug. 2, $100
Part III B Aug. 16 - Aug. 23, $50
Part IV Sept. 13 - Oct. 18, $150

Small Farmer Training On-Site Classes (Main Campus), Every Tuesday, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Part I April 6 - May 11, $250
Part II May 25 - June 29, $250
Part III A July 13 - Aug. 3, $165
Part III B Aug. 17 - Aug. 24, $85
Part IV Sept. 14 - Oct. 19, $250

Summer Camps
Women Interested in Agriculture
May 17, 18, 19, 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.;
May 20, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., $200
Young Farmer 16+ Camp
June 28, 29, 30, 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.;
July 1, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., $200
Veterans Interested in Agriculture
Aug. 9, 10, 11, 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.;
Aug. 12, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., $200

On-Site, 1-Day Classes (Main Campus)
Lecture/Lab 8 - 11:30 a.m., $40/class
April 7 - Transplant Production
April 14 - Fertilizer Calculation & Application
April 21 - Intro to Soil & Soil Preparation
April 28 - Plasticulture System Installation
May 5 - Farm Equipment Operation & Safety
May 12 - Pesticide Usage & Safety
May 27 - Farm Marketing & Sales
June 2 - Sprayer Calculation & Calibration
June 9 - Plant Nutrient Management
June 16 - Soil Testing & Results Interpretation
June 23 - Conservation in Agriculture
July 7 - Irrigation Systems
July 14 - Pest ID & Management
July 21 - Vegetable Harvest & Storage
July 28 - Trap Cropping & Pollinator Habitat
Aug. 4 - Intro to Greenhouses
Aug. 18 - Intro to Agriculture Assistance Agencies and Programs
Aug. 25 - Seasonal High Tunnel Production

Visit wallacestate.edu/smallfarmer2021 to register and learn more.

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COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Tuesday, March 9, 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: 392,790 (+478 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 107,826 (+46 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 7,998 (+35 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 2,188
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,183 (+4 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 2,842 (+9 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 120 (+0 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 63
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 37,909
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 3,195
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 174
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,329,042
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 12,330
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 172,681
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 468
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama (reported M-F): 46,173
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 295,690

Vaccine details (updated Monday-Friday)

- Doses delivered to Alabama: 1,616,665
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 1,382,945
- Doses administered: 1,112,016
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 703,288
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 410,337
- Doses delivered to federal Long-Term Care Program: 233,720
- Doses administered by the federal Long-Term Care Program: 83,660

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

CDC Interim Public Health Recommendations for fully vaccinated people

The CDC issued its first set of recommendations (www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html) on activities that people who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 can safely resume. The new guidance includes recommendations for how and when a fully vaccinated individual can visit with other people who are fully vaccinated and with other people who are not vaccinated. This guidance represents a first step toward returning to everyday activities in our communities. CDC will update these recommendations as more people are vaccinated, rates of COVID-19 in the community change, and additional scientific evidence becomes available. CDC resources to help people make informed decisions when they are fully vaccinated are now available here, www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html.

Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine

Some 37,900 doses of Johnson & Johnson vaccine have been strategically placed throughout the state with providers to leverage our current infrastructure. The remaining providers are being validated to ensure that they have the capacity to store the vaccine, with plans for the remaining 2,200 doses to be sent out Monday.

Spring break gatherings can drive up COVID-19 cases

COVID-19 continues actively circulating in Alabama, including the more transmissible B.1.1.7 (UK) variant. Spring breakers and their families are reminded that all precautions should be taken during this time if we want to continue the downward trajectory of COVID-19 cases. Spring break trips to locations where crowds of people from throughout the county gather can lead to more infections, especially as the variants threaten. The risk of closer contact with others, especially when combined with increased alcohol use, can lead to asymptomatic spread. Even though COVID-19 cases are decreasing, it is extremely important that everyone continue to follow mitigation standards during spring break and at other seasonal gatherings. Students and their families need to do their part and do the right thing by wearing masks, practicing social distancing, and washing hands frequently. Caution and vigilance are still needed.

Alabama National Guard mobile vaccination teams to deploy to underserved areas

Plans are underway for the Alabama National Guard to hold mobile COVID-19 vaccination clinics in Alabama counties with a high social vulnerability index (SVI) beginning March 23. While details are being developed, the initial concept is that mobile vaccination teams will hold the clinics in two locations four days a week to provide up to 1,000 vaccinations daily. Sites will be in areas where access and transportation needs are especially great and in populations which are difficult to reach. Details will be announced soon, but most will be in the Black Belt region.

Federal pharmacies tab added to COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard

A federal pharmacy tab has been added to the Vaccine Distribution and Vaccine Clinics Dashboards. The map shows CVS, Sam's Club and Walmart locations throughout the state that are offering COVID-19 vaccination through the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program. Both dashboards can be accessed via the Alabama COVID-19 Dashboard Hub, located at: arcg.is/0brSGj

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported March 10

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported March 10, 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

March 1

- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; Hwy. 157; pistol; $400
- harassment; person; Hickory Ave SW

ARRESTS

March 1

Speegle, Jesse A., 32

- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Lindsey, Kristy L., 44

- third-degree forgery
- third-degree possession of forged instrument

Robinson, Rosemary, 59

- fourth-degree theft of property
- false information to law enforcement

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 olivia@cullmantribune.com

Berlin Residents
The Town of Berlin will be handing out Midland WR-120 Weather Radios Saturday, March 13 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.

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.

Swamp John's Meal
On Friday March 26th Hanceville Lion's Club will host a Swamp John's Meal on Friday, March 26, at the Moody Center in Hanceville (111 Michelle Street), from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Drive-thru only. Plates are $12.00. Proceeds benefit the Hanceville Lion's Club community projects. For more information call Kenneth Quick at 256-352-6397.

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.

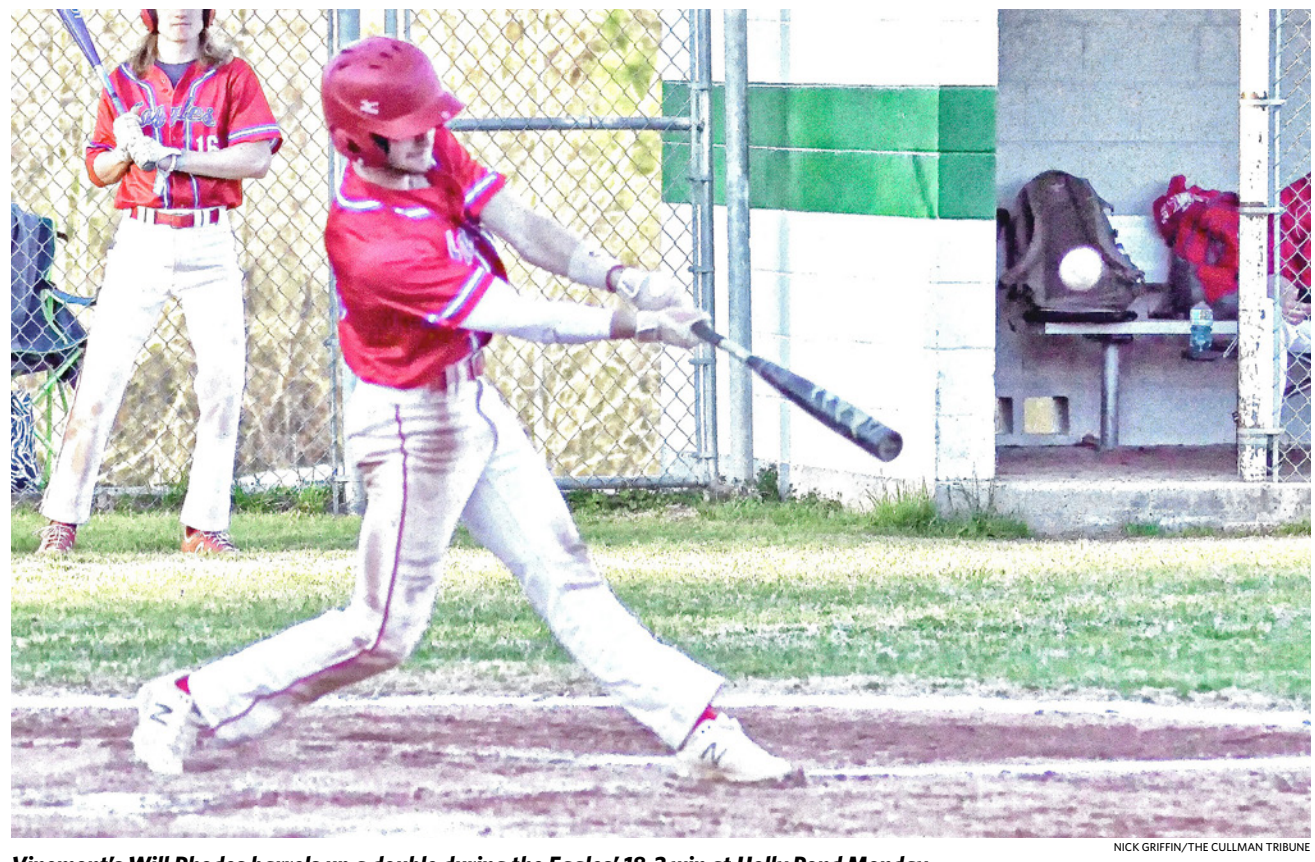
The American Hero Music Festival
• Saturday, April 24 at Camp Liberty, 15719 Alabama Highway 157 in the Battleground community west of West Point- Gates open at 9 a.m., with the show going from 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
• The event will feature headliner Black Oak Arkansas along with Blackbird Anthem, Billy Don 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.

Spirit Life Church
Spring 2021 events
• Friday March 12th 10:30 a.m. Adult Lunch and Games. Bring a dish, drinks, and/or dessert. Everyone invited.
• Saturday March 13th 8:00 a.m. Men's breakfast and work day.
• Friday March 19th 7 p.m. Youth lock-in. A night of food, movies, fun and games! Free for all teens 13-19.
• March 20th 9-11 a.m. Drive Through Food Bank. Bring ID.
• Saturday March 20th-Parents Night Out! 5-9 p.m. Meal and snacks provided. Bring your children for a night of fun! Temperature checks will be performed. No fees! Donations received go to the Children's Ministry.
• March 27th-Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings - serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthday. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations, and toys! Pick up is the last weekend of the month. Saturday-Jasper 5100 Curry Hwy Suite 100-B Jasper Al 35504 from 3-5 pm or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1:00 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045 For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• Wednesday-March 31st. 7:00 p.m. - Easter Revival. Communion and Foot washing. Everyone welcome!

PREP BASEBALL

Vinemont collects 18-3 win at Holly Pond; Monday scoring recap

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Vinemont's Will Rhodes barrels up a double during the Eagles' 18-3 win at Holly Pond Monday.

HOLLY POND, Ala. – The Vinemont Eagles made the short trip over to Holly Pond for a matchup with the Broncos Monday night and went home with a dominant, 18-3 win. Vinemont plated 14 runs in the top of the first to put things away early and tacked on three more runs in the next three innings to put Holly Pond away in just five innings.

The Eagles scored early and often in the opening frame. Will Rhodes was hit by a pitch to reach first base and after stealing second and third during the next at bat, Rhodes scored on a passed ball to take a 1-0 lead. The Broncos struggled to find the strike zone early in the game and after a walk forced in another run to make it 2-0, Collin Teichmiller singled into right field to drive in Ezekiel Olinger and make it a 3-0 game. Keith Slaton and Austin Riddle each scored on a wild pitch and a fielder's choice to stretch the lead to 5-0 and Techimiller scored on an infield error to make it 6-0.

Back to back singles from Rhodes and Colby Miller drove in another run to make it a 7-0 game and Deacon Samples singled into left field to score Jarrett Friedrich and add to the lead. Rhodes and Miller scored on a passed ball and a wild pitch to extend the lead to 10-0 and Ayden Thomason singled up the middle to drive in Sampled and make it 11-0. Mason McKinney crossed the plate on an error to make it a 12-0 game and After Slaton came home to score on a fielder's choice, Samples scored on an error to give the Eagles a commanding, 14-0 lead going into the bottom of the first.

Samples took the mound for Vinemont in the bottom half of the inning and struck out two of the three Bronco batters he faced to get the Eagles back in the dugout quickly with the lead intact. Miller led off the top of the second with a walk and three pitches later, Samples doubled into left field to put a pair of runners in scoring position. McKinney singled into left to score Miller and make it a 15-0 game, but Lane Tipton struck out the next batter he faced and got a double play from the infield behind him to get out of the inning.

Samples struck out all three batters he faced in the bottom of the second on just 10 pitches and his day on the mound would be over after that. Samples earned the win for the Eagles after tossing a pair of hitless innings and striking out five of the six hitters he faced.

Rhodes scored on an RBI single by Slaton to give Vinemont a 16-0 advantage in the top of the third but that was all the Eagles could come up with in the inning. Preston Williams took over on the mound in the bottom of the third and got the Broncos to go down in order once again, sending us to the fourth inning.

Thomason led off the fourth with a single to give the Eagles a base runner and he later came around to score on a fielder's choice to make it a 17-0 game going into the bottom of the fourth. Holly Pond got a hit on the board when Andy Light singled into left field in the fourth, but a double play stranded a couple of Bronco runners to end the inning and preserve the 17-0 lead for Vinemont.

A bases-loaded walk gave the Eagles another run in the top of the fifth and made it an 18-0 game going in the bottom of the fifth where Holly Pond was finally able to get some runs on the board. After three straight walks loaded up the bases for the Broncos, Tipton drew a walk to bring in Charlie Huddleston and trim the lead to 18-1. John Martin scored on an error to make it an 18-2 game and an RBI single from Light drove in Zach White to cut it to 18-3. Unfortunately for the home crowd, that was all the offense the Broncos were able to generate, and Vinemont held on to collect an 18-3 road win.

Samples, Rhodes and Thomason each posted a pair of hits in the win and Teichmiller and Braden Boner each finished with a pair of RBIs. Light recorded both hits for Holly Pond in the loss and drove in a run as well.

Vinemont will return home to host Cold Springs Friday and the Broncos will look to bounce back against Good Hope Tuesday.

OTHER LOCAL SCORES

Fairview 3 – Cold Springs 2 (softball)

The Lady Aggies picked up a tight road win over Cold Springs Monday night thanks in large part to a solid pitching performance from Ayda Payne. Payne earned the win for Fairview after pitching a complete game, allowing just two runs on seven hits and striking out a pair of batters.

After a scoreless first inning, The Lady Aggies took an early lead in the top of the second. Kaitlyn Benson led things off with single and just a few pitches later, Kyleigh Aleman singled up the middle to drive in Benson and make it a 1-0 game. Aleman stole home later in the inning to make it 2-0 going into the bottom of the second.

Payne kept the Lady Eagles off the board in the second and Fairview continued adding to its lead in the third. Savannah Bryson and Deavan Fulmer led off the top of the third with back to back singles and Benson singled up the middle to score Bryson and make it a 3-0 game going into the bottom half of the third.

Kyla Aaron cut into the lead with a solo homerun over the left field fence and after back to back singles from AK Voce and Emma Black, Morgan Chasteen doubled into left field to score Voce and make it a 3-2 game. It became a defensive struggle after that as neither team was able to cross the plate again, securing a 3-2 victory for the Lady Aggies.

Benson led Fairview with two hits and an RBI in the win and Aleman finished with a hit and an RBI as well. Black posted a pair of hits in the loss for Cold Springs and Chasteen and Aaron each finished with RBIs.

Cold Springs 14 – Addison 4 (baseball)

Cold Springs traveled over to Addison for a varsity matchup Monday night and racked up 14 runs to return home with a win. Brodi Williams got the start on the mound and went the distance for the Eagles, tossing five innings, allowing three earned runs on seven hits and striking out six batters.

Cold Springs began building its lead early in the first when Ayden Alexander scored on an error to make it 1-0 and Williams singled into right field to bring both Roberto Ayala and Brodee Bartlett home to make it 3-0 going into the bottom of the first. A sacrifice fly by Brody Dollar brought Ty Tuggle in to score and cut the lead to 3-1 in the bottom of the first but that was all the Bulldogs could do in the first frame.

After a scoreless second inning, Joshua Winfrey drove an RBI double into left field to stretch the lead to 4-1. A sacrifice fly from Cody Bales allowed Williams to score and extend the Cold Springs lead to 5-1 going into the bottom of the third. Addison was unable to get on the board in the third and the Eagles were able to start pulling away in the top of the fourth.

Bartlett blasted a 2-run triple into center field to stretch the lead to 7-1 and just a few pitches later, Williams drove an RBI single through the infield to give Cold Springs an 8-1 advantage going into the bottom half of the fourth. The Bulldogs were held scoreless in the fourth and Ayala drilled a bases-clearing double in the top of the fifth to make it an 11-1 game. Bartlett homered two pitches later to stretch the lead to 13-1 and an RBI double by Winfrey made it a 14-1 game going into the bottom of the fifth.

Addison managed to get some runs on the board in the bottom of the fifth, but it wasn't enough to overcome the Eagles' lead or avoid the run rule and Cold Springs headed back home with a 14-4 win.

Bartlett (two hits) led the Eagles with four RBIs in the win and Ayala (one hit) and Williams (three hits) each drove in three runs apiece. Dollar finished with a pair of RBIs for Addison and Will Tuggle and Mac Cagle each posted a pair of hits.

West Point 3 – Curry 2 (baseball)

The Warriors hosted Curry for a low-scoring battle Monday night and took advantage of another stellar performance from Eli Folds on the mound to earn a 3-2 win over the Yellow Jackets. Folds tossed all seven innings for West Point, earning the win after allowing just two runs on two hits and striking out seven.

Isaac Hoffpauir drove a single into left field to score Branson Smith and give the Warriors an early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first, but Curry was able to tie it up after scoring on an error in the top of the second.

Neither team was able to score in the next two frames, but Will Cochran put West Point back in front 2-1 with an RBI single in the bottom of the third. Cochran scored on a wild pitch later in the inning to give the Warriors a 3-1 lead and they went into the fourth inning leading by two.

The Yellow Jackets scored in the next inning to cut the lead to 3-2 but with the pressure on, Folds and the West Point defense tightened up and shut Curry down the rest of the way to secure a 3-2 win.

Smith led the Warriors with two hits in the win and Hoffpauir and Cochran each drove in a run for West Point.

New Hope 13 – Hanceville 8 (baseball)

Hanceville squared off against New Hope Monday night and after falling behind 6-0 in the top of the first, the Bulldogs were unable to climb back and fell to the Indians 13-8.

Trailing 6-0 in the bottom of the first, Barrett Hardin singled into center field to drive in Zach Campbell and trim the lead to 6-1 but New Hope was able to get that run back and then some in the top of the second. The Indians plated seven more runs in the second to stretch their lead to 13-1 and the Bulldogs were held scoreless for the next two innings.

Hanceville began chipping away at the lead in the bottom of the fourth, starting when Carson Garrett scored on an error to make it a 13-2 game. Back to back RBI singles from Jake Cornelius and Dylan Twilley tacked on two more runs for the Bulldogs to make it 13-4. Adam Cooper then plated three more runs with a triple into right field that cut the lead to 13-7 and Drew Campbell drove in Cooper with an RBI single to make it a 13-8 game going into the top of the fifth.

The Indians went three up, three down in their half of the fifth but neither team was able to score again the rest of the way and New Hope held on to defeat Hanceville 13-8.

Hardin led the Bulldogs with three hits in the loss and Cooper posted three RBIs.

Priceville 7 – West Point 5 (softball)

The Lady Warriors returned home to take on Priceville Monday night and after taking a 4-1 lead into the sixth inning, the Lady Bulldogs plated six runs in the top of the sixth to pull ahead 7-4 and went on to defeat the Lady Warriors 7-5.

An RBI single by Sydney Sellers gave West Point a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first but after a pair of scoreless innings, Priceville got the run back in the top of the fourth to tie the game at 1. Carlie Wilkins blasted a solo homerun in the bottom of the fifth to give the Lady Warriors a 2-1 lead and Braelee Quinn drove in Sellers with an RBI single to make it 3-1. West Point continued to add to its lead when Nikki Tyree ripped an RBI double into right field to make it a 4-1 game going into the sixth.

That's when the bats got hot for Priceville. The Lady Bulldogs erupted for six runs in the top of the sixth to pull ahead 7-4. An RBI triple by Haley Bearden trimmed the lead to 7-5 in the bottom of the seventh but that was as close as West Point could get and Priceville held on to win it by two on the road.

Sellers (one RBI) led the Lady Warriors with three hits in the loss and Bearden (one RBI), Wilkins (one RBI) and Bethany Minck each finished with a pair of hits.

Crimson Tide offense erupts for 21 runs in 21-3 win at College of Charleston

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CHARLESTON, S.C. – No. 23 Alabama baseball downed the College of Charleston, 21-3, in Sunday's series finale at The Ballpark at Patriots Point. The victory on getaway day clinched the series for the Crimson Tide and moved UA's overall record to 10-2.

The Crimson Tide bounced back from a shutout on Saturday to score a season-high 21 runs, the most by an Alabama offense since 2019. Owen Diodati and Sam Praytor tied for the team lead with four RBI apiece while Will Patota and Andrew Pinckney were close behind with three each. Diodati's four came on a grand slam while Praytor delivered a single and a bases-clearing double for his four as the foursome accounted for 14 of the Tide's 20 RBI. Alabama's bats produced a season-high 20 hits and saw 13-of-14 players in the game record at least one hit. Leading the way was Pinckney, who finished 3-for-5 with a double, two runs scored, a walk and a hit-by-pitch to go with his three RBI in his first career start. Antoine Jean (1-0) highlighted the Alabama effort on the mound. The Crimson Tide starter picked up his first win of the season with 5.0 scoreless innings. He allowed just three hits and issued two walks while punching out four across his 68 pitches.

From Head Coach Brad Bohannon

"I'm very pleased with the way we responded today. Thirteen different players got at least one hit, and it was great to see us score 17 runs that weren't all the result of a home run. Hopefully, we can build off today's effort and carry this offensive momentum into next week."

How It Happened

T2 | Owen Diodati drew a four-pitch walk and was followed by a single from Andrew Pinckney. Jim Jarvis delivered in the next at-bat, singling up the middle to score Diodati from second for the first run of the day. (1-0, Alabama)

T3 | Alabama's offense exploded for 10 runs to put the game out of reach. Peyton Wilson began the inning with a walk and William Hamiter joined him on base with a liner to center that was misplayed by the Charleston defender, allowing both runners to move into scoring position. Sam Praytor followed with an RBI-single to center to push across Hamiter. After a pair of walks to load the bases, Diodati cleared them by sending a 3-1 pitch over the wall in right-center for a grand slam. The Tide then loaded the bases again before Praytor sent a bases-clearing double down the left field line to cross three more. Drew Williamson immediately followed with a single to right to cross Praytor and cap the inning's scoring. (11-0, Alabama)

T4 | With two on and two down, Hamiter singled to left-center to score one more. (12-0, Alabama)

T5 | The Tide added five more in the fifth. With the bases loaded, Will Patota came in to pinch-hit and promptly drew a walk to push a run across. Pinckney then doubled to right-center to score two more before pinch-hitter Bryce Eblin singled to left for an RBI. After a hit-by-pitch, Wilson singled through the right side to add one more. (17-0, Alabama)

B6 | College of Charleston got on the board with an RBI-double. The Cougars then added one more with an infield single and a balk that crossed the inning's final run. (17-3, Alabama)

T8 | A two-out single to left from Jackson Tate added one more. (18-3, Alabama)

T9 | With two on and two down, Patota doubled to right to score a pair of runs. Patota came home in the next at-bat as Pinckney found an open area in left-center for an RBI-single. (21-3, Alabama)

Postgame Notes

• The Crimson Tide offense posted 21 runs in today's game. The 21 runs matches the Tide's output at Samford on April 9, 2019.

• Alabama scored 10 runs in the third inning, the most by the Crimson Tide in any single inning this season. The 10 runs in the frame are the most in an inning since UA posted 10 against UAB on Feb. 28, 2007.

• The Crimson Tide recorded 20 hits in today's contest. The 20 hits are the most by an Alabama offense since UA totaled the same amount against Nicholls State on Feb. 24, 2016.

• Thirteen of the Tide's 14 hitters recorded at least one hit on the afternoon, including all nine starters. All 14 hitters reached base safely in the game.

• Owen Diodati recorded his second grand slam of the season. The sophomore also notched a grand slam against McNeese on Feb. 21.

• Jim Jarvis extended his hitting streak to eight games thanks to his 1-for-2 effort. The sophomore is batting .375 (9-24) with a double, three RBI, five runs, three walks, a pair of hit-by-pitch and a stolen base across the current streak.

• Alabama returns home this week to begin a five-game homestand, first with South Alabama on Tuesday, March 9. The Crimson Tide and Jaguars are set for a 6 p.m. CT start on SEC Network in UA's first nationally televised game of the season. Alabama will then host Jacksonville State on Wednesday at The Joe, scheduled for a 6 p.m. start on SEC Network+.

WSCC ATHLETICS

Softball moves up to No. 7 in NJCAA Division I ranks; Basketball, No. 18 Volleyball, Tennis & Baseball updates

Russell Moore
WSCC



WSCC ATHLETICS

Wallace State's bench, including assistant coach Cameron Prather, reacts after a big run by the Lions.

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Wallace State's softball team is among the Top 10 teams in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) ranks.

The Lions (19-2) are 7th overall after a profitable weekend in Columbus, Ga., which saw Wallace State tally five wins, including a 12-8 triumph over top-ranked Florida Southwestern.

Wallace State also defeated Wabash Valley College (10-5), Georgia Military College (12-4) and Gordon State (5-1), extending its winning streak to 11 games.

The Lions host Georgia Highlands for a doubleheader today beginning at 2 p.m., before opening conference action at Snead State on Thursday.

Sophomore Brantly Bonds had an outstanding tournament run over the weekend, finishing 12-for-15 with a homer, four doubles and eight RBIs. Bonds is second in the ACCC with 29 RBIs and was named the ACCC Player of the Week on Tuesday.

Felicity Frame had seven combined hits and scored seven runs, Maddie Cartron cranked a pair of homers and finished with six RBIs throughout, and Gracie Benton went 6-for-14 with a homer, two doubles and four RBIs. Morgan White had four hits, including a homer and three RBIs.

Cartron and Benton are tied for the conference lead with 10 homers apiece. White is tied for third with seven. Frame is tied for the conference lead with 16 stolen bases.

Raven Clark combined to pitch 7 2/3 effective innings, yielding only three runs and six hits.

Lily Calvert tossed a complete game in the tournament finale, scattering one run on three hits.

Wallace State basketball

Wallace State's men's basketball takes a three-game winning streak to Jasper tonight after both teams swept Snead State on March 5.

Four of Wallace State's five starters finished with double figures in a 90-53 triumph. The Lions (6-8, 4-6 ACCC) limited the Parsons to only 12 points in the first half.

Kuran Garner flirted with a triple-double, finishing with 19 points, nine assists and seven steals. Tyler Hutchieson and Miguel Miranda scored 17 points apiece, Jevon Laidler had 15 points and Cole Maddox added 13.

Wallace State used its stingy defense to sustain a 50-12 lead at the break.

The Lady Lions (7-5, 3-5 ACCC) began the doubleheader with a 90-44 win of their own.

Tatyanna Davis recorded her second career double-double, finishing with 17 points and 10 rebounds.

Freshman Payton Golden had 16 points, fueled by three 3-pointers, and seven assists, and Kallie Allen contributed 16 points and seven rebounds off the bench.

Olivia Howard, a Spanish Fort native, had 12 points for the Lady Lions. Kashara Preston finished with eight points and Makyia Broughton added seven, both off the bench.

Wallace State led 17-12 at the end of the first and extended its lead to 35-23 at the break. The Lady Lions put the game away with a 24-point third quarter.

Wallace State's women are idle until March 16.

Wallace State volleyball

Wallace State's 18th-ranked volleyball squad is still perfect on the season after reeling off three more wins over the weekend.

The 17-0 Lions registered match wins over Walters State (21-25, 17-25, 25-19, 25-14, 15-12), Spartanburg Methodist (25-12, 25-19, 18-25, 25-14) and USC Lancaster (25-14, 25-5, 25-13).

Sophomore Anna Renshaw combined for 45 digs, 45 assists and 10 kills over the weekend, Mattrice Harris had 28 kills and six blocks, Temperance Chatman racked up 58 digs and Savannah Rutledge finished with 51 assists.

Harris was named the ACCC Player of the Week on Tuesday.

Tori Walker finished with 23 digs and 14 kills for the Lions, MacKenzie Davis added 29 kills, eight digs and five assists, Harlee Kate Reid had 20 kills and nine digs, Tobi Trotter contributed 27 digs and six assists and Laci Reese accounted for 19 kills.

Wallace State travels to Lawson State on Wednesday. The Lions return home on Friday, hosting Coastal Alabama-South at 3 p.m. and the Mississippi University for Women at 5 p.m.

Wallace State tennis

Wallace State's tennis teams recently earned conference match wins against Marion Military Institute.

The men won 9-0, sweeping singles and doubles.

In singles, Sebastian Gamez earned a 6-4, 6-4 win at No. 1 and Tristan Du Plessis a 6-1, 6-4 victory at No. 2 for the Lions.

Also earning singles wins were Connor Coots (6-0, 6-4), Eli Hagan (6-3, 6-3), Tad Euler (6-1, 6-2) and Gage Anderson (6-0, 6-2).

In doubles, Gamez and Coots prevailed 8-4. Du Plessis and Hagen won 8-5 and Anderson and Hudson Thompson won 8-1.

Wallace State's women won 5-4. Coach Tim Garner said it was one of the more thrilling and impressive victories the women's program has earned since being reestablished.

In singles, Micah Oldacre (6-0, 6-1), Breanna Vann (6-0, 6-0) and Tara Trammel (6-3, 6-0) each won their matches.

In doubles, Wallace State's Halle McCrory and Vann teamed up for a 9-7 win and Trammel and Oldacre won 8-0.

Over the weekend, the men won 8-1 over Mississippi Gulf Coast and 8-1 over East Central Mississippi.

Gamez, Du Plessis, Coots, Hagan, Euler and Anderson each won their singles matches against both teams.

The Lions won two of three doubles matches in both. The Lady Lions beat East Central Mississippi, 5-4.

Natalia Barron (6-2, 6-2), McCrory (6-1, 6-4), Oldacre (6-1, 6-1) and Vann (6-2, 6-2) earned singles wins for Wallace State.

Oldacre and Trammel registered an 8-4 doubles victory. Barron had a 6-4, 6-4 singles win in an 8-1 loss to Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Wallace State's women travel to Central Alabama on Friday, while the men visit Gadsden State on Saturday.

Wallace State baseball

Wallace State's baseball team was swept by Lawson State over the weekend. The Lions (8-10, 0-4 ACCC) continue conference play at home on Thursday, welcoming Snead State for a doubleheader, beginning at 2 p.m.

In the Lawson State series, Mason Walker had seven hits throughout the series and Jayce Guyette had a homer and four RBIs among his four hits. Colson Lawrence finished with four hits, including a double, home run and five RBIs.

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

Sharife Cooper voted to SEC All-Freshman Team

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – Auburn point guard Sharife Cooper was selected to the Southeastern Conference All-Freshman Team through voting by the Southeastern Conference coaches, the league office announced Tuesday.

Cooper is the 17th Tiger freshman to be named to the annual team and the third under head coach Bruce Pearl, joining Isaac Okoro (2020) and Mustapha Heron (2017).

In 12 games, the Powder Springs, Ga. native averaged a team-best 20.2 points and 8.1 assists per game in addition to his 4.3 rebounds per tilt.

Cooper scored or assisted on 471 of Auburn's 996 points (47.2 percent) when he was in the lineup.

Cooper was one of three freshmen in the nation with five games of 25 or more points at the conclusion of the regular season.

He tied with Oklahoma State's Cade Cunningham for second with five behind only LSU's Cameron Thomas, who had 14.

His 97 assists in just 12 games vaulted him to third in the SEC.

While he ranks ninth in total assists among freshmen nationally, his 8.1 assists per game was third-best among all players in the entire country.

Cooper had three points-assists double-doubles on the season and has three of the four such occurrences by an Auburn freshman since the assist became an official NCAA statistic prior to the 1983-84 season.

First Team All-SEC
- Herbert Jones, Alabama
- John Petty Jr., Alabama
- Moses Moody, Arkansas
- Tre Mann, Florida
- Cameron Thomas, LSU
- Devontae Shuler, Ole Miss
- Dru Smith, Missouri
- Scotty Pippen Jr., Vanderbilt

Second Team All-SEC
- Jaden Shackelford, Alabama
- Colin Castleton, Florida
- Sahvir Wheeler, Georgia
- Javonte Smart, LSU
- Trendon Watford, LSU
- D.J. Stewart Jr., Mississippi State
- Jeremiah Tilmon, Missouri
- AJ Lawson, South Carolina

All-Freshman Team
- Joshua Primo, Alabama
- Moses Moody, Arkansas
- Sharife Cooper, Auburn
- KD Johnson, Georgia
- Isaiah Jackson, Kentucky
- Cameron Thomas, LSU
- Keon Johnson, Tennessee
- Jaden Springer, Tennessee

All-Defensive Team
- Herbert Jones, Alabama
- Isaiah Jackson, Kentucky
- Abdul Ado, Mississippi State
- Dru Smith, Missouri
- Yves Pons, Tennessee

Coach of the Year
- Nate Oats, Alabama

Player of the Year
- Herbert Jones, Alabama

Scholar-Athlete of the Year
- Dylan Disu, Vanderbilt

Freshman of the Year
- Moses Moody, Arkansas

Sixth-Man of the Year
- JD Notae, Arkansas

Defensive Player of the Year
- Herbert Jones, Alabama





OPINION

Op-Ed: Alabama health organizations recommend Alabamians receive

COVID-19 vaccines to help end pandemic

Jaclyn Langan
Contributor

Alabama's leading health organizations are joining together to strongly recommend Alabamians get the COVID-19 vaccine. Getting the vaccine can help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus that has affected the lives of almost every Alabamian.

"Protection from COVID-19 through vaccination of the majority of people is critically important in reducing COVID-19 disease," said State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris. "COVID-19 vaccines have been shown to be safe and effective for men and women regardless of age or racial and ethnic group. We strongly recommend that adults protect themselves, their family, coworkers, friends, and community from severe illness and death by getting vaccinated when they are eligible. Vaccination will help advance the public health vision of healthy people, healthy communities, and a healthy Alabama."

The Alabama Department of Public Health, the Alabama Hospital Association, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama, the Alabama Pharmacy Association, the Alabama Medicaid Agency and the Medical Association of the State of Alabama are together confident in the vaccine's effectiveness and safety.

"Alabama physicians are no strangers to patient education and how it can ease hesitancy regarding vaccines. However, the public's uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 vaccine is unparalleled. Around 39% of Americans say they probably or definitely would not get a coronavirus vaccine," said Dr. John Meigs, president, Medical Association of the State of Alabama. "It's critical to help alleviate misunderstandings in order to overcome vaccine hesitancy.

"A top concern appears to be how quickly the COVID-19 vaccines have been developed. The first vaccines were distributed to the public in less than one year," added Dr. Meigs. "While there is an element of 'wait and see' to evaluate the full effectiveness of the vaccines, here is what we know so far: the available vaccines are up to 95% effective at preventing COVID-19, and the majority of side effects are very minor. We can start to renew the trust in our healthcare system now by shutting down divisive rhetoric and focusing on science. The road to recovery is long but will be possible thanks to the people of Alabama."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, vaccine safety is a top priority. Millions of people in the United States have received COVID-19 vaccines safely and with few side effects.

"As soon as individuals are eligible and the vaccine is available, we encourage every Alabamian to be vaccinated against COVID-19," said Dr. Don Williamson, president, Alabama Hospital Association. "Through vaccination, we not only protect ourselves, but everyone around us. These vaccines have undergone the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history and represent our best chance for the state and nation to return to a sense of normalcy."

Alabama pharmacies are a trusted source playing a crucial role in COVID vaccination administration and distribution across our state.

"We strongly recommend that every Alabamian who is eligible receive one of the safe, effective, and approved COVID-19 vaccines. Alabama's pharmacists have had the privilege of administering thousands of vaccines to patients in every community over the past few months," said Louise Jones, CEO, Alabama Pharmacy Association. "While we understand hesitancy with the unknown, we are confident in the vaccines we are administering to the patients who know and trust us. Pharmacists will continue to be available to answer questions and to vaccinate with confidence as more supply becomes available. Getting vaccinated is not only about protecting yourself, but protecting those around you." Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama is providing 100% coverage for the administration of COVID-19 vaccines during the government's phased-in vaccine distribution. Blue Cross members on individual, Medicare and almost all employer health plans will be able to receive a FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccine without having to pay any out-of-pocket expenses.

"Alabama can overcome this healthcare crisis if we do our part by getting the COVID-19 vaccine," said Tim Vines, president and CEO, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama. "The health and wellness of our members and communities remains our top priority. We want to make sure our members have access to the COVID-19 vaccines without cost being an obstacle."

"I encourage all Alabamians, including Medicaid recipients, to get the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as they are eligible," said Stephanie Azar, commissioner of Alabama Medicaid Agency. "There is no cost to recipients for the vaccine, and it can save lives and help slow the spread of the virus."

By taking preventive measures for protection, Alabamians can help end the pandemic in our state and nationwide. Along with getting the vaccine, continue to wear face masks, practice social distancing and wash hands frequently. For more information on eligibility, vaccine safety and to schedule a vaccination appointment, visit ALCovidVaccine.gov. For appointments, the public can also call 1-855-566-5333. Alabama Department of Public Health, Alabama Hospital Association, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama, Alabama Pharmacy Association, Alabama Medicaid Agency, Medical Association of the State of Alabama

Colony (from Front)

cused Johnson of refusing a box to a Damascus resident, Johnson responded, "I give out those boxes as fair as possible."

Councilwoman Jasmine Cole spoke in Johnson's defense, stating that the Mayor had offered the woman a box and she had turned it down since she had already gotten a box from the pantry.

When asked by Marshall why the town and food pantry did not work together at the Educational Complex- location of the food pantry- as they did in the past, Johnson said, "That's the Carpenter's Cabinet that gives them out there, this (at Town Hall) is for the town of Colony, right here at the Town Hall."

Leeth broke in, saying, "It don't run that way," to which Johnson replied, "Yes, it do. You're not the Mayor anymore. I am."

As the verbal altercation intensified, Johnson turned to a Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) deputy attending the meeting and told him to escort Leeth out.

The Sheriff's Office usually does not send deputies to Colony meetings, but have dispatched them occasionally after the new administration took office, amid ongoing conflict within the council, which often involves local residents in attendance as well.

Leeth left without further incident.

After his departure, Marshall spoke again. Identifying herself to the council and crowd as Johnson's cousin, she told the Mayor that Colony has become a laughing stock in Cullman County and concluded, "Mayor Johnson, you need to resign."

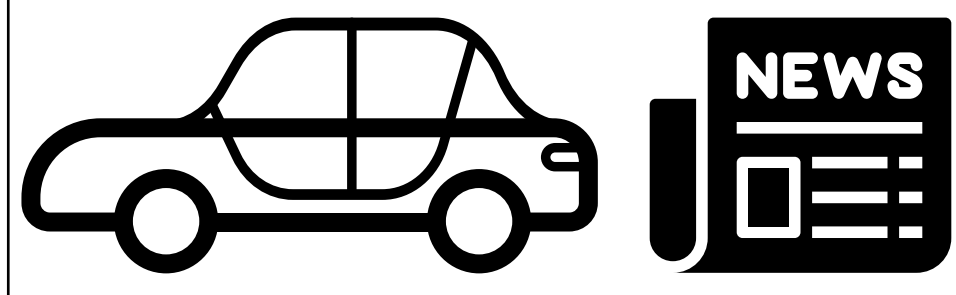
Resident Bettye Green took the floor next, challenging what she sees as cliquishness within the Colony community that prevents progress.

She added, "Until this Colony stands together as one, long as a person doing their job and doing to the best of their ability to overcome, y'all still going to be at the bottom. Two wrongs don't make a right. Somebody's got to get a level head."

Turing to Johnson, she challenged the Mayor to take charge of the council and town government, and to stop listening to the opinions of others, "because we ain't going to stand, the way it is now."

The Colony Town Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of each month, with work session at 5 p.m. and regular meeting following.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
DOROTHY G. MURPHY, * CASE NO.: PC2021-083
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that Verified Petition for Summary Distribution of Small Estate has been filed by THOMAS ANDREW MURPHY, Petitioner, on the 8th day March, 2021, and that thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to the law of the State of Alabama, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent.

Thomas Andrew Murphy
Petitioner

Thomas Andrew Murphy
Petitioner
306 Plantation Way
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To: PUBLISHER OF *The Cullman Tribune*

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

DONE this the 8th day of March, 2021.

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

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 2130, Cullman, Alabama 35056.

Done this 16th day of February, 2021

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

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

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicles, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned motor vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80, as per Legislative Act 2015-470:

2001 Nissan Frontier Pickup, Vin. # 1NCED26T61C317592.

This vehicle will be sold on Saturday, April 10, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. for towing/storage fees if not claimed. Located at 1659 County Road 842, Cullman, Alabama 35057.

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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.

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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 10

Herbert Milton Brock, 95, of Cullman
Herbert Milton Brock, of Cullman, passed away March 8, 2021 at the age of 95. He was born in Cullman February 26, 1926 to James Walter and Lela Mae Miller Brock. He is preceded in death by his parents, the love of his life, wife: Sarah Helen Cosper Brock, brothers: James Walter Brock Jr., Hershel Brock, Raymond Brock, sisters: Anna Margaret Forrester Watson, Shelby Jean Wren Burrow. Graveside services are Wednesday March 10, 2021 at 3 p.m. at Center Grove Cemetery with Rev. Nathan Chambers officiating. The family will receive friends at the cemetery. Moss Service Funeral Home directing. Please follow COVID-19 guidelines and by social distancing and the use of mask.

Barbara Blincoe White, 59, of Hanceville
Mrs. Barbara Blincoe White, 59, from Hanceville, Alabama went home to her heavenly father on Monday, March 8, 2021. Barbara was a long-time employee of Huntsville Hospital and had a passion for caring for others. Barbara loved to talk to people and never met a stranger. She always ended her phone calls with her daughter and granddaughters with "I love you to the moon and back!" These calls will be sorely missed. She was a Harley Davidson enthusiast, loved the beach and her precious dogs, Harley and Gidget. She was a loving and devoted Wife, Daughter, Mother, Grandmother, Sister and friend. She is survived by her husband, James White; her only child, Jackie Clark (Greg); granddaughters, Gabrielle Yancey (Troy) and Delaney Ann Clark, both of Daphne, AL; parents, Loyd and Barbara Self of Huntsville, AL; brother, Eugene Blincoe (Lynette) of Virginia Beach, VA; sister, Mary Osborne (Daniel) of Huntsville, AL; brother, Coleman Blincoe (Jeanette) of Gainesville, FL; many nieces, nephews and dear sweet friends. At this time there is no service scheduled. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Mary Grace Howard "Mama" Horton Minor, 80, of Vinemont
Mary Grace Howard "Mama" Horton Minor, age 80, of Vinemont, AL, passed away on March 6, 2021 surrounded by family at Princeton Baptist Medical Center. Mary was born July 28, 1940, the youngest child of William Bryan Howard and Hazel E. (Brunner) Howard of Cullman, AL. She graduated from West Point High School in 1958 and continued on to graduate from Saint Bernard College in 1967. She retired after 30 years of teaching at Falkville and Vinemont High Schools where she was known affectionately by her students as "Mama Horton". After her retirement, she went on to work as a Unit Secretary at Cullman Regional Medical Center for 10 years. She was married to Johnny Ray Horton, Sr. (1958-1978) and Rodger Joe Darrell Minor (1986-2015). Mary is survived by her two daughters, Dana Horton (Lee) Long and Sherry Minor (Gilbert) Tucker; three sisters, Naomi Johnson, Betty Norris and Jo Ann Oakley; ten grandchildren, Ryan (Katie) Horton, Kevin Moffitt, Chanda (Paul) Collins, Johnathan "Bubba" (Nicole) Easterwood, Bama Minor Brooks, Anna Grace Minor, Darrell Joe Minor, JoLee Long, Sidney Long (Tyler) Kelley, and Michael Long; and thirteen great grandchildren, Tyler Reyes, Olivia Daniels, Peyton McDearmon, MaCayla Cash, Gracie Horton, Camille Horton, Caiden Collins, Jaci Baker, Everly Collins, Joseph Easterwood, Carson Easterwood, Kinsley Kelley and Beckham Kelley. She was preceded in death by her parents; her two husbands; her two sons, Johnny Ray Horton, Jr. and Gregory Joe Minor; one brother, William H. Howard; three brothers-in law, McGlon "Mack" Johnson, John "Buddy" Norris and Joseph Oakley; one sister-in law, Faye Nell Howard; and one grandson, Johnny Ray "Trey" Horton, III. Visitation is scheduled for Friday, March 12, 2021, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held on Saturday, March 13, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Moss Funeral Home followed by the procession to Cullman City Cemetery.

Susan Ho Tubbs (Ho Hsiu-San/何秀珊), 68, of Cullman, AL
Susan Ho Tubbs (Ho Hsiu-San/何秀珊) of Cullman, AL passed away at 4:21 p.m. on February 2, 2021 at UAB hospital, she was 68 years old. Susan was born in Hong Kong to her parents Edward Ho (Ho Kee-Kuang/何基光) and mother Quen Lee (Lee Jun-Ru /李君如) after they had fled China from civil strife. When she was two years old, the family moved again to Taiwan. There Susan spent the years of her youth growing up with her four siblings. When Susan was 23 years old, she met and dated US Airman Terry Tubbs from Cullman, Alabama who was stationed in Taiwan. After Terry returned home from the Air Force, Susan came to Alabama and the two married on January 30, 1977. Susan gave birth to and raised two sons, Andrew and Peter. In April of 1982, Susan became an American citizen. Susan worked in local Chinese restaurants, building relationships with friends and connected them with local folks. She was remarkable at fusing the cultures between Asian and Appalachian. In 1992, Susan started her own business and restaurant- Susy's Wok. In the early 2000's she became the head of St. Bernard's cafeteria where she planned and prepared meals for the students, monks, and brothers. Throughout her years, Susan traveled America with her family and sometimes return to Taiwan and Hong Kong to visit her relatives. Susan was a vessel of culture and wisdom. Aside from English, she was fluent in both Cantonese and Mandarin. She was a compassionate caretaker that would stop all personal priorities to help ailing family members or friends in need. She loved all forms of life- plants, animal, and people. She loved feeding and watching the birds, planting trees, and watering her flowers. She was an outstanding gardener, naturalist, and green-thumb, often times cultivating exotic plants. She would care for injured animals, and help stray cats and dogs. Susan loved her family dearly. She was proud to be an American and loved this country. She was a born again Christian and a member of Mt. Joy Baptist church. Susan is preceded in death by her parents, Quen and Edward Ho, and her nephew Jonathan Kang. Susan is survived by her husband, Terry Tubbs, her older son, Andrew Tubbs, younger son, Peter Tubbs, her daughter-in-law, Hannah Kren, her mother-in-law, Anna Tubbs, her two sisters, Hsiu-Hsia (何秀霞) and Silvia (Hsiu-Wei/何秀薇), her two brothers, John(Guo-Chang/何國彰) and Bob(Guo-Wei/何國威), along with many cousins, nieces, and nephews on both sides of the earth. Susan's cremains will be buried at Mt. Joy cemetery on Saturday, March 13 at 2 p.m. Reverend Steve Rogers will be officiating the graveside service. Flowers can be sent to: 4149 County RD 8, Hanceville, AL 35077.

Joseph Ike Walker, 73
Mr. Joseph Ike Walker passed away on Saturday, March 6, 2021, at the age of 73. He was born October 25, 1947. Mr. Walker was preceded in death by his parents (William Walker & Velino (Pat) Smith), his brother (Bill Walker), his son (Tyler Walker), and his granddaughter (Brooklyn Walker). Survivors include two daughters, Kristi Walker, Wendy Smithson (DJ); 6 grandchildren, Kaylie Schiavi (Bobby), Easton and Skylyn Walker, Addie & Walker Smithson, & Olivia Johnson; one great grandson; Bo Schiavi. Mr. Walker ran a successful business the majority of his life. He was a native of Anniston, AL, prior to moving to Cullman, where he opened the first foreign car repair service in 1976. He enjoyed flying his airplane, riding his motorcycle, and running his snackbar boat (Snackers on the Water). Mr. Walker lived his life to the fullest. He loved and enjoyed his family, and his family loved and enjoyed him. A celebration of life will be held at a later date for family and close friends. In lieu of money or flowers, the family simply asks for those who will, to write or type a letter of a funny memory or a meaningful story you have of Mr. Walker. This can be emailed to wwsmithson@gmail.com or addressed to Wendy Smithson, 195 Seven Bark Dr. NW Cullman, AL 35057. The family would like to thank you for your condolences and ask that you continue to pray during this difficult time.

Ellen Katherine Taylor, 78, of Haleyville
Ellen Katherine Taylor, age 78, of Haleyville, passed away Saturday, March 6, 2021, at North Alabama Medical Center in Florence, Alabama. Mrs. Taylor was born on June 4, 1942 in Newburgh, Indiana. Visitation will be Saturday, March 13, 2021 from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where the service will begin at 12 p.m. Pastor Benny Knight will officiate. Burial will follow in Wesley Chapel Cemetery in Fayette, Alabama. The family requests all who attend, please wear a mask. Ellen is survived by her sons, Jimmy Davis (Susan), Johnnie Gillion and Jeff Gillion (Nora); daughter, Lynn Meier; grandchildren, Bradley Davis (Jennifer), John Gillion, Jessica Davis, James Gillion (Claudia), Sierra Davis, Jillian Gillion and Josh Gillion; great grandchildren, Sean Reisen, Samuel Davis, Victoria Davis and Jordyn Manley; sisters, Brenda Cooper, Jenny Morrison, Ginger Carroll and Rita Legzas. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jay and Ethyl Cooper; husband, Alvin Taylor, brother, Melvin Cooper; sisters, Emma Shows, Judy Hess, Nellie Salee and Marsha Sutton.

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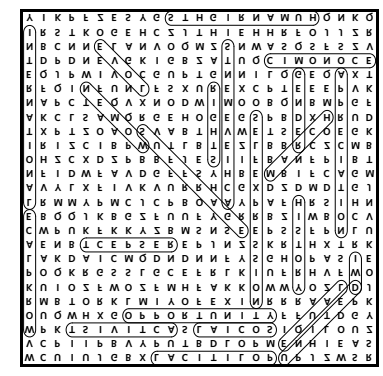
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STATE

Ivey proclaims March Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

Alabama Council on Developmental Disabilities

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – The State of Alabama has officially recognized March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month as of March 1, 2021.

Governor Kay Ivey signed a proclamation designating the month to "promote greater understanding of the issues affecting people with developmental disabilities" and "educate our communities, policymakers, friends and family members, health care providers and businesses that the movement towards full inclusion in community life for persons with developmental disabilities is a positive and worthy goal."

"We're glad for the proclamation," said Darryle Powell, executive director of the Alabama Council on Developmental Disabilities (ACDD). "We want to raise awareness of the estimated 110,640 Alabamians born with developmental disabilities—as well as raise expectations. This helps shine a spotlight on our mission of independence, advocacy, productivity and inclusion."

Kimberly Boswell, commissioner of the Alabama Department of Mental Health, said, "It's important for the state as a whole to recognize the achievements of those with developmental disabilities. Every day, they prove how much they contribute to the work and the communities we share."

Powell added, "This month is also an opportunity to let more people know about the many, many resources we have available to assist people in learning, living independently and pursuing fulfilling jobs and social lives. The more we can educate, the more we can achieve together."



ACDD

Representatives of the Alabama Council on Developmental Disabilities pose with the proclamation from Gov. Kay Ivey.

For more information, contact the Alabama Council on Developmental Disabilities at 334-242-3973 or visit www.acdd.org.

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