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Colony Carpenter's Cabinet grab-and-go to offer grab-and-go meals starting Wednesday, June 2

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COLONY, Ala. – The Colony office of Carpenter's Cabinet will start its summer feeding program on Wednesday, June 2 and running through Aug. 11, 2021, offering grab-and-go meals from the pantry at the Colony Educational Complex, 151 Byars Rd. near Town Hall.

The first week's menu includes a range of items selected for balanced nutrition, like:

- Ham, turkey and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches
- Chocolate milk and fruit juices
- Fresh fruits and vegetables
- Cheese

The Carpenter's Cabinet of Colony food pantry has been designated as a Summer Food Service Program Site by the Alabama Food Bank Association.

Lunch and snacks will be available to all needy children 18 years of age and under (or persons 19 and over who are » PAGE 8

SPECIAL EDITION

Vinemont graduation ceremony pictures inside

Improvement efforts continue to be made at Cullman Memory Gardens as the Cullman County Cemetery Board seek ownership



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Top: Cullman County Cemetery Board Members and volunteers visit with Representative Randall Shedd. Pictured left to right: Amy Walker, Betty Heaton, Jerry Smith, Ron Foust, Rep. Randall Shedd, Eddie Williams. Bottom: A view of Cullman Memory Gardens.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Cemetery Board is hoping the community will support their efforts as they continue to make improvements at Cullman Memory Gardens. The Memory Gardens spent five years in federal bankruptcy and two with the current owners.

Board member Amy Walker explained, "The owners who have it now, they got it at the conclusion of the bankruptcy as collateral for money they had loaned the previous owner." The goal is for the board to achieve the ability to take ownership of the cemetery.

Representative Randall Shedd is pleased with the progress made at the cemetery. He said to the board members, "Y'all have done a tremendous amount of work. The volunteers have kept it going when nobody would. I said one time that the light was at the end of the tunnel, but we are further in the tunnel than I thought. Progress is being made by these folks."

The Board released a statement Thursday morning regarding the cemetery and Mausoleum and their efforts including their efforts to gain ownership of the cemetery.

"We hope you have noticed things look a little different at Cullman Memory Gardens. In 2016, an act of the Alabama Legislature established a Cullman County Cemetery Board. The purpose of this board was



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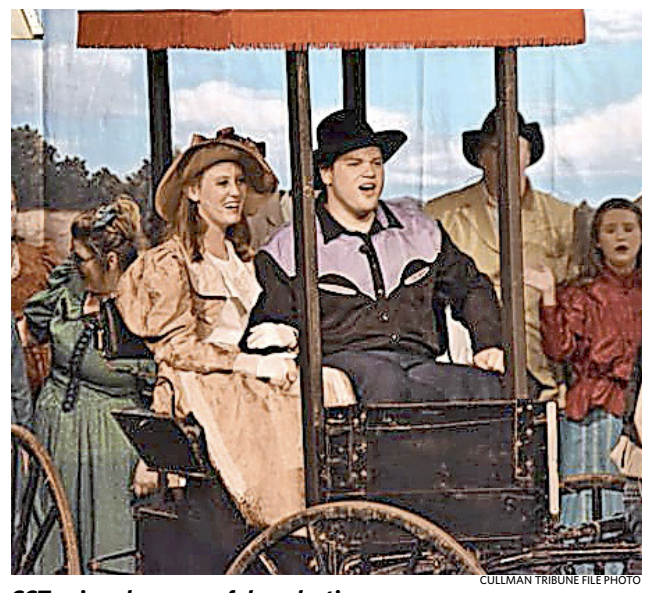
to improve the condition of the for-profit neglected cemetery located in Cullman County and we all can agree that Cullman Memory Gardens has been neglected. Currently this board is making improvements to the cemetery under a lease agreement with the current owner and in the months ahead, hope to have ownership of the cemetery. Representative Randall Shedd along with the Cullman County Legislative delegation was » PAGE 7

CodeRED: Alabama unveils new emergency alert system

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Cullman Community Theatre hopes for summer show, summer theater camp coming in June



CULLMAN TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

CCT enjoyed a successful production of "Oklahoma!" in 2019. » PAGE 7

EDITORIAL

Laying stress at the door



FACEBOOK

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TEAMWORK MAKING THE DREAM WORK

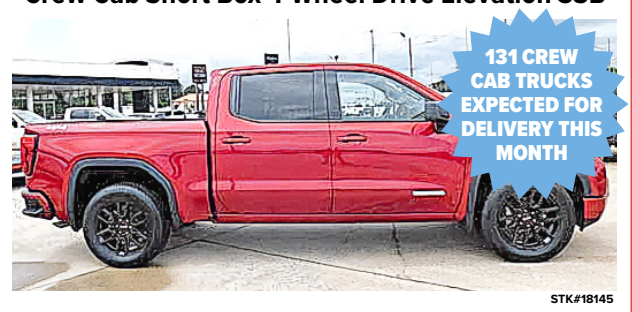
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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported May 27

Cullman Tribune Staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported May 27, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

May 24

- unlawful possession of controlled substance; Hwy. 231
- theft of property; Day Gap Rd.
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 933
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of marijuana; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1336
- domestic violence; St. Joseph St. SW
- harassment; CR 1600
- burglary; CR 599
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 157

May 25

- burglary; CR 1162
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; I-65 at MM 306
- domestic violence; criminal mischief; CR 1546
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; Hwy. 231
- reckless endangerment; CR 1234
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 157

May 26

- harassment; CR 1725
- unlawful possession of marijuana; Hwy. 69 N
- domestic violence; CR 1107

ARRESTS

May 24

Arnold, Kaleb Trey; 27
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Brown, Casey Philip; 30
- third-degree domestic violence-assault
- third-degree criminal trespass

Brown, James Raymond; 38
- receiving stolen vehicle

Creasy Griffin Eli; 24
- Probation Violation-third degree-burglary
- Probation Violation- domestic violence
- Probation Violation- forgery (2 counts)
- Probation Violation- possessing stolen property

Hooper, Natalie Grace; 19
- auto-theft

Hulme, Joyce Renee; 56
- possession of methamphetamine
- second-degree possession of marijuana

Lowery Jr.; Douglas Edward; 26
- FTA- indecent exposure

Manhart, John Peter; 33
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Phelps, Crystal Michelle; 35
- promote prison contraband (drugs)

Powell, Angela Darlene L.; 53
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- promote prison contraband (drugs)

Ray, Ozzy Alvin; 18
- second-degree possession of marijuana

Thomas, Tammy Warden; 50
- FTA- unauthorized use of motor vehicle
- FTA- using false name/identity
- FTA- public intoxication (2 counts)
- FTA- criminal trespass (2 counts)

May 25

Fanning, Ricky Dean; 29
- public intoxication

Hand, James Michael; 59
- forgery-counterfeiting
- forgery-forged instrument

Hughes Jr.; Jurdy Wayne; 32
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Martin, Ricky Dale; 49
- possession of methamphetamine

McDonald, Shannon Alford; 39
- receiving stolen vehicle

May 26

Behan, David Joseph; 38
- negotiating worthless instrument

Bryant, Kimberly Ann; 48
- negotiating worthless instrument

Garner, Blatney N; 35
- FTA- failure to make child attend school

Golden, David Gene; 46
- FTA- open container
- FTA- attempt to elude police officer
- FTA- resisting arrest
- FTA- receiving stolen vehicle

Hill, Harley Wayne; 23
- receiving stolen vehicle

Newman, James Daniel; 39
- second-degree possession of marijuana

Self, Jacob Levi; 36
- non-support

Wise, Justin Dale; 36
- FTA- DUI (alcohol)

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

May 21
- assault; person

May 23
- domestic violence; person

May 26
- third-degree domestic violence; person; 2nd Ave. NW
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; 2nd Ave. NW; cash and medication

ARRESTS

May 26

Tucker, Lisa M.; 41
- FTA- disorderly conduct

Cagle, John D.; 49
- fourth-degree theft of property

Hook, Kodi J.; 26
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- insurance violation

Lewis, Ashton D.; 24
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Allen, Derrick R.; 40
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Walkenhorst, Frank W.; 40
- FTA- fail to register vehicle

Golden, David G.; 46
- FTA- insurance violation (2 counts)
- FTA- fail to signal
- FTA- driving while license suspended

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

LEGALS

PB WIL BK 102 PG 580 - 05/27/2021 10:57 AM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
MICHAEL PRUETT * CASE NO PC 2021-206
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: CONNER LUKE PRUETT AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

The Petition for Probate of Will to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Michael Pruett, deceased, filed by Carlton Yearwood, Petitioner, by and through Attorney, Michael A. Stewart, Sr., has been set for the **22nd day of June, 2021, at 11:00 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman, Alabama.

All persons having interest, residing or being without state are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

DONE this the 27th day of May, 2021.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks in said newspaper

Michael A. Stewart, Sr.
Attorney for Petitioner
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Cullman, Alabama 35055

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
HENRY LEON DEQUASIE * CASE NO.: PC2021-189
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to MARINA DEQUASIE CRAWFORD as Personal Representative of the Estate of HENRY LEON DEQUASIE, deceased, on the 12th day of May, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same be barred.

MARINA DEQUASIE CRAWFORD
Personal Representative

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for the Petitioner
P.O. Box 398
Cullman, Alabama 35056-0398

TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

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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 ESTATE OF:)
HERBERT CHAMBERS,) CASE NO: PC-2021-147
DECEASED.)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Testamentary of said Deceased having been granted to Michael Scott Shoemaker on the 12th day of May, 2021 by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Michael Scott Shoemaker,
As Personal Representative of the
Estate of Herbert Chambers, Deceased

To the Publisher of: The Cullman Tribune

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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
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COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Thursday, May 27, 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: 417,360 (+182 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Alabama: 125,817 (+164 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama: 8,779 (+2 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Alabama: 2,361
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,651 (+4 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 3,186 (+3 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 135 (+1 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 63
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 42,268
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 2,518
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 64
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,607,079
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 2,907
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 136,409
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 278
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama (reported M-F): no update available
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 509,800

Vaccine details (updated Monday-Friday)

- Doses Delivered to Alabama: 4,311,945
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 3,065,485
- Doses administered: 2,905,172
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 1,651,447
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 1,349,264
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 1,246,460

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 prior to being vaccinated. These materials are also available onsite. 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 reevaluated 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/0brS-Gj

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. 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 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 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 healthcare providers administering vaccine with more information is available here: www.fda.gov/media/144413/download?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery.

System (from Front)

Office of Gov. Kay Ivey
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) has launched a new high-speed notification system known as CodeRED, designed to notify residents of missing person alerts throughout the state. ALEA unveiled the new system on Tuesday, May 25, to highlight National Missing Children's Day.

"Our Alabama Fusion Center will use the new state-of-the-art system to issue alerts in the event of a missing person, and it will have the capability to quickly deliver essential information to citizens throughout the state or in a targeted area, depending on the situation," Gov. Kay Ivey said. "I encourage all Alabamians to consider enrolling in the new alert system, which will allow everyone to be vigilant and stay informed once a missing person alert is issued."

ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor said, "We are continuously looking for ways to improve our overall operations and efficiently serve the citizens of this state. ALEA's Fusion Center has worked diligently to provide citizens with a new alert system that can easily be accessed. CodeRED will allow all Alabamians to quickly subscribe to alerts via a variety of methods and it will deliver time-sensitive information during high-stress situations where time is of the essence for those missing loved ones."

CodeRED gives those who want to be included an easy and secure method for inputting information. The data collected will be used only for such emergency notification purposes as when citizens are reported missing. Citizens who wish to enroll should visit www.alea.gov and click on the CodeRED logo displayed on ALEA's homepage. An additional easy enrollment process can be completed by texting "ALalerts" to 99411 from any mobile device. Citizens will then receive an immediate response containing the Community Notification Enrollment link for the state.

AFC Director Jay Moseley said, "Your participation in this emergency notification system will provide a direct conduit between public safety officials and your local community. CodeRED allows us to disseminate missing person alerts via phone, text, email and social media; however, citizens have the ability to select the preferred means of communication."

Citizens and partners should be advised that ALEA will cease sending emails on the existing system in the near future, but will give everyone notice before doing so. Amber Alerts and Blue Alerts will continue to be relayed over the Wireless Emergency Alerts system, in addition to being distributed on the CodeRED platform. Missing and Endangered Persons Alerts and Emergency Missing Child Alerts will only be distributed over the CodeRED platform.

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"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

• 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

Cullman County Cattlemen & Cattlewomen sandwich fundraiser

• May 28 - 29 - Cullman County Cattlemen & Cattlewomen Associations will be preparing our Ribeye Steak Sandwiches in South Cullman in the theater parking lot near Walmart. Steaks are charcoal grilled using Kingsford charcoal. Sandwiches are a $7.00 donation. Add chips and drink for $1.00 each. We serve Friday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Employers are invited --and encouraged--to treat their employees to a great sandwich!

• Ladies don't go home to cook after work--come by and get sandwiches for your family!

• Place orders in advance by calling Edwin Calvert at 256- 339-9869 (before 9 p.m., May 27) Contact number in the parking lot: 256-339-9869

• We do debit and credit cards and will have drive-thru available.

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 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 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.

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BOOK REVIEW

She Reads: 'One Step Behind' by Lauren North

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Any time you open a new book, you are introduced to a world of endless possibilities. There are a thousand--no, a million different places that stories could take you. As local libraries begin to reopen at full capacity and access to hands-on literature becomes available again, let us not miss this chance to hit the ground running with some of this season's most popular best-sellers.

In this week's novel, we meet Jenna, a full-time mother, wife and doctor who has been plagued for the past year by an incessant stalker.

This stalker leaves Jenna "gifts" on her doorstep, at her job and even inside of her home.

She has contacted local police to see what can be done, but there is little since Jenna is unable to distinctly identify the man who is causing her and her family so much terror.

Jenna has two children, Beth and Archie who are doing their best to get on with life as normal although their mother is being followed and tormented to the point that their lives have been compromised.

The struggle with this unknown verbal assailant has progressed so much that Jenna can't let her children spend time on their own without fearing for their safety.

Jenna's stalker frequently sends her emails from untraceable addresses accusing her of being a terrible mother, of someone who neglects her children, and chooses her career over them.

She is far more focused on saving her marriage and her family as a whole from the man who had consumed her every waking thought.

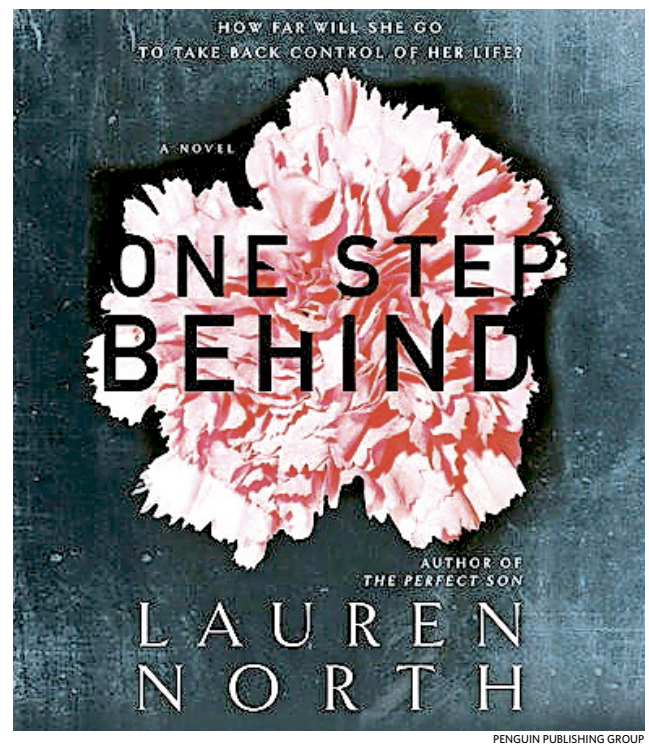
Then, one day as Jenna is working her shift at the hospital, a patient is brought into her trauma unit after being hit by a bus.

Something about him seems familiar to Jenna, making her wonder, "Is this my tormenter?"

The decisions she makes and actions she takes will shock you as you try to unravel the mystery right alongside her.

One Step Behind will keep you effortlessly entranced and quickly turning pages.

I absolutely adored this book and will be singing its praises to all my book loving friends and of course, all of you!



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View of Cullman Memory Gardens with flags placed by VFW and other volunteers.

Flags placed at Cullman Memory Gardens by Cullman VFW members

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Cemetery Board, members of the Cullman Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2214 and other volunteers came out Thursday morning to put out flags at Cullman Memory Gardens. Flags were placed at the grave of each veteran in observance of Memorial Day. Board member Eddie Williams said that at last count, there were 347 veterans buried or interred at Cullman Memory Gardens.

Stress (from Front)

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As a certified yoga instructor who has taught for over seven years, Beverly Dotesy found her neighboring passion in massage therapy. She had always wanted to open her own place to practice and thus, Massage and Yoga with Beverly was born. While her space is not large enough to currently teach yoga, she is taking massage clients every day and changing lives.

When asked what it's like to be a massage therapist, Beverly said, "Learning never stops, there is always something new to learn about the body, a new technique or skill. I will forever be learning; I have only scratched the surface."

She absolutely loves what she does and believes the most rewarding part of her job to be knowing that for an hour, she can give her clients relief from the pain or stress of their daily lives. She aims to quiet the mind, soften the body and bring peace to her clients, even if only for a little while.

While incredibly rewarding, owning your own business does not come without challenges.

Being new, building consistent clientele and getting your name out there can be the most difficult. One of the most helpful things a client can do is leave a review on Facebook, Yelp, Google or Square.

There are so many ways to brag about the places we love and the people we trust to help us!

Beverly Dotesy is a perfect fit for this business. When she steps into a treatment room, her client is her only focus. She believes that to truly be effective, connecting with every client is a must and establishing trust is key. She knows her clients can tell if there isn't enough effort for connection on her part and she takes that very seriously.

She claims the most surprising thing about being a massage therapist is the amount of laundry she does to ensure a fresh setting for each and every person she sees; which is why she hopes to expand to a larger studio soon, complete with a laundry unit. At Massage and Yoga with Beverly, every day is a surprise, so stop by and book an appointment today!

I'm sure she won't mind the extra linens!





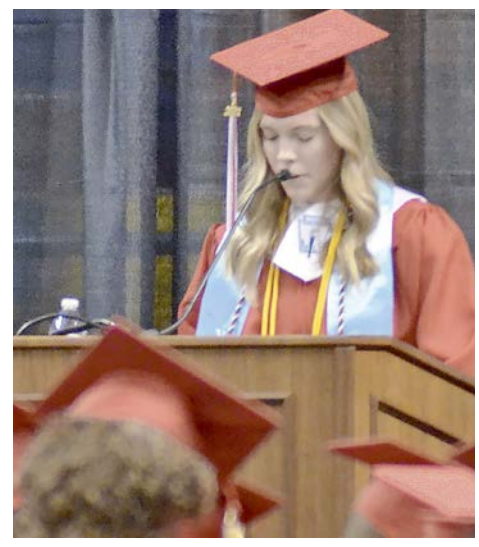




Sights from Vinemont High School Graduation 2021

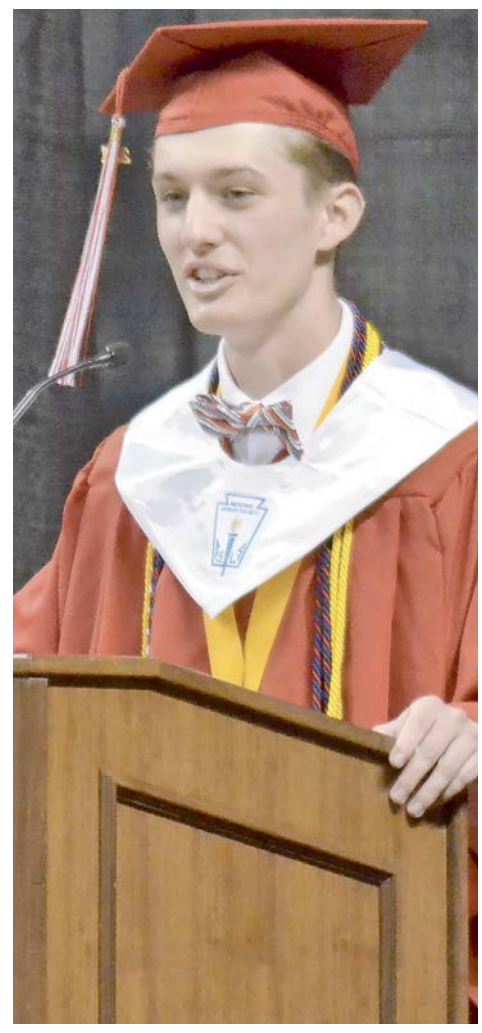
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No. 5 Wallace State rebounds late Wednesday at nationals after extra-inning loss

Russell Moore
WSCC Athletics

YUMA, Ariz. – Wallace State's softball team kept its season alive late Wednesday night, defeating Odessa College 10-2 in five innings at the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division I National Championship.

In a game that finished at 12:30 a.m. Central, the 5th-seeded Lions (55-5) rebounded at the Pacific Avenue Athletic Complex after losing earlier in the day, 4-2, in extra innings to fourth-seeded Grayson (Texas) College.

Wallace State continues its national championship quest today, playing Yavapai (Ariz.) College, a No. 7 seed, at 6 p.m. Central.

The Lions need to win twice today to advance to Friday's round.

Against Odessa, Wallace State surged out to a 3-0 lead in the top of the first behind a Brantly Bonds RBI double and a two-run single by Madisen Adams.

Andrea Harbin, a sophomore from Winfield, pushed the advantage to 4-0 in the second, cranking a solo home run to right field.

It was the first homer for the Lions, who lead the nation in home runs (118).

Harbin later registered an inside-the-park homer in the fifth, giving her the rare distinction of collecting one blast over the fence and one within the lines. She was also hit by a pitch, scoring three runs.

Wallace State pushed its lead to 9-2 in the fourth, scoring four unearned runs with two outs. Gracie Benton and Maddie Cartron had consecutive RBI doubles in the frame.

Felicity Frame scored a run earlier in the game with a stolen base of home. She finished with three stolen bases.

Cartron joined Harbin with a multi-hit game. Sophomore Haylee Folds tossed her second complete game in as many days for Wallace State, scattering two runs on five hits. She struck out four and walked one. Odessa was an 11 seed.

In Wednesday's opener, Grayson's Hailey Vess broke an extra-inning tie with a two-run homer – the second round-tripper of the game for the Vikings, beating the Lions in a winner's bracket game.

Wallace State scooted out to an early 1-0 in the first. Frame led off the inning with a triple and Jaiden Farnetti's sacrifice fly drove her in.

Grayson tied the game at 1-all in the fourth on an RBI single by Vess.

The Vikings seized a 2-1 lead in sixth, but Wallace State answered in the bottom half of the inning on a two-out, RBI single by Morgan White, scoring Bonds.

Frame had a multiple-hit game for the Lions, including the triple. She added a stolen base.

Farnetti, Benton, Harbin and Erin Chambliss each added a single.

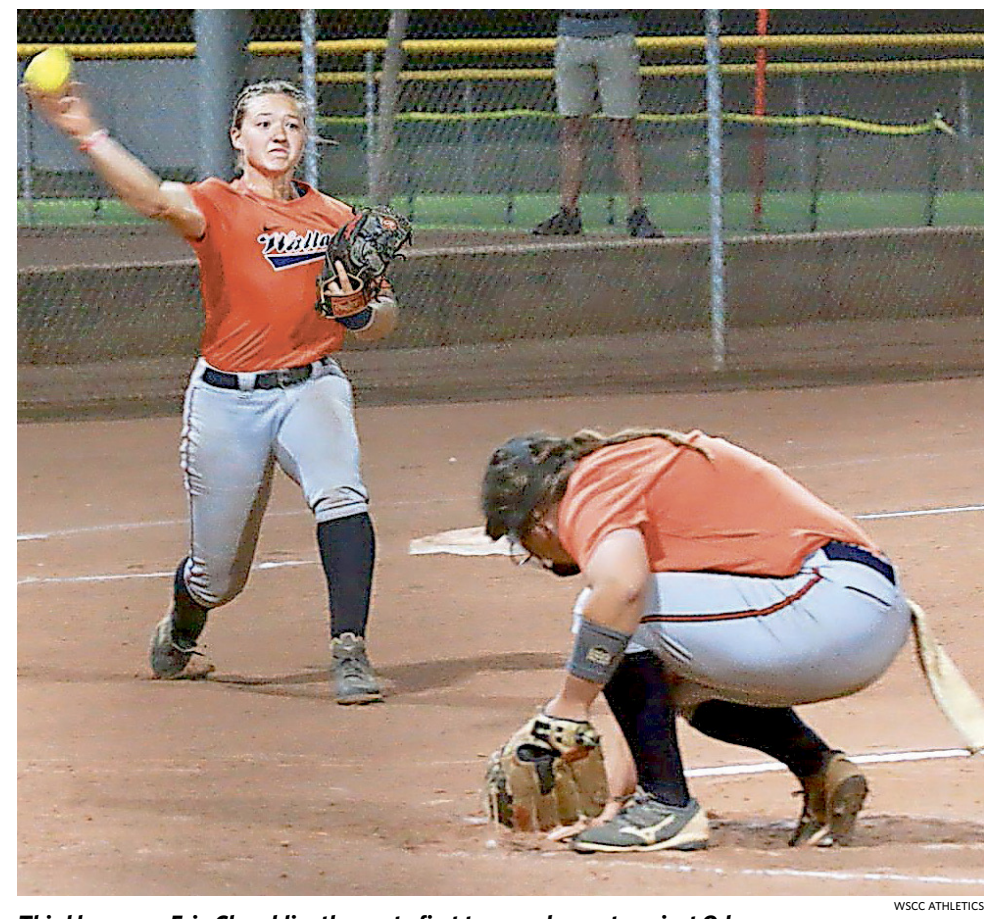
Raven Clark was the losing pitcher in relief. She gave up two runs on three hits in three innings.

Lefty Josie Thompson started and yielded a pair of runs and five hits in five innings. She recorded four strikeouts.

Wallace State softball is making its ACCC-best 13th appearance at the NJCAA National Championship and seeking a third national championship.

View all NJCAA Championship games at https://www.njcaa.org/network

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Third baseman Erin Chambliss throws to first to record an out against Odessa.

Folds twirls three-hit shutout, lifting No. 5 Wallace State softball in NJCAA Division I National Championship opener

Russell Moore
WSCC Athletics

YUMA, Ariz. – Haylee Folds twirled a three-hit gem and five Wallace State softball players accounted for RBIs in the Lions' 5-0 first-round victory over No. 12 Chipola College in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division I National Championship on Tuesday at the Pacific Avenue Athletic Complex in Yuma, Ariz.

Folds, a sophomore from Columbus, Ga., recorded seven strikeouts and walked one. She allowed only two runners to reach scoring position, commanding the strike zone throughout.

"I felt comfortable all game. It was probably among my top outings of the year. Coach Daugherty called a great game, and it didn't feel like anything was hit hard," Fold said.

"That's a big win for us. Chipola is a national power as well and one of our out-of-state rivals."

Folds improved to 20-1 on the season, sending 5th-seeded Wallace State into a winner's bracket game against Grayson (Texas) College on Wednesday at 4 p.m.

The Lions are four wins away from the third NJCAA Division I national championship in program history.

"Haylee got ahead in the count early and commanded both sides of the plate," said coach A.J. Daugherty.

"It felt like one run was all she needed. It was definitely among her best outings of the season."

Wallace State (54-4) gave Folds all the support she needed in the fourth inning.

Brantly Bonds led off the inning with a double and later scored on a Maddie Cartron sacrifice fly.

The Lions added a pair of insurance runs in the fifth and sixth innings.

In the fifth, Felicity Frame punched a two-out RBI triple to left field and Jaiden Farnetti followed with an RBI single for a 3-0 lead.

In the sixth, Kelsey McPeters smacked an RBI single and Madisen Adams an RBI double, extending the cushion to 5-0.

Frame had the lone multi-hit performance of the game.

Andrea Harbin added a triple for the Lions.

While Wallace State's offense has slugged a school record 116 home runs, the Lions can also thrive with small ball, as evidenced during Tuesday's win.

"We haven't been shut out once this season and that's a confidence builder, no matter how many outs we have remaining.

"Once we were able to get that first run on the board on Maddie's sac fly, it opened the dam. We knew more runs were coming,"

Daugherty said. "We have weapons who can put up runs multiple ways."

Ava Worthy, Natalie Kopicova and Marley Sims each had a single for Chipola.

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Sophomore Haylee Folds tossed a three-hit shutout in the Lions' 5-0 win over Chipola on Tuesday in Yuma, Arizona.

Diodati's RBI-single in extras helps Alabama clinch 3-2 win over No. 4 Tennessee

Alex Thompson
UA Athletics

HOOVER, Ala. – Alabama took down the higher-seeded team for a second straight day, this time claiming a 3-2 win over the No. 2 seed and fourth-ranked Tennessee Volunteers at the Hoover Met. The Crimson Tide came away with a 3-2 win in 11 innings to advance to the winner's bracket on Thursday and improve to 31-22 on the season.

Alabama got out front first once again, scratching across one in the second and another run in the sixth for a 2-0 advantage. Tennessee answered, evening things up in the seventh thanks to a pair of Alabama errors that led to two unearned runs. Both teams would go scoreless in regulation, sending things to extras where the Crimson Tide took the lead for good on an RBI-single from Owen Diodati for the eventual 3-2 win.

The Crimson Tide was able to come away with the win thanks to another impressive effort from the pitching staff.

Jacob McNairy got the start for UA, tossing a career-high 4.2 innings of scoreless baseball while allowing just three hits and a walk with two punchouts. William Freeman followed in relief with 1.2 innings, allowing two unearned runs on a hit with one strikeout.

Chase Lee (7-0) was last to get the call with the junior closer contributing a season-high 4.2 scoreless frames to earn the eventual win.

Diodati led the offensive effort for UA, finishing 2-for-4 with the go-ahead RBI to pair with a double, and one walk. Matching Diodati was Jackson Tate, with Tate posting a 2-for-4 effort as well that featured a team-high two RBI to go with a walk.

From Head Coach Brad Bohannon

"Tennessee played a great game, and I'm really proud of our kids – we could have easily folded or cracked after those defensive miscues in the sixth, but the kids just kept coming.

"That's what they do. This group is just resilient and as good at dealing with adversity as any that I've ever had.

"I'm just really happy for them that they can get some short-term satisfaction today and I'm just real proud of them."

How It Happened

• T2 | Zane Denton led off the second with a single. He moved to third on a double from Owen Diodati in the next at-bat before coming home on a 6-3 groundout from Jackson Tate. (1-0, Alabama)

• T6 | Tate drew a bases-loaded walk to push across another Tide run. (2-0, Alabama)

• B7 | Tennessee got on the board with a pair of unearned runs in the seventh to even the score up at two apiece. (2-2)

• T11 | Sam Praytor led things off with a ground-rule double to right-center to get the rally started. Diodati followed one-out later with a single back up the chute to bring Praytor home for the game-winning run. (3-2, Alabama)

Postgame Notes

• Alabama has totaled 18 comeback wins on the season.

• Jacob McNairy tossed a career-long 4.2 innings in today's start. His previous high for innings pitched was 4.1 in game one of the doubleheader with Wright State on Feb. 27 of this season. The outing against the Raiders came in relief.

• Chase Lee picked up his team-high tying seventh win. His seven wins matches Tyler Ras with the duo posting the most wins by an Alabama pitcher since Geoffrey Bramblett had eight in 2015.

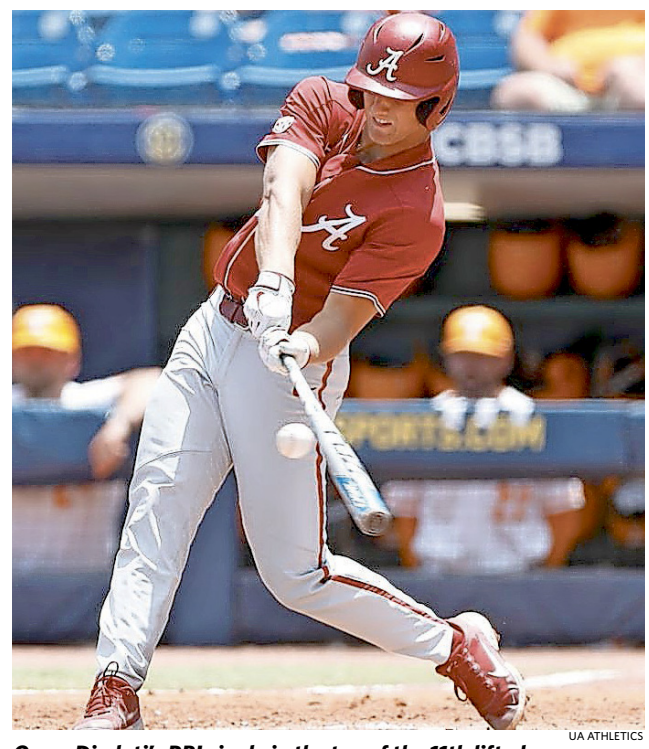
• The Tide closer tossed a career-high 85 pitches in relief. Lee's previous career-high total for pitches was 76 which came last season against Lipscomb on March 6.

• Lee contributed a season-high 4.2 innings in today's game. Lee's previous season-high total was 4.0 against Stetson on March 13.

• Owen Diodati has helped the Crimson Tide either walk it off or provided UA with the game-winning hit on four occasions this season. Diodati's first walkoff came against South Alabama on March 9 with his game-winning grand slam. He then recorded the game-winning home run on April 11 at Texas A&M and helped UA walk off Auburn on April 15 with the game-winning single at home.

Next up for Alabama is a matchup with Florida on Thursday, May 27. The Crimson Tide and Gators are scheduled for a 4:30 p.m. CT first pitch on SEC Network. A win over UF would give the Tide the day off on Friday while a loss would move UA into the 3 p.m. timeslot on Friday against either Mississippi State or Tennessee.

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.



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Owen Diodati's RBI single in the top of the 11th lifted Alabama over Tennessee 4-3 Wednesday.

Camp (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman Community Theatre announced this week via social media, "Cullman Community Theatre's Summer Season is on! Due to very recent updates in local policies, our board has met and decided to move forward with a summer musical for the 2021 season!"

CCT will be holding informational meetings and open auditions next Tuesday and Thursday, June 1 and 3, at 6:30 p.m. at The Little House at Art Park, 1031 Second St. SW off Main Avenue, in hopes of finding folks ready to work on a musical production.

CCT Director Wayne Cook told The Tribune, "We are mainly trying to determine the interest level next week with those two meetings.

"If we have the cast, we will begin the process of a large production this summer."

CCT has not revealed any specific show ideas, but the group is accustomed to big summer productions. After its inaugural "The Music Man" in 2018 and "Oklahoma!" in 2019, "Hello Dolly" was shelved by COVID in 2020, along with a planned children's production of "Frozen" that would follow a late summer theater camp.

If you are intrigued, curious or just ready to get out and do something, CCT offers an invitation: "Come out and see our board members, find out about the show and audition for a role or sign up to be a part of the production crew! We can't wait to see you all next week and are so ready to get to entertain our community together!"

Summer Theatre Camp is on!

Earlier this month, CCT announced the return of Summer Theatre Camp in partnership with Cullman City Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism, from June 28 to July 2, at Cullman High School.

According to the online camp registration page, the camp will be led by staff of Cullman High School Theater and Fine Arts Department, who will direct the play "Frozen," which it was not able to produce last year.

According to CCT, "This is the perfect camp for the little actor in your family who wants to perfect their stage presence and performing abilities! Participants will learn the in's and out's of what it takes to put on a large production as well."

Online registration for CCT's Summer Theatre Camp is available at https://cullmanrecreation.recdesk.com/Community/Program/Detail?programId=576.

Get more information or keep up with Cullman Community Theatre at https://www.facebook.com/Cullman-Community-Theater-1783955535053828.

Gardens (from Front)

responsible for this bill that has created a path for things to be better. No situation is perfect, but we feel as a board that families can feel hopeful for the first time about where their loved ones are resting. Some of the things we have been able to accomplish include demolishing the two buildings that were an eyesore to the cemetery, pressure washing the mausoleum building, having tree stumps removed and removing old shrubs. In addition, the fountain has become a beautiful, planted area and a new American flag is in place. While we have accomplished a lot, we still have more work to do.

We will have the cemetery professionally mowed and edged before Sunday, May 9, which is decoration Sunday for Cullman Memory Gardens. Our volunteer mowers have done an amazing job mowing the cemetery and without them, the cemetery would have been overgrown by weeds and grass. We very much appreciate everything they have done but we would like to give them some help with the job of mowing in the months ahead."

On the topic of Decoration, it continued,

"Decoration weekend, we will have temporary event quality bathrooms available on-site for visitors and family. We hope to have the chapel open for family members to be able to honor their loved ones. A tent will be set up for information and donations. There will be thousands of dollars of cost involved in gaining ownership of Memory Gardens. Donations can be made in person or mailed to the new post office box at the Cullman Post Office. That address is P.O. Box 964, Cullman, Alabama 35056. Please make your donations to Cullman Memory Gardens Cemetery Foundation. Your donation is tax deductible. All donations will be used for the upkeep and maintenance of Memory Gardens.

"Cullman County Cemetery Board Members are Ron Faust, Austin Hall, Jerry Smith, Amy Walker and Eddie Williams. Members of the board serve without compensation. We are honored to have been appointed by the legislative delegation to serve in this capacity. Each of us has loved ones in the cemetery or mausoleum.

"We appreciate your support and patience as we work to make Memory Gardens once again a place of peace and abiding beauty."

Walker explained some of the other repairs needed at the mausoleum, "The roof of the mausoleum needs repair. There is a four-foot-by-five-foot hole in the roof that has been there for over six months." She added, "The best way anybody can help is like anything else, is money."

Under former ownership, Decoration weekend was observed on Memorial Day weekend and board members do anticipate that some families will come this weekend to place flowers. A tent will be set up with members of the board to provide information and also accept donations for ongoing improvements.

Obituary Announcements: May 27

Margaret Maxine Comeens, 89, of Double Springs

Margaret Maxine Comeens, 89, of Double Springs, Alabama entered into rest May 27, 2021, at her residence surrounded by her loving family. Mrs. Comeens was born January 23, 1932. Visitation will be held Saturday, May 29, 2021, from noon – 1 p.m. at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in Haleyville, where services will be held at 1 p.m. Brother Dennis Stewart and Brother Terry Bendall will officiate. Burial will follow in Macedonia Cemetery in Haleyville, Alabama. Maxine is survived by her daughter: Deborah Commens Townsend (Jerry); her son: Randall Offie Comeens (Barbara); her grandchildren: Jason Townsend (Laura), Michelle Robins (John), Lindsey Fralix (Steven), and Jesse Comeens (Alisha); nine great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren and her sister: Gail Cagle. She was preceded in death by her parents: Herbert and Elvie Batchelor; her husband: Offie Willard Comeens; her brothers: Alvin and Ray Batchelor; brother-in-law: Blaine Cagle and her sister-in-law: Reba Batchelor.

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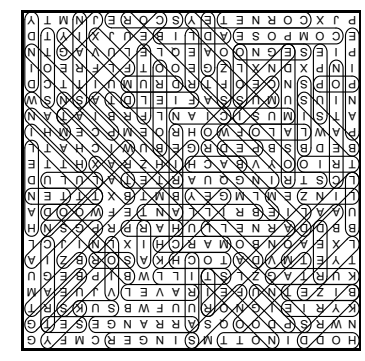
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Meals (from Front)

mentally or physically disabled and participating in a public or private nonprofit school program for the mentally or physically disabled).

Curbside grab-and-go food distribution will take place at the Education Complex Monday - Friday from 11 a.m. - noon, or until all food has been distributed, holidays excepted. This is on a first-come, first-serve basis; food will not be reserved or delivered.

There is no registration or qualifying paperwork required to participate in this program.

The meals are free to the children and available to all children in the pantry's service area and their guests. If a child is not present when lunch/snacks are picked up, the person making the pickup will confirm that the food is for a child and must give the name of the child.

Food allergies should be reported to the pantry ahead of time to allow for alternate food to be delivered.

Summer activities in the works

Colony Librarian Brenda Johnson told The Tribune on Thursday that the Tom Bevill Branch Library, also at the Educational Complex, plans to offer programs for children this summer, though she did not share details at the time. For more information, contact the library at 256-287-1573.

Colony Councilwoman and Parks and Recreation Committee chair Jasmine Cole at Tuesday's council meeting announced that she plans to hold a "Colony Day" celebration Saturday, Aug. 7. The event is still in the preliminary planning stage, but Cole said that families will be invited to the park to set up tents and grills for a time of community fellowship, with children's activities and softball.

For more information or to volunteer for "Colony Day," email Jasmine Cole at colejas92@gmail.com.

The Tribune reached out for information on other Colony summer plans to interim town clerks Gwendolyn Purifoy and Jamelle Dimbo, who declined to speak.



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