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Governor awards grants to aid victims in north Alabama

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Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Gov. Kay Ivey has awarded a total of $214,500 to four agencies in north Alabama to continue providing services to domestic violence and sexual assault victims.

The grants will support the agencies as they serve victims in 11 counties.

"Domestic violence and sexual assault victims deserve access to professional assistance in a timely manner," Gov. Ivey said.

"I commend these agencies who always respond to victims that often have nowhere else to turn."

Crisis Services of North Alabama Inc., based in Huntsville, is using $80,000 to serve victims in Madison, Jackson, Limestone and Morgan counties. The agency provides emergency shelter, forensic exams and advocacy services to victims and their families. Matching funds of $20,000 will supplement the grant.

One Place of the Shoals, based in Florence, is using $68,000 to provide free professional assistance to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and elder abuse in Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Marion and Winston counties. The organization provides counseling, court accompaniment, legal advocacy and assistance with filing protection from abuse orders. Matching funds of $17,000 will supplement the grant.

Victim Services of Cullman, which serves victims in Cullman and Winston counties, is using $51,500 for its Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program. The program ensures that victims have immediate access to medical care and advocacy. Matching funds of $12,875 will supplement the grant.

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Cullman 911 system receives updates



CITY OF CULLMAN

Public Safety Telecommunicator Kayla Melton at the newest dispatching console.

Leanne West
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Thanks to a $150,000 grant recently received through the Cullman County E-911 Board, the City of Cullman's emergency dispatch center has undergone some much-needed upgrades. The City of Cullman now has a fourth dispatching console, and new communications equipment was installed that include the ability for #PublicSafetyTelecommunicators to tone fire departments. These upgrades enhance Cullman's capabilities to be an effective backup center for other agencies.

"We are thankful to the E-911 Board for this grant," said Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs. "Technology is constantly changing, so it is vital that our 911 system adapts in order to meet the needs of our changing world."

The Cullman County E-911 Emergency Service System was created by the Cullman County Commission Sept. 18, 1987, 10 months after the people of Cullman County voted to establish an emergency communications system. Several years of preparation followed, which included road numbering, planning, equipment purchasing, installation and testing. The system became operational in 1991. But there have been a lot of changes since the first Cullman County 911 call occurred in June 1991, and today's public safety telecommunicators face new challenges.

For example, today, over 90% of 911 calls for service are made using cell phones. Unlike landline calls, calls placed to 911 from cell phones do not automatically give telecommunicators the actual address a call is being placed from – and in an emergency, location is the most important piece of information and the first question telecommunicators ask. Without it, they do not know where to send help. Also, the City of Cullman has seen a steady increase in population and tourism which has resulted in an increase in emergency calls for service. With higher call volumes, the demand on resources has increased – not just for City of Cullman emergency services but for other local systems as well. The fourth dispatching console and new communications equipment will help the City of Cullman emergency dispatch center meet those increased demands. Other Cullman County dispatch centers have also applied for the grant and should receive their equipment in the following days or weeks.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported April 15

Cullman Tribune Staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported April 15, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

April 12

- domestic violence; Ryan Rd.
- forgery; CR 385

April 13

- theft of property; 1st Ave SE, Hanceville
- assault; CR 1342
- receiving stolen property; attempt to elude law enforcement; CR 469
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 1486
- trespassing; CR 719
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; Hwy. 278 E
- burglary; attempt to elude law enforcement; resisting arrest; CR 1605

April 14

- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Schaeffel Rd.
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Olive St.
- theft of property; CR 803
- home repair fraud; CR 781
- trespassing; CR 305

ARRESTS

April 12

Baker, Kenneth Bryan; 44
- DUI (alcohol)

Brannan, Christopher Michael; 45
- FTA- illegal possession/use of credit/debit card
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Cunningham Jr., Patrick Joseph; 41
- possession of drug paraphernalia-2nd offense

Curington, Crystal Dawn; 36
- FTA- possession of methamphetamine
- FTA- larceny/theft-shoplifting; $1,500 - $2,000
- FTA- larceny/theft-shoplifting less than $500
- FTA- illegal possession/use of credit/debit card

Hargett, William Jerrell; 72
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- assault-domestic-reckless endangerment

Oates, John Dewayne; 50
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Oden, Hannah Gail; 24
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- second-degree possession of marijuana

Smith, Kenneth Ski; 49
- Probation Violation- failure of adult sex offender to register

Stockman, Jessica Rachelle; 34
- FTA- promote prison contraband
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- larceny/theft-shoplifting less than $500

Tankersley, Koby Eugene; 19
- forgery-passing forged instrument

April 13

Barnes, Samantha Joe; 33
- public intoxication

Burns, Kie Jeffery; 21
- Probation denied- smuggling-promote prison contraband

Creasey, Griffin Eli; 24
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-2nd offense

Fowler, KC Storm; 28
- violation of domestic violence protection order

Maldonado-Lara, Juan; 60
- criminal trespass

Moore, Stephen Blake; 46
- larceny/theft-shoplifting less than $500

Parris, Kaitlyn Denise; 20
- Judges Orders- obstruct-contempt of/interrupting court preceding

Quick, Cindy Denise; 56
- FTA- assault-harassment

Riggs, Destiny Veronica; 21
- burglary-residence-force
- attempting to elude police officer
- resisting arrest
- public intoxication

Selman, Vicki Ann; 38
- larceny- third-degree theft of lost property less than $500

Valdovinos, Jose Arturo; 36
- public intoxication

April 14

Bates, Emily Jane; 47
- FTA- DUI (alcohol)

Bradford, Matthew Heath; 46
- attempting to elude police officer
- possession of stolen vehicle
- leaving scene of accident

Callicott, Lonny M.; 62
- assault-simple assault

Flores, Sheena Marie; 36
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Greenhaw, Israel Blaze-Coleman; 23
- FTA- no driver's license
- FTA- DUI (alcohol)

Henry, Patrick Oneal; 23
- FTA- assault-child abuse-simple-family (2 counts)

King, Spencer Andrew; 33
- FTA- burglary- non residence-no force
- FTA- larceny/theft other vehicle

May, Ryan William; 40
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Penn, Crystal Woljevach; 38
- FTA- driving while license suspended
- FTA- running red light
- FTA- speeding-no workers- construction zone

Sandlin, Isaac Jakob; 19
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Stager Jr., Michael Anthony; 35
- FTA- assault-aggravated assault-menacing-gun

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

April 12

- first-degree theft of property; person; Hwy. 278 W; '96 Suzuki; $3,000

April 14

- third-degree theft of property; person; Miller St. SW; lawn mower; $1,200
- domestic violence; person; 4th Ave SE

April 15

- theft of lost property; person; 3rd Ave SW; wallet and contents

ARRESTS

April 14

Penn, Crystal W.; 38
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- fail to register vehicle
- FTA- driving without license
- FTA- switched tag

Stager Jr.; Michael A.; 35
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

May, Austin L.; 24
- FTA- second-degree possession of marijuana

Oden, Cary J.; 25
- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

911 (from Front)

starting in 1994, I worked part-time for Cullman EMS, with the last five of those years spent in their dispatch center," said Cullman Fire Rescue's Division Chief Jeff Shelton who oversees the operations of the City of Cullman Emergency Dispatch center.

"That is a perfect example of the growth Cullman County has seen."

The announcement of the grant and recent upgrades at the City of Cullman emergency dispatch center follows Mayor Woody Jacobs' proclamation issued earlier this week proclaiming the week of April 11-17, 2021, #NationalPublicSafetyTelecommunicatorsWeek (#NPSTW).

Each year, the second full week in April is dedicated to the men and women who understand that seconds save lives, and that time lost in the dispatching process cannot be made up by responders. These men and women know that their voice could very well be the last voice someone hears.

When speaking about NPSTW at the proclamation presentation, Mayor Jacobs stated, "Our emergency responders rely on [public safety telecommunicators] in order to do their jobs quickly and safely, and our citizens rely on them to send the help they need in times of distress."

Cullman Fire Chief Brian Bradberry echoed the sentiments expressed by Mayor Jacobs, "In any emergency – whether it is for a fire service matter, police matter or EMS incident – the public safety telecommunicator is the first individual to be involved. These professionals are the first ones to start bringing order into the chaos of whatever may be happening.

"They fill many roles, from calming the citizens who are calling, to getting correct and vital information, to making sure the right agencies are going to the right places at the right times."

Cullman Police Chief Kenny Culpepper added, "Being a public safety telecommunicator is a difficult job, and is often very stressful. We depend greatly on them and they do a wonderful job of covering us when we're in the field!"

NPSTW is sponsored each year by the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) International in order to honor the thousands of men and women who respond to emergency calls, dispatch emergency professionals and equipment and render life-saving assistance to the world's citizens.

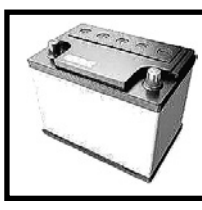
"The emergency telecommunication profession is not easy and most don't understand the complexity of what these men and women deal with each day," added Jeff Shelton.

"They are highly skilled in multi-tasking – operating multiple radio, phone and mapping systems, while obtaining pertinent information for police, fire and medical responders to help them respond as quickly and safely as possible. I thank all of our local public safety telecommunicators – City of Cullman, Cullman County, City of Hanceville and Cullman Emergency Medical Services – for their dedication, professionalism and service to our communities!"

"We have some of the most dedicated and professional telecommunicators in the nation," said Fire Chief Bradberry. "However, they are rarely seen in the spotlight or out in the community. But without them, the rest of the emergency services could not function. We are very proud of the exceptional work they do for the City of Cullman and all the citizens, visitors and fellow emergency service agencies. So this week we salute them and the work they perform!"

To find out more about National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, visit npstw.org.

To learn more about the Cullman County E-911 system, visit cullman911.org.



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COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Thursday, April 15, 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: 404, 631 (+230 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 116,570 (+191 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 8,453 (+7 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 2,283
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,447 (+6 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 3,054 (+3 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 127 (+1 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 62
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 39,917
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 1,948
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 90
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,454,381
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 5,761
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 119,704
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 332
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama (reported M-F): 48,240
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 325,733

Vaccine details (updated Monday-Friday)

- Doses delivered to Alabama: 3,338,075
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 2,642,155
- Doses administered: 2,159,383
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 1,362,343
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 869,365
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 695,920

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

Johnson & Johnson vaccine update

On April 13, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recommended a pause in the use of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine out of an abundance of caution. The CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) will meet today to address this issue. People who have received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine within the past three weeks who develop severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain, or shortness of breath should contact their healthcare provider. The CDC official health alert with more information is available here, https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/2021/han00442.asp.

County-level demographic tabs available on COVID-19 vaccine distribution dashboard

Demographic tabs are now available at the bottom of the ADPH COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Dashboard. The new feature provides county-level vaccine distribution demographic information for each of Alabama's 67 counties. The information includes age, sex, race and ethnicity. To navigate, go to arcg.is/0brSGj and use the dropdown menu in the top right corner of the screen to select the county and select the age, sex, race or ethnicity tab at the bottom of the screen. You can also select the "% Receiving Vaccine" tab at the bottom of the screen and click a county on the map to view the latest data in a separate window.

National Guard COVID-19 vaccination clinic update

The Alabama National Guard completed its rotation through 24 rural counties to provide primary COVID-19 vaccinations on April 9. A total of 10,438 vaccinations were given in under-served and rural counties throughout the state. Second-dose clinics will continue rotating to the same counties that were originally visited for the next three weeks from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. Second-dose vaccination information can be found at www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid-19vaccine/ng-clinics.html. Johnson & Johnson vaccine will no longer be offered at these clinics. Anyone who has not received a first dose is encouraged to contact his or her local county health department or visit www.alcovidvaccine.gov to schedule a vaccine appointment.

Pfizer requests FDA approval for COVID-19 vaccine for adolescents age 12 to 15

Pfizer has requested to expand the use of its COVID-19 vaccine to adolescents ages 12 to 15. The request asked the FDA to amend the emergency use authorization (EUA) which was originally for people age 16 and older. Phase 3 clinical trials have shown the Pfizer vaccine to be safe and 100 percent effective in persons 12 to 15 years of age. The FDA review process is expected to take several weeks. ADPH will provide additional information about the review process as it is made available.

Updates to Federal Retail Pharmacy Program

The Federal Retail Pharmacy Program continues to expand throughout the state. Recent additions to the program include Kroger, Publix, and Health Mart. These retail pharmacy providers join CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, and Sam's Club in offering COVID-19 vaccine. Federal Retail Pharmacy Program locations are available on the "Federal Pharmacies" tab on the COVID-19 Dashboard Hub located atarcg.is/0brSGj

ADPH still encourages use of facial coverings

Masks or other facial coverings are no longer a mandate under the Safer Apart order. ADPH still encourages the use of facial coverings, and reminds everyone that masks remain one of the most successful tools to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. Many businesses and healthcare facilities continue to require facial coverings in their facilities.

Audit (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman City Council President Jenny Folsom announced at Monday's council meeting that the city's Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 financial audit is complete and arrived from Warren Averett CPAs and Advisors clean, with no negative findings.

The summary of the report showed no deficiencies in financial reporting, no issues of noncompliance and identified Cullman as a "low risk auditee."

HIGHLIGHTS

The Warren Averett report noted:

• The City's net position increased $19,006,626 over the course of FY 2020: $11,546,225 increase in the net position of the governmental activities and $7,460,401 increase in the business-type activities.

• Budgeted revenues in the General Fund for FY 2020 were based generally on the previous year's receipts; however, budgeted revenues increased during the year due to the improving local economy. Revenues were $2,949,416 more than budgeted, while at the same time, General Fund expenditures were $2,791,751 less than budgeted.

• Cullman's General Fund reported a combined fund ending balance of $24,194,849, as compared with the previous year's balance of $20,717,380. The revenues of the General Fund increased by $4,109,087 (11.0%) due to an increase in tax receipts and intergovernmental revenues. The expenditures of the General Fund increased by $2,819,378 (8.7%) due to an increase in capital outlay.

• The largest source of revenue in the General Fund for FY 2020 were taxes, which consisted primarily of property and sales taxes. Tax revenues increased by $1,989,685, from $23,393,675 in 2019 to $25,383,390 in 2020.

RAW NUMBERS

• The city had total financial assets in FY 2020 of $430,822,518, up from $406,188,356 in FY 2019.

• Deferred outflows of resources raised the 2020 total to $435,384,288.

• Total 2020 liabilities were $194,108,813, up slightly from 187,553,256 in 2019.

• The difference in assets and liabilities left Cullman up by $241,275,475 in 2020, as opposed to $222,268,849 in 2019.

• The city took in $41,724,770 in charges for services and $33,519,323 in taxes.

• The city expended $11,914,389 in federal grant awards.

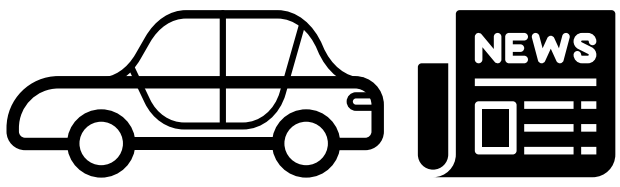
2020 REVENUES

Program revenues:
• Charges for services $41,724,770
• Operating grants and contributions $1,431,309
• Capital grants and contributions $2,754,364

General revenues:
• Taxes $33,519,323
• Unrestricted investment earnings $152,865
• Other $4,044,597
• Total revenues $83,627,228

2020 expenses
• General government $6,521,333
• Public safety $13,296,729
• Highways and streets $5,250,012
• Sanitation $4,738,514
• Health and social services $836,973
• Culture and recreation $206,390
• Education $7,837,763
• Conservation $117,238
• Interest on long-term debt $246,699
• Sewer $6,797,582
• Water $11,048,710
• Parks and recreation $9,992,841
• Airport $812,113
• Total expenses $67,702,897

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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 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 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 / 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

1st Annual Derby Day – Goat Island Brewery
May 1 – 2 p.m.-11 p.m. - Realtors from several agencies in Cullman have teamed together to fundraise for local veterans to receive the 5GB PTSD shot. Join us at Goat Island Brewery for food, fun, music, "best dressed hat" cat walk, stick horse races.. and of course, the Kentucky Derby running at 6:30 pm. Band starts at 7 and goes until 11. We will also be having a silent auction! Admission is $10

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Cullman's Heatherly, Milne sign with Wallace State

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CULLMAN, Ala. – After celebrating Callie Crider's scholarship signing last week, two more Bearcat standouts made their way to the Cullman High School Library Wednesday afternoon to take the next step in their own athletic careers. Both Ashlen Heatherly and Kada Milne were joined by friends, family, teammates and coaches as they signed athletic scholarships to continue their volleyball careers at Wallace State. Both Kada and Ashlen have put up some impressive numbers in their time playing for the Bearcats. In their four years as starters, Heatherly recorded 1,724 digs, 153 assists, 88 aces and 24 kills while Milne finished with 467 kills, 242 digs, 146 blocks, 44 aces and 44 assists.

Cullman Head Coach Meagan Cagle has spent the past four years watching Milne and Heatherly develop as players on the court and she says they've helped set a standard for how she wants her teams to play.

"Both of them started as freshmen for me in my second year here so they've really been with me for my whole coaching career pretty much," Cagle said.

"They've really set the tone for what my leaders are, what my defensive specialists are, what my front row players are and have given the other kids a standard to look to. So, that has been very important and very impactful to the success we've had as a volleyball program."

Cagle is proud to see two more Lady Bearcats sign athletic scholarships to continue their playing careers and wants to see the excitement around the program continue to build going forward.

"It's awesome because we haven't really had this in the Cullman program. They've set a tone and we're really becoming more of a volleyball school and that's what I've wanted since day one. The younger girls see this, and they want to continue on and play at the collegiate level too and these girls are paving the way for that."

Wallace State has won 11 of its last 12 conference titles and has firmly established a winning tradition that both Ashlen and Kada are excited to be a part of.

"I just know that in my experience with high school volleyball we've really had to build this program ourselves and now to just go straight into a program like that is insane," Heatherly said. "I have no idea what to expect and I'm just excited to be a part of it. I think it's going to be a big step for me not necessarily being the leader on the court anymore but kind of learning and growing as a person so I'm excited for that."

"We're both going to have to step into our roles because we're going into a dynasty," Milne smiled.

"This isn't just some small school this is Wallace and they're the best in the conference every year so we're going to have to get it into gear when we walk in."

After growing up in Cullman and growing closer to their group of friends and classmates over the years, it'll be an adjustment moving forward into college but both Kada and Ashlen are excited for the opportunity to build new relationships with some new people close to home.

"I think what I'm going to miss the most is just being with all the people I've grown up with. We've all gone to school together since preschool now so that's going to be different but what I'm looking forward to most is that I've played with a lot of the girls we're about to play with since I was little so I'm kind of going into a new program with some people I already know."

"What I'll miss most is probably just having that comfort of being with everybody I know that love me and I love, and I can talk to," Heatherly said. "But I'm definitely looking forward to going from that into a whole new environment and making a lot of new friends and hopefully getting that same level of comfort back again."



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Cullman's Ashlen Heatherly is joined by her family as she signs a scholarship to Wallace State Wednesday.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman's Kada Milne is joined by her family as she signs a scholarship to Wallace State Wednesday.

Offensive explosion leads Alabama to 19-3 win over Samford

UA Athletics
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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – Alabama baseball used 15 hits and a season-high 16 walks to cruise to a 19-3 win over Samford on Tuesday night at Sewell-Thomas Stadium. The midweek win moves the Crimson Tide to 20-12 on the season.

Samford got up early, 1-0, but that would be the last time the Bulldogs led on the night. Alabama evened things up with one in the third before putting together a seven-run fourth to take a commanding lead. The Crimson Tide would only add to that with a six-spot in the sixth and a five-run seventh. Samford was able to add single tallies in the seventh and eighth but never threatened the UA lead.

The offense for Alabama was spread across the entire lineup. Twelve of the 13 hitters recorded at least one hit, including all nine starters on the night. In addition, all nine starters contributed one or more runs with 11 of the 13 hitters posting a run by night's end.

Caden Rose and Jackson Tate led the charge, each homering and posting a season-high tying four RBI.

In addition to their homer and RBI, Rose finished 2-for-3 with a double and two runs while Tate went 2-for-4 with a walk and two runs of his own. Also homering was Sam Praytor with the redshirt junior recording a solo shot.

Grayson Hitt (2-3) tossed a season-high 4.0 innings in his start to pick up the win. The freshman ran into trouble early with the Bulldogs posting one run in the top of the first, but that would be all for Samford. Hitt proceeded to retire the final 10 batters he faced before handing the ball over to the bullpen. The trio of freshmen Jake Eddington and Eli Giles along with redshirt junior Hunter Ruth combined for the final 5.0 innings, totaling seven strikeouts along the way.

From Head Coach Brad Bohannon

"It was great to come away with a win in a game like that. I was really pleased with our effort. We did a lot of really good things all the way around. We had a lot of hard contact up and down the lineup, even the guys off the bench came in and put some good swings on some pitches. Obviously, they helped us out, but kudos to our guys for taking advantage of it and making it hurt."

How It Happened

T1 | A one-out walk and single put two aboard before a run came home on a single through the left side to put the Bulldogs in front. (1-0, Samford)

B3 | The Tide loaded the bases with two down before a hit-by-pitch for Sam Praytor evened things up at one apiece. (1-1)

B4 | Alabama took the lead with seven runs on seven walks and a pair of hits in the fourth. A leadoff walk from Drew Williamson put one aboard for Jackson Tate with the Tide left fielder sending a two-run homer over the wall in left. A pair of walks and a hit-by-pitch loaded them up before William Hamiter drew a walk to push one more across. Zane Denton followed with a two-run single to add pair before a walk loaded the bases once again. A wild pitch in the next at-bat scored one more, and after another free pass loaded the bases, a one-out walk from Tate added a final tally. (8-1, Alabama)

B6 | Two walks and seven hits led to six runs for the Tide in the sixth. The inning was highlighted by a solo homer from Praytor to lead off the inning and a two-run home run from pinch-hitter Caden Rose to cap the scoring. (14-1, Alabama)

T7 | A walk with the bases loaded pushed across one run for Samford. (14-2, Alabama)

B7 | The Tide added five more runs in the seventh, all coming with two outs. A two-run double from Rose began the scoring. After a walk, Johnny Hawk singled with a Samford error allowing one more to score. A single from Will Patota then loaded them up with another error in the next at-bat bringing in two more runs. (19-2, Alabama)

T8 | Samford added one with a sacrifice fly in the eighth. (19-3, Alabama)

Postgame Notes

- Grayson Hitt worked a season-long 4.0 innings in tonight's start. His previous high for innings was 3.0 on two occasions, most recently in a relief appearance against Stetson on March 12.
- The Crimson Tide's seven walks in the fourth inning tied for the most by any Alabama offense in a single inning. The Tide also walked seven times in an inning at Arkansas on April 29, 2018, and against Jackson State on March 13, 1985.
- With his 1-for-5 night, Peyton Wilson extended his hitting streak to a UA season-long and career-long 12 games. Across that stretch, the sophomore is batting .436 (24-55) with four doubles, a triple and three home runs to go with nine RBI, 12 runs scored, three walks, a hit-by-pitch and five stolen bases.
- The 12-game hitting streak passes Sam Praytor's previous team-high of 11 games from Feb. 23-March 10.
- Rose and Jackson Tate each contributed four RBI apiece to tie the Tide's single-game high in 2021. UA had a player record four RBI on five previous occasions heading into the matchup with Samford, most recently Owen Diodati at Arkansas on March 19.
- ATTENDANCE: 1,764 (SELLOUT)

The Tide will take a brief intermission before returning to the field on Thursday to begin a three-game series with the Auburn Tigers. Things start at 6 p.m. on both Thursday and Friday before a 4 p.m. CT first pitch in the series finale on Saturday. The opener will air nationally on SEC Network with the final two games being broadcast 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.





Good Hope pageant winners



GOOD HOPE HIGH SCHOOL

Good Hope Fair Queen 2021 contestants (left to right): Allie Sartin - 1st Alternate and Talent Winner and Zoe Vincent



GOOD HOPE HIGH SCHOOL

Good Hope Miss Heritage Princess 2021 (Left to right): Gracelyn Bowerman - 1st Alternate and Academic Winner, Abigail Gurley - 2nd Alternate and Most Photogenic, Marlee Williams - Miss Heritage Princess 2021 and Miss Congeniality and McKenna Pesola - People's Choice Winner



GOOD HOPE HIGH SCHOOL

Good Hope Miss Heritage 2021 (Left to right): Aaliyah Smith - People's Choice Winner, Ava Hedgecock - 2nd Alternate, Allie Sartin - Miss Heritage 2021 and Academic Winner, Charli Overton - 1st Alternate, Most Photogenic and Miss Congeniality



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Dripping Springs Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) honors good citizens

DAR
Contributor

The Dripping Springs Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution honored outstanding seniors from each of the area high schools as DAR Good Citizens. Students were judged on personal qualities of integrity, dependability, leadership, patriotism and service. They submitted essays on "Our American Heritage and Our Responsibility for Preserving It" along with recommendations from teachers and leaders in the community.

Students honored were:

- Griffin Barksdale - Cullman High School
- Andrew Tucker - West Point
- Issac Daniel - Holly Pond
- Cody Dye - Good Hope
- Cassidy Rose Campbell – Hanceville
- Toni Danyelle West - Cold Springs
- Caleb Norman - St. Bernard Prep.
- Levi Hunter Garner - Fairview

The DAR Good Citizen winner was Griffin Barksdale, Cullman High School. The DAR Scholarship Essay Winner was Caleb Norman, St. Bernard Prep.



DAR

Outstanding Cullman area high school seniors were honored by Dripping Springs National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution as Good Citizens. Griffin Barksdale, Cullman High School, Overall Good Citizen; Andrew Tucker, West Point; Issac Daniel, Holly Pond; Cody Dye, Good Hope; Cassidy Rose Campbell, Hanceville; Toni Danyelle West, Cold Springs. Not pictured: Caleb Norman, St. Bernard Prep. Scholarship Essay winner and Levi Hunter Garner, Fairview

Grant to help women in need start careers in welding, diesel technology

Kristen Holmes
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Wallace State Community College's Future Foundation has received a grant from the Women's Fund of Greater Birmingham, allowing women experiencing poverty in Wallace State's service area the opportunity to earn a scholarship in welding or diesel technology.

The scholarships, valued at $800 per semester for three semesters, will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis to eight women who qualify for financial aid assistance. The scholarships will also pay up to a $1,000 value for tools, equipment and personal protective gear, as well as a tablet with Wi-Fi capabilities, Wi-Fi hotspot, learning enrichment activities for school-aged children while mothers are in classes and graduation expenses.

Wallace State has received a grant from the organization for three consecutive years highlighting women who have an interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) careers.

The Families Forward grant was first utilized at Wallace State-Oneonta's campus in the welding department.

Wallace State's Welding and Diesel Technology are among the college's Applied Technologies programs with women consistently enrolled, pursuing degrees in male-dominated careers. Both are considered to be high-paying and high-demand jobs.

The Women's Fund of Greater Birmingham awards grants to support high-impact interventions proven to accelerate women's economic opportunity and disrupt the cycle of generational poverty, prioritizing programs and public policy advocacy, and to remove barriers for women and their families through education, job training, childcare support, housing and more.

Those interested in the scholarship are encouraged to contact Kristi Barnett at 256-352-8231 or email her at kristi.barnett@wallacestate.edu.

The Future Foundation is also offering incentives to current students who refer students. Students can receive a $250 scholarship if they refer someone who enrolls in the program.

Summer 2021 priority online registration is underway. Summer 2021 classes begin May 26, 2021. Summer semester classes are available on campus, online, day, evening and weekend. Flex start and mini-term options are also available.

For more information about Wallace State, visit https://www.wallacestate.edu.



LEGALS

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

In Re the Estate of)
)
Shelby Jean McAnnally,) Case No. PC 2021-135
)
Deceased)

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TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Samuel W. McAnnally as Personal Representative of the Estate of Shelby Jean McAnnally, deceased, on the 15th day of April, 2021, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate,

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Samuel W. McAnnally
Personal Representative,
Samuel W. McAnnally

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Cullman County, Alabama

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DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY
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Walker Brothers, LTD
(Plaintiff)
v. Case No. SM-2015-900350
Tim Anderson
(Defendant)

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Defendant, Tim Anderson, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD, for $4,268.67 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account.

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Dated this the 14th day of April, 2021.

Lisa McSwain
LISA MCSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY
500 2nd Ave SW
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Walker Brothers, LTD
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v. Case No. SM-2020-900168
Sonya Peak
(Defendant)

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Myslinski Home Improvement, LLC
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
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Deceased. *

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Grants (from Front)

dren's Center in Florence is using $15,000 to assist its continued efforts to help child abuse victims and their families in Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Marion and Winston counties, while also helping to prosecute offenders.

The center provides services including intervention, support and advocacy. Matching funds of $3,750 will supplement the grant.

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) is administering the grants from funds made available to the state from the U.S. Department of Justice.

"Gov. Ivey believes strongly that victims should continue to receive the services and help they require for recovery," ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell said.

"ADECA's partnerships with these organizations play a critical role in making sure victims get help quickly and from dedicated professionals."

ADECA administers a wide range of programs that support law enforcement, victim programs, economic development, water resource management, energy conservation and recreation.

Clinic (from Front)

Mary Beth Sellers
Cullman Regional

CULLMAN, Ala. – As the demand for COVID-19 vaccines is starting to decrease, Cullman Regional is relocating its vaccine clinic to the Cullman Regional Urgent Care Center. As of April 14, all first dose vaccinations will be given at the Urgent Care Center located at 1958 AL-Hwy 157, Cullman, AL 35058.

Second doses will continue to be administered in Cullman Regional's Colonel Cullmann Room through May 3 for those who received their first dose before April 14.

"Moving the vaccination clinics to the Urgent Care Center will offer more flexibility in scheduling for community members," said Lindsey Dossey, vice president of marketing.

"Appointments will now be offered after hours and on weekends."

Cullman Regional recently launched an online scheduling tool to allow community members to self-schedule themselves for the COVID-19 vaccine.

Patients can access the online form at https://cullmanregional.com/cullman-regional-vaccination-clinics/?swcfpc=1.

Patients must have an appointment to receive a vaccine.

Information about additional vaccination locations is available on the ADPH website at www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19vaccine.

Vaccine eligibility was recently expanded to all people ages 16 and above. As of Monday, Cullman Regional has administered more than 28,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine since its clinic first opened Dec. 14.

Stay up-to-date on all of the information regarding COVID-19 by following Cullman Regional on Social Media: Facebook, Instagram & Twitter or visit https://cullmanregional.com/coronavirus-2/.

Concert (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman Band program's 2021 Percussion Ensemble will at last be able to showcase their talents Thursday, April 22 at 7 p.m. Dinner with the Drumline had become a popular event for the schools' percussion ensemble before being completely sidelined last year due to the pandemic. This year, although restrictions prevent the dinner portion to take place, the concert will be held once again.

This year's concert will take place in the Auxiliary Gym (new) at Cullman High School and will feature the Cullman High School Percussion Ensemble, the Cullman Middle School eighth grade Percussion Ensemble and alumni guest Matt Mansour.

Assistant Director and percussion instructor Doug Teuscher said, "This year, until we get this year wrapped up, we are just going to do the concert. That's my favorite part anyway. The concert is free. This is to showcase what we've been working on and just give the kids the opportunity to perform."

The Cullman Middle School eighth grade ensemble will perform one selection followed by several percussion-only selections by the high school's ensemble. "They have all been working really hard and the selections are pretty cool."

The high school had been rehearsing in the school's lunchroom this year when the concert was planned. This will be the first time the percussion ensemble will be performing in the school's gym.

Teuscher said, "I've never done a concert in the gym, but I think I want to try it. It might be cool and add some depth to the music and might emphasize the drums."

Matt Mansour, a CHS alumni, will also perform. Teuscher explained, "He is studying percussion now at the University of North Alabama and he has some pretty impressive stuff. He is going to play a solo for us."

The concert is expected to last around an hour and admission is free.

Guide (from Front)

Christy Perry
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We all know someone who seems compelled to ruin any and every conversation. I call them the one-uppers. Regardless of your experience, they feel compelled to one-up every single one. They can effortlessly make every statement, story, situation and conversation about them. To the one-uppers, how about you shut-upper.

The art of listening to each other seems to be on the decline and for the one-up folks, it's a completely lost art. Sometimes I refer to these people as "Sprinkles" or "Cherry" because they insist on being on top of the sundae.

Recently, a particularly annoying species of Sprinkles has emerged--the "I worked 80 hours this week" specimen.

You know the type. You make a simple statement such as "I'm exhausted" only to have them say, "Oh, well I've worked 86 hours and slept 14 minutes this week." Do these people want a trophy or something? When did these become desirable traits?

The number of hours you clock in at work doesn't define your worth. You are not more valuable to society because you prioritize work over everything else. There are plenty of people who are working 30-40 a week while also tending to children and family, or volunteering at schools and civic organizations.

People are doing many things outside of the time clock that are important to them, and that's OK! You should never be made to feel less than for prioritizing yourself and your family over your employer.

If someone tells you they are tired or stressed out and your next move is to compare and compete--you might be a one-upper. Next time, give this response a try: "I've noticed you have been doing a lot lately. Is there anything I can help you with?" If you are tired too, sympathize, don't patronize. There is a good chance that the stress many people are under has already been made worse by those who previously failed to care.

Another type of one-upper is the classic "well, my child" type. Sit down Sprinkles! One moment when my average child is recognized will not diminish your kid's achievements that we have applauded at every assembly for 12 years. We can be proud of kids other than our own.

Teach your kids to applaud other winners and stop telling them the outcome was unfair or that they should have won instead. This could be the first step in making sure we prevent generational one-upping. Stop the cycle of thinking that they too must be the sprinkles on top of the sundae.

Perhaps the most classic type is the "I got a story better than yours" party-poopers. There was a character named "Penelope" played by Kristin Wiig several years ago that addressed this type. Penelope ruined every meeting, holiday gathering and social event she attended by habitually one-upping everybody in the room. Funny in a comedy skit--horrible in real life.

One-uppers come in many forms and types. I'm not sure what drives their need to feel like the tallest and most interesting person in the room. I don't know why they feel as though outdoing everyone is an impressive quality. I would simply tell them this- we are all juggling many balls. Some of those balls are invisible to others. There is really no point in trying to out-juggle the person next to you. Be kind. It should never be a competition.

Obituary Announcements: April 15

Rev. Millard G. Mann, 96, of Cullman
Rev. Millard G. Mann of Cullman, Alabama died April 13, 2021 at the age of 96. He was born March 29, 1925 in Cullman to Theophilus R. and Annie Mae Patterson Mann. He is preceded in death by his parents; wife: Wilma Mann; daughter: Janice Anita Mann and son: Timothy Allen Mann. Mr. Mann volunteered for The United States Navy Oct. 12, 1942 and was part of the commissioning crew of the U.S. Hector AR 7 on which he served until the end of World War II. Mr. Mann surrendered to the call to the ministry in Sept. 1953. He served several churches in his many years of his ministry. Funeral services will be Tuesday April 20, 2021 at 2 p.m. at Seventh Street Baptist Church in Cullman, Alabama with Rev. Eric Martin and Rev. Keith Whitley officiating. Interment will follow the service at New Hope #2 Cemetery in the Holly Pond community. Survivors are son: Joseph Anthony (Luanne) Mann; grandson: Joseph Scott (Brandy) Mann; great-grandchildren: Reagan, Holden and Hattie and brother: Hollis Brannon. Visitation for Mr. Mann will be Monday, April 19, 2021 at Seventh Street Baptist Church from 4:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Thomas Ross Eubank, 52, of Cullman
Memorial Service for Thomas Ross Eubank, 52, of Cullman, will be Friday, April 23, 2021 at Daystar Church in Good Hope. The family will receive friends at 2 p.m. and the service will follow the visitation. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Eubank family. Mr. Eubank was born Oct. 4, 1968 to Thomas E. and Mary Elizabeth Blanton Eubank. He passed from this life April 14, 2021 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. He was preceded in death by his parents. Mr. Eubank is survived by his wife: Diane Eubank; daughters: Heather Hendon and Holly (Charles) Oldham; uncle: Ross Blanton; aunt: Nancy Blanton; uncle: Terry Warman; grandchildren: Evelyn and Olivia Blanton and Brayson Thomas Hendon; best friends: Terry (Tonya) McGill, Drew (Nancy) Hartman, Jamie (Kim) McAdams and a host of family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

James Larry Berry, age 77, of Haleyville
James Larry Berry, age 77, of Haleyville, died Wednesday, April 14, 2021, at Princeton Baptist Medical Center in Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. Berry was born December 25, 1943 in Haleyville, Alabama. Visitation will be Saturday, April 17, 2021 from 10 - 11 a.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where the service will be held at 11 a.m. Burial will be at Winston Memorial Cemetery in Haleyville, Alabama. Larry is survived by his wife of 52 years: Gaynell Berry and multiple generations of family, friends and neighbors. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ozzie and Exel Berry. Memories and condolences may be shared at www.nicholsfuneralhomes.com.

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Cullman County recognized for 'Best Farm-City Dinner'

Debra Davis, Marlee Moore
Contributors

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – Houston and Pike counties are top in the state when it comes to Alabama Farm-City programs, and each group's members were recognized at the organization's awards program held in Birmingham April 8.

County programs are ranked in two divisions. Division 1 has more than 35,600 people and was won by Houston County; Division 2 has fewer residents, and Pike County took top honors. In addition to an award and recognition for their hard work, winning committees also received cash awards from Alabama Farm Credit. Division winners received $300, runners-up took home $200 and category winners received $100.

"When Alabama Farm Credit approached us about being a Farm-City sponsor, we wanted their investment to enhance the program's mission to build bridges between farmers and their neighbors," said Alabama Farm-City Committee Chairman Jeff Helms.

"By investing in these county programs, Alabama Farm Credit is helping to strengthen activities at the local level where it's more difficult to find cash, rather than in-kind, support. We appreciate Alabama Farm Credit CEO and President Mel Koller for advancing Farm-City's work in our communities."

In addition to being named Division 1 winner, Houston County was recognized for the Best Media Coverage / Proclamation and Best Civic Club Programs. Utilizing the pandemic to highlight its Farm-City mission, the committee used digital billboards to feature photos of front-line workers on a farm. The signage included a Sweet Grown Alabama theme and Farm-City Week dates. The committee generated numerous media stories featuring Farm-City activities and created its own newsletter. Other activities included proclamations and community activities.

Cullman County was runner-up in Division 1 and was recognized for the Best Farm-City Dinner.

Division 2 state winner Pike County was also recognized for the Best Special Activities Program. The creative committee recognized senior county committee members, coordinated a job swap, honored local health care workers coordinated a touch-a-tractor educational event, gave local tours, donated agricultural books to local libraries and distributed educational materials to over 2,000 students. The group also established a memorial fund to honor longtime Pike County Farm-City Committee member Tammy Powell.

Other Division 1 Winners
- Best Farm-City Tour — Calhoun County
- Scrapbook Award — Montgomery County
- Innovative Idea Award — Marshall County
- Best Special Activities — Lee County
- Target Award — Lauderdale County

Other Division 2 Winners
- Best Farm-City Tour — Randolph County
- Scrapbook Award — Geneva County
- Innovative Idea Award — Lawrence County
- Best Farm-City Dinner — Franklin County
- Best Media Coverage / Proclamation — Franklin County

Student Farm-City Program

A myriad of media was available for contestants to explore and use when illustrating the 2020 Farm-City theme, "Sweet Grown Alabama."

Eighteen students representing 14 counties were honored for their creativity during the Alabama Farm-City Awards Program in Birmingham, April 8. Contests spanned three categories — posters, essays and videos.

Alabama Farm-City Committee Chairman Jeff Helms applauded the students' artistry, depicted with posters, crayons and markers, language, Word documents and graphics and video footage.

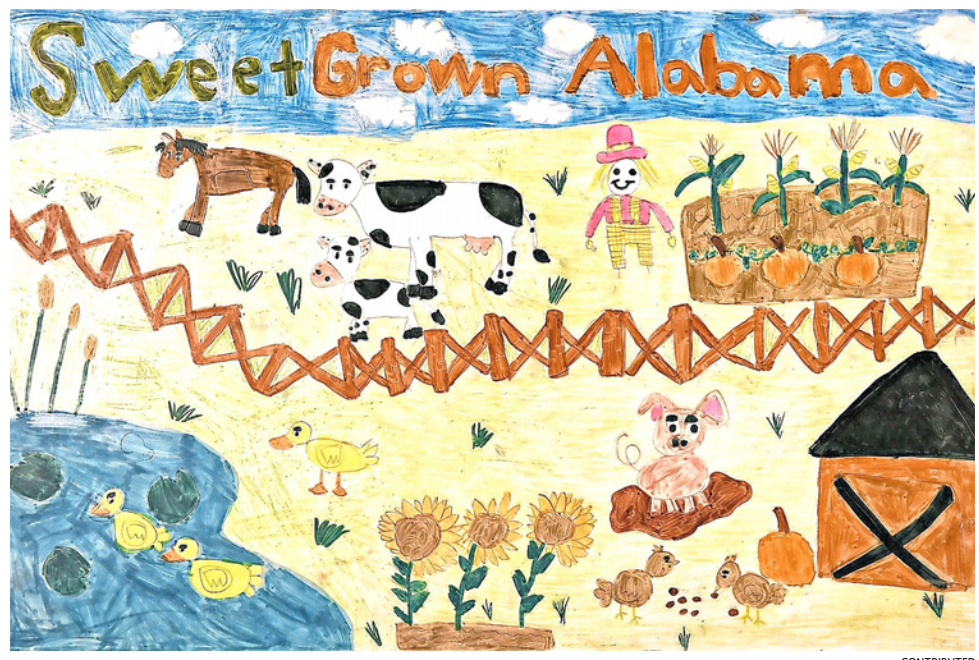
"These students showed how sweet the bounty of Alabama agriculture really is," Helms said. "Our judges were impressed with all entrants' work, and we're thankful our friends at Alabama Farmers Cooperative are again sponsoring cash prizes for these winning contestants and matching awards for their schools."

The theme supported Alabama's state agricultural branding program. Learn more by visiting SweetGrownAlabama.org.

Poster Contest, Kindergarten-Third Grade
- First place and $200 — Maddie Jane Shealy, second grade, Lineville Elementary School in Clay County
- Second place and $100 — Lydia Darley, third grade, Ariton Elementary School in Dale County

Poster Contest, Fourth-Sixth Grade
- First place and $200 — Maddie Thomas, fifth grade, Ariton Elementary School in Dale County
- Second place and $100 — Caiden Granger, fifth grade, Lakewood Elementary School in Russell County

Eight students also received an honorable mention and $50 through the poster contest:
- **Chloe Walker, second grade, Fairview Elementary School in Cullman County**
- Jeremiah Bates, second grade, Caldwell Elementary in Jackson County
- Adley Sellers, third grade, Bagley Elementary in Jefferson County
- Addison Heath, third grade, Sulligent School in Lamar County
- Emma Leigh Orr, fourth grade, Beauregard Elementary in Lee County
- McKinley Morris, fifth grade, Hartselle Intermediate School in Morgan County
- Loxley Lankford, fourth grade, Pike Liberal Arts School in Pike County
- Mallory Campbell, fourth grade, Munford Elementary in Talladega County



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Cullman County student Chloe Walker was one of eight students statewide who earned honorable mention in the 2020 Alabama Farm-City poster contest. Walker, a second grader at Fairview Elementary received a $50 prize and the award-winning poster will be included in the 2022 Farm-City calendar.

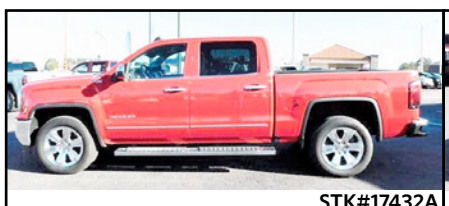
The 2022 Alabama Farm-City Calendar will feature poster winners and honorees, in addition to winning essays.

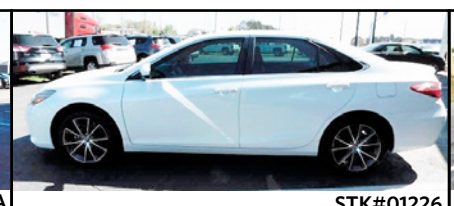
Essay Contest, Seventh-Ninth Grade
- First place and $300 — Nicholas Sasser, ninth grade, Central Freshman Academy in Russell County
- Second place and $200 — Molly Kate Williamson, ninth grade, First Assembly Christian School in Clay County

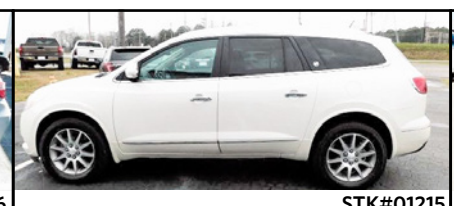
Essay Contest 10th-12th Grade
- First place and $300 — Aisha Nasser, 12th grade, Hubbertville School in Fayette County
- Second place and $200 — Holly Ellis, 12th grade, Skyline High School in Jackson County

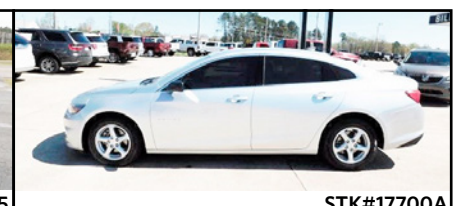
Video Contest
- First place and $300 — Rio Murray, 12th grade, Munford High School in Talladega County
- Second place and $200 — Miley Taylor, 10th grade, Crenshaw County Career Academy in Crenshaw County

Bill Smith Used Cars


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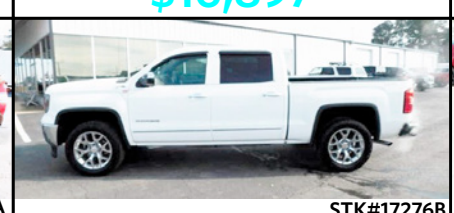

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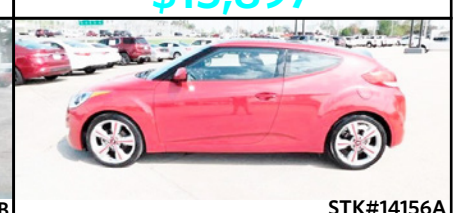

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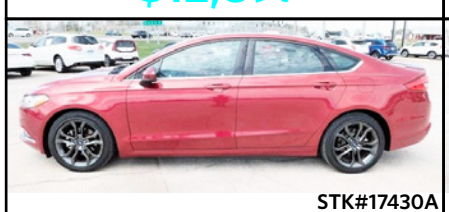

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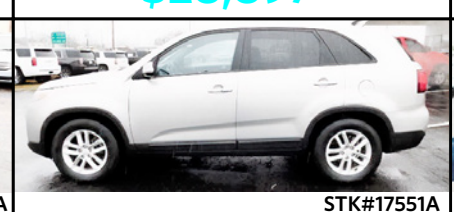

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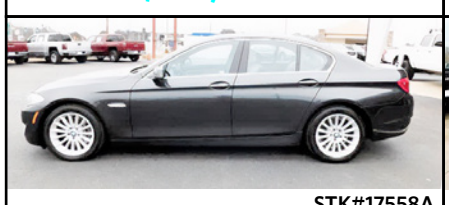

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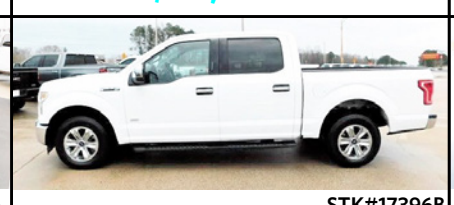

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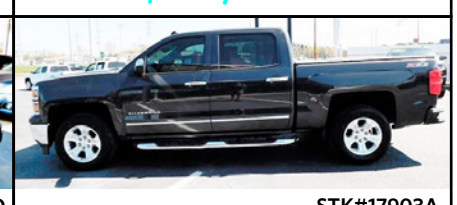

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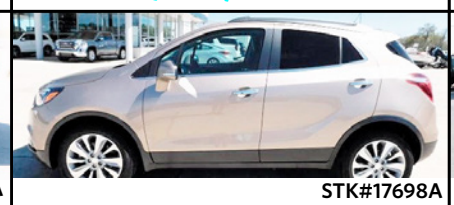

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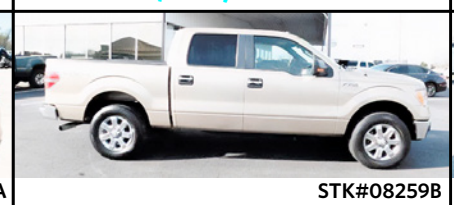

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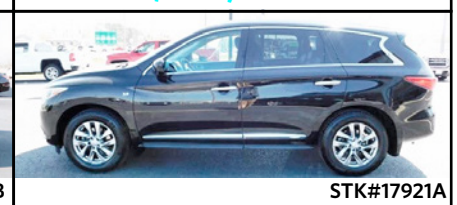

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