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Wallace State's Sara Eskew, Zach Hudson win SkillsUSA National gold medals in Mobile Robotic Technology; CSI team wins silver

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Wallace State Community College students Sara Eskew and Zach Hudson each earned gold medals recently in the 2021 SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference competition.

Eskew and Hudson, both recent graduates, won gold in the Mobile Robotic Technology category, joining elite Wallace State company. Seven Wallace State students have won a national gold medal since 2003.

"Winning gold is a huge achievement, especially with me being 50 years old and challenging myself to learn new things," said Eskew, of Hanceville. "SkillsUSA is like nothing I had ever done before. I've learned so much about engineering and programming and much more about myself and my capabilities. There were a lot of long hours involved, but I enjoyed every minute." » PAGE 6



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Sara Eskew, left, and Zach Hudson won a national SkillsUSA gold medal in Mobile Robotic Technology.

– EDUCATION –

Little Free Public Library ribbon cutting in Hanceville



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The Little Free Public Library encourages everyone to "Take a Book. Share a Book."

Ashlyn Grey
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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – A new Little Free Public Library has opened in Hanceville, behind Hanceville Public Library, thanks to the Friends of the Public Library. These Little Free Public Libraries operate on an honor system and allow anyone access to free literature. The front of the box is labeled "Take a Book. Share a Book." and lists the Little Free Library web address.

Those in attendance were Hanceville Mayor Kenneth Nail, Director of the Cullman County Public Library Sharon Townsend, Hanceville Head Librarian Shirley Burden, several members of The Friends of the Public Library and Library Board and many others.

"The accessibility of literature to people of all ages is incredibly important and the Little Free Public Library's purpose is to provide that," Director Townsend explained, "While there are several across Cullman County, when a Little Free Public Library is registered, it shows up on a map online at littlefreelibrary.org and can be visited by anyone."

After the ribbon was cut and the Little Free Public Library was officially open, Mayor Nail shared a statement with all in attendance as things wrapped up.

"I think sometimes, and we don't mean to, but I think sometimes we forget about the library. Every department is so important. It is a spoke in this wheel. Every department."

He further explained, "Well maybe the police are important? Yeah, they are. Well maybe the fire department is important? Yeah, they are.

"Why is the library important? If we can get that child's attention early on when they are 6 or 7, and get them interested in reading books, I believe that they start developing ideas at a younger age about what they want to do with life.

"Everybody plays an important part. The libraries play an important part. Just as important as everybody else. – I appreciate our libraries so much."

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported July 8

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Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 8, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

July 6

- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 813
- unlawful possession of marijuana; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Ward Ave. SW
- unlawful possession of marijuana; attempt to elude law enforcement; Hwy. 278 E
- domestic violence; CR 1742
- theft of property; Hwy. 31
- criminal mischief; CR 1117
- theft of property; CR 1224
- harassment; CR 783
- burglary; CR 1118
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 1435
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 490

July 7

- burglary; Hwy. 278 E
- assault; trespassing; CR 524
- menacing; CR 109
- theft of property; CR 1145
- theft of property; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 520
- theft of property; CR 389
- violation of protection order; 2nd Way NE
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 149
- theft of property; Tillery Rd.

ARRESTS

July 6

Aldijaili, Keith Tyler; 26
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree possession of marijuana

Carnes, Reese Isiah; 19
- FTA- assault- aggravated assault to M
- FTA- kidnapping-terror-adult

Chappell, Kenny Lynn; 51
- second-degree possession of marijuana
- attempting to elude police officer
- driving while license suspended

Collins, Joshua Trey; 31
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Dingler Jr., James Larry; 27
- possession of heroin
- DUI (controlled substances)

Hale, Draven Kayne; 22
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Harrison, Jason Lee; 33
- negotiating worthless instrument (4 counts)
- sex offense-failure of adult sex offender to register with local law enforcement

Johnson, Catherine Lynn; 21
- FTA- operating vehicle without insurance

Judkins, Clay Daniel; 32
- criminal mischief
- criminal trespass

Raines, Brian Anthony; 33
- harassing communications

Steele, Phillip Aaron; 23
- assault-domestic-harassment-family (2 counts)
- possession of drug paraphernalia

July 7

Braswell, Randall Heath; 44
- DUI (alcohol)

Clay, Cody Lemark; 32
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Cooper, Kevin Lynn; 49
- Probation Violation- larceny/theft-second-degree theft of property $1,500 to $2,500
- Probation Violation- larceny/theft-second-degree theft of property $500 less than $1,500

Franklin, Cristy Linn; 45
- FTA- larceny/theft-second-degree theft of property $1,500 to $2,500

Godsey, Jennifer Nicole; 35
- FTA- using false identity to avoid arrest/hinder prosecution

Goins, Catherine Corrina; 34
- public intoxication

Henderson, Shelia Ann; 53
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Hines, Timmy Lemark; 58
- FTA- improper tag classification
- FTA- driving while license suspended (2 counts)
- operating vehicle without insurance

Hurst, David Randall; 61
- FTA- negotiating worthless instrument

Loggins, Ashley Danielle; 34
- FTA- driving while license suspended (2 counts)

Oden, Cary James; 26
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- auto theft

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

July 4

- first-degree criminal mischief; CRMC; Hwy. 157; damaged property; $2,500

July 7

- third-degree forgery; Moore Contracting, LLC; 2nd Ave. SE; forged check
- harassment; person; 6th Ave. SE
- third-degree burglary; person; 2nd Ave. NE; medication/miscellaneous

ARRESTS

July 7

Wolford, Ayla E.; 28
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
- third-degree theft of property

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

Studdard (from Front)

Mary Beth Sellers
Cullman Regional

CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman Regional welcomes board-certified Internal Medicine Physician Caroline Studdard, M.D., to the Cullman Regional Medical Group. Dr. Studdard earned both her undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and she completed her residency with UAB Huntsville Internal Medicine Residency Program in Huntsville, Alabama.

As an Internal Medicine physician, Dr. Studdard provides comprehensive diagnosis and treatment for chronic illnesses as well as health promotion and disease prevention. She is specially trained to solve puzzling diagnostic problems and situations where multiple different illnesses may be involved. Internists serve as primary care providers specializing in the overall diagnosis and treatment of both acute and chronic illnesses in patients.

Dr. Studdard will treat patients ages 18 and older for the following conditions:

- Acute respiratory illness
- Asthma
- Bronchitis
- Chest pain
- COPD
- Diabetes
- Fatigue
- Heart Failure
- High Cholesterol & Triglycerides
- Hypertension (High Blood Pressure)
- Flu
- Migraines
- Osteoarthritis
- Osteoporosis
- Pneumonia

In her free time, Dr. Studdard enjoys spending time with her husband and two dogs. She is also actively involved with her church.

Dr. Studdard will be providing care for patients at Cullman Regional Medical Group — North, located in Professional Office Building 1, Suite 450 (1948 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman, AL 35058). Schedule an appointment with Dr. Studdard by calling 256-297-4677. For more information about Dr. Studdard or services provided by Cullman Regional, visit online at https://cullmanregional.com/services/cullman-regional-medical-group/.

Week (from Front)

Leanna West
City of Cullman

CULLMAN, Ala. – On Wednesday, July 7, Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs proclaimed July 12-18, 2021, "Community Theater Week" in the City of Cullman.

On hand from Cullman Community Theater to accept the proclamation from Mayor Jacobs were Jamie Kirk (programs specialist), Noah Carpenter (board secretary/treasurer), Wayne Cook (board president), Cindy Pass (board vice-president) and Casey Sandlin (board member).

CCT was revived in May 2018 in partnership with Cullman Parks, Recreation, & Sports Tourism.

CCT saw two successful summer seasons. Though the first three-show season was scheduled for 2020, it was cut short by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We are excited to be back this summer to present the show we had slated for our 2020 season," said production manager Noah Carpenter.

"The Tony Award-winning Broadway classic 'Hello, Dolly!' will include our largest cast and crew to date!"

"Community theater has a great impact on our community," said Mayor Jacobs.

"Community theater produces live performances of shows that we have few opportunities in our area to see, encourages interest and fosters talent in performance arts and provides an outlet for energy and interest in creative and artistic endeavors."

In the proclamation, Mayor Jacobs commended everyone involved with CCT for their dedication, initiative and creativity in providing community theater for our community.

"All of us with the Cullman Community Theatre are just thankful to be able to return to the stage and be able to entertain our community members again after a year of stages and theaters being empty across the world," said Noah Carpenter.

"Theatre has always had the power to be joy to people and be an escape from the world's problems, making it more important than ever with all of the troubles we hear about every time we turn on our TVs and radios today.

"We are thankful for all the support in this community from the very top here in the mayor's office to our great sponsors and every single patron who comes out to see the show."



PAM LESLIE

L-R: Jamie Kirk, Noah Carpenter, Wayne Cook, Mayor Jacobs, Cindy Pass, Casey Sandlin

Four performances of "Hello, Dolly!" are scheduled: July 16 at 7 p.m., July 17 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and July 18 at 2 p.m. All performances will be in the Cullman High School Theater. Tickets to all four performances of "Hello, Dolly!" are available for pre-sale through BookTix (https://cullmanct.booktix.com/).

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COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Thursday, July 8, 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: 425,464 (+ 1,093 since Monday)
- Probable cases in Alabama: 127,447 (+ 520 since Monday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama: 9,084 (+ 25 since Monday)
- Probable deaths in Alabama: 2,303
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,825 (+ 16 since Monday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 3,206 (+ 1 since Monday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 140
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 62
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 43,618
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co: 1,461
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 39
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,692,708
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 2,573
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 70,763
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 229

Vaccine details (updated Tues, Thurs)

- Doses Delivered to Alabama: 4,667,655
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 3,171,285
- Doses administered: 3,289,782
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 1,860,951
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 1,539,494
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 1,496,370

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

COVID-19 infection rates increase in Alabama

The best way to prevent getting the highly infectious and easily transmissible Delta variant or any other strain of COVID-19 is to get vaccinated as quickly as possible. The vaccines we have are highly effective and their benefits far outweigh any risks. Only a very small percentage of deaths due to COVID-19 are among the fully vaccinated population. Based on recent conversations with hospitals, the Alabama Hospital Association reports that more than 90% of hospitalized COVID-19 patients in the state are unvaccinated.

Percent positivity escalates

Alabama's percent positivity for COVID-19 has increased to its highest point since mid-May: 4.8%. This is equal to the percent positivity recorded April 3 when vaccines had not been readily available.

Make vaccination a priority

This July 5, 2,708 doses of COVID-19 vaccine were administered in the state. At the height of vaccine administration on April 8, 45,128 vaccine doses were given. Young people and others who are taking a wait-and-see stance on vaccination should be aware that they need to protect themselves, their families, friends and communities by getting vaccinated as soon as they can. Safe, effective and free vaccines shields vulnerable people and saves lives.

Opportunity (from Front)

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Jamesha Reese was happy for the opportunity to learn more about health science programs at Wallace State Community College with openings for the fall 2021 semester.

"I wanted to explore my options," Reese said.

Reese missed out on one of the limited openings in her first-choice program at Wallace State. Once she learned of a Second Opportunity meeting of programs with openings remaining for the fall 2021 semester, she and her mother Melva Reese traveled from Birmingham to find out more.

Reese met Tracie Fuqua, director of the Medical Assistant program, and decided to apply to that program after she learned of the many different job opportunities open in that field.

"There are urgent care centers, walk-in clinics, specialty offices, cardiology, pulmonology, dermatology, general practice, pediatric, obstetrics and more where medical assistants are hired," Fuqua said. Living in Birmingham, Reese should have many opportunities for employment, Fuqua added.

Along with Medical Assistant, other programs with openings for the fall 2021 semester include Child Development, Diagnostic Imaging, Emergency Medical Services, Health Information Technology, Medical Laboratory Technician/Medical Laboratory Assistant, Pharmacy Technology, Polysomnographic (Sleep Lab) Technologist, and Respiratory Therapy. Completion time for programs range from one to two semesters for certificates and up to five semesters for associate degrees. Not all programs require completion of pre-requisite courses.

There is still time to apply to programs with openings for the fall semester. Classes for Regular and Mini Term I will begin Aug. 19, with Mini Term II classes beginning Oct. 14. Registration is currently underway.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

VBS Vacation Bible School
July 12 - 16 (Monday-Friday) 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Infants through age 12. Nursery provided. Free food and fun. Everyone invited.

No Talent Talent Show
July 31 - Saturday 7 p.m. No admission fees! Donations accepted. Free meal at 6 p.m. Everyone welcome! Fun and entertaining! Come see impersonations of some of your favorite singers. We hope "Elvis" will be there!

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

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

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

Guy Hunt Library Summer Children's Programs
• 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/Fall Camp Programs
• Aug. 20 - 10 a.m., Little Farmers Farmer's Market: Run your pretend farm stand and then use tokens to shop with a local farmer.
• Aug. 26 - 9 a.m., Heritage Homeschool Solar Power: Celebrate the new solar panels producing electricity at the Agriplex with hands-on activities powered by the sun.
• Sept. 4 - 9 a.m., Farm Kids Club County Fair Crafts: Create handicrafts that can be entered in the Cullman County Fair and win prizes!
• Sept. 10 - 10 a.m., Little Farmers "The Very Hungry Caterpillar": Explore the miracle of the butterfly life cycle through the beloved Eric Carle classic.
• Sept. 30 - 9 a.m., Heritage Homeschool Harvest & Seed Saving: Harvest the falls bounty at the Agriplex and save seeds for your very own collection. We will pick, taste and learn how to preserve the harvest.
• Oct. 2 - 9 a.m., Farm Kids Club Pumpkin Patch: Pick a pumpkin out of our patch and join us for some fall-themed fun! We will play games, have snacks and carve a pumpkin.
• 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
• July 20 - 6 p.m., Living Landscapes Permaculture - Creating Edible Ecosystems: Using permaculture principles helps minimize work in the garden while maximizing harvests. Instructor Dianne Lollar will be teaching about how applying permaculture principles can work for you.
• July 21 - noon, Lunch & Learn presents Tomato Time: Cooking & Preserving Fresh Tomatoes. This is a free program, light lunch provided. Please call us at 256-297-1044 to reserve your spot.
• Aug. 10 - 6 p.m., Heritage Skills Beginning Brewers Class: The Cullman Brewers Guild will explain the process of brewing and demonstrate how to make homemade beer. See equipment and learn the science of brewing your own beer.
• Aug. 16 - 6 p.m., Learn to Sew Christmas in August: Get an early start on Christmas decorating and join us for felt ornament making for the tree using sequins and decorative thread.
• Aug. 18 - noon, Lunch & Learn presents Planting & Growing Fall Veggies. This is a free program, light lunch provided. Please call us at 256-297-1044 to reserve your spot.
• Aug. 31 - 6 p.m., Living Landscapes Growing Berries & Grapes: Retired Auburn Experiment Station Director Arnold Caylor will be back at the Agriplex sharing his vast knowledge on growing berries and muscadines best suited for our region.
• Sept. 9 - 6 p.m., Cowboy Cooking - Cooking with a Dutch Oven: Local ranchers Greg and Emily Anderson from Sullivan Creek Ranch will be demonstrating how to cook over an open fire.
• Sept. 13 - 6 p.m., Learn to Sew Projects for the Kitchen: This will be a fun class making things to use in your kitchen.
• Sept. 14 - 6 p.m., Heritage Skills Raising Pigs: Learn the basics of raising pigs for your family.
• 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.

Center Hill Baptist Church VBS
July 12 - 16 – From 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Center Hill Baptist Church in Hanceville (13108 Co Rd 747, Hanceville, AL 35077). We will also host a VBS Registration Day on Sunday, July 11, featuring face painting, games, bounce house and goody bags. Looking forward to see you there!

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.

1963 Fairview High School Class Meeting
July 16 - The Fairview High School Class of 1963 will meet Friday, July 16, at 1:02 p.m. at the Golden Corral (1720 Cherokee Avenue, Southwest, in Cullman). Must be 1:02 p.m. or after for senior discount. The meeting will be in one of the reserved rooms in the back of the restaurant. Call Joyce Williams Rodgers at 256-339-3451 for more information.

Unsheltered International BBQ and Cake Fundraiser Action
July 17 – 5 p.m. at Temple Baptist Church (30 Co Rd 1184, Cullman, AL 35057). To sign up, donate and/or RSVP, contact Tara at 256-737-0112 ext. 180 or tara@unsheltered.org.

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, July 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.

West Point High School Class of '62 School Reunion
July 24 – The Class of '62 School Reunion will be Saturday, July 24 at 1 p.m. at the Brandin' Iron Steakhouse in West Point (87 Co Rd 1242, Cullman, AL 35057). For more information, contact Linda Jordan 256-747-6883.

West Point Class of '67 Reunion
July 24 - The West Point Class of 1967 reunion will be held Saturday, July 24, at Brandin' Iron Steakhouse at West Point, from 4-6 p.m.

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 3-7 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 on 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

Lazor focus: Auburn alum Annie Lazor fulfills Olympic dream

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. – Fifty meters remained in the women's 200m breaststroke at the U.S. Olympic Trials when former Auburn swimmer Annie Lazor glanced at her competitors and knew she was Tokyo bound.

"I was maybe just a little bit ahead, and if there's anything I feel the most confident in in my swimming, it's my third and fourth 50 of the 200 breaststroke," said Lazor, recalling her mindset at the moment. "You have 50 meters left until you're an Olympian. Get it done."

In less than a two-and-a-half minutes, a lifetime of training – thousands of hours in the pool – culminated with an opportunity to compete this month in the Olympics.

"A pretty indescribable experience," she said.

Lazor drew inspiration from another Auburn Olympian, 2012 butterflyer Tyler McGill, and his post-race interview after joining Michael Phelps on the team in London.

"He said, 'I woke up this morning and I made the decision that I was going to be an Olympian,'" Lazor said. "I resonated with that so much. It is a decision. I really did wake up that morning of the 200 and say, 'I'm going to be an Olympian today.' I knew it was going to happen."

Growing up in Michigan, Lazor swam on a club team but trained and competed primarily by herself. That changed when she visited Auburn.

"The feeling of the Auburn family is unmatched," Lazor said. "To have that feeling of a team that's also a family was really important to me. Within 24 hours, I already felt like I was part of the team.

"The excellence of the program and the history of Auburn swimming and diving is nearly unmatched. It was a pretty easy choice for me.

"It went by too quickly. Time with my teammates and the people I met there who are now my lifelong friends and family. It's the gift that keeps on giving."

A four-time All-American on the Plains from 2013-16, Lazor stepped away from the sport after competing at the 2016 Olympic Trials, needing a break, physically and emotionally.

I would not be here today if it weren't for the experiences I had at Auburn.

A talk with a hometown swimming mentor launched Lazor's return to the pool after a year away.

"I didn't want to look five or 10 years down the road and regret not knowing what could have happened," she said. "When I came back, it was definitely the biggest leap of faith I've ever taken."

Lazor relocated to Bloomington, Indiana, training with 2016 Olympic gold medalist Lilly King.

"She welcomed a training partner which I'm super grateful for," Lazor said. "That speaks volumes about the kind of competitor she is to have people next to her who will push her every day.



WADE RACKLEY/AU ATHLETICS

Auburn swimmer Annie Lazor has qualified for the Tokyo Olympics.

"Our friendship has blossomed throughout the last year. There's a profound respect we have for one another. I want success for her just as much as I want success for myself, and I know that she feels that way, too."

At Indiana, Lazor found fellow professional swimmers who share what she calls an "elite mindset," but there's a part of Auburn the Hoosiers cannot duplicate.

"I definitely miss that 10-lane, 50-meter outside pool at Auburn at our disposal whenever we want," she said. "That was just divine."

When Lazor and King finished 1-2 in the 200-meter breaststroke at Trials, they shared hugs and tears, evidence of the bond they've formed, along with training partners Laura Morley from the Bahamas and Bailey Andison from Canada.

"We're a pretty close-knit group," Lazor said. "I definitely would not have gotten through the last year without them."

When Lazor's father passed away six weeks before Olympic Trials, her professional teammates traveled to Michigan for the visitation.

"I just can't even describe what that means to me," she said. "It's incredible."

In most professions, age 26 represents an emerging stage. Not so in swimming.

Forced by the pandemic to wait an extra year to fulfill her Olympic dream, Annie Lazor heads to Japan via a staging camp in Hawaii. The opportunity of a lifetime awaits, earned through endurance.

"This has been the hardest year of my life without a doubt," she said. "One day I'll look back and say it made me a stronger person.

"I would not be here today if it weren't for the experiences I had at Auburn. There's really nothing that can be thrown my way that I won't be able to handle from a competitive perspective."

Troy's Felmas Koranga set to play for Kenyan National Team

Kelly Shipp
Troy Athletics

TROY, Ala. – Troy women's basketball senior forward Felmas Koranga is set play for the Kenyan National Team in the FIBA AfroBasket Qualifiers in Kigali, Rwanda, July 12-17.

"I love my country and playing for the national team was something I was looking forward to," Koranga said. "My dad represented [Kenya] in soccer and my brother is currently playing for the national team so it was something I was really looking forward to, especially because I look up to both of them."

Felmas Koranga - KenyaKoranga, who became the first Kenyan born woman to play Division I basketball this past season, has earned the honor of representing her home country in the upcoming FIBA qualifier event. The FIBA Women's AfroBasket Zone 5 Qualifier will take place at the Kigali Arena in the Rwandan capital next week. Joining Koranga and the Kenyan National team in the qualifier event will be Rwanda, Egypt, South Sudan and Uganda with the winner of the tournament qualifying for the FIBA AfroBasket Tournament in September.

Koranga's junior season at Troy saw her progress both on and off the court. Not only did her skills improve on the court, but so did the confidence in herself. It was the growth in confidence that she attributes to her success and what has helped her reach the national team of her home country.

"I didn't become confident until I got to Troy," Koranga said. "I wasn't confident in a lot of things, especially talking. But Troy really helped me feel confident in myself and once my confidence went up, I just became a better version of myself."

Koranga is one of 17 players that have entered the team's bubble camp in Nairobi West, Kenya, as the team prepares to travel to Kigali later this week. The FIBA AfroBasket tournament is the top women's basketball event in Africa and features the top 12 teams from the continent. The event is held every two years with this year's tournament being the 27th edition.

"It's an incredible opportunity, not only because we have a Troy University student on [Kenya's] roster but for Felmas as well," head coach Chanda Rigby said.

"I can only imagine the pride that she must feel. She had a lot of followers back home watching our games throughout the season so for her to be able to go back and represent her country is all the more special."

Troy University has long been a leader in international education and as a student-athlete, Koranga is only adding to the long legacy of international acclaim for Troy.

"In women's basketball at Troy, we want to put Troy on a national stage by being a proper reflection of the institution that we represent by showing how excellent the education and University is," coach Rigby said.

"Felmas is doing just that by putting the University and our international ties on an international stage by representing both Kenya and Troy."

In her junior season Koranga was named the Sun Belt's Newcomer of the Year and earned All-Sun Belt Second Team honors and was one of only two players in the Sun Belt Conference to average a double-double (12.8 ppg and 11.1 rpg).

She ranked 27th nationally for the most double-doubles with 12. In the national rankings Koranga ranked seventh in offensive rebounds per game (4.7), 20th in rebounds per game (11.1) and 22nd in total rebounds (256).



TROY ATHLETICS

Troy forward Felmas Koranga will play for the Kenyan National Team at the Tokyo Olympics.

Jess Davis named ABCA/Rawlings Gold Glove Award winner

Hailee Roe
UAB Athletics

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – UAB outfielder Jess Davis was named a Division I ABCA/Rawlings Gold Glove Award Winner, as announced by the American Baseball Coaches Association on Wednesday, June 23.

Davis is the first Blazer in program history to be named to the ABCA/Rawlings Gold Glove Team.

The Gold Glove is given to the top defensive player in each position.

The final team consists of nine members — one from each infield position as well as one pitcher and three outfielders.

Starting in all 54 games for UAB, Davis compiled an impressive resume. He posted a perfect fielding percentage with 186 putouts and one assist.

Baseball season tickets are available by purchasing the 2021-22 Gold Card for $65.

This exclusive offer grants admission to all UAB men's and women's soccer, volleyball, women's basketball and softball games in addition to all baseball home contests.

Complete the Gold Card Request Form or contact the UAB Ticket Office at 205-975-UAB1 for more details.

For more information on the UAB baseball team, follow @UAB_Baseball on Twitter and Instagram.

2021 ABCA/Rawlings NCAA Div. I Gold Glove Team

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- 1B - Austin Murr - Jr. - NC State - NC
- 2B - Taylor Young - Sr. - Louisiana Tech - LA
- 3B - Paxton Wallace - Jr. - Wichita State - KS
- SS - Drew Swift - Jr. Arizona State - AZ
- OF - Sal Frelick - Jr. - Boston College - MA



UAB ATHLETICS

UAB Outfielder Jess Davis.

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W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Dodge City Town Council met Thursday evening.

Dodge City (from Front)

W.C. Mann
craig@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. – The Dodge City Town Council on Thursday evening voted to pay off a USDA loan taken in 2007 to improve its sewer system. The council used reserve funds to retire the debt, scheduled to be completed on Jan. 1, 2043, 21 years early. The move will leave the town debt free.

"I am elated to get it paid off," said Mayor Tawana Canada. "We are completely out of debt at this time."

Other council business

The council voted to install Sprout internet service at Town Hall and seek cancellation of its recently opened contract with AT&T, following a week without internet service.

According to Canada, AT&T was supposed to have come last Thursday to fix the problem, but has yet to do so. After a review of the AT&T bill, which includes $30 per month for technical support, Councilman Jason Burney suggested, "We ought to get our money back on tech support."

Canada informed the council that a recent inspection of the town's sewer system showed that "Everything's great," and that planned road work around town has been delayed by weather.

The council scheduled a work session for the 2022 budget at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 15.

The Dodge City Town Council meets at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at Dodge City Town Hall. The public is invited to attend.

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– VETERAN MEMORIAL –

Lt. Cmdr. Roger Blaine Thrasher

Christy Perry
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Roger Blaine Thrasher was born May 11, 1936, in Lawrence County, Alabama. He was the son of Cecil and Wilma (James) Thrasher. He enlisted with the United States Navy and was a 13-year Navy veteran when he served during the Vietnam War. Thrasher rose to the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

Thrasher, a Lawrence County High School and Auburn University graduate, married Miss Jane Chappell of Hanceville July 7, 1963, at a ceremony at First Baptist Church in Hanceville. Chappell also graduated from Auburn University. The couple soon started a family and had two daughters, Andrea and Natasha.

Thrasher was serving on the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt in February 1970.

A letter archived on uss-frankindroosevelt.com states:

"Three Die in Crash of A-3 'Skywarrior'
Three men were lost and another rescued following the crash of an A-3 'Skywarrior' yesterday.The aircraft, assigned to Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron TWO, was conducting flight operations with Roosevelt when it crashed about 200 yards from the ship following take-off.

"The guided missile destroyer USS Adams rescued one of the four crewmen shortly after the crash. He is AMS2 Samuel Rozier, plane captain of the downed A-3.

Lost in the crash were Lt. Cmdr. Roger B. Thrasher, pilot; LT Thomas Lee Walls, navigator and A01 Floyd R. Bond, crew member."

LCDR Roger Blaine Thrasher is now buried/memorialized at Arlington National Cemetery in Memorial Section G. Thrasher is also memorialized at Cullman's Veterans Memorial Park.



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Lt. Cmdr. Roger Blaine Thrasher »

SkillsUSA (from Front)

Eskew, a Computer Science graduate, has accepted an internship position at Mobex Global in Hartselle where she'll work to support and assist the IT team in maintaining hardware and software, troubleshooting issues and programming, as well as providing technical support.

Hudson, 23, graduated with a general studies degree in May and has plans to transfer to Auburn University or UAH to major in mechanical engineering.

Hudson became interested in the SkillsUSA competition by accident. He stopped by (Computer Science instructor) Terry Ayers' office one day, seeking assistance with a drone. Fellow classmates were working on robots and Hudson was hooked. "Our competition was chal lenging and involved several months of dedication, frustration and patience. The first robot we built looked nothing like the one we competed with. I didn't know how to program anything before SkillsUSA, but I loved the hands-on aspect and the problem-solving," said Hudson, of Hanceville. "Mr. Ayers has taught me a lot. It's a great feeling to win gold, especially considering the hard work we put in."



PAM LESLIE

Wallace State's Crime Scene Investigation team of, from left, Leah Tarvin, Candace Browning and Callie Flaugh achieved one of the college's 22 state gold medals.

All teams in the Mobile Robotic Technology category had to put together an engineering notebook and explain the design, programming and functionality of a robot in addition to earning points for programming and driving skills. All contests were conducted virtually for the first time, both nationally and statewide.

Wallace State a lso produced national silver medal winners from the Crime Scene Investigation team of Leah Tarvin, Candance Browning and Callie Flaugh – marking the second straight national silver for Wallace State in that category.

In 2019, Wallace State had three students (Jacob Humphrey in Welding and Chase Blakey and Benjamin Brownlee in Mobile Robotic Technology) earn a gold medal for the college.

The 2020 competition was canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eskew and Hudson increased the gold medal count this year.

During the state competition this year, Wallace State had 44 students earn a medal, including 26 who won first-place golds. The college led the state in medals earned, two years after racking up 71 overall.

For a complete list of national winners, visit https://skillsusa-register.org/rpts/EventMedalists.aspx.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

SMITH SAMANTHA PERRY, Plaintiff,
V. Case No.: DR-2021-900126.00
PERRY JEFFREY W, Defendant.

ORDER

MOTION TO SERVE BY PUBLICATION filed by SMITH SAMANTHA PERRY is hereby GRANTED.

DONE this 11th day of June, 2021.

/s/ GREGORY A NICHOLAS
CIRCUIT JUDGE

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF *
CML, * **CASE NO.: JU 20-038.04**
a minor, DOB: 01-02-2020 *

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

The unknown father of the above child born to Brittany Cheyenne Loyd on January 2, 2020, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Cullman County Department of Human Resources by the 23 day of July, 2021, or thereafter a judgment terminating his parental rights may be entered against him in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 10 day of June 2021.

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk

Petitioner:
Cullman County Department of Human Resources
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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF J.E.M.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 05/31/2009
CASE NO.: AD2021-027

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: BILLY J. MADDUX, NATURAL FATHER OF A CHILD BORN TO ARIELLA DAWN DESMEDT

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Robert Karry DeSmedt, Petitioner. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioner, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 16th DAY OF June, 2021.

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

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Attorney for Petitioner
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF N.J. M.
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DONE THIS 16th 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 THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION PETITION OF
ROGER H. PONDER and
BONITA NINET PONDER
FOR THE ADOPTION OF
CASE NO AD 2021-033

L.A.T. A MINOR.
D.O.B. 8-6-2019

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: ANDREA PERDUE, NATURAL MOTHER
DUSTIN PONDER, NATURAL FATHER AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN FATHER OF A MINOR CHILD BORN TO ANDREA PERDUE

The Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Roger H. Ponder and Bonita Ninet Ponder, Petitioners. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioners, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 8th DAY OF July, 2021.

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Shelbie G. Hankey
Attorney for Petitioners
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Cullman, Alabama 35055

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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 EDWARD BURKE, III,) CASE NO PC 2021-228
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: APRIL KIMBRIL
JO KEETON
ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTEREST PARTIES

The Petition of Lana Lunceford to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Robert Edward Burke, III, deceased, has been set for hearing on the 3rd day of August, 2021, at 10:00 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 1st day of July, 2021.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks is said newspaper

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207A Third Street, Southwest
Cullman, AL 35055

Obituary Announcements: July 8

Eric Scott Robertson, 43, of Hanceville
Funeral services for Eric Scott Robertson of Hanceville, Alabama will be noon Friday, July 9, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Good Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. – noon on Friday at the funeral home prior to the funeral service.

Mr. Robertson was born June 1, 1978, to Donny and Phyllis (Luna) Robertson. He died at the age of 43 on July 6 at UAB in Birmingham. From Cullman County Sheriff's Office, along with Hanceville PD and Cullman PD, Mr. Robertson served a total of 19 years in law enforcement. In 2019, he opened his own business, Black Widow Auto Sales. Aside from his career, Eric was a man of his word and would lend out a hand to anyone in need. He was a loving husband, father and friend to all. In addition to his parents, Mr. Robertson is survived by his wife: April Robertson; children: Ezra Robertson, Ayden Robertson, Kai Reid and Cade Reid; brother: Ryan (Amanda) Robertson and grandmother: Inez Chapman. Mr. Robertson was preceded in death by his grandparents: Leonard (Mary Ann) Luna and Homer Robertson.

Kenneth Daniel Nelson, 75, of Cullman
Kenneth Daniel Nelson, 75, of Cullman, passed from this life July 8 at Cullman Regional. He was born Nov. 8, 1945, to William Leldon and Ruby Thelene Hendrix Nelson. He loved doing yard work and remodeling houses. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Nelson family. Mr. Nelson was preceded in death by his parents: William Leldon and Ruby Thelene Hendrix Nelson and one sister: Theda Hayes. He is survived by his brother: James (Sandra) Nelson; nieces: Amy (Brian) Cobb and Deanna Nelson; two great-nieces: Lexi (Blake) Hicks and Kenna Cobb and two great-great-nieces: Anna Hicks and Evey Hicks. Friends can sign the online guestbook at www.cullman-funeralhome.com.

Algene (Al) Jerome Kuchinka, 87, of Decatur
Algene (Al) Jerome Kuchinka of Decatur Alabama passed away July 2 at the age of 87. He was born Aug. 15, 1933, in Glencoe, Ohio to Joseph and Stella Walk Kuchinka. He was a graduate of Ohio State University and University of Central Michigan. He obtained a master's degree in Aeronautical Engineering. He is preceded in death by his parents; wife: Cletis Kuchinka; sister: Lorraine Baker; brother-in-law: Donald Baker; brother: Tom Kuchinka and niece: Shari Kuchinka Curl. Survivors are son: David (Shelly) Kuchinka; daughter: Susan (Mike) Brown; sister-in-law: Myra Miller; niece: Alecia Miller; nephew: Jeremy Miller; his dearest friend: Jim Mullet; his loving companion: Margret Williams; grandchildren: Michayla and James Williamson, Lezlee and Josh Odem, Elizabeth Thursby, Tiffani and Kaleb Vandygriff, Jadyn Cline, Madison Brown and Dustin Wullenweber and 14 great-grandchildren. The family request in lieu of flowers, to please make donations to the American Heart Association or The American Diabetes Association. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home is directing.

Sylvia Rae (Brooks) Batemon, 87, of Holly Pond
Sylvia Rae (Brooks) Batemon, 87, of Holly Pond, passed away July 7. She was born Sept. 13, 1933, in Marshall County, to James Morgan and Amanda Shedd Brooks. Ms. Sylvia was a member of Zion Grove Baptist Church and enjoyed attending worship with her friends and neighbors. She enjoyed tending her flowers and mowing her own yard. Sylvia had a green thumb, and her garden was always plentiful. She loved to share her vegetables with her friends and neighbors. Sylvia had a servant's heart, and she was always doing for others in any way she could. She spoiled, not only her own family, but anyone she knew and loved. Ms. Sylvia's greatest joy was her family, and any time she could spend with them made her happy. She will be missed greatly by all who had the honor to know her. Sylvia is preceded in death by her parents: James Morgan and Amanda Shedd Batemon; her husband: John David Batemon and her brothers and sisters: James Brooks, Arley Dease, Velle White, Lennie White, Rose Marks, Jewel Sullivan and Shirley Hayes. She is survived by her children: David and Harriet Batemon, Phillip Batemon, Michael and Anita Batemon and Gayla and Larry Narrell; grandchildren: Haley and Jeremy Nix, Amanda and Jeremy Clark, Greg and Paige Narrell and Jamie and Jeff Jones as well as a host of great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews, cousins, friends and neighbors. Funeral services for Ms. Sylvia will be 11 a.m., Saturday, July 10, in the chapel of Holly Pond Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Union Grove Cemetery where Ms. Batemon will be laid to rest alongside her husband. The family will receive guests Friday evening, July 9, at the funeral home from 6-8 p.m. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Batemon family.

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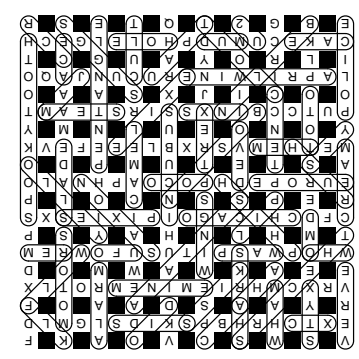
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Be prepared for hurricane season

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Planning for hurricane season and other potential disasters can be stressful, and because the 2021 hurricane season comes during the COVID-19 pandemic, it may be especially so. Public health and emergency response professionals have advice to help you safely prepare, evacuate and shelter for severe storms while protecting yourself and others from COVID-19. Here are some tips to help you and your family stay safe during hurricane season this year.

Prepare for hurricane season

• Get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as you can. COVID-19 vaccines help protect you from getting sick or severely ill with COVID-19 and may also help protect people around you.

• Give yourself more time than usual to prepare your emergency food, water and medicine supplies. Home delivery is the safest choice for buying disaster supplies; however, that may not be an option for everyone. If in-person shopping is your only choice, take steps to protect your and others' health when running essential errands.

• Protect yourself and others when filling prescriptions by limiting in-person visits to the pharmacy. Sign up for mail order delivery or call in your prescription ahead of time and use drive-thru windows or curbside pickup, if available.

• Pay attention to local guidance about updated plans for evacuations and shelters, including shelters for your pets.

• When you check on neighbors and friends, be sure to follow physical distancing recommendations (staying at least 6 feet from others) and other CDC recommendations to protect yourself and others.

Prepare to evacuate

• If you need to evacuate, prepare a "go kit" with personal items you cannot do without during an emergency. Include items that can help protect you and others from COVID-19, such as hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, bar or liquid soap, disinfectant wipes (if available) and multiple, clean masks for everyone age 2 or older. Masks should have two or more layers and fit snugly against your face. They should not be used by people having trouble breathing, or who are unconscious, incapacitated or unable to remove the mask without assistance.

• Know a safe place to shelter and have several ways to receive weather alerts, such as the National Weather Service, NOAA Weather or (@NWS) Twitter alerts.

• Find out if your local public shelter is open in case of evacuation. Your shelter location may be different this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

• Follow guidance from your local public health or emergency management officials on when and where to shelter.

• Make a plan and prepare a disaster kit for your pets. Find out if your disaster shelter will accept pets. Typically, when shelters accommodate pets, the pets are housed in a separate area from people.

• Follow safety precautions when using transportation to evacuate. If you have to travel away from your community to evacuate, follow safety precautions for travelers to protect yourself and others from COVID-19.

Staying with friends or family

If you will be staying with friends or family outside your household to evacuate from the storm:

• Talk to the people you plan to stay with about how you can best protect they and yourselves from COVID-19.

• Consider if either of your households has someone who is at higher risk of developing severe illness from COVID-19, including older adults or people of any age who have underlying medical conditions.

• Follow everyday preventive actions, including covering coughs and sneezes, washing your hands often and avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands. Consider taking extra precautions for people living in close quarters.

• Know what to do if someone in your family or in the household you are staying with becomes sick with COVID-19. Take steps to keep your pets safe.

Stay safe after a hurricane

In addition to following guidance for staying safe and healthy after a hurricane, note that:

• It may take longer than usual to restore power and water if out. Take steps to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning if you use a generator.

• If you are injured or ill, contact your medical provider for treatment recommendations. Keep wounds clean to prevent infection. Remember, accessing medical care may be more difficult than usual during the pandemic.

• Dealing with disasters can cause stress and strong emotions, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is natural to feel anxiety, grief and worry. Coping with these feelings and getting help when you need it will help you, your family and your community recover.

• People with preexisting mental health conditions should continue with their treatment and be aware of new or worsening symptoms. Additional information can be found at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services page.

• After a hurricane, it's not unusual for rats, mice and other pests to try to get into your home or building. Be aware that with restaurant and commercial closures related to COVID-19, there may be increased rodent activity as they try to seek other sources of food. Follow recommendations for keeping pests out of your home.

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