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– ARTS –

CCBOE commissions new mural

Laura Walker poses in front her latest masterpiece at the CCBOE. »

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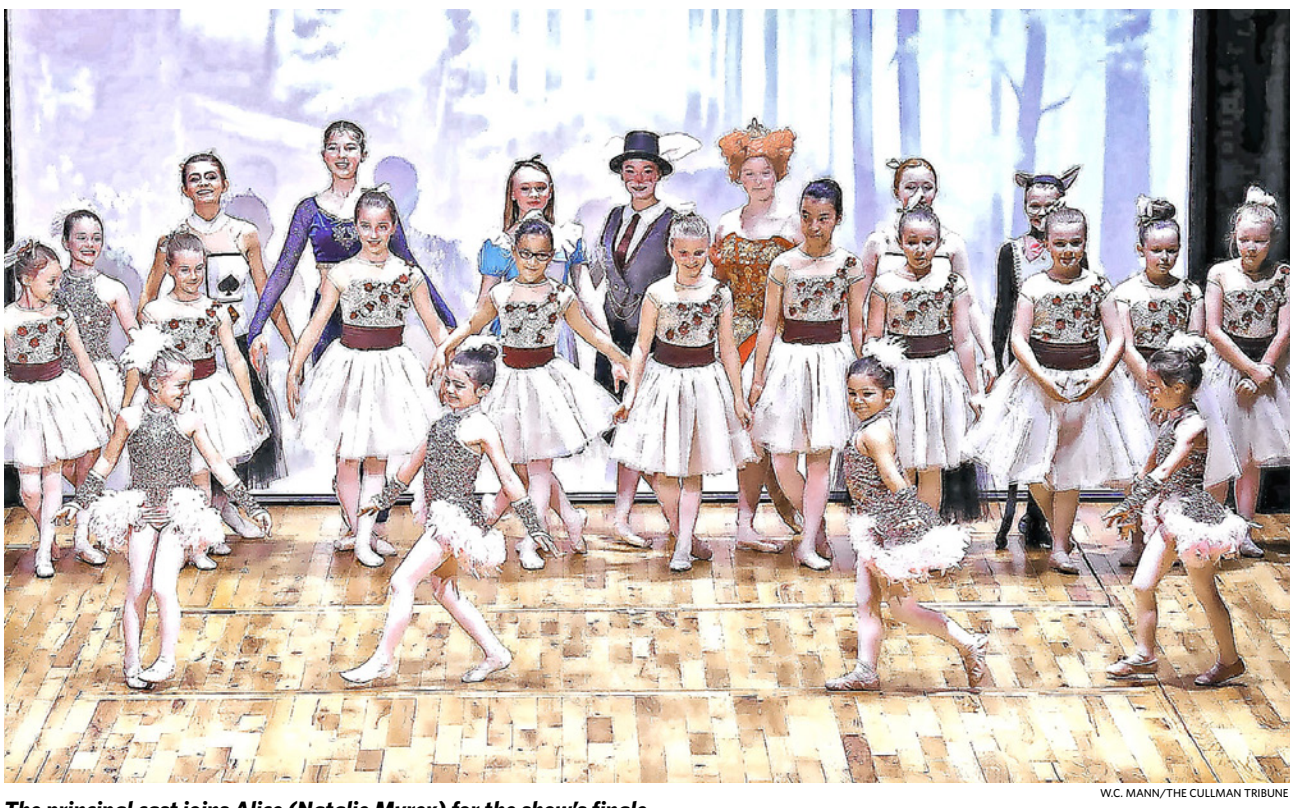


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– ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT –

'Alice in Wonderland'

Brooke Desnoes Ballet Academy holds spring performance



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The principal cast joins Alice (Natalie Myrex) for the show's finale.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Brooke Desnoes Ballet Academy held its spring production of "Alice in Wonderland" at the Byre theater on the campus of St. Bernard Abbey Saturday, April 24. In a dance interpretation of the familiar Lewis Carroll fantasy, Alice (Natalie Myrex) followed the White Rabbit (Sidonie Desnoes) into a magical world filled with characters such as Flamingos (Brooklyn Schlosser and a team of junior dancers), the Caterpillar (Morgan Lane), the Cheshire Cat (Marie-Claire Ray) and the Queen of Hearts (Eglantine Desnoes).

After the performance, director Brooke Desnoes told The Tribune, "Sharing the love of dance is what matters to me.

"It is the children who matter and, as a school director and a teacher, I like to create an environment of love and respect among my dancers.

"Art is not a competition; the only competition is with the dancers themselves and their desire to do better every time.

"Not all the students I train become professional dancers, but the discipline and what they learn in the ballet studio has always helped them along the way of their studies and personal endeavors.

"Art is a constant work in progress and a necessity in our lives.

"I am delighted to share what I have learned during my career with the children and the people of our wonderful community.

"The children did a wonderful job on Saturday and, as I like to say, 'it is amazing to see how much our children can achieve when fun and method get together during the learning process.'"

CAST AND CREW

• Choreography - Brooke Desnoes

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EDUCATION

West Point Scholars' Bowl team finishes fifth in nation



LEE HENRY

The 2020/21 West Point High School Scholars' Bowl team. L-R: Kaleb Perry (10th grade), Brodie Henry (8th), Judd Douglas (10th), Carter Duke (11th), Zeke Cornett (10th), Abigail Roy (10th).

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SENIORS

Bandits blown out in Good Hope



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Eugene Bradford enjoying the senior bean bag baseball event Tuesday

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OPINION

Letter to the Editor: A race to beat Lyme disease

Diagnosed with Lyme disease at the age of 8, Cullman native Madeline Hill raises funds to assist others with the cost of medical care



BECCA HILL

Madeline hosting one of her fundraising events

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EDUCATION

Wallace State alum Jeff Dingler has essay published in HuffPost as he completes debut novel

Russell Moore
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Jeff Dingler has always been fascinated with the power of words, and his writing career has continued to flourish since graduating from Wallace State Community College in 2015.

Dingler, 34, was published by HuffPost earlier this year for a personal essay he penned, chronicling his time spent at a migrant refugee camp on the United States border, south of Brownsville, Texas.

The essay begins with Dingler stating: "One of the last things I did before the world went into COVID-19 lockdown last year was witness a refugee camp with my own eyes. At this time, this camp held some 3,000 people, most of them families, women and young children, all cramped together on what used to be a small public park, cooking from stoves made of dried mud, sleeping on the ground in camping tents or yurt-like structures of tarpaulin and other scrap materials..."

Dingler's visit to Texas is an anecdote to a debut novel he is seeking to get published, titled, "The Witnesses," about migrant children on U.S. soil. The novel revolves around Blake Kohler, a precocious, albeit late-bloomer 22 year old and how he falls in with a group of dedicated activists known as "Witnesses," trying to shut down a prison camp for migrant minors just an hour south of Miami.

As Blake becomes more involved in protesting, he's torn between his growing dedication to the movement and his feelings for a fellow activist, the charming but elusive Luna. A coming-of-age story caught up in the detention/deportation machinery of modern-day America, "The Witnesses" examines not only what it means to bear witness, but how far some are willing to go to shine a light on tragedy.

"Writing consists of a lot of small victories and being published by The HuffPost is one of those," Dingler said. "Even though my novel is a work of fiction, I've interviewed dozens of people to examine what it means to 'witness.' All fiction is a blend of reality. There are lessons to be learned."

Dingler's foundation as a writer

Dingler's writing roots formed well before he attended Wallace State. His family owns a performance hall and community theater called The Wherehouse in Gardendale, and that helped spark his interest in storytelling.

"My mother is a great storyteller and entertainer and was a theater major in college. I'm captivated by the power of language and words. If it wasn't for language, our world would not be here and we wouldn't be able to communicate and share knowledge," said Dingler, who grew up with an interest in R.L. Stine and Stephen King books and novels.

Dingler took eight years away from studies after graduating from Mortimer Jordan High School and ultimately enrolled at Wallace State, mainly because he was aware of the new creative writing classes offered at the time and the college's successful theater department.

While at Wallace State, Dingler was a member of the Lion's Den Creative Writing Club, an organization of students, alumni and members of the community interested in promoting writing and literature. He also served as the editor of Wallace State's Journal of Arts and Letters (YAWP), and participated in Wallace State theater classes. A couple of months before graduating from Wallace State in 2015, Dingler earned a prestigious scholarship to attend the New York State Summer Writers Institute in Saratoga Springs, New York He was the lone community college student represented that summer, joining students from the likes of Stanford and Columbia.

Dingler returned to Saratoga Springs after the Institute was complete, transferring to Skidmore College – also the alma mater of Wallace State English instructor Michael Salerno. Dingler earned a bachelor's degree in English from Skidmore, continuing his writing while enrolled. He wrote for the Saratoga Living magazine and interviewed a wide range of celebrities, including Tim Meadows, Jewel and Melissa Etheridge and other public and political figures.

While working with the magazine, he became intrigued by the Witnesses and the movement across the country at detention centers. His initial work about the Witnesses was published in an article by The Washington Post.

"My experiences observing and researching the Witness movement have defined my writing. The people I've met through the movement and the things I witnessed in Texas are life-changing experiences. I believe my novel is a vessel for those stories," said Dingler, who's pursuing a master of fine arts degree through Hollins University (Roanoke, Virginia).

As Dingler pitches his novel to publishing agencies, he positively reflects on his time spent at Wallace State and how it ignited his writing career.

"Wallace State is a special college with great people. It's a beautiful campus and where I was encouraged by Mr. Salerno to pursue the opportunity at Saratoga Springs and eventually Skidmore College," Dingler said. "If it wasn't for the creative writing classes at Wallace State, I wouldn't have had the chance to attend one of the most prestigious colleges for writers. I'm very thankful for that."

Read Dingler's published essay here: https://www.huffpost.com/entry/biden-trump-migrant-asylum-seekers_n_60219e61c5b6c56a89a39a32



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COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Wednesday, April 28, 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: 407, 946 (+280 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 119,137 (+218 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 8,578 (+22 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 2,301
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,481 (+9 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 3,097 (+4 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 128 (+0 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 63
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 40,575
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 1,954
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 54
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,494,645
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 3,790
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 116,157
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 308
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama (reported M-F): 48,786
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 331,915

Vaccine details (updated Monday-Friday)

- Doses delivered to Alabama: 3,831,245
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 2,902,735
- Doses administered: 2,473,454
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 1,481,559
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 1,066,294
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 928,510

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

More than 1 million Alabama residents are fully vaccinated for COVID-19

What This Means

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has updated its guidance for fully vaccinated people. Now that more than 1 million Alabamians have achieved full vaccination for COVID-19, new guidance removes some restrictions. People are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 two weeks or more after they have received the second dose in a two-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), or two weeks or more after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson & Johnson/Janssen).

Interim Public Health recommendations for fully vaccinated people

CDC recommends the following for fully vaccinated people:

- Guiding principles for fully vaccinated people are now provided. This includes continuing to follow all applicable federal, state, tribal and local regulations.
- Immunocompromised people need to consult their health care provider about these recommendations, even if they are fully vaccinated.
- Fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask outdoors, except in certain crowded settings and venues. A graphical representation of ways to choose safer activities is available at this site: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/pdfs/324153_choosingSaferActivities11.pdf
- Fully vaccinated workers no longer need to be restricted from work following an exposure, so long as they are asymptomatic.
- Fully vaccinated residents of non-health care congregate settings no longer need to quarantine following a known exposure.
- Fully vaccinated asymptomatic people without an exposure may be exempted from routine screening testing, if feasible.

In addition to these key points, guidance is described in detail at: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html

Johnson & Johnson vaccine update

After a temporary pause, the single-dose Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine has been authorized for use in adults. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine can be used in a variety of settings and is highly effective, making it an important tool in the fight against COVID-19. Due to reports of a rare but serious adverse event – blood clots with low platelets (thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome) – women younger than 50 should be aware that there are other COVID-19 vaccine options available in addition to the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

National Guard COVID-19 vaccination clinic update

The Alabama National Guard continues to hold 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 one-dose vaccine available at National Guard second-dose clinics

The Alabama National Guard second-dose COVID-19 vaccine clinics also have 200 doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine available for anyone who has not received any vaccine. Johnson & Johnson is a single-dose vaccine, so no second dose clinics will be required for those who receive it.

FEMA community vaccination center now offering COVID-19 vaccinations

No appointment, ID, or insurance required.

The drive-thru Federal Emergency Management Agency Community Vaccination Center located at Watermark Place (4500 Katies Way) in Bessemer is now providing vaccinations to citizens. The site is open seven days a week and appointments are available, but not required. Appointments can be made on the web scheduler located at https://myturn.timetap.com. The website also includes links to documents that will need to be reviewed before being vaccinated. These materials will also be available on-site.

At least 40% of 10 Alabama counties' residents vaccinated

Forty percent or more of the residents ages 16 and older of 10 Alabama counties have received one or more doses of COVID-19 vaccine to date. Successful public health efforts to achieve vaccine equity have resulted in higher vaccine uptake among African American residents of Black Belt counties. Counties where 40% or more of their residents have been vaccinated are as follows: Lowndes, Bullock, Perry, Hale, Marengo, Shelby, Wilcox, Jefferson, Madison and Greene. Vaccines are one key to protecting the most vulnerable and helping stop the pandemic in Alabama.

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 health care facilities continue to require facial coverings in their facilities.

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported April 28

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported April 28, 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 26

• third-degree burglary; Cullman Gymnastics Academy; Sportsman Lake Rd. NW; miscellaneous

April 27

• third-degree domestic violence; person; Lessman Cir. SW

April 28

• fourth-degree theft of property; person; 13th Ave. SW; phones; $300

ARRESTS

April 27

Durham, David J.; 44

• FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Sterling, Harry W.; 66

• FTA- insurance violation

• FTA- driving while revoked

Campbell, Amber N.; 36

• DUI

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, May 2 11 a.m. Praise and Worship with message "HE'll Clean Our Mess" 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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• 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.

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 a.m., 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.

American Legion Post 4 Bingo Night

• May 2 – This is an announcement that Bingo every Saturday night at 6 p.m. Is starting back in May.

• First game will be starting May 2, 2021. Come join the fun!

• Address - 181 Reid Road, Cullman, Alabama 35037

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 p.m. 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 Saturday, May 1st and Sunday, May 2nd. Please have all flowers and decorations removed from the cemetery by Sunday, April 25.

• Any flowers and decorations remaining after April 25 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!

Baileyton Town Council meeting

• May 3 – 7 p.m. - The Town of Baileyton would like to invite the public and all former members of the council of Baileyton and their families to attend our next regularly scheduled Town Meeting which will be held in our new town hall for the first time!

• The Town of Baileyton would like to thank all the former council members, their families and the former mayors Roph Burks, Paul Bailey and Johnny Dyer for their leadership of our community.

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 a T-shirt, visit https://cullmancountywranglers.com/ridinforresidents/.

• To purchase a T-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 a.m. April 22. Shirts are $20 and available in youth and adult sizes. (XXL and XXXL shirts are $22 and $23 respectively.

Cullman City Cemetery Decoration

Sunday, May 9.

Cullman County Bosom Buddies Craft Fair and Vendor Expo

• Saturday, June 12 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Cullman Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2214

• 112 Veterans Dr. SW, Cullman, AL 35055

• For more information, call Judy Grissom at 256-347-5993

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PREP BASKETBALL

Cold Springs' West signs with Shelton State

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BREMEN, Ala. – Monday was a special day inside Cold Springs High School's Jesse George Gymnasium as longtime Lady Eagles standout Toni West signed the dotted line on an athletic scholarship to continue her basketball career at Shelton State Community College in Tuscaloosa. West racked up over 1,500 points in her prep career, helped lead the Lady Eagles to a state title in 2019 and a state runner-up finish in 2020, earned 2A First Team All-State honors in her senior season and received this year's Bill Shelton Award.

Cold Springs High School Principal Eric Dickerson was the first to speak and congratulated Toni on her phenomenal high school career and wished her luck going forward.

"It's always such a pleasure to see our students continue chasing their passions after high school and Toni has worked very hard for this day. I have no doubt that she'll have success along the way as long as you keep a javelin out of her hand," Dickerson joked.

"She's been a great student, a great athlete, not just in basketball but across the board and it's been a pleasure to have her here and we wish her well going forward."

Cold Springs Head Coach and Toni's mother Tammy West was the next to speak and after thanking everyone in attendance for joining to celebrate Toni's accomplishment, she took a few moments to touch on Toni's time at Cold Springs and the people that helped make it so special.

"I'm usually speaking on behalf of a player but today I get to speak on her as both my player and daughter. Toni is a very hard worker, one of the hardest workers I've ever had. She's self-driven, motivated and has always said she wanted to play at the next level. She's worked extremely hard to achieve that goal, but we know that couldn't have happened without all the people Toni has been blessed with. You're only as good as the people who surround you and she has been blessed that her teammates are her best friends," West said.

"They're not just her teammates or her friends, they are her best friends and they have supported her. We have had the best group of girls come through here and seven of you are going to be graduating but you are loved so much, and we appreciate everything you have done in your support of Toni."

The gym was packed with current and future Lady Eagles there to celebrate with the Toni and Tammy hopes that today's event will show more young athletes in the community that they can achieve their goals if they work for them.

"Just look up there right now, we've got all these young girls on our JV team and they're in here watching Toni and I know they have to be sitting there thinking 'Hey I'd like for this to be me one day' and they can achieve that here at Cold Springs. We've had so many girls sign scholarships in the past and they've seen how hard Toni has worked so they know they're going to have to work hard and if they do, they'll have an opportunity to do something like this as well."



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cold Springs' Toni West signs an athletic scholarship to Shelton State at Cold Springs High School Monday. Bottom L-R: Bailey West, Tammy West, Toni West, Patrick West. Top L-R; Eric Dickerson, Madonna Thompson.

Longtime Shelton State Head Coach Madonna Thompson was in attendance for West's signing and is excited to add Toni to her roster as she and the Bucs look to take another step towards a national title.

"Obviously I'm extremely excited anytime we get the opportunity to bring such a great person and a great player into our program. Toni is the type that I know is going to come in and take care of her business and do everything she's asked to do and help continue our tradition," Thompson said.

"I thought our guard play was a little bit weak this year and I wanted to get better and the two things I was looking for was a shooter and brains. I wanted someone who knows what's supposed to be happening on the floor and can communicate that to the other kids but also someone who can just flat-out shoot a basketball and I know Toni is going to meet those expectations."

Toni and her family enjoyed their visit to Shelton State and are looking forward to joining the program not only because of the Bucs' success on the court, but because of the family atmosphere they found there as well.

"I just liked the way (Thompson) really cares about everybody and cares about what they're doing after Shelton too and not just while they're playing there," West said.

"It really kind of felt like Cold Springs and felt like a family and everyone was close there and they're just an elite junior college team so I'm excited."

Toni has enjoyed a stellar high school career at Cold Springs and has built many relationships within the community and now she's looking forward to doing the same thing in May when she arrives at Shelton State to begin classes and start training for her first season with the Bucs.

"Obviously what I'm going to miss the most is moving away from my friends, family and teammates because playing here has been awesome and I had an awesome career but I'm looking forward to seeing where the future takes me and maybe even playing at the next level after Shelton in a couple years."

PREP SOCCER

Lady Bearcats top Fort Payne 3-1 to advance to 3rd round for 1st time in school history

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FORT PAYNE, Ala. – For the first time in school history, the Cullman Lady Bearcats are advancing to the third round of the AHSAA state playoffs. Cullman downed Springville 4-0 in round one last week and defeated Fort Payne on the road 3-1 Tuesday night to secure their spot in the next round.

Addie Echols scored an early goal to give the Lady Bearcats a 1-0 lead at halftime and they pulled away in the second half Jeta Falcon and Ashley Bryant each put goals in the back of the net. Gracie Barksdale allowed just one goal in the win and collected a pair of big saves to help protect the lead, including one that came on a penalty kick.

Coach Megan Hackbarth is proud of the way the Lady Bearcats finished the game against Fort Payne strong and is excited to turn the page and start preparing for a matchup with Southside later this week.

"Emotions were high tonight because we've never made it past the second round. I think that got the best of the girls for a lot of the game, but we won.

"It wasn't pretty, but we won. We're so proud of these for fighting through and finishing the game," Hackbarth said.

"All of us know that we have to get back to work and have a great day tomorrow. That being said, we're all looking forward to getting back on the field to play another round later this week."

Cullman will return home later this week to host Southside in round three. A date and time will be announced later.



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The Cullman Lady Bearcats defeated Fort Payne 3-1 on the road in round two to advance to the third round of the state playoffs for the first time in school history.

PREP BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

Warriors drop tight game 3 at Sardis 2-1, Cold Springs advances to round 2

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SARDIS CITY, Ala. – After falling in game one at Sardis Friday 6-2, West Point bounced back to take game two 4-2 and returned to Sardis Monday night for a rubber match against the Lions. Unfortunately for Warriors fans, Sardis was able to find a timely single in the bottom of the sixth to pull ahead late in the game and held on to narrowly defeat West Point 2-1.

Senior Aubry Cleghorn got the start on the mound and put together one of his best outings of his final season with the Warriors, tossing six innings, allowing just one earned run on four hits and striking out seven batters in the loss. The UAH commit also posted the only RBI of the game for West Point.

Cleghorn struck out two of the first three batters he faced in the bottom of the first and after a leadoff single and an error put a pair of runners on base, Eli Folds caught a line drive at shortstop to turn an unassisted double play and get the Warriors out of the second inning unscathed. Cleghorn helped himself out in the top of the third when he drove an RBI single into left field and put West Point in front 1-0 going into the bottom of the third.

Cleghorn fanned two more Sardis batters in the bottom of the third and in the fourth, he caught a runner stealing second to help get the Warriors through another scoreless inning. The Lions got runners on the corners with one out in the bottom of the fifth but after the next man flew out to Folds, Cleghorn struck out his sixth batter of the game to get West Point out of the jam once again.

After a pair of walks led off the bottom of the sixth and an error loaded the bases, an RBI single allowed two runs to score for Sardis and put the Lions in front 2-1. However, the Warriors were able to roll another double play to get out of the inning without any further damage and went to the top of the seventh with one more chance to tie the game or win it.

Cochran singled into left field with two outs to put the tying run on base but a flyout in the next at bat ended the game and secured a tight, 2-1 win for Sardis.

Cochran posted a pair of hits for West Point in the loss and Cleghorn (one hit) finished with an RBI. Branson Smith, Folds, Isaac Hoffpauir and JD Cochran each added a hit in the loss as well.

OTHER MONDAY PLAYOFF SCORES:

Cold Springs 5 – North Sand Mountain 3 (Game three)
The Bison scored in the bottom of the first to take an early 1-0 lead, but the Eagles responded with a pair of runs in the top of the second to pull ahead with a 2-1 lead going into the third. Cold Springs pushed another run across the plate to extend its lead to 3-1 in the top of the third and after a pair of scoreless innings, the Eagles tacked on two more runs to make it a 5-1 game in the top of the sixth.

North Sand Mountain was able to string some hits together and put a couple of runs on the board in the bottom half of the sixth to cut the lead to 5-3 going into the seventh but Cold Springs was able to hold onto its lead in the final frame to leave with a 5-3 win and a spot in the next round of the AHSAA state playoffs.

Brodi Williams led the Eagles with a pair of hits in the win and Roberto Ayala (one hit) posted a pair of RBIs. Williams also got the start on the mound as well and tossed a complete game, allowing three runs on five hits and striking out five.

The Eagles will face Westbrook Christian Friday in the second round.

J.B. Pennington 6 – Vinemont 5 (Game three)
The Eagles were able to come from behind and take game one at J.B. Pennington Friday but fell in game two and had to return Monday to finish their series with the Tigers. Vinemont led by a pair of runs at one point but couldn't hold onto it and the Eagles fell 6-5 on the road to finish their season in the opening round of the state playoffs.

Deacon Samples was 3-for-4 at the plate for Vinemont and Braden Boner (one hit) posted two RBIs. Austin Riddle (one hit) and Will Rhodes each added an RBI as well.

PREP SOFTBALL

Fairview blasts Brindlee Mountain in doubleheader, Cullman downs James Clemens 6-1

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. – After splitting a pair of games against Randolph on Saturday, Fairview hosted Brindlee Mountain in a doubleheader on senior night. In game one, the Lady Aggies routed the Lady Lions, 21-8, behind huge games at the plate from Kyleigh Aleman and Deavan Fulmer.

After Ayda Payne retired Brindlee Mountain to open up the game, Fairview batted around in their half as they sent 13 batters to the plate. Kyleigh Aleman scored on an error to put the Lady Aggies on the scoreboard, then Kloie Watson stole home. Fulmer and Kaitlyn Benson each hit back-to-back RBI doubles, Payne hit an RBI groundout, Emily Benson and Kyleigh Aleman hit consecutive RBI doubles, Aleman scored on an error and Fulmer finished off the scoring with an RBI single and Fairview went into the second inning up, 9-0.

The Lady Lions answered right back in the top of the second, with the biggest blow coming on a grand slam and that made it a 9-7 game. But Fairview countered with a huge inning of their own as Emily Benson hit an RBI single, then Kyleigh Aleman crushed a three-run home run over the left field fence, Emma Garcia scored on an error and Fulmer put one over the center field fence and the Lady Aggies increased their lead to eight at 15-7. Kyleigh Aleman scored on an error in the bottom of the third to make it 16-7.

An RBI single by Brindlee Mountain in the fourth cut the Lady Aggie lead to 16-8, but Fairview got that run back and then some in their half. Allison Davis and Kylie Kovar each scored on passed balls and Emily Benson hit an RBI single. Kyleigh Aleman continued her red-hot day at the plate as she hit an RBI single, and Fulmer hit an RBI single of her own to make it 21-8. Emma Roberts retired the Lady Lions in order in the fifth and the Lady Aggies ended up taking game one, 21-8.

Kyleigh Aleman went 5-for-5 with five RBIs, hitting for the cycle in the process. Fulmer added four hits and four RBIs. Emily Benson ended up with three hits and three RBIs. Kaitlyn Benson finished with three hits and an RBI in the game. Payne collected an RBI, while Emma Garcia, Roberts, and Jaycee Aleman each ended up with a hit.

Fairview 18 – Brindlee Mountain 3 (Game two)
Fairview picked up from where they left off in the first game as they lit up the scoreboard for 14 first-inning runs. All but two Fairview batters drove in a run in the first and they added another run in the second on a Kylie Kovar sacrifice fly. Brindlee Mountain hit back-to-back RBI doubles in the top of the third to get on the scoreboard, then they added another run later that inning on an error to make it 15-3.

The Lady Aggies looked to end the game in the bottom of the third. Allie Scott and Emily Benson each drew back-to-back walks to lead off the inning, then Kyleigh Aleman lined a two-run triple to right field. After Kloie Watson and Deavan Fulmer drew back-to-back walks to load the bases, Kovar drew another walk to bring home Aleman to end the game as Fairview (11-14) rolled past the Lady Lions in game two, 18-3.

All but one Fairview player finished with at least a hit and an RBI in the game. Kyleigh Aleman, Watson, Emma Garcia, and Kaitlyn Benson all finished with two hits and two RBIs for the Lady Aggies. Fulmer added two hits and an RBI. Emma Roberts and Emily Benson each ended up with a hit and two RBIs. Savannah Bryson added a hit and an RBI, while Kovar finished with a pair of RBIs as well. The Lady Aggies will travel to take on J.B. Pennington on Tuesday.

OTHER MONDAY SCORES

Cullman 6 – James Clemens 1 (Softball)
Cullman started out its final week of the regular season on the road as they traveled to take on James Clemens and they got more than enough run support for starter Chalea Clemmons as the Lady Bearcats rolled to a 6-1 win over the Lady Jets.

Haley Shannon and Faith Guest hit back-to-back singles to lead off the game and Clemmons lined a two-run double to center field to give Cullman an early 2-0 lead. James Clemens made it a 2-1 game on an RBI single in their half, but the Lady Bearcats answered right back in the top of the second.



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Fairview's Kyleigh Aleman finished 5-for-5 with five RBIs and hit for the cycle in the Lady Aggies' 21-8 win over Brindlee Mountain in game one of their Monday doubleheader.

Shana Guest and Brooklyn Morton hit back-to-back RBI doubles, then after a sacrifice bunt by Shannon, Faith Guest hit an RBI groundout and Clemmons put one over the right field fence to push the Lady Bearcat lead to 6-1. Neither team found the scoreboard after that as Cullman ended up taking the game on the road over the Lady Jets, 6-1.

Clemmons finished with three hits and three RBIs in the game for Cullman (25-11). Faith Guest, Shana Guest, and Morton each collected a hit and an RBI. Shannon added two hits, while Emma Claire Wilson and Carlie Burnham each collected a hit in the contest as well. Clemmons went the distance, allowing just four hits, one earned run, walking three, and striking out eight. The Lady Bearcats will head back home to take on Hazel Green on Tuesday.





Mural (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – A new mural now graces the entrance to the Cullman County Board of Education building. The inspirational piece was painted by local artist Laura Walker and depicts students of all grades during their educational journey.

The CCBOE reached out to Walker in November of last year with their vision for a mural--one of inclusivity and achievement.

Walker said, "Dr. Barnette wanted silhouettes of students representing each grade doing school activities. They gave me some photos of some of their students as ideas.

"As an artist, I needed the ability to choose photos of some clip art photos or kids I know."

Students of all abilities are represented in the work, as well as a variety of academic, athletic and extracurricular interests that capture the many talents of Cullman County School students.

Cold Springs High School cross-country standout Ethan Edgeworth is one of the athletes Walker used as inspiration.

She said, "He's a really big deal with cross-country, state-level and just an amazing kid."

She also used children from her church and the children of friends and family to round out the mural.

She added, "You have to have something with a project that makes it feel not like a job; something to be enthusiastic about.

"I like the energy of it, and I am pleased with it. That's important."

Walker worked on the mural when the weather allowed.

"They were patient and they let me peck away at it starting in February.

"On pretty days, I would just come and work on it for a few hours."

The mural was painted freehand with the students representing K-12 done in blue.

The mural is located to the right of the CCBOE entrance on the west wall of the courtyard area.

"It should last a long time and they were so pleasant to work with."

Now that the mural is complete, Walker would love to have the students depicted in the mural come together for a fun moment.







West Point (from Front)

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WEST POINT, Ala. – The West Point High School Scholars' Bowl program has routinely been a juggernaut in competition under coach Lee Henry, but the team surpassed its own expectations this year with a fifth-place finish at the national tournament. Without a single senior on the squad, these same students will be able to try again next year!

Henry, who coaches both the high school and middle school teams for West Point, told The Tribune, "They've done so much in the last little bit. Everything was pushed due to COVID, so we're doing something major every weekend.

"We had high school county on April 17; we won. We had middle school state last weekend; we got second.

"This past weekend, we had High School Nationals (West Point competes in the Small Schools division). We placed fifth, which was a shock to us all. We just wanted to get in the Top 20, but we just kept winning in the playoffs. We beat teams that, on paper, are twice as good as we are. Fifth place ties this team with the highest we've ever placed. This is the third time we've gotten fifth but, each other time, it was with a group of seniors that would be graduating.

"This year, it was with a junior, three sophomores, and an 8th grader (Brodie Henry, Lee Henry's son) who was our top scorer."

The Middle School County Tournament is this Friday, April 30, followed by Middle School Nationals over the weekend. Look for a county wrap-up next week in The Tribune, and for results from the High School State Tournament coming up in May.

Bandits (from Front)

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. – The Good Hope Sizzlin' Seniors participated in a couple of spirited games of bean bag baseball Tuesday after enjoying a wonderful lunch with officers from the Cullman County Sheriff's Office. After the Sizzlin' Ladies fell victims to a brutal shellacking to the Has-Beens at the last couple of contests, a new system was put in place. Each participant drew a number to divide players into two new teams- The Raiders and The Bandits.

Unfortunately, the new system led to an even more gruesome defeat as The Raiders scored 31 runs resulting in a fifth inning surrender from The Bandits. It was hard to tell if the Bandits were really that bad or if the Raiders were just that good!

Previous MVP Mayor Jerry Bartlett struggled to get the Bandits going while James Calvert's Raiders were unstoppable. Eugene Bradford managed to knock out four home runs in a row, one of them a grand slam, before his opponents cried mercy. The final score for game one of the double-header: 31-3.

Bartlett proposed some new rules after the embarrassing defeat. For game two, a five-run-per at-bat rule was put into place. It wouldn't help his team, but at least they didn't reach for the white towel for game two.

Bradford continued his hitting streak finishing the day with four home runs and three triples, earning the title of reigning MVP. Bartlett said of the Raider's slugger, "He has now earned the right to be on my team from now on."

The Sizzlin' Seniors meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month in the basement of Good Hope City Hall.

Obituary Announcements: April 28

Patricia Wright, 68, of Sebastian, Florida Funeral services for Patricia Wright, 68, of Sebastian, Florida will be 11 a.m. April 30, 2021 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Reverend Roger McManus will officiate. Burial will follow at Cullman City Cemetery in Cullman. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until service time Friday at the funeral home.

Robert "Kirk" Johnson, 62, of Cullman Robert "Kirk" Johnson, age 62, of Cullman, Alabama died Tuesday, April 27, 2021. Kirk was born Oct. 1, 1958 in Manchester, Tennessee to Joy Lou Bradford Johnson and Robert Johnson. Kirk is survived by his wife: Tiffani Lipsey Johnson; son: Kyle Johnson; daughters: Lea Marie Johnson, Emily (Ross) Horstman; mother: Joy Lou Bradford Johnson; brother: Brad (Donna) Johnson; sisters: Dawn Johnson (Rick) Campbell, Julie Johnson (Kenneth) Childers; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. Kirk was preceded in death by father: Robert Claude Johnson and grandparents: W.R. Bradford, Erin Bradford, James C. Johnson, Ellon Johnson. A celebration of life visitation for Kirk will be held Friday, April 30, 2021 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 2nd Avenue, N.W., Cullman, Alabama 35055. A celebration of life funeral service will occur Saturday, May 1, 2021 at 11 a.m. in the chapel. A burial will follow Saturday, May 1, 2021 at Vinemont Baptist Church, 787 County Road 1343, Vinemont, AL 35179.

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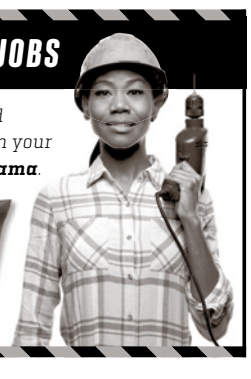
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HOME AND GARDEN

Purchasing seeds from online 'yard sale' platforms

Mary Leigh Oliver
ACES

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala.– When purchasing seeds in the store, there is a general trust that what is on the packet is what will grow. However, is the same true when purchasing seeds online? Various sellers offer almost any seed the heart desires on online "yard sale" websites. The question remains: can buyers trust these online "yard sale" seed purchases?

According to Alabama Extension horticulture crops specialist Joe Kemble and regional agent Olivia Fuller, purchasing from these online "yard sale" platforms is a buyer beware situation.

"Unless stated, there is likely no guarantee of seed quality, germination, purity, etc.," Kemble said.

With federal and state seed laws, there is little guarantee that online yard sale seed sales are regulated.

According to Fuller, although seed purchases from these platforms should be made with caution, many buyers have great experiences buying from these platforms.

Why sellers choose online platforms

If there are risks in relation to purchasing seeds online, why do sellers continue to choose these "yard sale" platforms?

According to Fuller, other online seed sellers often form a type of monopoly. This further encourages seed distributors to sell using online yard sales.

"I feel that purchasing from online 'yard sale' platforms pose the same risks as buying from any seed distributor," Fuller said.

"Most of the sellers have large scale farms and use online yard sales simply as a platform to sell."

Finding a Reputable Seller

When purchasing seed from one of these online platforms, it is essential to find a reputable seller.

One of the first steps is to assess their ratings and reviews.

"Pay close attention to ratings and reviews," Fuller said. "Most sellers have a few hundred or one thousand five-star ratings."

Next, try to find a seller that follows American Seed Trade Association guidelines.

According to Kemble, the ASTA is the leading seed trade association in the United States.

"If you are looking for a reputable seed company, look for those that are members of the ASTA," Kemble said.

Also, in the United States, every state has its own seed label law.

These laws state what needs to be on a seed packet. This is another way to ensure that purchases from the seller are legitimate.

To view the label laws, visit https://www.betterseed.org/whats-in-a-bag/.

Lastly, if the seller is in Alabama, check for an Agriculture Compliance permit. The Agriculture Compliance division in Alabama conducts seed inspections and issues permits to dealers.

Find more about the permits from the Agriculture Compliance at http://agi.alabama.gov/divisions/division-AgComp.

Sending back seed

In the case that the seed comes and does not meet expectations, it is often returnable.

"Most shops will offer a return policy that includes returning for any reason," Fuller said.

Make sure to shop smart when it comes to garden seed.

Performance (from Front)

- Music - Tchaikovsky score arranged by Carl Davis
- Alice - Natalie Myrex
- White Rabbit - Sidonie Desnoes
- Lead Flamingo - Brooklyn Schlosser
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- Cheshire Cat - Marie-Claire Ray
- Queen of Hearts - Eglantine Desnoes
- The Cards - Lily Howze, Anna Sutherland
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Planning Commission

On Monday, May 3, 2021, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Conditional use at 1451 11th Street SE for a church
2. Short form Subdivision on Tanner Drive NW to combine two lots into one lot
3. Preliminary Subdivision – Colony Woods – Bolte Road SE
4. Short form Subdivision at 1915 2nd Ave. SW to divide one lot into two lots
5. Short form Subdivision on Goodwin Drive NW – create two lots
6. Short form Subdivision – Wynn Haven Subdivision – create three lots
7. Short form Subdivision – County Road 703 – create three lots
8. To amend the City of Cullman Planning Commission Subdivision Regulations – Section 6.03 – guarantee of completion of street improvements

For further information contact Brian Landreth or Amber Duke at the City of Cullman Building Department at 256-775-7203.

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

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CASE NO.: PC2021-054

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to LORILE FORD, as Personal Representative of the Estate of CATHERINE LOUIE BROWN, deceased, on the 20th day of April, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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 be barred.

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

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CLAUDIA VASQUEZ,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2021-000066.00**

JASON MILLWOOD,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Jason Millwood, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Claudia Vasquez's Complaint for Divorce by June 14, 2021 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2021-000066.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

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Lyme (from Front)

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In June of 2012, our family visited a petting zoo in the Florida Keys. The next night, we ended up in the ER with a rash that would overtake Madeline's body. The doctor administered medication and sent us home. He said it could be from the palm tree she climbed the evening before and told us to stay away from palm trees and products that contain palm oil. Fast forward four years later, when Madeline would begin to experience excruciating pain in her knees. We thought it was growing pains and tried to take care of it with warm baths, massage and OTC medications.

The pain worsened and she was fatigued all the time. This was very abnormal for her and I knew something else was wrong.

After two separate doctor visits and a lot of lab work, she was diagnosed with Epstein Barr Virus and told "to rest."

Something did not sit well because she had been "resting" for 18 months. I knew my baby was sick.

A good friend of mine approached me with the possibility of Lyme disease. She and her daughter were both in remission and recognized Madeline's symptoms. She encouraged me to get an iGenex test and seek out an LLMD (Lyme Literate Medical Doctor). I did, and two of the bands came back ++ (double positive).

I immediately made an appointment with a doctor in Orlando and off we began on our Lyme journey. Finally, in June 2018, Madeline was officially diagnosed with Lyme, as well as Chronic Epstein Barr and Chronic Mycoplasma.

She remains under his care and we are still trying to piece together the puzzle of Lyme, and treat the many co-infections associated with these horrible diseases.

Unfortunately, insurance does not cover the treatment of Lyme and many children and adults are suffering. Madeline was grateful to receive 2 grants from the LymeLight Foundation and Lyme Warrior which allowed her to continue treatment.

Inspired by this, Madeline wants to help others with the costs of treatment and eventually raise funds to provide service dogs for kids with Lyme. Join us in her journey!

The City of Hanceville, Mayor Kenneth Nail and City Council Member Patty Dean have graciously agreed to let Madeline host a 5K Fun Run/Walk on May 15 at the Veterans Memorial Park. The event will take place at 8 a.m. and the cost to run is $15.

Participants are encouraged to sign up on Run Signup in order to receive a medal at the finish line. T-shirts are also for sale on the website. Visit https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/x/lymewarrior5k for more information. You can also follow Madeline's journey on Facebook and Instagram under "MadeLyme" or on her website at https://madelyme.com/.

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