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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Relay Day – A community coming together against cancer

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CULLMAN, Ala. – On Thursday, May 6, 2021, Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs proclaimed Friday, May 7, 2021, "Relay Day – A Community Coming Together Against Cancer" in recognition of Relay For Life of Cullman County's "Lights on First Drive Thru Luminaria and Survivor Parade" scheduled for that day.

"We thank Mayor Jacobs, the City of Cullman and the residents of Cullman County for making a difference in the fight against cancer through the American Cancer Society," said Gary Cornelius of the ACS board of directors. "COVID did not cause cancer to pause, so we must continue this fight to eradicate the second largest cause of death in our country today."

The "Lights on First Drive Thru Luminaria and Survivor Parade" will be a drive-thru event along First Avenue NE in the Cullman Warehouse District. The event is scheduled to begin at 8:30 p.m. The starting point will be on First Avenue NE near First Street Northeast. Vehicles will travel north on First Avenue NE » PAGE 2

– PERFORMING ARTS –

Superior scores for three area band programs



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman High School Symphonic Band during their March assessment

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Three local high school band programs are celebrating this week after earning superior ratings from the Alabama Music Educators Association's Music Performance Assessment. Traditionally, high school concert and symphonic bands would travel to perform live in front of the judges. This year, bands sent in videos of their performances.

The highest rating a band can receive is "superior" (1) by scoring between 90-100. This year Cullman High School's Symphonic Band, The Good Hope High School Band and the Hanceville High School Band each earned superior ratings.

For Cullman High School's Symphonic Band, the streak continues as this is the 28th year in a row the band has scored all ones. Cullman City Schools Director of Bands Christopher Smith said upon learning this year's scores, "We are very proud of our students for their success at MPA this year. Especially with all of the complications brought on by the pandemic. Many aspects of our preparation for this event were altered by COVID. Due to the hybrid schedule for the school, we had fewer rehearsals to prepare our groups. Because of social distancing guidelines, the band had to rehearse and perform in a way that we had never attempted before. This changed how we practiced and how we developed and balanced our ensemble sound."

Smith continued, "All of this and the other restrictions made this year's MPA very challenging. For our Symphonic Band to still receive superior ratings at MPA is an amazing achievement for these students. Our Concert Band was also very successful at MPA this year. It shows that when you set goals and work through problems together, you can accomplish anything."

The Cullman High School Concert Band, directed by Doug Teuscher, received all "excellent" ratings from the judges. To receive an excellent (2), the band must achieve a score between 80-89.9.

The Cullman High School Band Concert, which will feature the Symphonic, Concert and Jazz bands is Thursday, May 13, at 7 p.m. in the Cullman High School auditorium.

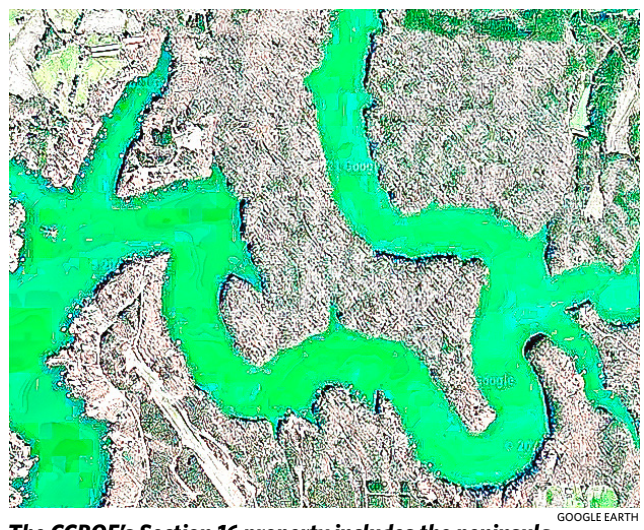
Good Hope High School scored all superior scores for the second year in a row. Good Hope Band Director Zac Tyree » PAGE 3

HEALTH

Alabama House approves medical marijuana bill » PAGE 6

EDUCATION

CCBOE votes to sell Section 16 property



GOOGLE EARTH

The CCBOE's Section 16 property includes the peninsula in the center of this satellite image, along with the land to the immediate northeast. » PAGE 5

EDUCATION

'The Murder Mystery at the Murder Mystery' opens at St. Bernard, shows continue Friday and Saturday



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The actors in a murder mystery struggle with their show. » PAGE 7

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Ivey signs Teacher Excellence and Accountability for Mathematics and Sciences salary schedule program » PAGE 5

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported May 6

Cullman Tribune Staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported May 6, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

GJ = grand jury; FTA = failure to appear

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

May 3

- unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; attempt to elude police officer; CR 15
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; Mayfair Ln.
- trespassing; CR 109
- theft of property; CR 46
- assault; Hwy. 67
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 8
- theft of property; CR 134
- burglary; Hwy. 69 N
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; CR 27
- domestic violence; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 501
- reckless endangerment; Hwy. 69 S
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Bolte Rd.

May 4

- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1545
- reckless endangerment; CR 831
- interference with domestic violence emergency call; CR 1545
- producing marijuana; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1366
- theft of property; CR 19
- domestic violence; I-65 SB at Exit 299
- unlawful possession of marijuana; CR 616
- harassment; CR 461
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1545

May 5

- domestic violence; Hwy. 69 S
- domestic violence; criminal mischief; CR 572
- burglary; CR 1435
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 1573
- theft of property; CR 508
- harassment; CR 1055
- shooting into occupied building; Hwy. 31
- theft of property; Hwy. 69 S
- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; Hwy. 157

ARRESTS

May 3

Brookshire, Corey Blake; 40
- possession of heroin
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of cocaine
- possession of synthetic narcotic
- attempting to elude police officer

Capps, Justin Adrian Jamie; 38
- possession of barbiturate
- possession of methamphetamine
- public intoxication

Flanigan, Cory Darrell; 32
- assault-harassment
- criminal trespass

Garrison, Tina Marie; 30
- FTA- conservation- cruelty to animals

Gregory, Whittney Marie; 22
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Handley, Billy Dewayne; 54
- public intoxication

Harless, Bobby Lynn; 50
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- second-degree possession of marijuana

James, Jonathan Eugene; 34
- FTA- Conservation- cruelty to animals

Johnston, Taylor Nicole; 38
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree possession of marijuana
- possession of dangerous drugs

McCurdy, Ariel Metz; 26
- assault-child abuse-simple-family (2 counts)

McCurdy, Brandon Blake; 26
- assault-child abuse-simple-family (2 counts)

Sellers, Van Thomas; 35
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of dangerous drugs

Sullivan, Kayla Reynolds; 32
- FTA- DUI (other substance)

Williams Jr.; Theodore Vann; 33
- FTA- driving while license suspended

May 4

Bellm, Donald Lee; 64
- producing marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Butts, Dale Paul; 47
- Probation Violation- assault-child abuse-aggravated-family

Dunn, Virginia D.; 28
- permitting livestock to run at large

Hyde, Kevin Lee; 44
- DUI (alcohol)

Lunceford, Lana Kay; 69
- producing marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

McNabb, Cody Daniel; 29
- FTA- failure to register vehicle

Moore, John Edward; 41
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- interference with a domestic violence emergency call

Schofield, Alexis Cheyenne; 18
- Motion to Revoke Bond-assault-child abuse-simple-family

Scott, Kenneth Roger; 49
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Snow, Cynthia De Anne; 60
- second-degree possession of marijuana
- larceny/theft-miscellaneous

Stringer, Jamie Lynn; 43
- possession of barbiturate
- possession of paraphernalia-1st offense

Strout-Parker, Angela S.; 51
- allowing minors to consume alcohol

May 5

Bates, Lionel Jay; 63
- assault-harassment

Haney, Joseph Lee; 68
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Lane, Brittany Luann Haynes; 31
- FTA- criminal mischief

Reece, Christopher Allen; 48
- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA- DUI (combined substance)

Sims, Christopher Allen; 30
- FTA- larceny/theft from residence
- FTA- illegal possession/use of a credit/debit card
- negotiating worthless instrument (5 counts)

Sims, Karl Randall; 63
- assault-simple assault

Strong, James Edward; 57
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)

Washburn, Jodie Rachelle; 40
- DUI (alcohol)

White, Kellsy Blair; 25
- third-degree assault-domestic violence
- third-degree criminal mischief

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

May 3

- third-degree burglary; Borden Family Pharmacy; Hwy. 157; miscellaneous
- leaving scene of accident; person; Brunner St. NW; damage to '02 Chevy S-10; damage to mailbox; $1,550
- first-degree criminal mischief; Comfort Suites; St. Joseph Dr. NW; damaged property; $5,270

ARRESTS

May 5

Powell, Daryl L.; 26
- FTA- public intoxication

Hicks, Timothy L.; 36
- Grand Jury- third-degree domestic violence-harassment
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence
- FTA- attempt to elude
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- improper turn

Graves, Kevin D.; 35
- Violation of Domestic Violence Protection Order

Hopper, Natalie G.; 19
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- false information to law enforcement
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property (2 counts)

Rochelle, Jerry D.; 42
- third-domestic violence-harassment

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

Relay Day (from Front)

toward Arnold Street NE to view the luminaria that will line the street. Survivors are encouraged to decorate their vehicles and include posters with their names and how long they've been cancer-free.

At the end of the parade route, the vehicles can be parked drive-in style behind the Cullman County Museum to view a slide show honoring cancer survivors, recognizing caregivers and remembering those who have been lost to cancer.

Luminary bags can be dedicated in honor of, or in memory of, someone affected by cancer or in honor of a caregiver.

The $10 donation includes both a luminary bag and an entry in the slide show. Luminary bags can be purchased online at https://secure.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY21SOR?pg=entry&fr_id=99042.

"I believe that Cullman truly is a community that will come together against cancer," said Mayor Jacobs. "I am proud to proclaim 'Relay Day' in Cullman and urge everyone to support the 'Lights on First' event Friday."

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life movement is the world's largest peer-to-peer fundraising event dedicated to saving lives from cancer. It is a community made up of like-minded survivors, caregivers, volunteers and participants who believe that the future can be free from cancer.

Each year, communities across the world come together to remember loved ones lost to cancer, to honor cancer survivors and caregivers, and to further Relay for Life's mission to "save lives, celebrate lives and lead the fight for a world without cancer."

Relay for Life of Cullman County sponsors events in our community to raise funds for the American Cancer Society that are used for research, education and patient support and services.

While the American Cancer Society is making progress toward their goal of a world without cancer, they can only continue their fight if we are dedicated to helping them raise the funds they need.

"As will be demonstrated in the number of luminaria on display Friday night, cancer has also had considerable impacts on our own community and families," said Mr. Cornelius. "We look forward to everyone coming to experience 'Lights on First' with us."

To make a tax-deductible donation online to the American Cancer Society, visit https://donate3.cancer.org/.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Thursday, May 6, 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: 409,697 (+306 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 120,314 (+259 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 8,626 (+12 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 2,320
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,519 (+5 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 3,128 (+2 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 129 (+0 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 64
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 41,006
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 2,112
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 76
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,520,805
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 3,370
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 111,683
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 365
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama (reported M-F): 49,151
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 335,669

Vaccine details (updated Monday-Friday)

- Doses delivered to Alabama: 3,947,595
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 2,942,275
- Doses administered: 2,631,645
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 1,534,554
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 1,176,435
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 1,005,320

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

DPH encourages age-appropriate groups to get COVID-19 vaccine

ADPH continues to encourage persons in the age-appropriate groups to be vaccinated against COVID-19 and follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention mitigation guidance to reduce the risk of this severe and deadly virus. All Alabamians need to continue to take personal responsibility to understand the benefits of vaccine to their own health and their need to practice efforts to reduce contracting this illness.

Governor announces May 31 end to Safer Apart order

Governor Kay Ivey announced that Alabama's COVID-19 public health order will end Monday, May 31, and the state of emergency will end Tuesday, July 6. Governor Ivey announced that the current Safer Apart order consists primarily of recommendations aligned with CDC guidance. However, specific guidance applies to two groups. Senior Citizen Centers must continue to follow guidelines issued by the Alabama Department of Senior Services. Hospitals and nursing homes must follow current guidance from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services with respect to visitation. Barring a great spike in COVID-19 cases, these last remaining requirements should be lifted with the expiration of this order May 31. Governor Ivey continues to encourage Alabamians to get the safe and effective vaccine.

Due to notifiable disease rules, isolation and quarantine timeframes remain after order ends

Exceptions include fully vaccinated individuals. COVID-19 patients and close contacts will continue to follow isolation and quarantine measures to protect the public's health, as this virus remains a notifiable condition in Alabama. Many Alabama schools have resumed face-to-face classes and some people incorrectly believe that isolation and quarantine requirements for COVID-19 have ended. However, these protections are still needed. Isolation separates non-healthcare personnel with COVID-19 from people who are not sick. Quarantine separates non-ill persons exposed to an infectious disease to determine if they may become sick. People with COVID-19 and their symptomatic close contacts must be isolated for at least 10 days after symptoms first appeared, at least 24 hours since fever ended without the use of fever-reducing medications, and other symptoms have improved. Fully vaccinated people are exempted from isolation and quarantine. Fully vaccinated people are those who are two weeks or more past their second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer or Moderna vaccines), or two weeks or more after receiving the single-dose (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine. Exceptions are also made for people who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past three months and recovered, so long as they do not experience symptoms. Isolation and quarantine timeframes may be viewed at, www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/assets/cov-timeframes-isolation-quarantine.pdf

New vaccine website now available - www.vaccines.gov

A federally supported website that makes it easier for individuals to access COVID-19 vaccine is now live. Vaccines.gov – powered by VaccineFinder – is available in English and Spanish, with high accessibility standard, and will help connect persons with locations offering vaccines near them. In addition to the website, a text messaging service is also available. People can text their Zip Code to 438829 (GETVAX) and 822862 (VACUNA) to find three locations nearby that have vaccines available.

Health care providers urged to strongly recommend COVID-19 vaccine

ADPH is asking all health care providers in the state to strongly recommend all age-eligible patients take COVID-19 vaccine. Health care professionals are often the most trusted source of information on vaccines for their patients in making informed decisions about getting a COVID-19 vaccination and taking actions that enable them to move back to normal activities. The CDC has provided information for providers on how to talk to patients about COVID-19 vaccination, available here www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/hcp/engaging-patients.html

FDA anticipated to authorize COVID-19 vaccine for adolescents age 12 to 15 soon

ADPH anticipates the Food and Drug Administration to authorize use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine in adolescents 12 to 15 years of age soon. The CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices is likely to meet soon after the authorization to review clinical trial data and make recommendations for the vaccine's use in adolescents. ADPH will provide additional information as it is made available.

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.

*People with COVID-19 who have symptoms should wait to be vaccinated until they have recovered from their illness and have met the criteria for discontinuing isolation; those without symptoms should also wait until they meet the criteria before getting vaccinated. This CDC guidance also applies to people who get COVID-19 before getting their second dose of vaccine.

Scores (from Front)

announced the Good Hope band's scores on Facebook adding, "I am so proud of this group of these students. Two years in a row receiving all superiors for Alabama State Music Performance Assessment!! This has been a very challenging year and these students have not backed down. They worked extremely hard to achieve success and should feel proud of their hard work!! Our band did not get weaker during the pandemic, they worked harder to become a stronger band program!! It's great to be a Raider!!"

The Good Hope Band will perform their Spring concert on May 16 at 2 p.m. in the Good Hope High School gym.

Hanceville High School Band scored all ones and band director Jesse James said of his band, "Proud is definitely an understatement for this group of students. I am so incredibly proud of not just their musicianship, but their perseverance. Throughout all of the struggles and trials we have all faced this past year, these students set their goals high and strove to achieve them at whatever cost was imaginable. They are so dedicated to their craft and each other that it is such a joy to be around them and listen to the incredible sounds they make! Through this process, they not only became better musicians, but better people. I am extremely blessed to be able to stand in front of this wonderful group and learn music together."

The Hanceville High School Band Spring concert will be May 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Hanceville High School gym.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

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.
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• 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

2nd Annual Ridin' for Residents
• May 8 - The 2nd Annual Ridin' for Residents is coming up Saturday, May 8. 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.

Pleasant View Singing
• Sunday, May 16 - Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church will have their regular third Sunday night singing May 16, at 5 p.m. with "Point of Honor" as guest singers. Everyone is invited.
• The church is located on U.S. Highway 278 approximately two miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information call 256-796-5986

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 Avenue 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

Christ Lutheran Church Anniversary
• June 20 - 100th Anniversary Kickoff Event
• Free Community Ice Cream Social - 2 - 4 p.m.

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PREP BASEBALL

Cullman's Stancil earns spot on North All-Star roster

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Hayden Stancil put together a stellar junior campaign this year at Cullman High school, contributing on the mound, at the plate and in the infield and now he'll get the chance to compete with some of the best players in his class this summer. The Alabama High School Athletic Directors & Coaches Association have finished building the rosters for this year's North-South All-Star in Montgomery and Stancil landed on this year's North squad.

The teams comprised of 2022 rising seniors were chosen by a special coaches committee from nominations received from AHSAA member school coaches.

"This is an outstanding group of baseball and softball standouts and coaches from our member schools," said Lee.

"We are proud to announce these teams and look forward to watching them in the All-Star competition set for the All-Star Sports Week this summer, especially after last summer's all-star competition was canceled due to the COVID 19 virus concerns."

This year's North-South All-Star Baseball games will be at Riverwalk Stadium in Montgomery Tuesday, July 16.

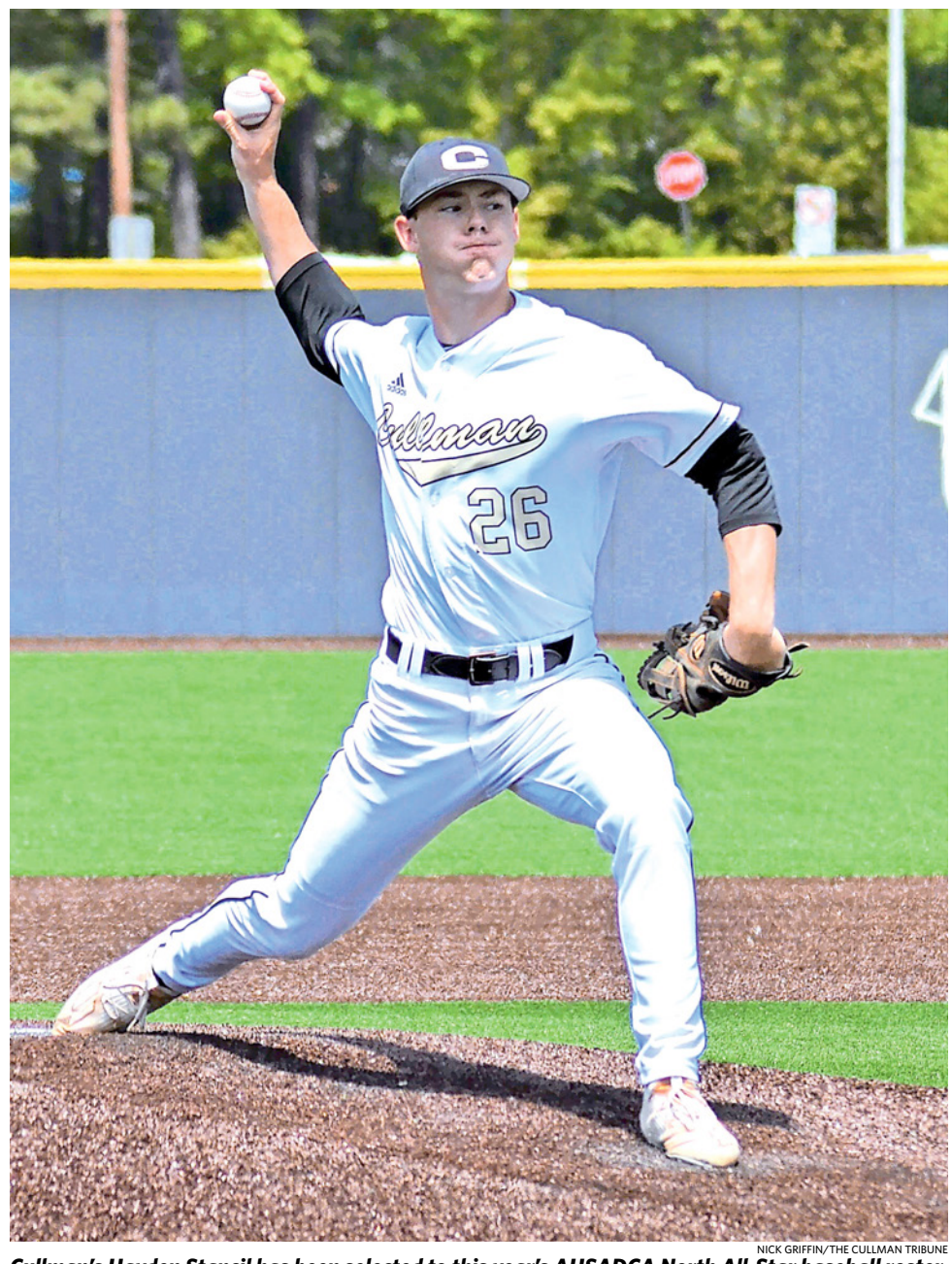
NORTH-SOUTH BASEBALL ALL-STARS

NORTH ALL-STAR ROSTER
- Josh Bowerman: Mars Hill Bible - P
- Elliott Bray: Hartselle - P
- Ben Capps: Gordo - P
- Eli Davenport: Ranburne - IF
- Garrett Day: Randolph - OF
- Austin Estes: Piedmont - OF
- Davis Gillespie: Oak Mountain - P
- Eli Gipson: Russellville - IF
- Pierce Hanna: Vestavia Hills - OF
- Shermaine Hollis, Jr.: A. H. Parker - IF
- Miguel Mitchell: Oxford - P
- Austin Morris: Mortimer Jordan - P
- Riley Quick: Hewitt-Trussville - P
- **Hayden Stancil: Cullman - P**
- William Steele: Hoover - C
- McGwire Turner: Helena - IF
- Alexander Wade: Madison Academy - OF
- Whitt Winfield: Northridge - C

NORTH COACHES
- Steve Renfroe: Briarwood Christian
- Jay Mitchell: Mars Hill Bible
- Keith Lucky: Saint James - Admin.

SOUTH ALL-STAR ROSTER
- Ayden Amis: Andalusia - IF
- Justin Brunson: Baldwin County - OF
- Ethan Cox: Opp - OF
- Ben Easterling: Trinity Presbyterian - P
- Miller Hart: T. R. Miller - IF
- Tucker Jackson: Houston Academy - P
- Grant Jay: Mobile Christian - C
- Charlie Keller: Mobile Christian - IF
- Tucker Kilcrease: Brantley - IF
- Patrick McGlon: Auburn - IF
- Trevor Morris: G. W. Long - IF
- Kyle Morrison: Wetumpka - P
- Trevor Pope: Saraland - P
- Thrasher Steed: Gulf Shores - P
- Isaac Warrick: Alabama Christian - P
- Jack Williams: Enterprise - IF
- Colton Wood: Faith Academy - C
- Slade Wood: Prattville - C

SOUTH COACHES
Kyle Hunter: Baldwin County
- Zach Blatt: Opelika
- Ken Whittle: Trinity Presbyterian - Admin.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman's Hayden Stancil has been selected to this year's AHSADCA North All-Star baseball roster.

PREP SOFTBALL

West Point's Wilkins lands on North All-Star roster

Nick Griffin
nick@cullmantribune.com

WEST POINT, Ala. – The Alabama High School Athletic Directors & Coaches Association have completed the rosters for this year's North-South All-Star Softball Game in Montgomery and Lady Warriors ace Carlie Wilkins earned a spot this year's North team. Wilkins is in the midst of her senior season at West Point, preparing to finish the area tournament this week and hopefully help lead the Lady Warriors deeper into the postseason.

The teams comprised of 2022 rising seniors were chosen by a special coaches committee from nominations received from AHSAA member school coaches.

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This year's North-South All Star Softball Games will be at Lagoon Park in Montgomery Wednesday, July 17 at 5 & 7 p.m.

2021 NORTH-SOUTH SOFTBALL TEAMS

NORTH ALL-STAR ROSTER
- Camryn Bailey: Helena - P
- Lexie Bennett: Scottsboro - OF
- BG Braswell: Sumiton Christian - SS
- Makalyn Kyser: Springville - C
- Macey Ogle: John Carroll Catholic - P
- Ella Pate: Thompson - OF
- Ashley Phillips: Alexandria - IF
- Ashlyn Potter: Hatton - OF
- Larissa Preuitt: Hartselle - OF
- Hannah Price: Rogers – P
- Emmah Rolfe: Bob Jones – P
- Emily Simon: Athens - P
- Maia Townsend: Mortimer Jordan - OF
- Linley Tubbs: Curry - IF
- Riley Tyree: Hewitt-Trussville - IF
- Riley Vaughn: Mars Hill Bible - P
- **Carlie Wilkins: West Point - P**
- Tessa Word: Plainview – P

NORTH COACHES
- Mary Jane Hobbs: Elkmont
- Rachel Ford: White Plains
- Kent Chambers: Bob Jones - Administrative

SOUTH ALL-STAR ROSTER
- Aubrey Allen: Elmore County - P
- Chloe Baynes: Tallassee - P
- Kayden Dunn: Brantley - IF
- Marlie Giles: Chilton County - IF
- Catherine Henson: Beauregard – 1B
- Taylor Harris: Benjamin Russell - P
- Alivia Haynes: Tallassee - SS
- McKinnon Howard: Central, Phenix City - OF
- Audrey Johnson: Fairhope - P
- Jalia Lassiter: Flomaton - P
- Alexis Milanowski: Houston Academy - P
- Liz Nolan: Daphne – IF
- Kailin Parker: Gulf Shores - IF
- Emily Russell: LAMP - P
- Hannah Weishaar: Spanish Fort - C
- Marisa West: Leroy - C
- Ashton White: Wicksburg - IF
- Kristen White: Central, Phenix City – OF

SOUTH COACHES
Nathan Rainey: Wicksburg
- Brian Pittman: Brewbaker Tech
- Susan Barnes: Elba - Administrative



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

West Point's Carlie Wilkins was selected to this year's North All-Star Softball roster Wednesday.

Auburn signs Arkansas transfer Desi Sills

Cody Voga
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. – Desi Sills has signed an Athletics Financial Aid Agreement to play basketball next season at Auburn University, head coach Bruce Pearl announced Wednesday. Sills, who played at the University of Arkansas from 2018-21, will join the Tigers for the upcoming 2021-22 season and have two years of eligibility remaining.

"Desi is a proven winner," Pearl said. "He's a fierce competitor and a tough, physical defender. He's got the ability to create for himself as well as others. Playing in our up-tempo system should bring out the best of him. If he plays as well against others as he did against us, we hit the jackpot."

A 6-foot-2, 200-pound guard, Sills averaged 7.5 points, 2.7 rebounds and 1.6 assists per game while playing 20.8 minutes per contest while helping Razorbacks to a 25-7 record and an appearance in the Elite Eight.

The Jonesboro, Ark. native is the only player to compete in all 98 of Arkansas' games over the last three seasons. In fact, Sills is the most experienced Southeastern Conference player returning with 98 games played and nearly 2,240 career minutes.

Sills has played well in his career against Auburn, averaging 17.0 points, 3.5 rebounds, 2.3 assists and 1.8 steals per game while shooting 50 percent from the floor, including 53 percent behind the 3-point line.

In the last two seasons against the Tigers, Sills averaged 19.7 points per tilt and shot 52 percent from the field, including 57 percent from downtown.

Prior to the 2020-21 season, Sills was chosen as a Preseason All-SEC Second Team choice by the league's coaches.

Sills was a two-time First Team All-State selection while playing at Jonesboro High School. There, he captained the basketball team to back-to-back state championships, including a 32-0 record as a junior.

He averaged 20.0 points, 5.3 rebounds and 2.5 assists per game as a senior and 15.5 points, 4.5 rebounds and 2.0 assists per game as a junior.



AU ATHLETICS

Auburn signed Arkansas transfer Desi Sills Wednesday.

Troy Athletics hands out top honors at 7th annual Trojan Tribute; Cullman's Thomas wins male athlete of the year

Troy Athletics
troytrojans.com

TROY, Ala. – Troy Athletics honored greatness among its student-athletes Wednesday night with the seventh annual Trojan Tribute award show. For the second straight spring, the awards were presented virtually via Facebook and YouTube.

Awards were handed out in 17 different categories ranging from strength & conditioning honors, to top grade-point-averages and Team of the Year. The awards, which were based on the 2020 calendar year (Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Winter 2020-21), were voted on by Troy's student-athletes and the Trojan Tribute Senior Voting Committee.

"I would like to congratulate all of our winners and nominees from this year's Trojan Tribute," Director of Athletics Brent Jones said.

"This was the most unprecedented year ever in collegiate athletics, and all our student-athletes should be commended for their hard work in the classroom, in the community and in competition.

"We had some remarkable individual and team performances this past year, and it is always rewarding to see the hard work of so many recognized with these awards."

Football junior wide receiver Luke Whittemore took home the evening's top award by earning the Trojan Way Leadership Award.

Women's basketball earned Team of the Year honors for the second straight year, while Edita Sklenska (track & field) and Levi Thomas (baseball) were named the respective Female and Male Athletes of the Year.

Thomas earned Collegiate Baseball Second Team All-America honors last season and was selected in the fourth round of the MLB Draft by the San Diego Padres after posting a 0.39 ERA with 42 strikeouts in just 23 innings of work.

Sklenska struck gold three times at the Sun Belt Conference Indoor Championship, the only female athlete in the conference to win three gold medals at the event. She broke a conference and school record in the 800m with a time of 2:08.34 and was part of both the gold medal-winning distance medley relay and the 4x400m realy.

Women's basketball won the Sun Belt Tournament Championship and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the third time in the last five opportunities. The Trojans took No. 4 Texas A&M to the final buzzer in the NCAA Tournament and finished the season ranked No. 21 in the final Mid-Major Poll.

MALE STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING AWARD
B.J. Smith – Football

FEMALE STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING AWARD
Natalie Hummel - Volleyball

CLEMENTS AWARD – HIGHEST MALE GRADUATING GPA
Eli Charron - Golf

SORRELL AWARD – HIGHEST FEMALE GRADUATING GPA
Karina Valeriano - Soccer

HIGHEST MALE TEAM GPA AWARD
Tennis

HIGHEST FEMALE TEAM GPA AWARD
Cross Country

STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR
Alyson Gramley – Athletic Training

MALE HEART OF A WARRIOR
Nick Stampley – Men's Basketball

FEMALE HEART OF A WARRIOR
Michelle Ncube - Tennis

STRENGTH OF CHARACTER
Michael Alvernaz - Track & Field



TROY ATHLETICS

Former Bearcat Levi Thomas won the Male Athlete of the Year Award at this year's Trojan Tribute award show Wednesday night.

THE JADARIOUS GARNER TOTAL TROJAN AWARD
Logan Calhoun - Softball

TEAM OF THE YEAR AWARD
Women's Basketball

MALE NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR
Carles Anton - Men's Tennis

FEMALE NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR
Felmas Koranga - Women's Basketball

MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR
Levi Thomas - Baseball

FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR
Edita Sklenska - Track & Field

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS TROJAN WAY LEADERSHIP AWARD
Luke Whittemore - Football

Ivey (from Front)

Office of Gov. Kay Ivey
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Governor Kay Ivey on Thursday signed into law the Teacher Excellence and Accountability for Mathematics and Science Salary Schedule Program, an aggressive piece of legislation to combat the estimated 3,000 unfilled math and science teacher positions in 6-12 grade classrooms across Alabama. Starting in the 2021-2022 school year, well-trained and educated middle and high school math and science teachers could earn up to $15,000 in additional pay each year.

"The quality of education in this state, particularly in rural, hard-to-staff areas, has to be solved to properly prepare our children for their futures in an ever-increasing STEM-based economy," said Governor Ivey, who is herself a former teacher.

"With TEAMS, we are placing emphasis on attracting both in-state and regional teachers in key subjects to move the needle in Alabama school systems."

The TEAMS program – introduced in the Senate by Donnie Chesteen (R-Geneva) and in the House of Representatives by Rep. Alan Baker (R-Brewton) will provide incentive pay for interested and qualifying math and science teachers.

"In Alabama, our state takes a lot of pride in being number one in college football, yet we have settled far too long with being at or near the bottom in math and science scores," said Sen. Donnie Chesteen (R-Geneva).

"The TEAMS Act will allow Alabama to recruit more math and science teachers and enroll current teacher into the TEAMS program. This bill is a step in the right direction in preparing our state to remain competitive in recruitment of STEM jobs of the 21st century.

"I look forward to seeing the positive improvements this will provide students in the future."

Each district can accept one TEAMS math and one TEAMS science teacher to participate in the program per 105 grade 6-12 students in the system — equating to roughly 7,000 teachers statewide.

Prospective program teachers can apply to their district for a TEAMS position if they:

- Hold a valid regular or alternate certificate for middle level and secondary math, science or computer science courses.
- Teach courses in mathematics or science in grades 6-12.
- Teach full time in mathematics or science, or both.
- Complete no less than four days of annual, high-quality Professional Development.

"The TEAMS Act is an aggressive and innovative investment to attract and reward highly-credentialed math and science teachers in public schools," Rep. Alan Baker said.

Within three years of admission to the program, TEAMS teachers must receive a specialized certification or credential from the National Institute for STEM Education, the National Board of Professional Teacher Standards (Early Adolescence or Early Adolescence and Young Adulthood Math or Science) or other program as developed by the Department of Education.

Three extra years are allowed for those with insufficient experience, such as new teachers, recent college graduates, etc.

Upon program entry, teachers will receive a $5,000 bonus and will earn another $5,000 upon program completion. Additionally, an annual supplement of $5,000 will be paid to those teaching in Alabama Department of Education-identified hard-to-staff schools.

Those interested can apply for Alabama's Teacher Excellence and Accountability for Mathematics and Science Salary Schedule Program by contacting the Alabama Department of Education at 334-694-4900.



Property (from Front)

Heather Mann, W.C. Mann
Contributors

CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Board of Education on Thursday voted to sell the board's property on Smith Lake to R&D Lake Properties, LLC. This decision was approved by majority vote with Wayne Myrex abstaining from voting and Kenny Brockman opposing the sale. Additionally, the board approved the opening of a trust fund to gather interest on the proceeds made from the Section 16 land.

According to business entity records at the Alabama Secretary of State's office, R&D Lake Properties, LLC is a business name filed April 25, 2021 by Ronnie Solley of Decatur.

CCBOE Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette said, "Over the past five years, the board and I have listened to a majority of the citizens in Cullman County.

"This was an asset we have, but we've heard over and over, 'We want you doing something with it.' We've been exploring several different avenues of how best to create a revenue source that will serve our students for years to come, and finally we were offered a substantial amount of money that we could sell it for and have a good enough return for our students.

What is Section 16 land?

According to the Code of Alabama, "'School lands,' within the meaning of this chapter (Title 16, Chapter 20), are sections numbered 16, in every township, granted by the United States for the use of schools in the township, and such other lands as may have been granted to any township or district for the use of schools; and all such lands are vested in the state in trust to execute the objects of the grant."

Essentially, the 16th section of land within each township (not a municipality, but a mapping term for a specifically defined geographic region) in the state belongs to the local educational system, under the oversight of the State.

The land can be leased to generate educational funding or can be sold under certain conditions.

When man-made Smith Lake was formed, the CCBOE's particular Section 16 (over 430 acres) became lakefront property. In 2014, the board purchased adjoining land (10 acres) that increased access to a peninsula that formed the bulk of the property, as well as a house and land at the southern tip of the peninsula that fell outside Section 16 but could only be accessed by land on a route through the CCBOE property.

The board received a total of $16.1 million for the land. Of that total, $2.9 million is payment for the land that is not Section 16, which goes directly to the CCBOE.

The remaining $13.2 million will be divided up between the county and city school systems based on where students live, not student enrollment numbers at the schools, to prevent schools with high out-of-district enrollment from being overcompensated.0

The schools will have immediate access to 10% of the remainder ($1.32 million divided among them), with some amount taken out as fees for the sale and other legal matters, and the rest put into the trust fund to earn interest (which will be divided among the schools). In total, the trust fund will earn interest on $11,880,000.



Bill (from Front)

WVTM-13
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – The Alabama House of Representatives on Thursday approved a medical marijuana bill that would allow registered patients with qualifying conditions to safely access and use medical cannabis.

The Senate is expected to give its final approval and send it to Governor Kay Ivey, who will decide whether to sign it into law and make Alabama the 37th state in the U.S. to legalize medical marijuana.

This was the first time the Alabama House has considered a medical cannabis bill. Republican opponents of the bill used a filibuster to delay a vote on Tuesday.

More than a dozen conditions, including cancer, a terminal illness, depression, epilepsy, panic disorder and chronic pain, would qualify a person for medical cannabis treatment.

Karen O'Keefe, director of state policies at the Marijuana Policy Project, released this statement:

"Passing the Compassion Act will allow seriously ill patients to finally get the relief they deserve.

"Alabama is one of only 14 states in the country that continues to criminalize the medical use of cannabis, and while this bill is more restrictive than is ideal, it is a dramatic improvement from the status quo and would improve the lives of thousands of Alabamians.

"We urge the Senate to swiftly concur with the modified bill, and Gov. Ivey to sign it into law."

Qualifying for the Program

• To legally use and access medical cannabis, patients must apply for and receive a medical cannabis card. To qualify, they must have a qualifying condition and a physician's certification. A fee of up to $65 will apply.

• The qualifying conditions are autism; cancer-related pain, nausea or weight loss; Crohn's; epilepsy; HIV/AIDS-related nausea; persistent nausea that has not significantly responded to other treatments, with exceptions; PTSD; sickle cell anemia; panic disorder; Tourette's; Parkinson's disease; spasticity related to multiple sclerosis, a motor neuron disease or spinal cord injury; terminal illness or a condition causing intractable or chronic pain "in which conventional therapeutic intervention and opiate therapy is contraindicated or has proved ineffective."

• The Senate-passed version includes anxiety, menopause, premenstrual syndrome and fibromyalgia. The House-passed version includes depression.

• Patients under 19 would need a parent or guardian to pick up their cannabis.

Legal Protections

• Qualifying patients, caregivers and medical cannabis establishments and their staff are not subject to criminal or civil penalty for actions authorized by the bill.

• Patients could possess up to 70 daily doses of cannabis.

• Patients generally could not be denied organ transplants or other medical care on the basis of medical cannabis.

Physicians' Role and Regulation

• To certify patients, physicians must be authorized to do so by the State Board of Medical Examiners. They must meet qualifications the board establishes. The House version also requires physicians to pay a fee of up to $300 to certify patients.

• Certifying physicians must complete a four-hour medical cannabis continuing medical education course and complete an exam. The courses can charge up to $500. A two-hour refresher is required every two years.

• The board will develop rules for certifications including requirements for the patient-physician relationship, detailed requirements for informed consent and how long a certification may be valid, which may not exceed one year.

• Certifying physicians must specify daily dosage and type. This would likely require participating doctors to run afoul of federal law. If this is not revised, it would likely dramatically depress participation.

LEGALS

DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY
500 2nd Ave SW
Room 303
Cullman, AL 35055

Walker Brothers, LTD

(Plaintiff)

v. Case No. SM-2020-900167

Myslinski Home Improvement, LLC

(Defendant)

NOTICE OF FILING OF LAWSUIT

Defendant, Myslinski Home Improvement, LLC, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against it by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD, for $1,746.89 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account.

ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT MUST BE MADE BY THE SAID DEFENDANT on or before the 21st day of May, 2021, or a default may be rendered against it in the above styled cause.

Dated this the 14th day of April, 2021.

LISA MCSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY
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Cullman, AL 35055

Walker Brothers, LTD

(Plaintiff)

v. Case No. SM-2020-900168

Sonya Peak

(Defendant)

NOTICE OF FILING OF LAWSUIT

Defendant, Sonya Peak, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him/her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD, for $331.25 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account.

ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT MUST BE MADE BY THE SAID DEFENDANT on or before the 21st day of May, 2021, or a default may be rendered against it in the above styled cause.

Dated this the 14th day of April, 2020.

LISA MCSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF I.L.W.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 08-27-2019

CASE NO.: AD2021-014

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: DESTINY MARIE WEBB, NATURAL MOTHER OF MINOR CHILD AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN FATHER OF A MINOR CHILD BORN TO STEPHANY LYNN MORRIS

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Dennis Paul Muller and Sarah Louise Muller, Petitioners. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioner, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 29th DAY OF April, 2021.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

G. Edward Coey
Attorney for Petitioners
P.O. Box 834
Hanceville, AL 35077
256-352-2090

DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY
500 2nd Ave SW
Room 303
Cullman, AL 35055

Walker Brothers, LTD

(Plaintiff)

v. Case No. SM-2020-900350

Tim Anderson

(Defendant)

NOTICE OF FILING OF LAWSUIT

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

ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT MUST BE MADE BY THE SAID DEFENDANT on or before the 21st day of May, 2021, or a default may be rendered against him/her in the above styled cause.

Dated this the 14th day of April, 2021.

LISA MCSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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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 *
NELLIE M. GRAVES, * CASE NO. PC 2021 - 140
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE: Letters Testamentary having been granted to Nellie Faye Morris and Velma Y. Sharp as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Nellie M. Graves, deceased, on the 21st day of April, 2021, 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.

Nellie Faye Morris
Co-Personal Representative

Velma Y. Sharp
Co-Personal Representative

Shay Persall
ST. JOHN & ST. JOHN, LLC
108 3rd Street SE
Cullman, AL 35055
Telephone: (256) 734-3542
Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of publication to the Judge of Probate.

Tammy Brown, Probate Judge

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2021-163

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHRISTIE H. McSWAIN, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED
BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Linda M. Williams and Lawrence E. McSwain on the 29th 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.

Linda M. Williams and Lawrence E. McSwain
Personal Representatives

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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(Plaintiff)

v. Case No. SM-2017-900039

Matthew Gilland

(Defendant)

NOTICE OF FILING OF LAWSUIT

Defendant, Sonya Peak, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him/her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD, for $3,294.48 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account.

ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT MUST BE MADE BY THE SAID DEFENDANT on or before the 21st day of May, 2021, or a default may be rendered against it in the above styled cause.

Dated this the 14th day of April, 2021.

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: * CASE NO. 25-JU-2020-393.01
M.T., *
A Minor Child. *
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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

JOHN WESLEY TUBB, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Verified Petition to Terminate Parental Rights and/or other relief, filed by Rachel Leanne Tubb, by May 28, 2021, or, thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered against him in regard to case #25-JU-2020-393.01 in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 13th day of April, 2021.

CLERK OF COURTS

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ORDER

MOTION FOR PUBLICATION filed by TUBB RACHEL LEANNE is hereby GRANTED.

DONE this 24th day of February, 2021.

/s/ WELLS R. TURNER III
JUVENILE JUDGE

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Done this the 13th day of April, 2021.

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AGRICULTURE

Considerations for carbon credits

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Contributor

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. – A new, secondary market for farmers is on the rise as a carbon commodity market gains traction in the Midwest. In addition to marketing cash crops, producers may have an opportunity to sell carbon stored in the soil on their operation.

There is a lot of truth to the idea that farmers are the ultimate stewards of the land. The soil is their most valuable resource. Farmers take great care to keep it fertile and productive. As this new market emerges, Alabama Cooperative Extension System agents and specialists are working to determine what it means for Alabama producers.

What are Carbon Credits?
Simply put, corporations can purchase carbon stored in the soil to offset their own emissions. Corporations can make initial carbon purchases by using land management history as a measure.

However, after the initial purchase, brokerage companies will measure units of carbon in the soil based on the implementation of new on-farm conservation practices.

The idea that producers can voluntarily sell units of carbon in the soil is a foreign idea for many. However, the carbon in the soil is on a fast track to become its own commodity as the United States moves toward a more comprehensive federal carbon market.

An Alabama Extension farm and agribusiness management team member, Jessica Kelton, said there are many unknowns right now—especially for producers in Alabama.

"There is a big focus on carbon credits in the Midwest because there are larger tracts of land," she said. "The biggest issue right now is that there are no standard regulations across the industry. Our team is working to learn more about carbon credits on the market so that we can help Alabama growers to make informed decisions."

Things to know
While the idea of carbon credit sales may be appealing to some producers, most major brokerage companies are focusing efforts on tracts of land in the Midwest. However, there are still companies striking deals with Alabama farmers. There are several aspects producers should consider before signing a contract.

Contract
One of the most important aspects is the contract itself.



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Kelton said producers should prepare to thoroughly read each line and requirement as laid out by the brokerage company.

"One of the most important things for producers to determine is what is required as a producer," Kelton said. "There may be some contracts that require nothing of the producer, while others might require the application of a special soil microbial amendment or another product."

Price
The going price for units of carbon varies by company and by geographical location. This is one aspect producers can expect to level out as the U.S. establishes a federal market.

Some companies pay more for certified land; others offer a flat fee per acre. This is one aspect growers will need to confirm with individual companies before signing on the dotted line.

Additionality
Many producers have already adopted conservation and precision agriculture practices on their farm. In fact, producers widely use these practices and have for some time.

Producers need to show sequestration above normal carbon storage to receive compensation for implementing conservation practices. This means producers will not receive compensation for the number of years farming with precision agriculture practices thus far. Only the implementation or addition of new practices counts for compensation through contracts.

Considerations
Kelton said each producer will need to decide if a contract with a given company is the right fit for their operation.

"Read the fine print to decide if the requirements on your part are worth the paycheck you will receive," Kelton said. "What is worth it to some producers may not be worth it to others."

Because Alabama is not a focal point right now, the stakes are relatively low for producers who want to get in the game. However, this could all change with a national mandate or legislation related to carbon credits.

Shows (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – St. Bernard Prep School's Drama Department premiered "The Murder Mystery at the Murder Mystery" Thursday evening at the Byre theater on the campus of St. Bernard Abbey.

Pioneer Drama Service, which licenses the show, offers this description:

"The players at The Murder Mystery Playhouse are rehearsing a new show, 'Putting a Little English on It.' It's a not-so-good attempt at a British murder mystery, complete with cheesy dramatic music and British accents.

"As expected at the final dress rehearsal, the lights go out and a character dies onstage — only this murder wasn't in the script! The authorities are quickly called and soon, the company finds themselves replaying the death scene.

"When yet another person dies at the end of the same scene, the cast finds themselves replaying the same scene over and over for other investigators, a theater critic and even the playwright himself! But every time they get to the end of the scene, someone else ends up with a fire poker in the chest.

"The actors are left scratching their heads at the strange circumstances and also worry that they could be next.

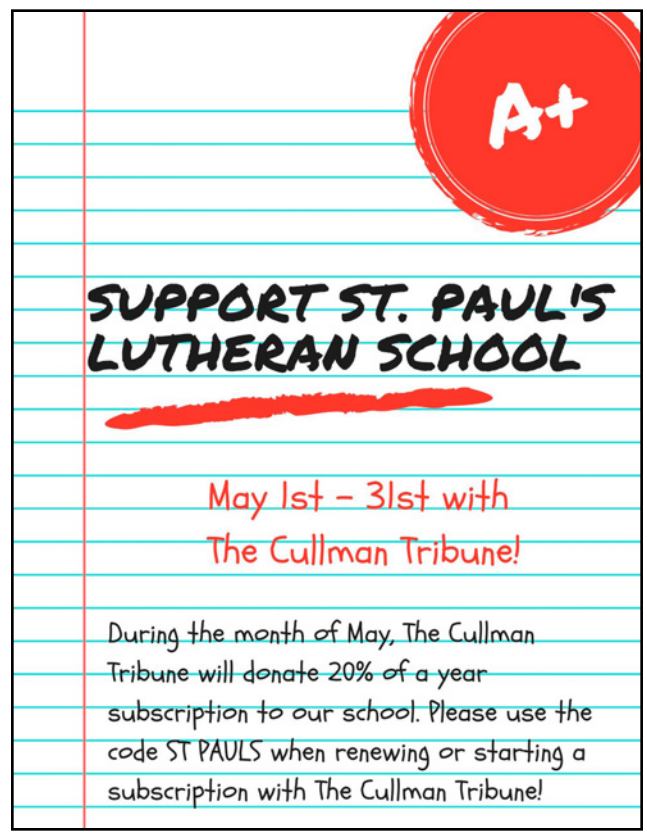
"It all culminates in a wild surprise ending in which the actors must work together to defeat the murderer before he murders them all."

As the cast and crew were putting on the finishing touches Thursday afternoon, Director Ashleigh Russell told The Tribune, "The joy has been getting to know these guys in just a little more intimate atmosphere of practice, not just in a classroom setting. But that's also the struggle, as well, because we're not in a classroom setting, we don't meet every day. But we put costumes on last night, the lights were turned down, and they are ready to go tonight!"

At a glance

- "The Murder Mystery at the Murder Mystery" by the St. Bernard Prep Drama Department
- Friday-Saturday, May 6-8, 2021 at the Byre Theater on the campus of St. Bernard Abbey
- Shows Friday at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m.
- Tickets are $10 and are available by calling the school at 256-739-6682 and will also be available the day of the show at the door.

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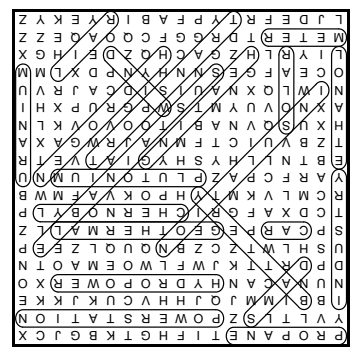
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EDUCATION

78-year-old earns college degree after decades of pursuing her dream

Sean Flynt
Contributor

Vivian Cunningham will graduate from Samford University at the age of 78 on May 8. There was no easy path to her degree, and long breaks might have become permanent if not for the family, friends and Samford faculty and staff who encouraged her when she wasn't sure she could go on. "Then, I had the Lord on my side, too," Cunningham recalled as she visited Samford's campus for the first time in a year disrupted by COVID-19. The visit brought to mind how much she has loved the Samford community and what this latest academic accomplishment means to her.

As a child in Birmingham's Titusville neighborhood, Cunningham thought she'd be a seamstress. She inherited the sewing skills of her grandmother and great-grandmother, studied the trade in school and sewed for family and friends. She even worked in a dress shop in Atlanta before returning to Birmingham as a single mother of two children in the late 1960s. She still sews, but long ago traded that career for custodial service on the night shift at Alabama Power Company to provide for her children.

"It was tough for her, but us being young, we didn't really know," said Cunningham's son Donald, now a facility control operator at Alabama Power Company. "She was taking care of her family, working at night at the power company and couldn't find babysitters to keep us, so I had to grow up and be a man before time, take care of my sister," he recalled as he accompanied his mother to Samford's sunny Quad, a long way from those lonely nights. Despite the hard work and difficult schedule, his sister, Tarra P. Barnes, recalls that her mother "was love personified, and provided encouragement in every endeavor we sought".

The children, in turn, encouraged their mother in her remarkable path through work and education. When Cunningham decided that 13 years as a custodian was plenty, she worked her way up to a day shift in Alabama Power's mail room, eventually managing all external mail. She also began to take advantage of the company's Tuition Reimbursement Program, earning course credits at many of Birmingham's colleges and universities. She retired in 1992 but carried on with her classes, just for the love of knowledge as much as anything. She earned her associate's degree in paralegal studies from Virginia College, but continued to explore new educational opportunities. "I knew that I still wanted more," she said.

Cunningham's accumulated credits, a Samford brochure and welcoming staff set her on the path to the liberal studies degree she completed this year, six years after starting.

"There were some times I wanted to give up," she said. But when a little voice inside her said, "I'm not going back– I'm just tired," another would answer, "go on back to school, just keep on going".

Donald, Tarra, son-in-law Colonel (Retired) Rob Barnes, friends, family, church members and her Samford teachers magnified that encouraging voice.

Cunningham said Samford Office of Professional Studies Director Bryan Gill and associate director Nicole B. Otero were especially helpful in advising her and keeping her on track toward her degree. She did keep on going, meeting every challenge on her long path. In 2020, she mastered remote learning skills just as she mastered other aspects of her Samford education.

Cunningham particularly enjoyed the Samford leadership courses that inspired her to wonder how she might lead. Those who know her best could answer that question by pointing out her decades of sacrifice and selfless service. Daughter Tarra Barnes is among them, of course.



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Vivian Cunningham

"She was my inspiration and motivation for pursuing a Ph.D.," Barnes said. "If she can complete her bachelor's degree at 78 years old, then why wouldn't I continue my higher educational journey? I wholeheartedly appreciate her strength and influence on my life and I am extremely proud of her!"

Cunningham is rightly proud of her accomplishments, too, but she still isn't done. "I might go for the master's degree," she said, aiming ever higher. "I don't want to stop. I love to read, I love to sew, I love to watch movies. I don't want to just sit because I'm retired. I want the knowledge."

As she prepared to walk across Samford's commencement stage, she offered some of that hard won-knowledge to anyone facing a long path or doubts about their dreams. "Believe in yourself, because you can do it," she said. "Keep God in the plan and you'll make it. Don't let anybody discourage you."

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