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PARKS AND RECREATION

Palomino RV Resort hits full capacity for Memorial Day

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman's investment in the development of an RV park, the Palomino RV Resort, at the Burrow Farm site on County Road 222 saw a great payoff this Memorial Day weekend.

Cullman Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism Director Zac Wood shared that the "RV park was at full capacity this holiday weekend. It was such a wonderful thing to see.

"You had kids on bikes, people fishing, sitting out by their fires, picnic tables, just enjoying being to- » PAGE 7



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Splash Summit at the Palomino RV Park.

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From books to battalions

A series spotlighting local military bound students

VINEMONT HIGH SCHOOL





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Left: Chandler Reese Reese before Vinemont High School Prom; Right: Brandon McClure poses with Major Hopkins at a football game in Madison County where he took the Oath of Enlistment.

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VINEMONT, Ala. – The last couple of weeks have been busy as Cullman County and Cullman City Schools each held commencement ceremonies for the Class of 2021. Each valedictorian and senior class president spoke poignant words. The top academic students of each class were recognized and applauded before moving on to the next chapter of their young lives.

While covering one high school graduation, one moment stood out above all the rest. The recognition of those students who have made the commitment to serve our country in the United States Armed Forces.

They wore no honor cord to indicate their decision but they, without a doubt, deserve to be commended and appreciated for taking this step.

In the coming days, The Tribune will spotlight these young men and women as they prepare for military service.

VINEMONT HIGH SCHOOL
Chandler Reese
United States Navy

Chandler has always known that he loved the water, and he knew as young as 8 years old that he wanted to be in the military but wasn't sure which branch was best for him. Three of four years ago, it would become clear to him that The U.S. Navy is where he belonged. He is scheduled for basic training Sept. 21, but he intends to try out for Special Forces, where he hopes to be a part of Air Rescue.

He thanked his parents and step-parents--M'Kori (Mark) Johnson and Shane (Cheranda) Reese. » PAGE 4

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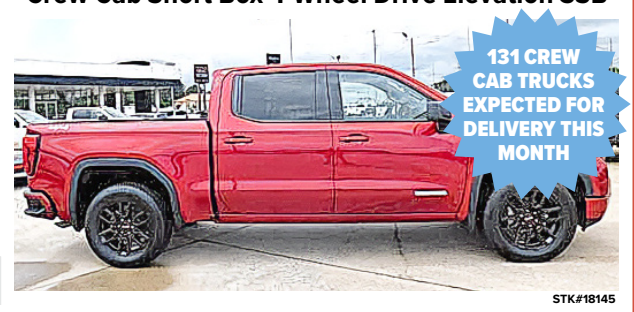
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School (from Front)

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CULLMAN COUNTY, Ala. – Cullman County School Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette shared a lengthy list of activities that will keep the county system busy through the summer, including several projects that have already been completed, some big projects that will only be started during the break, and lots in between.

Said Barnette, "There is a lot of work going on right now and into the fall on every campus throughout our school district. We were very conservative and reluctant to start many projects throughout the pandemic due to the uncertainty of the economy. We now have the opportunity to begin many of the much-needed upgrades."

Projects recently completed or near completion at this time

- New Family & Consumer Science Center at Holly Pond High School
- Two additional classrooms at Holly Pond High School
- Sealing and striping of several existing parking areas
- Paving currently being completed at Parkside, Cullman Area Technology Academy (CATA), Hanceville, West Point Middle and Holly Pond. Paving at West Point, Vinemont, Fairview and Good Hope a few months back; Cold Springs last year
- Entrance remodeled at Vinemont Elementary School
- New flooring in the West Point Middle School Library
- Awnings at West Point Intermediate School, West Point Elementary School, Hanceville Middle School and Vinemont Elementary School
- Pavilions at Vinemont High School, Hanceville Middle School and Hanceville Elementary School
- Security entrances at West Point Intermediate School, West Point High School, Cold Springs Elementary School, Holly Pond High School, Fairview Elementary School, Fairview High School, Fairview Middle School, Good Hope High School and Good Hope Primary School

New summer projects

- Roof replacements at Fairview Elementary and High School
- Roof replacements at West Point High School main building and library
- Expanding lunchroom at West Point Elementary and High School and replacing roof of existing lunchroom
- 16 classroom additions with new lunchroom at Hanceville Elementary School
- Good Hope Middle School library, gym and office additions. These additions will open up areas at the middle school and high school for additional classroom space as well.
- New gymnasium at Cold Springs High School
- Flooring replacement throughout Vinemont High School
- New flooring in parts of West Point High School
- New flooring in Vinemont Elementary School library
- New flooring in the Holly Pond Elementary/Middle School library
- New gym flooring in the elementary gyms at Cold Springs, Hanceville, West Point and Holly Pond
- Remodeling the nursing program area at CATA to resemble an emergency room and doctor's office
- Painting and upgrading facilities throughout CATA
- Replacing all exterior and interior doors at CATA
- Adding HVAC to West Point High School, Holly Pond High School and Fairview High School gyms
- Adding baseball field lighting at Harmony School
- New football stadium lighting at Fairview High School
- Painting on most campuses throughout the district
- Adding additional parking at Vinemont Middle School
- Replacing HVAC in Hanceville Middle School classrooms
- Handicap restrooms at Holly Pond High School and Fairview High School Stadiums
- Adding large fans in Hanceville and West Point Middle School gyms
- Additional security entrances being installed at several remaining schools

Barnette said, "Besides the projects listed here, we are also doing many small things that will make a big difference, as well as beginning a major LED lighting and automation overhaul in the early fall that will save our system a lot of money in energy cost."

Summer learning programs for students and faculties

- Summer school or literacy camps for grades K-12
- Hosting "Nuts and Bolts," a National Professional Development Conference for district educators

Barnette concluded, "We will be doing work on every campus throughout the district. Great things are happening in Cullman County Schools!"

Wallace State (from Front)

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – More than 30 graduates of the Wallace State Community College Adult Education program walked across the stage Thursday, June 3, to mark their success of receiving their GED. There were around 80 students who earned their GED or high school diploma through the Adult Education program at Wallace State during the 2020-2021 academic year.

While most commonly known for helping students obtain their GED, the Adult Education program also helps students earn their high school diploma and provides classes that offer credentials which can be used for employment.

"The Adult Education program is not only for those without their high school diploma, but also serves adults who need to improve their skills and abilities to be successful in the completion of their chosen program," said Suzanne Harbin, vice president for advancement and innovation.

The GED is offered to students who dropped out of school before completing required credits needed to graduate. Classes are offered in person, online and at community sites. Vouchers are offered to students completing classes that will pay for the GED exam. Upon receiving their GED, the students receive a 3-credit-hour scholarship to Wallace State.

The high school diploma credential is for students who completed credits needed to graduate but did not pass the high school exit exam. The Adult Education program helps them prepare for and administers the necessary assessments to receive their high school diploma.

The Adult Education program also offers classes that let students earn credentials they can use in the workforce. The program is currently partnering with the Medical Laboratory Technician program to offer the Medical Lab Assistant certificate in two semesters. Medical lab assistants often work in doctors' offices and urgent care facilities and are responsible for completing waived testing. Waived testing includes pregnancy tests and tests for flu, strep, etc.

The Adult Education program also offers classes in Manufacturing Skill Standards Council, Phlebotomy, OSHA, WorkKeys Certification, Ready to Work and more. Plans are in the works to offer classes for Certified Nursing Assistant.

Skylar Bolton earned her GED and CNA certification last year after years of starting and stopping her efforts. "I'm so thankful for the Wallace State Adult Education program," she said at the time. "They've encouraged me every step of the way, even when I wasn't receptive. The teachers and staff are top-notch, and they do all they can to help you succeed."

Adult Education's efforts to assist students like Bolton fall in line with Gov. Kay Ivey's Success Plus Initiative. The Success Plus Initiative addresses Alabama's increasing need for workers with certificates, credentials or degrees in addition to a high school diploma. By 2025, Alabama will need to add 500,000 high-skilled employees to the workforce in order to fill existing industry's labor needs and compete for new businesses, according to a report produced by the Alabama Workforce Council's Statewide Educational Attainment Committee.

For more information about Wallace State's Adult Education program visit www.wallacestate.edu/adulted, call 256-352-8078 or email adulteducation@wallacestate.edu.

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COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Thursday, June 3, 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: 418,698 (+ 303 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Alabama: 126,330 (+127 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama: 8,822 (+16 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Alabama: 2,366
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,680 (+ 7 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 3,192 (+ 1 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.: 46
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,621,383
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 2,160
- 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: 2,939,315
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 1,666,697
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 1,370,659
- 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 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 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 3

Cullman Tribune Staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 3, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INCIDENTS
June 1
• unlawful possession of marijuana; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Ryan Rd.
• unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; receiving stolen property; Hwy. 31
• assault; CR 437
• theft of property; CR 1101
• domestic violence; Hwy. 67
• theft of property; CR 1242
• theft of property; CR 490
• theft of property; CR 735
• theft of property; CR 1592
• assault; Beech Ave. SE

June 2
• reckless endangerment; CR 112
• harassment; CR 1087
• domestic violence; CR 751
• domestic violence; CR 22
• assault; resisting arrest; CR 1676
• receiving stolen property; Hwy. 278 E
• harassment; 2nd Ave. SE
• criminal mischief; theft of property; CR 1629
• harassment; CR 844

ARRESTS
June 1
Akers, Jawanna Lashea; 23
• FTA- driving while license suspended

Anthony, Cory Daniel; 28
• FTA- driving while license suspended

Burns, Steven Chance; 36
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
• FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Duke, Alex Michael; 19
• possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
• second-degree possession of marijuana

Hughes, James Ellis; 21
• larceny/theft-stripping stolen vehicles (2 counts)

Jamison, Casey Ryan; 29
• possession of methamphetamine
• possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
• receiving stolen property $1,500 or more

Massey, Corina Linette; 20
• assault-aggravated assault non-family-other weapon

March 12
Heflin, Cody Allen; 32
• assault-aggravated assault police officer-strong arm
• resisting arrest

Herfurth, Dalton Lane; 22
• Baily Jumping- burglary-residence-force
• Bail Jumping- possession of drug paraphernalia-2nd offense
• Baily Jumping- second-degree possession of marijuana
• FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Sims, Christopher Allen; 30
• negotiating worthless instrument (2 counts)

Wingo, Joshua Edward; 29
• larceny/theft-theft from yards less than $500

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents to report.

ARRESTS
June 2
Tucker, Lisa M.; 41
• possession of drug paraphernalia

McDonald, Steven S.; 36
• public intoxication
• disorderly conduct

Sims, Christopher A.; 30
• FTA- insurance violation

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

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

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

Church Services-Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Prayer meetings-Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Come and pray with us or come to receive prayer.
• Ladies' exercise classes- Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Children welcome.
• Classes- Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult class, "The Phases of Armageddon" by Pastor Bobby Dodd
• Sundays at 9 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Small group classes for adults, children and youth at 10 a.m. Praise and worship and message at 11 a.m.
• Mondays-Fridays-Our 5 Points Ministry provide free hot meals for children and elderly 3:30-5 p.m. at the Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW Please call Aimee at 256-841-2060 to register or for more information. Eat in or take out. Kids' activities are available. Kids do not have to come to the center to get a free meal. Adults can list the names of the children and do take-out 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 6th - 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, 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

Free Community Movie Night at Vinemont Community Center
June 19 – Bring a blanket or chair and come enjoy the show! The movie, Toy Story 4, will start at 8:15 p.m. and there will also be a concession stand. Vinemont Community Center – 88 Ridgeway Street, Cullman, AL 35058

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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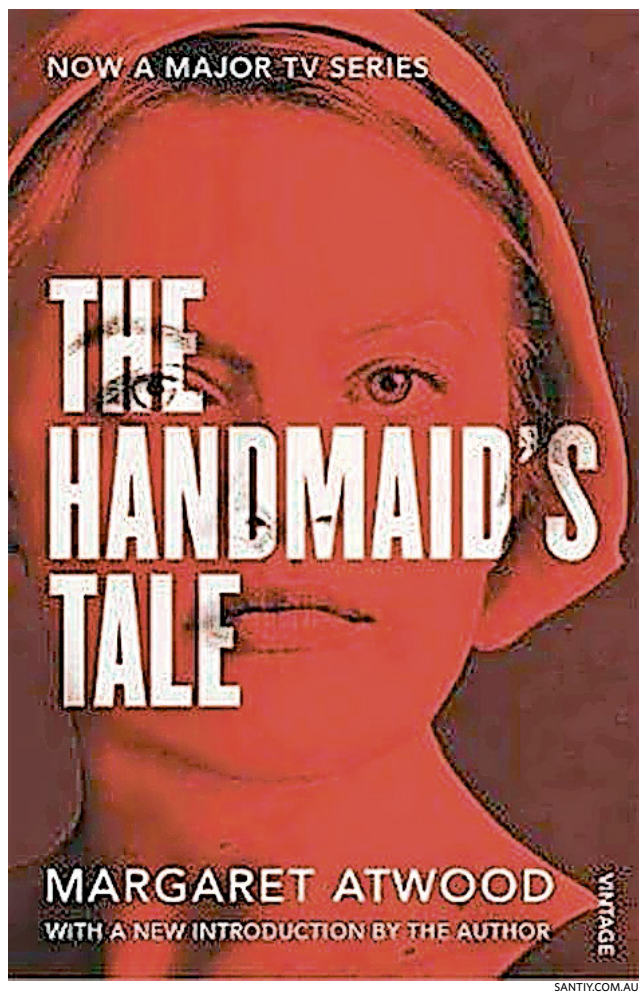
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BOOK REVIEW

She reads: 'The Handmaid's Tale' by Margaret Atwood

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CULLMAN, Ala. – This week's novel, "The Handmaid's Tale," is the source material of the critically acclaimed TV series of the same name. The Hulu original series is currently in the middle of its fourth season. It's been a huge hit for fans and has allowed new readers of the original book to finally have faces to put to the names. While the adaptation has been able to expand past the questions and cliffhangers left for us in the novel, there is something to be held and preserved within the pages of the original story.

The novel begins with Offred, our narrator, speaking in flashes of memory of her life before and inside Gilead.

She tells of sleeping in what would have been an old gym, how she and the other Handmaids learned gradually how to speak in tones lower than whispers, and the supposedly 'peaceful' walks they were permitted to go on outside of the Red Center- but only to the old remnants of a football field, which were now encased in chain link fences and barbed wire.

Gilead is a place in which women are severely oppressed by the overbearing religious based rules that have been implemented due to the plummeting birth rate. They are forbidden from reading, writing, owning money or property, and they are not allowed to work.

The class system constructed by the Sons of Jacob (Gilead's leadership) divides men into categories such as Commanders, Eyes, Angels and Econemen. The women are divided into Aunts, Wives, Handmaids, Marthas and Econowomen.

Each of these roles plays a crucial part in the function of Gilead.

Offred is a Handmaid who was captured just a couple of years before her story being told. She is assigned to the home of the slightly older couple, The Waterfords. Commander Waterford is a strict faced man with a slight southern lilt in his voice who works on the Commanders Council and has been extremely necessary in the overthrow of the former United States and establishment of the new regime of Gilead.

Serena Joy Waterford is an extraordinarily complex character. She is a former televangelist who was incredibly accustomed to being in the spotlight but is now contained within her home. She played a large role in helping her husband create the rules and policies for the women of Gilead and is now paying a price she did not realize would be so high.

This novel tells of Offred's journey within the Waterfords' home and lets readers into her inner monologue as she navigates the many gargantuan obstacles that come with survival in this now much harsher world.

While I do not recommend this book for the faint of heart, it is absolutely a novel that I will be returning to time and time again as it truly does motivate you to pause and ponder what such a world would be like, and whether you would be one of the few lucky enough to escape.

Military (from Front)

VINEMONT HIGH SCHOOL
Brandon McClure
United States Army

Brandon has always had an interest in the military and an admiration for those he saw wearing military uniforms.

Having members of the military in the family, he knew the opportunities that joining would create.

He decided on the Army when he learned he could fulfill his hopes of doing Apache Helicopter repair.

He attended MEPS last fall and will leave for basic training in Ft. Jackson South Carolina on July 6.

He thanked his parents Jennifer Roberts and Christopher McClure.

He said, "I appreciate everything they have done to help me get here and all they have done to help me be successful."

He also thanked his JROTC instructors Colonel Bud Jones and Sergeant Chad Ullery, saying, "They helped me become a better person mentally and physically and I probably wouldn't have made the decision as soon as I did without them.

"They helped me through emotional and family issues, and no matter what, they always stood by my side and gave me advice to get through things and be successful."

Program (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – On June 2, Cullman County Public Library hosted the official kick off for their Summer Reading Program. Although originally planned to be hosted outdoors with water activities, the skies threatening a downpour, and was decided to hold registration for the program inside. Upon entrance, the walls were adorned with cut outs of giraffes for the children to decorate as they show their reading progress by adding a new spot for every finished book. Registration was run smoothly and easily by librarians Josephine Harrington and Shannon Berse.

When registering, each child was given reading logs to track their progress throughout the month of June. For every collective hour that the children read, or parents read to their young children, they will receive "Brag Tags," which are key chains with exclamations like "Reading Ninja!" and "Reading Makes You Unstoppable!"

Along with registration was a fun, take-home activity put together by librarian Jamelle Dimbo. She gave each child a "reusable water balloon" which were each a group of sponges cut into strips and bound with a rubber band so kids could enjoy them in the water time and time again. In July, even more take and make activities will be planned and provided for children.

With loads of activities planned for the month of June, the library is excited to provide some of the best summer fun options for kids across Cullman. They have worked tirelessly to arrange several events like "Tale of Therapy Dogs" on June 15, "McWane: Amazing Animals & Origami Animals" on June 22 and "Touch A Truck" on June 30.

Your local library is committed to serving the community, and can always be counted upon to go above and beyond for the children of Cullman.

The Cullman County Public Library is located at 200 Clark Street NE, Cullman. For more information on the Cullman County Public Library System visit http://www.ccpls.com/.





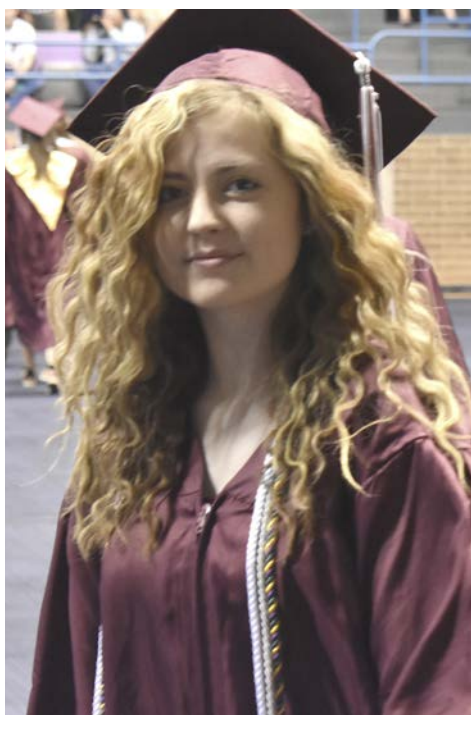
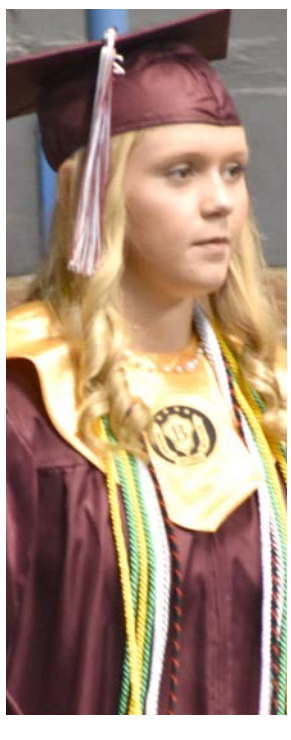
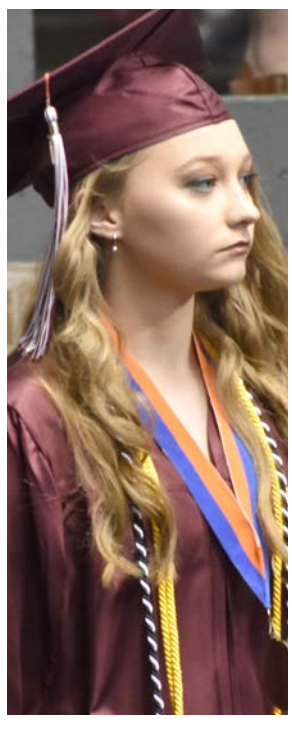
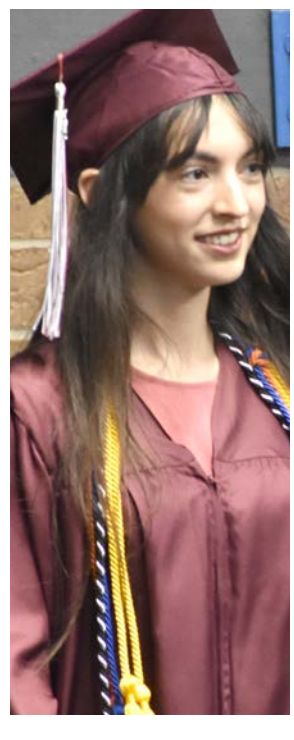
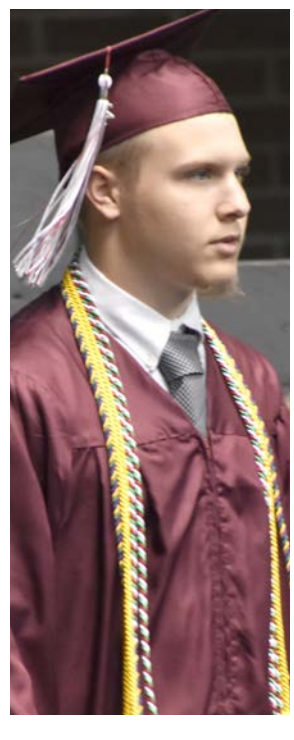
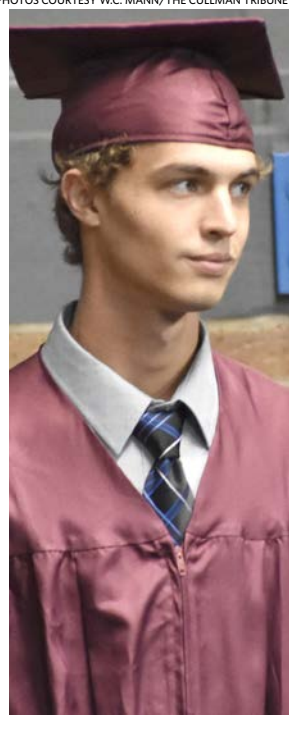


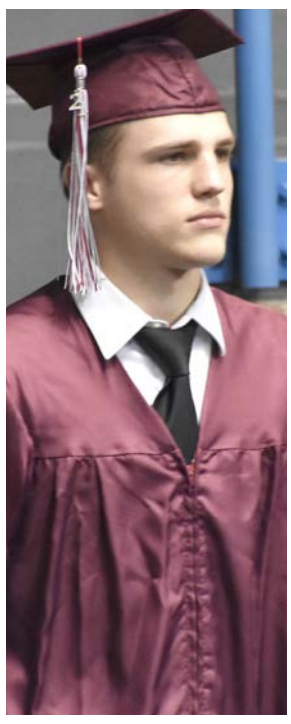
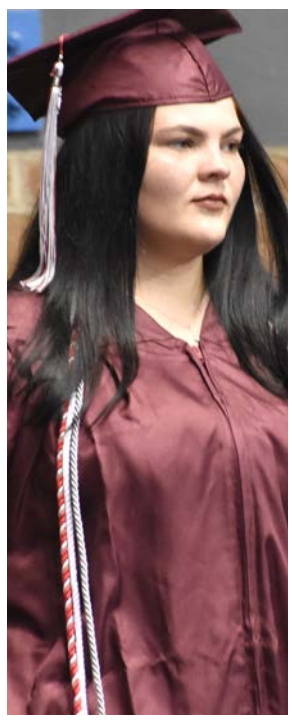
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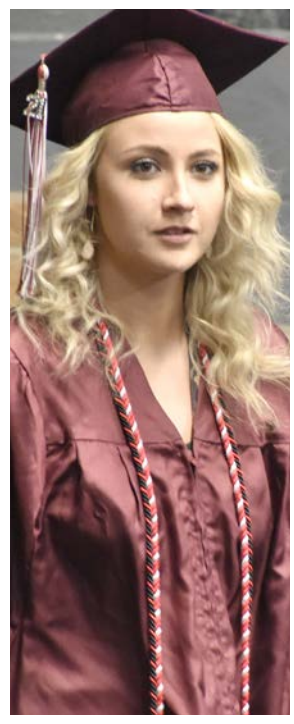
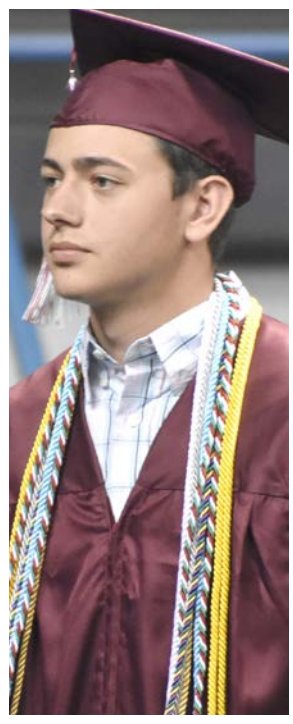


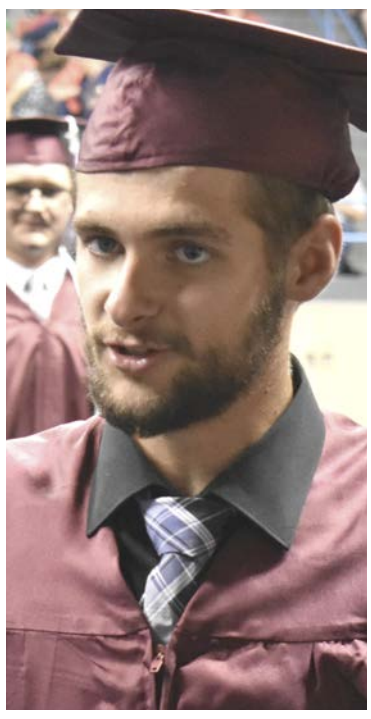
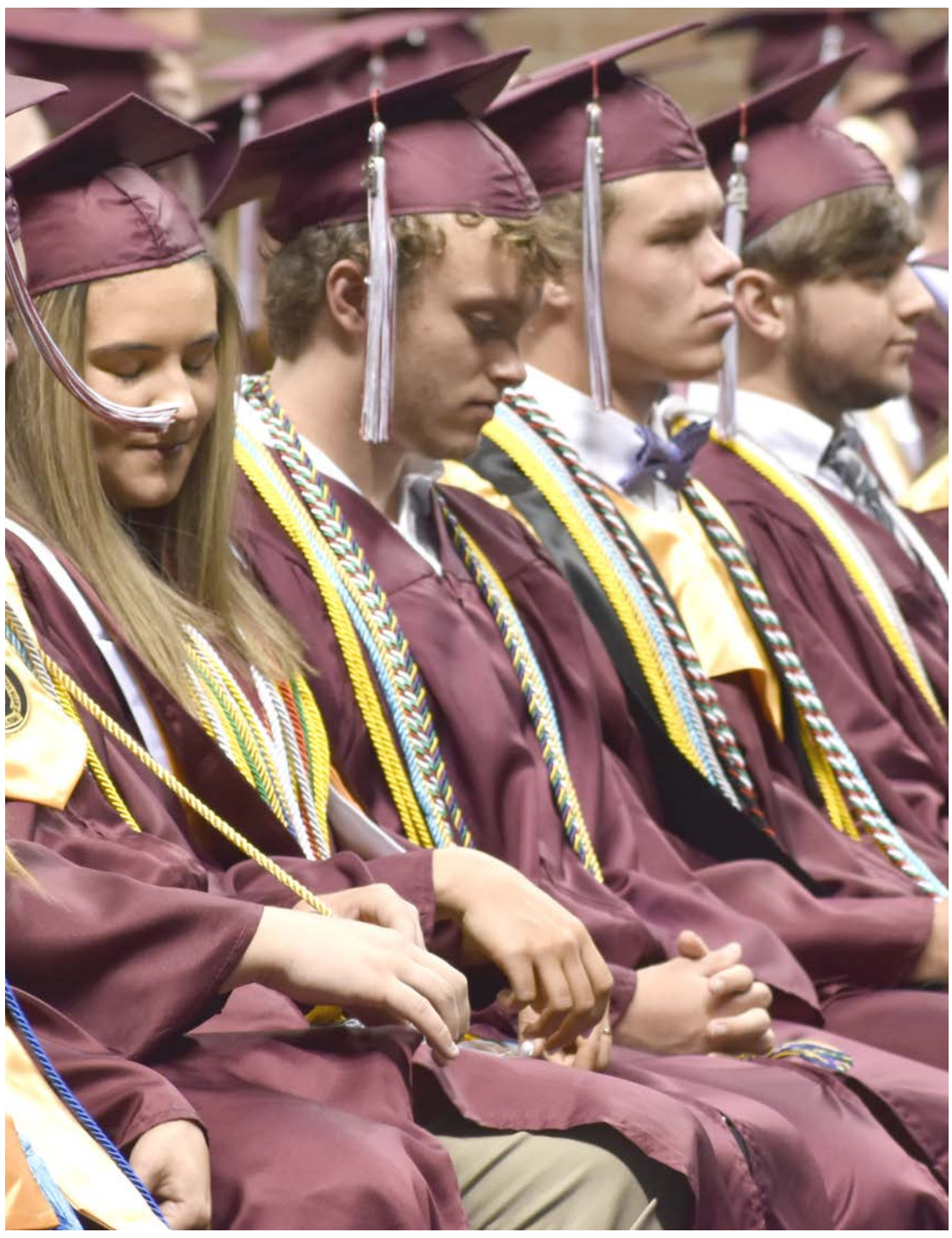
Sights from West Point High School Graduation 2021

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Obituary Announcements: June 3

Thomas A. Smith, Jr., 90, of Cullman
Tom Smith took his step into the next life on Sunday, May 30, 2021, after recently celebrating his 90th birthday. The days leading up to his peaceful, quiet passing were filled with the love of his family and friends, and he died in the arms of the love of his life. Tom is survived by his wife of 60 years: Rebecca Knowles Smith; his children: Steve (Amy) Smith, Malinda (Kyron) Yarbrough and Catherine (Todd) Bennett and his grandchildren: Emily Yarbrough, Devin Bennett, Miles (and fiancé Madison Shaw) Bennett, Stella Smith, Mattie Smith and Rachel Bennett. He is also survived by his brothers: Sherrill Smith (Barbara) and Bill (Babe) Smith (Rose Ann) and his nieces and nephews: Fisher and Thomas Hutches, Tom David, Chrissy and Ann Margaret Smith and Michael Frazier. He was preceded in death by his dear sister: Martha Sue Hutchens and her husband Vernon (Hutch); his niece: Kim Smith McGlothlen and his nephew: John Frazier. A 1949 graduate of Cullman High School, Tom served in the U.S. Army in Korea. Following his time overseas, he attended the University of Alabama, earning an accounting degree in 1953. He was on his way to Atlanta, Georgia to begin his career as an accountant when Dean Leigh Harrison convinced Tom to give law school a try. As he did with all of his other academic pursuits, Tom excelled in law school, serving as a member of an award-winning moot court team and earning admittance into the Farrah Law Society. He earned his law degree in 1957 and returned to Cullman to open his law office, making him the fourth generation of his family to live and work in Cullman. He practiced law in Cullman for over 60 years; the last 30 with his son, Steve. His good friend, high school classmate and fellow attorney, Tom Drake, once said, "The one way to guarantee making a good grade in school was to sit by Tom Smith and look over his shoulder." Another life-long friend and college roommate, Joe Brindley, said, "Tom Smith is the only person I ever knew who could study for an exam, listen to a ballgame on the radio, eat a sandwich, drink a beer and play poker, all at the same time." Tom and Becky are among the longest serving members of Grace Episcopal Church. A boater, world traveler, sports fan, dog lover and wife adorer, Tom loved many and many loved him. No one can remember a family meal that did not begin with Papa giving the blessing. He was an old-school lawyer–a man of his word. His agreements did not have to be reduced to writing. If he said it, he meant it and did it. He led a long life. A love-filled life. His was a life well-lived. "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." A celebration of life service will be held on June 9, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. at Grace Episcopal Church. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Grace Episcopal Church in Cullman.

Judy Marie Tankersley, 49, of Cullman
Judy Marie Tankersley was born Oct. 2, 1971 in Huntington, West Virginia and passed away June 1, 2021 in Cullman, Alabama and is under the care of Moss Service Funeral Home. They were preceded in death by son: Nathan Calloway; sisters: Cassandra L Waldrep and Samantha E. Waldrrep; brother: Rance A. Waldrep and grandparents: Agnes and Frank Davis. They are survived by husband: Anthony Scott Tankersley; daughters: Cassy Calloway, Kat (Aaron) Lowery; sons: Terry (April) Calloway and Jacob (Larisa) Calloway and brothers: Ronnie H. (Beth) Waldrep II and Stephan B. (Michaelle) Waldrep.

Randy Lynn Thaxton, 70, of Cullman
Randy Lynn Thaxton, age 70, of Cullman, Alabama passed away Wednesday, June 2, 2021. Randy was born March 4, 1951 to Portis Lancaster Hyatt and Frank Thaxton. Randy is survived by daughter: Jennifer L. Thaxton; sister: Phyllis L. Wisener and special friend: Precious. Randy was preceded in death by father: Frank Thaxton and mother: Portis Lancaster Hyatt. A visitation for Randy will be held Sunday, June 6, 2021, from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home with a celebration of life funeral service to follow at 3 p.m. Interment will occur Sunday, June 6, 2021, at Etha Cemetery in Cullman, Alabama. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Thaxton family.

Jody Mark Millican, 45, of Hanceville
A memorial service for Jody Mark Millican, of Hanceville, Alabama will be from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday, June 13, 2021, at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Millican was born Sept. 5, 1975, to Leonard and Charlotte (Pope) Millican in Birmingham, Alabama and died at the age of 45 May 30, 2021, in Hanceville.Survivors include his daughter: Alexis Millican; mother: Charlotte Millican; sister: Sam (Mark "Pup") Miller; nephews: Wesley Millican and Mitchell Millican and a host of cousins, aunts and uncles. Mr. Millican was preceded in death by his father: Leonard Millican; mother of his daughter: Betty Swann; step-daughter: Vanessa Swann and grandparents: Bud (Bootie) Pope and Deedee (Ruby) Millican.

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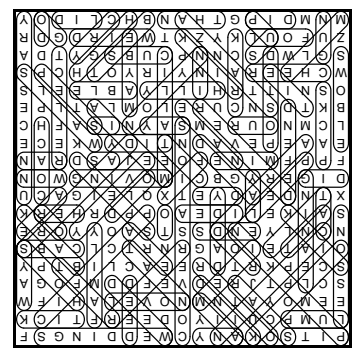
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Resort (from Front)

gether and outdoors."

The park boasts 50 RV sites and 10 tent sites, with amenities including basketball and pickleball courts, bathhouse, dog park, fire pits and fireplaces, fishing, game room, general store, golf carts, hiking trails, horseshoes, kayaks and canoes, laundromat, playground, restrooms and a swimming lake.

It has managed to catch the attention of travelers across the country, as CPRST Recreational Development Director Christy Turner explained:

"Renters at the RV park have been from all over. We have had people stay from Alaska, Virginia, New York and places in between.

"It has been a great way to introduce people to our hometown and a lot of them have told us they will be stopping here to stay with us as they travel again.

"As a matter of fact, we have already had some repeat campers."

Slippery Summit opens

Among the biggest draws on Memorial Day weekend was the grand opening of the Palomino's Slippery Summit Aqua Park, an inflatable playground located in the Palomino's swimming lake and the largest of its kind in Alabama.

Wood said, "The Slippery Summit Aqua Park had a great opening weekend. The cooler weather gave us a slow start, but we finished strong with a bit over 200 visitors on Sunday and Monday."

CPRST is still developing certain features of the park.

Said Wood, "We are working on the finishing touches for this first phase of the RV park, and they are coming together nicely.

"Our glamping ("glamorous camping") tents will be opening soon, and details will be released in the coming days for an official opening date.

"We are really excited to have these available. It will be a really cool experience for those staying in them."

For more on the Palomino RV Resort, visit https://palominorvresort.com.

Fundraiser (from Front)

Christy Perry
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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation is thrilled to be hosting its first major fundraiser since 2019 at the Cullman Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2214. The organization will have its first Craft Fair and Vendor Expo from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.--rain or shine!

There will be something for everyone at the craft fair and vendor expo. Temple Baptist stepped up to assist Bosom Buddies by providing free lunch from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and a fun bounce house for the kids from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Bosom Buddies director Judy Grissom said, "We are very excited about them supporting us with this."

Vendors will be set up inside and outside at the VFW. Outside space is still available for interested vendors. To register, email options5993@gmail.com

Grissom is expecting a great variety of items at the event. Door hangers, Tupperware, woodwork, pottery and other crafts will be in attendance for a great shopping opportunity.

Also available at the event--the 4th Edition Bosom Buddies Cookout will be available for purchase. The cost is $25. A raffle for some great items that have been donated will be drawn at the conclusion of the event. Raffle tickets will be $1. Donations are also welcomed.

"This is our first event to have this year, and this is going to be our annual event. We are going to move this into our annual fundraiser.

"This year, the VFW was gracious enough to let us use their building and their property and we are grateful to them for letting us have them.

"We are tickled to death to be able to be out and about having a fundraiser again," Grissom explained.

Bosom Buddies is a local nonprofit that assists all types of cancer patients who reside in Cullman County, regardless of where they are receiving treatment.

The organization was unable to have their yearly fundraisers during the COVID-19 pandemic and have had to make major adjustments, especially this year, according to Grissom.

"Last year was tough. We had to do some adjusting as far as how much we were allotting patients.

"We've raised that up now, not up to the level it was in 2019. Hopefully, after this event, we can get it back up to where it was in 2019. Last year was a struggle!" Grissom said.

All donations to Bosom Buddies stay to help local patients.

Grissom explained, "All the money that is raised will go for cancer patients' care. Basic living expenses are what we take care of.

"For a lot of people, we are the means by which they are able to continue in a treatment program because a lot of people don't have a lot of money and that's the reason they qualify for our assistance.

"When it comes to buying groceries or paying for a copay for a treatment, you're going to buy groceries. We help them out in that way."

The Cullman County Bosom Buddies Craft Fair and Vendor Expo is June 12 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. The VFW is located at 112 Veterans Drive SW in Cullman.

LEGALS

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT

COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2021-031

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF MAURICE PRUETT HINKLE JR. and CHRISTINA LYNN HINKLE TO ADOPT E.C.L.B.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: TO JESSICA LYNN CAGLE BAKER WHOSE WHEREABOUTS, RESIDENCE AND/OR ADDRESS ARE UNKNOWN

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of E.C.L.B., a minor child born on July 4, 2016, was filed on the 27th day of May, 2021, in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Maurice Pruett Hinkle Jr. and Christina Lynn Hinkle, Petitioners. Please be advised should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama, 35055.

DONE this 2nd day of June, 2021.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF LORA BROWN FOR THE ADOPTION OF

E.C.B. A MINOR.
D.O.B. 12-17-2011

CASE NO AD 2021-024

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: KNOWN OR UNKNOWN FATHER OF THE CHILD BORN 12-17-2011 TO KIMBERLY ANN BROWN

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

DONE THIS 2nd DAY OF June, 2021.

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

Annette Irons-Parker
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

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

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

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

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COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2021-030

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF MAURICE PRUETT HINKLE JR. and CHRISTINA LYNN HINKLE TO ADOPT K.K.L.B.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: TO SAMUEL DEWAYNE BAKER WHOSE WHEREABOUTS, RESIDENCE AND/OR ADDRESS ARE UNKNOWN

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of K.K.L.B., a minor child born on November 28, 2019, was filed on the 27th day of May, 2021, in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Maurice Pruett Hinkle Jr. and Christina Lynn Hinkle, Petitioners. Please be advised should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama, 35055.

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COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2021-031

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Notice to: TO SAMUEL DEWAYNE BAKER WHOSE WHEREABOUTS, RESIDENCE AND/OR ADDRESS ARE UNKNOWN

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of E.C.L.B., a minor child born on July 4, 2016, was filed on the 27th day of May, 2021, in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Maurice Pruett Hinkle Jr. and Christina Lynn Hinkle, Petitioners. Please be advised should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama, 35055.

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
HERBERT MILTON BROCK * CASE NO.: PC2021-171
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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.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
JIMMY WOODS, * CASE NO.: PC2021-201
* *
Deceased. *

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
THOMAS ROSS EUBANK * CASE NO.: PC2021-185
Deceased *

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TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to DIANE S. EUBANK, as Personal Representative of the Estate of THOMAS ROSS EUBANK, deceased, on the 2nd day of June, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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Young players turn out for Bearcat baseball camp

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Cullman Head Coach Brent Patterson coaches young players at this year's Bearcat baseball camp Thursday morning.

CULLMAN, Ala. – Summer has arrived and that means its camp season for young local athletes all over the area and more than 50 turned out for this year's Cullman Bearcat baseball camp Thursday morning. Cullman's varsity coaches, along with current and former Bearcat players, hosted dozens of local athletes at Bill Shelton Field and led them through several stations of drills to build on their skills and understanding of the game. Cullman is coming off another big year that saw the Bearcats collect their 10th straight area championship and advance to the second round of the AHSAA state playoffs for the 19th consecutive year.

Cullman Head Coach Brent Patterson and his coaches are covering a lot of ground with this year's group of players when it comes to basic components of the game but what he wants to really focus on is the way they carry themselves on the field and play together.

"We're working on a lot of the fundamentals of the game. Infield and outfield play, pitching, offense and most importantly, we'll try to show them how to stand out by being a good team player," Patterson said. "Standouts make their teammates better by being positive, encouraging and enthusiastic and none of those take any talent."

Bearcat baseball has been a staple of the community for years and getting local kids involved in the program is a great way to keep the energy going. Camps like these give kids that opportunity and Patterson loves to see current, past and future generations of Cullman baseball players working together on the field.

"I'm really proud of our varsity guys and our younger players model their example. They're hard-working, very unselfish and enthusiastic about the game.

"I always wish that more people in the community could see them as much as I do because they're great kids and they're easy to root for," Patterson said.

"Through camp, young players from the community meet and get to know these high school guys that they've watched play. It's a good way for some of the traditions to be passed on. Camp is always a lot of fun.

"We've been looking forward to it and can't wait to get after it with these kids."

The camp provides valuable experience for the young players as they learn fundamental skills of the game, but Patterson sees a lot of value for his older guys as well.

He noted that most of his guys are former campers themselves and the event is a good reminder that the community is full of young players looking up to them.

"I think it's important for our high school guys to help the campers because most of the high school guys were campers a few years ago. They remember what it was like getting to come hang out with the older guys.

"It's fun for them to see the kids who want to grow up and play like they do. It's also equally important for the high schoolers to be reminded that there are always little eyes watching and wanting to do what they do. They've got to make sure they're sending the right messages."

The Bearcats will be back out on the field for day two of this year's camp Friday morning.

'Keep plowing ahead': Auburn's Butch Thompson prepares for 2022 season

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics



JACOB TAYLOR/AU ATHLETICS

The 2021 season ended in the first round of the SEC Tournament for the Auburn Tigers.

AUBURN, Ala. – Whether a season ends in Omaha or Hoover, for Auburn baseball coach Butch Thompson, the next step is always the same. "You keep plowing ahead," said Thompson, one week after the conclusion of his sixth season leading the Tigers' program.

After a 2-13 start to SEC play, Auburn posted a winning record in the second half of conference competition to earn a spot in the SEC Tournament in Hoover.

"Looking at that crowd, I can't think that I've ever seen a better first-day crowd for an SEC Tournament than we had that night," he said. "Our fans stayed with us. 'Our program needs us right now,' and they were there.

"That gives me hope as a head coach moving forward that if you continue to do things right, these people will be here for you."

After planning Auburn's summer calendar and meeting with players, many of whom are now playing summer baseball, Thompson outlined his mindset.

"Think forward, prepare forward and attack forward," he said.

While noting the productive seasons of many Auburn position players including All-American Ryan Bliss, Thompson seeks improvement in Auburn's home SEC record (4-11), knowing every victory is precious in an unforgiving league.

"The Southeastern Conference is not a developmental league. It's [about] producing," he said. "There were some phases and aspects of our team that were in a developmental phase. That's the difference."

Thompson and the Tigers will spend the next six months working on development so that they more closely resemble a finished product on Opening Day next season.

"We're into production from day one," he said. "That'll be a driving force and will be communicated to myself, to our staff and down to our players. That's how good the league has gotten. The developmental aspect has got to be taken care of before the season starts."

With the Major League Baseball Draft taking place July 11-13, a month later than previously, Auburn's 2022 roster will be in flux accordingly through the summer.

The transfer portal could also play a role in Auburn's roster management.

"We're aggressive and active," Thompson said. "But we're picky. I believe in the core group of players who are returning. I think we have a group that's committed to Auburn."

After the pandemic prevented Auburn from hosting camps in 2020, Thompson and his staff will host six camps this summer, five of which are already sold out.

"It's been so long, and the response has been so great, we need to do an amazing job," he said.

Under Thompson, Auburn baseball reached three consecutive regionals, advanced to back-to-back super regionals for the first in program history and made it to the College World Series for the first time in 22 years.

While Auburn did not qualify for the 2021 NCAA Tournament, Thompson takes solace in the value of the journey, and the lessons it can provide.

"I commend these players and these coaches for hanging in there," he said. "Some of these players are the reasons why the expectations are built this way.

"We've got to find a way for us to use this. For these players to remember when they go through another challenge in life, hey, I've been through this before, and I survived something like this before.

"As much as we use Omaha to know that Auburn is capable of doing anything – and believe in that, and we should. We just got a different teaching point this year. We got the teaching point of, when adversity hits, you can survive. And you can still lead your family someday.

"We might do something even greater moving forward because we went through the Omaha journey that taught us we can do anything. We go through this journey this year to let us know that we can survive anything. If we can combine those two, we might get everything we've been dreaming about."

UAB Football announces complete 2021 TV schedule

Daswon Boyd
UAB Athletics

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – Highlighted by playing its first two games on the ESPN family of networks and having the home opener air on CBS Sports Network, the UAB football program has announced its complete TV schedule for the 2021 season.

The Blazers get Week 1 of college football started with a primetime ESPN matchup against in-state foe Jacksonville State at the Cramton Bowl for the Montgomery Kickoff.

The game is slated for 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 1.

UAB travels to Athens, Ga., the following Saturday, Sept. 11, for a game at Georgia which airs on ESPN2 at 2:30 p.m.

The Blazers are slated to play on CBS Sports Network three times during the regular season, and potentially a fourth time if UAB makes the Conference USA Championship.

UAB's games on CBSSN include its Protective Stadium opener against Liberty on Oct. 2 (6 p.m.), at home against Louisiana Tech on Nov. 6 (11 a.m.) and at Marshall on Nov. 13 (2:30 p.m.).

UAB will appear on Stadium three times this season, with the first coming at North Texas on Sept. 18 with kick set for 6:30 p.m.

The two other Stadium games are when UAB hosts Florida Atlantic on Oct. 9 (2:30 p.m.) and when the Blazers visit Southern Miss on Oct. 16 (2:30 p.m.).

Conference USA contests that appear on ESPN3 or ESPN+ are home games against Rice (Oct. 23) and UTEP (Nov.27), and an away game at UTSA (Nov. 20 – 2:30 p.m.).

The Rice and UTEP game times, along with UAB's non-conference matchup at Tulane, will be released 12 days prior to those kickoffs.

2021 TV SCHEDULE
(all times central)

- Sept. 1 – vs. Jacksonville State – 6:30 p.m. (ESPN – Montgomery Kickoff)
- Sept. 11 – at Georgia – 2:30 p.m. (ESPN2)
- Sept. 18 – at North Texas - 6:30 p.m. (Stadium)
- Sept. 25 – at Tulane – TBA
- Oct. 2 – Liberty – 6 p.m. (CBS Sports Network)
- Oct. 9 – Florida Atlantic - 2:30 p.m. (Stadium)
- Oct. 16 – at Southern Miss - 2:30 p.m. (Stadium)
- Oct. 23 – Rice - TBA (ESPN3/+)
- Nov. 6 – Lousiana Tech - 11 a.m. (CBS Sports Network)
- Nov. 13 – at Marshall* - 2:30 p.m. (CBS Sports Network)
- Nov. 20 – at UTSA - 2:30 p.m. (ESPN3/+)
- Nov. 27 – UTEP - TBA (ESPN3/+)
- Dec. 4 – Conference USA Championship – TBA (CBS Sports Network)

