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R.E. Garrison Trucking opens new downtown office



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

R.E. Garrison and City officials cut the ribbon on R.E. Garrison Trucking's new downtown office in Cullman.

Nick Griffin
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CULLMAN, Ala. – Friday was a day of celebration for R.E. Garrison Trucking as representatives from the City Planning Commission, the Chamber of Commerce, the City Council along with Mayor Woody Jacobs and Sheriff Matt Gentry gathered to officially cut the ribbon on its new downtown office. The office is located in the on First Avenue in the Warehouse District and is the company's first location within the city.

After showing a brief video touching on the history and values of the company, Executive Director of Operations at R.E. Garrison Shawn Nelson went over some of what sets R.E. Garrison apart from other trucking companies.

"Out of all the trucking companies in America there are roughly 150 of those that have 500 trucks or more and you have one here in Cullman that has 650 and one of the largest refrigerated fleets in America," Nelson said.

"Now, because of this ribbon cutting today, you'll have that right here in Cullman proper.

"I don't think in all the years we've been here since 1959 we've ever been in the City of Cullman until this point, so we're excited about that."

Before cutting the ribbon, R.E. Garrison President Donovan Lovell took a moment to thank everyone in attendance for celebrating with them and thanked the community for its support over the years.

"I just appreciate everyone coming out and we look forward to many more years of this," Lovell said.

"We appreciate what this community has done for us, and all of our employees and we just want to make everybody at R.E. Garrison feel like one big family, so we appreciate everybody's support."

R.E. Garrison Trucking's new office is located at 101 First Ave. NE.

– SPECIAL FOURTH OF JULY EDITION –

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

Colony citizens hope to place marker at town cemetery following listing on Alabama Historic Cemetery Registry



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COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Friday, July 2 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: 424,371 (+ 159 since Monday)
- Probable cases in Alabama: 126,927 (+ 156 since Monday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama: 9,059 (+ 5 since Monday)
- Probable deaths in Alaama: 2,299
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,809 (+ 4 since Monday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 3,205 (+ 2 since Monday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 139
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 62
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 43,498
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co: 1,578
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 42
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,685,129
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 1,997
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 74,839
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 197
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): no update available

Vaccine details (updated Tues, Thurs)
- Doses Delivered to Alabama: 4,618,925
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 3,154,965
- Doses administered: 3,246,997
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 1,839,512
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 1,516,263
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 1,463,960

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 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.

LEGALS

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO.: PC 2021-071

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMIE LEE PONDER, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Sonny James Foster on the 1st day of July, 2021, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Sonny James Foster
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE ESTATE OF:) Case No.: PC-~~2020-~~2021-002
VIRGENA RENEA THORNTON)
Deceased.)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration of said Deceased having been granted to Robert Thornton, on the 15th day of July, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by the law or the same will be barred.

Robert Thornton
Personal Representative of the
Estate of VIRGENA RENEA THORNTON

Josh O'Neal
Attorney for Personal Representative

To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown,
Cullman County Judge of Probate

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * CASE NO.: PC2021-239
LINDA KAY MASK, *
*
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to RALEY L. WIGGINGS as Administrator of the Estate of LINDA KAY MASK, deceased, on the 24th day of June, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Raley L. Wiggins
Administrator

Raley L. Wiggins
Red Oak Legal, PC
322 Catoma Street
Montgomery, AL 36104

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

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
CURTIS CANTRELL * CASE NO PC 2020-043
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
THE PETITION OF THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF CURTIS CANTRELL, DECEASED, FOR FINAL DISCHARGE

TO: MICHAEL HAMM AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

The Petition of the Personal Representative of the Estate of Curtis Cantrell, Deceased, for Final Discharge, filed by Jennifer Shoemaker, Personal Representative, by and through Attorney, Seth B. Thompson has been set for the **14th day of September, 2021, at 11:00 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman, Alabama.

All persons having interest, residing or being without state are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055
DONE this the 24th day of June, 2021.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
ROBERT ALLEN LINDSEY * CASE NO PC 2012-241
An incapacitated person. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT, AMENDED PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT AND TERMINATION OF CONSERVATORSHIP AND MOTION FOR TRIAL DATE FOR PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

TO: ELI LINDSEY, AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Please take notice that a Hearing on the Petition for Final Settlement, Amended Petition for Final Settlement and Termination of Conservatorship and Motion for Trial Date for Petition for Final Settlement has been set for the **24th day of August, 2021, at 10:30 a.m.,** before the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman, Alabama.

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055
DONE this the 24th day of June, 2021.

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
PATSY CULVER * CASE NO PC 2021-119
Deceased *

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to **PERRY MICHAEL CULVER,** as Personal Representative of the Estate of Patsy Culver, deceased, on the 24th day of June, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Perry Michael Culver
Personal Representative

Michael L. Thornton
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Cullman, Alabama 35055

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * CASE NO.: PC2021-243
PHYLLIS ANN PAYNE, *
*
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to CANDICE BROWN as Personal Representative of the Estate of PHYLLIS ANN PAYNE, deceased, on the 24th day of June, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Candice Brown
Personal Representative

JoAnn B. Higginbotham
Attorney for Personal Representative
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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
VIRGINIA M. SANDLIN,) CASE NO PC 2021-120
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION OF ANN W. POPE FOR THE PROBATE OF THE WILL OF VIRGINIA M. SANDLIN, DECEASED AND
AMENDED PETITION OF ANN W. POPE FOR THE PROBATE OF THE WILL OF VIRGINIA M. SANDLIN, DECEASED

TO: PERRY WASHINGTON
PATRICIA G. GARREN
ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN OR INTEREST PARTIES

The Petition and Amended Petition of Ann W. Pope to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Virginia M. Sandlin, deceased, has been set for hearing on the 22nd day of July, 2021, at 11:00 a.m.

All persons in interest residing or being without the state are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Done this the 17th day of June, 2021.

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

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported July 2

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 2, 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

July 1

- fourth-degree theft of property; Buettner Brothers Lumber Co.; tag; $403
- third-degree theft of property; person; Cherokee Ave. SW; credit/debit card

ARRESTS

July 1

Bates, Brent D.; 33

- FTA- second-degree possession of marijuana
- FTA- public intoxication

Moctezuma, Reyna N.; 23

- second-degree possession of marijuana

Glover, Emily M.; 21

- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Haynes, Elijah K.; 20

- FTA- insurance violation

Falls, Larry D.; 51

- third-degree theft of property

Barton, Brenda S.; 71

- DUI (controlled substance)

Ramos, Shawn E.; 44

- fourth-degree theft of property

Wimbs, Avery N.; 23

- fourth-degree theft of property

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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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

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.

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. - close at Goat Island Brewery, featuring live music by Jason Willingham, Antonio Woodruff and BREZ , 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.

Burden Family Reunion

July 10 - The Burden family reunion will be July 10 at the West Point Town Hall. It will begin around 10 a.m. Please bring a covered dish and prize for Bingo. Hope to see you there!

Let's go to Italy!

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

David Speegle Family Reunion

July 11 - The annual reunion of the David Speegle family will be held Sunday, July 11, at the Speegle Family Point (334 County Rd 321, Crane Hill, AL 35053) beginning around 10:30 a.m. Please join us and bring a covered dish for lunch at noon. Contact Judy Shannon at 256-734-3460 or Norman Calvert at 256-734-0389 if you need additional information. Come eat and enjoy the day with us!

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.

Pleasant View Revival and Singing

July 18 - Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church will have their summer revival the third week in July beginning with a singing Sunday night, the 18 at 5 p.m. "The Williamsons" from Wetumpka, Oklahoma will be the guest singers. Services will be day and night, Monday, July 19 – Friday, July 23. Morning services will begin at 10:30 a.m. and evening services at 7 p.m., with Brother Jack Thomason as the evangelist. Lunch will be served each day after the morning service and we will have prayer band at 6:45 p.m. before each evening service. On Sunday night, Aug. 1, we will have a singing with "New Ground" from Scottsboro at 5 p.m. Everyone is invited. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information call 256-796-5986.

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

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Pets (from Front)

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NEW YORK, N.Y. – The Fourth of July is just a day away! While many of us may want to kick back and enjoy a firework show at the end of the day, it's important to remember that, not only do they leave behind harmful chemicals, but the loud noises can be frightening to our furry friends. In order to keep your pets safe, the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center has compiled this list of firework-related symptoms to look out for:

1. Fear and anxiety—To us, the lights, colors and sounds of a brilliant fireworks display are awe-inspiring, but for many pets, it can be a sensory overload.

Some dogs and cats will have a fight-or-flight response to fireworks. This is a very real adrenaline rush, causing their blood pressure and heart rate to rise. Some pets can panic and cause injury to themselves while trying to escape, some may run away and some may react with aggression. It's best for animals to be excluded from all fireworks celebration. They would much prefer to cuddle up with a favorite puzzle toy in a small, windowless room.

2. Gastrointestinal distress—Believe it or not, some dogs may eat fireworks. The most common problems that develop after ingestion of fireworks are vomiting and diarrhea. Some fireworks contain chemicals that can even be corrosive to the lining of the digestive tract. This is a painful condition that can result in bloody vomiting and diarrhea, serious dehydration and secondary infections.

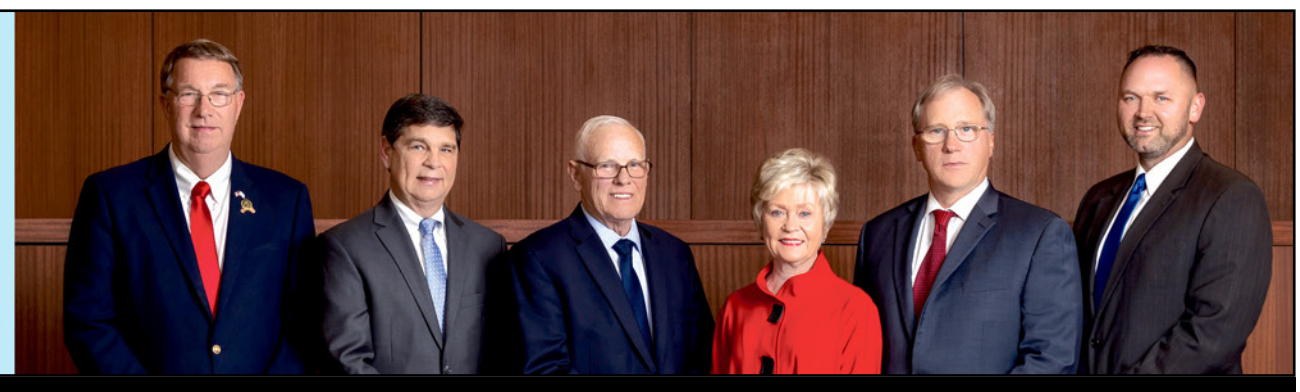
3. Red blood cell dysfunction—When ingested, fireworks that contain chlorate salts can oxidize red blood cells which can quickly become a life-threatening condition. Animals with this condition will be lethargic with brown, gray or blue-colored gums.

They will often breath rapidly and exhibit a fast heart rate. These symptoms can develop up to 10 hours after the ingestion of the fireworks.

4. Muscle and nerve dysfunction—Many commercially used fireworks and even some sparklers contain barium which can cause animals to become extremely weak and uncoordinated. Heart problems can also result. These fireworks are most dangerous after they have been used, so all remnants of fireworks should be picked up and discarded appropriately before any pets are allowed to roam the area.

In order to keep your pets safe this holiday, keep any fireworks or sparkles out of paw's reach and to avoid any anxiety, keep them in a small windowless room with soft music or white noise. Have a happy and safe Fourth of July!

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Kilgo (from Front)

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Preston Hewlett Kilgo was born Jan. 31, 1933, in Cullman County. He was the son of Preston H. and Edith Rae (McManus) Kilgo. Shortly after graduating from Cullman High School in 1950, Kilgo volunteered to join the United States Navy.

Kilgo was an electronics technician first class with the Navy and served during the Korean War.

He was attached to the USS Frank E. Evans.

After the war, Kilgo remained in the Navy and was assigned to the destroyer, Henry W. Tucker.

In August 1955, Kilgo returned to Cullman to visit with family for 10 days before heading back to California Aug. 29 where he was stationed.

On Sept. 2, the day after he arrived back in California, Kilgo was killed in Long Beach by a hit-and-run driver. He was just 22 years old.

Kilgo left behind a widow, Doris Louise Edge Kilgo, and two young children. He is buried in the Cross Creek Cemetery in West Point.

He is also memorialized at Cullman's Veterans Memorial Park.

Shelton (from Front)

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Jerold Jerome Shelton was born Oct. 27, 1947, in Cullman County. He was the son of Ms. Luesyble Shelton. By the time he finished high school, he had moved with his family to Samford, Connecticut.

After high school, Shelton was drafted and served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War.

He rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant (E6) and was in Company B, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment (The Golden Dragons), 25th Infantry Division.

On Jan. 28, 1969, Shelton was killed by small-arms fire while on patrol in the Hua Nghia Province, South Vietnam.

He was just 21 years old and engaged to be married to Mary Brooks upon his return.

Staff Sgt. Jerold Jerome Shelton received the Purple Heart and is memorialized on the National Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington D.C. - Panel 33w, Line 10.

He is buried in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Colony and memorialized on the Cullman Veterans Memorial Wall.

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LIFESTYLE

Exercise your food freedom during Fourth of July weekend

Dustin Duncan
Contributor

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. – Fire up the grill, grab a few sparklers and get ready to celebrate the Fourth of July weekend.

While the patriotic weekend is typically filled with fireworks and hot dogs, there are a few ways to support a healthy lifestyle while celebrating. The Fourth of July holiday is synonymous with freedom, and it's important to remember that people also have the freedom to make their own food choices.

Maintaining a healthy lifestyle doesn't mean that people can't have plenty of delicious options at the cookout.

In fact, the Alabama Extension at Auburn University Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education has several recommendations for tasty dips, main dishes, snacks and even desserts at https://www.aces.edu/blog/category/home-family/nutrition/live-well-alabama/.

"If you're someone who is trying to be mindful about what you're eating while enjoying the holiday, acknowledge that there will likely be yummy temptations there," said Sofia Sanchez, an Alabama Extension family and consumer sciences specialist and registered dietitian. "Think of a game plan that works for you before the party starts, whether that be filling your plate up with veggies or organizing a post-meal Frisbee game to get everyone moving."

APPETIZER

Let's start with the appetizers. July in Alabama can lead to some pretty high temperatures. Live Well Alabama's Spinach Dip recipe is a cool party treat that has plenty of flavor.

INGREDIENTS

- One package frozen spinach, thawed, 10 ounces
- 1/2 cup low-fat sour cream
- 1 cup plain Greek yogurt
- One package of vegetable dip mix, 1 ounce
- 1 teaspoon dill
- Vegetables for dipping (carrots, celery)

DIRECTIONS

Squeeze thawed spinach with paper towels to remove extra water. Mix together all of the ingredients. Cover and chill for 20 minutes. Serve with cut-up vegetables.

SIDE DISH

Looking for a side dish that is sure to be a hit at any party? Live Well Alabama's Picnic Pasta Salad combines tomatoes, cucumbers, bell peppers and more for a light side dish that pairs well with many meals. Besides tasting fantastic, this pasta salad takes just minutes to make.

INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 cup fat free Italian dressing
- 1/4 cup onion, diced
- Two tomatoes, diced
- One cucumber, diced
- One bell pepper, diced
- One 8-ounce package noodles, cooked

DIRECTIONS

Mix ingredients in a large bowl. Chill and serve.

MAIN DISH

The Fourth of July may not be the same without something on the grill. A regular hamburger or hot dog may be typical options, but why not try Live Well Alabama's Half Veggie Burgers? These burgers bring together pinto beans, ground turkey or beef, bell peppers and all your favorite burger toppings. Not only are they savory, but they will also help save your budget.

INGREDIENTS

- Two cans pinto beans, 14 ounces each, drained and rinsed
- One bell pepper, finely chopped
- One pound lean ground turkey or beef
- One egg
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Cooking spray
- Two tomatoes, sliced
- Eight leaves of lettuce
- Eight hamburger buns

DIRECTIONS

Mash the beans with a potato masher or fork. (For a smoother burger texture, put the beans in a blender or food processor.) In a bowl, mix together beans, bell pepper, meat, egg, salt and pepper using your hands. Form mixture into eight patties. Spray a skillet with cooking spray and heat to medium-high. Cook the patties for four minutes on each side or until done. The internal temperature should reach 165 degrees F and there should be no pink in the middle. Serve on buns with sliced tomatoes and lettuce.



ALABAMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
Live Well Alabama's Spinach Dip

Obituary Announcements: July 2

Debra Sue Lawson, 67, of Holly Pond
Funeral service for Debra Sue Lawson, 67, of Holly Pond, will be 2 p.m., Monday, July 5, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. prior to the service. Brother Adam Cornelius will officiate the service. The interment will be at Crossroads Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Lawson family. Mrs. Lawson was born Sept. 10, 1953, to Frank Louis and June S. Holmes Schaal. She passed from this life June 30 at UAB Hospital. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Mrs. Lawson was preceded in death by her parents; husband: William Joseph Lawson and son: Michael Joseph Lawson. She is survived by her sons: Christopher Lee Lawson and Joshua (Kayla) Lawson; daughters: Lou Ann Lawson and Tracy Dobbins; brother: Joe (Jane) Holmes; grandchildren: Kayla Mae Addison, Rylie Nicole Killion, Christopher Gavin Barbee, Brianna Campbell, Aalyah Fae (Zane Michael) Aker, Kinzley Brooke Lawson, Kayden Joshua Lawson and Micheal Dylan Blackwelder and great-grandchildren: Ezra Alexander Blackwelder and Dawson Michael Aker. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Ted Blair Ratliff, 83, of Carthage, Missouri
Ted Blair Ratliff, age 83, of Carthage, Missouri, formerly of Cullman, died June 30. He is survived by his wife: Marie S. Ratliff; daughters: Melissa K. Moore and Robin Bridges; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The family will receive friends Wednesday, July 7, from noon – 1:30 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. The graveside celebration of Ted's life will be 2 p.m. at Cullman City Cemetery. Please visit mossservicefh.com to leave condolences for the family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Michael Shawn Bartlett, 43, of Hanceville
Funeral service for Michael Shawn Bartlett, 43, Hanceville, will be 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 6, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Bartlett family. Mr. Bartlett passed from this life June 30 at his residence. He was born Nov. 12, 1977, to Michael Allen and Hazel Marie White Bartlett. He loved fishing, Auburn football, and his children. He was a really good dad, a proud grandfather, and gave the best hugs. He was preceded in death by his father: Michael Allen Bartlett and his grandfather: Bobby Jack Bartlett. Mr. Bartlett is survived by his mother: Hazel Marie (Bobby) King; dad: Sherell Hill; grandmother: Orlene Bartlett; wife: Daniela Bartlett; son: Michael Bartlett; daughters: Ashley Bartlett, Josie Bartlett and Kalie Bartlett; brother: Adam King; sisters: Tiffany (Jim Gormnley) Hanvey, Misty (Stephen) Stewart, Ashley (Don) Brown and Vivian King; grandchildren: John Luke Gable, Scarlett Calvert and Charleigh Calvert and a host of family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Luther Erice McDonald, 74, of Hanceville
Luther Erice McDonald, age 74, of Hanceville, Alabama passed away Wednesday, June 30. Luther was born Jan. 7, 1947, in Cullman, Alabama to Ocie and Mae Gamble McDonald. Luther is survived by daughter: Betty Jo Shelton (Rex); sons: Paul McDonald (Martha) and Brandon McDonald (Yalonda); sisters: Martha Todd (Anthony) and Mary Ann Sams (Felton); grandchildren: Matthew McDonald (Tabby), Austin McDonald (Alexis), Ashtin McDonald, Alec McDonald, Allyssa McDonald, Owyn McClendon and Eastyn McClendon; great-grandchildren: Mason, Caden and Boston McDonald and a host of stepchildren, nieces and nephews. Luther was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters and five brothers. A visitation for Luther will be held Saturday, July 3, from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home with a celebration of life funeral service to follow the visitation. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the McDonald family.

Jonda Ann Allison Self, 66, of Blountsville
Jonda Ann Allison Self, 66, of Blountsville, passed away on July 1. She was born Nov. 28, 1954, to Eugene Coy Allison, Jr. and Mary June Stevenson Allison. Ann was born and raised in Blount County, Alabama. She is a member of the 1972 graduating class of Susan Moore High School. After graduation, Ann furthered her studies at Snead State Community College. She then became the first certified appraiser for Blount County, Alabama. Ann worked for the county for 30 years, while also being a wife and mother. Ann enjoyed the things that make life good. She loved her family – her husband, her boys and their wives and her grandbabies. She spent her life doing for others and enjoyed being a friend to many. Ann served on the cemetery committee at Gibb's Cemetery as well. Ann will be missed greatly by many. Mrs. Self is preceded in death by her parents and a brother: Roland Allison. She is survived by her loving husband,: James Carthal Self; sons: Matthew and Melissa Self and Chase and Megan Self; three grandchildren: Colt Self, Owen Self and Cullen Self; a brother: Jeffery Allison; a friend closer than a sister: Annette and Bill Brannon and more friends than can be listed. In following Ann's wishes, the family will hold a private memorial at a later time. Ann will then be laid to rest by her family in Gibb's Cemetery. The family would like to express their gratitude to Kindred Hospice of Cullman for the exceptional care Ann received. In lieu of flowers, the family ask that donations be made to Kindred Hospice at 1015 First Ave. SW B, Cullman, Alabama 35055. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Self family.

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I wish everyone could have complete and true freedom

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



Over 400-years ago, our European forefathers settled in this land. We have only been a free and independent country for a little over half that time. Jamestown, Virginia, was settled in 1607. The Pilgrims arrived in 1620 and founded Plymouth. Eventually, there were 13 British Colonies, none of which were free and self-controlled. On the Fourth of July, we celebrate the day, or at least close to it, when they declared their freedom. It would take a war after the declaration to actually gain that freedom.

In 1775, in Concord, Massachusetts, the first gunshot for freedom was fired. It has been called "The shot heard around the world."

That was the unofficial beginning of the war for independence. By June of the next year, a committee was formed to compose a formal written Declaration of Independence. Thomas Jefferson drafted it.

John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress, signed it in bold letters so, "King George could read it without his spectacles." After various changes and rewritings, a vote was taken by the representatives from each colony to approve the declaration. Only 9 of the 13 voted in favor at first, with Pennsylvania and South Carolina voting no, and Delaware and New York abstaining. Eventually, all 13 colonies approved the document. On July 2, 1776, independence was declared.

John Adams from Massachusetts told his wife, Abigail, that July 2 would become a holiday that would be celebrated throughout the nation. He missed it by only two days!

Then, on July 5th, copies of the Declaration of Independence were distributed, and on July 6th, The Pennsylvania Evening Post was the first newspaper to print it.

The first public reading of the declaration was on July 8th, at Independence Square, in Philadelphia. It was read twice that day to cheering crowds and ringing bells.

If Crazy Carl's or Wild Willie's had existed back then, they would have shooting off fireworks and Roman candles.

The bell at Independence Hall, originally known as the Province Bell, was rung. We know it today as The Liberty Bell.

The Liberty Bell's inscription reads, "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land and the inhabitants thereof." Ever since that week, 245 years ago, we have been celebrating our independence.

Here's the thing of which I am most aware. The declaring of independence did not make anyone free. What it did do was bring on a war. Freedom still had to be gained.

Our national independence had to be fought for and seized. People had to be willing to sacrifice all they had. An estimated 6,800 were killed in action, and thousands of others died in the aftermath.

There has always been, and always will be, a high price for freedom. On this national holiday that we call The Fourth of July, or Independence Day, I give thanks for the ones before who paid a high price for our freedom.

I give thanks to those through the years, and even to this day, who have served to protect our freedom. This gift is far too precious to be lost, ignored, or taken for granted.

Now, in every aspect of our lives...nationally, spiritually, emotionally, we can declare our freedom, but it always takes more than a declaration. In many of those aspects, it has already been bought, fought, and paid for. We must only accept it as a gift, give thanks for it, defend what we have, and then live it to the fullest. Happy Independence Day!

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: 1951

From the Files of 1951
Mr. and Mrs. Collidge Hughes and Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Hughes visited Mr. and Mrs. T.E. Woodard, in Haleyville on Sunday.

Reverend Lewis Eidson is home from the Cullman Hospital, after undergoing an appendectomy on September 2.

The home of Mrs. Mabry, mother of Mrs. Ina Page, burned on September 1. The fire is believed to have started by lightning. Mrs. Mabry was not at home.

Mrs. Geneva Kniphfer, of Cullman, spent Wednesday night with Mrs. Minnie Bonner.

Omar Brown is erecting a store building on his place, near Unity Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kniphfer and children, of Bessemer, visited Reverend and Mrs. John Morgan and Mr. and Mrs. Will Kniphfer on Sunday.

Funeral services were held at New Home Church on September 6, with Reverend Ellis Herring conducting and Pruitt Funeral Service, of Arab, directing interment.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters, Vester Benefield of Route Two, Cullman, Gurley Benefield, of Route Two, Arab and Floyd Benefield, of Detroit, Michigan, two daughters, Mrs. Eval Ross of Joppa and Mrs. Will Bannister of Arab, four brothers, one sister, 21 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

C.M. Benefield dies after long illness
Charlie Benefield, age 80, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Eval Ross, of Joppa, on Sept. 4.

Pentecost news
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mullins spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Hoyt Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Mullins have moved to Cullman.

Mrs. Maud Bryant and Sue and Wynell Parker were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Lois Hampton and Olean.

Mrs. Dan Sharp and her husband and Mrs. Monroe Cornett were Sunday guests of their mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cornett and children visited in Georgia on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rabe Jones, of Gadsden, visited the L.M. Bryants on Saturday.

Dorthie Hampton spent Sunday with Edna Parker.

POET'S CORNER

Unharvested | By: Robert Frost

A scent of ripeness from over a wall.

And come to leave the routine road

And look for what had made me stall,

There sure enough was an apple tree

That had eased itself of its summer load,

And of all but its trivial foliage free,

Now breathed as light as a lady's fan.

For there had been an apple fall

As complete as the apple had given man.

The ground was one circle of solid red.

May something go always unharvested!

May much stay out of our stated plan,

Apples or something forgotten and left,

So smelling their sweetness would be no theft.

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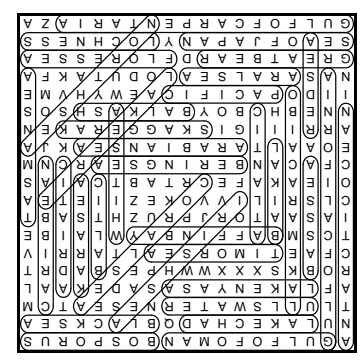
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Colony (from Front)

W.C. Mann
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COLONY, Ala. – Earlier this year, Colony Cemetery achieved a listing on the Alabama Historical Commission's Historic Cemetery Register, and a group of local citizens is hoping to place a permanent historical marker at the site.

Colony Cemetery is the sixth cemetery in Cullman County listed in the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register, joining Baileyton Cemetery, Blevins Cemetery, Hartwig Family Cemetery, Holly Pond Cemetery and Watson Family Cemetery. The registry includes 910 cemeteries statewide.

"Now that we are on the register, the Colony Senior Citizens would like to spearhead this project in helping to raise funds to place an Alabama Historic Marker on the grounds," said project coordinator and Colony Councilwoman Ethel Alexander.

The estimated cost of the marker is approximately $2,500.

Those interested in helping can send donations to P.O. Box 119, Hanceville, AL 35077, or contact Ethel L. Alexander (205-265-9202), Barbara Marsh (205-902-6454), Donnis Leeth (205-838-1750) or Patricia Ponder (256-595-2778) for more information.

The Alabama Historical Commission, which calls cemeteries "outdoor museums that help tell the story of our ancestors," said of the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register and its efforts to preserve burial sites:

"As Alabama's population becomes increasingly urbanized, traditional landscapes will continue to deteriorate without a renewed public interest in the value of knowing the State's past.

"The loss holds true for Alabama's burial landscapes as well as for small towns, family farms, or other historic architecture, music, and traditional culture in general.

"There is a near total shift of all things pertaining to death and dying.

"The process and ceremony has become commercialized, as witnessed by the proliferation of modern cemeteries in virtually every community, regardless of its location. The historic cemeteries of Alabama face a cruel set of circumstances.

"At the same time that more people discover the value and significance of these cemeteries, increased development pressure and changing aesthetics threaten their survival.

"Cemeteries offer invaluable information concerning Alabama's past. Different cultures and ethnic groups cope with death in a variety of ways, exemplifying their belief systems. They can tell us what types of people lived in an area, their religious affiliations, their economic standing and their views on life and death.

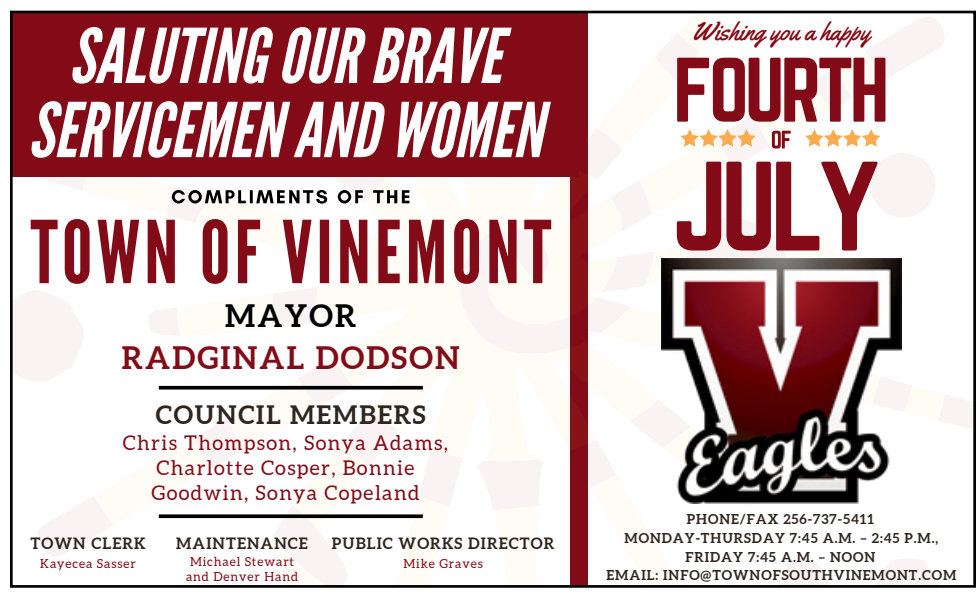
"Yet, as more people move away from family homes and committees take charge of cemeteries, many traditions and unique features face being lost."



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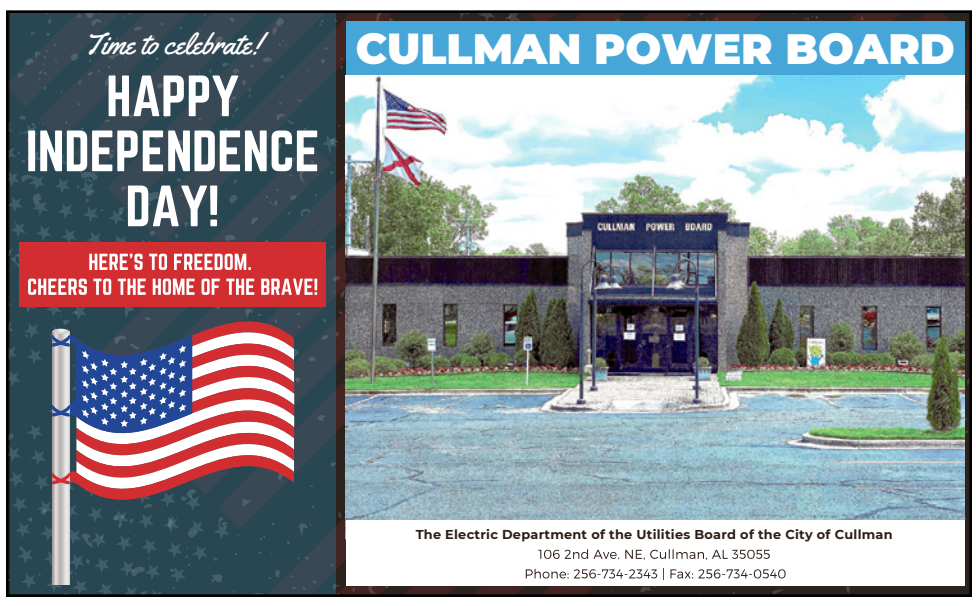
















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365 AMERICAN JOY-GIVERS for 2021: The Greatest Birthday Party on Earth

Ben South
Tribune Columnist

"Ladies and gentlemen, children of all ages...welcome to "The Greatest Birthday Party on Earth!" The circus is about to begin!

Let our joy-givers lead you to the three-rings of clowning and amazing feats of wizardry in Downtown Bridgeport, Connecticut and the Barnum Museum. This is the last surviving building fantastically imagined and created by the American visionary entrepreneur and grand showman, Phineas Taylor "P.T." Barnum.

JOIN US...

You feel the joy the minute we approach the museum and hear the whistling happiness of the steam-powered calliope circus organ playing: "In the Good Ole Summertime," and "The Man on the Flying Trapeze."

Now, the ringmistress booms into her megaphone, "HOORAY FOR THE JOY-GIVERS! (Note: The comments attributed to these famous joy-givers come from words they have written or said. By the way, we're about midyear in this series and this is the first installment that is all one gender. Otherwise, there is notable diversity in this jumble of joy-givers. I promise to make up for the "boys club" salute in some fun ways in the coming months.)

PLEASE GIVE A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THESE AMERICAN JOY-GIVERS CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK:

July 3—TOM CRUISE (Thomas Cruise Mapother IV) is an actor, film produce and one of the highest-grossing box office stars of all time. He has earned three Oscar nominations and three Golden Globe Awards nominations. His hit films include: "Risky Business," "Top Gun," "The Color of Money," "Rain Man," "Born on the Fourth of July," "A Few Good Men," "The Firm," "Jerry Maguire," "Interview with a Vampire," "Magnolia" and "Mission Impossible I, II, III, IV, V...XV."

July 4—NEIL SIMON was an American playwright, screenwriter and author born on the Fourth of July. He wrote more than 30 plays and almost as many movie screenplays—mostly film adaptations of his own plays. He received more Oscars and Tonys than any other writer. His works include: "Come Blow Your Horn," "Barefoot in the Park," "The Odd Couple," "Sweet Charity," "Plaza Suite," "Promises, Promises," "Rumors," "Brighton Beach Memoirs," "The Goodbye Girl" and "Only When I Laugh." He was the only living playwright to have a Broadway theater venue named after him--the former Alvin Theatre is the Neil Simon Theatre. The Pulitzer Prize winner also received the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor.

July 5—P.T. BARNUM is widely credited with coining the adage, "There's a sucker born every minute," though there's actually no proof he ever said this. "Real proof" wasn't essential for this master showman, businessman, author, politician and philanthropist. He is remembered for promoting celebrated hoaxes and human curiosities. He established "P.T. Barnum's Grand Traveling Museum, Menagerie, Caravan & Hippodrome" which became the Barnum & Bailey Circus—"The Greatest Show on Earth." He was "The Greatest Showman."

July 6—KEVIN HART is a stand-up comedian, actor and producer listed in "Time" magazine's 2015 roster of "The 100 Most-Influential People in the World." The 5'4," self-deprecating funny man rocketed to fame with his first stand-up comedy album, "I'm a Grown Little Man" in 2008. In 2017, Hart launched the "Laugh Out Loud Network," a subscription video streaming service.

July 7—SATCHEL PAIGE (Leroy Robert Paige) was one of professional baseball's most popular and entertaining players. Born in Mobile, Alabama, the right-handed pitcher delighted fans with such playful antics as getting his teammates to sit down on the field when he suspected he could strike a batter out. He was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1971.

July 8—PHILLIP JOHNSON was an architect best known for his sleek modern and imaginatively post-modern creations. His legacy includes the modernist "Glass House" in New Canaan, Connecticut and the post-modernist AT&T headquarters at 550 Madison Avenue, NYC. In a sea of skyscraper sameness, Johnson added a joy-giving "Chippendale chest top" to the AT&T building and altered not just the city's skyline, but American architectural history forever. He was the first to receive the coveted Pritzker Architecture Prize.

July 9—TOM HANKS is an actor and filmmaker. He is known for both comedic and dramatic roles. He is one of the most popular and recognizable film stars on the globe. His films acted include: "Big," "Splash," "A League of Their Own," "Philadelphia," "Saving Private Ryan," "Sleepless in Seattle," "You've Got Mail," "Apollo 13," "The Green Mile," "Cast Away," "Saving Mr. Banks," "Toy Story (voice of Sheriff Woody)," "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" and on and on and joyfully on. Hanks has received two Oscars, seven Emmys, a Tony, a Kennedy Center Honor and a Presidential Medal of Freedom. Oh, and he was given the Golden Globe Cecil B. DeMille Award and, ooh-la-la, the French Legion of Honor.

COMMENTS OVERHEARD AT "THE GREATEST BIRTHDAY PARTY ON EARTH:"

"I've spent many birthdays on a movie set, all great days."—Tom Cruise

"As a kid, I was constantly being dragged out of movie theatres for laughing too loud."—Neil Simon

"The noblest art is that of making others happy."—P.T. Barnum

"Laughter heals all wounds, and that's one thing that everybody shares...I am an angel. I was sent here by God to heal."—Kevin Hart

"Don't look back. Something might be gaining on you."—Satchel Paige

"I hate vacations. If you can build buildings, why sit on the beach?"—Phillip Johnson

"...childish, selfish, immature—that's right, I am. But, do you know how much money I make for thinking this way?"—Tom Hanks

"Times will change for the better when you change."—Tom Cruise

"I understand. You work very hard two days a week and you need a five-day weekend. That's normal."—Neil Simon

"No man ever went broke overestimating the ignorance of the American public."—P.T. Barnum



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"An unemployed court jester is nobody's fool."—Kevin Hart

"Never let your head hang down. Never give up and sit down and grieve. Find another way."—Satchel Paige

"Architecture is the art of how to waste space."—Phillip Johnson

"You learn more from getting your butt kicked than getting it kissed."—Tom Hanks

"Nothing ends nicely, that's why it ends."—Tom Cruise

"Don't listen to those who say you are taking too big a chance. Michelangelo would've painted the Sistine floor, and it would surely be rubbed out by today."—Neil Simon

"The common man, no matter how sharp and tough, actually enjoys having the wool pulled over his eyes, and makes it easier for the puller."—P.T. Barnum

"It is a well-known fact that tall people are evil."—Kevin Hart

"Ain't no man can avoid being average, but there ain't no man got to be common."—Satchel Paige

"My pitching philosophy is simple—keep the ball away from the bat."—Satchel Paige

"Architects are like high-class whores. We can turn down some projects the way prostitutes can turn down some clients, but we've both got to say yes to someone if we want to stay in business."—Phillip Johnson

"Everybody has something that chews them up and, for me, that thing was always loneliness. The cinema has the power to make you not feel lonely, even when you are."—Tom Hanks

"I am passionate about learning. I am passionate about life."—Tom Cruise

"All humor is based on hostility—that's why World War II was so funny."—Neil Simon

"You can fool most of the people most of the time."—P.T. Barnum

"I'm myself 24/7...My son is becoming me—just a silly, silly prankster guy."—Kevin Hart

"Avoid fried foods which angry up the blood."—Satchel Paige

"All architecture is shelter, all great architecture is the design of space that contains, cuddles, exalts or stimulates the persons in that space."—Phillip Johnson

"If you're funny, if there's something that makes you laugh, then every day is going to be okay."—Tom Hanks

"I got brown sandwiches and green sandwiches. It's either very new cheese or very old meat." (spoken by Oscar Madison in "The Odd Couple")—Neil Simon

"I got everything from someone. Nobody can be original."—Phillip Johnson

"A hero is someone who voluntarily walks into the unknown."—Tom Hanks

PARTY MENU FOR "THE GREATEST BIRTHDAY PARTY ON EARTH:"

APPETIZER—Neil Simon Odd Couple Bacon and Banana Waffles (allrecipes.com)

SOUP—P.T. Barnum Most Super-Duper July 4th Turtle Soup Ever on Earth (delish.com)

ENTRÉE—Satchel Paige Southern Not-Fried Chicken (thereciperebel.com)

SIDE DISH—Tom Cruise Mission Beans Impossible (tasteofhome.com)

BREAD—Kevin Hart Grown Little Savory Shortbread (marthastewart.com)

BEVERAGE—Tom Hanks Green Mile Cocktails (see below)

DESSERT—Phillip Johnson Gingerbread Houses (bestgingerbreadhouses.com)

ONE TO GROW ON—Check out Kevin Hart's comedy streaming subscription channel at laughoutloud.com . Some of this humor is totally NOT POLITICALLY CORRECT and is often blue—but, and this is a big "but,"--it's often hilarious. The succinct mission statement for this joy-giving venture is: "WE EXIST TO MAKE PEOPLE LAUGH."

"The Greatest Birthday Party on Earth" finale has a toast from P.T. Barnum—"Every crowd has a silver lining." Then, the circus calliope whistles "The Birthday Song" and an encore with everyone singing along—"In the good old summertime. In the good old summertime. Strolling through a shady lane with your baby mine. You hold her hand and she holds yours, and that's a very good sign. That she's your tootsy-wootsy in the good old summertime."

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY AND THANK YOU ALL AMERICAN JOY-MAKERS!

TOM HANKS GREEN MILE COCKTAIL
(source: makemeacocktail.com)

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- 1 lime Popsicle

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Alabama student archers make strong showing at National Championship

Kenny Johnson
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Several local teams competed at the NASP Open and Championship in Myrtle Beach June 10-12.

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. – Patience, determination and focus are a few of the skills the sport of archery teaches students who participate in Alabama's National Archery in the Schools Program. Those skills recently paid off for several student archers from Alabama who attended the 2021 NASP Open and Championship in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, on June 10-12.

Nearly 2,100 archers from 33 states competed in the event. Of the 93 students from 13 Alabama schools in attendance, four individuals placed in the top three of their respective divisions in the championship portion of the event. Additionally, Causey Middle School in Mobile, Alabama, took 1st place in the Overall Middle School Division, and Cullman's East Elementary School placed 5th in the Elementary School Division. Causey also took 2nd place in the Overall Middle School Division of the IBO/3D Challenge at the Myrtle Beach event.

Alabama's top individual archers in the championship include Carrie Daniels, 8th grade, Phillips Preparatory School (Mobile), 1st place, Middle School Girls Division, with a score of 294; Grace Feenstra, 8th grade, Causey Middle School, 3rd place, Middle School Girls Division, with a score of 293; Hunter Horton, 8th grade, Causey Middle School, 2nd place, Middle School Boys Division, with a score of 292; and Jace Law, 5th grade, Dawes Intermediate School (Mobile), 2nd place, Elementary School Boys Division, with a score of 283.

Other Alabama archers making the top 10 in their divisions include Sandra Shropshire, 7th grade, Causey Middle School, 4th place, Middle School Girls Division, with a score of 291; Will Bolzle, 9th grade, Cullman High School, 5th place, High School Boys Division, with a score of 295; and Ethan Wheat, 6th grade, Causey Middle School, 7th place, Middle School Boys Division, with a score of 288. Student archers from Alabama also placed in the Open portion of the event. For complete championship results, visit nasptournaments.org.

In addition to placing in the championship, Carrie Daniels, Grace Feenstra, Sandra Shropshire, Jace Law and Ethan Wheat are Academic Archers. The NASP Academic Archer program recognizes students who maintain high academic achievement while enjoying the sport of archery. Student archers are nominated by their coaches to be included in the program. Since the program began in 2015, Alabama has consistently ranked in the top five participating states.

Scoring for the championship is based on Olympic-style, target archery in three divisions – elementary, middle and high school – and includes team and individual levels. A perfect score for an individual archer is 300 points.

"This is one of the strongest showings ever on the world stage by Alabama's student archers," said Chris Blankenship, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. "Their determination and dedication to both archery and academics will serve them well in other aspects of life."

The NASP was founded in Kentucky in 2002 and has since spread around the country. In Alabama, the NASP is a joint venture between the ADCNR's Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division and the Alabama Department of Education. Each year, more than 4,000 student archers from 125 schools across Alabama compete for a chance to qualify for the state, national and world championships.

The Myrtle Beach event was the first in-person, national NASP championship to take place since 2019. NASP President Tommy Floyd said everyone involved in the program is excited to see a return to in-person competition.

"We are thrilled to be conducting in-person tournaments again," Floyd said. "Our entire team loves to see the large crowds and the smiling archers. These past months have been difficult. Many of our student archers were unable to attend any in-person events due to the pandemic, but we are glad to announce that NASP is back. We congratulate all of the Alabama archers who competed and placed in the championship."

Prior to the pandemic precautions of 2020, Alabama held eight regional qualifying tournaments in February and early March. In lieu of an in-person state championship, trophies for the year were awarded based on the regional scores.

Just like most office meetings across the country, NASP's National Championship also went virtual, allowing students to shoot in their school's gym under the observation of a neutral adult. Those scores were verified and tallied for a virtual ranking. Teams that competed in the virtual national championship were then eligible to compete at the in-person Myrtle Beach event.

Lisa Counselman, Causey Middle School Archery Coach, said the pandemic put a damper on last year's season, but her team was determined to make this season as normal as possible. Extra effort put into safety precautions allowed the team to focus on preparing for the event. Those efforts paid off with four of her archers placing in the tournament as well as earning them top honors in the Middle School Division.

"This was the first time Causey has taken a team to the championship," she said.

"We began our season in July 2020 and worked nonstop until the event in June 2021. We knew going in that we had some tough competition, so taking 1st place in teams was an incredible feeling. When I saw the updated scores, I was overcome with emotions."

Coach Counselman has high praise for her champs who are heading into 9th grade this fall.

"Grace Feenstra, who is one of our team captains, and Hunter Horton were 8th graders when they competed at the event," she said. "Seeing them shoot so incredibly well made their wins even more special. It was their first trip to the championship and they definitely made it count."

In addition to taking 3rd place in the Middle School Girls Division, Feenstra placed in the top five of the Overall Girls Division, making her eligible to participate in a scholarship shoot off.

"That was very exciting to witness," Counselman said. "She overcame a lot of nerves and walked away with a $1,000 scholarship that she can use toward any college of her choosing."

Coach Counselman also recruited some excellent 5th grade archers from Dawes Intermediate to accompany the Causey team to the championship. One of those 5th graders was Jace Law.

"Jace has taken lessons with Coach Joshua Clarke for two years and also attended bullseye and 3D practices with Causey leading up to the championship," she said. "He is very driven and self-motivated and has worked very hard to accomplish this goal."

This fall, Jace will begin 6th grade at Causey and officially draw his bow for the school's archery team.

Carrie Daniels also trained with Coach Clarke. He is very proud of her 1st place win in the Middle School Girls Division at the NASP Open and Championship. A former student archer himself, Coach Clarke shot for Alma Bryant High School in Irvington, Alabama, from 2009 to 2012 and knows just how difficult the competition can be.

"I am proud of Carrie and her hard work," he said. "She has come a long way since she first started."

As a student at Alma Bryant, the future coach would travel to various schools in the Irvington area throughout the week to help other archers perfect their skills. Coach Clarke said that experience helped him grow as a leader. Today, he is working to pass on those types of life skills to his students.

"I hope my students learn that teamwork and determination pay off," he said.

This year's big wins at the NASP Open and Championship are exciting, but there is more good news for Alabama's NASP archery students. The Alabama NASP State Championship is returning to the Multiplex at Cramton Bowl in Montgomery, Alabama, on April 7-8, 2022. During the event, ADCNR will be awarding up to $10,000 in scholarships to qualifying archers. To learn more about the state championship or how your school can start its own archery program, visit outdooralabama.com/programs/alabama-archery-schools.

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Alabama Athletics' banner year results in highest Learfield IMG College Director's Cup finish in program history

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CLEVELAND, Ohio – Alabama's highly-successful 2020-21 season, which included a College Football Playoff National Championship and Southeastern Conference championships in football, men's basketball, gymnastics and softball, helped propel the Crimson Tide to a seventh-place finish in the 2021 Learfield IMG College Directors' Cup, which is its highest in program history. UA's previous best was 14th at the conclusion of the 2017-18 campaign.

"One of our goals is to have a regular presence in the top 10 of the Learfield IMG College Directors' Cup, so we are thrilled and certainly very proud of this," said Alabama Director of Athletics Greg Byrne.

"To have our highest finish in program history in a year like this is not only a testament to the hard work and dedication of our student-athletes, coaches and staff but also to the selflessness of so many over this past season.

"Congratulations to our entire department on a job well done."

In total, 18 of 21 teams advanced to national competition during the year, including 17 that earned a spot in the NCAA postseason as well as football in the College Football Playoff.

Thirteen Tide teams finished the season in the top 25 nationally including six in the top five – football (1), softball (3), women's outdoor track & field (4), men's basketball (5), gymnastics (5) and women's swimming and diving (5). Two more finished in the top 10 – men's indoor track and field (7) and women's cross country (8) – to give Alabama eight national finishes between first and eighth.

Other top-25 finishers include men's outdoor track and field (13), rowing (14), men's swimming and diving (15), women's indoor track and field (16) and women's golf (24).

For the final standings, 19 total teams can be scored, four of which must include men's and women's basketball, baseball and volleyball. UA finished with a combined 1017.25 points.

The Learfield IMG College Directors' Cup was developed as a joint effort between the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics and USA Today.



UA ATHLETICS

Crimson Tide Pitcher Montana Fouts.

Notes (from Front)

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Resignations

- Lynda M. Carter, Child Development Center Part-time Homebound Teacher, Resigned
- April M. Burgess, Cold Springs High Counselor, Resigned
- Preston Mark Dobbs, Fairview High Teacher, Retirement
- Justin Blake Calvert, Good Hope High Bus Driver, Resigned
- Edward Wilson Sandlin, Hanceville High Bus Driver, Resigned
- Sharon A. Carlisle, Hanceville Middle Hearing-Impaired Teacher, Resigned
- Patti G. Freeman, Harmony Secretary/Bookkeeper, Retirement
- Jill Mattea Perry, Vinemont Elementary Speech Language Pathologist Coordinator, Resigned

Transfers

- Reilly Hope Hood, from Welti Elementary Teacher to Cold Springs Elementary Teacher
- Adam D. McKinnon, from Cold Springs Elementary Teacher to Cold Springs Elementary Assistant Principal/Teacher
- Sydney Garmon Shumaker, from Cold Springs Elementary Teacher to Cold Springs Elementary Temporary Pre-K Lead Teacher
- Ginger B. Norris, from Cold Springs Elementary 1st Grade Teacher to Cold Springs Elementary (Homebase), Cold Springs, Harmony, West Point Gifted Teacher
- Selena A. Skipper, from Good Hope High Business Education Teacher to Cullman Area Technology
- Morgan Nicole Wilson, from Fairview Middle Special Education Teacher to Fairview Elementary Kindergarten Teacher
- Tabatha L. Roberts, from Fairview Middle Counselor to Fairview High Counselor
- Brittany Marie Davis, from Fairview Elementary Kindergarten Teacher to Fairview Middle School Counselor
- Braxton Zerok Pitts, from Hanceville Middle 7th Grade English Teacher to Hanceville High English Teacher
- Elizabeth Ann Watwood, from Holly Pond Elementary/Middle Assistant Principal to Hanceville High Assistant Principal/Teacher
- Brent Gerald Barnett, from Hanceville High Assistant Principal/Teacher to Hanceville Middle Assistant Principal/Teacher
- Jennifer Denise Quick, from Harmony 2nd Grade Teacher to Harmony Temporary Pre-K Lead Teacher
- Jan M. Carter, from Holly Pond Elementary Secretary/Bookkeeper to Holly Pond Elementary/Middle Bookkeeper
- Jimmy L. Collins, from Hanceville High Principal to Systemwide Temporary Districtwide Facilitator
- Joshua B. Davis, from Fairview Middle Teacher to Holly Pond Elementary/Middle Assistant Principal
- Christopher Kyle Chamblee, from Hanceville Middle Assistant Principal/Teacher to Vinemont Elementary/Middle Assistant Principal
- Katara G. Davidson, from Welti Elementary Pre-K Lead Teacher to Welti Elementary Kindergarten Teacher

Appointments/hires

- Madison Brooke Wren, Harmony Temporary Pre-K Teacher
- Jesse Wayne James, Hanceville Band Director
- Jack B. Capps, Cullman Area Technology Academy Temporary Part-time Maintenance Worker
- Hannah Elizabeth Shaddix, West Point Elementary Special Education Teacher
- Macy Alexis Ray, Holly Pond Elementary Teacher
- Cassie Marie Briggs, Vinemont Elementary Special Education Teacher
- Jacob Mackenzie Smith, Transportation Bus Shop Mechanic
- Machiela Nikole Richard, Cold Springs Elementary Music Teacher
- Jesse William Lee, West Point Intermediate K-12 Special Education Teacher
- Joella Carol Link, Holly Pond Elementary Teacher
- Keith O'Bryon Twitty II, Hanceville High School Social Science Teacher
- Annette O. Mills, Vinemont Elementary Temporary Part-time EL Teacher, as needed
- Alice Bobo Dutton, Fairview Elementary Intervention Teacher
- Kayla Beth Drake, Welti Elementary Temporary, Pre-K Auxiliary Teacher

Substitutes

- Patrick Lee Klein, Teacher
- James Lee Tolbert, Teacher

The Cullman County Board of Education meets next on Thursday, July 15, 2021 in the central office boardroom, with work session at 3:30 p.m. and regular meeting immediately following. The public is invited to attend.



