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LOCAL CHARITIES

Cullman Caring for Kids faces food supply shortfalls as summer approaches

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman Caring for Kids, a child abuse prevention agency best known around the area for its food bank, is about to enter one of its busiest times of the year as kids come home from school for the summer. As he looks toward a period of increasing demand for its food resources, CCK Director Javon Daniel revealed that his regular sources of supply, like the North Alabama Food Bank, are not currently able to provide the amounts of food they have in the past.

Daniel told The Tribune, "We always have an increased need » PAGE 8



CCK

CCK's new Mobile Food Bank gets more food to more people, but places increasing strain on the agency's supply.

SPECIAL EDITION

Good Hope graduation ceremony pictures inside

– LOCAL GOVERNMENT –

Colony Council meeting canceled after two members walk out



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Colony's brief meeting opened with multiple council members' seats empty Tuesday afternoon.

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COLONY, Ala. – The Colony Town Council on Tuesday afternoon cut its proceedings short after members Ethel Alexander and Samuel Ashford walked out ahead of the pre-meeting work session, leaving the council unable to conduct business without a quorum. Alexander, Ashford and former member Eric Carwell--who resigned at the last council meeting--had often been pitted against Mayor Curtis Johnson and Councilwomen Mary Parker and Jasmine Cole since the new council was seated last November.

With Carwell's departure, Alexander and Ashford could no longer balance votes by the other three members.

The early exit of Alexander and Ashford came after Alexander read a handwritten document distributed to the council by Birmingham attorney Louis Willie, who was at the meeting and was the subject of debate last November after he came to a council meeting at Mayor Johnson's request to support Johnson's call for the dismissal of then Town Clerk Patricia Ponder.

Ponder was not dismissed at that time, though she was dismissed in April, after which the council rescinded her dismissal in early May over questions about the wording of her dismissal.

She did not return to work. Gwendolyn Purifoy and Margaret Dimbo were approved in a special meeting April 29 to fill the Clerk's position on a volunteer basis until a regular clerk can be appointed.

Willie's note was a fairly standard job description for a municipal attorney, with a proposed fee schedule:

City Attorney
1. Attend each regularly scheduled meeting

2. Provide input as needed during each » PAGE 2

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Cullman City Council commits $6 million to school system capital projects


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Members of Cullman High School's choir entertained the council and audience at Monday's meeting. » PAGE 2

CULTURE

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HEALTH

LifeSouth to host Cullman City versus Cullman County annual blood drive » PAGE 4

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'Brother Joseph, Brother Joseph!' coming this Sunday

Interactive children's musical shares Ave Maria Grotto builder's story » PAGE 4

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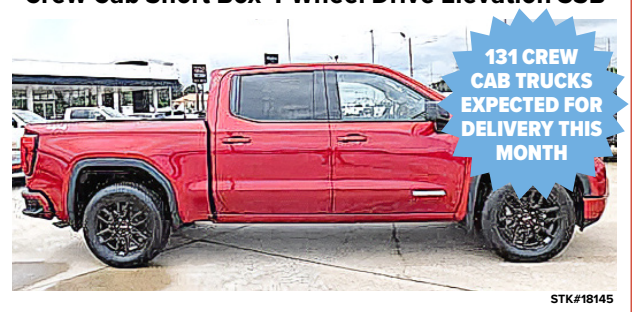
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Colony (from Front)

meeting

3. Respond to the Mayor and each Council Person with opinions or research on issues facing the Township

4. Draft letters, ordinances, etc. for the Township, or review documents prepared by others

5. Review or draft contracts for business dealings of the Township

6. Review terms of any grant to insure compliance

The fee for the above is a monthly payment of $600.00

Involvement in any litigation, or the supervision of outside counsel, will incur additional fees.

The hiring of an attorney was not on the meeting agenda, which did include:

• Renewal of the town's insurance through the Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation, in the amount of $13,866 to be paid in $4,400.80 payments over the next three months

• A resolution to change the council work session start time

Cole announced that she is planning to hold "Colony Day" Aug. 7. The event is still in planning, but she said that families will be invited to bring their tents and grills for a picnic.

The Colony Town Council meets at 5 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at Colony Town Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Festival (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – A fun day is planned this Saturday in downtown Hanceville as they celebrate one of the most beloved comfort foods--grilled cheese! The inaugural Grilled Cheese Festival is being organized by Hanceville's downtown merchants and the unique festival plans on having activities for the entire family to enjoy. The festival will be open from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The Grilled Cheese Festival kicks off at 10 a.m. with live music, vendors, food trucks, kids' activities and of course, great shopping in Hanceville's historic downtown. Valerie Hitt, owner of Trinkets & Traditions, has been busy helping to organize the festival, including the Grilled Cheese Cook-Off.

She said, "We already have our six contestants. We just have six this year. Depending on how this festival goes, if we have another festival next year, we may try to add more.

"We wanted this year, being our first one, to try and keep it local."

Mr. Jimmy Collins, Councilmember Patty Dean and four others will be vying for the best grilled cheese chef. Three local judges will have the tough job of deciding who will take the title. The cook-off will take place from noon - 1 p.m.

There will be live music throughout the day with country artist Kyle Smith starting things off from 10 a.m. – noon Stone Floor Theory will bring some rock to the festival from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m., followed by Abigail Oldson-Swift.

Two cornhole tournaments, social and competitive entry, will be held in the grassy area on Bangor Avenue. Registration for cornhole is between 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Around 40 vendors are registered to attend, with jewelry, wood crafts, signs, wreaths and more.

The local restaurants will be open and several food trucks and vendors (many selling grilled cheese options) are also scheduled to be set-up, as well as a few options for cool, sweet treats including Cha Cha's shaved ice and fresh lemonade.

Other activities include mobile arcade, inflatables for the kids, free face painting and more. Grilled Cheese Festival T-shirts will also be sold.

The Grilled Cheese Festival is an effort to attract people to the area and discover the great local shops in and around downtown Hanceville.

Hitt said, "These festivals help us a lot and it's trying to get people some exposure to the businesses down here. We are just trying to get the word out for people to know that there are still great businesses down here."

Cullman (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman City Council on Monday evening approved a resolution "to authorize the Mayor to enter into a funding agreement with the Cullman City Board of Education for its system-wide 'Capital Improvement Plan,'" committing $6 million to be paid in monthly installments over the next 10 years, starting in 2022.

According to the resolution, the city board "has determined to acquire, construct and equip various public-school capital improvements" at each of the system's five schools through a capital improvement plan estimated in the resolution at $20 million.

Council President Jenny Folsom told representatives of the city school board in attendance, "I think that we've been working very diligently with all of you for the capital improvement, and it's going to be a great step forward for many years to come within the school system for all of our schools."

Airport improvements
The council passed a resolution "to condemn avigation (aviation navigation) easements for flight safety at the Cullman Regional Airport in Vinemont."

The action, invoked under eminent domain, will not result in the removal of any land from private owners, but will allow the city to trim trees on properties along the airport's runway approach, to bring those approaches into compliance with FAA regulations.

The council also approved a resolution to award a bid to Trinity Electrical Services, Inc. to replace the Automated Weather Observing System at the airport in the amount of $218,600.

The system provides continuous reporting of multiple weather conditions, including temperature, barometric pressure, wind speed and direction, precipitation and more. The Trinity bid beat out a $281,185 bid from Southeast Site Services, LLC.

Education property taxes renewed
The council approved resolution 2021-97 to confirm the levying of property taxes for the Cullman City Board of Education. The vote did not create new taxes, but renewed existing taxes as follows:

• "5 mills on all taxable property in the City of Cullman . . . to pay any general obligations incurred by the City of Cullman"

• "3 mills on all taxable property in the City of Cullman . . . for educational purposes"

• "7½ mills on all taxable property in the City of Cullman . . . for general school purposes"

Other council business
The council approved a 10-year tax abatement for Aegis Fence Company which is making a capital investment of $1,390,000 in a new facility in downtown Cullman.

The council voted to rezone a 10.6 acre parcel of land located on County Road 703 in the city from R-1 residential district to R-2 residential district.

According to the developer, Minuteman Construction, the site will house a subdivision of homes in a price range over $300,000.

The council authorized an Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant application for handicapped accessible sidewalks along Arnold Street Northeast from 1st Avenue to 2nd Avenue, along 2nd Avenue to Clark Street and along Clark Street to 1st Avenue Northeast.

The Cullman City Council meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month in the Cullman City Hall auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

LEGALS

PB MIN BK 196 PG 646 - 05/18/2021 09:22 AM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
ELSIE PHILLIPS,) CASE NO PC2021-145
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP

TO: ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTEREST PARTIES

Please take notice that a hearing on the Petition for Letters of Guardianship, filed by Diane L. Dunning, Attorney for Kemberly Patty, Petitioner, is set for hearing on the **16th day of June, 2021, at 10:00 A.M.**, Before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

Done this the 18th day of May, 2020.

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

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF K.N.W.
A minor child. CASE NO.: AD2021-025
D.O.B. 01/22/2010

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: TIMOTHY JAMES WHITE, BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF A MINOR CHILD BORN TO KELLI SUMMERS

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

DONE THIS 18th DAY OF May, 2021.

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

Jerry L. Kilgo
Attorney for Petitioner
105 1st Avenue NE
Suite G
Cullman, AL 35055

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Tuesday, May 25, 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: 417,001 (+193 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in Alabama: 125,561 (+113 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama: 8,765 (+33 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in Alabama: 2,359
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,642 (+16 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 3,181 (+4 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 134 (+0 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 63
• Total tested in Cullman Co.: 42,182
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 2,628
• Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 67
• Total tested in Alabama: 2,600,239
• Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 3,002
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 155,464
• Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 276
• Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama (reported M-F): 49,778
• Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 509,800

Vaccine details (updated Monday-Friday)
• Doses delivered to Alabama: no update available
• Doses delivered to Alabama providers: no update available
• Doses administered: no update available
• Number of people receiving one or more doses: no update available
• Number of people who have completed vaccine series: no update available
• Doses delivered to federal programs: no update available

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

Celebrate Memorial Day safely
As we honor the men and women who have given their lives for this country, respect your fellow citizens by doing your part to protect them by getting vaccinated. With Memorial Day weekend approaching, families and friends may be gathering to celebrate with cookouts, picnics and trips to the lake or beach. After the Memorial Day holiday in 2020, an increase in COVID-19 cases followed. Everyone needs to be responsible and help prevent a resurgence of COVID-19 infections in 2021. Fully vaccinated people can now resume activities without wearing a mask or social distancing. At this time when COVID-19 case numbers are lower and vaccine availability is widespread, unvaccinated people who are hesitant should take this opportunity get vaccinated. The Pfizer vaccine is now available for everyone age 12 and up, and the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are available for adults ages 18 and older through approximately 1,400 vaccine providers in the state. Celebrations are safer with fully vaccinated people. Please protect yourself and others as we enter the summer season. Remember, what you do affects others, and our nation will be stronger with more people vaccinated.

FEMA community vaccination center updated dates of operation
The drive-thru FEMA Community Vaccination Center located at Watermark Place (4500 Katies Way) in Bessemer will no longer be open on Sundays. The site will also be closed May 30 and 31 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. The site will continue to provide vaccinations to citizens six 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. No appointment required, no ID required, and no insurance required.

COVID-19 dashboards no longer updating on weekends / K-12 dashboard suspended
Alabama's COVID-19 Dashboards will no longer update on weekends. The information will continue to be updated Monday through Friday. The K-12 dashboard will be suspended and re-evaluated in the fall once school resumes. Dashboards including vaccine distribution, vaccine clinics, risk indicator and data and surveillance can be accessed via the COVID-19 Dashboard Hub located here: arcg.is/0brSGj

COVID-19 vaccine data for persons 12-15 years of age
Children 12 years and older are now eligible to get vaccinated against COVID-19. Since May 10, 6,460 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.

Myocarditis and vaccine safety monitoring
Myocarditis (inflammation of the heart muscle) can occur in persons, including children and adolescents, from viral infections, including SARS-CoV-2 disease. Myocarditis can specifically occur in a condition known as Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C). As part of vaccine safety monitoring, a small number of adolescents and young adults have had myocarditis after receiving an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine. At this time, it is unclear whether the vaccine is linked to myocarditis. However, given the emphasis on safety for all vaccines, including COVID-19 vaccine, members of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) COVID-19 Vaccine Safety Technical Work Group wanted information on any potential for myocarditis post vaccine to be communicated to providers. Dr. Yvonne Maldonado, chair of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Committee on Infectious Diseases, stated, "We look forward to seeing more data about these cases so we can better understand if they are related to the vaccine or if they are coincidental. Meanwhile, it's important for pediatricians and other clinicians to report any health concerns that arise after vaccination to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System so we can systematically track and analyze them, and determine if they signal a real concern." VAERS can be accessed here: https://vaers.hhs.gov/. ADPH continues to recommend COVID-19 vaccine for age-eligible persons. No cases of myocarditis in adolescents and young adults have been reported in Alabama at this time. ADPH places priority on vaccine safety and continues to monitor.

Persons who previously had COVID-19 should not identify as being vaccinated
Persons who have previously had COVID-19 should not identify as being vaccinated if they have not received a COVID-19 vaccination. There is increasing scientific evidence in peer-reviewed scientific literature that shows that some persons with confirmed COVID-19 may develop a very weak immune response, or none at all. Increasing evidence shows that those who do develop a response from being infected are showing decreasing immunity. Repeat infections in persons previously infected are being seen both in Alabama and nationally. Previous COVID-19 infection cannot be equated to vaccination.

Updated Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine storage guidelines
Based on a review of recent data submitted by Pfizer, Inc., the U.S. Food and Drug Administration authorized undiluted, thawed Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine vials to be stored in the refrigerator at 2°C to 8°C (35°F to 46°F) for up to one month. This is a change from previous guidance which stated that thawed, undiluted vaccine vials could be stored in the refrigerator for up to five days. A fact sheet for health care providers administering vaccine with more information is available here: www.fda.gov/media/144413/download?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported May 25

Cullman Tribune Staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported May 25, 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 24

- first-degree theft of property; person; White Cir. SW; '15 Hyundai Sonata; $10,000
- fourth-degree theft of property; person; Logan St. SW; clothing; $100
- third-degree domestic violence-harassment; second-degree assault; person; Elm Dr. SE/3rdAve. SE
- third-degree domestic violence harassment; 4th Ave. SE; person
- domestic violence; person; McNabb Rd. SW/4th St. SW
- harassment; person; Scott St. NW

ARRESTS

May 24

Thomas, Tammy W.; 50
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- driving without license

Sherman, Jason J.; 35
- first-degree theft of property

Shine, Tara M.; 28
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Shaddrix, Dekota B.; 21
- third-degree domestic violence-harassment
- resisting arrest
- second-degree assault
- disorderly conduct

Graves, Candace A.; 34
- third-degree domestic violence

Brown, David O.; 34
- domestic violence

McKenzie, Theresa A.; 25
- public intoxication

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.
• 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.

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
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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

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.

Cullman County Republican Women's Meeting
• June 8 - The Cullman County Republican Women's Meeting will be held on June 8 at 6 p.m. at the VFW building located at 112 Veterans Dr SW Cullman AL 35055. The guest speaker will be Greg Cook, General Counsel to ALGOP, who is running for the Alabama Supreme Court. A light meal will be provided.
• The public is encouraged to attend.

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, 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 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 Aug. 31. Tuesday-Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Vacation Bible School Events
• Mount Nebo Baptist Church
• June 7 – 11
• Vacation Bible School will be held at Mount Nebo Baptist Church (11 County Road 1273), June 7-11, 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. The theme is Concrete and Cranes.

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EDITORIAL: I'm not pregnant and yes, I am sure

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One of the most awkward interactions that a person can experience is when an unsuspecting woman is asked if she is pregnant or when she is due. I thought by now that everybody just knew that pregnancy is not a subject to mention unless the expectant mother says something first. I was very wrong.

As many can probably relate, as a woman approaches 50, LOTS of things begin to change. For me, it's the dreaded stress belly complicated with the reemergence of an umbilical hernia. Add in my discovery of the Russell Stover outlet in Athens and well, I've put on a few pounds. Unfortunately for me, like a kangaroo, everything likes to hang out in my belly region.

The first time I was approached with the baby question and I clarified that I was not pregnant, the person clapped back with "Are you sure?" Umm, yeah, I'm pretty darn sure. I've never, in a million years, expected somebody to actually double down, yet there we were in an awkward debate. For me, being socially awkward only makes these encounters worse. I was recently faced with another inquiry about "my baby" at one of my favorite businesses and in a panic, not to hurt the OTHER person's feelings, I idiotically just rolled with it. I stopped visiting the business all together for several months due to the humiliation. The first time I gained the courage to go back, they immediately asked me how the baby was doing. Silver lining- they thought I had had the baby at that point. These are just two examples of the many times I have been asked about my belly recently and I must say, I am stunned at how many women still bring up this taboo topic. I used to laugh about it, but it has become so frequent that I have developed a complex. It has caused me to give up sodas and eating potatoes, which I needed to do, but it has made me constantly aware of how I look, what I am wearing and where I dare go. It has consumed my thoughts.

I am engaged to be married and my poor fiancé has to deal with bizarre congratulations and the fallout as we walk away from these situations. Bless his heart, he tries to make me feel better by pointing out that at least they think I am still young enough to have a baby. I suppose that could be the optimist's view, but I'm no optimist. The most intriguing part of the "when are you due?" phenomenon is not one time has it been a man who has asked. Come on gals! Even the guys know better than to go there, so why are you? We should all recognize this huge social blunder. Pregnancy is personal and we shouldn't bring it up at all unless the person who is actually pregnant chooses to do so.

Next time you find yourself curious about another person's belly, distract yourself or say, "You know what? We don't talk about these things."

Musical (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Ave Maria Grotto at St. Bernard Abbey has earned its place as one of the top must-see tourist destinations in Alabama, but this Sunday, it will offer a little something more as local artists Ben South and Donna Drake hold the public premier of the children's musical "Brother Joseph, Brother Joseph" in the Grotto park. The interactive show, which pairs new lyrics with familiar tunes ("Frère Jaques, Frère Jaques . . ." becomes "Brother Joseph, Brother Joseph . . ." for instance), invites kids to join in the fun while learning the story of the German monk who built the Grotto.

South told The Tribune, "Brother Joseph's story: he lived a real-life fairy tale; you've heard that said before.

"He's sent to America when he's 14 years old, never sees his family again, never goes back to Europe and Germany again, he almost drowns at one point, he breaks his back building the belfry at St. Bernard Monastery; you know, all those things that happened, like overcoming obstacles.

"And I think that's one of the basic messages of the musical is that we all, with creative thinking, we can overcome anything or most anything.

"You see him living through all of these challenges, but then the happy-ever-after part of his real-life fairy tale is that he reaches 30 to 50 thousand people a year that visit the Grotto."

South said that the presentation is geared toward children ages 3-10 though, though of course, everyone is welcome.

In addition to Bro. Joseph's story, kids will also have the opportunity to work on learning their colors and maybe pick up a few new tidbits of knowledge.

Kids teaching kids

The show features 15-year-old Arianna Randall and 11-year-old Lucienne Randall. Arianna, a concert pianist, and Lucienne, a ballerina at the Brooke Desoès Ballet Academy, are the children of St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church Associate Pastor Nate Randall and his wife Lauren Randall.

Following a private performance last week to work out the bugs, South said, "They did a terrific job! They engaged the audience nicely."

Ora et Labora for a new generation

The show, set and performed in the Benedictine monastery where Bro. Joseph lived, takes the religious order's motto Ora et Labora, "Prayer and Work," and translates it, not from Latin to English, but from monastic tradition to modern kid. Said South, "It's a rap song, so it's the first time, I think, for there to be a Benedictine rap! But it really worked with the kids."

See Bro. Joseph's studio!

"Brother Joseph, Brother Joseph" is fairly brief, about 30 minutes, so visitors will have plenty of time to tour the Grotto park and enjoy the experience of an afternoon at St. Bernard. On this particular Sunday, they will also have an opportunity to visit Bro. Joseph's actual studio and workshop where he designed and built the pieces displayed in the Grotto park.

The workspace, under renovation by South and Drake, will be opened briefly to visitors following the performance. Grotto Manager Roger Steele told The Tribune, "The Grotto staff is always looking for unique ways to show Bro. Joseph's amazing creativity to people of all ages. When Ben approached us about performing a children's musical about Bro. Joseph's life and art, we were so excited to help bring his vision to life right here on the grounds of the Grotto."

At a glance

- "Brother Joseph, Brother Joseph" children's interactive musical
- Sunday, May 30, 2021 at 2 p.m.
- Ave Maria Grotto at St. Bernard Abbey, 1600 St. Bernard Dr. in Cullman
- Tickets $4, available at the Grotto gift shop
- Bro. Joseph's studio will be open to visitors following the performance.

Drive (from Front)

M. Kami May
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – LifeSouth Community Blood Centers will host the Annual Cullman City vs Cullman County Blood Drive June 4 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Kami May, LifeSouth's District Community Development Coordinator said this event is not only fun, but it is also important to the blood supply for Cullman Regional Medical Center.

She says LifeSouth provides 100% of the hospital's blood products.

"The need for blood products does not go away when the summer months arrive.

"That is why it is so important for donors to come out for this event to save local Cullman lives and get some awesome, free giveaways too," May said.

A few featured giveaway items include coupons to Papa Murphy's Pizza and Lawler's BBQ. Donors will also receive a custom Cullman City versus Cullman County T-shirt and a hot Cattleman's Association steak sandwich.

Darla West, Cullman County chief clerk for the Revenue Commissioner and co-chair for the upcoming blood drive, has never taken part in this event, but says she is counting down the days.

"I am looking forward to that competitive spirit that drives our County and City donors, and the steak sandwich donated by the Cullman Cattleman's Association is a fun way to celebrate the day," West said.

The Honorable Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs is a longtime supporter of this blood drive and enjoys when the numbers from both sides start to rise.

"My favorite part of the day is seeing the final results," Mayor Jacobs said.

"It's always fun to find out whether the City or the County will be the "winner" each year, but the truly satisfying part is learning the total number of blood donations, because each of those donations can save up to three lives here in our community."

May said the winner of the annual event receives bragging rights for the entire year and the satisfaction of knowing they saved local lives.

The event is open to the public and any employees with the City and the County.

County supporters must visit one of the following designated locations for your favorite entity to receive credit:

- Walmart Olive Street- 626 Olive St SW, Cullman, AL 35055
- County Court House- 500 Second Ave. SW, Cullman, AL 35055

City supporters must visit one of the following LifeSouth Bloodmobile locations:

- Walmart Highway 157- 5601 AL-157, Cullman, AL 35058
- Dick's Sporting Goods- 1106 Cullman Shopping Center NW, Cullman, AL 35055

"Between blood needs resulting from illnesses like cancer to injuries from motor vehicle accidents, our community relies on LifeSouth blood banks to save lives every day," West said.

"Every day, someone in our community needs a blood transfusion," Mayor Jacobs said. "Whether due to trauma, illnesses or chronic health conditions, blood or blood products are needed every day in Cullman County.

"The blood collected during this blood drive stays right here in our community."

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Sights from Good Hope High School Graduation 2021

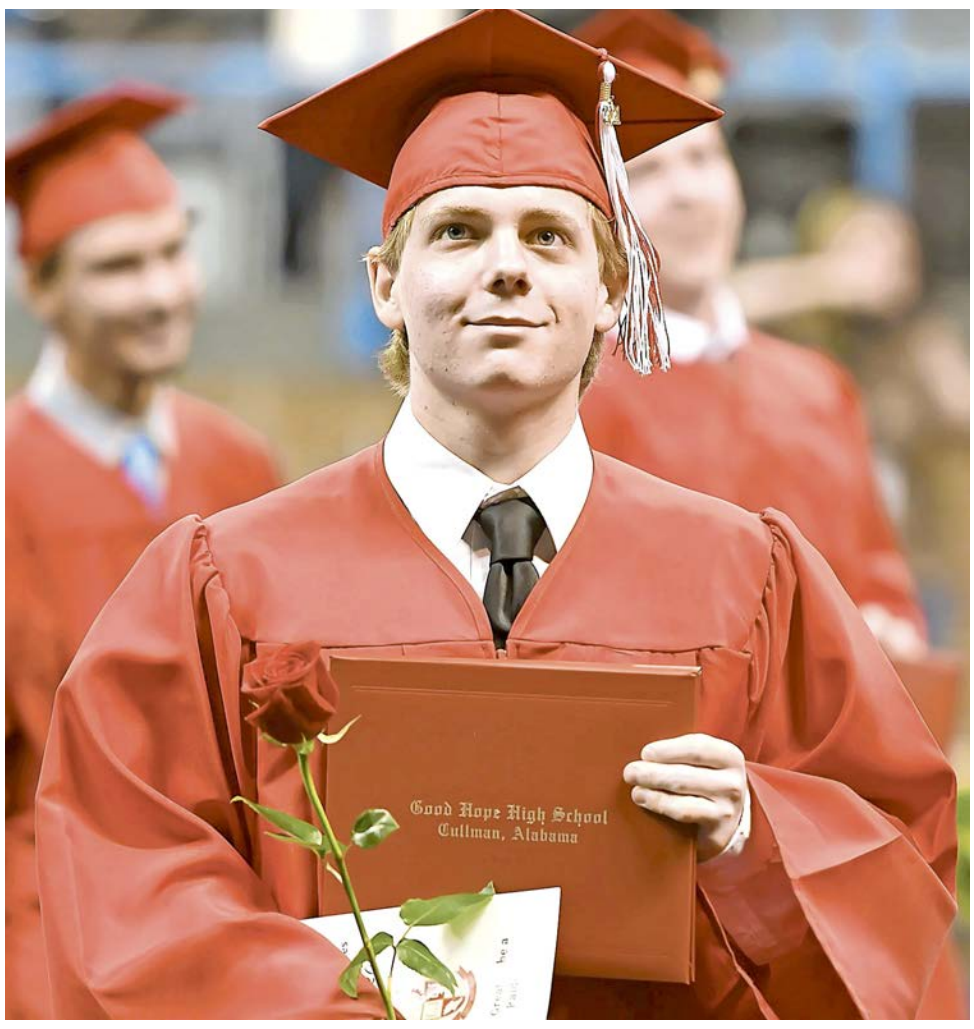
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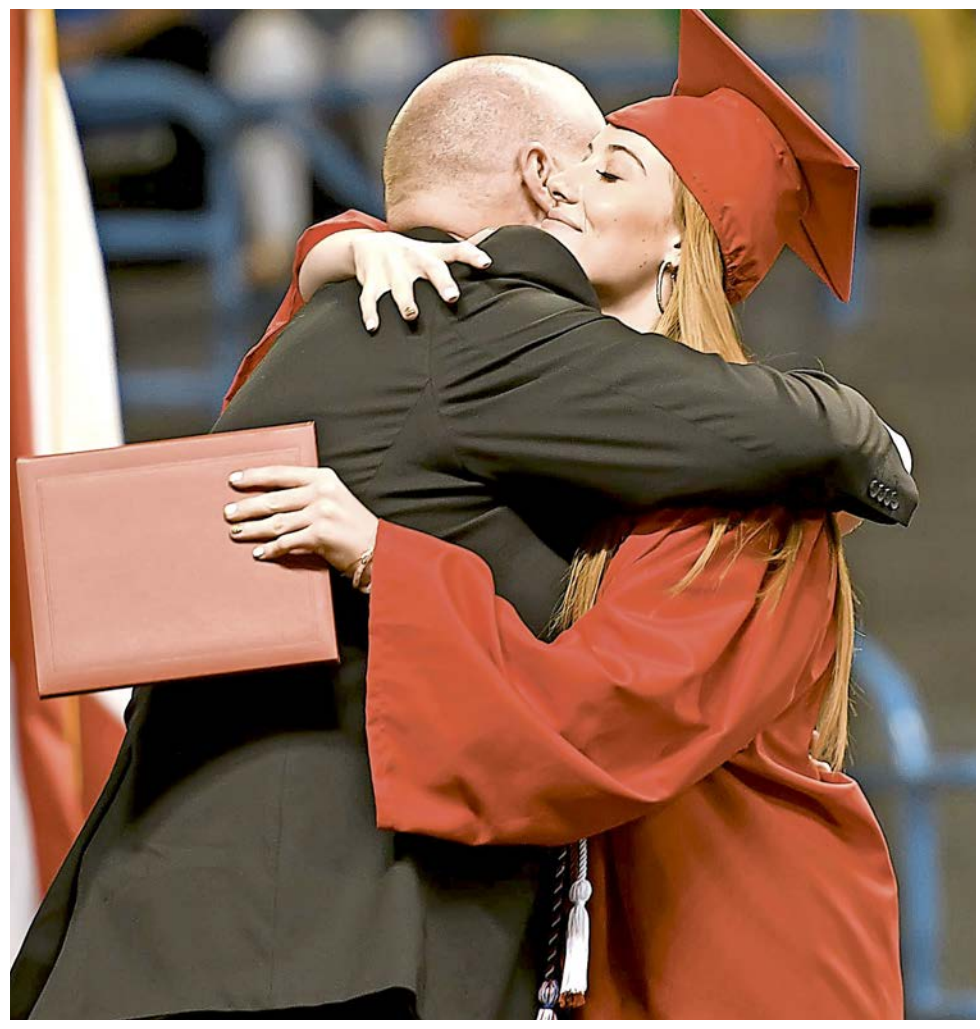


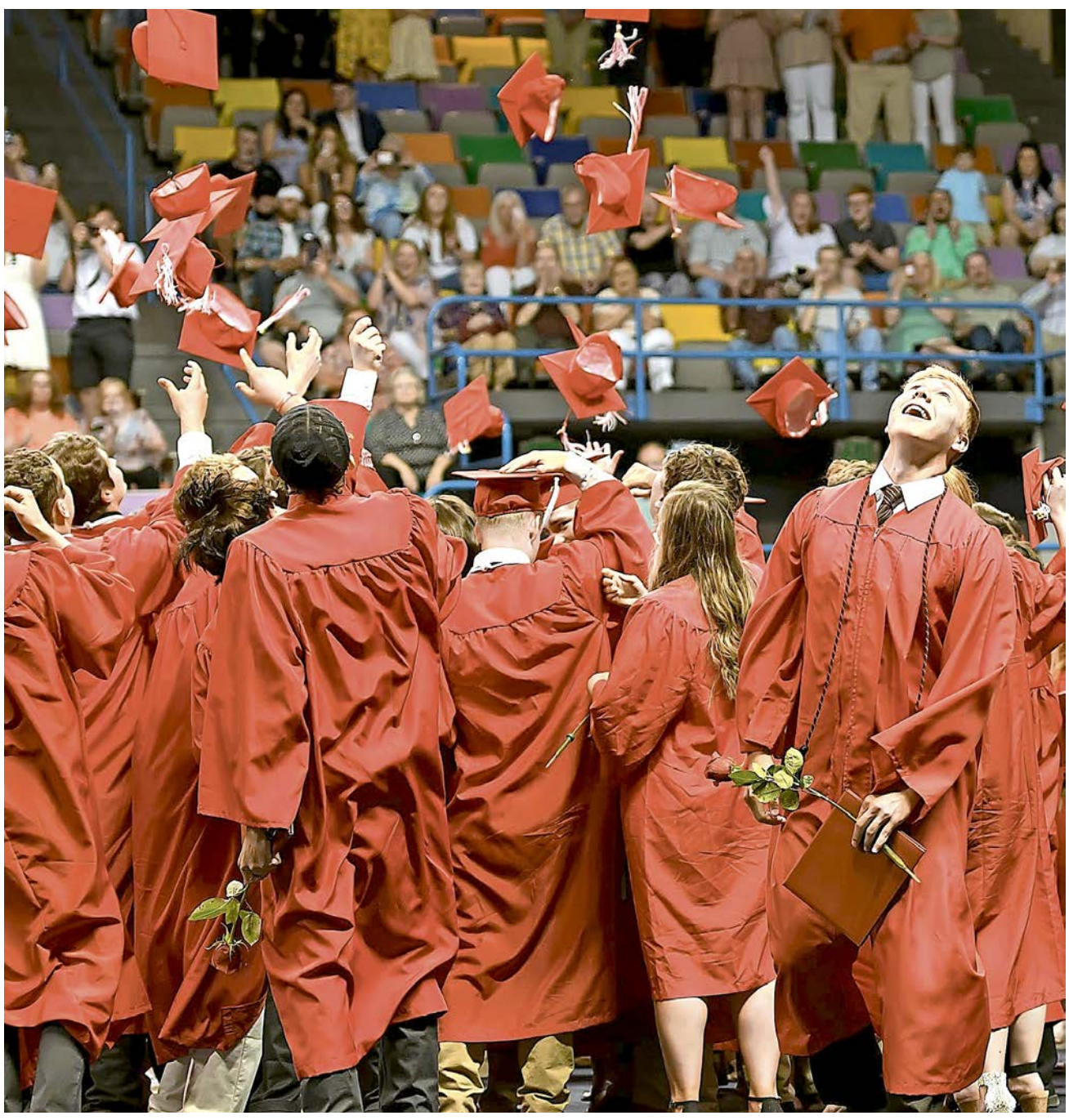




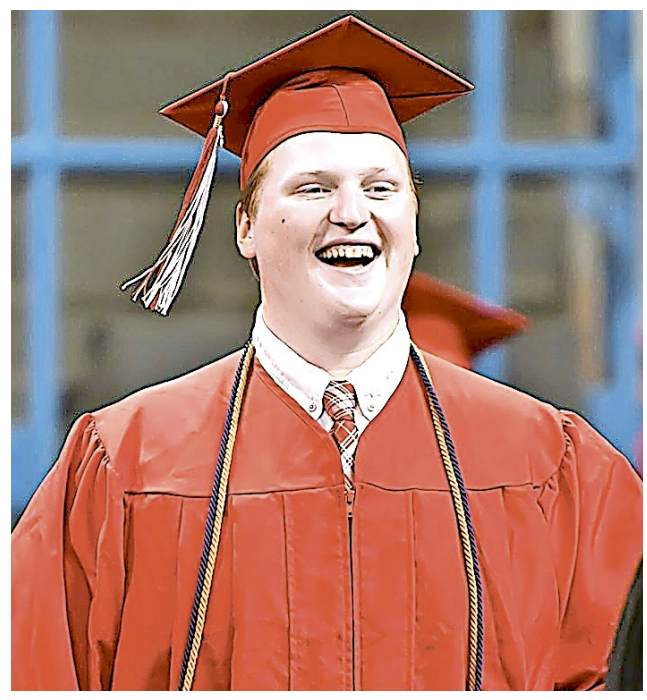




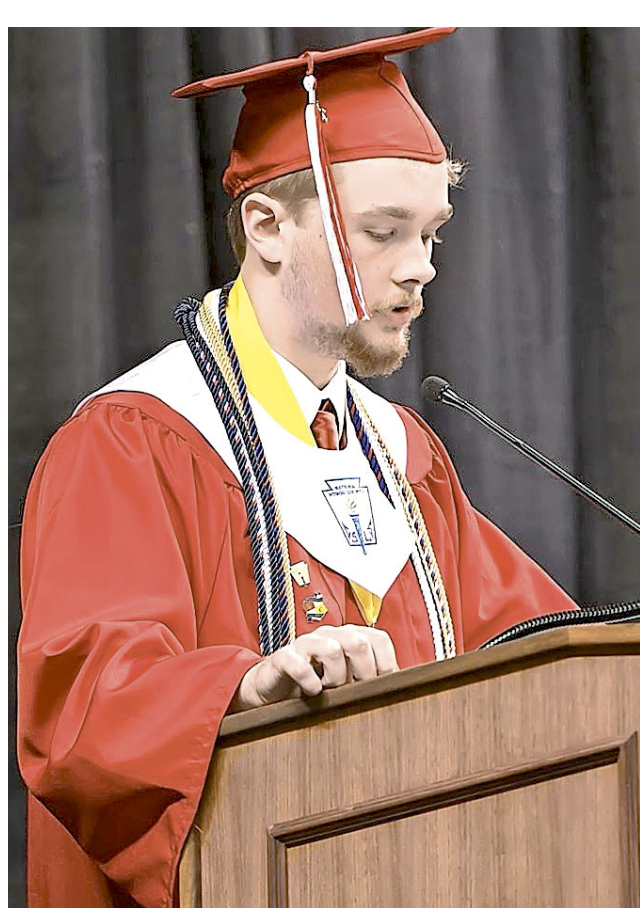














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PREP BASEBALL

A look back at an exciting 2021 season

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West Point's Branson Smith (left) and Cullman's Brennen Norton (right) helped lead their respective teams to the postseason in 2021.

CULLMAN, Ala. – Another high school baseball season has come to a close and several local teams had some big seasons. We saw a handful of local squads play their way into the postseason and others still working to take that next step but after the way last year's spring sports season was cut short, it was great to get back out on the diamond and continue playing.

Addison (7-19)
Addison looked to have a big season in 2021 behind a veteran roster, but they didn't have much success at all. The Bulldogs went through multiple losing streaks during the season, but they did finish the year strong, going 4-4 in their last eight games, including a 10-1 win over Good Hope. Addison finished 7-19 on the season and they ended up third in Class 2A, Area 13 with a 3-6 record.

Derrick Alexander, Jesse Brock, Cannon Hiller, Nelson Martin, Ty Tuggle and Bailey Wilson are graduating this spring but the Bulldogs will still have a lot of key players returning in 2022 with hopes of getting to the postseason.

Cold Springs (11-11) (Area Runner-up, lost to Westbrook in second round of postseason)
Cold Springs looked to make some big noise in 2021 and they did just that as they had winning streaks of four and six during the season. The Eagles finished as the runner-up in Class 2A, Area 13 behind Falkville as they finished with a 4-3 region record. They faced off against North Sand Mountain in the first round of the Class 2A playoffs. Each team split the first two games and Cold Springs rolled past the Bison, 12-3, to move on to the second round. But the Eagles' season came to an end at the hands of Westbrook Christian as they dropped both games to the Warriors, 6-1 and 8-3, as they finished with an 11-11 record.

Ayden Alexander, Roberto Ayala, Andrew Weaver and Brodi Williams have graduated from Cold Springs and the Eagles will bring back a lot of young talent as they look to make a return to the postseason in 2022.

Cullman (28-13) (Area Champions, lost to Chelsea in second round of postseason)
After winning a title in 2019, Cullman looked to add some more hardware in 2021. The Bearcats started out the campaign 7-3, and ended the regular season going 17-11. Cullman rolled past Hartselle to take home the Class 6A, Area 14 championship and they faced off against Hazel Green in the first round of the Class 6A playoffs. The Bearcats split the first two games against the Trojans, but then rolled past them in Game Three, 13-7, to move on to the second round, where they traveled to take on Chelsea.

Just like in their first-round match-up against Hazel Green, Cullman split their first two games against Chelsea, but they were unable to keep their season alive this time as they lost game three, 7-2, to end the season with a 28-13 record. The Bearcats will lose more than a handful of players to graduation, including Brennen Norton, Max Dueland, Weston Horton and Matt Brock, but will look to do what they do best next year; get back into the postseason and add some more titles in 2022.

Fairview (14-18) (Area Runner-up, lost to Madison Academy in first round of postseason)
Fairview brought back a lot of great young talent in hopes of making a deep playoff run in 2021, but they started out the season going 2-7. The Aggies then went 7-1 in their next eight games as they got their season quickly turned around. Fairview finished second in Class 5A, Area 14 to Guntersville and took on Madison Academy in the first round of the Class 5A playoffs. The Mustangs rolled past the Aggies in both games 11-0 and 14-1 and Fairview finished the year with a record of 14-18.

Preston Ryan, Levi Garner, Tanner Bennet, Justin Hostetler, Joey Simmons, Alex Velasquez and Jack Brown have graduated from Fairview, and will look to make a deep postseason run in 2022 behind a talented young squad.

Good Hope (11-17) (Area Runner-up, lost to Cherokee County in first round of postseason)
After losing some great talent in 2019, Good Hope looked to have a big season in 2021 behind a veteran squad. The Raiders started the season 4-4, then they went 3-1 in their next four games. But they couldn't quite keep it going after that as they went 4-10 after that to close out the season. Good Hope finished second in Class 4A, Area 11 to Curry and took on Cherokee County in the first round of the Class 4A playoffs. They ended up getting swept by the Warriors, 7-5 and 12-0, and they finished the season 11-17.

Caleb Rusk, Travis Brock, Lawton Farr and Lane Speegle have graduated from Good Hope and the Raiders will bring back some great young talent in hopes of making it back to the postseason in 2022.

Hanceville (7-19)
Hanceville looked to make 2021 their year as they looked for a big season, but it wasn't meant to be as they finished the season 7-19. The Bulldogs did collect wins over Holly Pond, Good Hope, and Cleveland.

Izayah Glenon, Barrett Hardin, Bo Joles and Karsen Wilbanks have graduated from Hanceville and the Bulldogs will look to some young up-and-coming players in hopes of a turnaround season in 2022.

Holly Pond (8-14)
Holly Pond brought back a lot of key players in 2021 as they looked to make a run into the playoffs this spring, but the Broncos got off to a slow start, losing 11 of their first 12 games. The end of the regular season was a different story for Holly Pond. The Broncos went 7-3 in their final 10 games, including an 8-5 win over Whitesburg Christian Academy.

Holly Pond finished with a record of 8-14 and will lose six players to graduation Charlie Huddleston, Lane Tipton, Zachary White, Thomas Bell, Jacob Holderfield and Landan Taylor. The Broncos will still have some key players coming back in 2022 as they look to get into the postseason.

Meek (0-21) (lost to Donoho in first round of postseason)
Meek looked to get into the postseason and make some noise in 2021 and landing in a two-team area with just them and Sumiton Christian in Class 1A, Area 11 meant the Tigers were locked in for a playoff spot. The Tigers looked to shake off a bad regular season in the first round of the Class 1A playoffs against Donoho but were swept by the Falcons, 18-3 and 18-1, to finish with a record of 0-21.

Daniel Patton, Everett Pounds, Nick Perez, Dalton Guthrie and Kendrick Smith have graduated from Meek and the Tigers will look to get huge contributions from a young roster in 2022.

Vinemont (10-10) (Area Runner-up, lost to J.B. Pennington in first round of postseason)
Vinemont brought back a lot of key players as they looked to make a deep postseason run in 2021. Deacon Samples pitched a no-hitter against West Morgan early in the season as that improved the Eagles' record to 2-1. They went on a five-game winning streak to push their record to 7-3, but then dropped five of their last seven regular season games. Vinemont finished as the Class 3A, Area 15 runner-up and took on J.B. Pennington in the first round of the Class 3A playoffs. The Eagles split the first two games of the series against the Tigers and looked to move on to the next round, but Vinemont fell just short in game three, 6-5, as they finished the season 10-10.

The Eagles saw Will Rhodes, Austin Riddle and Collin Teichmiller graduate over the weekend and will have a lot of key pieces back in 2022 as they look to make an even deeper run in the postseason.

West Point Warriors (20-19) (Area Runner-up, lost to Sardis in first round of postseason)
West Point's veteran squad looked to make a run to the championship in 2021. The Warriors dropped six of their first seven games to start out the season, but a seven-game winning streak quickly got them back on track. West Point finished the regular season going 4-3 in their final seven games, and finished as the runner-up in Class 5A, Area 15. The Warriors took on Sardis in the first round of the Class 5A playoffs and lost the first game, 6-2, but they took game two, 4-2, to even the series at 1-1. But a late run by the Lions proved to be the deciding factor as West Point dropped the third game to Sardis, 2-1, and finished the regular season with a record of 20-19.

Aubry Cleghorn, Will Cochran, Jacob Dye, Chase Sibley, Branson Smith, Carter Thornton and Isaiah Wylie graduated from West Point over the weekend and the Warriors will look to fill some huge shoes in 2022 as they will look to get some big contributions from some key returning players.

Ryan Bliss named 2nd Team All-SEC, All-Defensive Team

George Nunnelley
AU Athletics

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – Junior shortstop Ryan Bliss has been named Second Team All-SEC and to the SEC All-Defensive Team, as voted on by the league's head coaches and announced by the conference office announced Monday.

It marks the second time Bliss has been recognized by the league after also being named to the SEC All-Freshman Team in 2019. He is Auburn's second shortstop to be named All-SEC in the last three full seasons.

A native of LaGrange, Georgia, Bliss finished the regular season as the only player in the conference to rank in the top five in average (.366), slugging (.664), runs (31), hits (48), doubles (nine), home runs (10), RBI (30) and total bases (87) during league games. He also ranked in the top five in the league overall in average (.362), slugging (.643), hits (75) and total bases (133).

Bliss collected multiple hits in a league-best 26 of 51 games during the regular season, including 16 of 30 games in SEC play. His .362 average and 14 home runs are the most by an Auburn shortstop in the same season since Doug Gilcrease hit .386 with 17 home runs in 1982.

Bliss has also been named a semifinalist for the Brooks Wallace Award and the NCBWA Dick Howser Trophy.

Bliss and the Tigers are set to take on fifth-seeded Ole Miss in the SEC Tournament Tuesday at the Hoover Met.

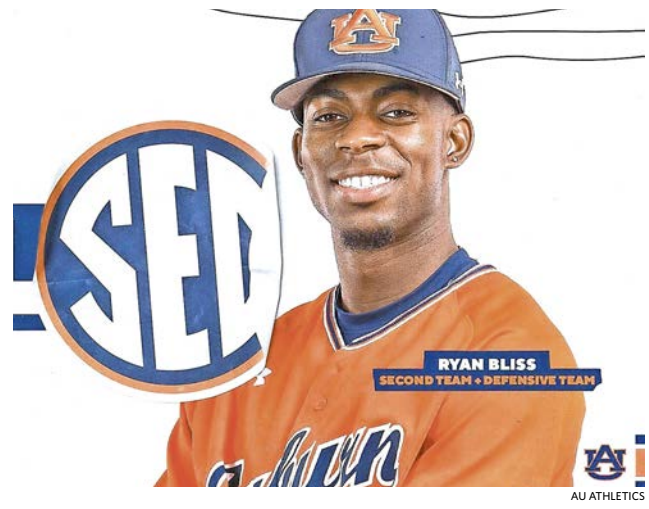
2021 SEC Baseball Awards
- Player of the Year: Tanner Allen, Mississippi State
- Pitcher of the Year: Kevin Kopps, Arkansas
- Newcomer of the Year: Jack Leiter, Vanderbilt
- Freshman of the Year: Enrique Bradfield, Jr., Vanderbilt
- Coach of the Year: Dave Van Horn, Arkansas
- Scholar-Athlete of the Year: Tim Elko, Ole Miss

First Team All-SEC
- C: Sam Praytor, Alabama
- 1B: Will Frizzell, Texas A&M
- 2B: Robert Moore, Arkansas
- 3B: Jake Rucker, Tennessee
- SS: Liam Spence, Tennessee
- OF: Tanner Allen, Mississippi State
- OF: Enrique Bradfield Jr., Vanderbilt
- OF: Jud Fabian, Florida
- DH/UT: Matt Goodheart, Arkansas
- SP: Kumar Rocker, Vanderbilt
- SP: Doug Nikhazy, Ole Miss*
- SP: Jack Leiter, Vanderbilt*
- RP: Kevin Kopps, Arkansas

Second Team All-SEC Team
- C: Hayden Dunhurst, Ole Miss
- 1B: Tre' Morgan, LSU
- 2B: Peyton Wilson, Alabama
- 3B: Justin Bench, Ole Miss
- SS: Ryan Bliss, Auburn
- OF: Dylan Crews, LSU
- OF: Christian Franklin, Arkansas
- OF: Rowdey Jordan, Mississippi State
- DH/UT: Wes Clarke, South Carolina
- SP: Landon Marceaux, LSU
- SP: Patrick Wicklander, Arkansas
- RP: Landon Sims, Mississippi State

Freshman All-SEC Team
- Tre' Morgan, LSU
- Enrique Bradfield Jr., Vanderbilt
- Dylan Crews, LSU
- Cayden Wallace, Arkansas
- Jacob Gonzalez, Ole Miss
- TJ McCants, Ole Miss
- Blade Tidwell, Tennessee
- Will Sanders, South Carolina
- Jordan Thompson, LSU
- Jaden Woods, Georgia
- Corey Collins, Georgia
- Jack Bulger, Vanderbilt*
- Sterlin Thompson, Florida*

Newcomer All-SEC Team
- Jack Leiter, Vanderbilt
- Robert Moore, Arkansas
- Landon Sims, Mississippi State
- Hayden Dunhurst, Ole Miss



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Auburn Shortstop Ryan Bliss earned 2nd team All-SEC honors and landed on the All-SEC defensive team.

- Zane Denton, Alabama
- Will Bednar, Mississippi State
- Hunter Barco, Florida
- Peyton Wilson, Alabama
- Logan Tanner, Mississippi State
- Carter Young, Vanderbilt
- Nathan Hickey, Florida
- Peyton Pallette, Arkansas

SEC All-Defensive Team
- C: Hayden Dunhurst, Ole Miss
- 1B: Tre' Morgan, LSU
- 2B: Robert Moore, Arkansas
- 3B: Zane Denton, Alabama
- SS: Ryan Bliss, Auburn*
- SS: Liam Spence, Tennessee*
- OF: Enrique Bradfield Jr., Vanderbilt
- OF: Christian Franklin, Arkansas
- OF: Jud Fabian, Florida
- P: Tyler Ras, Alabama*
- P: Kevin Kopps, Arkansas*

*Tie (Ties are not broken)

Obituary Announcements: May 25

Johnny Joe Hathcoat, 85, of Cullman
A private graveside service for Johnny Joe Hathcoat, 85, of Cullman will be at noon, Thursday, May 27, 2021 at Cullman Memory Gardens, Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating. The family will receive friends at Cullman Funeral Home from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Thursday. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Hathcoat family. Mr. Hathcoat passed away Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at his residence. He was born December 19, 1935 to Lee William and Ida Arty Cone Hathcoat. Johnny loved gardening and reading. He was preceded in death by his parents and six brothers and sisters. Survivors include his wife of 67 years: Emma Lou Hudson Hathcoat; children: Judy (David Long) Hathcoat, Victor (Shelia) Hathcoat, Connie (Don) Hunkeapillar, Jo Ann (Roger) Persall; granddaughter: Nicole Hunkeapillar; sister: Jean Campbell and family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com

Vonda R. Calvert, 87, of Dodge City
A funeral service for Vonda R. Calvert, 87, of Dodge City will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 27, 2021 at Hanceville Funeral Home with burial following at Cullman City Cemetery. Bill Hall and Chad Kennedy will officiate. A time of visitation will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the funeral home. The daughter of the late Floyd and Ruby Childers Roberts passed away Tuesday, May 25, 2021. She was a good Christian woman and spent her working years as a banker. She is survived by her husband of 65 years: Leon Calvert; daughter: Shelia Calvert; brother: Junior (Josephine) Roberts; sister: Alfa Bruce; sister-in-law: Betty Roberts and a host of nephews and nieces. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by brothers: Thurburn, Thurman, Jody and Billy Roberts and by sisters: Bobbie Calvert and Irene McGuire.

Billie Jo Self Helton, 61, of Dodge City
Memorial Service for Billie Jo Self Helton, 61, of Dodge City, are being planned and will be announced at a later date. Mrs. Helton passed from this life May 23, 2021 at her residence surrounded by her family. She was born March 7, 1960 to Gerald Rudolph and Rowena Wanell Usrey Self. She attended the Salvation Army Church for more then 50 years. She enjoyed life, had a great humor, loved everyone and she never met a stranger. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Helton family Mrs. Helton was preceded in death by her father: Gerald Rudolph Self; her husband: Robert Helton, Sr. and her stepson: Robert Helton, Jr. She is survived by her mother: Rowena Wanell Usrey Self; stepdaughter: Michelle Anderson; brothers: Gerald Rudolph Self, Jr., David (Shelly) Self; sisters: Brenda (Terry) Landry, Karen (Terry) Pendergist, Rhonda Hight and a host of family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Louise L. Baxley, 95, of Arley
Louise L. Baxley, 95, of Arley, Alabama entered into rest May 24, 2021 at her residence surrounded by her loving family. Mrs. Baxley was born on January 1, 1926. She attended Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses of Jasper, Alabama. She was a good cook and enjoyed frying chicken for her family. She loved her family. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She also loved watching Judge Judy and Wheel of Fortune. A graveside service will be held Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 5 p.m. at Meek Cemetery. Brother Fred Irwin will officiate. Louise is survived by her daughters: Vickie (Gale) Johnson, Debbie (O'Neal) Tally, Cecillia (Charles) McDaniel; son-in-law: Dana Lane; nine grandchildren and a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, family and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband: Cecil Baxley; parents: Henry and Lila Suggs; eight siblings; son: Frank Brown; daughter: Linda Lane and granddaughter: Jill Young.

Michael Wayne Pruett, 62, of Cullman
Funeral Service for Michael Wayne Pruett, age 62, of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 27, 2021, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rebekah Mickle officiating and interment in Lawrence Chapel Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 26, 2021, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Pruett passed away Sunday, May 23, 2021, at his residence. He was born May 23, 1959, in Cullman, Alabama to Edward and Ethel Ruth Pruett.He was preceded in death by his parents and brother: Bobby Pruett. Survivors include his wife: Marion Pruett; children: Justin (Sheerah) Pruett, Chelsie Pruett, and Conner Pruett; grandchildren: Walker Pruett, Fisher Pruett, Dorothy Grace Hobson, and Miller Kate Pruett; brother: Bill (Vickie) Pruett; and sister: Becky (Gary) Williams.

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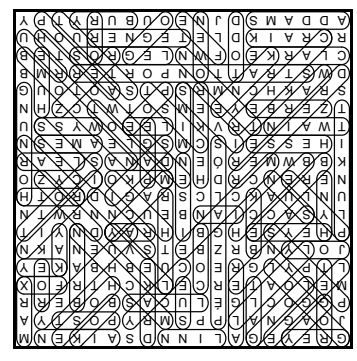
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Shortfalls (from Front)

during the summer months because kids are out of school. There are more meals being eaten at home, and we just want to make sure that there's food there for them to eat.

"Our shelves are very low because of some of the logistical issues. The food bank in Huntsville is not getting as much USDA food. They're not getting as much donated food and so, therefore, when we go to Huntsville, we're not able to get as much food as we normally get. Normally, we go once a month and we bring back 10 to 12 pallets--I'm talking 2,000 pound pallets of food--and the last time we went, we brought back six pallets, and two of those were half pallets.

"So we know that the need is here, and we're just asking folks: if you want to do a food drive or if you'd like to make a donation, please bring it by our office. Or if it's a substantial amount, if you'll call us, we will come and pick it up. Monetary donations are very welcome, because we can normally buy for less than what you would pay in the grocery stores."

Daniel concluded, "We need your help, and we need you help so that we can be better prepared to help with the increase this summer."

Get involved

Daniel said that CCK has immediate needs for kids' favorites like peanut butter and jelly, mac and cheese and breakfast cereals, as well as family staples like dried beans, rice, canned meats and ready-to-eat pasta meals, dry pasta and spaghetti/tomato sauce, canned vegetables and more.

Daniel noted the pantry will take "anything food-wise."

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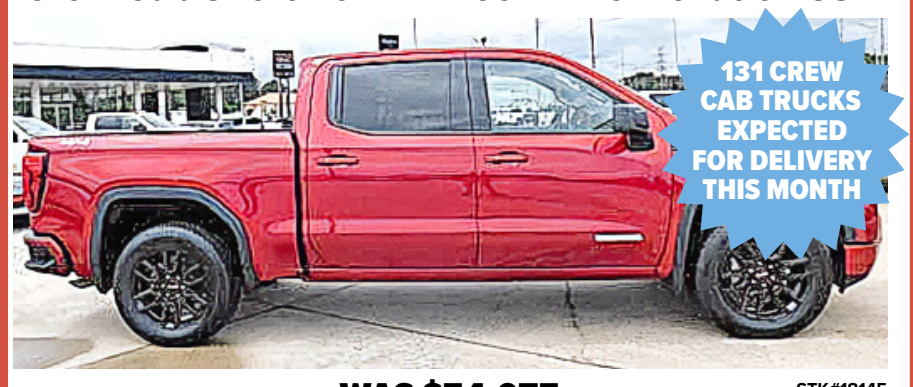


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