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HEALTH

Alabama providers asked to pause administering Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Out of an abundance of caution, the Alabama Department of Public Health has asked all health care providers in the state to pause administering the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) COVID-19 vaccine due to an investigation of reports of potentially dangerous blood clots associated with the vaccine.

To date, 329 Alabama health care providers have received J&J COVID-19 vaccine, about one-third of the state's vaccine providers. Of the 159,000 J&J doses received, 71,297 doses of J&J vaccine have been administered in Alabama.

No known instances of a rare and severe type of blood clot have been reported in Alabama residents to date.

As of April 12, more than 6.8 million doses of the J&J vaccine had been administered in the U.S.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are reviewing data involving six reported U.S. cases of a rare and severe type of blood clot in individuals after receiving the J&J vaccine.

In these cases, a type of blood clot called cerebral venous sinus thrombosis (CVST) was seen in combination with low levels of blood platelets (thrombocytopenia).

The CDC reported that all six cases occurred among women between the ages of 18 and 48, and symptoms occurred 6 to 13 days after vaccination.

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– EDUCATION –

From beaded bracelets to Disney: Cullman special education students learn new skills while fundraising



CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

Kristen Tanner's Cullman Middle School class

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Special education students from Cullman Middle and Cullman High School are using their creativity and talents to help raise money for a trip to Walt Disney World in February 2022. The students are taking orders for trendy personalized beaded bracelets and business is booming!

Kristen Tanner, special education teacher at Cullman Middle School, said that this is one of several fundraisers planned to help make the special trip possible. Tanner shared, "We went to Disney last year, right before COVID hit. We got to go and take our kids to Magic Kingdom and Hollywood Studios." The trip included 7-12 grade special education students.

The trip was more than just seeing It's A Small World or Space Mountain. "One of the biggest things is Disney set up a class for the kids to learn how to work at Disney World. For kids with disabilities, to see how they employ people with disabilities and that they can ac-

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A few examples of the bracelets the class is making

– LAW ENFORCEMENT –

Search for Jordan Wilson continues in Bremen

Pond samples taken to Auburn University for testing of trace elements of human DNA



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Jordan Wilson

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Senior Spotlight Ruth Brigham, part 2



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Ruth Brigham

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ENTERTAINMENT

Camp Liberty to host the American Hero Music Festival this month

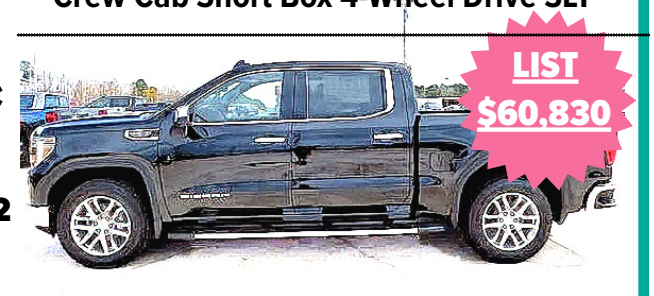
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Vaccine (from Front)

Treatment of this specific type of blood clot is different from the treatment that might typically be administered. Usually, an anticoagulant drug called heparin is used to treat blood clots. In this setting, administration of heparin may be dangerous, and alternative treatments need to be given.

The CDC announced that it will convene a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices Wednesday to further review these cases and assess their potential significance. FDA will review that analysis as it also investigates these cases. Until that process is complete, a pause in the use of this vaccine was recommended out of an abundance of caution.

According to CDC, these adverse events appear to be extremely rare at this time. People who have received the J&J vaccine who develop severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain or shortness of breath within three weeks after vaccination should contact their health care provider.

Brigham (from Front)

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In 1951, Harold and Ruth Brigham moved their young family from Washington D.C. to Cullman County. They would call Hanceville home and eventually have a third child, Tim. Once their children were old enough to attend school, Ruth would go to work as a teacher's aide at Hanceville.

The Brigham's purchased a home on Blountsville Street in Hanceville. She lived on Blountsville Street for 52 years. Harold and Ruth had many great times and laughs. "My husband was always such a great teaser. He was the first one I had ever dated that liked my red hair and didn't mind my freckles. He teased me constantly, but in a nice way, of course.

"One day he said, 'Your green eyes tell me go, but your red hair tells me to stop.' When he came in every evening from work, he would always tease me and ask if any of his blondes had called. I would always come back with some witty response," she smiled.

While attending the Old Union Church of Christ with the Moody family. She said, "I had heard a little bit about a nursing home that was going to be built. It was going to be different about how they were fed and cared for. It was going to be like family. You were a member of the family." That nursing home is now Hanceville Nursing Home.

Ruth continued, "My father came there as a resident after a wreck. I would go visit my father and I would help some to take care of him. After school was out, the Moody's offered me a job and I went to work as an aide on main hall.

"My father was one of my residents. I worked there for two years and I entered Wallace Community College and their LPN program."

Harold was proud of Ruth and would call her his "55-year-old schoolgirl." She worked and studied hard, and she recalled Harold helping her study for one particular test.

She said, "The first test was medical terms. We'd go over them. He said, 'How can I call them out when I can't even say them?' I said, 'Well, just try.' I made a 100 on that test and I asked my instructors if I can take that home and show my husband and I did and am so glad. I had started in September and in October, he had a massive heart attack and did not survive."

She continued, "I was just stunned. Since we had married, he had had an amputation. The veterans had fitted him with a leg, and he had gone back to work and was just doing so great. He was just such a wonderful husband and father. We had been married 32 years-not nearly long enough."

Although it was difficult for Ruth, through encouragement from her instructors at Wallace, she finished school. She had intended to return to the nursing home as an LPN but after one rotation, her plan changed.

She explained, "During the rotation, I had worked at the old Cullman Medical Center with the newborns. I fell in love with that also. They are like the elderly. Each has needs unto themselves."

She was offered a job at Cullman Medical Center with the newborns where she would work until she was 70 years old. She and Harold were very active in the city of Hanceville.

She wrote in 2019, "I was a Scout leader for the Juniors. My husband and I worked to found the local Lions Club. The volunteer fire department held meetings in my home. I worked with the PTO and I was a homeroom mother for 18 years. I taught Sunday School at Northside in Hanceville. My husband and I worked on committees to bring Wallace State Community College here to Hanceville. My husband was on the City Council...so things that involved him also involved me."

After the death of her husband, Ruth spent her spare time talking sports with her sister Bonnie.

She said, "She is living in heaven now. I had four brothers and one sister, Bonnie. We were 22 months apart. She was the beauty of the family--a little blond hair blue-eyed. Her husband graduated from Auburn and I have always been an Alabama fan. Before football season started and got really going, I would go over to Warehouse Discount early in the morning when they put the papers out. I'd get the paper with all the big line-up of every game that was to be played. I would go over it and I would call her, and I would tell her all these games. Some were Wisconsin." She laughed, "We loved football and we would decide which games we were going to watch that day. Then we would get back on the phone and we coached."

Bonnie always wanted Ruth to pull for Auburn. Ruth agreed to pull for them as long as they weren't playing against her Alabama Crimson Tide. "We were so close, and our brothers, we were a close family. That helped during the depression. That closeness and that love--nothing can affect you if you have the love of a strong family and your faith. You can get through anything. I would like young people to know, there have been bad times before and this country has come through it and been stronger for it. I believe we can come through this and gain much from it."

In recent years, Ruth has enjoyed hearing from her church family at Baldwin Church of Christ. She said, "Five different people have been calling me at 9:30 and reading to me because I can no longer see to read. I see well enough to get to the coffee pot, but I cannot read anymore. They read different parts of the Bible. Sometimes it will be Psalms or Ecclesiastes. It's wonderful and such a thoughtful thing for a church to do."

Ruth also enjoys her time at Hanceville Nursing and Rehab and those who care for her. One individual, Crystal Anglada, is a particular favorite. She said of Anglada, "Everyone who works here is well-trained and they work hard. She's well-trained and has something in addition. She has that care in her to know-how to care for the elderly. I see so many kindnesses from her every day. She is quite a wonderful friend."

In 2019, as the reigning Ms. Hanceville Nursing & Rehab Center (HNRC), Ruth was selected as a top 10 finalist for Ms. Alabama Nursing Homes. In a questionnaire for the state pageant, Ruth wrote about HNRC, "I have done things here I never thought I would be able to do." She added, "One of my favorite things about living here is the way we all root and cheer for each other. We have fun and get to know each other, it's like one big family." Just as the Moody's had envisioned.

"I have been blessed with three children, two sons and a daughter. I have three children and three grandchildren. You may wonder how we made it during war times and awful hard times when money was so scarce. You know, there was no social, movies and things were unheard of and we couldn't have afforded that. Our entertainment was around the home, the school and the church. In the summertime and on the Fourth of July would be so great. We would have homemade ice cream and one year, we decorated a Maypole. We would have ballgames and pitch horseshoes and so all the old-fashioned things. We got through it. I heard my family speak of the great Spanish epidemic. We had a polio epidemic and I had friends who had polio and were crippled. We had other scares--a brief scare of smallpox which turned out to be something else, but we were vaccinated for that. I remember the whole family going to the Hanceville school and being vaccinated for polio. I have three children that have been so wonderful to me in spite of myself."

During the pandemic, the family has been able to visit Ruth at her window or through plexiglass. Now, they are able to visit her in her room. She said, "It was so wonderful to have my family come and sit where you are, face-to-face. I don't see them clearly, but I know they are there. Life is good and I am happy. I have been so blessed to have the family I did and the family I do. And, to have met that wonderful yankee! What a wonderful husband and father a veteran is and can be. They have seen the worst and they appreciate their families."

There will be a video of The Tribune's interview with Ruth Brigham with additional stories not included in the articles. Look for excerpts from the interview soon.



COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Tuesday, April 13, 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, 194 (+793 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 114,833 (+1,476 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 8,442 (+25 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 2,280
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,436 (+4 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 3,045 (+2 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 126 (+0 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 62
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 39,783
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 1,879
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 95
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,445,162
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 5,789
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 119,062
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 336
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama (reported M-F): 48,081
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 325,733

Vaccine details (updated Monday-Friday)
- Doses delivered to Alabama: 3,128,745
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 2,459,915
- Doses administered: 2,075,276
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 1,327,343
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 818,600
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 668,830

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

Out of an abundance of caution, Alabama will temporarily pause Johnson & Johnson shots being given in the state. Governor Ivey has issued the following statement:
From Governor Kay Ivey: "COVID-19 vaccine safety is a top priority for Alabama. It is important to know that the adverse effects potentially stemming from the Johnson & Johnson shot have been extremely rare in the country, but out of an abundance of caution, Alabama is temporarily pausing these shots until we know more. I commend Dr. Harris for taking this swift step in our state so that we can continue moving forward, getting shots in the arms and putting COVID-19 behind us once and for all."

COVID-19 funeral assistance
As a result of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act and the American Rescue Plan Act, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will provide financial assistance for funeral costs specifically related to COVID-19. Funeral expenses will be reimbursed up to a maximum amount of $9,000 per decedent for funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020. Applicants must submit all required documentation before FEMA will award funeral assistance (death certificate indicating death was caused COVID-19, proof of funeral expenses and insurance or other funeral benefits). Beginning April 12, 2021, individuals can call FEMA at 1-844-684-6333 once they have all information and documentation ready to send. For more information, visit www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance.

Hale County National Guard COVID-19 vaccination clinic rescheduled for April 15
The Hale County National Guard COVID-19 vaccination clinic that was cancelled in March due to inclement weather conditions has been rescheduled for April 15. The site will be located at the Boys and Girls Club (Old National Guard Armory), 515 Greene Street, Greensboro, AL 36744. The vaccination site will be open from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (CT). The Johnson & Johnson vaccine will be given at this location, which will not require a second dose at a later date.

Johnson & Johnson one-dose vaccine available at National Guard second-dose clinics
Second dose Alabama National Guard clinics will begin on April 13, rotating through the counties that have already been visited for Pfizer primary doses. The second dose clinics will also have 200 doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine available for anyone who has not received any vaccine. Johnson & Johnson is a single-dose vaccine, so no second dose clinics will be required for those who receive it.

National Guard COVID-19 vaccination clinic update
The Alabama National Guard continues rotating through 24 rural counties to provide primary COVID-19 vaccinations. A total of 9,387 vaccinations have been given in under-served and rural counties throughout the state during the vaccine clinics that started on March 23. 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.

COVID-19 vaccine age requirements – only Pfizer vaccine currently authorized for ages 16-18
As vaccine eligibility expanded on April 5 to include all Alabamians 16 and older, it is important to note that Pfizer has the only COVID-19 vaccine currently approved for persons age 16-17. Currently, our county health departments are giving the Moderna vaccine. Other providers, such as hospitals and some pharmacies, are administering the Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccine. The Johnson & Johnson and Moderna vaccines are currently not authorized for those under 18 years of age. If you are 16 or 17 years of age, please be sure to check which vaccine the provider is offering before scheduling your appointment. Vaccine can be searched by brand at www.vaccinefinder.org. ADPH is working to include county health departments on the Vaccine Finder website, and encourages all vaccine providers in the state to add the information for their facilities.

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.

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported April 13

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported April 13, 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 8

• third-degree theft by deception; Eva Bank; Cherokee Ave. SW

April 12

• identity theft; person
• identity theft; person

ARRESTS

April 12

Hale, Caleb J.; 30
• FTA- driving while revoked

Crenshaw, Ashely R.; 29
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (3 counts)
• FTA- public intoxication

Currington, Crystal D.; 36
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property (2 counts)
• third-degree criminal trespass
• public intoxication

Stockman, Jessica R.; 34
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Parker, Joseph E.; 37
• second-degree possession of marijuana

Johnson, Patty D.; 53
• public intoxication

Moon, Kristian A.; 22
• fourth-degree theft of property

Tankersley, Koby E.; 19
• fourth-degree theft of property

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

Festival (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – On April 24, the American Hero Music Festival will kick off a series of concerts at Camp Liberty in Battleground. The concert, organized by The Valkyrie Initiative and hosted by Camp Liberty, will feature a great lineup of musical talent including Black Oak Arkansas, Alena Rae, Dawn Rix, Billy Don Burns and many more.

The Valkyrie Initiative, based out of Pelham, is a 501(c)(3) that helps veterans and first responders with physical and mental/emotional issues common in those professions. So far, the organization has concerts scheduled in five states, with things starting off in Alabama.

CEO of The Valkyrie Initiative Sheila Stephens explained, "All proceeds go toward the Valkyrie Initiative's programs for veterans and first responders and their families. The Initiative provides research-based, cutting-edge solutions to physical, mental and emotional issues which are often consequences of risk and trauma experiences common to these careers. Solutions for mind/body wellness using online and in-house classes on stress and optimal performance management, nutritional counseling, oxygen therapy, Microcirculation and pain relief treatment can be found at The Valkyrie Initiative."

A gala is scheduled for Friday night at Camp Liberty where guests will have the opportunity to hear keynote speaker Billy Howell Jr., Horse Soldier. He was depicted in the movie "12 Strong." Other speakers will include Dan Robinson, Gold Star father of Heath Robinson. Robinson was a Navy Seal who lost his life in Extortion 17.

Saturday's concert will also feature guest speaker Retired Admiral Kent Davis who is also the commissioner of Veteran's Affairs.

Tickets for the concert can be purchased online at www.outhousetickets.com for $25. The concert will also have games, vendors, ziplines, shoot houses and much more. Children 12 and under get in free. Artists, including several former combat veterans, scheduled to appear are: Blackbird Anthem, Dee Rock, Mercy Shine, Rowdy Johnson, Kris Rowdy, Billy Don Burns, Michelle Leigh, Dawn Rix and Black Oak Arkansas.

For more information on the Valkyrie Initiative, the concert and the gala, visit https://thevalkyrieinitiative.org.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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"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 take-out meals. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry and Spirit Life Church.
• Sundays-9 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Small group classes for children, youth and adults at 10 a.m. Praise and Worship and message at 11 a.m.
• Saturday-April 17th 9 a.m.-1 p.m.-Lifesouth Blood Drive. Please donate blood and save a life! (Please bring I.D.)
• Sunday April 18th Tri-County Revival 5pm at The Patio 217 County Road 220, Arley, Al. Praise and worship will be led by Worship Life Center. Eat before you come. Join us and help us pray over Cullman, Winston and Walker Counties.

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

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

Agriplex April programs
Children's Programs
• 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.

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

Cullman County / City Clean-up
• April 17 – From 8:00 a.m. – 12 noon

Dumpster locations:
• West Elementary
• East Elementary
• Cullman High School
• Cold Springs School
• Baileyton Town Hall
• Colony Community Center
• Crane Hill Sulphur Springs
• Dodge City Fire Station
• Fairview Community Park (across from Fairview Superette)
• Garden City maintenance area
• Good Hope City Hall
• Hanceville behind City Hall
• Holly Pond - Lions Club Park
• Jones Chapel School
• Vinemont First Baptist Church
• West Point Town Hall

• Please contact your local Town Hall or City Hall for bags (bags furnished by State PALS).
• We are asking all citizens to pick up the roads around their homes as far as possible in each direction.
• Place this garbage with your weekly garbage (inside you garbage can) and please be safe.
• (Items we Can Not take are tires, paint, and chemicals; 55 gallon drums must have multiple punched holes or they are not allowed)
• For more information contact: Cherrie Haney by email at cherriehaney@bellsouth.net or call 256-531-4222

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.

Valley Springs Baptist Church Spring Revival
• April 25 - Valley Springs Baptist Church will hold a spring revival on Sunday, April 25, Monday, April 26, Tuesday, April 27 and Wednesday, April 28.
• The Sunday night service will begin at 5:00 p.m. and the Monday through Wednesday services will begin at 7:00 p.m.
• The evangelist will be Brother William McClellan. Pastor is Brother Tim Box

May 2 - Decoration at Shady Grove Methodist Church at Logan
10:00 the first Sunday in May! Join us!

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PREP SOFTTBALL

Lady Raiders roll past Hanceville 16-1

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. – The Good Hope Lady Raiders hosted Hanceville for an area game Tuesday night, looking to keep their playoff chances alive and after a huge first inning and a great pitching performance from Emma Bailey, Good Hope routed the Lady Bulldogs 16-1.

Bailey struck out the side to start out the game for Good Hope and the Lady Raiders batted around in its opening at-bats. Lexi Steed reached on an error and later scored on a dropped third strike. Bailey Keef reached on a dropped third strike and later scored on a wild pitch and Rebekah Norris scored on another Hanceville error to make it 3-0. Good Hope collected eight more runs, all with two outs, as they went into the second inning up 11-0.

The Lady Raiders added three more runs in the second inning on an Addyson Burgess RBI groundout and a Keef two-run double. The Lady Bulldogs scored in the top of the third on a throwing error, but Good Hope quickly ended the game in their half as Abby Philyaw hit an RBI double and Bailey hit an RBI single to put the final score at 16-1. Good Hope improves to 2-1 overall in the region.

Bailey went 3-for-3 at the plate with three RBIs for the Lady Raiders. Keef added two hits and three RBIs.

Philyaw collected a pair of hits and two RBIs. Burgess added a hit and two RBIs. Steed and Norris each collected RBIs in the game as well. Bailey didn't allow a Hanceville hit through three innings, walked three and struck out four.

Good Hope will host Curry in another huge region game on Tuesday while Hanceville will look to rebound on the road at West End on Tuesday.

OTHER MONDAY SCORES

Fairview 4 - Vinemont 2 (Softball)

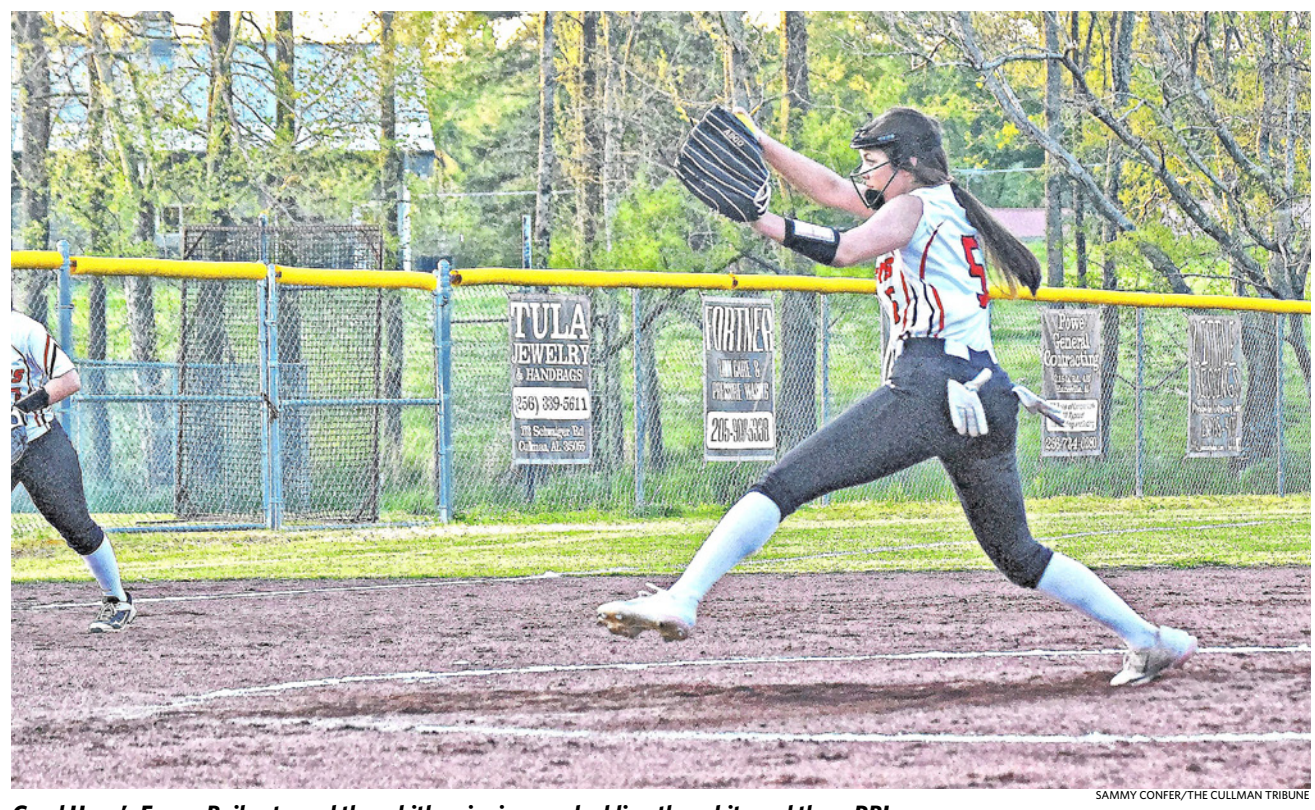
Fairview traveled to take on Vinemont and after being no-hit through almost four innings, the Lady Aggies rallied late to get a big win on the road over the Lady Eagles.

Vinemont pushed across the first run of the game in the bottom of the second inning. Emilie Hoffman drew a leadoff walk and later scored on an Angela Harris RBI groundout. The Lady Eagles added another run in the fourth as Hoffman scored on a Fairview error.

After finally collecting their first hit of the game in the top of the fourth, Fairview looked to get on the scoreboard two innings later. Devan Fulmer and Kaitlyn Benson each drew consecutive one-out walks and Emma Garcia reached on an infield single to load the bases. Back-to-back errors by Vinemont allowed Fulmer and Benson to score as the score was now tied up at two. The Lady Aggies wound up breaking the tie in the seventh as Kloie Watson hit an RBI groundout and Savannah Bryson scored on a passed ball and the Lady Eagles couldn't push across any more runs after that as Fairview collected a 4-2 road win over Vinemont.

Watson finished with an RBI for Fairview. Garcia added two hits and Fulmer and Bryson each collected one. Emma Roberts and Adya Payne allowed a combined six hits, one earned run and walked four. For Vinemont, Harris finished with a hit and an RBI. McKenna Kline and Hoffman each added a pair of hits and Emma Dortch collected a hit in the contest. Lawrence went 5 1/3 innings as she allowed just two hits and two runs, none of them earned, walked six and struck out six.

Fairview will host Guntersville in a huge area game on Tuesday while Vinemont will travel to Phil Campbell on Tuesday in a big area game.



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Good Hope's Emma Bailey tossed three hitless innings and adding three hits and three RBIs at the plate in the Lady Raiders' 16-1 area win over Hanceville Monday night.

WSCC ATHLETICS

Women's golf wins 3rd consecutive tournament; WSCC basketball teams have seasons end in ACCC quarterfinals

Russell Moore
WSCC Athletics

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Wallace State's women's golf team won its third straight tournament title this spring, cruising in the Wallace State Spring Invite at Cross Creek Golf Course this week, and sophomore Lauren Cole her low medalist title in as many tournaments.

The Lady Lions won the two-day event by 46 strokes.

Cole, a Glencoe native, carded a 10-over par 154, winning the tournament by five strokes. Cole has won five individual titles in her Wallace State career.

Wallace State sophomore Maddie Nelson and freshman Hannah Sanders each made the All-Tournament team to complement Cole. Nelson was third with a 17-over 161, and Hannah Sanders finished with a 167.

Carly Havens and Abigail Baker rounded out the field for the Lady Lions.

Wallace State's women have also won tournaments this spring, hosted by Calhoun and Northeast Alabama.

Wallace State will seek its fourth straight ACCC Tournament championship on April 15-16 at Guntersville's Eagle's Nest Golf Course.

The Wallace State men's golf team plays in its ACCC Tournament on Monday and Tuesday in Montgomery.

Wallace State men's basketball

Both Wallace State basketball teams had their seasons end earlier this week.

The Wallace State men, seeded fourth in the ACCC North, battled Wallace Community College-Selma throughout, but struggled to score over the final 3:15, losing 63-60 at Shelton State's Umphrey Center.

Jevon Laidler paced Wallace State with 17 points and eight rebounds, Kuran Garner scored 16 and Rafael Jenkins finished with 10 points and six rebounds.

Wallace State played without injured contributors Miguel Miranda and Tyler Hutchieson.

Neither team maintained a double-digit lead.

Wallace State held a slight 31-29 edge at the break and sustained a four-point lead with 12:12 to go.

Both teams traded leads over the next nine minutes. The Patriots hit one free throw with 3:15 to go, for a 59-58 advantage, and never trailed again.

Garner, a sophomore from Huntsville, led the Lions in scoring this season with 15.9 points per game. Miranda added 14.3 points per contest.

Freshman Cole Maddox, a Good Hope grad, was third on the team with 9.6 points per game.

Miranda was first on the team in rebounding and Jenkins in assists.

Garner, Laidler, Hutchieson, Jenkins, Chris Gregory, Jahvon Sims and Zion Fluellen made up the sophomore class this season.

Wallace State finished 11-12 in coach Allen Sharpe's return to the program.

Wallace State women's basketball

Sophomore Jiselle Woodson poured in 24 points in her final game with the Lady Lions and Olivia Howard added 15 points and six rebounds as Wallace State lost to Chattahoochee Valley in the ACCC Tournament quarterfinals in Tuscaloosa this week.

Like the men's team, the fourth-seeded Lady Lions nearly pulled the upset against the top-seeded Lady Pirates.

Wallace State led 36-29 at the break. Chattahoochee Valley used a strong third-quarter surge to seize a 50-47 advantage after three quarters.

The Lady Pirates pulled away in the closing seconds of the fourth quarter.

Tatyanna Davis finished with eight points and five rebounds for Wallace State and Payton Golden had seven points and five assists.

Wallace State closes the season at 12-7, advancing to the postseason for the fourth straight season under coach Jessica McBrayer.

Woodson, Howard, Emrey McGill, Savannah McConnell and Makyia Broughton were the sophomores on the 2020-2021 team.

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



WSCC ATHLETICS

Wallace State's women's golf team will seek a 4th straight ACCC Tournament championship next week in Guntersville. The Lady Lions have won three tournaments this spring.

National championship team to be honored following A-Day

Josh Maxson
UA Athletics

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – Alabama's 2020 College Football Playoff national championship team will be honored at the conclusion of the 2021 Golden Flake A-Day Game that is scheduled for a noon kick on Saturday, April 17, at Bryant-Denny Stadium.

As soon as the game concludes, which is estimated to be around 2 p.m. CT, the 2020 CFP and SEC Champions will be honored at midfield. Head coach Nick Saban and quarterback Mac Jones will address the crowd and the 2020 national championship flag will be raised in the stadium.

During the game, both the Heisman Trophy and Maxwell Award will recognize their 2020 winner, DeVonta Smith.

The Maxwell Award presentation is scheduled for the first quarter break while the University's copy of the Heisman Trophy will be presented to Smith at halftime.

There will be 10,000 Alabama football posters for the A-Day Game with 5,000 available when the gates open and another 5,000 national championship celebration posters ready for fans as they exit after the conclusion of the celebration.

General admission public tickets are being offered at $5 and can be purchased by calling the Athletic Ticket/TIDE PRIDE office at 205-348-2262 or by visiting RollTide.com.

Stadium capacity has been set at 50 percent for the A-Day Game with gates opening at 10 a.m. CT. Facial coverings are required for entry into the stadium and are to be worn at all times except when eating or drinking.

It will be the program's 14th A-Day Game under the direction of seven-time national championship coach Nick Saban, who begins his 15th season at the helm of the Crimson Tide program.

ESPN will televise the game with Kirk Herbstreit and Joey Galloway providing analysis from the field, Joe Tessitore calling the action in the booth and Lauren Sisler reporting from the sidelines.

One of the great traditions at The University of Alabama, which is always open to the public, is the annual Walk of Fame Ceremony at Denny Chimes.

At approximately 10:15 a.m. on A-Day, Coach Saban along with 2019 and 2020 captains (Tua Tagovailoa, DeVonta Smith, Anfernee Jennings, Xavier McKinney, Mac Jones, Alex Leatherwood and Landon Dickerson) will address the crowd. The captains will then leave prints of their hands and cleats in the concrete as they join a long list of Crimson Tide greats.

The team will then hold its Walk of Champions, scheduled for 10:50 a.m., when it arrives at Bryant-Denny Stadium. Following the A-Day Game and national championship recognition, Coach Saban will present the spring awards to the team at midfield to wrap things up.

The Alabama baseball team takes on Auburn at 4 p.m. at Sewell-Thomas Stadium to wrap up the three-game series that begins on Thursday, April 15 at 6 p.m. CT. A limited number of single-game tickets will go on sale Wednesday. The Crimson Tide softball team hosts Florida at Rhoads Stadium beginning Friday, April 16 at 6 p.m. CT with a 1 p.m. CT contest on Saturday and the series finale at 1 p.m. CT Sunday.

On campus public parking is free for A-Day with lots opening at 8 a.m. Saturday. There will be no Crimson Ride shuttles running on A-Day. For more parking, traffic and A-Day information go to UAGameday.com. Alabama's clear bag policy (PDF) remains in effect during for 2021 A-Day Game.

Get all the latest information on the team by following @AlabamaFTBL on Twitter and Facebook and AlabamaFBL on Instagram. General athletic news can also be found at UA_Athletics on Twitter and Instagram and AlabamaAthletics on Facebook.



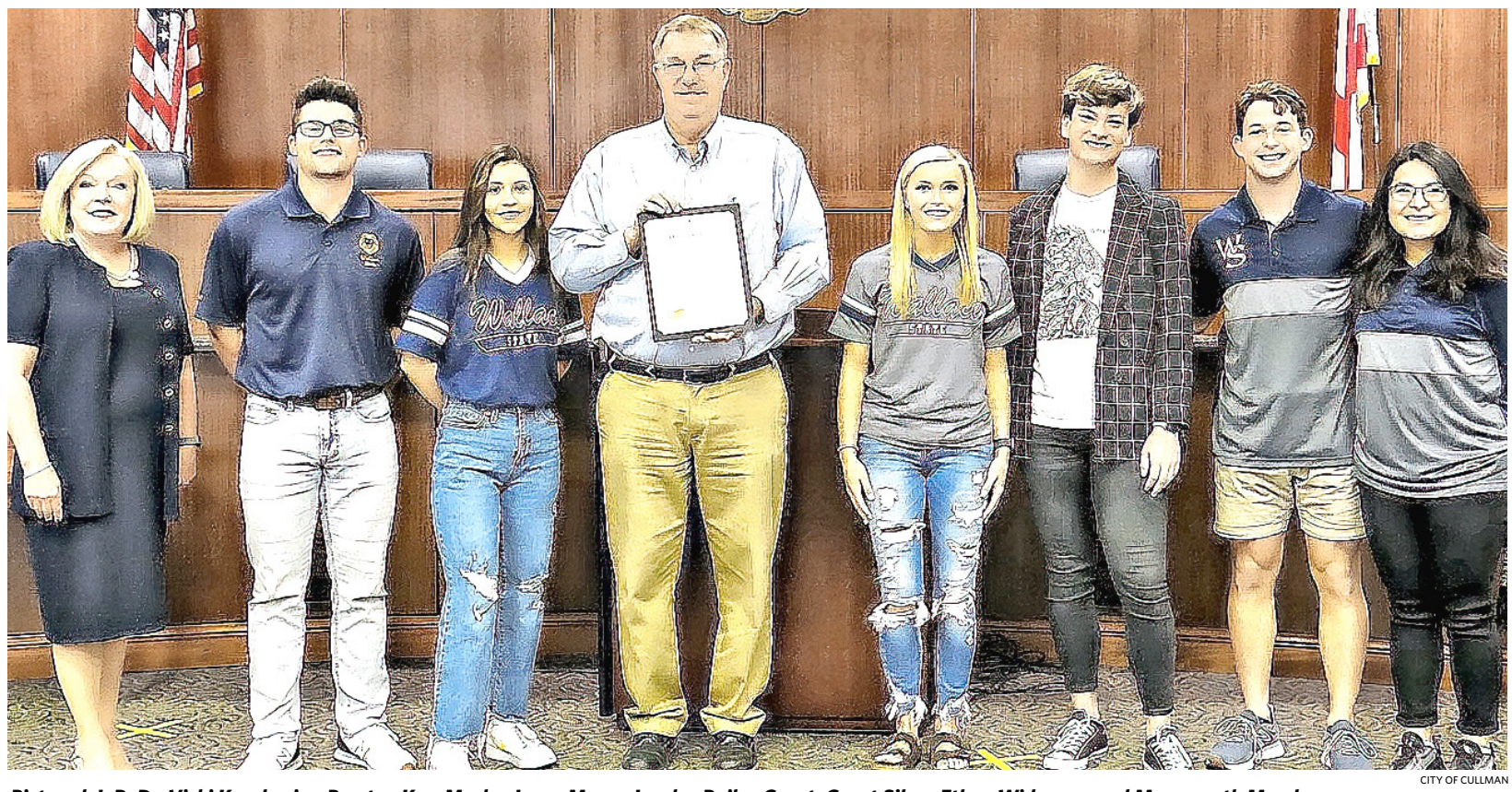
UA ATHLETICS

Alabama's 2020 national championship team will be honored following the A-Day game.

EDUCATION

Office of Mayor Woody Jacobs Mayor proclaims Community College Month

Leanne West
Contributor



CITY OF CULLMAN

Pictured, L-R: Dr. Vicki Karolewics, Preston Key, Marlen Leon, Mayor Jacobs, Bailey Grant, Grant Sikes, Ethan Wideman, and Monzerrath Mondragon.

CULLMAN, Ala. – On Monday, April 12, 2021, Mayor Woody Jacobs officially proclaimed the month of April 2021 Community College Month in the City of Cullman. On hand from Wallace State Community College to receive the proclamation were Dr. Vicki Karolewics (President), Fast Track Academy Student Grant Sikes, and Student Ambassadors Preston Key, Marlen Leon, Bailey Grant, Ethan Wideman and Monzerrath Mondragon.

"I tell everyone how important Wallace State Community College is to Cullman," said Mayor Jacobs. "All of their programs are excellent and they partner with local industries to offer specialized workforce training, cooperative education opportunities and apprenticeships – all of which are greatly beneficial to Cullman and Cullman County."

Dr. Karolewics introduced the students who were present for the proclamation presentation, who then shared their ultimate career goals with the Mayor.

• Fast Track Academy student Grant Sikes, a senior at West Point High School, plans to attend law school and then return to Cullman as a practicing attorney.

• Student Ambassador Preston Key from Hayden plans to pursue a career in civil engineering.

• Student Ambassador Bailey Grant from Hayden plans to major in senior education and become a math teacher.

• Student Ambassador Ethan Wideman from Curry plans to pursue a doctorate in physical therapy.

• Student Ambassador Marlen Leon from Gardendale plans to pursue a degree in engineering.

• Student Ambassador Monzerrath Mondragon from Locust Fork plans to pursue a degree in business management.

"I wish all of the students the very best as they pursue their educational and career goals, and I appreciate Dr. Karolewics' visionary leadership. She has done great things for Wallace State," said Mayor Jacobs. "It takes all of us working together!"

The proclamation presented by Mayor Jacobs reads as follows:

WHEREAS Wallace State has been recognized as a Caring Campus by the National Institute for Evidence-Based Change, with free supportive programs and services for students, including success advising, the Lions' Kitchen food pantry, mental health counseling, a mother's lounge, Veterans Corner and more, and;

WHEREAS Wallace State has repeatedly achieved the distinction as a Military Friendly® College and was ranked among the Top 3 colleges in the South for Workforce Development training by Southern Business and Development Magazine, and;

WHEREAS Wallace State was named a National League of Nursing Center for Excellence, the only community college in Alabama and one of only 15 colleges and universities in the U.S. to receive the distinction, and has been ranked the first choice among community colleges for students taking the ACT, and;

WHEREAS Wallace State was one of only two community colleges in the nation and one of just 180 institutions in the world to be designated an All-Steinway School. Wallace State's student success rates are among the highest in the nation, with a completion agenda focused on helping students to Start Early, Start Right, Finish and Succeed. As a result, Wallace State's programs report outstanding graduation, licensure and job placement rates, and;

WHEREAS Wallace State's Future Foundation funds hundreds of scholarships that allow students to achieve success at Wallace State. Also, Wallace State maintains a growing Fast Track Academy and dual enrollment program for motivated high school students, including a Fast Track for Industry program and a Fine and Performing Arts Academy, giving high school students the education and training needed to further their academic studies or enter the workforce, and;

WHEREAS Wallace State continues to expand its online degree offerings, aggressively pursuing new programs and partnerships to create efficiencies for students such as Joint Admission agreements with UAB and UAH, which join other such agreements. Their connection with businesses and industries has resulted in the development of apprenticeships, internships and stackable credentials, providing students with proven job-ready skills throughout the curriculum, and;

WHEREAS Wallace State provides cultural enrichment to its communities through fine and performing arts events, museum exhibitions, film screenings, lectures, international opportunities and the Common Read program. Wallace State is also home to championship athletics, and notable alumni include PGA golfers, major league baseball players, professional musicians, humanitarians, chief meteorologists, rocket scientists, business owners, healthcare heroes, educators, frontline and supply line workers, public servants and more, and;

WHEREAS Wallace State remains steadfastly committed to excellence which transforms lives and communities. In its more than 50-year history, the College has benefited countless individuals seeking to improve their lives and the lives of their families through education.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Woody Jacobs, as Mayor and on behalf of the city council and our citizens, do hereby proclaim April 2021 COMMUNITY COLLEGE MONTH in the City of Cullman and commend Wallace State Community College for providing world-class educational opportunities that transform lives and communities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Cullman to be affixed on this, the 12th day of April, 2021. /s/ Woody Jacobs, Mayor

Wilson (from Front)

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BREMEN, Ala. – This past weekend, deputies with the Walker County Sheriff's Office, along with officials from the Cullman County Sheriff's Office, resumed searching for missing resident Jordan Wilson.

Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry said cooperation between the different agencies will hopefully lead to resolution in this missing person case.

"The Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) has been working the Investigation into the Jordan Wilson case since Ms. Wilson went missing.

"It is important for Law enforcement agencies to work in conjunction with each other on cases, especially when information is crossing county lines," said Gentry.

Cold Case Investigator Mike Cole, WCSO, stated Friday that a search was conducted in Bremen, Alabama concerning the missing persons case of Jordan Wilson.

"This search was a continuance of a previous search. We feel like we are in the right area, and while we still have not recovered what we hoped for, the area still shows promise," said Cole.

"In addition to a pond being searched, as well as surrounding areas, we still have indications and evidence pointing us to this particular area."

Sheriff Gentry said that multiple waterways on different sections on land in the Bremen area have been searched and searched again.

"Since Ms. Wilson has been missing, Captain Ronnie Melton, along with CCSO investigators and Walker County investigators, have searched several waterways and different parcels of land.

"They continue to follow up on all leads with the latest leading to the search of a waterway in Walker County," said Gentry.

In the release issued Friday, Cole stated that the departments are receiving help from Auburn University.

"We also have hope (with the help of University of Auburn technology) we will be able to conduct tests on the pond water and sediment that was taken today (Friday) and determine if there is human DNA present. I will hand deliver our specimens Monday morning for examination," stated Cole.

"I would like to thank the members of the Walker County Sheriff's Office and Cullman County Sheriff's Office, and Sheriffs Smith and Gentry for their resources and time," stated Cole.

"I would also offer a heartfelt thanks to SEARID, and their members from various law enforcement agencies for their expertise in underwater search, investigations and evidence collection."

Cole added that the continued community support from Rice Chapel Church, Coca Cola and Scott Crump has been greatly beneficial in the search efforts.

"We will continue to do everything we can to bring justice, and to bring closure to Jordan's family," said Cole.

Sheriff Gentry echoed the sentiments of Investigator Cole.

"Since Ms. Wilson has been missing, we have remained in contact with her family.

"Any leads or information with regards to the whereabouts of Ms. Wilson is wanted and appreciated from anyone that is willing to step forward.

"We are always praying for Ms. Wilson's family and that we can bring closure for them and bring their loved one home," said Gentry.



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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.

LEGALS

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * CASE NO PC-2020-149
LARRY JOE SIMMONS *
*
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Administration having been granted to SHIRLEY FAY NIX, as Personal Representative of the Estate of LARRY JOE SIMMONS, Deceased, on the 12th day of April, 2021, by Tammy Brown, Probate Judge. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claim against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Shirley Fay Nix
Personal Representative

Thomas E. Drake, II
Attorney for the Personal Representative
419 Second Avenue SW, Suite B
Cullman, Alabama 35055

TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CUILLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
WYNELLE DUKE, * **CASE NO.: PC2021-134**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to CHARLES WILLIAM DUKE and WILLIAM THOMAS DUKE as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of WYNELLE DUKE, deceased, on the 12th day of April, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Charles William Duke
William Thomas Duke
Co-Personal Representatives

Pamela E. Nail
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
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STATE OF ALABAMA * **IN THE PROBATE COURT OF**
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * **CASE NO.:** PC-2021-108

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DANIEL GARRETT PRESLEY, DECEASED,

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to DANNY PRESLEY, as Administrator of the Estate of DANIEL GARRETT PRESLEY, Deceased, on the 12th day of April, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown.

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

DANNY PRESLEY
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Estate of
Daniel Garrett Presley, Deceased

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Judge of Probate

Obituary Announcements: April 14

Chad Michael Woodis, 33, of Cullman
Chad Michael Woodis of Cullman, Alabama passed away April 9, 2021 at the age of 33. He was born in Montgomery, Alabama July 29, 1987 to Bobby "Bob" Blake and Betty Jane Hargett Woodis. Chad was an avid Auburn fan. He had a great sense of humor. Chad had a big loving heart; not only for people but also animals. A Memorial Visitation will be held at Moss Service Funeral Home on Thursday April 15, 2021 from noon until 3:00 p.m. Chad is survived by his wife: Meaghen Howard Woodis; Parents: Bob and Betty Woodis; sister: Darian (Andy) Underwood; brother: Christopher "Brock" Woodis; and his beloved pets: Kingston, Kendall, Hank and Darla. Chad had a special place in his heart for two pets that passed away: Gizmo and Boomer. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.mossservicefh.com. In memory of Chad, the family has asked anyone that chooses, to please wear any Auburn attire. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Billy Jack James, 82, of Cullman
Memorial services for Billy Jack James, 82, of Cullman, Alabama will be held Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. at the Cullman Seventh-day Adventist Church on Golf Course Road. Pastor Vlad Climaco will be officiating. He was born to Bee James and Estelle Parker James on March 22, 1939. He passed peacefully March 29, 2021 at his home. Mr. James retired from the United States Army as a Sergeant First Class in 1978 and worked in various trades in the years that followed. He enjoyed fishing and wood working but most of all, he loved whipping up desserts in the kitchen. He was a long-time member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Survivors include his wife: Dianne Braswell James; his two children: Bill James (Darcy) and Laura Baker (Ted); his grandson: Cole James; his sister: Betty Shikle and several nieces and nephews. Mr. James was preceded in death by his parents and his brother: Bobby Ray James.

Johnnie Ray McKenney, 69, of Vinemont
Johnnie Ray McKenney, age 69, of Vinemont died April 12, 2021. He was preceded in death by his parent: W.L. McKenney and Christine Lynn McKenney; and his brothers: O'dean McKenney & Thomas McKenney. Johnnie is survived by his wife: Myra McKenney; sons: John McKenney (Amanda) & Brian McKenney (Lindsay); grandchildren: Maddie, Gus, and Hanna Grace McKenney; sister: Vickie Guthrie (Terry); sisters in law: Linda Tyree, Cindy McKenney and Sabrina Hayward; and a host of other family and friends. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 from 5:30 until 8:00 pm. at Moss Service Funeral Home. The celebration of Johnnie's life will be Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel with burial to follow at Bethlehem West Cemetery. Please visit mossservicefh.com to leave condolences for the family. Moss Service Funeral Home Directing.

Harold Douglas Huffstutler, 64, of Cullman
A memorial service for Harold Douglas Huffstutler, 64, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m. Friday, April 16th, 2021 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Wade Maynard officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Huffstutler passed away Sunday, April 11th, 2021 at his residence. He was born November 25, 1956 to Herbert W. and Helen Mayhall Huffstutler. Harold was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife of 40 years: Ginger Huffstutler; son: Nathaniel Huffstutler; daughter: Hannah (Andrew) York; brother: Winfred (Joan) Huffstutler; grandchildren: Nolen, Easton and Mason Huffstutler, Ansley York and family and friends. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the ALS Association, 610 Airport Rd. SW #100, Huntsville, AL 35802. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

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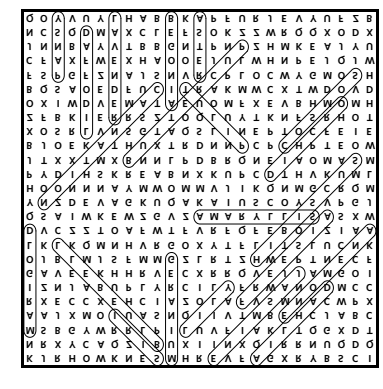
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Fundraising (from Front)

tually have a job in the most magical place on earth was the coolest thing," said Tanner.

The children were shown how the park accommodates employees with disabilities. They were also taught how to fill out applications and other life skills that would be beneficial to them in the future. The hope is to take the special education students to Disney each year for this unique opportunity.

Many of the students who made the trip in 2020 had never been to Disney or on a plane. "It helps them overcome a whole lot of fears and helps them gain a lot of independence, which is one of the biggest things we work on in our classroom and in the high school's special education classroom is gaining independence. Going somewhere that big and having to navigate a million people, big crowds like that can be overstimulating for our kids, but they did it! They learned to wait in lines and it was a big deal. It really helped a lot of them mature, being able to do something like that. So, it is something we really want to be able to do every year."

"It also helped them have a glimpse of living independently with a roommate, a little bit. We had to pair them with their peers in a room to be able to sleep in the house we were in. They had to learn how to coexist with somebody else in a bedroom with them and not just with their parents, but with a friend. They kind of got an idea of what it would be like to live with a roommate and it was cool that we were getting to facilitate that for them."

As for the upcoming trip, Tanner said, "This year we are going to have about 50 people total that we are taking with students, parents, teachers and administrators. It is about $1,000 a person for them to go and that includes their food. They fly on a plane so it includes their plane ticket, their housing and park tickets. It includes everything for them to be able to go. When you do the math, we are trying to raise about $50,000."

In previous years, the middle school students ran a coffee delivery service at their school to help raise money; however, they have not been allowed to deliver coffee since the pandemic began. The hope is to bring the service back whenever possible.

Tanner and the staff at the schools look for ideas that can help raise money and can also help teach the students real life skills. The bracelets do just that. Tanner said, "Most of our students struggle with fine motor skills, so stringing beads is one of the best things to help strengthen those fine motor skills. They are getting to work with that too and strengthen their muscles. They are also having to do math. They are having to figure out: how much does the bracelet cost? How much do they pay? How much of a profit have we made? How much did the beads cost? And all that kind of stuff."

She continued, "They are having to do functional mathematics with that which is the coolest thing. They are also having to make sure that with spelling and reading, are they spelling the name correctly? Is it going in the correct order? Patterns--one side has the look the same as the other side or it doesn't look good." The project encompasses almost every subject needed.

Currently, the class has received orders for close to 250 bracelets and are still taking orders. Tanner reminds those who order that it can take a bit longer for the students to complete an order, so please be patient. "The turnaround is not as quick as it would be if you ordered from a business, but it's for a really good cause and cheaper than it would be on Etsy," Tanner smiled.

Bead supplies have been running low, especially with gold and silver lettering, so Tanner warns that those orders may take a bit longer. She and others have been traveling to Hobby Lobby and other craft stores hoping to gather the needed beads, often paying out of pocket for the supplies. "My instructional assistants, myself and my parents are driving to Gardendale stores and Decatur stores just to get these beads! It's hard on a teacher's salary, but these kids are worth it. Just seeing their smiles and the confidence they gain from this kind of trip, it's worth paying out of pocket for some beads," Tanner said.

Tanner said, "We are going to be doing a whole lot more fundraisers hopefully as the next year comes around. Now that there is a vaccine, it seems like the numbers are slowing down a bit more. Hopefully, we will be able to do school dances and pageants and fun stuff like that." One of the main sources of funding comes from sponsorships. Tanner explained, "A lot of businesses will sponsor a student or a couple of students, but we really haven't gotten around to asking them yet. So many of our small businesses were impacted so hard by COVID. We are hoping that people will make a comeback and we will be able to get some sponsorships."

Orders can be placed by emailing ktanner@cullmancats.net and when ready, the bracelets can be picked up at the Cullman Middle School office. Payment can be cash or check.

Prices are:

- Bundle of three with gold or silver letters- $15
- Bundle of three with black letters- $12
- Single bracelet with gold or silver letters- $7
- Single bracelet with black letters- $5



