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Flourish of Cullman holds long-awaited ribbon cutting

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CULLMAN, Ala. – After a year of COVID, Flourish of Cullman was finally able to celebrate with a rib-bon cutting ceremony Tuesday afternoon. Members of the Flourish team were joined by the Cull-man Area Chamber of Commerce. Flourish was founded in 2015 and moved into their facilities on County Road 735 in 2019. The non-profit was never able to have an official ribbon-cutting due to the pandemic until now.

Said Flourish Executive Director Melissa Dew, "2020 happened and when the Chamber called the other day, I thought, 'you know, we never had an official ribbon-cutting."

Flourish is a nonprofit organization that helps those with disabilities by assisting them in finding jobs, enriching their social lives and learning independent living skills.

Flourish clients participate in fun group socials that have recently been able to resume. This month, the group held two socials and next month they hope to get back to once a week.

Dew said, "We are keeping it open air activities and we have lots of festivals coming up, so they are going to be doing those and » PAGE 2



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Flourish of Cullman celebrates the ribbon cutting with Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce

– BUSINESS –

Signature Smiles of Cullman celebrates six years with new facility



LINDSEY MARSHALL

***Main:** The new facility is larger and has more parking space.* ***Bottom right:** Dr. Lindsey Marshall (left) and Dr. Katherine Stidham celebrate their practice's sixth anniversary and the opening of the new Signature Smiles facility.*

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CULLMAN, Ala. – After opening their doors in Cull-man nearly six years ago, the Signature Smiles of Cullman dentistry office is expanding to a new facility. Located at 1754 Warnke Circle NE (be-hind the Surgery Center on Hwy 157), owners Lindsey Marshall, DMD, and Kather-ine Stidham, DMD say that the new facility will be larger and have more parking spac-es in order to accommodate more patients.

Both Dr. Marshall and Dr. Stidham are Cullman na-tives who studied at the UAB School of Dentistry and have been in practice since 2011.

Dr. Stidham graduated from Fairview High School and completed her under-graduate degree at the Uni-versity of South Alabama in Mobile, while Dr. Marshall graduated from Cullman High School and graduat-ed Magna Cum Laude from Birmingham-Southern Col-lege before attending UAB. The opening of the Signature Smiles practice was consid-ered "a dream come true" for the pair.

When asked what stood out about the new facility, both doctors were excited to talk about the increased size, larger waiting room and in-creased number of parking spaces.

Additionally, Dr. Stidham was happy to talk about the calming and relaxing atmo-sphere of the new waiting room.

"It feels like it could be someone's home. We want-ed patients to feel at ease walking into our office, and I am excited that it still feels relaxing and wel- » PAGE 2

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INDUSTRY

Gov. Ivey: Economic development report card shows $4.8 billion in new investment in 2020

Office of Gov. Kay Ivey
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MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Despite the challenges posed by the coronavirus pandemic, economic development activity across Alabama in 2020 generated close to $5 billion in new capital investment and almost 10,000 job commitments, Governor Kay Ivey announced today.

With significant growth projects recorded in key strategic industrial sectors, Governor Ivey said the activity will strengthen the foundations of Alabama's economy and help accelerate the recovery that is taking place across the state.

"While 2020 was far from being a normal year, Alabama's economic development efforts made a steady and important contribution to the state's growth prospects," Governor Ivey said.

"Companies from around the world continue to find all the ingredients they need for success right here in Alabama."

The 2020 New & Expanding Industry Report, released Tuesday, April 6, indicates that 230 economic development projects were completed last year, resulting in $4.8 billion in new capital investment and 9,466 new jobs.

The annual report is compiled each year by the Alabama Department of Commerce.

"Working diligently to overcome obstacles, Alabama's economic development team managed to bring home solid results last year that will help advance the state's economic revival," said Greg Canfield, secretary of the Alabama department of commerce.

"Looking ahead, the economic development pipeline for 2021 continues to flow with high-caliber projects that are poised to bring new opportunities to Alabama."

The 2020 report shows that significant projects were launched in traditional Alabama industries, including steelmaking and mining. AM/NS Calvert, for example, announced plans for a $775 million electric arc steelmaking facility at its mill near Mobile, creating 200 jobs.

Warrior Met Coal, meanwhile, is developing a new $529 million underground mine in Tuscaloosa County, creating 359 new jobs.

During 2020, there was robust activity in the distribution and logistics sector, with large-scale projects from companies including ALDI, Amazon, Dollar General, Lowe's Home Improvement and FedEx.

Altogether, these projects involve over $500 million in new capital investment and the creation of at least 2,000 jobs in the state.

Alabama's auto sector continues to attract new investment, including more than $1.6 billion in 2020 projects generating 2,600 new job commitments.

Significant projects included Mazda Toyota Manufacturing's additional $830 million investment in its Huntsville assembly plant, set to open this year, and Mercedes-Benz's $54 million logistics center in Tuscaloosa County to support electric vehicle production, beginning next year.

Despite the pandemic, Alabama's rural counties also recorded a high level of project activity, with nearly $615 million in new capital investment and 1,940 jobs commitments announced for the state's 40 "targeted" counties.

Major projects locating in rural counties during 2020 included:

• Resource Fiber is opening a facility in Sulligent to manufacture bamboo nail laminated timbers and bamboo rail ties, creating 111 jobs in Lamar County.

• Coastal Growers LLC is constructing an $87 million peanut shelling plant in Atmore, creating over 100 jobs and positioning the Escambia County city as a central hub for farmers needing that resource.

• Canada's Pinnacle Renewable Energy is teaming with two Alabama companies to construct a $95 million industrial wood pellet plant in Demopolis that will create at least 45 jobs in Marengo County.

The report indicates foreign direct investment continues to flow into Alabama. Companies from 13 different countries announced plans to invest a combined $2.7 billion in Alabama during 2020, resulting in the creation of 2,700 jobs.

The report shows that Jefferson County was tops for job creation through economic development projects in 2020, with 1,211 jobs.

Rounding out the Top 5 counties were Lee, Tuscaloosa, Cullman and Madison.

Limestone County led the way in new capital investment, with 2020 projects worth more than $1.1 billion. Other leaders were Mobile, Tuscaloosa, Jefferson and Lee.

"Right now, there are many exciting developments unfolding across Alabama that showcase next-level innovation, highlight the extraordinary capabilities of our workers and inject additional horsepower into the state's evolving economy," Secretary Canfield said.

"While there is still healing to be done, sparks of vitality are flashing in many sectors of Alabama's economy."

Flourish (from Front)

we are really excited about that."

The next big project for Flourish will be the conversion of part of their facility into the Robert Squires Independent Living Skills Apartment.

Dew explained, "It will be for individuals who come and if they want to live independently, they can stay there and we can monitor them while they are there so we can see things they might need help with.

"We will have different scenarios of real life things to see how they react and be able to practice those things."

For more information about Flourish and the services they provide, visit www.flourishofcullman.com.

Facility (from Front)

coming," she stated.

She also expressed gratitude toward the community and the support they received, saying, "We were thrilled to have the overwhelming support of our community since opening Signature Smiles of Cullman.

"The increased space will allow us to better serve our community in a provide a beautiful facility that our patients and staff deserve."

To achieve the aspects they wanted without worrying about renovating an existing building, Stidham and Marshall made the decision to build the new facility from scratch instead of moving into an existing building.

"We realized about a year ago that our previous facility was not going to be able to allow us to accommodate our desired patient load.

"We believed that by building a new facility from the ground up that we could create a space that embodied all the aspects we believed were important to both us and our patients," Marshall said.

"In general, we tried to envision and build a facility that will serve a patient's dental needs while creating a sense of warmth and calm."

New and existing patients can contact the practice by phone at 256-531-9983 or online at https://www.signaturesmilescullman.com/ to request an appointment or learn more about the services offered.

Items For Sale!

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

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

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

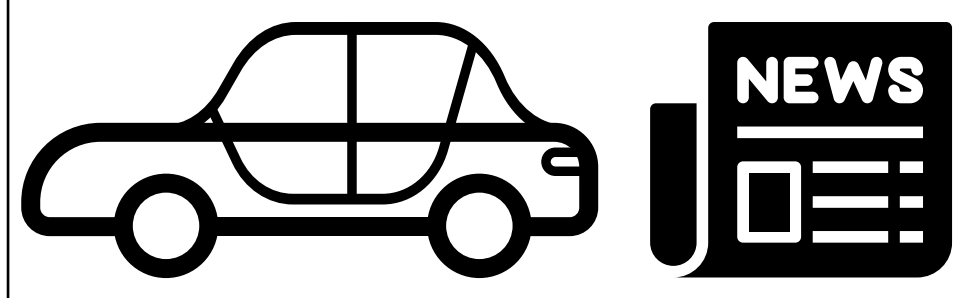
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COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

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 (+119 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in AL: 114,457 (+77 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in AL: 8,392 (+3 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in AL: 2,260
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,411 (+8 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 3,010 (+3 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 126 (+2 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 62
• Total tested in Cullman Co.: 39,427
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 2,046
• Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 135
• Total tested in Alabama: 2,422,861
• Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 5,649
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 125,513
• Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 314
• Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama (reported M-F): 47,838
• 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: 1,847,758
• Number of people receiving one or more doses: 1,194,656
• Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 702,143
• 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 with-in 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 fre-quently.

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/covid-19vaccine/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 dif-ficulty 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 fly-ers 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 resi-dents 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, Ma-rengo, Clarke, Dallas, Lee, Shelby, Colbert, Macon, Bullock, Henry, Clay, Chambers, Monroe, Houston, Mobile, Greene, Lauderdale, Baldwin, Madison, Cullman, Washington, Franklin, Mor-gan, 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.

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported April 6

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported April 6, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

April 5

• fourth-degree theft of property; Shoe Show; Marketplatz Ctr. SW; shoes; $65

ARRESTS

April 5

Thomas, William D.; 34

• FTA- public intoxication
• FTA- disorderly conduct

Walker, Travis R.; 22

• FTA- driving while license suspended
• FTA- running red light
• FTA- fail to yield right of way
• FTA- switched tag
• FTA- fail to register vehicle
• FTA- insurance violation

Swann, Nathaniel B.; 35

• FTA- driving without license
• FTA- fail to register vehicle

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

Requirements (from Front)

Cullman Tribune Staff
Contributor

Cullman County Schools issued the following statement Tuesday:

"Cullman County Schools will not require masks to be worn beginning April 12, which is the first school day following the expiration of Governor Ivey's mandate. At that point, masks are optional and up to the parent or guardian of each student."

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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.
• 13108 County Road 747, Hanceville, AL 35077

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• Despensas para la comunidad. No requiere ID. Entrega en su vehículo. Por favor use mascarilla.

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 give-aways, 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 SOFTBALL

Cullman County Tournament Day 1 scoring recap

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VINEMONT, Ala. – This year's Cullman County Softball Tournament officially got underway at the Vinemont Sports Complex Monday night and it was a full night of action on the diamond. Cold Springs, Good Hope and Vinemont won their opening round matchups and after enjoying a bye in round one, the West Point Lady Warriors defeated Cold Springs to advance. Fairview eliminated Hanceville in their second-round matchup and Good Hope put Vinemont away to stay alive.

Cold Springs 9 – Holly Pond 2 (Round one)
The Lady Broncos took a 2-0 lead over Cold Springs in the first inning, thanks in large part to a solo homerun from Kaylee Stallings. However, the Lady Eagles bounced back and were able to take a 3-2 lead by the end of the second.

Morgan Chasteen's first homerun of the day gave Cold Springs a 5-2 lead in the top of the fifth and her second homer made it a 7-2 game in the top of the seventh. An RBI double by Hiedi Nichols added two more runs to lead in the final from and the Lady Eagles held on to win it 9-2 and advance to face West Point in the winners' bracket. Holly Pond would go on to play Vinemont in an elimination game late Monday night.

Good Hope 7 – Fairview 6 (Round one)
The Lady Raiders came up with some runs in the final frame to edge Fairview 7-6 in what was easily the closets contest of day one. The Lady Aggies plated three runs in the top of the first and three more in the top of the second to take an early 6-0 lead, but Good Hope responded with a pair of runs in the bottom of the second to make it a 6-2 game.

That score held through the third inning, but the Lady Raiders added two more in the fourth to make it a 6-4 game, setting up a dramatic seventh inning. After an error and a passed ball allowed Good Hope to tie the game at 6, Lexie Hays drilled a walk-off RBI single into right-center field to give the Lady Raiders a 7-6, comeback win over Fairview. With the win, Good Hope advance to take on Vinemont in the winners' bracket while the Lady Aggies moved into an elimination game against Hanceville.

Vinemont 15 – Hanceville 3 (Round one)
The Lady Eagles scored early and often in their opening-round matchup against Hanceville. The Lady Bulldogs took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first but couldn't hold onto it for long. Vinemont cut the lead to 2-1 in the bottom half of the first and plated six runs in the second to take a 7-2 lead into the third.

The Lady Eagles extended their lead to 11-3 by the end of the third and after pulling ahead 15-3 in the fourth inning, Vinemont got the last three outs it needed in the top of the fifth to secure a 15-3 win in just five innings. The Lady Eagles advanced to take on Good Hope in the winners' bracket and Hanceville went on to face Fairview in an elimination game.

Fairview 17 – Hanceville 2 (Round two)
After falling to Vinemont 15-3 in round one, things didn't get any easier for Hanceville in the second round. The Lady Bulldogs had their hands full with Fairview in Monday night's first elimination game and the Lady Aggies put 11 runs on the board in the first inning to put things out of reach early.

Deavan Fulmer blasted two homeruns for Fairview in the bottom of the first and the Lady Aggies racked up eight hits in the inning.

Fairview added three more runs in the second and three more in third to continue pulling away from the Lady Bulldogs and cruised to a 17-2 win in just three innings.

Hanceville was eliminated from this year's competition with the loss and the Lady Aggies will take on Cold Springs in another elimination game late Monday night.

West Point 11 – Cold Springs 0 (Round two)
The Lady Warriors made quick work of Cold Springs in their first matchup of this year's county tournament. Carlie Wilkins got the start for West Point and gave up just one hit to the Lady Eagles in five innings of work, striking out eight batters in the process.

A 2-run single by Brindlee Phillips gave the Lady Warriors a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first and they added to their lead in the bottom of the second. Phillips drove in a few more runs with a grand slam in the second and after two innings, West Point held a 7-0 lead. A 3-run bomb off the bat of Makayla Brown made it a 10-0 game in the fourth inning and after tacking one more run on an error, the Lady Warriors pulled away to defeat the Lady Eagles 11-0.

Good Hope 16 – Vinemont 0 (Round two)
After taking a 2-0 lead in the first and a 4-0 lead after two innings, the Lady Raiders exploded for 12 runs in the next three innings to take a massive lead and put Vinemont away 16-0 in just five innings. The Lady Raiders will advance to West Point in the winners' bracket Tuesday at 4 p.m. and the Lady Eagles advanced to take on Holly Pond in an elimination game late Monday night.

Fairview 16 – Cold Springs 11 (Round three)
Cold Springs and Fairview combined for 33 hits in this late night shootout but after taking a big lead early, the Lady Aggies withstood a rally from the Lady Eagles and held on to win it 16-11. Fairview plated four runs in the opening frame to take a 4-0 lead and scored twice in each of the next two innings to pull ahead 8-0 going into the bottom of the third.

Cold Springs got one run on the board in the bottom of the third, but the Lady Aggies responded with three more runs in the top of the fourth to make it an 11-1 game.

After tacking on one more run in the bottom of the fourth, the Lady Eagles' bats got hot in the fifth inning as they exploded for eight runs to trim the lead to 11-10 going into the sixth. Fairview answered with a 5-run sixth inning to move in front 16-10 and Cold Springs wasn't able to match with another big inning, falling to the Lady Aggies 16-11.

Holly Pond 11 – Vinemont 8 (Round three)
In the final game of the opening day, the Lady Broncos clashed with the Lady Eagles and were able to finish ahead of Vinemont 11-8 to advance to the next round and eliminate the Lady Eagles. Holly Pond will face Fairview in the next round of games Tuesday afternoon.



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

West Point's Carlie Wilkins allowed just one hit in the Lady Warriors' 11-0 win over Cold Springs Monday night.



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TIRBUNE

Good Hope defeated both Fairview and Vinemont Monday night to advance to the next round of this year's County Tournament.

Comeback effort not enough as Alabama falls, 9-8, in series finale with No. 6 Tennessee

Alex Thompson
UA Athletics

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – Alabama baseball battled all game in the series finale with sixth-ranked Tennessee but came up short, 9-8, on Sunday afternoon at Sewell-Thomas Stadium. The loss moved UA to 16-11 overall and 2-7 in Southeastern Conference action.

Tennessee put pressure on the Tide from the start, scoring three in the top of the first.

Alabama answered right back with three of their own in the home half before UT put up two in the top of the second.

Once again, UA answered, this time with one run. Tennessee proceeded to add one in the fourth with Alabama matching in the home half.

The Vols posted single tallies in the sixth, seventh and eighth, but the Tide would not sit idly by, scoring two in the eighth and one in the ninth.

Alabama was able to reach the tying and go-ahead runs in the ninth but a groundout to second ended the game in favor of UT.

Tennessee's Blade Tidwell (4-1) picked up the win in his start while Alabama starter Connor Shamblin (2-2) suffered the loss on Sunday.

Seven of the nine Alabama starters recorded at least one hit on the day, led by William Hamiter. The sophomore finished 3-for-5 with a double and one run scored. Also notching multi-hit efforts were Sam Praytor and Drew Williamson.

Praytor went 2-for-3 with a home run, two walks, two RBI and a pair of runs scored, while Williamson recorded two hits as part of his 2-for-5 day that included a double, one run and a stolen base.

From Head Coach Brad Bohannon
"This was a really tough day and a tough weekend overall. I feel like the story is the same right now – we're so close. Our kids continue to compete their tails off, and I could not be prouder of the intangibles the kids are showing. Obviously, we're just not getting the results we want, but credit to Tennessee.

"They're a really competitive group that throws a ton of strikes and make you beat them. We played really, really well for 24 of 27 innings this weekend and we have to find a way to make it 27 innings."

How It Happened
T1 | Tennessee loaded the bases with a pair of walks and a double. A one-out infield single brought across the first run. The next at-bat resulted in a single to right to plate two more. (3-0, Tennessee)

B1 | The Crimson Tide answered with three runs to even things up. Peyton Wilson began the inning with a home run, his fourth to lead off a game this season. Two outs later, Sam Praytor drew a walk and moved into scoring position on a double off the wall from Drew Williamson. T.J. Reeves capitalized on the opportunity, dropping a single in front of the Tennessee center fielder to bring the pair home. (3-3)

T3 | Two singles and a walk loaded the bases for UT again with another walk bringing across the go-ahead run. A 5-4-3 double play in the next at-bat killed two but scored one more for the Vols. (5-3, Tennessee)

B3 | William Hamiter singled to start third and advanced to second on a miscue by the UT defender. A balk in the next at-bat moved the sophomore to third, and he came around on a sacrifice fly from Zane Denton to narrow the gap to one. (5-4, Tennessee)

T4 | A bases-loaded walk for the Vols pushed one across. (6-4, Tennessee)

B4 | Owen Diodati sent a 1-1 pitch over the wall in right for a solo home run. (6-5, Tennessee)

T6 | The inning started with a UT double that was followed by a single to make it a two-run affair once again. (7-5, Tennessee)

T7 | Tennessee moved two into scoring position with a sac bunt before a sacrifice fly to right widened the gap. (8-5, Tennessee)

T8 | With runners on the corners, a single to short scored one more for the Vols. (9-5, Tennessee)

B8 | Denton reached on an error to put the leadoff man on for UA. Denton would come around in the next at-bat as Praytor cleared the bases with a two-run home run to cut the lead in half. (9-7, Tennessee)

B9 | The Crimson Tide reached two in scoring position thanks to an error followed by a Hamiter double with one down. Denton then grounded to short to bring Hamiter across and make it a one-run game, but the Tide would get no closer. (9-8, Tennessee)

Postgame Notes
• The Crimson Tide turned four double plays on Sunday. The four twin-killings are the most by a Tide defense since May 12, 2018, at LSU.

• Seven of the nine Alabama starters recorded at least one hit on the afternoon.

• The Crimson Tide has totaled double-digit hits in five of its nine SEC pairings so far.

• Alabama has homered in 18 total games this year, recording two-or-more homers in 12 of those contests.

• The Tide has homered in seven of nine SEC games, totaling 17 home runs across those seven games.

• Peyton Wilson homered to lead off today's game. Wilson has now recorded four leadoff home runs in 2021.

• With his 1-for-5 afternoon, Wilson extended his hitting streak to seven games. Across that stretch, the sophomore is batting .455 (15-33) with two doubles, a triple and three home runs to go with six RBI, five runs scored and three stolen bases.

• ATTENDANCE: 1,764 (SELLOUT)

Next up for Alabama is a pair of midweek games with ULM. The two-game series begins on Tuesday, April 6 with a 6 p.m. CT start at The Joe. Game two is set for a 3 p.m. first pitch on Wednesday. Both games in the midweek will air live on SEC Network+. Get all the latest information on the team by following @AlabmaBSB on Twitter and Instagram and on Facebook at Alabama Baseball. General athletic news can be found at UA_Athletics on Twitter and Instagram and AlabamaAthletics on Facebook.



UA ATHLETICS

Alabama's late inning rally against Tennessee fell short in the series finale Sunday afternoon

ART

Arab High junior Kennedy Copeland named 4th Congressional District Art Competition's Best of Show

Carson Clark
Contributor

RUSSELLVILLE, Ala. – On Tuesday, Congressman Robert Aderholt (AL-04) congratulated an Arab High School student following an awards ceremony in Russellville to announce the winners of the 4th Congressional District Art Competition.

"I'm proud to announce that Kennedy Copeland, an 11th grader at Arab High School, won this year's 4th Congressional District Art Competition's Best of Show. Her piece will hang in the U.S. Capitol for the next year. She will also go to Washington this summer for the national ceremony. She also received a $12,000 scholarship to the Savannah School of Art and Design," stated Aderholt.

"Kennedy's piece, titled 'American Nightmare,' depicts an elderly person wearing a mask. She skillfully captured the weariness I think we have all experienced this past year, but especially our older population. Kennedy's piece, and the winners of all of the categories, did a remarkable job. I envy their talent and always look forward to seeing their creations."



CARSON CLARK

Kennedy Copeland's piece, titled American Nightmare, depicts an elderly person wearing a mask.

Program (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Wallace State Community College (WSCC) is preparing to launch a new diesel tech program this summer with a curriculum that will use virtual reality (VR) simulations to help students train to work bumper-to-bumper on diesel-powered heavy trucks, buses, heavy equipment and trailers. Students will be further aided by the hands-on experience of paid apprenticeships while in the program, and will still come to campus to complete competency evaluations with program instructors.

Dean of Applied Technologies Wes Rakestraw told The Tribune:

"It's an online delivery of theory content which anybody can do. Anybody can put notes out there or even lecture videos. But where we have made it truly something that is effective and that industry has embraced is that we have three components. We have actual videos where the instructor has walked students through a 16-hour piston change, just as an example. So these videos are broken down into segments that they can watch in digestible pieces and actually see the processes right there in front of them.

"And then, after they've completed that, then we have the Oculus headsets that they put on. And we're working toward over 400 simulations in those headsets, where we contracted with TRANSFR VR, and they are turning our videos into a virtual reality program. So they then take what they've learned and do it through virtual reality, and our instructor will be available while they're logged in to that to answer questions if they get stuck, those kinds of things.

"And then, the third piece, that's really powerful, is we are working with different companies to provide on-the-job training. So while the students are learning those skills, they then get to go and practice them in different field locations.

"And then, finally, when they're ready, they can come in on campus--which would potentially be the first time they come on campus--they would be checked off on a certain number of competencies that they've mastered. So we're not just leaving them out there by themselves.

"So a key part of it is having that work-based learning segment along with the competency check-off that is on campus. But what is different again is we're going to schedule those at their convenience--if it's on weekends, if it's at midnight, whenever they can fly in and get their competencies done, we're going to have an instructor for them to do that."

Asked how WSCC got into VR instruction, Rakestraw said, "At first, it was due to the vision of our President, Dr. Karolewics. That was something that she could see coming down the pike, so to speak, and she picked diesel because we had a very innovative instructor who was willing to take on that huge task, and of course, that's Jeremy Smith."

Rakestraw added, "You know, the timing was interesting. About three months, four months into that project, we all went virtual due to COVID, so all that did was accelerate our advancement."

The Dean told The Tribune that WSCC hopes to take what it learns from the implementation of the VR diesel program and apply it to other programs as well.

The program already has students enrolled for the start of classes this summer.

The school released this statement:

Wallace State Community College, one of the largest colleges in the Alabama Community College System serving more than 6,000 students, today announced the launch of an ambitious new initiative that will harness the power of virtual reality to train thousands of workers for roles in good-paying diesel tech jobs. Delivered through the college's popular Diesel by Distance program and built in collaboration with immersive learning startup TRANSFR, the partnership will expand access to career-relevant training and help thousands of working adults launch careers in the fast-growing industry of diesel technology.

"As we work to help meet Alabama's statewide workforce goals and get people into the many skilled trades with unfilled jobs, diesel technology is a key industry facing a serious shortage of talent," said Dr. Vicki Karolewics, president of Wallace State Community College. "Through this next generation approach to technical training, we have an opportunity to meet a pressing need for employers, while getting those in search of work into secure and good-paying jobs. The integration of simulation-based technology into this program is helping to generate new interest in the program and the careers in diesel tech, more broadly."

Diesel by Distance will now feature hands-on virtual reality simulations that recreate the working environment of a diesel technician or mechanic. In the simulations, developed by TRANSFR, students learn, practice and master skills that are essential to the construction, manufacture, repair and maintenance of diesel engine vehicles.

Because many employers require these technicians to be certified, the program helps to expand career opportunities for workers interested in pursuing diesel technology careers.

Alabama is one of several states facing a shortage of certified diesel technicians and mechanics qualified to service commercial trucks, buses and diesel-powered transportation vehicles used for critical functions such as construction, farming, public transportation and emergency services.

To keep pace with new equipment, changing industry standards and a growing percentage of technicians reaching retirement age, the industry will require approximately 200,000 new technicians and mechanics over the next 10 years. According to the Bureau for Labor Statistics, employment opportunities in the industry are growing fastest among workers with college-level training. Meanwhile, diesel technology training programs are only producing about 3,500 graduates each year, according to data cited by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence.

"The trucking and commercial transportation industry keeps our communities safe, healthy, fed and connected, but none of that is possible without the highly-trained technicians that keep our fleets on the road," said Mark Colson, president and CEO, Alabama Trucking Association. "At a time when the need for skilled diesel techs is growing, the Diesel by Distance program will create the pipeline of well-qualified talent that our industry needs. The use of VR has brought the real-world experience of diesel tech into the classroom, ensuring students can be ready to get to work on day one."

Launched in late 2020, Wallace State's Diesel by Distance program combines self-paced coursework and fully-online training that enables students to earn a certificate or degree in diesel technology. Students enrolled in the program can study from anywhere—even on the road, with live feedback and training from instructors—while they participate in paid apprenticeships that allow them to earn while they learn. Through funding from the National Science Foundation's Advanced Technological Education (ATE) program, Wallace State will also collaborate with the National Institute for Women in Trades, Technology & Science to recruit and enroll aspiring female technicians, helping them to upskill for good-paying work in an industry where women are significantly underrepresented.

"All skills gaps are local, and what we've heard clearly from industry is the need to augment traditional classroom instruction with the firsthand work experience that so often only on-the-job training can offer," said Bharani Rajakumar, founder and CEO of TRANSFR. "As a true partnership between educators and industry leaders, Diesel by Distance has bridged the gap between work-based learning and classroom instruction, accelerating pathways to good-paying jobs for thousands of workers."

Through a partnership with the Alabama Trucking Association and a network of other diesel trucking and automotive employers in the states, students will receive job placement assistance, ensuring that graduates can smoothly transition directly into well-paying diesel tech jobs after completing their training.

For more information, contact Jeremy Smith, WSCC Diesel Program 256-352-8063 - jeremy.smith@wallacestate.edu or visit www.wallacestate.edu/dieselbydistance.







A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

Relating to Cullman County, to amend Sections 45-22-242 and 45-22-242.11 of the Code of Alabama 1975, to decrease the county lodgings tax upon the retirement of certain debt and provide further for the use of the proceeds of the tax.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Sections 45-22-242 and 45-22-242.11 of the Code of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

"§45-22-242.

"(a) There is levied in Cullman County, in addition to all other taxes now imposed by law, a privilege or license tax paralleling the state tax on businesses renting rooms, lodging, or accommodations to transients provided for in Sections 40-26-1 to 40-26-21, inclusive, hereinafter referred to as state lodging tax, in the manner and at the rate hereinafter prescribed.

"(b) Upon every person, firm, or corporation engaging in Cullman County in the business of renting or furnishing any room or rooms, lodging, or accommodations to transients in any hotel, motel, inn, tourist camp, tourist cabin, or any other place in which rooms, lodgings, or accommodations are regularly furnished to transients for a consideration, in an amount to be determined by the application of the rate of five percent of the charge for the room, rooms, lodgings, or accommodations, including the charge for use or rental of personal property and services furnished in the room. Notwithstanding the foregoing, upon the retirement of existing debt for the Exit 305 Interchange, County Road 222 and outstanding debt on the building occupied by the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce, located at 301 2nd Ave SW, Cullman, AL 35055, the application of the rate to be charged for the room, rooms, lodgings, or accommodations, including the charge for use or rental of personal property and services furnished in the room shall be four percent. There is exempted from the tax levied under this part any rentals or services taxed under the state sales tax provided for in Chapter 23 of Title 40. The tax shall not apply to rooms, lodgings, or accommodations supplied for a period of 30 continuous days or more in any place.

"§45-22-242.11.

"(a) The State Department of Revenue shall charge Cullman County for collecting the county lodging taxes levied in this part the lessor of the actual ~~an~~ amount ~~or percentage~~ of total collections, ~~as may be agreed upon by the State Commissioner of Revenue and the Cullman County Commission,~~ but the collection charge shall not in any event exceed ~~10~~ 2.5 percent of the total amount of the special county taxes collected under this part. The charge for collecting the taxes for the county may be deducted each month from the taxes collected before certifying the amount of the proceeds from the taxes due to Cullman County each month. The State Commissioner of Revenue shall pay into the State Treasury all county taxes collected under this part as the taxes are received by the State Department of Revenue. On or before the first day of each successive month, commencing with the month following the month in which the department makes the first collections under this part, the commissioner shall certify to the Comptroller the amount of taxes collected under this part and paid into the State Treasury for the benefit of Cullman County during the month immediately preceding the making of the certification. Before certifying the amount of the taxes paid into the State Treasury for the benefit of Cullman County during each month, the commissioner may deduct from the taxes collected for the month the charges due the department for the collection of the taxes for the county. It shall be the duty of the Comptroller to issue a state warrant each month payable to the Cullman County Commission, in an amount equal to the amount so certified by the State Commissioner of Revenue as having been collected for the use of the county. ~~Upon receiving the tax proceeds, the county treasurer~~

"(b) Upon receiving the tax proceeds, the county treasurer shall transmit the proceeds as follows:

"(1) Two-fifths of the proceeds to the Cullman County Chamber of Commerce to be used~~. Two-fifths of the tax proceeds shall be used, in~~ at the discretion of the chamber of commerce to pay any operational expenses while promoting small businesses, promotion of marketing for Cullman being a destination shopping location, working with and enhancing the City of Cullman's and Cullman County's Industrial Boards, to working with the Cullman County Tourism Board;~~, exclusively for the purpose of developing and promoting tourism and conventions, one-fifth shall be used exclusively for economic and industrial development purposes in the county, and two-fifths shall be used to retire a bond issue on the Cullman Family Recreation Complex. Upon retirement of the bonded debt, the funds shall be used to promote the complex and other tourist attractions and events in the county.~~

"(2) a. One-fifth of the proceeds to the Cullman County Tourism Bureau to be used at the discretion of the bureau exclusively for the purpose of promoting tourism through festivals, events, and tournaments throughout the City of Cullman and Cullman County for the benefit of all of the residents of Cullman County.

b. The Cullman County Tourism Bureau shall be comprised as follows: (1) two members appointed by the Cullman City Council, of which one shall be an elected city councilman and one shall be a representative of tourism relating to the restaurant industry; (2) two members appointed by the full board of the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce, of which one shall be either the chairman of the chamber or the president of the chamber and one shall be a representative of tourism relating to the Smith Lake Community; (3) two members appointed by the Cullman County Commission, of which one shall be an elected county commissioner and one shall be a representative of tourism relating to the Agri-Tourism industry; (4) one member appointed by the Hotel Association; (5) one member appointed by Wallace State Community College president; (6) one member shall be the Cullman-County Parks & Recreation Director; (7) one member appointed by the Cullman City Parks & Recreation Board Director or President; and (8) one member who shall be a representative of the tourism industry selected by a majority vote of the State delegation; provided however, that in the event the delegation vote is tied, the Senator of Cullman would make the deciding vote.

c. Members of the bureau shall serve staggered, four-year terms as follows: (1) appointees of the Hotel Association, Wallace State Community College; Cullman-County Parks & Recreation, and the Cullman City Parks & Recreation Board shall serve six year terms; (2) one appointee each for the Cullman City Council, the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Cullman County Commission shall serve four year terms; and (3) all other appointees shall serve two-year terms.

d. Upon enactment of this act, the Cullman County Treasurer shall open a separate bank account(s) for the Cullman County Tourism Bureau by October 1 of the year of enactment.

"(3) The remaining two-fifths of the proceeds that are sent to the Cullman County Commission from the Alabama Department of Revenue shall continue to be sent to the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce for the sole purpose of paying off the existing debt, which shall not be extended, of the Exit 305 Interchange, County Road 222. Once the existing debt of the Exit 305, Interchange, County Road 222 debt is paid off then one-hundred percent of the two-fifths will transfer for the sole purpose of paying off the remaining outstanding debt on the building occupied by the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce, located at 301 2nd Ave SW, Cullman, AL 35055, which shall also not be extended. Upon the retirement of the above-mentioned debt, two-fifths of the proceeds shall be transmitted to the Cullman County Tourism Bureau to be used at the discretion of the bureau exclusively for the purposes stated in subdivision (2) of this subsection. The remaining one-fifth of the proceeds shall expire on December 31, 2021.

"(c) Effective June 1, 2021, the balance of the proceeds remaining to be distributed to Cullman County after the cost of collection and distribution to the Alabama Mountain Lakes Association have been deducted pursuant to Section 40-26-20, shall be controlled by the Cullman County Tourism Board.

"(d) Effective June 1, 2021, the City of Cullman shall transmit to the Cullman County Tourism Board, an amount equal to one quarter percent (1/4%) of the privilege tax levied and collected, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2007-7, on persons, firms or corporations renting accommodations to transients in the City of Cullman."

Section 2. This act shall become effective June 1, 2021, following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

Dance (from Front)

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CULLMAN Ala. – As the world reopens from a year of disappointing COVID shutdowns, Cullman County is seeing live arts and entertainment events return to local stages. Dance productions will open this Wednesday, April 7, with a show by Wallace State Community College's (WSCC) Allegro Dance Theatre, followed by ballet performances later in the month.

Brooke Desnoës, WSCC dance instructor and head of Cullman's Brooke Desnoës Dance Academy, told The Tribune, "We were able to do a few things outside, but it's nice to be back in the theater.

"It's good to be able to do both; you know, both are good learning experiences for the kids. But certainly, they need to be in the theater, too. There's a whole other concept of dancing in the theater, so it's nice to be back."

"Futures"

WSCC's Allegro Dance Theatre will put on the student-produced multi-genre show "Futures" Wednesday evening.

WSCC issued this statement:

Wallace State Community College's Allegro Dance Theatre will present its spring showcase "Futures" Wednesday, April 7 at 6 p.m. in the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre.

The Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre is located in the Garlan E. Gudger Sr. Student Center on the Hanceville campus. A donation of $5 for admission is suggested.

The spring showcase is an opportunity for students in the Dance program at Wallace State to choreograph and perform their own dance pieces. Performances will range in style from classical ballet to jazz, modern and hip-hop.

"It's really a nice show," said Brooke Desnoës, Wallace State's dance instructor. "You'll see a little bit of their personality in each piece.

"It's really a reflection of the dance program because there's a little bit of everything in it."

Most of the students in the Dance program will go on to teach, choreograph or perform dance once they complete their education at Wallace State. Others may use what they learn as they pursue other careers, such as education or psychology.

"They've figured out how dance fits into their future," Desnoës said.

"Some of them want to dance, some to teach, some of them want to use what they've learned in other careers.

"One student wants to be a child psychologist and will use dance in her practice.

"It's very telling of where the future of dance is going," Desnoës added.

"To study dance at Wallace doesn't mean you have to walk out the door and wear a tutu. It can mean many, many things."

Desnoës said she's proud of this group, her first cohort with the college's new dance program.

"I've seen them grow so much over the two years, as dancers and as young people," she said.

"They're all very talented, but they're all very responsible and respectful people.

"They've all got pretty bright futures ahead of them, I think."

The program offers associate degrees with concentrations in Dance Performance and Dance Education and short-term certificates in Choreography and Ballet Pedagogy.

Priority registration for the Summer 2021 semester will begin April 13, with classes starting May 26.

Desnoës told The Tribune, "It's basically a showcase of the students' work. We're graduating our first cohort of dancers, and so it's a totally student-generated performance . . . It'll be ballet, it'll be modern, it'll be contemporary, it'll be jazz, it'll be hip-hop; it's a little bit everything. The students have choreographed it, they've promoted it to some degree, they've generated the program, the poster. This is like their final project."

Desnoës added, "All of the kids who are graduating have gotten accepted into university programs or elite training programs all over the United States, so we're super, super proud of them.

"They're going to places like American Repertory Ballet, they're going to Florida State summer programs.

"They've been accepted to Belmont, Belhaven dance programs. I've got two transferring to UAB; they'll be trying out for the Blazerettes. So I'm just really proud of the work they've done."

Seating for the performance will be socially distanced, and masks are encouraged.

"Alice in Wonderland" coming to the St. Bernard Byre April 24

Brooke Desnoës Ballet Academy, in collaboration with the Cullman Civic Ballet, will present its production of "Alice in Wonderland" at the Byre Theater on the campus of St. Bernard Abbey Saturday, April 24, 2021.

Desnoës told The Tribune that her studio's production is "a 45-minute synopsis of 'Alice in Wonderland,' based on the Lewis Carroll book, and it's very child-friendly. It's just a fun ballet; it's danced by children for children."

Desnoës said of her students, "They've just made so much progress, even through the pandemic.

"That studio and Cullman Civic Ballet's only really been in existence for about two years, and just the potential that those kids have to go on and do pretty much whatever they wanted to do with dance is huge.

"And it's good to have the opportunity to work with them and help them realize their dreams."

In addition to the full production at St. Bernard, the troupe will also offer a sampling of pieces from the show at Art Park April 22 during Cullman's Earth Day celebration, and at the Cullman Strawberry Festival May 1.

Tickets for the full performance are $10, and are available by calling 256-338-6401.

Obituary Announcements: April 6

Donny Ray Bagwell, 64, of Cullman Memorial services are incomplete at this time for Donny Ray Bagwell, 64, of Cullman. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Bagwell died April 5 2021, at his residence. He was born Oct. 10, 1956 to J.L. & Evelyn Keller Bagwell. He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by a son, Scotty (Jessie) Bagwell; a daughter, Kelly Rudloff.

Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com

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Ashley McBryde
Back to Birmingham
Dee Jay Silver
Dilemma
Don't Cry
Drew Parker
Flatland Calvary
Ingrid Andress
Jordan Davis
Josh Kiser
Laine Hardy
Luke Combs
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Martha Devine
Miranda Lambert
Morgan Wade
Nelly
The Runaway
Tiny Town
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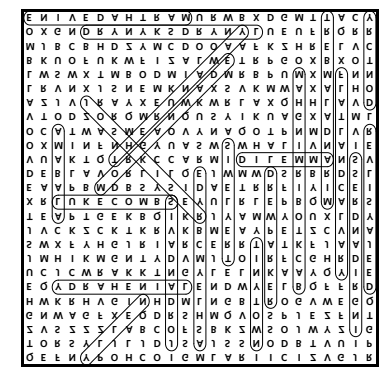
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ANSWERS:



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Pageants (from Front)

Cullman High School
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CULLMAN Ala. – On Saturday, April 17th at 7 p.m., Cullman High School will host the 2020-2021 Miss Southerner Pageant and the 2021 Fair Queen Representative Pageant.

Pageants will be held in the CHS auditorium.

2021 FAIR QUEEN REPRESENTATIVE CONTESTANTS



CULLMAN HIGH SCHOOL

(L to R): Abby Sosa, Victoria Hudson, Mary Elizabeth Barker, Marissa Brown, Olivia Smith, Abbie Allison

2020-2021 MISS SOUTHERNER CONTESTANTS



CULLMAN HIGH SCHOOL

***Front row (L to R):** Olivia Smith, Hannah Hoffman; **Second row (L to R):** Josie Rice, Laney Townson, Regan Quattlebaum, Marissa Brown; **Third row (L to R):** Brooklyn Hankey, Cailey Barnett, Ashton Henderson, Emree Dean; **Fourth row (L to R):** Madison Files, Victoria Hudson, Natalie Freeman; **Fifth row (L to R):** London Valladares, Natalie Lindsey, Gracie Barksdale, Abbie Allison; **Back row (L to R):** Hannah Teeter, Ali Burleson, Eliza Hollingsworth; **Not pictured:** Brooke Cagle, Esmeralda Radilla-Hernandez, Siddalee Drake, Kate Rains, Anabelle Howze, Madelyn Cain, Maddie Baughn, Chloe Carter*

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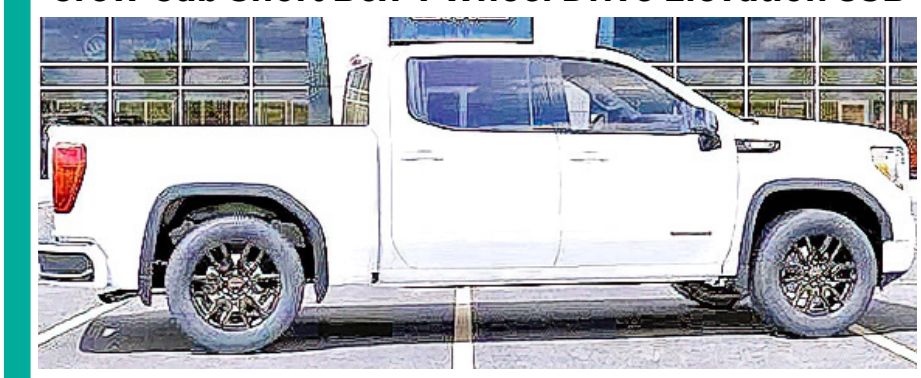
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