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EDUCATION

School officials address local industry needs for skilled workers

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Bright and early Friday morning, representatives from more than 20 local industries met with educational leaders to discuss ways of bringing new workers into the workforce. Led by Dale Greer, director of the Cullman Economic Development Agency, the meeting featured speakers from the Cullman Area Technology Academy, Cullman City Schools and Wallace State Community College.

To kick off the meeting, Greer stated that the original purpose of the event was because over half of the industries represented had called his office to address the lack of workers going into their professions. As a short-term solution to alleviate the issue, local representatives from schools would speak about the programs and initiatives that students can undergo that would prepare them for working in different industries, and the skills they learn that can be beneficial to local businesses.

Billy Troutman, principal of the CATA, spoke about his school's program first, saying that his goal is to impact students at some point in their academic careers to prepare them for the workforce. "Some of these students are gonna graduate high school and be ready to work," he said. "Some of them will go off to college, some will stay in school for 20+ years and get degrees beyond what we can list, but guess what? At some point, everyone's gonna have to find a job." As he spoke, he described the various programs that students at CATA can enroll in, saying that each industry represented at the meeting should be able to find at least one program that gave students the necessary skills to enter their fields. He also spoke on the features of CATA's new website, including a section called CATA Works - Business and Industry Info where local businesses, companies and industries can advertise job openings available to high school students in certain fields.

Troutman also addressed the fact that many larger companies and corporations have strict guidelines regarding student workers, but said that any companies who are able to take workers younger than 18 should » PAGE 6

– EDUCATION –

'A STICKY SITUATION'

West Elementary PTA spring fundraiser ends with a fun surprise



CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS
Students were given the opportunity to duct tape Principal Jay Page to a wall and spray him with silly string as a fundraiser reward.

Trent Moore
Cullman City Schools

CULLMAN, Ala. – The PTA Spring Fundraiser paid off with a silly surprise for some students at West Elementary School last week. Several students at West Elementary who met their goal of selling at least two boxes of chocolate bars as part of the annual PTA fundraiser got a chance to duct tape Principal Jay Page to a wall and spray him with silly string!

The festivity was part of the school's Spring Fling days, which is a late year celebration across the school.

Each grade level has a day to celebrate a successful year.

The school has held two days so far, and three more grade levels will be celebrated at the end of this week.

"I am very proud of our students, faculty and staff for all that they have done to make this school year successful," Page said. "It has truly been a team effort."



CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

COURTS

Driver indicted, arrested in deadly 2020 Cullman crash » PAGE 6

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported May 10

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported May 6-9, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

May 6

- harassment; CR 251
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia
- harassment; CR 1413
- theft of property; Hwy. 69 S
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 1386
- domestic violence; CR 1069

May 7

- domestic violence; CR 1235
- theft of property; Hwy. 91
- theft of property; Hwy. 31
- harassment; trespassing; CR 1469
- assault; CR 1344
- theft of property; CR 1570
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 601

May 8

- harassment; CR 1223
- domestic violence; CR 1252
- domestic violence; 411
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 1428
- domestic violence; CR 1246
- trespassing; CR 831
- unlawful possession of marijuana; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1804
- harassment; CR 112

May 9

- domestic violence; CR 438
- domestic violence; CR 438
- domestic violence; CR 1435
- domestic violence; CR 530
- illegal possession of prescription drugs; CR 437
- domestic violence; criminal mischief; CR 501

ARRESTS

May 6

Baker, Heath Anthony; 34
- larceny/theft-theft-aircraft/boats/farm equipment

Blanton, Freda Joanne; 45
- Plea Agreement- sell/distribution of dangerous drugs

Boyd, Lacie Michele; 24
- criminal mischief
- criminal trespass

Brown, Rona Michelle; 39
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Buckmaster, Robbie Reynolds; 41
- promote prison contraband
- FTA- public intoxication

Chappell, Sonya Olivia Sharee; 27
- Plea Agreement- stolen vehicles

Fowler, Jeremy Lee; 40
- Plea Agreement- failure of adult sex offender to register

Lee Sr., Joshua Paul; 42
- Motion to Revoke Bond-burglary-residence-force

Salter, Adam Lee; 36
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Sanders, David Eric; 32
- Judges Order- Obstruction- failure to appear/comply/pay

Shepherd, Andrea Leanne; 25
- Flight/escape

Wise, Justin Dale; 36
- Grand Jury- possession of heroin
- Grand Jury- sell/distribution of heroin

May 7

Baxter, Adam Kyle; 34
- FTA- DUI (alcohol)

Billings, Kevin Dwayne; 48
- Parole Violation/Revocation- third-degree burglary
- Parole Violation/Revocation- domestic violence
- Parole Violation/Revocation- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft $1,500 to $2,500

Davis, Jason Lee; 35
- larceny/theft
- FTA- receiving stolen property less than $500

Parker Jr., Therron Dewayne; 31
- cruelty to dog/cat
- criminal trespass

Pennington, Christopher C.; 59
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Swann Jr., Johnny Gregory; 39
- third-degree domestic violence-assault – third or subsequent conviction

Whitehead, Anita Faye; 48
- larceny/theft-shoplifting less than $500

May 8

Barnett, Mark Anthony; 44
- DUI (alcohol)

Brady, Brianna Denise; 26
- public intoxication

Briscoe, Lisa Carol; 52
- FTA- DUI (controlled substance)

Steele, Ronald Dale; 56
- FTA- DUI (alcohol)

Weems, Alasia Nicole; 26
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Weems, Matthew Kyle; 24
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

May 9

Crandall, Elisha Paul; 25
- Grand Jury- shooting into occupied building

Johnson, Tanya Lynn; 45
- FTA- attempt to commit controlled substance crime
- FTA- possession of methamphetamine
- FTA- sell/distribution of methamphetamine (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Peak, Fallon Tashell Corbin; 30
- contributing to delinquency

Snider, Timothy T.; 33
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Thompson; Nicholas Bryan; 24
- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- public intoxication

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

May 7
- first-degree theft of property; Integrated Transportation Solutions, LLC; cash
- third-degree domestic violence; third-degree criminal mischief; person; Logan St. SW; damaged windshield; $450

May 8
- harassment; person; 4th St. SW
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $54
- leaving scene of accident; person; 2nd Ave. NW; damage to '08 Nissan Altima; $300

May 9
- third-degree domestic violence; person; Lessman Cir. SW

ARRESTS

May 7

Wiley, Austin D.; 27
- FTA- driving without license
- FTA- speeding
- FTA- driving on wrong side of road

Calvert Jr., Timothy L.; 42
- third-degree criminal mischief

Richardson, Lisa D.; 49
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespass

Nunnelley, Justin G.; 34
- FTA- insurance violation (2 counts)
- FTA- driving while suspended
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- improper lane usage
- FTA- DUI

May 8

Brasher, Zachary S.; 29
- disorderly conduct
- resisting arrest

Carter, Anthony L.; 30
- FTA- second-degree possession of marijuana
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- fail to register vehicle

Fann, Abby G.; 27
- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Cooper, Shannon M.; 40
- FTA- second-degree possession of marijuana
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- third-degree receiving stolen property

May 9

Brasher, Keith A.; 55
- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance
- second-degree possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Ruffin, Angelica D.; 38
- Grand Jury- murder
- Grand Jury- manslaughter
- Grand Jury- first-degree assault
- Grand Jury- second-degree assault

Tyree, Laken N.; 21
- fourth-degree theft of property

Delaware, Clayton T.; 20
- fourth-degree theft of property

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

Nothing but smiles at the 2nd annual Ridin' for Residents Jeep Parade



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CULLMAN, Ala. – Residents of several area nursing homes and assisted living facilities were all smiles Saturday as they were visited by close to 100 Jeeps. The Cullman County Wranglers' 2nd an-nual Ridin' for Residents Jeep Parade made its way through Cullman and Hanceville Saturday, May 8, no doubt turning heads along the way.

Jeep owners gathered Saturday morning and set out in a fun parade visiting Cullman Health Care, Folsom Center, Hanceville Nursing and Rehab, Monarch Place, Woodland Village and Woodland Haus. The Cullman County Wranglers and USA Healthcare organized the event.

Stephanie Coleman, community relations director for USA Healthcare-Alabama LLC, reported that 96 Jeeps left from Cullman Church of Christ and were joined by others along the way. The riders were greeted with cheers and signs at each location. Those at the Woodland Haus and Woodland Village had handbells to ring when they saw a Jeep they liked. The bell ringing never stopped as they loved each and every one that passed by.

Jeeps came from Birmingham, Huntsville, Guntersville and throughout North and Central Alabama to join the Cullman County Wranglers as they continued the event that began last year during the COVID pandemic to let those in long -term care know that they are loved.

Many local businesses, churches and individuals donated to make this year's event a success.

Those participating, or not, were asked to bring donations of requested and useful items to be distributed to residents throughout the facilities the parade visited. Raffle prizes were also given away.

Cullman County Wranglers wished to thank the many who helped make this year's event a huge success including: Cullman Church of Christ, USA Healthcare, EconoMed Pharmacy, Cullman Chrys-ler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram, It's Never Too Late, Madison Core Labs, Stoney Lonesome OHV Park, Initial Impressions, Hagemore Reality, Chick-fil-a, Southern Eats, Comfort Care Home Health and Hospice, Mom & M's Southern with a Twist Food Truck and Kona Shaved Ice.

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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.
• Friday May 14 - 10:30 a.m. Adult lunch and games. Bring a dish, drinks, or dessert and fellowship with other adult Christians.
• Saturday May 15 - 9-11 a.m. DRIVE THROUGH FOOD BANK. Bring an ID.
• Saturday May 22 - 7 p.m. No Talent Talent Show. No fees to attend. Come and join in the fun and fellowship and see church members dress up as their favorite singers and lip synch to their favorite songs! 6 p.m. Food available for purchase.

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

Miércoles de Despensas
• 6-7 p.m. ler. miercoles del mes, En Su Tierra Cullman FUMC
• Despensas para la comunidad. No requiere ID. Entrega en su vehículo. Por favor use mascarilla.

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

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 2 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 Ave. SW, Cullman, AL 35055. For more information, call 256-734-8209.

Cullman County Bosom Buddies Craft Fair and Vendor Expo
• Saturday, June 12 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Cullman Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2214
• 112 Veterans Dr. SW, Cullman, AL 35055
• For more information, call Judy Grissom at 256-347-5993

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

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Monday, May 10, 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: 409,937 (+546 since Friday)
• Probable cases in AL: 120,388 (+223 since Friday)
• Total confirmed deaths in AL: 8,648 (+8 since Friday)
• Probable deaths in AL: 2,330
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,531 (+13 since Friday)
• Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 3,139 (+8 since Friday)
• Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 129 (+0 since Friday)
• Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 64
• Total tested in Cullman Co.: 41,168
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 2,043
• Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 93
• Total tested in Alabama: 2,531,623
• Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 3,327
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 111,198
• Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 362
• Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama (reported M-F): 49,342
• Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 338,587

Vaccine details (updated Monday-Friday)
• Doses delivered to Alabama: 4,092,375
• Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 3,017,064
• Doses administered: 2,689,674
• Number of people receiving one or more doses: 1,556,381
• Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 1,216,818
• Doses delivered to federal programs: 1,074,730

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

Race to End COVID: Talladega Superspeedway testing and vaccination clinic -- participants offered a free drive on the track
On Saturday, May 15, join the race to end COVID-19 by getting your free COVID-19 test and/or vac-cine and then enjoying the exclusive opportunity to drive around the world-famous Talladega Su-perspeedway. At this drive-thru event, COVID-19 testing and vaccination will be offered at no charge from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. As a special incentive, the track is offering people age 16 and older who choose to be tested and/or vaccinated the thrill of driving their car or truck for two laps on the 2.66-mile track. Additional information is available here, www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/talladega.html. Photo and video footage of personal vehi-cles on the Talladega Superspeedway track is also availa-ble https://www.dropbox.com/sh/3sddbllj0zzjgx6/AACuaOPSYcK62EU-OhkWRHBaua?dl=0

New report shows that underinvesting in public health puts lives and livelihoods at risk
Trust for America's Health has released a new report, The Impact of Chronic Underfunding on Amer-ica's Public Health System: Trends, Risks, and Recommendations, 2021, which describes how under-funding of core public health programs impeded the pandemic response and worsened its impact. In the report, TFAH calls for increased sustained investment in the nation's core public health ca-pabilities to prevent and respond to public health emergencies and prevent health inequities. The full report is available here, https://www.tfah.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/2021_PHFunding_Fnl.pdf

At least 40% of 12 Alabama counties' residents vaccinated
Forty percent or more of the residents age 16 and older of 12 Alabama counties have received one or more doses of COVID-19 vaccine to date. Successful public health efforts to achieve vaccine eq-uity have resulted in higher vaccine uptake among African American residents of Black Belt coun-ties. Counties where 40% or more of their residents have been vaccinated are as follows: Lowndes, Bullock, Perry, Hale, Shelby, Marengo, Jefferson, Wilcox, Madison, Greene, Colbert and Lee. Vac-cines are one key to protecting the most vulnerable and helping stop the pandemic in Alabama.

FEMA community vaccination center 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 providing vaccinations to citizens. The site is open seven days a week and appoint-ments 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 re-viewed prior to being vaccinated. These materials will also be available on-site.

FDA anticipated to authorize COVID-19 vaccine for adolescents ages 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 Centers for Disease Control and Preven-tion Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices is scheduled to meet Wednesday, May 12, to review clinical trial data and make recommendations for the vaccine's use in adolescents. ADPH is working with Alabama pediatricians and will follow the guidance of FDA and ACIP. ADPH will pro-vide additional information as it is made available.

ADPH 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 CDC 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.

ADPH still encourages use of facial coverings
Masks or other facial coverings are no longer a mandate under the Safer Apart order. ADPH still en-courages the use of facial coverings and reminds everyone that masks remain one of the most suc-cessful tools to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. Many businesses and health care facilities con-tinue to require facial coverings in their facilities.

Cullman's Thompson earns 1st major league win against Pittsburgh

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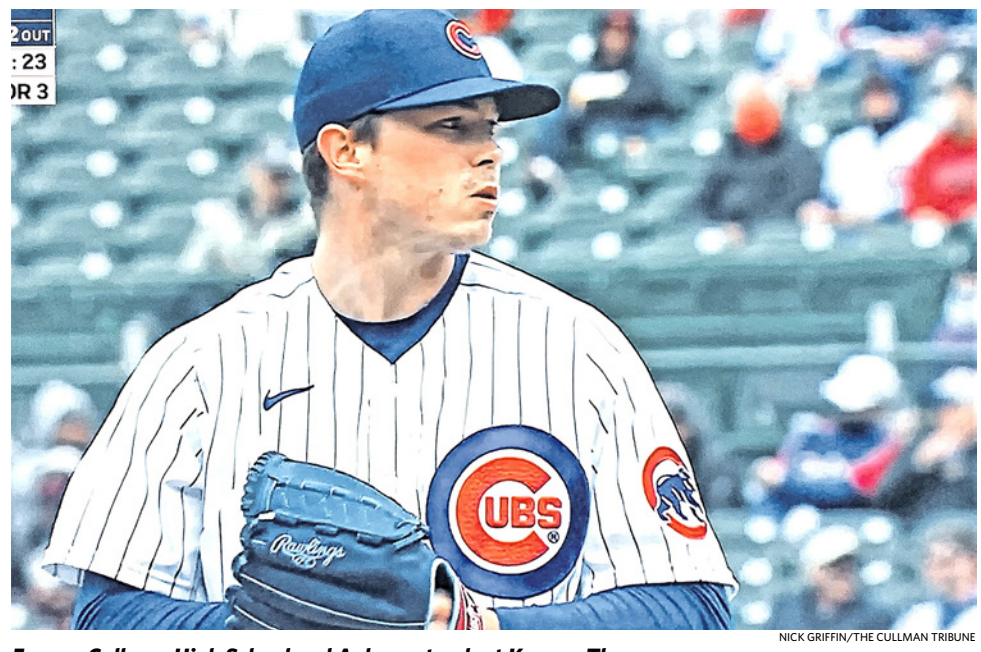
CHICAGO, Ill. – It's been quite a week for Cullman native Keegan Thompson. The former Bearcat and Auburn star made his major league debut in Cincinnati Sunday, made his first career start against the defending champion Los Angeles Dodgers Tuesday and picked up his first career win out of the bullpen against Pittsburgh Saturday.

In those outings, Thompson has thrown a combined 7.2 scoreless innings for Chicago.

Thompson relieved starter Trevor Williams in the top of the fifth with the score knotted at 2 and kept the Pirates off the board for the next three frames.

The Cubs pulled ahead 3-2 in the bottom of the seventh when Matt Duffy drove in Jason Heyward with an RBI single into right field. Former Wallace State standout Craig Kimbrel took the mound for the final frame Chicago held on to defeat Pittsburgh 3-2 and Thompson was credited with the win.

The Cubs will be back at Wrigley Field tomorrow to continue their series with the Pirates at 1:20 p.m.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Former Cullman High School and Auburn standout Keegan Thompson tossed three scoreless innings against Pittsburgh Saturday, allowing just two hits, one walk and collecting his first career major league win.

AREA SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Holly Pond tops J.B. Pennington 14-4 to win area title

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HOLLY POND, Ala. – Rainy weather delayed area tournaments all over the state earlier this week but the Lady Broncos were finally able to get back on their home field Friday night to play for a 3A, Area 13 championship. After a slow start in the first two innings, Holly Pond exploded in the third and put 10 runs on the board to take a commanding lead and was able to pull away and defeat the Lady Tigers 14-4 to capture the area crown.

Holly Pond's Samantha Giles led off the bottom of the first inning with a bunt single, then after she moved to third on a wild pitch, Bai Widner hit an RBI groundout to give the Lady Broncos a 1-0 lead.

Holly Pond added to their lead in the bottom of the second as Brooke Hill picked the perfect time to hit her first home run of the season as she lined the first pitch over the center field fence to increase the Lady Bronco lead to 2-0 after two innings.

J.B. Pennington hit back-to-back one-out singles in the top of the third, but starter Lexie Smith got the final two outs of the inning to keep the score at 2-0.

Holly Pond broke the game wide open in their half as they sent 12 batters to the plate. Giles and Widner scored on a Lady Tiger error, then later on in the inning, Hill hit an RBI single to make it 5-0.

They weren't done yet that inning as Rebecca Bell hit a two-run double to left field, then Addison Armstrong hit an RBI double of her own to center field.

Widner hit a two-run single to center field as the Lady Broncos went into the top of the fourth inning up, 10-0.

But the Lady Tigers got on the scoreboard in the fourth as they scored two runs on a pair of Holly Pond errors, then they added an RBI groundout and an RBI single later in the inning and the Lady Bronco lead was trimmed to 10-4.

Holly Pond tacked on three more runs in their half as Kaylee Stallings scored on another J.B. Pennington error, Madyson Rickman scored on a passed ball, and Bell scored on another error to make it a 13-4 game.

The Lady Broncos ended the game in the bottom of the fifth. Stallings hit a two-out single, then Hill lined an RBI triple to right field to help seal the 14-4 win for Holly Pond to secure the area championship.

Hill led the way for Holly Pond with three hits and three RBIs, while Widner added a hit and three RBIs as well.

Bell ended up with a hit and two RBIs and Addison Armstrong collected a hit and an RBI. Stallings added two hits, while Giles, Rickman, and Simmons each added a hit in the game.

The Lady Broncos will travel to Florence next Friday to compete in the North Regional Tournament.

OTHER AREA TOURNAMENT SCORES

Guntersville 5 – Fairview 4 (5A, Area 14)

Fairview looked to keep its season alive on Friday afternoon as they took on Guntersville with a chance to go to the area championship game on the line. Despite their best efforts, the Lady Aggies fell just short at the end to the Lady Wildcats, 5-4.

Guntersville hit an RBI double in the top of the first to give them a quick 1-0 lead, but Fairview countered in their half. Kloie Watson drew a one-out walk, then Emma Garcia reached on an infield single.

One out later, Emma Roberts lined a two-run single to center field to give the Lady Aggies a 2-1 lead after one.

The Lady Wildcats tied the game at two in the top of the third on a Fairview error, then they broke the tie in the next inning on an RBI single and they later added a two-run double that same inning to make it 5-2.

The Lady Aggies cut into the deficit in the bottom of the fourth as Roberts scored on a wild pitch. In the fifth inning, Garcia reached on an error and made it to second on that same error, then Kaitlyn Benson lined an RBI single to center field to make it a 5-4 game after five innings.

Fairview kept it at a one-run deficit going into their final at-bats, but they were unable to get a rally started as the Lady Aggies went down in order and their season comes to an end as they ended up falling just one run short 5-4.

Roberts finished the game with a hit and two RBIs for Fairview, while Benson added a hit and an RBI.

Garcia and Jaycee Aleman each collected a hit in the contest as well.

The Lady Aggies finish the season with a record of 11-18 and will lose three seniors to graduation: Kyleigh Aleman, Kloie Watson, and Deavan Fulmer.

But they will have a lot of great, young talent coming back next season as they look to get into the postseason in 2022.



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Holly Pond Lady Broncos defeated J.B. Pennington 14-4 Friday night to win this year's 3A, Area 13 Tournament Championship.

WSCC ATHLETICS

No. 7 softball cruises in ACCC Tournament, winning 13th title in program history

Russell Moore
WSCC Athletics

HANCEVILLE, ALA. – Wallace State's 7th-ranked softball team navigated through the Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC) Tournament as it did during the regular season – with a flurry of offensive firepower and strong sophomore pitching.

The Lions dominated the event, winning the program's 13th conference tournament title and the first since 2018, sealing the championship with a 12-4 victory in five innings over Central Alabama at Veterans Park in Alabaster on Sunday.

Wallace State (53-4) outscored its four opponents 44-4, not yielding a run until the championship game. The Lions also clubbed nine home runs, including three in the championship game, to increase the school record round-trippers total to 115.

Wallace State softball has won six consecutive games and 27 of its last 28 games.

"I'm very proud of this team. I doubt many teams have run-ruled their way through the winner's bracket. This team has bought into the weight room and the expected work ethic.

"They understand how we do things at Wallace State," said coach A.J. Daugherty. "We played Wallace State softball and a championship is usually the result."

It's the third conference title under Daugherty in five seasons.

He was named the 2021 ACCC Coach of the Year, reaching the 200-win mark with the Lions in Saturday's second victory.

"Everyone at Wallace State expects you to win. There are a lot of people invested in our program across campus, so it's special to bring the championship back," Daugherty said.

"The expectation of winning is one thing that attracted me to Wallace State, so it's nice to deliver on that."

Daugherty also credited assistant coach Cadi Oliver for her valuable contributions to the team's success.

Wallace State now advances to the NJCAA Division I National Championship in Yuma, Ariz., on May 25-29. The Lions will seek the program's third national championship.

Wallace State opened the tournament Friday with a comfortable 10-0 win against Calhoun.

On Saturday, the Lions added wins of 14-0 and 8-0 against Central Alabama and Lurleen B. Wallace CC respectively.

In the championship game, Wallace State faced early deficits of 2-0 and 4-3 before the bats went to work in the third and fourth innings.

The Lions combined to crank three home runs, courtesy of Morgan White, Madisen Adams and Gracie Benton.

White blasted a two-run homer in the third. In the fourth, Benton had a solo shot and Adams added a three-run blast.

Benton, a freshman from Hayden, was named tournament MVP.

"We're a team of home run hitters. Any hitter from one to nine in the lineup can hit one out," Benton said. "It's a great weapon to have."

White, Felicity Frame and Jaiden Farnetti were also All-Tournament selections for the Lions.

White and Maddie Cartron each had a pair of homers in the tournament. Cartron has 24 homers this season, surpassing the previous school record set by Kori Benson in 2013.

Farnetti, Brantly Bonds and Kelsey McPeters also homered throughout the four wins.

"It's an awesome feeling to win a championship, especially after COVID-19 cut our season short last year," said Bonds, a sophomore from Corner.

"It took everyone pulling on the same rope and believing in each other. We look forward to going to Arizona to do the same thing."

Sophomore Raven Clark was the winning pitcher in relief.

The sophomore pitching trio of Clark, Haylee Folds and Josie Thompson has been solid all season, and they combined to keep each opponent at bay throughout the tournament, not allowing a run until the championship game.

"We feed off each other and know the offense has our backs if we struggle. It relieves pressure when your offense is as lethal as ours," Folds said.

Wallace State softball earned the seventh ACCC championship for the college this academic year, joining both cross country and tennis teams, volleyball and women's golf.

Players also on the roster and not previously mentioned are Erin Chambliss, Abigail Beech, Andrea Harbin, Abigail Waters, Kalli Cartee, Madison Sanders, Abigail Bryars, Harper Niblett, Olivia Ball, Jessica Edde, Macy Anderson, Megan Warhurst, Lauren McCoy and Lily Calvert.

Managers are Dalton Wilson and Savannah Mims.

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

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AREA SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Lady Bearcats finish area runners-up, advance to North Regional

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HARTSELLE, Ala. – It was a long and wild night in Hartselle Friday. Cullman returned to Sparkman Park in Hartselle to continue its run through the 6A, Area 14 Tournament and after defeating the Lady Tigers in the winner's bracket 6-3 early in the afternoon, Hartselle eliminated Muscle Shoals to stay alive and set up a rematch with Cullman in the area championship game. The Lady Tigers rallied from a 7-run deficit to come from behind and beat the Lady Bearcats 13-11 in game one, forcing another late-night area championship matchup.

Cullman and Hartselle hit the field once again for a final, five inning game just before 11 p.m. and the Lady Tigers carried their late momentum from game two right into game three.

Hartselle put 10 runs on the board in the top of the first to put the 'Cats in a deep hole early and even though they managed to chip away in the second and third, Hartselle led by 11 after four innings.

That's when the Lady Bearcats were hit with another delay, but this time it wasn't weather. Due to the AHSAA's Suspension of Play policies, the game was paused after four innings late Friday night and scheduled to resume at 11 a.m. Saturday.

After play resumed Saturday morning, the Lady Tigers were able to hold on and defeat the 'Cats 16-5 in five innings to claim the area title. Both Cullman and Hartselle will compete at the North Regional Tournament in Florence Wednesday.

Cullman 6 – Hartselle 3 (Winner's Bracket)

After waiting out a rain delay that hit in the fourth inning, the Lady Bearcats knocked off Muscle Shoals 4-0 Thursday night to advance through the winner's bracket and take on top-seeded Hartselle Friday afternoon.

Cullman plated a pair of runs in the first to take an early lead and tacked on two more in the fifth to pull away and defeat the Lady Tigers 6-3, clinching a spot in the area tournament championship game and the North Regional Tournament in Florence next week.

Haley Shannon led off the top of the first with a single up the middle and Chalea Clemmons lifted a double over the left fielder's head to put a pair of runners in scoring position for Savannah Davis.

Davis put the Lady Bearcats on the board with an RBI single into right field and Emma Claire Wilson made it a 2-0 game going into the bottom half of the inning with an RBI single of her own.

The Lady Tigers managed to score on a passed ball and cut the lead to 2-1 in the bottom of the first but after a scoreless second inning, Cullman got the run back in the top of the third.

Faith Guest was hit by a pitch and Clemmons was intentionally walked to give the 'Cats a pair of runners and Carlie Burnham ripped an RBI single into left field to score Guest and stretch the lead to 3-1.

After a scoreless third inning, a solo homerun from Hartselle trimmed the lead to 3-2 in the bottom of the fourth but the Lady Bearcats responded in the fifth.

After Faith Guest was hit by another pitch and Clemmons was put on once again, Davis drew a walk to load the bases and with two outs on the board, Shana Guest lifted a double deep into center field that hit off the top of the fence and tacked on two more runs for Cullman to make it a 5-2 game.

The Lady Tigers scored another run on a passed ball in the bottom of the sixth to make it a 2-run game going into the final frame.

Wilson drilled an RBI single up the middle to give the Lady Bearcats a 6-3 advantage in the top of the seventh and Clemmons retired the first three batters she faced in the bottom of the seventh to wrap up a 6-3 win for Cullman.

Wilson (two hits) and Guest (double) each drove in a pair of runs in the win, Shannon finished with a pair of hits and Davis and Burnham each posted a hit and an RBI for Cullman as well. Cullman will be in Florence next Wednesday to compete at this year's North Regional Tournament.

Hartselle 13 – Cullman 11 (9 innings) (Area Championship Game One)

The 'Cats went back and forth with Hartselle in a tight area title game until the sixth inning when Cullman's bats took over and plated six runs to give the Lady Bearcats a commanding lead. Unfortunately for the 'Cats, the Lady Tigers responded with an 8-run inning to take a 1-run lead going into the bottom of the seventh.

That's when Olivia Britton launched a solo shot out of center field to tie the game and keep Cullman's chances alive in extra innings.

However, Hartselle was able to plate three runs in the top of the ninth to take a 3-run lead into the bottom half of the inning and wound up defeating the Lady Bearcats 13-11 to force another area championship matchup.

Just like in their first tilt with the Lady Tigers earlier today, the Lady Bearcats struck first and took an early lead.

Chalea Clemmons singled on a line drive up the middle to put a runner on with two out and a few pitches later, Savannah Davis blasted one the fence in left field to put Cullman on top 2-0.

Emma Claire Wilson kept the inning going with a double into left field and Carlie Burnham drove an RBI single up the middle to score Wilson and make it a 3-0 game going into the second inning.

Clemmons worked through a spotless top of the second on just eight pitches and the Lady Bearcats threatened to add to their lead in the bottom half of the inning but grounded into a couple of fielder's choices to end the inning leading 3-0.

A pair of walks put runners on base for Hartselle in the top of the third and a 2-run single cut the Cullman lead to 3-2.

A single from Burnham was the only offense the Lady Bearcats found in the bottom of the third, but Clemmons struck out three of the four hitters she faced in the top of the fourth to put Cullman back at the plate.

The 'Cats couldn't get anything going in their half of the fourth and the Lady Tigers threatened to score in the top of the fifth, but a pair of ground balls got Cullman out of the jam with its lead intact.

Clemmons fanned two more batters in the top of the sixth and the Lady Bearcats returned to the plate with a chance to add to their lead before the final frame.

Shana Guest and Olivia Britton each drew a walk to put a pair of runners on the base paths and Haley Shannon lined an RBI single into left field to plate a run and stretch the lead to 4-2.

Faith Guest tacked another run onto the lead with an RBI single into right field and with runners on the corners, Clemmons launched a double into left field to plate two more runs and make it a 7-2 game.

Davis kept things going with an RBI double into right field that made it 8-2 and Wilson stayed hot with another RBI single into left that made it 9-2 after six.

The Cullman defense went back out onto the field needing just three more outs to secure the area title, but they didn't come easily, and the Lady Tigers answered the Lady Bearcats' big inning with one of their own. A 2-run homer cut the lead to 9-4 early in the inning and a couple of passed balls, a wild pitch and an error allowed Hartselle to bring the lead all the way down to two.

An RBI single made it a 9-8 game with two outs and the Lady Tigers took their first lead of the game with an RBI double that made it 10-9 going into the bottom of the seventh.

After a devastating top of the seventh for Cullman, Olivia Britton led off the bottom half of the inning with a solo bomb over the fence in center field to tie the game at 10. The 'Cats were able to get two more runners on base and give themselves a chance to win it in the seventh but couldn't bring any more runs across the plate and we went to the eighth knotted at 10.

Wilson relieved Clemmons in the seventh and forced Hartselle to go three up, three down in the top of the eighth.

Wilson then drew a walk to lead off the bottom of the eighth and a bunt by Burnham put the winning run at second with one out, but a pair of strikeouts ended the inning with the game still tied at 10.

Hartselle led off the top of the ninth with a triple to put a runner on third base and one pitch later, the Lady Tigers pulled ahead 11-10 with an RBI single.

Another RBI single and an error put two more runs on the board for Hartselle and the Lady Bearcats were down to their final three outs trailing by three.

Shannon was hit by a pitch to lead off the inning and Faith Guest drove a double down the left field line to put runners at second and third with the tying run at the plate.

Clemmons was intentionally walked to load up the bases Davis drove a sacrifice fly into left field to score Shannon and make it a 13-11 game but a flyout in the next at bat ended Cullman's chances of a late rally and secured a wild, 13-11 win for Hartselle.

Davis (two hits) led the 'Cats with four RBIs in the loss and Burnham (one RBI) posted a team-high three hits. Clemmons (two hits) drove in a pair of runs, Wilson (two hits) finished with an RBI and Faith Guest (two hits) and Shannon (one hit) each added an RBI for Cullman as well.

Hartselle 16 – Cullman 5 (Area Championship Game Two) (Saturday)

The Lady Tigers led off the top of the first with a triple and a double into center field three pitches later gave them a 1-0 lead. An RBI single added another run to the lead, making it a 2-0 game and Hartselle drilled another base hit into left field to stretch its lead to 3-0.

Two more singles allowed two more Lady Tigers to cross the plate, making it 5-0. A hit batter and a walk led to another Hartselle run and after another hit, an error and a passed ball, the 'Cats found themselves down 9-0. Another error brought another run home for the Lady Tigers and Cullman went into the bottom half of the first trailing 10-0.

A sacrifice fly put another run on the board for Hartselle in the top of the second and a pair of RBI singles made it a 13-0 game, but the Lady Bearcats found some offense in their half of the inning.

Carlie Burnham reached first base on an error and three pitches later, Shana Guest ripped a single into left field to drive and her and get Cullman on the board.

After another single from Olivia Britton, Taylor Au singled up the middle to bring in another run and trim the lead to 13-2 going into the third.

The Lady Tigers plated one run in the top of the third on a fielder's choice but the 'Cats got it back and then some in the bottom half of the inning. Chalea Clemmons drove an RBI double into left field to make it 14-3 and Savannah Davis put an RBI single up the middle to cut the lead to 14-4.

An RBI single from Burnham made it a 14-5 game after three but Hartselle was able to string some more hits together in the top of the fourth to pull ahead 16-5.

That's when the game was stopped around 12:30 a.m. Saturday morning and scheduled to resume at 11 a.m.

Once play resumed Saturday, the Lady Tigers went down in order in the top of the fifth and Cullman went back to the plate needing two runs to extend the game but was only able to get one runner on base and ended up falling 16-5 in five innings.

Clemmons, Davis, Burnham, Au and Shana Guest each posted a hit and an RBI in the loss.

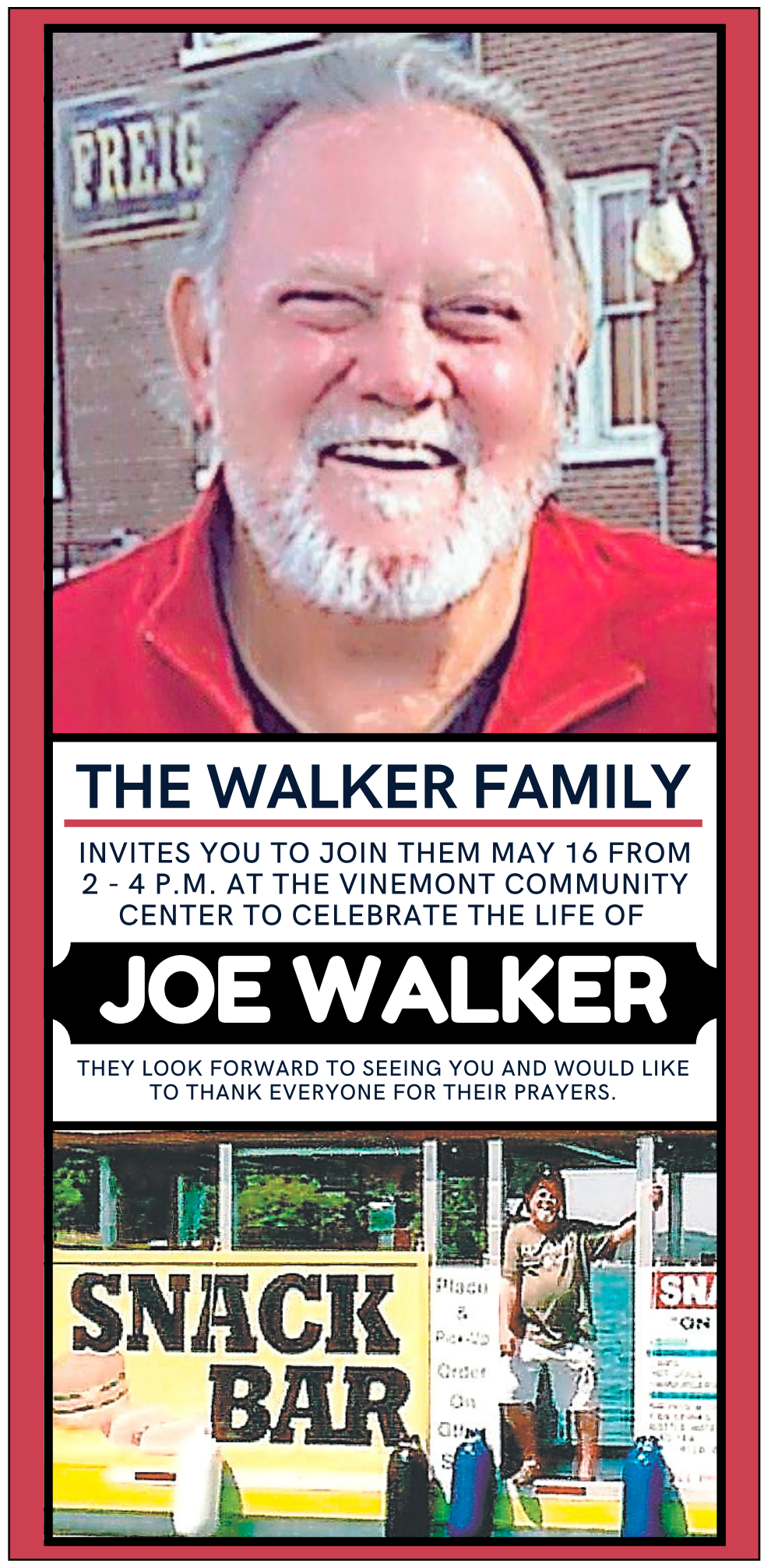
Both Hartselle and Cullman will be in Florence next Wednesday to compete in this year's North Regional Tournament.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman's Chalea Clemmons tags out a runner at the plate during the Lady Bearcats' 6-3 win over Hartselle Friday afternoon.





Driver (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Angelica Denise Ruffin, 38, of Huntsville, a driver involved in a deadly crash at the intersection of U.S. Highway 278 and State Road 157 on June 7, 2020, was arrested over the week-end and charged with reckless murder, reckless manslaughter, and first and second degree assault, according to a spokesman for the Cullman Police Department, following indictment by a Cullman County Grand Jury. Ruffin turned herself in at the Cullman County Detention Center Sun-day afternoon.

Randy Pope, 28, of Cullman was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash by the Cullman County Coroner's Office. Tabatha Lynn Kilpatrick, a passenger riding with Ruffin, was taken by ambulance to Cullman Regional.

According to the Code of Alabama, a person commits reckless murder if "Under circumstances man-ifesting extreme indifference to human life, he or she recklessly engages in conduct which creates a grave risk of death to a person other than himself or herself, and thereby causes the death of an-other person."

The charge is a class A felony and could lead to a sentence of 10 years to life if the accused is found guilty.

A jury could convict on the lesser charge of reckless manslaughter, a class B felony which carries a 2-20 year sentence.

CPD Traffic Homicide Sgt. Joey Duncan told The Tribune, "Once the Cullman Police Department Traffic Homicide Unit completed its investigation into the fatal crash, it was turned over to the Cullman County District Attorney's Office. Then it was brought in front of a grand jury, and warrants were issued for those listed charges."

Pope's family filed a wrongful death suit against Ruffin, and Kilpatrick filed a personal injury suit claiming that Ruffin was "impaired and/or distracted," "operating her vehicle at a high rate of speed" and "intoxicated" at the time of the crash.

Awards (from Front)

Cherrie Haney
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County People Against A Littered State committee is busy making plans to recognize the efforts of the many businesses that work hard to make the Cullman area a beautiful place for everyone to enjoy. The PALS committee is currently accepting nominations for the 2021 Beautification Awards and is encouraging all local businesses who have contributed in some way to keeping Cullman looking clean and nice to participate.

All entries, plus the $25 entry fee must be received by 3:30 p.m., Friday, May 28.

Please take a moment to nominate your business or a business you believe is worthy of consideration.

The contest rules are listed below.

COMPETITION RULES

Anyone may nominate a property worthy of a Beautification Award.

• All entries must be received by the PALS Committee by 3:30 p.m., Friday, May 28.

• Recipients will be named at the Awards Ceremony June 16, at Camp Meadowbrook.

• The scoring process will be at the discretion of the PALS Committee. Judging is conducted by a qualified panel of judges from surrounding counties and will be based on design, maintenance, general appearance, litter control and planting.

• There shall be no contact between any nominee and judges before or during judging.

• Please note that this award is for landscape judging only and does not apply to building or structural renovations.

• A $25 nomination fee is required upon entry. Each nominee will receive one complimentary ticket to the Beautification Awards Luncheon June 16.

Send your nomination form and fee to:
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P O Box 1935, Cullman, AL 35056

For more information, contact Cherrie Haney at cherriehaney@bellsouth.net or 256-531-4222.

Workers (from Front)

consider doing so. "You'll get the support from the school, we can make sure you get matched with a student who meets your skill set needs," he stated. He then discussed the risks with investing time and resources into hiring full-time workers straight out of high school or college without getting to know them first, saying that many may end up not working out within a few months. "But if you start a couple years earlier, especially if that kid's a junior or senior in high school, there's only a little bit of investment if it's a part-time situation," he continued. "There might even be some opportunity for reimbursement from the Alabama Office of Apprenticeships, or if nothing else then, a write-off on some taxes, but now there's only a little bit of investment and you get to see whether or not that kid is a good fit before you really put your heart and soul into it."

Following Troutman was Mike Donaldson, Career Technical Education (CTE) Coordinator for Cullman City Schools, who discussed some statistics regarding students in Cullman High School's career tech courses. One key number he mentioned was the statewide workforce participation rate, or the percentage of non-institutionalized people of working age who are currently employed or are actively seeking employment. For Alabama, he said that number was at 54%, meaning almost half of non-institutionalized people of working age in the state are not employed and not seeking employment. This low participation rate results in companies and industries not having enough skilled workers applying for positions.

Donaldson then brought up CHS's numbers: 64% of students at CHS were enrolled in a career tech course, and in 2020, the school saw a 93% positive placement rate. "Positive placement means that when we check in on the students after we graduate, they have either been accepted to college or they are working in the same field that their career tech courses prepared them for," he explained. "Of the 7% who were not in positive placement, a majority of those students were still employed-they were just working in fields other than the career tech courses they studied."

Another point Donaldson brought up was the importance of students being credentialed before entering the workforce, which CHS offers through its work-based learning programs. "I'm really excited about the Ready to Work program. The goal is to credential students who are going through a career technical program with an industry-approved credential," he explained. "For a science program, it may be Certified Medical Assistant. That's a desired industry credential. In a business program, it might be a Microsoft Office certification, which is a desirable industry credential. This program, we hope, is going to give you guys some exposure to these students, as well as teaching them the employability skills that they need."

After Donaldson came Suzanne Harbin, assistant to the president for Advancement at Wallace State Community College. In her speech, she stated that her hope for WSCC and the industry professionals sitting in the room was to build a "talent pipeline" that would sustain Cullman businesses long-term. She also encouraged the representatives to consider hiring options outside of traditional high school and college graduates. "Maybe consider hiring an Adult Ed student who's looking for a skill upgrade, or someone who might have a high school diploma or a degree but has been out of the workforce for a long time because they've been a stay-at-home parent. These people can give you the work you need, they just need to be given a chance."

Jamie Blackmon, job placement coordinator at WSCC, spoke next about some of the services offered by WSCC and its career advancement department. One such service aims to get younger children interested in industry and manufacturing by visiting local companies and filming a "How It's Made" type of video about the products they make, then uploading it to the Center for Career and Workforce Development YouTube channel (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMKPeiN13-mH-jv_yf7gT1Cg). She also said that her department aims to show students early on what it means to be a good worker, including stressing the importance of punctuality and attendance. Additionally, industries can make use of WSCC's resources by sending employees there for customized training to gain new skill sets that help advance employee careers.

Blackmon also stated that a new online platform will be launching at WSCC to help employers connect with possible student employees: Handshake. Many universities, such as Auburn University, use Handshake to show job listings in various fields and let students take the reigns on their employment options. The platform lets companies post job and internship listings and a summary of what the company does, while students are able to filter the posts by type (job vs internship), field and even distance. The student's profile contains a resume that they upload and the most current unofficial transcript from the school. Many job listings use these two documents to allow students to apply for jobs with a single click. WSCC will be doing a "soft launch" of the platform over the summer, and orientation will include an activity where students fill out their Handshake profiles. "All of our students, every single one of them, that will be a part of what they have to do in orientation. It'll be mandatory for them to fill out the whole process and add their resume," she stated.

As a final note, Blackmon expressed her passion for helping recovering addicts get the career building resources that they need. "I don't know how to not believe in somebody! I believe in second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth chances. That's just a part of their journey, and I don't want to discount those people because we never know their circumstances," she said. "When we first meet, I never look them up. I don't care what they've done in the past-we start our relationship that day and we talk about how we can get them to that next step where they're not in this repetitive cycle of coming in, going to jail, being referred to rehab. We come up with a tangible plan to make sure they can be successful, and I think you all could be a part of that plan. If they don't have a job or something to help provide for themselves or their families while they're in sober living and after they leave, it's so easy for them to fall back into what they were doing before." Blackmon finished by saying that her biggest goal was to get a sober living dorm across the street from the campus to help victims of the opioid crisis who may be trying to better themselves with education and career preparation.

The final educational representatives to speak were Jennifer Lambert with WSCC's Adult Education Program and WSCC Job Developer Christina Holmes. Lambert described some of the services that the Adult Ed program provides, such as OSHA 10 Certification courses, ESL classes for those learning English and additional classes for those with high school diplomas who may still struggle with math and reading comprehension. She said that companies need only get in touch with WSCC to get some classes or certification courses set up for their employees. Holmes then came up to discuss the benefits of registered apprenticeships, for which the college has some grants to help pay for the apprentice's books and supplies, as well as some of their wages in some cases, and also bring attention to a non-registered apprenticeship program that aims to prepare students to become Advanced Manufacturing Technicians.

The meeting concluded with a Q&A session where the industry representatives got to ask CEDA members and educational representatives about the different short-term solutions to the lack of workers. The full video of the meeting can be seen on The Cullman Tribune's Facebook page.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
JUDITH ELAINE TAYLOR * CASE NO.: PC2021-160
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Thomas Taylor, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Judith Elaine Taylor, deceased, on the 7th day of May, 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.

Taylor Thomas
Personal Representative

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
JUDY KAYE HUDDLESTON * CASE NO PC 2021-148
Deceased *

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Administration of said deceased having been granted to **Danny Jay Huddleston,** as Personal Representative of the Estate of Judy Kaye Huddleston, deceased, on the 30th day of April, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Danny Jay Huddleston
Personal Representative

Annette Irons-Parker
Attorney for Personal Representative
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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF *
KDH, JR., * **CASE NO.: JU 20-146.03**
a minor, DOB: 05-09-2013. *

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

KEVIN DEWAYNE HUNTER, SR., whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Cullman County Department of Human Resources in regards to a minor child born on May 9, 2013, to Amy Nicole Lovell by the 21 day of June, 2021, or thereafter a judgment terminating his parental rights may be entered against him in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 27 day of April, 2021.

Lisa McSwain
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Petitioner:
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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: MATTER OF * CASE No. JU-2020-221.01
L.C. *
(a minor) DOB: 04/13/2018 *

NOTICE

To the publisher of the Cullman Tribune:

Petitioner having made a Motion for service by Publication in the above styled action, and after consideration of the same, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Jack Richard Seifert father of L.C., a minor child born 04/13/2018, respond to the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights by the 8 of June, 2021, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

Petitioner's Attorney, Melvin Hasting, 407 2nd Ave. SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055, (256) 736-2230 or Clerk of Court Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Avenue Southwest, Room 303, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

Done this the 22nd day of April, 2021

JUVENILE COURT JUDGE

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STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
I, Lisa McSwain, Clerk of Circuit Court in and for said County and State, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy as the same appears of record in this office.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 29th day of April, 2021.

Clerk of Circuit Court

Programs (from Front)

Office of Gov. Kay Ivey
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Governor Kay Ivey announced today that Alabama will end its participation in all federally funded pandemic unemployment compensation programs effective June 19, 2021 including:

• Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation, which provides for an additional $300 weekly payment to recipients of unemployment compensation,

• Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, which provides benefits for those who would not usually qualify, such as the self-employed, gig workers and part-time workers,

• Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation, which provides for an extension of benefits once regular benefits have been exhausted and

• Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation, which provides an additional $100 benefit to certain people with mixed earnings.

Any weeks filed prior to and up to June 19 and are eligible under any of the federal program requirements will continue to be processed under these programs.

"As Alabama's economy continues its recovery, we are hearing from more and more business owners and employers that it is increasingly difficult to find workers to fill available jobs, even though job openings are abundant," said Governor Ivey.

"Among other factors, increased unemployment assistance, which was meant to be a short-term relief program during emergency related shutdowns, is now contributing to a labor shortage that is compromising the continuation of our economic recovery."

"Alabama has an unemployment rate of 3.8%, the lowest in the Southeast, and significantly lower than the national unemployment rate. Our Department of Labor is reporting that there are more available jobs now than prior to the pandemic. Jobs are out there," continued Governor Ivey.

"We have announced the end date of our state of emergency, there are no industry shutdowns, and daycares are operating with no restrictions.

"Vaccinations are available for all adults. Alabama is giving the federal government our 30-day notice that it's time to get back to work."

ADOL has reinstated the work search requirement for all claimants, which was temporarily waived during the height of the pandemic. This requires all claimants to actively search for work to remain eligible for unemployment benefits.

"We have more posted job ads now than we did in either February or March 2020," said Alabama Department of Labor Secretary Fitzgerald Washington.

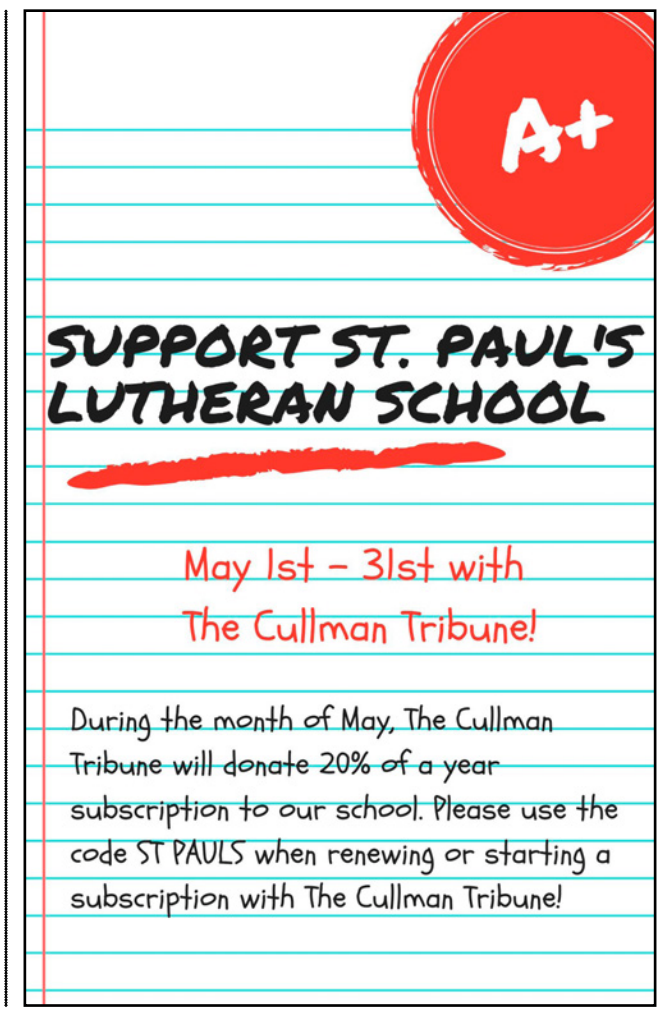
"Ads for workers in the leisure and hospitality industry are up by 73%.

"Overall, ads are up by nearly 40%. There are plenty of opportunities available in multiple industries in Alabama."

Free job services are available to all Alabamians through the Alabama Career Center System, which operates 53 centers throughout the state.

Services include résumé preparation, interviewing skills, job search and application assistance, vocational and educational training programs, as well as apprenticeship and on-the-job training programs.

A listing of career centers can be found at https://www.labor.alabama.gov/CareerCenters.aspx



Obituary Announcements: May 10

James Holland Lee, Jr., 60, of Addison

James Holland Lee, Jr., 60, of Addison, Alabama entered into rest May 8, 2021 at Huntsville Hospi-tal for Women and Children. Mr. Lee was born May 11, 1960 in West Palm Beach, Florida. He enjoyed many things in life, in-cluding buck calls, hunting knives, singing, NASCAR and Alabama football; however, the greatest love of his life was his family, especially his children. James was an exceptional father, son, brother, grandfather and a very hard worker. He never met a stranger and everybody that knew him loved him. Visitation will be held Wednesday, May 12, 2021 from 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison, where services will be held at 2 p.m. Reverend Kevin Baldwin will officiate and burial will follow in Sardis No. 2 Baptist Church Cemetery in Addison, Alabama. James is survived by his spouse: Wanda Williams; his mother: Jennie Lee; sons: James Lee III (Heather), Colt Lee, Jessie Lee (Jessica), Jordan Lee (Bridget) and Dustin Williams (Megan); daugh-ters: Tiffany Mertens (Butch), Trista Standeford (Ashley) and Tosha Williams; siblings: Sherri Lee, Brenda Langston (fiancée Jimmy Derringer), Danny Lee, Tammie Lee and Teddy Brannon (Tracy) and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father: Holland Lee; nephew: Jason Green and brother-in-law: Randy Davis. Memories and condolences may be shared at www.nicholsfuneralhomes.com

Randy Hale, 59, of Cullman

Funeral service for Randy Hale, 59, of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at Cull-man Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Hale passed away on Sunday, May 9, 2021 at his residence. He was born Monday, March 26, 1962 in Cullman, Alabama to Verbon and Delrine Hale. He is preceded in death by his father: Verbon Hale and a daughter: Mandy Nicole Hale. Survivors include his wife: Deborah Hale; mother: Delrine Hale; sister, Karen Bowling; nieces and nephews: Amber (Mike) Gentry, Brandi (Bob) McKinney, Nick (Emily) Bowling and Noah (Caitlin) Bowling and a host of great-nieces and nephews. Visitation will be from 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

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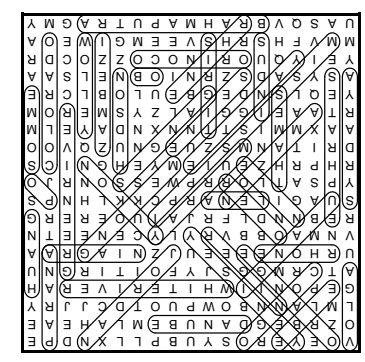
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Bellflower (from Front)

W.C. Mann
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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Animal Shelter's Donna Ruttkay shares the Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week:

Bellflower is a one-year-old Lab mix.

She's a lively-but-not-hyper, medium-energy pet with great spatial awareness and leash etiquette. She loves being close to her people.

Bellflower has the makings of a good therapy, companion or hiking dog.

Bellflower's adoption fee is $100 which includes DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet, spaying, microchip, free 30-day health insurance policy is-sued by 24PetWatch (with valid email only) and a free bag of food from Cullman Pet Depot (you must pay sales tax).

Animal shelter staff and volunteers work with their dogs to make sure they are accustomed to be-ing around people, walking on a leash and practicing good behavior.

Several of the shelter's canine friends have even been "hired" to work as therapy and special needs service dogs.

Please consider adopting to give a rescued pet a chance at a happy and healthy life.

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or visit them at 935 Convent Road NE. Reach them by email at cullmancountyanimalshelter@gmail.com.

Good news!
Ruttkay reported that recent POTW Bailey has been adopted and is in training to become a service dog! Thanks to the whole community for making forever homes a regular destination for our furry friends.



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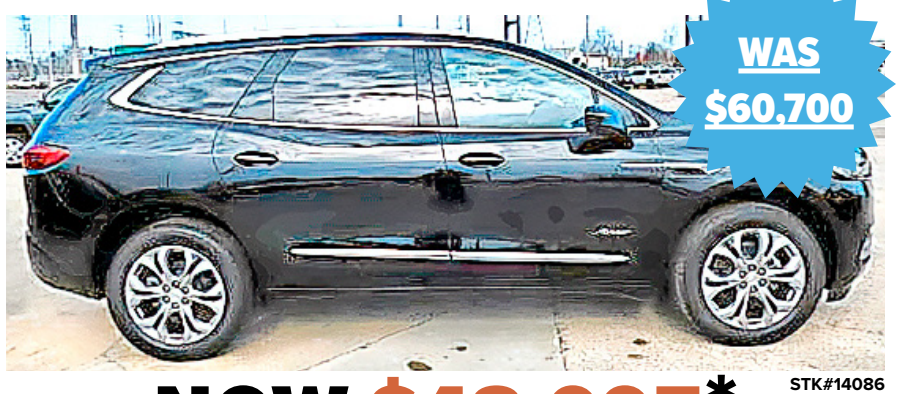
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