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LIFESTYLE

Over $2,000 raised by MadeLyme

Thirteen-year-old Madeline Hill's organization sees highest earning event yet

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Thirteen-year-old Madeline Hill, of Walter, continued her efforts Saturday to raise awareness and money to combat Lyme disease by hosting a 5K Fun Run/Walk at Hanceville's Veterans Memorial Park. Close to 50 participants joined Hill as they did their part to help "Take a bite out of Lyme."

Hill contracted Lyme in 2012; however, she would not receive the correct diagnosis until June 2018.

Since then, Hill has created her own organization, MadeLyme, dedicated to helping others diagnosed with the debilitating disease. The money she raises helps Lyme Warrior, a national organization assisting with treatment costs and other resources.

Saturday's 5K run attracted many young runners who, through knowing Madeline, decided they wanted to help. Each participant received a Lyme Warrior medal and other goodies.

Madeline was able to raise over $2,000 at this year's event.

She said, "So far, it has been the biggest earning race for Lyme Warrior."

Madeline's mother Becca thanked those » PAGE 6



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Close to 50 participants helped "Take a bite out of Lyme."

FUEL FOR THE ENGINE

Cullman Regional Airport improvements under new grant contribute to local economic growth



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Cullman Regional Airport Manager Ben Harrison on the airport's apron.

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VINEMONT, Ala. – Last Friday, Congressman Robert Aderholt announced a $3.4 million grant from the federal government that will help to reconstruct the runway and runway lighting at Folsom Field/Cullman Regional Airport as part of its ongoing five year plan.

Said Aderholt, "I'm pleased to announce that the Cullman Regional Airport will be receiving these funds. The funds are being administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation as part of the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century. As a member of Congress, and specifically, a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I strongly believe in these types of investments in our infrastructure. Folsom Field has played a vital role in Cullman and Cullman County's current economic boom. It has been used as a direct recruitment tool for companies deciding to locate to the area. This investment will ensure that success continues."

Airport General Manager Ben Harrison told The Tribune, "The long-term plan--the five-year running plan--is just that. We really focused in 2014 on priorities. Everyone was involved in the priority schedule: The city and county, the airport board, ALDOT (Alabama Department of Transportation, the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration), the state and federal delegations, all local elected officials and non-elected officials and our engineering team. We put the plan in place with input from the state and federal authorities to ensure we established goals that were achievable.

"I am happy to say the first five-year plan was completed in 2019 with very little changes from the original draft. The reason this is so important is funding. It takes years to get all of the funding in place for the projects. Everyone is competing for the same dollars. We have to build a strong case for the project needed. The best way to compete is stay on track. Everyone knows which direction we are heading. We have projects planned on paper through 2026. Every year we complete a project, we add another on to the bottom of the list. We want to grow and improve every year! We also want to maintain everything we have built."

An economic engine

"The airport is an economic driver for the community," said Harrison. » PAGE 5

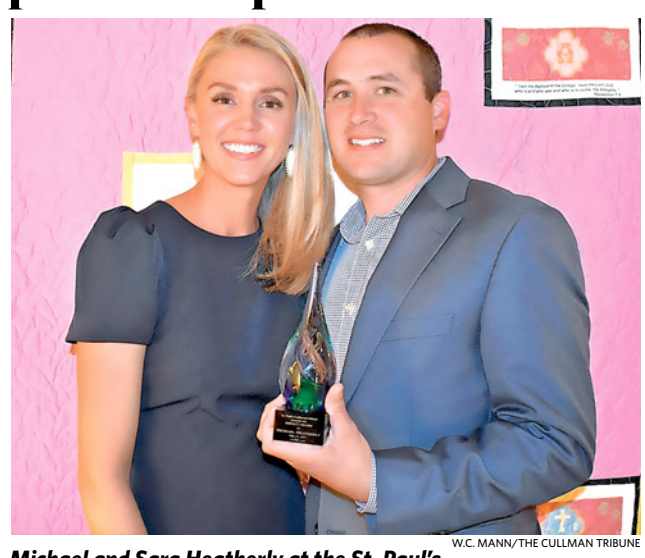
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Governor Kay Ivey signs Senate Bill 46, legalizing medical marijuana

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FAITH

St. Paul's holds Alumni Dinner, presents Impact Award



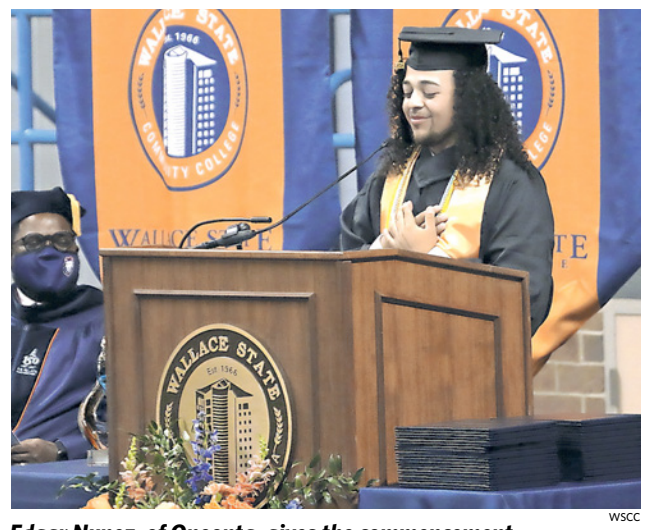
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Michael and Sara Heatherly at the St. Paul's Alumni Dinner Saturday.

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EDUCATION

Wallace State celebrates commencement for classes of 2020 and 2021



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Edgar Nunez, of Oneonta, gives the commencement address during the ceremony for Academic and Applied Technologies graduates.

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TEAMWORK MAKING THE DREAM WORK

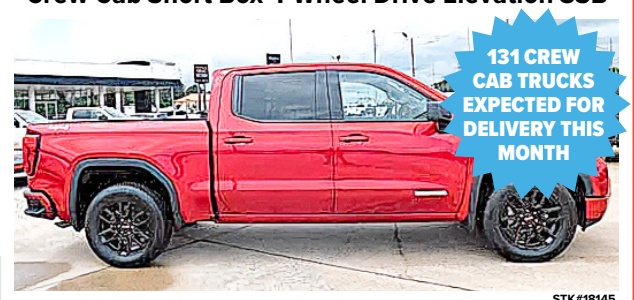
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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported May 17

Cullman Tribune Staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported May 17, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

May 13

- trespassing; Hwy. 91
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Chad Dr.
- domestic violence; CR 813
- reckless endangerment; CR 396
- theft of property; CR 703
- trespassing; CR 22
- burglary; CR 1212
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 530
- unlawful breaking entering vehicle; Pan Creek Rd.
- theft of property; Willow Bend
- theft of property; CR 437
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 944

May 14

- domestic violence; CR 617
- unlawful possession of marijuana; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; I-65 at MM 310
- theft of property; CR 944
- menacing; Johnson Cir.
- domestic violence; Hwy. 69 S
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of marijuana; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; attempt to elude police officer; CR 1651
- harassment; Good Hope School Rd.
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Main Ave. SW
- shooting into occupied dwelling; Colony Rd.
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; Hwy. 278 E
- unlawful possession of marijuana; unlawful possession of controlled substance; Hwy. 278 E

May 15

- violation of protection order; CR 1223
- theft of property; Summit Rd.
- burglary; CR 46
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; domestic violence; Colony Rd.
- harassment; Hwy. 69 S
- domestic violence; Hwy. 157
- domestic violence; criminal mischief; CR 1518

May 16

- theft of property; CR 1769
- burglary; CR 436
- domestic violence; CR 1435
- domestic violence; CR 435
- burglary; criminal mischief; Hwy. 278 E
- burglary; CR 139
- theft of property; CR 1605
- domestic violence; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1282
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of marijuana; trespassing; CR 1114

ARRESTS

May 13

Boone Jr., Bobby Wayne; 38
- non-support-child (2 counts)
- FTA- driving while license suspended
- FTA- possession of a concealed weapon without a permit

Cloud, Tommy Wayne; 42
- driving while license suspended

Daniel, Teddie Ray; 51
- failure to register as sex offender

Durand, Charles Brian; 64
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Garrett, James Eugene; 23
- burglary-residence-force
- auto theft

Guilbert, Allen Michael; 24
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- FTA- violation of a domestic violence protection order
- FTA- driving while license suspended

McDearmond, Orie Shannon; 31
- violation of domestic violence protection order

Miller, Heather Marie; 37
- burglary-residence-force

Powell, Brittany Leigh; 31
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Price, Tammy Faye; 33
- criminal trespass

Quick, Jamie Danielle; 40
- FTA- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA- promote prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Smith Jr.; Robert Harry; 60
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Stringer, Michael Joseph; 38
- FTA- DUI (controlled substance)

Williams, Larry Austin; 33
- Grand Jury- sex offense-homosexual act with a girl under 12
- Grand Jury- sex offense-sexual abuse of a child less than 12

Wren, Daniel Ryan; 25
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

May 14

Browning, Timothy Daniel; 39
- adult sex offender prohibited residence location
- failure of adult sex offender to register with local law enforcement

Deridder, Cody William; 32
- assault-domestic-reckless endangerment

Faust, Brandon Carl; 39
- FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous $500 less than $1,500

Henderson, Ashley Denay; 33
- possession of opium or derivative
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- second-degree possession of marijuana
- attempting to elude police officer
- resisting arrest
- carrying brass knuckles/sling shot

Lance, Travis Earnest; 24
- possession of opium or derivative
- second-degree possession of marijuana
- flight/escape
- DUI (controlled substances)

Moore Jr., Bobby Lee; 32
- burglary-residence-no force

Moore, Christopher Ryan; 29
- burglary-residence-no force

Stricklin, Hannah Nikole; 20
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- second-degree possession of marijuana

Thomas, Jessie Dewayne; 36
- possession of dangerous drugs

Turner, Franklin Jason; 42
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Twilley, Allyson Claire Reid; 22
- sex offense- failure to register as sex offender

Whatley, Clark Teague; 19
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- second-degree possession of marijuana
- minor in possession of alcohol

May 15

McClendon, Zachary August; 31
- fraud-identity theft
- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft $500 less than $1,500

Oats, John Dewayne; 50
- public intoxication

Powers, Rainey Noelle; 32
- third-degree domestic violence-assault
- third-degree criminal mischief
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family
- resisting arrest

Purifoy, Antonyio Donell M.; 30
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- possession of drug paraphernalia

May 16

Bates, Jeremy Chad; 48
- burglary-residence-force

Gibson, Jerry Lee; 40
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Hammond, Andrew Mark; 28
- assault-child abuse-simple-family
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of dangerous drugs
- criminal trespass

Reynolds, David Jerry; 40
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- Family Offense- non-support-child

Richards, James Hardie; 34
- burglary-residence-no force (2 counts)

Shook, Dylan Chase; 25
- Probation Revoked- sex offense- electronic solicitation of a child

Talley, Jordan Elaine; 24
- FTA- unlawful breaking entering vehicle
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- attempting to elude a police officer

Walton, Jerry Dennis; 35
- DUI (alcohol)

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

May 11
- fourth-degree theft of property; third-degree criminal trespass; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; miscellaneous; $99
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; Shop Vac; $58

May 13
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; purse and contents

May 14
- harassing communications; person
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; pool; $444

May 15
- third-degree theft of property; fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; miscellaneous charges
- fourth-degree theft of property; third-degree criminal trespass; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; water bottle; $14
- fourth-degree theft of property; third-degree criminal trespass; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; shoes; $10

ARRESTS

May 14

Faust, Brandon C.; 39
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Boone Jr.; Bobby W.; 38
- FTA- driving while suspended (2 counts)
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- fail to register

Fanning, Ricky D.; 29
- public intoxication

Edmondson, James C.; 29
- ignition interlock
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- driving without license (2 counts)
- FTA- driving while license suspended
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- insurance violation (3 counts)
- FTA- leaving scene of accident
- FTA- speeding

May 15

Henderson, Shelia A.; 53
- fourth-degree theft of property
- third-degree criminal trespassing

Coots, Tyler S.; 26
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Brown, Christopher L.; 46
- DUI
- attempt to elude
- reckless endangerment
- driving while license
- failure to signal (3 counts)
- no seat belt
- open container in vehicle

May 16

Vaughn, Delana W.; 44
- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- illegal possession of drug paraphernalia

Crawford, Anna M.; 44
- fourth-degree theft of property

Bates, Jeremy C.; 48
- FTA- driving without license
- FTA- insurance violation

Hessom, Sandra J.; 50
- fourth-degree theft of property

Villa, Patricia D.; 40
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

St. Paul's (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – St. Paul's Lutheran School held its annual Alumni Dinner and Auction Saturday evening, after a year off due to COVID shutdowns. The event raised approximately $15,000 for the school.

St. Paul's Pastor Rev. John Bussman talked to The Tribune about how the school has fared through what will go down as one of the most unusual academic years in recent history.

"We've come through the year surprisingly well. We were in-person all year long and never had to shut down, which was, with everything else going on, certainly by the grace of God.

"We kept the kids in the classroom, teachers for the most part stayed healthy, and we have seen--despite being apart--such a strengthening of our staff and our students.

"Now, to this point at the end of the year when we're able to come together, there's such joy on the kids' faces that they get to see such a larger school than just their classroom.

"And I'm really proud of the way the teachers and the leaders in the church have come together to ensure that this year was able to happen, we were able to continue forward and to provide this Christ-centered education that we do at St. Paul's."

Impact Award

At the dinner, the school presented its second Impact Award to alumnus Michael Heatherly for his work in promoting awareness and fundraising for research on GM1 gangliosidosis, a genetic disorder that affected his son Porter who was diagnosed at only 4 months old in 2012 with the rare disease that affects about one in every 200,000 infants.

His was the first recorded case of childhood GM1 in Alabama.

Heatherly and his wife Sara have, for years, both during their son's battle with the disease and since Porter's passing in 2016, worked to increase awareness of GM1 and promote fundraising for research and treatment.

During Porter's lifetime, he and his parents visited and encouraged researchers at Auburn University's veterinary medicine Scott-Ritchey Research Center who were working on a potential human treatment based on previous animal research, and the Heatherly's got the good news in 2019 that the first trial dose had been administered to a 10-year–old girl.

The Heatherly's have raised over $300,000 for disease research and support of victims and their families.

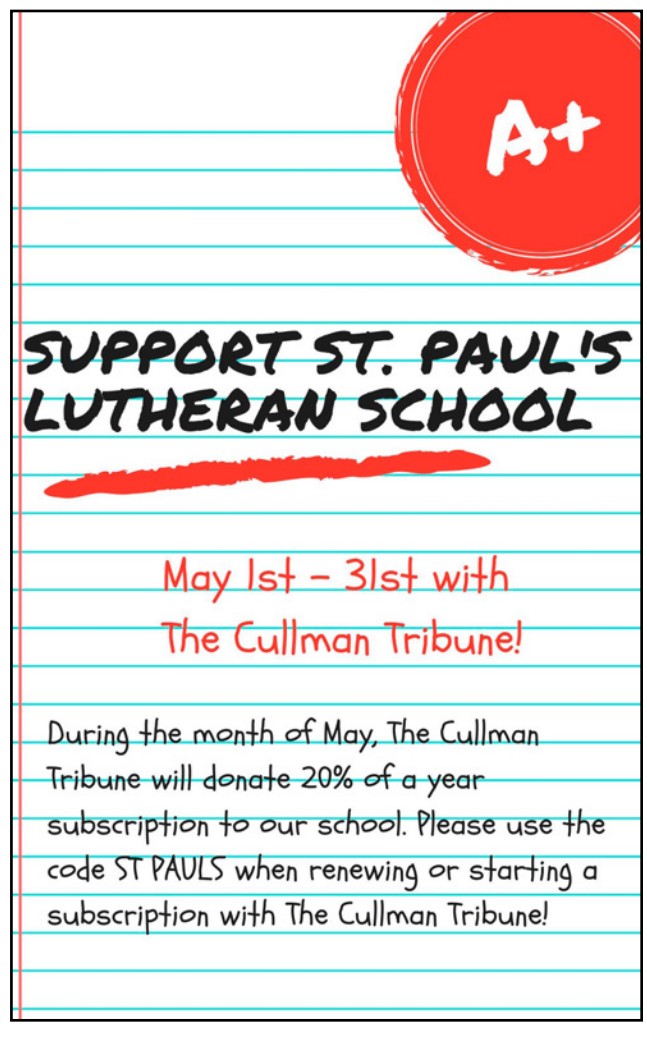
During his acceptance speech, Heatherly told the audience that he would never have been up for the award if not for his son.

Said Heatherly, "Porter was not able to walk or talk, but he left a huge impact on this earth, and he is the reason that I'm receiving this award today.

"Sara and I were very blessed to be his parents. As life taught us to focus on the eternal perspective and less on this earthly life. We certainly view life now with a different lens.

"Our marriage has been refined, and our faith has grown immensely through this."

Heatherly shared the exciting news that multiple human trials have taken place and, while no cure is in view, the treatments are showing promise.





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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.
• 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.
• 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

West Point Class of '59 Reunion
May 22 - The West Point Class of '59 Reunion will be held at the West Point Brandin Iron at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 22. For more information, call Doyle or Carolyn Kilgo Jones at 256-734-3078 or 901-482-5500 or email doylebama@charter.net

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.

Memorial Day Ceremony
May 29 - The American Legion will be in charge of the Memorial Day Ceremony Saturday, May 29, at 10 a.m. at Veterans Park at Sportsman Lake Park.

First Annual Car & Bike Show
• June 5 - Hosted by The American Legion, this event will feature all makes and years, Saturday, June 5 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. The entrance fee is $10 per vehicle and registration will end at 11 a.m. Categories are: People's Choice (Auto), People's Choice (Bike) and Commander's Choice. There will also be bouncy houses and snow cones for the kids, as well as a raffle drawing ($1 for one ticket or $5 for six)
• Contact Ruth Bealer at 256-620-1334 or Brian Butler at 256-531-3032 for more information.

Swamp John's Dinner to benefit Pilot Light Home
• June 8 – Hosted by A United Way of Cullman County Agency. Plates are $12, with the choice of fish, shrimp, chicken or combination, as well as homemade desserts by Renee Wright. Both dine in and carry out are available. This event will be Tuesday, June 8, from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. at the Sheriff's training building: 1910 Beech Avenue SE, Cullman, AL 35055.
• For tickets or more information: 256-531-2525

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

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

Country Legends Rediscovered Exhibition
• Evelyn Burrow Museum at Wallace State Community College.
• Through August 31. Tuesday-Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Monday, May 17, 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 Alabama: 413,590 (+1,845 since Friday)
• Probable cases in Alabama: 124,223 (+609 since Friday)
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama: 8,682 (+15 since Friday)
• Probable deaths in Alabama: 2,341
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,570 (+33 since Friday)
• Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 3,160 (+10 since Friday)
• Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 130 (+0 since Friday)
• Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 64
• Total tested in Cullman Co.: 41,771
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 2,629
• Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 99
• Total tested in Alabama: 2,574,890
• Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 3,597
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 157,374
• Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 324
• Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama (reported M-F): 49,494
• Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 509,800

Vaccine details (updated Monday-Friday)
• Doses delivered to Alabama: 4,162,635
• Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 3,028,495
• Doses administered: 2,786,441
• Number of people receiving one or more doses: 1,592,549
• Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 1,281,959
• Doses delivered to federal programs: 1,134,140

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 of 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.

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.

THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
MAY 18, 2021

Alabama wins 2021 SEC Softball Tournament Championship

Alex Thompson
UA Athletics

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – Alabama softball shut out top-seeded Florida, 4-0, Saturday night to win the 2021 SEC Softball Tournament Championship at Rhoads Stadium.

The tournament title is the sixth in program history, its first since 2012. Alabama remains the only program to win an SEC Tournament on its home field, doing so in 2021 and 2012.

The win was the Crimson Tide's 44th SEC Tournament victory, tying LSU for the most of any team.

Alabama (45-7) shut out Florida (42-9) behind another masterful performance from Montana Fouts (22-3), who went the distance with 11 strikeouts.

The complete-game shutout is the first since Tennessee's Monica Abbott in 2006.

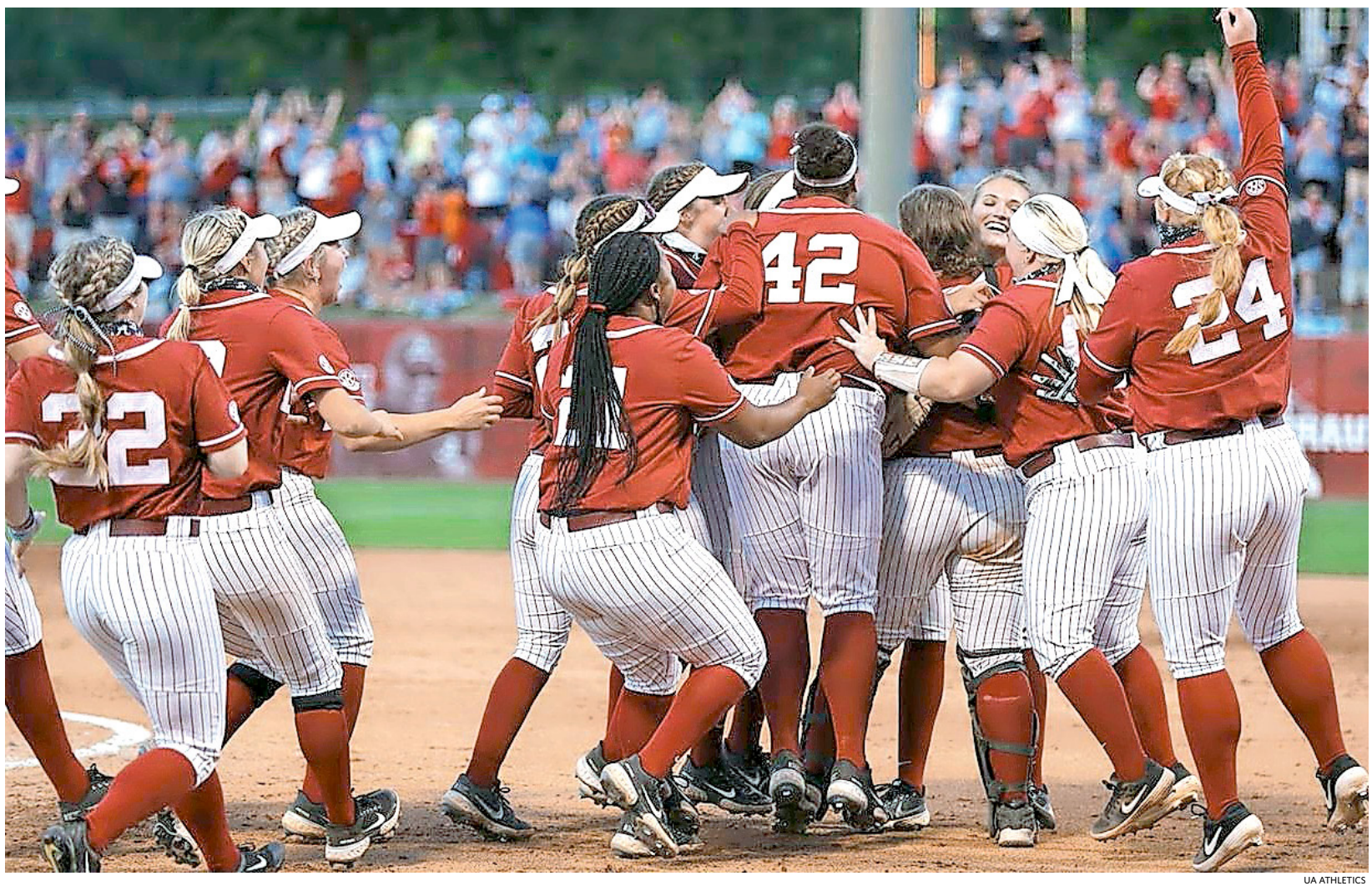
Fouts was named the SEC Tournament MVP, striking out a tournament-record 39 batters over her three appearances.

In addition to Fouts, Bailey Hemphill, Alexis Mack and Taylor Clark earned SEC All-Tournament accolades.

As the lower seed batting in the top of the first inning, Alabama took a three-run lead thanks to a clutch squeeze bunt from Jenna Johnson and some heads-up baserunning on a fielding error plated two more runs.

An RBI single from Clark in the top of the sixth drove home the fourth and final run, with Fouts and the Tide defense holding the potent Gator offense to just three hits, all singles.

Alabama now awaits is postseason draw with the NCAA Tournament selection show Sunday, May 16 at 8 p.m. on ESPN2.



UA ATHLETICS

The Alabama Crimson Tide defeated Florida 4-0 Saturday night to win this year's SEC Tournament Championship.

From Head Coach Patrick Murphy
"The SEC was tough this year. I think everyone will realize just how great the SEC and the level of talent is when the All-American list gets released in a few weeks. There are so many great athletes throughout the SEC and in softball, specifically. I think softball, if not number one, is the second-best sport in the SEC. The championship tradition and coaches here at Alabama are a great fraternity to be in. I heard from so many other coaches last night wishing us good luck. It is a difficult job and we wanted to do the same thing and add to the success of our other sports. That's why I love being a spring sport, it gives me an opportunity to learn from the fall and winter coaches. This team had grit and resiliency and it's been a fun group to coach."

From tournament MVP Montana Fouts
"Winning the tournament at home means everything after all the adversity we've faced and the injuries we've overcome this year. To us, this win signifies that anything is possible and that we can accomplish anything. It feels great to be a part of this university and for our team to contribute our own SEC championship, but we aren't done yet and we have bigger dreams."

Highlights

- Alabama is now 44-26 at SEC Tournament, tying LSU for the most tournament wins
- The title is its sixth, previously winning in 2012, 2010, 2005, 2003 and 1998
- Alabama remains the only team to win an SEC Tournament on its home field, doing so in 2012 and 2021
- Montana Fouts' 39 strikeouts this week is a new SEC Tournament record, breaking the old mark of 37 set by LSU's Brittni Sneed in 2002
- The complete-game shutout by Fouts is the first at the SEC Tournament since Tennessee's Monica Abbott
- The Tide improves its win streak to 13 games, 12 of which have come over ranked foes
- Hemphill has now reached base safely in 15 straight games, while Alexis Mack extended her hitting streak to nine games

Scoring Summary
T1 | Jenna Johnson laid down a squeeze bunt as Alexis Mack scored from third (1-0, 1 Out)

T1 | A Florida throwing error allowed two runs score (3-0, 1 Out)

T6 | Taylor Clark hit an RBI single into left field, scoring KB Sides from third (4-0, 2 Out)

Up next – NCAA Regionals
- Thursday, May 20-Sunday, May 23

For the latest information on the team, follow @AlabamaSB on Twitter, BamaSB on Instagram and Alabama Softball on Facebook. General athletic news can also be found at UA_Athletics on Twitter and Instagram and AlabamaAthletics on Facebook.

Auburn wraps up SEC home slate with series win

George Nunnelley
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. – Auburn wrapped up its SEC home slate with a series win against Texas A&M, defeating the Aggies 8-5 in the series finale Sunday at Plainsman Park.

The Tigers' pitching trio of Trace Bright, Joseph Gonzalez and Carson Skipper gave up just two earned runs and didn't walk a batter while striking out nine.

"It was amazing what Trace Bright, Joseph Gonzalez, and Carson Skipper did," head coach Butch Thompson said.

"If we had gotten past those guys, we were going to be looking at guys' third outing since Wednesday. I tip my hat for what those three men did for us today."

The middle of the order led the way from the plate, going a combined 9-for-19 with five runs and five RBI. Kason Howell was one of four players with multiple hits and matched a career high with three RBI.

"You have to have a simple approach and look for the fastball," Howell said. "You can't be guessing or anything. You just have to react and put your hands where the ball is, hit it hard and see what happens."

Bright opened the game on the mound for the Tigers and gave the team four strong innings, allowing three runs, but just one earned, on six hits.

"It was just my job to get out there and give us a chance to win. That's all I wanted to do," Bright said. "I wish I could've gone a little bit longer, but Joseph did a great job coming in and picking me up."

Leading 7-3, Gonzalez (2-3, 6.37) entered in relief to start the fifth and retired Texas A&M in order.

The freshman gave up a tough luck run on a hit batter and a pair of bloop singles in the sixth, and Texas A&M narrowed the lead to two on an unearned run in the eighth.

However, Auburn got the run back as Judd Ward laced a ball back at the pitcher to drive in Garrett Farquhar and make it an 8-5 ballgame. Farquhar entered in place of Brody Moore in the second inning and went 2-for-4 with a run and RBI in the game.

"He's taken every rep with these guys in practice, and he's made the most of his opportunity and helped the ball club this week," Thompson said of Farquhar.

Carson Skipper worked around a one-out single and struck out the side in the ninth to pick up his first save of the season. The junior righty has earned two wins and a save in his last three outings.

Auburn (22-25, 8-19 SEC) wasted no time in getting on the scoreboard with a three-run first inning. The Tigers took advantage of a Texas A&M fielding error to score the first run and added two more as Howell laced a two-run single thru the left side.

Texas A&M (28-25, 8-19 SEC) answered with a solo home run to lead off the second inning, but Auburn answered with three more in the home half.

The first run came in to score on Texas A&M's second error of the game before Rankin Woley and Farquhar hit RBI singles to make it a 6-1 ballgame.

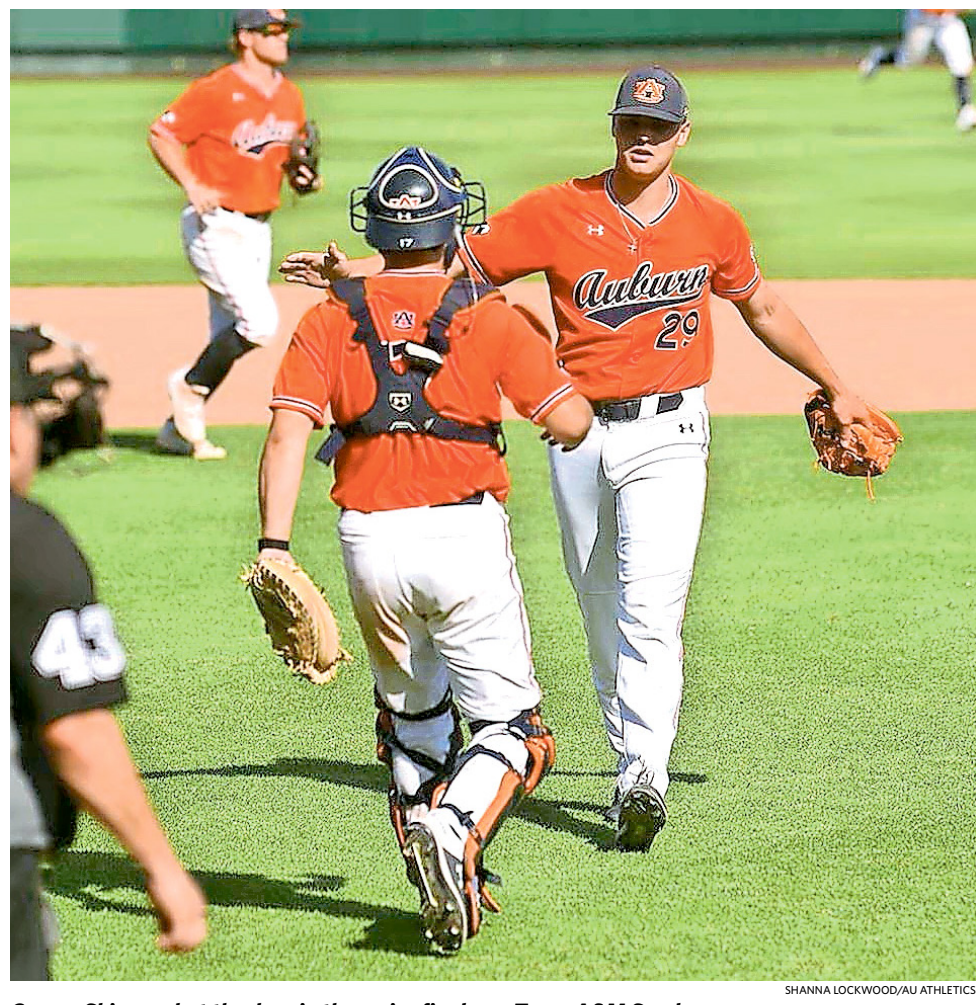
The Aggies threatened to cut into Auburn's lead with the bases loaded and one out in the top of the third.

However, Bright induced a ground ball and Woley made a nice play at third, stepping on the bag and throwing across the diamond, to get out of the inning unscathed.

Texas A&M scored a pair of unearned runs on a throwing error in the fourth, but Auburn responded as Howell followed Cam Hill's two-out double with his second RBI knock of the game. Both of Hill's two hits in the games were doubles.

Leading 7-4 in the bottom of the seventh, Auburn threatened to extend its advantage but couldn't capitalize with the bases loaded and nobody out. Nonetheless, the three-run advantage through seven was more than enough for Gonzalez and Skipper to finish it off.

The Tigers wrap up the 2021 home slate vs. North Alabama Tuesday, May 18 at 6 p.m.



SHANNA LOCKWOOD/AU ATHLETICS

Carson Skipper shut the door in the series finale vs. Texas A&M Sunday.

Gregg Olson to be inducted into National College Baseball Hall of Fame

George Nunnelley
AU Athletics

LUBBOCK, Texas – Former Auburn great Gregg Olson will be inducted into the National College Baseball Hall of Fame as a member of the class of 2021, the College Baseball Foundation announced Thursday.

A two-time All-American pitcher for the Tigers from 1986-88, Olson is one of 14 members of the class of 2021 and becomes Auburn's first National College Baseball Hall of Famer.

The class will be inducted as part of the virtual College Baseball Night of Champions ceremony scheduled for June 26.

A native of Omaha, Nebraska, Olson enjoyed a three-year career at Auburn, posting a 25-7 record and 3.03 ERA.

More than 30 years removed from his collegiate career, the right-hander still ranks in the top 10 in Auburn history in appearances (97, 3rd), saves (20, T-4th), winning percentage (,.781, 5th), strikeouts (271, 7th) and wins (25, T-9th).

Olson broke through as a sophomore (11-1, 1.26) at Auburn and went a combined 18-4 with a 1.62 ERA while recording 20 saves in 78 appearances in his final two seasons.

He led the country in ERA in 1987 and led the SEC in the category in 1988.

Along with his All-American honors, Olson was named First Team All-SEC and ABCA All-South Region following the 1987 and 1988 campaigns.

He went on to become the then-highest draft pick in program history as he was selected fourth overall by the Baltimore Orioles in the 1988 MLB Draft.

Olson made his MLB debut with the Orioles that same season as he pitched a scoreless inning of relief vs. Seattle on Sept. 2, 1988.

The following season, Olson posted a 5-2 record and 1.69 ERA while converting 27 saves and was named the American League Rookie of the Year.

Also named an American League All-Star in 1990, Olson ultimately spent six seasons with the Orioles and turned in 160 career saves, which still stands as an organizational record.

He was inducted in the Orioles Hall of Fame in 2008.

Olson played for eight teams in the remaining eight years of his 14-year MLB career and turned in 217 career saves, which ranks 45th in MLB history.



AU ATHLETICS

Former Auburn great Gregg Olson will be inducted into the National College Baseball Hall of Fame.

Cullman Savings Bank Foundation presents scholarships to 26 area students

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman Savings Bank Foundation on Thursday presented scholarships to 26 area students, including 17 first-time recipients and nine returning recipients.

Cullman Savings Bank President John Riley told The Tribune, "The bank's been around for 134 years and, somewhere around 2002, we created the Bank Foundation to put some of our profits into the foundation and give to the community that we've been involved in for so many years.

"And as we gave to different community projects, we slowly got involved in giving one student scholarship, and we saw the effect it had on their life.

"And we're constantly looking for bang for our buck; that's what we're looking for, and that was one of the things that we were all so encouraged by. We gave two or three scholarships the next year. Getting involved with Wallace State was a wonderful thing, and the county school system and city school system were all excited about it. So it's just been a great thing for us to get involved in, to put our money into to see the benefit in those people's lives."

In addition to 26 scholarship awards totaling $47,000, 2021 and 2020 (when no awards luncheon was held) recipients received a laptop computer, and 2019 recipients--who had previously received computers or other big-ticket gifts related to their programs of study--received AirPods Pro wireless earbuds and charging stations.

2021 scholarship recipients

- Clay Copeland, Vinemont High School
- Emily Cheatwood, Vinemont High School
- Addie Eddleman, Fairview High School
- Jasper Johnson, Good Hope High School
- Karie Johnson, Good Hope High School
- Katie Landreth, Way Home Christian School
- Shelbie Olinger, Holly Pond High School
- Austin Riddle, Vinemont High School
- Maggie Rodriquez, Hanceville High School
- Brody Sams, West Point High School
- Sylus Sartin, Home School
- Parker Sellers, Holly Pond High School - 2021 Mike Duke Scholarship
- Cannon Trimble, Cullman High School
- Rhianna Tysinger, Cullman High School
- Lily Weissend, Wallace State
- Gabriel Whaley, Hanceville High School
- Jaden Whaley, Cullman High School



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Cullman Savings Bank Foundation representatives and local educators gather with scholarship recipients and their families following the foundation's awards luncheon Thursday.

2020 Returning Recipients

- Alisha Grimmett, Wallace State
- Hanna Hancock, Wallace State
- Josie Harbison, Wallace State
- Morgan Haynes, Wallace State
- Jacob McCaffrey, Wallace State

2019 Returning Recipients

- Francisco Ayala, Wallace State
- Eva Tess Duke, Wallace State
- Chase Dupree, Wallace State
- Hannah Silvers, Wallace State

Cullman County Schools Special Projects Coordinator Dr. T.J. Franey said, "A big thank you to Cullman Savings Bank and the Cullman Savings Bank Foundation for making a difference in the lives of so many students. Students across Cullman County received scholarships from the Cullman Savings Bank Foundation through a partnership with Wallace State Community College's Future Foundation.

"Dr. Barnette reminded the students that Cullman County Schools is here to help even after graduation and challenged those students to come back and tell their stories to and encourage the next generation of students. Thank you to Cullman Savings Bank and the WSCC Future Foundation for making a difference."

Engine (from Front)

"The industries use the airport. People may have never been here, but the airport was a factor in the industries locating in Cullman."

ALDOT's Aeronautics Bureau published a report on Cullman's airport, including this description of the facility:

"Cullman Regional-Folsom Field (CMD) is located in northern Alabama, approximately 5 miles north of the City of Cullman in Cullman County. It has a 5,500-foot-long paved runway equipped with high intensity runway lighting and offers a GPS-based instrument approach with vertical guidance to support safe and efficient aircraft operations.

"The airport also has a general aviation terminal building and provides various aircraft services including Avgas (100LL) and Jet A fueling. It is classified in the Alabama Statewide Airport System Plan as a General Aviation Regional Airport, which is one considered to be a primary contributor to Alabama's airport system by accommodating general aviation activities focused on business activities including jet aircraft. Regional Airports also provide significant coverage to Alabama's population and industrial centers, enabling local and regional economies to access the state and national marketplaces."

The report continued with information of the airport's economic impact, based on pre-COVID statistics:

"Cullman Regional Airport is considered to be an important asset for both local businesses, as well as for the citizens of Cullman and the surrounding areas. The airport hosts multiple fly-ins throughout the year as well as a full-service restaurant that caters to visiting pilots, passengers and local community members. The airport is well-supported by the community and should remain an active, contributing airport within the Alabama State Airport System for years to come.

"The services and facilities offered by Cullman Regional-Folsom Field enhance the effectiveness of those who operate at the airport, as well as the productivity of the businesses that utilize it, which can be important for local job attraction and retention.

"Air Evac Lifeteam 15 maintains a base of operations at the airport, as well as an aircraft maintenance facility for the helicopters in their fleet. Wallace State Community College operates a flight school at the airport, offering the opportunity for a license for a private pilot, instrument-rated pilot or commercial pilot. Other airport users include other ambulance services that use the airport to transport individuals and trauma victims to hospitals in the region, law enforcement operations, military flight training, search and rescue operations, various types of aerial observations, skydiving, as well as other state/federal government agencies including the Tennessee Valley Authority.

"Beyond its primary function as a transportation resource, Cullman Regional-Folsom Field Airport serves as an economic generator by attracting revenue and investment in the local and regional economies that ultimately result in the creation and sustaining of jobs.

"There are multiple businesses with area interests that utilize the airport to support their operations and enhance their efficiency including industrial-focused companies, agricultural operators, and several builders of manufactured homes. Leisure visitors to the area also often use the airport to access area recreational events such as archery tournaments, bass fishing tournaments and the Rock the South Festival.

"It can be said that general aviation aircraft connect businesses and visitors to Cullman as well as Cullman to markets around the world."

By the numbers

As shown in the ALDOT report, Cullman Regional Airport:

- Hosts 8,578 visitors annually
- Creates $8,960,100 in annual local spending by the airport, local government or aviation visitors
- Is directly or indirectly responsible for 141 jobs with an annual payroll of $4,678,100
- Generates $770,200 in state and local tax revenue
- Drives $13.7 million in annual economic activity

The airport is the starting point for flights all over the eastern U.S., as far north as the Great Lakes region and as far west as Colorado, though the most common destinations are in the state, including:

1. Gulf Shores
2. Birmingham
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Bill (from Front)

Office of Gov. Kay Ivey
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala – Governor Ivey met with Sen. Tim Melson today, and she officially signed Senate Bill 46 into law. Upon doing so, the governor issued the following statement: "Signing SB 46 is an important first step. I would like to again thank Sen. Tim Melson and Rep. Mike Ball for their hard work over the last few years and their willingness to address the legitimate concerns. This is certainly a sensitive and emotional issue and something that is continually being studied. On the state level, we have had a study group that has looked closely at this issue, and I am interested in the potential good medical cannabis can have for those with chronic illnesses or what it can do to improve the quality of life of those in their final days. As research evolves, Sen. Melson and I discussed how critical it is to continue finding ways to work on this to ensure we have a productive, safe and responsible operation in Alabama."

MadeLyme (from Front)

who helped Madeline organize the event and the many sponsors. Mayor Kenneth Nail and Hanceville council member Patty Dean also came out to show their support.

The Hanceville Police Department also gave their support by controlling traffic for the roads around the race course.

Congratulations were also in order to Brian Landreth, Andrew Landreth, Joshua Riggs, Caroline Lamoureux, Molly Wilson and Tate Duke for being the Top 6 finishers.

Sponsors included: Alabama Precious Metals, Molly Luba Photography, Baggett and Wilson, LLC, Walmart Supply Chain Distribution Center #6006, Stewart Farms, Blue Spring Water, Trinkets and Traditions, Premier Bank of the South, Amcoil, Sawyer and the City of Hanceville.

Commencement (from Front)

Kristen Holmes
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Wallace State Community College and President Vicki Karolewics celebrated the college's commencement at Tom Drake Coliseum Friday, May 14. Two ceremonies were held to allow for social distancing, with Academic and Applied Technologies graduates honored in a morning ceremony, and Health Science graduates honored in the evening. More than 500 students participated in the ceremonies.

"Congratulations graduates," said Dr. Karolewics, "you are the workforce of the future, the future of our state. We are overjoyed to be able to celebrate with you in person today."

Graduates of the Class of 2020 were invited to join the Class of 2021 in the celebration. Last year's commencement was celebrated during a drive-thru event necessitated by the pandemic.

"You have risen to the challenge, you have met the moment and you have achieved this most incredible feat during an incredibly difficult time in history," Dr. Karolewics said. "Thank you all for choosing Wallace State to open the door of opportunity."

Two students were invited to give this year's graduation address – Edgar Nunez Zavala and Lorri Eggink.

Nunez is a graduate of Oneonta High School, who graduates from Wallace State with an associate degree in general studies. He is the president of Next Gen, the first-generation student organization on Wallace State's Oneonta Campus, a senator in Wallace State's Student Government Association, member of Mu Alpha Theta, the math honor society, and Phi Theta Kappa, the college national honor society. He will enroll at the University of Alabama in the fall of 2021, where he has earned the Tutwiler Excellence Scholarship and plans to major in marketing and public relations.

Nunez, having been told "You will never make it to college" instead leaned on the words his mother told him, "Don't ever let anything or anyone cut your wings and keep you from flying." He pushed forward and found himself at Wallace State, soon to enroll at Alabama.

"For immigrant students like myself, the odds sometimes seemed stacked against us," he said. "It is my hope to continue to help open the door of opportunity for other students like myself and I encourage you, the Wallace State family, to keep opening that same door of opportunity for students of all cultural backgrounds."

Eggink graduates from the Physical Therapy Assistant program. She was awarded the President's Cup, the highest honor presented to a student during the Honors Ceremony, and the Presidential Award for Health Science Excellence at commencement. She is active in the Student Physical Therapy Organization, the previous Physical Therapy Organization treasurer and fundraising chair, a PTA peer tutor and leader and volunteer with Mobility Worldwide.

A mother of three children with special health challenges, and former missionary, she came to Wallace State to embark on a new career after the death of her husband.

"I never expected to be a widow at the age of 38," she said. "Change will happen in your life. Period. Big or small. Good or bad. How you cope with these challenges, can make a huge difference in how you move forward through them. I urge you to embrace change that will alter your future."

In addition to the special presentations made to Eggink, Jonathan Allred, a general studies graduate, was presented the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence, and Maira Rios Cortes, a cosmetology graduate, was presented the Presidential Award for Technical Excellence. These awards go to students of superior achievement in each area and are the highest academic honors presented at graduation.

Dr. Ryan Smith, dean of students, gave special recognition to students who were wearing medals and pins received during the college's Honors Night for program excellence, leadership and service, and recognized members of Phi Theta Kappa national honor society, Sigma Kappa Delta English honorary society, Mu Alpha Theta mathematics honorary society, Kappa Beta Delta business honor society, state SkillsUSA medalists and other honor graduates with GPAs of at least 3.5 or higher. He also recognized veterans in the student body.

Music was provided by the Wallace State Concert Choir and Concert Band. Choir Director Tiffany Richter sang "America" for the audience.

Students Daniel Terry, Campus Ministries president, and Carli Jo Ashley, nursing class president, offered the invocations.

Wallace State has educated hundreds of thousands of students since opening its doors in 1966, and tens of thousands have had degrees conferred. The college is nationally recognized for its work in student success.

Both events were livestreamed.

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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

Beverly Paschal Poston
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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.

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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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
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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC2021-192

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DONNA A. BLACKMON, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Fredrick A. Blackmon on the 17th day of May, 2021, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Fredrick A. Blackmon, Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE 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
Circuit Clerk

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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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LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY

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.

Lisa McSwain
Clerk of Circuit Court

HOME AND GARDEN

Get to know Alabama Extension: Home grounds, gardens and home pests

Mary Leigh Oliver
Contributor

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. – The Alabama Cooperative Extension System has the privilege of assisting Alabamians through a range of topics on their website, from agriculture to home life.

One topic in particular, lawn and garden, provides detailed information on all things from the front curb to the backyard fence. Rudy Pacumbaba and Kerry Smith, co-leaders of the home grounds, gardens and home pests team, collaborate to educate millions on the significance, practicality and importance of safety, maintenance and cultivation at home.

What is home grounds, gardens and home pests?
For those who may be unfamiliar with the home grounds team, it covers nearly everything an individual can encounter outdoors.

"Home grounds programs cover a wide range of topics that support residential gardeners – from shade trees to veggies, good bugs and bad bugs, backyard wildlife and protecting water quality," Smith said.

These practical yet informative topics from specialists and agents keep Alabama residents and their yards afloat. Even for site-specific questions, agents and specialists are here to help.

"Our urban unit of home grounds addresses questions and educational topics related to urban agriculture, small-farm production operations, within Alabama's metropolitan regions," Pacumbaba said.

"We are Alabama's gardening, landscaping and urban ag experts."

Home grounds isn't limited to lawn and garden care; there are research applications to be made in life all-around us.

"Think about city parks, retail landscapes, outdoor classrooms at schools, community gardens or even tomatoes on your patio," Smith said. "Plants connect people on a daily basis."

Who you gonna call?
Whether it's a house plant, an entire garden or a struggling shrub, the team is there to lend a shovel—and a helping hand.

"My favorite part of my job is assisting with the plant-to-people connection every day," Smith said.

"Clients call on us because they care about plants and understand they need to know more about their plants and landscapes."

The bond from plant to person is special, but the bond from home grounds agent to client is a cherished one.

"There's always a new idea that fuels our love of horticulture and the work of Extension," Smith said. "We inspire and support each other."

All 32 agents and 2,000 Extension Master Gardener volunteers in the home grounds community have a deep devotion to Alabama horticulture and one another.

"Home grounds is so special thanks to the wonderful group of professionals I work with," Pacumbaba said.

For any backyard, bug or plant inquires, make sure to reach out to the Alabama Extension Home Grounds team. Gardeners can even call the Master Gardener Helpline at 877-252-4769.

Obituary Announcements: May 17

Byron "Boz" Whitaker, 87, of Hanceville
Byron "Boz" Whitaker of Hanceville passed away May 14, 2021 at the age of 87. He was born in Cullman October 4, 1933 to Luther and Willie Ella Copeland Whitaker. He is preceded in death by his parents; brother: Wayne Whitaker and a granddaughter who was the love of their lives: Alicia Jean Harris. Mr. Whitaker was a veteran of the United States Navy and he also worked as a carpenter for the Cullman County School System until his retirement. A Memorial Graveside Service will be Wednesday, May 19 2021, at 2 p.m. at Center Hill Cemetery. The family will receive friend at the graveside Wednesday. He is survived by his wife: Gloria Whitaker; daughters: Cindy (Joel) Hogland, Susan (Carey) Casey; sons: Bobby (Michelle) Whitaker, Jimmy Whitaker; sister: Paula Gorham; grandchildren: Carey Casey Jr., Jessy Casey, James Casey, Ashley McGriff, Mariah McSwain; 12 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Raymond Mark Harris, 55
Funeral service for Raymond Mark Harris, 55, will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday, May 19, 2021, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Mount Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday from noon – 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Harris passed away Saturday, May 15, 2021, at UAB Hospital. He was born Sept. 1, 1965, to Coleman Berl and Carolyn Frances Ray Harris. He loved fishing and loved just being at the lake. Mark was preceded in death by his mother, Carolyn Harris Newton. Survivors include his father; a son: Drake Harris (Meagan Dye); a daughter: Joya McCrary; sister: Karen (Steve) Gunnells; grandchildren: Adalyn Harris, Aleigha Harris, nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com

Victoria Leigh Meadows, 58, of Cullman
Victoria Leigh Meadows, 58, of Cullman, passed from this life May 15, 2021, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. Memorial Services for Victoria Leigh Meadows are being planned and will be announced at a later date. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Meadows family. Mrs. Meadows was born to Harold Douglas Meadows, Sr. and Mary Florence McLendon-Meadows March 21, 1963. She was an active member of Renovation Church. She loved her family and her cats. She was preceded in death by her father: Harold Douglas Meadows, Sr.; her grandparents: Harold Drennen and Lucille Elsberry Meadows; and Oliver Eugene and Florence Compton McLendon; uncle: Kenneth A. Carr and aunt: Roberta Hines. Mrs. Meadows is survived by her mother: Mary Florence McLendon-Meadows; brother: Harold Douglas Meadows, Jr.; aunt: Donna Carr; nephews: Harold Drennen Meadows, II, Christopher Franklin Meadows; niece: Angelica Alicia Meadows-Pierce; great nephews: Skyler Alexander Meadows, Dalton Isaac Farr; great-niece: Alina Gracelynn Pierce; her sisters of the heart: Sharon Freeman, Laura Hudson, Tammy Meadows; her two cats: Mystic and Shadow and a host of family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Jerry Sellers, 57, of Hanceville
Mr. Jerry Sellers of Hanceville, Alabama passed away May 15, 2021, at the age of 57. He was born May 23, 1963, to Junior Ray and Peggy Sue Hardin Sellers. He is preceded in death by his parents and brother: Billy Ray Sellers. A Celebration of Life Service for Jerry will be Thursday May 20, 2021, at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow the service in Ebenezer Cemetery with a Masonic graveside service. He is survived by; daughter: Mallory Sellers (Jason) Graves; son: Van T. Sellers; sister: Rhonda Stansell and grandchildren: Chandler Graves, Mason Graves and Madalynn Graves. Visitation will be Wednesday, May 19, 2021, from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.mossservicefh.com.

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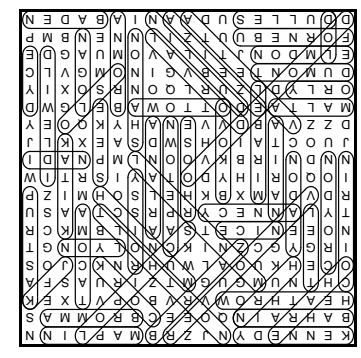
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Veteran Memorial: Edward Morris Pike

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Edward Morris Pike was born July 10, 1949, in Cullman County and lived in Hanceville.

Pike enlisted in the United States Army and served his country during the Vietnam War.

He began his tour in Vietnam July 29, 1967, with the rank Specialist Four.

His occupation in the Army was Single Rotor Turbine Observation Utility Helicopter Repairman and he was attached to the 25th Infantry Division, 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry, D Troop, also known as "Mackenzie's Riders."

On Jan. 31, 1968, the first day of the Tet Offensive, the North Vietnamese attacked the Tan Son Nhut Air Base in South Vietnam's Gia Dinh Province.

Pike was killed during the attack from small-arms fire. Pike is now buried at Piedmont Memory Gardens in Calhoun County, Alabama and is honored on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C.

His name is inscribed on Panel 36e, Line 30.

He's also a recipient of the Purple Heart.



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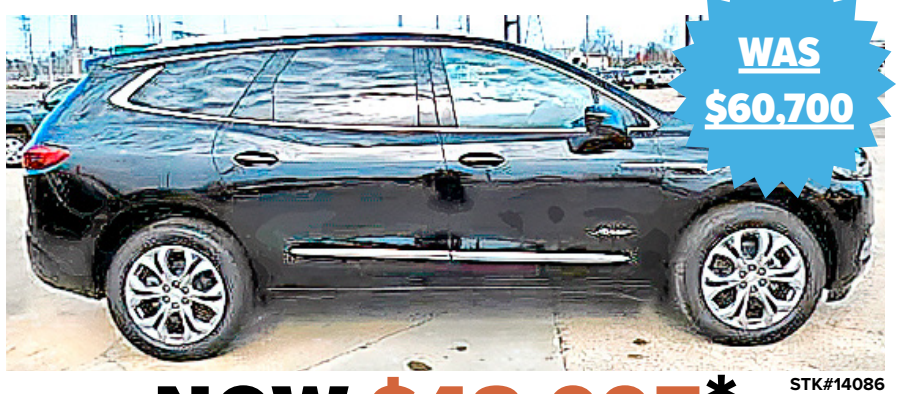
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