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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Colony hires clerk, swears in new councilman, sets new meeting time

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COLONY, Ala. – The Town of Colony filled empty seats Tuesday evening by electing a new councilman, clerk and community center attendant. New Town Clerk Gwendolyn Purifoy, who has served as clerk in two previous administrations, performed her first official act by swearing in Jerrold Flanigan to fill the council seat vacated by Samuel Ashford at the last meeting.

Flanigan's election by the council went smoothly, while Councilwoman Ethel Alexander requested permission to question Purifoy before casting her vote. After a brief discussion, Alexander's hesitancy to vote was treated as abstention, since Purifoy already had enough votes from other council members to be hired.

The council also voted to hire Xavier Malcom to open and oversee youth » PAGE 5



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New Colony councilman Jerrold Flanigan takes his oath of office from new town clerk Gwendolyn Purifoy Tuesday evening.

– BUSINESS –

Drinkard Developments breaks ground for new cinema in Albertville



JANET CHANDLER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Roy Drinkard participates in the theater's groundbreaking ceremony Tuesday afternoon.

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ALBERTVILLE, Ala. – After a weekend of rain, the sun finally came out as Drinkard Developments broke ground Tuesday afternoon of what will become Albertville's first movie theater. Everyone in attendance was incredibly excited about how this will benefit citizens in Albertville, as well as the surrounding area. The development site of this beautifully updated, new theater is located at 3561 U.S. Highway 431 S.

This is an incredible addition for Albertville, as the nearest movie-viewing location currently is the Boaz Nine.

The Boaz Nine was built along with a surge of outlet malls in the late 70s and early 80s, and while it held to standard and popularity for a long time, locals in and around the area have longed for something new since the outlet malls closure and demolition.

The theater is expected to be completed in April 2022 and will feature 10 screens in the new facility.

David Patterson of People's Bank commented on his faith in the project and recalled a conversation in previous years he had with developer Jason Grimmett, stating, "Every bank had said no to this. Mainly, because it was just too big and too outside of their realm. I said, 'It's easy to say no.'" He has stayed committed to this project ever since.

Roy Drinkard gave a statement to thank Mayor Tracy Honea and the Parks and Rec Board of Albertville, and to express excitement for the coming development of the theater.

Greg Thompson, the architect on the project, spoke about the estimated timeframe of April saying, "Part of the issue is nationwide, and it is taking longer to have access to certain materials, such as steel and lumber. It is just a process."

While revenue is an objective, the ability for people to gather again is bringing about a new air of enthusiasm for improvements across the board, and with potential plans for a Buffalo Wild Wings, Albertville continues to have high anticipation for the future.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

West Point Town Council approves fundraising event and donation for West Point High School's Future Farmers of America



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Ethan Lake speaks to the West Point council about the FFA.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Berlin Town Council opts into American Rescue Plan, expands hours for farmers market

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STATE

Cullman area restaurant vies for title of Bama's Best Chicken Tenders among Flavorful Four finalists, Hanceville Exxon in top 8

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West Point (from Front)

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WEST POINT, Ala. – The West Point High School Future Farmers of America will receive support from the town council with a $500 donation approved Monday evening. The FFA alumni is hosting a goat, lamb and cattle show this weekend at the Cullman Ag Center as a fundraiser for the FFA, and the town's donation will go toward the show.

WPHS Agriscience teacher Ethan Lake is the school's FFA sponsor and spoke to the town council.

He said of this weekend's show, "We bring in students from all across the southeast.

"The show is open to kids from Alabama and surrounding states."

The money raised by the FFA alumni assists a number of different FFA needs. Lake explained, "Our FFA alumni pays for our FFA membership every year which then allows the kids to participate in FFA events, competitions, as well as proficiency awards."

The FFA alumni also helps by sponsoring students' trips to places like Montgomery, Auburn and Indianapolis for state and national conventions.

The town will soon have a new patriotic feature present for several holidays as the council approved the purchase of new flags that will be placed on County Roads 1141 and 1242 during Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day.

The council approved $1,600 toward the purchase of the flag sets.

In other business:
The council also approved donating $500 to the Cullman County Commission on Aging for the upcoming Senior Christmas Party.

The council approved creation of a new bank account for funds expected from the American Rescue Plan.

The funds will remain separate and clerk Joann Jones will be attending a class at Calhoun Community College this Thursday where she anticipates learning how the money can be spent.

Thursday at 11 a.m., the Cullman County Sheriff's Office will be at the West Point Senior Center for a "Welcome Back" cookout.

The West Point Council meets every third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the town hall. The public is invited to attend.

Berlin (from Front)

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BERLIN, Ala. – The Berlin Town Council on Monday evening worked through a full agenda, including votes to accept federal COVID-19 relief funds, offer expanded opportunities to area farmers and improve Town Hall.

The council voted to accept a projected $85-95,000 grant from the American Rescue Plan in two installments over the next two years. The federally funded program provides funding for a variety of COVID-19-related needs like vaccine access, reimbursement of lost revenue, food programs for families in need and provide communities with sanitation and safety materials. According to Mayor Patrick Bates, the federal guidelines for acceptable expenditures are somewhat vague, so the town will put the money in the bank for the time being, in case — in a worst-case scenario — the funds must be repaid.

Farmers market and Town Hall changes
Town Clerk Keirsten Montgomery, who manages Berlin's farmers market next door to Town Hall, told the council that growers are not bringing produce Monday and Wednesday afternoons, so the council voted to change the dedicated open hours. The market will remain open from 8 a.m.-noon on Saturdays but will now allow growers to come at any time during the week when they are available and have produce to sell. The manager will only be on duty during the Saturday hours.

The council also accepted a $5,600 bid from D1 Electric to install 14 electrical circuits at the farmers market. The total exceeded another bid but offered more items with a lower per-item price.

With the removal of the late Monday and Wednesday hours, the council also reset Town Hall business hours. The facility will be open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, and 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, starting in July.

The council approved the installation of a 25-foot flagpole at Town Hall at a cost of $955.84. Smaller U.S. and Alabama flags, along with seven-foot staffs, will be purchased for interior use in the building.

Citing a need to communicate quickly and save on printing costs on large documents, the council approved the purchase of an Apple iPad for each council member at a cost of $358 per item plus $30 each for cases.

The Berlin Town Council meets at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of each month. It has met at the Berlin Community Center, but will begin meeting at Town Hall, near the community center, in July.



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The Berlin Town Council met Monday evening.

Title (from Front)

Mary Johns Wilson
Alfa Insurance

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – The 2021 Bama's Best Chicken Tenders Contest has been narrowed down to a flock of four, with one of Cullman County's very own making the cut!

Online voting determined the Flavorful Four finalists which are, in alphabetical order:

- Bobby's Restaurant in Eva
- The Chicken Shack in Luverne
- Crowe's Chicken in Brundidge
- J's Hole in the Wall in Bryant

"These four finalists definitely have something to crow about," said Russ Durrance, Alabama Farmers Federation Poultry Division director.

"They obviously have hundreds, even thousands, of loyal customers who love their chicken tenders, and the farmers we represent are glad to do their part to provide a tasty product to these restaurants."

Judges will determine the overall winner after visiting each of the Flavorful Four restaurants in mid-July to taste-test their best chicken tender meal.

The winner will receive a plaque, cash prize and features in Neighbors Magazine and on Simply Southern TV.

Nominations for the contest were accepted on the Alabama Farmers Federation's Facebook page May 26 - June 9. Restaurants with the most nominations made it into the Edible Eight round, and those that garnered the most votes, or "likes," in the photo album on Simply Southern TV's Facebook page made it into the Flavorful Four.

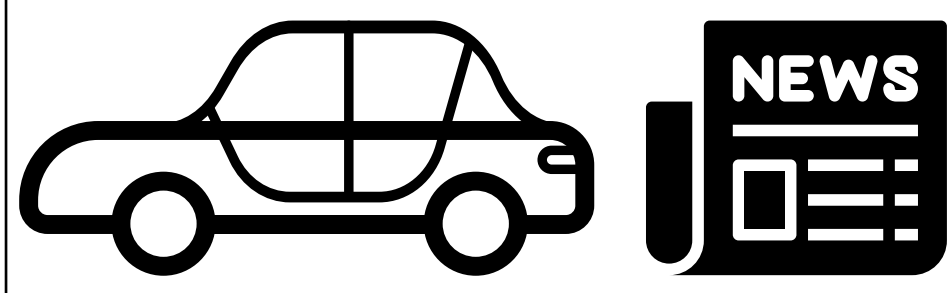
Votes were accepted June 14-21.

Other Edible Eight semi-finalists were Hanceville Exxon in Hanceville, Tenders Restaurant in Huntsville (Five Points), Walters' Gas and Grill in Opelika (Society Hill) and Wildcat Cafe in Guntersville.

"We're so thankful for the restaurant owners, chefs, cooks and other staff who work so hard to create delicious dishes using chicken," said Durrance.

"We encourage folks to stop in at each of these establishments, taste-test the chicken tenders, and judge for yourself!"

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COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Tuesday, June 22, 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 Monday, Wednesday and Friday; the Vaccine Distribution Dashboard will update Tuesday and Thursday and no weekend updates will be made. Additional information may be provided in the future as ADPH gathers more data on the pandemic.

Case details (Updated Mon, Wed, Fri)
- Total confirmed cases in Alabama: 422,376 (no update available) *
- Probable cases in Alabama: 126,637 (no update available) *
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama: 8,990 (no update available) *
- Probable deaths in Alabama: 2,321
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,767 (no update available)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 3,191 (no update available) *
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 139
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 62
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 43,150
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co: 1,566
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 36
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,664,733
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 1,574
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 81,266
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 173
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama: 50,534
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): no update available

Vaccine details (updated Tues, Thurs)
- Doses Delivered to Alabama: 4,565,245
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 3,148,395
- Doses administered: 3,172,473
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 1,797,291
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 1,481,073
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 1,416,850

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

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: Decreases in COVID-19 cases, hospital admissions, and deaths among older adults
A MMWR released 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 22

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 22, 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 17

• fourth-degree theft of property; Belk; Cullman Shopping Center; clothing; $15

June 18

• third-degree forgery; third-degree theft by deception; person/Alabama Central Credit Union; forged checks

ARRESTS

June 21

Turney, Kimberly M.; 46

• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Smith, Shara L.; 49

• third-degree forgery (2 counts)
• third-degree possession forged instrument (2 counts)

Yager, Sierra B.; 21

• third-degree forgery (2 counts)
• third-degree possession forged instrument (2 counts)
• third-degree theft by deception

Aaron, Benjamin L.; 42

• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property (2 counts)
• FTA- third-degree criminal trespass
• FTA- no seat belt

Tucker, Lisa M.; 41

• fourth-degree theft of property

Denney, Jefferey A.; 32

• first-degree theft of property

Adams, Sherry R.; 63

• FTA- speeding (2 counts)
• FTA- third-degree theft of 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 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 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 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

Thursdays: noon - 1 p.m., Yoga under the Pavilion, Join us for a beginner yoga class in the serenity of nature. $5 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.

Swamp John's Meal (St. Andrew's)

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.

Annual 6 Mile Yard Sale

June 25 – 26 – Start point is in Holly Pond at Hwy 91 and ends at Hwy 231 in Blount County. For more information, call 256-796-6782.

Phillips Reunion

June 26th - The Phillips reunion will be held Saturday, June 26, at 10 a.m. at Brushy Pond Community Center. For more information, call Delton Blalock at 256-709-4956.

The Perrys in concert

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.

Antioch Baptist Church Revival

June 27 – July 2 - Antioch Baptist Church (located at Bug Tussle, Alabama Highway 69 South, County Road 18), will hold revival services Sunday, June 27 - Friday, July 2. On Sunday, at 5 p.m. the. Evangelist Brother Gabe Hallmark will speak Sunday. Monday-Friday at 7 p.m., the evangelist will be Brother Bobby Waddle, who is the pastor of Union Grove Baptist Church at Bremen. There will be a special singing each service. Steve Hogland is music director and Daniel Barnett is pastor. Everyone is welcome.

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@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.

Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame

August 14 - The Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame will hold its annual banquet and induction ceremony Aug. 14 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.

Free Community Movie Night at Vinemont Community Center

Aug. 21 – Bring a blanket or chair and come enjoy "Toy Story 4!" Start time will be announced at a later date. Vinemont Community Center – 88 Ridgeway Street, Cullman, AL 35058

Vacation Bible School where all are welcome!

Join us for this year's VBS fun titled "The Fishy Messenger" 5 – 7 p.m., Sunday, July 25 through Wednesday, July 28. Your child or grandchild who will be in Kindergarten through 6th grade next year will love learning about Jonah and The Whale and what this exciting Bible story teaches us! Of course, there are no costs or strings attached. To sign your child up leave a message at the church office 256-734-6212 or email Paige Gardner at pbgardner18@gmail.com. Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold Street NE, Cullman.

EAST SIDE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION VBS SCHEDULE

Sulpher Springs Baptist Church- Crane Hill

• Theme: Wonder World Fun Fest- Amazed by Our Extraordinary Savior
• When: June 27- June 30 at 8 p.m.
• Where: 1638 County Road 852, Crane Hill

Etha Baptist Church

• Theme: Rocky Railway- Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through
• When: Sunday June 27 at 5:30 p.m.
• Where: 8417 County Road 1545, Cullman

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PREP BASKETBALL

Hanceville, Vinemont compete in summer play day at Wallace State

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – The Vinemont Eagles and Hanceville Bulldogs each took part in a few play-day games at Wallace State Community College. The Eagles edged past Coosa Christian 39-33 then lost their final two games to Spain Park 63-30 and to Lynn 39-33. Hanceville took both of their games Monday games at Wallace State, coming back late to defeat Scottsboro 43-42 and rolling past Lynn 46-29.

Vinemont 39 - Coosa Christian 33 (Varsity Boys)

Coosa Christian hit a free throw to put them on the scoreboard first, but Vinemont tied it at two on a Toby Hill basket down low. A 7-3 run by the Conquerors gave them an early 9-5 lead. Coosa Christian hit a shot to make it 11-7 with 7:08 remaining in the first half, but the Eagles went on a huge run of their own. Connor Gibbs got fouled while shooting a three, and he made the free throw to cut the deficit to one, then back-to-back-baskets by Colby Miller and Isaac Moody gave Vinemont a 14-11 lead. A Gibbs three and a Miller layup pushed the Eagle lead to 19-11 and they went into the half up, 19-13.

Moody nailed back-to-back shots from deep to give the Eagles a double-digit lead at 25-15 with 14:20 remaining in the game. A Kix Johnson trey stretched Vinemont's lead to 28-17. A three-point play by Keith Slaton made it 31-19 with a little over 10 minutes to go in the contest, but Coosa Christian started to get back in the game as six straight points cut the Vinemont lead to six.

Later on, the Conquerors added a three from the right corner to make it a 33-28 game with a little over four minutes remaining. But layups by Hill and Johnson pushed the Eagle lead up to nine and they didn't let Coosa Christian get closer than four the rest of the way as Vinemont ended up taking its first game of the day, 39-33.

Moody finished with 10 points for Vinemont. Johnson added eight points. Miller, Gibbs, and Hill each ended up with six points and Slaton chipped in with three.

Spain Park 63 - Vinemont 30 (Varsity Boys)

After defeating Coosa Christian earlier in the day, Vinemont looked to keep the momentum going into their game against a very talented Spain Park squad. A three by Isaac Moody gave the Eagles an early 3-2 lead, but the Jaguars got the lead right back and then a lot more as they scored 10 in a row to grab a 12-3 lead. Another Moody three made it a 12-6 game, but Spain Park went on an 11-0 run to increase the Vinemont deficit to 23-6. Kix Johnson nailed a three, Colby Miller made the basket and got fouled, but he had to leave the game, so Noah Douglas hit the free throw to complete the three-point play and that made it a 23-12 game.

Six straight points by the Jaguars pushed their lead up to 17 at 29-12, but Vinemont got a three from Jaxon Holcomb and that cut the deficit to 33-15. Spain Park quickly drilled a couple of treys and added another one sandwiched around another Moody trey as the Eagles went into the half trailing, 42-18.

The Jaguars quickly pushed their lead up to 31 to start out the second half and had a 36-point lead at one point, but the Eagles kept battling until the final buzzer. They ended up falling to Spain Park, 63-30.

Moody led the way for Vinemont with 14 points. Johnson added six points. Holcomb ended up with five points. Connor Gibbs and Colby Miller each added two points and Douglas chipped in with a point.

Lynn 39 - Vinemont 33 (Varsity Boys)

Moody drilled a three to start out the game against Lynn, then Miller completed a three-point play to give the Eagles a quick 6-0 lead. The Bears went on a 6-0 run to tie the game, but Moody broke the tie with a three to give Vinemont a 9-6 lead with 13:01 remaining in the opening half. Another Miller three-point play pushed the Eagle lead to 12-8 almost two minutes later.

Vinemont didn't have a lead bigger than four for several possessions before Moody hit a three to give the Eagles a 19-14 lead. Lynn made it a 21-18 game after making a layup, but Miller added a pair of free throws to end the first half as Vinemont went into the half with a 25-18 advantage.

A 6-0 run by the Bears made it a 25-24 game early in the second half, but a free throw by Miller and a layup by Holcomb pushed the Eagle lead back up to five at 29-24.

Vinemont had a lot of trouble scoring in the second half due to Lynn's defense, but their defense looked to keep them in the lead. The Bears, though, had other plans as they scored six straight points to give them a 30-29 lead with 6:22 remaining in the game.

The Eagles finally ended their long scoring drought of over six minutes on a Holcomb layup and that gave them a 31-30 lead.

Lynn, though, got the lead right back as they went on another 6-0 run and Vinemont found themselves down, 36-31, with over two minutes remaining in the contest. A Moody free throw with 1:54 remaining made it a three-point game, but a layup and a free throw sealed the deal for Lynn as the Eagles wound up dropping their final game of the day to the Bears, 39-33.

Miller finished with 14 points for Vinemont. Moody added 11 points. Toby Hill ended up with four points, while Holcomb and Douglas each chipped in with two.

Hanceville 43 – Scottsboro 42 (Varsity Boys)

J.T. Davis drilled a three to put Hanceville on the scoreboard first, but Scottsboro answered right back with one of their own to tie the game up at three early in the first half. Both teams tied or took the lead for several possessions, then after the Wildcats scored to take a 12-11 lead, Drew Campbell hit a layup to give the Bulldogs a 13-12 lead, then Zach Campbell drilled a trey to push their lead to 16-12.

Zach Campbell scored seven straight points, then Konnor Helms chipped in with a basket of his own as Hanceville increased their lead to double-digits at 25-15. Six straight points by Scottsboro made it a four-point game, but Carson Garrett hit a huge layup to end the first half as the Bulldogs went into the half up, 27-21.

The Wildcats started out the second half strong as a 10-3 run gave them a 31-30 lead. Neither team could score for several possessions, then Garrett broke the scoreless drought for Hanceville with a layup to give them a 32-31 lead.

Later on, Scottsboro hit back-to-back shots to give them a 37-34 lead, but Noah Jones banked in a huge trey to tie the game up at 37 with 2:30 remaining in the contest.

A huge three-point play by Zach Campbell gave the Bulldogs a 40-39 lead. The Wildcats got the lead right back on its next possession, but Campbell converted on another three-point opportunity and that gave Hanceville a 43-41 lead with a little over a minute remaining in the contest. Scottsboro split their two free throws with a second remaining, and Hanceville ended up taking the game, 43-42.

Campbell finished the contest with a game-high 21 points for Hanceville. Garrett added 10 points. Davis and Jones each added three points, while Tristan Herrera, Drew Campbell, and Helms each chipped in with two.



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Hanceville's Zach Campbell (24) goes up for a layup during the Bulldogs' game against Scottsboro Monday.



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Vinemont's Isaac Moody (34) goes up for a layup during the Eagles' win over Coosa Christian Monday.

Hanceville 46 - Lynn 29 (Varsity Boys)

Hanceville finished out their day against Lynn. Braxton Broad hit a layup to put the Bulldogs on the scoreboard first, but the Bears went on a 7-2 run to grab an early 7-4 lead with 13:05 remaining in the first half. A free throw by Garrett and a three-pointer by Will Calvert gave the Bulldogs a 9-7 lead.

Layups by Helms and Calvert pushed Hanceville's lead to 13-9. After the Bears tied the game up at 13, Hanceville went on a 10-0 run as five different players scored during the run and that helped give the Bulldogs a 23-13 lead.

Lynn added a free throw to make it an eight-point game, but Hanceville went into the half with a 23-15 advantage.

Zach Campbell hit back-to-back shots to push the Bulldog lead to 27-17, then later on, a Broad three, and layups by Calvert and Zach Campbell, made it a 34-21 lead for Hanceville early in the second half.

Lynn made it a nine-point game, but that was as close as they would get the rest of the way as Hanceville finished the game on a 12-4 run and ended up rolling past the Bears, 46-29.

Zach Campbell finished with 12 points for Hanceville. Calvert added 11 points. Helms ended up with eight points.

Garrett added six points. Broad added five points. Herrera and Davis each chipped in with two points.

Auburn's Ryan Bliss earns NCBWA 1st Team All-America honors

George Nunnelley
AU Athletics

DALLAS, Texas – The postseason accolades continue to roll in for junior shortstop Ryan Bliss, who has been named First Team All-America by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association.

Bliss is one of nine players from the Southeastern Conference to earn first team honors.

Bliss has already been named Collegiate Baseball Second Team All-American, ABCA First Team All-Southeast Region, Second Team All-SEC, SEC All-Defensive Team, and a semifinalist for the Brooks Wallace Award and Dick Howser Trophy.

He became the fourth two-time All-American in program history earlier this month, joining Gregg Olson (1987-88), Casey Mize (2017-18) and Tanner Burns (2019-20) on the list.

A native of LaGrange, Georgia, Bliss finished the regular season as the only player in the SEC to rank in the top five in average (.366), slugging (.664), runs (31), hits (48), doubles (nine), home runs (10), RBI (30) and total bases (87) during league games.

He also ranked in the top five in the league overall in average (.362), slugging (.643), hits (75) and total bases (133) during the regular season.

Bliss collected multiple hits in a league-best 26 of 51 games during the regular season, including 16 of 30 games in SEC play, and finished the year with a homer and another multi-hit effort in the Tigers' SEC Tournament game vs. Ole Miss.

His .365 average and 15 home runs are the most by an Auburn shortstop in the same season since Doug Gilcrease hit .386 with 17 home runs in 1982.

Bliss has played and started in all but two games during his Auburn career and is a .328 career hitter with 176 hits in 134 contests. He's added 121 runs, 32 doubles, four triples, 20 homers and 99 RBI while turning in a .972 career fielding percentage.

2021 NCBWA First Team All-Americans

- C - Matheu Nelson, Florida State
- 1B - Tyler Hardman, Oklahoma
- 2B - Jace Jung, Texas Tech
- 3B - Christian Encarnacion-Strand, Oklahoma State
- SS - Ryan Bliss, Auburn
- OF - Tanner Allen, Mississippi State
- OF - Enrique Bradfield Jr., Vanderbilt
- OF - Mason McWhorter, Georgia Southern
- OF - Aaron Zavala, Oregon
- OF - Kyler Fedko, Connecticut
- DH - Jacob Berry, Arizona
- UT - Paul Skenes, Air Force
- SP - Jack Leiter, Vanderbilt
- SP - Kumar Rocker, Vanderbilt
- SP - Gavin Williams, East Carolina
- SP - Doug Nikhazy, Ole Miss
- SP - Andrew Taylor, Central Michigan
- SP - Matt Mikulski, Fordham
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- RP - Taylor Broadway, Ole Miss
- RP - Kevin Kopps, Arkansas
- RP - Carson Palmquist, Miami
- RP - Landon Sims, Mississippi State



AU ATHLETICS

Auburn shortstop Ryan Bliss earned first team All-American honors Thursday.

Colony (from Front)

activities at the town's community center from 2:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. on Sundays.

The council added Michael Johnson, voted onto the council at the last meeting, to the list of authorized check signers for the town. Johnson took charge of the council's finance committee following the resignation of Eric Carwell.

Colony's authorized check signers are Johnson as finance chairman, Mayor Curtis Johnson and Purifoy as clerk.

The question of reimbursement of travel expenses came to the table after Alexander, who is Colony's mayor pro tem, submitted a request following her trip to a conference in Tuskegee.

Mayor Johnson said since the town has a vehicle, it should not reimburse for mileage of personal vehicles, to which Alexander responded that she had not submitted for reimbursement of mileage, but for the cost of a hotel room.

Councilman Michael Johnson noted that the expense had not been pre-approved by the council, and the council passed a resolution refusing reimbursement for any council member's expenditures not approved beforehand by the council.

Summer feeding program

The council discussed issues related to the summer parks and recreation program and Carpenter's Cabinet "Grab-N-Go" summer feeding program, following a recent decision by Councilwoman Jasmine Cole to have children eat the carry-out meals at the education complex that houses the food pantry.

The food pantry leases space in the complex but has no ties to the town government.

Interim clerk Margaret Dimbo said that she had talked to the Food Bank of North Alabama, which informed her that "grab-n-go" meals are not to be eaten at the same address as the distributor of the meals.

The Tribune confirmed this earlier in the day by phone with Kim Lawkis of the Alabama Food Bank Association, which administers the Colony Carpenter's Cabinet summer program.

Cole said that the parks and recreation program will supply its own food for children through the remainder of the summer, and Dimbo said that the town would apply to become a meal distributor next year.

Lawkis told The Tribune on Monday that the pantry's designation from "grab-n-go" to on-site consumption could be changed simply by "two clicks with a mouse" if the pantry director submitted a request.

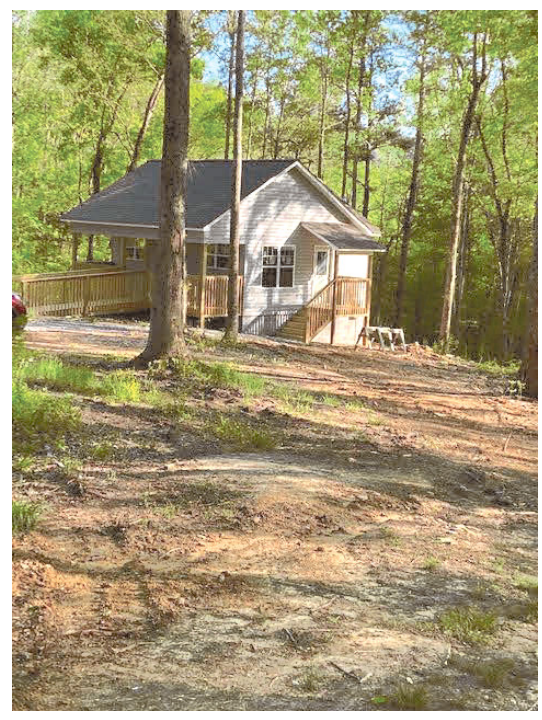
Former town clerk Patricia Ponder, who manages the pantry, said that she has not heard from anyone in the town government about its plans. Ponder wrote by email, "I have not had any correspondence or conversation with Mayor Johnson or Councilmember Cole. I cannot make any changes before hearing the town's proposal."

Council meeting times changed

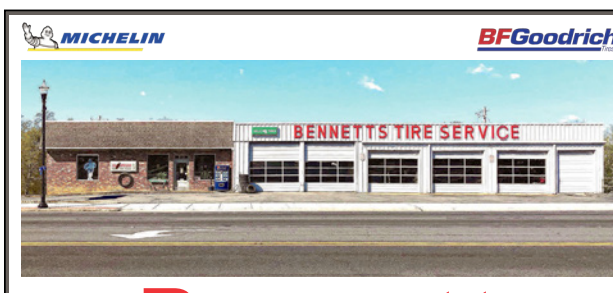
The council voted to change its meeting time from 5 p.m. for the work session followed immediately by the regular meeting, moving the work session time to 5:40 p.m. and regular meeting to 6 p.m. The meetings will continue on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

The public is invited to attend.

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Make more from the food you grow

Auburn University
Contributor

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. – Each growing season, producers must decide how and where to sell their crops. Farmers markets, grocery stores, roadside stands and wholesale distributors are excellent established options; however, there are new opportunities to consider. Charitable donations and second-generation uses of fresh fruits and vegetables have opened more markets for local producers.

Donate to a charitable organization

Donating extra fruits and vegetables to a faith-based group, food pantry or other charitable organization has always been a worthwhile cause, but it has provided little tax benefit to the donor.

As of the 2020 tax year, producers working with a qualified 501(c)(3) organization can deduct an amount calculated on 25% of the fair market value of the donated products.

To take advantage of the provision, producers must adhere to guidelines, including food that meets standard federal, state and local laws and guidelines, even if it is not salable because of its age, appearance or freshness.

In addition, the charitable or nonprofit organization must give the producer documentation including a description, date of donation, intended use of products, affirmation of compliance with federal donation and 501(c)(3) laws and assurance that the organization's records will be adequately maintained and available to the IRS upon request. This should not be an issue for most 501(c)(3) organizations.

The overall deduction per year is limited to 25% of a farm's net income. Any donation beyond that amount can be carried over and claimed for five years from the time of donation.

Producers must determine whether itemizing deductions or taking the standard deduction is most beneficial. It is a good idea to consult an accountant or your local Extension office to determine how the provision affects you.

Sell to breweries, wineries and distilleries

Produce grown in the state is often sought by local breweries, wineries and distilleries. Although these businesses typically use only fruits in their processing, this is not absolute. A wide variety of products may be used, depending on the operation, location, season and other factors. Popular Alabama crops include peaches, strawberries, blueberries, blackberries, apples, citrus, melons, plums, muscadines and pecans. Producers should contact individual businesses to learn their particular production needs.

How much produce can a producer expect to sell? For beer and wine flavorings, the quantity won't be huge, but one advantage of these markets is that fruit can be used beyond its salable date at the farm or local market. Consumers can be picky about the appearance of produce, but that does not diminish its quality.

Distilled products, such as brandy and spirits use a much greater quantity of fruit, with several distilleries located in Alabama. Producers are generally responsible for getting their crops to the business.

One method is to arrange with the distiller to drop off produce after a day at the local farmers market. Producers are generally paid in line with wholesale prices, which creates a great opportunity for farms to profit from produce that will be unsalable in the near future.

Make products using a commercial food kitchen

Another option for using unsalable produce is to make value-added products such as jams, barbecue sauce, savory sauces, fruit sauces, pickles and frozen pie filling. The Chilton Food Innovation Center, managed by Alabama Extension, is a shared-use food processing facility in Clanton, Alabama that helps fruit and vegetable producers become processors without having to equip their own commercial kitchens.



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The 2,000-square-foot building contains processing and packaging equipment, a small office, storage space and sanitation supplies. Facility fees are $40 an hour.

There are different methods for getting products made. One option is to hire a copacker to make the product for you.

Another is to become a food processor yourself. This option requires more training, but it also allows for more quality control. Either way, there are startup costs. Keep in mind that the costs associated with production can be covered by risk diversity and additional sales, as these products can be sold at markets throughout the year.

Christy Mendoza, an Alabama Extension regional agent and food scientist, is available for consultation throughout the startup process. For more information, contact the CFIC at 205-280-6268 or visit their website at http://www.chiltonfoodinnovationcenter.com/.

AGRICULTURE

Livestock making the switch to soy? Everything you need to know!

Justin Miller
Contributor

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. – Did you know? Livestock were on the soy diet before it was cool.

While this may seem a bit surprising, soybeans were a popular forage choice for livestock producers in the 1800s. Around World War II, soybean production started to focus primarily on growing the crop for oilseed. At that time, producers began to move away from using soybeans in forage systems. Now, this forage is making a comeback and producers are incorporating the crop into forage systems across the South.

"Soybeans have become a popular addition to food plots, which has resulted in improved forage-type cultivars being released," said Leanne Dillard, a forage specialist with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System.

Growing the forage

Growing soybeans as a forage is a little bit different from growing them as a row crop. According to Dillard, producers can plant them like row crop soybeans if they desire a monoculture (grown as a single crop). However, producers often grow forage soybeans as a mixture with other warm-season annual forages.

"The easiest and preferred growing method is to plant them in a mixture with other summer annual grasses," she said.

"Some of these grasses include pearl millet, crabgrass and sorghum-sudangrass."

By planting mixtures, the animals can select what they need nutritionally.

In addition, mixtures allow producers to extend the amount of time the soybeans are available. Forage soybeans are not tolerant of prolonged grazing.

"Our research shows that forage soybeans did not consistently grow back after cutting to a 6-inch stubble height," Dillard said.

"It is likely that heavily-grazed soybeans will not regrow."

Through their research, the team identified other growing patterns that could prove useful to those interested in growing this forage.

- Just like any other summer annual legume, weed competition is a big challenge for soybeans. Developing a weed management program is crucial to successfully growing this forage.

- When compared to the dryland research plots, the irrigated plots seemed to establish well during the first month and grow better later in the season.

- If irrigation is not an option, planting early to mid-May and timing the planting with a good amount of rainfall will aid establishment as well. Rainfall is less predictable in late May and June.

Nutritional value

Kim Mullenix, an Alabama Extension associate professor in animal sciences, said soybeans can be used as a forage for cattle, horses and small ruminants.

"Forage soybeans are especially palatable to grazing livestock," Mullenix said. "They have a good digestibility and good protein characteristics that make them a high–quality grazing option during the summer."



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If stored properly in a barn, soybeans can maintain their nutritional qualities as a stored forage for one - two years. It is important to note that when cattle graze soybeans as a monoculture, bloat is a concern. To avoid this, producers should not turn hungry cattle into the field. They should also limit grazing for the first few days to limit intake.

"Producers can acclimate livestock to a diet containing soybeans as forage by slowly introducing it along with other forages being used in the system," Mullenix said. "This will help the animals transition to a novel forage."

More information

To see and an in-depth review of the team's research results on forage soybeans, see the content piece "Implementing Soybeans Into a Forage System" here: https://www.aces.edu/blog/topics/farming/implementing-soybeans-into-a-forage-system/.

NATIONAL

Attorney General Steve Marshall calls on Congress to restore Hyde Amendment to prohibit taxpayer funding of abortions

The Office of Attorney Gen. Stave Marshall

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Attorney General Steve Marshall is leading a coalition of 22 state attorneys general asking Congress to keep an amendment prohibiting taxpayer funding of abortions in the federal budget after it was conspicuously removed by the Biden Administration.

In his letter sent to Speaker Nancy Pelosi, House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell on Monday, Attorney General Marshall called on Congress to resist the president's efforts to force taxpayers into funding abortions if they object to the practice.

"The Hyde Amendment was first enacted in 1976 following the United States Supreme Court's decision in Roe v. Wade and has been reenacted every year since with broad bipartisan support," Attorney General Marshall wrote.

"The key to the Hyde Amendment's four-and-a-half-decades longevity is that its purpose is clear and commonsensical: it prohibits the use of federal funds for abortions (with exceptions), on the basis that a great many taxpayers object to abortion on moral or religious grounds and, therefore, it is unconscionable to force them to pay for abortions by using their tax dollars for that purpose. Congress should resist following President Biden down this path and should instead maintain the Hyde Amendment language in the budget it ultimately passes."

"Nearly 60% of Americans oppose taxpayer funding of abortion, including 'a majority of independents' and even 'a notable proportion of Democrats.' President Biden previously professed to share this conviction, assuring the public that he was guided by the principle that 'those of us who are opposed to abortion should not be compelled to pay for them' and touting that he 'ha[d] consistently—on no fewer than 50 occasions—voted against federal funding of abortions.' Seeking the Democratic nomination for president, candidate Biden again affirmed his support for the Hyde Amendment. But then—48 hours later—he reversed himself and denounced the Hyde Amendment after facing criticism from a small but extreme minority of the American populace: pro-abortion activists."

Attorney General Marshall was joined by his colleagues from Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and West Virginia in signing the letter to Congress.

Read Attorney General Marshall's letter https://www.alabamaag.gov/Documents/news/Hyde%20Amendment%20Letter%20Final%20Draft.pdf.

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Launching the Alabama Arts Recovery Program

Arts organizations can submit applications for operating support beginning July 1

Alabama State Council on the Arts

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Alabama State Council on the Arts announces a special grant application opening on Thursday, July 1. The Alabama Arts Recovery Program is supported by recent American Rescue Plan stimulus funding for arts organizations.

$814,100 in funding from the National Endowment for the Arts is designated for the arts industry recovery effort in Alabama. The deadline to apply is Sunday, July 18, by 5 p.m.

As arts organizations return to providing in-person exhibitions, concerts, performances, readings and programming to Alabamians, the Council on the Arts recognizes the need for financial support for various operating costs, including personnel fees, facility costs, health safety supplies, marketing/promotion and technology and equipment.

Alabama arts organizations are economic drivers, bringing tourism to communities and providing thousands of jobs statewide. Alabama Arts Recovery Program grants will help eligible small, medium and large arts organizations sustain operations, with grants of $10,000, $15,000, $20,000 and $25,000 available.

"Throughout the pandemic, the Council has supported Alabama's arts and culture sector through our grants, including Alabama CARES About the Arts: Emergency Relief Grants, which provided funding for virtual programming and continued operations. As arts organizations across the state safely reopen and return to in-person operations, we have the opportunity to continue supporting recovery through the Alabama Arts Recovery Program," said Dr. Elliot Knight, the Council's executive director.

"These federal funds will provide support for the general operating costs, allowing organizations to continue providing artistic opportunities and creative experiences to our citizens and communities."

The focus of the Alabama Arts Recovery Program is operating costs that assist Alabama's wide range of arts organizations. Grants focused on programming are available through the Council's annual grants cycle. The application portal reopens July 1, with the next deadline coming Sept. 1, 2021.

For more details about the Alabama Arts Recovery Program, visit arts.alabama.gov/aarp.html.



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Obituary Announcements: June 22

Eleanor Louise Sapp, 84, of Garden City
A graveside service for Eleanor Louise Sapp of Garden City, Alabama will be 10 a.m. Thursday, June 24 at Damascus Cemetery in Hanceville. Mrs. Sapp was born Nov. 11, 1934, in Birmingham to William and Lois (Farris) Sanford. She died at her residence at the age of 84 on June 20. Mrs. Sapp worked many years at Garden City School as a secretary for the Cullman County Board of Education. Survivors include her children: Kate Smith, Keith (Debbie) Sapp and Karen (Roger) Jones; grandchildren: Kimberly Brown, April Tankersley, Kyle Sapp, Justin Jones, Jared Jones and Jake Jones and great-grandchildren, Simone Brown, Ayden Thomas, Zeb Jones, Zoe Jones and Barret Jones. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband: Elwin Sapp and grandson: Jonathan Tankersely.

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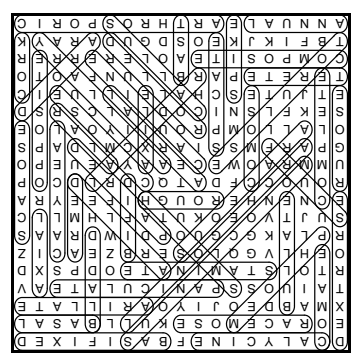
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– VETERAN MEMORIALS –

Wayne Brock and Quinton Edgar 'Bill' Cheatwood

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QUINTON EDGAR "BILL" CHEATWOOD

Quinton Edgar Cheatwood was born June 10, 1925, to parents Felton and Aurella Cheatwood in Cullman County. He was known to family and friends as "Bill." At the age of 17, he married his sweetheart Jean Dixie King Nov. 7, 1942, and had a baby girl, Linda, soon after.

He was drafted in 1943 and enlisted in the United States Army at Ft. McClellan on Oct. 2, 1943.

He trained as an anti-aircraft gunner but was transferred to infantry with Company L, 417th Infantry, 76th Infantry Division before deploying for France in 1944.

Bill's brother Wayne Cheatwood was serving in the Pacific with the Marines. His brother-in-law Robert L. Spears (Bob) also served in the Pacific and was a member of the Army National Guard.

In a letter to his mother written Feb. 4, 1945, from Luxembourg, he wrote:
"The letters I got from Wayne and Bob help me along. I wish you could read them. I am sure of one thing, if they never get back home, they are going to a better place than this ole world."

He would finish the letter with the words, "Pray for me."

In an account of Bill Cheatwood's life, Liz Sillers Spears writes:
"The following account is from official radio communication logs on file in the National Archives, Washington D.C. As part of Patton's sweep across Europe, Bill's company had just passed through Kenn, Germany en route to Wittlich when an intelligence report indicated that the Germans were planning a counterassault on the town of Kenn the night of March 7, 1945. Bill's company returned to Kenn with orders to hold the town at any cost. Withering 'Long Tom' artillery fire by the Germans began to decimate the company and company commander Capt. Jack requested permission to withdraw, but the Division commander refused his request. By the following morning, the assault had ended but Bill and many others had been killed. One official source indicated Bill might not have died instantly.

Bill's older brother, Marine Corporal Wayne Cheatwood, was preparing for the assault on Okinawa at this time but would learn of Bill's death a few weeks later during the battle. Wayne was killed just hours before the end of the Okinawa campaign."

Bill Cheatwood's remains would later be returned home to his family for burial. He is now buried in the Missionary Grove Cemetery.

WAYNE BROCK CHEATWOOD

Wayne Brock Cheatwood was born Aug. 26, 1920, to Felton and Aurella Cheatwood. He is the older brother of Quinton Edgar "Bill" Cheatwood. On Aug. 23, 1941, Wayne married Lorene Dorothy Lovell. In 1943 he made the decision to join the Marines and became a member of Company I, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

In a biography of Wayne's life written by Liz Sillers Spears, she writes:

"Joining the unit during the battle of New Britain, Wayne continued with the infantry unit through the bloody battle of Peleliu where he was wounded while crossing the Japanese air strip. During this time, Lorene gave birth to Barney Wade 'Butch' Cheatwood, an event that everyone in Wayne's company would hear about. Wayne was proud of his son. Following the battle, he trained with his unit on the island of Pavuvu. Then, April 1, 1945, he landed on the island of Okinawa.

Now a seasoned rifleman, Wayne's company was visited by famed journalist Ernie Pyle who had his picture taken for one of his columns. Later, Wayne opened a letter to find that his brother Bill had been killed during fighting in Germany. Letters reflect the pain and grief Wayne bore. Then on June 20, shortly before dark, a few hours before the battle was declared over and with only one Japanese position remaining, Wayne stood to provide covering fire for his men who were pinned down by an enemy machine gun. It was his last act of bravery."

Wayne's was awarded the Bronze Star and Silver Star. His remains were returned home to his family in Cullman, and he is now buried alongside his brother, Bill, at Missionary Grove Cemetery. The brothers are also memorialized at Cullman's Veterans Memorial Park.

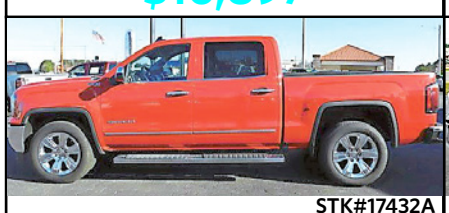
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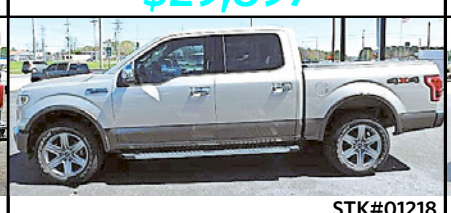

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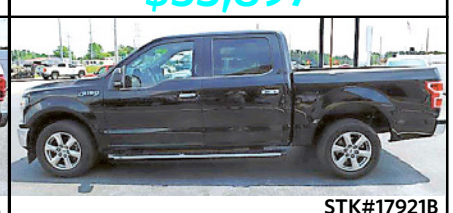

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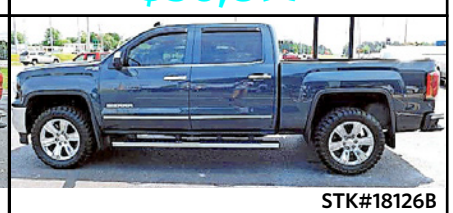

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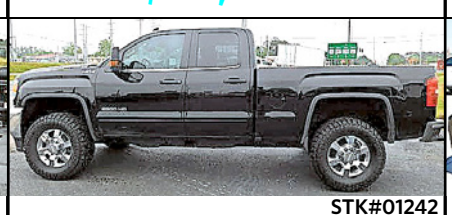

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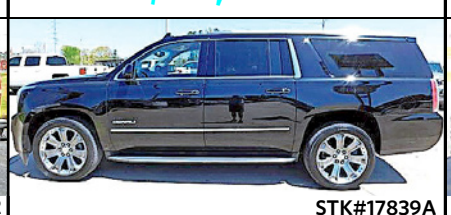

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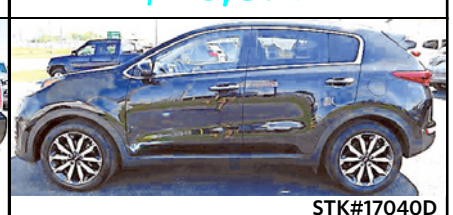

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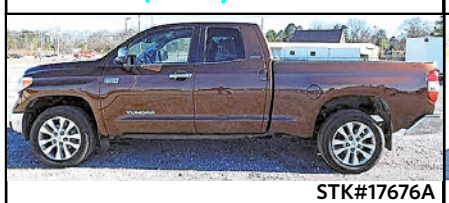

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