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EDUCATION

Wallace State Fast Track program helps student's dream take flight

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – When Yancey York graduated from Wallace State in 2013 with an associate in applied science in flight technology, it was about a week before she graduated from Cullman Christian School. As a Fast Track student at Wallace State from 2012 - 2014, she was able to earn both college and high school credit.

"It really put me ahead of the typical timeline that college takes," she said.

"I was able to pursue my career a step ahead of the same people my age.

"The most rewarding thing about attending Wallace would have to be the fact that I graduated with my associate degree about one week prior to graduating high school," she added.

"I definitely felt accomplished at the time.

"But since then, my education that started at Wallace has allowed me to progress through my career toward my dream job."

Since graduating from Wallace State, York has gone on to earn a bachelor's degree in aeronautical science from Rocky Mountain College in Billings, Montana, and is now a regional Airline Captain for PSA Airlines, a wholly-owned subsidiary of American Airlines.

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Yancey York

– FEATURE –

Cullman firefighter delivers thousands of pounds of food per week to needy across region



NEVILLE FRANKS

Neville Franks with ministry partner Nancy Moore, left, and daughter/helper Liberty Franks.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman Fire Department Lieutenant Neville Franks has a most worthwhile pastime: for the last six years, he has been distributing food to families in need, mostly in Cullman and Blount counties, but not objecting to driving as far as Tennessee and even Georgia to make deliveries, often at his own expense. Now, in partnership with the North Alabama Agriplex in Cullman and veterans' group Forever and Always Patriots in Walker County, along with Sonya Nail, Marc Thrailkill and Nancy Moore with volunteers from Restoring Women Outreach, he helps deliver approximately 1268 USDA food boxes per week to women's shelters, group homes, The Link of Cullman County, Pilot Light Home and numerous individuals and households across the two-county area, serving 900-1,000 families per month, and occasionally more. When anything is left over, it goes to Cullman Caring for Kids.

Last year, Franks personally distributed 260,000 pounds in USDA food boxes and 30,000 pounds of fruits and vegetables.

With the Walker County veterans' group, a total of 1.7 million pounds of food was distributed between March and December 2020.

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LIFESTYLE

Vendors prepare for Strawberry Fest



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Vendors along with members of the Cullman City Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism were busy setting up rides, location maps and booths Friday evening, ahead of the big event Saturday.

OPINION

Editorial: What do moms want?

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EDUCATION

St. Paul's Lutheran School adds new fine arts options for next school year

Emily Trahan
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – St. Paul's Lutheran School will add private instruction on instruments and ballet to their Fine Arts offerings for the 2021-2022 school year. Director of Creative Services, Emily Trahan, says she is excited to see the school grow in the fine arts direction. "We had such a positive response to our 4th, 5th and 6th grade students taking Introduction to German and Introduction to French. We are currently teaching an Introduction to Drama class for 3rd - 6th grade. The kids are loving it!"

Trahan says the private instrument instruction runs a wide range of options and will be available for students in 1st through 6th grade. "We have instructors for everything from piano to saxophone, guitar to violin and more. Even the pipe organ is an option!" Ballet classes will be offered by St. Paul's Alum, Brooke Desnoes and will be available for children in PK3 through 6th grade.

For more information about these programs and/or to enroll your student, visit www.stpaulscullman.com or email Emily Trahan at emilytrahan@stpaulscullman.com.

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Flight (from Front)

She is based out of Charlotte, North Carolina, and flies CRJ 700 and 900 aircraft.

Two other Wallace State Flight Technology alumni, Aaron Mathis and Tanner Cail, also fly for PSA.

York still lives in Cullman. She commutes each week to North Carolina to start her work trips.

"Each trip is usually 3-4 days long," she said.

"In my off time, I enjoy helping out on the family farm, spending time on Smith Lake with friends, my family and my black lab, Echo.

"My family and I also enjoy taking trips to much warmer places to go scuba diving in the summer months. In the colder months, we visit Montana and Texas to quail and pheasant hunt."

For more information on Wallace State visit http://wallacestate.edu.

Moms (from Front)

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Mother's Day is just a week away and compared to last year's quarantined Mother's Day, this year, shopping and planning a special day for your mom should be much easier. All of Cullman's local shops and restaurants are open and eager to help you out, so no excuses!

While gifts and a good meal are great, let's talk about what moms really want--peace. Moms deserve a day without flexing their conflict resolution skills. We don't want to solve problems or make decisions. On Mother's Day, we are going to need you to figure that out for yourselves and if possible, do so with a calm, inside voice.

A real treat would be a day with no eye-rolling, loud sighs or complaining. For most of the year, moms have been barricaded in the house with kids doing virtual school.

Yes, it's been tough on the kids, but it hasn't exactly been a picnic for mom either. We've had to endure more than the normal amount of dramatic moments while trying to figure out Google Meets, Schoology and a plethora of terms we had never heard of prior to COVID.

If your mom is a teacher, front-line worker or first responder, might I suggest observing the entire weekend as her's. They have worn more hats this year that most can imagine and if the world wouldn't fall apart, I'd suggest giving them all an entire week off.

I'll admit that Mother's Day can be tricky, but in a nutshell, for one day, we want our role as mom to be celebrated while not having to perform that role.

We want to feel loved and appreciated without having to do anything. We want to see you put into practice all that we have tried to teach you. It's your day to perform.

Moms are diverse and we have our own interests that too often get swept aside.

The question presented is often, "what makes a great Mother's Day gift?" Well, there isn't an easy answer for that.

By now, you should be aware of what your mother's unique interests are and if you don't, perhaps you should make it your mission to know.

The best gift is anything that demonstrates that you are observant of what makes her happy.

What isn't an acceptable gift?

• Completion of a chore that you have repeatedly been instructed to do for months

• Cleaning products (some are cool, but we should be equipped with those without it being given as a gift)

• Breakfast in bed without cleaning the messy kitchen

• Any gift that acknowledges wrinkles, age spots or weight gain

• Kitchen products (again, we cook for you, so we should have it without it being a gift)

• A post on social media (there better be something else)

Here's a bit of good news to kids out there: after reaching out to many mothers to ask what they like for Mother's Day, almost every one of them wanted one thing. It is affordable, so you won't need to bust open your piggy bank. They want something made by you and from your heart. They want to sense the thought you put into it. That seems easy enough! Good Luck and Happy Mother's Day!

Firefighter (from Front)

the food boxes, Franks and other volunteers visit farmers willing to share their produce and glean crops of watermelons, potatoes and sweet potatoes, apples, beans, blueberries, blackberries and more.

He already has plans to visit the Gulf Coast this fall to get oranges and other items.

Said Franks, "If you have extra and you don't have somebody that's coming to get it, please; I have people that'll come pick it. We'll distribute it. Nothing goes to waste."

Franks has even given items like already-sprouting potatoes to farmers for them to plant, on the agreement that they will share those crops with charities and families in need.

Franks sees a serious need across the region. In Blountsville, he said, "they line up for three city blocks when they know the food boxes are coming. It's heart-wrenching, how many people need the food boxes."

Why does he do it?

"I'm just passionate," said Franks. "As a kid, we hit some really, really hard times, and if you've ever known what it's like to be hungry . . . You know, I'm blessed. I'm a Lieutenant in the Cullman Fire Department.

"I'm blessed with a great job, I'm blessed with the opportunity to give back, and that's why I do it.

"It's hard to explain, but once you've been hungry, you never want to see anyone else hungry again. And I'm just blessed to be able to do it. I can't explain it more than that."

Franks did his charitable work quietly for years, trying not to draw attention to himself; in fact, it was Moore, who revealed him to The Tribune and convinced him to talk about his work, in hopes that the exposure might get the word out about offerings like the USDA food box program and help even more people in the long run.

Everyone gets help

Franks has encountered groups involved in food distribution who will only share food with certain people. For him, that is not the proper approach.

"I'm not a political person," said Franks. "I hate politics in this. If somebody comes to me and they need food, they get it. If they call me and they need food, they get it. I don't care what they look like, I don't care about their politics. I don't care if they're driving around in a brand new Mercedes because, honestly, in the times we're living in right now, there's people that had jobs that don't have them anymore.

"And we don't know what their financial means are. Who am I to judge what they need and don't need?

"I will help anybody at any time, anywhere. That's my whole goal in life."

Bigger plans in the works

Franks, who farms when not fighting fires, told The Tribune that a local farmer has offered the use of 17 acres for him to plant and raise food for distribution.

He is planning upcoming fundraising events to help purchase the equipment needed for the new operation.

Said Franks, "I just think it's an incredible opportunity to help people."

He also hopes to establish a local storage and distribution center capable of storing refrigerated items.

"I don't have a refrigerated area," said Franks.

"If I had that, I could get more. I will tell you: for the first time in eight years, this week I turned down food. I couldn't store it.

"It went to another group, but it just meant that I didn't have it here in Cullman to give out. I never turn down food."

As crops come in, the market--including charitable markets--can become inundated with items which disappear shortly. If items can be refrigerated, they can be preserved for distribution a little at a time.

Franks added, "What I'd like to do is build a place where they can drop off food boxes, drop off the extra fruits, vegetables, whatever, and I can store it in a refrigerated area, and then distribute it."

If you need help with food or want to help

Franks called on area farmers with over-abundant crops to consider helping out, saying, "If you're a farmer and you have extra stuff, call me. I will come and glean it, I will get people to come and glean it. Nothing goes to waste."

If your household has a need for food, contact the North Alabama Agriplex, Cullman County Extension Office or The Link of Cullman.

You can also reach out to these offices for more information on how you can help out or donate.

Franks told The Tribune that he and his partners can spend up to $150 per week on gas, driving to pick up and deliver food.

"There is such a need in Cullman," said Franks. "People would be amazed on the need in Cullman County."

Franks gave permission to publish his number and can be reached at 256-339-6281, or email playingiteasy@yahoo.com.



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COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Friday, April 30, 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: 408, 438 (+226 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in AL: 119,484 (+183 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in AL: 8,590 (+4 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in AL: 2,301
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,492 (+5 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 3,108 (+9 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 129 (+1 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 64
• Total tested in Cullman Co.: 40,702
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 2,062
• Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 64
• Total tested in Alabama: 2,503,355
• Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 3,859
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 119,720
• Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 320
• Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama (reported M-F): 48,868
• Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 335,669

Vaccine details (updated Monday-Friday)

• Doses delivered to Alabama: 3,905,075
• Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 2,923,105
• Doses administered: 2,529,107
• Number of people receiving one or more doses: 1,499,678
• Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 1,105,117
• Doses delivered to federal programs: 981,970

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_choosing-SaferActivities11.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 FEMA 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 onsite.

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 30

Cullman Tribune Staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported April 30, 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 29

- second-degree domestic violence; person
- second-degree theft of property; Eidson & Associates/Marvin's; Hwy. 157; cash/general merchandise
- theft of services; Buffalo Wild Wings; 2nd Ave. SW; $74
- unauthorized use of vehicle; person; 4th Ave. NE

ARRESTS

April 29

Garrett, James E.; 23

- FTA- minor in possession of alcoholic beverages
- FTA- improper muffler
- FTA- driving without license
- FTA- insurance violation

Graves, Justin K.; 30

- DUI

Stancil, Jason L.; 51

- 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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American Legion Post 4 Bingo Night

- May 2 – This is an announcement that Bingo every Saturday night at 6:00 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 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 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 Shred Day

Saturday, May 22 – Presented by the Better Business Bureau of North Alabama, Cullman Shred Day will offer free contactless drive-up services, such as document shredding and drug take back (no needles) from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the King Edward Plaza Shopping Center – 1731 2nd Ave. SW, Cullman, AL 35055. For more information, call 256-734-8209.

Cullman County Bosom Buddies Craft Fair and Vendor Expo

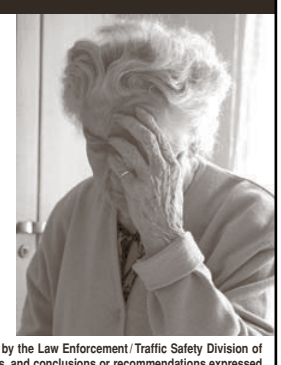
- Saturday, June 12th from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Cullman Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2214
- 112 Veterans Dr. SW, Cullman, AL 35055
- For more information, call Judy Grissom at 256-347-5993

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Alexis Williams, Murl Sims named Wallace State's All-Alabama Academic Team Scholars recipients

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Wallace State students Alexis Williams and Murl Sims are Wallace State Community College's 2021 All-Alabama Academic Team Scholars.

Both Williams and Sims are Danville High graduates. Williams lives in Hartselle and Sims in Danville.

The All-Alabama Academic Team recognition program was founded in 1995 to complement the All-USA Academic Team Program sponsored by USA Today, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and the American Association of Community Colleges. The All-Alabama Academic Team Foundation conducts the annual banquet in association with the ACCS and the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

All-Alabama Academic Team recipients were recognized recently through a virtual ceremony by Alabama Community College System Chancellor Jimmy Baker, replacing the traditional luncheon banquet for each honoree.

Williams, a general studies major and a first-generation student, has maintained a 4.0 GPA at Wallace State. She plans to transfer to the University of Alabama to pursue a degree in political science and ultimately, serve as a civil rights attorney.

"I'm very humbled and excited to be selected as one of Wallace State's recipients. I began at Wallace State as a dual enrollment student and have grown so much. It's an honor to earn this," Williams said.

"I came from humble beginnings. I want to be an example to the next generation of students who are first-generation, particularly those of color. It motivates me to accomplish more."

Williams is also a member of Wallace State's Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and the National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS), a new honor society the college has joined.

Sims is a Wallace State Engineering Technology student and will complete his degree at the conclusion of the summer semester. He plans to transfer to UAH and major in structural engineering.

"Being selected as one of Wallace State's All-Alabama representatives is something I'll cherish forever. There's great competition across this campus," Sims said.

Sims, who has maintained a 3.7 GPA, is also a member of PTK.

As All-Alabama Academic Team Scholars, Williams and Sims both receive a $1,000 transfer scholarship.

While eligible students from across the entire student body may apply for selection to the All-USA and All-Alabama Academic Team, all students submit applications to their local community college's Phi Theta Kappa nominator. Applicants must have a minimum 3.5 GPA and be enrolled in a minimum of six credit hours per semester.



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365 AMERICAN JOY-GIVERS for 2021: The God Bless America Birthday Party

Ben South
Tribune Columnist


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We're partying at 167 West 12th Street in New York City, in the cookbook-lined library of The James Beard House. Mr. B was "The Dean of American Cooking." Across one wall is a giant version of Keith Haring's graffiti poster, "America's Music Festival—NYC Ballet," which shows seven Haring-figures against pop art stars-and-stripes.

Johnny Unitas picks up a roll from the breadbasket and tosses it at Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, but Bing Crosby deflects it with a swing of his golf club.

JOIN US...

You sense the joy the minute you walk into the foyer and see the celebrants of this "God Bless America" party taking "selfies" with the stars-and-stripes painting as a backdrop. HOORAY FOR THE JOY-GIVERS! (Note: The comments attributed to these famous joy-givers come from words they have written or said.)

PLEASE GIVE A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THESE AMERICAN JOY-GIVERS CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK:

May 1—KATE SMITH, a soprano from Virginia with a huge, rousing sound was "The First Lady of Radio." She was well-known for her soaring, bombastic, totally fantastic rendition of Irving Berlin's "God Bless America." Miss Smith, who never married, stirred America's patriotic fervor during World War II and was personally responsible for selling more than $600 million (equivalent to $10.4 billion today) war bonds. She received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, America's highest honor, which was presented by President Ronald Reagan with these words: "The voice of Kate Smith is known and loved by millions of Americans, young and old, in war and peace, it has been an inspiration.

"Those simple but moving words, "God Bless America," have taken on added meaning for all of us because of the way Kate Smith sang them. Thanks to her they have become a cherished part of our lives, an undying reminder of the beauty, the courage and the best of this great land of ours. In giving us a magnificent, selfless talent like Kate Smith, God has truly blessed America."

May 2—DWAYNE "THE ROCK" JOHNSON is the only Samoan American in our roster of "365 American Joy-Givers for 2021." The actor and film producer is regarded as one of the greatest professional wrestlers of all time.

Now retired from wrestling, he is one of the world's highest-paid actors. His films have grossed more than $10.5 billion worldwide.

May 3—BING CROSBY was America's first multimedia star. The singer, actor and comedian (born Harry Lillis "Bing" Crosby, Jr.) was a national treasure in recorded music, radio and motion pictures from 1930 to 1954. He made more than 70 movies and recorded more than 1,600 songs.

"YANK" magazine said Bing Crosby was "the person who had done the most for overseas servicemen" during World War II.

As a great example of American ingenuity, Bing Crosby was instrumental in advances of early audio tape recording, helped finance the development of videotape, bought television stations, bred racehorses and co-owned the Pittsburgh Pirates baseball team.

May 4—KEITH HARING merged American "pop art" with New York subway graffiti art to create a widely recognized visual language. After gaining public recognition, he created colorful, large-scale murals in his signature painting style, many of which were commissioned works and many others generously donated by the artist to support worthy causes.

May 5—JAMES BEARD was a television cooking celebrity before people regularly sat and watched other people cooking on television. He was a chef, cookbook author and teacher. Beard emphasized American cooking prepared with fresh, wholesome American ingredients. He mentored professionals and "foodies" and authored twenty-plus books. In 1986, the James Beard Foundation was created to honor American chefs, restaurants, food journalists, cookbook creators, restaurant designers and even social media "floggers"—food bloggers. The coveted James Beard Awards are given each year in early May to coincide with this joy-giver's birthday.

May 6—RUDOLPH VALENTINO proves a well-loved person has many names. The Italian American screen actor was given these names at birth: Rodolfo Alfonso Raffaello Pierre Filiberto Guglielmi di Valentina d'Antonguella. He starred in several Hollywood movies of the "Silent Era" and was a major sex symbol of the 1920s. He was known by these names: "The Latin Lover," or "The Great Lover" or as simply, definitively, magnifioso, delicioso—Valentino.

May 7—JOHNNY UNITAS was the prototype of the modern era marquee football quarterback. He played professional football for 18 seasons, primarily with the Baltimore Colts. Unitas set many National Football League records and was named "Most Valuable Player" in 1959, again in 1964...then again in 1967. He was inducted in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1979. Mr. Unitas was known as "Johnny U" and "The Golden Arm."

COMMENTS OVERHEARD AT "THE GOD BLESS AMERICA BIRTHDAY PARTY" FOR AMERICAN JOY-GIVERS:

"I sometimes get that wonderful sympathy between me and the audience, telling me I've reached their hearts. And, when I do, the thrill is mine."—Kate Smith

"Listen a lot and talk less. You can't learn anything while you're talking."—Bing Crosby

"Whatever you do, the only secret is to believe in it and satisfy yourself. Don't do it for anyone else."—Keith Haring

"A gourmet who thinks of calories is like a tart who looks at her watch."—James Beard

"Grind hard. Shine hard."—Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson

"Women are not in love with me but with the picture of me on the screen. I am merely the canvas on which women paint their dreams."—Rudolph Valentino

"There is a big difference between confidence and conceit. Conceit is bragging about yourself. Confidence means you believe you can get the job done."—Johnny Unitas

"I know I'm fat and I know my hair is straight, but I can sing."—Kate Smith

"I grew up in a musical family. The majority of my growing up was done in Hawaii. It's what we do. You sing, you dance, you play ukulele and you drink."—Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson

"Everyone knows I'm just a big, good-natured slob."—Bing Crosby

"There is nothing that makes me happier than making a child smile. Children know something that most people have forgotten. All children draw."—Keith Haring

"I don't like gourmet cooking or 'this' cooking or 'that' cooking. I like good cooking."—James Beard

"I am beginning to look more and more like my miserable imitators."—Rudolph Valentino

"I could have played football for two or three more years. All I needed was a leg transplant."—Johnny Unitas

"There is no second chance on stage, I was trained to make the most of my first chance."—Kate Smith

"When you walk up to opportunity's door, don't knock on it. Kick the b*tch in, smile and introduce yourself."—Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson

"There is no labor anyone can do that's not dignified, if they do it right."—Bing Crosby

"I will draw as much as I can for as many people as I can for as long as I can."—Keith Haring

"The only thing that will make a souffle' fall is if it knows you're afraid of it."—James Beard

"A man should control his life. Mine is controlling me."—Rudolph Valentino

"I had confidence in my ability. You have to. If you don't, who will?"—Johnny Unitas

"And when all is said and done there is no greater success in the world than just being happy."—Kate Smith

"Wake up determined. Go to bed satisfied."—Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson

"When I'm worried and cannot sleep, I count my blessings instead of sheep."—Bing Crosby

"Art is for everybody."—Keith Haring

"If I were ever to have a symbol attributed to me, it would be a heart, the outline!"—Rudolph Valentino

"Good cheese needs good companions."—James Beard

"Nothing is dangerous if you know what you're doing."—Johnny Unitas

"Be the person who when your feet touch the floor in the morning, the devil says, "Aw sh*t, they're up."—Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson

"My golf game is woeful, but I'll never surrender."—Bing Crosby

"I believe if I ever had to practice cannibalism, I might manage if there were enough tarragon around."—James Beard

"To generalize on women is dangerous. To specialize in them is infinitely worse."—Rudolph Valentino

"Ice cream was my undoing, and six chocolate milkshakes in a row were nothing to me at one time."—Kate Smith

"Talk is cheap, let's go play."—Johnny Unitas

PARTY MENU FOR "THE GOD BLESS AMERICA BIRTHDAY PARTY:"

APPETIZER—Kate Smith Mini-Milkshake Smoothies (thespruceeats.com)

SALAD—Johnny Unitas Golden Rice Salad (cooks.com)

ENTRÉE—James Beard Pecan-Coated Roast Loin of Pork (see below)

SIDE DISH—Keith Haring Grilled Graffiti Eggplant (afamilyfeast.com)

BREAD—Rudolph Valentino Latin Loaf Loaf (belatina.com)

BEVERAGE—Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson's Samoan Fogcutter (us.inshaker.com)

DESSERT—Bing Crosby White Christmas Pina Colada Tube Cake (tasteofhome.com)

ONE TO GROW ON—All the "live" events at The James Beard House have been canceled for the past year as New York City still struggles with the COVID-19 crisis. However, there are wonderful virtual events available at www.jamesbeard.org. Try this one Thursday, May 20, "FEEDING THE SOUL: Grief, Loss and Healing in a Pandemic." The presenters underscore how the joy of planting, harvesting, eating and sharing food have helped us navigate the past year together. The entertainment for "The God Bless America Birthday Party" was Bing Crosby and Kate Smith performing a spirit-lifting medley of songs from the WWII era. At one point, they sang a Latin-tinged number and took turns dancing a comic tango with Rudolph Valentino.

The finale for the evening had the crowd on their feet as Kate Smith belted these lyrics to roaring shouts of applause:

"God bless America,
land that I love.
Stand beside her
and guide her,
through the night, with
the light from above.
From the mountains
to the prairies,
To the oceans white
with foam.
GOD BLESS AMERICA, MY
HOME SWEET HOME!

JAMES BEARD PECAN-COATED ROAST LOIN OF PORK
(source: Jessica B. Harris at jamesbeard.org)

INGREDIENTS

- 4 pounds boneless loin of pork
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 1 tablespoon packed dark brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons powdered sage
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- ¼ pound shelled pecan halves

DIRECTIONS

1. Rub the pork loin with olive oil, cover well. Combine brown sugar, sage, thyme, garlic, salt and pepper and a drizzle of olive oil in a blender to make a paste. Slather pork loin with the paste, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight.

2. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Pulse the pecans in a blender until finely chopped. Roll roast in the chopped pecans and put in a roasting pan. Make a tent of aluminum foil and make certain to cover all pecans so they will not char.

3. Roast for 30 minutes at 400 degrees, then lower heat to 350 degrees and roast for 30 more minutes.

Serves 8





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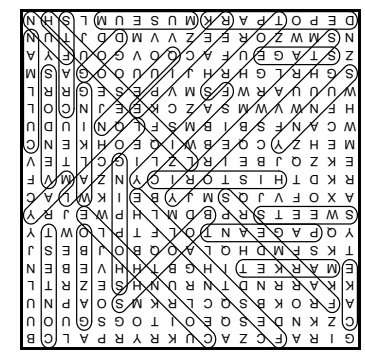
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

LAUREN EVELYN GUINN,
Plaintiff

Vs. **Case Number: DR-2021-000092.00**

ANDREW HEATH GUINN,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Andrew Heath Guinn, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Lauren Evelyn Guinn's Complaint for Divorce by June 8, 2021 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2021-000092.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 12th day of April, 2021.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
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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
MAXIE LEROY KANADAY,
Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC2021-114

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to ROGER DALE KANADAY, as Administrator of the Estate of MAXIE LEROY KANADAY, deceased, on the 29th day of April, 2021 by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Roger Dale Kanaday
ROGER DALE KANADAY

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TO: The Publisher of **CULLMAN TRIBUNE**

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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Probate Judge of Cullman County

DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY
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Walker Brothers, LTD

(Plaintiff)

v. Case No. SM-2016-900120

Jeremy Burnett

(Defendant)

NOTICE OF FILING OF LAWSUIT

Defendant, Jeremy Burnett, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD, for $766.41 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account

ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT MUST BE MADE BY THE SAID DEFENDANT on or before the 22nd day of May, 2021, or a default may be rendered against it in the above styled cause.

Dated this the 15th day of April, 2021.

Lisa McSwain
LISA MCSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO.: PC2021-017

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY S. HUGHES, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Michael E. Cone on the 15th day of April, 2021, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Michael E. Cone
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
EARNIE SULLINS * CASE NO.: PC2021-087
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration With Will Annexed having been granted to Bonnie Nash, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Earnie Sullins, deceased, on the 29th 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.

Bonnie Nash
Personal Representative

Edward G. Coey
Attorney for Personal Representative
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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
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DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY
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(Plaintiff)

v. Case No. SM-2020-900163

Colton Graham

(Defendant)

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Defendant, Colton Graham, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD, for $2,078.32 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account.

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Dated this the 15th day of April, 2021.

Lisa McSwain
LISA MCSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
WANDA W. SANDERS a/k/a *
WANDA LEE SANDERS * CASE NO.: PC2021-167
Deceased. *

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TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to LYNN SANDERS CAMPBELL, as Personal Representative of the Estate of WANDA W. SANDERS a/k/a WANDA LEE SANDERS, deceased, on the 30th 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.

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * CASE NO. PC-2021-085
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DECEASED *

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TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary have been granted to SONYA HOFFMAN as Personal Representative of the Estate of WILLIAM LAVERN CULVER, deceased, on this the 30th day of April, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman Count.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

I still have a mailbox, but it's not the thrill it once was

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



Does the sight of a mail truck at your mailbox excite you? Honestly, it doesn't do that much for me either these days, but I can remember a time when the mail delivery was an exciting part of my day. Well, no, it wasn't like going fishing, swimming, or to get an ice-cream cone at Sanderson's Drug Store, but it was a small something to look forward to each day. After all, sometimes the mail contained surprises. About the only surprise I've gotten in the mail lately was a jury summons.

Back in those days I knew all my mailmen by name. Well, actually, that wasn't so hard because through the years I had two of them, plus an occasional substitute. The usual substitute was also my pastor, so I knew him better than the regulars. I easily recognized their cars when I saw them coming.

That wasn't as easy as in these days, because in rural Alabama they didn't drive official-mail trucks but their own personal vehicles. Because many of the roads they traveled were still unpaved, their vehicles were covered with dust, especially the rear end. Later, they got a little fancy with magnetic signs on the doors that said U.S. Mail. I thought it was funny because they drove sitting in the middle of the seat.

Modern mail trucks have the steering wheel on the right side, so drivers can easily reach the boxes, but back then they sat in the middle and drove with their left foot.

I actually remember standing out by the mailbox when I was a kid, waiting for the mailman to deliver something I was anxiously waiting to receive. During the schoolyear, the mailman usually ran before I got home from school, but what he had delivered was often still there in the box, just waiting for me to get home and run to get it. UPS was already around in those days, but I was almost grown before I saw one of those big-brown trucks. The other parcel companies hadn't been created yet.

We didn't get many packages, but when we did, they came by mail. We also received these things called catalogues that we could order things from.

It was kind of like ordering online, but it was on paper instead. My favorite was the Christmas-Wish-Book from Sears. They were also used for other purposes, sometimes.

People actually sent hand-written letters and cards back then. We had kin folks in other states who sent personal letters regularly. Those letters were how we kept up with the latest gossip...I mean news. We had telephones, but we had to pay for each long-distance call.

Those five-cent stamps were much cheaper. Email, texts, Twitter, and Facebook had not been heard of then, but now have almost done always with such antiquated but pleasurable methods of communication. People even mailed hand-written thank-you cards back then!

Now that I think about it, I haven't run to get the mail in quite some time, or waited by the side of the road for its delivery. Sometimes I even leave my mail in the box until the next day. It seems about all I get in my mailbox these days are bills and junk mail...or perhaps an occasional dirt-dauber nest. How do they get in there? If I purchased all the extended warranty offers sent to me, I wouldn't have enough money left in the budget to buy gasoline! Sometimes I just miss the old days. I think I may just sit down and write a letter to send to someone today...if I can afford the stamp!

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: 1954

From The Files Of 1954

Mr. Persall, who was born in Newton County, Georgia on February 6, 1869, came to Cullman County when he was 19 years old. His parents decided to return to Georgia, but he bought a farm and remained here.

Five children were born to Mr. Persall and his first wife, who was Maudenie Calvert. The four of them living are Mrs. Bertha Whitlock, Mrs. Pearl Taylor and Calvin Persall, all of Cullman and Ted Persall, of Akron, Ohio.

Mr. Persall's second wife was Roxie Sawyers, to whom he was married 29 years and to whom were born six children (five living). They are Lewis Persall, of Michigan, Mrs. Elmer Dee Eddy, of Athens, Mrs. Edna Jones, Mrs. Thelma Jordan and Mancel Persall, all of Cullman.

Mrs. W.H. Watts was born 81 years ago, in Blount County. She was married 66 years ago in Cullman County and has lived in Cullman since. Her children are Cora Garrison, of Albertville, Estelle Garrison, of Holly Pond, Pearl Sleaner and Oma Watts, of Route Seven, Cullman, Henderson Watts, of Blountsville and Henry Watts, of Akron, Ohio.

Mrs. Watts says crocheting is her hobby. She attends the Pleasant View Church. When asked how many grandchildren she had, she said, "It would take a long time to count them." She also has a number of great-grandchildren.

J.K. Williamson, born on March 14, 1874 in Randolph County, moved to Cullman County at the age of 17. Fifty-seven years ago he married Jerusha Guthery. She died three years ago. He has six living children, Mrs. Naomi Hopper, Mrs. Hetie Hyde, Mrs. Vivian Hale and Bud Williamson, of Cullman, Mrs. Leola Jones, of Arab and Mrs. Vera Hale, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, 30 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. He is a retired carpenter and attends the Church of Christ.

POET'S CORNER

Revealing of spring | By: April Mccay

As the sun arises
The ground begins to weep,
Morning dew trickles down
Blades of grass, rooted deep.

The warmth overtakes
The chill of cold,
A spectacular landscape
Creatures behold.

The fog lifts
Revealing the season of spring,
Tree branches budding
While birds loudly sing.

Butterflies dance
Curious deer pause and stare,
A powder of pollen
Now sprinkles the air.

Obituary Announcements: April 30

Martha Juanita Massey May, 95, of Florida, formerly of Cullman

Funeral service for Martha Juanita Massey May, 95, of Florida, formerly of Cullman will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Center Grove Cemetery. Pastor Keith Hodges will be officiating. Visitation will be Wednesday from noon – 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.Mrs. May died Saturday, April 24th, 2021 in Florida. She was born Sept. 28, 1925 to Walter M. and Della Jenkins Massey. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband: Gene May; a daughter: Linda Diane May Fields; a brother and two sisters. Survivors include her son: Ken (Kathy) May; daughter: Barbara May (Robby) Wallace; nine grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren, family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com

Frieda Pauline Batemon, 70, of Hanceville

Funeral services for Frieda Pauline Batemon, 70, of Hanceville, Alabama will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Center Hill Cemetery. Reverend Heath Riggs will officiate. Visitation will be the day of the service at the funeral home beginning at noon. Mrs. Batemon is survived by her husband: Jimmie Batemon; children: Dana Batemon McRee (Waldo), Jimmie "Jay" Raye Batemon II, Michael Raye Batemon (Deanna), and Curtis Raye Batemon (Ketsarin); 9 grandchildren: nine great-grandchildren; a brother: Charles Johns (Marie) and a host of nieces and nephews. Mrs. Batemon was preceded in death by her parents: Taft and Virginia McGuffie) Johns and two sisters: Robbie Smith and Octavia Popee.

Hobert Henry Benefield, 79, of Cullman

Hobert Henry Benefield, of Cullman, Alabama, died May 30, 2021 at the age of 79. He was born Oct. 5, 1941 in Cullman to David and Myrtie Milligan Benefield. He is preceded in death by his parents, sister: Wilma Benefield and brother: Hollis Benefield Graveside services will be held Tuesday May 4, 2021 at 10 a.m. at Bethlehem West Baptist Cemetery with Re. Perry McCravy officiating Survivors are daughters: Jeanna Harris, Kristi (Don) Taylor, son: Mark Benefield, sisters: Freda Johnson, Gail (James) Speegle, brother: Verlie Benefield; grandchildren: Tumika (Jacob) Campbell, Camron and Corey Abbott and great-grandsons: Logan and Levi Campbell The family will receive friends at the cemetery Tuesday. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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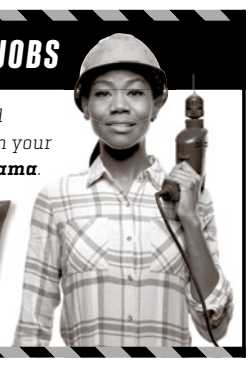
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PREP SOFTBALL

Cullman downs Jasper 3-0 in regular season finale

Nick Griffin, Sammy Confer
Contributors

CULLMAN, Ala. – After defeating James Clemens 6-1 and falling to Hazel Green 5-0 earlier this week, Cullman returned home Thursday night to host its regular season finale against Jasper. After a scoreless opening frame, the Lady Bearcats pushed a run across in the second to take an early lead and tacked on two more in the third to begin pulling away and went on to defeat the Lady Vikings 3-0.

Savannah Davis led off the bottom of the second with a double into deep center field and scored on an error later in the inning to give Cullman a 1-0 lead going into the third.

The Lady Bearcats added to their lead in the third when Faith Guest drove a double off the fence in left field and two pitches later, Chalea Clemmons blasted a 2-run shot over the center field fence to make it a 3-0 game going into the fourth.

After a scoreless fourth inning, Clemmons and Davis each drilled a two-out single to put a pair of runners on the base paths but a flyout ended the inning before Cullman could put any more runs on the board.

Jasper threatened to score in the top of the sixth with a leadoff single and a walk but a strikeout, a line out and a ground out got the Lady Bearcats out of the jam with the lead intact.

A two-out double from Brooklyn Morton gave Cullman a runner in scoring position in the bottom of the sixth but a ground out ended the inning, and the Lady Bearcats went to the top of the seventh three outs away from a win.

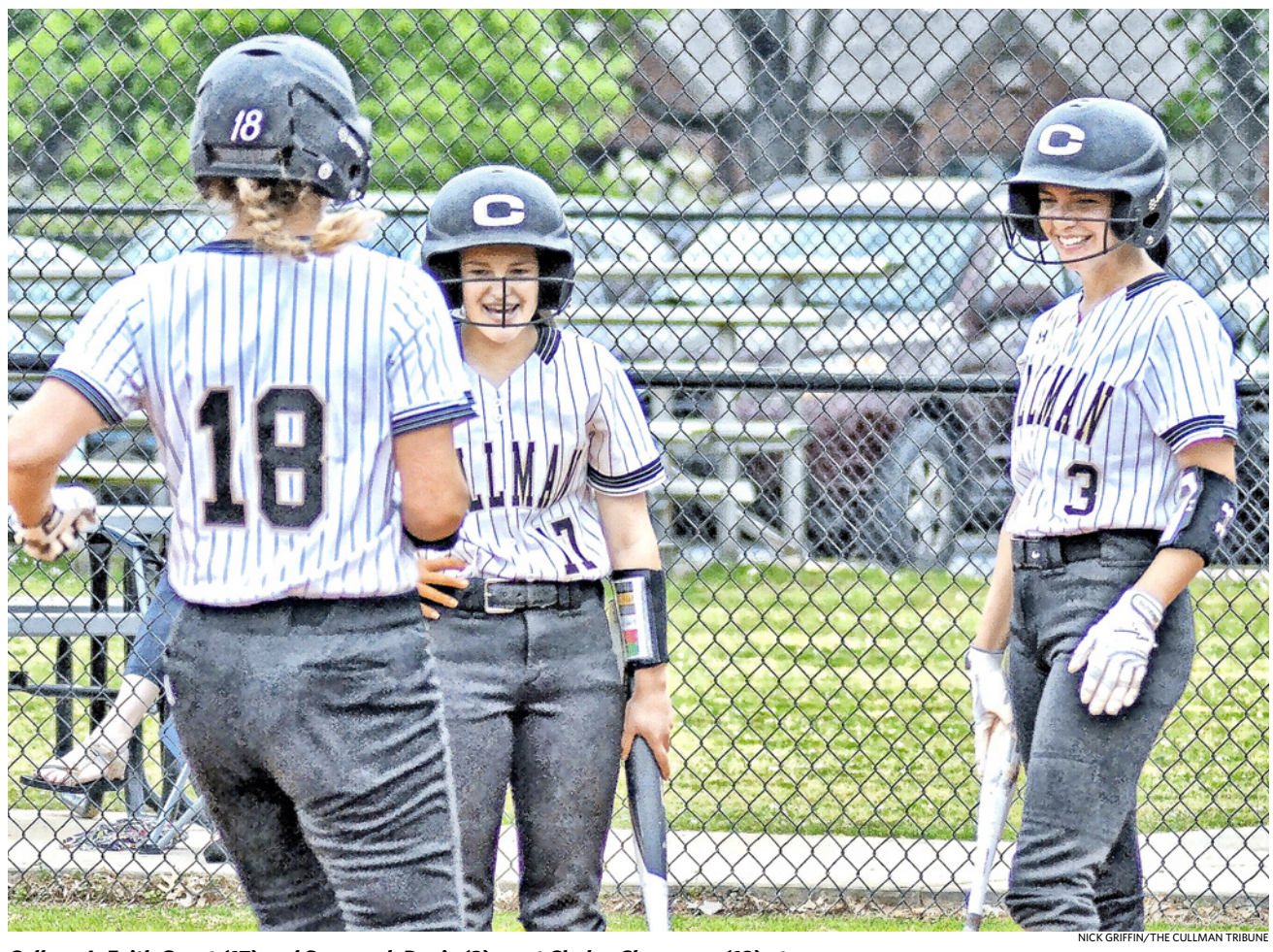
A pair of walks and an error allowed Jasper to load the bases with two outs, but Clemmons was able to get the final out to keep the Lady Vikings off the board and secure a 3-0 win for the Lady Bearcats.

Emma Claire Wilson tossed five scoreless innings in the win over Jasper, allowing just two hits and striking out six batters.

Clemmons pitched the final two innings to wrap up the win.

Morton finished 3-for-3 at the plate in the win and Clemmons finished with two hits and two RBIs. Guest and Wilson each added hits for Cullman as well.

Cullman will be back in action Tuesday at Hartselle to face Muscle Shoals in the opening round of this year's 6A, Area 14 Tournament.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman's Faith Guest (17) and Savannah Davis (3) meet Chalea Clemmons (18) at the plate following her 2-run homer against Jasper Thursday night.

OTHER THURSDAY SCORES

West Point 6 - Danville 0 (Softball)
Both starters were perfect through four innings, but West Point got in the hit and run column in the top of the fifth as Braelee Quinn hit a one-out home run to give the Lady Warriors a 1-0 lead.

They added to their lead in the sixth inning as back-to-back triples by Lexi Shadix and Carlie Wilkins pushed the West Point lead to 2-0.

The Lady Warriors blew the game open in the seventh inning. Braelee Quinn and Kylee Quinn each hit back-to-back singles, then Brindlee Phillips drew a walk to load the bases.

Two outs later, Bethany Minck delivered the biggest blow in the inning as she hit a grand slam to increase the West Point lead to 6-0.

Sydney Sellers walked a batter with two outs, then she retired the next batter on a ground out to end the inning and the Lady Warriors picked up a huge win in their final regular season as they ended up shutting out Danville, 6-0.

Minck hit a grand slam for her only hit of the game for West Point (21-18-2).

Braelee Quinn added a pair of hits and an RBI, while Wilkins collected a hit and an RBI. Shadix and Kylee Quinn each added a hit in the contest as well.

Wilkins and Sellers gave up just one hit combined through seven innings, walked three and struck out seven. The Lady Warriors will host their respective area tournament next Monday.

Appalachian 10 - Fairview 0 (Softball)
Appalachian struck first in the opening inning to take a 1-0 lead, then they added two more in the third inning. The Lady Eagles exploded for seven runs in the bottom of the fifth and the Lady Aggies were held to just three hits as they ended up falling to Appalachian, 10-0.

Kyleigh Aleman, Emma Garcia, and Kaitlyn Benson collected the only hits of the game for Fairview (11-16). The Lady Aggies will travel to Guntersville for their area tournament next Tuesday.

Alabama lands 6 1st round picks on the opening night of 2021 NFL Draft

Josh Maxson
UA Athletics

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – Alabama football had a school-record six players selected in the first round of the 2021 NFL Draft on Thursday night in Cleveland, Ohio.

The six picks – which ties the NFL Draft record for first-round choices in a single year (Miami (Fla.), 2004) – included wide receiver Jaylen Waddle (No. 6, Miami Dolphins), defensive back Patrick Surtain II (No. 9 Denver Broncos), wide receiver DeVonta Smith (No. 10, Philadelphia Eagles), quarterback Mac Jones (No. 15, New England Patriots), offensive lineman Alex Leatherwood (No. 17, Las Vegas Raiders) and running back Najee Harris (No. 24, Pittsburgh Steelers).

The six first-round selections for the Crimson Tide moves Saban's career total to 44 first-round picks, including 39 at Alabama.

The six first-round selections surpass Saban's previous best of four first round picks, which came in the 2011, 2012, 2017, 2018 and 2020 drafts.

Below are the 39 first-round selections for Alabama in the last 13 NFL Drafts:

• 2009 – Andre Smith (No. 6, Cincinnati)

• 2010 - Rolando McClain (No. 8, Oakland), Kareem Jackson (No. 20, Houston)

• 2011 - Marcell Dareus (No. 3, Buffalo), Julio Jones (No. 6, Atlanta), James Carpenter (No. 25, Seattle), Mark Ingram (No. 28, New Orleans)

• 2012 – Trent Richardson (No. 3, Cleveland), Mark Barron (No. 7, Tampa Bay), Dre Kirkpatrick (No. 17, Cincinnati), Dont'a Hightower (No. 25, New England)

• 2013 – Dee Milliner (No. 9, New York Jets), Chance Warmack (No. 10, Tennessee), D.J. Fluker (No. 11, San Diego)

• 2014 – C.J. Mosley (No. 17, Baltimore), Ha Ha Clinton-Dix (No. 21, Green Bay)

• 2015 – Amari Cooper (No. 4, Oakland)

• 2016 – Ryan Kelly (No. 18, Indianapolis)

• 2017 – Marlon Humphrey (No. 16, Baltimore), Jonathan Allen (No. 17, Washington), O.J. Howard (No. 19, Tampa Bay), Reuben Foster (No. 31, San Francisco)

• 2018 – Minkah Fitzpatrick (No. 11, Miami), Da'Ron Payne (No. 13, Washington), Rashaan Evans (No. 22, Tennessee), Calvin Ridley (No. 26, Atlanta)

• 2019 – Quinnen Williams (No. 3, New York Jets), Jonah Williams (No. 11, Cincinnati), Josh Jacobs (Oakland, No. 24)

• 2020 – Tua Tagovailoa (No. 5, Miami Dolphins), Jedrick Wills Jr. (No.10 Cleveland Browns), Henry Ruggs III (No. 12, Las Vegas Raiders), Jerry Jeudy (No. 15, Denver Broncos)

• 2021 – Jaylen Waddle (No. 6, Miami Dolphins), Patrick Surtain II, (No.9 Denver Broncos), DeVonta Smith (No. 10, Philadelphia Eagles), Mac Jones, (No. 15, New England Patriots), Alex Leatherwood, (No. 17, Las Vegas Raiders), Najee Harris, (No. 24, Pittsburgh Steelers)

Draft Notes

• Alabama head coach Nick Saban passed Joe Paterno for the most first round draft picks from a single school with a total of 39 during his time in Tuscaloosa. Paterno and Saban were tied for the all-time lead at 33 apiece entering this evening's draft.

• Saban has produced a total of 44 first-rounders for his career, the most by any one coach in NCAA history. That number is 11 more than Paterno, who had 33 first-rounders.

• Alabama has totaled 41 first-round selections since 2000. That total is nine better than Ohio State's and Miami's 32, who trail in second. LSU sits in third with 31 with Florida, Georgia and USC tied at 25 to round out the top five.

• Alabama is the first school to have four wide receivers drafted in the first round in a two-year span. (2020 – Henry Ruggs III, Jerry Jeudy; 2021 – DeVonta Smith, Jaylen Waddle)

• Only four other programs have ever had two wideouts taken in the first round in the same year. They include Florida (1997 – Ike Hilliard, Reidel Anthony), LSU (2007 – Dwayne Bowe, Craig Davis), Miami (2001 – Santana Moss, Reggie Wayne) and Ohio State (2007 – Ted Ginn Jr., Anthony Gonzalez). Alabama has now accomplished that feat twice in consecutive years.

• With the New England Patriots' selection of Mac Jones at No. 15 overall, Alabama joins Oklahoma as the only school to have quarterbacks selected in the first round in back-to-back years. (Tua Tagovailoa in 2020 and Mac Jones in 2021)

• Alabama tied Miami for most first round draft picks in a single year with six.

• With Alabama's six selections in this evening's first round, the Crimson Tide had produced multiple first-round picks in 10 of the last 13 NFL Drafts with single first-round selections in 2009, 2015 and 2016.

The second and third rounds will continue on Friday beginning at 6 p.m. CT and can be seen on ABC, ESPN and NFL Network. The 2021 Draft will wrap up with rounds 4-7 on Saturday beginning at 11 a.m. CT and can be seen on ABC, ESPN and NFL Network.

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