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PARKS AND RECREATION

‘Community Splash!’

Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center offers Monday discount starting June 7

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center will offer a Monday discount to the general public through the summer, beginning June 7. “Community Splash,” as the program is called, offers non-members an entry fee of $7, less than half of the standard $15 public admission rate, if they arrive at CWAC between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

The offer is good on Mondays only, with arrival time between 10 a.m. (opening time for the pool) and 11 a.m. After 11 a.m., the » PAGE 2



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SPECIAL EDITION

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Hanceville Public Library gets ready for summer



ASHLYN GREY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Each Wednesday during the summer, Hanceville Public Library will host Story Time in their children’s room.

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Hanceville Public Library has loads of events planned for its community this summer and they are so excited to get started. After last year’s COVID-19 shutdown, the dedicated members of this wonderful library have put their heads together to brainstorm some amazing activities for children of all ages in Hanceville, Alabama.

Today, as other libraries across the county celebrate the beginning of the season with the Summer Reading Kickoff, Hanceville Public Library will be doing the same.

Each Wednesday, at 10 a.m., Hanceville Public Library will host Story Time in their children’s room. The morning begins with stories being read aloud to the children and is followed by group crafts; though, as a safety precaution, snack time has not been reinstated. All ages are welcome to attend.

The Hanceville Public Library was not always where it stands now. The previous building is only about a mile away, but after Merchant Bank’s charitable donation of their old building to the City of Hanceville, the » PAGE 4



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HEALTH

ADPH to provide funding for shade structures for public schools

Lakita Hawes
ADPH

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Although skin cancer is among the most preventable cancers, an estimated 1 in 5 Americans will develop skin cancer in their lifetime.

The Alabama Department of Public Health encourages awareness about the dangers of overexposure to ultraviolet rays and the importance of practicing sun safety, as children are vulnerable to exposure to UV rays on playgrounds or recreational areas during school.

The ADPH Comprehensive Cancer Control Program announces an opportunity for public schools to apply for funding for shade structures.

The program provides funds to install permanent shade structures for outdoor locations that are not protected from the sun, such as playgrounds or recreational spaces. Each shade structure grant is valued at a maximum of $15,000, which includes the cost for a shade structure and installation. The number of awards depends on the availability of funding each year. The deadline to receive applications is June 30.

Sun safety tips to help protect your skin from the sun:

• Use sunscreen with a SPF of 30 or higher and make sure it has UVA and UVB protection.

• Apply sunscreen 20-30 minutes before going outside and remember to reapply after swimming.

• Wear a hat with a wide brim to protect your face, head, ears and neck.

• Wear sunglasses that are made to block 100% of UVA and UVB rays.

• Limit exposure to the sun during the hours of 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., when UV rays are most intense; seek shade when possible.

The public is encouraged to ensure others in the community are aware of this funding opportunity.

For more information regarding sun safety and the Shade Structure Grant Program, please visit: alabamapublichealth.gov/cancercontrol/news.html or alabamapublichealth.gov/cancer/skin.html.

Discount (from Front)

regular rate of $15 applies.

CWAC Director Dianne Evans emphasized that the 11 a.m. cutoff is for entry only; visitors are welcome to stay through the day.

CWAC's Wild Water Park is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Mondays.

For every other day, admission is $15 per person (ages 2 and under free), following this schedule:

• Tuesday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

• Wednesday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

• Thursday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

• Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

• Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

• Sunday 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Come one, come all!

Information was also circulated early on that the program would be for local residents only, requiring a driver's license showing a local address, but Evans stated that this was not correct, and that Community Splash will be for anyone who wants to come.

Evans told The Tribune, "I am excited to see this introduced this year. I hope this will encourage some that have not been to Wild Water to come out and swim with us for the day!"

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COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Wednesday, June 2, 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: 418,395 (+ 424 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in Alabama: 126,203 (+129 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama: 8,806 (+11 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in Alabama: 2,361
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,673 (+ 4 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 3,191 (+ 3 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 136 (+0 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 63
• Total tested in Cullman Co.: 42,501
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co: 1,744
• Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 48
• Total tested in Alabama: 2,621,383
• Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 2,190
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 89,848
• Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 263
• Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama (reported M-F): 50,032
• Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 509,800

Vaccine details (updated Monday-Friday)

• Doses Delivered to Alabama: 4,391,445
• Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 3,084,625
• Doses administered: 2,931,784
• Number of people receiving one or more doses: 1,663,015
• Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 1,366,285
• Doses delivered to federal programs: 1,306,820

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 before being vaccinated. These materials are also available on-site. No appointment required, no ID required and no insurance required.

COVID-19 dashboards no longer updating on weekends / K-12 dashboard suspended

Alabama's COVID-19 Dashboards will no longer update on weekends. The information will continue to be updated Monday through Friday. The K-12 dashboard will be suspended and 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/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

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported June 2

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 2, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
May 31
• fourth-degree theft of property; person; 2nd Ave. NW; bicycle; $490
• third-degree domestic violence; person; Warnke Rd. NW

June 1
• unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; 2nd Ave. NW; tires; $2,400
• fourth-degree theft of property; person; Olive St. SW; cash
• third-degree theft of property; Arby's; Cherokee Ave. SW; cash
• domestic violence; person; CR 1339

ARRESTS
June 1
Ellis, Stephanie J.; 39
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Bladuf Jr., Lawrence R.; 40
• FTA- third-degree criminal trespass

Garmon, William J.; 29
• FTA- DUI
• FTA- improper lane usage
• FTA- driving while license suspended

Cost II, James M.; 48
• Grand Jury- first-degree rape
• Grand Jury- second-degree assault

Couch, Brandon S.; 35
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
• FTA- driving while license revoked

Nelson, Nicolette; 35
• DUI
• reckless endangerment (3 counts)

McNatt, Justin L.; 28
• FTA- expired tag
• FTA- run stop sign
• FTA- expired license

Ventura-Roman, Agustin R.; 31
• DUI
• obstructing justice using false identity
• FTA- DUI
• FTA- public intoxication

Tanner Jr., James I.; 29
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
• FTA- driving without license (2 counts)
• FTA- insurance violation (2 counts)
• FTA- driving while license suspended

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

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

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.
• Sunday - June 6 - Message "Curse the Fig Tree!" by Pastor Bobby Dodd
• June 11 - 10:30 a.m. Adult Lunch and Games. Bring a dish, drink or dessert and fellowship with others.
• June 11 - 6 p.m. Youth Lock-In. Call Zach (1-205-544-9210) or Alisha (1-205-717-7478) for more info.
• June 25-26 "Daddy's Girl - Walking as a Daughter of the KING" Women's Conference – Friday - doors open at 6 p.m. Saturday 8 a.m. breakfast, 9 a.m. worship, noon lunch, 5 p.m. ends. Guest speakers: Robin Fields, Debbie Kitterman and Roxanne Worsham. Invite your family and friends!

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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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

Guy Hunt Library Summer Children's Programs
• June 8 – Mrs. Paula's Therapy Dogs; Stepping Stones Sand Art
• June 17 – North Alabama Agriplex
• June 24 – Mr. Larry's Magic Show
• All programs start at 1 p.m. For more information, send an email to guyhuntlibrary@gmail.com or call (256) 796-5226.

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

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 AL-GOP, 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 Kickoff Event
• Free Community Ice Cream Social
• 2 - 4 p.m.

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

Vacation Bible School at 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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Library (from Front)

library was able to expand, moving closer into the heart of town in the process.

The original bank vault now stands open in honor of the donation, with books now tucked inside. With loads of space for new literature, activities and ideas, they are more than excited to get involved in their communities once again. The hidden treasure of Hanceville Public Library is the beautiful outdoor space they have worked tirelessly to cultivate for the enjoyment of the children. It's decorated with cartoon murals, colorful picnic tables and a beautiful wooden awning with built-in fan to provide shade and cool from notorious Alabama heat.

Librarian Shirley Burden was born and raised right here in Hanceville and is now on her 16th year of working for the library. She has two granddaughters, along with four great-grandchildren in whom she nurtures a love of reading. She has always been incredibly passionate about the children in her community and always works to make the library a better place for them to learn.

"I just love the children and it is all about them. We have done a lot since we have been here. For the building, but most importantly, for the children. I could never say enough about them. They make it mean everything," she said.

Her hard work has not at all gone unnoticed, as there is a plaque and portrait hanging on the wall outside of the children's space in her honor, known as "The Shirley Burden Reading Room," a tribute well deserved by a librarian with a heart for so much more than just books.

Hanceville Public Library is located at 200 Commercial Street SE in Hanceville.

Colony (from Front)

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COLONY, Ala. – The Town of Colony has posted two part-time jobs that have been the subjects of recent discussion by the Town Council: Town Clerk and Community Center Caretaker.

Both are part-time positions.

Town Clerk

According to the Town's posting, "The candidate must work well under pressure.

"They must also maintain a high level of public relations and customer service skills.

"A background in computer skills is required. The candidate must also be willing to train in the areas of municipal government and finance.

"The Town Clerk is responsible for providing administrative assistance to the Mayor, Town Council and town residents.

"Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, assisting the Finance Director, accounts receivable, cash management and assisting the Town Mayor with meetings, Town elections and any necessary clerical duties."

The salary is negotiable. Applications can be picked up at Town Hall and must be returned with a resumé by Monday, June 7.

Community Center Caretaker

Colony's Parks and Recreation Department is seeking a responsible individual to open the Community Center from 2:30 to 6 p.m. on Sunday afternoons.

According to the posting, "Duties would include supervising participants with use of the gym.

"At the close of each session the gym needs to be left neat and locked.

"The caretaker would report to the Mayor or head of the Parks and Recreation any problems or needed repairs."

Pay is $30 per Sunday, paid weekly. Applications are available at Town Hall, and must be returned by Monday, June 7.

Ethel Alexander contributed to this story.

Abuse (from Front)

Alabama DHR
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – The Alabama Department of Human Resources is encouraging the public to help protect older family members, friends, neighbors and others from elder abuse by learning to recognize the warning signs of mistreatment.

Thousands of elderly and disabled adults are abused, neglected and exploited in Alabama every year.

Last year alone, DHR's Adult Protective Services Division investigated 10,566 reports of elder abuse across the state.

Gov. Kay Ivey declared June 15, as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Alabama to raise awareness of this issue.

Alabama DHR Commissioner Nancy Buckner said, "The older adults in our lives cared for us and kept us safe when we were young and vulnerable.

"Now, it is time for us to return the favor by protecting them from those who wish to cause physical, emotional and financial harm.

"We owe it to them to speak up if they are being mistreated."

An estimated 1 in 10 Americans over age 60 have experienced abuse. Alabamians can help protect those at risk by watching for these warning signs:

- Increased fear or anxiety
- Isolation from friends or family
- Withdrawal from normal activities
- Unusual changes in behavior or sleep
- Unexplained injuries, bruises, cuts or sores
- Unsanitary living conditions and poor hygiene
- Unusual or sudden changes in financial spending patterns, will or other important documents

Report suspected elder abuse by calling the Adult Abuse Hotline at 1-800-458-7214, emailing aps@dhr.alabama.gov or contacting a local DHR county office.

All reports are confidential and may be made anonymously.

Higginbotham (from Front)

Christy Perry
christy@cullmantribune.com

Louis Carlton Higginbotham was born June 4, 1923 and lived in Holly Pond. Higginbotham registered for the World War II draft on June 30, 1942, and served in the Navy Reserve. Before departing for the war, he would marry Ruth Azalie Gatham Higginbotham on Feb. 27, 1943.

Higginbotham, a Seaman, First Class, served on USS KIDD--a Fletcher class destroyer. According to usskidd.com, "February of 1945, KIDD and her sister ships joined Task Force 58, then forming for raids against the Japanese home islands and the invasion of Okinawa."

The crew of the USS KIDD (DD-661) is said to have helped rescue down pilots, fought off suicide attacks, destroyed floating mines and provided early warning to the fleet.

On April 11, 90 miles east of Okinawa, the KIDD would suffer her worst attack of the war. Usskidd.com explained, "The raids that developed that day weren't out of the ordinary, in spite of the fact that three approaching formations of enemy aircraft were reported. The first two raids were driven off by the combat air patrol, in tandem with KIDD and her division mates: BLACK (DD-666), BULLARD (DD-660) and CHAUNCEY (DD-667). At 14:09, KIDD's crew observed a dogfight between Japanese aircraft and the fighters of the combat air patrol.

"One of the enemy planes descended to near water level, levelled out and commenced a run on BLACK which was 1,500 yards off KIDD's starboard beam. But, instead of ramming into BLACK, the pilot pulled up and passed directly over her. KIDD's 20mm and 40mm gunners took the plane under fire, scoring several kits, to no avail. Left full rudder was applied; the ship had just barely begun to turn. The lone suicide bomber crashed into the forward boiler room killing everyone inside. The bomb carried by the kamikaze was catapulted through the ship and out the other side where it detonated just seconds later."

Thirty-eight men were killed in the attack, including Higginbotham. He was declared missing after the attack and presumed dead the following day. His remains were never recovered. He received the Purple Heart.

Louis Carlton Higginbotham is memorialized at the Courts of the Missing Honolulu Memorial in Hawaii. He is also honored at Cullman's Veterans Memorial Park.

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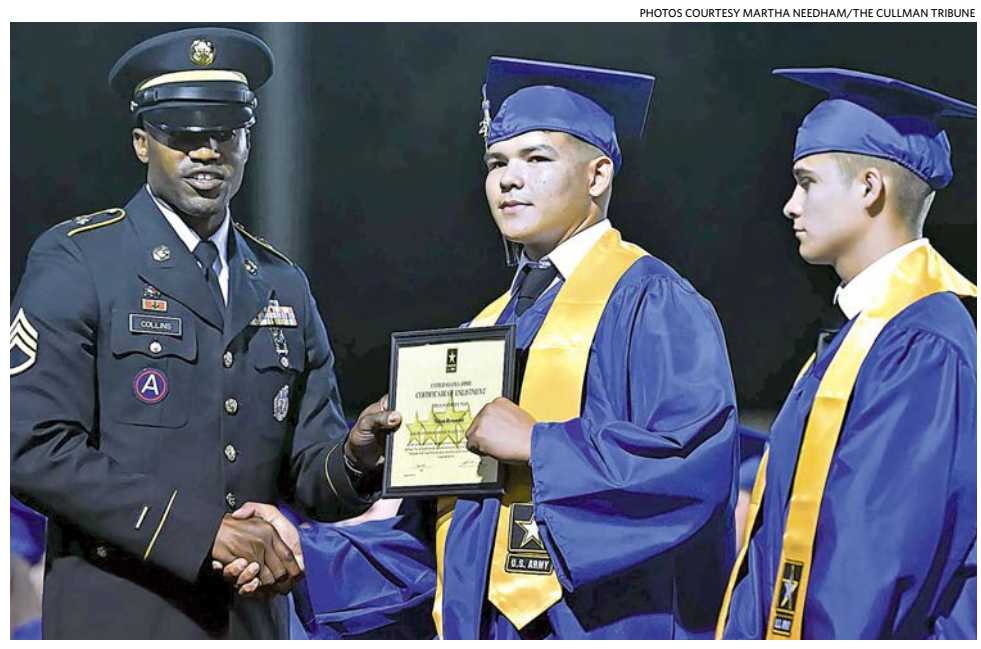


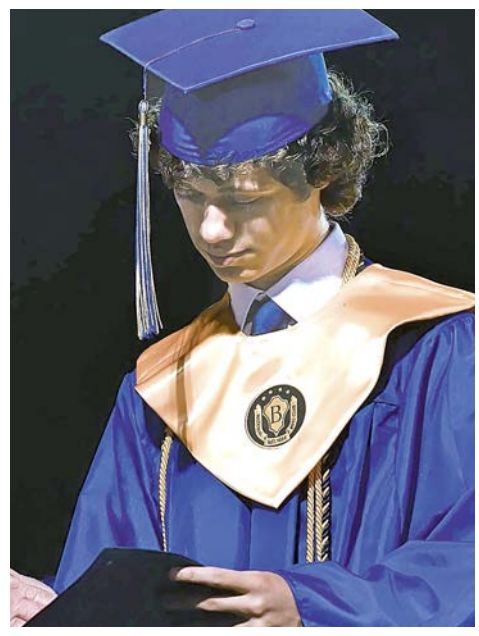


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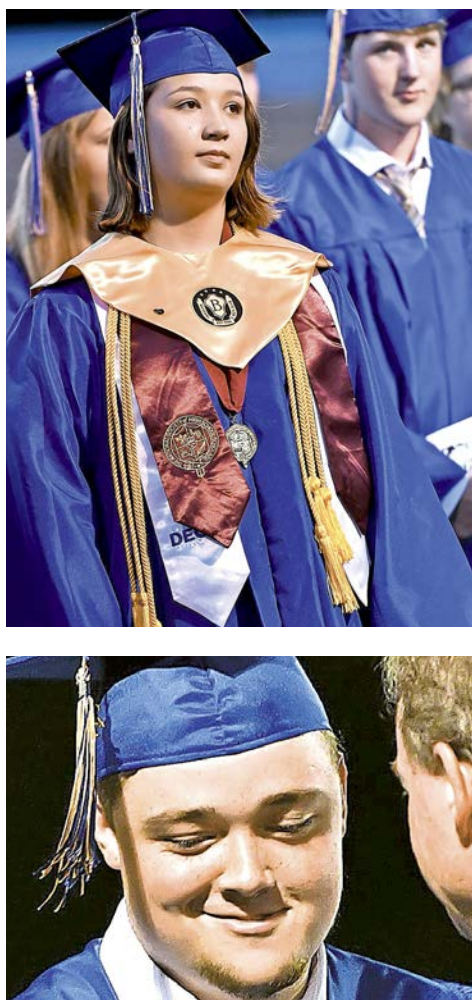
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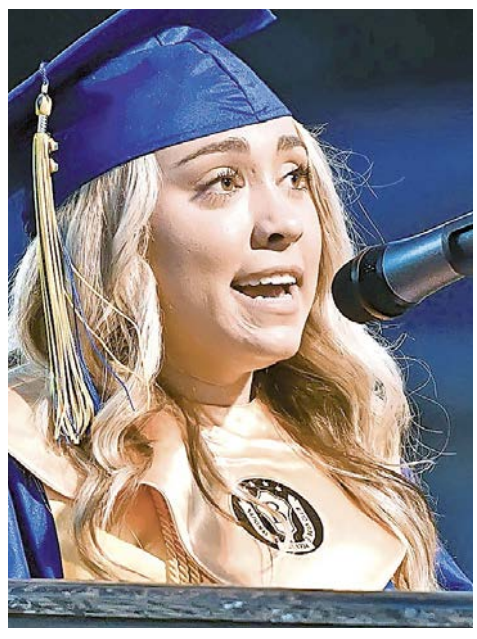




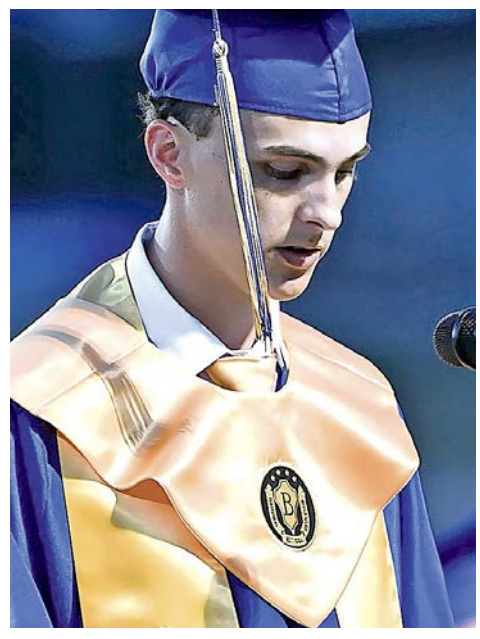






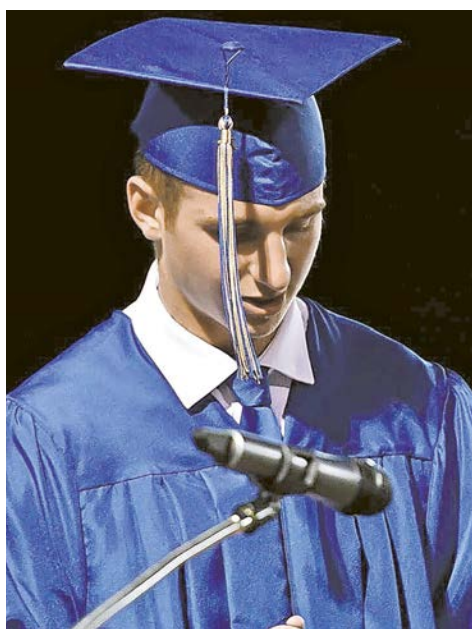
















Henry (from Front)

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

Henry is a 1-year-old Shepherd mix. He's a lively-but-not-crazy, medium-energy pet, a long-legged fellow with soulful eyes.

He enjoys human company and is quickly taking to his leash. Ruttkay calls him "a fast learner."

Henry has the makings of a good therapy, companion or hiking dog.

Discount doggie!

Henry has already been neutered, so his adoption fee will be greatly reduced!

Contact the shelter for details.

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!

Ruttkay reported that recent POTW's Big Jake and Moxie have been adopted!

Another POTW-to-be, Bandit, found his forever home before he even made the paper.

Thanks to the whole community for making forever homes a regular destination for our furry friends.

LEGALS

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF *
ARP, * CASE NO.: JU 19-675.03
a minor, DOB: 10-17-2019. *

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

Destiney Kiah Thompson, 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 the above referenced child born on October 17, 2019 by the 24 day of June, 2021, or thereafter a judgment terminating her parental rights may be entered against her in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 14 day of May, 2021.

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk

Petitioner:
Cullman County Department of Human Resources
P. O. Box 990
1220 St. Joseph Street NW
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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on November 22, 2016 by Mike W. Smith, Spouse of Carol L. Smith and Carol L. Smith, Spouse of Mike W. Smith to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in MTG 1805, Pages 202 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on June 10, 2021:

The North half of the NW 1/4 - SW 1/4, Section 35, Township 8 South, Range 2 West, less all that part lying East of Fairview-Eva public road,

Also, one fourth (1/4) of an acre, more or less, 17.5 yards North and South and 70 yards East and West, in the Northwest Corner of the South Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 35, Township 8 South, Range 2 West, Cullman County, Alabama.

LESS AND EXCEPT: A tract or parcel of land being situated in the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 35, Township 8 South, Range 2 West, Cullman County Alabama and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a set magnetic nail marking the northwest corner of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of said Section 35, having an Alabama State Plane, west zone, NAD83, Coordinate value of N. 1564853.89?, E 2203145.02? and run north 89 degrees 56 minutes 12 seconds east, (Bearing based on Alabama State Plane, west zone, NAD83 Grid), along the north line, a distance of 138.28 feet to a set rebar marking the point of beginning; thence continue north 89 degrees 56 minutes 12 seconds east a distance of 405.08 feet to a set rebar on the west right-of-way line of Cullman County Road 1527; thence south 37 degrees 35 minutes 27 seconds east, along said right-of-way line, a distance of 179.64 feet to the point of curvature of a curve to the left, having a central angle of 16 degrees 38 minutes 54 seconds, a radius of 2240.12 feet, a chord bearing of south 45 degrees 54 minutes 54 seconds east and a chord length of 648.62 feet, thence run along the arc of said curve an arc distance of 650.91 feet to the point of tangency, thence south 54 degrees 14 minutes 21 seconds east, along said right-of-way line, a distance of 152.89 feet to a found capped corner? conn-178318 on the accepted south line of the north half of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of said section 35, thence north 89 degrees 39 minutes 35 seconds west departing said right-of-way line and running along said accepted south line, a distance of 1004.09 feet to a found capped corner ? conn-178318, thence south 00 degrees 01 minutes 22 seconds west; a distance of 56.29 feet to a set rebar thence north 88 degrees 33 minutes 29 seconds west, a distance of 238.23 feet to a found capped corner on the west section line of said section 35, thence north 00 degrees 03 minutes 08 seconds west, along said west section line, a distance of 412.22 feet to a set magnetic nail, thence north 89 degrees 56 minutes 12 seconds east; a distance of 138.28 feet to a set rebar thence north 00 degrees 03 minutes 08 seconds west, a distance of 314.47 feet to the point of point of beginning. All according to that certain survey dated July 21, 2016 by Joseph E. Conn, Ill, At. Reg. No. 17831

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

EvaBank
Mortgagee
Dewayne N. Morris
Attorney for Mortgagee
2131 Third Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
The Cullman Tribune-May 20, 27, June 3, 2021

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicles, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80.

1993 Geo Prizm, Vin. #1Y1SK5369PZ002072
2017 Dodge Ram, Vin. #1C6RR6TT6HS821651
2002 Ford Windstar, Vin. #2FMZA514X2BB55493
2003 Mitsubishi Eclipse, Vin. #4A3AC44G63E073677
2000 Mercury Grand Marquis, Vin. #2MEFM75W7YX600806
2002 Isuzu Trooper, Vin. #JACDJ58X427J01872

These vehicles will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at Smith's Body Shop and Wrecker Service, LLC, 11597 US Highway 278 East, Holly Pond, Alabama, 35083, on Wednesday, June 30, 2021, at 8:00 a.m.

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF *
MLDH, * CASE NO.: JU 20-145.03
a minor, DOB: 03-06-2012. *

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

RONNIE HUNTER, 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 March 6, 2012, to Amy Nicole Lovell by the 1 day of July, 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 14 day of May, 2021.

Lisa McSwain
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2003 Chevrolet Tahoe, Vin. #1GNEC13V63R130477
1987 Dodge Dakota, Vin. #1B7FN14M4HS136310
2008 Ford Edge, Vin. #2FMDK39C88BB46033
2005 Ford Expedition, Vin. #1FMFU17585LA76461
2003 Ford Explorer, Vin. #1FMZU62KX3UC55664
2004 Ford Focus, Vin. #3FAFP37304R122232
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2015 Ford Fusion, Vin. #1FA6P0H78F5117902
2007 Ford Fusion, Vin. #3FAHP08ZX7R194733
2000 Ford Ranger, Vin. #1FTYR15EX6PA64369
2011 Ford Taurus, Vin. #1FAHP2EW3BG144455
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1992 GMC Sierra, Vin. #2GTEK19K5N1520040
1996 Honda Accord, Vin. #1HGCE1897TA000360
2004 Honda Shadow, Vin. #JH2PC21334M502534
2000 Honda Shadow, Vin. #1HFSC1807YA401602
2007 Hyundai Accent, Vin. #KMHCN46C57U119765
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These vehicles will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at Mullins Body Shop, LLC, 11042 US Highway 31 South, Cullman, Alabama 35055, on Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

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City of Cullman
Planning Commission

On Monday, June 7, 2021, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

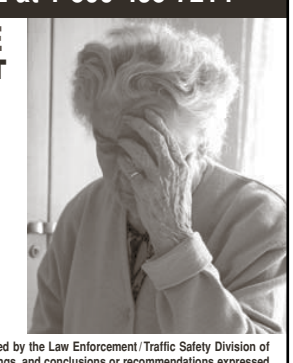
1. Short form Subdivision – 2nd Ave. SE between 4th St. SE & 5th St. SE – move lot line
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3. Conditional use request at 100 13th Street NE – fence company
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Obituary Announcements: June 3

Barbara Ann Sword, 70, of Valdosta, Georgia, originally of Cullman (UPDATED)
Barbara Ann Sword, of Valdosta, Georgia passed away May 28, 2021, at the age 70. She was born March 1, 1951, in Cullman to Alford and Flora Russell Burks. She is preceded in death by her parents; sister: Mary Snider Taylor and brothers: William Alford Burks, John Edmond Burks, Carl Henry Burks Sr. and Robert Lee Burks. Funeral services are Thursday June 3, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Moss Funeral Home Chapel with interment following services in Good Hope Cemetery. Survivors are husband: Danny Eugene Sword; daughter: Dana Whitehead; sons: Heath Whitehead and Keith Whitehead; sisters: Frances Gutenschwager, Ruby (Gary) Cloer and Maybell (Ricky) Greer; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and other family. Visitation is Thursday June 3, 2021, from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. at Moss Funeral Home. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Judy Dianne Hagemore, 67, of Cullman
Judy Dianne Hagemore, age 67, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Tuesday, June 1, 2021. Judy was born July 22, 1953, to Sally Lou Thompson Jones and Alfred Jones. Judy is survived by her husband: Jack Hagemore; son: Stanley Hagmore (Laura Trotter); mother: Sally Lou Thompson Jones and brother: Roger Jones (Carol). Judy was preceded in death by her father: Alfred Jones and brother: Jimmie Jones. A visitation for Judy will be held Saturday, June 5, 2021 from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home with a celebration of life funeral service to follow at 11 a.m. Interment will occur Saturday, June 5, 2021, at Ebenezer Cemetery. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Hagemore family.

James Edward King, 83, of Crane Hill
Funeral Service for James Edward King, age 83, of Crane Hill, will be at 2 p.m. on Friday, June 4, 2021, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Visitation will be from noon - 2 p.m. prior to the service.Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. King passed away on Monday, May 31, 2021, at his residence. He was born October 12, 1937, to Arthur J. and Lillie Pearl King. He was preceded in death by his sons: Michael James King and Tony Ray King; wife: Shirley King; parents and brother: John Waymon King. Survivors include his daughter: Jan King; stepchildren: Shonna (Daryl) Slate and Kevin (Lynn Ann) Windsor; grandchildren: Brittany Sneed and Jackie Walker and step-grandchildren: Paul Windsor, Alexa Windsor, David Windsor, Madison Slate and Hugheston Slate.

Marcey Laseter, 88, of Cullman
Funeral Service for Marcey Laseter, age 88, of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 3, 2021, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Dennis Trimble officiating and interment in Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Laseter passed away on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, at her residence. She was born January 28, 1933, to Espy Scott and Netti Eron Privett. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband: Coy Laseter and brothers: Finis Privett and Freddy Privett. Survivors include her daughters: Melinda (Jerry) Mason and Lisa (Butch) Sharpton; grandchildren: Valerie (Kevin) Moody, Jared (Ree) Sharpton, Katie (Justin) Rutledge, Jessica (Trent) Lowry and Kelly (Chris) Thrasher; great-grandchildren: Trey Moody, Abby Moody, Parks Lowry, Eleanor Lowry, Samuel Lowry, Avery Sharpton and Reese Sharpton; brother: Teddy (Beverly) Privett; sisters: Willa Jo Carter, Kathy Williamson and Carol Echols; sisters-in-law: Emma Jean Tuggle and Lorene Laseter and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Thomas Colly Madison, 64, of Vinemont
Thomas Colly Madison, age 64, of Vinemont, Alabama passed away Saturday, May 22, surrounded by his loving family. Thomas was born September 14, 1956, to Ralph E. and Betty Ann Brooks Madison. Thomas served honorably in the United States Army as a medic. For his service in Grenada, he was nominated for a Meritorious Service Medal. After retiring from the military, Thomas spent his time in Alaska and Alabama, raising a family and enjoying adventures in nature. He spent his last years in Vinemont, making a life with his wife Mary, who he called his "angel on Earth." Thomas was preceded in death by his parents; and his brother: Emmett E. "Tim" Madison. Thomas is survived by his wife: Mary Madison; daughters: Brandy Langston Blackmon, Jennifer Leanne Whittaker, LeAnn Roberts and Jeri Dean; sons: Jason Robert Madison, Jonathan David Madison and Jacob Eli Dean; 18 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and special cousins: Steve Payne and Greg Payne. A celebration of life memorial visitation for Thomas will be held Saturday, June 5, 2021, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home, 1901 2nd Avenue, N.W., Cullman, Alabama 35055. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Madison family.

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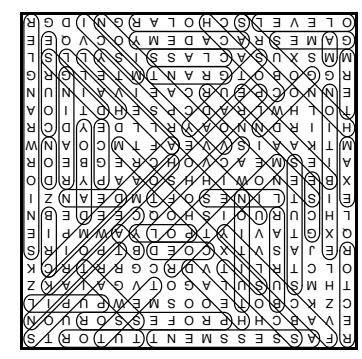
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Raiders, Lady Raiders lead 2nd annual basketball skills camp

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. – Both the varsity boys' and girls' basketball coaches and players at Good Hope High School hosted the second annual Raider Basketball Skills Camp at Good Hope High School this week and after not having the chance to put the camp together last year due to COVID-19, it was fun for everyone to get back out on the court. Boys and girls ranging from third to eighth grade were invited to participate and this year's event saw a record turnout of 55 young players.

Both varsity squads are coming off big seasons and have the Good Hope community buzzing about the upcoming season on the hardwood. Both teams won 4A, Area 11 championships and the Lady Raiders rode a stellar postseason run all the way to the elite eight before they were finally eliminated. Tanner Malin and Ivey Maddox each earned 4A All-State second team honors and Rudi Derrick received a 4A honorable mention at the end of the season.

Raiders Head Coach Drew Adams was really happy to see so many kids show up to participate at the camp and show their support of the program. Last year was a long one for nearly everybody in the sports world and he was excited to have a great turnout.

"It's been an awesome few days," Coach Adams said. "We weren't able to have our camp last summer, so going into this summer everybody was kind of chomping at the bit to get back going and just to get back to some normalcy. We expected a pretty good turnout. We didn't know we'd have 55 here, but it's just been great to see such a big turnout."

Coach Adams looked to keep things simple skill-wise and that's what he instilled during the camp. Adams believes its critical for young players to become familiar with the fundamentals and the camp focuses on laying that foundation.

"We keep things simple with this stuff, especially with such a big number," Adams said. "We focused on shooting, ball-handling, dribbling, passing, just the basics. Every good basketball player has to be good at the basic things."

Adams believes that this camp will really help the kids get better in the basics and it will be beneficial for them in the long run. With both the boys and girls varsity programs enjoying success at Good Hope, the skills and lessons learned by the young players in the community this week will be important when it's their turn to step up and play for the Raiders or Lady Raiders.

"I think it's beneficial," Adams said. "Basketball is a difficult game to be good at and you got to have different tools in your bag to be good. We're just looking to kind of sharpen those tools a little bit. Obviously, it's a short amount of time. We keep things simple, but I think this is something that will really help benefit them in the next couple of years."



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A pair of young players practicing at this year's Raider Basketball Skills Camp.

Warriors host West Point youth baseball camp

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WEST POINT, Ala. – They had to fight off a light rain shower Wednesday morning, but the Warriors were out on the field with a group of young players for this year's West Point Youth Baseball Camp. Varsity players and coaches at West Point High School were back out on the field after another big season to work with the next generation of potential Warriors.

West Point's baseball team is coming off another postseason appearance in which the Warriors fell in a tight, three-game series at Sardis in round one. They also finished runners-up in Area 15 to the Russellville Golden Tigers who went on to win this year's 5A state title. A handful of senior playmakers just collected their diplomas last week so now is as good a time as any to start preparing the next generation of Warriors.

West Point Head Coach Drew Bryson was leading the camp alongside his assistants and players. Bryson wanted the camp to focus on the fundamentals of the game to give the young players something to build on as they get older.

"We are covering the basics and trying to help these young guys build a foundation that will help their development as they get older," Bryson said.

"Simple things like throwing mechanics, ground ball footwork, hitting mechanics, base running and outfield play. With baseball, if you can master the simple things, you have a chance to be a good player."

Last year's camp had to be called off due to the COVID-19 pandemic and even with rain falling as they arrived, everyone was happy to be back on the field Wednesday. Bryson was happy for the return to normalcy, but he was also excited to see the kids laying the groundwork for baseball careers in the future.

"The youth camp is something our coaching staff and players look forward to every June. Unfortunately, we weren't able to have a camp last summer, so it was great to be able to be back out there teaching these young kids again this year," Bryson said.

"As a program, it's important to us to have that relationship with the community and spend some time working with the future of our program and instill in those young guys the desire and passion to want to play baseball for us one day."

Bryson knows the camp is a great opportunity for the younger players in the community to grow and develop but he thinks its great for his current players as well. The camp gives them a chance to grow their own understanding of the game and make an impact on some of their youngest and biggest fans at the same time.

"It's absolutely huge for our guys. I'm a firm believer that if you spend some time teaching a skill to someone else, it'll help your understanding and improve your skill sets as well. So, having our guys helping and teaching at camp is not only beneficial for the kids at camp, its great for our players as well," Bryson said.

"The youth camp is also a reminder to our guys that they are role models to these kids and how they conduct themselves on and off the field matters."

The Warriors will be back on the field at West Point High School for day two of this year's camp Thursday at 9 a.m.



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West Point Head Coach Drew Bryson works with a young player at Wednesday's West Point youth baseball camp.







