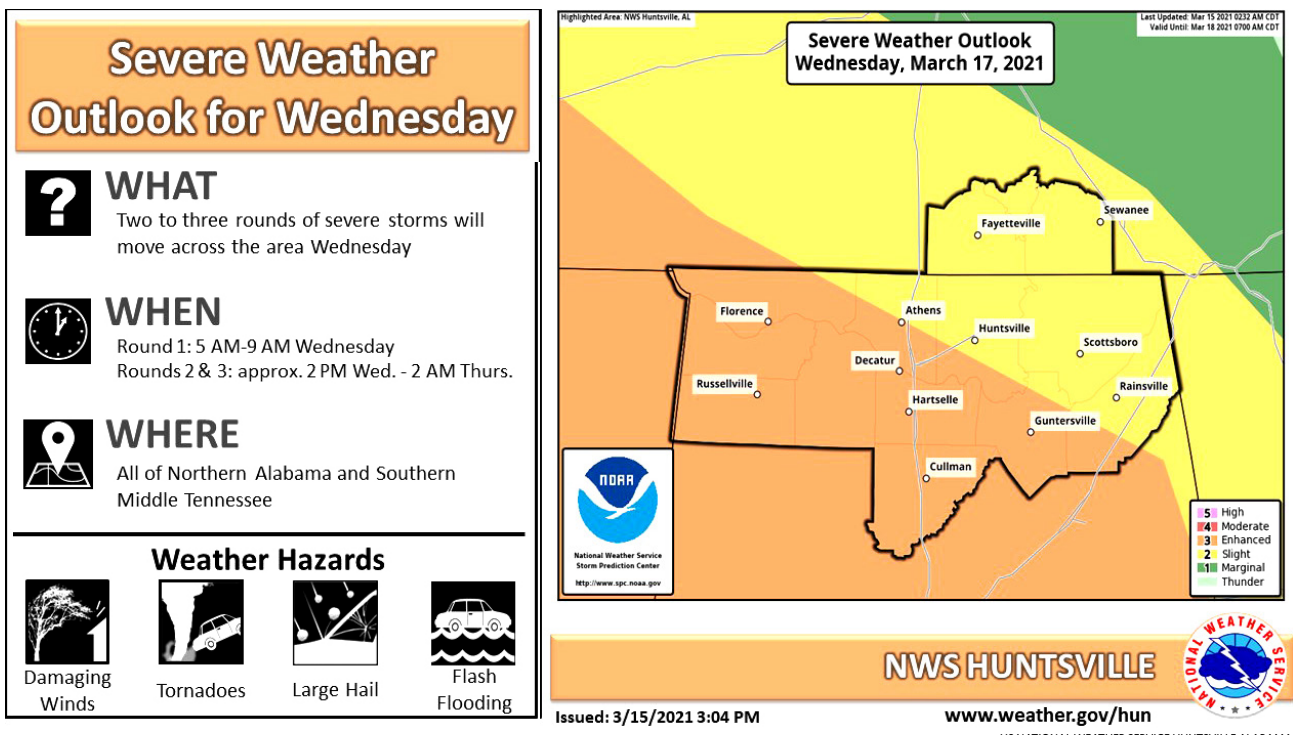
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Severe Weather Outlook for Wednesday



US NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HUNTSVILLE ALABAMA

"As the line of storms moved out of Alabama Monday evening, we look ahead towards our next, greater threat for severe weather on Wednesday." - US National Weather Service Huntsville Alabama

Cullman County Republican Women donate to help veterans fight PTSD



KEN BROWN

Col. Ken Brown, representing Cullman VFW Post 2214, receives a check for $800 from Jacqueline Schendel, president of the Cullman County Republican Women. **» PAGE 4**

CCCDC student welcomes dad home from Air Force with the help of classmates

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CULLMAN, Ala. – When the classmates of 8-year-old Hayden Herron heard that his father, William Herron, would be returning from his overseas deployment with the United States Air Force, they knew exactly what they wanted to do. The kids in Evan Sanderson's class at the Cullman County Child Development Center (CCCDC) wanted to work together to create a "Welcome Home" banner for their friend to take to the airport to greet his dad.

Herron said goodbye to his dad in late August of last year. His mom Ashley Herron explained, "He was in Texas for about a **» PAGE 5**



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Hayden Herron and his Cullman County Child Development Center classmates holding the banner they made for Herron's dad.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

West Point Town Council meet with light agenda, discusses improving striping on county road

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ARCHERY

East Elementary, Vinemont Middle, Vinemont High earn wins at Cullman County Nationals Warm-up

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Raffle raises funds for Hanceville Fire & Rescue

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Berlin receives $100K grant for reconstruction of CR 1600, takes next step toward community storm shelter

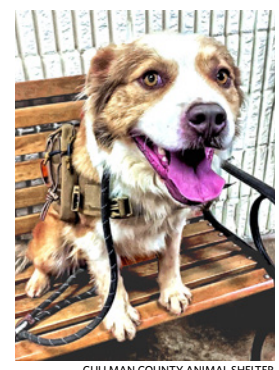
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BERLIN, Ala. – On Monday evening, Berlin Mayor Patrick Bates shared with his town council the news that local legislators have secured a $100,000 grant to reconstruct County Road 1600, including laying of a new road base and chip seal. According to the Mayor, State Rep. Randall Shedd and State Sen. Garlan Gudger secured the grant, whose funds will be held by the county. County crews will be working on several roads around Berlin, of which the town owns part, and Bates told the council that the town and county are discussing sharing work on those as well, meaning that 75-80% of the subdivision roads in Berlin could potentially be paved this year.

Bates also shared that, in a meeting at Cullman County EMA earlier in the day, a $124,000 hazard mitigation grant proposal for a town storm shelter received local approval that will allow it to be sent to the state EMA for consideration. **» PAGE 5**

– PET OF THE WEEK –

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CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Moon Pie **» PAGE 3**

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported March 15

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported March 15, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

March 11

- unlawful possession drug paraphernalia; theft of property; Hwy. 278 E.
- unlawful possession marijuana; Hwy. 91
- theft of property; CR 386
- violation of protection order; CR 625
- theft of property; CR 1428
- unlawful possession controlled substance; unlawful possession drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69 S.
- domestic violence; unlawful possession marijuana; unlawful possession drug paraphernalia; CR 437
- theft of property; CR 321

March 12

- harassment; theft of property; CR 1823
- harassment; Hwy. 69 N.
- violation of protection order; CR 1651
- criminal mischief; CR 656
- assault; CR 813
- theft of property; CR 1435
- assault; CR 813
- carrying pistol without permit; Hwy. 278 W.
- unlawful possession controlled substance; unlawful possession drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278 E.
- burglary; Hwy. 157
- burglary; Hwy 278 E.

March 13

- harassment; CR 771
- theft of property; Hwy. 91
- unlawful possession controlled substance; unlawful possession drug paraphernalia; CR 437
- unlawful possession controlled substance; unlawful possession drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278 E.
- theft of property; Megan Ln.
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 1651
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 832
- criminal mischief; CR 703
- domestic violence; CR 1570

March 14

- domestic violence; CR 1347
- domestic violence; CR 1352
- domestic violence; CR 112
- harassment; CR 399

ARRESTS

March 12

Cavender, George Wilson; 41

- possession of methamphetamine (2 counts)

Crabtree, Kevin Eguene; 41

- FTA- reckless endangerment
- FTA- attempting to elude police officer
- FTA- receiving stolen property/transporting stolen property $1,500 or more
- FTA- driving while license suspended (4 counts)

Denny, Jeffery Allen; 32

- violation of protection order

Green, Michael Jason; 38

- Drug Court Sanction-possession of marijuana
- Drug Court Sanction-possession of dangerous drugs

Hannaford, David Chad; 44

- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

James, Randy Eugene; 46

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- attempting to elude police officer

Knight, Amber Marie; 32

- FTA- switched tag

Moore, Bobby Lee Jr.; 32

- assault-child abuse-simple-family (2 counts)

Moore, Christian Paige; 26

- assault-child abuse-simple-family (2 counts)

Moore, Christopher Ryan; 29

- FTA- public intoxication

Moreno, Dekota Blake; 20

- larceny/theft
- sex offense – sexual abuse of a child less than 12-years-old

Valdez, Richard Alan; 53

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- driving while license suspended (2 counts)
- FTA- operating vehicle without insurance

Wigginton, Jason Scott; 39

- possession of drug paraphernalia-2nd offense
- soliciting controlled substance crime

March 13

Banks, Doris Ann; 51

- assault-child abuse-simple-family (2 counts)

Bush, William Steven; 29

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-2nd offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- forgery-possessing forged instrument (2 counts)
- FTA- larceny/theft-theft-miscellaneous less than $500

Castle, Kimberly Mae; 35

- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Cholewinski, Stephanie Ann; 40

- Probation revoked- stolen property-illegal possession/use credit card

Criscoe, James Michael Thomas; 33

- FTA- damaged property/destruction of property by prisoner
- FTA- attempting to elude a police officer

Knight, Cornelis; 37

- FTA- burglary-non-residence-force

Lindsey, Kevin Chase; 37

- dangerous drugs-barbiturate possession (2 counts)
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Maldonado-Lara, Juan; 60

- possession of tax-paid alcoholic beverages for private use
- public intoxication

Marsh, Thomas Michael; 42

- FTA- negotiating worthless instrument

McCain, Brandie Lynn; 45

- dangerous drugs-barbiturate possession
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Speakman, James Russell; 25

- possession of methamphetamine
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense (2 counts)

Wilson, Robert Douglas; 46

- larceny/theft-shoplifting less than $500

March 14

Hamby, Cory Wayne; 32

- FTA- possession of methamphetamine
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Haynes, Juanita Ann Hayes; 51

- FTA- operating vehicle without insurance

Saucier, Ashton Nicole; 25

- FTA- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Simmons, Joshua Byron; 44

- expired license

Skinner, Joshua Joel; 39

- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- Obstructing Police-interference with a domestic violence emergency call

Wilbanks, Michael Nathaniel; 27

- FTA- speed above 45 MPH

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

March 10

- harassing communications; person;

March 12

- fourth-degree theft of property; Circle K; Hwy. 157; cigarettes; $57

March 13

- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; container; $10
- third-degree criminal mischief; second-degree criminal trespass; person; Warnke RD. NW; damaged tent; $60

March 14

- first-degree burglary; person; Mitchell RD. NE
- third-degree criminal trespass; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW

ARRESTS

March 12

Hamby, Cory W.; 32

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession marijuana
- FTA- driving without license

Valdez, Richard A.; 53

- FTA- driving while suspended

McKenzie, Theresa A.; 25

- public intoxication
- resisting arrest

Wigginton, Jason S.; 39

- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

March 13

Crabtree, Kevin E.; 41

- FTA- harassment
- FTA- driving while revoked (2 counts)
- FTA- switched tag

Campbell, James E.; 57

- FTA- attempt to elude

Pack, Martha P.; 60

- Grand Jury Indictment-third-degree theft of property
- Grand Jury Indictment-computer tampering

Maciel, Juan D.; 64

- DUI

Marsh, Thomas M.; 42

- fourth-degree theft of property

Criscoe, James M.; 33

- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespass (3 counts)

Speakman, James R.; 25

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (3 counts)
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property (3 counts)

March 14

Haynes, Juanita A.; 51

- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Woodard, James A.; 61

- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance

Cantrell, Jerimiah R.; 24

- FTA- public intoxication (2 counts)
- false information to law enforcement

Cantrell, Jacob R.; 28

- third-degree criminal trespass

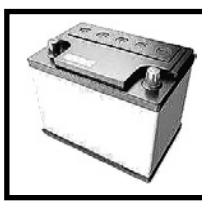
HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

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COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Monday, March 15, 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: 395,896* (+1,193 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 112,333* (+3,363 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 8,120 (+2 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 2,209
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,268* (+59 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 2,956* (+97 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 121 (+0 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 63
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 38,332
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 3,103
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 333*
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,354,628
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 15,114*
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 170,249
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 413
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama (reported M-F): 46,792
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 303,746

*Important Notice (03/15/21) The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) processed a backlog of 4007 cases on 03/14/21. These will be classified as confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases reported on 03/15/21 even though the tests were performed on during October 1, 2020 through January 1, 2021. 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.

Vaccine details (updated Monday-Friday)

- Doses delivered to Alabama: 1,751,465
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 1,474,145
- Doses administered: 1,214,816
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 765,724
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 459,636
- Doses delivered to federal Long-Term Care Program: 277,320
- Doses administered by the federal Long-Term Care Program: 84,150

Alabamians in Phases 1a and 1b, as well as people older than 65, are eligible to receive a vaccine. The ADPH announced Friday, March 12 that all people in Phase 1c will be eligible beginning March 22.

View the Alabama COVID-19 Vaccination Allocation Plan at: www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19vaccine/assets/adph-covid19-vaccination-allocation-plan.pdf

DAILY UPDATE FROM ADPH

Efforts to achieve vaccine equity in Black Belt counties yield positive results - at least 1 in 5 residents of 19 Alabama counties vaccinated

Twenty percent or more of the residents age 16 and older of 19 Alabama counties have received one or more doses of COVID-19 vaccine to date. Successful public health efforts to achieve vaccine equity have resulted in higher vaccine uptake among African American residents of Black Belt counties. Counties where 20 percent or more of their residents have been vaccinated are as follows: Perry, Wilcox, Conecuh, Dallas, Hale, Clarke, Monroe, Marengo, Washington, Lee, Bullock, Tallapoosa, Henry, Macon, Houston, Colbert, Cullman, Baldwin and Lauderdale. Vaccines are one key to protecting the most vulnerable and helping stop the pandemic in Alabama. Supply remains an issue, as there is not yet enough vaccine available for everyone who would like to be vaccinated.

COVID-19 vaccine age requirements – Only Pfizer vaccine currently authorized for ages 16-18

As vaccine eligibility expands to include persons 16 and older with high risk medical conditions on March 22, it is important to note that Pfizer has the only COVID-19 vaccine currently approved for persons age 16 and older. Currently, our county health departments are giving the Moderna vaccine. Other providers, such as hospitals and some pharmacies, are administering the Pfizer and Johnson and Johnson vaccine, which are currently not approved for those under 18 years of age. If you are 16 or 17 years of age, please be sure to check which vaccine the provider is offering before scheduling your appointment.

Vaccination of individuals with SARS-CoV-2 infection

Vaccination of people with known current SARS-CoV-2 infection should be deferred until the person has recovered from the acute illness (if the person had symptoms) and they have met criteria to discontinue isolation (www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/disposition-in-home-patients.html#Administration). This recommendation applies to people who experience SARS-CoV-2 infection before receiving any vaccine dose and those who experience SARS-CoV-2 infection after the first dose of an mRNA vaccine but before receipt of the second dose.

Avoid indoor gatherings this St. Patrick's Day

COVID-19 continues actively circulating in Alabama, including the more transmissible B.1.1.7 (UK) variant. ADPH is advising against close, indoor gatherings with non-household members ahead of St. Patrick's Day, in an effort to prevent further coronavirus spread. The risk of closer contact with others, especially when combined with increased alcohol use, can lead to asymptomatic spread. The safest way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day this year is to gather virtually or with people who live with you.

Raffle (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Amanda Duke was the lucky winner of a vacation recently, thanks to a raffle held by Hanceville Fire & Rescue. The drawing was held Sunday afternoon at the Hanceville Fire Station 1. Members of Hanceville Fire & Rescue limited the number of available tickets to 100 for a choice of vacation destinations with Abbott Vacation Rentals.

HFD Assistant Chief Bart Absher welcomed Tiffany Abbott Collins with Abbott Vacation Rentals to be a part of Sunday's drawing. Collins, a strong supporter of all first responders, has a special connection to HFD.

She explained, "Hanceville is my home and I wanted to help them raise money in any way I could."

When Collins' husband Tim passed away in 2018, he was carried to his final resting place by Hanceville's antique fire truck.

She added, "It was important to Tim to bring awareness to the invaluable work our first responders do day and night for our community. I want to continue by helping whenever possible."

"We wouldn't be here today if it weren't for her (Collins)," said Absher. "I want to say thank you very much for all you have done for the fire department."

The members of the fire department were sold the 100 $25 tickets in 100 days. Duke will be able to choose between four vacation destinations: Orange Beach, Perdido Key, Emerald Beach or Pigeon Forge.

Duke wasn't present when her ticket was drawn, but she learned very soon after that she had won.

She told The Tribune, "To be honest, I was busy, and I forgot about it. My friends started blowing me up on messenger. When I got a minute to read the messages, they all said that I had won a free vacation. I looked at my friend and said, 'Oh my gosh! I won a free vacation!' I was ecstatic and I was in shock. For me, this is something really big to win. I have never won a vacation. I still haven't made up my mind on the beach or mountains, but as soon as I do, I will let you know."

Moon Pie (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Animal Shelter's Donna Ruttkay shares The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week:

Moon Pie is a 1-year-old Australian Shepherd mix. Get ready to play, because he's a high-energy pet with a contagious enthusiasm for active living.

He has faith in his people and likes to stick close while working on the well-mannered skill of spatial awareness. He's a very smart pup who enjoys challenges and who learned the shelter's obstacle course quickly.

Moon Pie has the makings of a good companion, therapy, hiking or agility dog, and Ruttkay added that he might make a great alarm clock for your mornings.

Moon Pie's adoption fee is $100 which includes DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet, neutering, microchip, free 30-day health insurance policy issued by 24PetWatch (with valid email only) and a free bag of food from Cullman Pet Depot (you must pay sales tax).

Animal shelter staff and volunteers work with their dogs to make sure they are accustomed to being around people, walking on a leash and practicing good behavior.

Several of the shelter's canine friends have even been "hired" to work as therapy and special needs service dogs.

Please consider adopting, to give a rescued pet a chance at a happy and healthy life.

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullmancountyanimalshelter@gmail.com. Visit the shelter at 935 Convent Road NE.

Good news!
Ruttkay reported that recent Pet of the Week Emmett has been adopted. Thanks to the whole community for making forever homes a regular destination for our furry friends.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

"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.

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.
• Friday, March 19 at 7 p.m. Youth lock-in. A night of food, movies, fun and games! Free for all teens 13-19.
• Saturday, March 20 9-11 a.m. Drive Through Food Bank. Bring ID.
• Saturday, March 20 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.
• Saturday, March 27- 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 31 7 p.m. - Easter Revival. Communion and Foot washing. Everyone welcome!

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.

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.

Hanceville Lions Club Swamp John's Dinner
Friday, March 26 from 4-7 p.m. at the Moody Center in Hanceville (111 Michelle Street) Drive-thru only. Plates are $12. Proceeds benefit the Hanceville Lions Club community projects. For more information, call Kenneth Quick at 256-352-6397.

Cemetery Clean-Up
On March 28 the Holly Pond Homemakers Club asks that all flowers be removed from graves at Holly Pond Cemetery by March 28,2021 for cemetery clean-up and mowing before Easter. Questions? Call Brenda at 256-531-3342

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.

Easter Healing Service
• April 2, 3, 4, 2021
• Healing Waters Ministries at 305 3rd Ave SW in Cullman, AL will host a Healing Revival on Friday, April 2nd at 7pm; Saturday, April 3rd at 7pm and Sunday, April 4th at 5:30pm.
• We are inviting everyone in the community, friends, family and those in need of a healing. Overflow parking in City Parking Deck. For more information contact Mary Sue Sanford at (334) 306-3921.

Annual Easter Bake Sale
• On April 3 the Holly Pond Homemakers Club will sponsor the annual Easter Bake Sale for the upkeep of the Holly Pond Cemetery on Saturday, April 3, 2021, beginning at 8:00 and ending at sell out.
• Location will be at Holly Pond Town Hall. Come early for better selection. Questions? Call Brenda at 256-531-3342 or Gladys at 256-338-1478.

Holly Pond Community Easter Egg Hunt
• Saturday, April 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

Cullman's Heatherly, Norton drill walk-off HRs to lead 'Cats past Madison Academy

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Bearcats returned home to Bill Shelton Field Friday night to host a pair of varsity matchups against the Mustangs of Madison Academy and the first game ended with a bang. With the score knotted at 5 going into the bottom of the seventh, Kaleb Heatherly led off the inning for the 'Cats and blasted a solo homerun over the wall in center field to lead Cullman past the Mustangs 6-5 in game one. It was more of the same in game two. Seven innings weren't enough to settle things and in the bottom of the 10th, Brennen Norton crushed his second homer of the game and third of the day to give the 'Cats another walk off win over the Mustangs 5-3.

Cullman 6 – Madison Academy 5 (Game One)

A solo homer from Madison Academy put the Bearcats down 1-0 in the top of the first but the black & gold responded quickly in their half of the inning. Brennen Norton drilled a solo shot of his own to tie the game at 1 and after a single from Heatherly and a double from Hayden Stancil, Max Dueland singled into left field to drive in another run and give Cullman a 2-1 lead. A few pitches later, Matt Brock doubled into left field to score two more runs and make it a 4-1 game going into the second inning.

After a scoreless second and third inning, An RBI single from the Mustangs trimmed the lead to 4-2 in the fourth. Later in the inning, A 2-run double off the center field wall tied the game back up at 4 going into the bottom half of the fourth. The 'Cats retook the lead in the bottom of the fourth when Stancil singled into right field and brought Norton home to score but after another pair of scoreless innings, the Mustangs scored on an error to tie things up at 5 going into the bottom of the seventh.

That's when Heatherly's heroics came into play. After fouling off the first two pitches he saw, his next swing ended the game. A solo shot over the center field wall gave the Bearcats a 6-5 walkoff win in their first matchup of the night.

Heatherly finished 3 for 4 at the plate with and RBI and the game-winning bomb. Brock finished with two hits and two RBIs and Norton (one RBI) and Stancil (one RBI) each added a pair of hits as well. Jeb Bartle got the start and the win on the mound for Cullman, tossing six innings, allowing five runs and striking out seven batters.

Cullman 5 – Madison Academy 3 (Game Two) (10 innings)

After Hayden Stancil got things started with three strikeouts in the top of the first, Norton put his second homerun of the night over the wall in center field and put Cullman on top 1-0 in the bottom of the first. Stancil struck out two more batters in the top of the second and in the bottom half of the inning, Matt Brock crossed the plate on a wild pitch to make it a 2-0 game going into the third.

The Mustangs got both runs back in the top of the fifth after stringing together some base hits and tied the game at going into the bottom of the inning. After a scoreless sixth inning, we went to the seventh tied at 2. Stancil struck out all three of the Mustangs he faced in the top of the seventh, bringing his total on the night to a whopping 16 and the 'Cats went back on offense with a chance to win it in the bottom of the seventh once again.

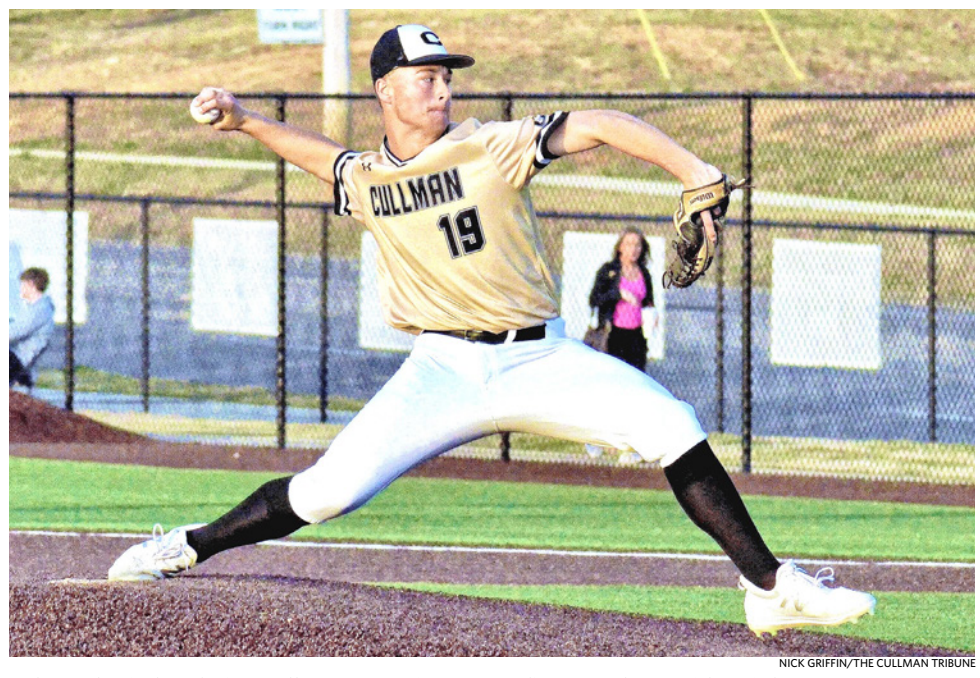
Cullman couldn't get it done in the seventh and the game went into extra innings. After a scoreless eighth frame, Madison Academy was able to take a 3-2 lead with a sacrifice fly, but the Bearcats weren't ready to let the game slip away just yet.

Hunter Brooks led off the bottom of the ninth with a double into left field and Brock drove him in with an RBI single up the middle to tie the game at 3. However, that was all the 'Cats could get in the ninth and the game continued into the 10th inning.

Norton struck out two of the three batters he faced to work through a quick top of the 10th and his bat would be even more effective than his arm in the bottom half of the inning. After Jake Dueland drew a leadoff walk, Norton stepped up to the plate and he cranked his third homerun of the day to walk it off once again and lift Cullman to a 5-3 win.

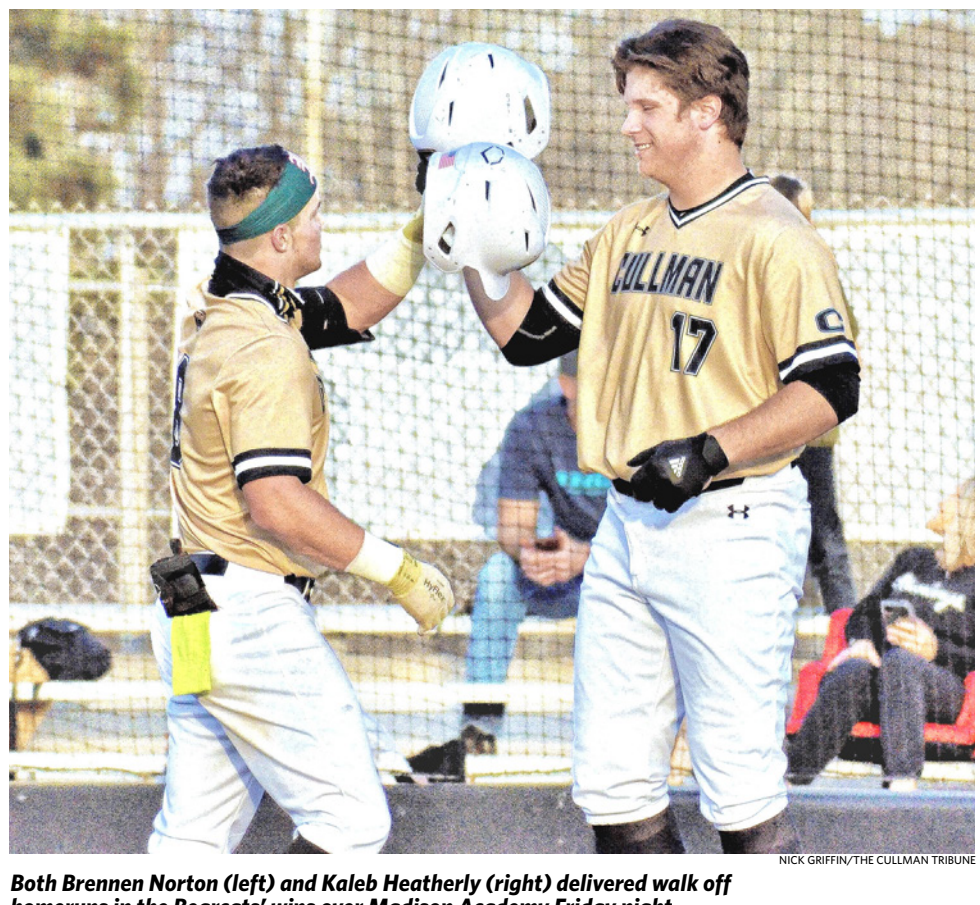
Stancil went eight innings on the mound and racked up 17 strikeouts in the process, allowing just two runs on five hits. Norton led the way for the Bearcats offensively, finishing with a pair of home runs and three RBIs. Brock (one hit) drove in a run for the 'Cats as well.

Cullman improves to 9-4 on the year with the win and will try to stay hot Tuesday against Decatur.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Jeb Bartle pitches during Cullman's 6-5 win over Madison Academy Friday night.



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Both Brennen Norton (left) and Kaleb Heatherly (right) delivered walk off homeruns in the Bearcats' wins over Madison Academy Friday night.

PREP BASEBALL

Warriors extend win streak with 8-4 win over Decatur

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WEST POINT, Ala. – After routing Locust Fork at home 13-2 Friday night, the Warriors returned home to take on Decatur and extended their win streak to seven games with an 8-4 win over the Red Raiders. Eli Folds got the start on the hill and earned the win after tossing five innings, allowing just two hits with no earned runs and striking out five. Will Cochran took the mound for the final two innings to finish off the win for West Point, giving up two hits, a run and striking out three.

Decatur went down in order in the top of the first and Branson Smith scored on a sacrifice fly from Cochran to give the Warriors a 1-0 lead in the bottom half of the inning.

After a quick second inning, the Red Raiders scored on a passed ball in the top of the third to tie things up at 1 but that score didn't hold for long.

JD Cochran led off the bottom of the third with a walk and Folds singled into left field to give the Warriors a pair of runners on base.

A few pitches later, Smith doubled into left and drove in Cochran and Folds to give West Point a 3-1 lead.

Aubry Cleghorn tacked on another run with an RBI double into center field and an RBI single off the bat of Caiden Rodgers made it a 5-1 game.

Chase Sibley was then hit by a pitch with the bases loaded and the Warriors took a commanding, 6-1 lead into the fourth inning.

Decatur went three up, three down once again in the top of the fourth but West Point was kept off the board in its half of the inning as well.

Another passed ball and a run on a fielder's choice helped the Red Raiders cut the lead to 6-3 in the fifth, but the Warriors were able to put things out of reach in the bottom half of the inning. Carter Thornton led things off with a double into left field and Isaac Hoffpauir singled a few pitches later to drive him home and make it 7-3.

Later in the inning, Sibley drove an RBI single up the middle to score Hoffpauir and stretch the lead to 8-3 going into the sixth.

Decatur was able to string some hits together in the top of the sixth and trim the lead to 8-4 but Cochran shut them down in the seventh, securing an 8-4 win for West Point.

Hoffpauir (one RBI) led the Warriors with three hits in the win. Smith (two hits) posted two RBIs and Sibley (one hit) drove in a pair of runs as well. Will Cochran, Rodgers and Cleghorn each finished with a hit and an RBI.

With the win, West Point extends its win streak to seven games and will try to stay hot on the road against West Morgan Tuesday.

PTSD (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – On Monday, Cullman County Republican Women presented a check for $800 to Col. Ken Brown of Cullman's Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2214, to pay for the treatment of a veteran suffering with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). The $800 will cover the cost of receiving a Stellate Ganglion Block (SGB) shot at Nesbitt Pain Associates based at St. Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham. As of Monday, 93 veterans have received the shot through the joint efforts of Cullman VFW and Cullman-based Saving Forgotten Warriors.

What is the shot?

"The stellate ganglion is like a routing center for the nervous system and controls the impulse for 'fight or flight,'" said a statement from Kristine Rae Olmsted, a research epidemiologist with RTI International, an independent nonprofit research institute. "Anesthetizing the ganglion blocks nerve impulses temporarily. We still don't know how SGB works to improve PTSD symptoms, but now we know that it does."

According to RTI International: "In the early 2010s, some military medical centers began offering patients with PTSD a procedure that had been used for decades to relieve pain. The procedure, called stellate ganglion block, or SGB, involves injecting a local anesthetic into the stellate ganglion. This group of nerve cells and nerves in the neck helps regulate the body's 'fight or flight' mechanism. As more and more patients tried the stellate ganglion block, the reports seemed promising, but the medical community still needed evidence of its effectiveness. RTI in 2014 launched a randomized, controlled trial of SGB, and in fall 2019, we found that it is indeed effective."

For more information

If you, your church, business or organization would like to find out more about the SGB shot, Col. Brown is happy to come and make a presentation in person. You can contact him through VFW Post 2214 or call Col. Brown at 256-507-1121.

If you need help

Brown told The Tribune, "We need to encourage veterans in our community who have heard about this but have not taken advantage of it yet to notify either Saving Forgotten Warriors or the VFW, and come on in and seek the help, because we can help them. That's what we want to do, we want to get the word out, not only to people to help donate to this, but to people that are needing it."

Brown concluded with one more piece of advice for veterans, "Getting the shot's not the final answer. A lot of these guys, we determined, really need a support group, some place where they can go and talk, and express their feelings, find out about the SGB shot, and find out what others' reactions have been and how it's helping others, so on and so forth.

"We now have an SGB support group for veterans at the VFW post every Wednesday night at 7. Folks can come and just sit and talk and be with their band of brothers. That's what it's all about. It's open to any veteran that has a PTSD problem or has had the SGB shot or thinks they might want to go get the SGB shot."

For more, visit www.facebook.com/cullmanVFWPost or www.facebook.com/Savingforgottenwarriors, or call VFW Post 2214 at 256-739-6611.

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West Point (from Front)

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WEST POINT, Ala. – The Town of West Point's council met Monday evening with a short agenda. There was no new business for the council to discuss. In old business, Mayor Schafer asked the council to decide on whether to purchase a new mower and backpack blower.

The council approved the purchase of both pieces of equipment from Gravely's for $10,096.85.

Schafer is also in the process of getting prices for a new weed-eater, but no decisions were made regarding the purchase of one.

Mayor Schafer reported that part of the striping on County Road 1141 has been done at a cost of just over $11,400. He said, "Maybe in a few months we can do the other part. It will be about $8,000." The town used the county bid list for the striping work.

The West Point Town Council meets on the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. inside the town hall.

Berlin (from Front)

The local match grant, which must first be approved by the state, could bring the town $93,000 toward the project, leaving Berlin having to pay only $31,000 for a 90-person storm shelter with two bathrooms and a generator.

Farmers' Market days and hours set

The council also approved a schedule for the Berlin Farmers' Market, which is scheduled to open on Apr. 19. The facility will be open from 3-6 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, and from 7 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. Because Town Clerk Keirstyn Montgomery will manage the Farmers' Market, the council set Town Hall business hours for 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, and 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays during the market season from Apr. 19 through Oct. 30.

Mayor Bates told the council that certain growers are talking about the possibility of bringing jams, jellies and hot breakfast items on Saturdays, as well as eggs and frozen chickens, so the council approved the cost of two county garbage cans for the site.

Bates is looking into possible needs for electrical lines and outlets.

Additionally, the council approved lettering that will be applied to the Town Hall building by Creative Signs at a cost of $550.

Weather radios still available

According to the council, 285 free weather radios have been distributed to residents in the Berlin fire district, representing only about 35% of those available. If you are a Berlin resident and do not have a radio, but want one, visit or contact Berlin Town Hall.

The Berlin Town Council meets at 7 p.m. on the third Monday evening of each month at Berlin Community Center. The public is invited to attend.

Archery (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – This year's Cullman County Nationals Warm-up was held at the Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center and after two days of competition, East Elementary, Vinemont Middle School and Vinemont High School came out on top of their respective divisions. As individuals, Cullman's Forrest Calvert and West Point's Lauren Taylor placed first in the high school division with scores of 297 and 290 respectively. Vinemont's Bradley Johnson and Caroline Miller were the top middle schoolers with scores of 290 and 288 and in the Elementary division, West Point's Connor Mallon and Haley Millwood finished on top of the standings after shooting a 279 and 282.

ELEMENTARY RESULTS
Top 12 scores count toward team score

East Elementary (1st)
Allie Johnson: 264
Riley Britton: 262
Caroline Bryant: 261
Hallie Page: 260
Bryant Eastman: 258
Lucas Crane: 258
Thatcher Lucas: 256
Sadie Reese: 254
Joshua Au: 254
Aidan Cornelius: 253
Ryan Blankenship: 249
Eugene Byrd: 248

Vinemont Elementary (2nd)
Haley Millwood: 282
Lily Copeland: 263
Arleigh Thomason: 262
Tucker Drake: 253
Nora Burks: 253
Addison Epperson: 252
Emilyn Heaton: 251
AnnaLee McRae: 250
Katelyn Brown: 247
Rayne Barker: 245
Kylie Metzger: 242
Brakston Fresh: 241

Welti Elementary (3rd)
Connor Mallon: 279
Jaycee Cofield: 248
Weston Barnett: 246
Ethan Morrow: 242
Asher King: 241
Kassidy Hopper: 239
Coltin Reed: 231
Aiden Boeckeler: 230
Xavior Bentley: 214
Aeron Pierce: 206
Samantha Simmons: 204
Pyper Turner: 203

Good Hope Elementary (4th)
Kaleigh Williams: 246
Eli Drake: 245
Logan Collier: 234
Chase Boles: 225
Ahnika Biggs: 212
Jack Egnor: 208
Carsyn Boorsma: 207
Wyatt Peck: 206
Lee Dickerson: 204
Danika Kugler: 200
Caroline Neighbors: 200
Dalton Cooley: 198

Sacred Heart (5th)
Ella Sanders: 215
Konnor Gentry: 204
James Grey: 203
Jordyn Black: 196
Nehemiah Williams: 179
Anthony Ranelli: 175
Silas Krische: 166
Analia Lajara: 162
Evelynn Flannery: 153
Anny Kayte Whaley: 141
Avery Hines: 139
Anna Claire Harrison: 105

MIDDLE SCHOOL RESULTS
Top 12 scores count toward team score

Vinemont Middle School (1st)
Bradley Johnson: 290
Caroline Miller: 288
Randi Torres: 283
Tucker Robinson: 282
Rylan McRae: 278
Anika Oden: 275
Dalton Bryan: 271
Vayda Yarbrough: 271
Evie Floyd: 271
Malicih Adams: 270
Trinity Sartin269
Krimson Gingrich: 269

Cullman Middle School (2nd)
Evan Dockery: 289
Briana Willoughby: 284
Camp Smith: 282
Maddie Seidel: 280
Ashley Cornelius: 279
Brinley Hurt: 274
Mercedes Wilhite: 271
Cole Carden: 271
Kaleigh Green: 270
Brayden Clark: 269
Emma Grace Ray: 268
Jaleigh Busby: 268

Good Hope Middle School (3rd)
Reece Weissend: 275
Evan Duke: 268
Will Crawford: 265
Jesse Williams: 257
Danny Maxwell: 256
Mason McCury: 254
AJ Carnathan: 253
Kaeley Seymore: 247
Chloe Brock: 247
Gannon Bowerman: 246
Chance Brock: 243
Madison Lambert: 224

Fairview Middle School (4th)
Jacie Griggs: 272
Allee Duke: 271
Shelby Stringer: 266
Alex England: 257
Savannah Pack: 248
Emma Buckelew: 245
Kylie Kenney: 239
Paisley Hopper: 237
Josie Earl: 234
Christian Knott: 232
Austin Hill: 227
Kaleb Lee: 191

HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS
Top 12 scores count toward team score

Vinemont High School (1st)
Cadan Welch: 290
Alexis Sartin: 289
Berkley Gable: 288
Logan Ford: 285
Savannah Drake: 284
Ryan Isbell: 283
Dawson Wilhite: 280
Gabby Conde: 277
Symon Joiner: 275
Sydney Rutherford: 272
Shelby Thompson: 267
Tai Shurtleff: 265

Cullman High School (2nd)
Forrest Calvert: 297
Carson Starnes: 294
Will Bolzle: 288
Tiffany Calvert: 273
Samantha Johnson: 272



VINEMONT HIGH SCHOOL

Vinemont High School posted a team score 3,355 to win this week's Cullman County Nationals Warm-up.



VINEMONT HIGH SCHOOL

Vinemont Middle School posted a team score 3,317 to win this week's Cullman County Nationals Warm-up.

Joseph Ruse: 268
Nic Ruse: 267
Arden Crane: 267
Claude Thomas: 264
Emily Leigeber: 263
Avery Kirk: 261
Maddie Lindsey: 259

West Point High School (3rd)
Lauren Taylor: 290
Jacob Hogland: 274
Elizabeth Brady: 273
Josh Capmbell: 271
Lane Mattox: 269
Cameron Haynes: 268
Logan Miller: 267
Mackenzie Tidwell: 263
Briece Buxton: 262
Marshal Doherty: 260
Payton Haynes: 257
Matthew Harbison: 257

Good Hope High School (4th)
Riley Roberts: 276
Grace Aaron: 270
Tripp Taylor: 262
Adrian Stewart: 262
Andru Swann: 259
Alexis Reburn: 257
Grant Seymore: 257
Aaliyah Coleman: 253
Jett Swann: 248
Landon Holmes: 245
Sydney Grimes: 244
Noah Drake: 243

Addison High School (5th)
Ethan Woodard: 267
Haley Walker: 253
Riley Gilbreath: 252
Colt Howse: 247
Braden Smith: 245
Tucker Thompson: 245
Emma Willingham: 243
Daneual Walker: 242
Brilyn Dover: 239
Jaxson Williams: 234
Josie Riddle: 233
Talon Woodard: 230

Student (from Front)

month-and-a-half for training before he got sent to Qatar."

The Herron family moved to Cullman from where he is stationed in Florida during the deployment so that Ashley Herron and the kids could have family nearby.

Though Hayden Herron is new to the CCCDC, he has made friends quickly.

Said his mom, "I love it here. Every time my husband would call, I would just tell him how much I love this school. Florida schools are good too, but this school seems to cater to the special needs more and he has more individual help."

Herron learned how to talk-to-text since his dad has been gone and he has also spoken with his dad on Facetime. He said sweet and simple things, according to his mom, who said, "I'll go in later and see that he sent his dad a message. It's simple things like, 'I miss you daddy.'"

Herron's father was scheduled to be back in Florida Feb. 26, but Ashley Herron waited until a day or two before his arrival to tell her son. When he did learn his dad would be home soon, he couldn't wait to tell his class about the good news.

Sanderson and the 11 students in his class made a large banner for Herron to take with him to the airport. Each child signed the banner around the "Welcome Home" message.

"He wasn't even one step off the bus before he showed me the sign and said, 'Look what we did!" smiled Ashley Herron.

She said that she had planned on making a sign at home, but Herron insisted on taking the banner his class made to the airport for his dad's arrival. She said, "The whole drive to Florida, he had it in his lap. I asked if he wanted to put in the back so it wouldn't get bent but he said, 'No, I want to hold it.'"

At the airport, Herron anxiously awaited his dad's arrival while clutching the sign he and his friends made. Pretty soon, his dad emerged, and they embraced while tears of joy filled everyone's eyes. Afterward, Herron and his family enjoyed a week in Florida.

"We went to the park and just walked around and went out to eat. We were in shorts and T-shirts down there and it was nice," said his mom.

William Herron was able to visit Cullman for a week before heading back to Florida. They had a chance to have fun and work on a few new Minecraft Lego sets, his Hayden Herron's favorite.

William Herron is back in Florida now, where he is stationed. Ashley, Hayden and Liam Herron will remain in Cullman to finish out the school year. Hayden Herron is also planning to play baseball with the Miracle League in Cullman this spring. Once the school year is over, the family will move back to Florida, but they said they will miss and always appreciate the new friends made in Cullman and at the CCCDC.





OPINION

How to listen to a sermon, part 10

Tom Fillinger
Tribune Columnist

Note to readers: *Sadly, Pastor Tom Fillinger passed away Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021. Pastor Fillinger had submitted articles to be printed through March 16, 2021. This is the last in the series.*

Today in our series on How to Listen to a Sermon we address Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ: Every message MUST bring the listener face to face with the Person and Purpose of Jesus Christ. He is LORD.

The focus of these articles is the Reformation & Renewal of the church. Reformation is a profound and growing need in the American church. The central issues of the gospel have been slowly but persistently lost.

We have established the fact that preaching is one of God's primary means for the transformation of His chosen people. The focus of the church gathered must be the systematic transformation of beleivers into the fullness of the image of Christ. The focus of the church scattered is evangelism, confronting lost people with the message of salvation from sin. That message is two-fold – repent and believe. Without repentance there is no true faith and there is no salvation.

Lost people and believers alike need to hear the gospel, repeatedly. The heart of the gospel is Jesus Christ and His finished work of redemption. When from the cross he uttered the word "tetelesthai," it is finished, the purchase of a people for Himself was completed.

Being reminded of His sacrifice and my responsibility to honor Him in all that I think, desire, and do must be a central factor in preaching. He is LORD!

Many pulpits today have lost this focus. You may hear messages about how to have a godly marriage or effective child rearing.

Those issues should be taught. They should not be the central message of the pulpit. Effective pulpit ministry must have Jesus Christ and His work of redemption as the focus from week to week.

Listen to the Apostle Paul as he wrote to the Corinthian church. He makes abundantly clear what the message of the gospel and the person of Jesus Christ is:

1 Corinthians 15:1-4 Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you - unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.



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Is this the message you hear from week to week?

EDUCATION

Scholars' Bowl Scoreboard: March 9 & 11

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Cullman County high school and middle school scholars' bowl coordinator Christine O'Leary shared the results of the season's third and fourth rounds at Wallace State, held on March 9 and 11.

West Point teams continued their dominance. The middle school team outscored its two opponents by a total of 950-70, and the high school team defeated a strong Cullman team by a 340 point margin. The Good Hope high school team and Cold Springs middle school team also made good showings.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MATCHES, MARCH 9

Round 3

- St. Bernard 60, Fairview 100
- Parkside 70, Cold Springs 200
- Cullman 170, Harmony 90
- Hanceville 140, Vinemont 110
- Good Hope 70, West Point 400
- Holly Pond - bye

Round 4

- Parkside 30, Vinemont 230
- St. Bernard 160, Good Hope 110
- Hanceville 0, West Point 550
- Cullman 210, Cold Springs 220
- Holly Pond 50, Fairview 90
- Harmony - bye

In an early seasonal round 5 match, Hanceville slipped by St. Bernard 180-170.

HIGH SCHOOL MATCHES, MARCH 11

Round 3

- Fairview 40, Cold Springs 150
- Hanceville 130, Good Hope 290
- Cullman 70, West Point 410
- Vinemont 10, St. Bernard 200
- Holly Pond - bye

Round 4

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Obituary Announcements: March 16

Cynthia Renea Hanners, 58, of Hanceville
Cynthia Renea Hanners passed away at her residence in Hanceville on March 13, 2021. She was born January 4, 1963 to her parents Rodger Parris and Jerry Lay. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Hanners family. Mrs. Hanners was preceded in death by her father, Rodger Parris; and brothers, Ronald and Marlon Parris. She is survived by her mother, Jerry Lay; husband, Carlton Hanners; daughters, Brandy Chambers and Stacy Turner; sister, Paula (Vince) Costantini; grandchildren, Ella Ulrich and Sarabeth Allen; and a host of family and friends.

Ashley Brooke Jacobs, 44, of Cullman
Ashley Brooke Jacobs, age 44, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Thursday, March 11, 2021. Ashley was born July 4, 1976 in O'ahu, Hawaii. Ashley is survived by daughter: Paige Jacobs; son: Kendrick Jacobs; parents: Paul and Brenda Jacobs; sister: Jennifer (Joe) Jacobs Matthews; brother: Paul (Candyce) Jacobs Jr.; nieces and nephews: Carson, P.J., Santana, Madi, Steven, Savannah, Samarah, Uriah; a host of Aunts, Uncles, and Beloved Cousins; and Kristy McNabb. Ashley was preceded in death by grandparents: James C. and Christine Jacobs, Lewis C. and Norma Bice (Gardner), and John Gardner. A celebration of life visitation for Ashley will be held Tuesday, March 16, 2021 from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. at Palmerdale United Methodist Church, located at 7776- Alabama 75, Pinson, AL 35126. A Celebration of Life funeral service will follow at 11 a.m. An interment will occur at Forrest Crest Cemetery, 78, 5730 Bankhead Hwy, Birmingham, AL 35210. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Jacobs family.

Dewey Alvin Sims, 89, of Hartselle, formerly of Cullman
Funeral service for Dewey Alvin Sims, 89, of Hartselle, formerly of Cullman will be at 3 p.m., Tuesday, March 16, at Cullman Church of Christ, Ministers Ken Forrest, Phillip Hines, Lane Widick officiating with interment in Cullman Memory Gardens. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Tuesday at the church. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Sims passed away March 13, 2021 at Cullman Regional Hospital. He was born January 3, 1932 to Percy Wilson & Edna Pearl Holt Sims. He was a Church of Christ minister for over 50 years. The last 15 years he worked with the prison ministry of the Cullman County Sheriff's Dept. In lieu of flowers the family suggests making donations to worldbibleschool.net, World Bible School, P.O. Box 2169, Cedar Park, TX. 78630. Mr. Sims was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Tim Sims; sister, Reba Faye Jacobs. Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Merle Sims; sons, Darrell (Sue) Sims, Carroll Sims, David (Gail) Sims, Michael (Mindy) Sims; brother, Mancil (Shirley) Sims; grandchildren, Kristen (Lane) Widick, Leah (Philip) Garton, Tesha (Justin) Brewer, Drew Sims, Hunter Sims, Joseph (Diana) Sims, Sarah Sims, Jonathan (Chante) Sims, Hannah (John) Jackson, Anna Sims, Caleb Sims, Erin Sims; great-grandchildren, Josie Widick, LilyAnna & Liberty Garton, Cayden Brewer, Ali, Eli & Ava Sims, Ava Brewer, Walker Sims, Alex Sims, Austin Sims; family and friends.

Wessie Cleora Parrish, 95, of Franklin, TN
Graveside service for Wessie Cleora Parrish, 95, will be Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 2 p.m. at Williamson Memorial Gardens, Franklin, Tennessee. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Parrish passed away March 11, 2021 at the Folsom Center. She was born January 21, 1926 to Columbus Lee & Willie Mattie Gilbert Floyed. She loved sewing and being outside working with her flowers. She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Parrish; son, Danny Lee Parrish; sons-in-law, Arthur Reuther and Roy Ward. Survivors include her daughters, Carol Reuther, Paula (Tom) Peden, Nancy Ward; daughter-in-law, Connie "Sally" Parish; sister, Reda (Hezekiah) Springer; grandchildren, Jeanine (Terrance) Vedros, Barbara (Abe) Woo, Elizabeth (Clint) Rejsek, Mike Ward, Carolyn Earwood; great-grandchildren, Jeremy (Katrina) Vedros, Nicole Diaz, Paul Woo, Isaac Ward, Cody & Hunter Johnson; a host of family and friends.

Gary Lynn Brooks, 60, of Hanceville
Funeral services for Gary Lynn Brooks of Hanceville will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 18, 2021 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hanceville. Burial will follow at Garden City Cemetery. Visitation will be 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Brooks was born to Oren and Annette (Johns) Brooks on January 16, 1961 in Birmingham, AL. He died at the age of 60 on March 14, 2021 in Cullman, AL. Survivors include his wife, Patricia C. Brooks; children, Elisha Thomas and Erica (Josh) Stoves; son-in-law, Darrell Thomas; grandchildren, Elijah Thomas, Emma Thomas, Ella Thomas, Jeremiah Stoves, Lily Stoves and Sophie Stoves; mother, Annette Brooks; brother, Junior (Sonja) Brooks; sister, Marteen (Shane) Bailey; niece, Courtney (Tommy) Beckwith and children; nephew, Jayce Barbee; mother-in-law, Margaret Cowart; sister-in-law, Linda (Robert) Durand; and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins. Mr. Brooks was preceded in death by his father, Oren R.T. Brooks; and father-in-law, Jerry Cowart.

Herbert Chambers, 91, of Cullman
Funeral service for Herbert Chambers, 91, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, March 18, 2021 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Cullman City Cemetery, Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Chambers passed away Saturday, March 13, 2021 at his residence. He was born February 1, 1930 to Elbert Lonnie Chambers, Sr. and Elizabeth Antionette Berrens. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Greg Chambers; daughter, Amy Shoemaker; sisters, Dorothy Harbison, Mary Chambers, Millie Griffin; brothers, David Chambers, Elbert Chambers, Jr. Survivors include his brother, Carl (Reba) Chambers; sister, Shirley Coates; grandchildren, Scott (Amanda) Shoemaker, Stephanie (Jody) Marotz, Carly Wren, Kristen Chambers; great-grandchildren, Ayden Shoemaker, Brianna Shoemaker, CarrieAnn (Houston) White, Judd Douglas, Brayden Marotz, Tyler Marotz, Keaton Marotz; great-great grandchild, EllieAna White; family and friends. Visitation will be Thursday at the funeral home from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m.

Kerlista Pugh Brock, 87
Kerlista Pugh Brock, born February 5, 1934, went to be with her father on March 14, 2021. She was 87 years young. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 19, 2021 at Hayden First Baptist Church with burial following at Hopewell Cemetery in Hanceville. Visitation will be at the church from 12 p.m. until service time. She was a member of Hayden First Baptist Church. She has taught Sunday school for over 65 years and her life has been a witness for God. She was preceded in death by her husband, James William Brock and her parents Walter and Rosie Pugh. She has three sons, Paul (Debbie) Brock, Randy (Barbara) Brock and Julian (Becky) Brock. She was blessed with nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Pallbearers will be her grandsons. Officiating the Funeral Service will be Pastor Keith Hudson and Pastor Sam Hollis. Officiating the graveside service will be Andrew Brock.

Rhonda Lynn Jacobs, 55, of the Simcoe/Berlin community
Funeral service for Rhonda Lynn Jacobs, 55, of the Simcoe/Berlin community, will be 2 p.m. Friday, March 19, 2021, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends from 12 noon until 2 p.m. prior to the service. Rev. Larry Brown and Rev. Charles Dixon will officiate the service. The interment will be in the Mt. Olive Bible Based Fellowship Church Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Jacobs family. Mrs. Jacobs was born August 13, 1965 to Edward and Delilah Sue Self Schnittker. She passed from this life at her residence on March 13, 2021. She was a member of Living Faith Baptist Church in Good Hope. She loved crocheting, watching Pastor Hagee, especially after becoming ill and couldn't attend regular church services. Mrs. Jacobs was preceded in death by her uncle, Randy Schnittker. She is survived her parents, Edward & Sue Schnittker; husband, Ralph Jacobs; son, Joseph Jacobs; daughters, Veronica (Austin) Stottlemyer, Haley Jacobs; brothers, Phillip (Shanna) Schnittker, Kevin (Lori) Schnittker; aunt, Geraldine Lennon; grandchild, Dylan Stottlemyer; and a host of family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO CONVERT A MUTUAL HOLDING COMPANY FROM MUTUAL TO STOCK FORM AND APPLICATION TO ACQUIRE A SAVINGS BANK

Cullman Savings Bank, MHC, Cullman, Alabama, the mutual holding company parent of Cullman Savings Bank, Cullman, Alabama, has applied to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the "Board") to convert from the mutual to the stock form of organization. Pursuant to the Plan of Conversion, which has been adopted by a vote of at least two-thirds of the directors of Cullman Savings Bank, MHC, each of Cullman Savings Bank, MHC and Cullman Bancorp, Inc., an existing federal mid-tier corporation, will cease to exist and Cullman Savings Bank will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cullman Bancorp, Inc., Cullman, Alabama, a Maryland corporation, which will offer for sale shares of its common stock to depositors of Cullman Savings Bank and others in a subscription and community offering. As part of the conversion, each share of common stock of Cullman Bancorp, Inc., the federal mid-tier corporation, held by persons other than Cullman Savings Bank, MHC will be converted into and become the right to receive a number of shares of common stock of Cullman Bancorp, Inc., the Maryland corporation, pursuant to an exchange ratio established at the time of conversion.

In addition, Cullman Bancorp, Inc., the Maryland corporation, has filed with the Board, on or about March 12, 2021, an application to acquire control of Cullman Savings Bank pursuant to 12 C.F.R. Section 238.11 of the regulations of the Board. All of the branches of Cullman Savings Bank will continue to operate after the acquisition.

The Board considers a number of factors in deciding whether to approve the applications, including the record of performance of banks we own in helping to meet the convenience and needs of their communities.

You are invited to submit comments in writing on the applications to the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, 1000 Peachtree Street N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30309, or via email: Applications.Comments@atl.frb.org. The comment period will not end before April 15, 2021, and may be somewhat longer. The Board's procedures for processing applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. Part 262. Procedures for processing protested applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. 262.25. To obtain a copy of the Board's procedures, or if you need more information about how to submit your comments on the applications, contact Kathryn Haney, Assistant Vice President at (404) 498-7298. The Board will consider your comments and any request for a public meeting or formal hearing on the applications if they are received in writing by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta on or before the last day of the comment period.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-26

An Ordinance to Establish a Reserve Police Force to Augment Part Time and Full Time Paid Officers of Cullman Police Department

WHEREAS, The City of Cullman has established the Cullman Police Department to protect life and property and insure the safety and security of the citizens and businesses in the City of Cullman, and otherwise preserve law and order;
WHEREAS, the City of Cullman has employed and will continue to employ paid law enforcement personnel to provide such services and protection;
WHEREAS, certain levels of manpower are required in order to provide for the safety of the public and also to the members of the Cullman Police Department;
WHEREAS, the City of Cullman desires to protect lives and property as well as the safety of its citizens in a professional manner;
WHEREAS, the use of reserve officers allows for voluntary augmentation of sworn law enforcement officers while allowing those reserves to train;
THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:
Section 1. Establishment As provided by § 11-43-210, Code of Alabama, 1975, a police reserve force, hereinafter called "reserve", is hereby established within the police department of the City of Cullman, Alabama. The purpose of this Reserve is to supplement, not replace, the existing and future paid personnel of Cullman Police Department.
Section 2. Qualifications The reserve shall consist eligible citizens, all of whom are twenty-one (21) years of age or older. Any person desiring appointment to the reserve must submit a written application to the chief of police of the City of Cullman, Alabama, and pass a physical agility test and background check. Applicant shall be of good moral character and reputation, and has never been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor involving force, violence or moral turpitude.
Section 3. Appointment Appointments to the Reserve shall be made by the Chief of Police with the approval of the Mayor. Members of the reserve are not permanent employees of the City of Cullman and shall serve at the pleasure of the Chief of Police, and may be removed with or without cause and without hearing by the Chief of Police.
Section 4. Supervision The reserve shall function under the immediate direction of the designee of the chief of police, who shall provide for its organization and training. The chief of police is hereby authorized and directed to establish such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the efficient operation of the reserve.
Section 5. Equipment Each member of the reserve shall be issued an identification card signed by the chief of police and the mayor. Members of the reserve shall carry this identification card with them at all times. When funding allows, each reserve shall be provided with required uniforms and equipment to carry out duties of the reserve police force.
Section 6. Duties The duties of reserve officers are confined to the following: (1) Patrol operation performed for the purpose of detection, prevention and suppression of crime or enforcement of traffic or highway laws of the state, provided the reserve law enforcement officer acts at all times under the direct control and supervision of a certified law enforcement officer. (2) Traffic direction and control may be performed without direct supervision; provided, however, that supervisory control is exercised by a certified law enforcement officer whose total span of control would be considered within reasonable limits. (3) Reserve officers may render crowd control assistance at public gatherings or municipal functions as directed by the municipality, provided supervisory control will be exercised by a certified law enforcement officer whose total span of control would be considered within reasonable limits. For purposes of this section, the term "certified law enforcement officer" shall mean a sworn police officer who has completed the training requirements of the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission as set out in Article 3, Chapter 21, Title 36, Code of Alabama, 1975.
Section 7. Arrest Powers Arrest powers. No member of the reserve shall have any authority to exercise any power of arrest unless he or she has completed the training requirements of the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission as set out in Article 3, Chapter 21, Title 36, Code of Alabama, 1975.
Section 8. Training. Members of the reserve will be required to attend departmental training, which may include the field training officer program. The members of the reserve may be offered and required to attend the law enforcement academy at the direction of the police chief. The costs associated with this and other training are to be paid by the City so long as funding is available and approved.
Section 9. Weapons No member of the reserve shall carry a weapon while on duty unless the reserve officer has completed the training requirements as designated by the chief of police. The reserve officer also must have a valid pistol permit.
Section 10. Compensation. No member of the reserve shall receive compensation for the time they work. Reserves who have completed the training requirements of the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission and have received certification as a law enforcement officer may apply for hire as a part-time officer given position and fund availability.
Section 11. Severability. Each and every provision of this ordinance is hereby declared to be an independent provision and the holding of any provision hereof to be void and invalid shall not affect any other provision hereof. It is hereby declared that the other provisions of this ordinance would have been enacted regardless of any provision which might be held invalid.
Section 12. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption, approval and publication as provided by law.
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 8th day of March, 2021. /s/ Jenny G. Folsom - President of the City Council
ATTEST: Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk
APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 8th day of March, 2021. Woody Jacobs – Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 2021 – 27

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 1158 OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA

WHEREAS, The City of Cullman has provided police and fire protection and other services and benefits to businesses and residences located outside the corporate limits as authorized by state law; and
WHEREAS, The City of Cullman retains all authority granted it by the laws of the State of Alabama and does not hereby relinquish its right to provide services to and collect fees and taxes within the police jurisdiction; and
WHEREAS, The City of Cullman finds it in the best interest of the health, safety and public welfare to reserve the right to provide services within the police jurisdiction, or in other areas of Cullman County.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama, as follows:
Section 1. That Ordinance No. 1158 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cullman, Alabama, is hereby repealed in its entirety due to conflicts with the Code of Alabama; therefore making the Ordinance preempted and void.
Section 2. The repealing of this Ordinance shall not hereby have the effect of reviving any Ordinance theretofore repealed or superseded.
Section 3. This Ordinance shall in no way affect water, sewer or utility service provided outside the corporate limits of the City, or the collection of fees for such services.
Section 4. The City of Cullman retains all authority granted it by the laws of the State of Alabama and does not hereby relinquish its right to provide services to and collect fees and taxes within the three-mile police jurisdiction of the City of Cullman, Alabama.
Section 5. Severability. Each and every provision of this ordinance is hereby declared to be an independent provision and the holding of any provision hereof to be void and invalid shall not affect any other provision hereof. It is hereby declared that the other provisions of this ordinance would have been enacted regardless of any provision which might be held invalid.
Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective after its adoption and publication as provided by law.
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 8th day of March, 2021. /s/ Jenny G. Folsom - President of the City Council
ATTEST: Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk
APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 8th day of March, 2021. Woody Jacobs – Mayor

THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
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Fantastic weather brings optimistic crowd to Hanceville's 4th annual Irish Festival

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – The city of Hanceville celebrated its Irish heritage Saturday with the fourth annual Hanceville Irish Festival, enjoying perfect weather and a noticeable increase in attendance from past years. It was a stark contrast from 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic loomed large. There was a sense of optimism and joy, as festivalgoers came out for the weekend celebration.

The festival is organized by The Friends of the Festival's Nolan Bradford and Tim Burney. Bradford was pleased with the turnout Saturday.

"This is our best year so far and the weather couldn't be better," he smiled. "We are so happy it didn't rain because it seems when we plan an event in Hanceville, it always rains."

The festival kicked off with The O'Toole Brothers followed by festival newcomer Dave Boling. Returning was crowd favorite, The O'Faolain Academy of Irish Dance. The young dancers have become a must-see for the festival crowd. The afternoon concluded with Black Market Haggis and A Shamrock in Kudzu.

Commercial Street was lined with craft vendors and the downtown merchants and Cafe Tula Taqueria remained open to welcome shoppers. Over on Bangor, the festival's main stage showcased the talented lineup of artists performing traditional Irish music and dancing.

The seating stayed full, with folks out enjoying not only the festive song and dance, but also a return to socializing with friends and neighbors.



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A lucky leprechaun is caught on camera Saturday at the Hanceville Irish Festival.









