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EDUCATION

Cullman City Schools among top systems in the nation for board-certified teachers

Trent Moore
Cullman City Schools

CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman City Schools has always made it a priority to attract and cultivate the most qualified educators possible, and now the system is being commended for that effort. Cullman City Schools has been recognized among only four systems in the state of Alabama — and among less than 50 systems nationwide — to have more than 20% of its teachers achieve national board certification.

More than 20% of the system's teachers have been certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, with the system named among the National Board Accomplished Districts.

"We are blessed in Cullman City Schools to have such a vast talent of exceptional educators. Our teachers are continual learners and the different paths to their continual learning are through high quality professional development, advanced degrees and/or through the pursuit of their National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification," said Sharon Windham, curriculum/assessment coordinator for Cullman City Schools. "This continual self-review and growth is what makes the difference for our students. Our students benefit greatly from the professional growth of our National Board-Certified teachers. That is the advantage!"

For teachers, the process of obtaining National Board certification involves a thorough review » PAGE 6

– LOCAL CHARITIES –

'WE'RE IN IT FOR THE LOVE'

Karma in Cullman seeks new home after sale of property



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Karma in Cullman's mailbox still stands alongside State Road 157 in North Cullman.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Britannica.com defines karma as a "causal law by which good or bad actions determine the future modes of an individual's existence." The leaders of local charity Karma in Cullman hope that the group's history of service to families in need might lead to the miracle it needs now, as it faces the loss of its facility in north Cullman.

The charitable group, which is known for its Christmas gift and back-to-school clothing and supply programs for local children, is moving out of the building it has used on State Road 157, following the sale of the property by its owner. Karma Director Rachel Fillmore bears the owner no ill will and expressed thankfulness for the time her group was able to use the building rent-free, but she worries about the future of the organization.

Said Fillmore, "Karma is about to be homeless, in a sense. We were blessed to use our current space rent-free until the area was sold. We knew this was always a bridge we would come to.

"However, when I got to the bridge, I had prayed for a four-lane paved bridge; however, the one I find myself at: a swinging rope bridge with every third board missing, dangling over a fiery pit with very scary monsters below!

"We will not be able to stay at the property. We were given at least 60 days, possibly a few more, but that isn't guaranteed so I am not counting on them. We are at a disadvantage because we run on very limited donations; the prospect of paying a large rental fee every month is pretty much a pipe dream for us.

"However, we also know that finding a property owner who will allow us to use their property free of charge is also not a reality. We understand they must make a living as well.

"So we find ourselves at a crossroads. We need a location that is large enough for use to sort our donations and set them up, such as a thrift store style even though we would not be one.

"We also need some office space, but more importantly, a space to be able to run a safe and healthy food pantry. This is a tall order that we know will not be easy to find.

"We have looked around and talked with a few owners but they felt they would not be able to work with us. We would be happy just about anywhere in Cullman County if someone would be willing to work with us.

What if Karma does not find a place?

Fillmore spoke bluntly when she talked about the prospect of operating without a suitable facility:

"I will be frank. If we can't find somewhere soon, I won't be able to continue with this mission God placed on my heart, which means this Christmas there will be over 200 children who will wake up and not find anything under their trees.

"Next year, 200 kids will have to start to school in old clothes and old backpack and no supplies.

"When each season changes, parents won't be able to clothe their whole families' ward- » PAGE 6

BUSINESS

New Dollar General now open in Cullman » PAGE 3

Ivey awards $250,000 Rebuild Alabama Grant for County Road 4 and County Road 6 » PAGE 8

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Sheriff's Office firearms safety class Tuesday night at Temple Baptist Church » PAGE 8

Hunt family establishes John E. Hunt Memorial Scholarship, annual golf tournament



ELIZABETH HUNT

Longtime Cullman Parks and Recreation Director John Hunt pictured with his family. Front L-R: Kayla Hunt (Strickland), Elizabeth Hunt, John Hunt, Lauren Hunt (Peek). Back L-R: Hannah Hunt (Shelton), Ryan Hunt, Wilson Strickland, Cade Peek » PAGE 6

First Baileyton Family Fun Day deemed huge success » PAGE 3

Vinemont High School Classes of '69 and '70 hold combined reunion » PAGE 3

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported June 14

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 14, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

June 10

- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; I-65 NB at 308 MM
- domestic violence; CR 127
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 1224
- domestic violence; CR 1107
- theft of property; criminal mischief; CR 852
- Violation of Protection Order; CR 557
- criminal mischief; CR 146
- theft of property; Hwy. 31
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 223
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 1082

June 11

- domestic violence; CR 747
- theft of property; Wesley Ave. N
- harassment; Boundary Ln.
- Violation of Protection Order; CR 557
- domestic violence; Mayfair Ln.
- burglary; CR 1157
- harassment; 1st Ave. S Garden City
- theft of property; CR 222
- domestic violence; CR 1202
- burglary; Hwy. 69 N
- harassment; CR 19

June 12

- criminal mischief; CR 1233
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; CR 1030
- assault; Beech Ave. SE
- theft of property; Hwy. 31
- unlawful possession of marijuana; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278 W
- domestic violence; CR 1809
- unlawful possession of marijuana; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1509
- burglary; CR 1742
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 972
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Sportsman Lake Rd.
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 9
- harassment; trespassing; Hopewell Rd. NE
- theft of property; CR 1435

June 13

- assault; CR 1029
- domestic violence; menacing; CR 201
- harassment; CR 386
- harassment; 3rd St. SW Garden City
- giving false information to police officer; CR 490
- assault; CR 386
- harassment; CR 1422
- burglary; CR 831

ARRESTS

June 10

Aaron, Jodie Faye; 36
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Addie, Brandon Lamar; 36
- attempting to elude police officer

Baker, Jessica Ann; 28
- illegal possession of prescription drugs

Casimiro, Heldred Elizabeth; 41
- FTA- sell/distribution of methamphetamine
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- promote prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA- negotiating worthless instrument

Curvin, Joshua Allen; 24
- Violation of Domestic Violence Protection Order

Fulenwinder, Ashley Marie; 34
- public intoxication

Hawkins, Miles Jamal; 25
- Motion to Revoke Bond-burglary-residence-force
- Motion to Revoke Bond-robbery-street-strong arm

Hollis Jr.; Robert L.; 43
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Kreps, Andrew Sebastian; 28
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Lynn, Brent Tyler; 31
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family (2 counts)
- FTA- assault-domestic-menacing-strong arm
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- interference with a domestic violence emergency

Moore, Christopher Ryan; 30
- FTA- driving without license in possession

Phillips, Andrew Blake; 26
- public intoxication

Tanner Jr., James Issac; 29
- burglary
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle (no theft or damage)

Water, Kendra Shay; 27
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Williams, Christopher Wayne; 43
- FTA- attempting to elude police officer
- FTA- operating vehicle with expired tag
- FTA- driving while license suspended
- FTA- exceeding reasonable road speed
- FTA- fail to stop at sign
- FTA- fail to signal
- FTA- improper lane usage
- FTA- lane change without proper signal
- FTA- operating vehicle without license

Woodfin, Tiffany; 29
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

June 11

Ashley, Amanda Lashay; 30
- assault-harassment

Bell, Gregory Felton Lee; 48
- assault-aggravated assault-domestic-menacing-strong arm

Bell Jr.; Gregory Felton Lee; 24
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- assault-harassment

Coates, Michael Miller; 47
- assault-domestic violence-harassment-family
- FTA- larceny/theft-theft of article from auto (6 counts)
- Motion to Revoke Bond-larceny/theft-vehicle parts
- Motion to Revoke Bond-Violation of Domestic Violation Protection Order

Foster, Katelyn Brianne; 24
- assault-harassment

Fulenwider, Ashley Marie; 34
- public intoxication

Gibson, Jerry Lee; 40
- FTA- buying/receiving stolen property $1,500 or more

Hawkins, Miles Jamal; 25
- attempting to elude police officer
- FTA- attempting to elude police officer
- FTA- reckless driving

Miller, Bradley Lee; 31
- Probation Violation- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle
- Probation Violation-buying/receiving stolen property

Scott, Jeffery Dewayne; 52
- Probation Revocation-possession of dangerous drugs
- Probation Violation- sex offense-SORNA
- Sex Offense-failure of adult sex offender to register with local law enforcement
- FTA- Sex Offense-sex offender reporting and registration requirements

Shaver, Lisa Darlene; 53
- assault-harassment

South, Jason Howard; 43
- FTA- driving while license suspended (2 counts)

Spivey, Andrew Louis; 45
- FTA- driving with license not in possession
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Walker, Bubba Wayne; 47
- larceny/theft-miscellaneous less than $500

Waters, Steven Andrew; 42
- FTA- Sex Offense-adult sex offender-violation of travel restrictions
- FTA- Sex Offense-failure of adult sex offender to register with local law enforcement (2 counts)

Wilson, Sharla Diane Naylor; 53
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- stolen vehicles-auto theft
- stolen vehicles-unauthorized use of auto-no force (joyriding)

June 12

Bagwell, Dachery Dewayne; 29
- possession of methamphetamine
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Denny, Jeffery Allen; 32
- public intoxication

Esposito, Jan Meredith; 41
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree possession of marijuana

Smith, Gary Lynn; 53
- Sex Offense- failure of adult sex offender to register with local law enforcement

Marshall, Robert Jason; 43
- assault-simple assault

Sander, David Eric; 32
- FTA- second-degree assault-domestic violence
- FTA- first-degree criminal mischief
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Smith, Gary Lynn; 53
- Sex Offense-failure of adult sex offender to register with local law enforcement

Story, Gregory Blake; 32
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Stricklin, Martin Wayne; 53
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree possession of marijuana

Tanner Jr., James Issac; 29
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

West, Sharon Dean; 55
- assault-child abuse-simple-family
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree possession of marijuana

June 13

Brown, Penny Jane; 45
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Ford, David Lee; 42
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Grund, Kristopher Hyde; 30
- possession of methamphetamine

Humphrey, Jagger Brock; 22
- giving false information to law enforcement

Morton, Ronald, James; 51
- negotiating worthless instrument

Stevens, Jeremy Wayne; 40
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- driving while license suspended

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

June 11

- third-degree domestic violence; person; Logan St. SW
- identity theft; person
- third-degree forgery; forged checks; People's Bank
- third-degree assault; person; Hwy. 157

June 12

- first-degree theft by deception; identity theft; person; cash

June 13

- fourth-degree theft of property; The Foundry; 2nd Ave. SW; miscellaneous
- fourth-degree theft of property; third-degree criminal trespass; The Foundry; 2nd Ave. SW; miscellaneous; $40
- fourth-degree theft of property; The Foundry; 2nd Ave. SW; miscellaneous; $25

ARRESTS

June 11

Lacy, Kimberly A.; 37
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
- FTA- fail to register vehicle
- FTA- insurance violation

Weldon, Freddie D.; 49
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Wilson, Sharla D.; 53
- FTA- fail to register vehicle

Bakely, Curtis E.; 32
- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Graves, Kevin D.; 35
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Ratliff II., Kenneth D.; 38
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Porter, Eldridge; 56
- third-degree forgery (2 counts)
- third-degree possession of forged instrument (2 counts)

South, Jason H.; 43
- FTA- insurance violation

Spivey, Andrew L.; 45
- FTA- driving while license revoked
- FTA- fail to register vehicle
- FTA- insurance violation

Wisener, Kristen C.; 35
- DUI

Thomas, Issac K.; 25
- third-degree assault

June 12

Burchell, Courtney N.; 27
- trafficking
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Mack, Jennifer L.; 39
- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance
- possession with intent to distribute controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree promote prison contraband

Sanders, David E.; 32
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespass
- FTA- first-degree criminal trespass
- FTA- attempt to elude police officer

Lowery Jr.; Douglas E.; 26
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespass (2 counts)
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Willingham, Janet L.; 45
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

McAfee, Jana A.; 47
- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance
- second-degree possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia

June 13

Hallex, Joshua A.; 44
- unlawful possession / receiving of controlled substance

Haws, Christopher C.; 21
- FTA- driving while license suspended
- FTA- insurance violation (2 counts)
- FTA- fail to register vehicle
- FTA- following too close

Stevens, Jeremy W.; 40
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Calderon, Jonathan A.; 31
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Graham, Brooke D.; 31
- fourth-degree theft of property
- carrying pistol without permit

Brockman, Alesha B.; 58
- fourth-degree theft of property
- third-degree criminal mischief

Gillis, Melanie S.; 39
- fourth-degree theft of property

Williams, Tracy A.; 49
- fourth-degree theft of property
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Hays, William J.; 41
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- driving while license suspended
- FTA- improper lights

Ransom, Tiffany A.; 51
- fourth-degree theft of property

Hernandez, Jesus G.; 43
- DUI
- reckless endangerment (2 counts)

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Monday, June 14, 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 on 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: 421,485 (+ 458 since Friday) *
- Probable cases in Alabama: 126,388 (+ 92since Friday) *
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama: 8,954 (+ 8 since Friday) *
- Probable deaths in Alabama: 2,320
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,721 (+ 2 since Friday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 3,207 (+ 5 since Friday) *
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 137
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 63
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 42,956
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co: 1,679
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 31
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,650,737
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 1,583
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 85,853
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 191
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama: 50,328
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): no update available

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

FEMA Community Vaccination Center in Bessemer closing June 16

The last day for the drive-thru Community Vaccination Center located at Watermark Place (4500 Katies Way) in Bessemer is June 16. The site is open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, and 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Individuals can drive in or walk up without appointments. No Appointment Required, No ID Required, and No Insurance Required. Don't take the risk, get vaccinated today!

Delta Variant B.1.617.2 accounts for about 6% of new U.S. cases

The Delta variant, which is also known as B.1.617.2 first emerged in India and now accounts for about 6% of new U.S. cases. The number of cases of Delta in the U.S are likely to be higher, as not all SARS-CoV-2 specimens are sequenced. The Delta variant has been detected in a small number of specimens in Alabama. The variant is highly contagious and has the potential to infect more persons, resulting in more hospitalizations and deaths. At the moment, data indicates that two doses of Pfizer vaccine are 88% protective against the virus. The two other COVID-19 vaccines, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson, are likely to be effective against this variant as well. The message about this variant, as well as other variants, is that the more persons who are vaccinated, the less likely the opportunity for variants to emerge. Now is a critical time for persons in Alabama to take advantage of the multiple opportunities to be vaccinated.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Morbidity and Mortality Weekly ReportDecreases in COVID-19 cases, hospital admissions, and deaths among older adults

A MMWR released on June 8 finds that COVID-19 cases, emergency department visits, hospital admissions and deaths declined more among older adults than among younger adults following the introduction of COVID-19 vaccine. The greater declines among older adults are likely due, in part, to higher COVID-19 vaccination coverage, which highlights the potential benefits of rapidly increasing vaccination coverage. The MMWR can be viewed here: www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7023e2.htm

National Month of Action: goal is 70% COVID-19 vaccination

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) joins in encouraging everyone in the state to work toward the goal of having 70% of U.S. adults getting at least one COVID-19 vaccination by July Fourth. 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.

Vinemont (from Front)

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VINEMONT, Ala. – The first two graduating classes from Vinemont High School held a joint reunion Saturday. The seniors of 1969 and 1970 were excited to get together for a fun party at Drake's Barn in the Stars after COVID-19 caused the reunion to be delayed for an entire year. The two classes had a blast as they listened to some of the greatest tunes from their high school era and reminisced about their days as Vinemont Eagles.

The two classes also had a remembrance for those no longer with us and recognized the veterans in attendance. After sharing a fantastic potluck meal together, there was plenty of laughter as they got back to catching up with old friends.

Baileyton (from Front)

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BAILEYTON, Ala. – The first Baileyton Family Fun Day took place this past Saturday in the town's park. Town officials are calling the event a huge success and hope to plan more community events soon.

Mayor Windell Calloway said, "We had a park full! We had about 60 vendors sign up and most of them showed up." There had been concerns throughout the week that the pattern of rain could cause problems, but the decision was made to go ahead and proceed with the event.

Calloway and the Baileyton Town Council were thrilled to see so many families enjoying Baileyton Park. Children were treated to games, inflatables, live music and a petting zoo. They also had the opportunity to get up close with a variety of emergency vehicles as well as Sheriff Matt Gentry and even part of the Cullman County SWAT team.

Lifesouth's Bloodmobile and Cullman Regional also participated in the event. A donor goal was set at 10 for blood donations, and the community crushed that goal with 22 donors. Calloway said, "They said that Baileyton might have saved 22 lives today."

As for future Family Fun Day events, Calloway hopes to sit down with the council and discuss having another event before the summer is over.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Prayer meetings- Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Come and pray with us or come to receive prayer.
• Ladies' exercise classes- Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Children welcome.
• Classes- Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult class, "The Phases of Armageddon" by Pastor Bobby Dodd
• Sundays at 9 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Small group classes for adults, children and youth at 10 a.m. Praise and worship and message at 11 a.m.
• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m. – noon, Tuesdays 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m. – noon Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle S.W. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. 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 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 take-out 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 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
• 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 16: 12:00 - 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 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

1963 Fairview High School Class Meeting
June 18 - The Fairview High School class of 1963 will meet Friday, June 18 at 1 p.m. at the Golden Corral, 1720 Cherokee Avenue SW, Cullman. Must be 1 p.m. or after for senior discount. Call Joyce Williams Rodgers at 256-339-3451 for more information.

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.

Swamp John's Meal
June 24 - Thursday, at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, 615 Main Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055. Serving will be from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. Dine in or carry out.

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.

Let's go to Italy!
July 10 - Join us 2 p.m. Saturday, July 10 to learn about Red Door Travel's Spring Break's Italian Adventure March 25 - April 3, 2022. There is no cost or obligation to attend. We will enjoy some Italian snacks, stroll through Italy for a time, talk about what you can expect, and answer any questions you might have. This affordable, small group trip includes round-trip airfare from Birmingham, hotel, most meals and guided tours in Florence, Venice, Cinque Terra, Tuscany and an optional Rome extension. If you plan to attend, please contact us at Bill@TheRedDoorCullman.com or call 256-338-3074 so we will know how many to plan for. If you can't come, but want to know more, we'll be happy to send you a brochure. Meeting at Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold Street, Cullman, 256-734-0599.

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Dollar General (from Front)

Dollar General Corporation
Contributor

GOODLETTSVILLE, Tenn. – Dollar General is excited to announce its store at 1470 County Road 715 SW in Cullman is now open!

In addition to stocking the company's standard products, the new Cullman location includes their new selections of home décor and an expanded party preparation section. This location will follow standard hours of operation, which can be found through the Dollar General app.

"At Dollar General, we believe the addition of each new store provides positive economic growth for the communities we proudly serve, and the addition of our new Cullman store highlights our commitment to deliver a pleasant shopping experience that includes great prices on quality products in a convenient location," said Dan Nieser, Dollar General's senior vice president of real estate and store development.

"We look forward to welcoming customers to our new store and hope they will enjoy shopping at our new location."

With the opening of this new Cullman location, Dollar General will donate 100 new books to local elementary schools for use of students grades K – 5th grade. This is part of a planned donation—through a partnership with Kellog-- of more than 100,000 books across the country.

The addition of the Cullman store provides the opportunity for schools, nonprofit organizations and libraries within a 15-mile radius of the new location to apply for Dollar General Literacy Foundation grants, which, since its inception in 1993, has awarded more than $197 million in grants to nonprofit organizations. For more information about the grant programs and how to apply, visit https://www.dgliteracy.org/.

The addition of this new store location is expected to employ approximately six to 10 people, depending on the individual needs of the store. Interested candidates can review and apply for available positions by visiting https://careers.dollargeneral.com/.

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PREP BASEBALL

Cullman's Norton wins 6A Player of the Year

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Another year of high school baseball is in the books and the Alabama Sports Writers Association has made its all-state selections for the year. Cullman ace Jeb Bartle and Hanceville shortstop Zach Campbell received 6A second team and 4A second team honors respectively but in Class 6A, one name stood out among the rest. Senior Bearcat shortstop and Jacksonville State signee Brennen Norton was named 6A Player of the Year after a phenomenal season at the plate and in the field.

Norton was a nightmare for opposing pitchers this season, finishing with a .496 batting average, .554 on-base percentage, .970 slugging percentage, 1.525 OPS, 12 home runs, 22 doubles, 48 RBIs, 67 total hits and just 10 strikeouts. Brennen has been an impact player at Cullman for years, earning a 6A honorable mention after winning a state championship in 2019. He was well on his way to another stellar season in 2020 before the coronavirus pandemic shut things down early.

Over the last five years, Cullman Head Coach Brent Patterson has seen Brennen develop from an eighth grader with potential into what he believes is one of the best hitters to come through the Bearcats program.

"Brennen's been such a steady presence in our lineup for the last four years.

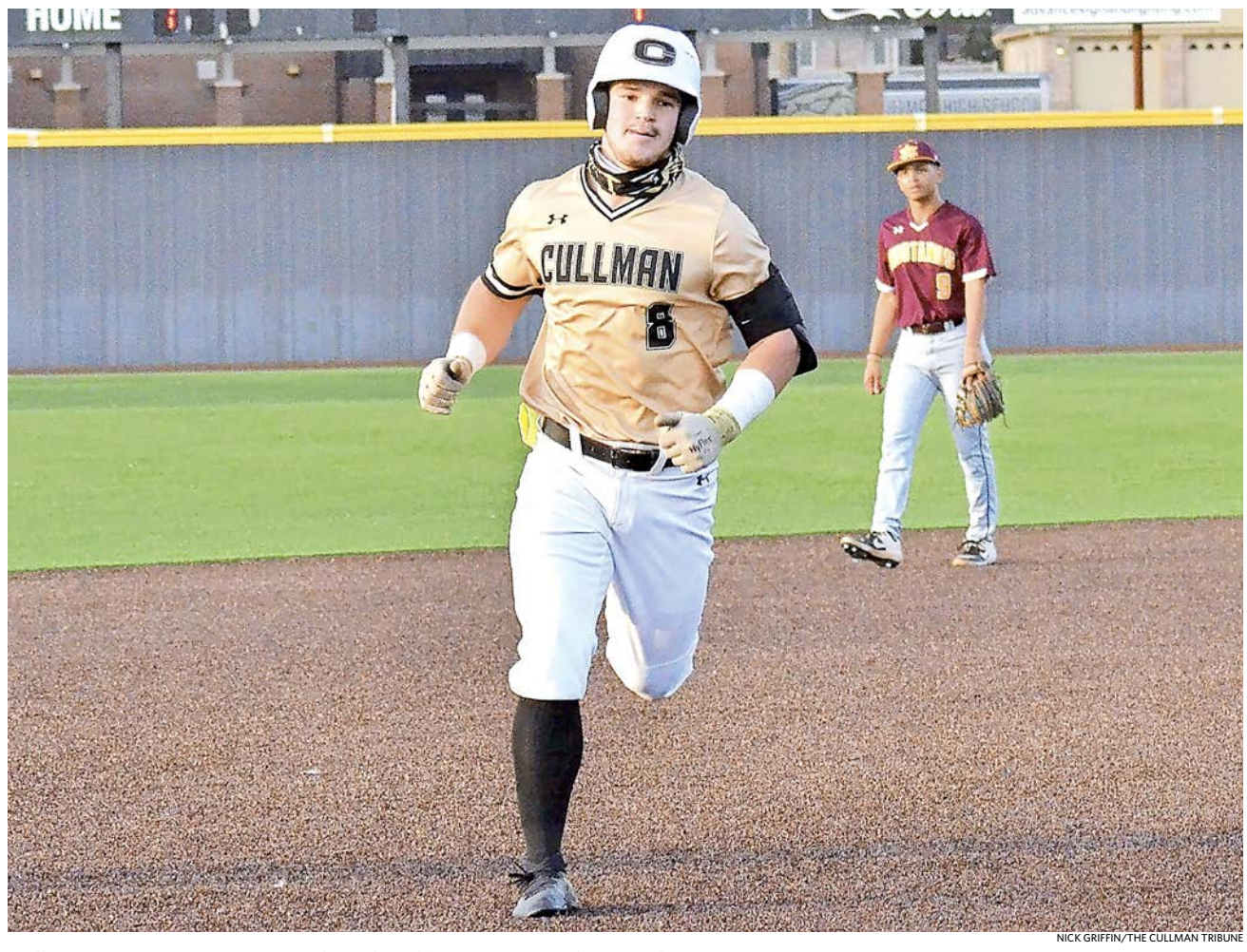
"We feel like we've always known he's a very special talent and really expected him to take off and make a name for himself last year.

"Obviously, last season got cut short, but all the signs were there," Patterson said.

"He turned out to be one of the best hitters we've had. He hit for a high average and for power. His ability to go the other way with power was something you just don't see a lot of at the high school level."

Norton is leaving behind some phenomenal numbers and was part of some huge Cullman wins over the past four seasons, but Patterson says his most lasting impact on the program was made as a worker and a teammate.

"More than anything, he was an extremely hard worker and a great teammate. He worked to make himself as good as he could be, but the success of his team was just as important to him," Patterson said.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman's Brennen Norton was selected as this season's 6A Player of the Year.

"He's a high energy, very competitive kid who leaves a lasting impression on the program. We will hate to see him go but we'll be his biggest fans as he moves on. It's been such a pleasure to coach a kid like him for the last five years."

Norton will begin his collegiate career with the Jacksonville State Gamecocks next spring.

Cullman's Hopper and Franks get redemption in High School Classic

Emily Harley
B.A.S.S. Communications

FORT WORTH, Texas — Implementing a two-stage game plan, Brody Hopper and Landon Franks of Alabama's Cullman High School caught a five-bass limit of 13 pounds, 1 ounce to win the Mossy Oak Fishing Bassmaster High School Series Classic presented by Academy Sports + Outdoors on Eagle Mountain Lake and Lake Worth.

Heading into their junior year, Hopper and Franks edged Madison County High School's Logan Fisher and Will Hart by 6 ounces. In the event's nine-boat field, Cullman was one of only two teams to catch a limit.

"We started on the south end of the lake because of the clear water, and we found the fish right up on the bank. They were right in the dirt," Franks said.

The winners started their day on seawalls in about 3 feet of water. Franks threw 3/8-ounce jigs in watermelon and green pumpkin colors with a green pumpkin blue flake Strike King Menace, while Hopper fished a 1/4-ounce watermelon shaky head with a watermelon candy Zoom Needle Worm.

"I was throwing my jig right along the seawalls and dragging it off; they were right there," Franks said.

"We tried to focus on shaded banks. We caught a couple off main river seawalls, but most of them were shaded banks."

Later in the day, the anglers transitioned to docks, where they caught their fish on the same baits. Franks said they were picky about their dock selection.

"We'd try to find docks in about 6 feet of water, but not floating docks; we'd try to find stationary docks," he said.

"The fish will stack up on the poles and find shade under there. You could skip up under there and catch them."

Hopper noted that long casts were essential for the morning seawalls, while his afternoon presentations were shorter and more targeted.

The Cullman team fished last year's Classic and experienced a disappointing finish. Hopper said that sore memory motivated him and Franks to seek redemption.

"We had one fish and got beat pretty badly last year," Hopper said. "I knew it was going to change this year.

"We were planning for Lake Grapevine (the original site) and we were going to try deep cranks, but when we heard it was moved to Eagle Mountain, we switched it up and went shallow.

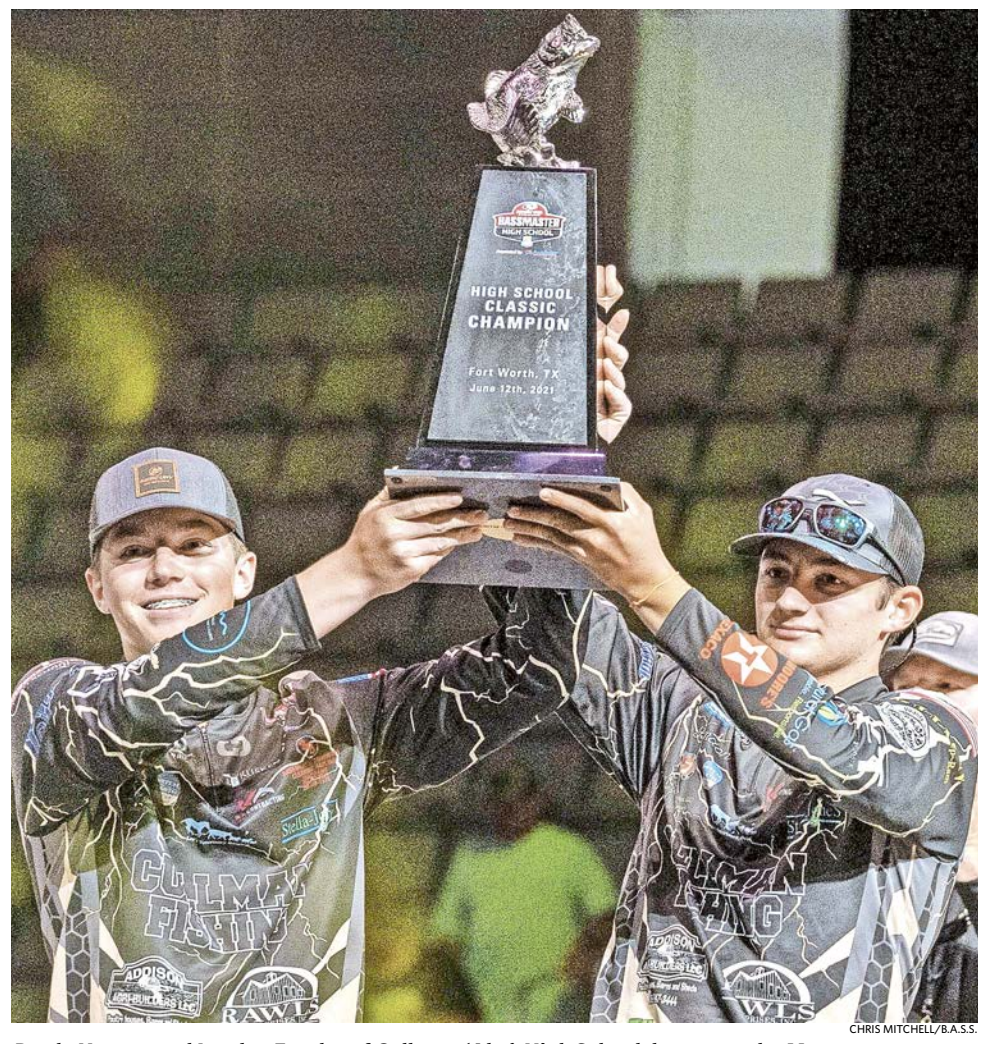
"Smith Lake, near Cullman, is full of docks, so it was pretty much the same thing."

Hopper's father, Jeremy, serves as the team's boat captain. He said his team focused on the mental toughness necessary to maintain focus in tough conditions.

"I always tell Brody to stay positive," Jeremy Hopper said.

"When it gets hot during the day and your mind wants to wander off from the heat and the exhaustion, I always tell him, 'Put your head in it, keep it in it and you can do it.'"

In second place, Fisher and Hart caught four fish for 12-11. Chase Hubble and Brent May of Strawberry Crest High School finished third with a limit catch of 10-7.



CHRIS MITCHELL/B.A.S.S.

Brody Hopper and Landon Franks, of Cullman (Ala.) High School, have won the Mossy Oak Fishing Bassmaster High School Series Classic presented by Academy Sports + Outdoors on Eagle Mountain Lake and Lake Worth. with 13 pounds, 1 ounce.

Alabama's Montana Fouts named 2021 Schutt Sports/NFCA Pitcher of the Year

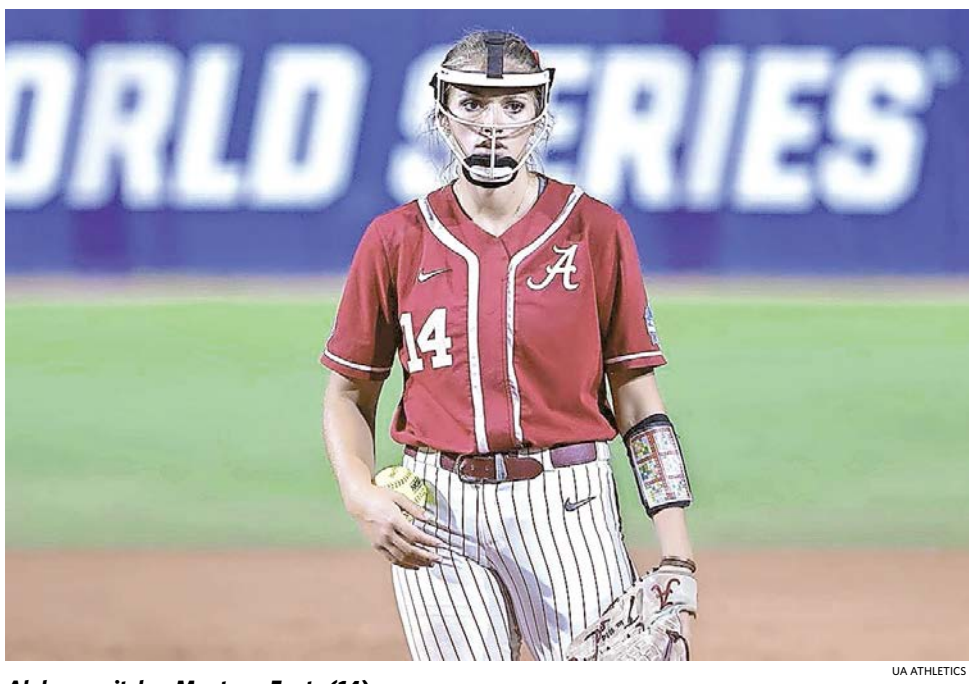
Nathan Sheehan
UA Athletics

LOUISVILLE, Ky. – Alabama junior pitcher Montana Fouts was named the 2021 Schutt Sports/NFCA Division-I Pitcher of the Year, announced Friday.

Fouts, a unanimous First Team NFCA All-American, went 27-4 this season with a 1.61 ERA and led all pitchers with 349 strikeouts, the third-highest total in Alabama single-season history. She threw double-digit strikeouts in 22 games, including 14 in a perfect game against UCLA at the Women's College World Series, the fifth in World Series history and first since 2000. She was named the SEC Co-Pitcher of the Year and SEC Tournament MVP, leading the Crimson Tide to its sixth tournament title.

The Schutt Sports/NFCA Pitcher of the Year award was first awarded in 2019, an additional award alongside the Player of the Year award that had been presented since 2016. The award was voted on by members of the National Fastpitch Coaches Association NCAA Division I All-American Committee.

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 pitcher Montana Fouts (14).



20th Annual Farming Tour for Kids sees another successful turnout

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ASHLYN GREY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Children learned first-hand about local farming.

CULLMAN, Ala. – The North Alabama Agriplex has recently wrapped up one of their most successful summer educational programs. On June 10-11, they held the 20th Annual Farming Tour for Kids. Each year, this event allows children to spend time learning about local farms and the agriculture-based work that goes into their daily function. It's a huge opportunity for local children to literally dig their hands into all things flowering, farming and flourishing. The North Alabama Agriplex dives deep into the agricultural background of Cullman to provide children with as much knowledge as possible about the agriculture industry.

Rachel Dawsey, the director of The North Alabama Agriplex, shared, "This is to connect the kids with our agricultural heritage and with our current agriculture farmers so they can see what it's all about. They can see where their food comes from, but also, there is more than just growing food. There are places, like 4D Farms, where they can explore agrotourism and so much more."

The children were able to visit eight local farms to explore and learn from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. each day.

On the first day of the Farm Tour, they visited Sullivan Creek Ranch in Vinemont where Greg Anderson spoke to them about beef production, bovine care and nutrition. They were also given a horsemanship and cattle sorting demonstration.

Next, they toured Steele Orchard in Cullman where they discussed different types of apple trees and the famous Johnny Appleseed.

The children were also able to visit The Festhalle downtown, where they helped separate and bag 800 pounds of sweet potatoes given by Clark Haynes Farm and Society of St. Andrew - Alabama, and afterward, walked two blocks down and donated it all to Cullman Caring For Kids.

On the second day, the group wore their new matching Agriplex T-shirts and visited the Agricultural Department at Wallace State Community College, where they rotated through centers to learn about the soil mixes the college students use and the differences in vermiculite, perlite and peat moss. They also were able to enjoy a hands-on experience with propagating clippings from flowers and discussing the different aspects of landscaping. As they walked through the greenhouses, they discussed the importance of controlled environments and how there are certain insects that are exceptionally good for plant growth.

The children enjoyed sharing their newfound knowledge with one another and discussed among themselves their newfound knowledge. Smiles radiated among them as they toured their next location, 4D Farm in Welti. Here, they were able to learn about agrotourism and the importance of getting involved with local farms. With plenty of room to play, the children got to ride swings, jump on the bounce pad, feed goats and sheep, and even sift for gems.

After lunch, the group made a quick visit to Providence Farms to tour their grounds and greenhouse, and then traveled to the Young Family Flower Farm. Samantha Young gave a demonstration of how to make your own fertilizer with apple cider vinegar and broken eggshells. To finish off the day, each child made a small bouquet of sunflowers to take home.

Several children were attending the Farming Tour for Kids for the second or third year and agreed that the animals and flowers were their favorite parts. Many parents joined the tours as well. One parent, Jaclyn Bailey said, "I think it is good for the kids to see how other farms work. They are not all the same, but they all contribute to something larger."













LIFESTYLE

6th Annual Alabama Seafood Cook-Off happening June 21

Top 4 chefs across the state compete for chance to win Cook-Off

Chandler Thornton
Contributor

GULF SHORES, Ala. – The 6th Annual Alabama Seafood Cook-Off, hosted by Alabama Gulf Seafood, will be next Monday, June 21, at the Lodge at Gulf State Park. The event will kick off at 6 p.m. General admission is free and guests will be able to enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

Chefs and their teams who will face-off next Monday include Michael Andrzejewski (Fisher's, Orange Beach), Brandon Burleson (Sparta Academy Nutrition Program, Evergreen), Kelly Hargroves (Wind Creek Hotel & Casino, Montgomery) and Scott Simpson (The Depot, Auburn). Each chef will compete for the chance to represent the state of Alabama in the 17th Annual Great American Seafood Cook-Off, which will take place in New Orleans, Louisiana in August.

"With some of the best chefs across the state of Alabama competing, this year's Cook-Off will truly be an event you don't want to miss," said Chris Blankenship, commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and program administrator of the Alabama Seafood Marketing Commission. "Everyone is welcome to attend to watch these top four chefs demonstrate exquisite and delicious recipe submissions."

This year's event signals the first year the Cook-Off will be held as an independent event at The Lodge at Gulf State Park. Chefs will be competing on the open terrace with the venue's beach-front views serving as cuisine-appropriate backdrop. All competing chefs will have one hour to complete their recipe and present to the judges.

Alabama Gulf Seafood merchandise will be available on-site. For more information on the event, visit http://eatalabamaseafood.com/.

Karma (from Front)

robe. The Karma food pantry won't be able to take a load off the other area food pantries."

Testimony

Volunteer Misty Davis, who was first a Karma client, said of her co-workers, "They are wonderful.

"The founder, Rachel Fillmore, is amazing; all the ladies I work with are amazing because of this organization. Now, even before I was a volunteer, they helped me and my family so much.

"Because of them, we never went hungry, thanks to their food bank.

"My kids had a Christmas when it looked hopeless, and they were able to start to school with school clothes and school supplies."

Fillmore concluded, "We aren't asking for help for us.

"We are asking for those 200 kids this Christmas, those families who need food, those kids next school year, all those families we have helped in the past, and those we will help in the future."

Davis added, "We're not in it for the glory; we're in it for the love."

Teachers (from Front)

of their academic content knowledge, as well as their pedagogy, i.e., their method and practice of teaching. In addition, they're tasked with reflecting on how they positively impact the teaching profession. Through this review and reflection, they identify strengths to sharpen and share, and areas where learning and growth are needed. Once a teacher obtains their National Board Certification, they are required to renew their certification every five years, which creates a continual cycle of growth.

"Our teachers have made this happen! Their desire to grow and improve for their students is the biggest incentive for our teachers. The importance of obtaining National Board certification has been supported for several years by the Cullman City Schools Board of Education and the Alabama State Department of Education," Windham said."

Incentives have been in place and have been improved over the years to encourage our teachers to pursue this certification. Once a teacher obtains certification, or renews, they are reimbursed for all of the fees associated with the process. In addition, mentors (some of our own) are provided to support teachers in their candidacy, as well as release time to complete components."

Teachers who receive their board certification also receive a pay raise incentive through Cullman City Schools as well as a monetary incentive from the Alabama State Department of Education as long as their certification remains valid and recognized by the ALSDE.

"This is a reflection of the professionalism and dedication our teachers have in Cullman City Schools," Windham said. "In addition, this is a reflection of the Cullman City Schools Board of Education and the unwavering support of this process to provide our teachers with opportunities for continual growth that make a significant impact on the learning of our students. We are very honored to have received this recognition from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards."

Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff added, "We are so proud of the educators here at Cullman City Schools, and this is simply an acknowledgement of all the hard work they put in, every day, to provide the best education possible for our students."

Scholarship (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – It's been just over a year since longtime Cullman Parks and Recreation Director John Hunt passed away but his impact on the community can still be seen and felt every day. Now, John's family, along with the Cullman Auburn Alumni Center, have set up a scholarship in his name to continue supporting local students and help them pursue their goals. The John E. Hunt Memorial Scholarship will be given each year to a Cullman County student going to Auburn University.

Hunt served as Cullman's Parks and Recreation Director for over 22 years before retiring from the department in 2014, helping to lay the groundwork for many of the parks and facilities we still enjoy today.

John also served as the Golf Director at Terri Pines Country Club before accepting a position at Sand Mountain Park in Albertville.

During John's memorial service at Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center last June, Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs spoke about the impact John has had on this community and the legacy he has left behind.

"Heritage Park was the beginning of turning Cullman Parks and Recreation from a rec league, into a sports tourism department known throughout the southeastern United States.

"It wasn't an easy project because no one understood it and pretty much no one believed what it would become," Jacobs said.

"But, after the success of Heritage Park, other projects followed. It's easier to get people to believe in you after you've had a success.

"So, John came up with Chester (Freeman) and we built Field of Miracles. The facility that you're in today took a few years, but with John and Chester's persuasion, it became a reality and with his leadership, Cullman became an important parks and recreation department, for all citizens. He strived to build something that everyone can enjoy, from a child of all abilities to senior adults. All of the departments he tried to make top notch. This is his professional legacy, and Cullman is a much better place."

Biography for Auburn University's John E. Hunt Memorial Endowed Scholarship

"John E. Hunt believed education could change a life and brighten a future. He graduated from Auburn University in 1986. He knew the university as a place of learning, family, tradition, dedication, hard work and life-long friendship. The education, values, relationships, and experiences he took with him from Auburn shaped a well-lived life of service as a mentor and community leader.

"In the workplace, John used his training in health and recreation to build a thriving and award-winning parks and recreation program in the City of Cullman, Alabama.

"He knew the power of sport to build strong individuals and unite communities, and he kept that as his focus as he employed staff, managed budgets, and developed programs for the city over the course of 25 years.

"Those same guiding principles never wavered in his other recreational roles in the communities of Albertville, Dothan and Montgomery.

"John's vision and efforts extended into the community as a board member for the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association, board member of the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce, a volunteer leader with Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and as a leader in his church. For many years he participated in and then led community-wide events including an annual Thanksgiving meal, serving those in need.

"John's scholarship recognizes his family's Auburn legacy, which includes his wife Elizabeth, a 1989 graduate, daughter Kayla (2013), son Ryan (2017), daughter Lauren (2020), and daughter-in-law Hannah (2016).

"In establishing this scholarship in John's memory, Elizabeth said, 'In our family and in our community, John left a legacy of honoring the value and potential in each person and empowering that person through education and service. It's that legacy we continue with this scholarship.'

'And because Auburn men and women believe in these things, I believe in Auburn and love it.'
-George Petrie (1943)
War Eagle!"

In addition to establishing the scholarship, John's family is also working to organize an annual John E. Hunt Golf Tournament.

The proceeds from the tournament will go towards each year's scholarship fund and the inaugural event is set for Aug. 28 at Cross Creek Golf Course in Cullman.

If you're looking for more information about the tournament or want to register, you can contact Lauren Hunt Peek at lhnoo29@auburn.edu or call 256-595-3771.

John spent decades working to add or improve on the parks and facilities within his community and now, with a scholarship in his name, he'll be able to continue helping local students accomplish their goals at the university he loved.

LEGALS

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.

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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

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

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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

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

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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

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Obituary Announcements: June 14

Joe B. Gunter, 77, of Double Springs
Joe B. Gunter, age 77, of Double Springs, entered into rest Sunday, June 13, at Walker Baptist Medical Center. Mr. Gunter was born Sept. 30, 1943, in Winston County, Alabama. A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 19, beginning at noon at New Hope at Mount Ebron Church. Joe is survived by his wife: Mary Gunter; sons: Danny (Karen) Gunter and Joey (Tonya) Gunter; grandchildren: Malachi (Carmela) Gunter, Matthew Gunter and Melanie (Waylon) Holt and great-grandchildren: Matthew Thompson, J.J. Gunter, Levi Gunter, Jayda Holt and Lila Holt. He was preceded in death by his parents: Lonnie and Roberta Gunter; great-grandchildren: Melody Gunter and Rebecca Gunter; sister: Doris Moore and brothers: Bobby Gunter and Wilton Gunter.

Mariman Elbert Pope, 86, of Cullman
Mariman Elbert Pope, 86, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away at Cullman Regional Medical Center on June 12. Mariman was born in Clay County, Alabama on May 8, 1935, to Elva McKay and Ethelyne Smith Pope. He graduated from Clay County high school in 1953 and received a degree from Alabama Polytechnic Institute (Auburn University) in 1957 while playing shortstop on the baseball team. Mariman married his high school sweetheart, Bobbie Jean Waits, on July 1, 1956; the two were married 65 years. Following graduation, Mariman enlisted in the United States Army, serving as a clerk with the 31st Infantry as part of the 567th Medics Company in Korea. Mariman wrestled on a team in the Army and served as a ship barber, cutting hair to earn extra money. He returned home from deployment and was discharged in 1960. Mariman and Bobbie moved to Cullman, Alabama, in 1961 with their two daughters, Denise and Juanita, to work as an Alabama State poultry inspector in pathology, serving the North Alabama region for over 30 years. During that time, Mariman became more than a jack of all trades enjoying botany, bird watching, genealogy, taxidermy, and of course, Auburn football. Over a span of 50 years, it was a rare occasion that Mariman and Bobbie missed a home or away ballgame for the Tigers. Upon retirement from the state, Mariman's taxidermy studio continued to serve the community, notably contracting work for legendary country singer, Hank Williams Jr., and the Cullman County Museum. Winning many state, national and international awards, Pope Taxidermy remained a fixture in the area until it closed its doors in 2015. Mariman was an active member of First Baptist Church Cullman since 1961, serving as a Royal Ambassador Leader for over 12 years. He was an officer in the local chapter of the Lion's Club, member of the Alabama Poultry and Egg Association, officer in the Alabama Taxidermy Association, officer in the Cullman County Auburn Club and a lifetime member of the Auburn Alumni association. Mariman, more affectionately known as Papaw, is survived by his wife: Bobbie; daughters: Denise (Walt) Feldner and Juanita (Garry) Hulgan; four grandchildren: Nicholas Feldner, Kristina Mattox, Kristopher (Jessica) Bailey and Alexander Feldner; three great-grandchildren: Zoe Mattox, Lane Mattox and Caroline Bailey; two brothers: Jerald and Rickey Pope and many other friends and family. The funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, June 18, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. prior to the service. Burial will follow the funeral at Cullman Heritage Cemetery. Arrangements are being handled by Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Thomas Jerome Smith, 57, of Cullman
Funeral Service for Thomas Jerome Smith, age 57, of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 17, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home, with the burial at Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Smith passed away on Sunday, June 13, 2021, at Cullman Regional. He was born Sept. 6, 1963, in Goldsboro, North Carolina, to Howard and Leona Smith. He worked many years in the Wastewater Industry and retired from the City of Cullman as Assistant Superintendent of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He continued his career as a wastewater supervisor with Hanceville City Water and Sewer Board. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife: Sherry Smith; son: Shane (Tabatha) Smith; brother: Michael (Kathy) Smith; nephews: Wesley Smith and Wade (Megan) Smith; great-nephew: Moses Wyatt Smith; brother-in-law: Ricky Fleming and a host of extended family and friends.

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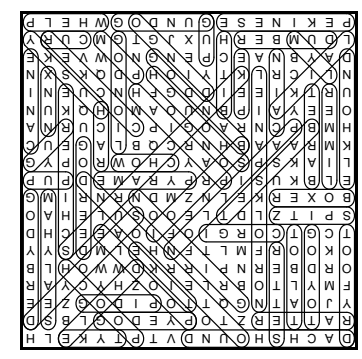
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Grant (from Front)

Brad Williams
Contributor

COLONY, Ala. – On Monday, Governor Kay Ivey and the Alabama Department of Transportation announced that County Road 4 and County Road 6 in the Arkadelphia/Colony area of southwestern Cullman County will be awarded a $250,000 Rebuild Alabama Grant.

The funding is part of ALDOT's Annual Grant Program, the Rebuild Alabama Act.

"Repairing our crumbling roads is a top priority at the commission and this Rebuild Alabama Grant is a tremendous help to the Arkadelphia and Colony communities. I would like to thank Governor Ivey, Senator Gudger, Rep. Harbison and our economic development office staff for all their assistance in helping acquire this grant," said Chairman Jeff Clemons.

"Improving our infrastructure in rural Cullman County in areas like Arkadelphia and Colony is essential in boosting our local economy, ensuring we have good roads to travel on, and helping our rural businesses and farmers. This was a true team effort by everyone involved. I would also like to thank Gov. Ivey, ALDOT (Alabama Department of Transportation), Chairman Clemons, Rep. Harbison and the county economic development office staff for all their hard work," said State Senator Garlan Gudger

"I agree with what Chairman Clemons and Senator Gudger has said thus far and will also add that we will continue to work together to secure grants and other sources of funding to improve our infrastructure in Cullman County," said State Representative Corey Harbison

"Securing the Rebuild Alabama Grant is a great thing for the citizens of Arkadelphia and Colony. County Road 4 and County 6, going to ECM Raceway, are both in terrible condition and this grant will allow for those roads to be repaired and resurfaced," said Cullman County Economic Development Director Bradley Williams.

Class (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Sheriff's Office will host a two-part Citizens' Firearms Safety Class starting tonight, Tuesday, June 15, at 6 p.m. The classroom portion of the event will take place at Temple Baptist Church, 30 County Road 1184, Cullman, off State Road 157 near West Point, with the live-fire portion the following Saturday, June 19 at 8 a.m. at the CCSO range.

CCSO Lt. Trevor Clemmons will lead the Tuesday class, which will focus on safe weapon handling, proper shooting technique, cleaning a weapon and getting familiar with a weapon. This class will be accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation.

Citizens who attend the classroom portion of the event will be given the opportunity that night to sign up for the live-fire portion. At the range, Clemmons and other deputies will offer one-on-one instruction and supervision to participants who will bring their own firearms.

Cullman County, like many places across the country, saw a surge in gun permit applications and renewals around the onset of the COVID-19 shutdown in the spring of 2020 and following the elections that fall.

Sheriff Matt Gentry told The Tribune that applications have leveled off, but are still brisk. With so many people owning and carrying firearms, many for the first time, the sheriff considers training in safety to be crucial.

Said Gentry, "In law enforcement a lot of times, we're minutes away, where our citizens only have seconds to protect themselves, so we want them to know how to use their firearms safely and proficiently.

"So that was the thought process behind us doing these classes, and it's just evolved since then."

The CCSO offers multiple firearms safety classes this year, along with women's self-defense classes.

The firearms classes, according to the sheriff, "make sure that the citizens have the opportunity to use their firearms at the range with an instructor, and make sure they know how to be safe and proficient.

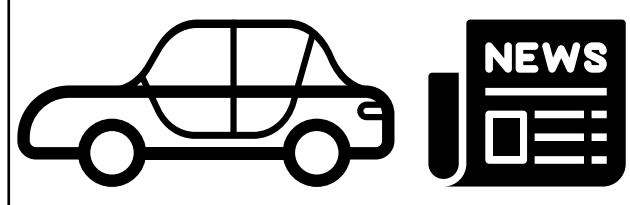
"It's very important; if you're going to use any type of tool proficiently, you need to train with that tool to make sure that you can use it properly and proficiently.

"A firearm is no different. And so, our main goal, being one of the most pro-Second Amendment sheriffs and sheriff's offices in the state, is that our citizens know how to do it safely — number one — and proficiently — number two."

To register please email Deputy Chad Whaley at cwhaley@cullmansheriff.org. Citizens are not required to register, but this will give deputies an idea as to how many participants will be in attendance. For more information, call 256-734-0342.

Note: Do not bring a gun or ammunition on Tuesday, June 15. This is a classroom portion-only class.

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