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EDUCATION

CHS responds to reports of weapon possession

Trent Moore
Cullman City Schools

CULLMAN, Ala. – During the morning of May 12, it was brought to the attention of the Cullman High School administration that a CHS student may have a weapon in his/her book bag. In conjunction with the School Resource Officer, the CHS administration acted quickly to secure the identified student and book bag.

After a brief investigation, it was determined that this was a false report which stemmed from inaccurate information.

There was never any weapon in the student's possession or on campus.

"This situation was handled swiftly due to the awareness and reporting of CHS students and employees," superintendent Kyle Kallhoff said. "Just as in today's situation, it is always important that rumors or accusations such as this be reported immediately to staff and administration so they can be assessed."

CHS Principal Kim Hall added, "We are thankful for the quick and efficient work of our School Resource Office and staff in quickly investigating and dispelling this rumor."

– EDUCATION –

Senior Walk returns to Holly Pond



HOLLY POND HIGH SCHOOL

After being on hold last year, 70 Holly Pond High School seniors took the Senior Walk.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Class of 2021 from Holly Pond High School took part in one of the school's newest traditions Wednesday morning by participating in the Senior Walk. Dressed in their caps and gowns, the soon to be graduates visited Holly Pond Elementary School and Middle School and received cheers and applause from the young Broncos as they passed through.

HPHS principal Steve Miller said of the Senior Walk, "It was something else!" He added, "We had our awards day for our seniors today and this is kind of an honor for them. It was really good, and a lot of work went into it."

Holly Pond Elementary principal Karen Sparks was unable to attend the Senior Walk but said, "I think this is a great opportunity for our younger students to see what they are working toward and set goals to reach those goals." Miller agreed, "I think it's big for those elementary and middle school kids to see those things, so we were excited during the COVID era to do that today."

The Senior Walk began a couple of years ago, but was put on hold last year. This year, the 70 HPHS seniors were happy to return to the tradition. "I think it's natural for younger kids to look up to older students and I think it's something they can look forward to, being a senior and being able to graduate. Our graduation rate is really good and it has been for the last three or four years, and I think this is a big part of that."



HOLLY POND HIGH SCHOOL

Miller especially wanted to thank HPHS assistant principal Janet Turner and counselor Candice Grochowalski for their hard work in organizing Wednesday's Senior Walk. He said, "They did a great job and a lot of work went into it from our faculty and staff."

The Holly Pond High School graduation is scheduled for May 22 at 4 p.m. in Wallace State Commu-nity College's Tom Drake Coliseum.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Mayor Proclaims 'Public Works Week' in Cullman » PAGE 6

EDUCATION

West Point 8th grader Brodie Henry is county 2021 Scholars' Bowl MVP, middle school and high school!



LEE HENRY

Brodie Henry with his 2021 high school and middle school Top Scorer awards. » PAGE 2

BONUS PET OF THE WEEK

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Henry (from Front)

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WEST POINT, Ala. – When West Point Middle School took first place honors in the recent county middle school Scholars' Bowl tournament, 8th-grader Brodie Henry led the team, finishing as the overall high scorer of the event. There is more to the story, though--Henry had already won the same honor at the varsity level a few weeks earlier after being given permission to compete as a member of the West Point High School team!

Henry told The Tribune, "Being able to compete at the high school level has been very fun, and I've gotten a lot from it. I have been able to go to more tournaments and meet more people, a lot of which are some of the best high school players in the nation, who I have learned a lot from. Most importantly, however, is getting an early start to the high school level. That extra two years will inevitably help me continue to do well at the game I love most."

West Point Scholars' Bowl coach and Brodie's father Lee Henry told The Tribune, "As a coach and a dad, I really couldn't be prouder of Brodie. He's decided that Quiz Bowl is 'his thing' and has dedicated himself to being the best at it that he can be."

How did it start?

Lee Henry said that Brodie has, "just grown up around the game. Since he was in 3rd grade, he has been in my classroom after school when I'm coaching. For the first couple of years, he didn't really pay that much attention, but I think some of it was sinking in, perhaps. Then, in his 5th-grade year, he started playing. The rest is history. Since then, he has attended Quiz Bowl camps over the summer. He writes questions that are used in other tournaments. He competes online with great players all over the country. He just loves it and wants to be the best he can be, not just for himself, but for his school and his teammates."

Brodie Henry told The Tribune, "My dad, who is also both the middle and high school's coach, was definitely the one who got me into Scholars' Bowl. He always cared a lot about the game and became very good at it. My dad has coached for over 20 years, the nine most recent of which have been at West Point High School, and the middle school for the past four years.

"Being a teacher's kid means I have grown up around the game and went to almost all of the high school's practices, which would usually last over two hours. I would also travel with the team to many tournaments, including multiple national ones. Doing this for over two years got me really interested in the game, and I began playing when I was only in 5th grade."

Lee Henry added, "At last year's High School County Tournament, when he was in 7th grade, we were doing pretty well, and I decided to let him play a little to get experience.

"He ended up making the All-Tournament team. I started joking with him then that he might be able to be the Varsity MVP in 8th grade. I didn't realize that he would actually take that to heart and make it happen!

"As a coach, I let my kids know that I don't believe in seniority. The best players are going to play, and they have to compete with one another to keep those starting spots. Brodie has worked hard and beat out some much older kids to earn the spot as not only a Varsity starter, but also the Team Captain.

"He has developed a great rapport with the high school players and has become good friends with them all. They really support each other and work together as a team. It doesn't seem like they even think about the fact that Brodie is younger than they are. They just click. It's really a great dynamic.

"Throughout my coaching career--23 years now--I've seen a lot of teams that deal with jealousy and bickering; big egos trying to outdo each other. We really don't have that. Our teams, both the middle school and high school teams, are just a group of friends who work well together and support one another. That environment and team dynamic made it possible for a kid like Brodie to thrive."

How to become a Scholars' Bowl MVP

Brodie Henry explained, "Getting good at the game takes a lot of effort and studying. Scholars' Bowl is often misunderstood as a game with completely random questions, but this isn't the case. Through playing the game for a long time, you start to notice that they ask about the same things, with many of the clues in the questions also repeating. I've learned to take note of what comes up more than others and learn as many clues about that answer line as I can. Repeating this process for many years will pay off. I am also lucky to have a dad that cares about the game and who can help me.

He continued, "My advice to new Scholars' Bowl players would be to do what I did to get better--learn what comes up the most and learn the clues about it. Great ways to learn these things include the website Quizdb.org and just looking through as many old question packets as possible.

"It is also really easy to get discouraged at the start, whether it's from not scoring as much as you want, or playing an experienced team. If you stick with it, you will rapidly improve with time. My friends and I have been on the team together since we were in 5th grade and being part of a group that motivates each other will help a lot."

When not hitting the buzzer

The MVP shared, "When I'm not playing the game, I'm usually doing fairly normal 'teenage stuff,' like hanging out with my friends. My teammates are some of, if not the best, friends I've ever had. Getting to play the game with them makes it a lot more fun, not to mention they are also good at it. If I'm not talking to them, I'm probably playing a game or listening to music."

Proud coach and dad Lee Henry concluded, "Like I said, I've been coaching for 23 years now. I don't know how many more years I'll go, but, I'm willing to bet I'll never have another kid who is the County Middle School MVP and High School MVP in the same year.

"The fact that he's my son makes it even better. I'm sure that some folks think that I push him really hard, but I really don't. I don't have to. He loves the game and works hard on his own.

"Sometimes, the best thing I can do is stay out of his way. But as his middle school career ends and he starts as a 'full time' high school player, we're going to focus on getting better and see how far we can go. And, he's already told me that he wants to help me coach the new middle school players. I'll be glad to have the help!"

Items For Sale!

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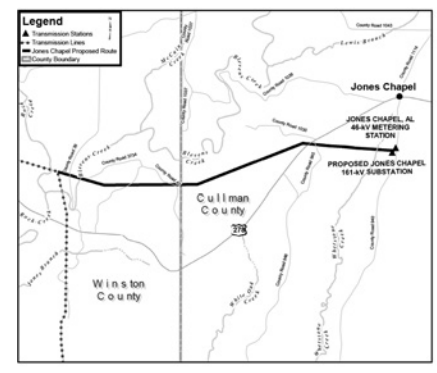
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PUBLIC NOTICE

TVA to Hold Virtual Information Session on Proposed Transmission Project

TVA will hold a virtual information session regarding plans for a proposed transmission project in the Jones Chapel, Alabama area.



The proposed project consists of about 5.3 miles of new single-circuit transmission line, which would provide more reliable power and allow for growth in the area. The new line would serve a new Cullman Electric Cooperative substation to be located west of County Road 940 just south of Jones Chapel.

The map shows the location of the proposed transmission route TVA is considering. A more detailed map and additional information can be found at www.tva.com/transmissionprojects.

Property owners and members of the public are invited to access the virtual information session and will be able to submit questions online, by telephone, or in writing.

Any names and addresses obtained at the virtual information session will become part of the administrative record.

If you are not able to access the virtual information session and have questions, please contact Kelly Evans.

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TVA TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Wednesday, May 12, 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: 410,884 (+253 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 120,867 (+94 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 8,659 (+8 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 2,338
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,541 (+7 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 3,156 (+14 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 130 (+0 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 64
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 41,299
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 2,034
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 93
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,538,007
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 3,170
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 106,858
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 365
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama (reported M-F): 49,384
- 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: 3,017,645
- Doses administered: 2,722,909
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 1,567,280
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 1,239,995
- 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

Lowndes County tops state in COVID-19 vaccinations - More than half eligible people have received at least one dose

Throughout the pandemic, ADPH has focused on an equitable response to COVID-19 for the entire state. In coordination with community partners, outreach efforts have been made to ensure the state's rural areas are not left behind in access and use of vaccine. Lowndes County is the first county in the state with more than 50% of the eligible population receiving at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine. Efforts to provide more opportunities to be vaccinated have included having all county health departments receive vaccine, working with local providers and deployment of Alabama National Guard members.

At least 40% of 14 Alabama counties' residents vaccinated

Forty percent or more of the residents ages 16 and older of 14 Alabama counties have received one or more doses of COVID-19 vaccine to date. Successful public health efforts to achieve vaccine equity have resulted in higher vaccine uptake among African American residents of Black Belt counties. Counties where 40% or more of their residents have been vaccinated are as follows: Lowndes, Bullock, Perry, Hale, Shelby, Marengo, Jefferson, Wilcox, Madison, Greene, Colbert, Lee, Conecuh and Dallas. Vaccines are one key to protecting the most vulnerable and helping stop the pandemic in Alabama.

Alabama hospitalizations for COVID-19 during April higher among young adults than the elderly

Vaccination for COVID-19 is important for young people, including those of college age. Statistics reported by the University of Alabama at Birmingham show that in the month of April 2021 in Alabama, more 16-34 year olds were hospitalized than were people ages 75 and older. Another reason to promote vaccination in young people is that people in this age group can develop debilitating long-term symptoms from COVID-19, even among young adults who were previously healthy. By getting vaccinated, everyone cannot only protect themselves and their families, but can prevent spreading the virus to other people in the community, giving less chances for variants to develop.

Take every opportunity to vaccinate every eligible person and minimize vaccine wastage

Over 1.2 million people are fully vaccinated in Alabama, and many more have received at least one COVID-19 vaccination. As access to COVID-19 vaccine increases, it is important for providers to not miss any opportunity to vaccinate every eligible person who presents at vaccine clinics. ADPH recognizes that as we continue to create more opportunities to vaccinate more people, it may increase the likelihood of leaving unused doses in a vial. While we want to continue to follow best practices to use every dose possible, we do not want that to be at the expense of missing an opportunity to vaccine every eligible person when they are ready to get vaccinated.

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 vaccine and then enjoying the exclusive opportunity to drive around the world-famous Talladega Superspeedway. 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 ages 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 vehicles on the Talladega Superspeedway track is available at https://www.dropbox.com/sh/3sddbllj0zzjgx6/AACuaOPSYcK62EUOhk-WRHBaua?dl=0

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 appointments are available, but not required. Appointments can be made on the web scheduler located at https://myturn.timetap.com. The website also includes links to documents that will need to be reviewed before being vaccinated. These materials are also available on-site.

ADPH still encourages use of facial coverings

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

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported May 12

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported May 12, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

May 10

- second-degree criminal mischief; Cullman Long Term Care; Arnold St. NE; damage property; $800
- fourth-degree theft of property; person; tag; $70

March 11

- third-degree criminal trespass; Drinkard Development; 2nd Ave. SW

ARRESTS

May 11

Baraglia, Lacy B.; 31

- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Warwick, Catherine S.; 53

- DUI

Wise, Justin D.; 36

- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- driving while license revoked
- FTA- expired tag

Melson, Geneva F.; 37

- fourth-degree theft of property

Longo, Ami J.; 48

- third-degree criminal trespass

Addie, Brandon L.; 36

- fourth-degree theft of property

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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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 pick-up. 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 pick-up. 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 sync 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.
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- 13108 County Road 747, Hanceville, AL 35077

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- 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

Hanceville High School Prayer Event

- Sunday, May 16– Join us to lift up our students and graduating seniors in a time of prayer at Hanceville High School. It will start at 4 p.m. in front of high school gymnasium.
- Lane Horton Gymnasium – Stadium Street, Hanceville, AL 35077

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 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
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REGIONAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Cullman hammers Jasper 15-2 in opening round

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The Lady Bearcats celebrate at the plate during their 15-2 win over Jasper Wednesday.

FLORENCE, Ala. – The Lady Bearcats traveled to Florence's Coffee O'Neal Park Wednesday to compete in this year's 6A North Regional Tournament, and they hung 15 runs on the board to take their first game of the tournament comfortably. Cullman scored at least two runs in all five innings of its 15-2 win over Jasper in the opening round and will advance to play in the winner's bracket later tonight.

The Lady Bearcats struck early in the top of the first when Haley Shannon drew a leadoff walk and Faith Guest singled up the middle to put a pair of runners on base.

Chalea Clemmons ripped an RBI single into left field to score Shannon and make it a 1-0 game and two pitches later, Savannah laced an RBI single into right field to make it 2-0.

Carlie Burnham drove in Clemmons with an RBI groundout to stretch the lead to 3-0 and Davis scored on an error to give Cullman a 4-0 lead going into the bottom half of the first.

The Lady Bearcats added to their lead in the top of the second with RBI singles from Davis and Burnham and led the way 6-0 in the bottom of the second, but Jasper managed to push a run across and trim the lead to 6-1 going into the third.

Cullman answered in the top half of the third with a 2-run bomb off the bat of Clemmons to make it an 8-1 game and in the fourth, Clemmons collected two more RBIs with a single into right that made it 10-1.

The Lady Bearcats stayed hot in the fifth, adding to their lead when Olivia Britton launched a 3-run shot over the fence in left field to put them in front 13-1.

Faith Guest drilled an RBI double into left to plate another run and after another RBI single from Clemmons, Cullman went into the bottom of the inning with a commanding, 15-1 lead.

The Lady Vikings were able to put another run on the board in their half of the fifth, but it wasn't enough to overcome the early lead and the Lady Bearcats held on to defeat Jasper 15-2 in five innings.

Emma Claire Wilson was effective for Cullman in the circle, allowing two runs on just four hits and striking out nine in the win.

Clemmons finished her stellar day at the plate 5-for-5 with a homerun and six RBIs. Britton was 3-for-4 with a bomb of her own and three RBIs and both Davis (two) RBIs and Shana Guest posted three hits as well.

Burnham and Faith Guest each added two hits and an RBI for the Lady Bearcats.

Cullman will advance to face Hazel Green in the winner's bracket tonight at 6 p.m. Check back later for a recap of the Lady Bearcats' game against the Lady Trojans.

Cullman's Wednesday night game against Hazel Green was not completed before press time. Please check out cullmantribune.com for a recap of the Lady Bearcats' matchup with the Lady Trojans.

REGIONAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Lady Warriors rally to take game 1 over East Limestone 10-4, fall to Hayden 6-3

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West Point's Carlie Wilkins and Bailey Brock celebrate during the Lady Warriors' 10-4 win over East Limestone Wednesday.

FLORENCE, Ala. – West Point traveled to Coffee O'Neal Park in Florence for day one of this year's North Regional Tournament Wednesday and overcame an early deficit in its first game to come from behind and pick up a big win. The Lady Warriors were held to just one run on two hits in the first four innings before getting hot in the fifth and pulling away to defeat East Limestone 10-4.

An RBI double gave the Lady Indians an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first, but Carlie Wilkins struck out the next three batters she faced in the top of the second. Braelee Quinn led off the bottom of the second with a single into right field but that was all the offense West Point could find in the inning.

A 2-run homer put East Limestone on top 3-0 in the top of the third, but the Lady Warriors were able to cut into the lead with an RBI double from Wilkins in the bottom half of the inning to make it 3-1

After a scoreless fourth inning, the Lady Indians tacked on another run in the top of the fifth to make it a 4-1 game, but West Point responded in a big in way in the bottom half of the fifth. Bethany Minck reached base on an error with two outs and Lexi Shadix drove a single up the middle to put a pair of runners on the bases.

Wilkins was then intentionally walked but Sydney Sellers made them pay with a 2-run single into left field that cut the lead to 4-3.

After Quinn was hit by a pitch, Brindlee Phillips kept the inning going with a single down the left field line that plated two more runs and gave the Lady Warriors a 5-4 lead going into the sixth.

East Limestone led off the sixth with a pair of singles, but Wilkins retired the next three batters to get out of the jam.

West Point's bats stayed hot in the bottom half of the inning. Lexi Kimbril drilled a solo shot over the right field fence to add another run to the lead and after Minck was hit by a pitch and Shadix singled to left, Wilkins laced a double into center field to give the Lady Warriors a 7-4 advantage. Sellers blew things open a few pitches later when she lifted a 3-run bomb over the fence in left field to make it a 10-4 game going into the final frame.

West Point collected the final three outs in the top of the seventh to complete the comeback and defeat East Limestone 10-4.

Wilkins tossed a complete game for the Lady Warriors, allowing four runs on six hits and racking up 13 strikeouts. Sellers led the way for West Point at the plate, posting five RBIs in the win and Wilkins (two hits) and Phillips (one hit) each drove in a pair of runs as well.

Hayden 6 – West Point 3 (Game Two)

After defeating East Limestone in the opening round, West Point advanced in the winner's bracket to take on Hayden. The Lady Warriors were held to just two hits in the first six innings but got the bats going in the final frame and were able to chip away at the lead. However, it was too little, too late and West Point fell to the Lady Wildcats 6-3.

The Lady Wildcats led off the game with a solo homerun to take an early 1-0 lead and after a scoreless second inning, they led of the top of the third with another solo shot to make it a 2-0 game. A bases-loaded walk put Hayden on top 3-0 in the top of the fourth and the Lady Warriors got their first hit of the game in the bottom half of the inning when Lexi Shadix drove a single up the middle, but she was left stranded and West Point trailed 3-0 going into the fifth.

An RBI single gave the Lady Wildcats another run in the top of the fifth to make it a 4-0 game and despite a leadoff single from Braelee Quinn, the Lady Warriors were held scoreless once again in the bottom half of the inning and trailed 4-0 going into the sixth.

Hayden tacked on another run to move in front 5-0 in the top of the sixth and West Point went down in order in its half of the inning. The Lady Wildcats put one more on the board in the top of the seventh to add to the lead and the Lady Warriors found themselves down 6-0 and down to their final three outs.

Wilkins led off the bottom of the seventh with a single and Sydney Sellers drew a walk to put a pair of runners on base. That's when Braelee Quinn finally got West Point on the board with a 3-run bomb over the left field fence that cut the lead to 6-3 and gave the Lady Warriors new life. Unfortunately, that was all that West Point could chip away and Hayden held on to win it 6-3.

Quinn (3-run HR), Shadix and Wilkins posted the only four hits in the loss for the Lady Warriors. Wilkins allowed just three earned runs on seven hits and struck out 10 batters.

West Point will return to Florence tomorrow to face East Limestone once again in an elimination game at 9 a.m.



OUTDOORS

Oak Mountain State Park Interpretive Center reopens May 22

Scottie Jackson
Contributor

PELHAM, Ala. – The Oak Mountain Interpretive Center (OMIC) at Oak Mountain State Park in Pel-ham, Alabama, will celebrate its reopening Saturday, May 22, with a daylong schedule of events for families and children of all ages. The event will feature guided tours of the renovated exhibit hall, nature crafts and live animal encounters, including the debut of "Teacher Creature" Acer, the East-ern screech owl. OMIC is located just off Terrace Drive near the Park's main office.

"We are excited to welcome park visitors back to the Interpretive Center," said Lauren Muncher, park naturalist at Oak Mountain State Park.

"Our staff will soon be expanding Interpretive Center offerings to provide accessible, informative and entertaining programming for groups of all ages. Examples include Mammal Monday, Turtle Tuesday and Water Wednesday. We will also be availa-ble for school field trips."

Schedule of Events for May 22, 2021

• 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. – Guided tour, featuring animal encounters
• 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. – Guided tour, featuring animal encounters
• 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – Guided tour, featuring animal encounters
• 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Self-guided tours
• 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. – Presentation on Oak Mountain State Park
• 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. – Reading with a Ranger
• 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. – Animal Encounters, featuring "Acer" the Eastern screech owl
• 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. – Nature Art in the OMIC classroom

OMIC closed for renovations in January 2021. During the renovations, several of the center's exhibits were updated and improved. Some of the new additions to OMIC include a Cahaba River exhib-it, black kingsnake and gray rat snake exhibits, a Civilian Conservation Corps exhibit, a reading nook for children and much more.

OMIC is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is no charge to visit the Interpretive Center; however, park entry fees apply. For more information about OMIC, call the park's main of-fice at 205-620-2520. For more information about Oak Mountain State Park, visit https://www.alapark.com/.



LAUREN MUNCHER, ALABAMA STATE PARKS

Meet Acer the the Eastern screech owl at the reopening of the Oak Mountain Interpretive Center May 22.

St. Paul's Lutheran School 2nd annual Alumni and Friends Dinner and School Auction set for this Saturday

Emily Trahan
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – St. Paul's Alumni and Friends Dinner and School Auction is their largest fundraiser of the year. It is a fantastic evening filled with nostalgia and fellowship among parents, alumni and friends. The school is incredibly grateful to all the giving hearts in the community who have donated fantastic items for the silent and live auctions.

These include: Charm on 2nd, Doug Doggett Jewelers, Ed White Jewelers, Buettner Brothers, Borden Market Shop, Greenlee Woodworks, Vans Sporting Goods, Terri Pines, Village Furniture and Gifts, Cullman Florist and all the businesses in the Warehouse District.

They also received a very special donation of a vintage medical canister set that was used by beloved pediatrician Dr. Bownes. Fantastic trips have been donated as well!

The sixth-grade class put together an awesome road trip basket that includes all you need for a long car ride, plus family passes to the Mobile Exploreum's Cosmos exhibit featuring NASA artifacts.

A Carnival Cruise from Mobile to Cozumel is also up for grabs, as well as a getaway to Gatlinburg.

During the dinner, St. Paul's Alumnus Michael Heatherly will be presented with the Impact award for his work with GM1 Research Fundraising.

This will be a touching tribute to the Heatherly family and their son, Porter, who suffered from GM1.

The evening is set to get underway at 5 p.m. at Seasoned Catering.

There are less than 20 spots still available and tickets will not be available at the door. You can purchase online at www.stpaulscullman.com or contact Emily Trahan at emilytrahan@stpaulscullman.com.



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The auction will take place Saturday at 5 p.m. at Seasoned Catering.



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Week (from Front)

Leanne West
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – On Wednesday, May 12, 2021, Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs proclaimed the week of May 16 - 22, 2021, "Public Works Week" in the City of Cullman to coincide with National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association.

Two officials with the APWA-Alabama Chapter were on hand to receive the proclamation from Mayor Jacobs. They were Wesley Cox, president, and board of directors member Daniel Kerber.

The main goal of NPWW is to educate the public about the importance of public works to their daily lives. Public works professionals are engineers, managers and employees at all levels of government, and the private sector responsible for rebuilding, improving and protecting our transportation systems, water supply and treatment systems, wastewater and stormwater collection and treatment, solid waste disposal systems, public buildings and spaces and other essential structures and systems. They plan, build, manage, and operate at the heart of the community, their work vital to the public's health, quality of life and well-being.

"Public works professionals are the ones who keep things going," said Mayor Jacobs. "Public works professionals include those men and women who keep our streets, sidewalks, bridges, water and sewer supply and treatment structures and facilities and other vital infrastructure in good working condition. Those men and women work hard in all kinds of environmental conditions to provide the services that are so very important to everyone in our community."

Every year since 1960, the APWA has sponsored National Public Works Week. This year's theme, "Stronger Together," challenges APWA members and the public to think about the role public works plays in creating a great place to live. It is in the public interest for citizens, civic leaders and children to learn and understand the importance of public works and public works programs in their communities.

In the proclamation, Mayor Jacobs stated that, "by working together, citizens and public works professionals can have an even greater impact on our community and accomplish goals once thought unattainable!"

"I am proud to honor all of our government and private sector public works professionals," said Mayor Jacobs. "I hope everyone takes this opportunity to thank these men and women and to learn more about what they do and how their work affects our lives every day."

To learn more about the American Public Works Association, visit https://www.apwa.net//.

To learn more about the Alabama Chapter of the APWA, visit https://alabama.apwa.net.

Obituary Announcements: May 12

Mildred Ann Manley Horton, 86, of Cullman

Mildred Ann Manley Horton broke her earthly bonds and entered into the arms of Jesus on Mother's Day, May 9, 2021. Ann was born March 22, 1935 to Frank and Clara Manley in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. The family relocated to Cullman, AL and Ann graduated from Cullman High School in 1953. She later met and married Bill Horton of Vinemont, Alabama April 15, 1955. They were blessed with two daughters, Kim and Kelly. Ann was the perfect daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She adored her family and doted on her grandsons, Jordan and Christian, making every visit or trip fun and full of love. Above all, she loved the Lord. She had the purest heart. She was dedicated to her faith, her church and supported many organizations that help others. She had the spirit of giving and walked her faith every day. She was our mother, but she was "Mama Horton" to all our friends. Ours was the house that everyone hung out. Over the years, many of our childhood friends reached out to express how much they loved Mama Horton, how special she was and what wonderful memories they had of her and her kindness. Her home was open to all. She was an excellent wife and mother. Her home and family were her priorities. Her house was always spotless and she was a wonderful cook. She canned veggies from the garden and made homemade apple butter that would melt in your mouth. She always baked or cooked each family member their favorite things anytime we got together. She loved to pour over recipes and trying new things. She loved her garden, her flowers, her birds and her many cats throughout the years. She adored her cat Sugar that she got after her husband passed away in 2016. She loved the mornings and spending time in God's Word, and she found beauty in the simple things; a blue summer sky, a crisp autumn morning, a dewdrop on a flower. She never failed to thank the Lord for the beauty that He created for us. She always said she would be happy pulling weeds in Heaven. She was creative, artistic and talented in so many ways. She was selfless and put everyone and their needs before her own. She is now reunited with her beloved Bill and all her loved ones, and of course enjoying pulling the weeds! Ann was preceded in death by Bill: her loving husband of 61 years; her parents: Frank and Clara Manley; sisters: Jean Wilcutt, Marie Manley and Peggy Goodlett and brother: James Manley (Yonnie). She is survived by her daughters: Kim Carr (Mike) of Northport, AL; Kelly Magadan of Tuscaloosa, AL; grandsons: Jordan Magadan (Tuscaloosa, AL) and Christian Magadan (Pasadena, CA); brothers: George "Sonny" Manley (Gladys) and Thomas Manley (Tina); sister: Betty Joyce Parker (Sam); and her precious sister-in-law: Dot Johnson, as well as many nieces and nephews. A special thank you to so many friends and neighbors who helped mother after daddy passed away. Funeral service at Moss Funeral Home 1901 2nd Ave. NW, Cullman, AL, Saturday, May 15, 2021 in the chapel at 2 p.m. with visitation from 1 - 2 p.m. A graveside prayer service at Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery will follow the service. In lieu of flowers, please donate to one of the many charities that Ann supported for so many years: Shriners Hospital, P.O. Box 1510, Ranson, WV 25438-4510; online donations at lovetotherescue.org; Food for the Poor, 6401 Lyons Road, Coconut Creek, FL 33073; Mercy Ships, P.O. Box 1930, Lindale, TX 75771, online donations at https://donate.mercyships.org.

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Cooper (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Animal Shelter has love to spare these days, so Donna Ruttkay shares a bonus Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week:

Cooper is a two-year-old Feist mix. Get ready to play; he's a lively medium-to-high energy pet. Though he's active, this sweet fellow is housetrained, skilled on his leash and likes to stay close to his people. He also seems to have a particular fondness for children.

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

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Animal shelter staff and volunteers work with their dogs to make sure they are accustomed to being 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.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CLAUDIA VASQUEZ,
Plaintiff

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

JASON MILLWOOD,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

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

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
DOROTHY JEAN BYRD *
Deceased *

CASE NO.: PC2021-138

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Cindee Wasilewski, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Dorothy Jean Byrd, deceased, on the 4th 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.

Cindee Wasilewski
Personal Representative

C. Blake West
Attorney for Personal Representative
1701 Main Avenue, SW
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF Alabama
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Nellie G. Pacejames O. Pace, Sr. Wife And Husband to Origen Financial, Inc. dated November 14, 2001; said mortgage being recorded on November 15, 2001, in Book 1215, Page 598 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Bank One, National Association, Trustee by assignment recorded in Deed Book 189, Page 355 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
The undersigned, The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. f/k/a The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A., f/k/a JPMorgan Chase Bank, and Bank One, National Association, as Trustee, for Origen Manufactured Housing Contract Senior/Subordinate Asset Backed Certificates Trust, Series 2002-A, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 17th day of June, 2021 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
Tract No. 24
A TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 0.79 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS AND BEING SITUATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT A FOUND IRON MARKING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER AND RUN SOUTH 01 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 42 SECONDS WEST, AND RUN ALONG THE WEST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 1002.83 FEET TO A FOUND REBAR MARKING THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF CULLMAN COUNTY ROAD NO. 773; THENCE RUN NORTH 67 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 57 SECONDS EAST, AND RUN ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 155.09 FEET TO A SET REBAR, THENCE RUN NORTH 67 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 57 SECONDS EAST, CONTINUING ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 127.68 FEET TO A FOUND REBAR, THENCE RUN NORTH 84 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST, AND CONTINUE ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 45.46 FEET TO A SET REBAR, THENCE RUN NORTH 84 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST, CONTINUING ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 140.00 FEET TO A SET REBAR MARKING THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE RUN NORTH 84 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 97.80 FEET TO A FOUND REBAR; THENCE RUN SOUTH 84 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST, AND CONTINUE ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 42.01 FEET TO A SET REBAR; THENCE RUN NORTH 01 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 41 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 249.97 FEET TO A SET REBAR; THENCE RUN SOUTH 87 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 139.19 FEET TO A SET REBAR; THENCE RUN SOUTH 01 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 42 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 249.99 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.' SUBJECT TO ANY RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND/OR EASEMENTS OF RECORD.

Said property is commonly known as 240 County Road 773, Holly Pond, AL 35083.
Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.
Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.
Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.
The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage.

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Wallace State's Evelyn Burrow Museum premieres Country Legends Rediscovered exhibition

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – The Evelyn Burrow Museum at Wallace State Community College is proud to premiere the Country Legends Rediscovered – an exhibition of stage wear, costumes and memorabilia from the private collection of country singer and north Alabama native Coby Greer.

You can almost hear the sinuous cry of steel guitars and twangy Telecasters when you see the historic relics on display, which include some of the biggest names in country music history, such as George Jones, Buck Owens, Faron Young, Charlie Daniels, The Statler Brothers and many more. There's even a display featuring several "Nudie Suits," the rhinestone covered suits by famed tailor Nudie Cohn that are now synonymous with the heritage of country music.

The majority of the pieces in this exhibit are much older than their owner, who is 34 years in age, but an old soul when it comes to his love of American culture and classic country music.

"I've loved it for as long as I can remember. It's as much part of who I am as my last name," Greer said.

"I was fortunate enough to get to know and work with most of the people in this showcase. They invested their time, knowledge and resources in me, and I now feel it is my obligation to preserve and carry on as much of it as I can."

He educated himself on this music from an early age. "I was always picking up albums as a kid. I was always looking for old records that came along before my time because the more I dug, the more I fell in love with this music.

"I was always digging. I wanted to know who produced the album, who played on it, who wrote it, why it sounded the way it did and how they were able to get those cool sounds. In many ways, I'm still that way today. I am a constant student of this music," Greer said.

By the time legends like George Jones, Mel Tillis and others came into his life, Greer was well aware of the level of greatness he was fortunate enough to be around.

"I never took any of this for granted," he said. "I knew exactly how special these opportunities were and I basically tried to be a sponge. I tried to soak up every detail. All I ever wanted to do was express my love and gratitude to these people because whether they knew it or not, they were my musical compass. They raised me. It didn't matter how old I was when I was around George Jones. I always felt like that little awestruck boy trying to figure out how in the world he was capable of doing the things he did," Greer said. That love and respect is what lies behind Greer's collection.

"Everyone showcased in this exhibit touched me, taught me and overall contributed so much to my life. I owe it to them to preserve these items so that it might do the same for others," Greer said.

The collection mostly covers artists from the 50s,60s, 70s and 80s.

"The oldest piece I have that is showcased is probably the suit that was made for Charlie Louvin of The Louvin Brothers from most likely the mid 50's," he said. "If it looks like the old Wagon Masters uniforms (Porter Wagoner's band), it is for good reason. That's because Porter had the suits made for The Louvins. It has the wagon wheels and all! Apparently, Charlie and Ira Louvin were experiencing hard times when they were booked on a string of shows with Porter. Porter could be a very generous man. Porter was awesome. Who knows where Ira's may have gotten off to? It may not even exist anymore."

Greer said the collection is more than just being about classic country music.

"It's a piece of americana," he said. "Face it, country music stopped being country music a long time ago. The great thing about this era is each artist brought a piece of their culture to the table. You can't hear Buck Owens and not hear Bakersfield. You can't hear Billy Walker and not hear Texas. It shows in how they sounded, how they dressed, how they put forth that basic emotion that keeps us all coming back to this timeless music.

"So, I feel that not only is this exhibit a representation of country music, but also a piece of American history," Greer said.

Accompanying the stage wear are photographs, album covers and vintage instruments that belonged to and feature these timeless legends. The labels for the displays feature QR codes so visitors can see footage and video of the artists featured.

Country Legends Rediscovered will be on display through the end of August. The Evelyn Burrow Museum is open Tuesday - Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 256-352-8457 or visit www.burrowmuseum.org.

For more on Coby Greer, check out @CobyGreerMusic across all social media platforms and look for his latest release "Classic Throwbacks" which features the legendary Bobby Bare and Georgette Jones, daughter of George Jones and Tammy Wynette.

Entertainers represented in the Country Legends Rediscovered exhibition include:

- Roy Acuff,
- Alabama,
- Jim Ed Brown,
- Charlie Daniels,
- Skeeter Davis,
- Little Jimmy Dickens,
- Donna Fargo,
- Jack Greene,
- George Jones,
- The Kendalls,
- Charlie Louvin,
- Buck Owens,
- Barbara Mandrell,
- The Mandrell Sisters,
- Cal Smith,
- Hank Snow,
- The Statler Brothers,
- Mel Tillis,
- Randy Travis,
- Porter Wagoner,
- Billy Walker and,
- Charlie Walker



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