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Cullman City Board of Education honors top teachers, school nurses



CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

Cullman City School Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff (left) and board member Joey Orr (right) honor Teachers of the Year Linda Bean and Blakely Burns. » PAGE 7

SPECIAL EDITION

Addison and Meek graduation issue

– VETERANS –

Cullman VFW Memorial Day preparations underway, crawfish boil today



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Crosses and flags honoring Cullman County's fallen warriors stand alongside Highway 31 on Cullman's north side.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2214 met outside Ed White Jewelers on Highway 31 in Cullman Friday morning to place 328 crosses and flags honoring the county's soldiers known to have died in service to their country, as part of the group's preparation for next week's Memorial Day observance. The field is divided into sections marked for each war from World War I forward, and each cross carries the name, rank and branch of service of the soldier represented.

The group has a slate of activities scheduled for its observance of Memorial Day, starting today:

• Today, Saturday, May 22 from noon to 4 p.m., there will be a crawfish boil at the post, 112 Veterans Dr. in Cullman. Crawfish or shrimp with sides, $12 per plate.

• On Thursday, May 27, the VFW will make its annual visit to Cullman City Cemetery to place flags on the graves of each veteran buried there. » PAGE 2

EDUCATION

'Amazing things'

State Dept. of Education Superintendent visits CCPS to celebrate reading award


TRENT MOORE/CCS

Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff speaks with a student on Friday at Cullman City Primary School. Alabama State Dept. of Education Superintendent Dr. Eric Mackey visited and toured the school as part of a celebration of the recent grand prize win for the Dr. Louisa Moats Award. » PAGE 10

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Alabama's April unemployment rate drops to 3.6%, Cullman County 2.1%

Represents new record post-pandemic low; wages at record high » PAGE 7

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EDUCATION

Small but always significant

Child Development Center holds 2021 graduation Thursday afternoon

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Pomp and Circumstance echoed throughout the room as the Class of 2021 at the Children's Development Center began their procession. Cameras flashed as these wonderfully successful students were each seated at specially designated tables with their families, each decorated with deep blue tablecloths, photos of each graduate and flowers.

Looking around, there were faces beaming with pride as the graduates enjoyed their celebrity moments. Warm, meaningful chatter filled the room as the last of the students were seated. As Principal Chris Chambers approached the stage, the music faded, and voices followed.

Mr. Chambers opened the ceremony as he welcomed everyone and offered congratulations to his seniors. He noted that his seniors have embraced challenges and overcome them in ways he was extremely proud of, saying, "The CDC family would like to congratulate the graduates and recognize all of their families and supports who have helped them get to this moment--to embrace change means to welcome some failures as part of growth and success."

After Noah Vickers lead everyone in The Pledge of Allegiance, guest speaker, Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry approached the podium to deliver a speech about life, commitment, pushing forward and overcoming challenges.

He reminded the seniors that as they go through life, to always remember love and compassion, and to always hold those true. Sheriff Gentry stated,

"As you begin life, savor this moment of accomplishment because through life, with determination, love and perseverance, you can do anything you want, and you can accomplish anything you set your minds to. There is nothing that you cannot do."

As the diplomas were presented to each of the seniors, applause erupted from every direction as proud friends and family members were unable to contain their excitement.

Some, in true tradition, tossed their caps as high as they could in celebration. When it was time for the recessional, "Celebration" by Kool and the Gang set the tone as our 2021 graduates danced out the door.

Graduation is a highly valued milestone in anyone's life and is absolutely cause for celebration. At the Children's Development Center in Cullman, the monument is the same, if not greater. These students have worked tirelessly, overcoming each challenge life might have thrown them and can now, with pride, declare, "We are the graduating Class of 2021!"

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

VFW (from Front)

• In a local Memorial Day weekend tradition, 50 U.S. flags will line the median of Highway 31's northern approach to downtown Cullman

• On Saturday, May 29 at 10 a.m., the Cullman American Legion Post 4 will host the Memorial Day ceremony at Cullman Veterans Park at Sportsman Lake. Included this year will be recognition of five World War I casualties recently discovered and added to the park's memorial.

• On Saturday, May 29, the VFW will hold a social night at the post. Call 256-739-6611 for more information.

• On Memorial Day, Monday, May 31 at 6:30 p.m., "Taps" will be played at the field of crosses adjacent to Ed White Jewelers, 1704 2nd Ave. NW (Highway 31).

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COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Friday, May 21, 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: 416,375 (+231 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in Alabama: 125,298 (+212 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama: 8,732 (+3 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in Alabama: 2,348
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,626 (+1 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 3,177 (+3 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 132 (+0 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 63
• Total tested in Cullman Co.: 42,034
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 2,668
• Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 82
• Total tested in Alabama: 2,590,345
• Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 3,285
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 155,795
• Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 281
• Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama (reported M-F): 49,661
• Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 509,800

Vaccine details (updated Monday-Friday)
• Doses delivered to Alabama: 4,257,405
• Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 3,046,235
• Doses administered: 2,851,368
• Number of people receiving one or more doses: 1,625,262
• Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 1,318,446
• Doses delivered to federal programs: 1,211,170

Alabamians in Phases 1a, 1b and 1c (including those 12 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

COVID-19 vaccine is recommended for everyone 12 years and older
Children 12 years and older are now eligible to get vaccinated against COVID-19. Since May 10, 4,543 patients ages 12-15 in Alabama have received vaccinations with the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. Pfizer is currently the only vaccine available to children and adolescents up to age 18. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, studies show that COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective in preventing children from getting COVID-19. Like adults, children may have some side effects after COVID-19 vaccination. While these side effects may affect their ability to do daily activities, they should only last a few days. COVID-19 vaccines have been used under the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history, including studies in children 12 years and older. Children cannot get COVID-19 from any COVID-19 vaccine. Although fewer children have been sick with COVID-19 compared to adults, children can be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, can get sick from COVID-19, and can spread the virus that causes COVID-19 to others. Getting your child vaccinated helps to protect your child and your family.

Updated Johnson & Johnson vaccine factsheet
The U.S. Food and Drug Administration released an updated factsheet for the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine. The factsheet helps readers understand the risks and benefits of receiving the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. It is available in multiple languages and can be found online here: http://www.janssencovid19vaccine.com/

Digital Day of Action – Friday, May 21
ADPH is encouraging everyone to share Facebook messages that increase vaccine confidence and reinforce basic prevention measures on Friday, May 21. A social media toolkit is available with resources that can be shared online to help reach people who haven't received the COVID-19 vaccine or who may be waiting to get vaccinated. Finding a vaccine is easy and accessible, and that is an important message to share. The social media toolkit is available here: https://whitehouse.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f620288bb41dd81f9c715ef-4d&id=cf09456f17&e=aae4f18e6e

PSA featuring Coach Nick Saban promotes COVID-19 vaccinations
A public service announcement featuring University of Alabama head football coach Nick Saban encouraging vaccinations for COVID-19 begins airing in the state this week. ADPH appreciates the support of Coach Saban in promoting COVID-19 vaccines. A link to the 30-second PSA is available here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DyoPDfSmKDI

FEMA community vaccination center offering COVID-19 vaccinations
No appointment, ID or insurance required. The drive-through 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 prior to being vaccinated. These materials are also available on site.

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported May 21

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported May 21, 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 19

- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; Hwy. 157; damage to '12 Hyundai Santa Fe; $800

May 20

- fourth-degree theft of property; person; Hwy. 157; clothing; $456
- fourth-degree theft of property; identity theft; forgery; person; forged checks
- second-degree forgery; person; forged checks
- third-degree theft of property; person; 2nd Ave. SE; purse and contents
- second-degree theft of property; person; pistols; $1,550
- theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; miscellaneous

ARRESTS

May 20

Williams, Justin B.; 32
- third-degree theft of property

Parson, Jordan N.; 20
- FTA- second-degree criminal trespass
- FTA- third-degree criminal mischief
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Kilpatrick, Justin K.; 33
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Smith, Jonathan K.; 47
- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance

Swain, Regina M.; 49
- FTA- driving while license revoked

Nunnery, Trevor A.; 32
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Riggs, Britany H.; 29
- FTA- driving without license
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property (3 counts)
- FTA- Violation Statewide Health Order
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- second-degree possession of marijuana
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespass

Yates Jr.; Jimmy L.; 33
- third-degree theft of property

Burden, Monica L.; 41
- False information to police officer

Lopez III, Ernesto Y.; 41
- FTA- attempt to elude police officer
- FTA- improper lane usage (2 counts)
- FTA- insurance violation (3 counts)
- FTA- reckless driving
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- speeding (2 counts)
- FTA- driving while license suspended (2 counts)
- FTA- running red light
- FTA- fail to signal

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submit your calendar items or public notices to olivia@cullmantribune.com

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Church Services-Spirit Life Church of GOD
- Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
- Prayer meetings-Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Come and pray with us or come to receive prayer.
- Ladies' exercise classes- Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Children welcome.
- Classes- Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult class, "The Phases of Armageddon" by Pastor Bobby Dodd
- Sundays at 9 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Small group classes for adults, children and youth at 10 a.m. Praise and worship and message at 11 a.m.
- Mondays-Fridays-Our 5 Points Ministry provide free hot meals for children and elderly 3:30-5 p.m. at the Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW Please call Aimee at 256-841-2060 to register or for more information. Eat in or take out. Kids' activities are available. Kids do not have to come to the center to get a free meal. Adults can list the names of the children and do takeout meals. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry and Spirit Life Church.
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- Saturday May 22 - 7:00 p.m. No Talent Talent Show. No fees to attend. Come and join in the fun and fellowship and see church members dress up as their favorite singers and lip synch to their favorite songs! 6 p.m. Food available for purchase.

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

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

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

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 11:00 a.m. on 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 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 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 on 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, on 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 on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. at the Sheriff's training building: 1910 Beech Avenue SE, Cullman.
- For tickets or more information: 256-531-2525

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

Bates Reunion

June 19 - The Bates reunion will be held on Saturday, June 19, at 10 a.m. at the Trimble Community Center.

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.

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ADDISON HIGH SCHOOL
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Graduation is Thursday, May 27, at 8 p.m. at the Addison High School football stadium

"Congratulations to the Class of 2021 for reaching a major milestone in your life. Graduating high school is a great accomplishment, especially during a global pandemic, and shows how resilient you have been throughout your educational career. Make sure to give thanks to all of those that assisted you in accomplishing this feat. Good luck in the future and always look to God for guidance in all the decisions you will make from this day forward."

Micah Smothers, Addison High School Principal

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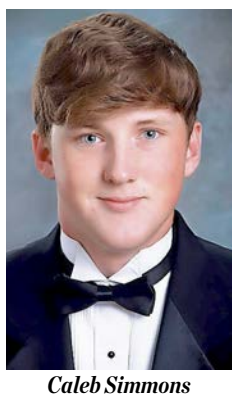

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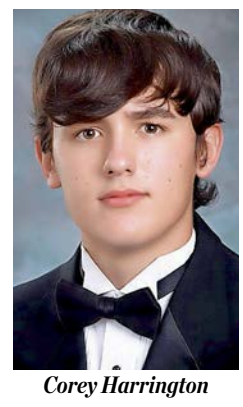

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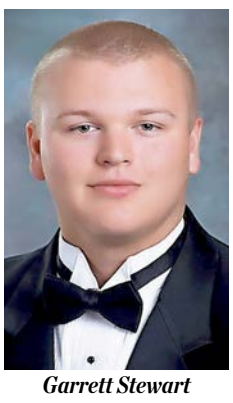

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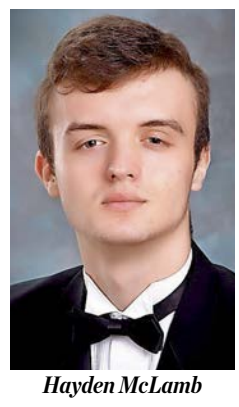

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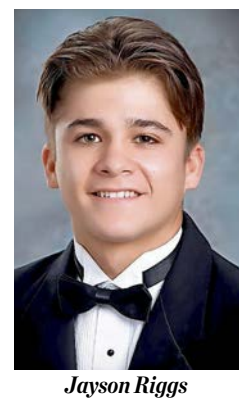

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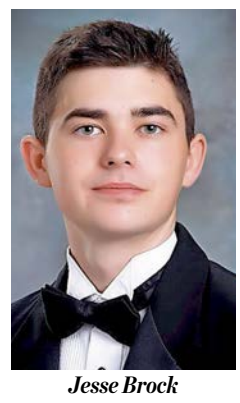

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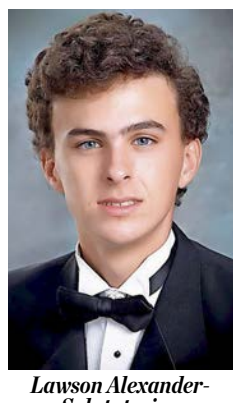

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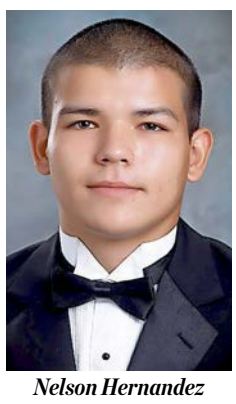

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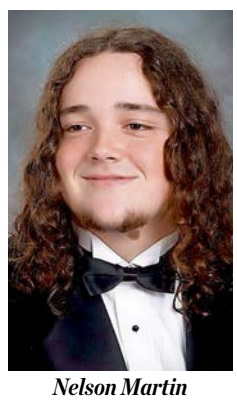

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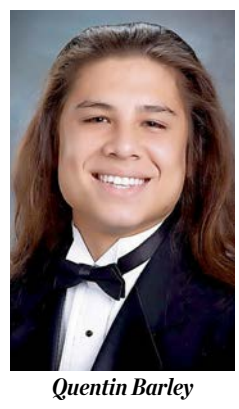

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CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

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"Congratulations to the Class of 2021! You have overcome the challenges of this school year by being patient and resilient, and the lessons you have learned will serve you well as adults. May we be always mindful notto take simple things for granted, and may we cherish the time we spend with our loved ones and friends. I pray that God will protect and guide you as you find your way in this world and remember that you will always have a place at Meek High School. Go Tigers!"

Marla Murrah, Meek High School Principal

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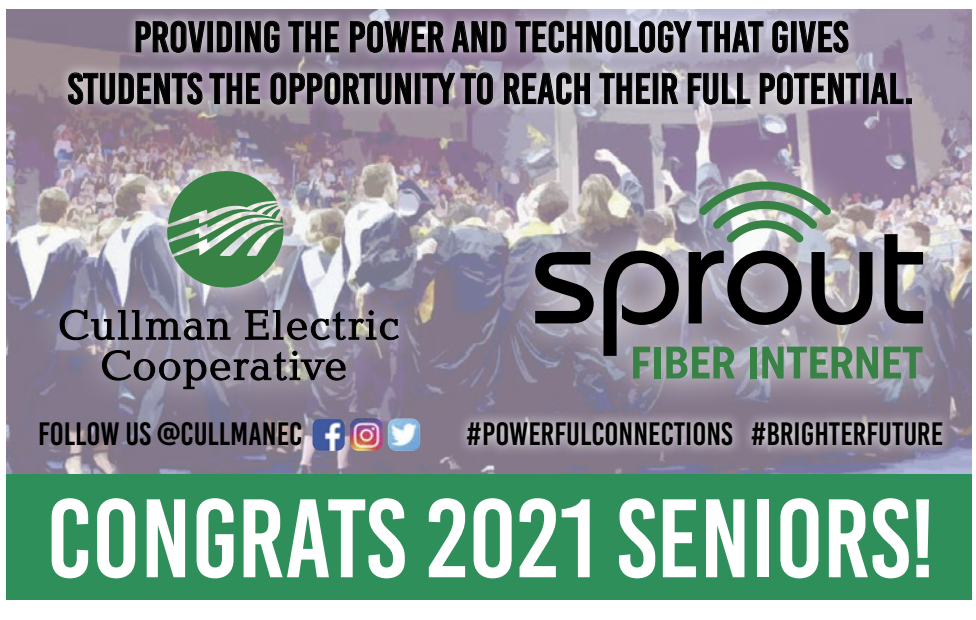
Congratulations, Class of 2021



"Once you walk across the stage after receiving your diploma a new chapter of life will begin. You'll have many paths to choose from, all of which carry different futures. Seek council from those you trust and believe that God will direct your path."

– Rep. Corey Harbison





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Auburn leads from start to finish in series opener at Missouri

George Nunnelley
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. – Auburn jumped out to an early lead and never looked back as the Tigers cruised to a 15-6 win in the series opener at Missouri Thursday night at Taylor Stadium.

Ryan Bliss, Rankin Woley and Kason Howell combined to go 11-for-17 with five runs, four doubles, three homers and 13 RBI in the game.

"Nobody has seen the ball as good as Rankin Woley has the last three weeks, and Ryan Bliss is consistent as all get out. Kason Howell pokes his head out tonight and hits two home runs on breaking balls with two strikes," head coach Butch Thompson said.

"We played some big offense and hopefully we can come back out here with the same mindset and be able to do that tomorrow," Thompson added.

"We're in postseason baseball, so there's no other option than to come out and play, good consistent baseball."

Bliss and Woley led the way with four hits apiece, while Bliss and Howell each drove in a career best five runs in the contest. Howell hit two homers and had three extra-base hits in a game for the second time this season.

It marked the first time Auburn had multiple players with four hits and five RBI in the same SEC game since a 20-3 win at Georgia on Mar. 19, 2010.

"We linked up really well tonight, and when 1-9 is hitting and battling at-bats it's very hard to get us out," Bliss said. "We showed why we are one of the best hitting teams in the SEC."

Jack Owen (2-4, 4.84) turned in one of his best starts of the year, earning the win while throwing 6.2 efficient innings. The senior lefty allowed two runs (one earned) on four hits with one walk and seven strikeouts.

"It was good to get those first couple zeroes and give my offense a chance to grow that lead," Owen said. "Once we got them down, the offense started exploding.

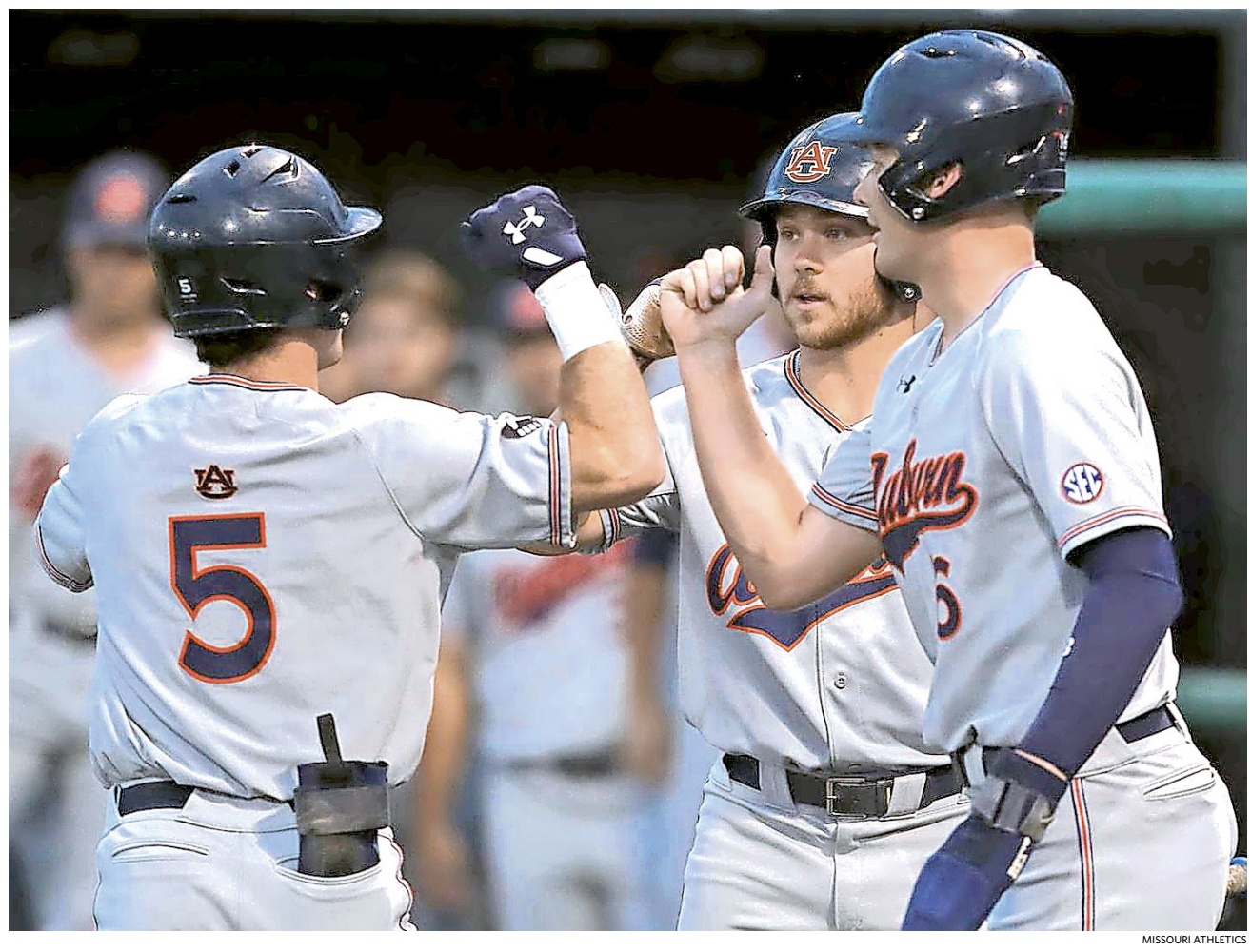
"We did a really good job of getting in front early and holding that lead," Owen added.

Auburn struck first in the top of the second as Cam Hill beat out an infield single and moved to third on Howell's 12th double of the season.

Judd Ward opened the scoring with a sacrifice fly to left field before Bliss pushed the lead to 2-0 with a RBI double down the left field line.

Woley singled in the first and stayed hot from the plate with a solo homer to start the third. The home run was Woley's 10th of the year and his fourth in the last five games. The graduate third baseman continued his torrid streak with a RBI double in the fifth.

With the offense out to a 4-0 lead, Owen faced one over the minimum and struck out five while needing just 59 pitches in his first five innings of work.



MISSOURI ATHLETICS

Kason Howell (5) homered twice in the series opener at Missouri.

Three Missouri baserunners reached on a pair of singles and an error through five innings, and the Auburn defense turned a pair of double plays to erase two of the three Tigers.

Howell turned the Tigers' lead into a six-run advantage with a two-run homer in the sixth, marking his seventh homer since Mar. 16. Bliss collected his 26th multi-hit game of the year and drove in two more with a two-strike single back up the middle to make it 8-0.

Owen struck out his sixth batter to start the bottom of the sixth and allowed a one-out walk and two-out single but worked around both baserunners to get through six scoreless.

Bliss stepped to the plate with one out and the bases loaded in the seventh and turned in his fourth RBI of the game on a single to left.

Missouri reached on a leadoff error to start the bottom of the seventh, and it came back to bite Owen and the Tigers as two runs came home on a homer later in the inning.

The Tigers blew the game open in the top of the eighth as Howell hit a three-run homer to left to push the led to 11-2. Bliss and Woley each notched their fourth hits of the game with a RBI double and single, respectively, later in the frame. Tyler Miller also drove in his SEC-best 59th run in the inning.

Missouri added two in the bottom of the eighth and two more in the ninth, but it was too little, too late for the fellow Tigers in the series opener.

Game two between Auburn and Missouri is set for Friday at 6:30 p.m.

4-run Seventh proves too much in Alabama's 4-2 loss to No. 6 Mississippi State

Alex Thompson
UA Athletics

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – A four run seventh proved to be too much as Alabama baseball fell, 4-2, to sixth-ranked Mississippi State on Thursday evening at Sewell-Thomas Stadium. The loss moves the Crimson Tide to 29-20 on the season and 12-15 in Southeastern Conference play.

A pitchers' duel saw both teams go scoreless until the fifth. That inning featured a solo home run from Jackson Tate to get Alabama on the board first. Tyler Ras kept the Bulldogs at bay in the sixth before a four-run top of the seventh gave MSU the lead for good. The Crimson Tide battled for one in the bottom of the seventh and brought the go-ahead run to the plate in the eight but would not get any closer.

Ras was solid once again, allowing four runs on seven hits and a walk with three strikeouts across 6.1 innings of work.

The junior held State scoreless through the first 6.0 frames, giving up four hits and no walks before running into trouble in the seventh. Christian MacLeod (5-3) picked up the win with 7.0 innings of two-run baseball that featured 10 strikeouts.

He was followed by Landon Sims with the Mississippi State closer recording his eighth save of the year across the final 2.0 frames.

From Head Coach Brad Bohannon

"This was a really tough loss. Our guys did some good things tonight, especially Tyler Ras. Ras gave us an awesome start. He's been an absolute warrior this year. He pitched deep in the game and gave us a real shot to win."

How it happened

B5 | Jackson Tate sent a ball the opposite way for a solo home run. (1-0, Alabama)

T7 | The Bulldogs used a leadoff walk and three hits to plate four runs. (4-1, Mississippi State)

B7 | Zane Denton led things off with a walk. After a pair of outs, Tate singled to put two on for Bryce Eblin. The freshman delivered, singling through the right side to add one for UA. (4-2, Mississippi State)

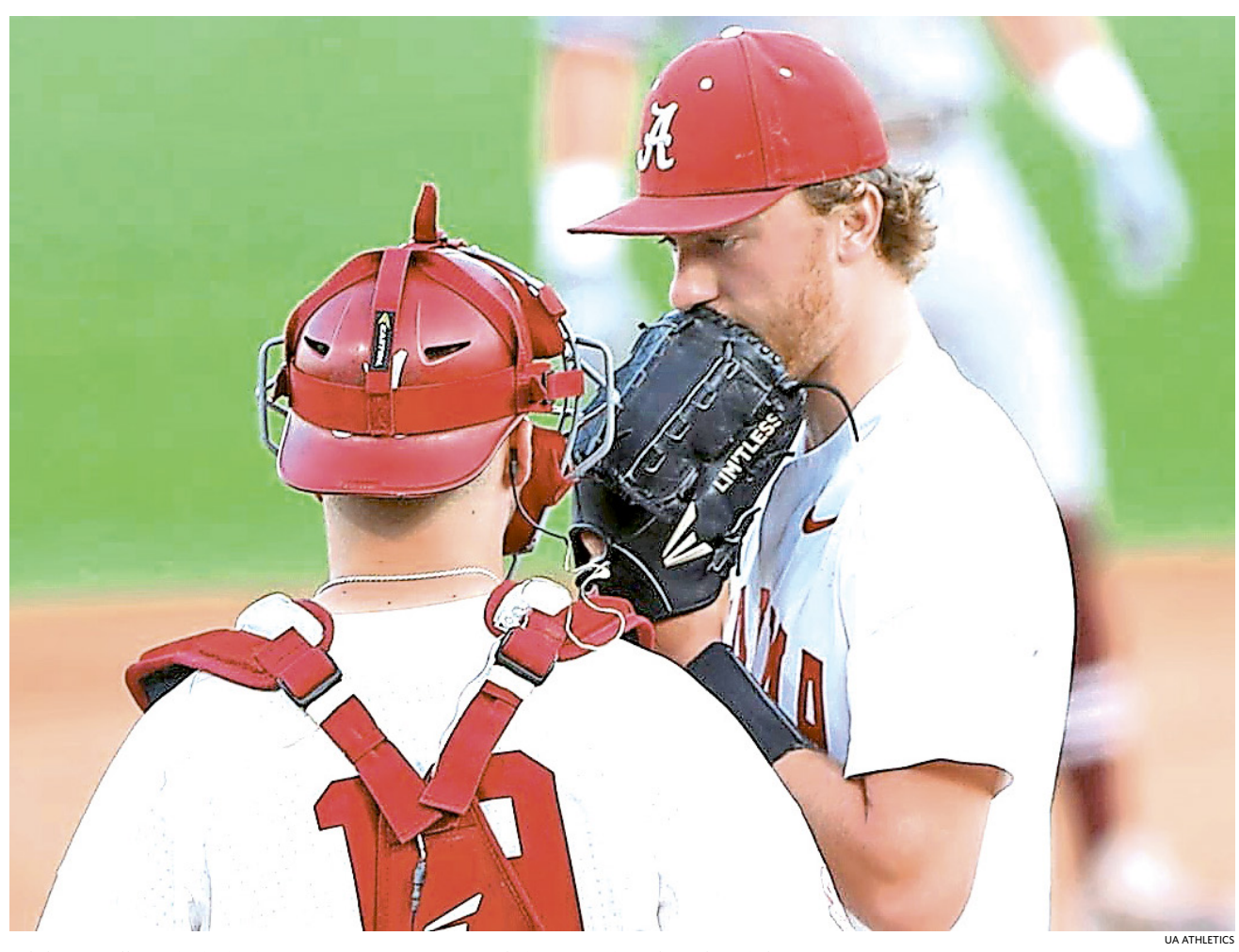
Postgame notes

• Tyler Ras recorded 6.1 innings of work and has now thrown 5.0-plus innings in 10 of his 13 total starts this season.

• Ras issued only one walk and has allowed two-or-fewer free passes 11 of his starts.

• Jackson Tate homered for the second straight game after also going deep at LSU on Sunday, May 16. With Tate's back-to-back home run games, Alabama hitters have now recorded homers on consecutive nights eight times this season.

The most recent instance was Sam Praytor from April 17-20.



UA ATHLETICS

Alabama fell to Mississippi State 4-2 in game one of their SEC series Thursday night.

• Tate also homered in back-to-back games last season when he went deep against Alabama State on Feb. 19 followed by a homer at UNLV on Feb. 21.

• ATTENDANCE: 2,032

The two teams return to the diamond tomorrow evening for another 6 p.m. CT first pitch at The Joe.

Alabama will call on right-hander Dylan Smith while Mississippi State counters with Will Bednar, also a righty. Game two of the series can be seen live on SEC Network+.

Get all the latest information on the team by following @AlabmaBSB on Twitter and Instagram and on Facebook at Alabama Baseball.

General athletic news can be found at UA_Athletics on Twitter and Instagram and AlabamaAthletics on Facebook.

Trojans defeat Louisiana 6-5 in series-opener

Andy Stubblefield
Troy Athletics

LAFAYETTE, LA. – Troy earned its ninth Sun Belt win in its last 10 tries as it inched past Louisiana in the series-opener Thursday night at Russo Park. Garrett Gainous secured his league-best ninth win of the season as the Trojans downed the Ragin' Cajuns, 6-5.

Gainous (9-4) didn't allow an earned run and limited the Cajuns to just four hits in his six innings of work. The Cairo, Ga., native's nine wins are the most by a freshman starting pitcher in the country this season

Max Newton and Marquez Oates were each solid in their roles out of the bullpen.

Oates retired all five batters he saw to record his eighth save of the season, the second-most in the conference.

Caleb Bartolero paced Troy's (27-22, 13-9 SBC) offensive effort with a 3-for-4 outing that included two doubles and two RBIs.

Drew Frederic posted his 20th multi-hit game of the season with two hits on the night, a ground rule double and a home run.

Troy struck first with four runs on two hits in the opening frame to grab an early lead.

Frederic led off with a ground rule double and Bartolero singled as part of an inning that also included a hit-by-pitch, two walks and Louisiana error.

The Trojans added two more runs in the fourth inning on Frederic's homer, his 10th of the season, and a Bartolero RBI double.

Louisiana (28-22, 11-11 SBC) answered in the bottom half of the inning with a pair of unearned runs that stemmed from a Troy fielding error.

The Ragin' Cajuns added another unearned run in the sixth and pulled within 6-5 on a two-run homer in the eighth, but Oates slammed the door shut to preserve the win.

Spencer Arrighetti (7-5) wore the loss for the Cajuns after giving up six runs, four earned, in 4.0 innings.

Quotable – Head coach Mark Smartt

"It was a great Thursday night win, I'm really proud of our team. We got off to a great start in the game, scored early and put the pressure on them.

"It's hard to win here and it's hard to beat a good team on the road. I'm proud of the team for battling through all the things they had to deal with and for maintaining their composure when the game got tight. We did a lot of good things to get the win."

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Notable

• With a lead off ground rule double, Drew Frederic tied the school record for career doubles with 56.

• Rigsby Mosley hit the 55th double of his career, moving into a tie for second place on Troy's all-time doubles list.

• Frederic homered for the 10th time this season and the 29th time of his career, to move into a tie with Joel Smith (1990-91) for eighth on Troy's all-time home runs list.

• Marquez Oates' eight saves are the second-most in the Sun Belt this season.

• The win marked Troy's first victory over the Cajuns in Lafayette since 2018. The Trojans are now 21-34 all-time against Louisiana.

• Troy has won nine of its last 10 conference games to move into sole possession of second place in the Sun Belt East and is a game back from South Alabama for first. The Trojans need to sweep the Cajuns and have South Alabama get swept by App State to take the top spot.

Up Next

Troy looks to clinch its fourth consecutive conference series in game two against Louisiana Friday night at 6 p.m.



CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

Cullman City School Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff (left) and board member Jason Neal (right) honored school nurses Reeta Morrow, Dori Potter, Kalysha Whittle, Amanda Baker, Shan Goodlett and Jennifer Shugarts.

Honors (from Front)

W.C. Mann
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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman City School Board recently named its elementary and secondary Teachers of the Year and honored its school nurses for their service during the pandemic.

Teachers of the Year were:

• Blakely Burns, East Elementary School, Elementary Teacher of the Year

• Linda Bean, Cullman Middle School, Secondary Teacher of the Year

Cullman City School Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff told The Tribune, "Earlier this month we celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week.

"As a father and superintendent, I would like to thank all of the teachers in this state, but specifically those here in Cullman. Cullman City is one of the few systems in Alabama that made it through this school year, being coined by many as the pandemic year, with minimal interruptions to face-to-face instruction. Educators here in Cullman took unbelievable risks all year to make sure traditional face-to-face delivery of instruction took place."

The board also celebrated School Nurses Day by recognizing the system's six nurses:

• Amanda Baker, East Elementary School

• Shan Goodlett, Cullman Middle School

• Reeta Morrow, West Elementary School

• Dori Potter, West Elementary School

• Jennifer Shugarts, Cullman High School

• Kalysha Whittle, Cullman City Primary School

Kallhoff said, "Our students, faculty and staff were fortunate this year to have these six nurses making sure everyone stayed safe and healthy during the 'Pandemic' school year."

Unemployment (from Front)

Tara Hutchison
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Alabama Department of Labor Secretary Fitzgerald Washington announced today that Alabama's preliminary, seasonally adjusted April unemployment rate is 3.6%, down from March's rate of 3.8%, and well below April 2020's rate of 13.2%.

"Alabama continues to see a decline in unemployment, as vaccines roll out and businesses expand hiring," said Governor Kay Ivey. "Yet again, we've reached a new post-pandemic low unemployment rate as we edge closer and closer to our previous pre-pandemic record low. Alabama is open for business and we're ready to get everyone back to work!"

"The number of people unemployed is the lowest we've seen so far in 2021. There are more open jobs than there are unemployed people.

"When it comes to businesses adding jobs, our over-the-year job growth is the highest it's been in over 21 years," said Washington.

April's rate represents 79,332 unemployed persons, a post-pandemic record low, compared to 84,716 in March and 288,253 in April 2020. In April, ADOL's Help Wanted Online (HWOL) data, which measures online job openings, registered 84,986 job listings statewide.

The number of people counted as employed increased 253,632 over the year, to 2,152,651.

Over the year, wage and salary employment increased 170,900, with gains in the leisure and hospitality sector (+57,500), the manufacturing sector (+33,300), and the trade, transportation and utilities sector (+27,700), among others. This represents an over-the-year job growth rate of 9.3%, the highest since 2000.

"Wage growth is astounding in Alabama," continued Washington. "We hit record highs in both hourly and weekly wages for all sectors, and the leisure and hospitality sector, which has been clamoring for workers, also hit record highs. Employers in Alabama are responding to labor shortages by raising wages, as to be expected."

Total private average weekly earnings rose to $968.19 in April, up $33.09 over the month, and $67.81 over the year. Leisure and hospitality weekly earnings rose to $384.01 in April, up $23.17 over the month and $54.58 over the year. Hourly, total private earnings rose to $27.35, up $0.86 over the month, and $0.79 over the year. Hourly, leisure and hospitality earnings rose to $14.17, up $0.45 over the month, and $0.94 over the year. All wages quoted above represent historical highs.

Counties with the lowest unemployment rates are: Shelby County at 1.9%, Marshall, Limestone and DeKalb Counties at 2.0%, and Franklin, Cullman and Cherokee Counties at 2.1%. Counties with the highest unemployment rates are: Wilcox County at 8.8%, Lowndes County at 8.1% and Perry County at 6.8%.

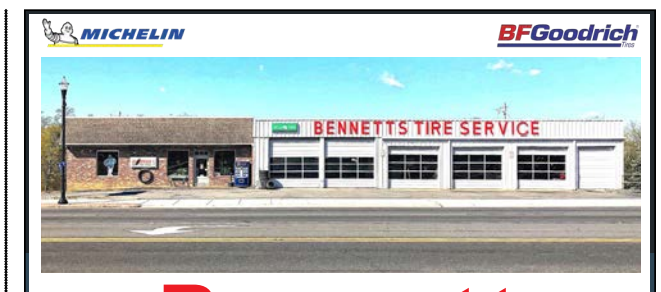
Major cities with the lowest unemployment rates are: Alabaster at 1.7%, Athens at 2.0% and Homewood at 2.1%. Major cities with the highest unemployment rates are: Selma at 7.3%, Prichard at 5.9% and Bessemer at 4.8%.

The unemployment rate is not calculated based on the number of people who are receiving unemployment compensation benefits. It is calculated on the number of people in the workforce and the number of people who are working or not working. For more information on how the government calculates the unemployment rate, visit https://www.bls.gov/cps/cps_htgm.htm.









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In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that Boatner Construction Co., Inc., Contractor, has completed the Contract for Construction of HOLLY POND HIGH SCHOOL HOME ECONOMICS ADDITION in Holly Pond, Alabama (Architect's Project No. 2018115) for the State of Alabama and the Cullman County Commission on Education, Owner, and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify the architect, LEONARD DESIGN, P.C.-115 2nd Avenue, NE.-Cullman, Alabama 35055.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

DYER ROY,)
DYER TERESA,)
Plaintiffs,)
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V.) Case No.: CV-2021-900132.00
)
MCINTYRE MARGARET S.,)
Defendant.)

ORDER OF PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

TO: ANY AND ALL PERSONS, HEIRS OR DEVISEES OF MARGARET SUE MCINTYRE, a/k/a MAGGIE SUE MCINTIRE or HUGH D. MCINTYRE a/k/a H.D. MCINTIRE, claiming any right, title and interest to the following described real property, to-wit: **Parcel # 25-02-09-0-046-001.00.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 10TH day of May 2021, a Complaint in Rem to Quiet Title was filed by Plaintiffs Roy Dyer and Teresa Dyer, by and through their counsel of record, Seth B. Thompson, wherein all parties at interest were given notice and wherein it was alleged that said Complaint was filed against the property described above, and it was alleged that Plaintiffs were the owner in fee simple of said real property.

The parties at interest are further notified that Plaintiff avers in said Complaint that it claims title to the real property by reason of the following chain of title, to wit:

(a)On the 8TH day of March, 2017, a decree was rendered by the Revenue Commissioner of Cullman County for the sale of land herein described and conveyed for the State and County taxes of MARGARET SUE MCINTYRE, a/k/a MAGGIE SUE MCINTIRE and HUGH D. MCINTYRE a/k/a H.D. MCINTIRE, the owners of said land for the cost of expenses thereto and thereunder.

(b) On the 2nd day of May, 2017, said lands were duly and regularly sold by the Revenue Commissioner of said county for taxes, costs and expenses and at said sale Plaintiffs purchased said lands at and for the sum of said taxes, costs and expenses and forthwith paid said sum to the Revenue Commissioner, and received from said Revenue Commissioner a certificate of said sale.

(c) The time of redemption of said lands has elapsed and said certificate of purchase had been returned to the Revenue Commissioner of said county.

(d) On or about the 12th day of May, 2020, Plaintiffs came forward and notified the Revenue Commissioner that they had taken lawful possession of the land and were due a deed pursuant to the Code of Alabama, specifically, but not limited to Title 40-10-29 and act number 84-493. Plaintiffs have met all requirements under these two statutes and other provisions of Alabama Law.

(e) Title to the real property described hereinabove stands upon the records in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, in the name of the Plaintiffs.

YOU ARE HEREBY DIRECTED to answer this Complaint on or before thirty (30) days from the 12th day of July, 2021, or on failure to do so, suffer a default judgment to be rendered against you.

DONE this 11th day of May, 2021.

/s/ MARTHA E. WILLIAMS
CIRCUIT JUDGE

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(a)On the 10th day of March, 2014, a decree was rendered by the Revenue Commissioner of Cullman County for the sale of land herein described and conveyed for the State and County taxes of James W. Nessler or Sylvia C. Nessler, the owners of said land for the cost of expenses thereto and thereunder.

(b) On the 6th day of May, 2014, said lands were duly and regularly sold by the Revenue Commissioner of said county for taxes, costs and expenses and at said sale Plaintiffs purchased said lands at and for the sum of said taxes, costs and expenses and forthwith paid said sum to the Revenue Commissioner, and received from said Revenue Commissioner a certificate of said sale.

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/s/ GREGORY A NICHOLAS
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John Wayne's last movie, "The Shootist," was scheduled for filming in El Paso, Texas but "The Duke," changed the script to move production near Carson City, Nevada just east of Lake Tahoe.

All the exterior vistas of vast, golden prairie with mountain ranges in the distance were filmed in the Carson City area. However, almost every street and interior shot was created on the Warner Brothers' backlot and sound stages.

One exception to the indoor sets for "The Shootist," was the boarding house where John Wayne's character, J.B. Books, tries and fails to wind down his days in peaceful reclusion. This house is the setting for "The West Less Traveled Birthday Party." The 1914 Krebs-Peterson House on 500 Mountain Street is now a private home in the Instagram-ready, historic district of Carson City's Blue Line Trail.

JOIN US...

You sense the joy the minute you glide across the lush, Victorian era carpets in the boarding house front parlor. HOORAY FOR THE JOY-GIVERS! (Note: The comments attributed to these famous joy-givers come from words they have written or said.)

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

May 22—M. SCOTT PECK, author of the hugely successful, self-help book, "The Road Less Traveled," was America's favorite psychiatrist for many years. The book and the core of his practice was to describe the attributes each human need in order to become a fulfilled being.

Lie down on a couch and let Dr. Peck share a bushel of insights:

"We do not have to love. We choose to love."

"The truth is our finest moments are most likely to occur when we are feeling deeply uncomfortable, unhappy or unfulfilled. For it is only in such moments, propelled by our discomfort, that we are likely to step out of our ruts and start searching for different ways or truer answers."

"Once we know that life is difficult—once we truly understand and accept it—then life is no longer difficult. Because once it is accepted, the fact that life is difficult no longer matters."

"Love is the will to extend one's self for the purpose of nurturing one's own or another's personal growth."

"Emotional sickness is avoiding reality at any cost. Emotional health is facing reality at any cost."

"Until you value yourself, you won't value your time. Until you value your time, you will not do anything with it."

"Courage is not the absence of fear; it is the making of action in spite of the fear."

"The journey of life is not paved, it is not brightly lit and it has no road signs. It is a rocky path through the wilderness."

"Life is not a problem to be solved, but a mystery to be lived."

"Groups that exclude others... are not communities; they are cliques—actually bastions against community."

"Integrity is never painless."

"Life is a series of problems. Do you want to moan about them or solve them?"

"By far the most important form of attention we can give our loved ones is listening... True listening is love in action."

"The life of wisdom must be a life of contemplation combined with action."

May 23—ROSEMARY CLOONEY, who hailed from Maysville, Kentucky, was a singer/actress who had the mega-hit, "Come On-A My House," in the early 1950s. Today, she is most known as Bing Crosby's co-star in the holiday classic film, "White Christmas," and as the sister of actor George Clooney's dad, Nick. She called herself "a sweet singer with a big band sensibility."

May 24—BOB DYLAN (born Robert Allen Zimmerman in Duluth, Minnesota—his Hebrew name was Shabtai Zisel ben Avraham) is a singer/songwriter, poet and visual artist. He has been a pop culture icon for six decades. Dylan's biggest hits such as "Blowin' In The Wind," and "The Times They Are A-Changin'," became anthems for protests. He has received ten Grammy awards, a Golden Globe award, an Oscar and the Presidential Medal of Freedom. In 2016, Bob Dylan was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature for "having created new poetic expressions within the great American song tradition."

May 25—BILL "BOJANGLES" ROBINSON, a tap dancer, actor and singer was the best-known and most highly paid Black-American entertainer in the first half of the 20th Century. He began his career in minstrel shows and moved to vaudeville, Broadway theatre, the recording industry, Hollywood films, radio and television. In 1989, Congress designated Mr. Robinson's birthday of May 25th as National Tap Dance Day.

May 26—JOHN WAYNE (born Marion Morrison and nicknamed "The Duke") was an actor and filmmaker known for playing in westerns. He starred in 142 motion pictures. John Wayne personified our nation's frontier heritage. He was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor of the USA.

May 27—"WILD BILL" HICKOK (born James Butler Hickok) was a folk hero of the American Old West, known for his legendary life on the frontier as a soldier, scout, lawman, gambler, showman, actor and involvement in many gunfights. He remains a western hero as a vigilante gunman, though his biographer believes Hickok may have only killed six or seven men while gunfighting.

May 28—"PATCH" ADAMS (born Hunter Doherty Adams) is a physician, clown, social activist, comedian and author. He founded the Gesundheit! Institute in 1971. Each year, he organizes volunteers from around the world to travel to various countries where they dress as clowns to bring smiles, laughter and joy to orphans, hospital patients and others.

COMMENTS OVERHEARD AT "THE WEST LESS TRAVELED BIRTHDAY PARTY:"

"No matter how great a man is, the size of his funeral usually depends on the weather."—Rosemary Clooney

"All I can be is me, whoever that is."—Bob Dylan



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M. Scott Peck Rocky Road Less Traveled Freezer Pie

"What success I achieved in the theater is due to the fact that I have always worked just as hard when there were ten people in the house as when there were thousands."—Bill "Bojangles" Robinson

"Life is tough, pilgrim; it's even tougher if you're stupid."—John Wayne

"I never, in all my life, took any mean advantage of an enemy."—"Wild Bill" Hickok

"At the age of 18, I made up my mind to never have another bad day in my life. I dove into an endless sea of gratitude from which I've never emerged."—"Patch" Adams

"I'll keep working as long as I live because singing has taken on the feeling of joy that I had when I started, when my only responsibility was to sing well."—Rosemary Clooney

"No one is free, even the birds are chained to the sky."—Bob Dylan

"Everything is copacetic."—Bill "Bojangles" Robinson

"Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. Comes into us at midnight very clean. It's perfect when it arrives and it puts itself in our hands. It hopes we've learned something from yesterday."—John Wayne

"Harness mules and oxen, but give a horse a chance to run."—"Wild Bill" Hickok

"Humor is the antidote to all ills."—"Patch" Adams

"So you see, you can't do everything alone."—Rosemary Clooney

"Some people feel the rain, others just get wet."—Bob Dylan

"I'm living in a great big way."—Bill "Bojangles" Robinson

"The reason there are so many stupid people is because it's illegal to kill them."—John Wayne

"My restless, roaming spirit would not let me remain at home very long."—"Wild Bill" Hickok

"See what no one else sees. See what everyone chooses not to see—out of fear, conformity or laziness. See the whole world anew every day."—"Patch" Adams

"I'm the only instrument that's got the words, so I've got to get that across."—Rosemary Clooney

"An artist has got to be careful never really to arrive at a place where he thinks he's—someplace. You have to realize you're constantly in the state of becoming."—Bob Dylan

"It's all the way you look at it, you know."—Bill "Bojangles" Robinson

"TRUE courage is when you are scared to death and STILL saddle up and ride in!"—John Wayne

"Will you let me go to Hell the way I want to?"—"Wild Bill" Hickok

"The reason adults should look as though they are having fun is to give kids a reason to want to grow up."—"Patch" Adams

"I remember every week, Mitch Miller saying this rock-and-roll stuff will never last."—Rosemary Clooney

"Behind every beautiful thing, there's been some kind of pain."—Bob Dylan

"Very few of the so-called liberals are open-minded...They shoot you down and won't let you speak if you disagree with them."—John Wayne

"The most radical act anyone can commit is to be happy."—"Patch" Adams

"A man is a success if he gets up in the morning and gets to bed at night and in between he does what he wants to do."—Bob Dylan

PARTY MENU FOR "THE WEST LESS TRAVELED BIRTHDAY PARTY:"

APPETIZER—Rosemary Clooney "'A,' You're Adorable" Puff Pastry Pops (purewow.com)

SALAD/SOUP—"Patch" Adams Smiley Salad (allrecipes.com)

ENTRÉE—"Wild Bill" Hickok Bison Kabobs (cooking-buffalo.com)

SIDE DISH—John Wayne True Grilled Grits (thedailymeal.com)

BREAD—Bill "Bojangles" Robinson Copacetic Cornbread (foodnetwork.com)

BEVERAGE—The Bob Dylan Cocktail with Heaven's Door Bourbon (greenbriarrestaurant.com)

DESSERT—M. Scott Peck Rocky Road Less Traveled Freezer Pie (see below)

ONE TO GROW ON—Bob Dylan did not attend the Stockholm ceremony to receive his Nobel Prize in Literature; instead he mailed a letter of genuine gratitude. It's not a long, formal letter, but it is very much worth googling and reading. Dylan mentions that William Shakespeare was thinking of entertaining an audience when he created his comedies and tragedies; the bard was not thinking of writing literature.

Dylan says his dream was for his songs was that they be performed in coffeehouses and music halls. He expresses surprise and delight upon being recognized with the grandest prize in the art of literature.

The main entertainment for "The West Less Traveled Birthday Party" came from Rosemary Clooney singing a sweet medley of Bob Dylan's poetic songwriting and all joining her for a joyful sing-a-long of "Blowin' In The Wind." "The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind...the answer is blowin' in the wind."

Then, John Wayne offered a patriotic toast, "Sure, I wave the American flag. Do you know a better flag to wave? Sure, I love my country with all her faults. I'm not ashamed of that, never have been, never will be." And, "Wild Bill" Hickok replied to all the celebrants, "Pardners, we will meet again in the Happy Hunting Ground to part no more."

M. SCOTT PECK ROCKY ROAD LESS TRAVELED FREEZER PIE
(source: tasteofhome.com)

INGREDIENTS

- 1-1/2 cups half-and-half cream
- 1 package (3.9 ounces) instant chocolate pudding mix
- 1 carton (8 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1/3 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 1/3 cup miniature marshmallows
- 1/3 cup chopped pecans
- 1 graham cracker crust (9 inches)
- Miniature marshmallows, chopped pecans and chocolate sauce (optional top)

DIRECTIONS
In a large bowl, whisk cream and pudding mix for 2 minutes. Fold in whipped topping. Stir in chocolate chips, marshmallows and pecans. Transfer to pie crust. Freeze until firm, about 6 hours. Remove from freezer 10 minutes before serving.

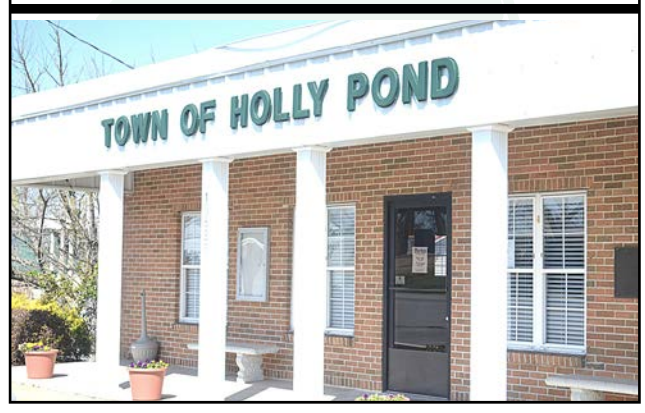


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EDITORIAL

Our personal trainer

Tanya Shearer
Contributor

"But when he, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth."
John 16:13 NIV

Personal trainers are a wonderful asset in a person's life. Almost everyone would love to have one. They work with individuals on a one-on-one basis to help them develop strong and physically healthy bodies. They teach, guide, observe and make corrections in a person's exercise routine to help them achieve their goals of wellness. However, most of all, they comfort and encourage their clients to take that extra step or do that extra 'rep' when they are tired or discouraged. Nevertheless, there is a price for this individual attention. Personal trainers are expensive, and not everyone is able to afford one.

Good News! Did you know that each of us, as Christians, have our own Personal Trainer? He is called the Holy Spirit. In Greek, he is known as the Paraclete, which means to "come alongside." When we decide to follow Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, a wonderful thing happens in Heaven. We are suddenly justified by faith in Christ. From that moment on, God, the Father, no longer sees us covered by our sins, but covered by the righteousness of Christ. This righteousness isn't conveyed to us by anything we have earned or accomplished. It is only through His sacrifice alone that we are redeemed.

Simultaneously, God sends us the gift of the Holy Spirit to dwell in us. This is the beginning of the training of our spiritual bodies; our sanctification process. Our Personal Trainer, the Holy Spirit, comes alongside us to teach, train, comfort and encourage us in our preparation for Heaven. Because we can never be perfect while we inhabit these earthly bodies, the Holy Spirit teaches us self-discipline. He encourages us to walk in obedience and alerts us to areas in our lives that need correction. He is concerned with the development of our spiritual character so that we will become stronger and more Christ-like each day. In addition, one of the best things about our Personal Trainer is that He will be with us for the rest of our lives to guide and protect us. Jesus has already paid the price in advance!

This is the perfect time to pray, read, study our Bibles, and learn to recognize the voice of our Personal trainer, the Spirit of Truth.



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Moxie (from Front)

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

Moxie is a 1.5-year-old plott hound mix. She's a laid-back, low-to-medium energy pet who's skilled on her leash.

She craves human companionship and would like nothing better than to come into the room where you are and fall asleep on the floor by your feet, while still demonstrating respect for personal space.

Ruttkay calls her "an unassuming and trusting girl who stays real close to you."

Moxie has the makings of a good therapy, companion or reading dog.

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

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

CCPS (from Front)

Trent Moore
CCS

CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman City Primary School won the prestigious Dr. Louisa Moats Award earlier this year and celebrated that honor on Friday with a visit from Alabama State Dept. of Education Superintendent Dr. Eric Mackey and a delegation of state officials.

Cullman City Primary School was named the 2021 grand prize winner of the national Dr. Louisa Moats Award. The award recognizes excellence in implementing the science of reading, as well as the Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling professional learning. CCPS beat out five other finalists and was selected from a total pool of 26 schools from across the nation.

"Of the 50,000 schools in the United States, do you know how many schools got one of these? Just one," Mackey told a group of students at the celebration, while holding up the award. "Just one school in the whole country was designated as the No. 1 school and received the Dr. Louisa Moats Award for excellence in implementing the science of reading. You are doing amazing things and other schools all across the country are taking note of it."

Mackey went on to thank the teachers, principals, superintendent, school board, local and state officials and local families for working together to make the success possible.

"It takes all those people working together to win awards like this," Mackey said.

Cullman City Primary School Principal Tricia Culpepper noted the teachers at the school have worked incredibly hard to implement the reading curriculum, and they've seen those efforts pay off with 93 percent of CCPS kindergartners and first graders reaching or exceeding the state reading benchmark.

"They accomplished all this, even though we had our COVID restrictions in place," Culpepper said.

"But we did not let that stop us from making sure our children are prepared. We want our students to be lifelong readers and lifelong learners, and we hope we have put that path in front of them."

Alabama Sen. Garlan Gudger added: "As a product of Cullman City Schools, it's amazing to see what I was learning in kindergarten versus what these students today are learning in kindergarten," he said.

"It has a lot to do with the teachers, administration, superintendent, state superintendent and school board here today."

Officials say the LETRS curriculum and training CCPS has been doing in recent years has been transformative in the school's approach to teaching the science of reading and has helped create a new foundation for the future. To that end, CCPS is quickly becoming a model school to showcase the success of how well the curriculum can work when implemented.

Cullman City Schools has more than 3,000 students and encompasses Cullman High School (Grades 9-12), Cullman Middle School (Grades 7-8), East Elementary School (Grades 2-6), West Elementary School (Grades 2-6), and Cullman City Primary School (Grades K-1). Cullman City Schools also hosts the Cullman City Head Start Program. Cullman City Schools consistently ranks as one of the top school systems in College ACT scores in the state of Alabama.

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Obituary Announcements: May 21

Alio Turney, 78, of Hanceville
Alio Turney, age 78, of Hanceville, Alabama passed away on Thursday, May 20, 2021. Alio was born January 13, 1943 in Cullman, Alabama. Alio is survived by son: Timothy (Lorie) Turney; daughters: Gina (Jeff) Bishop, Angela (Robert) Kleinschmidt; grandchildren: Emily (Jordan) Troutman, Hannah Winton, Zack (Faith) Turney, Ginny Carroll; great-grandchildren: Annalise, Andrew, Austin Troutman, Torrin, Elennor Winton and sisters: Faye Turney Brown, Genny Turney Williams and Margene Wilhelm. Alio was preceded in death by his wife: Evelyn Chambers Turney; parents: Elmer and Ruthie Burns Turney; siblings: Alberta, Leedale, Evon, Scotty and Joe. A celebration of life visitation for Alio will be held Sunday, May 23, 2021 from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 2nd Avenue, N.W., Cullman, Alabama 35055. A celebration of life funeral service will occur at 11 a.m. in the chapel on Monday, May 24, 2021, with interment to follow at Etha Baptist Cemetery. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Turney family.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Billy Bob's carpenter bees for sale

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



I haven't told you a tall-tale about my alter ego, Billy Bob, in quite some time. Part of this is probably due to Billy Bob being mostly out of commission during the Coronavirus shut down. Now that things are getting better, ole Billy Bob is back out and about.

Late one afternoon, while Billy Bob was relaxing on his back porch with a hot cup of coffee, he noticed an unusual sight. Underneath the railing around his porch, he saw two-or-three small-piles of sawdust. When he looked up to find where the sawdust might have come from, he found a perfectly drilled hole, about the size of his pinky finger, above each pile. He first suspected his double-first cousin, Booger Ray Bohannon, had slipped over there and drilled the holes just to aggravate him. You see, Billy Bob loves to do woodwork, but he didn't have a drill press. He had been using a hand-held drill for making holes, because he was too cheap to buy the more expensive drill press. Booger Ray had laughed at his cousin and called him a tightwad. Billy Bob thought the holes in his porch were simply another way for Booger Ray to harass him. But then, much to his surprise, Billy Bob saw what he thought was a big bumble bee fly right into one of those holes.

Then the bee came back out, flew right up in ole Billy Bob's face, and flitted back and forth. Billy Bob braced himself for a sting, but it never happened and the bee flew away.

Later that week, Billy Bob visited Trade Day, up in Collinsville, Alabama. There he saw the weirdest little bird houses he had ever seen. When he inquired, the seller told him they were not bird houses but carpenter-bee traps. They had small wooden boxes with bored holes about ¼ inch in diameter on each side. Below those boxes hung a pint-sized Mason jar. The bees check in through the holes, drop down into the jar, and then can't find their way out. Billy Bob thought, "That's kind of the same thing Booger Ray and his family does when they come to my house to visit."

Billy Bob learned that his boring visitors (the bees - not Booger Ray) were not bumble bees but carpenter bees. Then a most unusual thing happened...Billy Bob had a brilliant idea. Since he couldn't afford a drill press for his woodshop, and since those carpenter bees drill perfectly shaped straight holes, he wondered if he could train those bees to bore holes where he needed them. He started building bee traps to sell. He advertised them as live, wood-boring drill presses!

The only problem with this is that all the holes were approximately the same size. Since woodworkers often need different sized holes drilled, Ole Billy Bob had the bright idea of putting up some captured bees and feeding them for a while to fatten them up. He thought this would enable them to drill larger holes. You should have seen him trying to measure the back side of those bees... without getting stung.

What Billy Bob didn't realize is that not all carpenter bees sting. They do drill holes in our exposed wood, but normally not so many as to cause structural damage. Those big-bad ones that fly in your face are males, but they are simply trying to intimidate us. They can't sting, because only the females have stingers and they normally don't sting. Most carpenter bees are harmless. The Apostle Paul said death for the Christian is like that. It has no stinger! (I Corinthians 15:55)

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: 1954

From The Files Of 1954

Mrs. Cecil Looney, of Geraldine, was the guest last week of Mrs. Lois Weeks. Mrs. Weeks returned home with her for several days.

Mrs. Jimmy Duren, of Birmingham, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. James E. Nail and Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Duren.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Owens, of Rossville, Georgia, were the guests this weekend of Mr. and Mrs. Genhard Boerner, who were enroute to their home in Jacksonville, Florida, were the weekend guests of Reverend and Mrs. Roscoe Wilhite.

Hulaco Activities

The Ryan P.T.A. met on Monday night. John Julian was elected president, replacing Mrs. Kathleen Allford, who served last year. The first vice-president is Whitney Earwood, the second vice-president is Ray Burden, the secretary is Quinton Wright and treasurer is Mrs. Earlene Write.

The P.T.A. gave Mrs. Cleo Blackwood the Home Economics Teacher $25 to buy supplies for the Home Economics room. The project for this year is improvement in elementary classrooms. Every parent is urged to be present for the next P.T.A. meeting, which will be on October 5.

The two new teachers this year are Mr. Howell and Lester Ralph. Lester has taught and coached before at Ryan High School.

Mrs. "Shag" Butler (Pat Latham) is ill in the Arab Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Nesmith visited relatives at Athens on Monday.

Jo Grace entered Childhaven on Monday. She has spent several days with the Donald Graces.

Picnicking at the Port of Pines, on Labor Day were the James Wright family, the D. H. Grace family, Mrs. Carolyn Wright, Miss Jo Grace and the Theo Wright family from Birmingham, who spent the weekend with his parents. The Robert Wright family from Guntersville visited relatives here on Sunday.

Bennie Ralph, from California, surprised his mother, Mrs. Anna Ralph on Friday about 9 p.m., when he arrived home unexpectedly and then announced he had a job at Huntsville and had come to stay. Ben has been in California for several years.

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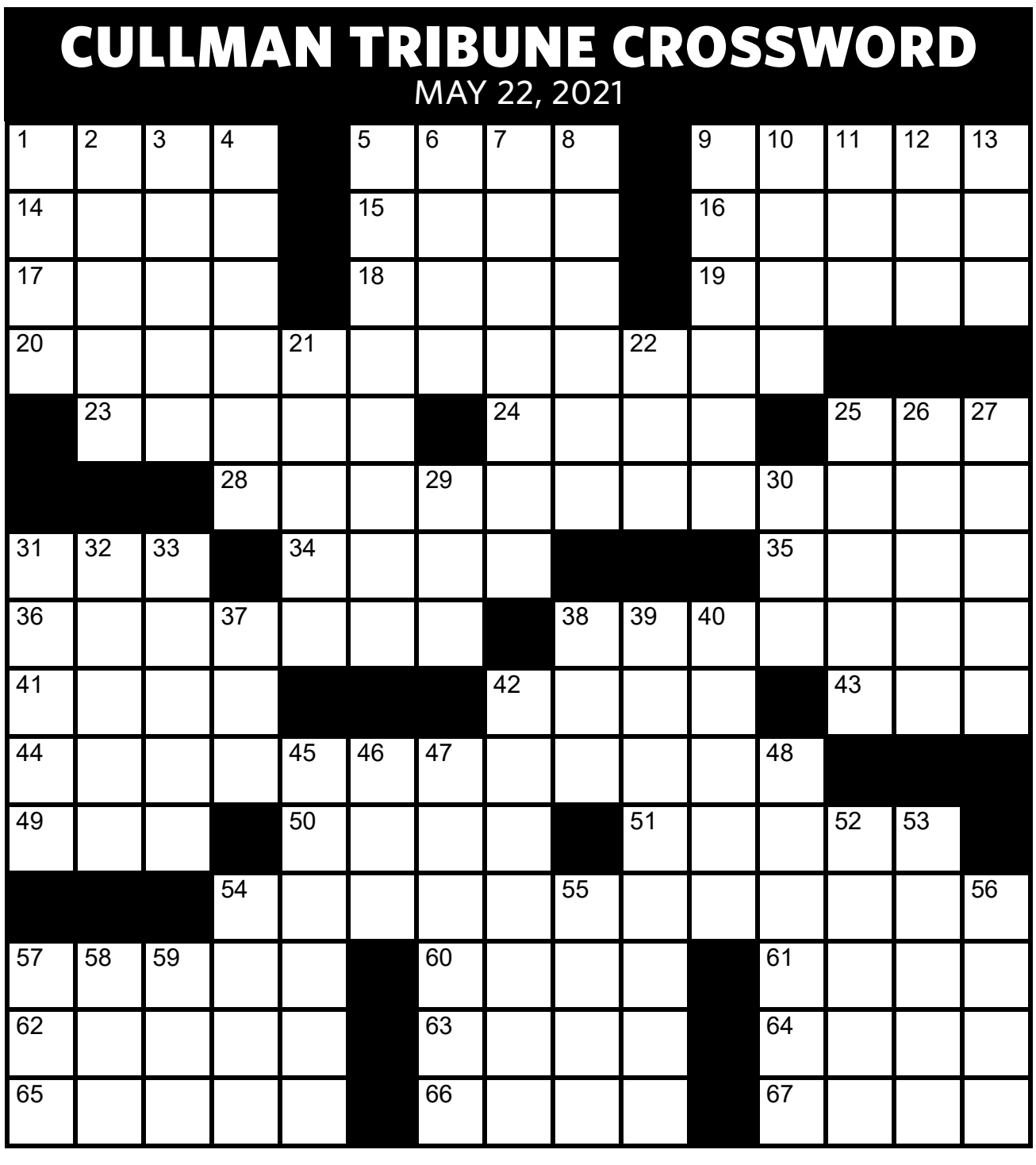
Kindness to Animals | *By: Anonymous*

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Pain to things that feel and live:
Let the gentle robin come
For the crumbs you save at home,—
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He'll repay you with a song;
Never hurt the timid hare
Peeping from her green grass lair,
Let her come and sport and play
On the lawn at close of day;
The little lark goes soaring high.
To the bright windows of the sky,
Singing as if 'twere always spring,
And fluttering on an untired wing,—
Oh! let him sing his happy song,
Nor do these gentle creatures wrong.



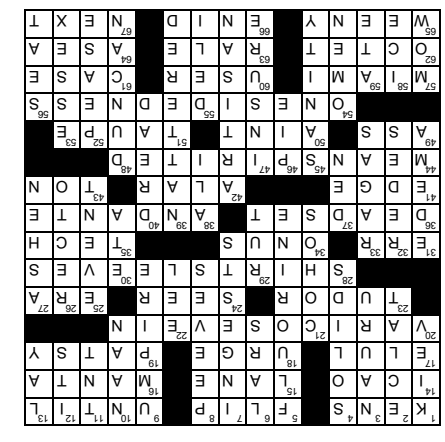
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ACROSS
1. Some male dolls
5. Gymnast's feat
9. Sammy Kaye's "___ Tomorrow"
14. _____ Council
15. Channel
16. Kind of ray
17. "the month of ___"
18. Advocate
19. Easy mark
20. Swollen, twisted veins that lie just under the skin
23. Elizabeth I was the last one
24. Merlin, e.g.
25. Victorian, for one
28. T-shirt without arms
31. "To ___ is human ..."
34. ___ probandi
35. "Rambling Wreck From Georgia ___"
36. Fixed
38. Performed at a moderately slow tempo
41. Halftime lead, e.g.
42. Apple spray
43. Elephant's weight, maybe
44. "She's always been _____"
49. Balaam's mount
50. "___ it the truth!"
51. Brownish gray
54. What most believe news sources are
57. Algonquian tribe member
60. ___-friendly
61. Beer buy
62. Santa's reindeer, e.g.
63. Crackling sound made in the lungs
64. Fishing, perhaps
65. Pipsqueak
66. "Idylls of the King" character
67. Barbershop call

DOWN
1. Capital on the Dnieper
2. Acclaim
3. Republic of _____
4. Not a liquids nor gases
5. Chemical element with the symbol F
6. 1968 Chemistry Nobelist Onsager
7. Take into the body by swallowing
8. "He really _____ me to no end!"
9. Strike caller
10. Indian bread
11. Atlanta-based station
12. "___ alive!"
13. Ballad
21. a deep-bodied North Pacific salmon with small black spots
22. Moray, e.g.
25. Javelin, e.g.
26. Odd-numbered page
27. Bloodless
29. Same old, same old
30. In-flight info, for short
31. Swelling
32. 1936 Mexican film about a fishing community
33. Indian melodies
37. Animal house
38. "Aladdin" prince
39. talk casually, especially about unimportant matters
40. Apprehension
42. _____ breads
45. Marbles, so to speak
46. Pandowdy, e.g.
47. Have covered
48. Classic yo-yo maker
52. Porridge ingredient
53. Antique auto
54. Black cat, maybe
55. Kosher ___
56. Accommodate
57. Shorten, in a way
58. "Rocks"
59. Absorbed, as a cost



EDITORIAL: Education dedicated to community

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The city and county schools always do an amazing job at taking care of Cullman's students and with summer just around the corner, they don't plan to slow down. This summer, both the City and County Schools are implementing a Summer Feeding Program.

Here in the City, the program begins June 8 and continues through August 3, exempting the week of July 4. Meals will be provided for students under the age of 18 at no cost. There are plans in the works to implement the use of drive-thru pickups from both West Elementary and Cullman High School, which will be open from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. each day.

As for the County, every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., there will be weekly meal pickups for all students across the county.

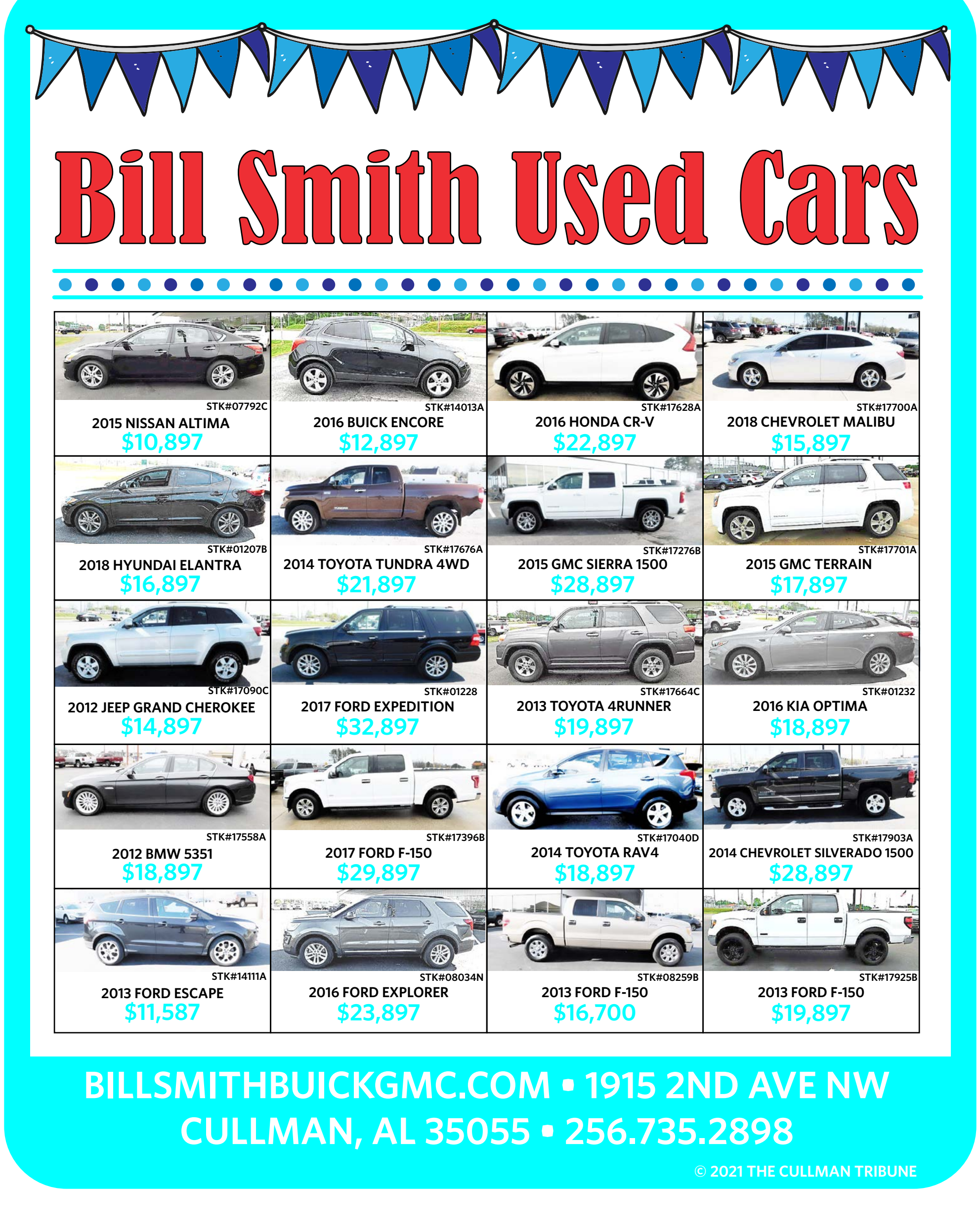
With so much ground to cover and so many mouths to feed, they have decided to host these pickups at Fairview, Vinemont and West Point High Schools. Their weekly pickups will be on the Wednesdays of the 16, 23 and 30. Throughout summer break, children may go home to less fortunate situations than most, in which it may be harder for their parents to provide well-rounded meals. Thankfully, the Summer Feeding Program will be able to combat these circumstances and give every child a chance to go to bed with full stomachs.

With school disrupted, jobs being laid off and all routines renewed, drive-thru pickups have become a frequently used and largely helpful contribution to how our day-to-day lives have changed. There are always new improvements to be made, especially for the betterment of our community and for our children.

Kids always deserved the right to get to be kids. Childhood is so fleetingly short and the "grown up world" is never quite what you expect it to be. In some hard cases, children are left wondering where their next meal may come from. Summertime is for sweet tea, swimming and good memories. Thank you, Cullman City and County Schools for letting our kids be kids!







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