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Grilled Cheese wins the day at Hanceville's inaugural Grilled Cheese Festival

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – A huge crowd came out Saturday to Hanceville's Downtown to enjoy a day dedicated to America's go-to comfort sandwich. The inaugural Grilled Cheese Festival, hosted by the Hanceville downtown merchants, was wildly popular and successful.

By noon on Saturday, the downtown area of Hanceville was packed with festival goers.

On the main stage, six contestants let their culinary skills shine as they created their signature grilled cheese recipes for the judges.

Hanceville Mayor Kenneth Nail served as one of the three judges and while he waited for the sandwiches to be completed, he was all smiles.

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The Refuge Church's hosts annual Fishing Rodeo


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The group of competitors gather for a photo op

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Refuge Church in East Point, Alabama, off Highway 278, hosted their annual Fishing Rodeo Saturday morning. The rodeo kicked off at 8 a.m. with separate age groups competing for the Biggest Fish and Most Weight categories. The boys and girls were broken into three groups ranging from ages 1-5, ages 6-10 and ages 11-15.

"We have been doing this for the past 20 years and the past five here at The Refuge, and there's no end in sight. The kids love it, the parents love it and we love doing it all for them. It puts a smile on my face every time one of these kids runs up here to weigh a fish they caught. They are so proud.", said Tim Dubberly, pastor of The Refuge Church, and just one of the several dedicated individuals that makes this event happen each year.


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The children competed in hourly slots from 8 a.m. – 9 a.m., 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. and 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. Though the morning was cool, the smiles were bright as they all crowded around to hear the overall winners announced. For the girls, Sydney Mann took home both Biggest Fish and Most Weight. As for the boys, Hudson Dubberly won Biggest Fish, while Dylan Moore won Most Weight.

As the people gathered, drinks were iced, chips laid out and friers set alight. Every year after the competition, a large fish fry is put together by the members of The Refuge to feed everyone in attendance.

The largest record of attendance for this event has been between 50-60 children.

"We just want people to be able to come out, sit back and have a great time for a little while. That is the goal," said one congregation member. "This community goes above and beyond to take care of, and love it's children and isn't that what it is all about?"

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

'Brother Joseph, Brother Joseph!' at Ave Maria Grotto


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Festival (from Front)

get out and this is something fun and different," Nail said.

Across the table, Reverend James Fields was also in awe of the crowd, saying, "This is really great, especially for the merchants and other vendors after a difficult year."

After judging the six grilled cheese entries, the three-judge panel had made a decision. The top grilled cheese chef was Hanceville fourth grader, Julyus Lasseter. Hanceville City Council member Patty Dean took second.

On the other end of Bangor Avenue, teams gathered for the cornhole tournament and attendees formed lines at the many food trucks that also offered their take on the grilled cheese sandwich.

Hanceville downtown newcomers Meriweather's Soul Food had attracted a crowd as they served up their ribs, burgers and chili.

One of the employees of the popular meat and three reported as they returned from an emergency run to the store, "We knew it would be busy but wow!"

The Hanging Lady Antique and Oddities Shop chose Saturday as their grand opening.

The new shop, located on Commercial Street, was teeming with shoppers and down at Blue Moon Records, owner Neal Watts was pleased by the number of people who had come to his store--many for the first time.

Out on the streets, people were enjoying the food, shopping, live music and perhaps most of all, the cooler weather.

The Grilled Cheese Festival was a huge success and "it didn't rain," Mayor Nail joked.

Once the merchants of downtown Hanceville have a chance to measure the festival's success and return after observing Memorial Day, what the future holds for the Grilled Cheese Festival will without a doubt be discussed.

Fulghum (from Front)

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Jackie Junior Fulghum was born March 3, 1943 in Cullman County and he lived in Hanceville. He was drafted into the United States Army and began his tour in Vietnam Aug. 18, 1965. His military occupation was Light Weapons Infantry and he was attached to 1st Cavalry Division (AIRMOBILE), 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry, B Company.

The 1st Cavalry Division is known as "First Team."

The 1st Cavalry Division became "the Army's first air mobile division" and "the first fully committed division of the Vietnam War" according to the 1st Cavalry Division Association (1CDA).

The 1CDA would explain in a history of the 7th Cavalry, "On 23 October 1965, the first real combat test came at the historic order of General Westmoreland to send the First Team into an air assault mission to pursue and fight the enemy across 2,500 square miles of jungle.

"Troopers of the 1st Brigade and 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry swooped down on the NVA 33rd regiment before it could get away from Plei Me.

"The enemy regiment was scattered in the confusion and was quickly smashed."

A week after this historic mission, on Oct. 30, 1965, PFC Jackie Junior Fulghum died in a drowning accident along with PFC Aaron C. Murrell of North Carolina.

The accident happened in the South Vietnam province of Bien Hoa.

It is noted in Fulghum's biography on honorstates.org that "he loved music and was an accomplished guitar player."

His love of music and playing the guitar is evident with the engraving of a guitar on his headstone in Hopewell Cemetery in Hanceville.

Fulghum is also honored on the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Wall in Washington D.C. (Panel 03e, Line 6) and at the Cullman Veterans Memorial Park.

Show (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – On Saturday, June 12, the City of Hanceville will celebrate the history and heritage of big wheels, horsepower and torque at the 23rd annual Hanceville Antique Tractor and Engine Show at Wallace State Community College.

Charles Allen who, along with Bonnie Hamrick Brannan, took charge of the event from founders Jimmy Hamrick and Hershel Needham, said of the show's origins, "Most of it was farmers wanting to display their equipment, like a car show. Folks want to display their cars; well, farmers want to display their tractors."

Featured attractions will include:

• Vintage tractors dating back to the 1930s, from John Deere, Farmall, Cub, International and others. Many are restored antiques, but some are still working "fresh from the field" vehicles.

• Vintage engines that were used to power farm equipment in the early 20th century, some of which will be operating for demonstrations

• Slow races, awarding the tractor that can travel the course the slowest without stalling

• Peddle tractor races for the kids

• "Parade of Power" tractor parade, where visitors enjoy the sights and sounds of operational vintage equipment

• Skillet throwing contest for the ladies, using official tournament rules and skillets.

• Homemade ice cream, made in motorized churns powered by vintage engines

In a previous interview, event coordinator Brannan said of her father, event co-founder Jimmy Hamrick, "He always loved tractors and had been around them, worked on them, liked restoring them. He had a passion for them. He farmed and worked, too. He loved his community, and he loved giving back. If he could do anything for you, he would, so this was just one way to give back to the community."

At a glance

• Hanceville Antique Tractor and Engine Show
• Saturday, June 8, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
• At Wallace State Community College in Hanceville

For more information, call 256-590-2478 or 205-616-4173, or visit www.facebook.com/HancevilleTractorShow.

Tournaments (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman charity clothing boutique Curt's Closet and Cullman Child Advocacy Center Brooks' Place both recently announced plans for fundraising golf tournaments this summer.

Curt's Classic at Cross Creek, July 31

The "Curt's Classic" tournament will take place at Cross Creek Golf Course, 2321 County Road 490 in Hanceville, Saturday, July 31, starting at 8 a.m. Registration is $500 per team or $125 per player.

Sponsorships are also available:

• Event sponsor - $5,000
• Gold sponsor - $1,000
• Silver sponsor - $500
• Hole sponsor - $100

Registration forms can be found online at https://www.facebook.com/cw20curtscloset/photos/a.153652018537120/920646645170983/. For more information, call 256-735-4557.

Curt's Closet founder Ashley Wilson talked about the recent move to the organization's new and larger facility:

"The new location has given us the ability to accommodate more volunteers. We also are able to spend more time helping our clients because we are not traveling across town to storage facilities. We have also seen an increase in donations because it is so much easier to drop off at our new location."

Wilson also talked about the recent decision of the Curt's Closet board of directors to have the boutique staffed Tuesdays through Fridays, and her decision to be the first full-time staffer:

"Curt's Closet will now be able to serve more families during the week. This will also allow our supporters to drop off donations here. We will still have our drop off locations, but some people prefer to drop off at Curt's Closet. Also, being able to serve families in emergency situations is huge. Before, I would have to leave my job or contact a volunteer to serve these families. Being full-time, I will be able to get items to Victims Services, house fire victims and foster families when needed.

"I have prayed about this for a very long time. God kept showing me it was in His plans. I am truly thankful to be able to serve these families in a more efficient way, on a full-time basis."

For more on Curt's Closet, including how to help or seek services, visit https://www.facebook.com/cw20curtscloset or call 256-735-4557.

Brooks' Place Charity Golf Tournament at Terri Pines, Aug. 23, 2021

Brooks' Place Child Advocacy Center will hold its charity tournament Monday, Aug. 23, at Terri Pines Country Club, with lunch at 11 a.m. and shotgun start at noon. Registration is $400 per team or $100 per individual. Hole sponsorships are available for $100, and you can field a team and sponsor a hole for $450.

Agcor Steel will offer a 30x30 metal building with 10x10 roll up door and one standard door, valued at $15,000, as a hole-in-one prize. Other prizes include a flat screen television, gas grill and Yeti coolers.

For information or registration, contact Blakely Hopper at Brooks' Place, 256-739-2243 ext. 308 or email bhopper@cullmancac.com.

Brooks' Place Director Gail Swafford told The Tribune, "We are so appreciative of the people who have participated in the tournament in previous years. We would not be able to provide services to children and families impacted by abuse without community support. This golf tournament is our main fundraiser. There has been about a 20% cut each year in grant funding for the last two years which directly impacts provision of services. Fundraisers, such as our golf tournament, not only serves as part of the required cash match portion for our grant, but also enables us to purchase items and pay expenses not covered by the grant.

"Cullman is blessed with several nonprofit agencies that provide services to people with various needs. Brooks' Place Child Advocacy Center is the only agency in Cullman that provides all the services child victims need to heal from abuse. We appreciate those who contribute monetarily or donate items such as cleaning products, art supplies, paper products, shampoo, diapers, snacks etc."

For more information on Brooks' Place, contact Gail Swafford at 256-739-2243 extension 307, or email gswafford@cullmancac.com.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Monday, May 31, 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: 417,501 (+ 141 since Friday)
• Probable cases in Alabama: 125,904 (+87 since Friday)
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama: 8,785 (+6 since Friday)
• Probable deaths in Alabama: 2,361
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,653 (+ 2 since Friday)
• Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 3,190 (+ 4 since Friday)
• Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 135 (+0 since Friday)
• Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 63
• Total tested in Cullman Co.: 642,338
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co: 1,908
• Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 61
• Total tested in Alabama: 2,611,777
• Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 2,839
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 100,164
• Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 262
• Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama (reported M-F): 49,899
• Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 509,800

Vaccine details (updated Monday-Friday)

• Doses Delivered to Alabama: 4,331,025
• Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 3,072,725
• Doses administered: 2,913,654
• Number of people receiving one or more doses: 1,655,125
• Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 1,354,602
• Doses delivered to federal programs: 1,261,520

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

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

Jake (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Animal Shelter's Donna Ruttkay shares the Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week:

Big Jake is a one-year-old Bullmastiff/Rottweiler mix. He's a laid-back, low-to-medium energy pet who's developing good leash skills. He prefers to stay close to his people and is quiet when in his kennel. Jake enjoys doggie toys and the cool water of the kiddie pool.

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

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

Animal shelter staff and volunteers work with their dogs to make sure they are accustomed to being around people, walking on a leash and practicing good behavior. Several of the shelter's canine friends have even been "hired" to work as therapy and special needs service dogs.

Please consider adopting to give a rescued pet a chance at a happy and healthy life.

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or visit them at 935 Convent Road NE. Reach them by email at cullmancountyanimalshelter@gmail.com.

Good news!
The Cullman County Animal Shelter will be bringing canine friends out to downtown Cullman's 2nd Friday celebration June 11. Come out and meet the crew!

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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

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• 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

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, 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 Kick-off 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.

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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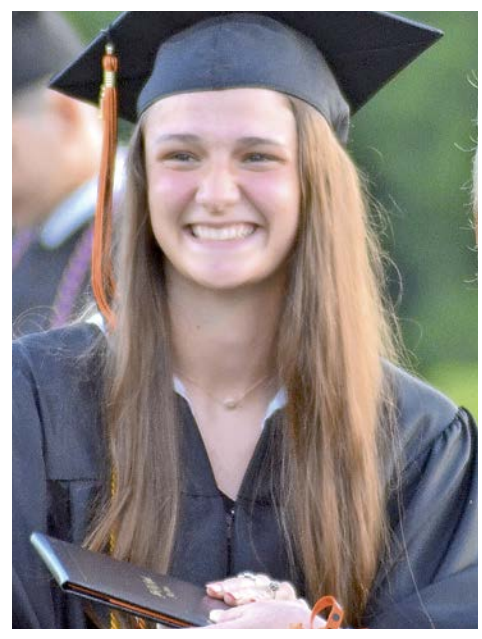
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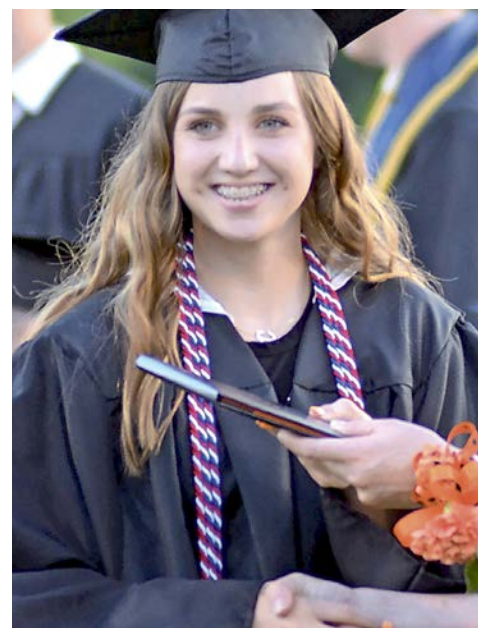


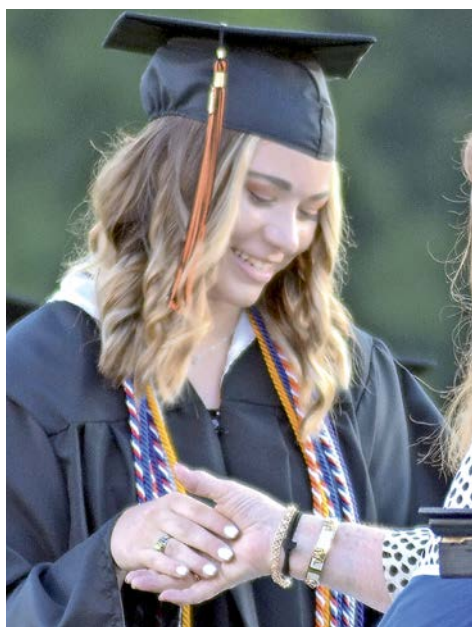






















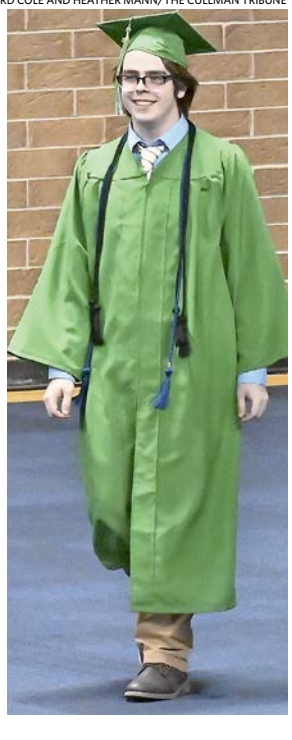


Sights from Holly Pond High School Graduation 2021

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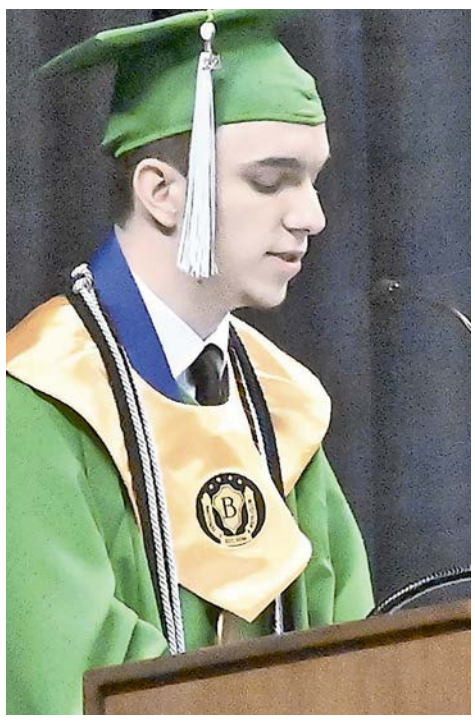


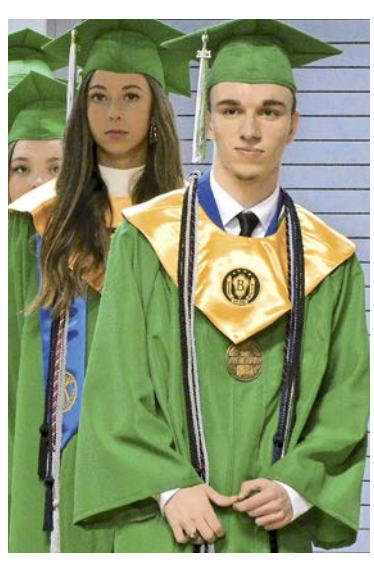














Alabama secures trip to its 13th Women's College World Series

Nathan Sheehan
UA Athletics

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – Alabama softball secured its 13th trip to the Women's College World series with a 4-1 win over Kentucky in game two of the Super Regional series.

The Crimson Tide will open play at the Women's College World Series Thursday, June 3 against the winner of the Fayetteville Super Regional between Arkansas and Arizona.

Game times and TV information will be determined at a later date.

Alabama (50-7) took a quick 2-0 lead over Kentucky (43-16) in the first inning on a two-run double from Kaylee Tow.

The Wildcats got a run back in the bottom of the second and it remained 2-1 until Maddie Morgan blasted a two-run home run over the right field fence to stretch the lead to 4-1.

The lead held thanks to the Tide defense and a stellar outing from Lexi Kilfoyl (14-3), who earned the complete-game win with just one run on five hits with seven strikeouts.

From Head Coach Patrick Murphy

"It was a heck of a good weekend for us. I have so much respect for Kentucky; the players, the coaching staff.

"They're one of my favorite groups in college softball. [Lexi] Kilfoyl was outstanding, and we got two big hits when we needed them. Usually that's the name of the game.

"We played some great defense. Taylor Clark and Maddie Morgan made some big plays.

"We didn't have any errors and that was key, because with a drop ball pitcher you're going to have a lot of ground balls."

Highlights

• Alabama will be making its 13th trip to the Women's College World Series, previously doing so in 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2019

• The Crimson Tide is now 24-13 all-time in Super Regionals, including a 21-5 mark at home

• Alabama has now won 11 of the 16 Super Regional rounds it has played in, including 10 of the 11 at Rhoads Stadium

• This is the eighth Super Regional the Tide has won in two games

• Alabama improves its current win streak to 18 games, 16 of which have come over ranked foes

Scoring summary

• **T1** | Kaylee Tow blasted a two-run double off the wall in left (2-0, 0 Out)

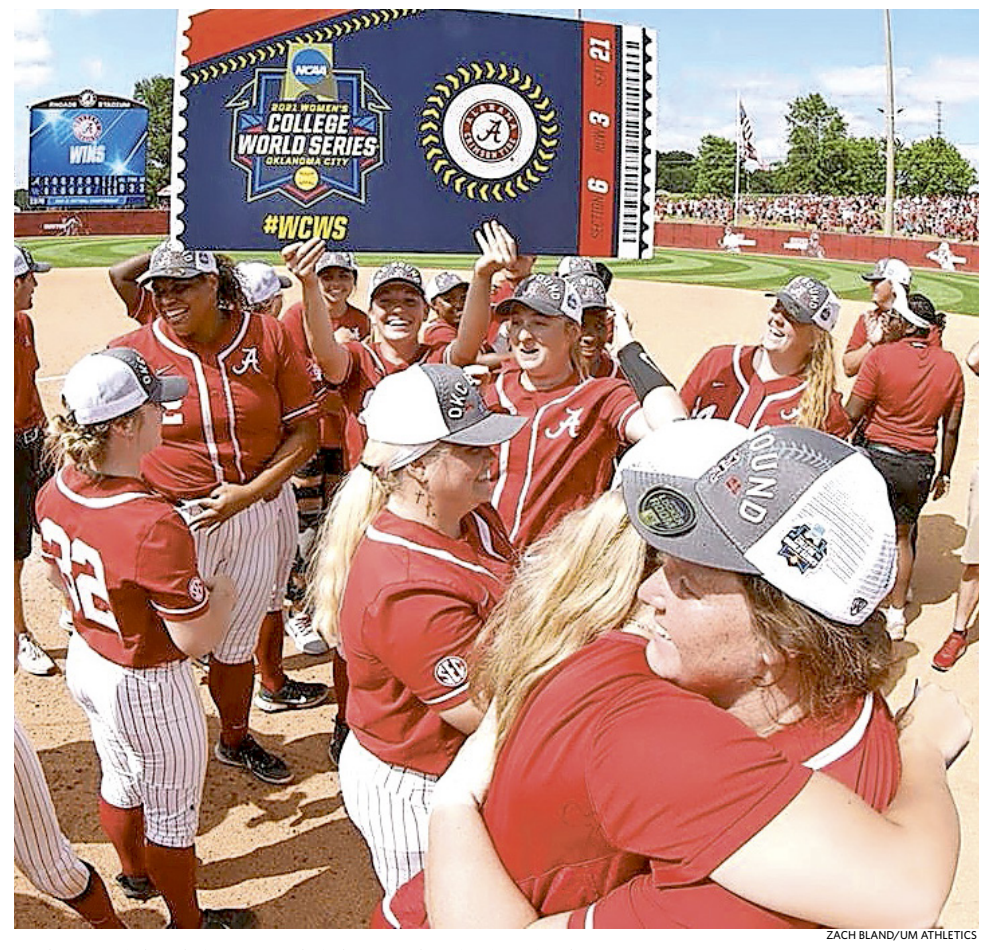
• **B2** | A Kentucky runner got caught in a rundown but the runner from third scored on the fielder's choice (2-1, 0 Out)

• **T4** | Maddie Morgan hit a two-run home run to right field (4-1, 1 Out)

Up next – Women's College World Series (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma)

• Thursday, June 3 vs. Arkansas/Arizona – TBD

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



ZACH BLAND/UM ATHLETICS

Auburn's Richard Fitts tossed eight scoreless innings in the Tigers' 3-0 win at Missouri Friday night.

Alabama earns NCAA postseason berth in Ruston Regional

Alex Thompson
UA Athletics

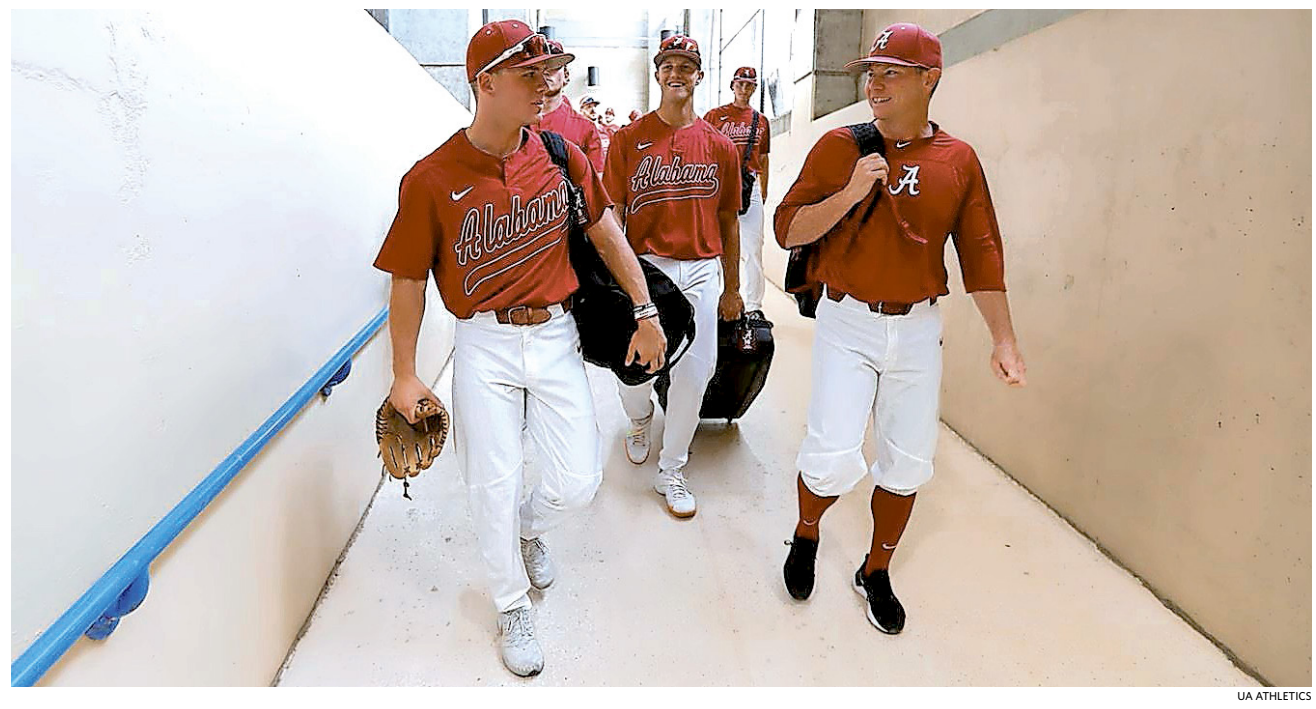
TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – Alabama baseball earned a spot in the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2014 as the Crimson Tide was selected as one of four teams that make up the Ruston Regional hosted by Louisiana Tech University.

The Crimson Tide will be joined in Ruston by No. 2 seed NC State and No. 4 seed Rider long with top-seeded host Louisiana Tech. The opening round of NCAA Regionals will begin on Friday, June 4 and run through Monday, June 7. Each Regional is double-elimination with only one team advancing from each Regional site into NCAA Super Regional play.

Alabama will be making its 25th all-time appearance in the NCAA Tournament and its first appearance since 2014.

The Crimson Tide holds a 70-49 (.588) overall record in the NCAA Tournament, including a 56-35 (.615) mark in Regionals. Alabama has claimed seven Regional Championships in program history including titles in 1950, 1983, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2006, 2010.

Get all the latest information on the team by following @AlabamaBSB 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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Alabama is advancing to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2014.

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

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

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

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

Fredrick A. Blackmon, Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF *
KDH, JR., * **CASE NO.: JU 20-146.03**
a minor, DOB: 05-09-2013. *

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

KEVIN DEWAYNE HUNTER, SR., whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Cullman County Department of Human Resources in regards to a minor child born on May 9, 2013, to Amy Nicole Lovell by the 21 day of June, 2021, or thereafter a judgment terminating his parental rights may be entered against him in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 27 day of April, 2021.

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk

Petitioner:
Cullman County Department of Human Resources
P. O. Box 990
1220 St. Joseph Street NW
Cullman, AL 35056

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
NANETTE BEATRICE STANCHAK * CASE NO.: PC2021-157
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to KIMBERLY H. DRAKE Personal Representative of the Estate of NANETTE BEATRICE STANCHAK, deceased, on the 21st 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.

KIMBERLY H. DRAKE
Personal Representative

Kimberly H. Drake
Attorney for the Petitioner
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
JAMES VERBON STIDHAM * CASE NO.: PC2021-190
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Jerome V. Stidham Personal Representative of the Estate of James Verbon Stidham, deceased, on the 28th 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.

Jerome V. Stidham
Personal Representative

Kenneth Weldon
Attorney for the Petitioners
1170 County Road 1352
Vinemont, Alabama 35179

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

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

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: MATTER OF * CASE No. JU-2020-467.01
B.F.M. *
(a minor) DOB: 08/04/2017 *

NOTICE

To the publisher of the Cullman Tribune:

Petitioner, Jeremy Morgan, having made a Motion for service by Publication in the above styled action and the Court having entered an Order that service be perfected by publication, Hayli Jackson mother of B.F.M., a minor child born 08/04/2017, must respond to the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights by the 6 of July, 2021, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

Done this the 26 day of May, 2021

CIRCUIT COURT CLERK

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LISA McSWAIN
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CULLMAN COUNTY

EDITORIAL

The policies of starting over

Ashlyn Grey
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Change is a largely evolving concept. Occasionally, we are swept up in this giant wave of newness and gives us a feeling of being dipped into ice water. Initially, when submerged in freezing water, the human body has what is known as a "cold shock response." The lungs immediately begin uncontrollably gasping for air as you thrash about in the water and what happens next depends on everything you do in this exact moment. Your instinct is to panic. The things around you are suddenly much farther out of your control than they were moments before, and you are left to manage the only thing you can. Yourself.

In order to survive, you must override your instinct, that primal urge in your chest that is screaming to be anywhere other than in the middle of abrupt change.

You want to gasp for air, to kick yourself away, to reach comfort again as quickly as possible, but the only way out is by doing the complete opposite.

Sometimes the hardest thing to do is to do nothing at all.

To tilt your head back and to feel everything rush over you, whether it be grief, anger, fear or some odd combination of all three.

Your heart is broken, and you are desperate to make the aching stop. Do you run from the pain, or do you face it?

Someone betrayed your trust, and you want revenge. Do you get even, or do you grow? You have an opportunity to take a chance on yourself. Do you throw it away, or do you thrive?

I did not think that at age 23, I would be living with my parents and just beginning my career. It isn't where I had initially pictured myself. Returning home felt like admitting defeat, like I was supposed to be embarrassed of this apparent failure.

I could tell you all the reasons that brought me to where I am, but this is not about the past. This is about where we are and where we go from here. How we survive the abrupt change and freezing water.

Life is never so simple as to offer the instructions for rescue directly on the label. Hardly anything has such an obvious answer. "Sink or swim," they say. It sounds black and white, like you either you make it, or you don't. You imagine simplicity until you find yourself in the middle of that freezing water.

When it's not so easy as you thought, the result is that you are pushing down on your own back with too much force, and it's been that way for far too long.

Change often feels a lot like discomfort, the same way growing bones made you ache as a child.

When real growth happens, you begin seeing things for what they are. Maybe it's identifying toxicity from family members, friends or relationships and learning how to move forward. Whatever the case, one must begin to take risks and accept failures for the valuable lessons they teach.

The risk is to step out of your comfort zone and onto the ice. When the human body is suddenly submerged in freezing water, the initial reaction is to panic, but panicking is not the way to survive.

To survive is learning to float and about learning to exist in this moment, in the middle of the storm and thrive.

Obituary Announcements: May 31

Lorene Victoria Jones, 96, of Cullman
Lorene Victoria Jones, age, 96 of Cullman, died Sunday, May 30, 2021. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; daughter: Carolyn Jones and a grandchild. Mrs. Jones is survived by her children: Edith Pridmore (Ron), Butch Jones (Lisa), Mike Jones (Jeanne), and Mitch Jones (Geraldine); 10 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. A graveside celebration of Mrs. Jones life will be Tuesday, June 1, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. at Simcoe Methodist Cemetery. Please visit mossservicefh.com to leave condolences for the family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Rebecca Francis Culwell, 68, of Cullman
Rebecca Francis Culwell, age 68, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Thursday, May 27, 2021. Rebecca was born August 17, 1952, in Selma, Alabama. Rebecca is survived by her husband: John Walden; daughter: Kimberly Diane Boroughs; son: James Boroughs; sister: Jenny Beech; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Rebecca was preceded in death by parents James Woodrow and Mary Ellen Paulk Wilson. No service is scheduled at this time. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Culwell family.

Frances Elizabeth Clayborn, 92, of Vinemont
Frances Elizabeth Clayborn, age 92, of Vinemont, Alabama passed away on Thursday, May 27, 2021. Frances was born July 1, 1928, to Luther V. and Tressie Powell Lawrence who preceded her in death. Frances is survived by nieces: Lisa Trammell (Dannie) and Sheena Lawrence; great-nephew: James Trammell (Savanna); great-nieces: Bridget Whitehead (Eric) and Gidget Turney (Matthew) and great-great nephews and niece: Jase and Silas Turney, Cooper and Tucker Whitehead and Eleanor Trammell. A graveside service for Frances will be held Sunday, May 30, 2021 at 2 p.m. at Mount Zion Cemetery, Cullman, Alabama. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Clayborne family.

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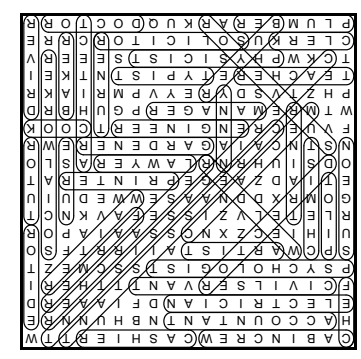
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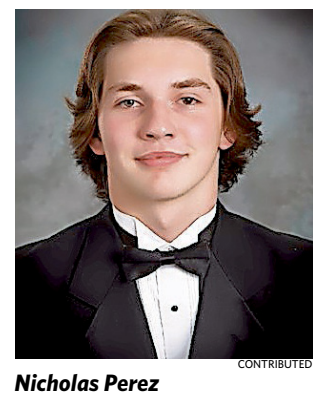


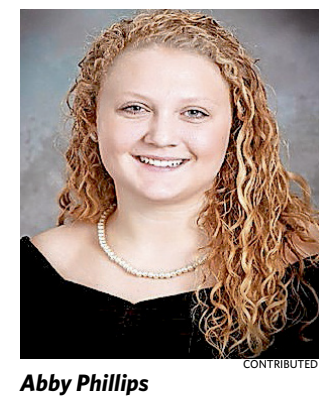
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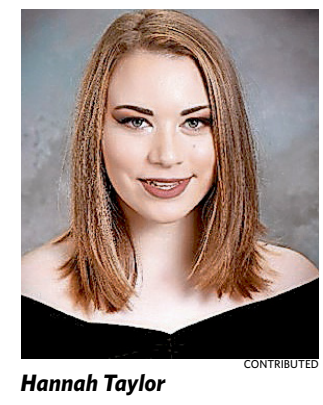

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Arley Women's Club bestows scholarships on six deserving seniors of Meek High School

Anne Knowlton
Contributor

ARLEY, Ala. – The Arley Women's Club is primarily a group dedicated to community service, and likewise, the AWC Scholarship Program is structured to reflect good citizenship. Helping out one's own community through service can be a valuable lesson for students. The AWC Scholarship requires a minimum of 50 service hours during their high school career, letters of recommendation, and an essay reflecting the student's experiences in serving others. Those receiving the 2021 awards from Meek High School this year have been exemplary in sharing their gifts of time and service, making the world a better place in which to live. They managed serving others even while maneuvering through school, work, sports, and the unusual year of the pandemic.

Congratulations to:

- Sabrina Gaines – Maitland Newsome Award
- Abby Phillips – Arley Women's Club Community Award
- Nicholas Perez – Outstanding Citizenship Award
- Ally Parris – Arley Women's Club Community Award
- Dalton Guthrie – AWC
- Hannah Taylor – Bob Smiley Award

Grotto (from Front)

W.C. Mann
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CULLMAN, Ala. – On Sunday afternoon, artists Ben South and Donna Drake premiered their children's musical "Brother Joseph, Brother Joseph" in the Ave Maria Grotto park at St. Bernard Abbey. The interactive show paired new lyrics with familiar tunes to share the story of the German monk who built the Grotto.

The show featured 15-year-old Arianna Randall and 11-year-old Lucienne Randall telling the audience on the Grotto lawn about Bro. Joseph and the Benedictine monastic life.

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

Following the program, visitors had 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, is in the process of reopening to become a creative space for artists and crafters.

South, whose father taught at St. Bernard, visited the abbey many times as a child to watch Bro. Joseph work.

He told The Tribune, "What I remember as a kid watching Brother Joseph create his art at Ave Maria Grotto was a broad smile that stretched across his face.

"He didn't talk a lot, but he was a joyful, expressive spirit. Today, Ari and Luci Randall fully captured Brother Joseph's joyfulness when they premiered possibly the world's first Benedictine rap song 'Work and Pray.'

"The rat-a-tat lyrics are a modern-day motto for the hardworking and fervent-praying monks at St. Bernard: 'Work and pray... work and pray, that was Brother Joseph's day. Pray and work, work and pray; work, work, work, work... pray, pray, pray.'

South said, "I appreciate Ave Maria Grotto director Roger Steele and St. Bernard's joyful Abbot Marcus Voss on welcoming fresh, 21st century creative people to celebrate the timeless creativity of Brother Joseph, 'Alabama's World-Famous Artist.'"











