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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Cullman County Commission discusses rollout of new countywide notification system

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman County EMA Director Phyllis Little updated the Cullman County Commission Tuesday evening on the implementation of the county's mass notification system. Residents will be able to visit the county's website and select the types and times of notifications they receive. The hope is to have the system available by the second week in July.

Little explained, "Unless they have unchecked the 24/7 alerts- thunderstorm warning, tornado warning, hazmat warning or shelter in place warning, those will be automatic."

Adjustments and additional alerts are also available if residents so choose.

The service will be free for all Cullman County residents and Little added, "I think it will be a wonderful thing for our county to receive." The website has been reconstructed for easier navigation to users.

EMA will begin testing the system in-house during the first week of July to help them work out any problems.

Little asked those participating in the test to be forthcoming about all issues or suggestions to help ensure that the system has a smooth rollout to the public.

The Cullman County Commission approved three abatements at Tuesday's meeting. The first for Goat Island Brewing LLC in the amount of $39,690.

Cullman Economic Development Agency's Stanley Kennedy shared, » PAGE 6

– EDUCATION –

HAVING THE WANT-TO

Flourish of Cullman's JETs program gets students ready to work



FLOURISH OF CULLMAN

Flourish students clean and landscape around the artworks at Ave Maria Grotto.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Flourish of Cullman helps people with developmental disabilities learn to manage their lives, including finding jobs that offer a competitive wage and at least some degree of independence. During the month of June, some Flourish students have been exploring the world of work, and at least one has found a job of her own.

Flourish's Job Exploration Training program, or JETs, is funded through the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services and offers students entering 11th or 12th grade the opportunity to spend two weeks in selected job sites around their communities, developing workplace skills and earning pay for their work.

Flourish co-founder and Director Melissa Dew told The Tribune, "It's really about getting them to understand that work is important; that's how we live, that's how we survive. And so, just helping them get their foot in the door, get some experience so when they do get out of school, or if they want an afternoon job, they can do it.

"So once we get the list of candidates from ADRS counselors, then we send out a letter to them, letting them know that they have been placed with us.

"And we give them a little questionnaire to kind of see what their likes and dislikes are, if they have any health issues, anything like that. And then we take from that pool of places that we have available, and then place those individuals in those job settings." » PAGE 2



FLOURISH OF CULLMAN

Flourish students Noah Vickers and Alison Love check stock at Warehouse Discount Groceries. Love was hired by the store as a result of her performance during JETs.

Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce to hold first Community Luncheon of 2021 » PAGE 2

A bag full of books for $3 at the Cullman County Public Library



ASHLYN GREY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Library visitors can purchase as many books as will fit in a bag for $3. » PAGE 2

EDUCATION

Wallace State receives TVA grant to fund 20 One-Stream trash containers on campus

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Books (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Public Library has an absolute abundance of books and this week, they have begun selling them to the public by the bag. Often, the library acquires so many books that it ends up with duplicates, or the book's binding is not sturdy enough to be circulated. Though these can be unfortunate circumstances, this does not mean these wonderful books lose their value!

To help distribute these shelves of book, the library is selling bags for $3 that can be filled with as many books as will fit.

Those interested may stop by the library's front desk to purchase their bag.

The book sale began Monday and will continue for as long as there is a supply of books to be rehomed.

Make plans to stop by Cullman County Public Library soon to explore the shelves and stock up on books, specially selected by your wonderful local librarians!

The Cullman County Public Library is located at 200 Clark Street NE, Cullman.

Luncheon (from Front)

Keith Varden
Cullman Chamber of Commerce

CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce is happy to announce the return of the Community Luncheon. Our first Community Luncheon of 2021 will be held on July 16 at Stone Bridge Farms Brownstone Center.

This Luncheon will host the state delegation in bringing an update on the issues important to our community from the last session in Montgomery, as well as a look into what the rest of 2021 holds for the State of Alabama and the Cullman area.

The Chamber is looking forward to returning to these monthly Community Luncheons as a way to communicate with the businesses and residents on the most up-to-date and relevant topics to the continued growth and success of our entire area.

This is a ticketless event, and reservations requested by July 2.

Please make your plans to attend by calling the Chamber of Commerce at 256-734-0454 or by emailing your reservation to rsvp@cullmanchamber.org. The cost for this luncheon is $20 for members and $25 for non-members.

Want-to (from Front)

Dew shared that her JETs students this year work at:

- Ave Maria Grotto, helping clean and maintain the landscaping in the park, as well as helping organize items for upcoming events like Christmas at the Grotto
- Van's Sporting Goods and Victoria's Hope thrift shop, learning about retail work and customer service
- Warehouse Discount Groceries on State Road 157 in Cullman, stocking items and learning about the retail grocery business
- Cullman Middle School, cleaning and landscaping the campus

Ave Maria Grotto Manager Roger Steele said of the JETs students at his site, "We're glad they're here. It's really a win-win situation for us here at the Grotto and also for Flourish, the JETs program. The students come here, they do just excellent jobs. And I know it's helping them as well, developing job skills and what-not for their futures, going out into the market and getting employment, etc.

"But it really is helping us, too. Here, you know, it's four acres, but there's a lot to landscape, especially to de-weed, raking leaves, sticks, just basically beautifying the place. It's really a full-time job, so having them here, it's really helping us get caught up, if that makes sense.

"It's getting us to a point where we'll be able to sort of manage it when they leave in July, whereas before, it was just running here and there, trying to pull this weed, pulling that weed.

"Just having them here has just, I think, done wonders for us. And I think it benefits them, as well, so I would recommend this program. As far as our experience with the students coming here, they're managed properly, correctly — they have a manager with them — and they just do a wonderful job, so we're glad they're here."

Victoria's Hope owner April Bowen German said of her students, "They have been wonderful. I've fallen in love with those kids. They've been wonderful; they've helped us out, especially with us not having many people up there — it's been basically like four people — it's been great to have another set of hands. They've helped us with sorting, they've helped us with unloading donations, they've vacuumed; they've done pretty much anything we've asked them to do. We have three of them, and they have just done an awesome job.

"I look forward to seeing them every day. So we've had a lot of fun. I've noticed each one of them have their own special thing that they bring to the table, and so we've found their niche.

"We have one that she does really good at hanging the clothes, and one that does a great job putting together things that we would never normally put together — he does that — and they work so good. They're doing a great job.

"And their supervisors are great, helping me keep them occupied and keeping them doing something, and I think they're having a lot of fun, as well."

Went as a JET, stayed as an employee

Alison Love, a JETs student, went to Warehouse Discount Groceries, where her work skills impressed the management enough for her to receive a job offer.

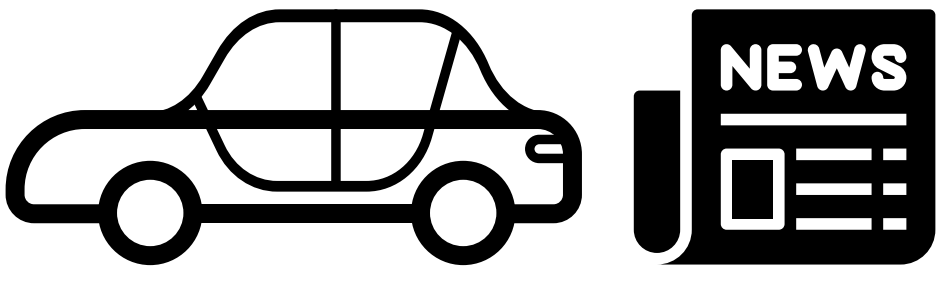
Said Dew, "That's what we hope happens out of a lot of the placements, is having jobs available to them if they want to work, you know, after school, weekends and things like that while they're still in school."

Having the want-to

"We have 15 participants that are participating this year, and every one of them show up every day wanting to work and make money. I think that's the biggest thing you can say about them, is that they have the want-to. My PawPaw used to always say, 'If you have the want-to, you can about do anything.'

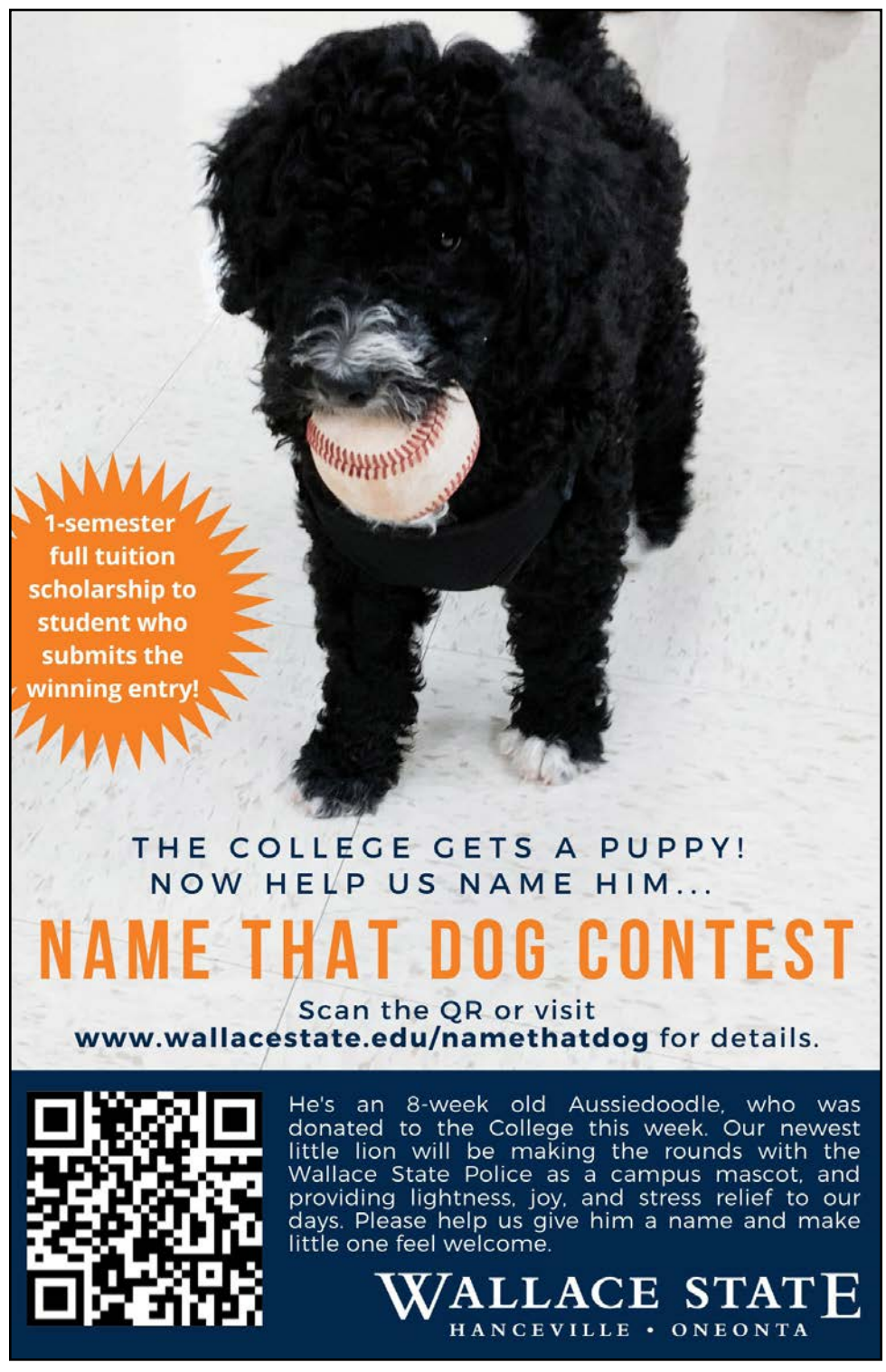
"So these individuals have the want-to, for sure, to improve their lives and to see where life can take them, because everybody's always told them that they can't. And now, we are telling them they can."

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COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Tuesday, June 15, 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 (no update available) *
- Probable cases in Alabama: 126,388 (no update available) *
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama: 8,954 (no update available) *
- Probable deaths in Alabama: 2,320
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,721 (no update available)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 3,207 (no update available) *
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: no update available
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: no update available
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: no update available
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co: no update available
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: no update available
- Total tested in Alabama: no update available
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: no update available
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: no update available
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: no update available
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama: no update available
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): no update available

Vaccine details (updated Monday-Friday)

- Doses Delivered to Alabama: 4,494,755
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 3,116,325
- Doses administered: 3,115,437
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 1,770,336
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 1,448,442
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 1,378,430

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, ID or 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 Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report

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 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.

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported June 15

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 15, 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 14

• third-degree criminal trespass; Nesmith Park Apartments; McNabb Rd. SW
• harassment; person; Scott St. SW

ARRESTS

June 14

Yager, Sierra B.; 21
• third-degree criminal trespass

Phillips, Shannon D.; 42
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
• FTA- insurance violation
• FTA- expired tag

Boyd, Lacie M.; 24
• fourth-degree receiving stolen property

Marsh, Roger L.; 68
• third-degree criminal trespass

Holladay Jr.; Kenneth W.; 27
• FTA- third-degree domestic violence

McDuffee, Michael J.; 40
• first-degree receiving stolen property

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Prayer meetings- Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Come and pray with us or come to receive prayer.
• Ladies' exercise classes- Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Children welcome.
• Classes- Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult class, "The Phases of Armageddon" by Pastor Bobby Dodd
• Sundays at 9 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points area. Call 256-841-2060 for pick-up. 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 pick-up. 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 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
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Festhalle Farmers Market
• 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Open every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from April – October
• Stop by to shop the freshest produce from Cullman-based farms.
• For more information, call 256-590-5009 or send an email to mgraveman@cullmanrecreation.org

Guy Hunt Library Summer Children's Programs
• June 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 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: 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 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.

Singing
June 26 - A singing will be held Saturday, June 26, at 7 p.m. at Victory Baptist Church (100 Tapscott Road, Hartselle, Highway 36 east of I-65, approximately 2 miles). Guest singers will be The Perrys. For more information call 256-758-1501.

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 10th 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@TheRedDoor-Cullman.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.

Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame
Aug. 14 - The Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame will hold its annual banquet and induction ceremony on Aug. 14, 2021, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Stonebridge Farms. Tickets can be obtained at First Southern Financial and are $20 each. For more information call 256-737-5120 or 256-736-4445.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Raiders, Lady Raiders pick up summer wins at home

Sammy Confer, Nick Griffin
Contributors

GOOD HOPE, Ala. – Tuesday was packed with more summer games for several local teams and both the Good Hope Raiders and Lady Raiders varsity squads hosted matchups on their home floor. The Raiders split their early games, routing Falkville 70-39 and dropping a tight contest with Fayette County 49-47. The Lady Raiders took the floor immediately following the Raiders' matchup with Fayette County and dismantled Cordova 64-14 to earn their first win of the day.

Good Hope 70 - Falkville 39 (Varsity Boys)

Good Hope's Tanner Malin drilled a three to put them on the scoreboard first, but Falkville quickly scored five in a row to take a 5-3 lead. Weston Hancock and Tanner Malin scored the next seven points for the Raiders as they got the lead right back at 10-5. Both teams couldn't miss in the first half as Falkville made it a 17-16 game almost midway through the first half, but neither could Tanner Malin as he drilled back-to-back threes to increase the Raider lead to 23-16.

Later in the first half, baskets by Weston Hancock and Cone made it 29-23, but the Blue Devils quickly cut the Good Hope lead to two on back-to-back baskets down low. A layup by Barnette pushed the lead back to four, then Malin drilled yet another three to end the first half as the Raiders went into the half up, 34-27.

Falkville drilled a three to start out the second half as they cut it to four, but it would be all Good Hope after that as they went on a 22-0 run and their defense forced several turnovers and tough shots to help them start to pull away. Back-to-back layups by Tucker Malin made it a 56-30 game and the Raiders ended up rolling past the Blue Devils, 70-39.

Tanner Malin led the way for Good Hope with 29 points as he ended up hitting seven threes in the contest. Tucker Malin and Hancock each added eight points. Barnette ended up with seven points and Cone added six points.

Good Hope 64 – Cordova 14 (Varsity Girls)

The Lady Raiders got off to a fast start in this one and didn't slow down for most of the first half. A three-pointer from Rudi Derrick and a layup by Bailey Tetro made it 5-0 right out of the gate and another basket from Derrick, followed by a three from Heather Tetro, made it a 10-0 game with just a couple minutes off the clock. Bailey Tetro knocked down a jumper to add to the lead and back to back layups from Derrick and Heather Tetro stretched the lead to 16-0 with just under 16 minutes to play in the opening half.

Baskets by Ivey Maddox and Charly Johnson kept the run going for Good Hope, making it a 20-0 game and after Cordova finally got on the board with a three of its own, Renee McLeod responded with a basket on the other end to make it 22-3. Johnson and McLeod scored the next six points for the Lady Raiders until Maddox made back to back baskets to extend the lead 32-6 with seven minutes remaining in the half. Two more baskets by Johnson added to the lead and after Kyndall Seal drilled a three-pointer from the top of the key to make it a 39-6 game, McLeod scored in the final seconds of the half to give Good Hope a 41-6 advantage at the break.

Derrick and McLeod scored a pair of baskets to keep the Lady Raiders in front 45-10 early in the second half and they each scored again later in the period to make it 50-10 with less than 10 minutes to play. A Desiree Odachowksi layup stretched the lead to 52-10 and Maddox drained a three to make it 55-10. McLeod scored two more buckets inside to give Good Hope a 61-14 lead and Bailey Tetro scored the final basket of the game in the final seconds to wrap up a 64-14 win for the Lady Raiders.

McLeod led Good Hope with 16 points in the win, followed by Derrick with 13, Johnson with 10, Maddox with nine, Bailey Tetro with six, Heather Tetro with five, Seal with three and Odachowski with two.

The Lady Raiders will play Falkville this afternoon at 4:55 p.m.

Fayette County 49 – Good Hope 47 (Varsity Boys)

After hammering Falkville in their first game of the day, the Raiders had a little more trouble getting points on the board against Fayette County. Good Hope fell behind 7-0 early before a Noah Barnette basket cut the lead to five with just over 16 minutes to play in the first half. Back to back layups from Charlie O'Neil trimmed the lead to 7-6 but the Tigers answered and moved back in front 13-6. A three-pointer from Tyler Cone cut into the lead and another basket from Barnette made it a 13-11 game with 10 minutes remaining in the period.

However, the Raiders weren't able to sustain much on the offensive end and Fayette County pulled back ahead 19-11 with five minutes left in the half. Tucker Malin knocked down a three with less than two minutes on the clock to trim the lead to 23-14 and back to back layups from Tucker and Canaan Jones made it a 23-18 game with 14 seconds in the half. Unfortunately, the Tigers were able to drill a three-pointer just before the buzzer and took a 26-18 lead into the halftime break.

Good Hope came out of halftime with a little more energy and cut the lead to five early. Tanner Malin drilled a three to make it 31-26 and K'mal Bell laid one in to bring the Raiders within three. Tanner Malin turned a steal into an easy layup and trimmed the lead to 31-30 but the Tigers responded with five straight to move back in front 36-30. Barnette scored through a foul to cut the lead to three and an O'Neil basket made it a 1-point game but a 7-0 run from Fayette County made it a 43-35 game with around 11 minutes to play in the game.



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Good Hope's Rudi Derrick scores during the Lady Raiders' 64-14 win over Cordova Tuesday afternoon.

Another Barnette basket and a pair of scores from Tanner Malin trimmed the lead to 43-41 with just over six minutes remaining but the Tigers were able to move back out in front 47-44 with less than three minutes to play. Barnette drained a three with four seconds on the clock to make it a 2-point game, but the Raiders couldn't come any closer than that and Fayette County held on to win it 49-47.

Good Hope will be back in action at home Thursday for more summer games.

Matt Reida returns to Alabama Baseball staff as assistant coach

Alex Thompson
UA Athletics

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – University of Alabama head coach Brad Bohannon officially announced the hiring of Matt Reida on Monday. Reida, who spent last season at the University of Pittsburgh, rejoins the Crimson Tide staff, this time as an assistant coach after serving as a volunteer assistant coach for UA from 2019-20.

"It was an easy decision for me to bring Matt back to our staff at Alabama, especially after he did such a great job during his previous time here," said Bohannon. "Having played for me at Kentucky and working with us for two years at Alabama, Matt is familiar with exactly how I want our team to be coached. He has also always had a really good connection with our players. His recruiting ties in the Midwest and Northeast will supplement our Southeast recruiting base and will allow us to capitalize on the Alabama national brand."

Reida returns to Tuscaloosa after spending the 2021 season at Pitt as an assistant coach. While in Pittsburgh, Reida directed the infield defense while also assisting with the Panthers' offensive approach and recruiting efforts. His work on the infield helped Pitt post a .979 fielding percentage, good for fourth in the ACC and 22nd nationally.

Prior to his time in Pittsburgh, Reida was a volunteer assistant coach for the Crimson Tide for two seasons from 2019-20. He joined the Alabama staff after spending the 2018 season at Xavier, serving as an assistant coach for the Musketeers while also holding the title of recruiting coordinator. He worked primarily with the Xavier hitters while also focusing on infield defense and recruiting duties. Under his tutelage, the Musketeers set the school record for home runs with 68, a total that led the Big East and was 21 homers better than second-place St. John's. He also tutored Xavier's everyday shortstop Chris Givin to finalist honors for an ABCA/Rawlings Gold Glove.

Reida's first coaching stint came at Indiana University from 2016-17. During his two seasons in Indiana, Reida focused on the Hoosiers' infielders, hitters and baserunners. In his first season in Bloomington, the Indiana defenders posted a then-school-record .975 fielding percentage.

The defense was highlighted by Tony Butler, who earned ABCA/Rawlings Gold Glove recognition after an errorless season at second base. One year later, the Hoosiers improved on that .975 number to set a new program record for fielding percentage at .979

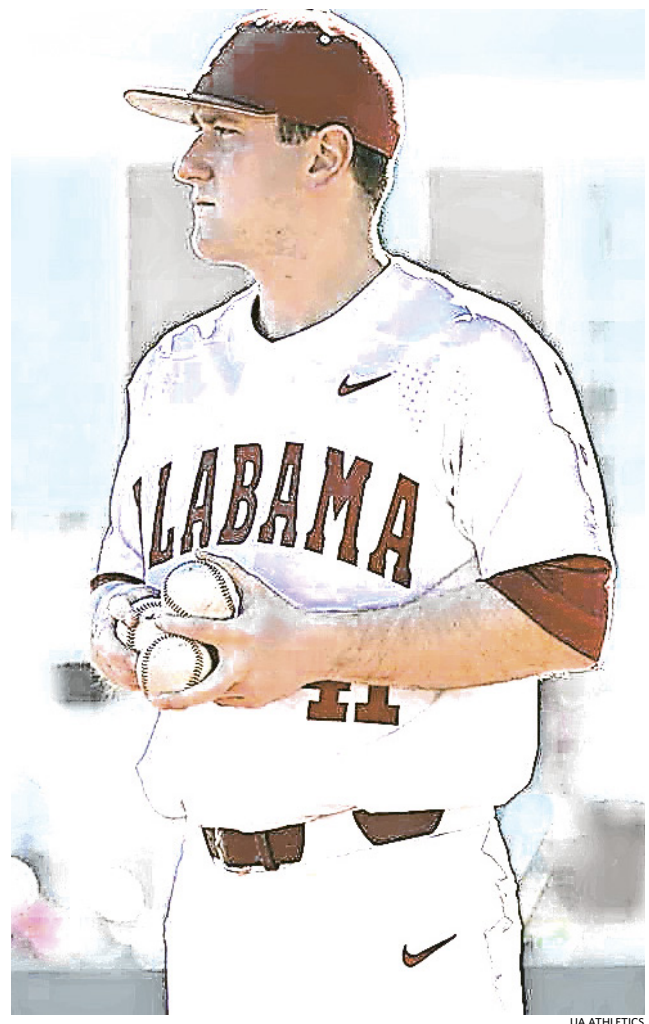
He joined the Indiana staff following time as the director of player development and recruiting for CageRat Baseball in Colorado Springs, Colo. The organization worked with prep baseball players in the Midwest region, assisting them in the process of obtaining a college scholarship and eventually playing professionally. Reida's responsibilities included athlete and camp recruitment, managing player development, organizing team travel and hiring coaches and camp staff.

A former collegiate player at Kentucky, Reida was a member of the Wildcat baseball team from 2011-14, where he was coached by Bohannon. The former infielder made 199 career starts at shortstop for UK, tying him for fifth all-time in program history. He ended his career in Lexington with 214 games of action, placing him fourth all-time at UK. A standout in the classroom, Reida was selected to the SEC Academic Honor Roll on three different occasions from 2012-14.

Following his time at UK, Reida spent time professionally with the Tampa Bay Rays organization in 2014.

Reida graduated from Kentucky with a degree in communications in 2014, graduating Magna Cum Lauda with a 3.69 grade point average. He is a native of Kokomo, Ind.

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



UA ATHLETICS

Matt Reida is rejoining the Alabama Baseball coaching staff as an assistant.

Auburn signs Georgia transfer guard K.D. Johnson

Cody Voga
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. – K.D. Johnson has signed an Athletics Financial Aid Agreement to play basketball next season at Auburn University, head coach Bruce Pearl announced Monday. Johnson, who played at the University of Georgia last season, will join the Tigers for the upcoming 2021-22 season and have four years of eligibility remaining.

"Three or four years ago, Auburn may have been one of the first schools to offer K.D., and I fell in love with him because he had such a strong personality on the basketball court, he was tough, he was aggressive and he was not afraid," Pearl said. "After last season, and with us having this enormous transition of our backcourt, we were really excited about the possibility of working together. I think he will excel offensively and defensively with what we do."

A 6-foot-1, 190-pound guard, Johnson averaged 13.5 points, 2.8 rebounds, 1.9 steals and 1.2 assists per game while playing 22.5 minutes per contest in 16 games during the 2020-21 campaign for the Bulldogs.

The Atlanta, Ga. native shot 42 percent from the floor, including 39 percent from downtown, and scored in double figures 12 times, including a team-best four 20-point outings in his first season at Georgia.

Johnson made his collegiate debut against Auburn on Jan. 13 and poured in 21 points, seven rebounds, four steals, two assists and two blocks in 29 minutes of action. The 21 points were the third-most ever by a UGA freshman in his debut trailing only Dominque Wilkins (26) and Anthony Edwards (24).

Following a 14-point game at Ole Miss, which saw Johnson go 4-of-5 from behind the arc, he was named the Southeastern Conference Freshman of the Week on Jan. 18.

Johnson played at his best in big games after posting career-high outputs in back-to-back road games vs. ranked teams, pouring in 22 points at No. 16 Tennessee and 24 points at No. 11 Alabama.

Prior to his time at Georgia, Johnson spent one season playing at Hargrave Military Academy (Va.) where he helped the Tigers reach the Final Four of the National Prep Tournament.

He averaged 26.2 points, 7.4 assists, 4.7 rebounds and 3.1 steals per game in one season at Hargrave.

Johnson played for three seasons at Southwest DeKalb High School (Ga.) where he was twice tabbed all-state for Class 5A by the Atlanta Journal Constitution and was selected as the Class 5A Player of the Year as a junior in 2019.

While playing for the Panthers, Johnson amassed 1,302 points, 375 rebounds, 318 assists and 272 steals while shooting 47 percent from the floor. In 84 games, Johnson posted 62 double-figure scoring outputs, 24 20-point outings, six 30-point outbursts and one 40-point showing.



AU ATHLETICS

Auburn announced the signing of Georgia transfer K.D. Johnson Monday morning



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Wallace State angler Bryar Chambers showcases a pair of smallmouth bass he caught during Tuesday's practice round at Saginaw Bay in Michigan.

Wallace State BASS Club anglers Bryar Chambers, Clent Blackwood compete this week in Michigan

Russell Moore
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Wallace State's BASS Club anglers Bryar Chambers and Clent Blackwood continue their quest through the 2021 Carhartt Bassmaster Collegiate Series this week, competing Wednesday and Thursday at Saginaw Bay in Bangor Charter Township, Michigan.

Chambers and Blackwood have fished in three previous tournaments on the circuit this year, including finishing 36th out of 184 teams at Smith Lake on May 14-15.

Both had a successful practice round Monday morning.

Wallace State's BASS Club team was established eight years ago and has enjoyed success throughout the series, winning a pair of Wild Card events and competing annually in the collegiate series championship.

The Collegiate Series Wild Card Tournament is scheduled for June 23-24 at Alabama's Lay Lake and the National Championship is Aug. 12-14 in Waddington, New York.

For more information about and the requirements to join the Wallace State's BASS Club, visit https://www.wallacestate.edu/student-life, or contact Jon Stephenson at 256-352-8209 or by email at jon.stephenson@wallacestate.edu

For more information about Wallace State, visit www.wallacestate.edu.















– VETERAN MEMORIALS –

Lowell Ervin Stricklin and Lt. Lawrence Winfield Stricklin

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LOWELL ERVIN STRICKLIN

Lowell E. Stricklin was born April 6, 1917, in Cullman County to Richard and Audie (Moore) Stricklin. He enlisted in the Army and served during World War II. He would leave behind a wife, Dovie Alice (Self) Stricklin.

On Aug. 20, 1943, Stricklin is listed as being onboard the USS Gemini in Reykjavik, Iceland en route to England and France.

In January 1944, he would be hospitalized until sometime in February with a severe case of the flu. Later, in August 1944, records show Stricklin receiving sutures for artillery shell fragments to his face.

Then, in August 1944, he would die of wounds he received to his spine/trunk as he fought in France. In an article in the Cullman Tribune Sept. 28, 1944, it was reported that:

"S/Sgt Lowell E, Stricklin died August 7 in France as the result of wounds received in action.

"According to a message received by his wife, Mrs. Dovie Stricklin of Route 1 Cullman. He had been in military service in Iceland, England and France. For wounds he received on July 18 he had been presented the Purple Heart."

Lowell Stricklin is now buried at Valley Spring Church Cemetery in Good Hope. He is also memorialized at Cullman's Veterans Memorial Park.

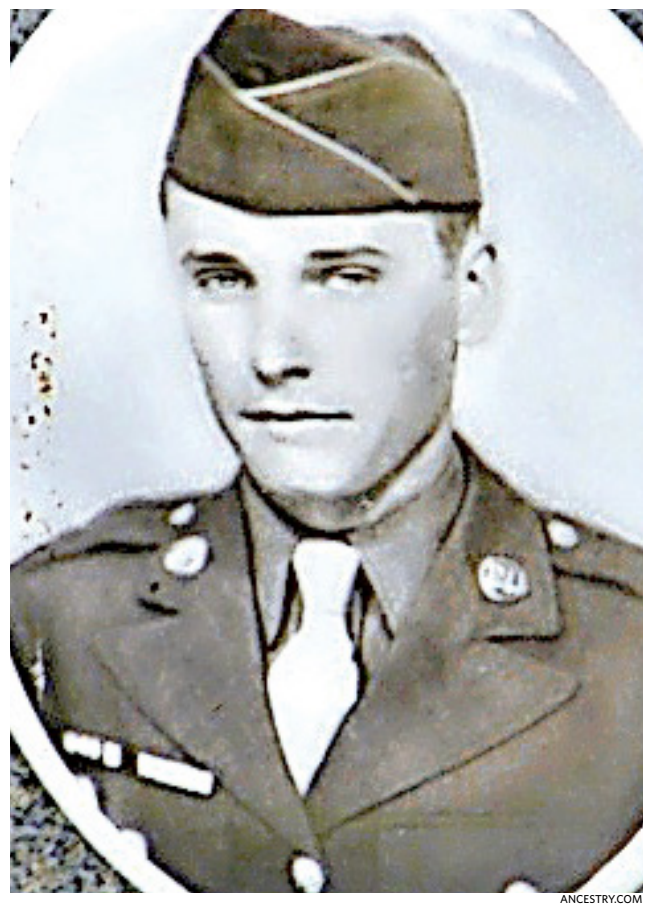
LT. LAWRENCE WINFIELD STRICKLIN

Lawrence Stricklin was born April 21, 1922, in Cullman County and served during World War II. He was the son of Elmer and Mary Annie (Childers) Stricklin and they called Brushy Pond home. Before leaving for the War, he married his wife Synthia Kilgo and they had one son.

Stricklin was part of the 1st Infantry Division and rose to the rank of First Lieutenant.

He was the Company Commander of Company B, 16th Infantry Regiment of the "famous fighting first division."

He was eventually awarded the Silver Star for his actions in battle near Munsterbusch, Germany Sept. 18, 1944. The citation for his Silver Star reads:



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Lt. Lawrence Winfield Stricklin

"When his platoon was subjected to intense enemy crossfire, Lt. Stricklin fearlessly crossed exposed terrain and, contacting friendly armor, coordinated and led an attack against the foe and neutralized a number of German fortifications.

"Lt. Stricklin's gallant leadership and his tactical skill contributed immeasurably to his organization's breakthrough of the Siegfried Line."

On April 18, 1945, Stricklin was killed in action near Rubenland, Germany. For his gallant actions on April 18, an Oak Leaf Cluster was added to his Silver Star.

Lt. Lawrence Stricklin is now buried at Addington Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery in Cold Springs. He is also memorialized at Cullman's Veterans Memorial Park.

EDITORIAL

A love letter to my son

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As I strolled around the Cracker Barrel gift shop Monday night, I passed a display that's been there for a long time; one that I never really thought about. It was a display of T-shirts, cups and other items representing the branches of the military. As I stood there scanning the shelves, my eyes landed on the bottom shelf and saw items for the United States Marine Corp. At that moment, it all hit me. All the emotions and fears surfaced and like most moms, I forced them back down so I wouldn't cause a scene.

Now, it's Tuesday and having some time alone, the dam has broken. My sweet boy will be leaving for boot camp in a few weeks and as proud as I am and as much as I know he is ready, I am not OK--I am not ready.

It's hard to put into words--the bond between a mother and a son.

In my mind and heart, he is still that shy little boy that smiled from ear to ear when I appeared in his preschool doorway.

That adorable bundle of joy who cuddled up as I read his favorite book for the 1,000th time.

The kind soul who gave all his quarters away to his third grade classmates on a field trip to the zoo so that everyone would have a chance to feed the fish.

School wasn't an easy journey for us. Academics was not something he particularly excelled in, but he was never a troublemaker.

I worried about it constantly but despite his struggle with grades, he was dependable, fiercely loyal, incredibly compassionate and a constant defender of those he felt were treated unfairly--all qualities that I now know will serve him well as he leaves for Parris Island.

I have never seen my son so focused on a goal.

The twinkle he would get in those big blue eyes when he was a little boy reemerges when he talks to people about the Marines. I see his commitment.

I see his passion for this. I see that this is what he wants and is ready for, so why is this so hard?

I know I am not alone as I have watched my friends' sons and daughters leave for the military.

I watched while thinking, "Wow, that's really great!" I just thought it was this exciting time for everyone. I never stopped to think about the fear and uncertainty that comes along with the decision. It's easy to spot the other military moms. They are the ones that pull you aside and ask, "How are YOU doing?"

To the other moms out there who are preparing themselves for similar goodbyes, you are also maybe caught between being incredibly proud and incredibly emotional. I don't know how y'all are coping but know you are not alone.

For me, I daydream about the day of his graduation from boot camp and when I get to hug the neck of my Marine.

I realize this can come across as a bit selfish, but the reality is that letting your child go is profoundly difficult. You hope and pray that, as a parent, you have adequately prepared them for life without you, though I was caught off guard. I never considered whether or not I myself was adequately prepared for life without him.

I often write veteran memorials for the Tribune. I enjoy interviewing our local veterans and especially those who served during World War II. I am amazed by how young they were when they fought for this country and the freedoms we enjoy. I am awestruck by the maturity and courage they possessed in the face of unimaginable situations. The one thing they all tell me, regardless of their experiences, is that they have no regrets and would do it all over again with no hesitation.

I hope this is his experience. I want nothing more than for him to be happy and where he feels he belongs. The bond mentioned earlier, I know is strong and it will always serve as a beacon of light when it is needed.

Commission (from Front)

"They are increasing capacity at their facility. They are going to hire five new employees with an average pay of $20 an hour." The total investment by Goat Island is $659,000.

The second abatement is for Aegis Fence Company. Kennedy explained, "They are actually moving into town over by GoldenRod.

"They are going to renovate some buildings and are actually producing their own fence product now." The abatement is for $84,825 with a $1.4 million investment with 15-20 new jobs.

The third abatement is for J.E. Lortie in the amount of $23,400.

"Jelco is how everyone will know them. They bought Elk River over in Industrial Park II.

"They are investing $408,000 into the facility for new equipment." This investment will also create 25 new jobs.

In other business, the commission took the following actions:

• Proclamation: Alabama Historic Colony Cemetery

• Ratified insolvents, errors and taxes in litigation for 2020 and uncollected insolvents and taxes in litigation for previous years for Cullman County Revenue Office and authorized Chairman to sign.

• Passed Resolution 2021-21 allowing TVA to purchase supplemental easement for installation and use of fiber optic on two parcels and authorize Chairman Clemons to sign.

• Passed Resolution 2021-22 making speed limit 15 mph on County Road 1301 east of Eva Road.

• Passed Resolution 2021-23 to condemn property for aviation easements for flight safety at the Cullman Regional Airport and authorize Chairman Clemons to sign

• Passed Resolution 2021-24 allowing the applying for a CDBG competitive grant from ADECA's Community Block Grant Program to reconstruct and resurface County Road 18 and authorize Chairman Clemons to sign all related documents.

• A public hearing was conducted regarding CARTS operations for FY 2022

• Passed Resolution 2021-25 authorizing local matching funds for CARTS FY2022 and authorizing Chairman Clemons to sign related documents.

• Passed Resolution 2021-26 authorizing the filing of 5311 grant application and authorizing Chairman Clemons to sign all related documents.

• Passed Resolution 2021-27 authorizing the filing of the CARES Ace grant application and authorizing Chairman Clemons to sign all related documents.

• Authorized Chairman Clemons to sign monthly service plan for ADS security upgrade at the Cullman County Water Department Shop (Installation- $3,327.50/ Monthly- $32.35)

• Approved low bid and awarded contract based on recommendation from GMC Engineers to Wiregrass Construction Company, Inc pending FAA grant offer for the Cullman Regional Airport runway.

• Approved the access plan for County Roads associated with the Rock the South event.

• Approved allowing the Town of Berlin to participate in the County's joint bid program.

• Amended budget for airport for fiber optic cable and camera system in the amount of $30,500.

• Appointed Chairman Clemons to the Cullman County Tourism Bureau

• Appointed Travis Kress to the Cullman County Tourism Bureau

• Approved the purchase of Sensus drive-by read system (to include transceiver box or reading system, antenna and laptop) in the amount of $14,138.90 for the Cullman County Water Department and authorize Chairman Clemons to sign related documents.

• Postponed consideration in participating in the ACCA's Investing Alabama Counties Program to allow time for more research

• Approved change in employee handbook regarding political action of county employees. Policy is now the same as the State's.

• Approved charging fees related to request for public records

• Approved $50,000 payment to the Cullman County Cemetery Board for purchase of Memory Gardens Cemetery in accordance with criteria set out Alabama Code Section 45-22-30

• Approved moving monthly work session meeting to 4 p.m. starting July 20

• Approved Cullman County Regional Medical Center use of the south parking lot of the courthouse on June 17, June 24, July 1, July 8, July 15, July 22 and July 29 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. to offer free COVID-19 vaccines to the community.

• Designated Dr. James Thomas office located at 1908 Cherokee Avenue SW Cullman, AL 35055 as the collection site for the drug and alcohol testing. (Commissioner Marchman abstained)

• Approved 2015-2016 water revenue warrants refinance- Series 2021 warrants

• Approved proposed plat Oakview Subdivisions, a minor subdivision containing five lots located on County Road 1435 in District 3.

• Approved proposed plat Magnolia Ridge, a major subdivision containing nine lots off County Road 71 in District 2.

• Approved proposed plat Serenity Pointe, a minor subdivision containing eight lots off County Road 338 in District 2.

• Award bid #1349: lease of two new rubber-tired excavators to Warrior Tractor.

• Rescind bid #1354: One used road bed processor awarded to 4M Iron LLC on June 1, contingent on inspection. Equipment did not pass inspection. Award bid to Scott's Excavating & Hauling Inc., the second lowest bidder.

• Reject and negotiate bid #1350 for lawn care and maintenance at various county locations (Commissioner Marchman abstained).

• Approved the surplus of office equipment to be sold on GovDeals
- 20 metal file cabinets
- 20 office chairs
- 1 Rapiscan (1498)
- 2 wooden desks
- 3 misc. cabinets
- 1 wet-vac
- 6 floor scrubbers
- 2 vacuum cleaners
- 8 misc. tables, bookshelves and desk

The next Cullman County Commission meeting will be Tuesday July 20 at 6 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room. The public is invited to attend.

Grant (from Front)

Russell Moore
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Wallace State Community College's Future Foundation has received a grant from the Tennessee Valley Authority Natural Resources Community Outreach program to purchase 20 One-Stream brand waste containers to place around campus, a project sponsored by the College's Healthy Campus, Healthy Earth Committee, to encourage recycling and to promote environmental education on campus.

"This is a positive step in helping our students and employees become better stewards of our campus and to help preserve our natural resources," said Dr. Susan O'Rear, psychology instructor and chair of the committee. "I would like to thank Anna Beard and Kristi Barnett for their initiative regarding the grant." The new containers will be placed next to existing recycling bins in public access points across campus, including at athletics venues, theatres, near the ponds, walking tails and disc golf holes, in addition to the most highly trafficked areas on campus. These new bins will be clearly marked "Trash Only" with information help students and visitors recognize the difference between trash and recyclables.

The Healthy Campus, Healthy Earth Committee supports environmental education on campus, oversees the recycling policies and procedures and annually hosts campus and student events, such as a recent Earth Day-Arbor Day celebration.

Obituary Announcements: June 15

Marie Hendrix Thompson, 84, of Hanceville

A funeral service for Marie Hendrix Thompson of Hanceville will be 9:30 a.m. Friday, June 18, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Hopewell Cemetery. Reverend Gary Waddell will be officiating. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Thursday, June 17, at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Thompson was born on December 27, 1936, in Cullman to William and Annie (Miller) Hendrix. She died at the age of 84 on June 15 at Hanceville Nursing and Rehab Center in Hanceville. She owned her own beauty shops and worked several years as a beautician. She also spent some time working at Nicholson File in Cullman. Survivors include her son: Terry Briscoe; a sister: Louise Foust and a host of nieces. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband: Bill Thompson; two brothers and a sister: Estelle Price.

Melendia Lee Johnson, 87, of Houston, Alabama

Melendia Lee Johnson, 87, of Houston, Alabama entered into rest Tuesday, June 15 at her residence. Mrs. Johnson was born May 6, 1934. Visitation will be held Thursday, June 17 from 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Double Springs, where services will be held at 2 p.m. Burial will follow in Burdick Cemetery in Houston, Alabama. Brothers Mike Joyner, David Nelson and Drew Robbins will officiate. Melendia is survived by her daughters: Wanda Gail McKinney and Mary "Maggie" Hall and her husband: Terry; grandchildren: Victor and Linda Watts, Eric and Dannielle Watts and Amanda and Jerry Smith; 10 great-grandchildren and a host of other family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents: Olen A. Stewart and Rachel M. Bailey Stewart; her husband: William A. Johnson; sister: I.V. Feltman and brother: Jerry Stewart.

Maurice Stringer Bailey, 88, of Cullman

Maurice Stringer Bailey, age 88, of Cullman, died Tuesday, June 15. She was preceded in death by her husband: Bib Bailey; parents: Dewey and Earsel Stringer; sisters: Baby Inez and Reba Teague and brothers: Harold Stringer and Aubrey Stringer. Mrs. Bailey is survived by her daughters: Sheila Staggs and Geraldine Timbs; son: Rickey Bailey; granddaughters: Tina Amodeo and Jennifer Timbs; great-grandchildren: Drew and Savannah Vaughn; sisters: Jane Suggs and Gail Martin; sisters-in-law: Dean Stringer and Ann Stringer; brother-in-law: Bobby Teague; beloved dog: Tootsie and loved great-grand pup: Bella. The family will receive friends Friday, June 18 at 1 p.m. until the Celebration of Mrs. Bailey's life, beginning at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Etha Cemetery. Please visit mossservicefh.com to leave condolences for the family. Moss Service Funeral Home Directing.

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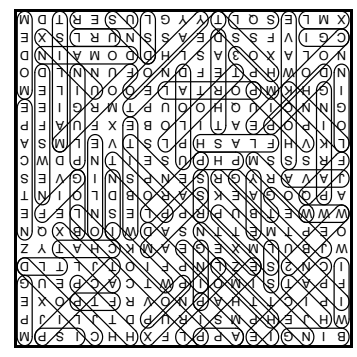
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From books to battalions

Spotlighting military-bound students from Good Hope High School

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BEAU STERLING
Good Hope High School

Beau Sterling is a 2021 graduate of Good Hope High School and will soon be reporting to basic training with the United States Army. He said of his decision, "For me, the Army was the best option. The Air Force looked pretty good, but they are a little bit more fancy and stuff. I figured the Army is the best of both worlds. You get a little bit more action and a little bit more chillin' out."

Sterling has wanted to be in the military since he was a little boy, and he knows exactly what he wants to do. He said, "I will be working on helicopters. I am going into CH-47, which are big two bladed helicopters." The CH-47 is a Chinook helicopter.

Sterling will report to basic training June 28 at Ft. Jackson in South Carolina.

Sterling credits the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program for helping him. He said, "It was a fun experience and they gave me some tips and pointers--what to do and not do."

He also wants to thank his parents for "leading me in the right way." Beau Sterling is the son of Eddie and Christy Sterling.

ISAIAH FULLER
Good Hope High School

Isaiah Fuller graduated from Good Hope High School in May and is now getting ready for the United States Army. Fuller wanted to be in the military as a kid, but found other interests as he got older.

He said, "When I was a little kid, I watched 'Saving Private Ryan' and stuff like that and I really wanted to be in it. Then, I kind of got away from it from about fifth grade to my senior year. Then one day, I just decided to do it."

Fuller also explained his decision to join the Army over the other branches.

He said, "I looked at all the other branches and I didn't think I would like being on a boat like in the Navy. I looked at the Air Force a little bit and the Marines, but it seemed like a lot more work for the same amount of pay. I went with the Army because I liked the benefits and jobs they offered."

Fuller will be going into the Infantry and hopes to be Special Forces. He said, "I hope to be an Army Ranger but there is an age limit and you have to be 20.

"I'm 18 now, so I figure Infantry is the quickest way to get ready for it." On June 22, Fuller will report for basic training at Ft. Benning, Georgia.

"I for sure want to thank Sergeant Epperson. He's my recruiter and he's put up with a lot and put a lot of time and money into me.

"They believed in me and kept pushing to get me in," Fuller added.

"I also want to thank my mom and dad." Isaiah's parents are Meghan Elliott and Jeff Dillard.

Fuller said of the future, "I'm just trying to make a good life for myself in the military and take care of my family."



ALIYAH COLEMAN

Aliyah Coleman



BEAU STERLING

Beau Sterling with his niece Addalynn Thornton



ISAIAH FULLER

Best friends Zayne Welborn, currently at basic training in Ft. Jackson, and Isaiah Fuller before GHHS prom.

ALIYAH COLEMAN
Good Hope High School

2021 Good Hope High School graduate Aliyah Coleman has always dreamed of being in the military. She said, "I have always, since I was a kid, wanted to be in the military. I always thought soldiers were the most awesome people ever and I wanted to be just like them."

Coleman began exploring her military options at the beginning of her senior year in high school. She explained, "I met with SSG Preston Griffin and talked about joining the National Guard and quickly realized that was the option for me. Family and being in my hometown are super important to me and always has been. When I realized that I could follow my dreams and still be in my hometown, I was thrilled." Coleman was also drawn to the college benefits that come from joining the military.

Soon, she will be attending basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri where she hopes to become part of the Military Police.

Coleman wanted to thank several people, saying, "I would like to thank my recruiter and his wife, Preston and Amber Griffin, for being such great mentors and friends. They helped me in my journey and life in general. I would like to thank my mom and dad, Heidi and Jared Johnson, for always being there for me and getting me to where I am in life currently. Lastly, I would like to thank my JROTC instructors, Colonel Jones and SFC Ullery, for teaching me amazing leadership skills and will take me great places, not only in the military, but in life in general."

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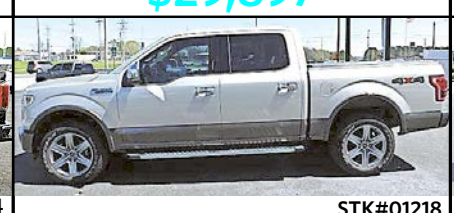

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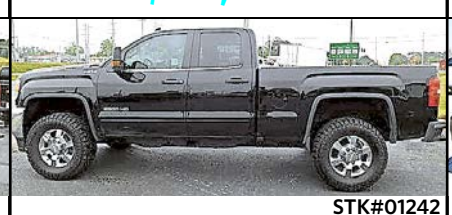

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