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ADECA director visits Cullman County, assesses flood damage

ADECA
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) Director Kenneth Boswell visited Cullman County Thursday to view progress on current projects.

He also surveyed recent flooding damage at Cullman County parks and damage to the Crooked Creek Bridge on County Road 940 and other roads around Cullman County.



Cullman County Economic Development Director Bradley Williams and ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell at Crooked Creek Bridge on County Road 940

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION

– LOCAL GOVERNMENT –

Cullman City Council approves nearly $30 million bond issue for new civic center and CWAC water park expansion

Cites high credit rating, low issue cost



CULLMAN PARKS, RECREATION AND SPORTS TOURISM

A design concept of the multi-use Civic Center presented in 2019.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman City Council Thursday approved a $29,085,000 bond issue to fund the construction of the city's new civic center and an expansion of the water park at the adjacent Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center. While the projects have not yet been put out to bid, City Clerk Wes Moore estimated that the civic center will cost at least $20 million, with approximately $10 million for the CWAC expansion.

The 30-year bonds, underwritten by The Frazer Lanier Company, Inc., have a 2.19% yield. The true interest cost to the city is 2.56%, reported to the council as a substantial discount by Moore, who told media that the cost has historically been "well above 3%."

Cullman was able to negotiate the low rate due to a recent bond hearing that upheld a credit rating of AA, which, according to Standard and Poors who did the rating, means that the city "has a very strong capacity to meet its financial commitments."

When it was introduced in 2019, plans for the proposed multi-use facility included basketball, volleyball and other court sports.

In addition, the complex could host community and commercial events like trade shows, expos, conferences and concerts.

At the time of the unveiling of the plan, CPRST said that it already had tentative agreements » PAGE 2

Baileyton Bargain Days canceled this weekend



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OPINION

Editorial: 2021 fashion trends? Yeah, no thanks



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported April 1

Cullman Tribune Staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported April 1, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
No incidents reported.

ARRESTS
March 29
Creel, Patrick Scott; 45
• possession of dangerous drugs

Delong, Chadd Lee; 40
• FTA- driving while license suspended (2 counts)

Hendrix, Katherine Elizabeth; 38
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• second-degree possession of marijuana
• possession of dangerous drugs

Knowles, Chandler Reece; 28
• homicide-murder-non family-strong arm

Sisk, Retta Lynn; 58
• burglary-non residence-no force
• possession of marijuana

Sullins, Carl Bret; 61
• burglary-non residence; no force
• illegal possession of prescription drugs

March 30
Denney, Jefferey Allen; 32
• assault-child abuse-aggravated-family

Dingler, Brandy Marie; 29
• assault-child abuse-aggravated-family

Griffin, Sylena Ann; 24
• possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
• second-degree possession of marijuana

Hook, Kodi Jacob; 26
• second-degree possession of marijuana

Parson, Jordan Noah; 20
• FTA- assault-harassment

Williams, Walter Alexander; 33
• FTA- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Yarbrough, Ryan Henry; 44
• fugitive from justice

March 31
Anders, Shaun David; 30
• FTA- burglary-unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle (no theft)

Bailey, Jon Austin Hilton; 37
• FTA- possession of burglary tools
• FTA- burglary-residence-no force

Burbage, George Richard; 46
• Fraud- illegal obtaining credit/debit card (4 counts)

Davis, Jessica Catherine; 38
• FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Dyer, James Ray; 33
• assault-domestic-harassment-family

Guthery, Brandon Darrell; 26
• possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Guthery, Valerie Danielle; 21
• Probation Violation- larceny/theft

Lewis, Rodale Lamont; 23
• Grand Jury- assault-reckless endangerment
• Grand Jury- second-degree possession of marijuana
• Grand Jury- attempting to elude a police officer
• Grand Jury- transporting stolen property
• Grand Jury- stolen vehicles-auto theft

Mikel, James William; 21
• FTA- burglary- residence-force

Nugent, Donald Gerome; 50
• criminal trespass
• sex offense- indecent exposure

Phelps, Crystal Michelle; 35
• FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
• FTA- driving while license suspended

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
March 31
• fourth-degree theft of property; third-degree criminal trespass; person; Hickory Ave SW; miscellaneous; $50
• first-degree theft of property; person; Katie Ln. SW; '11 Honda PCX; $3,000

ARRESTS
March 31
Sears, Bridget N.; 35
• second-degree possession of marijuana

Guthery, Valerie D.; 21
• fourth-degree theft of property

Smith, Shara L.; 48
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property (3 counts)
• FTA- third-degree criminal trespass

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

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

PETS

Vaccinating pets is crucial in protection against rabies

Victoria Dee
Contributor

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. – Almost always fatal, but easily preventable, rabies is a disease to which humans should always be alert. Transmission of the disease most often occurs through animals in the wild. Taking preventative measures against the disease is key to staying rabies free.

What is rabies?
A disease of the nervous system, rabies transmission is most common through saliva. After affecting the central nervous system, the disease is ultimately fatal.

Wesley Anderson, an Alabama Extension forestry and wildlife specialist, said the disease can infect most mammals, but some species are more prone to spreading it.

"Bats, skunks, raccoons and fox are some of the more common wildlife species to carry rabies," Anderson said. "In Alabama, raccoons and bats are the most common."

Symptoms
"Overall, the most common symptoms of rabies are similar, regardless of the species," said Lauren Marks, veterinarian at Marks Animal Hospital in Gadsden, Alabama.

The main symptoms include the following:
• Hyperexcitability (overly responsive to outside stimulus)
• Salivation
• Nervousness
• Anxious behavior
• Sometimes incoordination as well as paralysis

Both Marks and Misty Edmondson, associate state veterinarian at Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries, echo the importance of being proactive in prevention before these symptoms occur.

"Once these signs and symptoms of rabies appear, the disease is fatal in both animals and humans," Marks said.

Prevention and treatment
"Once an animal is obviously rabid, there is no cure," Anderson said. "Exposure to the disease, however, is treatable."

For humans, there are pre-exposure vaccines that are situationally accessible. Most crucial to prevention, however, is vaccination of animals.

"The best protection we have against rabies is still vaccination of domestic animals," Marks said. "The vaccine has proven to be the most effective means of disease control."

Maintaining current vaccinations is a legal requirement for cats, dogs and ferrets. This is not a requirement of horses, though some owners choose to vaccinate due to the risk of exposure. Thousands of raccoons and coyotes actually receive rabies vaccines, as the United States Department of Agriculture distributes oral vaccines encased in bait across suitable wildlife habitat.

According to Anderson, the threat of rabies is a human health concern.

"By doing our part to stop the transmission from wildlife to our pets, we also decrease the chances of someone getting bitten by a rabid animal," Anderson said.

For more information about rabies, its symptoms and its treatments, visit www.aces.edu.

Council (from Front)

with promoters for 12 sports tournaments representing eight different sports in the first year after the complex's opening, which was originally projected for this year.

According to then CPRST Director Nathan Anderson, the overall facility that will be created by the Civic Center, CWAC, Field of Miracles and Heritage Park could rank Cullman among the top sports tourism destinations in the country.

According to Mayor Woody Jacobs, construction on the CWAC water park expansion could begin within the next 60 days.

The Civic Center is still in the preliminary design phase and is likely at least five months from the beginning of construction.

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COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Thursday, April 1, 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: 401,803 (+313 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in AL: 114,063 (+165 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in AL: 8,328 (+1 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in AL: 2,225
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,391 (+8 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 2,999 (+2 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 124 (+0 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 62
• Total tested in Cullman Co.: 39,280
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 2,024
• Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 146
• Total tested in Alabama: 2,411,593
• Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 6,180
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 122,640
• Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 334
• Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama (reported M-F): 47,687
• Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 320,581

Vaccine details (updated Monday-Friday)
• Doses delivered to Alabama: 2,710,955
• Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 2,204,215
• Doses administered: 1,724,463
• Number of people receiving one or more doses: 1,114,994
• Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 652,243
• Doses delivered to federal programs: 506,740

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
Federal Pharmacy Program expansion
The Federal Retail Pharmacy Program continues to expand offering additional COVID-19 vaccination locations throughout the state. CVS will add 6 additional locations available on April 2, and Winn-Dixie began offering vaccinations at 32 locations on March 31. The program also continues to grow at additional independent pharmacies in Alabama. Federal Retail Pharmacy Program locations are available on the "Federal Pharmacies" tab on the COVID-19 Dashboard Hub located at arcg.is/0brSGj

National Guard COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic update
The Alabama National Guard (ALNG) continues rotating through 24 rural counties to provide primary COVID-19 vaccinations. A total of 6,394 vaccinations have been given in under-served and rural counties throughout the state during the vaccine clinics held March 23-31. 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.

Washington County location change for National Guard COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic
The location of the National Guard COVID-19 vaccination clinic scheduled on April 6 in Washington County has changed. The new site will be 1379 Ciba Road, McIntosh, AL 36553. The vaccination site will be open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (CT).

Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccines
ADPH is aware that Johnson & Johnson had a manufacturing issue with a loss of 15 million doses of its single-dose COVID-19 vaccine product. ADPH has not been advised of any changes in the receipt of this product and does not expect impact on COVID-19 vaccine efforts in our state. Currently, most COVID-19 vaccine in Alabama is either Pfizer or Moderna. ADPH continues to work closely with federal partners and remain committed to delivering safe and effective vaccines for Alabamians.

At least 1 in 4 residents of 37 Alabama counties vaccinated
Twenty-five percent or more of the residents age 16 and older of 37 Alabama counties have received one or more doses of COVID-19 vaccine to date. Successful public health efforts to achieve vaccine equity have resulted in higher vaccine uptake among African American residents of Black Belt counties. Counties where 25 percent or more of their residents have been vaccinated are as follows: Wilcox, Perry, Hale, Marengo, Tallapoosa, Lowndes, Conecuh, Jefferson, Clarke, Lee, Dallas, Colbert, Henry, Greene, Macon, Shelby, Bullock, Houston, Clay, Chambers, Monroe, Mobile, Lauderdale, Baldwin, Madison, Sumter, Cullman, Choctaw, Franklin, Morgan, Crenshaw, Washington, Coosa, Montgomery, Lamar, Fayette and Geneva. Vaccines are one key to protecting the most vulnerable and helping stop the pandemic in Alabama. Supply remains an issue, as there is not yet enough vaccine available for everyone who would like to be vaccinated.

Easter and other spring gatherings and COVID-19
Easter is a time for many families to get together with extended family and friends. We hope you can gather as safely as possible, but it is still not a good idea to mix with people from other households. This is especially true when you wish to spend time with people who are vulnerable to COVID-19 due to age or health problems unless people are fully vaccinated. The same guidance that has been made for other holiday celebrations applies: outdoor events are better than indoor ones, shorter times are better than longer ones and people are better spaced apart than crowded together. Please be responsible and do the right thing to protect your friends and loved ones.

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.

Baileyton (from Front)

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BAILEYTON, Ala. – The Baileyton Bargain Days event scheduled for this weekend has been canceled. The Town will be unable to open the event April 3 as originally expected due to not receiving merchandise this week. According to Baileyton Town Clerk Pat Gilbert, the Town hopes to resume Bargain Days on the third Saturday in April.

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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
• The event scheduled for this weekend has been canceled. The town hopes to resume the event on the third Saturday in April.
• 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 take-out meals. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry and Spirit Life Church.
• Sundays-9 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Small group classes for children, youth and adults at 10 a.m. Praise and Worship and message at 11 a.m.
• 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.
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Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church April Events
• April 5, 7, and 9 - Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church will have a spring revival on Monday, April 5, Wednesday, April 7 and Friday, April 9. Services will begin at 7:00 p.m. Prayer Band will be a 6:45 p.m. The evangelist will be Brother David Chambers.
• April 18 - Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church will have a Sunday night singing on April 18, at 5:00 p.m. with "Living Faith" from Cullman as guest singers. Everyone is invited.
• The church is located on U.S. Highway 278 approximately two miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information call 256-796-5986.
• Johnson Grove Church – Decoration Day
• In preparation for Decoration Day at Johnson Grove Church 275 County Road 151, Bremen (Brushy Pond), please have your old flowers removed by April 10. Decoration Day will be April 25 10:30am with singing and Worship.

Agriplex April programs
Children's Programs
• April 9th, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., Little Farmers Beatrix Potter Tea: Teatime everyone~ Wear your best clothes and Easter bonnets. We will have tea and crumpets with Peter Rabbit & friends. Ages 3-5 with parent, $5.00 per child. Registration required at Agriplex.org
• April 29th, 9:00 - 11:00 am, Heritage Homeschool Recycled Crafts: Reduce, reuse, recycle! In celebration of Earth month, we will use 'trash' and turn it into treasures. Join us for some up-cycling fun! Ages 3-5 with parent, $8.00 per child/ $16.00 program max per family. Registration required at Agriplex.org.

Adult Programs
• April 21st, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, Lunch & Learn presents Alabama Rivers: A Celebration & Challenge by Dr. Bill Deutsch. Join us in welcoming Dr. Bill Deutsch, a retired Auburn Research Fellow, as he covers his book and the importance of our rivers. He will also be signing books. FREE program.
• April 15, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Living Landscapes- Growing Backyard Fruits Retired Extension Agent Tony Glover will cover fruit growing for the home gardener with an emphasis on small fruit that can be grown with minimal or no pest control. $5.00 per adult. Registration required at Agriplex.org.
• April 19th, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Learn to Sew-Pillows & Pillowcases: We will learn how to make pillows, pillow covers & pillowcases using a French Seam. $5.00 per person. Registration required at Agriplex.org.
• April 20th, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Heritage Skills presents Spring Herbs for Health. Paula Smith will share how to use herbs to 'spring clean' our bodies to make them feel their very best. Participants will make a salve to take home. $15.00 per person. Registration required at Agriplex.org.

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 7 p.m; Saturday, April 3rd at 7pm and Sunday, April 4th at 5:30 p.m.
• 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 a.m. 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.

Cullman County Republican Women's Meeting
• April 13 - The Cullman County Republican Women's Meeting will be held on April 13th at 6pm at the VFW building located at 112 Veterans Dr SW Cullman AL 35055. The guest speaker will be Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs. A light meal will be provided.
• The public is encouraged to attend.

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.

WSCC ATHLETICS

Undefeated Wallace State volleyball hosting ACCC Gulf Atlantic District Tournament beginning today

Russell Moore
WSCC Athletics



WSCC ATHLETICS

Wallace State's Savannah Rutledge sets up her teammates in a match earlier this season. Rutledge leads the conference with 805 assists.

HANCEVILLE, ALA. – Wallace State volleyball has experienced unmatched success within the Alabama Community College Conference for more than a decade.

One new feat the program has accomplished is an undefeated march through the regular season.

After having the 2020 season delayed until the spring 2021 semester, the 13th-ranked Lions haven't.

missed a beat since the season began in February, compiling a perfect 31-0 record.

Wallace State volleyball needs three more wins, beginning today, to earn its 11th conference tournament championship in 12 seasons.

The Lions host the ACCC Gulf Atlantic District Tournament at Traditions Bank Arena at Tom Drake Coliseum.

Top-seeded Wallace State will play either Snead State or Coastal Alabama-East today at 1:30 p.m. Today's matches begin at 11 a.m.

Friday's match times are 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m., and Saturday's action begins at 10 a.m.

The championship match is set for 12:30 p.m. on Saturday.

All matches are streamed live at https://www.jockjive.com/acccsports.html

"It's been a challenging season for all teams. You never know what match may get canceled or how you might need to adjust your schedule," said Wallace State coach Randy Daniel, who surpassed the 500-win mark with the Lions in mid-March.

"That's what makes this run so impressive. Our players have been zeroed in all season and have been mature leaders.

"The sophomores deserve the chance to be a champion for being dedicated to the program and Wallace State through all of the uncertainty."

Outside hitter Harlee Kate Reid is among six Wallace State sophomores who persevered through having no volleyball to play during its traditional fall season. Reid is second in the ACCC with 291 kills.

"We've worked so hard because we weren't guaranteed a season at all.

"It's a great feeling to be undefeated, but our goal is to win the conference tournament and see what happens after that," Reid said.

"We're a tight-knit team. We're sisters and family and I believe our bond is stronger than most because we had a fall with no volleyball."

Wallace State has remained perfect behind a balanced attack.

Sophomore Mattrice Harris is first in the conference with 312 kills, 3.59 kills per set and a .492 hitting percentage.

Behind Harris and Reid, Haven Hall is fifth in the league with 213 kills.

Freshman Savannah Rutledge is tops in the ACCC with 805 assists and Temperance Chatman has racked up a league-high 503 digs.

Sophomore Anna Renshaw has added 245 digs and 190 kills.

Wallace State won its 13th consecutive ACCC regular-season championship this season and is eager to avenge falling short of a tournament crown in 2019, the first time that happened since 2008.

"I don't think hungry is the word for how badly we want to win the tournament. Wallace State volleyball has a tradition of winning and we want to hold up our end of the legacy.

"We plan to do all we can to add to the greatness," Reid said.

For complete tournament results, visit https://www.acccathletics.com/sports/wvball/2020-21/releases/20210327ggyjsk

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

PREP BASEBALL

Warriors walk-off in extra innings to edge Decatur Heritage 8-7

Nick Griffin
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GULF SHORES, Ala. – West Point continued its slate of spring break games in Gulf Shores Wednesday morning against the Decatur Heritage Eagles and the Warriors picked up another big win in dramatic fashion. After falling behind 7-5 in the top of the seventh, West Point scored twice in the bottom half to force extra innings and in the bottom of the ninth, Brody Freeman successfully stole home plate to walk it off and secure an 8-7 win.

Decatur Heritage took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first and a 3-run homer in the third inning stretched the lead to 4-0.

The Warriors were able to get the bats going in the bottom of the third when an RBI double from Branson Smith drove in Kanaan Sutter and trimmed the lead to 4-1.

An RBI groundout by Eli Folds allowed Cade Simmons to score and make it 4-2 and just a few pitches later, Smith scored from third on a passed ball to make it a 1-run game going into the fourth.

Brody Freeman crossed the plate on an infield error to tie the game at 4 in the bottom of the fourth but after a scoreless fifth inning,

The Eagles were able to retake a 5-4 lead with an RBI single in the top of the fifth.

West Point responded with an RBI single of its own in the bottom half of the inning when Chase Sibley laced one into right field to drive in Kolby Clifton and tie the game at 5 going into the seventh.

Decatur Heritage came up with a 2-run homerun in the top of half of the seventh to take a 7-5 lead, but the Warriors were able to answer the bell once again.

A pair of singles helped West Point load up the bases before Aubry Cleghorn was it by a pitch, forcing in a run and making it a 7-6 game.

Just three pitches later, Freeman was hit by a pitch, bringing in another run and tying the game at 7.

The Warriors weren't able to get any more runs out of the inning but successfully forced extra innings to stay alive.

After a scoreless eighth inning, West Point was able to load the bases in the bottom of the ninth and send Freeman home from third on a steal safely to walk it off with an 8-7 win.

Smith and Folds each finished with a pair of hits and an RBI for the Warriors.

Issac Hoffpauir, Sibley and Freeman each added a hit and an RBI in the win as well.

Sutter was credited with the win after tossing the final two and 1/3 innings, allowing just one hit and striking out three batters.

OTHER WEDNESDAY SCORES

West Point 7 – Daphne 3 (softball)
The Lady Warriors jumped out to a 7-0 lead early in their matchup against Daphne and held off a 3-run push in the bottom of the third to wrap up a 7-3 win early Wednesday morning.

West Point started the game with back to back singles from Bethany Minck and Lexi Shadix and an RBI groundout off the bat of Carlie Wilkins made it a 1-0 game.

Sydney Sellers then drove an RBI double into center field to stretch the lead to 2-0 going into the second inning.

Minck laced an RBI double into center field in the top of the second to score Lexi Kimbril and make it 3-0.

The Lady Warriors added another run to their lead in the third when Brindlee Phillips drilled an RBI double and Braelee Quinn made it 5-0 with an RBI single up the middle.

An RBI groundout from Nikki Tyree gave West Point a 6-0 lead and Kimbril put an RBI double down the left field line to give the Lady Warriors a 7-0 lead going into the bottom of the third.

Daphne managed to plate three runs of its own in the bottom half of the inning to cut into the lead but wouldn't get any closer than that and West Point cruised to a 7-3 win.

The Lady Warriors posted 11 hits in the win, led by Sellers with three.

Minck (one RBI) and Kimbril each posted a pair of hits as well and Wilkins (one hit), Quinn (one hit) and Phillips (one hit) each drove in a run.

Wilkins earned the win on the mound, allowing just one earned run on four hits and striking out six batters.

Pisgah 4 – West Point 0 (softball)
The Lady Warriors had less success at the plate in their second game of the day, posting just one hit in a 4-0 loss to Pisgah. Carlie Wilkins posted the only hit of the game for West Point.

Braelee Quinn got the start on the mound and allowed just two earned runs on four hits in the loss.

After record-setting debut, Auburn's Tank Bigsby eager for 'more downhill' ground game in '21

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. – For someone who prefers to let his accomplishments do the talking, Tank Bigsby's freshman season spoke volumes.

The first Auburn football player to average 6 yards per carry since James Bostic in 1993, Bigsby earned SEC Co-Freshman of the Year honors in 2020, rushing for 834 yards, the second most for an Auburn freshman in program history.

"I just let my actions speak for themselves," Bigsby said. "If I keep doing what I'm doing and keep my head straight, I'll get there."

"There" could be Bigsby's ascendance to Auburn's next All-America running back, a fraternity that includes Bo Jackson, Tucker Frederickson, Tre Mason and Tank's position coach, Carnell Williams.

"Coach Cadillac is pushing me," said Bigsby, who earned second team freshman All-America honors last season. "He tells me how many great running backs came through here. Of course, I want to be the next.

"He can keep teaching me the ways and steps to get there. It was great that he came back. He recruited me. He means a lot to all the running backs because he treats all of us the same. He's a great coach and a great person."

Deploying a physical style befitting his nickname, Tank Bigsby became the first Auburn freshman to rush for 100 yards in three consecutive games and four total, netting 146 vs. Arkansas, 111 at South Carolina, 129 at Ole Miss and 192 in the regular season finale at Mississippi State, a performance he described as the best of his inaugural campaign.

"I was always taught once you make them feel you, they don't want to feel you anymore," Bigsby said of his penchant for contact. "You have to be physical (to play) running back. I don't think I'll go out of bounds."

First-year Auburn head coach Bryan Harsin noted Bigsby's physicality, a prerequisite for success.

"That position requires it," Harsin said. "You've got to be a different guy to play tailback. You've got to be a guy that's going to be physical. You've got to do it in practice, so you get those reps and you're prepared for the game.

"Tank's done a tremendous job. Shaun [Shivers] has done a tremendous job. I like both of those guys.

"They work very hard, they're intentional about what they're doing.

"And not even at practice, go back to when we started working out, I love it because Tank asks a lot of questions.

"He wants to know the details of it, which is why he's a good player and why he'll continue to be a good player."

Harsin and offensive coordinator Mike Bobo have both expressed their desire to make a strong rushing attack a foundation of Auburn's offense, music to Bigsby's ears.

"We're more downhill this year," Bigsby said. "We've got Mike Bobo, we've got Coach Harsin, big offensive guys.

"I feel like we're going to be really good at what we do, especially running the ball. I feel like we're going to be great at that."

In contrast to last season, Auburn returns starters at all five offensive line positions.

"I didn't have a problem with my O-line last year," Bigsby said.

"I feel like our O-line is great. They've got more experience. I feel like they're going to bring a lot this year with the offense."

After ranking second among all FBS freshmen in rushing yards in 2020, Bigsby attacked the offseason with head football strength and conditioning coach Jeff Pitman.

"Coach Pitman is a great, great man," Bigsby said. "He's all about hitting it. We're going to hit it. Heavy weight, running. We weren't big on moving a lot of heavy weight last year.

"We'll move a lot of weight this year. It's fun. He's a great coach. He's got a good staff with him. I feel like they're strong together."

The pandemic prevented Bigsby from showcasing his skills in front of 87,451 at Jordan-Hare Stadium last season. Most Auburn fans have seen Tank's talents only on television, a situation both student-athletes and fans hope turns out to be a one-and-done dilemma.

"Hopefully this year it will be better," Bigsby said.

Auburn fans can get a preview of the 2021 Tigers at the A-Day game on April 17 at 1 p.m.

Crimson Tide and Vols meet as Alabama hosts 6th-ranked Tennessee

Alex Thompson
UA Athletics

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – Another top-25 opponent is set to travel to Tuscaloosa this weekend as Alabama baseball hosts sixth-ranked Tennessee for a three-game series at Sewell-Thomas Stadium. The Crimson Tide and Volunteers are set for a 6 p.m. CT first pitch on both Friday and Saturday with things wrapping up at 11 a.m. on Sunday morning. The series opener will air on SEC Network+ with the final two matchups receiving national attention on SEC Network.

FOLLOW THE TIDE

Fans can follow this weekend's series via the below outlets:

- Watch: SEC Network+ (Friday) | SEC Network (Saturday and Sunday)
- Listen: 100.9 FM / CTSN / TuneIn App
- Twitter: @AlabamaBSB
- Live Stats: StatBroadcast.com

Probable Starting Pitching Matchups

- Friday: UA – Tyler Ras (Jr., RHP) vs. UT – Chad Dallas (Jr., RHP)
- Saturday: UA – Dylan Smith (Jr., RHP) vs. UT – Will Heflin (Sr., LHP)
- Sunday: UA – TBA vs. UT – Blade Tidwell (Fr., RHP)

Leading Off

- Alabama and Tennessee will meet for the 115th time in series history when the two teams open the Easter weekend series on Friday night at Sewell-Thomas Stadium. The Crimson Tide holds the all-time advantage, 75-39, including a 45-16 mark in Tuscaloosa.
- The two teams last met from March 23-25, 2018, in Knoxville with the Vols sweeping the Crimson Tide. UT came away with a 5-4 win on Friday night before a break on Saturday due to weather. Tennessee then swept a pair of seven-inning games as part of a doubleheader on Sunday, first by a score of 2-1 followed by a 3-0 win.
- Alabama picked up a 2-1 series win over UT last time the two teams met in Tuscaloosa from March 25-26, 2016. The Crimson Tide came out on top, 7-3, in the opener before winning game one of a doubleheader the next day by a score of 11-3 to clinch the series. The Vols avoided the sweep with a 6-3 win in game two of the twinbill.
- Alabama will begin the series with a pair of right-handers in juniors Tyler Ras and Dylan Smith. Ras opens the weekend as the Friday starter for UA with Smith set to follow on Saturday. The Crimson Tide's Sunday starter has yet to be announced.
- Tennessee looks to junior righty Chad Dallas in the series opener with senior southpaw Will Heflin getting the nod on Saturday. The Vols send freshman right-hander Blade Tidwell to the mound on Sunday for the start on getaway day.

About Alabama

- Alabama wrapped up last week at 0-4 after suffering four tough losses. The Crimson Tide first fell in the midweek, 5-4, against Southern Miss and the nation's top pitching staff on Tuesday. Alabama then battled with No. 3 Ole Miss, coming down to the wire in both ends of a doubleheader on Friday before falling in the series finale on Saturday.
- UA was led at the plate by second baseman Peyton Wilson. The Tide leadoff man finished his week batting .579 (11-19) and paced UA in nearly every offensive statistic.
- Wilson recorded four straight multi-hit outings, finishing with 11 total hits in four games. Of those 11 hits, five went for extra bases including two doubles, a triple and a pair of home runs. He added four RBI, four runs scored and three stolen bases in as many chances. The stolen bases all came across the three-game series with Ole Miss, as Wilson took second twice and third base once against preseason All-SEC catcher Hayden Dunhurst.
- On the mound, Alabama's starters posted solid efforts to keep the Tide within striking distance. The foursome of William Freeman, Tyler Ras, Dylan Smith and Connor Shamblin combined for a 3.09 ERA (8 ER/23.1 IP) and 15 strikeouts while limiting the opposition to a lowly .209 average.
- Ras and Smith paired for 13.0 innings of work in Friday's doubleheader, allowing just two earned runs to post a 1.38 ERA. The duo struck out nine and held Ole Miss to only nine total hits.
- Alabama and Southern Miss traded the lead numerous times on Tuesday night with the game finishing 5-4 in favor of the Golden Eagles.
- UA built a two-run lead with one in the second and one in the fifth. Southern Miss countered with a three-spot in the top of the sixth before UA came back to post a pair of runs on a Will Patota RBI-double in the home half for a 4-3 advantage. The Golden Eagles would not trail for long, as USM posted two in the seventh to retake the lead, 5-4, for what would be the eventual final.
- Freeman was solid in his start for the Crimson Tide. The redshirt senior tossed a season-high 5.1 innings, allowing three runs (two earned) on five hits with a pair of strikeouts.
- The Tide put together a late comeback but could not overcome an eight-run ninth, as Alabama fell, 9-6, to Ole Miss in game one of Friday's doubleheader.
- Ole Miss homered to take a 1-0 lead after two innings but would not hold the advantage long. The Crimson Tide answered back with two solo homers – one from Owen Diodati and one from Sam Praytor – in the bottom of the third to take the lead and then added one more run on a solo homer from Drew Williamson in the sixth.
- The Rebels would trail from the third inning until the ninth when Ole Miss posted eight runs to take the lead for good. Alabama fought for three in the bottom of the ninth thanks to a three-run homer from Wilson but would get no closer with the game finishing at 9-6.
- Ras was solid once again. The Crimson Tide starter contributed 6.0 innings of one-run baseball, allowing five hits and issuing four walks while striking out one Rebel hitter.
- Pitching dominated game two of the day as the Crimson Tide fell, 2-0, to the Rebels.
- Smith was handed the loss despite another excellent start. The right-hander kept UA in the game thanks to 7.0 innings of one-run baseball, allowing just four hits and no walks while striking out eight batters.
- Alabama fell to Ole Miss, 11-6, in the series finale on Saturday. The Tide got out front first with one run in the second but would not hold a lead the rest of the afternoon. Ole Miss posted four runs in the fifth and added seven across the final four frames to secure the win. The Crimson Tide battled for two in the fifth, a pair in the eighth and one in the ninth but was unable to match the Rebels.
- The Tide was led at the plate by Wilson once again on Saturday, with the sophomore homering as part of his 4-for-5 day. He added an RBI, one stolen base and a team-high two runs scored from his leadoff spot. T.J. Reeves also homered in the game, finishing 1-for-4 with a run and a team-leading two RBI.
- Shamblin suffered his first loss of the season, tossing 5.0 frames and allowing four runs on four hits and two walks with four strikeouts.



UA ATHLETICS

Alabama is set to host Tennessee for another SEC series at Sewell Thomas Stadium starting Friday night.



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Trends (from Front)

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I have never claimed to be an expert fashionista, but I know ugly when I see it. Lately, as I have walked through some of the bigger name stores here, I have thought to myself, "That's it. These people are crazy!" The thought occurred to me that I was indeed turning into my grandmother as she gave me the side-eye for most of my fashion choices as a teen in the 1980s.

They say fashion works in cycles, but I thought surely there would be some past mistakes that we wouldn't dare revisit; yet here we are.

I took to the internet to see the top fashion trends for spring 2021 and, oh boy, I am so confused.

Let's start with the young men. I love a guy in a nice pair of khakis but apparently, wearing khaki from head to toe is considered fashionable now. I can't help but wonder, did you buy a zoo?

Have you joined the Dharma Initiative? Perhaps you dream of going on safari, but chances are, even the animals of the Serengeti would question this look.

Continuing in men's fashion, Vogue recommends pastel and lots of it! The models pictured look like giant pieces of sidewalk chalk. I love color as much as the next person, but can we scale this back just a smidge?

A nice pastel shirt is plenty, there is no need to wear pink pants, socks, jacket, hat and shoes. Not everything Versace tells you is true.

Lastly, extra-large pants are listed as spring 2021 must-haves.

No, please, no. I shudder to think how much Armani is charging for a pair of these ridiculous pants.

I lived through the 90s and the awful JNCO craze and firmly believe we should learn from past mistakes.
The new version of big pants aren't jeans, they're oversized dress pants.

The models look like little boys trying on their fathers' clothes and calling it style.

As for ladies' fashion, we have traveled back to the prairie or perhaps, the Great Depression. I'm not exactly sure. I loved Holly Hobbie as a kid but I never, not one time, wanted to dress like her. Not then and certainly not now.

The main issue with women's fashion trends, for years, has been the lack of focus on actual women.

There are plenty of clothes for girls and teens. There are also many choices for more mature women. I'm not exactly either.

I'm also not exactly ready for the matching coordinates by Koret. Now, it looks like the answer is dressing like I am about to fetch a pail to milk the goat before Pa gets home. No thank you.

Marie Claire insists that the "Carolina Nap Dress" is a must-have.

What is that, you ask? I can only describe them as long cotton night shirts with floral prints inspired by old bathroom wallpaper patterns and intended to be worn in front of actual people. Nope!

Floral knit sweaters are also trending. Another grandma's closet-inspired choice. I suppose they tried to make it cute by stopping the sweater mid-torso.

You know, for those days you are thinking of mee maw but feeling sexy, too. All I can do is sigh and blame this on COVID, like everything else.

Large-collared dresses- need I say more? I have hidden pictures of me wearing similar atrocities back in the early and mid-70s.

I am not doing this again. I also refuse to be a part of the return of acid washed and mom jeans.

The cutout trend has continued and evolved to the point of being embarrassing. The cold shoulder tops were fine but now designers have gone too far.

They are cutting out areas I would desperately like back. The backs are gone, the stomach areas are gone and there are giant holes down the sides.

There are so many cutouts in places that I can only deduce that at this point, we aren't wearing bras anymore.

My mom always told me to never fall for what's trendy. Instead, opt for more classic styles. This way of thinking often frustrated me in the 80s, but now I get it. I want an entire shirt and some cute pants or jeans that don't look like I am headed to "The Jersey Shore."

Thank goodness Cullman has some great shopping alternatives to what the giant retailers are offering. There are many great local boutiques that help shoppers bypass the headaches and frustration of finding amazing clothes. Clothes that won't end up in the trash or donations six months from now.

LEGALS

Auction Notice

Contents of storage unit **D-5,** rented to **William Hershberger,** on **January 13, 2020,** will be sold for auction for past due rent on **April 3, 2021,** at **10:00 a.m**. Consisting of household goods.

Lock and Roll Storage
615 Logan Avenue Southwest
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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 *
GLEN EDWARD MILLER * **CASE NO.: PC 2021-081**
Deceased. *

NOTICE
PETITION FOR SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Summary Distribution of Small Estate has been filed by Reba D. Miller, petitioner, on the 5th day March, 2021, and that thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to the law of the State of Alabama, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent.

Reba D. Miller
Petitioner

Matthew K. Carter
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To: PUBLISHER OF ***The Cullman Tribune***

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

DONE this the 31st day of March, 2021.

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

STATE OF ALABAMA **FORECLOSURE NOTICE**
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness described in and secured by that certain mortgage executed by Richard D. Jackson, an unmarried man, and Crystal Marie Dye (also known as Crystal Marie Cox), an unmarried woman, to Felipe Garcia-Rodriguez dated August 26, 2020, and recorded in Mortgage Book 1927, Page 74 of the records in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama; notice is hereby given that the undersigned as Mortgagee will under power of sale contained in said mortgage, sell at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder, during legal hours of sale on April 21, 2021, at the front door of the Courthouse of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW Cullman, AL 35055, the following described real property in the County of Cullman, State of Alabama, being the same property described in the above referred to mortgage: A tract or parcel of land containing 3.20 acres of land, more or less and being a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 3, Township 12 South, Range 2 West, Cullman County, Alabama. Commence at a found railroad spike marking the Northwest corner of said Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and run South 89 degrees 51 minutes 07 seconds East and run along the North line, a distance of 44.82 feet to a point on the East right of way line of County Road No. 532; thence continue South 89 degrees 51 minutes 07 seconds East, a distance of 630.00 feet to a set rebar marking the point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 51 minutes 07 seconds East, a distance of 664.07 feet to a set rebar marking the Northeast corner of said Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence South 00 degrees 21 minutes 48 seconds West, a distance of 210.00 feet to a set rebar; thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 07 seconds West, a distance of 663.28 feet to a set rebar; thence North 00 degrees 08 minutes 53 seconds East, a distance of 210.00 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to any rights of way and/or easements of record.
Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the office of the Judge of Probate where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the said indebtedness and the expenses incident to this sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2021-017

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY S. HUGHES, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF MARY S. HUGHES

TO: **Doris Briscoe, Larry Edward Jacobs, Rebecca Eloise Sprowl, Kellie Christine Jacobs, Brian K. Jacobs, Benjamin M. Jacobs, Kevin Jacobs, Stephanie Jacobs, Helen West Wright, Bonnie West Bishop, Doyle West, Sheila West Crumbley, James Graham, Jerry Graham, Margaret New, Brenda Presnell, Dion Speegle, Heath Speegle, Brandi Kelley Foster, Becky Smith Spinks, Debbie Smith Foshee, Timothy Smith, Sandra Tucker, Charlotte Arrington, Tammy Trussell, Karen Gay, Derrick Hutson, Cindy Taylor, Joy Bush, Jamie Morris, Lisa McGinnis, Phillip Hutson, Stephen Hutson, Brian Hutson, Sheri Taylor,** THE HEIRS AND NEXT-OF-KIN OF MARY S. HUGHES AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Petition of Michael Cone to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Mary S. Hughes, deceased, has been set for hearing on the 15th day of April, 2021, at 10:00a.m.

All persons in interest residing or being without the state are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

TO: PUBLISHER OF *The Cullman Tribune:*

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC2020-313

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF LUETTA CRIDER KINNEY, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Jan L. Kinney on the 18th day of March, 2021, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Jan L. Kinney
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
J. MACK BRAMLETT * **CASE NO.: PC2021-090**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to REBECCA BRAMLETT, as Personal Representative of the Estate of J. MACK BRAMLETT, deceased, on the 17th day of March, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same be barred.

Rebecca Bramlett
Personal Representative

Timothy M. Fulmer
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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

Obituary Announcements: April 1

Marjorie Brown Reynolds, 76, of Cullman
Marjorie Brown Reynolds, age 76, of Cullman, died Wednesday, March 31 2021, at Woodland Village Health Care. She was born April 29 1944, in Cullman, Alabama, to Reverda E. and Inez Brown. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Martha Nell Quick. Survivors include her sons, Raymond Joseph Eisenring, Richard Johnathan (Tammy) Eisenring and Jason Priest; stepsons, Michael (Vicky) Reynolds, Mark (Margaret) Reynolds and Mitchell (Penny) Reynolds; stepdaughter, Janye (James) Givens; grandchildren, Richard Eisenring II, Chelsea Eisenring (Davie Rivera) and Courtney Moore; great-grandchildren, Xavier, Joell, Nathan, Daenerys, and Joyce; brothers, Eugene (Barbara) Brown and Harold Brown; and sister, Charlene (Joe) Downing. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home directing.

Luke Allen Glover, 31, of Cullman
Luke Allen Glover, 31, of Cullman died March 31 2021, at Vanderbilt Hospital. Visitation will be Friday evening at Cullman Funeral Home from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to be assisting the family. Luke was born Aug. 18, 1989 to Tony Allen & Celina Butler Glover. He was an active member of Desperation church where he played guitar in the worship band. He was the best husband, father, son and friend and would go out of his way to help anyone. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to a Go Fund Me Account for Luke's children at gofundme.com/f/Help-Us-Love-On-Luke-Glovers-Family. Luke was preceded in death by his grandfather, John Glover and an infant sister, Anna Grace Glover. Survivors include his wife of 10 ½ years, Jessica Glover; children, Sam, 9 yrs., Lucy, 5 yrs. and Jude, 18 months; parents, Tony & Celina Glover; Grandmother, Bernice Glover; Grandparents, William & Camilla Butler; brothers, Wes (Sarah) Glover, Drew Glover; sisters, Meg Glover, Julie (Ivan) Glover Martinez; and a host of family and friends.Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Betty Diane Love, 63, of Town Creek
Betty Diane Love, age 63 of Town Creek, died Wednesday, March 31 2021, in Russellville. Mrs. Love was born May 10 1957, in Rockford, Illinois. No services are planned at this time. Nichols Funeral Home directing. Diane is survived by her brothers, Phillip W. (Carlin) Burrow, Ray Burrow; sister, Joan (John Scruggs) Thompson; niece, Brandi Ford; three grandsons; Diane's baby, Tucker; and a host of other family and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Love; Father, Phillip Burrow; and mother Betty Thompson.

Cynthia Ann Jinks Braswell, 63 of Haleyville
Cynthia Ann Jinks Braswell, age 63 of Haleyville, died Wednesday, March 31 2021, at her residence surrounded by her family. Mrs. Braswell was born January 16, 1958 in Haleyville, Alabama to William and Dorothy Jinks. Visitation will be Saturday, March 3 2021, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where the service will be held at 1 p.m. Jack Hayes and Riley Holt will officiate. Burial will be at New Hope Missionary Baptist Cemetery in Haleyville, Alabama. Cynthia is survived by her husband, Roger Dale Braswell; sister, Debra Jinks (Thomas) Kingsmill; sister, Shelia Hyde; niece, Lagenia Keller; nephew, Eric Hyde; a host of great nieces and nephews and one great great nephew. She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Dorothy Jinks; brother-in-law, Roger Hyde. Nichols Funeral Home directing.

CMSGT Edward Earl Savage, 85, of Cullman
Funeral Service for Edward Earl Savage, age 85, of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. Monday, April 5 2021, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Jeffrey Folds officiating; interment will be in the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo at 2 p.m. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. before the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Savage served 31 years in the USAF and 19 years in civil service. Mr. Savage died Wednesday, March 31 2021, at Cullman Regional. He was born Jan. 10, 1936, to James Elgin and Nellie Mae Savage. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Michael Edward Savage; two sisters; and four brothers. Survivors include his wife, Irene Savage; daughter, Marie (Randy) Folds; son, Douglas (Dawn) Savage; daughter, Darla (Chip) O'Brian; grandchildren, Jeremy (Johanna) Folds, Jennifer (Steven) Massey, Jeffrey (Shauna) Folds, Benjamin (Angelina) Savage and Justin Savage; 13 great-grandchildren; three sisters; and three brothers.

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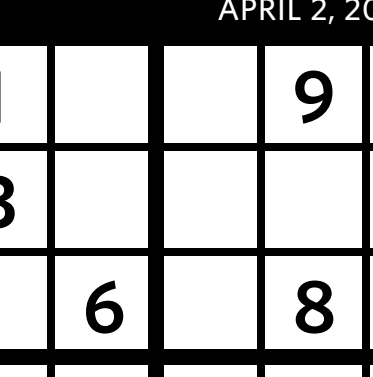
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Anglers, sightseers celebrate partial Gulf State Park Pier reopening

David Rainer
Contributor

GULF SHORES, Ala. – Just as one of the Gulf of Mexico's premier piers was set to reopen after a substantial renovation last September, Hurricane Sally made a direct hit on the Alabama Gulf Coast, significantly damaging the pier in the process. A 200-foot section near the octagon on the end of the pier collapsed as a result.

Thankfully, the Alabama State Parks staff went to work on the portion of the pier that could be safely repaired, and in January, the pier past the middle restroom section, called the T, was reopened to anglers and visitors.

"I am very glad to get a portion of the pier reopened after the damage caused by Hurricane Sally," said Chris Blankenship, commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR).

"A walk out on the Gulf State Park Pier is a time-honored tradition of locals and visitors alike. A trip to the Gulf is not complete without experiencing the sights from the pier."

He continued, "I am really glad for the fishermen to have access again. Not everyone has a boat. The Gulf State Park Pier provides quality recreational angling for thousands of shore-based fishermen each year. From the red drum in the fall, whiting and sheepshead abundance in the winter, spotted sea trout and pompano in the spring, to king and Spanish mackerel runs in the summer, with an occasional cobia catch mixed in, the pier offers excitement for fishermen during every season."

After Sally hit, ADCNR had the damaged assessed by engineers for guidance on how to proceed. Displaced floor panels, plumbing, electrical wiring and lighting had to be repaired or replaced.

"Obviously, we were disappointed in the damage to the pier right before we were set to reopen after a $2.4 million renovation," Blankenship said.

"The damage was caused by events outside our control. Hurricane issues are just a part of life on the Gulf Coast. As always, we will regroup and bounce back. We quickly got the contractor back in to repair what they could on the portion of the pier that was still standing. We had to make sure it was safe."

Alabama State Parks South Region Operations Supervisor Lamar Pendergrass said that although the pier was built for the deck panels to dislodge to save the infrastructure, Sally's incessant pounding took its toll.

"The panels were designed to be blown out," Pendergrass said. "As long as Sally sat there with her wind, waves and storm surge, the panels did their job. We actually recovered about 99 percent of the panels that had just been restored and placed on the pier. We had the same contractor, Mike Thomas, come in with his crew and we reopened as much of the pier as we could safely reopen.

"In some areas, large sections of the handrails were gone. We had to redo the deck panels. Some of them had to be repaired or replaced. We had lighting, electrical and plumbing that had to be repaired. It was almost a rebuild after the rebuild."

Pendergrass said assessments by engineers deemed about 175 feet past the T was safe to reopen, but a section near the collapsed portion sustained damage, which limited the area that could be safely accessed.

Despite the limitations of the reopening, dedicated anglers, like David Thornton, were elated to get back on the pier.

"It was great," Thornton said. "I know the crowd on opening day was just ecstatic to be back out there again. The fact we caught fish that day was really the icing on the cake. Right away, people were reconnecting with friends they hadn't seen in a while. There were guys there I hadn't seen since last spring. It was almost like a reunion."

Thornton, known to the online crowd as Pier Pounder, said discussion focused on what the fishing would be like with access only to a portion of the pier.

"On the Gulf Shores Pier Fishing Forum, I changed my avatar to read 'Half a Pier Is Better Than No Pier,'" he said. "That's the way I feel about it. The part of the pier that was reopened looks so good. Everybody was appreciative of the effort that had gone into getting it ready for the fishermen."

When the pier was reopened, Thornton said, anglers were catching whiting, sheepshead, a few pompano and a few redfish.

"When it started to warm up, the fishing opportunities really opened up," he said. "The sheepshead are in spawn. They've even been biting on days when water has been rough. Pompano are showing up, and the Spanish mackerel bite has been pretty good.

"Inshore species like speckled trout will start showing up when the water temperature gets up to about 70 degrees. They've got the lights under the pier working, which will bring in the bait and bring in the trout. The pompano bite is just going to get better.

"The full moon will be the peak of the sheepshead spawn. The sheepshead will then taper off, but then more Spanish, more pompano and specks will show up. Redfish and whiting will come and go."

Thornton said anglers and sightseers have been very good about adhering to the COVID-19 protocols. The pier is limited to 200 people, 125 anglers and 75 sightseers. Visit www.alapark.com/parks/gulf-state-park/fishing-and-education-pier for more information.

Thornton said, "People still have social distancing in mind, trying to be as safe as they can. Anglers on the end will catch a limit and then they move on to the shallows to try to catch whiting or something else. Typical of what you see on the Gulf State Park Pier, there has been a really good spirit of cooperation. They're just glad to be back out there. And if they're not fishing, people just walk out to watch the sunset and see what everybody is catching."

One new feature on the pier that has also been well received is the fish carcass grinder that macerates the fish remains and then transfers them to holding tanks in the parking lot.

"Everybody is using the carcass grinder," Thornton said. "It's really neat. It's certainly a better solution than tossing carcasses overboard, which is what we had been doing."

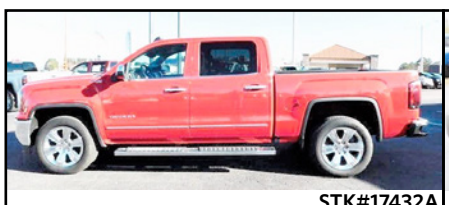
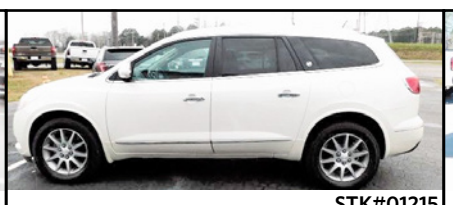
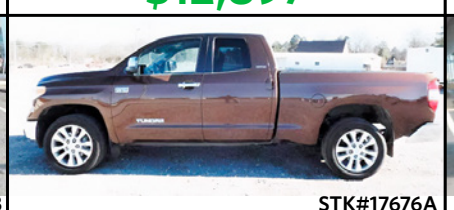
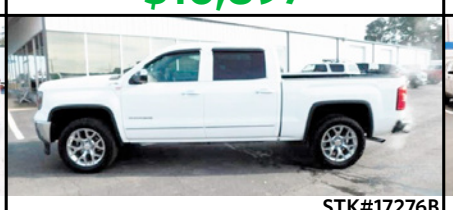
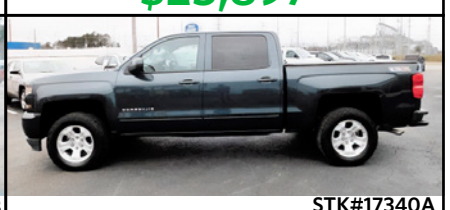
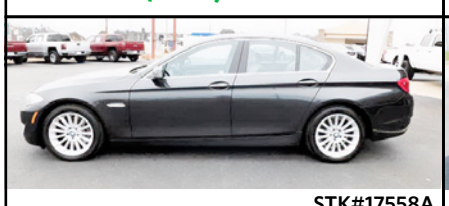
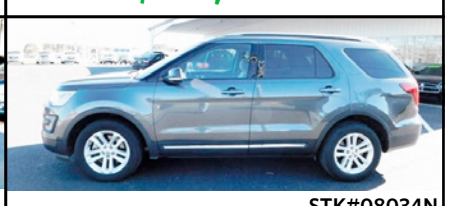
Thornton knows it won't be the same type of fishing as when the pier was completely intact and anglers could fight a big fish around the southern octagon, but he is just glad to be back on the Gulf State Park Pier.

"We just have to keep our patience," he said. "At least we're halfway there."

Blankenship said no timetable is available as to when the pier will be completely restored, but work is already underway.

"We have contracted with Thompson Engineering, the original design firm when the pier was built in 2008, to prepare the plans for rebuilding the pier out to the southern octagon," Blankenship said. "With design and permitting, it will be some time before the rest of the pier can be reconstructed. Rest assured, we are working diligently to get the entire pier rebuilt and opened as quickly as possible."

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