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EDUCATION

City schools summer feeding program kicks off at WES, CHS

Trent Moore
Cullman City Schools

CULLMAN, Ala. – School may be out for summer, but lunch is still being served at Cullman City Schools for local children —a week's worth at a time.

The summer feeding program will provide a box of free meals for students on Tuesdays beginning on June 8, with pickup sites at West Elementary School and Cullman High School. The pickup drive-thru areas will be open from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The curbside meal packs will include seven breakfast and seven lunch meals per child.

The program is federally funded and will continue throughout the summer as the USDA has extended the free breakfast and lunches program through the 2021-2022 school year. Meals are available to any child under the age of 18, though students must be in the car during pick up to receive the bagged meals, though children do not have to be Cullman City Schools students to participate.

"The summer feeding program was very successful last year and supported many of our Cullman families," Cullman City Schools Child Nutrition Director Dreama Young said.

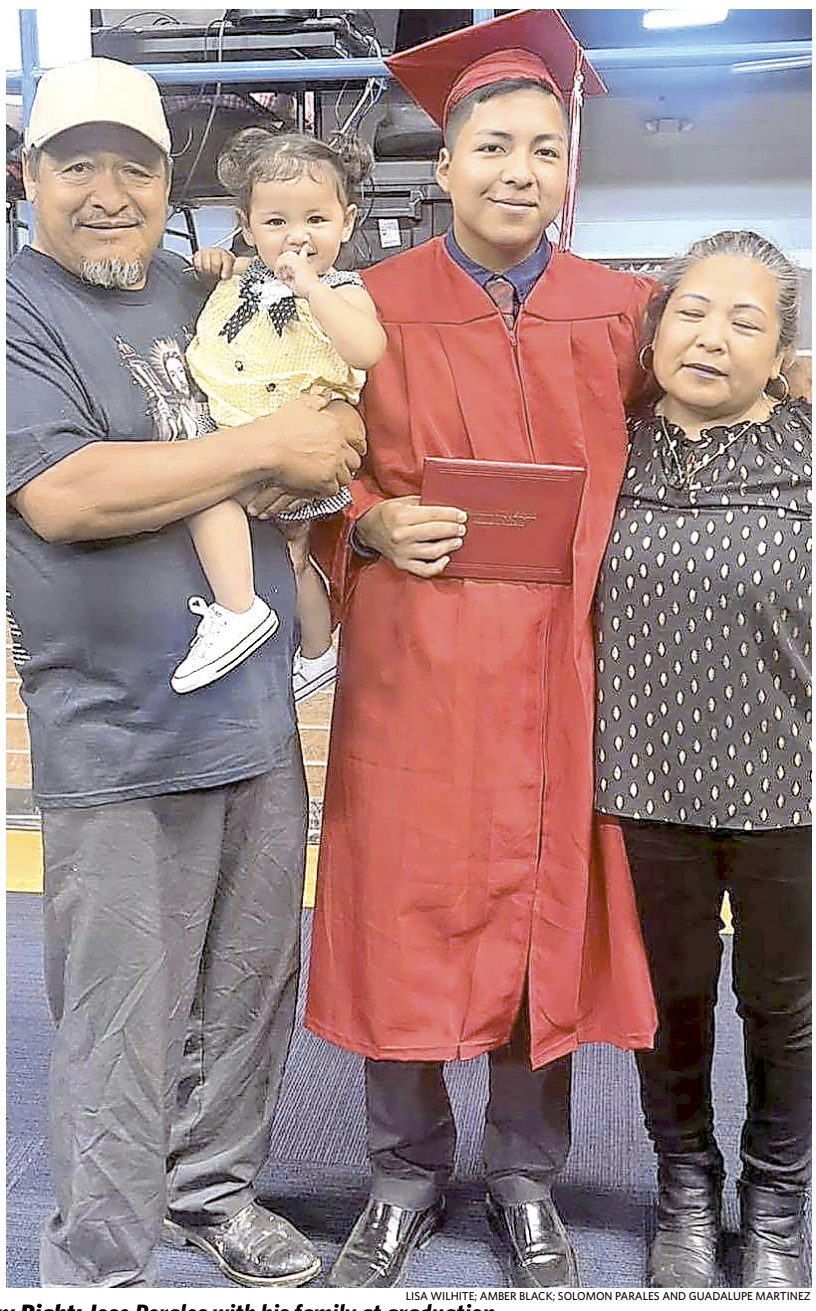
"The program allowed families to pick up free food for their children and have one less thing to worry about during a pandem- » PAGE 3

– EDUCATION –

From books to battalions

Spotlighting military-bound students from Holly Pond, Cullman Christian Academy and Vinemont





LISA WILHITE; AMBER BLACK; SOLOMON PARALES AND GUADALUPE MARTINEZ

Top left: Lizzie Anders; Bottom left: Rylan Griffin; Right: Jose Perales with his family at graduation.

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RYLAN GRIFFIN
Holly Pond High School
Army

Rylan Griffin recently graduated from Holly Pond High School and was a member of the JROTC program. He will soon be leaving for the United States Army. Griffin said of his decision, "It's something I have always wanted to do. It's just a calling." Griffin chose the Army for the chance to become an Unmanned Aircraft Systems Operator.

He will report to basic training on July 20 at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina.

He wanted to thank his parents, Kalina Black and Scott Griffin, for always helping him to achieve his goals.

LIZZIE ANDERS
Cullman Christian School
Air Force

Lizzie Anders graduated from Cullman Christian School this May.

Knowing she had no interest in attending college after graduation, Anders joined the United States Air Force in July 2020, before the start of her senior year.

She said, "I chose the Air Force because it has the best reputation out of all the branches, including nicer living conditions and better facilities in general."

Anders will ship out July 20 for Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. She is currently booked in Communication Signals Intelligence.

"I would like to thank my parents for being very supportive and pushing me to do the things that needed to be done to get where I'm at in my Air Force journey," Anders said.

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Colony (from Front)

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COLONY, Ala. – The Colony Kids Grab-N-Go summer food program will offer children an opportunity to raise their own vegetables in the raised garden beds at the Colony Educational Complex, starting at 11 a.m. this Wednesday, June 9.

Colony Councilwoman and Kids Grab-N-Go assistant Ethel Alexander said in a press release, "The kids will be assigning a garden bed to take care of.

"They will have the opportunity to weed, plant, water a variety of seeds, along with keeping a daily journal of their progress. All kids are welcome!"

The Carpenter's Cabinet of Colony food pantry has been designated as a Summer Food Service Program Site by the Alabama Food Bank Association, and offers a range of items selected for balanced nutrition, like:

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

Lunch and snacks are available to all needy children 18 years of age and under (or persons 19 and over who are mentally or physically disabled and participating in a public or private nonprofit school program for the mentally or physically disabled).

Curbside food distribution takes place at the Colony Educational Complex, 151 Byars Road near Colony Town Hall, Monday – Friday from 11 a.m. – noon, or until all food has been distributed, holidays excepted. This is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Food will not be reserved or delivered.

There is no registration or qualifying paperwork required to participate in this program. The meals are free to the children and available to all children in the pantry's service area and their guests. If a child is not present when lunch/snacks are picked up, the person making the pickup will confirm that the food is for a child and must give the name of the child.

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

Bank (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman Caring for Kids recently began an outreach program using its new Mobile Food Bank to make its free groceries easier to access for families in remote parts of the county. Each Wednesday, the team visits one of four sites in West Point, Hanceville and the Simcoe and Crane Hill communities. Members report that turnout is lower than anticipated, but they expect that the numbers will increase as more people learn about the program.

CCK Director Javon Daniel told The Tribune, "The numbers are low so far. We anticipate them going up when the words get out more."

Administrative assistant Tonja Grace has seen encouraging signs and shared, "The first turn out wasn't as we expected; however, as word gets out, we have seen an increase in the numbers as we have so far traveled to Crane Hill, in which we received a blessing. Not only did we give out food, we had several drop-off food donations and monetary donations."

CCK's Mobile Food Bank visits sites on a regular schedule:

- First Wednesday - West Point Town Hall
- Second Wednesday - Simcoe Community Center
- Third Wednesday - Hanceville City Hall
- Fourth Wednesday - Crane Hill

Food is available for Cullman County families in need who meet CCK's qualifications for assistance.

If you have not previously received food from the agency, when you come, bring with you:

- Bring a photo ID
- Proof of income
- Proof of address
- Award letter, if you receive food stamps/EBT

Only one family per household may receive assistance, and families who receive food from the mobile unit cannot receive food from the Cullman office during the same time period.

The new outreach program coincides with shortages at the North Alabama Food Bank, so CCK needs local support more than ever, through food and monetary donations.

To learn how you can help, visit https://www.cullmancaringforkids.com or https://www.facebook.com/CullmanCaringForKids, or call 256-739-1111.

CCK Assistant Director Nancy Bryant said, "This is so exciting to bring the food to the people. We want everyone to have food on their table. We want everyone to come out and get that extra help."

The Cullman Caring for Kids Mobile Food Bank project was launched with the support of Publix and United Way of Cullman County.

Powell (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Six years ago, Dinner on First started as a fundraiser for a handicapped-accessible playground. Thanks the pandemic last year, the event celebrated its 5th anniversary two weeks ago, with multiple park projects now funded and over $100,000 raised.

Cullman Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism Recreational Development Director Christy Turner told The Tribune, "It's hard to believe that we celebrated our 5th year of Dinner on First! This year was especially rewarding because we were able to enjoy our time with our friends and neighbors after a year's absence. The evening was truly magical! The street improvements and light upgrades on First Avenue were also a great enhancement to the venue! We want our downtown area to always be viable and successful for our merchants and community.

"Dinner on First has raised over $100,000, which has gone directly to The Connected Playground at Ingle Park and amphitheater and restroom facilities at Art Park. This year's proceeds will go toward building a restroom at Steifelmeyer park. These projects greatly improve our parks and enrich the experience for our community when enjoying them with their friends and families."

From the beginning, Dyron Powell, owner of Dyron's Low Country in Mountain Brook and now also of Cullman's All Steak, has supplied the food and service staff for Dinner on First at his own expense.

The successful restaurateur talked to The Tribune this week about how he became involved in the project.

Said Powell, "It all started when we moved to Cullman. So, I have my restaurant in Birmingham, Dyrons, and my kids were at Crestline Elementary. And I graduated from St. Bernard, and I wanted my kids to go to St. Bernard.

"Now, I was a boarding student when I was there, but my wife wouldn't hear of boarding our kids, so we ended up moving to Cullman, and bought a house and the kids started at Sacred Heart because we were a year ahead.

"And that year was the year they were trying to fund The Connected Park for the disabled children, and they came up with this Dinner on First. They called me and wanted me to do it and being new to the community but still invested in the community, I agreed to do it. And we would close Dyron's, and we came up there and we did Dinner on First. Started out with about 250 people, this last one was 450 people."

Why do it?

"I believe in investment," said Powell. "And I think oftentimes we hear the term 'investment,' and we always associated that with money, you know, to make good investments with money making money. I'm a believer that sometimes investment is not just about getting an income, but sometimes we have to invest in ourselves, sometimes we have to invest in our marriage. We definitely have to invest in our faith and our church, and our children and our community.

"And I do the same thing at St. Bernard, you know, I give them a dinner every year, all free. They make about 15, 20,000 off of it, and it costs me that! But again, to me, in life, that's things that we're supposed to do. And I live by that every day.

"I felt that way about what we were doing with the connected park. I thought it was important that we invest in our community, to allow children with disabilities to be able to enjoy the same playgrounds that children have that don't have disabilities. And that's how it started."

He continued, "I want to be an example to my kids that giving, having a servant's heart, is the most important thing. Lots of people make money. At every job, you go, you make money. It's not that hard to do. But what you do with that gift is the hard thing. And so, I try to live as an example to be a giver and to return to the community that takes care of us, as well. I mean, Cullman supports All Steak, and so we support Cullman. And you know, it's just important that my kids do that. And I just live my life that way."

Advertising through action

Powell shared, "Some restaurants spend a lot of money in advertising, you know, they have advertising budgets. My advertising budget is doing things like Dinner on First. I've got an exclusive audience just for me, and the pressure for that event is huge because if I mess up, it's bad. But if we do well -- I think we did this year -- it works great.

"I believe in Cullman, I love Cullman. I'll probably live there the rest of my life. I love St. Bernard. I've served on their board, I've done everything and got two kids there now. I'm really happy with the way things are. We made it through COVID; we're going to be OK.

"I live my life, I'm grateful and I'm very blessed. And I believe it's because you have to give back and make investments, not only financially, but in your community and in yourself and people. You know, I have a restaurant in Birmingham 13 years old. Probably half my staff started with me day one. That's unheard of in a restaurant, but I invest in those people and they stay there. We make great things happen. We're on our second year at All Steak. It's not perfect, it's not where I want it to be, but we're getting there. And we're so far ahead of where we were when we started."

Sharing the vision

Powell complemented the staff he brought with him to this year's dinner, telling The Tribune, "They got to see a side of me at Dinner on First. We fed everybody lunch that day, I got everybody together for my talk and told them that 'You're not making the money that you'd usually make on a Friday night, but tonight, it's about investment.' I gave them the same speech, and they bought into that and had the time of their life. I couldn't have asked for them to do any better; I thought they did a great job. They had never seen where we had to have a full production--you go in the tent here, you go out the tent here, carry the plates here, you know. And so, they learned a lot. It was good. This year, the stars lined up for us, from weather to staffing, everything. It just worked."

Powell concluded, "We're excited. I'm excited for Cullman. I'm so grateful for Cullman in so many ways, and I want Cullman to know that. And the way I can do that is to help them with events like this. It truly is a service ... I'm grateful to be a part of it and St. Bernard, too."

Turner told The Tribune, "This event takes a tremendous effort and it would not be possible without the commitment from Dyron and Sonya Powell, their staff and Cullman Parks and Recreation Foundation Board members. Their contributions are critical to the success of Dinner on First, and Cullman is blessed to have them be a part of our family."



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COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Monday, June 7, 2021 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Dashboard Hub (https://bit.ly/3iVJwXK)

ADPH COVID-19 dashboard changes

Along with decreases in COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths, ADPH will be updating its dashboard less frequently. Effective June 7, the Data and Surveillance Dashboard will update on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; the Vaccine Distribution Dashboard will update Tuesday and Thursday and no weekend updates will be made. Additional information may be provided in the future as ADPH gathers more data on the pandemic.

Case details

- Total confirmed cases in Alabama: 419,764 (+ 591 since Friday)
- Probable cases in Alabama: 126,560 (+148 since Friday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama: 8,843 (+13 since Friday)
- Probable deaths in Alabama: 2,374
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,699 (+ 11 since Friday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 3,195 (+ 2 since Friday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 136 (+0 since Friday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 63
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 42,668
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co: 1,741
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 38
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,634,281
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 1,897
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 92,482
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 225
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama (reported M-F): 50,064
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 509,800

Vaccine details (updated Monday-Friday)

- Doses Delivered to Alabama: No update available
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: No update available
- Doses administered: No update available
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: No update available
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: No update available
- Doses delivered to federal programs: No update available

Alabamians in Phases 1a, 1b and 1c (including those 12 and older) are now eligible to receive a vaccine.

View the Alabama COVID-19 Vaccination Allocation Plan at: www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19vaccine/assets/adph-covid19-vaccination-allocation-plan.pdf

National Month of Action begins June 4; Goal is 70% COVID-19 vaccination

The Alabama Department of Public Health joins in encouraging everyone in the state to work toward the goal of 70% of U.S. adults getting at least one COVID-19 vaccination by July 4. President Biden announced the National Month of Action initiative which encourages national organizations, local government leaders, community-based and faith-based partners, businesses, employers, social media influencers, celebrities, athletes, colleges, young people and thousands of volunteers across the nation to work together to get their communities vaccinated. Decreasing numbers of Alabama residents are being vaccinated even though vaccines are available, so promotions and actions are needed now to defeat COVID-19.

On-site vaccination clinic toolkit

On-site vaccination clinics are a critical tool to make vaccinations as accessible as possible to local communities. The "We Can Do This" campaign has created a toolkit that provides a roadmap for community organizations, employers and other groups to work directly with vaccine providers to set up vaccination clinics in places people know and trust. The toolkit can be accessed here: https://wecandothis.hhs.gov/onsite-vaccination-clinic-toolkit?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Multicultural Day at FEMA Community Vaccination Center

The drive-thru FEMA Community Vaccination Center located at Watermark Place (4500 Katies Way) in Bessemer will hold a Multicultural Day Saturday, June 5 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Attendees that receive vaccination on-site can then enjoy a diverse family fun day with food from across the globe, raffle prizes, bounce houses, face painting, carnival games and more. Everyone is welcome. No legal status, no ID and no insurance is required.

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, 8,614 patients age 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.

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported June 7

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 7, 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

June 4

- fourth-degree theft of property; Reddy Stop Chevron; 2nd Ave. NW; miscellaneous
- fourth-degree theft of property; Shoe Show; Marktplatz Ctr. SW; shoes; $65
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; Marktplatz Ctr. SW; check
- third-degree criminal mischief; person; 2nd Ave. SW; damage to '18 Kia Soul

June 5

- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; Cullman Furniture Mart; 2nd Ave. SW; miscellaneous; $399
- fourth-degree theft of property; person; Irene Ln. SE; umbrella; $130
- third-degree theft of property; person; Olive St. SW; bicycle; $1,000

June 6

- fourth-degree theft of property; person; 15th St. SE; cart; $75

ARRESTS

June 4

Holland Jr.; Glennon W.; 38

- rendering false alarm

Swann, Alice G.; 49

- FTA- expired tag

Edge, Clinton A.; 52

- FTA- first-degree criminal trespass
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespass (2 counts)
- FTA- resisting arrest

Speegle, Marty H.; 23

- FTA- minor in possession/consumption of alcoholic beverage

June 5

Tucker, Lisa Marie; 41

- public intoxication

Tucker, Lisa Inez; 41

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (3 counts)
- FTA- second-degree possession of marijuana
- FTA- switched tag
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- open container in vehicle
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Fields, Ivan J.; 41

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Roden, Joshua M.; 35

- Grand Jury Indictment-domestic violence-strangulation/suffocation

McGinnis, Chris R.; 49

- public intoxication
- attempt to elude police officer
- false information to law enforcement
- resisting arrest

June 6

Tucker, Lisa M.; 41

- public intoxication

Ramirez, Denise M.; 37

- FTA- driving without license
- FTA- improper passing
- FTA- improper lights

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

Advisory (from Front)

Leanne West
City of Cullman

CULLMAN, Ala. – The Water/Wastewater Department will be closing the northbound lane of West Main Avenue from Graham Street to Lessman Circle today, June 8, for water line utility work. Please expect delays or take an alternate route and share this information with anyone who may be affected by this temporary lane closure. Thank you for your patience!

Program (from Front)

ic. We have no idea what to expect this year as things are beginning to get back to normal for many people in our community.

"Regardless, we are happy to serve and encourage families to take advantage of the program this summer."

Young noted participation in the summer feeding program is beneficial to the Child Nutrition Program and Cullman City Schools in numerous ways which include funding for cafeteria equipment and furniture upgrades.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

"Come to the Well" Community Women's Bible Study

- Tuesday mornings at 10 at the Hebrews Cafe at East Side Baptist Church, 1111 Third St. SE in Cullman
- Please wear a mask/face covering.

Baileyton Bargain Days

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD

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

Miércoles de Despensas

- 6 -7 p.m. ler. miercoles del mes, En Su Tierra Cullman FUMC
- Despensas para la comunidad. No requiere ID. Entrega en su vehículo. Por favor use mascarilla.

Festhalle Farmers Market

- 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Open every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from April – October
- Stop by to shop the freshest produce from Cullman-based farms.
- For more information, call 256-590-5009 or send an email to mgraveman@cullmanrecreation.org

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
- July 8 – Mrs. Nance's Painting Party
- July 15 – McWane Science Center
- July 22 – Soil and Water, Animal Tracks
- All programs start at 1 p.m. For more information, send an email to guyhuntlibrary@gmail.com or call 256-796-5226.

Agriplex Children's Summer Camp Programs

- June 10 & 11: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., 20th Annual Cullman Touring Farms for Kids: Two days of farm tours in Cullman County. We will meet all different types of farmers and tour their farms. Food and T-shirts provided. Paying parents are welcome to attend, but may need to drive separately. Ages 7 to 13, $25.00 per person. Registration required at Agriplex.org.
- July 14 & 15: 8 a.m. – 3 p.m., Nature Day Camp: Day camp exploring our natural world and the Native American heritage with adventure activities such as hiking, canoeing, heritage crafts & storytelling. Ages 10-14. $35.00 per person. Registration required at https://agriplex.org/WPtest/.
- July 19-23: 9 a.m. – noon, Sewing Camp 101: This camp is designed for children interested in learning to sew. Campers will learn the basics of hand sewing while making projects to take home. Ages 8 & up, adults must attend with children under 9. $40.00 per person. Registration required at https://agriplex.org/WPtest/.
- July 26-30: 9 a.m. - noon, Sewing Camp 102: Designed for Sewing Camp alumni who want to expand their sewing skills by reviewing hand stitching & moving on to machine sewing with fun take home projects. Each camper will need to bring their own machine. Ages 9-18, must complete Sewing Camp 101. $40.00 per person. Registration required at https://agriplex.org/WPtest/.
- Saturdays, beginning at 9 a.m. at Festhalle Farmers Market, Power of Produce: Kids up to age 12 can sample fresh produce while earning market money (pop bucks) to buy produce from local farmers.

Agriplex Adult Programs

- June 8: 5 p.m., Heritage Skills Canning Class: Learn the basics of canning fresh produce. This class will go over the supplies you need to get started with waterbath canning, homemade salsas, preserves, tomatoes, and much more. Registration required at https://agriplex.org/WPtest/.
- June 16: noon - 1 p.m., Lunch & Learn presents Growing & Cooking with Herbs: We will cover the basic culinary herbs and learn how to enhance meals with them. We will also cover herbs that grow wonderfully in our area. No registration required, this program is free.
- June 21: 6 - 8 p.m., Learn to Sew Tote Bags: We will discuss how to make various tote bags of all shapes and sizes and make one to take home. Registration required at https://agriplex.org/WPtest/.
- June 22: 6 - 8 p.m., Living Landscapes Succulents: Succulents are more popular then ever right now! Learn the basics of taking care of succulents, including propagation. Make a succulent planter to take home. Cost $15.00 Registration required at https://agriplex.org/WPtest/.
- Thursdays: noon - 1 p.m., Yoga under the Pavilion, Join us for a beginner yoga class in the serenity of nature. $5.00 per person, summer family special of $10 per family. Ages 10 & up, must be able to follow along with class. No registration required. Please bring your yoga mat & water.

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 Veterans of Foreign Wars 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.

Montana Fouts throws perfect game in Alabama's 6-0 win over UCLA

Nathan Sheehan
UA Athletics

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. – A perfect game from Montana Fouts kept Alabama softball in the winner's bracket at the 2021 Women's College World Series as the Crimson Tide defeated the defending national champions UCLA, 6-0, Friday night.

The perfect game is the sixth in WCWS history and the first since Southern Miss' Courtney Blades in 2000. It is the sixth postseason no-hitter for Alabama, the first postseason perfect game and the first solo perfect game of Fouts' career.

Alabama (52-7) took the early lead over UCLA (47-6) with a pair of runs in the first inning.

A three-run home run from Kaylee Tow in the fifth stretched the lead to 5-0 before an RBI groundout brought the score to its final tally of 6-0. Fouts (27-3) and the Tide defense held the Bruins off the basepaths, finishing the game with 14 strikeouts.

The win gives Alabama an off-day Saturday before resuming play Sunday at 2:30 p.m. CT on ESPN. The Tide can potentially match up against Arizona, Florida State or Oklahoma State, who all play on Saturday.

From head coach Patrick Murphy

"Well, it's a special, first of all, it's her birthday, so a hell of a birthday present to herself. Just to watch greatness is pretty cool. All of you were a witness to it. So, didn't think she would get better from yesterday, but she did.

"And these are, obviously you guys know, these are good teams. I mean, this is the King of the PAC 12, the PAC 12 champions, and to throw a perfect game against legendary UCLA is something else for a kid from a small town from northeast Kentucky.

"So just unbelievable feeling. And I knew she had a no-hitter, but to be honest with you, I didn't realize it was a perfect game, so Sarah Cornell had to tell me afterwards, but just fun to watch."

From Montana Fouts

"I honestly wasn't really thinking about it. I don't think you can think like that as a pitcher, as a player or even in the stands really, because I feel like I'm a superstitious person, but I don't know, I was just locked in each pitch because I know that one swing away they have momentum, they're a great hitting team, great pitching staff, we respect them so much. So I think -- Murph says all the time -- respect your opponents. And tonight for me I think that that just meant locking in pitch by pitch, just because I know the game could get away in a heartbeat."

Highlights

- The perfect game is the sixth in WCWS history, the first since Southern Miss' Courtney Blades in 2000

- It is the sixth postseason no-hitter for Alabama and the first postseason perfect game

- It is the second perfect game for Fouts, her first solo and the fifth in Alabama history

- The Tide improves its record to 22-23 all-time at the Women's College World Series

- It is the third time Alabama has won its first two games at the WCWS, previously doing so in 2011, 2012 and 2014

- The win was the first over UCLA in program history, breaking a streak of 10-straight wins by the Bruins in the all-time series

- The Tide improves its current win streak to 20 games, 18 of which have come over ranked foes

- Fouts has 22 games with double-digit strikeouts, including her last nine straight and 16 against ranked teams

- With 344 strikeouts this season, Fouts ranks fourth on the Alabama single-season rankings, just 17 away from Jackie Traina's 2012 record of 361

- Bailey Hemphill drew two walks to improve her career total to 236, tying Florida's Amanda Lorenz for the SEC career record

Scoring summary

- **T1** | Bailey Hemphill went opposite field for an RBI double, driving in Alexis Mack (1-0, 0 Out)

- **T1** | Jenna Johnson dropped a single into shallow center and Hemphill scored from third (2-0, 1 Out)

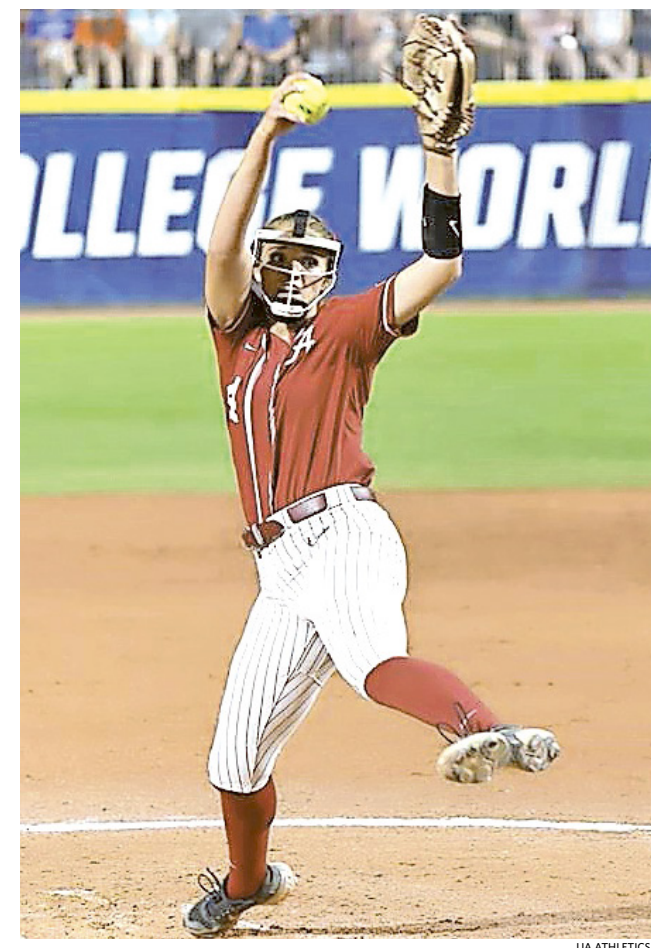
- **T5** | Kaylee Tow slugged a three-run home run to straightaway center (5-0, 1 Out)

- **T6** | A run came home on an RBI groundout (6-0, 1 Out)

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

- Sunday, June 6 vs. TBD – 2:30 p.m. – ESPN

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



UA ATHLETICS

Alabama's Montana Fouts pitched the fifth perfect game in WCWS history in the Crimson Tide's 6-0 win over UCLA Friday night.

Smith's complete game carries Alabama to 3-1 win over Rider

Alex Thompson
UA Athletics

RUSTON, La. – Alabama starter Dylan Smith picked up the win in a complete game effort as the Crimson Tide downed Rider, 3-1, in the elimination round of the NCAA Ruston Regional on Saturday afternoon. The win moves UA to 32-25 on the season and 1-1 in Regional play.

Smith (2-8) tossed his first career complete game and Alabama's first since 2019. The junior allowed one run on seven hits with seven strikeouts across a career-high 116 pitches.

Smith received three runs of support, two of which came from William Hamiter. The sophomore finished 1-for-4 with his lone hit being a go-ahead, two-run home run in the seventh.

Rider jumped out front early with a single run in the top of the first. The Tide answered in the second on an RBI-double from Caden Rose. Smith then kept the Broncs off the board as his offense tried to gain the advantage.

The breakthrough came in the seventh when Hamiter sent the first pitch he saw over the wall in right to give UA a 3-1 lead, the eventual final.

From Head Coach Brad Bohannon

"I'm really excited to get our program's first Regional win in quite some time. Dylan (Smith) was just awesome, just amazing. Complete game, no walks. He gave up one run – which we probably could have made a play there in the first to keep that from happening – but he was just outstanding.

"He commanded his fastball, threw both of his breaking balls and his split-change for a strike, and he was just amazing. I can't say enough about him."

How it happened

- **T1** | Rider led off the game with a double and brought a run across one-out later on a 6-3 groundout. (1-0, Rider)

- **B2** | Drew Williamson drew a walk to give the Tide a two-out baserunner. Williamson came home in the next at-bat on a Caden Rose double to right to even things up. (1-1)

- **B7** | Rose started the inning with a walk. He came home two outs later when William Hamiter cleared the bases with a two-run home run. (3-1, Alabama)

Postgame notes

- Dylan Smith tossed his first career complete game. It was the Crimson Tide's first complete game since Sam Finnerty against South Carolina in game one of the doubleheader on April 5, 2019.

- Smith tossed a career-high 116 pitches in the win. His previous high for pitches was 111 against Missouri on May 5 of this season. Smith picked up the win in that start against the Tigers, as well.

- The junior struck out seven and has punched out five or more batters in 14 of his 16 starts this season.

- The seven strikeouts set Smith at 113 for the season, good for third on the Alabama single-season list. He trails only Bobby Sprowl in 1977 (118) and Wade LeBlanc in 2006 (128).

- Smith did not issue a walk in his start for the seventh time this season.

- Alabama has totaled 19 comeback wins in 2021.

Next up for the Crimson Tide is a matchup with the winner of this evening's Louisiana Tech-NC State contest. Game one on Sunday is set for a 2 p.m. CT first pitch at J.C. Love Field with the game airing live on ESPN3.

Get all the latest information on the team by following @AlabmaBSB on Twitter and Instagram and on Facebook at Alabama Baseball. General athletic news can be found at UA_Athletics on Twitter and Instagram and AlabamaAthletics on Facebook.



UA ATHLETICS

Dylan Smith tossed a complete game in the Crimson Tide's 3-1 win over Rider Saturday.

Crimson Tide suffers heartbreaking loss to 20th-ranked La Tech

Alex Thompson
UA Athletics

RUSTON, La. – A wild back-and-forth baseball game between Alabama and 20th-ranked Louisiana Tech came down to the final at-bat with the Bulldogs holding on for the 10-8 victory. The loss ended the Crimson Tide's run in the NCAA Ruston Regional and set UA at 35-26 on the season.

The two teams traded runs through the first three frames, with Louisiana Tech taking an early 1-0 lead after a half inning. Alabama answered with two in the home half of the first, but the Bulldogs came right back with a pair of runs to regain the lead. The Tide answered again, this time with one run in the bottom of the second to knot it up at three apiece. Louisiana Tech posted three in the top of the third with UA countering for two in the home half before Tech added three to the lead in the fourth.

Alabama struck for one in the sixth, but Tech got that run right back in the top of the seventh. The two teams would go scoreless until the ninth, with Alabama battling for two runs. The Tide reached the tying run and brought the go-ahead run to the plate with two down but a deep fly ball to the warning track was caught to end the rally and end the game at 10-8.

The Crimson Tide bats took part in Sunday's home run derby that saw the two teams combine for seven roundtrippers. Homering for UA was Sam Praytor, Zane Denton and Jackson Tate. Praytor and Denton each tallied a team-high two RBI apiece with Praytor leading UA in runs, contributing a pair on the day. Tate tied with Bryce Eblin for the team lead in hits with two on the afternoon while Eblin recorded a double to add to his stat line.

From Head Coach Brad Bohannon

"This group gave us everything they had. We've had more than our share of adversity with guys being hurt. We had a lot of inexperienced players playing, and we were asking some guys to do some things that maybe they weren't quite ready to do or equipped to do – play some different positions, pitch in some different roles than maybe they were ready for – and they stayed together. They stayed together, gave us everything they had, and when things didn't go well, they didn't make excuses or point fingers. I'm certainly hopeful that all the kids that are back next year can bring those intangibles back into the locker room and we can continue to move our program forward based on those intangibles."

How it happened

- **T1** | The Bulldogs used a one-out double to put a man in scoring position. That runner came home one out later on a slow chopper to third that went for an infield single. (1-0, Louisiana Tech)

- **B1** | Sam Praytor put the Tide in front with a two-run home run. Praytor's homer scored William Hamiter who reached with a one-out walk. (2-1, Alabama)

- **T2** | A leadoff single followed by a two-run home run from Philip Matulia gave the Bulldogs the advantage once again. (3-2, Louisiana Tech)

- **B2** | Jackson Tate sent a laser over the wall in left for a solo shot to tie things up. (3-3)

- **T3** | The Bulldogs began the inning with a pair of walks before Cole McConnell brought everyone home on a three-run home run. (6-3, Louisiana Tech)

- **B3** | Praytor drew a two-out walk to keep the inning alive. Zane Denton took advantage of the opportunity, sending a two-run homer over the wall in right to cut the lead to one. (6-5, Louisiana Tech)

- **T4** | Steele Netterville recorded a two-run home run, bringing in the leadoff man who started the inning with a walk. A double in the next at-bat followed by a two-out single to left-center added one more for Tech. (9-5, Louisiana Tech)

- **B6** | Denton drew a leadoff walk and came home on a one-out double from Bryce Eblin to cut into the lead. (9-6, Louisiana Tech)

- **B9** | Eblin singled to start the ninth. A fielding error one out later allowed Jim Jarvis to reach and put two on for Peyton Wilson. The Tide leadoff man drew a walk to load the bases before a passed ball advanced everyone 90 feet. A 4-3 groundout from Hamiter brought in one more run and put a runner at third. Praytor drew a walk to reach the tying run but a flyout to the warning track from Denton capped the scoring and ended the UA rally. (10-8, Louisiana Tech)

Postgame Notes

- Alabama's 32 wins are the program's most since 2016 when UA won 33 games.

- The Crimson Tide won a game in an NCAA Regional for the first time since 2014.

- Alabama advanced to the Friday round of the SEC Tournament for the first time since 2015.

- Louisiana Tech and Alabama combined for seven home runs on the day.

- Eight of the nine Crimson Tide starters reached base safely on Sunday.

- Sam Praytor recorded his team-leading 14th home run of the season. The 14 home runs are the standalone sixth-most by a Crimson Tide catcher in a single season. The program record for home runs by a UA catcher is 27 by Doug Duke in 1986.

- Jackson Tate homered in today's contest and recorded five of his seven home runs across his final 11 games.

Alabama's season officially comes to a close following NCAA Regional play. The Crimson Tide roster will now spread out across the country to take part in various summer collegiate leagues.

Get all the latest information on the team by following @AlabmaBSB on Twitter and Instagram and on Facebook at Alabama Baseball. General athletic news can be found at UA_Athletics on Twitter and Instagram and AlabamaAthletics on Facebook.

Battalions (from Front)

Anders.

JOSE PERALES
Vinemont High School
Marines

Jose Perales is a 2021 graduate of Vinemont High School. Perales said that he always knew he would join the military. During a trip to Panama City Beach in 2020, a situation at an ice cream parlor would be the final motivation he would need. Parales recalled, "Me and my friends went to this ice cream shop and we must have waited 45 minutes to an hour line.

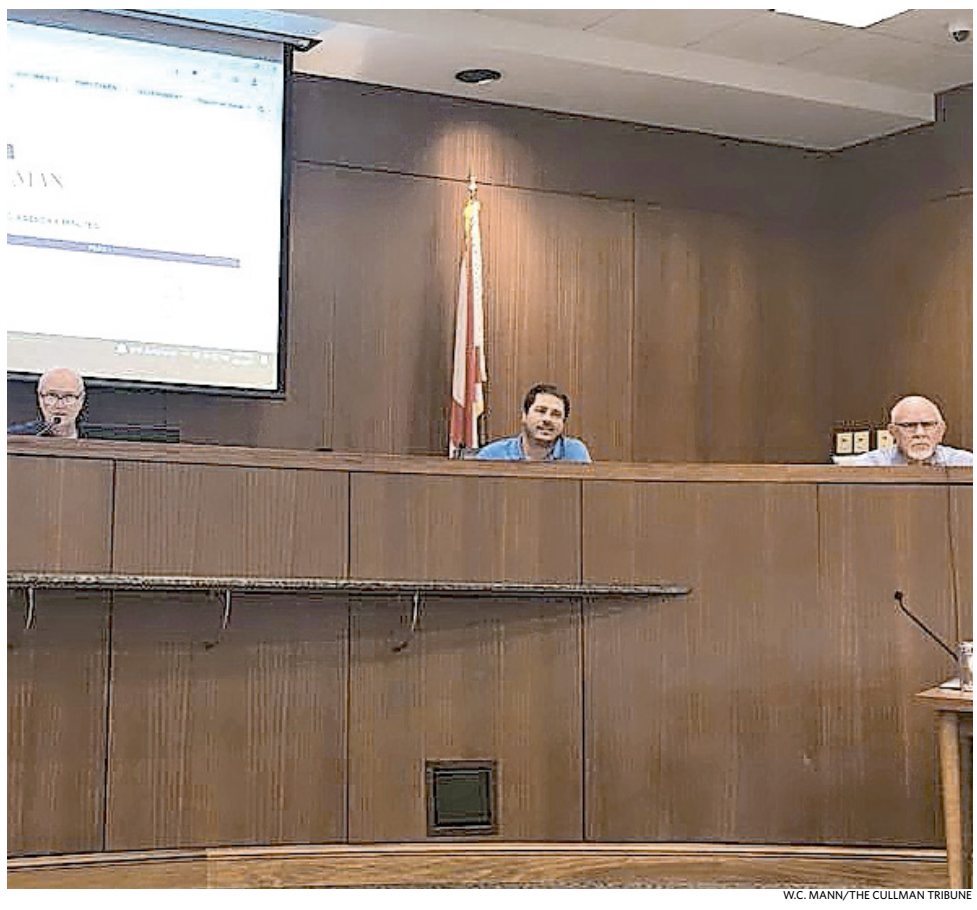
"I looked up and saw a separate line for those with a military ID. There was only one person in that line. That's when I knew. I said 'yep, I want to be up front.'"

Perales soon joined the United States Marine Corp. He explained, "I didn't want it to be easy and I did it for me. I want to have a happy life, a successful life and a good life, and the Marines is a good starting point. I just want to be the best version of me I can possibly be."

Perales will report to Marine Boot Camp at Parris Island, South Carolina Sept. 27. He thanked the ice cream parlor in Panama City Beach for motivating him to join.

Commission (from Front)

W.C. Mann
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W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

CULLMAN, Ala. – The City of Cullman Planning Commission on Monday evening approved multiple requests for property use plans for two subdivisions and recommended to the City Council the annexation of three properties.

The commission approved:

- A site plan for a convenience store at the location of the old Exxon station on 2nd Avenue Northwest (U.S. Highway 31) near the North Cullman Shopping Center

- A conditional use request that will allow Joey Pannell of the Aegis Fence Company to relocate his facility to 100 13th St. NE

- A conditional use request that will allow the family of property owner Dorothy Fowler to operate a car lot at 808 2nd Ave. SW. The site has been a car lot previously, under other owners.

- Final plat (site map showing proposed locations of structures and utilities) for Holloway Place Subdivision off County Road 703, contingent on the developer's resolution of issues pointed out by the City's Water and Engineering departments.

- Final plat for High Point Subdivision off Golf Course Road SW, contingent on the developer's resolution of issues pointed out by the Water Department.

- Relocation of the lot line between two adjoining lots belonging to the same owner on 2nd Avenue Southeast between 4th Street Southeast and 5th Street Southeast. The relocation will allow the development of both sites.

The commission voted to recommend to the Cullman City Council the annexation of properties located at:

- 953 County Road 1332 on Lake George, with limited access to City fire and sanitation services, due to the narrow private access road at the site

- 248 County Road 1335 on Lake George

- 222 Golf Course Road SW

The City of Cullman Planning Commission meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month in the City Hall auditorium.

The public is invited to attend.











EDITORIAL

The policies of starting over: Asking for help

Ashlyn Grey
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When it comes to writing, I have always enjoyed getting things done. I love the feeling that comes when I have completed a piece and feel satisfied by the result. Everyone has something that provides that little release. You are proud of whatever it is that you have accomplished and why shouldn't you be? We all deserve to pat ourselves on the back every now and again, to acknowledge that we have, indeed, succeeded in our goals. It is human to need these feelings of reward.

In the world that happens behind the screen, long before your papers are printed and delivered to you, there is something that is required of those of us who are writing. Sometimes it is an advertisement article or an event covering and those are tucked safely into the world of third person. Which means that we are merely relaying information to you. Since it's not a conversation, there exists very little vulnerability.

I would be lying to you if I had said I jumped at the first chance to write this week's edition of The Policies of Starting Over. The funny is, I did not immediately realize that I had been avoiding sitting down to write this all week. Monday and Tuesday came and went, and I didn't open this article. I attributed it to the fact that I had been writing other pieces and I was busy but as the days continued to creep by, I started to surprise myself in how avoidant I had become.

By the end of the week, I have usually written and reviewed my piece a dozen times and have sought the advice of whom I learn from daily. That has not been the case this week and I decided to take a deeper look at why.

My subject this week has been 'Asking for Help' and upon further investigation, I have concluded that this is the very reason I have been avoiding taking a pen to the subject. You see, I, like countless others, like to be able to handle things myself. Only a few months ago, my life looked starkly different than it does now. I had always believed rock bottom to be a physical place, something you could see or hear but that was not the case at all.

Rock bottom was a feeling for me, an incredible combination of shame, guilt and sadness that sat with me constantly.

I had no job, no money, and even less motivation to pursue either. My moment came when I realized that there was no reason to continue that way, it was time to start over.

I mentioned to you all last week that I did not expect to be 23 years old and living with my parents, but I consider myself lucky that I do. I pulled up to their house with a black plastic bag of belongings and they saved me. There is no shame in ever going home and asking for help.

I am freshly beginning my career as a writer. Before I had this opportunity, I was slowly running out of options and unfortunately, a bit prideful over where I was willing to work. I felt like I had set some sort of imaginary standard but that if I didn't meet it, nobody would take me seriously.

As time passed that pickiness and pride were slowly replaced with desperation and more shame. I knew that ultimately--I just needed a job. So, I swallowed my pride and hit the ground running. I applied everywhere and found my way here, to a place where my heart is in it every day. What I learned, and am still learning, is that the instant you stop asking for exactly what you want, is often the moment you get exactly what you need.

Your life may not resemble mine. You might not be building directly from the ground; you could be starting a new in any phase of life possible, which is just as valid. No matter what is happening, when there is no light peaking through constantly overcast skies, don't quit. Choosing to stay at rock bottom can often seem like the only option because better looks so far away. Reach. Call out. You never have to do it all by yourself.

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE

To the publisher of the Cullman Tribune:

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

Done this the 26 day of May, 2021

Lisa McSwain
CIRCUIT COURT CLERK

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Jerome V. Stidham Personal Representative of the Estate of James Verbon Stidham, deceased, on the 28th day of May, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Jerome V. Stidham
Personal Representative

Kenneth Weldon
Attorney for the Petitioners
1170 County Road 1352
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to KIMBERLY H. DRAKE Personal Representative of the Estate of NANETTE BEATRICE STANCHAK, deceased, on the 21st day of May, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

KIMBERLY H. DRAKE
Personal Representative

Kimberly H. Drake
Attorney for the Petitioner
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STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CASE NO.: PC 2021-146

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM DANIEL SIMS JR., DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM DANIEL SIMS JR., DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Glenda Sims on the 4th day of June, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Glenda Sims, Personal Representative

TO: Publisher of *The Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
DAWSON VALVIN BISHOP, DECEASED CASE NO.: PC 2021-188

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF DAWSON VALVIN BISHOP, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Sharon H. Barrett on the 4th day of June, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Sharon H. Barrett, Personal Representative

TO: Publisher of *The Cullman Tribune*:

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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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City of Cullman
Zoning Board of Adjustments

On Monday, June 21, 2021, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Zoning Board of Adjustments, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Variance request at 1421 9th Street SE

For further information contact Brian Landreth or Amber Duke at the City of Cullman Building Department at 256-775-7203.

Obituary Announcements: June 7

Margaret Floyd Stallings, 84, of Cullman
Memorial Service for Margaret Floyd Stallings, 84, of Cullman, will be June 13, 2 p.m. at St. Andrews United Methodist Church. The family will receive friends from 1:30 p.m. – 2 p.m. prior to the service. Pastor Robert Lancaster will officiate the service. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Stallings passed away April 2, 2020 at her residence. She was born April 3, 1935 to Emory Talmadge and Delphia Brennis White Floyd. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother: Talmadge Floyd and sisters: Mary Jo Floyd, Maxine and Christine Floyd, Helen Skinner, Ruth Morgan and Wynell Jones. Survivors include her son: Fred (Leigh) Stallings; daughters: Paula Stallings, Pam (Alex Troughton) Stallings; brother: Bill (Arminda) Floyd; sisters: Brenda Betts and Betty Quattlebaum; grandchildren: Ashley Stallings, Jackie (DeLane) Harrison and Alex Stallings; great-grandchildren: Dylan, Savannah and Scarlett Harrison and Xander Stallings; family and friends. Margaret was an active member of St. Andrews United Methodist Church and business owner of Zero Bullet for 55 years. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. Andrews United Methodist Church. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Michael Joe Ray, 52, of Cullman
Funeral Service for Michael Joe Ray, 52, of Cullman will be 11 a.m., Wednesday, June 9, at Northbrook Baptist Church. He will lie in state from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. prior to the service. Visitation will be Tuesday, June 8 from 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. at Northbrook Baptist Church. Rev. Keith Warden and Rev. Bill Ellis will officiate the service. The Interment will be in the Cullman City Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Ray family. Mr. Ray met his Lord and Savior June 6 at his residence. He was born June 4, 1969 to Billy Joe and Martha Sue Ray. He was an active member of Northbrook Baptist Church and loved his family. He was a graduate of Vinemont High School and Auburn University. He was a software engineer for Rehau Inc. for many years. He enjoyed playing basketball and his time on the lake water skiing. Mr. Ray was preceded in death by his son: Matthew Ryan Ray and grandparents: Randolph and Ruby Ryan and Monroe and Thelma Ray. He is survived by his parents: Billy Joe and Martha Sue Ray; his wife of 26 years: Julie Ellis Ray; son: Jordan Wesley Ray; daughter: Emma Marie Ray; brothers: Larry (Kelly) Ray and Jeffrey (Angela) Ray; sister: Janice Ray; brother-in-law: Bill (Angela) Ellis; six nieces and nephews and a host of family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Monica Lynn Ayers, 58, of Holly Pond
Monica Lynn Ayers, 58, of Holly Pond, was welcomed home by her Heavenly Father, surrounded by those she loved most, on Monday morning, June 7. Monica was born Nov. 30, 1962, in Cullman County, to Hubert Russell and Donna Kay Turner Walker. Monica spent her life serving others. Her official title was day care operator, but she was really a second mother to her babies. Mama Monk, as she was known to many, spent 34 years as the owner/operator of Monk's Playtime in Holly Pond. She also served many years as the housekeeper at Holly Pond First Baptist, where she was a member, as well as serving as a greeter and funeral assistant at Holly Pond Funeral Home. She was a board member of the Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame, as well as an inductee. Monica was a giving person. She was always the first to have a meal prepared for a grieving family, a sick neighbor or anyone she believed to be in need. Monica believed in the power of prayer and you could believe her when she said she was praying for you. She always said she loved you when she saw you, and she meant it. As much as Monica enjoyed her day care babies, nothing compared to her love for her family. She was a devoted wife and mother. She cheered loud at every sporting event her boys participated in! Her love for her grandchildren was as great as her love for her boys. There was no greater joy in her life than being 'Nana' to Parker and Walker. Monica loved her family with all that was in her. Monica was welcomed into heaven by her mother, Donna Walker. She is survived by her husband: Gary Ayers; sons: Nathan Ayers (Laney) and Aaron Ayers; grandchildren: Parker and Walker Ayers; father: Hubert Walker and brother: Russell Walker (Donna). Funeral services for Monica are noon, Saturday, June 12, at New Hope #2 Baptist Church with Bro. Ralph McGowan and Bro. Benjamin Smothers officiating. Terry Ayers, Rick Rolin, Coach Bill Oliver, Van Cone, Mitch Morris, Eric Walker, David Briscoe and Brandon Lloyd will serve as pallbearers. Friends are invited to visit with the family on Saturday, from 9 a.m. until services begin at noon. Burial will follow in New Hope Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, it was Monica's request that donations be made to the family of Lillie Handley to help her continue her battle with cancer. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Ayers family.

Ronald Timothy Argo, 48, of Cullman
Funeral service for Ronald Timothy Argo, 48, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, June 10, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Argo passed away Friday, June 4 at his residence. He was born June 1, 1973 to Ronald Edward and Martha Brown Argo. He was preceded in death by his mother; sister: Yolanda Rose Ago; uncle: Tommy Long and brother-in-law: Dane Marshall Doss. Survivors include his wife of 21 years: April Argo; father: Ronald Edward Argo; son: Mikel Argo; daughters: Jessica Haney, Danielle Argo and Tiffany Robert; brothers: Daniel (Ashley) Argo and Terry Argo; sister: Carla (Tim) Hill; grandchildren: Maliyah Ballenger, Karma Kaney, Mckynzie Robert, Madison Argo, Kam Orr, Dominic Wood, Zeke Embry and Iylah Embry; family and friends. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the family for funeral expenses. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com

Daryn Freeman, 23 of Hanceville
Mr. Daryn Freeman, age 23, of Hanceville, passed away on Saturday, June 5, at his residence. He was born Wednesday, April 22, 1998. Survivors include his parents: Emitt and Bonnie Freeman; mother: Joleen Green Brock (Scott); fiancé: Mykaela Parker; grandparents: Kenny and Ruby Waldrop; sister: Desirea Green; brother: Dylan Green; step-sisters: Lisa (Jeff) Reynolds, Patty (Perry) Ross and Shay (Steve) Miller; aunt: JoAnn (Chris) Thompson and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Memorial service will be held June 26 at his residence.

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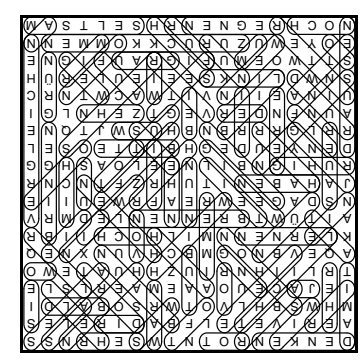
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Wallace State's Adult Education Department conducts commencement for 2020 and 2021 graduates

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Wallace State Community College's Adult Education Department recently conducted its commencement, recognizing graduates from both the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 classes at the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre.

More than 30 graduates participated in the ceremony and more than 80 individuals earned their GED (General Education Development) or high school diploma during the 2020-2021 academic year.

"This is one of the most special events this college or any community college hosts. Life happens and sometimes our dreams get critically and severely deferred," said Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Karolewics. "You didn't give up. You held on to that dream. I want to congratulate each of you for the job you have done of reaching this momentous occasion and milestone."

Roslee Matlock was among the graduates recognized at the commencement, and she addressed her fellow graduates as the guest speaker. Matlock, of Hanceville, completed her specific GED requirements in a month's span in 2020 and has since earned her Medical Laboratory Assistant credentials. She has applied for admission into Wallace State's Medical Assistant program.

"I was honored to be chosen to speak to my fellow graduates. Those of us who completed the program last year had to wait a year for graduation, but it's worth it," Matlock said. "I believe in every individual who walked across the stage. I know they'll go far in life because they didn't give up."

Like many graduates trying to set examples for their children, Johnny Crane, 49, of Warrior, decided to pursue his GED to complement his professional career.

"I dropped out of high school when I was 16 and went straight to work. I started building houses, got married, had children and continued to work. My hands-on experience provided me with many opportunities, but not having my GED closed many doors," Crane said. "It doesn't matter where you came from or what you do, nobody can take your education from you. Someone may take your house, car or land from you, but you'll always have your knowledge and education."

Added Ernesto Salazar, of Hartselle, who dropped out of high school at 16 and earned his GED 13 years later: "I've always wanted to better myself and earning the GED is among the first steps. It's a huge relief off my shoulders. I can now pursue my dreams of becoming an engineer."



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Wallace State's Adult Education Department recognized both 2020 and 2021 graduates during its commencement ceremony.

Suzanne Harbin, Wallace State's interim director of Adult Education and vice president for Advancement and Innovation, opened the commencement by congratulating the graduates and commending the program's instructors.

Multiple scholarships were presented before the graduates receiving their diplomas.

Jocelyn Johnson and Matilda Gann were recipients of the Hope House scholarship.

Alabama Public Service Commissioner Jeremy Oden presented on behalf of the Oden Family Scholarship, awarding it to Tonya Sanders. Oden also announced intentions to launch the Carol Oden Scholarship through the college's Future Foundation.

Earning scholarships through Wallace State's Future Foundation were Matlock and Skylar Bolton.

Jacob Gallups, Jeremiah Purcell and Seth Battaglia earned Wallace State scholarships, presented by WSCC's Dean of Applied Technologies, Wes Rakestraw.

Wallace State's Adult Education's instructors and staff serve hundreds of students each year, spanning multiple sites across Blount, Cullman, Morgan and Winston counties, including the Alabama Career Center, Alabama Teen Challenge, Cullman County Detention Center, Eva Town Hall, The Foundry, Lynn High School, the Hope House, Main Street Ministries, Meek High School, Parkside School, Royal Pines Center and both of the college's campuses in Hanceville and Oneonta. The program also offers free ESL classes and career pathways certifications.

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