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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

## Cullman City Council creates court diversion program

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – The Cullman City Council Monday evening passed an ordinance to establish a pretrial diversion program for Cullman's municipal court. The ordinance was approved after suspension of rules of procedure, to allow a vote on its first reading.

The ordinance states that "the City of Cullman through its Municipal Court system wishes to establish a pretrial diversion program to prevent future criminal activity among certain offenders by diverting them from traditional processing into community supervision and services, to save prosecutive and judicial resources for concentration on major cases and to provide, where appropriate, a vehicle for restitution to communities and victims of crime."

The program will be under the supervision of the presiding Municipal Court Judge, currently Jason Knight. Participants must enter voluntarily and pay a fee to do so. Following successful completion of the program, the charges that brought the defendant to the court will be dismissed. If the defendant does not successfully complete the program, he or she will return to the court with charges reinstated.

Admittance into the program will be at » PAGE 7

– ENTERTAINMENT –

## 10th annual Rock the South set for Aug. 13-14

### The South's biggest party is back




ROCK THE SOUTH

*Health, safety and well-being will be a top priority at this year's Rock the South.*

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – Rock the South (RTS) promoters announced Monday morning that the festival will return the weekend of Aug. 13-14, 2021 after it was put on hold in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions.

"We are excited to welcome everyone back this August and are excited about the huge lineup for 2021," said Cullman City Mayor Woody Jacobs. "The health, safety and well-being of our employees, guests and event participants will remain a top priority for both the City of Cullman and Pepsi Rock the South organizers."

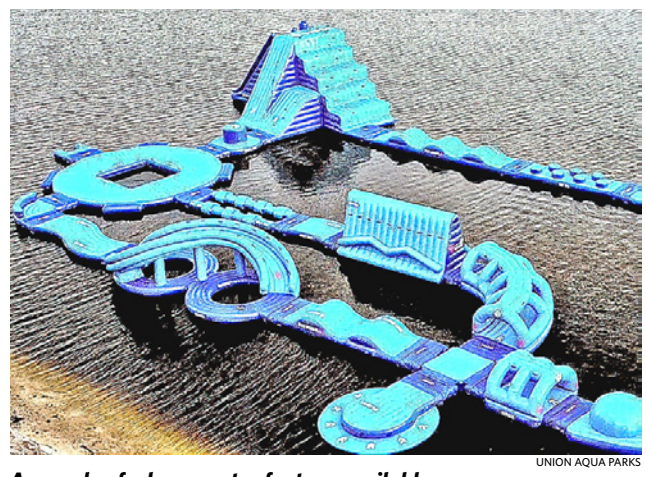
Shane Quick, partner-Pepsi Rock the South, said that with an incredible lineup of musicians, fans will again enjoy hearing live music in beautiful Cullman, Alabama. A release sent to The Cullman Tribune, an official media partner of RTS, stated, "After much planning and research over the past several months, event organizers and the City of Cullman believe that late summer will be the perfect time to bring the event back for its 10th year."

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

## Cullman RV park to add recreational water feature

### Water park will be largest of its kind in Alabama



UNION AQUA PARKS

*A sample of a large water feature available from Union Aqua Parks.* » PAGE 7

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

## Town of Baileyton presents checks to VFD, Parkside Outreach



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

*Mayor Windell Calloway along with the Baileyton Town Council present Parkside Outreach Director Jennifer Harlow with a check for $1,200.* » PAGE 7

PET OF THE WEEK

## Relax with Eric!



CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

*Eric* » PAGE 6

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CRIME

# Arrests and incidents reported March 18-21

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – Below are the arrests and incidents reported March 18-21, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

**CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**INCIDENTS**

**March 18**
- burglary; Hwy. 278 W.
- theft of property; CR 585
- domestic violence; CR 601
- harassment; Davis Gap RD
- domestic violence; CR 1515

**March 19**
- harassment; CR 223
- domestic violence; CR 940
- harassment; CR 1486

**March 20**
- harassment; Hwy. 91
- domestic violence; Clover LN SE
- reckless endangerment; CR 1419
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 233
- unlawful possession of marijuana; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1282

**March 21**
- domestic violence; Hwy. 278 E.
- burglary; CR 1754
- theft of property; CR 869
- theft of property; 2nd Ave SW

**ARRESTS**

**March 18**

**Drake, Thomas Walton; 35**
- FTA- burglary-residence-force (3 counts)

**Hook, Kodi Jacob; 26**
- FTA- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- illegal possession/use of a credit/debit card

**Johns, Christopher Wayne; 41**
- FTA- driving while license suspended

**Jones, Jeremy Ray; 42**
- Sex Offense-sexual abuse of child less than 12-years-old

**Long, Justin Lee; 29**
- flight/escape-escape

**Mickle, Daniel Joseph; 38**
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- second-degree possession of marijuana
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

**Peak, Robert Alan; 30**
- flight/escape-escape

**Sims, Taleigha Dionne; 34**
- FTA- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Wade, Kailee Marie; 21**
- assault-child abuse-simple-family

**Woods, Aaron Blake; 20**
- FTA- minor in possession of alcohol
- FTA- illegal possession of alcohol

**March 19**

**Davis, Stephen Austin; 24**
- FTA- assault-harassment

**Dooley, Tyler Dwight; 27**
- Violation of Release Order- Murder (2 counts)
- flight/escape- escape

**Heald, Nathan Andrew; 35**
- FTA- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA- possession of marijuana
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

**Parton, Amanda Carolyn; 32**
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

**Patterson, Dawson Joe; 23**
- FTA- assault-aggravated assault family-gun
- FTA- liquor law violation-underage purchase/consumption/possession

**Roberson, Phillip Mark; 61**
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

**Sapp, Jacquelyn Fyffe; 46**
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

**Schafer, Cristina Lynn; 42**
- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree possession of marijuana
- possession of dangerous drugs

**Waters, Jamie Ray; 37**
- burglary-non-residence-force

**March 20**

**Denny, Christopher Robin; 54**
- FTA- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA- family offense-failure to make child attend school

**Freeman, John Steven; 27**
- FTA- possession of methamphetamine
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- second-degree possession of marijuana

**Moreno Jr., Jonathan Scott; 26**
- assault-child abuse-simple-family
- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Parker, John Fredric; 28**
- assault-domestic-coercion (harassment/intimidation)

**Swope Jr., Michael Dean; 35**
- Public Order Crimes-failure to register (two-time felon)
- Public Order Crimes-failure of ex-felon to report change of address (2 counts)

**Thrasher, Kelsie Paige; 23**
- assault-child abuse-simple-family

**March 21**

**Grimmett, Terry William; 57**
- FTA- Sex Offense- failure of adult sex offender to register with local law enforcement

**Hogan, Randall Dewayne; 64**
- assault-aggravated assault-menacing-gun
- assault-discharging firearm inside occupied dwelling/shooting into occupied building
- assault-reckless endangerment

**CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**INCIDENTS**

**March 16**
- third-degree criminal trespass; Cullman Manor; Harmony LN. SW

**March 18**
- fourth-degree theft of property; criminal trespass; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; miscellaneous; $5
- leaving scene of accident; person; damage to '18 Chevy Silverado; $1,000

**March 20**
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; miscellaneous charges
- third-degree domestic violence-harassment; person; 3rd Ave NE
- third-degree criminal trespass; St. Paul's Lutheran Church; 4th Ave SE
- fourth-degree theft of property; The Foundry; 2nd Ave SW; miscellaneous; $25
- assault; person; Tally Ho St. SW
- fourth-degree theft of property; Hwy. 157; miscellaneous; $25

**March 21**
- third-degree criminal trespass; The Foundry; 2nd Ave SW; miscellaneous
- fourth-degree theft of property; The Foundry; 2nd Ave SW; miscellaneous; $65
- fourth-degree theft of property; The Foundry; 2nd Ave SW; miscellaneous; $45

**ARRESTS**

**March 19**

**Davis, Alexandria L.; 28**
- public intoxication
- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Maddox, Dusty G.;35**
- FTA- DUI
- FTA- driving while suspended

**Sapp, Jacquelyn F.; 46**
- fourth-degree theft of property
- third-degree criminal trespass
- false information to law enforcement
- FTA- false information to law enforcement
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

**Perales; Salomon A.; 28**
- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
- FTA- following too close
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- fail to signal

**Schafer, Cristina L.; 42**
- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance
- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- promoting prison contraband

**Perez, Joel D.; 22**
- DUI

**Stover, Tevin O.; 28**
- FTA- Violation Protection Order

**Oden, Cary J.; 25**
- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- illegal possession of prescription drugs

**March 20**

**Townson, Terry W.; 39**
- FTA- second-degree possession of marijuana
- FTA- driving while revoked (3 counts)
- FTA- insurance violation (4 counts)
- FTA- failure to register vehicle (4 counts)
- FTA- running red light

**Runyon, Jeremy A.; 33**
- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- attempt to elude
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property (3 counts)
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespass (3 counts)
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana (2 counts)

**Pugh, Ashley C.; 21**
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (3 counts)
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespass (2 counts)
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

**Graham, Asia R.; 30**
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
- FTA- insurance violation

**Reynolds, Kristopher A.; 35**
- FTA- switched tag
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- driving without license (2 counts)
- FTA- fail to signal

**Daugherty, Chad S.; 30**
- FTA- reckless endangerment
- FTA- reckless driving
- FTA- speeding
- FTA- attempt to elude
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
- FTA- running stop sign (6 counts)
- FTA- driving while revoked

**League, Cobie T.; 22**
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

**Bevington, Ronald E.; 52**
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespass (3 counts)
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property (3 counts)

**Rajput, Shaina M.; 35**
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespass (2 counts)
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

**Payne, Tommy J.; 47**
- third-degree forgery (2 counts)
- third-degree possession of forged instrument (2 counts)

**Slate, Russell J.; 40**
- third-degree domestic violence-harassment

**Wateres, Kendra S.; 26**
- public intoxication

**Hines, Timmy L.; 58**
- fourth-degree theft of property

**March 21**

**Payne, Tommy J.; 47**
- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance

**Gorse, Shelly D.; 38**
- third-degree criminal trespass

**Kilpatrick, Tabatha L.; 31**
- FTA- fail to signal
- FTA- running stop sign

**Watson, Ryan A.; 31**
- fourth-degree theft of property

**Ramon, Rolando A.; 29**
- fourth-degree theft of property

**Riggs, Destiny V.; 21**
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespass (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- third-degree domestic violence (2 counts)

**HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

No incidents or arrests reported.

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




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Monday, March 22, 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: 398,796 (+184 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 112,983 (+135 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 8,226 (+0 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 2,210
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,317 (+1 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 2,974 (+1 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 123 (+0 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 62
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 38,731
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 2,441
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 285
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,379,815
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 12,060
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 148,852
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 378
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama (reported M-F): 47,213
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 310,742

**Vaccine details (updated Monday-Friday)**
- Doses delivered to Alabama: 2,080,695
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 1,724,975
- Doses administered: 1,434,782
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 911,175
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 550,869
- Doses delivered to federal Long-Term Care Program: 355,720

Alabamians in Phases 1a, 1b and 1c are now eligible to receive a vaccine.

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

**DAILY UPDATE FROM ADPH**

**Safer at Home Order amended to reflect latest CDC school social distancing guidance**

The Safer at Home order issued on March 4, 2021, has been amended. Today's order amends paragraph 14 to reflect updated recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) concerning social distancing in schools. Under the previous order, all schools were required to take reasonable steps, where practicable, to maintain six feet of separation between persons of different households. The new language provides an exception to that rule for elementary, middle, and high schools, which will be required to take reasonable steps to keep students from different households three feet apart from one another.

**ADPH encourages the use of facial coverings after mandate ends on April 9**

Masks or other facial coverings will no longer be a mandate after April 9, but ADPH reminds everyone that masks remain one of the most successful tools to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. Many businesses and healthcare facilities will continue to require facial coverings in their facilities. Hospitals and nursing homes are under federal guidance that supports the use of facial coverings, and we anticipate the requirement for facial coverings to remain in place at those facilities.

**National Guard COVID-19 vaccination clinics**

The Alabama National Guard (ALNG) will begin providing primary COVID-19 vaccinations in Covington and Sumter counties on March 23. The mobile vaccination clinics will continue to rotate through 24 rural counties for the next three weeks. Second-dose clinics will be provided at the same locations April 13-30. Locations for some COVID-19 vaccination clinics have been changed from those originally announced. These include changes for the clinics in Sumter, Greene, Hale and Marengo counties. Washington and Conecuh counties have rotated dates due to a site conflict at one location. Clinic information ordered by date of first dose can be found at www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19vaccine/ng-clinics.html. The website also includes flyers to promote each clinic and vaccination forms that can be reviewed and completed prior to receiving a vaccination. Persons are asked to check the link frequently as locations are subject to change due to inclement weather or unforeseen logistical issues.

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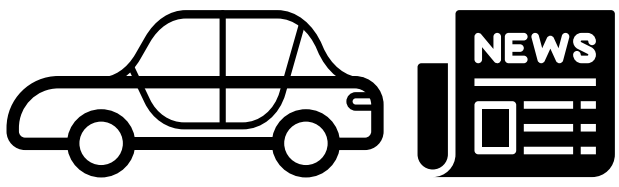
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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

*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.

• 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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**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.

**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.

**Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry**

• Friday, March 26 from 5 PM to 7:30 PM - Knights of Columbus of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church will sponsor one of their annual Lenten Fish Fry dinners at the Family Life Center. Due to COVID-19 this will be a drive-thru event only, from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm using the school parking lot for meal pickups. Fried or baked fish, French fries, hush puppies and coleslaw meals are available for $8.00 single and $24.00 for families of 4 or more. This event is open to the public with funds raised used for church projects of the Knights of Columbus.

• Barbara Ragsdale. 256-347-3471

**Cemetery Clean-Up**

• March 28, 2021

• 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.

PREP TENNIS

# Lady Bearcats win at Wilson Warrior Tournament

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**FLORENCE, Ala.** – Cullman traveled to compete at this weekend's Wilson Warrior Tournament in Florence and the Lady Bearcats posted 49 points to return home with a win. The boys put together a solid weekend as well, finishing just two points out of second place.

**Cullman Girls (1st place)**

• Kate Krigbaum/Katia Peterson defeated Lauderdale County in the finals to win the no.1 doubles championship (6-3, 7-5).

• Sophia Karolewics/Caroline Hill defeated Deshler in the finals to win the no.2 doubles championship (6-2, 6-4).

• Kate Krigbaum defeated Wilson in the finals to win the no.1 singles championship (6-0, 6-3).

• Sophia Karolewics defeated Lauderdale County in the finals to win the no.3 singles championship (6-0, 6-0).

• Caroline Hill defeated Whitesburg Christian in the finals to win the no.4 singles championship (6-0, 6-1).

**Cullman Boys (3rd place)**

• Jackson Murphree defeated Wilson in the finals to win the no.1 singles championship (6-4, 6-2).

• Bennett Cabri defeated Wilson in the finals to win the no.5 singles championship (6-4, 4-6, 10-5).

• Landon Evans defeated Fayette in the finals to win the no.6 singles championship (6-2, 6-0)

PREP BASEBALL

# Aggies fall to Danville at home 4-0; local scoring recap

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Contributors

**FAIRVIEW, Ala.** – After a wet and rainy week across the state, the Fairview Aggies were able to get back on their home diamond Saturday to host the Danville Hawks. Unfortunately for the home crowd, the Aggies weren't able to generate much offense at the plate and they fell to the Hawks 4-0.

Jack Brown started on the mound for Fairview and the first two Danville hitters reached on a walk and an error before Brown settled down and got out of the early jam. After the Aggies went down in order in the bottom of the first, the Hawks' leadoff batter reached on a dropped third strike and then a single put runners on first and second with no outs.

However, Danville's next batter flew out to center field and Caden Jennings doubled up the runner at second and a groundout helped Brown get out of the inning unscathed.

The game remained scoreless until the fourth inning when a leadoff triple from Danville later led to the Hakws scoring the first run of the game on a passed ball.

Brody Hogeland came in as the new pitcher and got the Aggies out of the inning.

A pair of Fairview errors to lead off the fifth proved costly as Danville hit an RBI double and two more runs came across on two more Aggie errors and Fairview found itself down 4-0 going into the bottom of the fifth inning.

The Aggies loaded the bases with no outs on three straight walks as they looked to finally crack the scoreboard, but some outs on the base paths left the remaining runners stranded and they went into the sixth still trailing by 4.

Fairview looked for some late heroics once again in its final at-bats. Levi Garner reached on an error to lead off the inning.

After a pop out for out number one, Bennett reached on another Danville error and Wright drew a walk to load the bases for Jennings, but he went down swinging. Brown looked to keep Fairview's chances alive, but was thrown out at first after a dropped third strike and the Aggies' four game win streak came to an end with a 4-0 loss to Danville.

**Other local scores: (Friday, March 19)**

**Cullman 1 – Hazel Green 0 (softball)**

The Lady Bearcats collected a huge win over Hazel Green Friday night and rode a stellar pitching performance from Chalea Clemmons to get it done.

Clemmons allowed just two hits and no runs in a 1-0 win and struck out 11 batters.

After four scoreless innings, Cullman got the run it needed when Savannah Davis led off the top of the fifth with a double into left field and Carlie Burnham drove her in to score with an RBI single.

Burnham (one hit) posted the only RBI of the game and Haley Shannon led the Lady Bearcats with a pair of hits in the win.

**Cullman 2 – Rogers 0 (softball)**

Cullman posted another shutout victory in their second game of Friday night and once again it was Chalaea Clemmons' arm leading the way.

Clemmons was just as strong in her second win of the night, allowing just one hit and striking out seven in a 2-0 win.

The Lady Bearcats built their lead early by scoring on a fielder's choice and a passed ball in the bottom of the first and that was all they needed to put away the Lady Pirates.

Emma Claire Wilson was credited with an RBI in the win and Haley Shannon and Clemmons each finished with a hit for Cullman.

**Curry 10 – Hanceville 1 (baseball)**

The Bulldogs hosted Curry for an area showdown Friday night and outside of one run in the third inning, Hanceville struggled to get anything going offensively most of the night. Zach Campbell crossed the plate on a double steal to make it a 4-1 game going into the fourth inning, but the Yellow Jackets tacked on six more runs in the next four innings to secure a 10-1 road win.

Adam Cooper, Drew Campbell and Barrett Hardin each finished with a hit for Hanceville in the loss.

**Cullman 6 – Decatur 1 (baseball)**

After starting the area series with a 5-0 win over the Red Raiders at home Tuesday night, the Bearcats headed north to finish the series Friday night and picked up two more wins to complete the sweep, starting with a 6-1 victory in game one.

Jake Dueland got the start for Cullman and earned the win after tossing seven innings, allowing one run on three hits and striking out nine batters.

On top of Dueland's performance on the mound, the 'Cats plated a pair of runs in the third, fourth and seventh to pull away from Decatur and take game one 6-1. Hayden Stancil posted a pair of hits and RBIs in the in for Cullman.

Matt Brock (one RBI) led the game with three hits and Max Dueland (one RBI) finished with a pair of hits as well.

**Cullman 9 – Decatur 4 (baseball)**

The second game of the night was tied at 3 going into the fourth inning but the bats got hot for Cullman late in the game and the Bearcats were able to pull away and complete the area sweep of Decatur with a 9-4 win.

Tucker Apel earned the win after giving up one run on three hits and striking out five in four innings of work.

Max Dueland stayed hot and posted two more hits and two more RBIs in the win.

Brennen Norton (one RBI) added a pair of hits and Austin Hurt (one RBI) and Paxton Ponder each finished with two hits for Cullman as well.

**Good Hope 13 – J.B. Pennington 4 (baseball)**

The Raiders returned were at home Friday night to host J.B. Pennington and after the Tigers took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first, the Raiders answered with four runs in the bottom of the second to take the lead and pulled away in the fourth and fifth to wrap up a 13-4 win.

Caleb Rusk earned the win on the mound after giving up just two earned runs on six hits and striking out five Pennington batters.

Rusk and Paydon Bagwell each posted three hits and three RBIs for Good Hope. Preston Seymore (one hit) drove in a pair of runs in the win and Braxton Marshall and Morgan Cook finished with two hits of their own.

**American Christian 13 – West Point 4 (baseball)**

The Warriors traveled to take on a talented American Christian Academy team Friday night and after falling behind 4-0 in the second inning, the Patriots tacked on six runs in the third to extend their lead and eventually pulled away to win it 13-4.

Brody Freeman (one RBI) and Chase Sibley each posted a pair of hits in the loss and Branson Smith (one hit) finished with two RBIs. Will Cochran (one hit) and Isaac Hoffpauir added RBIs for West Point as well.

**Other local scores: (Saturday, March 20)**

**Cullman 14 – Trinity Christian 3 (baseball)**

The 'Cats rode a big day at the plate to collect their sixth straight win over Trinity Christian Saturday afternoon by a score of 14-3.

Hayden Stancil got the start and the win for Cullman after allowing just one earned run on four hits and striking out six in four innings.

Austin Hurt and Hunter Dahlke combined to pitch the rest of the game and gave up a combined one run on three hits in the final three innings.

Brennen Norton had a monster day at the plate, finishing with four hits, including two doubles and a home run, and racking up six RBIs in the win.

Stancil added two doubles and a pair of RBIs for the Bearcats and Hunter Brooks (one hit) drove in a pair of runs as well. Matt Brock added a pair of hits and an RBI.

**Auburn 2 – Cullman 0 (baseball)**

Both aces for Cullman and top-ranked Auburn were on the mound for their Saturday afternoon matchup and hits were tough to come by.

After Matt Brock led off the top of the first with a single into left field, the Bearcats couldn't find another hit the rest of the way and the Tigers were able to get the most out of the hits they found.

Jeb Bartle got the start for Cullman and allowed just two runs on five hits but two of those hits were homeruns and it was enough to lift Auburn to a 2-0 win over the 'Cats.

**West Point 5 – Deshler 1 (softball)**

The Lady Warriors plated five runs in the first inning to take an early lead over Deshler and thanks in large part to great pitching performances from Sydney Sellers and Braelee Quinn, West Point went on to collect a 5-1 win over the Lady Tigers.

Haley Bearden (triple) drove in a pair of runs for the Lady Warriors and Sellers led the way with a pair of hits. Quinn, Carlie Wilkins and Maci Brown each added a hit and an RBI in the win as well.

**West Point 4 - Hatton 3 (softball)**

West Point's second game of the day ended in dramatic fashion. Hatton managed to tie the game at 3 going into the final frame but Lexi Kimbril was able to put one in play and allow Bailey Brock to score and lift the Lady Warriors to a 4-3, walk-off win.

Carlie Wilkins racked up three RBIs for West Point after blasting a 3-run homer in the bottom of the third and Sydney Sellers and Haley Bearden each added a hit in the win as well.

**Hartselle 1 – West Point 0 (softball)**

The Lady Warriors narrowly fell in a classic pitcher's duel with the Lady Tigers of Hartselle in their third game of the day. Carlie Wilkins got the start for West Point and allowed just one hit in the game, but it was a solo home run in the third inning that put Hartselle ahead 1-0.

That ended up being all Hartselle needed to earn the win as Lady Tigers' pitcher Zoey Crawford allowed zero hits from the Lady Warriors. Both teams combined for just one hit in the game.

**Cullman 4 – Wilson 0 (softball)**

The Lady Bearcats recorded yet another shutout victory Saturday afternoon, holding Wilson to just two hits in a 4-0 win.

Emma Claire Wilson got the start and allowed no runs on just two hits for Cullman and Chalea Clemmons came on to get the final three outs and wrap up the win.

The game was scoreless most of the way until the Lady Bearcats plated four runs in the bottom of the fourth to pull away.

Clemmons blasted a 2-run homerun in the win and Wilson and Taylor Au each added a hit for Cullman as well.

**Cullman 7 – Athens 1 (softball)**

Cullman's phenomenal weekend in Florence was capped off with a 7-1 win over top-ranked Athens Saturday night and Chalea Clemmons was back on the mound to help earn the win.

Clemmons allowed just one run on three hits and struck out seven for the Lady Bearcats.

Clemmons also homered in the win and finished with a pair of RBIs. Savannah Davis blasted a homerun of her own, posting a pair of hits and three RBIs for Cullman and Carlie Burnham led the game with three hits.

Emma Claire Wilson (one RBI) added a pair of hits as well.

**J.B. Pennington 7 – Holly Pond 6 (baseball)**

The Broncos were back in action Saturday to host J.B. Pennington for a Saturday doubleheader and after building a lead late in game one, the Tigers were able to rally and score four runs in the top of the seventh to edge Holly Pond 7-6 in game one.

Thomas Bell (one hit) drove in two runs for the Broncos and Andy Light (one RBI) led the way with two hits in the loss. Seth Whiting and John Martin each posted a hit and an RBI for Holly Pond as well.

**J.B. Pennington 10 – Holly Pond 8 (baseball)**

The Tigers and Broncos went down to the wire once again in their second matchup of the day and unfortunately for Holly Pond, it was the Tigers that once again scored late to pull away and win it.

The game was tied at 6 going into the seventh inning but J.B. Pennington was able plate four runs in the top of the inning to build a 4-run lead.

The Broncos were able to put a couple runs on the board and cut into the lead but couldn't rally all the way from behind and fell in game two 10-8.

Seth Whiting led the way with three hits and two RBIs in the loss. Charlie Hudleston added a pair of hits and Andrew Bell (one hit) and Thomas Bell (one hit) each finished with an RBI.

**Good Hope 18 – Meek 0 (baseball)**

The Raiders collected a dominant, 18-0 road win at Meek Saturday afternoon and Cody Estill earned the win after allowing no runs on five hits and striking out three Tigers.

Good Hope led the way 8-0 going into the fifth and tacked on 10 runs in the top half of the inning to end things early after five.

Caleb Rusk (two hits) racked up five RBIs for the Raiders. Lane Speegle (one hit), Morgan Cook (one hit) and Landon Piper (one hit) each posted a pair of RBIs in the win.

**Curry 9 – West Point 6 (softball)**

The Lady Warriors led the way 2-1 going into the fourth against Curry but the Lady Yellow Jackets scored five runs in the top half of the inning to pull ahead 6-2.

West Point responded with four runs in the bottom of the fifth to tie things up at 6 but Curry plated three more runs in the fifth to move back in front and held on to defeat the Lady Warriors 9-6.

Braelee Quinn (one hit) posted three RBIs in the loss and Brindlee Phillips added a pair of hits and RBIs to go along with a homerun.

Sydney Sellers finished with a pair of hits for West Point and Carlie Wilkins tacked on a hit and an RBI as well.






## PREP TRACK & FIELD

# Local standouts compete at Cullman Classic

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – 63 schools were in the field at this year's 1A-7A Cullman Classic and there were plenty of local athletes that stood out among the pack. Cullman's boys finished highest among local teams in fifth place with 57 points just behind Huntsville and Oak Mountain.

There were several noteworthy individual performances as well. Cullman's Brodie Malcom earned gold in the triple jump with a mark of 45-01.00, edging out his teammate Nic Glass who finished second, and Vinemont's Ethan Lemons placed first in the 3200-meter run with a time of 9:38.62.

Holly Pond's Camilla Chambers placed second overall in the 3200-meter run after posting an 11:59.36 and Cullman's Nicholas Wood and Isaiah Jones each finished third in the 3200-meter run and long jump respectively.

**LOCAL INDIVIDUAL RESULTS**
**All top 20 finishers**

**CULLMAN HIGH SCHOOL**

**Boys 100-meter dash**
- 7th – Nic Glass: 11.26
- 18th – Brodie Malcom: 11.69

**Girls 100-meter hurdles**
- 8th – Katelyn Kress: 18.65
- 20th – Camille Gibbs: 21.43

**Boys 300-meter hurdles**
- 13th – Banks Baker: 45.72
- Girls 800-meter dash
- 17th – Joshlyn Hudson: 2:39.72

**Boys 800-meter dash**
- 11th – Adam Mangum: 2:07.31

**Boys 1600-meter run**
- 15th – Nicholas Wood: 4:41.85
- 18th – Troy Adkison: 4:47.12
- 19th – Adam Mangum: 4:47.20

**Girls 3200-meter run**
- 7th – Bernarda Tizapa: 12:13.40
- 14th – Anna Shirey: 12:58.23

**Boys 3200-meter run**
- 3rd – Nicholas Wood: 10:01.82
- 4th – Troy Adkison: 10:02.00

**Girls discus throw**
- 4th – Sarah Kate Dockery: 89-07
- 6th – Tatum Nixon: 83-05
- 18th – Abella Skipper: 75-02

**Boys long jump**
- 3rd – Isaiah Jones: 21-04.75
- 4th – Brodie Malcom: 21-02.25

**Boys pole vault**
- 4th – Nic Glass: 12-00.00
- 10th – Banks Baker: 10-06.00

**Girls shot put**
- 4th – Tatum Nixon: 32-04.25
- 15th – Sarah Kate Dockery: 27-10.00
- 18th – Abella Skipper: 27-02.00

**Boys shot put**
- 16th – Carson Hill: 37-01.50

**Boys triple jump**
- 1st – Brodie Malcom: 45-01.00
- 2nd – Nic Glass: 45-00.50
- 11th – Jaden Kay: 40-10.00
- 14th – Tripp Gudger: 40-06.00

**Boys 4x100 meter relay**
- 3rd – Ryan Skinner, Jaden Kay, Isaiah Jones, Brodie Malcom: 44.73

**Boys 4x400 meter relay**
- 5th – Braxton Williams, Sawyer Trimble, Jaden Kay, Banks Baker: 3:42.64
- 14th – Cullman High School (names not listed): 4:04.41

**Girls 4x400 meter relay**
- 12th – Cullman High School (names not listed): 4:50.01

**Girls 4x800 meter relay**
- 7th – Bernarda Tizapa, Joshlyn Hudson, Tess Heaton, Anna Shirey: 11:05.45

**FAIRVIEW HIGH SCHOOL**

**Boys 3200-meter run**
- 10th – Peyton Bailey: 10:25.36

**Girls discus**
- 7th – Kabri Redding: 82-11

**Girls high jump**
- 8th – Kabri Redding: 4-06.00

**Boys shot put**
- 20th – Tyler Simmons: 36-01.50

**GOOD HOPE HIGH SCHOOL**

**Girls javelin throw**
- 9th – Addie Stripling: 88-09

**HANCEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL**

**Girls 100-meter dash**
- 14th – Lasandra Turner: 13.88

**Girls 200-meter dash**
- 14th – Lasandra Turner: 28.60

**Boys high jump**
- 18th – David Springer: 5-04.00

**Boys triple jump**
- 19th – Evan Malcom: 37-10.00

**Boys 4x100 meter relay**
- 8th – Hanceville High School (names not listed): 46.65

**Boys 4x400 meter relay**
- 8th – Hanceville High School (names not listed): 3:49.25

**Boys 4x800 meter relay**
- 15th – Hanceville High School (names not listed): 10:00.65

**VINEMONT HIGH SCHOOL**

**Boys 1600-meter run**
- 9th – Ethan Lemons: 4:34.14

**Girls 3200-meter run**
- 20th – Kendall Harbison: 13:48.30

**Boys 3200-meter run**
- 1st – Ethan Lemons: 9:38.62

**Girls long jump**
- 10th – Emily Cheatwood: 14-05.50

**Boys shot put**
- 10th – Isiah Young: 40-11.00

**Girls shot put**
- 16th – Maria Whatley: 27-05.00

**Girls triple jump**
- 6th – Emily Cheatwood: 32-08.00

**Girls 4x100 meter relay**
- 12th – Vinemont High School (names not listed): 1:00.99

**HOLLY POND HIGH SCHOOL**

**Boys 110-meter hurdles**
- 20th – Kadin Suryono: 20.74

**Girls 1600-meter run**
- 14th – Camilla Chambers: 5:48.54

**Boys 3200-meter run**
- 12th – Christopher Putman: 10:29.12

**Girls 3200-meter run**
- 2nd – Camilla Chambers: 11:59.36

**Girls javelin throw**
- 15th – Paige Hudspeth: 83-02

**Boys javelin throw**
- 10th – Isaac Chambers: 128-07

**Boys 4x100 meter relay**
- 20th – Holly Pond High School (names not listed): 49.53

**Girls 4x100 meter relay**
- 11th – Holly Pond High School (names not listed): 1:00.07

**Boys 4x400 meter relay**
- 15th – Holly Pond High School (names not listed): 4:11.08

**Girls 4x400 meter relay**
18th – Holly Pond High School (names not listed): 5:40.88

**Boys 4x800 meter relay**
17th – Holly Pond High School (names not listed): 10:24.17

**Girls 4x800 meter relay**
14th – Holly Pond High School (names not listed): 12:22.82

**COLD SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL**

**Boys 1600-meter run**
11th – Ethan Edgeworth: 4:35.61

# Wallace State volleyball coach Randy Daniel reaches 500 career wins with Lions; basketball, softball & baseball updates

**Russell Moore**
WSCC

**HANCEVILLE, Ala.** – Wallace State volleyball coach Randy Daniel reached the 500-win mark over the weekend and the 17th-ranked Lions clinched their 13th straight Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC) regular-season title.

The Lions racked up five match wins in their annual Wallace State Bash and added a pair of conference wins at Southern Union Friday, improving to a perfect 27-0 overall and 12-0 in ACCC play.

Wallace State volleyball has thrived this spring, after the season was pushed back to this semester because of COVID-19 precautions.

"Great leadership from your sophomores is always a key in junior college athletics. You have to depend on their experience. This team worked extremely hard in the fall to prepare for the spring season, just hoping we would get to play," Daniel said.

"I'm happy with their leadership and their ability to stay focused and disciplined on and off the court."

Daniel became the program's all-time winningest coach in 2013, and he continues to add to the win total. In his 14th season, Daniel maintains a 502-101 record with the Lions, leading Wallace State to 14 regular-season titles, 10 conference titles and 10 appearances at the NJCAA Division I National Championships.

Daniel, the 2019 ACCC Coach of the Year, has coached nine ACCC Player of the Years, 10 ACCC Tournament MVPs, one NJCAA 1st-team All-American, three NJCAA 2nd-team All-Americans and seven NJCAA Honorable Mention All-Americans.

"We have to recruit players who want to work hard and love putting the Wallace State uniform on. Each volleyball team here gets compared to the ones in the past, and I think that's the mark of a good program. My goal has always been to have this program competing for championships every year," Daniel said.

Wallace State secured Daniel's 500th career victory with 25-15, 25-9, 25-20, win over Itawamba Community College in the Bash finale.

Mattrice Harris had 10 kills and three blocks in the milestone win, Harlee Kate Reid finished with eight kills and five digs and Tori Walker had nine digs and six kills.

Savannah Rutledge collected 32 assists and eight digs, libero Temperance Chatman amassed 25 digs, Haven Hall and Anna Renshaw finished with six kills apiece and Laci Reese had five kills.

On Sunday, the Lions swept Southern Union with wins of 25-18, 25-10, 25-8 and 25-6, 25-7 and 25-16.

Reid finished with 18 kills and 10 digs combined, Harris had 18 kills and four blocks, Walker had 23 digs and eight kills and Renshaw accounted for 18 digs and 12 kills.

MacKenzie Davis finished with 40 assists combined, Courtney Patterson had 18 digs, Tobi Trotter had 17 digs and Reese added 13 kills.

Harris leads the conference with 288 kills and Reid is right behind her with 251 of her own. Rutledge is tops in the conference with 737 assists and Chatman leads the ACCC with 455 digs.

Wallace State travels to Columbus, Mississippi, Wednesday to play the Mississippi University for Women. The Lions will be the top seed during the ACCC Tournament, scheduled for April 1-3 at Wallace State.

**Wallace State basketball sweeps Gadsden State**

Wallace State women's basketball team clinched a postseason berth with a 63-47 home victory Saturday, and the men capped the sweep with an 83-77 win, wrapping up division play for both squads.

Sophomore Jiselle Woodson tallied her first double-double of the season for the Lady Lions (8-6, 4-6 ACCC), finishing with 18 points and 10 rebounds. She was 6-for-10 from the field, including hitting three 3-pointers.

Freshman Kallie Allen finished with 14 points and eight rebounds for Wallace State and Payton Golden had 11 points and seven rebounds. Olivia Howard contributed eight points and seven rebounds and Gloria Pounders added seven points and seven rebounds off the bench.

Wallace State led 32-26 at halftime and pulled away in the second half, limiting Gadsden State to only one field goal and six points in the fourth quarter.

Wallace State's men avenged a loss earlier in the week to Gadsden State behind Kuran Garner and Cole Maddox both surpassing the 20+ point mark.

Garner finished with 26 points, five assists and four rebounds. The Huntsville native shot 50% from the field, including going 6-for-9 from 3-point territory.

He was also perfect at the free throw line (6-for-6). Garner is sixth in the league and first on the team in scoring with 16.7 points per game.

Maddox, a Good Hope graduate, tied a career-high with 24 points, as the Lions (9-9, 7-7 ACCC) won their sixth game in seven tries.

Tyler Hutchieson scored 15 points for Wallace State and Miguel Miranda had eight points and five rebounds off the bench.

Wallace State led 37-27 at the break.

Both Wallace State teams host Wallace Community College-Selma Tuesday, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

**Wallace State softball**

Wallace State's 7th-ranked softball team won a four-game set against Southern Union over the weekend, winning three games.

The Lions, who have won 20 of 21 games, opened the series with victories of 10-1 and 11-6 at home Friday. They earned a 15-0 win at Wadley Sunday before falling in the finale, 7-6.

Sophomore Brantly Bonds went 8-for-15 during the series with two homers, two doubles, five runs scored and eight RBIs, while freshman Jaiden Farnetti finished with seven hits, including a homer, four RBIs, five runs scored and four stolen bases.

Gracie Benton slugged two home runs among her six hits, finishing with eight RBIs and five runs scored, and Morgan White homered twice in the opener and had six RBIs throughout.

Maddie Cartron added five hits, including a double, and Kalli Cartee finished with five hits, including a homer and double, five RBIs and two stolen bases.

Sophomore Haylee Folds (9-1) picked up two wins during the series, allowing only one run over 9 1/3 innings. Raven Clark (5-1) notched a win in relief.

**Wallace State baseball**

Wallace State's baseball team split a four-game series against Southern Union, winning the first and third games of the series.

In the opening 6-4 win, Wallace State (12-14, 4-8 ACCC) rallied for five runs in the top of the seventh inning.

Colson Lawrence went 2-for-4 with a homer, two RBIs and two runs scored, Cooper Beck finished with a pair of hits, two go-ahead RBIs and a stolen base, and Ben Arnett had a pair of hits, a run scored and a stolen base.

Preston Moore doubled and had two RBIs, Mason Walker singled and scored and David Rutledge added a single.

Trey Wright (1-3) was the winning pitcher in relief, yielding only two hits in 3 1/3 innings.

The Lions dropped the second game, 2-0.

Wallace State won Sunday's opener, 7-1, behind a complete-game effort from lefty Jacob Smith (4-3). The sophomore from Calera scattered one run on three hits, striking out five.

Lawrence finished 2-for-4 with a double and run scored and Rutledge was 2-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored.

Moore singled and had two RBIs, Parker Poteet added a double and an RBI and Arnett had a single, RBI and run scored. Beck and Walker each scored a run and Breydon Edmondson contributed an RBI.

In the series finale, an 8-4 loss, Lawrence homered for the second time in the series and finished with three RBIs.

Poteet had a double among his two hits and Walker added a pair of singles, an RBI and a run scored.



WSCC ATHLETICS

***Wallace State volleyball coach Randy Daniel has won 502 matches at Wallace State in now his 14th season.***

Wallace State continues conference play at home Thursday, welcoming Marion Military for a doubleheader, beginning at 2 p.m.

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

Eric is a 1.25-1.5-year-old Flat Coated Retriever.

He's a seriously laid-back, low-energy pet whom Ruttkay describes as an, "unassuming fellow who sometimes would like to be invisible."

He appreciates personal space, but he's eager to make friends.

Eric has the makings of a good reading, companion or therapy dog.

Eric'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.




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City of Cullman
Planning Commission

On Monday, April 5, 2021, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Preliminary Subdivision – County Road 703
2. Rezoning request from R-1 to R-2 – County Road 703
3. Conditional use request at 1729 Sharpton Road NE

For further information contact Brian Landreth or Amber Duke at the City of Cullman Building Department at 256-775-7203.

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**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

**ESTATE OF**
**GEORGE ALBERT WARNKE, SR.**

**Deceased,**

**CASE NO. PC** PC2021-098

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION**

Letters of Testamentary having been granted to GEORGE A WARNKE, JR, Personal Representative of the Estate of GEORGE A WARNKE SR., deceased, on the 19th day of March, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge of said County, notice is hereby given that a; persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same within the time by law; or the same will be barred.

Done this the 19th day of March, 2021.

**GEORGE A WARNKE, JR**
Personal Representative

Swore and subscribe before me this the 19th of March, 2021.

Andria Sims
Attorney for Petitioner
300 First Avenue, SE
Cullman, AL 35055

TO THE PUBLISHER OF : THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Please publish the above notice three (3) consecutive weeks and provide a proof of publication affidavit to the Probate Judge of Cullman County, Alabama.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate
Cullman County, Alabama

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

March 23, 2021

City of Cullman
204 Second Avenue NE
Cullman, AL 35056
256-775-7109

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:
These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Cullman.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS
On or about 4/8/2021 the City of Cullman will submit a request to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) for the release of CDBG funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (PL 93-383), to undertake a project known as City of Cullman – Reliance Access and Fire Loop Road Project (CDBG Project #: LR-ED-PF-20-002) to construct an access road and fire loop accessibility road around this facility to provide access to the Cullman Fire Department and emergency personnel in the event of a fire or emergency. Estimated funding: $600,000.00 (CDBG $500,000.00; Local Funds $100,000.00)

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
The City of Cullman has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Cullman City Hall, 204 Second Ave NE, Cullman, AL 35056 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 AM to 4 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Cullman. All comments received by 4/7/2021 will be considered by the City of Cullman prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION
The City of Cullman certifies to ADECA that Woody Jacobs in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. ADECA's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Cullman to use Program Funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS
ADECA will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Cullman certification for a period of 15-days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or the City of Cullman; (b) the City of Cullman has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CRF part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR part 58 before approval of a Release of Funds by ADECA; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFRR part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the State at: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, Community and Economic Development Division, PO Box 5690, Montgomery, AL 36103. Potential objectors should contact ADECA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Woody Jacobs, Mayor

# Baileyton (from Front)

**Christy Perry**
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**BAILEYTON, Ala.** – The Baileyton Volunteer Fire Department and Parkside Outreach received some help Saturday afternoon from the Town of Baileyton, with each receiving appropriations presented by Mayor Windell Calloway and the Baileyton Town Council at Baileyton Park. Each organization received checks to assist with the services they provide to members of the Baileyton community.

The Baileyton VFD received an appropriation of $10,500.

Said Calloway, "We gave them their money to help them buy equipment and other stuff for the department.

"By doing that, they are better equipped and that helps keep everybody's rates down as far as fire rates on insurance.

"We are very happy to work with them, and we worked with them on the drive-thru for Christmas and Halloween also."

The Town and fire department will join forces again for Day in the Park coming up June 12 at Baileyton Park.

Baileyton Fire Chief Zack McGee and several other members of the department were on-hand to receive the check from the Town. McGee said the VFD already has plans on what to purchase with the money.

He explained, "They've always given us $5,000 a year and what was above that, we use to buy two sets of turnout gear every year.

"They go out of date in about 10 years.

"We have about 20 people, so it works out where they all get replaced within the 10-year period, so it keeps them all in date."

The department also has a $2,500 monthly payment on a truck.

McGee added, "All monies are greatly appreciated."

Parkside Outreach received $1,200, and Parkside Outreach Director Jennifer Harlow was all smiles after receiving the much needed funds.

"We are across from Parkside School and what we do is we have a thrift store in there and all of our sales go to purchase food for our food pantry," she said.

In the month of February, Parkside Outreach provided 758 meals to people and families in the community.

Added Harlow, "There's a need in the community, so we're honored to be partnered up with the Town of Baileyton.

"There's so many people in our community that need it."

# Feature (from Front)

**W.C. Mann**
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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – The Cullman City Council Monday evening approved a bid from The Entertainment Group, LLC, dba Union Aqua Parks, in the amount of $158,413.25 for a custom inflatable water park to be located in one of the existing ponds at the Palomino Resort RV park on County Road 222. According to City Clerk Wes Moore, the feature will be the largest of its kind in Alabama, and water park fans will have to travel to Orlando to find the closest park larger than Cullman's.

The water park will feature multiple connected structures that will allow users to climb, run, jump and slide, as well as giving multiple points for resting and people-watching.

According to Cullman Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism director Zac Wood, the park will be able to hold up to 217 people at one time. Union Aqua Parks offers numerous modular designs, but the park coming to Cullman will be custom built for the resort.

Wood told The Tribune, "Park and Rec is excited to offer an aqua park unlike anything in this area. In the summer of 2021, it'll be ready to go for campers who are there at the RV park, and then also folks that just want to come down from the community for a day pass, and come in and enjoy the park.

"It's going to be a really, really, really great experience.

According to Wood, installation should begin in early May, and the park should be open for visitors between mid-May and early June.

**Other council business**

The council awarded the bid for the Highpoint Pump Station project to J. H. Wright & Associates in the amount of $107,696. The only other bid was submitted by Morrow Water Technologies for $117,836.

The council approved the creation of a municipal court diversion program (See separate story), and voted to amend the city position control detail to allow an employee who recently received diesel mechanic certification to move up in position.

**The council also approved three special event requests:**

- From Lauren Estes for a Bataan Death Walk on city streets April 10 2021, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.
- From Kyle Elam for a wedding at the Festhalle April 10 2021, at 7 p.m.
- From Gary Cornelius of Relay for Life for a drive-thru luminary display and survivor parade for local cancer warriors in the Warehouse District Friday, May 7 2021, at 8:30 p.m.

The Cullman City Council meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month in the City Hall auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

# Program (from Front)

the discretion of the judge after the defendant's application has been approved by the city prosecutor.

According to the ordinance, "An offender deemed by the city prosecutor to be a threat to the safety or well-being of the community shall not be eligible for the program.

**The following types of offenses will make a defendant ineligible unless his or her victim gives written consent:**

- Any offense involving violence or aggression resulting in injury to a law enforcement officer.
- Any offense involving eluding or attempting to elude a law enforcement officer.
- Any offense involving violence where a weapon was used or where children are victims.
- Any driving under the influence charge where serious physical injuries are involved.
- Any driving under the influence charge where the defendant has a prior DUI conviction during his lifetime or the defendant has a criminal history of alcohol related offenses or refused to test (SFST, PBT, Draeger, Alcohol breath tests. Drug or alcohol blood tests, etc.).
- Any offense wherein the offender is a public official and the charge is related to the capacity of the offender as a public official.
- A person may not be admitted to the program if the person holds a commercial driver's license (CDL) issued in any U.S. state, any U.S. possession, any U.S. territory or any U.S. insular area.

**The city prosecutor may recommend a defendant for the program based on any of the following circumstances:**

- Police officer recommendation.
- Prior record of offenses/driving offenses.
- Assistance provided to law enforcement.
- Submitted to standard field sobriety testing, portable breath testing and Alcol-Sensor testing (did not refuse).
- Admission of guilt and remorse.
- Current clean drug test.
- Defendant's attitude from time of arrest and up to consideration of his/her application for the deferred prosecution program.
- There is a probability justice will be served if the offender is placed in the program.
- It is determined the needs of the state, city and of the offender can be met through the program.
- The offender appears to pose no substantial threat to the safety and well-being of the community.
- It appears the offender is not likely to be involved in further criminal activity if the offender complies with all conditions imposed pursuant to the program.
- The offender will likely respond to rehabilitative treatment or counseling.
- The need for restitution for the victim from the offender outweighs the interest of the state and city for incarceration of the offender.

Defendants may be required to furnish information concerning past criminal history, education history, work record, family history, medical or psychiatric treatment or care prescribed or received, psychological tests taken and "any other information the city prosecutor believes has a bearing on the decision whether or not the offender should be admitted to the program." The city prosecutor may require the offender to submit to tests or interviews as part of the evaluation process.

**CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION**

**Before admission to the program, a defendant must agree to:**

- A voluntary waiver of the right of the offender to a speedy trial.
- The tolling, while in the program, of periods of limitations established by statutes or rules of court.
- The conditions of the program established by the city prosecutor.
- If there is a victim of the charged crime, an agreement to the restitution repayment within a specified period of time and in an amount to be determined by the city prosecutor taking into account circumstances of the offender and the victim.
- A waiver in writing of the right of the offender to a jury trial.
- Submission of a written plea of guilty to the offense or offenses charged or agreed upon included offenses, together with an agreement as to whether the case is to be dismissed upon successful completion of the program and an agreement, if there be any, as to the recommended sentence should a sentence be imposed.

**Under certain circumstances, defendants may have to agree:**

- To participate in substance abuse treatment.
- To participate in an education setting to include, but not be limited to K—12, college, job training, trade school, GED classes or basic education courses.
- If appropriate, to attempt to learn to read and write the English language.
- To financially support his or her children or pay any court ordered child support.
- To refrain from the use of drugs or alcohol or frequenting places where drugs or alcohol are sold or used.
- To not commit any criminal offense.
- To refrain from contact with certain named persons or premises.
- To maintain or seek employment.
- To not leave the State of Alabama without prior written consent of the city prosecutor or supervising agency or personnel.
- To maintain a residence approved by the city prosecutor or supervising agency or personnel.
- To attend individual, group, financial, chemical addition, family, mental health, sex offender, traffic safety, bad check, substance abuse, truancy, shoplifting, alcohol, financial management, employment or anger management counseling.
- To pay all court costs, fees, fines and worthless checks, and obey any other lawful court order associated with the offence or offenses for which the offender has entered the program or any other case.
- To refrain from the possession or use of deadly weapons.
- To pay supervision fees and application fees pursuant to this act. Supervision shall be monitored through the municipal court office.
- To observe curfews or home detention or travel constraints as set out in the agreement signed by the offender.
- To have restitution, court costs, fees, child support and any other monies withheld or garnished from the wages or salary of the offender or withheld from any Alabama income tax due the offender, or from any available insurance policy, or forfeited from any real or personal property of the offender, and applied to the above.
- To be admitted to a drug or alcohol treatment program on an impatient or outpatient basis or receive other treatment alternatives for substance abuse.
- To submit to periodic or random drug testing as part of the program and other terms and conditions relate to substance abuse as the town prosecutor may direct.
- To waive in writing the right of the offender to a probation hearing in the event of termination or withdrawal from the program.
- To perform community service.
- To any other terms or conditions as the town prosecutor or his or her designee and the offender may agree to in the above-stated agreement, it being the purpose of this act to allow the town prosecutor broad discretion in designing a program specifically for each offender and his or her particular circumstances.
- When applicable, to be required to pay supervision fees to the agency or entity responsible for monitoring and verifying the compliance of the offender with the terms of the program set forth by the town prosecutor. The fees shall be paid by the offender to the supervising entity in a timely manner.

**Application fees**

Program participants will pay a fee in addition to court costs, fees and assessments for the crime victim's compensation fund, department of forensic sciences assessments, drug, alcohol or anger management treatment required by law, and any costs of supervision, treatment and restitution.

- Class A misdemeanor offenses and driving under the influence: $1,000
- Class B and Class C misdemeanors: $500
- Traffic offenses excluding DUI's and violations: $300

# Obituary Announcements: March 23

**Billy Ray Graves, 86, of Hayden**
Funeral services for Billy Ray Graves, 86, of Hayden, AL will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Graves Gap Cemetery in Hayden. Dr. Sammie Reid will be officiating. Visitation will begin at 12 p.m. until service time at the funeral home on Wednesday. Mr. Graves is survived by his wife, Nelda Graves; son, Michael (Kathy) Graves; daughter, Marilyn Armstrong; grandson, Trevor Armstrong; cousin and best friend, Bobby Mann; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

**Oren "Junior" Brooks, 65, of Hanceville**
Funeral services for Oren "Junior" Brooks of Hanceville, Alabama will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Garden City Cemetery. Reverend James Fields will be officiating along with speaker, Tim Compton. Visitation for Mr. Brooks will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Brooks was born to Oren and Annette (Johns) Brooks on April 19, 1955 in Birmingham AL. He died at the age of 65 on March 21, 2021 at his residence in Hanceville, AL. Survivors include his wife, Sonja Brooks; daughter, Courtney (Tommy) Beckwith; grandchildren, Ava Beckwith, Zoey Beckwith, and Macie Beckwith; mother, Annette Brooks; sister, Marteen (Shane) Bailey; sisters-in-law, Patricia Brooks and Wanda (Jimmy) Cotter; and a host of nieces and nephews. Mr. Brooks was preceded in death by his father, Oren Brooks; brother, Gary Brooks; uncle, Donald Faulkner; and mother and father-in-law, Raymond and Shirley Tyler.

**Billy Ray Lee, 82, of Vinemont**
Mr. Billy Ray Lee of Vinemont passed away March 20, 2021 at the age of 82. He was born in Cullman January 21, 1939 to Claude and Esther Hamrick Lee. A Celebration of Life Funeral Service will be on Wednesday March 24, 2021 at Moss Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Gary Driver and Bro. Philip Robinson officiating. Interment will follow services in Flint Creek Cemetery. Survivors are: Wife: Connie Drake Lee of Vinemont, Daughters: Cindy Lee of Vinemont, Tori (Heath) Ransom of Melbourne, Fl., Sons: Scotty Lee, Wade (Tina) Lee, Tony (Jamie) Lee all of Vinemont, 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Visitation will be on Wednesday March 24, 2021 from 12 noon until service time at 2 p.m. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.mossservicefh.com. Due to COVID-19 guidelines, please observe social distancing and the use of a mask. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

**Patricia Darlene Haas, 57, of Blairsville, GA., formerly of Cullman**
Patricia Darlene Haas of Blairsville Georgia, formerly of Cullman passed away March 17, 2021 at the age of 57. She was born May 17, 1963 in Cullman to James K. and Ruth Butler Morton. She is preceded in death by her parents. Mrs. Haas worked as a Certified Medical Coder. A Celebration of Life Funeral Service will be on Thursday March 25, 2021 at Moss Funeral Home Chapel at 2 p.m. with Brother Miles Stutts officiating. Interment will follow services in Emeus Cemetery. Survivors are: Husband: Marc Haas, Daughter: Cayla (Cody) Thomas, Brothers: Tim (Joann) Morton, Terry (Leeann) Morton, Grandchildren: Ethan, Lacey, Paisley and Xander. Visitation is Thursday, March 25, 2021 from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home in Cullman Alabama. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.mossservicefh.com. Due to the COVID-19 guidelines, we ask everyone to practice social distancing and to continue using a mask. Moss Funeral Home directing.

**Gwenda S. Robertson, 73, of Arley**
Gwenda S. Robertson, 73 of Arley, entered into rest on Sunday, March 21, 2021 at her home surrounded by her loving family. Gwenda was born on March 12, 1948 in Arley, Alabama. She was a long-time member of Arley Church of Christ and she loved her church. She was an avid gardener and her green thumb showed through the flowers and vegetables she grew, and she was also an excellent chef. Gwenda was a caring wife, mother and grandmother. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Nichols Funeral Home directing. Gwenda is survived by her husband of 54 years, Relton Robertson; sons, Robbie Robertson and his wife Melody, and Brent Robertson and his wife Michelle; two granddaughters, Hannah and Kadey Robertson; brother Thomas Smith and his wife Brenda; and sister, Gale Smith. She was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Christine Smith; brothers, Roger and Ronald Smith; and sister, Kathy Smith.

**Pete V. Mallard, 84, of Holly Pond**
Pete V. Mallard, 84, of Holly Pond, passed away on March 21, 2021. He was born November 20, 1936, in Jefferson County, to Leonard and Nora Woods Mallard. Mr. Mallard is preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Nora Mallard; his wife, Wanda Stone Mallard; son, Nickey Mallard; son-in-law, Ronald Humphries; and several brothers and sisters. Pete is survived by his son, Tony (Cindy) Mallard; daughter, Shelia Humphries; grandchildren, Derrek Humphries, Dylan Mallard, Joey Mallard, Brandi (Brian) Steorts, Chase Mallard; great-grandchildren, Anna Gracie Mallard, Cora Steorts, Eva Steorts, Grant Mallard, Grady Mallard; and his sister, Dorothy McCay. A celebration of Mr. Mallard's life will be held at a later time. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Mallard family.

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# Rock the South (from Front)

year of cancellations due to COVID-19, concert promoters are ready for mandates to be lifted so crowds can once again enjoy live music at outdoor festivals.

Quick said the decisions were not taken lightly and are following models similar to those of the University of Alabama.

"With the recent announcements made concerning Alabama's mask ordinance ending April 9, as well as The University of Alabama's decision to return to traditional in-classroom instruction for fall 2021 and plans to open Bryant-Denny Stadium to full capacity for football games, we are following models that predict COVID-19 herd immunity will be achieved by late spring or early summer," said Quick.

"We feel confident that we are on the right track to safely hold our outdoor event in August.

"Pepsi Rock the South was founded in 2012 to celebrate the spirit of people helping people and continues to support charities that help people every day in our local communities."

Artist announcements will begin April 5 at 8 a.m. Tickets will go on sale a few days later at 8 a.m. April 9.

Ticket holders who did not request refunds after 2020's cancellation will automatically receive updated tickets for this year' show, according to Pepsi Rock the South-Partner Nathan Baugh, who said, "Ticket buyers who held on to their 2020 tickets will automatically be emailed tickets for the 2021 festival by April 19."

He continued, "The spirit of giving has always been the backbone of our festival year after year and last year, we were proud to give our ticket buyers the opportunity to donate their refunds to local partners."

RTS' economic impact has always been a question for many residents of both the city and county.

While many believe a loss of revenue is experienced for local businesses during the two-day festival and week leading up to the event, Quick said this has been addressed.

"To gain an accurate account of the economic impact of the festival on the local businesses and governments of Cullman and Cullman County, Rock the South organizers have worked in the past with the University of Alabama's Center for Business and Economic Research and Younger and Associates, a respected economic analysis firm," he said.

Cullman Economic Development Agency Director Dale Greer said, "An analysis of past festivals concluded that Rock the South has $13.4 million in economic impact per year."

During the 10 years that the festival has been held, an average of 31,000 people have attended each day of the festival, spending a total of $4.5 million in Cullman County over the two days.

"The overall impact of this event is tremendous for both the City of Cullman and the State of Alabama and we believe we can hold this outdoor event safely," said Jenny Folsom, president of the Cullman City Council.

Quick said in response to COVID-19, "The Rock the South team will continue to monitor the situation and follow CDC and Alabama state guidelines, taking a variety of steps to make sure that this year's Pepsi Rock the South is the best yet!"

Event organizers encourage attendees to review updated policies and procedures before their arrival.

One aspect often overlooked by the community that is close to Cullman City Councilman Clint Hollingsworth's heart are the donations made to local charities, made possible by RTS.

"The revenue that Pepsi Rock the South consistently brings to our area hotels, local small businesses and charities are significant," said Hollingsworth.

"Through the years, the event has donated or raised more than $600,000 for local charities and organizations from festival proceeds."

The event's website www.rockthesouth.com will include full details on the protocols the City of Cullman and Pepsi Rock the South event staff are enacting to provide a great event.

