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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Cullman City Council approves Sunday alcohol sales

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman City Council on Monday evening suspended its regular rules of order to pass an ordinance that will allow alcohol sales from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sundays in the city, as well as special hours for New Year's Eve. The move comes after the City of Good Hope approved a similar measure in late May.

The amended ordinance section governing hours of sales now reads:
Sec. 4-55. - Authorized hours. It shall be unlawful for any person, whether a liquor, wine, or beer licensee or not to sell, offer for sale, or to serve or dispense for offer or reward, or to offer to serve or dispense for reward any liquor, wine, or beer for on premises consumption or off premises consumption, or to allow the consumption of any alcoholic beverages on the licensed premises except during the following hours: Monday from 6:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m., Tuesday from 6:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m., Wednesday from 6:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m., Thursday from 6:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m., Friday from 6:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. (midnight), Saturday from 6:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. (midnight), and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. In addition, it shall be lawful on New Year's Eve (December 31) from 10:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. on New Year's Day (January 1) of any year.

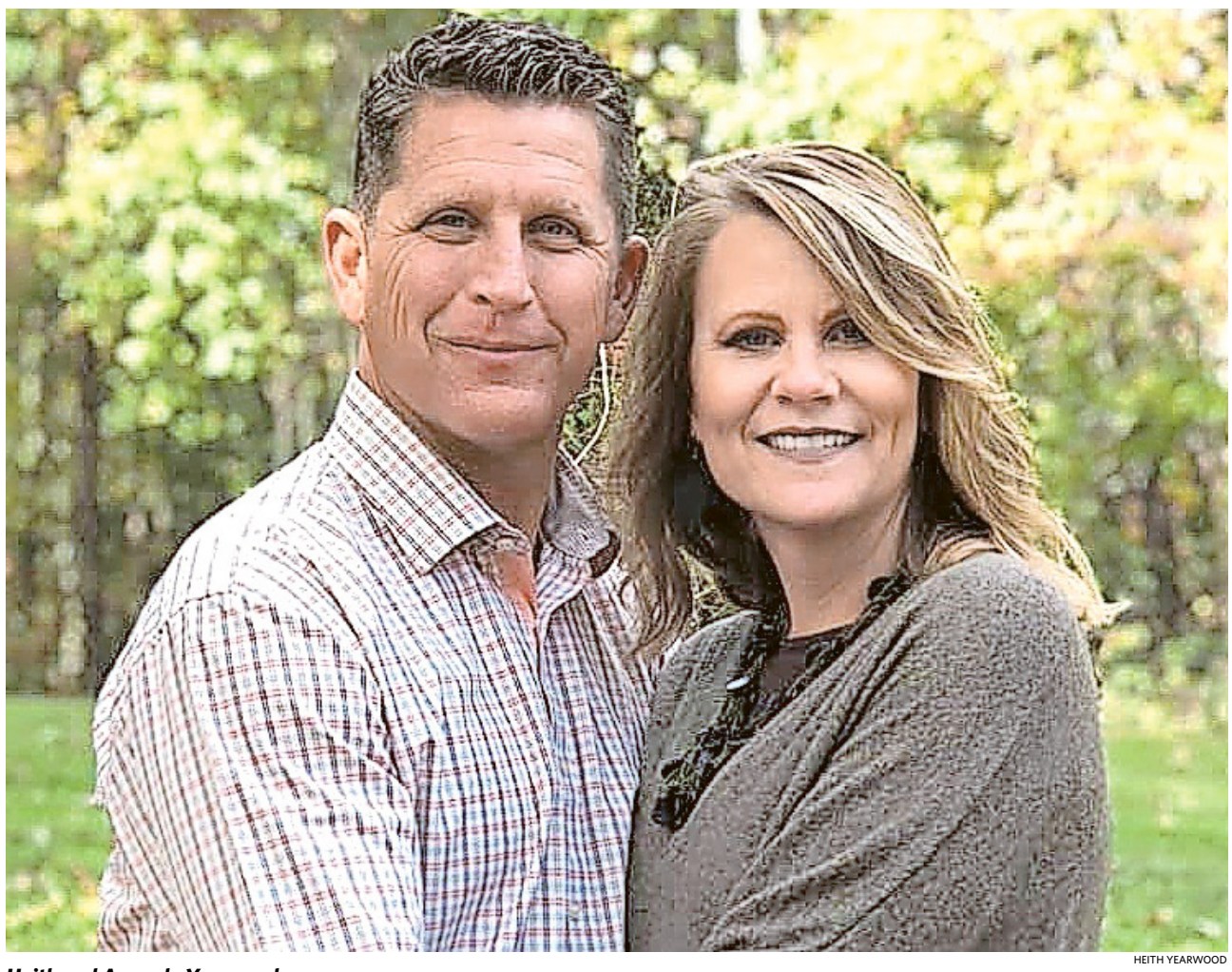
The council also approved alcohol license requests from:

- Dollar General Store #22440, 1470 County Road 715 for a retail off-premises license
- El Mexcal Mexican Grill, 1629 Town Square SW for an on-premises restaurant license
- German Axe Throwing Co., 419 Main Ave SW for an on-premises » PAGE 5

– EDUCATION –

'LOVE, HONOR, CHERISH'

West Point educators launch podcast for couples



HEITH YEARWOOD

Heith and Amanda Yearwood

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WEST POINT, Ala. – West Point High School Principal Heith Yearwood and his wife, West Point High School counselor Amanda Yearwood, recently decided that their stories as a couple might be worth telling, and might help other couples' stories turn out a little better.

The couple recently launched Mission LHC (The initials stand for "love, honor and cherish"), a podcast series geared toward helping young couples navigate the waters of marriage.

"We have joked for many years that we should start a podcast to tell our funny stories," said Heith Yearwood. "Amanda says with Heith's gift of gab, it comes naturally. For Amanda on the other hand, she prefers writing her blog stories.

"Over the years, we have served as volunteers in youth ministries and as adult group leaders. Currently, we are in a class called DMD, "Disciples Making Disciples," that encourages people to share their personal story and God's story. As we have grown and learned more about how to do that, we have become increasingly burdened about helping the next generation."

The gift of encouragement
The stated purpose of Mission LHC is that listeners "will hear real conversations with a married couple that are on a mission to help other couples as they learn to love, honor and cherish each other in all stages of marriage."

Yearwood explained the couple's goal in starting the series:

"In short, we just want to encourage people. Too often we are bombarded with negative posts and messages that discourage and bring strife and bitterness. We want to showcase what is right and good in our world.

"During our marriage, we have been blessed to be mentored by many great role models. We hope to have many of those mentors on our podcast so we can tell them thank you for what they have done for us. They may not realize » PAGE 3

SPORTS

Young angler reels in big bite on birthday



JODY HANKEY

Local angler William Gunner (Bear) Turner poses with his first catfish he reeled in on his seventh birthday Saturday. Posing with William is his stepdad, Trevor Hamby.

– PET OF THE WEEK –

Cool off with Tipper!



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported June 28

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 28, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

June 24
- assault; Teem Rd.
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of marijuana; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 437
- unlawful possession of marijuana; Hwy. 278 W
- burglary; CR 1139
- theft of property; CR 1435
- criminal mischief; trespassing; CR 747

June 25
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 385
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 1725
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 1530
- theft of property; Hwy. 278 W
- unlawful possession of marijuana; CR 712
- theft of property; Hwy. 278 W
- domestic violence; CR 437
- harassment; CR 1419
- burglary; Hwy. 69 N
- reckless endangerment; CR 34
- theft of property; Hwy. 278 E

June 26
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 91
- theft of property; CR 134
- domestic violence; CR 1087
- harassment; CR 1355
- theft of property; CR 1555
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1354

June 27
- domestic violence; Good Hope School Rd.
- criminal mischief; CR 370
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; illegal possession of prescription drugs; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 437
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; trespassing; CR 1466
- shooting into occupied vehicle; I-65 SB at MM 310
- harassment; CR 1282
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; CR 1629
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; Hwy. 69 N

ARRESTS

June 24

Anthony, Cory Daniel; 28
- negotiating worthless instrument (3 counts)

Cornelius, Brandon Seth; 35
- first-degree bail jumping-assault-aggravated assault family- strong arm
- first-degree bail jumping-assault-second-degree domestic violence-intimidation
- first-degree bail jumping-domestic violence-aggravated stalking
- first-degree bail jumping-burglary-residence-force (2 counts)
- first-degree bail jumping-obstruction-violation of a domestic violence protection order

Dannemiller, Jennifer Nicole; 30
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- second-degree possession of marijuana

Hall, Jason Wade; 42
- FTA- negotiating worthless instrument

Lamb, Johnny Lee; 47
- FTA- driving while license suspended (2 counts)

Shedd, Corey Tyler; 27
- attempting to elude a police officer

Steele, Ronald Dale; 57
- first-degree bail jumping-DUI (alcohol)

Taylor, Ryan Patrick; 32
- assault-domestic violence-harassment-family

Townsend, Timothy Beau; 27
- second-degree possession of marijuana

Willingham, Jason Brian; 45
- FTA- DUI (alcohol)

Willingham, Larry Shane; 46
- sell/distribution of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree possession of marijuana
- FTA- receiving stolen property $500 less than $1,500
- FTA- possession of sawed off rifle/shotgun

June 25

Buxton, Kimberly Ann; 40
- Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)

Cason, Tony Layne; 23
- assault-domestic violence-third degree-harassing communications

Drummond, David Keith; 41
- Judges Orders- possession of dangerous drugs

Hydrick, Emily Taylor; 24
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Keeton, Kandice Lean; 33
- second-degree possession of marijuana
- FTA- second-degree possession of marijuana

Leake, Jamie Nicole; 27
- FTA- leaving the scene of an accident

Mooney, Jamey Ray; 35
- FTA- possession of methamphetamine
- FTA- attempting to elude police officer
- FTA- resisting arrest

Norris, David Franklin; 29
- DUI (other substance)
- traffic-follow too close

Sparkman, Dustin Ray; 44
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Wilson, Robert Douglas; 56
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

June 26

Aldridge, Dena Jeau; 41
- FTA- possession of barbiturate
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Ballenger, Zachary Douglas; 24
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)

Carter, Melissa Cheyanne; 24
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Gray, Paul Duran; 49
- DUI (controlled substance)

Malcom, Rodney; 54
- FTA- criminal trespass
- FTA- violation of domestic violence of protection order

Willingham, Larry Shane; 46
- Motion to Revoke Bond-buying/receiving stolen property (2 counts)

Woods, James Scott; 41
- public intoxication

June 27

Carlisle, Damion Richard; 30
- shooting into occupied building

Cofield, Tristan Dewayne; 23
- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs

Gaither, Tracy Michelle; 45
- FTA- DUI (alcohol)

Jackson, Ethan Lee; 22
- receiving/possessing stolen property

Johnson, Austin Cole; 20
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Medina, Gerardo Lerma; 33
- DUI (alcohol)

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

June 25
- third-degree domestic violence-harassment; person; Lessman Cir. SW
- second-degree theft of property; fourth-degree theft of property; person; 4th St. SW; phone, medication, miscellaneous
- harassment; person; 1st Ave. SE

June 26
- third-degree domestic violence-harassment; person; Woodland St. NW
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $366
- third-degree domestic violence-harassment; person; Morgan Ave. SW
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; 1st Ave. SE; damage to '13 Hyundai Elantra; $1,500

June 27
- leaving scene of accident; third-degree domestic violence-harassment; person; Poplar Dr. SW
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $49

ARRESTS

June 25

Gordon, Erica S.; 31
- FTA- false information to law enforcement

Fields, Ivan J.; 41
- resisting arrest

Nelson, Randy L.; 60
- DUI

Cofield, Caleb C.; 36
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- driving while license revoked
- FTA- improper lane usage

Flanigan, George L; 44
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- driving while license revoked

June 26

Keeton, Kandice L.; 33
- FTA- driving while license suspended
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- open container in vehicle
- FTA- inoperable brake lights

Walker, Kevin O.; 40
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Monzon, Christian; 18
- DUI

Smith, Daniel S.; 26
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property (2 counts)
- FTA- insurance violation

Susskin, Kenya B.; 32
- public intoxication
- public lewdness

Scamuzzi, David; 24
- public intoxication

Wootten III, Gerald E.; 38
- DUI

June 27

McCay, Barry J.; 47
- FTA- no seat belt
- FTA- driving while license revoked

Moss, Andy M.; 62
- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hicks, Timothy L.; 36
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence
- FTA- attempt to elude law enforcement
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- improper turn

Surrett, Jason O.; 36
- FTA- fail to register vehicle
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- driving while license suspended
- FTA- improper tires

Walker, Joey V.; 23
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- fail to register vehicle (2 counts)
- FTA- speeding
- FTA- improper muffler

Harbison, Jamie M.; 43
- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- resisting arrest

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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



COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Monday, June 28 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: 423,680 (+ 515 since Friday)
- Probable cases in Alabama: 126,769 (+ 2 since Friday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama: 9,030 (+ 13 since Friday)
- Probable deaths in Alabama: 2,308
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,802 (+ 11 since Friday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 3,199 (+ 4 since Friday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 139
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 62
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 43,380
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co: 1,565
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 52
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,677,338
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 1,851
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 76,718
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 181
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): no update available

Vaccine details (updated Tues, Thurs)
- Doses Delivered to Alabama: 4,575,925
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 3,151,915
- Doses administered: 3,189,633
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 1,807,015
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 1,489,162
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 1,424,010

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

Texting and WhatsApp resources for locating COVID-19 vaccine

Finding a COVID-19 vaccination location near you is easy and available on multiple platforms. Text your ZIP code to 438829 or call 1-800-232-0233. Another exciting effort is underway to help connect people with vaccine resources and information: the CDC's new Spanish-language vaccine finder on WhatsApp. You can try it by texting the word "hola" as a WhatsApp message to the CDC at 1-833-636-1122.

COVID-19 vaccine incentives

Companies across the United States are offering rewards to their vaccinated customers and employees. These include free rides to and from your vaccine appointments and free child care for parents and caregivers to get vaccinated and recuperate. Visit the COVID-19 vaccine incentives page at www.vaccines.gov/incentives.html to read about these and other incentives offered by companies across the country. ADPH encourages businesses throughout the state to help improve the vaccination rate by being vaccinated yourself and offering incentives to your employees, customers and others in your area to be vaccinated.

Vaccine scheduling assistance for close contacts of someone positively diagnosed with COVID-19

In collaboration with the Alabama Department of Public Health, the School of Public Health at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) is providing assistance to many in our state seeking vaccine appointments or locations. If you are a close contact of someone who was positively diagnosed with COVID-19, you may receive a telephone call from a UAB representative. The caller will be able to provide assistance in finding a vaccination location nearby.

Delta variant B.1.617.2

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has designated the Delta variant, which is also known as B.1.617.2, as a variant of concern. This means the CDC officially recognizes that the variant may carry a risk of more severe illness and transmissibility. The Delta variant, which first emerged in India, now accounts for about 20% 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 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.

National Month of Action continues through July 4

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 4. President Biden announced the National Month of Action initiative which encourages national organizations, local government leaders, community-based and faith-based partners, businesses, employers, social media influencers, celebrities, athletes, colleges, young people and thousands of volunteers across the nation to work together to get their communities vaccinated. Decreasing numbers of Alabama residents are being vaccinated even though vaccines are available, so promotions and actions are needed now to defeat COVID-19. Visit www.alcovidvaccine.govto find a place to get vaccinated nearby.

Podcast (from Front)

how important they were to our family. We want to try and pass this gift forward to pour into other people, especially married couples, the way we were ministered to by our mentors."

Yearwood concluded, "Marriage, raising kids and working is hard! If we can be an encouragement for others to love, honor and cherish their spouses and ultimately God, that is what we want to do."

For podcasts or Amanda Yearwood's blog, visit https://sites.google.com/view/mission-lhc or https://www.facebook.com/MissionLHC/.

Tipper (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Animal Shelter's Donna Ruttkay shares the Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week:

Tipper is a 1.5-year-old Great Pyrenees mix. She's a lively-but-not-hyper, medium-energy pet who is mastering her leash and likes to stay close to her people. On warm summer afternoons, she loves a cool dip in the kiddie pool.

Tipper has the makings of a good therapy or companion dog.

Tipper's adoption fee is $100 which includes DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet, spaying, microchip, free 30-day health insurance policy issued by 24PetWatch (with valid email only) and a free bag of food from Cullman Pet Depot (you must pay sales tax).

Animal shelter staff and volunteers work with their dogs to make sure they are accustomed to being around people, walking on a leash and practicing good behavior. Several of the shelter's canine friends have even been "hired" to work as therapy and special needs service dogs.

Please consider adopting to give a rescued pet a chance at a happy and healthy life.

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or visit them at 935 Convent Road NE. Reach them by email at cullmancountyanimalshelter@gmail.com.



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LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

ERIN CARVER,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: DR-2021-000160.00

MARCUS CARVER,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Marcus Carver, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Erin Carver's Complaint for Divorce by August 23, 2021 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2021-000160.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 22nd day of June, 2021.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

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

Free Community Dinner at Center Hill Baptist Church
• 5-6 p.m.- The first Wednesday of every month we will be offering a Free Community Dinner. Church members, community members, neighbors and friends are welcome. This will be takeout only. Please message or comment with how many plates you will need to help us prepare enough food for everyone. RSVP at http://bit.ly/centerhill.
• 13108 County Road 747, Hanceville, AL 35077

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

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

Guy Hunt Library Summer Children's Programs
• 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. $40.00 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
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.

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.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church "Beer, Bands & Bingo"
July 3 - St. Paul's 3rd Annual Beer, Bands & Bingo will take place Saturday, July 3 beginning at 4 p.m. and featuring live music, games and prizes, food trucks, Goat Island Brewery beer and a lot of fun! All proceeds go directly to benefit St. Paul's Lutheran School.

Let's go to Italy!
July 10 - Join us 2 p.m. Saturday, July 10 to learn about Red Door Travel's Spring Break's Italian Adventure March 25 - April 3, 2022. There is no cost or obligation to attend. We will enjoy some Italian snacks, stroll through Italy for a time, talk about what you can expect, and answer any questions you might have. This affordable, small group trip includes round-trip airfare from Birmingham, hotel, most meals and guided tours in Florence, Venice, Cinque Terra, Tuscany and an optional Rome extension. If you plan to attend, please contact us at Bill@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.

Davenport Reunion
July 11 - The Davenport reunion will be held Sunday, July 11, at the Moody Center in Hanceville. All relatives come and bring a covered dish. Meal will be served at noon.

Wallace State Diesel by Distance Open House
July-Aug. - Wallace State's Diesel by Distance program will host a series of open house events to learn more about the program, experience virtual reality lessons and more. Open house will be held from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. in the Diesel Technology building on the Hanceville campus on the following dates: July 1, July 8, July 29, Aug. 5, Aug. 12 and Aug. 19. For more information, contact Anna Parrish Beard at 256-352-8356 or anna.parrish@wallacestate.edu or visit www.wallacestate.edu/dieselbydistance.

Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame
Aug. 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

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PREP BASKETBALL

West Point downs Cold Springs 29-25 at Falkville

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FALKVILLE, Ala. – The Cold Springs Lady Eagles and West Point Warriors traveled to Falkville Friday to play in their final two play-day games of the summer. West Point took both games over Thompson 42-26 and Cold Springs 29-25 while the Lady Eagles dropped their games to the Lady Warriors and to Thompson 27-21.

West Point 42 - Thompson 26 (Varsity Girls)
West Point couldn't have asked for a better start to the game as Summer Mendoza's three-point play, followed by a Braelee Quinn made basket, gave them a quick 5-0 lead. Then five straight points by Ryleigh Jones pushed the Lady Warrior lead to 10-0 and Hallie Wheeler drilled a three to make it 13-0 with 13:18 remaining in the first half.

Thompson scored seven in a row to cut the West Point lead to 13-7, then later on, they cut it to 17-13 after a layup. After a Thompson three made it 19-16, West Point scored the final six points of the first half, including baskets by Wheeler and Jaylen Faulkner, as they pushed their lead up to nine at 25-16 at the half.

A Laklin Shadix made basket, followed by a Quinn trey, increase West Point's lead to 30-16. Quinn later followed that up with back-to-back baskets down low to make it a 36-21 score and West Point would go on to take their first game of the day, 42-26.

Jones finished with 11 points for West Point. Mendoza and Quinn each added nine points. Wheeler ended up with five points. Jaylen Faulkner added four points and Laklin Shadix chipped in with two points.

West Point 29 - Cold Springs 25 (Varsity Girls)
Mendoza scored on a layup to put West Point on the scoreboard first, but Cold Springs' Kennedy Graves nailed a three to give them a 3-2 lead. A three-point play by Malaya Taylor gave the Lady Eagles a 6-4 lead, then a Ciara Calvert trey made it a 9-6 score. After a Mendoza free throw cut the the Lady Warrior deficit to one, Ella Bruer drilled three straight treys to push Cold Springs' lead to 18-10 with 6:59 remaining in the first half.

The Warriors started to cut into the Lady Eagle lead as Mendoza and Laklin Shadix each hit a free throw and Quinn hit one from deep to make it a one-point game with 3:08 remaining in the half.

A Taylor three-point play increased Cold Springs' lead to 21-17 and a Bruer free throw gave the Lady Eagles a 23-19 lead at the half.

Neither team scored for almost four minutes in the second half until Wheeler drilled a trey with 16:20 remaining in the contest to make it a one-point game again and Jones added a basket down low to give West Point a 24-23 lead. Quinn then drilled a three to increase the Lady Warrior lead to 27-25, then it quickly turned into a defensive affair as neither team gave up a basket for almost 13 minutes until a Jones layup just before the buzzer put the final score at 29-25.



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West Point's Summer Mendoza finished with nine points in the Lady Warriors' 42-26 win over Thompson.

Quinn and Mendoza each finished with 10 points for West Point. Jones added four points. Wheeler ended up with three and Laklin Shadix chipped in with two. For Cold Springs, Bruer led the way with 11 points. Taylor added eight points, while Calvert and Graves each ended up with three.

Thompson 27 - Cold Springs 21 (Varsity Girls)
Thompson jumped out to a quick 9-2 lead, but a Dickerson floater, followed by a Graves trey, quickly made it a two-point game with with 11:20 remaining in the first half. Five straight points by the Lady Warriors pushed Cold Springs' deficit back up to seven. Mia Light hit a free throw and Taylor added a basket down low to make it a 14-11 game and the Lady Eagles went into the half down, 16-11.

A Thompson trey made it 19-11, but a Bruer free throw, later followed by five straight points from Taylor, cut the deficit to 21-18.

A Thompson layup pushed their lead up to five with 11:10 remaining in the contest, but neither team scored for over eight minutes until a Lady Warrior free throw increased their lead to 25-18. Another Taylor three-point play made it a four-point game with 2:38 remaining, but they didn't get any closer after that as they ended up falling just short at the end, 27-21.

Taylor finished with 12 points for Cold Springs. Graves added three points, while Bruer, Dickerson, and Light each chipped in with two points.

Troy's Logan Cerny selected to participate in inaugural MLB Draft Combine

Adam Prendergast
Troy Athletics

TROY, Ala. – Troy center fielder Logan Cerny was selected to participate in the inaugural MLB Draft Combine that is currently underway in Cary, North Carolina, and will continue through the end of the weekend. Cerny is one of just 167 players selected to participate in the combine and one of just 76 collegiate players.

Cerny earned All-Sun Belt and All-District First Team honors this past season after he batted at a .332 clip with 17 doubles, four triples, 15 home runs and 47 RBIs. The Lawrenceville, Georgia, native finished the year with a 1.118 OPS and led the Sun Belt Conference in slugging percentage, doubles and triples while ranking second in home runs and total bases.

His offensive attack was well-balanced as he ranked seventh in batting average, fourth in on-base percentage (.424), fourth in runs scored (49), eighth in hits (64), fourth in RBIs and 11th in stolen bases (11).

Cerny's three Sun Belt Player of the Week honors were more than any other player in the league. He was named a Collegiate Baseball National Player of the Week in week one after he hit three home runs and two doubles in the Saturday contest against Youngstown State on Opening Weekend. He finished with seven RBIs and 16 total bases in the outing, which tied a school single-game record set in 1990.

About the MLB Draft Combine
MLB Network will cover the MLB Draft Combine throughout the week of June 21, including five consecutive hours of exclusive coverage live from Cary, North Carolina on Friday, June 25 beginning at noon. MLB Network's Greg Amsinger, Dan Plesac, Harold Reynolds, Bill Ripken and Dan O'Dowd, as well as MLB.com's Jim Callis and Sarah Langs, will provide analysis and breakdowns throughout the afternoon on June 25 as the players undergo their pro-style showcase workout. Interviews with players and Club personnel will be featured as part of the coverage.

Participants at the MLB Draft Combine will have opportunities to be featured on MLB social media channels, in addition to receiving personal branding training and access to real-time content and custom video for their own platforms.

In addition to the Draft prospects, others scheduled to attend include five-time All-Star and 1995 World Series Champion Fred McGriff; two-time All-Star and 2003 World Series Champion Brad Penny; former All-Stars Billy Butler, Royce Clayton and Rickie Weeks; 1986 World Series Champion Roger McDowell; 2013 World Series Champion Jarrod Saltalamacchia; two-time World Series Champion and MLB's Senior Director of On-Field Operations Gregor Blanco; former Major Leaguers Michael Barrett, Erik Kratz, Ray Searage and Rajai Davis, who is also MLB's Senior Director of On-Field Operations; former Major League managers Jeff Banister and Bo Porter, who serves as a consultant on coaching development for MLB; longtime baseball executive Omar Minaya; former All-Star and MLB's Senior Vice President of On-Field Operations Raul Ibañez; and MLB's Senior Vice President of On-Field Operations Michael Hill.

The Combine will provide an opportunity for players to participate in a series of medical and performance assessments as well as educational programming designed to prepare them for a career in professional baseball.

On Thursday and Friday, all players will have the opportunity to participate in a pro-style showcase workout, as well as strength and conditioning and PDP performance assessments. Additionally, as part of the Combine experience, the high school players will participate in a unique showcase tournament.

The 2021 MLB Draft is planned for July 11-13 during All-Star Week in Colorado, and for the first time since the inception of the Draft in 1965, the event is scheduled outside the month of June. The Draft will feature 20 rounds across the three days, beginning with the opening night of the Draft on Sunday, July 11, at the Bellco Theatre in Denver.



TROY ATHLETICS

Troy center fielder Logan Cerny has been selected to participate in the inaugural MLB Draft Combine in Cary, North Carolina.

Former Lion Conner Godsey earns PGA win

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QUITO, Ecuador – After firing a final-round-low, 7-under 65 to charge into a tie for first with 54-hole leader Drew Nesbitt, former University of North Alabama All-American Conner Godsey made a playoff birdie on No. 18 to come from behind and win the Banco del Pacífico Open Sunday in the capital city. The Jacksonville, Florida, resident and Alabama native had entered the day trailing by six, in a tie for ninth.

Playing three groups ahead of Nesbitt, who saw a four-shot evaporate by the end of the front nine, Godsey locked the clubhouse lead at 17-under 271, leaving a birdie putt an inch short at the last. His lead at the time was at two shots, but Nesbitt closed birdie-birdie, making a 15-footer at the 72nd hole to give himself another chance in overtime.

The playoff took the duo back to the tee at the 414-yard par-4 18th, where Godsey hit 4-iron, as he did all week. Nesbitt hit driver. The Canadian knocked his approach short into a greenside bunker and then failed to hole out on his birdie try.

"I was in the right rough, had 185 yards and with the adrenaline I went for a pitching wedge full and flagged it right at it," said Godsey, who hit his approach shot within 10 feet and made the birdie putt for the win.

The victory was his first in a season of close calls on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica, where he had tied for third, tied for sixth, finished solo third and solo 15th in his last four starts.

"I have been playing well all year. I just kept knocking on the door, feeling like it was eventually going to open and that's what I did this weekend, I got it done," said the 29-year old.

With the win at Quito Tennis & Golf Club, a perfectly manicured par-72 at almost 10,000 feet above sea level, Godsey moved into the second spot on the PGA TOUR Latinoamérica Points List, only 167 points behind Tour No. 1 Brandon Matthews with only one tournament left to play this season.

"I'm going to try to keep it going in Mexico and see how high we can get," said Godsey, still unsure of where the win actually took him in the race to move up to the Korn Ferry Tour.

Jacob Bergeron was at 17-under with three holes to play but recorded a double bogey on 16 and finished par-par to miss his chance of making it into the playoff. At 15-under for the week, he went on tie for third with Brazil's Alexandre Rocha, who also shot 68 on the final day. Two shots further back, Matthews, Tano Goya and Joseph Winslow tied for fifth.

Did you know Conner Godsey has pretty much locked up his return to the Korn Ferry Tour? He has made 27 career starts at the next level, including 23 during the 2018 season, when he made the cut in 15 starts and finished the season ranked 102nd on the Points List.

Key Information
There's only one tournament left to play in the extended 2020-21 PGA TOUR Latinoamérica season. The closing event will be the Bupa Championship presented by Volvo, at PGA Riviera Maya in Tulum, Mexico, July 22-25.

Born on March 24, 1992, Conner Godsey won the Banco del Pacifico Open at age 29 years, 3 months, 3 days.

This was Conner Godsey's first victory in 15 career PGA TOUR Latinoamérica starts. His best performances prior to Sunday were a couple of third-place finishes, at the 2020 Puerto Plata Open last December in the Dominican Republic, and at The Club at Weston Hills Open, two weeks ago in Weston, Florida.

Conner Godsey collected 500 points as a tournament winner to increase his season's point total to 1,003 and rise to No. 2 on the Points List. He trails No. 1 Brandon Matthews by 167 points with one tournament left to play this season.

Quotable
"It feels incredible. Winning anywhere is hard, winning here is hard and winning on this course is hard too. I played some great golf, and it feels incredible to be the champion."—Conner Godsey

Cullman (from Front)

restaurant license

Airport improvements
The council passed two resolutions concerning Cullman Regional Airport. The first awarded the bid for the airport runway reconstruction project to Wiregrass Construction Co., Inc., in the amount of $4,012,534.56. The only other bidder as Good Hope Contracting Co., Inc. with a bid of $7,247,586.75.

While no safety issues were identified with the runway concerning its current aircraft loads, Harrison said in 2019 that it has "currently a few weak spots."

The planned improvement will alleviate those issues and allow the runway to handle heavier aircraft than it does at this time.

One of the main goals of the overall project, from its inception, has been to enable all of the paved surfaces of the airport to support the weight of larger and heavier aircraft, to help make the Cullman area more accessible and attractive to existing and potential future industries.

The other resolution condemns avigation (aviation navigation) easements along the southern end of the runway for flight safety.

The city will not take property as a result of the condemnations, but the resolution grants the city authority to cut trees on the affected properties in order to bring the airport in line with current Federal Aviation Administration regulations for safe takeoffs and landings.

Main Avenue repaving contract awarded
The council awarded a bid to resurface and stripe West Main Avenue Southwest to Good Hope Contracting Co., Inc in the amount of $2,259,483.61. Wiregrass Construction Co., Inc., which won the airport contract, submitted a bid of $2,404,083.27. Good Hope Contracting will repave the road from U.S. Highway 278 all the way to State Road 69/Cherokee Avenue.

According to Mayor Woody Jacobs, the city will pay approximately $200,000, with an Alabama Department of Transportation grant providing the majority of funds.

Rock the South and other special events
The council approved a resolution authorizing the city to provide police and fire services, as well as a water tank truck for Rock the South in August, to help keep down dust at the event venue and preserve air quality for guests. Called a "772 agreement," the resolution referenced Alabama Constitution amendment 772, which allows a municipality to "Lend its credit to or grant public funds and things of value in aid of or to any individual, firm, corporation, or other business entity, public or private, for the purpose of promoting the economic and industrial development of the county or the municipality."

City legal counsel Luke Satterfield read excerpts from an announcement that was published in local media, describing "a resolution approving the First Responder services of Police, Fire, and City Water Truck for the event of Rock the South occurring Aug. 13 and 14, 2021, located at 1872 County Road 469, Cullman, AL 35057. The public benefits sought to be achieved by the proposed authorization, execution and delivery of the Resolution are (i) to provide a police and fire presence in order to deter crime and assist with emergencies; (ii) to aid in event safety through periodic assessment and enforcement of State and local laws/rules/ordinances during Rock the South; (iii) to combat issues with dust along roads and paths inside the event location to provide for high visibility; and reduce respiratory and health issues (iv) to maintain proper paths for ingress/egress access within the event location for emergency purposes and monitoring crowd behavior to ensure proper access to attendees during any emergency situations which may arise; and (v) to provide the equipment, all of which inure to the health, safety and public welfare of the City its citizens and quests and constitute public and economic benefits to the City and its citizens. For purposes of Amendment No. 772, the City proposes to lend things of value for the benefit of the Rock the South which will be paid for by public funds, being police, firemen, equipment, and water tank truck."

According to the resolution, Rock the South will make a capital investment of $3,000,000 in the event, leading to "the creation of approximately a minimum of nine full time and 85 temporary jobs and the generation of approximately half a million dollars in sales tax revenue plus lodging taxes to the City, in addition to new sales tax revenue dedicated for educational purposes of for capital improvements for education, new business license revenue, new sales, use tax revenue from materials, increased ad valorem tax revenue to the City and promote Cullman both locally and nationally."

The council approved multiple community special event requests:
- from Amanda Knappenberger for a neighborhood block party in the 700 block of 8th Street Southeast between 7th Avenue Southeast and 8th Avenue Southeast on July 4
- from Heather Gudger of Southern Accents for an annual neighborhood block party in the alley behind Southern Accents located at 308 2nd Ave. SE on Saturday, July 10
- from Cody Miller of Desperation Church for a Volunteer Team Night Celebration at Depot Park on Sunday, July 25
- from Summer Burden of Restoring Women Outreach for an addiction recovery resources event at Depot Park on Sept. 25
- from Judith Caples of Cullman Downtown Merchants Association for a Halloween Block Party on 1st Avenue Southeast on Oct. 30

The council also approved the purchase of a piece of property adjacent to Heritage Park, which will be used for public parking.

The Cullman City Council meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month in the City Hall auditorium. The public is invited to attend.













– VETERAN MEMORIAL –

Michael Douglas Cruitt

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Michael Douglas Cruitt was born June 23, 1947, and he lived in Cullman with his parents Paul Douglas and Annie Catherine (Brown) Cruitt and one brother. Cruitt joined the United States Marine Corp and served in the Vietnam War with K Company, 3rd Marine Division, 3rd Battalion 26th Marines. He was a machine-gunner.

He served in the Marines for one year with his tour in Vietnam beginning Sept. 15, 1967.

Records from 326marinesinvietnem.com detail the activities of Jan. 21, 1968, the day Cruitt was killed in action during Operation Scotland in the Quang Tri Province, South Vietnam:

"Kilo Company received heavy mortar RPG and small-arms fire, 30 minutes later approximately 300 NVA assaulted the hill. The wire was initially breached by sappers armed with Bangalore torpedoes and satchel charges. Commenced an attack on 'Kilo' 3/26 on Hill 861. The strength of the enemy was between 200 and 300.

"The enemy used RPGs, automatic weapons, 82mm mortars, Bangalore torpedoes and satchel charges. The enemy was attacking from XD798442, XD800446, XD798447, XD801443 and XD805445. 'Kilo' 3/26 returned fire with all available weapons.

"Assault troops made a small penetration of the lines before the attack was repelled.

"Results were 4 USMC KIA, 11 USMC WIA, 45 NVA KIA C and 1 NVA POW."

Cruitt received the Purple Heart and is memorialized at the National Vietnam Memorial in Washington D.C. on Panel 35E, Line 4.

He is buried at Enon Baptist Church Cemetery in Monroe County, Alabama. He is also memorialized at Cullman's Veterans Memorial Park.



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Michael Douglas Cruitt »

OUTDOORS

Federal, state programs guarantee boating access

Lanier Clegg
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Hank Weldon is a native Alabamian and a traveling man. As a director of student and junior tournaments for Bass Anglers Sportsman Society, he's seen a lot of fishing spots.

Few, he said, can rival those found in his home state.

"If you want to go fish deep clear water, you can do it," said Weldon, who works for a nonprofit organization that promotes angling for America's most popular freshwater game fish. "If you want to go fish shallow muddy water, you can do it. It's all within the state and it's all good fishing, no matter where you go."

Part of Alabama's appeal as an angling hot spot can be traced to a federal funding program overseen by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The program, the Sport Fish Restoration Program, is authorized by the Sport Fish Restoration Act. The money is generated from taxes charged on fishing tackle and boat fuel. The funds pay for fisheries projects, building boat ramps, docks and other related needs on public waterways.

The program apportions money to states in a formula that pays 75% of the costs for approved projects. In Alabama, that means the state received $6.5 million from the program this year.

From that sum, 15% – almost $1 million – was set aside specifically for public boating access facilities. From that, 60% will pay for new construction and the remaining amount will fund operations and maintain established access sites.

In real numbers, that means Alabama maintains 114 freshwater access areas across the state. Each is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and have free access.

The state access program, created in 1957, has been a template that creates access to waterways while meeting the demands of the boating public – people like Weldon.

"You can be riding in a pontoon boat on a Sunday morning or canoeing down the Coosa River," he said, "It can be so peaceful and tranquil and can get you away from the business of life."

Or you can bring business to your boat. Paul Smith, 55, is a seasoned boater, having first stepped on a deck when he was 2. His boat, a 1979 43-foot Viking, is also his office.

During the pandemic, Smith has moved his office to his boat while his wife has set up shop in their house. Both now have plenty of room to telework.

"I can sit in here and work in the boat and step outside and take a 10- to 15-minute break and catch at least one crappie," Smith said, "It's relaxing."

Another bonus: watching birds. Just this year, he's enjoyed seeing bald and golden eagles and a passing flock of common loons.

Kay Donaldson shares Smith's appreciation for floating transportation. Another resident of Alabama, she treasures the time she spends on her pontoon boat. She calls it "rejuvenating."

"A day on the pontoon boat with no cellphone, the wind in your hair and just enjoying watching everybody else... it's so good for my soul," said Donaldson, 48. "You're away from your cellphone, you're away from the TV, you're away from all the things that sometimes clutter our minds and our bodies."

She also appreciates how boating facilities improve the quality of boating.

"People don't understand how important a boat dock is," she said. For example, a dock is perfect for securing a boat after it has slid off its trailer into the water. A lone boater needs a place to keep the boat until he or she can move the trailer and truck. For that boat owner, no dock means no boating.



LANIER CLEGG/U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

An early foggy morning at Alabama's Smith Lake Park. This park, as well as others across the state, relies on a mix of state and federal Sport Fish Restoration Program funds to build and maintain boating facilities. Photo courtesy of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

"Freshwater access is imperative," said Donaldson. "Being able to get access to the water in many different places where you're not just putting in and having to travel 60-something miles on water is significant."

The state provides services to residents as well as visitors, Donaldson adds.

"They try their very best to provide the best facilities for Alabamians and visitors," she said. "From the people who enforce the laws out on the water to the people who develop the facilities, I really think that we have the best people in place."

Chuck Wills, 65, began his love of boating as a teenager enjoying the water with friends on their crafts. Eager to have his own, he worked hard and saved his money. Two years after graduating, Wills purchased his first boat, a runabout.

A resident of Alabama, Wills depended heavily on the Boating Access Program's sites as a younger boater. "For the average boater, you can't take advantage if you don't have easy access to water," he said. "It's critical that you have nice launch ramps."

Wills is now a member of a yacht club where he docks is 19-foot runabout and 40-foot Sea Ray motor yacht, but keeps tabs on his old boat launch. The Boating Access Program recently upgraded the ramp with more parking and a wider launch area. Wills is excited to see these improvements –a benefit for more boaters.

Retirement has allowed Wills more time to spend on the water. At least once a week, he and his wife take a cruise. They also like to anchor out and enjoy a night on the water.

Soon, Wills and his wife, along with 10 other boats, are joining together to travel up the Tennessee River to visit Chattanooga. They're eager to get going. Life, they know, is as much about the trip as the destination.

"It's a great way to take in the sunset with friends," Wills said. "It's always something magical to be out there on the water, taking in the scenery."

HEALTH

Extension receives grants to support COVID-19 vaccines

Wendi Williams
Contributor

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System, representing Alabama A&M and Auburn universities, received grant funding to provide much needed education about COVID-19 vaccines to Alabama residents. The grant money will also go toward hosting vaccination clinics to increase the number of vaccinations given in the state.

About EXCITE

Earlier this year, the Extension Foundation, along with the Association of Public and Land-grant Colleges and Universities' Extension Committee on Organization and Policy, were invited to engage in an immunization education initiative after the signing of an Interagency Agreement between the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

This initiative is called the Extension Collaborative on Immunization Teaching & Engagement (EXCITE). It supports efforts of the national Cooperative Extension System to address and reduce vaccine hesitancy, especially in underserved communities.

The EXCITE program is designed to support all land-grant universities in delivery of the CDC Vaccinate with Confidence communication campaign in Activity 1. The program also involves the development of an adult immunization education pilot in Activity 2.

Grant awards

Both Alabama A&M and Auburn universities each received a minimum award of $24,000 for Activity 1. A joint proposal for Activity 2, submitted by Alabama A&M University, Auburn University and the Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy, was awarded $200,000. Collectively, Extension staff from both institutions will work with local partners, including healthcare providers and faith-based organizations, to make the vaccines for COVID-19 and other viruses more accessible to hard-to-reach communities across Alabama.

Alabama Extension Health and Nutrition Specialist Tamara Warren will provide project leadership at Alabama A&M University. Matt Ulmer, state specialist for community resource development, will provide project leadership at Auburn University.

"Alabama Extension at Alabama A&M University greatly appreciates the USDA, the Extension Foundation and the CDC for providing another opportunity to work with partners statewide and to increase Alabama's vaccination rate," Warren said.

"Alabama Extension promotes health and wellness. Getting fully vaccinated will help our state to get back on the path to wellness and to enjoy the rewards of safely gathering at work and with family, friends and new acquaintances."

Ulmer added to Warren's comments.

"Alabama Extension is grateful to the Extension Foundation, USDA, CDC, the Auburn University School of Pharmacy and to our state and local partners to committing to this most important work," Ulmer said. "Providing COVID-19 vaccine education and increasing vaccine acceptance will help Alabama make great strides toward our collective goal of returning to our normal way of life."

More information

Contact Warren at 256-372-4981 or Ulmer at 334-740-2644 for more information about the EXCITE initiative. Visit the Alabama Extension website at https://www.aces.edu/ for additional health information.

Ducks (from Front)

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A few years ago, I was employed in an area which harbored a substantial feral cat colony, 20 or so, with kittens. I was disgusted after showing up to work one day, only to discover they had been poisoned and suffered a brutal death.

It was a situation that caused many shop owners and customers much distress. Both collecting dead cats from the property and the odor that ensued will forever be etched in my memory and senses.

The recent removal and extermination of the Canadian geese from Sportsman Lake Park revived my revulsion of en masse extermination of certain animals in our community. I understand the pros and cons of these situations; however, I am dismayed at the callousness of the methods of removal.

The food dispensary on the dock specifically notes it is for ducks, geese and fish. Visitors to our beloved Sportsman Lake are unwittingly baiting certain waterfowl for extermination.

Continuing to encourage feeding will only exacerbate the problem of overpopulation and attraction of certain species. I call on our Cullman County Commission and Cullman County Park and Recreation board to immediately remove and BAN all purchasing and dispensing of food for any wildlife, fish or fowl from this park.

A handful of food may not seem like much of problem, but in light of recent events, it is apparent that the opposite is true.



JANET CHANDLER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Obituary Announcements: June 28

William Earl Hale, 65, of Cullman
Mr. William Earl Hale, 65, of Cullman, passed away Saturday, June 26, at Walker Baptist Medical Center in Jasper, Alabama.

Cullman Funeral Home is honored to handle the arrangements. Mr. Hale was born June 16, 1956, to Fred and Doris Johnston Hale. Friends may sign the guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com

Kathleen Gregory, 97, of Holly Pond
Kathleen Gregory, age 97, of Holly Pond, Alabama passed away Friday, June 25. Kathleen was born Dec. 9, 1923, to David and Clara Pierce Lawrence. Kathleen is survived by her daughters: Diana Lee, Sherry Munger (David), Melinda Spiewak (Bobby) and Jessica Guthrie; sons: Troy Lawrence, Michael Edward Gregory (Wanda), Markus Gregory (Cindy) and Ronnie Lee Gregory, Jr (Meg); 11 grandchildren; a host of great-grandchildren and several great-great grandchildren. Kathleen was preceded in death by her parents; six sisters and three brothers. A visitation for Kathleen Gregory will be held Tuesday, June 29, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home, with a celebration of life funeral service to follow the visitation. Bro. Stephen Payne will officiate the service and interment will be at Etha Cemetery. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Gregory family.

Herbert Glover, 85, of Vinemont
Herbert Glover, age 85, of Vinemont, Alabama passed away Sunday, June 27. Herbert was born Oct. 12, 1935, to Hershel and Dellie Chronister Glover. Herbert is survived by son: Gary Glover (Carolyn); sisters: Wanda Leipert, Glenda Winfrey (Roger), Linda Hancock and Bonnie Jarrett (Dean); sister-in-law: Brenda Glover; brothers: Franklin Glover, Bill Glover (Dorothy) and Ricky Glover (Edith); brother-in-law: Leborn Cox; granddaughters: Brandy Moore (Christopher) and Heather Ashley (Ryne) and great-grandchildren: Preston Wylie, Lilianna Moore, Cora-Lee Ashley and Major Ashley. Herbert was preceded in death by his loving wife of 56 years: Marie Glover; parents; sister: Juanita Cox and brother: Jack Glover. A visitation for Herbert will be held Wednesday, June 30, from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m at Moss Service Funeral Home with a celebration of life funeral service to follow visitation. Interment will be at Bethsadia Baptist Cemetery. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Glover family.

Randell Mann, 64, of Bear Creek
Randell Mann, 64, of Bear Creek entered into rest Saturday, June 26, at his residence.Mr. Mann was born Dec. 24, 1956, in Haleyville, Alabama. Visitation will be Wednesday, June 30, from noon – 2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where the service will begin at 2 p.m. Brother Royce Brimer will officiate and the burial will follow in Mountain Home Cemetery in Bear Creek. Randell is survived by his wife: Sandra Criddle Mann; father: Horace Mann; mother: Cindy Henson; sisters: Sandra Mann Webster, Debbie Chambers and Faye Hyde; brothers: Terry Mann, Ray Mann and Shannon Mann and a host of other family and friends.

Myrtis Iona Godsey, 89, of Haleyville
Myrtis Iona Godsey, age 89, of Haleyville, passed away Saturday, June 26, at Lakeland Community Hospital. Mrs. Godsey was born Nov. 11, 1931, in Haleyville, Alabama. Myrtis loved to go to church. She also loved to draw and loved music. A private service will be held. Flowers may be sent to Nichols Funeral Home. Myrtis is survived by her daughter: Debra (Jerry) Adair; granddaughter: Tina (Timmy) Dishman and sisters: Ruby Bryan and Frances Lee Chapman. She was preceded in death by her parents: Jahue and Cordelia Crumpton; husband: Austin Godsey; grandson: Keith Adair and seven siblings.

Ryan Alan Ferguson, 42, of Baileyton
Memorial Services for Ryan Alan Ferguson, 42, of Baileyton, Alabama are being planned and will be announced later. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Ferguson family. Mr. Ferguson was born Sept. 17, 1978, to Robert Brown and Terri Lynn Plant Ferguson. He passed from this life June 25 at Huntsville Hospital. He was preceded in death by his father: Robert Brown; grandparents: Donald and Anna Sergent, Dorothy and Don Barr; Arthur Alex Plant; great-grandfather: Clayton Leroy Brown; uncle: Roger Harper; aunt: Tammy Sergent and cousin: Lee Harper. Mr. Ferguson is survived by his parents: Terri Lynn and Bryan Elsworth Ferguson; daughter: Maria Martin; brothers: Bryce (Dana) Ferguson, Brad Ferguson and Bryant Ferguson; sister: Jessica (Robert) Sayre; grandchildren: Kylee Sayre, Erin Sayre, Robert Sayre, Paige Ferguson, Zachery Ferguson, Bryan Bassett, Makayla Ferguson and Nicoli Ferguson; great-granddaughter: Natilie Ferguson and a host of family and friends. Friends may sign the online guest book at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

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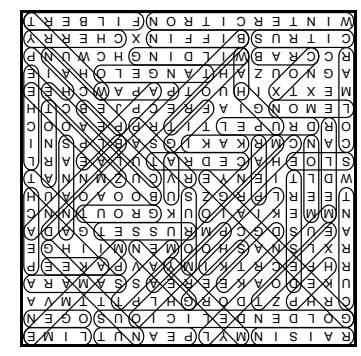
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HOME AND GARDEN

Helpful tips about the uses of rain gardens

Alabama Cooperative Extension

What is a rain garden?
Rain gardens are part of stormwater management systems that are both beautiful and functional. Rain gardens are shallow, vegetated landscape depressions that slow water for a short time to provide stormwater infiltration, pollutant filtration, native plant habitat and effective stormwater treatment for small-scale residential or commercial drainage areas.

Rain gardens come in various shapes and sizes and can be an attractive landscape feature if managed appropriately.

They are considered part of green infrastructure and low-impact development (LID) initiatives in urban areas.

If multiple rain gardens are spread out across a city, they can play a larger role in preventing polluted water runoff from entering rivers and streams.

Why build a rain garden?
When it rains, do you ever think about where that rainwater goes? Forested and urban environments respond differently to rainstorms.

As our cities and neighborhoods increase development, more impervious surfaces (concrete, asphalt, rooftops) are covering what once was vegetated ground.

Impervious surfaces and compacted soils prevent stormwater infiltration and cause runoff of pollutants such as oil, grease, metals and fertilizers from our landscapes.

These pollutants often run into storm drains, which then run directly into local rivers and streams.

The result? Too much water flowing in a short amount of time, carrying pollutants that negatively affect the health of our streams, lakes and estuaries.

Reducing runoff helps to restore a more stable, functional hydrologic cycle.

Rain gardens provide the following benefits:
- Manage stormwater at its source
- Promote infiltration
- Decrease velocity of water flowing from impervious surfaces
- Reduce nutrients, heavy metals, sediment and pathogens before water enters a storm drain
- Are cost effective (average $2 to $5 per square foot)

How much water does a storm deliver?
Have you ever wondered how much water falls onto your yard during a rainstorm? In Alabama, we receive an average of 56 inches per year.

This means that an acre of land in Alabama will receive an average of 1,520,624 gallons of rain in a single year! That's enough water to fill 380 tanker trucks and more than 50 swimming pools.

These high volumes of water delivered through storm drains into a local waterway can cause flashy flows or extremely high flows during a rainstorm followed by low flows after the rain. This increases erosion, which supplies sediment to stream flows.

Rain gardens help us restore the natural water cycle in developed areas by encouraging stormwater infiltration. This helps improve stormwater quality and promotes healthy streams in both small towns and large cities.

Design components of a rain garden

Slope: The slope pitches downward into the rain garden and connects the buffer to the rain garden. A gentle slope (3:1 or flatter) is recommended to prevent erosion.

Inlet: The inlet is the area where runoff flows into the rain garden. There may be a single inlet or multiple inlets. Inlets may use a downspout, gutter extension, concrete block spillway, swale or an area of sloped lawn to catch runoff from an impervious surface.

Mulch: A 3-inch layer of mulch is needed in the rain garden and on buffer areas that are not covered with turfgrass. Mulch suppresses weeds and provides a suitable surface for evaporation.

Buffer: The buffer is the outermost edge of the rain garden. The purpose of the buffer is to slow runoff entering the rain garden and trap sediment.

Stormwater storage: Empty space above base that holds stormwater for a certain amount of time. This depth will depend on the chosen ponding depth for the design.

Base: The base of the rain garden is the shallow, flat depression to the top of the mulch and should be as level as possible to prevent areas of excess ponding. A sloped base can lead to erosion throughout the rain garden.

Berm: A berm is a constructed mound of earth that acts as a barrier to hold stormwater within the rain garden. The berm provides sheet flow of overflow rainstorms from the rain garden into the surrounding landscape. Berms are sodded or mulched.

Weir: The weir is a notch or low point on the berm where any precipitation over the ponding depth leaves the rain garden. Most rainstorms will infiltrate into the native soil of the rain garden within 24 hours. However, large rainstorms will result in overflow.

Steps to help you get started
Rain gardens are relatively easy features to install in your landscape, but it is well worth considering all the steps and factors involved before beginning your own project.

Before starting, be sure you cover all your bases:
- Consider regulations, permits and design modifications. Some cities and counties have specific regulations regarding disconnecting downspouts, routing or piping water off-site and securing setbacks to structures, steep slopes and property lines. They may also require a permit. Always check with your city's building or planning department if you live within city limits; otherwise, check with your county government.

- Can you dig safely? Make sure you are not going to compromise any of your utilities by digging your rain garden. Alabama law requires that everyone, including homeowners, contact Alabama 811 at least 2 working days before the start of any excavation project (no matter how large or how small). If you are unsure whether you need to notify Alabama 811 before starting your job, it is always best to call first. Calling 811 is free; if you are calling from outside of Alabama, the toll-free number is 800-292-8525. You can also use their internet web portal or mobile application.

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