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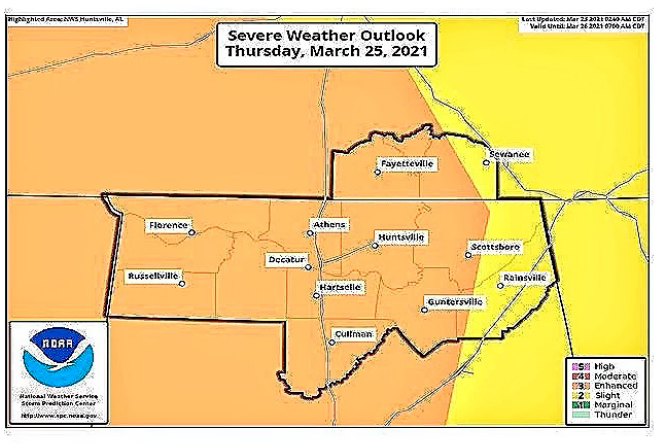
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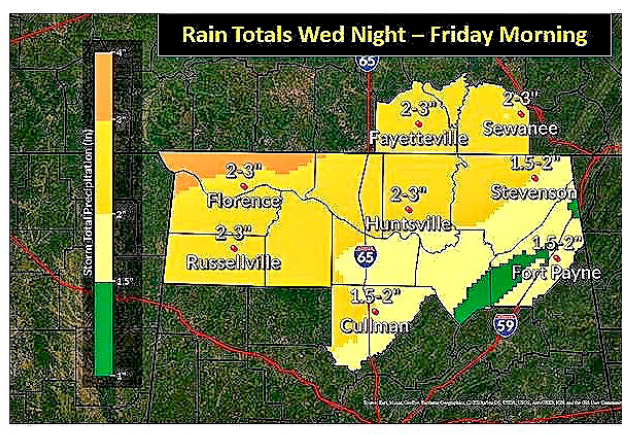
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Severe Weather Outlook for Thursday

Severe Weather & Flooding

Thursday Afternoon and Evening





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Forecast Confidence

	Low	Medium	High
Timing		✓	
Heavy Rain		✓	
Severe Weather	✓		

US NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HUNTSVILLE ALABAMA

"Thursday will be an active weather day across the Tennessee Valley. Strong to severe storms are possible in the afternoon/evening capable of producing damaging winds, hail and tornadoes. Flooding will also be an issue with 2-3 inches of rain expected." - US National Weather Service Huntsville bureau

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

'We have not accomplished a thing'

Colony residents express frustration as town council talks on opening gym, annual budget stall without action » PAGE 6

Good Hope Sizzlin' Seniors hold 1st meeting in a year



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Members of the Has-Beens- Greg Brown, Roy Graham, James Calvert, Eugene Bradford and Mayor Jerry Bartlett » PAGE 6

Cullman's Jackson Ray accepted to Auburn EAGLES program

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Tuesday was a special day for many people at Cullman High School but none more so than Jackson Ray. Ray was joined by friends, family, teachers, coaches and more in Cullman High School's Tillman Hall Tuesday afternoon to celebrate his joining Auburn University's EAGLES program. The Education to Accomplish Growth in Life Experiences for Success or EAGLES, is a comprehensive transition program (CTP) for students with intellectual disabilities. The program provides a post-secondary education opportunity for students with intellectual disabilities to engage in a two or four-year » PAGE 6

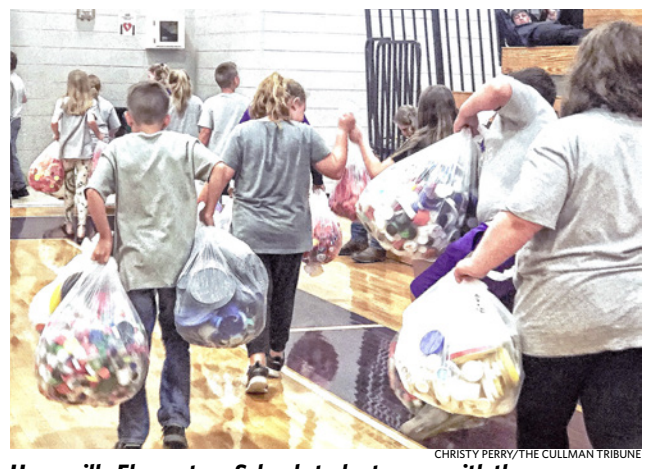


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Cullman's Jackson Ray has been accepted to join Auburn University's EAGLES program this Fall. Top row L-R: David Hannah, Mark Stephens, Kim Hall, Stacie Owen, Seth Andrews. Bottom row L-R: Brannon Ray, Jackson Ray, Michelle Ray.

EDUCATION

Hanceville Elementary students assist FCCLA by collecting plastic lids for recycling



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Hanceville Elementary School students pose with the 300 pounds of plastic lids they helped the Hanceville High School FCCLA collect. The lids will be recycled and exchanged for benches (also made from recycled plastic) that will be placed at the schools. » PAGE 6

– EDUCATION –

'A space where students can thrive'

CHS opens sensory lab for students



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Jackson Ray, along with CHS administrators and students, cuts the ribbon for Cullman High School's new sensory room Tuesday. » PAGE 6

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

New convenience store to be built in Good Hope

Council discusses new repair plan for city's wastewater system

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. – A new convenience store is coming to County Road 222 in Good Hope across from the Palomino RV Resort.

Mayor Jerry Bartlett said at Monday night's council meeting, "Last Monday night, the planning commission passed Singh Mart, LLC. We passed his site plan for his convenience store."

The convenience store will be built on three lots along County Road 222 starting at Reid Road. Singh Mart, LLC operates a similar store in Hayden that Bartlett toured.

"It's very, very nice and very clean," he said. "It's huge!"

While the Good Hope location will not be identical to the one in Hayden, Bartlett said they will definitely be similar.

The council passed a resolution allowing Living Water Services (LWS) to take over responsibility for repairs to the city's wastewater system.

LWS President Grady Parsons explained, "We've been handling those repairs for the last three or four years in Good Hope. If something breaks down at a pump station at the plant, we just fix it."

Under this new agreement, the City will pay one yearly payment for the services rather than being billed for each individual repair.

"Before, we would have to get a hold of them and say, 'Look, we have to fix this rotor.' Instead of adding that up and sending them a bill, it will just come back on us," said Parsons. "It's going to make us even more attentive. It's a real responsibility to keep this thing going."

The permit will be in LWS' name and the company will be the primary contact for the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM).

"This has worked real well for other municipalities," Parsons added.

The advantage of the arrangement, according to Parsons, will be faster repairs and time saved. For the City, the agreement creates an incentive to stay on top of repairs and needs of the system. The council also passed a resolution adopting the most recent Hazard Mitigation Plan created by the Cullman County EMA.

The next Good Hope City Council Meeting will be April 5 at 6:30 p.m. at Good Hope City Hall.

EDUCATION

Wallace State HIT program ranked among Top 50 in nation

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Wallace State Community College's Health Information Technology program has earned a position among the Top 50 Medical and Coding programs by Intelligent.com, a resource for online degree rankings and higher education planning.

The Top 50 Medical and Coding Programs for 2021 is a comprehensive research guide based on an assessment of 162 accredited colleges and universities in the nation. Each program is evaluated based on curriculum quality, graduation rate, reputation and post-graduate employment.

The 2021 rankings are calculated through a unique scoring system which includes student engagement, potential return on investment and leading third-party evaluations.

Intelligent.com analyzed 162 schools on a scale of 0 to 100, with only 50 making it to the final list. The methodology also uses an algorithm which collects and analyzes multiple rankings into one score to easily compare each school.

"The Health Information Technology faculty is pleased to receive national recognition of our CAHIIM Accredited Health Information Program," said Donna Conn, program director.

"The Health Information Technology degree is the preferred medical coding training in our area and is one of only three accredited programs in the state. While our program is known for excellent medical coding training, the HIT Degree also prepares our graduates for careers in health data analysis, revenue cycle management and health privacy and compliance."

Students who pursue any one of these programs can expect to gain employment much quicker in comparison to candidates without a degree.

In addition to accessibility and cost, the steady job growth in this market is one of the many reasons Intelligent.com researched and ranked the Top Medical and Coding Programs. To access the complete ranking, please visit: https://www.intelligent.com/best-medical-and-coding-programs/.

Along with making the Top 50 list, Wallace State's program was recognized as having the best student-faculty ratio.

The Health Information Technology program at Wallace State Community College is a six-semester degree program that, with the exception of the professional practice experience courses, can be completed online. Students enrolled in the HIT degree program earn stackable certificates throughout the program, including medical coding.

The program is currently accepting applications for fall 2021 entry, for both Medical Coding and Health Information Technology. Applications will be accepted through June 1. For more information, visit www.wallacestate.edu or contact program chair Donna Conn at 256-352-8325 or donna.conn@wallacestate.edu.

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COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Tuesday, March 23, 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: 398,877 (+81 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 112,983 (-71 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 8,237 (+11 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 2,213
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,321 (+4 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 2,973 (-1 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 124 (+1 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 62
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 38,759
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 2,312
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 276
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,381,554
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 11,575
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 143,465
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 401
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama (reported M-F): 47,286
- 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: 1,465,628
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 932,567
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 561,755
- 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. Yesterday'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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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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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

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 19th day of February, 2021

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

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

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported March 23

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported March 23, 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 19
• third-degree burglary; person; Adelsheim Circle SW; miscellaneous
• fourth-degree theft of property; third-degree criminal trespass; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; miscellaneous; $3

March 22
• duty upon striking fixtures; person; Dialsdale Dr. SW; damaged mailbox; $100

ARRESTS
March 22
Sims, Daffney M.; 54
• fourth-degree theft of property
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Grimmett, Larrydale D.; 52
• fourth-degree theft of property

Riggs, Destiny V.; 21
• public intoxication

Ellis, Daniel A.; 40
• unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance

Brooks, Oliver T.; 37
• Grand Jury Indictment-third-degree domestic violence-harassment

Moore, Jacob E.; 31
• FTA- third-degree domestic violence
• FTA- resisting arrest

Dasilva, Rachel M.; 32
• Grand Jury Indictment-fraudulent use of credit/debit card
• Grand Jury Indictment-identity theft

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

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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!
• Saturday-April 17th 9 a.m.-1 p.m.-Lifesouth Blood Drive. Please donate blood and save a life!

Free Community Dinner at Center Hill Baptist Church
• 5-6 p.m.- The first Wednesday of every month we will be offering a Free Community Dinner. Church members, community members, neighbors and friends are welcome. This will be takeout only.
• Please message or comment with how many plates you will need to help us prepare enough food for everyone. RSVP at http://bit.ly/centerhill.
• 13108 County Road 747, Hanceville, AL 35077

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

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 SOFBTALL

Cullman extends win streak with 13-9 comeback win over Boaz; Monday scoring recap

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CULLMAN, Ala. – After going 4-0 at the Times Daily Tournament in Florence last weekend, Cullman returned home to take on Boaz Monday night and extended its win streak to five games with a 13-9 come from behind win over the Lady Pirates. The Lady Bearcats plated three runs in the bottom of the first to take an early lead, but Boaz managed to build a 9-3 lead after putting eight runs on the board in the top of the fourth. However, Cullman responded with an eight-run inning of its own in the bottom of the fifth to reclaim the lead and pulled away to collect a 13-9 win.

Haley Shannon got the start in the circle for the Lady Bearcats and after working through a scoreless top of the first, Cullman put runs on the board early in its half of the inning. Chalea Clemmons blasted a solo homerun over the fence in center field and after a pair of walks, Emma Claire Wilson and Carlie Burnham scored on an error to give the Lady Bearcats a 3-0 lead going into the second.

A sacrifice fly got Boaz on the board in the top of the second and cut the lead to 3-1 but the Lady Pirates were able to do real damage in the fourth.

A combination of hits and errors allowed Boaz to post eight runs in the top half of the fourth and take a commanding, 9-3 lead but Cullman wasn't fazed.

A single from Shana Guest and three hit batters allowed the Lady Bearcats to trim the lead to 9-4 early in the bottom of the fifth and they drew three straight walks with the bases loaded to bring the lead all the way down to 9-7. Shannon scored from third on a passed ball to make it a 1-run game and Wilson drove a sacrifice fly into left field to drive in Savannah Davis and tie the game at 9. Faith Guest then gave Cullman a 10-9 lead with an RBI single and Burnham scored on an RBI groundout from Shana Guest to make it 11-9 going into the sixth inning.

An RBI double by Davis stretched the lead to 12-9 in the bottom of the sixth and Shannon scored on another passed ball to make it a 13-9 game going into the final frame. Clemmons and the Lady Bearcats' defense put out the next three batters they faced and completed the dramatic comeback over Boaz 13-9.

Davis finished with a pair of hits and RBIs in the win and Clemmons (solo HR) drove in a pair of runs as well. Faith Guest (one RBI) added two hits for Cullman and Shana Guest (one hit), Wilson and Taylor Au each posted an RBI.

The Lady Bearcats improve to 11-7 on the season with the win and will be back in action tomorrow when they travel to Lawrence County.

OTHER LOCAL SCORES

Danville 4 – West Point 1 (10 innings) (softball)
The Lady Warriors hosted Danville Monday night in what turned out to be a 10-inning duel, but West Point was held to just two hits in the game and the Lady Hawks scored three runs in the top of the 10th to pull away and win it over the Lady Warriors 4-1. Carlie Wilkins threw all 10 innings for West Point, allowing just two earned runs on four hits and striking out 15 Danville batters. She, and Lexi Kimbril posted the only hits for the Lady Warriors in the loss as well.

Vinemont 12 – Fairview 11 (softball)
The Lady Eagles traveled to Fairview for a shootout with the Lady Aggies Monday night and managed to hold off a late rally in the bottom of the seventh to return home with a 12-11 win. Vinemont posted 12 hits in the win, led by McKenna Kline who finished 5 for 5 at the plate with a pair of doubles and five RBIs. Berkley Gable (two RBIs) and Brooklyn Knott each posted a pair of hits for the Lady Eagles and Emilie (one hit) drove in a pair of runs as well.

Ayda Payne finished with a pair of RBIs for Fairview and Emma Garcia (one RBI) led the way with a pair of hits. Kloie Watson, Deavan Fulmer and Kaitlyn Benson each recorded a hit and an RBI as well.

Hanceville 12 – Holly Pond 2 (baseball)
Holly Pond made the quick trip to Hanceville for a Monday night doubleheader with Bulldogs and with the game tied at 1 going into the second, Hanceville plated 11 runs in the bottom half of the inning to pull ahead 12-1 and cruised to take game one in five innings 12-2. Drew Campbell got the start and the win on the mound, allowing just one run on two hits and striking out six in four innings of work.

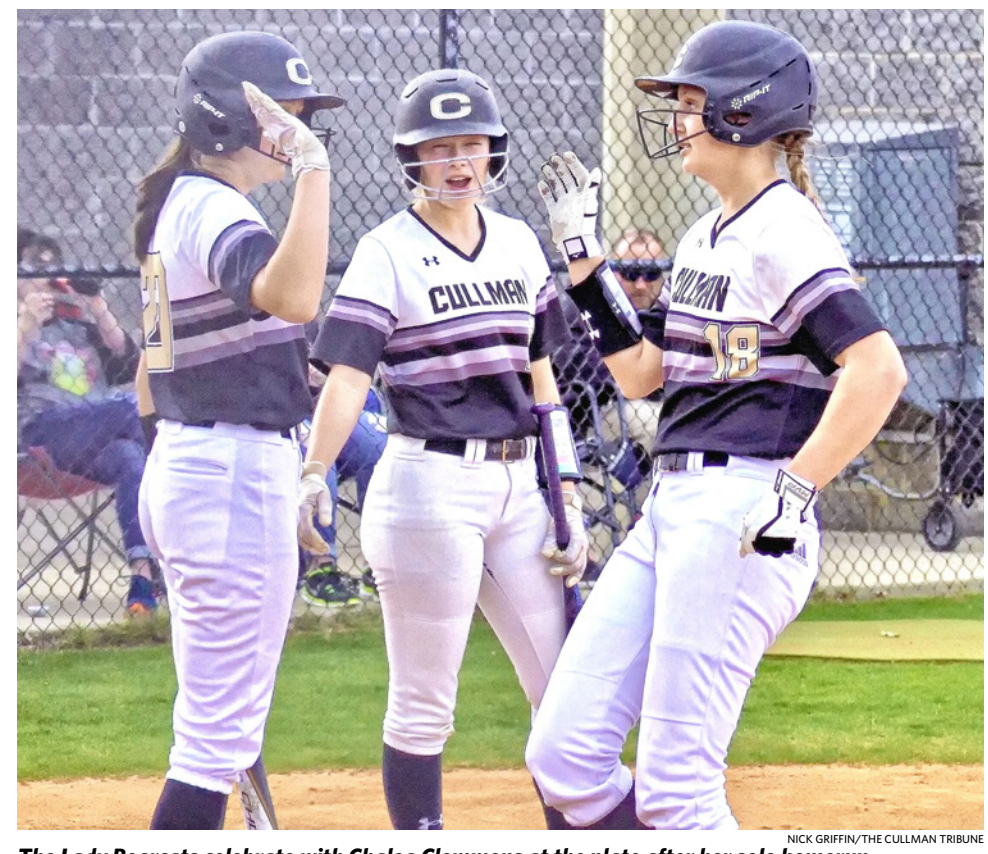
Adam Cooper led the way for the Bulldogs at the plate with three hits and three RBIs. Zach Campbell (one hit), Les Fischer (one hit) and Bo Joles (one hit) each drove in a pair of runs in the win as well.

Charlie Huddleston and Andy Light each posted a hit and an RBI for Holly Pond in the loss.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman's Chalea Clemmons blasts a homerun during the Lady Bearcats' 13-9 win over Boaz Monday.



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The Lady Bearcats celebrate with Chalea Clemmons at the plate after her solo homerun.

SWEET 16! Alabama dominates Maryland 96-77, advances to 8th Sweet 16 in program history

UA Athletics
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INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – The No. 2 seed Alabama men's basketball team found its shooting touch by knocking down 16-of-33 three-pointers on its way to a dominating 96-77 victory Monday night over No. 10 seed Maryland to reach the NCAA Tournament's Sweet 16. The Crimson Tide set NCAA Tournament program records for threes made and attempted while reaching the Sweet 16 for the first time since 2004 and eighth time in program history.

Alabama (26-6) was led by Jaden Shackelford's 21 points and five three-pointers while John Petty Jr. knocked down four threes on his way to collecting 20 points and six boards. Guard Jahvon Quinerly recorded his first career double-double with 14 points and a career-best 11 assists, the most assists in a game this season by any Tide player. Forward Alex Reese had 13 points and five boards, while guard Joshua Primo returned from an MCL injury to collect 10 points and four rebounds in 23 minutes of action.

UA has now made 341 three-pointers in 961 attempts this season, which breaks the school record set by last year's team (334-of-957). The Tide has now won eight straight contests and 11 of its last 12 games coming into next week's Sweet 16 matchup vs. No. 11 seed UCLA.

Coach Nate Oats Postgame Comments
"I'm really happy for our guys. It's been a long time since we've played in the Sweet 16 here. These guys have really bought into playing the right way. Defensively, we've been one of the top five teams in the country all year. The offense was bound to come. I just told them after the first game, let's just lose ourselves in the game. Lose ourselves in the defensive stuff and blue collar stuff. I reached out to coach (Rick) Pitino after the Iona game because I wanted to get his thoughts on us. He told me the same thing that when he had his better teams, the hardest game was always the first one. We have enough talent that it's going to come, so just focus on defense. I told our guys just that and coach Pitino said the same thing. He's a Hall of Fame coach who has won a couple of championships, so I think he knows what he's doing. A lot of guys stepped up tonight. It says a lot when the SEC Player of the Year (Herbert Jones) has six points and six rebounds because of foul trouble shows what everyone else had working today."

Team Stats
- The 96 points scored by Alabama tied for the third-most points in an NCAA Tournament game in program history, matching the 96 points vs. Wake Forest on March 17, 1991
- With the win, Alabama advances to the Sweet 16 for the first time since 2004 and the eighth time overall (the 1987 team reached the Sweet 16 but was later vacated), while improving to 26-6 on the season, just one shy of matching the all-time program record for wins (27) set by the 2001-02 team
- Alabama (35-of-66) and Maryland (32-of-60) each shot 53 percent from the field, but the Tide knocked down 16 threes compared to only 10 (10-of-27) by the Terrapins
- The Tide dominated the glass for a second consecutive NCAA Tournament game, owning a 40-19 advantage
- After outrebounding Iona 42-26 in the first round, Alabama has combined to own an 82-45 advantage on the glass
- The UA bench have outscored both Iona (23-8) and Maryland (39-9) reserves by a combined 62-17 in its two tournament games



UA ATHLETICS

Alabama's Jaden Schackelford led the Crimson Tide with 21 points in their 96-77 win over Maryland Monday night.

First Half
- Maryland used an early 9-3 run to begin the game with an 11-5 lead
- Trailing 18-12 at the 13:22 mark, Alabama responded with a 19-4 run over the next 6:20 to take a commanding 31-22 lead with 7:02 remaining
- The Tide began the run with a 7-0 spurt to take its first lead of the game at 19-18 at the 10:53 mark
- Alabama extended its lead to nine, 31-22, with a 9-0 run
- The next few minutes the two teams swapped buckets before 5-0 run by the Tide gave Alabama its largest lead of the half 44-33 at the 2:46 mark
- The Tide bench was crucial to Alabama taking the 46-38 lead into the locker room with 24 bench points with 11 coming from Reese and seven points to go along with nine assists from Quinerly

Second Half
- Alabama used a second 19-4 run, including scoring 14 consecutive points, with Petty and Shackelford combining for four three pointers to take a commanding 65-42 lead with 15:06 to go
- Maryland scored the next five, but the Tide answered with a 5-0 spurt of its own to lead 70-47 with 12:05 left in the final stanza
- The teams swapped baskets the next few minutes with Maryland adding a late 7-0 run to cut the Tide's lead to 16 with 3:58 to play
- That would be the closest the Terps would get as both teams emptied their benches

Alabama will play its first Sweet 16 game in 17 years when it will take on the No. 11 seed UCLA Bruins on Sunday, March 28, in Hinkle Fieldhouse on the campus of Butler University. The game is slated for a 6:15 p.m. CT tip (7:15 p.m. ET) and can be seen on TBS.

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.

PREP TENNIS

Cullman boys, girls down Athens on the road

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ATHENS, Ala. – Both Cullman's boys' and girls' tennis teams traveled to Athens for a pair of varsity matches Monday night and both squads returned home with wins. The girls posted a 9-0 win over the Lady Eagles and the boys topped Athens 8-1.

Cullman Girls 9 – Athens 0
Singles
1. Kate Krigbaum won 6-0, 6-0

2. Katia Peterson won 6-1, 6-0

3. Sophia Karolewics won 6-1, 6-1

4. Caroline Hill won 6-2, 6-0

5. Emma Murphree won 6-2, 6-1

6. Avery Heis won 6-0, 6-0

Doubles
1. Kate Krigbaum/Katia Peterson won 6-0, 6-3

2. Sophia Karolewics/Caroline Hill won 6-2, 6-0

3. Emma Murphree/Sara-Beth Land won 6-1, 6-1

Cullman Boys 8 – Athens 1
Singles
1. Jackson Murphree won 6-0, 6-0

2. Chas NeSmith won 6-1, 6-2

3. Eli Chaney won 6-4, 6-1

4. Will Shirey lost 4-6, 7-6 (1), 2-10

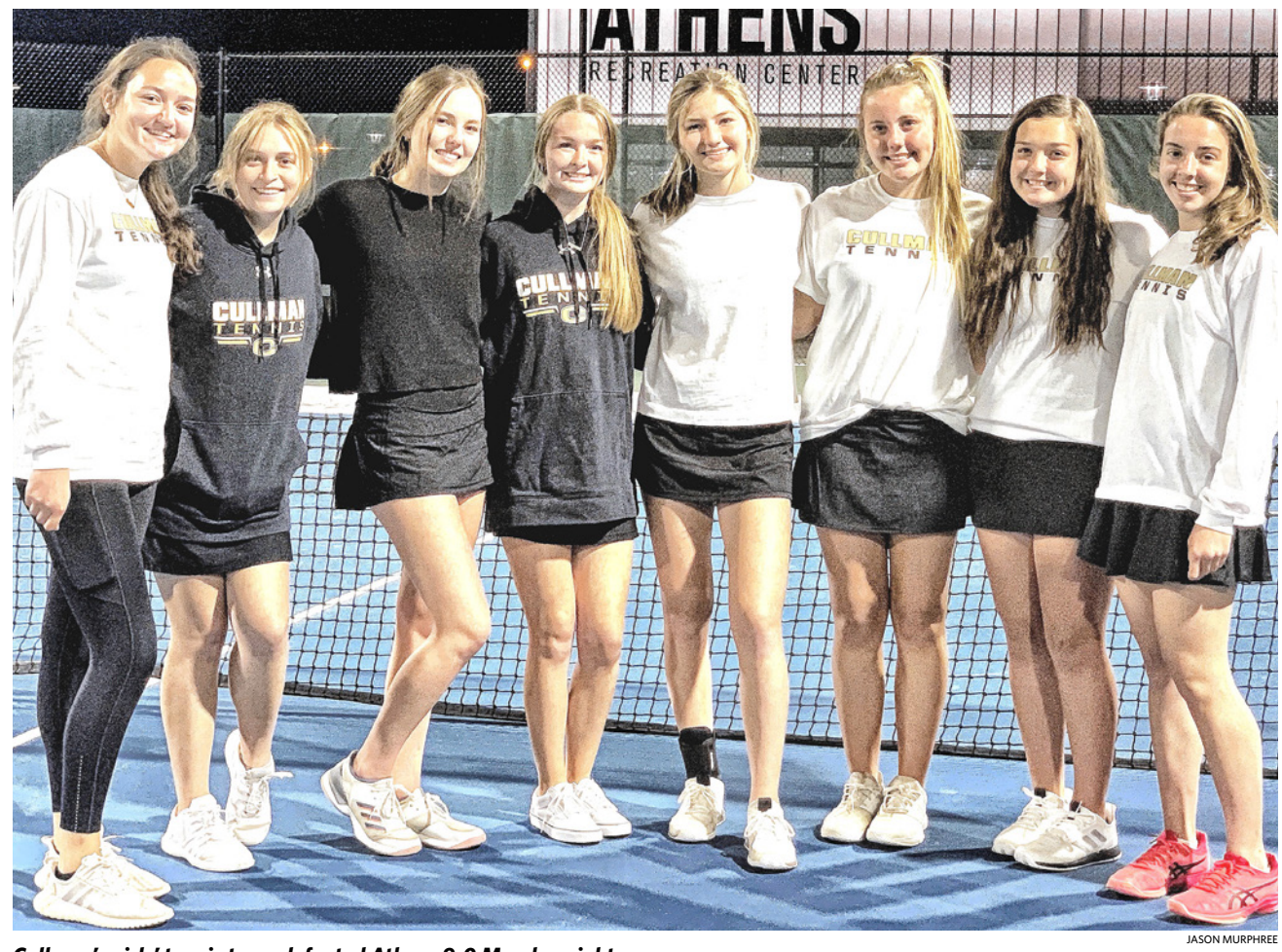
5. Jaden Orr won 6-0, 6-0

6. Bennett Cabri 6-2, 6-0

Doubles
1. Jackson Murphree/Chas NeSmith won 6-1, 6-0

2. Eli Chaney/Will Shirey won 6-2, 6-0

3. Jaden Orr/Bennett Cabri won 6-1, 6-2



JASON MURPHREE

Cullman's girls' tennis team defeated Athens 9-0 Monday night.

'A good day for us': Auburn football holds open practice at JHS

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. – With plentiful sunshine and blue skies overhead, approximately 3,500 Auburn fans filed into Jordan-Hare Stadium Saturday to watch football practice, their first chance to see the Tigers under first-year head coach Bryan Harsin.

Children in No. 34 jerseys, Auburn University students, football lettermen, longtime season ticket holders, all united by their love of Auburn football and the opportunity to return to a place that has been the source of so many fond memories.

"Our guys were excited," Harsin said. "I think that environment we created today and having the fans out here was pretty cool for our guys. All the fans who came out here appreciated spending their Saturday with us."

To inform fans about the practice's schedule, Auburn football chief of staff Brad Larrondo served as emcee and hype man, using the public address system to highlight key plays. "A good day today," Harsin said. "Our guys enjoyed it. This was good for us. Last spring, there was no spring practice. These guys did a really good job of preparing to come out here and get after it."

Dr. Todd Johnson and his wife came from Bluffton, South Carolina, this weekend to visit their daughter, an Auburn University senior in her final semester."It's nice to get back to some sense of normalcy," said Johnson, who earned his MBA in health care from Auburn University's Harbert College of Business. "We just wanted to come out and enjoy the day. It's been a hard year for everybody, but I think it's the start of the light at the end of the tunnel."

Sitting a few rows behind the Johnsons, a quartet of Auburn female students watched the Tigers run individual and team drills.

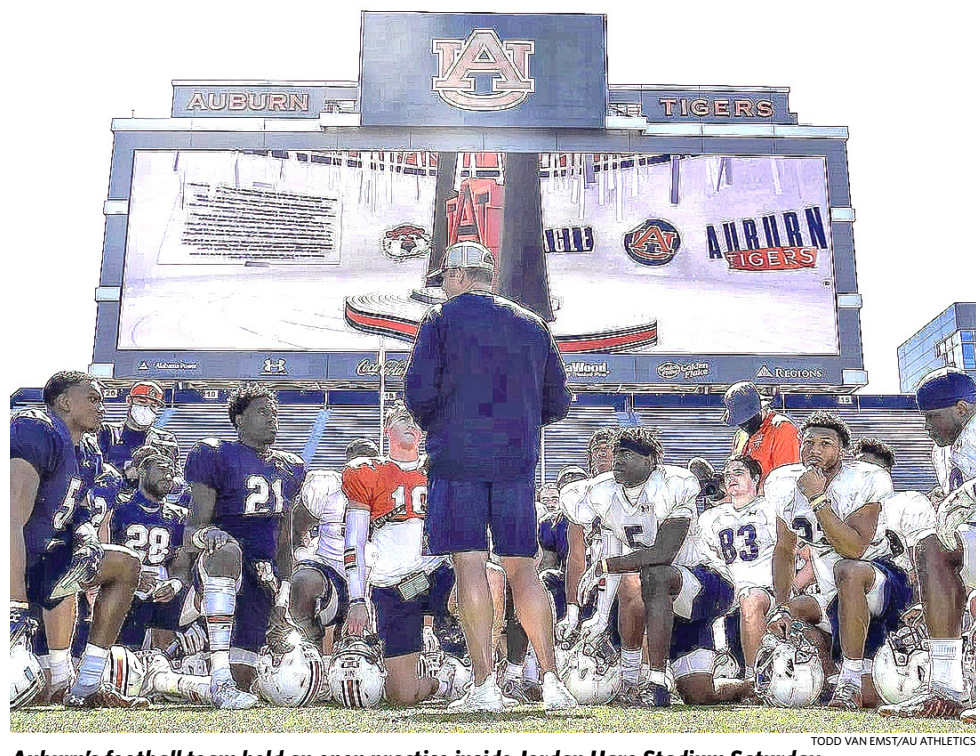
"We love Auburn football and it's a pretty day," said Nicole Stacey, a senior majoring in rehab and disability studies. "We thought it would be a good opportunity to get back in here and see what the team is going to look like next year. They're looking good. It's good to see our new coaching staff doing well."

Seated a dozen rows up from Pat Dye Field on the west side, former Tiger Trovon Reed said Harsin's outreach to football lettermen via Zoom calls motivated him to recently visit in person with Auburn's new coach.

"Come and see how Coach Harsin runs things," said Reed, an aspiring coach who played four seasons in the NFL after helping Auburn win two SEC championships from 2010-14. "We talked about it but now I get to see it with my eyes. I'm loving it so far. I think we have some good guys who are ready to play in his system. I'm looking for a successful season. I know he and all his coaches are. It's going to be a great year. I'll bleed orange and blue until the day I die. After sitting down and speaking with Coach Harsin, I'm Team Harsin. I've got these guys' backs and I know they've got mine for the rest of my life."

After Auburn's practice, the Tigers' third of the spring, Harsin said the team would review the video and make corrections, then reconvene for a team movie Saturday night.

"As a player, you want to perform," he said. "You should want to perform every practice. I appreciate the fans being out here. It's a good day for us, the excitement of getting that idea that football is coming back, we're going to play, we all hope we can have a full stadium. Everybody on our staff, all the new coaches, we're all glad to be here. We haven't really had a chance to express that properly, so this was a chance to show some gratitude for living in Auburn and being a part of this program."



TODD VAN EMST/AU ATHLETICS

Auburn's football team held an open practice inside Jordan Hare Stadium Saturday.







Recycling (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Students from Hanceville Elementary School gathered Tuesday afternoon to celebrate their efforts to help Hanceville High School's Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) collect plastic lids for a recycling project. The plastic lids will be recycled and exchanged for three benches (also made from recycled plastic) that will be brought back from Evansville, Indiana and placed at the schools.

FCCLA Sponsor Amy Chambers said she plans to place one of the benches in her classroom, one in the elementary school and one in the high school.

The kids began collecting the lids for the benches in January. They gathered lids from bottles, food containers and other products.

"They gave us a list of things to look for and we had to check everything and make sure it was clean and make sure there was no metal," she said.

"If there was paper in the lids, we had to dig that out. It was a process."

Each bench required 100 pounds of plastic lids to produce.

Chambers said she wasn't sure how many lids would be needed to add up to 100 pounds.

"I didn't know if it would take us a year or how long," she said.

"After a couple of months, we weighed them, and we had 120 pounds."

Chambers set a deadline for the students to turn in the lids and just last week, the kids turned in another 100 pounds.

As an incentive for the kids to pitch in, the FCCLA offered shirts that Chambers made in her classroom to each student who brought in a gallon Ziplock bag of plastic lids.

"The elementary kids really took that and stepped up. It was crazy for a couple of weeks," smiled Chambers.

Chambers will travel to Evansville during spring break to deliver the plastic lids.

She explained, "They are going to have the benches ready.

"We are basically replacing the plastic that they made our benches out of, so we don't have to make two trips."

The benches will be rainbow-colored.

"I wanted to do all the colors because that is what all the kids will remember, all the colored lids," Chambers said.

The FCCLA collected a total of 303 pounds of plastic lids for this community service project.

Lab (from Front)

Cullman City Schools
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman High School is becoming even more creative in finding new ways for students to engage and succeed, with the campus adding a sensory lab to serve as a therapeutic space for the development of all students.

Sensory rooms have become a popular and creative concept in recent years, acting as creative spaces with a variety of equipment that provide students with special needs, anxiety and social/emotional challenges personalized sensory input. Cullman High School Principal Kim Hall said the administration spent countless hours researching the benefits of a sensory room and decided the concept was a great fit for Cullman High.

The sensory room at Cullman High features low-lights, projections on the wall, chunky, comfortable furniture and different textured materials across the space.

"It provides a specific area for students to calm and focus themselves so they can be better prepared for learning and interacting with others. In addition to the endless benefits this sensory room will offer to students, this new space at CHS will help the administration, teachers and staff achieve our commitment to the students, their families and the community of Cullman," Hall explained.

"Each student at Cullman High School is recognized as an individual with varying needs, interests, learning capacities, talents and aspirations.

"The curricula and extra-curricular opportunities are adapted, and a variety of teaching methods and materials are utilized in order to meet the individual needs of our students.

"Adding a sensory room is just the next step in that journey, creating a space where students can thrive."

Hall went on to explain how the addition of a sensory room fits into the school's curriculum and academic strategy, stresses basic skills, awareness of the technologies of an ever-changing world, vocational skills and an appreciation of the fine arts.

"Cullman High School is committed to providing a learning environment and school program that will foster the intellectual, physical, emotional and social development of each child to his or her greatest potential," Hall added.

"At CHS, we consistently strive to improve, identify the needs, and address the learning and emotional environment for all students.

"This includes students who may have severe autism, down syndrome, emotional and anger issues or other challenges.

"These past few years have brought to light the need for expanded support of social and emotional needs in the school setting."

Assistant Principal of Facilities Aaron Sparks played a key role in implementing the sensory room, and the administration thanked contributors and sponsors, including Wal-Mart and its local managers David Roberts, Joey Chidress and Ken Caviness.

The school also thanked the Alabama State Senate, Alabama Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, Cullman City Schools Superintendent Dr. Susan Patterson and the Cullman City Board of Education, CCS Student Services Coordinator Dawn Nesmith, CCS Support Services Coordinator Hayden Faulk, Chris Parker, Gary Lay, the CHS Art Department, Elizabeth Miller, National Art Honor Society students, the CHS Agri-Science Department and David Benefield.

Seniors (from Front)

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. – They're back! The Sizzlin' Seniors of Good Hope took a giant step toward a return to normalcy Tuesday as the group met for the first time since the pandemic shutdown more than a year ago. They had hoped to meet outside in the park's pavilion, but the weather did not cooperate. Despite that, members were still able to laugh and catch up with friends.

The group played bingo and enjoyed a lunch from Southern Hickory provided by the City of Good Hope. Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry even stopped by to visit and brought plenty of goodies for them to take home.

Two of the Sizzlin' Seniors found love during the shutdown. Newlyweds Billy and Dale Bradford, married six months, were excited to see friends and head out as a couple.

Bonnie Bradford, who is married to Billy's brother Eugene, said she was incredibly happy to be back.

What did they do for a year?

Said Bonnie Bradford, "We stayed home!" She said she was happy to be out again because, she said, she couldn't afford to stay home much longer.

"Right now, I have new countertops in the garage ready to go on.

"I got new tile in the kitchen, new tile in the bathroom and a new dining room suite ordered," she laughed.

"That's what I do when I am at home. I redo the house."

Most of the senior center members had not seen each other in the past year and had lots of catching up to do.

They still had the competitive spirit they are known for as the Sizzlin' Ladies faced off once again with the Has-Beens in a high-scoring game of bean bag baseball.

The ladies admitted to being "a bit rusty," while the men of the Has-Beens seemed suspiciously calm and confident.

The trash talking began right where it left off last year, and with the ladies winning the coin toss, the men were up to bat first.

It was a slow start for the Has-Beens, who quickly made three straight outs.

The ladies looked like they would resume their winning ways with a lead-off triple to start the 2021 season.

The hope of getting an early lead soon faded as they left a runner stranded on third.

The Has-Beens scored three runs in the top of the second inning thanks to Jerry "Wild Thang" Bartlett's three-run homer.

The women answered with a couple runs of their own in the coming innings and the taunting by the ladies escalated significantly. They soon regretted that decision.

The Has-Beens went on to score 22 runs against the Sizzlin' Ladies, who were stopped at four runs. Rumors began to swirl as to whether the men had been holding secret practices in defiance of Governor Kay Ivey's Safer at Home Order. They denied all accusations.

Sizzlin' Senior Director, scorekeeper and member of the Has-Beens Greg Brown declared Mayor Bartlett the opening day MVP.

Bartlett finished the day with four home runs. James "Hammer" Calvert was MVP runner-up with two home runs of his own to help elevate the Has-Beens to victory.

Brown chuckled, "I am proud of them, but I felt sorry for the outclassed girls."

There's no doubt the ladies will remember those words when the two teams face off again in April. Brown did add, "Fun was had by all!"

The Sizzlin' Seniors of Good Hope meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the basement of Good Hope City Hall.

Ray (from Front)

campus experience to help students achieve their employment and independent living goals upon successful completion of the program.

Assistant Principal Mark Stephens got the ceremony underway, highlighting some of Jackson's notable achievements and contributions to his school in his four years at CHS.

"Jackson has been on the football team since 10th grade. You've probably seen him on the sideline during warmups and on the field getting the guys ready to go. Jackson also served on this year's homecoming court and prom court. He actually had to catch a flight back from Auburn to get here in time for homecoming. At the beginning of the year, Jackson also gave a fiery speech about wearing your mask and socially distancing because he wanted to get this school year in. He didn't want to go back home, he wanted to be here with his classmates on campus. Around the house, you might find Jackson rocking out to Luke Bryan and he enjoys hanging out with the crew at Desperation so he's very involved with his church. He enjoys video gaming and talking with friends on the phone. Currently, Jackson is working on his academic modules through Auburn University."

A Cullman High and Auburn University alum was on-hand for the ceremony as well. Seth Andrews has been a Graduate Teaching Assistant within the EAGLES program since August and is excited to welcome Jackson into the program.

"I'm very excited as an Auburn alum and also as a Cullman alum to be here to welcome Jackson to the awesome EAGLES program we have at Auburn University. The EAGLES program is a post-secondary program for students with intellectual disabilities to come to Auburn and understand what it means to be an Auburn student with the goal of working towards independence," Andrews said.

"We have five pillars and those are employment, academics, independent living, personal social skills and health and wellness.

"So, when Jackson gets to the plains this fall, he's going to be going to Auburn classes, EAGLES specific classes, he'll be working with peer mentors we have that volunteer with our students, he'll be going to personal training sessions, work sites and really learning a lot of different skills that will help him become an independent young adult after our program.

Andrews broke down the extensive selection process that Jackson and his family had to complete to earn a spot within the program. Jackson was one of just six applicants to be accepted this year.

"We're excited to have Jackson joining us. He went through a very rigorous interview process. I think we had around 34 applicants this year that went to a national committee and they selected 12 students to get an in-person interview back in October," Andrews said.

"So, 12 students including Jackson came down to the University in October and went through a two-day process with several different interviews, his parents went through interviews, met with professors and staff members to see what our program was about, and Jackson was one of six students accepted this year.

"It's definitely a big accomplishment and everyone should be proud of him and we're very excited to have him. War Eagle."

"Today is the culmination of a lot of hard work and dedication from Jackson, his parents, family, friends and educators. This is something to really be excited about," Stephens said. Jackson has defied the odds, not only overcoming a cancer diagnosis in 2012 but being involved as a student and graduating with his class."

Jackson has been a fun and inspiring presence on campus at Cullman High School for years and now he'll be taking his talents to the loveliest village on the plains.

Colony (from Front)

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COLONY, Ala. – The Colony Town Council Tuesday evening argued over everything from the town's annual budget to the contents of a previous meeting's minutes, leading Councilman Eric Carwell to threaten resignation and local residents in attendance to shouting matches with council members. One resident's comment, offered during the public comment portion of the meeting, seemed to sum up the opinion of many: "It's the end of March and we have not accomplished a thing."

At the outset of the meeting, Councilwoman Ethel Alexander protested that her return of $150 given to the tutoring program she runs was not included in the minutes for the Feb. 23 2021, meeting.

Mayor Curtis Johnson told her that, since she returned the funds during the public comment portion of the meeting, the act was not recorded, despite a section entitled "Public Comments" included in the minutes.

A motion to amend the minutes to include the return of funds died after the vote split evenly: Alexander, Eric Carwell and Sam Ashford for and Johnson, Mary Parker and Jasmine Cole against.

The minutes of the March 9 meeting were accepted unanimously.

When the council took up the town's annual budget, Finance Committee chairman Carwell pointed out that a budget document sent out to council members and available to others at the meeting did not come from him or the committee.

He told the council that, as of the first of the year, the town only had around $6,000, adding that he is not receiving copies of receipts from town expenditures, so he does not know how much the town actually has.

When Alexander asked who had created the circulated budget document, Johnson replied that he, Parker and "some ladies" had drawn it up.

Carwell said that the document was similar to the budget he was working on, and that he would use it to fill in gaps in the information he had.

The council voted to table the budget until its next meeting.

A high point of contention came after Councilwoman Cole told the council that leaks in the gym have been sealed and that the gym should be ready to reopen.

When she made a motion to reopen the gym Sunday afternoons and Wednesday evenings starting next week--in time for the county school system's spring break--Alexander asked who would be supervising the gym while children were there and what the rules would be. Cole and Johnson both attested that the rules would be the same as they have been in previous years, and Cole said that she would supervise the gym.

Alexander and Ashford voted against the motion, while Carwell asked more questions about the rules.

By the end of the following discussion, which became angry at points, the motion was deemed to have died. Alexander made an alternate motion to table the matter until the next meeting.

She, Carwell and Ashford voted in favor of the motion, while Johnson and Parker voted against. Cole abstained from the vote, giving a majority to those supporting tabling of the measure, meaning that the gym cannot officially be opened until after the next meeting in early April.

Residents in attendance lashed out in response, saying that the town's children have nothing to do and need to leave to find activities, arguing that the council's infighting was hurting the children. They demanded that council members find some way to work together.

The Colony Town Council meets for work session at 5 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at Colony Town Hall, with regular meeting following immediately after. The public is invited to attend.

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

Obituary Announcements: March 24

Denise Marie Higgins, 58
Mrs. Denise Marie Higgins passed from this life on March 22, 2021 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. Mrs. Higgins was born May 28, 1962 to Durell and Shirley Campbell Peek. She is survived by her son Daniel Jones. No services are planned at this time. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Higgins family.

Charles Winford Gable, 81, of Cullman
Funeral Service for Charles Winford Gable, 81, of Cullman will be 2 p.m., Thursday, March 25, 2021 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends from 12 Noon until 2 p.m. prior to the service. Mr. Gable passed from this life on March 22, 2021 at his residence. He was born January 19, 1940 to Donnie Emory & Ida Mae Triptor Gable. Brother Delwin Kilgo will officiate the service. He will be buried at the Missionary Grove Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Gable family. Mr. Gable was a member of Missionary Grove Baptist church. He loved working in the yard, in his shop, going to yard sales and watching Alabama Football. He was preceded in death by his parents, Donnie Emory & Ida Mae Triptor Gable; four brothers; 6 sisters; and his son, Tony Gable. Mr. Gable is survived by his wife, Regina Gable; sons, Clark Gable, Dewayne Gable; brother, Billy (Gladys) Gable; grandchildren, Heath Gable, Morgan Gable, Emily Gable, Chelsea Gable; and a host of family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Curtis O. Chapman, 83, of Hanceville
Memorial services are incomplete at this time for Curtis O. Chapman, 83, of Hanceville. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Chapman passed away Monday, March 23, 2021 at his residence. He was born October 14, 1937. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com

Abigail Green, 65, of Hanceville
Funeral service for Abigail Green, 65, of Hanceville will be held at 12 noon Saturday, March 27, 2021 in the chapel of Hanceville Funeral Home with Dr. Michael Moore officiating. Burial will follow at Pleasant Grove Cemetery. Her family will receive friends Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. at the funeral home.
Abigail, who died at her home on Monday, March 22nd was part of the Media Ministry at Faith Chapel Christian Center. She was born in Blount Springs, the daughter of the late Alfred and Iva Lee Parker Green, and is survived by her siblings; Nathaniel (Rebecca) Green, Vilee (Roosevelt, Jr.) Ford, Elbert (Yvette) Green, Evelyn (Moses) Timmons, Otis (Gatler) Green and James E. Green; an aunt, Gertrude Parker, an Uncle, Robert (Evelyn) Parker and a host of nephews, nieces and cousins. She was preceded in death by a sister, Viola Green.

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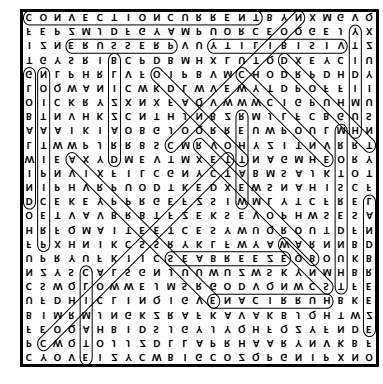
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EDUCATION

West Point's Walker Johnson earns $4K scholarship at Alabama Farmers Federation 2021 Junior Beef Expo

Other area students bring home scholarships, awards

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. – The Cullman County Board of Education (CCBOE) proudly reported that West Point student and CCBOE Fast Track participant Walker Johnson earned a $4,000 scholarship for exhibiting the reserve grand champion animal during the Alabama Farmers Federation/Alfa Insurance 2021 Junior Beef Expo Market Show. Other area students brought home honors as well, including Cullman County students Rex Harrison and Cole Eubanks, and Bryn Lake of Winston County.

The Alabama Farmers Federation posted to social media:
"Walker Johnson of Cullman in Cullman County exhibited the reserve grand champion animal during the Market Show at the Jr. Beef Expo. As reserve grand champion, he received a $4,000 scholarship sponsored by the SLE Rodeo. He also exhibited the Crossbred reserve champion. The contest was held March 19 at the Teague Arena in Montgomery. The Alabama Farmers Federation coordinates the show, which is presented by Alfa Insurance."

From the Alabama Farmers Federation:
Bryn Lake of Arley in Winston County exhibited the 5th overall animal during the Market Show at the Jr. Beef Expo. As 5th overall, he received a $1,000 scholarship sponsored by U.S. Foods. He also exhibited the champion Charolais.

The contest was held March 19 at the Teague Arena in Montgomery. The Alabama Farmers Federation coordinates the show, which is presented by Alfa Insurance. Lake is pictured with, from left, judge Scott Werning of South Dakota and Federation President Jimmy Parnell.



ALABAMA FARMERS FEDERATION

Walker Johnson exhibited the reserve grand champion animal at the Alabama Farmers Federation/Alfa Insurance 2021 Junior Stock Expo Market Show. Johnson is pictured with Federation President Jimmy Parnell and judge Scott Werning of South Dakota.

From the Alabama Farmers Federation:
Rex Harrison of Holly Pond in Cullman County exhibited the reserve champion Charolais and reserve champion Alabama Bred & Owned Charolais at the Jr. Beef Expo Heifer Show. The contest was held March 20 at the Teague Arena in Montgomery. The Alabama Farmers Federation coordinates the show, which is presented by Alfa Insurance. Harrison is pictured with Federation Executive Director Paul Pinyan.

From the Alabama Farmers Federation:
Cole Eubanks of Cullman in Cullman County exhibited the champion Charolais and champion Alabama Bred & Owned Charolais at the Jr. Beef Expo Heifer Show. The contest was held March 20 at the Teague Arena in Montgomery. The Alabama Farmers Federation coordinates the show, which is presented by Alfa Insurance. Eubanks is pictured with Federation Executive Director Paul Pinyan.

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STK#17432A
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STK#01215
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STK#17661B
2016 GMC CANYON
$25,897

STK#17360B
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