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WEATHER

‘It’s critical for folks not to let their guard down’

Cullman County facing severe weather threat from Wednesday morning through early Thursday

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CULLMAN COUNTY, Ala. – National Weather Service (NWS) Huntsville office Senior Meteorologist Andrew Pritchett told Cullman County Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) and local law enforcement staff in a web briefing Tuesday afternoon that Cullman County could see severe weather--including events of long-track tornadoes that could remain on the ground for extended periods, large hail, high winds and flash flooding--from 5 a.m. Wednesday through 3 a.m. Thursday.

While Pritchett advised that time frames are flexible and the types of storms coming are somewhat unpredictable in their specific effects, NWS is confident that a high risk of the listed significant weather events does exist for the time period.

Changes from earlier NWS briefings included:

- Severe weather in the form of damaging winds, tornadoes, large hail and flash flooding will impact our entire area though the day Wednesday and Wednesday night.
- NWS now has higher confidence in the potential for a few intense tornadoes.
- Three rounds of severe weather will be possible, throughout the day Wednesday into early Thursday.
- The window for the most significant severe weather has trended a little bit later than previously predicted. The greatest risk may occur with the third round of storms from » PAGE 2



CANVA

SPORTS

Cullman’s 6th grade girls capture 2021 TVBA Championship

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FLORENCE, Ala. – Cullman’s Tennessee Valley Basketball Association (TVBA) sixth grade girls team defeated the Ardmore Tigers 33-26 Sunday night to secure this year’s championship.

The girls competed at the league’s Regional tournament two weeks ago in Florence, Alabama.

The team, coached by Branch Whitlock, faced teams from Alabama, Tennessee and Mississippi at the regional competition and earned a spot in the league’s Final Four.

In the championship game against the Ardmore Tigers, Cullman’s Macie Manning drilled five three-pointers on her to being the game’s high scorer and Ella Gossett was selected as the Tournament MVP. Gossett, Manning, Madeline Hill, Lucie Adams and Molly Wilson were each selected for the All-Tournament Team as well.



BECCA HILL

Pictured left to right: Coach Branch Whitlock, Madeline Hill, Lucie Adams, Macie Manning, Ella Gossett, Isabelle Williams, Molly Wilson and Courtney Stewart

The TVBA is a competitive basketball league that began in 2004 for boys and girls, grades 1-6.

Today, the small summer league of six teams has grown to 250 teams in three states.

The Cullman teams compete at the Cullman Basketball Complex located at 1310 County Road 715 .

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Collision (from Front)

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CRANE HILL, Ala. – A single motor vehicle collision on Co. Rd. 940 claimed the life of a 16-year-old male early Tuesday afternoon. According to Cullman County Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick the male was an "unrestrained driver". from the Crane Hill community.

"At this time the name of the driver will not be released as he was a minor at the time of the incident," Kilpatrick said.

Ivey (from Front)

Office of Gov. Kay Ivey
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Gov. Kay Ivey on Tuesday issued a State of Emergency ahead of Wednesday's severe weather.

Said Ivey, "The threat for potentially dangerous weather is rising for much of Alabama tomorrow. Out of an abundance of caution, I have issued a state of emergency for all 67 counties to ensure we are ready to act in any way needed from the state level.

"Projections are showing that this will likely be a widespread event, with some of the most severe weather anticipated late Wednesday night into early Thursday morning. Please make preparations now in the event your area is impacted in some way. I will continue keeping a close eye on the system and encourage every Alabamian to do the same."

Cullman Power Board (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Those responsible for keeping the power on for the residents inside the city limits of Cullman have been preparing for possible outages connected with a strong storm system pushing its way through the region.

Mike Manning, general manager of Cullman Power Board (CPB), said if there is an outage in the region to report it when it occurs so they are able to respond quickly.

"CPB responds to service calls 24/7 by on-call personnel and added personnel as and when needed, in as much of a timely manner as possible," said Manning. "In case of an outage, CPB customers should call 256-734-2343 to report the outage. During regular workday hours, personnel are available for rapid response to customer needs."

With the threat of severe thunderstorms and possibility of tornadoes, Manning referred back to the National Weather Service when it comes to CPB customers preparing for a possible outage.

"The National Weather Service has stressed that, "all persons should be prepared in preparation for the approaching storm system and closely monitor all weather reports, watches and warnings,'" he said. The most important tip Manning offered was, "Do not go near or drive over downed power lines. Call CPB as quickly as possible to advise us of an outage or an unsafe condition."

To report an outage, CPB customers should call 256-734-2343.

Threat (from Front)

late Wednesday afternoon through early Thursday morning.

In graphics posted during the briefing, NWS noted:

First round of storms along the initial warm front 5 a.m. to 9 a.m. Wednesday

• A few storms could be strong to severe and be capable of producing localized damaging wind gusts, small hail and a tornado or two.

Second round of storms ahead of a secondary warm front 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday

• Scattered strong to severe storms will be possible during this window with large hail, damaging winds and a tornado or two.

• Important folks not let their guard down during the period. Main event will be arriving later in the evening and overnight.

Third round of storms late Wednesday afternoon through early Thursday morning

• Greatest potential for strong, long track tornadoes and more significant severe weather threats for storms that can develop within this air mass along and ahead of a cold front that will sweep through the region overnight.

• Could evolve into a flash flooding threat by early Thursday morning as severe storms exit the area.

Said Pritchett, "It's critical for folks not to let their guard down during this period. There'll be several storms out there, but the main event will be arriving kind of later on in the evening--late afternoon, evening and overnight period, as I mentioned. So, just because there may or may not be a watch out during this period, but it's critical for folks not to let their guard down. There's going to be more storms to come, especially later on in the day and the overnight hours."

The meteorologist also noted that, on Thursday, the potential for flooding will continue even after the worst storms have passed. Heavy rains will continue into the morning, and the ground is already saturated by Tuesday's rain, so rising water must be expected both Wednesday and Thursday.

Pritchett concluded, "This is an event that everybody in the Tennessee Valley needs to be aware of and be preparing for right now. We've got to take it seriously because the threats are definitely greater for this one."

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LEGALS

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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:

1998 Chevrolet Cavalier, Vin. #1G1JC1241WM121552
2012 Honda Shadow, Vin. #JH2RC5372CK201161
2014 Chevy Cruze, Vin. #1G1PC5SB3E7230480

These vehicles will be sold on Friday, April 23, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. for towing/storage fees if not claimed. Located at Hammock Auto Sales, 17 County Road 406, Cullman, Alabama 35057, 256-775-3754.

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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.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO. SM 2020 – 900839

HARMONY MOBILE HOME PARK, LLC

Plaintiff,

v.

JENNIFER L. BIRCHEAT and KENNETH I. BIRCHEAT,

Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

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

Done this 16th day of February, 2021

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

/s Shay Persall
Attorney for Plaintiff
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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 *
JOY LOU MURPHREE * CASE NO PC 2020-230
Deceased *

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to **James Buckelew,** as Personal Representatives of the Estate of Joy Lou Murphree, deceased, on the 12th day of March, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

James Buckelew
Personal Representative

C. Blake West
Attorney for Petitioner
1701 Main Avenue SW, Suite 5
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Tuesday, March 16, 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: 396,375 (+479 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in AL: 112,342 (+9 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in AL: 8,133 (+13 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in AL: 2,204
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,276 (+8 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 2,957 (+1 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 121 (+0 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 63
• Total tested in Cullman Co.: 38,417
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 3,103
• Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 336*
• Total tested in Alabama: 2,358,769
• Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 14,868*
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 170,007
• Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 420
• Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama (reported M-F): 46,939
• Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 303,746

*Important Notice: The ADPH processed a backlog of 4,007 cases March 14, 2021. These were classified as confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases reported March 15, 2021 even though the tests were performed from Oct. 1, 2020 through Jan. 1, 2021. (Note: This affected the 14-day case numbers as well.)

Vaccine details (updated Monday-Friday)

• Doses delivered to Alabama: 1,912,215
• Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 1,619,685
• Doses administered: 1,294,963
• Number of people receiving one or more doses: 816,936
• Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 496,068
• Doses delivered to federal Long-Term Care Program: 292,530
• Doses administered by the federal Long-Term Care Program: 84,448

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.

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported March 16

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported March 16, 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 15

- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; Lake George boat ramp; catalytic converter; $200

ARRESTS

March 15

Saucier, Ashton N.; 25
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Byess, Dawn C.; 41
- fourth-degree theft of property
- third-degree criminal trespass
- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Wilhite, Austin L.; 35
- FTA- driving without license

Spinks, Walter N.; 32
- FTA- insurance violation

Graves, Kevin D.; 34
- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Sparkman, Dustin R.; 44
- FTA- insurance violation (2 counts)
- driving without license
- expired tag
- driving while revoked

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

Items For Sale!

Special Edition Barbies - Millennium Princess and Pocahontas Winter Moon. Both still in box, in mint condition.

Hand blown Lenox Crystal glassware. Never used, excellent condition. Set of 4, black.

Royal Kent Bavarian Rose china. Set includes dinner plates, salad plates, soup bowls, platter, and creamer, but is missing sugar bowl and teacups. Barely used, in great condition.

Call or email for pricing and photos on all items.

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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!
- Saturday, April 3 2-5-p.m. - Easter Community Celebration. Free food, Easter Egg hunt, bouncy houses and games for children. Everyone invited!

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

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- 6-7 p.m. ler. miercoles del mes, En Su Tierra Cullman FUMC
- Despensas para la comunidad. No requiere ID. Entrega en su vehículo. Por favor use mascarilla.

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 Clean-up for City of Cullman Sanitation Customers
- March 29 – April 2, 2021
- Place your old unwanted appliances, furniture, mattresses, and other large items curbside on MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2021. Crews will be picking up these items throughout that week (separately from your regular garbage and recycling). This is a service provided to our customers at NO EXTRA CHARGE!
- There are some things we can't pick up, though. We CANNOT pick up rocks, dirt, bricks, concrete, construction materials, hazardous materials or tires. And due to the large volume of items to be picked up, we will not be picking up brush, tree limbs and other yard waste during the week of March 29-April 2, 2021.
- If you have any questions, please contact the City of Cullman Sanitation Department at 256-737-7560 or cityhall@cullmanal.gov.

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
- April 3, 2021
- 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.

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John Cox claims victory at Tackle Warehouse Pro Circuit on Lewis Smith Lake

Charity Muehlenweg
MLF

CULLMAN, Ala. – After leading the MLF Tackle Warehouse Pro Circuit presented by Bad Boy Mowers, Covercraft Stop 2 – Lewis Smith Lake for most of the event, it's no surprise that Berkley pro John Cox of DeBary, Florida, pulled out the win on Championship Sunday. What is surprising – and long overdue – is a win for the angler on Lewis Smith Lake in Cullman, Alabama – a fishery that has been antagonizing Cox for nearly a decade.

The 2016 FLW Cup Champion made the Top 10 on Lewis Smith Lake several times in the past with the Pro Circuit, including two previous runner-up finishes, but has never been able to seal the deal – until now.

The win put a $100,000 check in his pocket and added another piece of hardware to his already extensive trophy collection.

Pro Spencer Shuffield of Hot Springs, Arkansas, stalked the top spot throughout Sunday, making another big leap from seventh place into second with the biggest five-bass limit of the day – 17 pounds, 8 ounces – bringing his four-day total to 56 pounds, 11 ounces.

Although bites were stingy for the entire field, Cox's five-bass limit of 16 pounds, 10 ounces gave him a four-day total of 62 pounds, 4 ounces – and a solid 5-pound, 9-ounce lead to firmly secure the win.

Cox maintained the familiar strategy seen all week throughout the final day, refusing to allow himself to do what he does best – sight-fish.

Ultimately that proved to be the right call for the event, but Cox said a gut check late in the day is what sealed his victory on the northern Alabama fishery.

"I was idling to check-in when I realized I still had 7 minutes left to fish and called an audible – I was feeling sick because it felt like it just wasn't enough [weight]," said Cox.

"I knew someone was catching them. So, I pulled over to this pocket and fired my jig right down the drain.

"A 4-pounder came out and hit it but didn't take it – so, I killed it for a second and she ate it.

"I knew if I had a chance to win [a tournament on Smith] something magical had to happen. That was it."

Cox said he spent the week throwing a black-and-blue Dirty Jigs Swim Jig teamed with a Berkley PowerBait MaxScent Meaty Chunk.

"I put the trolling motor on high and swam that jig in and around every piece of shallow cover I could find in the pockets and creeks far up Ryan Creek," said Cox.

"I threw the jig on a 7-foot, 6-inch heavy Abu Garcia Fantasista Premier rod and an Abu Garcia Revo EXD 8:1 reel."

Cox said that rod and reel was a difference-maker, especially when the fish surprised him, and he needed to pick up the slack.

"This has been a really special week in so many ways," said Cox. "I love this place and love fishing on Smith Lake, even despite my history – so this win is incredible."



ROB MATSUURA/MLF

Florida's John Cox hoists the trophy at Sunday's championship weigh-in of this weekend's MLF Tackle Warehouse Pro Circuit event on Smith Lake.

The top 10 pros on Lewis Smith Lake finished:

- **1st:** John Cox, DeBary, Fla., 20 bass, 62-4, $100,500
- **2nd:** Spencer Shuffield, Hot Springs, Ark., 20 bass, 56-11, $30,000
- **3rd:** Cody Meyer, Star, Idaho, 19 bass, 55-8, $25,200
- **4th:** Kyle Cortiana, Coweta, Okla., 20 bass, 53-11, $20,000
- **5th:** Kyle Hall, Grandbury, Texas, 20 bass, 53-9, $19,000
- **6th:** Tai Au, Glendale, Ariz., 20 bass, 52-2, $18,500
- **7th:** Zack Birge, Blanchard, Okla., 20 bass, 50-14, $17,500
- **8th:** Justin Cooper, Zwolle, La., 20 bass, 50-3, $16,000
- **9th:** Cole Floyd, Leesburg, Ohio, 20 bass, 47-15, $15,000
- **10th:** Troy Morrow, Eastanollee, Ga., 17 bass, 42-15, $14,000

For a full list of results visit MajorLeagueFishing.com.

Overall, there were 47 bass weighing 127 pounds, 12 ounces, caught by 50 pros on Friday, which included nine five-bass limits.

The MLF Tackle Warehouse Pro Circuit presented by Bad Boy Mowers, Covercraft Stop 2 – Lewis Smith Lake was hosted by the Cullman Area Local Organizing Committee.

The MLF Tackle Warehouse Pro Circuit presented by Bad Boy Mowers, Covercraft Stop 2 – Lewis Smith Lake will feature live on-the-water coverage and a two-hour action-packed television show that will premiere on the Outdoor Channel on Sunday, July 18 from 7 to 9 a.m. ET and re-air on the Sportsman Channel this fall.

In Tackle Warehouse Pro Circuit competition, the full field of 163 anglers competed in the two-day opening round on Thursday and Friday.

The field was cut to 50 anglers on Saturday.

The top 10 pros based on their three-day cumulative weight advanced to Sunday where the winner was determined by the heaviest accumulated weight from all four days of competition.

Throughout the season, anglers are also vying for valuable points in hopes of qualifying for the 2021 Tackle Warehouse Pro Circuit TITLE presented by Mercury, the Pro Circuit Championship, where they will compete for up to $235,000.

The 2021 TITLE will be on the Mississippi River in La Crosse, Wisconsin on Aug. 17-22, and is hosted by Explore La Crosse.

For complete details and updated information visit MajorLeagueFishing.com. For regular updates, photos, tournament news and more, follow the Tackle Warehouse Pro Circuit presented by Bad Boy Mowers on the MLF BIG5's social media outlets at Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

SEC CHAMPS! Alabama's record-breaking season Continues with 2021 SEC Tournament Championship

UA Athletics
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NASHVILLE, Tenn. – No. 6/5 Alabama captured the 2021 Southeastern Conference Tournament championship with a 80-79 victory over LSU in Sunday's title game. It marks the seventh SEC Tournament trophy in Crimson Tide history and the first in 30 years, dating back to 1991.

Combined with winning the program's eighth SEC regular-season title, the Tide has now claimed a combined 15 SEC Championships in school history. The seven SEC Tournament titles rank second in conference history as UA becomes the first team since Kentucky in 2017 to win both the regular season and tournament championships in the same season. Other tournament titles include: 1934, 1982, 1987, 1989, 1990 and 1991.

The Tide owns a record of 70-53 (.569) in all-time SEC Tournament games, ranking second in tournament winning percentage and third in total tournament wins.

Team Stats

- In a game that featured 16 ties and five lead changes, Alabama captured its first SEC Tournament Championship in 30 years, the first since 1991
- Alabama set the school record for 80-point games in a single season, improving to 18-0 this season when reaching the mark
- The Tide improved to 7-7 record in SEC Tournament Championship games and ranks second in the conference in both conference tournament winning percentage and league titles won
- The Tide will take a six-game winning streak into the NCAA Tournament
- Jahvon Quinerly was named the tourney's Most Outstanding Player, while Herbert Jones was named to the all-tournament team
- Herbert Jones recorded his second straight double-double of the tournament with 13 points and 11 rebounds while dishing out six assists
- Alabama shot 43 percent (33-of-76) from the field and grabbed 50 rebounds with 28 points coming by way of the Tide bench while holding LSU to 41 percent (30-of-74) and 43 rebounds with zero points coming from the Tiger reserves

First Half

- Alabama jumped out to an early lead by scoring the game's first eight points to force an early timeout by the Vols in the first two minutes of action
- With the Tide leading 13-7 with 15:30 left in the first half, LSU went on an 8-0 run to take their first lead of the game, 15-13, at the 13:40 mark
- Alabama used a 5-0 spurt to regain the lead with the two teams trading baskets to leave UA holding on to a 24-19 advantage with 8:16 remaining in the first half
- The Tigers responded with an 14-5 run that gave LSU the upper hand, 37-33, with just 2:13 to play in the first stanza, however, Alabama finished the half on a 7-0 run to take 40-37 lead into the locker room

Second Half

- The first five minutes of the second half went back-and-forth with LSU holding a 50-47 lead with 14:02 left to play
- Alabama used a 6-0 run to take a 56-52 lead before LSU responded with an 8-0 run to take back the 60-56 lead
- The Tide fired back with a 13-3 run over the next 3:17 to lead 69-63 with 6:54 remaining in the final half
- Both teams went back-and-forth down the stretch, with each making big plays
- Alabama pushed its lead to 76-71 with a 5-0 run, but the Tigers took the 77-76 lead with a 6-0 run of its own with just one minute to play
- Trailing by one, Jones made the game-winning lay-up with 19 seconds remaining and the UA defense held for the final stop to seal the victory

With the win, Alabama has earned the No. 2 seed in the 2021 NCAA Tournament and will face No. 15 seed Iona Saturday, March 20, in Indianapolis, Ind. The exact time and location will be announced at a later date.

The Crimson Tide (23-6) earned the No. 2 seed in the East Region following its first SEC Tournament title since 1991, which put an exclamation point UA's historic season.

The No. 2 seed matches the highest NCAA Tournament seed in program history, with the 2002 team also earning the No. 2 seed.

This season marks Alabama's 21st NCAA Tournament appearance in program history The Tide owns a 19-20 (.487) record in NCAA tourney play, with the 2004 team advancing the farthest in program history, reaching the Elite 8.



UA ATHLETICS

The Alabama Crimson Tide defeated LSU 80-79 Sunday to claim this year's SEC Tournament Championship.

NCAA Tournament Notes

- The tournament appearance is the Tide's 21st in program history, and first since 2018
- The winner of the Alabama vs. Iona game will advance to face the winner of the matchup between No. 7 UConn and No. 10 Maryland on Monday, 22
- This is Nate Oats' fourth NCAA Tournament appearance as a head coach, with the others coming in 2016, 2018 and 2019
- Iona owns a record of 12-5 overall and 6-3 in MAAC action, reaching the NCAA Tournament by winning the conference tournament title over Fairfield (60-51)

For all the latest information on the team, follow AlabamaMBB on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. General athletic news can be found @UA_Athletics on Twitter and Instagram and Alabama Athletics on Facebook.

‘A good day’: Auburn kicks off first spring under Harsin

Greg Ostendorf
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. – It was a beautiful spring afternoon Monday, and emanating from the Auburn football practice fields, you could hear the sound of whistles. You could hear coaches yelling, players grunting, the buzzer going off after each period.

Spring football is back on the Plains.

“Today is going to be a good day,” new head coach Bryan Harsin said.

With Harsin on board, spring might look a little different for the Tigers this year. If nothing else, this will be the first time Harsin and his coaching staff will have the opportunity to work with the players on the field, outside of the weight room and conditioning.

“We’ll learn a lot from this first day,” Harsin said. “What I believe about anything you get a chance to do the first time, you get one shot to make a first impression. I think that’s important for players and coaches and everybody to understand. This is the first time for this staff and this team to be together in real football setting.

“So I hope everybody comes out there and puts their best foot forward and we have a really focused day, we have a day where our effort is high and we get a lot done.”

Auburn won’t break out the pads until later in the week, but Monday’s practice is expected to include various individual drills and circuits before the team gets into offense, defense and 11-on-11 against one another. The Tigers will practice seven times over the next two weeks, take a week off and then return for two more weeks of practice leading up to the spring game on Saturday, April 17.

Over the course of the next month, Harsin and his staff are hoping to begin implementing their systems while also getting to know the players and seeing their skill sets.

There’s a sense of newness not only for Harsin going through his first spring practice with Auburn after spending the past seven seasons at Boise State but also for the Auburn players who haven’t been through spring practice since 2019 after last year was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“The only way to improve in anything is to go out there and actually do it,” Harsin said. “So not having a chance to train, not having a chance for spring practices, I think that affected a lot of teams last year. I know there are a lot of teams already in spring practice, there are teams getting ready for spring practice. Every coach and every player in America right now is as happy as can be to go out there and compete and get these practices in.”

If the effort and energy in the weight room and in conditioning in the weeks leading up to spring practice were any indication, it should be a spirited and competitive spring for the Tigers.

Harsin mentioned linebackers Owen Pappoe and Zakoby McClain, as well as quarterback Bo Nix, running back Tank Bigsby and offensive lineman Tashawn Manning as guys who have stepped up as leaders – but said it was “more team-driven” in terms of overall improvement.

“We’ll see how that translates into practice,” Harsin said. “What’s the effort going to look like? What’s that mentality as we get out there? When we start competing 11-on-11, how are guys going to respond? Are they going to continue to compete or do guys start to pull themselves back a little bit? We don’t know yet, but we’ll see what that looks like as we get into practice.

“This work in the weight room, the work we’re going to get on the field, it is critical, it is vital, and it is something that I know everybody is looking forward to.”


TODD VAN EMST/AU ATHLETICS
Auburn Head Coach Bryan Harsin at the Tigers’ first spring practice Monday

WHAT HARSIN IS SAYING...

On the winter conditioning program...

“I think everybody was really trying to make sure that they were doing their best at what it is they were asked to do. So, I thought the attitude and effort of the entire team was very good. Early on it was challenging and as they got stronger and they got better – it wasn’t so much the workouts got easier, I think our players just got better as the workouts went on.”

On Bo Nix learning a new system this spring...

“Right now, where Bo is at, it’s his third offense. I remember myself when I played, there were four different head coaches and four different systems. I always appreciate that at the quarterback position – and for all the players on each side of the ball – you’ve got to learn something new.

“It’s a little different language. You’ve got to apply it. That takes a lot of time, and I think that’s underestimated when there’s a change and players have to learn something new. That takes a tremendous amount of time to do that and a lot of energy, a lot of focus and a lot of dedication to have yourself ready.”

On how practices will be run...

“We’ll compete and we’ll have those different tempos in there. But what I want to do early on, and what we’ve talked about as a staff, is just establish our habits in practice – how we get to the football, how we get off from the sideline to the field, how we transition from drill to drill – and really making sure the expectations of how we practice get installed as much as our systems. The better we do that; I think the more physical we can be in practice – when we want to be.”

SPRING INJURY REPORT

- Out: Brandon Council and Shedrick Jackson
- Out/Limited: Ze’Vian Capers, Marco Domio and Zion Puckett
- Limited: Ahmari Harvey and Desmond Tisdol

Commission (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Commission declared a State of Emergency for Cullman County Tuesday evening ahead of the severe weather expected Wednesday morning through the early morning hours Thursday. The decision was made as a result of Cullman County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director Phyllis Little’s update during the commission’s work session.

“Expect three rounds,” Little said.

She explained that the first round is expected between 5-9 a.m., the second round between 11 a.m.-6 p.m. and round three between 7 p.m.-2 a.m.

“We are looking at the whole gamut. Long-track are tornadoes possible, large hail, golf ball (sized) or larger, with the more unstable air in place at night. It’s going to be important for people to pay attention,” Little said.

She said the EMA was advised to prepare for wind gusts from 60-80 mph, downed power lines and trees, power outages and an additional 2-4 inches of rain. Little warned that the additional rain could wreak havoc on already saturated soil conditions. Flash flooding and additional flooding, especially in low-lying areas, are expected.

The commissioners and Little stressed the importance of having a plan in place now. Cullman area storm shelters will be open, and the updated list of the shelters’ locations are posted on the Cullman EMA Facebook page, website and app.

The County’s local State of Emergency declaration followed the statewide State of Emergency issued by Gov. Kay Ivey earlier Tuesday.

Nurses (from Front)

Tara Hutchison
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Data collected and analyzed by the Alabama Department of Labor’s Labor Market Information (LMI) Division shows that the five occupations with the most online wanted ads were registered nurses, retail salespersons, sales representatives, customer service representatives and truck drivers, with 9,729 ads placed for those occupations in January.

As of January, total ads were down 2.6% with 24,565 new online ads.

The HWOL data is compiled from all online job postings in the state, including those posted on the state’s free online jobs database, AlabamaWorks.alabama.gov, and other sources such as traditional job boards, corporate boards and social media sites.

Ten percent of job ads have salaries of $75,000 and above; 15% have salaries in the $50-75,000 range; 20% have salaries in the $35-49,000 range and 55% have salaries of $35,000 or under.

The top three employers posting ads in January were: UAB Health System (1,055), the University of Alabama at Birmingham (795) and Lowe’s (774). These were followed by Huntsville Hospital (547), CVS (505), the University of South Alabama (449), Advance Auto Parts (442), St. Vincent’s Health System (410), Baptist Health (335) and Encompass Health (310), to round out the top 10 employers with the most online ads.

Carpenters are the focus of this month’s in-depth analysis by the LMI division. The median annual salary is advertised as $35,784, with 25% earning more than $41,435. Drywall skills offer a salary premium.

Cullman Electric Co-op (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – As residents prepare for yet another round of thunderstorms and high winds following Monday’s storms and Tuesday’s early morning flooding in parts of the county, the Cullman Electric Cooperative (CEC) is prepared to respond if needed to restore power if the next round of storms Wednesday force lines down.

CEC Manager of Communications & External Affairs Brian Lacy said that no issues were caused during the first wave of storms; however, that hasn’t deterred CEC from preparing for outages across the county. One key to keeping the power on is by reporting outages.

“The key here is reporting your power outage. Do not assume the co-op already knows or that your neighbor has reported an outage,” Lacy said. “Once an outage is reported, our outage management system identifies your location, and combined with other reported outages can determine the scope of the outage.”

While most outages are reported by members, Lacy said the outage management system helps prepare linemen for the trouble ahead. Once on scene and with the situation assessed, the CEC will then have a clearer picture of how long an outage may continue.

“Some outage causes can be determined using this data, but often it still requires a crew being dispatched to the location to find the specific cause of the outage. Once the cause is known, crews can obtain the needed materials and begin construction repairs,” he said. “Depending on the type of repair, the location, the ongoing weather and the number of other outages, it can take a few hours- or in severe weather events- much longer, to restore power to everyone.”

Proper preparation prevents poor outcomes when it comes to safety precautions. Lacy had a few tips on how to stay prepared, before, during and after the storm.

“First, make sure you have a way to stay weather aware, such as a weather radio or a reliable weather app on your phone. Know where the safe space is in your home, and if you live in a manufactured home, know where the nearest community storm shelter is and how long it takes to get there. Have an emergency kit that includes water, batteries and some canned goods,” he said.

To report an outage, call 256-737-3201 or 800-242-1806 or text #OUT to 85700. Confirm your address, and your outage will be registered in the CEC’s outage management system.





WEATHER

Updated list of community storm shelters

Cullman EMA, W.C. Mann
Contributors

CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) offered this updated list of available storm shelters ahead of Wednesday's storms. Storms from around 5 a.m. Wednesday through 3 a.m. Thursday will be significant and could be dangerous. If you are not in a substantial structure, please go to a shelter. For the safety of shelter occupants, especially small children, please do not take pets to shelters unless one specifically notes that it is pet-friendly.

Town of Baileyton - 3 Shelters
- 112 Fairview Rd. - holds 96+ people
- 130 Cemetery Rd. - 86+
- 600 Fire Station Rd. - 86+
- Operated by Town of Baileyton

Berlin Volunteer Fire Department (in the old VFD building behind the new building), 3581 U.S. Hwy. 278 E, Berlin - 40+
- Operated by Berlin VFD

Bethsadia Volunteer Fire Department (VFD), 454 Co. Rd. 804 - 86+
- Operated by Bethsadia VFD

Brushy Pond Senior Center, 2729 Co. Rd. 143, Bremen - 48+
- Operated by Senior Center

Chapel Village/Jones Chapel, 74 Co. Rd. 1034 (just off Hwy 278) - 96+
- Always open

Colony Senior Center, 12980 AL Hwy. 91 S - 48+
- Operated by Senior Center

Town of Colony, 65 Byars Rd. (Adjacent to town hall) - 86+
- Operated by Town of Colony

Crane Hill Senior Center, Basement of Cullman County Sheriff's Office Satellite Station, 15140 Co. Rd. 222, Crane Hill - 100
- Operated by Crane Hill VFD

Cullman Senior Center, 1539 Sportsman Lake Rd. - 89+
- Operated by Senior Center

City of Cullman - 2 shelters
- 1511 Sportsman Lake Rd. (across from Cullman Co Fairgrounds) 396+, kenneled small animals allowed
- Beech Center, 1803 Beech Ave. SE - 150+
- Operated by Cullman PD

Town of Dodge City, 130 Howard Cir. (Town Hall Basement) - Unknown capacity
- Operated by Town of Dodge City

Dodge City VFD #2, 7150 Co. Rd. 223 - 96+
- Operated by DCVFD

Fairview Housing Authority, 96 Countryside Acres Rd. - 96+
- Always Open

Town of Garden City, 501 1st Ave. SW (by Town Hall) - 396+
- Operated by Town of Garden City

City of Good Hope - 3 Shelters
- 134 Municipal Dr. (City Hall Basement) - 75+
- 301 Day Gap Rd. - 96+
- 301 Municipal Dr. (Behind City Hall) - 96+
- Operated by City of Good Hope

Gold Ridge VFD, 5225 Co. Rd. 1545 - 96+
- Operated by GRVFD

City of Hanceville - 3 Shelters
- 202 Bangor Ave. (Behind City Hall) - 96+
- 203 Michelle St. NW (CW Day Park) - 96+
- 1407 Commercial St. (Steppville) 96+
- Operated by Hanceville PD

Hanceville Senior Center, 1500 Spruce St. SE (behind Senior Center) - 48+
- Operated by Senior Center

Town of Holly Pond, 60 Finley Rd. (Adjacent to town hall) - 86+
- Operated by Town of Holly Pond

Logan VFD, 4203 Co. Rd. 818 Logan - 96+
- Operated by Logan VFD

Smith Lake Park, 416 Co. Rd. 385 (Behind Office) - 96+
- Operated by County Park & Recreation

Stony Lonesome Park, 10075 AL Hwy. 69 S - 2 units 144
- Operated by County Park & Recreation

Town of South Vinemont, 60 Ridgeway St. (behind VPVFD #2) - 192
- Operated by VPVFD

Vinemont/Providence VFD #1, 576 Co. Rd. 1355 - 192+
- Operated by VPVFD

Walter VFD, next to Dollar General, 32655 Ala. Hwy. 91, Cullman (Walter community) - 70
- Operated by Walter VFD

Town of West Point - 2 Shelters
- 3990 Co. Rd. 1141 (next to Town Hall) - 96+
- 11160 AL Hwy. 157 (behind WPVFD #1) - 96+
- Operated by Town of West Point



Know the Difference

Tornado Watch—*Conditions are favorable for tornadoes to occur in and around the Watch Area.*

Review your emergency plans, check your supplies and your safe room. Be ready to act quickly if a warning is issued or you suspect a tornado is approaching your location.

Tornado Warning—*A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Tornado warnings indicate immediate danger to life and property. Go immediately to an underground basement, storm shelter, or an interior room (closet, hallway, or bathroom).*



CONTACTS

EMERGENCIES ONLY.....911

Non-Emergency Numbers:

County Commission.....256-775-4878
E-911 Administrative Office.....256-734-0911
Commission on Aging.....256-734-1241

Sheriff's Office.....256-734-0342
County Animal Control.....256-734-5448

County Fire.....256-739-4455

Cullman Police Dept.....256-775-7160
Cullman Fire Rescue.....256-775-7186
Cullman City Animal Control.....256-775-7145

Hanceville Police Dept.....256-352-9811
Hanceville Fire Rescue.....256-352-9811

Cullman EMS.....256-734-1524

American Red Cross/Cullman.....256-352-1208

Cullman County Emergency Management Agency

256.739.5410 Office
256.737.0876 FAX

NOAA Weather Radio
Information for Cullman County

Frequency: 162.450 MHz
SAME Code: 001043

Rules for Community Shelters

1. **No pets.** Only service animals for the disabled are allowed in the shelter.
2. **No smoking.** Smoking is not allowed inside the shelter.
3. **No alcohol.** Consumption of alcohol is not allowed in or around the shelter.
4. **No drugs.** Use of "recreational drugs" is not allowed in or around the shelter.
5. **No firearms or weapons of any kind are allowed in shelters.**

These rules are strictly enforced for each of the shelters on the list. Other rules, specific to each shelter, may be in place and shall be followed.

Shelters will be opened during a Tornado Watch and/or a Tornado Warning. The shelters will be closed as soon as the danger has passed and the watch has been canceled by the NWS or allowed to expire.

**It is highly recommended that those seeking shelter in the City of Cullman use the Community Shelter on Sportsman Lake Rd across from the Cullman Co Fairgrounds or the basement at the Beech Center.

Become familiar with shelters located nearest your home. Monitor weather conditions and remain alert for sudden changes.

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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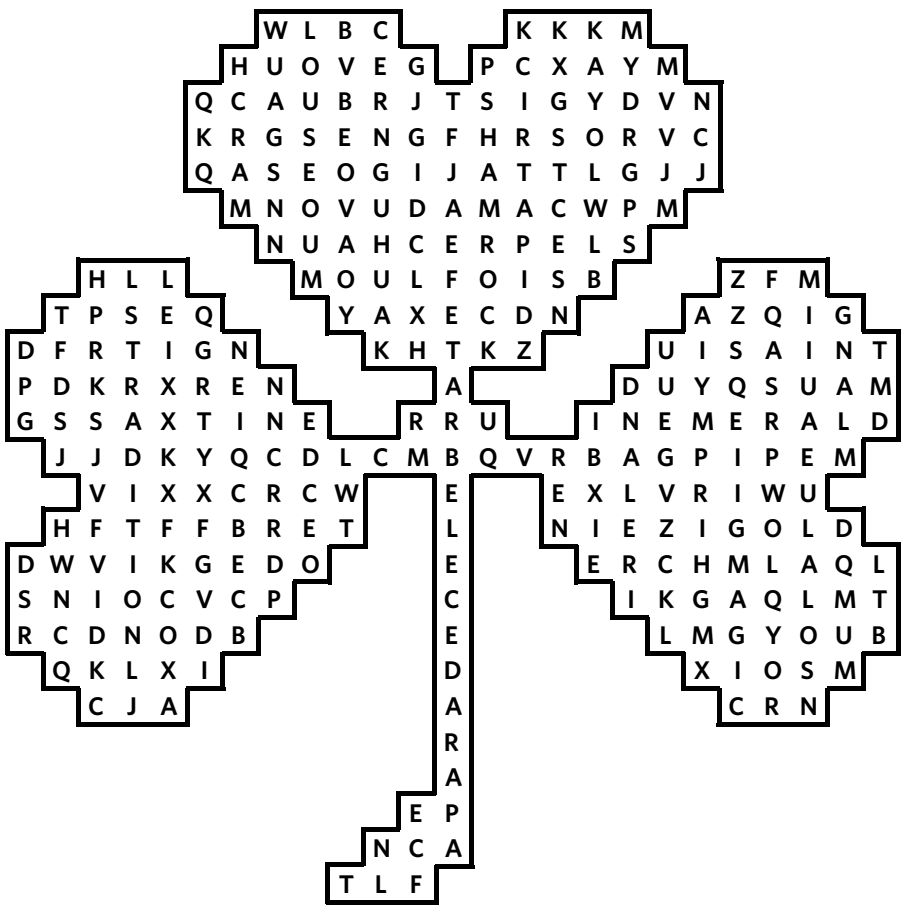
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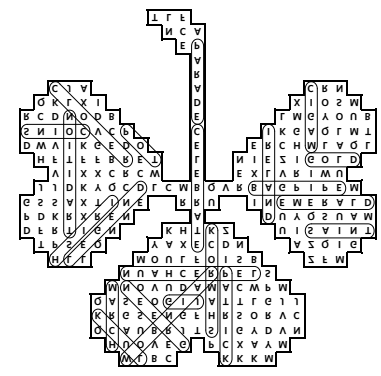
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State's January unemployment rate is 4.3%, Cullman rate of 2.5% 3rd lowest

Tara Hutchison
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Alabama Department of Labor Secretary Fitzgerald Washington announced Monday that Alabama's preliminary, seasonally adjusted January 2021 unemployment rate is 4.3%, down from December 2020's revised rate of 4.7%* and above January 2020's rate of 2.7%. January's rate represents 97,726 unemployed persons, compared to 106,318 in December and 59,405 in January 2020.

Cullman County's rate for January 2021 is 2.5%, up slightly from December's rate of 2.1% and below January 2020's rate of 2.8%. Cullman County's rate is currently the third lowest in the state.

"As we begin a new year, it's encouraging to see our monthly unemployment rate drop, marking a new record low since the pandemic began," said Washington. "While we are still not where we were before this year of massive change, we are making progress. More people were employed this month, and fewer were unemployed, which is always good news."

January's rate represents 2,160,347 employed persons, compared to 2,157,736 in December and 2,180,872 in January 2020. Wage and salary employment decreased in January by 28,600. Monthly gains were seen in the mining and logging sector (+300), while the following sectors showed decreases: the trade, transportation, and utilities sector (-11,400), the professional and business services sector (-4,500) and the leisure and hospitality sector (-3,800) among others. Over the year, wage and salary employment decreased by 69,500, with losses in the leisure and hospitality sector (-20,500), the education and health services sector (-11,100) and the government sector (-10,000) among others.

"It is not uncommon for the number of jobs to drop from December to January," continued Washington. "This happens nearly every year and is related to holiday and seasonal employment ending. Combined with the extraordinary circumstances of the last year, it's not surprising to see job losses. However, the trends of the past few months indicate that we will likely soon begin to see the jobs number climb again."

Counties with the lowest unemployment rates are Shelby County at 2.3%, Blount County at 2.4% and Limestone and Cullman counties at 2.5%. Counties with the highest unemployment rates are Wilcox County at 12.4%, Lowndes County at 12.1%, and Perry County at 9.5%. Major cities with the lowest unemployment rates are Vestavia Hills at 1.9%, Alabaster and Homewood at 2.0% and Madison at 2.2%. Major cities with the highest unemployment rates are Prichard at 11.5%, Selma at 10.9% and Bessemer at 7.9%.

*December's rate was revised due to a process known as annual benchmarking. The Bureau of Labor Statistics completes this process each year and generally revises preliminary numbers as they firm up preliminary data and reassess seasonal adjustments.



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