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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

New Baileyton Town Hall close to opening; tornado siren in need of repairs for continuing storm season

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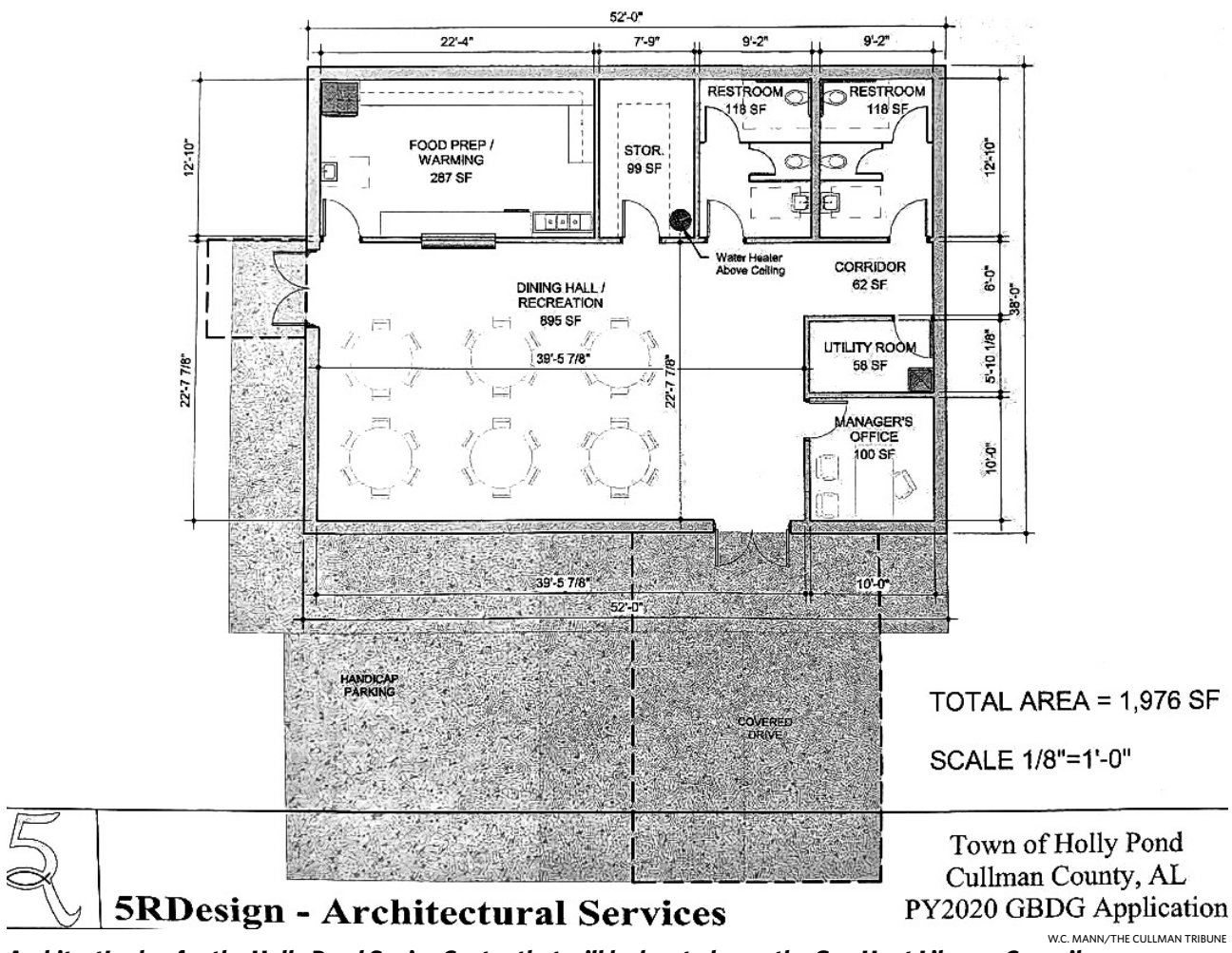
BAILEYTON, Ala. – Baileyton mayor Windell Calloway said Monday night that he hopes the new Baileyton Town Hall will be ready in time for April's town council meeting. The sound system has been installed in the new town hall and the Cullman Electric Co-Op should have their Sprout Fiber Internet service fully installed in the coming days.

Councilman Benny Guthrie was very complimentary of the quick service from the Cullman Electric Co-op. He said, "If you know anyone in the area, get them to go online and find the Sprout program and enter your information to see if they (Sprout) are in your area." He added, "I want to give a huge shout out to Cullman Electric Co-op for getting that done!"

Though the town's tornado siren had been fixed, it isn't functioning again. With the town's bucket truck currently in the shop and the county's trucks currently assisting with storm clean-up, it could take a few days before work to repair the siren can take place. Calloway said, "That's one of our major priorities, because it is storm season and we want to make sure that everybody knows when anything is » PAGE 6

– LOCAL GOVERNMENT –

Holly Pond Council approves senior center plan



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Architect's plan for the Holly Pond Senior Center that will be located near the Guy Hunt Library. Council members voted to add an extra door at the end of the 62 square foot corridor on the right of the plan.

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HOLLY POND, Ala. – The Holly Pond Town Council Monday evening approved the design for the community's new senior center that will be located near the Guy Hunt Library on the town's west side. Based on a plan submitted by 5RDesign, the 2,000 square foot building will feature an 895 square foot dining/recreation room, 287 square foot kitchen and large double doors on the south and east sides. The east entrance will have a drive-thru canopy and nearby handicap parking.

Council members voted to add an additional single door on the north end of the building that would make evacuating faster in the event of an emergency and could ease extension of the building during a future expansion.

The council also opted for a full brick exterior and a fully paved parking lot at a combined increase to the project cost of $43,000-50,000.

Members cited safe access for seniors as their main concern in rejecting a part-gravel parking lot.

The Town of Holly Pond received a $250,000 Community Development Block Grant awarded by Gov. Kay Ivey to build the center.

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

The council also approved:

• A motion to test water quality in the well on a ¾-acre parcel of unused town property being considered for sale to the owner of an adjacent home site. The parcel is the former location of one of Holly Pond's water pumping stations. Potential liability over the well was the reason for the decision to test before sale.

• A motion to purchase three new flood » PAGE 6

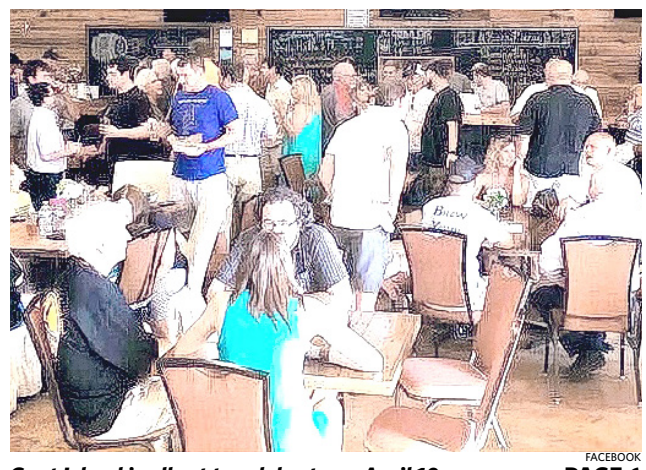
– ROCK THE SOUTH –

ARTISTS ANNOUNCED FOR 2021 ROCK THE SOUTH

Luke Combs, Miranda Lambert, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Nelly, Ashley McBryde, Jordan Davis, Ingrid Andress, Flatland Cavalry, Laine Hardy, Drew Parker, DeeJay Silver, Trey Lewis and Alex Hall to perform at 'The South's biggest party'

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Goat Island set to celebrate five years of good beer



FACEBOOK

Goat Island is all set to celebrate on April 10. » PAGE 6

EDUCATION

Wallace State alum crunched numbers to provide clearer picture of COVID

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PET OF THE WEEK

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CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Mary » PAGE 6

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported March 31 - April 4

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported March 31 through April 4, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

March 31

- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69 S
- theft of property; CR 1459
- theft of property; CR 222
- domestic violence; Holly Pond Rd.
- trespassing; CR 1684
- trespassing; CR 1212
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 1573

April 1

- harassment; White Oak Cir.
- domestic violence; CR 1096
- theft of property; CR 222
- domestic violence; CR 222
- theft of property; Hwy. 91
- trespassing; CR 1508
- burglary; Hwy. 278 E
- theft of property; CR 1043
- theft of property; I-65 NB rest area
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69 N

April 2

- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 852
- domestic violence; Hwy. 31
- domestic violence; CR 1728
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 740
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; Hwy. 157
- domestic violence; CR 386

April 3

- burglary; CR 1141
- theft of property; CR 8
- domestic violence; CR 437
- theft of property; CR 1251
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 109

April 4

- criminal mischief; Holly Pond Rd.
- domestic violence; CR 1635
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; un-lawful possession of marijuana; CR 1670
- theft of property; CR 1043
- domestic violence; CR 813
- unlawful possession of marijuana; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia

ARRESTS

April 1

Briscoe, Keri Beth; 43

- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- assault-second-degree elder abuse and neglect

Hodge, Michael Keith; 31

- assault-harassment

Hooper, Jessy James; 24

- FTA- second-degree possession of marijuana

Landers, Barry William; 36

- burglary-residence-force
- FTA- larceny/theft-theft miscellaneous (2 counts)

McIntyre Jr., Bryan David; 36

- Alias writ of arrest
- FTA- driving while license suspended (2 counts)
- FTA- reckless driving

Moorer, Laura J.; 35

- negotiating worthless instrument

Morton, Jason Matthew; 38

- negotiating worthless instrument (2 counts)
- FTA- obstructing criminal investigation
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Odom, Rita Marie; 40

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

Richardson, Daniel; 40

- FTA- driving while license suspended

Villa, Joseph Scot; 49

- FTA- driving while license suspended

April 2

Dingler, Cady Elizabeth; 30

- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Haynes, Kameron Scott; 32

- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Nix, Lisa Ann; 45

- assault-domestic-harassment-family

April 3

Carroll, Shawna Kristina; 33

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

Watts, Jesse Weldon; 36

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

April 4

Jordan, Brandy Michelle; 35

- FTA- negotiating worthless instrument (2 counts)

Packard Jr., Dennis James; 47

- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Rikardo, Reiko Shadow; 45

- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- second-degree possession of marijuana

Smith, Ryan Hunter; 23

- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- second-degree possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

March 30

- theft of property; fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; wallet and contents
- first-degree theft of property; First Community Bank; 2nd Ave SW; cash
- duty upon striking unoccupied vehicle; person; Dialsdale Dr. SW; damage to '16 Ford Fu-sion; $1,000

April 1

- third-degree domestic violence-harassment; person; 4th St. SW
- third-degree criminal trespass; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157
- harassment; person; 5th St. SE

March 2

- fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; miscellaneous charges

March 3

- fourth-degree theft by deception; person; cash; $332
- first-degree theft of property; person; Town Square SW; '09 Chevy HHR; miscellaneous
- third-degree domestic violence; person; Greenbrier Dr. SW

March 4

- third-degree domestic violence; person; 2nd Ave NE
- second-degree theft of property; person; Logan St. SW; medication
- first-degree criminal trespass; person; Veigl Village Ct. SW

ARRESTS

April 1

Hodge, Michael K.; 31

- fourth-degree theft of property
- third-degree criminal trespass

Perales, Salomon A.; 28

- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Sublett, Doris M. 51

- first-degree theft of property

Lander, Barry W.; 36

- FTA- insurance violation

Price, Jenifer N.; 33

- third-degree criminal trespass
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property (2 counts)

Briscoe, Keri B.; 43

- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property (2 counts)
- FTA- second-degree criminal mischief
- FTA- contributing to delinquency of minor (2 counts)

McClendon, Randy J.; 40

- FTA- third-degree criminal trespass

April 2

King, Matthew A.; 30

- FTA- running red light

April 3

Tucker, Lisa M.; 41

- FTA- disorderly conduct

Golladay, Amanda J.; 37

- FTA- expired tag

April 4

Mann, Jacob C.; 25

- second-degree possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Reynolds, Steven P.; 48

- DUI

Carreto, Javier Parra; 29

- DUI

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

Alum (from Front)

Kristen Holmes
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – As an astrophysicist, Lucas Johnson, Ph.D., has always relied on facts and figures, but more so during the outbreak of COVID-19 which, during its early days, created confusing and sometimes competing messages from a wide range of sources.

Johnson, a 2010 graduate of Wallace State Community College (WSCC) who went on to earn bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in astrophysics at the University of Alabama, began a personal project to collect data related to COVID-19 and provide a "more localized view of the current situation."

He said he felt the finer details for specific counties and schools were being overlooked or misinterpreted.

"I am not giving medical advice," Johnson pointed out.

"I get accurate info to people without telling them what to think. I let them make the decision using science over emotion."

To do this, Johnson visited the Alabama Department of Public Health website and downloaded their data.

Already separated by counties, he began by taking the raw data and breaking it down, looking at metrics that were not widely shared to gauge the progress specific counties were making.

He shared his results on his Facebook page and earned thanks for clearing up information that may have been misstated by others.

Johnson's background began at Wallace State after he graduated from Speake High School in 2008.

He had earned a full scholarship to the University of Alabama during his senior year in high school but chose to come to Wallace State instead.

He said the smaller class sizes, the ability to get to know his instructors and staying close to home were factors in that decision.

After two years at Wallace State, he walked away with another scholarship offer from the University of Alabama but not before meeting his future wife, Michelle Spring Johnson, at WSCC.

'I cannot overstate the value of the community college experience," Johnson said.

"Wallace State is a college that cares and enables its students to succeed in whatever they do.

"Wallace State did this for me.

"I was ahead of my peers when I transferred to the University of Alabama because of WSCC," he added.

Now an assistant professor of physics and astronomy at the University of West Alabama (UWA), he said he often refers to things he learned while at Wallace State.

"I think back to my time at WSCC when I see a good instructor at UWA or when I am reminded of something that I learned at WSCC; it brings a smile to my face," he said.

"I hope to be able to be a part of the WSCC community again. It would bring me much joy to come back one day."

This is one in a series of spotlights and events to be featured in April as Wallace State celebrates national Community College Month. Visit www.wscccalumni.org/ccmonth21 for more information.



WALLACE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Lucas Johnson, Ph.D

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Monday, April 5, 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: 402,538 (+468 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 114,380 (+184 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 8,389 (+24 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 2,249
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,403 (+9 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 3,007 (+7 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 124 (+0 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 62
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 39,391
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 2,019
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 130
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,421,690
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 5,583
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 124,000
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 315
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama (reported M-F): 47,804
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 320,581

Vaccine details (updated Monday-Friday)

- Doses delivered to Alabama: 2,761,865
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 2,206,085
- Doses administered: 1,815,398
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 1,130,994
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 662,683
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 555,780

Alabamians in Phases 1a, 1b and 1c (including those 16 and older) 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

CDC updated domestic travel guidance for fully vaccinated people

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated its domestic travel guidance for fully vaccinated people, announcing that people who are fully vaccinated can travel safely within the United States. Fully vaccinated travelers will not need to get tested or self-quarantine before or after domestic travel, unless symptoms consistent with COVID-19 infection occur. CDC maintains that fully vaccinated travelers should continue to take COVID-19 precautions while traveling – wearing a mask, avoiding crowds, socially distancing and washing hands frequently.

Residents 16 and older now eligible for COVID-19 vaccine

Now that all Alabama residents age 16 and older are eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccine, there is no reason to procrastinate scheduling your appointment. For young people age 16 through 18, only the Pfizer product has been authorized, so for this age group please check to make sure the site where you are going is using Pfizer. The Alabama National Guard clinics in Washington, Butler, Conecuh, Crenshaw, Clarke, Pike and Barbour counties are vaccinating with the Pfizer vaccine this week. Information about these sites and others is available at www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19vaccine/ng-clinics.html. For those over age 18, any of the three authorized vaccines is safe and effective in preventing severe illness, hospitalization and death. As we have often advised, the best vaccine to take is the one first offered to you.

Alabama continues to prioritize vulnerable populations

When Alabama allocates vaccine doses, a prime consideration is reaching those who are most vulnerable if exposed to the virus. The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) targets our most vulnerable citizens for COVID-19 vaccinations. ADPH uses the CDC Social Vulnerability Index to help ensure those people living in the more disadvantaged counties are covered, yet some barriers remain. These include lack of transportation, inability to complete forms and difficulty in locating vaccination sites. ADPH is working with community groups to assist those who wish to be vaccinated but are having problems with access.

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 7,923 vaccinations have been given in under-served and rural counties throughout the state during the vaccine clinics that started on March 23. Vaccination sites will be held in Butler and Washington counties on April 6. 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.

At least one in four residents of 42 Alabama counties vaccinated

Twenty-five percent or more of the residents age 16 and older of 42 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, Hale Perry, Jefferson, Conecuh, Lowndes, Tallapoosa, Marengo, Clarke, Dallas, Lee, Shelby, Colbert, Macon, Bullock, Henry, Clay, Chambers, Monroe, Houston, Mobile, Greene, Lauderdale, Baldwin, Madison, Cullman, Washington, Franklin, Morgan, Montgomery, Coosa, Lamar, Sumter, Choctaw, Crenshaw, Etowah, Fayette, Tuscaloosa, Limestone, Calhoun, Pike 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.

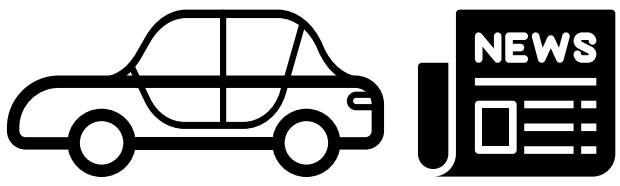
ADPH encourages the use of facial coverings after mandate ends on April 9

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.



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CASE NO. PC PC2021-098

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

Done this the 19th day of March, 2021.

GEORGE A WARNKE, JR
Personal Representative

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

Andria Sims
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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.

• 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 10th 8 a.m. Men's Brwakgast and short bible study

• 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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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.

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.

City cemetery cleanup

• April 15 - Ground flowers at the City Cemetery need to be removed by April 15 to prepare for Decoration Day on May 12.

The American Hero Music Festival

• Saturday, April 24 at Camp Liberty, 15719 Alabama Highway 157 in the Battleground community west of West Point-Gates open at 9 a.m., with the show going from 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

• The event will feature headliner Black Oak Arkansas along with Blackbird Anthem, Billy Don Burrs, Rowdy Johnson, Michelle Leigh, Mercy Shine, Dawn Rix, Dee Rock and Kris Rowdy, as well as speakers Billy Howell, Jr. (veteran of the Special Forces unit that was the subject of the 2018 film "12 Strong"), Navy Rear Admiral Kent David and Dan Robinson.

• Activities consist of an Airsoft shoot house, zip lines, food, vendors and giveaways, with the grand price being a Smith & Wesson M&P AR15 style rifle.

• Lodging available through Camp Liberty (cabins, camping/RV, and bunk rooms)

• Get tickets at http://bit.ly/2NLka3a.

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PREP BASEBALL

West Point handles Addison 9-3; Friday scoring recap

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WEST POINT, Ala. – Addison made the short trip up the road to West Point for a Friday afternoon matchup with the Warriors and after plating nine runs in the first two innings, West Point was able to hold onto its lead and cruise to a 9-3 win over the Bulldogs.

The Warriors took a 1-0 lead early with an RBI double from Eli Folds and an RBI single into left field from Brody Freeman made it 2-0. Chase Sibley drew a walk with the bases loaded to tack on another run and Isaac Hoffpauir drove a 2-run single into left to make it a 5-0 game. An RBI groundout off the bat of Isaiah Wylie gave West Point a 6-0 lead going into the second inning.

The Warriors continued to add to their lead in the second when Aubry Cleghron drilled an RBI double into center field to make it 7-0 and Freeman kept it going with an RBI single to stretch the lead to 8-0. Carter Thornton stretched the lead to 9-0 with an RBI double into left field and West Point took a commanding lead into the third inning.

After a scoreless third and fourth inning, the Bulldogs were able to plate three runs in the top of the fifth to cut into the lead, but they weren't able to get any closer than that as the Warriors pulled away to win it 9-3.

Will Cochran earned the win for West Point after tossing two hitless innings and striking out three batters. Freeman finished with a pair of hits and RBIs in the win and Hoffpauir (one hit) drove in a pair of runs as well. Thornton (one RBI) added a pair of hits for the Warriors as well.

Other Friday scores:

Cullman 1 – Clarksville 0 (Baseball)
The 'Cats were back in action in Tennessee Friday morning and got things started with a low-scoring battle against Clarksville. Hits were hard to come by in this one and both teams scattered them here and there, but neither was able to put any runs on the board until the final frame.

Clarksville led off the top of the seventh with a single and a walk, but a fielder's choice and a double play got Cullman out of the inning and back to the plate with a chance to win it. Jake Dueland led things off with a bunt single down the first base line and stole second a few pitches later. Cole Robertson was at the plate and reached base on a dropped third strike but an error on the throw from the catcher allowed Dueland to score on the play and give the Bearcats a 1-0 win.

Kaleb Heatherly got the start on the mound and allowed just three hits in six innings of work, striking out five batters in the process. Tucker Apel earned the win after coming on in the seventh inning and helping put away the final three outs, allowing just one hit himself. Jake Dueland led Cullman with a pair of hits in the win and Brennen Norton, Heatherly and Robertson each posted a hit as well.

Cullman 5 – Fort Payne 4 (Softball)
The Lady Bearcats are back on the road competing in Madison this weekend and they extended their win streak with a 5-4 win over Fort Payne in their first game Friday. After falling behind 1-0 in the top of the first, Cullman's bats got hot in the bottom half of the inning.

Savannah Davis drove an RBI double into center field to tie the game at 1 and after another double from Emma Claire Wilson, Carlie Burnham blasted a 2-run bomb over the fence in right field to make it a 3-1 game going into the second.

After a scoreless second inning, Fort Payne responded with three runs in the top of the third to retake a 4-3 lead, but the Lady Bearcats had one more big inning in them. After a triple from Davis put a runner in scoring position, Chalea Clemmons homered to left field to put two more runs on the board in the bottom of the fourth and give Cullman a 5-4 lead going into the fifth. The Lady Bearcats secured the final three outs and held on to win it 5-4, extending their win streak to seven games. Davis led the way with three hits in the win and Burnham finished a pair of hits and RBIs. Clemmons (HR) drove in a pair of runs for Cullman and Faith Guest and Wilson each added a pair of hits as well.

Cullman 13 – James Clemens 1 (Softball)
Cullman kept its win streak alive with another win in Madison Friday night, this time over James Clemens. The Lady Bearcats scored three runs in the top of the first to take an early lead and tacked on nine more in the fourth to begin pulling away and went on to defeat the Lady Jets 13-1.

Emma Claire Wilson blasted a 3-run bomb over the left field wall in the top of the first to give Cullman a 3-0 lead going into the second. After a scoreless second inning, an RBI groundout from Carlie Burnham scored another run and made it a 4-0 game. James Clemens failed to score in the bottom half of the third and in the top of the fourth, the Lady Bearcats began to put the game away.

Back to back RBI doubles from Dayln Phillips and Sarah Herfurth stretched the lead to 6-0 and Haley Shannon laced an RBI triple into right field to make it 7-0. An RBI double off the bat of Savannah Davis drove in Shannon to make it 8-0 and Chalea Clemmons kept the momentum going with a 2-run bomb over the right field wall to give Cullman a 10-0 lead. Faith Guest drilled a 2-run bomb of her own to make it a 12-0 game and another RBI double from Phillips extended the lead to 13-0 going into the bottom half of the inning.

The Lady Jets were able to get a run on the board in the bottom of the fourth, but it was too little, too late and the Lady Bearcats cruised to a 13-1 win.

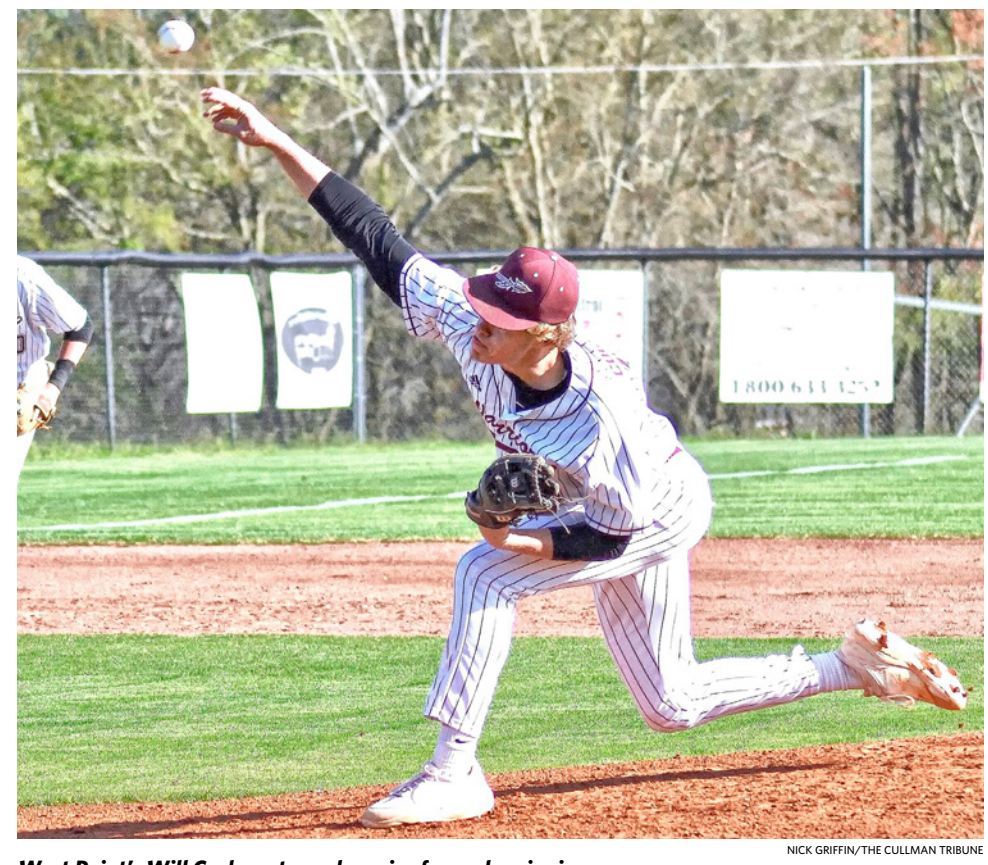
Cullman racked up 15 hits in the win, led by Clemmons (two RBIs) with three. Wilson (three RBIs), Phillips (two RBIs), Herfurth (one RBI) and Shannon (one RBI) each posted a pair of hits for the Lady Bearcats as well.

Siegel 5 – Cullman 4 (Baseball)
The Bearcats faced off against Siegel in their second game of the day and led the way 4-3 going into the final frame but Siegel was able to plate a pair of runs in the bottom of the seventh to walk off with a 5-4 win.

Trailing 2-0 going into the fourth inning, the 'Cats got things going at the plate when Jake Dueland and Zac Edwards drilled back to back RBI doubles to tie the game at 2. A few pitches later, Paxton Ponder drove an RBI single up the middle to give Cullman a 3-2 lead going into the bottom of the fourth. The Bearcats tacked on another run in the top of the fifth inning with a sacrifice fly from Hunter Brooks and led 4-2 going into the bottom of the fifth.

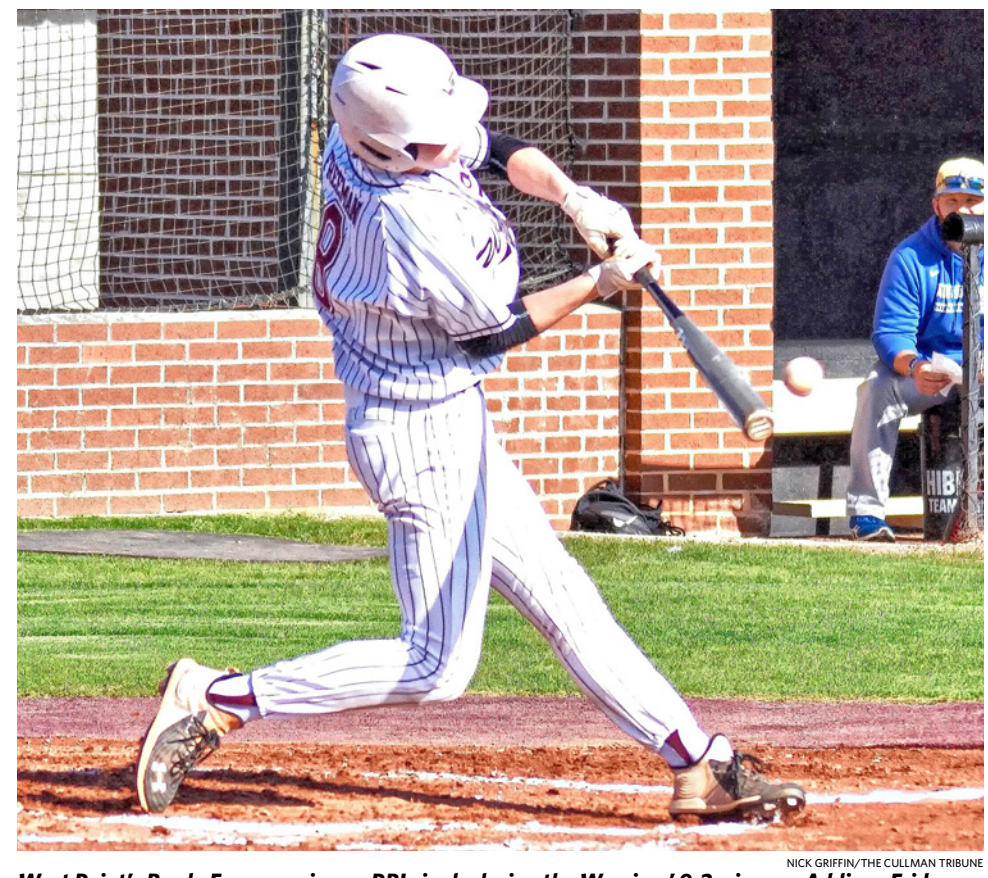
After cutting the lead to one run in the bottom of the fifth, Siegel went back to the plate in the bottom of the seventh trailing 4-3 and used a pair of RBI singles to pull ahead and win it 5-4.

Brennen Norton posted three hits for Cullman in the loss. Dueland (one RBI) and Edwards (one RBI) each finished with a pair of hits as well.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

West Point's Will Cochran tossed a pair of scoreless innings in the Warriors' 9-3 win over Addison Friday.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

West Point's Brody Freeman rips an RBI single during the Warriors' 9-3 win over Addison Friday.

Wallace State volleyball wins ACCC Gulf Atlantic District Tournament, earning 11th conference tourney title in 12 seasons

Russell Moore
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Wallace State volleyball sophomore Harlee Kate Reid and her teammates struggled to hold back the tears – those of joy and relief – after the 13th-ranked Lions convincingly swept through the Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC) Gulf Atlantic District Tournament over the weekend, winning the program's 11th conference tournament championship in 12 seasons.

"We all deserve this championship. We all help each other succeed," said Reid, who was named the ACCC Tournament MVP. "It's awesome to beat the team that knocked us out in 2019. We weren't going to leave Wallace State without winning a ring and now we have it."

Reid and company beat three different opponents in the tournament, pushing its record to a perfect 34-0. The Lions defeated Snead State, Coastal Alabama-South and Lawson State, knocking off the Cougars in the championship match, 25-21, 25-17, 25-19, at Traditions Bank Arena at Tom Drake Coliseum.

Wallace State's current sophomore class persevered through not having the volleyball season during its traditional fall season because of the COVID-19 pandemic and not knowing if the season would ultimately take place.

The Lions never had a stoppage once the season began in Feb., and they cruised through the regular season, losing only three sets over three months and clinching their 13th straight regular-season championship.

Wallace State's performance in the tournament was as equally impressive, and the Lions avenged a rare tournament exit in 2019 with another championship.

"It's been a difficult year and a half for a lot of reasons. I'm most proud of the effort and dedication from our players to manage the uncertainties surrounding COVID-19 and all of the changes. We never knew when our last match might be," said Wallace State coach Randy Daniel. "We have a special group. They've dealt with more than most teams had to in my 14 seasons, and for us to be undefeated at this point is all them."

Added sophomore Anna Renshaw: "All of the challenges we've had are extraordinary. Every team has challenges, but we stuck through COVID-19 changes, losing in the conference tournament last season and more. It's worth it all to win a championship."

Reid, an outside hitter from Hayden, was named MVP after finishing the tournament with 40 kills and 24 digs, including recording 15 kills and three digs in the championship match.

"Harlee Kate played an amazing tournament and has been good for us all season long. She's one of the most dedicated players we could ever ask for. She's a straight-A student and an amazing person on and off the court," Daniel said. "The whole team is like that. They're all wonderful kids. We love being around each other and hanging out with each other. It's not all about volleyball. We truly enjoy each other's company and that has a lot to do with the sophomore leadership from players like Harlee Kate, Mattrice Harris and Anna Renshaw."

Joining Reid on the All-Tournament team were Savannah Rutledge, Mattrice Harris and Haven Hall.

Rutledge, a freshman from Albertville, racked up 119 assists during the three-day event, Harris had 36 kills and Hall added 30.

Freshman libero Temperance Chatman finished the tournament with 60 digs, Laci Reese had 28 kills, Anna Renshaw finished with 25 digs and Tori Walker contributed 24 digs.

Reid, Rutledge and Harris were also ACCC 1st-team selections for their efforts in the regular season, and Hall was a 2nd-team selection. Daniel is the ACCC Coach of the Year.

Daniel was named the ACCC Coach of the Year. He surpassed the 500-win last month and currently maintains a 509-101 career record with the program.

Wallace State now advances to the NJCAA Division I National Championship in West Plains, Missouri, scheduled for April 15-17.

Other team members not previously mentioned are Courtney Patterson, Tobi Trotter, Mackenzie Davis, Madison Cartee and Kelsey Shelton.

Kate Kent is the assistant coach and Tess Bailey is the manager.

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



WALLACE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Wallace State players prepare to receive the trophy for winning the ACCC Gulf Atlantic District Tournament over the weekend.

PREP BASEBALL

Norton's walk-off lifts Cullman over Houston 8-7; Saturday scoring recap

Nick Griffin/Sammy Confer
Contributors

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Cullman continued its slate of weekend matchups in Tennessee with the Houston-Germantown Mustangs Saturday morning and picked up another big win with another big hit in the final frame. Trailing 7-4 going into the bottom of the seventh, the 'Cats plated four runs in the final inning, capped off by a walk-off RBI double from Brennen Norton to win it 8-7.

After a scoreless first inning, the Mustangs scored on a fielder's choice and took a 1-0 lead in the top of the second. Cullman got the run back in the bottom half of the second when Matt Brock drove in Paxton Ponder with an RBI double to tie the game going into the third inning. Houston answered with a 3-run inning in the top half of the third to make it a 4-1 game, but the Bearcats managed to cut into the lead in their half of the inning. With runners on second and third, Jake Dueland laced a double into left field to score two more runs and trim the lead to 4-3 going into the fourth.

Neither team could get on the board in the fourth or fifth inning, but the Mustangs were able to string some hits together in the top of the sixth to plate three more runs and stretch the lead to 7-3. An RBI double off the bat of Brennen Norton drove in Will Bradberry to make it a 7-4 game but that was all the 'Cats could get going into the seventh inning. Houston was able to load the bases with one out in the top half of the seventh, but third baseman Hayden Stancil gunned down a runner at the plate and the next batter flew out to Brock in center field to get Cullman out of the jam with one more chance to pull ahead.

A single from Max Dueland and a walk from Jake Dueland gave the Bearcats a pair of runners with two outs and Max was able to come around to score on an error by the pitcher to cut the lead to two. Bradberry drew a walk and Ponder was hit by a pitch to load up the bases and Brock put a single up the middle to score Jake Dueland and make it a 7-6 game. The game ended on the next pitch when Norton drilled a walk-off double into left field to give the 'Cats an 8-7 win over the Mustangs.

Norton led the game with three hits and three RBIs. Brock (two hits) and Jake Dueland (one hit) each drove in a pair of runs for Cullman and Max Dueland posted a pair of hits as well.

OTHER LOCAL SCORES

West Point 8 – North Jackson 7 (Baseball)
The Warriors' week of baseball continued Saturday with a trip over to Albertville and in game one of their doubleheader, they scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth to pull away and defeat North Jackson 8-7.

A pair of errors allowed West Point to score the first two runs of the game in the bottom of the first but a 2-run homer from North Jackson tied the game at 2 in the top of the second. Isaac Hoffpauir drew a walk with the bases loaded to put the Warriors back in front 3-2 and a few pitches later, Carter Thornton drove in another run with a sacrifice fly to make it 4-3. An RBI groundout from Caiden Rodgers added another run and an RBI single from Branson Smith made it 6-2 going into the fourth inning.

North Jackson was able to put some hits together and cut the lead to 6-5 in the top of the fourth and the Chiefs tacked on two more in the fifth to pull ahead 7-6.

West Point responded in the bottom of the sixth by loading the bases and scoring on a pair of errors to pull ahead 8-7 going into the final frame. Aubry Cleghorn went back out onto the mound for the top of the seventh and collected two of the final three outs with strikeouts to secure an 8-7 win for the Warriors.

Smith (one RBI) posted three hits in the win and Rodgers (one RBI), Cleghorn and Will Cochran each added a hit as well. Eli Folds, Hoffpauir, Thornton and Brody Freeman each drove in a run for West Point.

Oakland 7 – Cullman 5 (Baseball)
The Bearcats fell behind 1-0 when Oakland scored on a fielder's choice in the bottom of the first, but they moved in front 2-1 in the top of the second after an RBI double from Paxton Ponder and an RBI groundout from Matt Brock. A sacrifice bunt from Jake Dueland made it a 3-1 game and an RBI single from Cole Robertson stretched the lead to 4-1 in the top of the second.

Oakland managed to score two runs in the bottom of the fourth to cut the lead to 4-3 but after a scoreless fifth inning, Hayden Stancil drove an RBI single into right field to build the lead to 5-3 in the top of the sixth. However, Oakland's bats got hot in the bottom half of the inning and the Patriots put four runs on the board to pull ahead 7-5 going into the seventh.

The Bearcats began putting together another late inning rally and were able to load the bases with two outs but couldn't get any runs across the plate and Oakland held on to win it 7-5.

Buckhorn 3 – Cullman 1 (Softball)
Cullman was back on the field in Madison to take on the defending 6A state champions Saturday morning but after four scoreless innings, Buckhorn took a 2-0 lead in the fifth and the Lady Bearcats weren't able to come up with an answer offensively.

It was a pitcher's duel through the first four innings as neither team could get anything going offensively, but the fifth inning proved to be different. A one-out single by Buckhorn later led to a two-out, two-run homer to give them a 2-0 lead; they made it 3-0 in the sixth on an RBI fielder's choice. Cullman finally got something going in the bottom of the sixth.

Haley Shannon hit a leadoff single, then after a fly out and a strikeout, Emma Claire Wilson reached on an error and Carlie Burnham reached on an infield single to load the bases. Faith Guest then got hit by the pitch to bring home Shannon and that made it a 3-1 game, but they went down in order in the seventh and the Lady Bearcats wound up dropping the game, 3-1, snapping their eight-game winning streak.

Guest (one RBI), Burnham, Shannon, Savannah Davis and Chalea Clemmons each finished with a hit for Cullman. Clemmons allowed just six hits and two earned runs in her complete game performance, walked two and struck out five.

Dothan 13 – Hanceville 4 (Baseball)
Hanceville hit the road Saturday for a matchup at Dothan and took a 2-0 lead in the top of the second inning but couldn't hold on to it and the Bulldogs fell 13-4.

After a scoreless first inning, Hanceville got on the scoreboard first in the top of the second inning. Bo Joles hit a leadoff double, then Les Fischer reached on an error, which allowed Joles to score and Fischer later scored on another Dothan error to give the Bulldogs a 2-0 lead. A solo home run and an RBI single by Dothan quickly tied the game up at two in their half. The Wolves broke the tie-in the next inning on an RBI groundout and put up four more runs in the fourth on an error and a two-run single.

Hanceville cut into the deficit in the fifth inning. Zachary Campbell hit a one-out single and Drew Campbell hit a two-run home run over the left-field fence to make it a 7-4 game, but Dothan scored the final six runs of the game and the Bulldogs didn't get any closer after that as they wound up falling, 13-4.

Drew Campbell finished with a hit and two RBIs for Hanceville (5-16). Zach Campbell, Adam Cooper, and Joles all added two hits and Logan Guthery collected a hit as well. The Bulldogs will travel to take on Good Hope on Tuesday.

Buckhorn 10 – West Point 1 (Baseball)
In their second game of the day, the Warriors took on Buckhorn looking to make it five in a row, but they couldn't get much going offensively and they wound up falling 10-1. Their lone run came in the bottom of the sixth inning on back-to-back singles from Branson Smith and Eli Folds that later led to Smith scoring on a Buckhorn error.

Smith, Folds, Will Cochran and Chase Sibley each collected a hit for West Point (15-11).

PREP SOFTBALL

Addison falls to Winston County in County Championship Game 6-3

Todd Walker
Tribune Correspondent

ADDISON, Ala. – Addison Lady Dawgs needed to beat the Lady Jackets twice to grab the county championship Saturday night but came up short in game one against the Winston County 6-3 to finish as county runners up. Addison had to come out of the loser's bracket on a beautiful Saturday afternoon and they almost pulled it off. The Addison Lady Bulldogs knocked out the Lynn Lady Bears 12-5. They then squeaked by the Meek Lady Tigers 4-3 to advance to the championship game. The Winston County Lady Yellow Jackets defeated Addison 6-3 for the Tourney title.

Addison started off the first inning red hot, with "Glove" Luker doubling and then "Pudding" Aderholt crushing a home run to left center field for a quick Addison 2-0 lead.

The Lady Jackets came right back with some help from the Dawg defense.

The Jackets had a one out single by Emily Holt who then scored on a Baby Dawg error cutting the lead to 2-1.

That score held up till the top of the third when "Glove" Luker homered bringing the score to 3-1 in favor of the Baby Bulldogs.

Winston County plated another unearned run in the bottom of the fourth as Kanesha Flanagin singled bringing home Emily Hill.

This cut the Addison lead to 3-2.

It all fell apart for the Lady Dawgs in the bottom of the fifth as Winston County scored 4 runs, only two of them earned, to take a commanding 6-3 lead.

Olivia Wright walked and then Emily Holt singled.

Both advanced on a wild pitch.

Wright scored on an error, then Emily Hill scored Holt on a sacrifice fly.

Kaygen Grace singled scoring Lindsey and then Kanesha Flanagin singled scoring Grace.

At the end of the inning, the Lady Jackets led 6-3.

The Lady Bulldogs were unable to muster much of anything the last two innings as Lady Jacket pitcher, Ally Blackston, shut the door on the Baby Dawgs.

Winston County came away with a 6-3 victory winning the Winston County Tournament Title.

Addison was led by "Glove" Luker who went 2-4 with a double, a home run, one RBI and two runs scored.

"Pudding" Aderholt went 1-3 with a home run, two RBIs and a run scored.

Lexi "Toot" Luker went 1-3, Karly Early went 1-3. Makayla Wilkins went 2-4 with a stolen base.

The "Glove" went six innings, giving up two earned runs, seven hits with four strikeouts.

WCHS was led by Olivia Wright who went 1-3 with a run scored.

Emily Holt went 2-4 with two runs scored.

Makayla Lindsey went 1-3 with a stolen base and a run scored.

Kaygen Grace went 1-3 with a run scored and two RBIs. Kanesha Flanagin went 2-3.

Ally Blackston went seven innings, giving up three runs with five strikeouts.

Addison 12 - Lynn 5 (Game one)
Addison was led by Anna Grace "The Glove" Luker who went 3-5 with a triple and two RBIs.

Madison "Pudding" Aderholt went 3-5 with a double and one RBI. Saige Carter went 3-5 with three runs scored.

Makayla Wilkins went 1-3 with three RBIs. Luker went the distance going seven innings, scattering six hits and striking out seven.

Lynn was led by eighth grader Kamri Tittle who went 1-2 with a home run and two RBIs.

Ninth grader, Phebe Burkett went 1-3 with a solo home run.

Addison 4 - Meek 3 (Game two)
Addison was led by Saige Carter who went 2-3 with a double and a walk. "Glove" Luker went 1-3 with two RBIs. "Pudding" Aderholt went 1-3 with a double. Karly Early and Haley Walker both went 1-3.

The "Glove" again went the distance, scattering seven hits while striking out nine.

Meek was led by Abby Phillips who went 2-3 with a home run and two RBIs.

Hannah Taylor went 1-2 while Christina Tyree and Marlee Mosley both went 1-3.







Holly Pond (from Front)

lights for the ballpark walking trail at a cost of $500 per light.

- A motion to replace five ballpark concession stand door handles, replacing worn knobs and bringing them up to code for handicap access, at a total cost of $600.

The council discussed using the former Carpenter's Cabinet building behind Jack's, recently returned to the town after the food pantry closed, as a location for community club meeting and event rentals. The town has also received back the building that formerly housed the "Middle of Nowhere" antique store and tabled a motion to sell that property until council members can get more information about the building.

The Holly Pond Town Council meets at 6 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at the Guy Hunt Library. The public is invited to attend.

Goat Island (from Front)

Goat Island Brewery
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Goat Island Brewing today announced their Five-Year Anniversary Celebration. The event, which will include food, music, a special beer release and live miniature goats, will be held April 10.

"This marks five years of using the freshest and best ingredients available, and the cleanest and best processes possible to make the best tasting beer imaginable," said Mike Mullaney, President.

"Since the day we have opened, we have had nothing but amazing support from the entire community.

"We are so grateful to our patrons and the Goat Island nation spread out throughout the region.

"We look forward to celebrating this important milestone with everyone!"

During the celebration, Matt Clark and Scott Glasier will be on-site doing a pig roast.

Food will be available starting at 4 p.m. for $12/plate.

All proceeds will go to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) to help local combat veterans with PTSD get the SGB shot.

Ken Brown of the VFW will be there to answer questions about this program that helps veterans get this life changing procedure.

There will be three local bands (Trifecta, Round 2 and Avenue G) playing live music throughout the day and evening. Miniature goats will be available for the kids to pet starting at 2 p.m., and the brewery will rerelease the Palomino Pale Ale (the first beer served on the first day of business for Goat Island) at 3:30 p.m. Music and festivities will end at 11 p.m.

Mary (from Front)

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

Mary is a 7-8-year-old Sheltie mix. She's a really laid-back, low-energy pet who's housebroken and shows every sign of having been someone's home companion for a long time.

"She's quite content hanging around with her people and keeping folks company. Ruttkay calls her "a perfect lady on her leash."

She seems to be a little hard of hearing, so she likes to stay close by and keep her eye on you.

Mary has a sweet disposition, and could make a great therapy or companion dog.

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

Animal shelter staff and volunteers work with their dogs to make sure they are accustomed to being around people, walking on a leash and practicing good behavior. Several of the shelter's canine friends have even been "hired" to work as therapy and special needs service dogs. Please consider adopting to give a rescued pet a chance at a happy and healthy life. Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or visit them at 935 Convent Road NE. Reach them by email at cullmancountyanimalshelter@gmail.com.

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

Baileyton (from Front)

coming."

The town's storm shelters are open when severe weather is forecast but will be locked at other times due to people visiting the shelters for non-weather-related reasons. The council has also been made aware of people being told to leave the shelters during threatening storms. "They aren't just for the Baileyton community. They are from Joppa, Jones Chapel or Mississippi and just traveling through. It's their place too," Guthrie said.

Councilman Dewayne Sumner presented information from the bids he received for the new digital sign for Parkside School. He hopes to continue negotiating with the lowest bidder to get the best possible price for the new cloud-based digital sign.

Sumner also presented quotes to the council for new playground equipment for the town's park. Some of the playground is in need of repairs and other equipment will need to be completely replaced. Some of the swings and equipment that were deemed to be a risk to children have been removed until repairs can be made. The quote for the repairs are $8,000 and the council approved the work. The money for the playground improvements will come from money raised through Baileyton Bargain Days.

The council agreed to wait until the next council meeting before making a decision regarding the Baileyton Senior Center and allowing the senior center activities to resume.

The Baileyton Town Council meets every first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the senior/community center. The public is invited to attend.



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Guthrie updates council on new town hall's sound system and internet installation

Rock the South (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – What's billed as the "The South's biggest party", Rock the South announced Monday morning what the concert promoters are calling "an incredible lineup of musicians for Pepsi Rock the South in Cullman, Alabama Aug. 13-14, 2021."

This year's lineup is packed for the festival's 10th anniversary. 2021 Rock the South artists are Luke Combs, Miranda Lambert, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Nelly, Ashley McBryde, Jordan Davis, Ingrid Andress, Flat-land Cavalry, Laine Hardy, Drew Parker, DeeJay Silver, Trey Lewis and Alex Hall.

"This is easily the most diverse lineup we have ever had at Rock the South. When you say the names Luke Combs, Miranda Lambert, Lynyrd Skynyrd and Nelly, you have the perfect recipe for the biggest party in the South," said Shane Quick-partner Pepsi Rock the South.

"We couldn't think of a better way to relaunch the live concert industry in the south."

In a release issued Monday morning, RTS promoters stated, "fans are encouraged to sign up for the Super Fan Presale now through Wednesday to get the exclusive presale code to unlock tickets early Thursday, April 8 at 8 a.m. CST."

The release went on to state that the "top point-earning Super Fan will win two Front Porch VIP tickets, a Rock The South merch pack and more.

Second and third place winners receive VIP & General Admission tickets.

All registrants will receive the Super Fan Presale code via email Wednesday night, April 7 and a text reminder Thursday morning."

Headlining the 10th year will be Luke Combs, who The New York Times calls, "the most promising and influential new country star of the last five years."

Combs is a multi-platinum, ACM, CMA, CMT and Billboard Music Award-winning artist. His new deluxe album, What You See Ain't Always What You Get debuted at #1 on the all-genre Billboard 200 chart as well as Billboard's Top Country Albums chart.

With the release, Combs also reached #1 on Rolling Stone's Top 200 Albums chart, Top 100 Songs chart and Artists 500 chart—the first country artist ever to lead all three charts in the same week and first to top the Artists 500.

Adding to a series of groundbreaking and historic years, Combs recently won two awards at the 55th ACM Awards, two awards at the 54th CMA Awards and three awards at the 2020 Billboard Music Awards.

The most decorated artist in the history of the Academy of Country Music, Miranda Lambert will be one of headliners for Rock the South 2021.

Lambert is the recipient of more than 70 prestigious awards and special honors: 35 ACM Awards (including 9 ACM Female Vocalist of the Year Awards), 13 CMA Awards (Country Music Association), two Grammy Awards, the Harmony Award (Nashville Symphony), Artist in Residence (Country Music Hall of Fame), the ACM Gene Weed Milestone Award, ACM Song of the Decade Award and was named 2019 RIAA's Artist of the Year.

With over 60 albums in their catalog, sales beyond 30 million worldwide and their beloved classic American rock anthem "Sweet Home Alabama," Lynyrd Skynyrd will be a huge hit for party-goers at Rock the South 2021.

Having over 2 million downloaded ringtones, Rock & Roll Hall of Famers Lynyrd Skynyrd remain a cultural icon that appeals to all generations.

One of the artists that will also attract a wide variety of music lovers is Diamond Selling, Multi-platinum, Grammy award-winning rap superstar, entrepreneur, philanthropist and actor, Nelly.

He has continually raised the bar for the entertainment industry since stepping on the scene in 2000 with his distinctive vocals and larger-than-life personality.

Nelly's collaboration with Florida Georgia Line received Diamond status and he is only one of seven rappers to reach this honor.

Ashley McBryde closed out 2019 with ACM New Female Artist, CMT Breakout Artist of the Year, a New Artist of the Year win at the 53rd Annual CMA Awards and two nominations for the 2020 Grammys for Best Country Song and Best Country Solo Performance for "Girl Goin' Nowhere."

McBryde also received a 2021 Grammy nomination for Best Country Album, along with a 2020 CMA nomination for Album of the Year.

Ingrid Andress who was nominated for three ACM Awards, including New Female Artist of the Year, will also be singing to fans in Aug. Andress has received three GRAMMY nominations and was the only country artist nominated in the general field "Big Four" categories as a Best New Artist nomi-nee, tying Miranda Lambert as this year's most nominated country artist.

Breakout country star and Alabama native Trey Lewis will be making his debut at Rock the South 2021, with more announcements in the works. Ticket buyers who held on to their 2020 tickets will automatically be emailed tickets for the 2021 festival by April 19.

"Rock the South is incredibly thankful for our sponsors, as well the outstanding support we have received on the city, county and state level," said Nathan Baugh-partner-Pepsi Rock the South. "These partnerships have helped to make Rock the South a reality and we know 2021 will be the best year yet."

Event organizers encourage attendees to review updated policies and procedures before their arrival. The event's website http://www.rockthesouth.com will include full details on the protocols the City of Cullman and Pepsi Rock the South event staff are enacting to provide a great event.

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SCIENCE

Watch next Space Station crew launch live on NASA TV, NASA app

Stephanie Schierholz, Dan Huot

HOUSTON, Texas – Three space travelers, including NASA astronaut Mark Vande Hei, are poised to launch Friday, April 9, from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan to the International Space Station. NASA Television, the agency's website and the NASA app will provide comprehensive prelaunch and launch-to-docking coverage.

Joining Vande Hei aboard the Soyuz MS-18 spacecraft will be Soyuz Commander Oleg Novitskiy and Flight Engineer Pyotr Dubrov of Roscosmos for launch at 3:42 a.m. EDT (12:42 p.m. Kazakhstan time) on a two-orbit, three-hour journey to dock at the station's Rassvet module. Launch coverage will begin at 2:45 a.m.

This will be the second spaceflight for Vande Hei, the third for Novitskiy and the first for Dubrov. The launch comes three days before the 60th anniversary of cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin's launch, making him the first human in space, and the 40th anniversary of the first launch of NASA's space shuttle.

The trio will join the Expedition 64 crew, including NASA Flight Engineer Kate Rubins, who arrived on the station with Commander Sergey Ryzhikov and Flight Engineer Sergey Kud-Sverchkov of Roscosmos in October 2020, and the crew of the SpaceX Crew Dragon Resilience – NASA astronauts Michael Hopkins, Victor Glover and Shannon Walker, as well as Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) astronaut Soichi Noguchi – who have been in orbit since November.

The spacecraft will dock at the station at 7:07 a.m., with coverage of rendezvous and docking beginning at 6:15 a.m.

About two hours after docking, hatches between the Soyuz and the station will open, and the 10 crew members will greet each other. NASA TV coverage of hatch opening and any remarks by the crew or flight controllers on Earth will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Vande Hei, Novitskiy and Dubrov will be part of Expeditions 64 and 65.

The departure of Rubins, Ryzhikov and Kud-Sverchkov on Friday, April 16, will mark the start of the new expedition.

Video of the crew's prelaunch activities in Baikonur are being aired on NASA TV from now until the day of the launch on Friday.

The Expeditions 64 and 65 crews will continue work on hundreds of experiments in biology, biotechnology, physical science and Earth science aboard the International Space Station, humanity's only permanently occupied microgravity laboratory.

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Expedition 65 crew members Russian cosmonaut Pyotr Dubrov of Roscosmos, left, Russian cosmonaut Oleg Novitskiy of Roscosmos, center, and NASA astronaut Mark Vande Hei, pose for a photo during qualification exams Saturday, March 20, 2021 at the Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Center (GCTC) in Star City, Russia, in advance of their scheduled launch April 9 from Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan to the International Space Station.

Obituary Announcements: April 5

Naomi Bentley, age 94, of Cullman
Private family graveside service for Naomi Bentley, age 94, of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 6 2021, at Hamby's Chapel Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Bentley died Monday, April 5 2021, at her residence. She was born, June 17 1926, to Loy and Pearl Bonner. She is preceded in death by her husband, Robert Bentley; grandson, Miles Brockway and her par-ents. Survivors include her daughters, Pat Haddock, Gail (George) Colbow, Janet (Jimmy) White and Myra Deupree; 7 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren

Nancy Fortner Hayes, 86, of Holly Pond
Nancy Fortner Hayes, 86, of Holly Pond, died March 29 2021,. She was born Sept. 12, 1934, to Wil-liam Millard and Fannie Louise Burden Fortner. Nancy was a longtime resident of the Brooklyn Community and she was an adoring mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Ms. Hayes is preceded in death by her parents and her beloved son, Butch Fortner. Nancy is survived by her granddaughters, Randa (Kelly) Duke, Karli (Matt) Huddleston; great-grandchildren, Tanner Duke, Tess Duke, Tate Duke, Beau Huddleston, Millie Huddleston, Cash Hud-dleston; her sister, Joyce (Hershel) Patterson; and her nieces, great-nieces and great-nephews. Ms. Hayes life is being celebrated in a private family service. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to have served the Hayes family.

Stephen Arnold McNutt, 71, of Gardendale
Stephen Arnold McNutt, 71, of Gardendale, Alabama entered into rest April 2 2021, at his resi-dence. Mr. McNutt was born Dec. 2, 1949 to Arnold and Ruth McNutt. Stephen retired as First Lieutenant from Birmingham Fire Department after almost 30 years of service. Mr. McNutt Loved spending time with his granddaughter and riding motorcycles. A graveside service will be held Tuesday, April 6 2021, at 11 a.m. at Winston Memorial Cemetery in Haleyville, Alabama. Nichols Funeral Home directing. Stephen is survived by his son, Randy (April) McNutt; daughter, Laura McNutt; grandchildren; Skye McNutt, Kamyrn Raine; cousins, Larry (Pam) McNutt and family, Tommy (Mickey) McNutt and family, Sharon McNutt and family; best friends, Jimmy (Connie) Thompson and family, and Don Sharpe and family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Arnold and Ruth McNutt; grandparents, Doc C. McNutt and Nora McNutt; uncles, Zack McNutt, Salem McNutt; aunt, Amy McNutt; and loving best friends, Bobby Hall and Paul Hak.

Jerry Brindley, 84, of Cullman, formerly of Nesmith
Jerry Brindley, 84 of Cullman, formerly of Nesmith, entered into rest Saturday, April 3 2021, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. Jerry was born Feb. 4, 1937 in Akron, Ohio. Living by faith - This is one of many descriptions that I would characterize my mom. Being a believ-er and follower of Christ from an early age, she loved her Savior Jesus Christ. She was a faithful servant for her Lord. God blessed mom with many gifts that she used for his glory and kingdom. It was faith and the love of Christ that carried her through many wonderful moments in her life and a few moments of suffering. These past few years, when tables were turned, she had to be cared for instead of caring for others. It was very hard for her to accept this change in her life. She would ask, "why is God not taking me home? I'm ready to go." In her mind, she felt useless and that she was being a burden to others. Every time she asked, I would respond with "God's not done with you yet." None of us really knew why, but we knew that there was a reason. Looking back, I think God wanted us to receive a blessing. He wanted us to have the opportunity to help carry mom's cross along with her. He didn't want her to carry it on her own. He gave us the opportunity to spend more quality of time and love with her. For all of us, as a family, we got one more moment with her. One more chocolate milkshake or shrimp dinner just to put a smile on her face. You can't take that away. We will always cherish those small moments of happiness forever. Now, as we gathered together with both mom and dad, for the last time, we said goodbye to my precious and beautiful mom. She was welcome into heaven by her Savior and Loving Father, God this evening. It's a sense of peace to know that she is out of pain. It was a peaceful and precious moment, when mom took her last breath and was gone. "So don't throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you need endurance, so that after you have done God's will, you may receive what was promised. For yet in a little while, the Coming One will come and not delay. But my righteous one will live by faith; and if he draws back, I have no pleasure in him. But we are not those who draw back and are destroyed, but those who have faith and are saved." ~ Hebrews 10:35-39 Mom's faith in our Lord Jesus Christ helped her to endure her physical pain. It is because of her love and faith in Jesus that she received God's promise today. I know she is whole without pain in heaven and we will miss her greatly. We will be reunited again one day and it will be a wonderful celebration. On behalf of the Brindley family, I want to thank you for all your prayers. The family will receive friends, Tuesday, April 6 2021, from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. at Mt. Pleasant Bap-tist Church in the Nesmith Community, where a memorial service will follow at 6 p.m. Brother Jun-ior Garmon and Brother Terry Blankenship will officiate. Jerry is survived by her husband, John Lamar Brindley; 5 daughters, Maryann Kelley and her hus-band Kevin, Sandy Keyes and her husband Wade, June Kelley and her husband Pat, Susan Gaither and her husband Tim, and Mirya Mason and her husband Doug; 10 grandchildren, Allan Keyes, Eliza-beth Keyes Theisen, Ryan Kelley, Whitney Kelley Smith, Nicholas Kelley, Leslie Gaither Mosley, Na-talie Kelley Brown, Jonathan Gaither, Kaitlyn Mason and Colton Mason; and 19 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Hugh and Ann Godfrey; sister, Sherry Roulette; and brother, Rex Godfrey. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Cem-etery Fund.

Micah Dean Richard, 22, of Cullman
Micah Dean Richard, age 22, met his Heavenly Father April 3 2021, at Huntsville Hospital. He was born in Birmingham Aug. 31, 1998. He was a graduate of East Limestone High School and was an avid Alabama football fan. He died April 3 2021. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Richard family. The funeral service will be Wednesday, April 7, 2021, at 2 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday at the funeral home before the service from noon until 2 p.m. He was a beloved son, brother, grandson and nephew. His favorite words were, "I Love You." He always greeted everyone with a smile, a hug, and an I love you every time you saw him. He was a great friend to all who met him and he loved sharing the good news of our Lord and Savior to any-one who would listen. Easter day he donated his organs to 5 others, giving them a new chance to live. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Micah is gone but never forgotten. He is preceded in death by his grandmother, Wilma I. Richard. He is survived by his Mother, Laura Richard; Father, Jeremy Richard; Stepmother, Brande Richard; siblings, Alyssa Williams (brother-in-law Quinten Williams), Caitlin Richard, Morgan Richard and Huck Graham; Grandfather, W. F. (Bill) Richard; and, Grandmother Vickie Bartlett and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. Pallbearers are Austin Richard, Tyler Richard, Colton Richard, David Aloisio, Trevor Chapman, Pey-ton Hill, Lucas Hill.

Leon Ballard, 77, of Hanceville
Funeral services for Leon Ballard, 77, of Hanceville, Alabama will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 7 2021, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Fairview West Cemetery. Reverend Tim Barnett will officiate. Visitation will be at Hanceville Funeral Home from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 6 2021, Mr. Ballard was born Jan. 28, 1944 in Hanceville and died at his residence in Hanceville April 4, 2021. Survivors include his wife, Martha Ann Ballard; daughter, Kathy (Jason) Cone; grandchildren, Ashley (Matthew) Knight and Christopher (Holli) Mattox; great-grandchild, Bentley Knight; brother, Donald Ballard; and sister, Christine Mayhall. Mr. Ballard was preceded in death by his parents, Lonis and Vera Louise (Melton) Ballard; sisters, Frances Baker and Dean Sterling; and a brother, John Ballard.

Neil Lowry, 70, of Cullman
Neil Lowry was born in Cullman County, Alabama, to the late Joe and Verna Lou Lowry. Neil graduated from West Point High School where he played basketball. His team was All County for several years and he was named team MVP. He was also Cullman County Mile Champion in 1969. With a Bachelor of Science degree, he graduated from Auburn University. He was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, where he made several life-long friends. As an avid Tiger fan, football season was a favorite time of year spent on his back porch. After graduation, Neil began his career at Ala-bama Power Company while running his own fully functioning farm. At the Power Company he met his wife of 44 years, Priscilla Lees, and together they raised five daughters. After leaving the power company Neil began a career in the food service industry. It was said that Neil was the "consummate." Neil was extremely fond of his customers and continued to keep in touch with some of them after his retirement in 2018. He also continued working the family farm until 1999. He always said "I love to see things green-up and grow". He loved it so much he grew a garden at his home in Birmingham where he would plant his vegetables and other fun things such as cotton so the neighbors could see how it was grown. Neil was thoughtful, loving, kind and funny. Neil is survived by his wife, Priscilla and his daughters and their spouses Dawn & JP Gleason, Amy Fortier, Melissa & Marcel Vargas, Amanda & Jason Farrell, and Anna Lauren Lowry; 14 grandchil-dren; His brothers Joseph Dale Lowry (Charlotte), and Terry Keith Lowry (Debbie) and sister, Rebec-ca Kay Sharpton (Bill); several nieces and nephews; sister-in-law, Sandy Vance; brother-in-law Bill Lees (Linda) all of whom he loved very much. Neil's funeral services will be held at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church April 8 2021, at 10:30 a.m. Johns-Ridout's Funeral Parlors in Birmingham was in charge.

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Poultry producers find relief through CARES Act funds

Katie Nichols
Contributor

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. – Poultry is big business in Alabama. Commercial poultry production generates more than $15 billion in revenue in Alabama each year, employing more than 86,000 work-ers industry-wide. For this reason, Alabama Extension professionals helped develop and execute a plan to put poultry producers on the map when Alabama CARES Act funds were distributed in the agricultural sector.

Dennis Brothers, an associate extension professor with a poultry specialty, said he and extension economist Adam Rabinowitz partnered with the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries (ADAI) and other poultry interest groups in Alabama to secure allocations for poultry growers in the state.

"When the CARES Act funds became available, the distribution method was still being decided," Brothers said. "We worked closely with the ADAI, the Alabama Farmers Federation (ALFA) and the Alabama Poultry and Egg Association (APEA) to develop a solution for growers."

Alabama Commissioner of Agriculture Rick, Pate, said he saw remarkable cooperation between ADAI, APEA, Alabama Extension and other state agencies.

"Alabama Extension and APEA were very helpful in getting the word out to poultry producers so they would know if they were eligible to participate in the program," Pate said.

Survey responses support allocation

Through the initial plans, only broiler growers would receive compensation for excessive days of out-time between flocks. However, through the more than 200 survey responses, extension per-sonnel were able to gain understanding of the COVID-induced situation for Alabama contract grow-ers.

"The COVID outbreak meant growers weren't getting flocks as frequently," Brothers said.

"This 'days of out-time' metric was an easy target to hit; however, survey confirmed there were other impacts. This included breeder growers who raise hatching eggs with excessive out-times. It also included density changes caused by integrators sending less birds to houses and some fluctuations in flock lengths."

Survey results also showed that a 21-day threshold for relief—the original threshold length—was too long. Brothers said survey responses were able to help determine the time should be a smaller window. The ADAI settled on 17 days instead of 21.

Professionals estimate an additional 25% of growers were eligible for relief funding thanks to the expansion of allocation parameters. These producers would have been ineligible for help other-wise.

Funding helps mitigate risks

Brothers said while there is coverage for growers through contract agreements, there are still risks surrounding poultry production.

"Many farms took a hard hit," Brothers said. "When these funds became available, it was really helpful for the poultry producers. The opportunity to help poultry growers get access to risk assis-tance was a small silver lining in the COVID pandemic."

Pate said this was the first time most poultry producers were recipients of any support during the pandemic or before.

"We were able to speak to some of the poultry growers who were compensated for their financial losses," Pate said. "All were grateful for the assistance and expressed how much it would help make up some of the difference in their reduced income."

Impacts

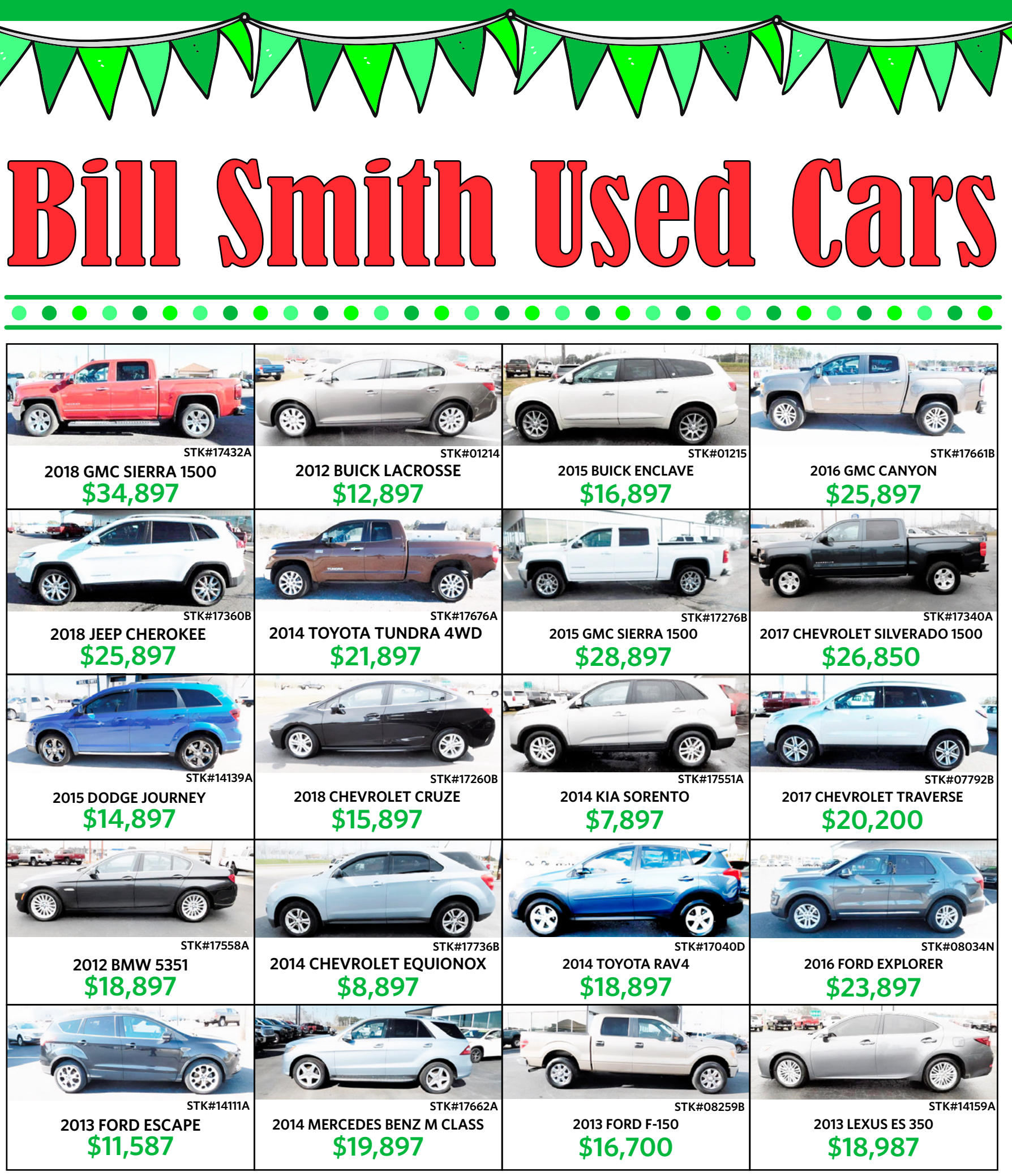
The ADAI received a total of 727 applications. However, after some application withdrawals and the removal of out-of-state applications, 697 applicants received compensation. The total payout for the poultry program was nearly $3.5 million. Twenty-nine Alabama poultry processing facilities also saw a payout totaling $1.1 million.

Gary Lemme, retired director of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, said the Alabama poultry industry has been able to get some relief from the lasting effects of the pandemic thanks to the hard work and collaboration of advocates of the Alabama poultry industry.

"The work Dennis, Adam and others put in to ensure our Alabama poultry producers received recognition and compensation for losses during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic was exceptional," Lemme said. "Their recognition of a need, as well as their foresight to survey growers and develop parameters for compensation is highly commendable. This is an example of the extension at its best—working together with the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries for the benefit of Alabama farmers."



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