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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Cullman County Community Development Commission awards $84,000 in grants

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Community Development Commission (CCCDC) met Tuesday evening and awarded a total of $84,000 in grants.

The following grant requests were approved:

• Good Hope Elementary School - $12,000 for tables and chairs for social distancing

• Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation - $12,000 to assist cancer patients in need

• Crane Hill Communities Fire and EMS - $12,000 to purchase a LUCAS CPR device » PAGE 7



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The CCCDC met Tuesday evening

Hanceville High School blood drive surpasses donor goal



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Senior Caleb Stephens gives blood at Tuesday's blood drive at Hanceville High School

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HANCEVILLE. Ala. – Students at Hanceville High School filled every spot available for their spring blood drive with the American Red Cross. Tuesday's blood drive was held in the lobby of the school's gymnasium and students were happy to donate, many for the first time.

LEO Club Adviser Tina Weldon and members of the Hanceville High School LEO Club organized Tuesday's blood drive. Leldon said, "So far, all of our donors today have been students, with the exception of two. Our kids are really good to come out. We had to actually add spots twice because we had so many kids donate."

To be eligible to give blood, students must be 17 years old, or 16 with parental consent. They also have to meet the standard protocols regarding weight, height and other factors. Weldon reported that a couple of students had been turned away for not meeting the requirements.

Weldon expected to have 44 donors by the end of the day and added, "We would have had more but they just didn't have enough appointments for them." To make sure students had a chance to donate, students were scheduled around their core classes.

COVID has created a blood shortage and according to the students the Tribune spoke to, that was a major incentive for them to donate. Another incentive offered by the Red Cross are free T-shirts and a chance to win one of five $1,000 gift certificates.

Senior Caleb Stephens was giving blood for the first time. "I thought it would be a good opportunity to be nice and I thought I'd do it," he said. Stephens plans to continue his giving spirit after graduation as » PAGE 5

– LOCAL CHARITIES –

Cullman Caring for Kids holds Child Abuse Prevention Month observance at Heritage Park from 11-1 today



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CCK assistant director Nancy Bryant places a blue ribbon on a light post near the Cullman County Courthouse. » PAGE 8

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

West Point Town Council receives positive report on water treatment plant



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Living Water Services President Grady Parsons addresses the West Point Town Council » PAGE 8

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EDUCATION

Hanceville, Cullman honor Wallace State with proclamations during Community College Month



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Hanceville Mayor Kenneth Nail, seated, signs a proclamation honoring Wallace State Community College during Community College Month. On hand for the signing were Wallace State students Chandler Ogles, standing at left, of Warrior, Karina Faulkner of Holly Pond, and Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Karolewics.



WSCC

Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs presented a proclamation from the City of Cullman to Wallace State Community College honoring the college during Community College Month. Pictured from left are Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Karolewics, students Preston Key of Hayden, Marlen Leon of Gardendale, Bailey Grant of Hayden, Grant Sikes of West Point, Ethan Wideman of Curry and Monzerrath Mondragon of Locust Fork.

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Hanceville Mayor Kenneth Nail and Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs both signed proclamations this week recognizing Wallace State Community College during Community College Month.

Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Karolewics thanked the mayors for their support and this recognition. She introduced the students, who represent the Wallace State SGA, Ambassadors and other campus organizations.

"We have an outstanding relationship with Wallace State, and we're proud of what the college represents for our city, county and the state," said Hanceville Mayor Kenneth Nail. "The City of Hanceville does its best to promote Wallace State, because what's good for Wallace State is good for Hanceville."

Mayor Jacobs told the students in attendance how much the city appreciates its relationship with the college and the impact it has had on the city in regard to building its workforce and attracting business and industry to the area, as well as being a wonderful resource for students in the area. Wallace State has been celebrating Community College Month with various events this month and by highlighting the stories of alumni. For more information, visit www.wscccalumni.org/ccmonth21.

LIFESTYLE

A decade later, Bo Jackson still 'Bikes for Bama'

2021 Bo Bikes Bama event to feature closed VIP Ride, at-home routes for cyclists statewide

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AUBURN, Ala. – Nearly 10 years ago, two-sport legend Bo Jackson called on celebrities, friends and fans to cycle through communities devastated by a string of deadly tornadoes that struck Alabama April 27, 2011. The five-day ride, coined 'Bo Bikes Bama,' began as a way to bring national attention to communities in need, to spread hope and to help in recovery.

This year, the 10th Annual Bo Bikes Bama From Home ride will take place Saturday, April 24, and will look slightly different in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Through Bo Bikes Bama's partner platform Zwift – a global community with group rides and community races for all levels – participating cyclists will choose their own routes through their neighborhoods, nearby parks or trails to ensure personal safety, all while continuing to bring awareness to the cause.

"I've always said that I am my brothers' and sisters' keeper," said Jackson in a video to his supporters.

"In 2021, that means we will have to ride together – but apart. Even though we won't be riding side-by-side, we can still make a big impact as one Bo Bikes Bama family."

In keeping with the last two years, a small VIP ride will be held Friday, April 23, before the main from-home ride the following day.

Led by Jackson, this closed VIP ride through the Auburn-Opelika community will take place in person – but with added safety precautions.

Nike, Trek Bicycle, Trek Travel and Big Communications will return as producing partners, allowing the volunteer-led event to keep expenses to a minimum so that funds can be contributed directly to the cause.

Registration for Bo Bikes Bama is open at https://bobikesbama.com/the-ride/ride-details/.

Each registrant will receive a Bo Bikes Bama T-shirt, along with other items such as a commemorative bike plate, bracelet, sticker, etc., and will have the opportunity to purchase an exclusive rider jersey.

Additionally, top fundraisers will be provided new perks this year. Forthcoming event news and updates will be posted to bobikesbama.com, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Although encouraged to participate and ride Saturday, the last official day to register is May 2.

If interested in making a donation, please visit https://bobikesbama.com/donate/. In order to compete as a top fundraiser and receive prizes, visit https://bobikesbama.com/the-ride/fundraising/.

About Bo Bikes Bama
Bo Bikes Bama is a charity bike ride started by sports legend Bo Jackson to honor the lives lost during the April 27, 2011 tornado outbreak and to help the state of Alabama recover and prepare for the future.

On the first anniversary of the storms, Jackson embarked on a five-day journey following the path of the tornadoes joined by celebrity friends. Bo Bikes Bama became an annual event in April 2013, when Bo returned to Alabama for a one-day ride in Cordova, Alabama, one of the hardest hit cities of the 2011 outbreak.

Over the last decade, Bo Bikes Bama has attracted approximately 7,550 cyclists from across the country and raised more than $2 million.

Bo Bikes Bama initiatives support the Governor's Emergency Relief Fund, which has repaired hundreds of homes and provided community storm shelters throughout the state.

About the Governor's Emergency Relief Fund
The Governor's Emergency Relief Fund (GERF) was established immediately following the April 27, 2011 tornadoes. GERF helps Alabamians who have exhausted all other avenues of disaster relief provided by insurance, government funding and relief organizations. Through the fund, 600 homes have been repaired at an average cost of $6,482. GERF has also funded projects to protect the state in future natural disasters including 68 community safe rooms, 10 emergency warning sirens, and emergency generators for volunteer fire departments. A nine-member committee reviews requests presented by Long Term Recovery Committees from across the state and votes on funding to help individuals and communities recover.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Tuesday, April 20, 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: 405, 470 (-6 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 118,195 (+1,159 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 8,507 (+51 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 2,291
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,450 (+0 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 3,064 (+5 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 128 (+1 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 63
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 40,119
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 1,951
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 55
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,468,555
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 3,549
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 121,196
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 372
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama (reported M-F): 48,524
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 328,752

Vaccine details (updated Monday-Friday)
- Doses delivered to Alabama: 3,600,855
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 2,801,065
- Doses administered: 2,275,642
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 1,410,633
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 938,423
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 799,790

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

FEMA community vaccination center to provide COVID-19 vaccinations starting April 21
The drive-thru FEMA Community Vaccination Center located at Watermark Place (4500 Katies Way) in Bessemer will provide vaccinations to citizens starting at 9 a.m. April 21. The site will be open seven days a week, and appointments will be available, but not required. If you would like to make an appointment, you can visit the web scheduler located at https://myturn.timetap.com. The website also includes links to documents that will need to be reviewed prior to being vaccinated. These materials will also be available on-site.

COVID-19 breakthrough cases
ADPH notes that there are between 180-190 suspected cases of vaccine breakthrough in Alabama. Such suspected cases are persons who have either received two Pfizer or Moderna vaccines and are two weeks post second vaccine, or one Johnson and Johnson vaccine and are two weeks post vaccine dose. No vaccine is 100% effective, but it is important to note that studies indicate persons who are vaccinated and still contract disease have less severe illness and are unlikely to be hospitalized or die from COVID-19. Currently, Pfizer and Moderna are the two COVID-19 vaccines available as Johnson & Johnson is on temporary hold. ADPH urges all age eligible Alabamians to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

COVID-19 care for uninsured individuals
In response to concerns of access barriers some people are facing regarding documentation requests before receiving COVID-19 vaccination, and individuals inappropriately being sent bills for COVID-19 vaccine fees, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services developed two fact sheets to help both patients and providers better understand their rights and responsibilities regarding access to COVID-19 vaccines. COVID-19 vaccines are free to all individuals living in the United States and these resources will help provide information to patients and providers. Fact sheets and additional information can be accessed here, www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/covid-19-care-uninsured-individuals/index.html

Johnson & Johnson vaccine update
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) met April 14 to discuss the recommended pause in the use of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine. ACIP did not put forth any formal recommendations during this meeting, and the pause continues at this time. ACIP will meet April 23 to further discuss the pause of use for the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

National Guard COVID-19 vaccination clinic update
The Alabama National Guard continues to host second-dose Pfizer vaccine clinics in under-served and rural counties throughout the state. The second-dose clinics are being held in the same counties that were originally visited to offer first doses. Second-dose vaccination information can be found at www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19vaccine/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.

ADPH still encourages use of facial coverings
Though 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 health care facilities continue to require facial coverings in their facilities.

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported April 20

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported April 20, 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 19
- harassing communications; person
- identity theft; person

ARRESTS
April 19
Lancaster, Jordan L.; 25
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- speeding

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submit your calendar items or public notices to olivia@cullmantribune.com

'Come to the Well' Community Women's Bible Study
• Tuesday mornings at 10 at the Hebrews Cafe at East Side Baptist Church, 1111 Third St. SE in Cullman
• Please wear a mask/ face covering.

Baileyton Bargain Days
• First and third Saturday of each month from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the old Baileyton fire station next to the town's park
• Beauty and health products, toys, home goods, pet items, food and many everyday items
• A donation of $20 will allow a shopper to fill up a bag, and for $40 a shopper can fill a large box. Some of the items of greater value will require a larger donation. There will be some restrictions and product limits on the items. Cash and checks accepted.
• Proceeds will be used for park improvements and capital improvements for the town.

Alcoholics Anonymous
The Grace of God group of Alcoholics Anonymous has open AA meetings (all are welcome) Monday and Thursday nights from 7-8 p.m. at the Carriage House, located next to Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE Cullman. Contact phone numbers: 256-347-1097, 256-841-2209 or 256-708-1340

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Prayer meetings- Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Come and pray with us or come to receive prayer.
• Ladies' exercise classes- Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Children welcome.
• Classes- Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult class, "The Phases of Armageddon" by Pastor Bobby Dodd
• Sundays at 9 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Small group classes for adults, children and youth at 10 a.m. Praise and worship and message at 11 a.m.
• Mondays-Fridays- Our 5 Points Ministry provide free hot meals for children and elderly 3:30-5 p.m. at the Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW Please call Aimee at 256-841-2060 to register or for more information. Eat in or take out. Kids' activities are available. Kids do not have to come to the center to get a free meal. Adults can list the names of the children and do takeout meals. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry and Spirit Life Church.
• Sundays-9 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Small group classes for children, youth and adults at 10 a.m. Praise and Worship and message at 11 a.m.
• Sunday, April 25, 11 a.m. Praise and Worship. message "You Can Change" by Pastor Bobby Dodd

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

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

Festhalle Farmers Market
• 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Open every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from April – October
• Stop by to shop the freshest produce from Cullman-based farms
• For more information, call 256-590-5009 or send an email to mgraveman@cullmanrecreation.org

Agriplex April programs
Children's Programs
• April 29, 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 21, 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.

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

Good Hope Public Cemetery Decoration Weekend Clean up Announcement
• May 1-2 - Good Hope Public Cemetery will hold its annual Decoration Weekend on Saturday,
• May 1 and Sunday, May 2. Please have all flowers and decorations removed from the cemetery by Sunday, April 25. Any flowers and decorations remaining after April 25th will be subject to removal bycemetery maintenance with respect to condition. We ask that all new flowers and decorations be kept as close to the monuments as possible. Donations to the cemetery can be sent to Good Hope Public
• Cemetery P.O. Box 355 Cullman, AL. 35056 and are tax deductible and help us to pay for cemetery upkeep. Thanks.

May 2 - Decoration at Shady Grove Methodist Church at Logan
10 a.m. the first Sunday in May! Join us!

2nd Annual Ridin' for Residents
• May 8 - The 2nd Annual Ridin' for Residents is coming up Saturday, May 8, 2021. This is a joint benefit between Cullman County Wranglers and USA Healthcare to bring joy and smiles to the faces of the residents of some of Cullman and surrounding areas' assisted living centers and nursing homes.
• Our inaugural event had 127 Jeeps! Let's make our 2nd event even more fun for our residents!
• If you would like to bring a donation, we are seeking stamps, stationery, blank greeting cards, pens, lotions, shower gel or card games. Donations are completely optional.
• Registration is free. We ask that you register, so we have an accurate count to give city officials, so they can offer assistance with traffic the day of the event. To register or purchase at-shirt, visit https://cullmancountywranglers.com/ridinforresidents/.
• To purchase at-shirt, click "register," and you will see the option to purchase. To receive your shirt by the day of the event, you must order by 10:00 a.m. on April 22. Shirts are $20 and available in youth and adult sizes. (XXL and XXXL shirts are $22 and $23 respectively.)

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PREP SOFTBALL

Lady Bearcats edge West Point 2-0 on the road

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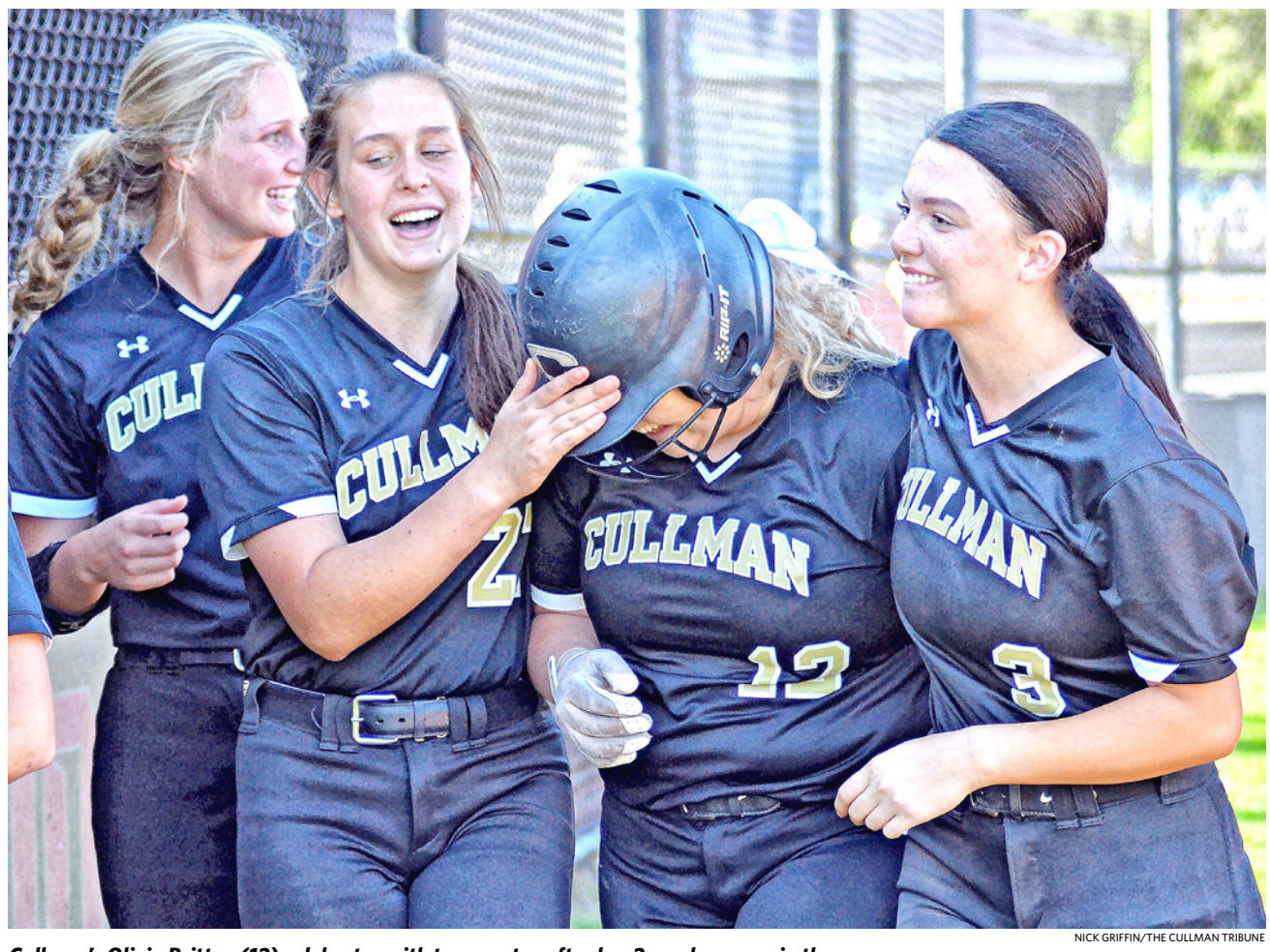
WEST POINT, Ala. – Both Cullman and West Point put on impressive showings over the weekend at this year's Pre-State Blowout Tournament and Monday night they met at West Point High School to square off against each other. The Lady Bearcats took an early lead when Olivia Britton launched a 2-run bomb over the left field fence and that was all the offense they needed to leave with a 2-0 win over the Lady Warriors. Chalea Clemmons earned the start and the win in the circle after tossing a complete game, giving up just three hits and striking out 13 West Point batters.

After a scoreless first inning, Carlie Burnham was hit by a pitch to reach first base and two pitches later, Britton's homerun gave Cullman a 2-0 lead in the top of the second. It became a pitcher's duel between Clemmons and West Point's Carlie Wilkins the rest of the way, with neither team having any success putting runs on the board.

Both teams scattered hits here and there, but the Lady Warriors first really threatened to score when they were down to their last out in the bottom of the seventh. A single from Lexi Kimbril and a double off the bat of Bethany Minck put runners on second and third with the winning run at the plate but Clemmons forced Lexi Shadix to fly out and the Lady Bearcats held on to win a tight road game 2-0.

Britton (2-run HR) led the way for Cullman offensively and Faith Guest posted a pair of hits as well. Savannah Davis added another hit in the win. Minck posted a pair of hits for West Point in the loss and Kimbril finished with a hit as well. Both teams combined for just seven hits in the game.

The Lady Bearcats improve to 24-11 with the win and will be back on the road to play James Clemmons next Monday while the Lady Warriors will be back home tomorrow for an area showdown against Russellville.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman's Olivia Britton (12) celebrates with teammates after her 2-run homerun in the second inning of the Lady Bearcats' 2-0 win at West Point Monday.

PREP SOFTBALL

Holly Pond takes 5-4 area win over Pennington, Broncos down Mustangs 3-1

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HOLLY POND, Ala. – The Holly Pond Lady Broncos hosted an area matchup against J.B. Pennington on senior night Monday while right next door the Broncos took on Southeastern at home. Both squads came out victorious, with the Lady Broncos winning a nail-biter, 5-4 and the Broncos taking care of business against the Mustangs 3-1.

Holly Pond 5 – J.B. Pennington 4 (Softball)

J.B. Pennington quickly got on the scoreboard to start out the game as an RBI double gave them an early 1-0 lead, but Holly Pond got that run back and then some in their opening at-bats. Samantha Giles got hit by the pitch, then Mattie Earl drew a walk. One out later, Kaylee Stallings reached on an error, which allowed Earl to score as the game was tied up at one. Brooke Hill then lined a two-run single to right field and later scored on another error to give the Lady Broncos a 4-1 lead after one.

The Lady Tigers scored on a wild pitch to make it a two-run game going into the bottom of the third, but Holly Pond answered right back on a Cidney Hays sacrifice fly. J.B. Pennington scored on a wild pitch and an RBI groundout in the top of the fifth as it was now a 5-4 game.

Neither team put up any more runs the rest of the way as Lexie Smith retired the Lady Tigers in order in the seventh to help preserve the 5-4 win.

Smith went six innings, allowed just one hit, walked nine, and struck out nine in a real gutsy performance out on the mound for Holly Pond.

Hill finished with a hit and two RBIs, while Hays collected an RBI of her own.

Raeleigh Olinger and Taylor Simmons each added a pair of hits in the contest, while Giles, Aubrey Armstrong, and Smith each finished with a hit.

The Lady Broncos are now 4-0 in the area and will travel to take on Brindlee Mountain on Tuesday. A win by Holly Pond and they will be hosting the area tournament.

Holly Pond 3 - Southeastern 1 (Baseball)

After two scoreless innings, Holly Pond got something going in the bottom of the third as Thomas Bell hit a two-out single and on the first pitch, Andy Light hit a two-run home run over the left field fence to give the Broncos a 2-0 lead. Southeastern trimmed into the Holly Pond lead in the fifth inning as an RBI single made it a one-run game, but a Seth Whiting RBI single pushed the Bronco lead to 3-1 in their half.

Light worked around a single in the sixth to get out of the inning and then gave up a one-out single in the seventh, but he started the game-ending double play to give Holly Pond the 3-1 win.

Light (two RBIs) and Whiting (one RBI) each finished with two hits in the game for Holly Pond, while Hunter Farr and Bell each added a hit as well. Light pitched a complete game six-hitter as he gave up just one earned run, walked one and struck out four. The Broncos will travel to take on Whitesburg Christian Academy on Tuesday.



SAMMY CONFER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Holly Pond's Lexie Smith struck out nine and gave up just one hit in six innings in the Lady Broncos' 5-4 area win over J.B. Pennington.

WSCC ATHLETICS

Women's golf and men's tennis win respective ACCC championships; volleyball's season ends at nationals

Russell Moore
WSCC Athletics

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Wallace State's women's golf and men's tennis teams won their respective Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC) Tournaments over the weekend.

Wallace State's women's golf team won a fourth consecutive ACCC title behind low medalist Lauren Cole and All-Tournament members Maddie Nelson and Abigail Baker at Guntersville's Eagles Nest Golf Course.

The Lady Lions, who have won all four tournaments they have played in this spring, won the 2021 title by 42 strokes, and Cole won her 7th career low medalist title at Wallace State, carding a 10-over par 154.

"I'm proud of our team, and we're excited to be champions.

"Our sophomores have remained dedicated to our program, and I'm glad they get to enjoy a championship after having last season cut short," said Wallace State women's coach J.J. Adams.

"While we have room to improve as a team until nationals, we're looking forward to traveling down there. We have a good chance for a strong showing."

Adams was named the 2021 ACCC Coach of the Year.

Cole registered a 79 over the opening 18 holes and closed out the two-day event with a 75.

The sophomore from Glencoe has earned low medalist honors in all four tournaments this spring for Wallace State.

Nelson was the individual runner-up, finishing with a 176 (85-82), and Baker was fourth, carding a 170 (81-89).

Hannah Sanders was ninth overall (175) for Wallace State and Carly Havens 12th.

Jeff State was the conference runner-up. The field also consisted of Calhoun, Snead State and Northeast Alabama.

Wallace State's women travel to the NJCAA Division I Women's Golf Championship on May 10-13 in Ormond Beach, Fla.

The Lady Lions will seek to improve next month on a program-best 10th-place finish at nationals in 2019.

"We're young from a program standpoint, but the expectations we have are high. We want to be the best program we possibly can be, and it begins by loving the game and taking it seriously. This team has embraced those expectations," Adams said.

Wallace State tennis

Wallace State's men's tennis team is the ACCC champion for the third time in four seasons.

The Lions swept through the two-day event over the weekend at the Sand Mountain Park and Amphitheater after an undefeated march against conference foes in the regular season.

"Our guys have played great all season. Our practices have been as impressive as our matches. That's fueled them to get better every single day," said Wallace State tennis coach Tim Garner.

"Our ultimate goal since the first day of practice has been to win conference and advance to nationals, with the hopes of us finishing a season.

"I think having not being able to finish last season motivated our guys even more.

"It's one of most motivated teams I've been around."

Wallace State's Sebastian Gamez-Para was named the ACCC Men's Tennis Player of the Year after winning his No. 1 singles match, 6-3, 7-6.

"While it is important to me, this should be an award for the entire team. We've been working hard for this championship," Gamez-Para said.

Also winning singles matches for Wallace State were Gage Anderson (6-1, 6-0), Hudson Thompson (6-1, 6-2), Tristian Du Plessis (6-1, 6-0), Connor Coots (6-0, 6-0) and Eli Hagan (6-2, 6-2).

In doubles action, Anderson and Thompson prevailed 8-2. Para and Coots collected an 8-3 match win in addition to Du Plassis and Hagan (8-3).

Garner was named the 2021 ACCC Men's Coach of the Year.

The Wallace State women also have a chance to win a conference championship. They'll play a tiebreaking match against Marion Military Institute on Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Gardendale.

The men advance to the NJCAA Division I Championships in Plano, Texas, on May 17-21.

Wallace State athletics has now won five ACCC championships during the 2020-2021 academic year (men and women's cross country, volleyball, men's tennis and women's golf).

Wallace State volleyball

Wallace State volleyball's outstanding season ended at the NJCAA Division I Championships in West Plains, Mo.

The Lions finished the campaign with a 34-2 record, finishing undefeated in the regular season and losing only three sets until the national tournament.

Coach Randy Daniel also surpassed the 500-win mark at Wallace State this season and was named the ACCC Coach of the Year.

The 12-seeded Lions lost to Iowa Western and Missouri State University-West Plains in the tournament.

Wallace State opened with a 21-25, 7-25, 12-25 loss to the eventual national champion Reivers.

In their next match, the Lions won the opening two sets before Missouri State-West Plains rallied to win the final three (26-24, 25-16, 23-25, 13-25, 5-15).

Sophomore Harlee Kate Reid finished with 21 kills and 13 digs in her final Wallace State match, while Mattrice Harris and Haven Hall added 14 kills apiece.

Savannah Rutledge racked up 53 assists and 12 digs. Temperance Chatman had 21 digs and Tori Walker added 17.

After having its Fall 2020 season delayed until this semester, Wallace State volleyball didn't miss a beat, winning its 11th ACCC Tournament title in 12 seasons and a 13th straight regular-season championship. The Lions made their 19th overall national championship appearance.

Harris, Reid and Savannah Rutledge were each ACCC 1st-team selections this season for Wallace State and Hall was a 2nd-team selection.

Reid was the ACCC Tournament MVP and Rutledge, Harris and Hall joined her as All-Tournament selections.

Sophomores on the team were Harris, Reid, Walker, Anna Renshaw, Laci Reese and Courtney Patterson.

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

CULLMAN HIGH SCHOOL PAGEANT WINNERS CROWNED

Congratulations to the 2020-2021 Miss Southerner and 2021 Fair Queen Representative Pageant winners

Miss Southerner 1st Alternate - Josie Rice
Miss Southerner 2nd Alternate - Emree Dean
Miss Southerner 3rd Alternate - Gracie Barksdale
Miss Southerner Miss Congeniality - Gracie Barksdale
Miss Southerner Miss Photogenic - Victoria Hudson

Miss Southerner Top Ten: Natalie Freeman, Ali Burleson, Marissa Brown, Cailey Barnett, Emree Dean, Lanie Townson, Gracie Barksdale, Josie Rice, Ashton Henderson, and Maddie Baughn

2021 Fair Queen Representative - Abby Sosa
Fair Queen Miss Congeniality - Marissa Brown
Fair Queen Talent Winner - Abbie Allison
Fair Queen 1st Alternate - Abbie Allison



CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

Josie Rice, Emree Dean, Ali Burleson, Gracie Barksdale



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Victoria Hudson, Ali Burleson, Gracie Barksdale



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Marissa Brown, Abby Sosa, Abbie Allison



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Abby Sosa, Ali Burleson



CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

***Back, left to right:** Lanie Townson, Ashton Henderson, Maddie Baughn, Josie Rice, Emree Dean, Autumn Calvert, Gracie Barksdale, Cailey Barnett, Natalie Freeman, Marissa Brown; **Front:** Ali Burleson*

Goal (from Front)

he plans to join the United States Air Force.

Brandon Huckaby, Payton Bailey and Juan Gonzalez were all waiting for their turn to donate for the first time.

Huckaby was motivated to give blood to "give to charity and help people out."

Bailey added, "Maybe we could save someone's life."

Gonzalez was unable to give blood in the fall but was eligible to give this time.

Junior Manisha Adams was in line to give blood.

She had given blood twice before and said, "This will be my third time.

"Specifically, now because there is a blood shortage, I think it is more important to do it now more than ever.

"I actually got my younger brother to give earlier."

"Adams' mother is a health care worker and encouraged Manisha and her brother to donate.

Hanceville High School holds two blood drives each year.

"Our fall drive was phenomenal. I haven't held one here that has not been overfilled.

"I know one drive we held, we were told it was the biggest drive of any of the county schools.

"I am always super proud of that."

Estate Sale
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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.

Grants (from Front)

• Walter Volunteer Fire Department - $12,000 to purchase turnout gear, rechargeable flashlights, medical equipment, batteries and chargers

• Good Hope Fire Rescue - $12,000 for extrication equipment

• Logan Fire and Rescue - $12,000 for new turnout gear

• Cullman County Center for the Developmentally Disabled - $12,000 for fees associated with shipments of Walmart returns

Requests from Parkside Elementary School, Sleep in Heavenly Peace Inc., Curt's Closet, Holly Pond High School Band, Greerbillies Campground and Liberty Learning Foundation were declined.

CCCDC members are:

• Cherrie Haney - chairman, appointed by the legislative delegation

• Joe Golden - appointed by Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview

• Josh Speakman - appointed by Rep. Scott Stadthagen, R-Hartselle

• Olen Carney - appointed by Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope

• The seat to be appointed by Sen. Garlan Gudger, previously filled by Cherrie Haney, is currently open.

The CCCDC attempts to maintain a $100,000 balance in its account. The group started the evening with a reported $172,073. The grants issued left $88,073 in available funds.

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
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Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

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.

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Charles William Duke
William Thomas Duke
Co-Personal Representatives

Pamela E. Nail
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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
DANNY PRESLEY
Administrator of the
Estate of
Daniel Garrett Presley, Deceased

PERRY D. KNIGHT
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Daniel Garrett Presley, Deceased
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TO: The Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

Obituary Announcements: April 20

James Verbon Stidham, 88, of Vinemont Memorial service for James Verbon Stidham, 88, of Vinemont is incomplete at this time and will be announced at a later date. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Stidham died Tuesday, April 20th, 2021 at his residence. He was born August 2, 1932 to George Reuben & Laura Gertrude Burks Stidham. He was a veteran of the United States Army and a paratrooper. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife: Montez Oden Stidham and a brother: Herbert Stidham. Survivors include a son, Jerome (Patti) Stidham; daughter: Cindy Ann Stidham; sisters: Marie, Kathy, Hazel; sister-in-law: Genevieve Steele; grandchildren: Dr. Jeremy (Katie) Stidham, Dr. Jonathan (Courtney) Stidham, John Stark, Jay Stark; four great-grandchildren: Benjamin, Madeline, Evelyn, Eleanor and a host of family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com

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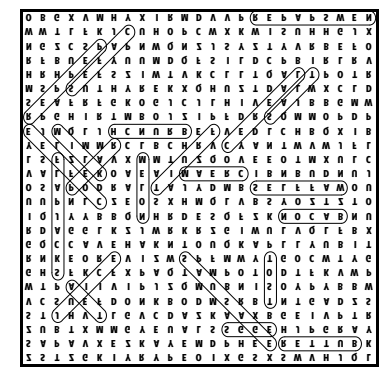
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ANSWERS:



5	2	8	9	3	4	9	5	1
4	3	9	1	5	5	2	9	8
1	9	5	8	9	2	5	3	4
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3	5	1	9	4	8	9	2	5
9	8	2	3	9	5	1	4	5
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Observance (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman Caring for Kids (CCK) is spending April observing Child Abuse Prevention Month--an emphasis on its mission of preventing violence against children. Today from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., the group, along with representatives of other concerned agencies, will visit Heritage Park for an awareness event and balloon release.

Volunteers will place blue pinwheels and decorate the park with blue ribbons.

CCK Assistant Director Nancy Bryant said, "We bring awareness about child abuse; that is the reason we started and that is our mission.

"If you see blue ribbons tied around town during April, that's us.

"We are representing the blue for the bruises on the sweet and innocent babies who lost their life due to child abuse here in Alabama."

Last year, 21 children in Alabama lost their lives due to child abuse.

West Point (from Front)

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WEST POINT, Ala. – West Point received a great report card for its water treatment plant. The plant's 2020 report to be submitted to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) was presented to the council Monday night by Grady Parsons, president of Living Water Services.

Parsons said, "The lower the score, the better. This report states that you have a total of 40 points for the whole year and that score has to do with the age of the treatment plant." The town's water treatment plant was built in 1975.

In all the other categories, the scores were zero. Parsons reported, "Its still doing a very good job."

The council passed a resolution needed to submit the report to ADEM.

The West Point Town Council set the fee for the 2021 Youth Football Season, with the cost remaining at the same price as the previous year of $5 per player. Last year's season was complicated by Covid, so the council voted to waive the fees owed from last year. Mayor Gerald Schafer pointed out that the cost doesn't fully cover the cost to the town but said, "That's just part of helping the community."

The only concern with allowing the Youth Football program to use the town's park was those helping to keep the park clean. Mayor Schafer had spoken to the program's new director Josh Crawford regarding those concerns.

The council also approved renewing the town's contract with Air Evac to cover West Point residents in the event of needing air evacuation from within Cullman County. The renewal cost $3,594.00.

The West Point Town Council meets every third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in the town hall. The public is invited to attend.





