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EDUCATION

Pair of former Wallace State students win $44,500 on FOX's 'Beat Shazam'

Russell Moore
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State alum Emma Wright has been a loyal follower of the FOX game show "Beat Shazam" since its debut in 2017.

Wright and former Wallace State dual enrollment student Jazmin Bobo are now in the record books as "Beat Shazam" contestant winners.

Wright and Bobo's appearance on Season 4, Episode 8 of the show, hosted by comedian and actor Jamie Foxx, aired on July 22. The duo won $44,500 in cash by correctly iden- » PAGE 5



WALLACE STATE

Emma Wright, left, is a 2020 Wallace State graduate and Jazmin Bobo is a former Wallace State dual enrollment student from Cold Springs.

– AGRICULTURE –

March of the armyworm

Destructive pest endangers yards and crops; numbers on the rise in Alabama



ALABAMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

The fall armyworm

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Folks across Cullman County are seeing an increase in brown caterpillars that are helping themselves to lawns, gardens and crops. What are they, and what can be done to stop the damage?

The fall armyworm, called "army" because of its invasive tendencies, is considered a destructive species and, once you see the big caterpillars crawling across your patio or driveway, it may be too late to fight them.

According to Katelyn Kesheimer and Scott Graham, extension officials with Alabama A&M and Auburn University, "Alabama is experiencing a high number of migrating fall armyworm moths. Additionally, the state has experienced numerous rainfall events to put the yearly total above average. This frequency of rain creates a favorable environment for fall armyworm eggs and larvae to survive in large numbers. It also creates lush, green fields that attract armyworms. In some cases, producers are unable to access fields for control because of excess water."

The officials released a briefing on Monday for extension agents across the state who are fielding higher than average numbers of calls about the pests.

The briefing said, "Small larvae do not eat much for the first ten days of their life and are also much easier to control than larger life stages. The larger caterpillars cause almost all the damage during their last couple of days before pupation," and, "If most of the caterpillars are large (1 to 1.5 inches), then it is likely too late to control the population. They will cycle out and move on to 'greener pastures.' If the population is mostly small caterpillars (0.25 to 0.5 inches), they may not require as extreme measures in order to manage them."

Where are they found?

According to the briefing, "Fall armyworms are notorious for having a broad host range. People may find populations in home lawns, turf, field crops and pastures. Infestations are especially common in well-managed bermudagrass." » PAGE 6

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported July 29

Cullman Tribune Staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 29, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

July 26

- domestic violence; Handley Ln.
- domestic violence; CR 1545
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of marijuana; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1332
- domestic violence; criminal mischief; Day Gap Rd.
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; Hwy. 278 E
- harassment; Atlanta Ave. SW
- burglary; Hwy. 157
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; Hwy. 278 W

July 27

- illegal possession of prescription drugs; Wesley Ave. N
- violation of protection order; CR 8
- domestic violence; CR 127
- domestic violence; Hwy. 31
- domestic violence; CR 1769
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 788
- unlawful possession of marijuana; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 31
- theft of property; CR 1387
- assault; CR 438
- theft of property; Hwy. 69 S
- theft of property; Hwy. 31
- unlawful possession of marijuana; CR 1345

July 28

- theft of property; CR 1664
- theft of property; 2nd St. SW, Garden City
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; illegal possession of prescription drugs; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278 W
- burglary; CR 438

ARRESTS

July 26

Addison, John Junior; 53

- assault-child abuse-aggravated-family (2 counts)
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree possession of marijuana

Baker, Heath Anthony; 34

- Motion to Revoke Bond-assault-aggravated stalking (2 counts)
- Motion to Revoke Bond-second-degree burglary-domestic violence (2 counts)
- Motion to Revoke Bond-Violation of Protection Order
- burglary- non-residence-no force
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- attempting to elude police officer
- Motion to Revoke Bond-attempting to elude police officer
- stolen vehicles-theft-truck

Cox, Westly Daniel; 32

- FTA- driving while license suspended

Emigdio Jr., Misaem; 21

- second-degree possession of marijuana

Hernandez, Mario Gabriel; 19

- possession of methamphetamine
- DUI (alcohol)

Miller, Bradley Lee; 31

- Probation Violation- unlawful breaking entering vehicle
- Probation Violation- receiving stolen property

Peek, Cody Lee; 22

- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Pinentel Ramirez, Roberto; 19

- second-degree possession of marijuana

Powell, Brittany Leigh; 31

- FTA- buying/receiving stolen property

Pruett, Conner Luke; 24

- FTA- burgarly-residence-force

Sharpton Jr., Billy Ray; 48

- driving while license suspended

Shear, Lauren Michelle; 41

- assault-child abuse-aggravated-family (2 counts)
- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree possession of marijuana

Shields, Steven George; 27

- Sex Offense- failure to register as sex offender

Tucker, Lisa Inez; 42

- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree possession of marijuana
- liquor-possession of tax-paid alcoholic beverages for private use
- no/improper tag light

Walker, Kortney Leigh; 25

- DUI (alcohol)

July 27

Bagwell, Susan Banks; 57

- Motion to Revoke- drug trafficking
- Motion to Revoke- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- Motion to Revoke- possession of drug paraphernalia (3 counts)
- Motion to Revoke- second-degree possession of marijuana
- Motion to Revoke- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)

Deboard, Gregory Dean; 30

- FTA- driving while license suspended

Foshee, Jennifer Joy; 46

- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree possession of marijuana

Gillis Sr.; Daniel Lindsey; 42

- DUI (alcohol)

Hall, Justin Thomas; 31

- family offense- non-support-child

Hardin, Dusty Ladonna; 42

- burglary- non-residence-no force (3 counts)
- stolen vehicles-auto theft

Harris, Phillip Scott; 49

- larceny/theft-shoplifting less than $500

Harvey, Samantha Kaye; 46

- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Johnson, William Daniel; 64

- FTA- driving while license suspended

Miller, Deja Bryana; 19

- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Price, Thomas Huey; 30

- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Smith, Kenneth Ski; 49

- Probation Revoked- Sex Offense- sex offender reporting and registration

July 28

Cofield, Jeremy Dewayne; 48

- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft less than $500 (2 counts)

Collins, Desrae Gabrielle; 22

- second-degree possession of marijuana
- open container-alcohol in a vehicle

Cross, Brandy Roxanne; 42

- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree possession of marijuana

Harbison, Ian Job; 20

- FTA- second-degree possession of marijuana

Parr, Will David; 31

- Probation Revoked-possession of marijuana (3 counts)

Williams, Carolina Lee; 27

- illegal possession of prescription drugs

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

July 25

- third-degree burglary; person; Sheraton Rd. SW; miscellaneous; $215

July 28

- fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; miscellaneous charges
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; miscellaneous; $416

ARRESTS

July 28

Curvin, Joshua A.; 24

- FTA- third-degree domestic violence-harassment
- FTA- resisting arrest
- FTA- disorderly conduct
- FTA- speeding

Sanders, David E.; 32

- FTA- first-degree criminal trespass
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespass
- FTA- attempt to elude police officer
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Miller, Deja B.; 19

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Phillips, Dalena L.; 38

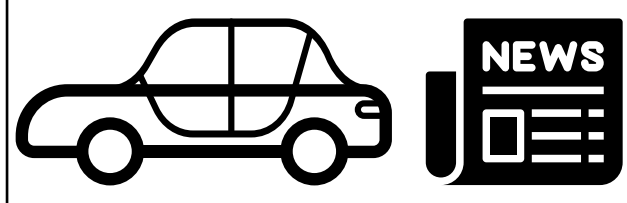
- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- improper lane change

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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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 *
KATHERINE LOUISE HIBBS * CASE NO PC 2021-053
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to **Peggy Callan,** as Personal Representative of the Estate of Katherine Louise Hibbs, deceased, on the 14th day of July, 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.

Peggy Callan
Personal Representative

Michael A. Stewart, Sr.
Attorney for Petitioner
207 A Third Street, Southwest
Cullman, Alabama 35055

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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

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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 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.

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

Shelbie G. Hankey
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Cullman, Alabama 35055

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Thursday, July 29, 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: 442,373 (+ 3,810 since Monday)
- Probable cases in Alabama: 135,090 (+ 2,916 since Monday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama: 9,180 (+ 17 since Monday)
- Probable deaths in Alabama: 2,330
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 7,056 (+ 61 since Monday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 3,307 (+ 28 since Monday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 143
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 62
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 44,556
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co: 2,242
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 240
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,756,534
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 17,866
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 128,217
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 1,181

Vaccine details (updated Tues, Thurs)

- Doses Delivered to Alabama: 4,814,025
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 3,194,025
- Doses administered: 3,440,567
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 1,966,294
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 1,589,930
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 1,620,000

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

Variants of SARS-CoV-2

Variants of SARS-CoV-2 continue to circulate in Alabama and pose a significant threat of increased disease. Variants of concern reported, as of July 9, are Alpha (820 cases), Beta (2 cases), Gamma (31 cases) and Delta (56 cases). These variants are more transmissible, specifically the Alpha and the Delta, and some variants have less response to treatments such as monoclonal antibodies.

Percent positivity escalates

Alabama's current statewide percent positivity for COVID-19 has increased to its highest level since February 2021, at 7.7%. This is equal to the percent positivity recorded April 3, when vaccines had not been readily available.

Percent increase in COVID-19 cases

The number of COVID-19 cases reported in Alabama has risen 39% from June 26 - July 9. 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.

COVID-19 hospitalizations increase

As of July 14, 341 persons were reported hospitalized as a result of COVID-19 disease. On July 3, 179 persons were hospitalized due to COVID-19. Increases in numbers of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations due to COVID-19 are the result of low vaccine rates and unvaccinated persons not following preventive measures for themselves such as wearing masks, good hand hygiene and social distancing. So long as Alabama has such low rates of vaccination, cases will continue to rise, posing risk of illness and death from COVID-19, as well as threatening the ability of our health care system to treat all Alabamians.

Make vaccination a priority

This July 14, 4,124 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 vaccine shields vulnerable people and saves lives.

Alert (from Front)

Leanne West
City of Cullman

CULLMAN, Ala. — The City of Cullman Street Department will close a portion of Eva Road from the traffic light at Cullman High School (13th Street NE) to Forrest Avenue NE for milling and paving beginning at 6 a.m. on Saturday, July 31. The street will be closed to all traffic until the afternoon of Monday, Aug. 2. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we continue to work to improve our infrastructure!

Bash (from Front)

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — The Town of Holly Pond will be hosting a Back-to-School Bash to kick off the new school year Aug. 7. The Bash will be held at Lions Club Park at 221 Lions Park Road in Holly Pond, and will be from 5-7 p.m.

With access to inflatables, children's train rides, face painting, balloon animals and carnival games, there is sure to be limitless fun for children of all ages. There will also be live music by Jesse Priest, an opportunity to meet fall athletes and other booth options such as Frios Popsicles, door prizes, concessions, family support services and back-to-school information.

When asked what this event means to Holly Pond High School Principal Steve Miller and the community, he shared, "It is about getting pride back in our school from all that we all had go through last year, and just looking forward to the new school year. We wanted a time where people could come out and get together, and really enjoy being a part of the community and being a part of Holly Pond."

The generous sponsors of Holly Pond's Back-to-School Bash are Brighton Forestry, Lucas Auto Repair, Mavens and Makers, The Yard—Huntsville, S and S Lawn Care Service, Traditions Bank, Windsor Coatings, Holly Pond Café, Walker Brothers, People's Bank, Alfa—Talisa Shikle, Southern Farm Company, SpayPaws, Holly Pond Supermarket, Stonebridge, Marathon, HP Nutrition, Flipped Out Salon and Roxanne's Hair Salon.

IMMEDIATE JOB OPENING

Country Living, Incorporated, an Assisted Living in Vinemont, has 2 positions available – resident care and housekeeping, 3 days one week, 4 days the next week alternating weekends.

6:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **2:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.**

For more information contact
Linda Wilhite at 256-338-9213.



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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 Saint Joseph Drive 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 1-2 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.
• 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!
• Wednesday- Aug. 4 - 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult men's class: "Be the Man" - Adult women's class: "Design Your Life"
• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthday. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pick up is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (Jasper 5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper Al 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30 p.m. – 1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.

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

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• 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

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
• 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.

UNITE Summer Encounter at Church at the Well
July 30-31 - This weekend is dedicated to students encountering the power and presence of God. There will be powerful worship and dynamic speakers that will take us further into all that God has! Services are nightly at 7 p.m. with pre-service games starting at 6:30 p.m. at Church at the Well (708 Ninth St. SE, Cullman, AL 35055). Saturday morning service is at 10:30 a.m. followed by Orphan Run 4 Hope!! We hope to see you there! Get ready to ENCOUNTER!

Orphan Run 4 Hope
July 31 – Starting at 12:30 p.m. at Heritage Park. Orphan Run for Hope Project helps ordinary people do extraordinary things by participating in a 5K to benefit orphan children around the world. OR4H exists to be a bridge between churches and passion-driven people to orphans and orphanages that truly need our help! Join us for this year's OR4H and let's make a difference!

White City Junior High Reunion
July 31 – The annual White City Jr. High Reunion will be held July 31. It will be at the Johnson Crossing Fire Dept building at 1542 County Road 617 Hanceville, AL (old school location) and is for anyone who ever attended White City School. It will start at 9 a.m. We will furnish paper products, ice, water and tea. Bring your favorite food and all your memories!! Call Ronnie McElroy Crocker at 256-347-6976 for more info or visit our Facebook page.

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.

United Way of Cullman Designer Bag Bingo Fundraiser
Aug. 3 – United Way of Cullman County's Women United will host their 2nd annual Designer Bag Bingo fundraising event Tuesday, Aug. 3, at The Loft 212 (212 Fourth St. SW Cullman, Al 35055). Doors open at 5 p.m. and bingo starts at 6 p.m. Tickets are $35 each or $350 for a table of eight. Each ticket includes light refreshments and 15 games. Donate a gently used purse filled with personal care items for a chance to win a door prize. For more information and/or to RSVP, call 256-739-2948 or send an email at dmcdonald@uwaycc.org. To purchase tickets, visit https://www.uwaycc.org/.

Quilters Retreat Bunch Annual Yard Sale
Aug. 7 -Saturday from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church (1310 Saint Joseph Drive NW). Lots of fabric (all kinds), books, glassware, baskets, kitchen items, craft items, vintage table with four chairs, two bookcases, round table, odd chairs, pictures, sewing notions, tons of thread, grab bags, yarn, Christmas items and MUCH MUCH MORE. Don't miss it!

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.

WSCC Applied Technologies Open House
Aug. 17 – Wallace State Community College Dept. of Applied Technologies will host an Open House Tuesday, July 20 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Department tours and refreshments will be provided. Stop by the Bailey Center Lobby for campus maps, schedules and information. Call 256-352-8000 for more information.

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 St., Cullman, AL 35058

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Central Board approves $2.1M revenue share to be distributed back to AHSAA member schools

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DAVID HOLTSFORD/AU ATHLETICS

New AHSAA Board Members take the oath of office at Wednesday's Summer meeting.

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Alabama High School Athletic Association Central Board of Control approved returning $2.1 million to its member schools under its Revenue Sharing Plan Wednesday at its annual summer Central Board meeting held at the AHSAA office. Including the $1.7 million distributed last May for the 2019-20 school year, which had been put on hold during the COVID-19 Pandemic, the AHSAA revenue share will total a record $3.8 million for member schools this year once the 2020-21 distribution is completed this fall.

"This can be directly attributed to the strong leadership of the Central Board and Mr. Steve Savarese," said AHSAA Executive Director Alvin Briggs, who replaced Savarese as executive director on July 1. Savarese retired as the AHSAA's fourth full-time executive director after 14 years as the association's leader. Kim Vickers also attended her first Central Board meeting after being promoted to Associate Executive Director.

"Considering all the challenges our schools had concerning COVID as well as attendance restrictions for the fall and winter sports championships, this is a remarkable achievement and big boost to our member schools financially."

The action was taken Wednesday at its annual summer meeting in Montgomery.

The Central Board of Control also approved waiving membership dues for member schools for the 30th straight year – a cost savings of $90,500 for its member high schools, middle and junior schools for the upcoming 2021-22 school year.

The schools have had approximately $2.4 million in savings since the Central Board waived the dues for the first time in 1991-92.

The Central Board also voted to reinstate all rules and regulations regarding contest forfeiture that were in place prior to the 2020-21 school year. Last year, schools were not assessed fines or penalties if school superintendents determined teams could not play a contest due to COVID concerns.

"We will be moving back to normalcy this year," said Central Board president Van Phillips, principal at Center Point High School in Jefferson County.

However, the AHSAA will continue to work closely with the Alabama Department of Public Health and the Alabama State Department of Education and ask member schools to continue the health and safety guidelines they have in place and to follow any local health and safety ordinances that might be in place.

The Central Board welcomed several new members with seven total that were not on the board last July. Sworn in as incoming board members were: Trinnia Smith, teacher and coach, Jackson High School (female at-large); Jeff Torrence, principal, Faine STEM School, Dothan City Schools (Bi-District 1-2); Quentin Lee, Talladega City Schools superintendent (Bi-District 5-6); Holly Sutherland, Haleyville City Schools superintendent (female at-large); Demond Garth, Austin High School principal (Bi-District 7-8).

Terry Roller joined the Central Board last April as the representative from the Alabama State Department of Education, and Brian Jett, Superintendent of Fort Payne City Schools, replaced District 8 representative Keith Bender of Oneonta last winter. Bender, who was serving as board president at the time, retired at mid-term.

Luke Hallmark, superintendent of Marengo County Schools, began his 16th year on the Central Board with Wednesday's meeting, and Mike Welsh, superintendent of Cherokee County Schools, began his 13th year. Other members of the 2021-2022 Central Board include: Van Phillips, Center Point High School principal (president); Farrell Seymore, Opelika High School principal (vice-president); Terry Curtis, UMS-Wright head football coach and athletic director; Trent Taylor, Andalusia High School head football coach and athletic director; Pam Holloway, Dadeville assistant principal; and Jamie Chapman, superintendent of Pickens County Schools.

"We have a very diverse Central Board," said Briggs. "It includes six school superintendents, four principals, three coaches, one assistant principal, and one representative from the State Department of Education. We are very blessed."

The Revenue Share Plan, approved first by the Central Board in 2009, will have returned $19.2 million overall to its member schools once the current allocation is distributed.

The plan returns excess funds back to the schools when the AHSAA has at least one year's working capital in reserve.

In other Central Board action, it approved sports' committee recommendations for track to keep the indoor track format used last winter running the state meet competition for each classification in separate sessions.

It also approved the top 16 qualifiers for the state competition with qualifying times only coming from AHSAA or NFHS-approved meet competition.

In tennis, the board approved a plan to use the UTR (universal tennis ranking) to seed at the sectional and state meet. All schools will need to use the UTR throughout the 2022 season and beginning it will become mandatory for the 2022-2023 championships.

In softball, the board approved the AHSAA to set default dates for area tournament play if schools in an area cannot agree, and in soccer, the semifinal match schedule for the state championships will rotate in the future.

The Central Board also reviewed and approved 2021-2022 publications, including the AHSAA Handbook and AHSAA Sports Book. The Legislative Council also met and approved the AHSAA publications Wednesday afternoon and heard a review of the Central Board's action.

In other Central Board action:

• Approved the financial reports for the spring regional and state championships in soccer, softball, baseball and track.

• Approved drafts of the 2021-2022 budgets for the AHSAA and the Alabama High School Athletic Directors & Coaches Association and the 2020-2021 audits for each group.

• Approved the classification process for 2021-2022.

• Approved the AHSAA insurance coverages.

• Heard an update report on the AHSAA hosting the NFHS Section 3 meeting at Gulf Shores in September of 2022.

GOLD! Sunisa Lee wins the all-around title at the Tokyo Olympics

Kendra Willard
AU Athletics

TOKYO — Auburn gymnastics incoming freshman Sunisa Lee cemented her name in Olympic history as she captured gold for Team USA in the individual all-around Thursday at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics.

"What a fantastic day! I am so proud of Suni and my brother Jess on all they've achieved through this journey," head Auburn gymnastics coach Jeff Graba said. "This is truly a monumental achievement and for Auburn to be a part of it is so awesome. Congrats Suni and War Eagle!"

Lee won the all-around with a 57.433. She topped Brazil's Rebeca Andrade (57.298) and Russia's Angelina Melnikova (57.199).

With the win, Lee continued the line of U.S. Olympic champions and became the fifth-straight American to take gold in the all-around and sixth overall.

Lee held a slim .101 lead over Andrade heading into the final rotation.

She nailed her floor routine for a 13.700 to edge out Andrade's 13.666 to claim the top spot on the podium.

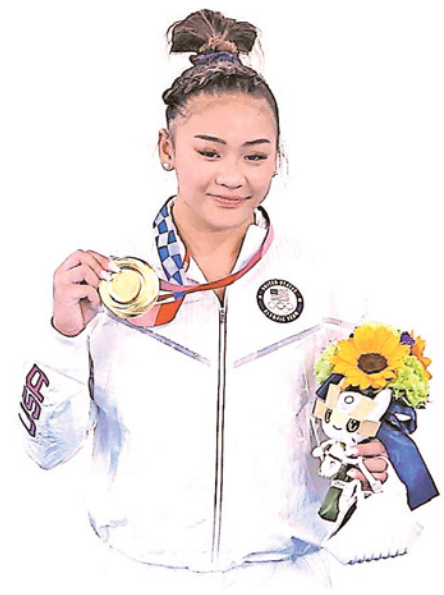
Lee kicked off the competition with a 14.600 on vault in rotation one, scoring her best in the event in the Olympic competition.

She followed with her specialty and scored a 15.300 on the uneven bars.

That mark was the best in the field on the day. Lee had a small balance check on beam, but still put together a great score with a 13.833 to hold the slim lead heading to floor.

The soon-to-be Tiger still has two more opportunities to medal at this year's Olympic games.

Lee will go the individual uneven bars Aug. 1 at 3 a.m. and the individual beam Aug. 3 at 3 a.m. finals for Team USA.



AU ATHLETICS

Incoming Auburn gymnast Sunisa Lee won gold for Team USA Thursday.

Alabama's Allen, Anderson Jr. & Harris named to Butkus Award Watch List

Josh Maxson
UA Athletics

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Alabama football's Christopher Allen, Will Anderson Jr. and Christian Harris have been named to the 2021 Dick Butkus Award Watch List, the Butkus Foundation announced today.

Allen, Anderson Jr. and Harris are among 51 candidates from around the country named to the preseason list for the Butkus, which is given to the nation's top linebacker.

Four Crimson Tide players have won the award previously with Reuben Foster taking home the hardware most recently in 2016. Joining Foster on the list of Alabama linebackers to capture the honors are C.J. Mosley (2013), Rolando McClain (2009) and Derrick Thomas (1988).

CHRISTOPHER ALLEN
Linebacker, Redshirt Senior

• One of the Tide's veteran defenders, playing in 33 career games with four starts entering the 2021 campaign
• Earned second team All-SEC honors in 2020 after leading the conference in tackles for loss with 13 (-48 yards) as part of his 41 total stops
• Also registered six sacks (-33 yards) to go with five quarterback pressures, two forced fumbles and a fumble recovery as a junior
• Suffered an injury that kept him off the field in 2018 but returned to play in 13 games as a sophomore, totaling 11 tackles, 4.5 of which went for a loss (-9 yards)
• Finished with six stops, including one for loss (-2 yards), while adding a pair of quarterback hurries and a forced fumble across his seven games of action as a true freshman

WILL ANDERSON JR.
Linebacker, Sophomore

• An elite edge defender who made his presence known across college football in 2020
• Returns for his second season with the Crimson Tide after being selected as the Shaun Alexander-FWAA Freshman of the Year and earning multiple Freshman All-America honors a season ago
• Started every game as a freshman, totaling 52 tackles including 10.5 for loss (-52 yards) and seven sacks (-39 yards), to go with a forced fumble and team-high eight quarterback hurries
• Ranked third in the SEC in sacks and tackles for loss at season's end
• Applied 60 pressures (according to Pro Football Focus) through his 13 starts to lead the nation and more than double the next-closest freshman defender

CHRISTIAN HARRIS
Linebacker, Junior

• Looking to etch his name on the Tide's list of standout linebackers now in his junior season
• Earned Freshman All-America honors in 2019 and retained his starting role in 2020, finishing second on the Tide defense in tackles with 79
• Totaled seven tackles for loss (-31 yards) and 4.5 sacks (-28 yards) while adding six quarterback hurries, two pass breakups and an interception in 2020
• Selected to the Freshman All-SEC Team to go with his Freshman All-America honors in 2019 after playing in all 13 games with 12 starts
• Led the SEC's first-year defenders in tackles for loss at 7.5 (-14 yards) as part of his 63 tackles that finished seventh among the league's freshmen
• The Butkus Award has been presented annually since 1985 by the Butkus Foundation to recognize the top linebacker in college football. The award is named in honor of college and NFL Hall of Fame linebacker Dick Butkus. The 2021 winner will be announced at the conclusion of the regular season and recognized at the annual ESPN Home Depot College Football Awards Show in December.

Get all the latest information on the team by following @AlabamaFTBL on Twitter and Facebook and AlabamaFBL on Instagram. General athletic news can also be found at UA_Athletics on Twitter and Instagram and AlabamaAthletics on Facebook.

Olympics (from Front)

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In 1977, my kindergarten teacher asked each of us what we wanted to be when we grew up. Overwhelmingly, the answer was an Olympian. Whether we were on the playground at school or playing in our yards, my friends and I played "Lympics" and held countless ceremonies of our own by draping towels around our shoulders and proudly wearing clover flower necklaces as our medals.

The Olympians were our superheroes! We had our own backyard version of the decathlon after Bruce Jenner won gold and we all begged our moms to sign us up for tumbling after seeing Nadia. The level of enthusiasm we had for the Olympics was unmatched.

Learning that the U.S. would not compete in 1980's Moscow games was a devastating blow but when the Los Angeles games in 1984 began, we were glued to our televisions. The United States won a stunning 83 gold medals and a total of 174. The Team USA performance was dominant, and the country stood united behind them. Fans flocked to McDonald's for a Big Mac, fries and a Coke as the company regrettably offered free meals every time the U.S reached the medals podium.

That summer, my cousin and I were convinced we could be the next world champions as a dual threat in both synchronized swimming and rhythmic gymnastics. We practiced tirelessly in our Aunt Jane's backyard pool working on our killer entry. When not in the pool, we did a thousand cartwheels all while trying to hold on to a purple ball. We might have been a mess but at least we were outside playing and getting plenty of exercise.

This is the year we were introduced to Mary Lou Retton, Greg Louganis, Jackie Joyner-Kersee, Carl Lewis, Joan Benoit and so many more.

I recall watching as Swiss marathon runner Gabriela Andersen-Schiess entered the coliseum at the end of her race.

Suffering from heat exhaustion and dehydration, her body was contorted as she struggled to finish. She was determined and for a few moments, the world joined together and cheered for her to finish.

Those are the moments and the experiences that make the Olympics special to me, the athletes who, without the Olympic platform, might not ever have their stories told or their years of hard work witnessed. It's the triumphs despite all the obstacles that are encouraging and even relatable. They remind us that we humans have more in common than not.

In 1996, when the Olympics were hosted by Atlanta, the Argentina soccer team stayed in Cullman at St. Bernard. My grandmother, who probably had never seen one second of a soccer game in her entire life, was so into the team being here that we wondered if she was all right. She talked about it every Sunday when we came to visit. When the Olympic soccer was finally underway in Birmingham, she watched them with an intensity that was, well, weird. But that's OK, she was happy. Argentina won silver that year and oh, was she proud.

The Tokyo Games have also delivered plenty of inspiring moments that demonstrate all that is good in this world. Here are a few examples:

- U.S. Army 1st Lt. Amber English bringing home the gold in women's skeet shooting.

- U.S. Army Sgt. and graduate of Troy University Vincent Hancock winning gold in men's skeet shooting.

- The Lithuanians winning gold in men's 3X3 basketball with one player's shoe taped together and another teammate who was unable to walk by the end of the game. Their determination to win was incredible.

- Fiji's rugby sevens team won gold and watching them on the medal podium as they sang and celebrated left me smiling.

Those are just a couple of examples of great moments, and I am giddy with anticipation to see what the second week will bring. I am ready to see Hartselle's Quanesha Burks compete and all the other Team USA hopefuls who deserve our support.

Though over the years, there have been controversies and there have been a handful of athletes who have displayed disappointing behavior but for me, the Olympics are still magical. I refuse to allow a couple of bad actors keep me from witnessing the hundreds of amazing moments and stories provided by the other dedicated athletes. These Olympics are their dream come true--something they have likely dreamed of and worked toward since their own kindergarten teachers asked them what they hoped to be one day.

Students (from Front)

tifying short song snippets. Wright and Bobo defeated a pair of teams over the opening rounds and advanced to the finals, which pits the winning contestants against the Shazam music app.

Shazam was ultimately victorious against Wright and Bobo.

"I'm a huge fan of the show and will forever be thrilled for the opportunity to be a contestant. I've performed my entire life and that show was a performance. I love it. I was nervous when we started, but settled in. I was as confident as could be from there," Wright said.

"I've always wanted to pursue any entertainment opportunity I could. I was humbled and blessed to represent my hometown, the Cullman area, and my colleges on a national platform."

Bobo added, "It was a once-in-lifetime experience. Your mind goes blank when you're on set and the song board and Jamie Foxx are in front of you. In that moment, you feed off your adrenaline until you come back to reality.

"It was an experience I'll always cherish. It's life-changing money at our ages. The love we have received from our communities has been awesome. I continue to receive texts and calls about it."

Wright is a 2020 Wallace State graduate and was the 2019 Miss Wallace State. Wright, also a former dual enrollment student, is a J.B. Pennington High grad and currently pursuing a biomedical sciences degree at UAB with a pre-med concentration.

Her career goal is to work as an emergency room physician. In addition to her time as Miss Wallace State, Wright has also competed on the state level as Miss Center Point and will serve as Miss Historic Springville in 2022.

Bobo is a former Wallace State dual enrollment student from Cold Springs. She was enrolled in the college's Fast Track program while in high school.

She's also a current student at UAB, pursuing a health care management degree with hopes of ultimately becoming a doctor.

Wright and Bobo had to keep their "Beat Shazam," appearance and winnings a top secret up until last week's episode. In fact, they had to be tight-lipped for nearly 15 months. Wright and Bobo traveled to California for the episode's taping in February 2020, right before the COVID-19 pandemic swept the world.

"We flew back home on a Friday and things were literally beginning to shut down in California the following Monday," Wright said.

"People have wondered for a while why I went to California for a week last year. I had to pretend it was for a vacation," Bobo said.

Prior to flying to California, Wright and Bobo spent six months auditioning for the show through Zoom – before Zoom became a popular communication avenue during the pandemic.

As is the objective of the game, Wright and Bobo had to prove their knowledge of song titles during their Zoom auditions with producers. Their engaging personalities and chemistry together were also appealing for the representatives of the show.

"We learned to use Zoom (during auditions) before Zoom was popular. I was at Emma's house 4-5 times per week during the audition phase, talking to different people from the show. The game is harder on Zoom than in real life," Bobo said. "As we were competing on Zoom, we once missed a song and Emma hit me on the shoulder. We both lost it and laughed. The producers loved it and thought we had a great bond. Our personalities were important during the tryout."

Bobo added she and Wright made an effort to promote the value of attending a community college during their auditions.

Once they hit the stage in Los Angeles, among the song titles they correctly identified during their episode was "Bad Guy" by Billie Eilish; "Bang, Bang," by Ariana Grande, Nicki Minaj and Jesse J and "A Sky Full of Stars," by Coldplay.

Shazam beat the local duo in the finals by identifying "Friday I'm in Love" by The Cure.

Both women were ecstatic to meet Corinne Foxx, the daughter of Jamie Foxx, who also stars in the game show.

"I'm one of her biggest fans. She approached us after our taping and carried on a casual, normal conversation with us. It was awesome," Bobo said.

Wright and Bobo met less than two years ago at the Cullman Aquatic Center while both were working as lifeguards and the rest is history.

"It was great to share the moment with one of my best friends. We had a blast throughout the entire process," Wright said.

Bobo said, "Emma is musically talented in multiple ways. We have the same musical tastes, and it's one thing that brought us together as friends. It's incredible we took that aspect of our friendship and cashed it in on a game show," Bobo said.

"Beat Shazam" airs each Thursday at 7 p.m. on FOX.

Wright and Bobo will split the cash earnings.

To watch Emma's and Jazmin's appearance, visit https://www.fox.com/watch/a85c09a5b8ba968348af25f-0c11dab26.





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BOOK REVIEW

She Reads: 'Zoe Rosenthal is Not Lawful Good' by Nancy Werlin

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This week in She Reads, we have an incredibly surprising work, "Zoe Rosenthal is Not Lawful Good" by Nancy Werlin. In this novel, we meet Zoe Rosenthal a straight-A, ambitious straight-laced student who is laser-focused on her goals.

Zoe has a step-by-step layout for her life.

She plans on attending college and marrying her "perfect" boyfriend right after.

She keeps her sights set on her future and exactly what she plans on that future being.

Zoe's complexity is immediately apparent from the start of the book.

You can almost feel a sense of Zoe holding her breath while you learn about her piece by piece.

I found Zoe incredibly relatable to my old high school self; someone who had it all planned down to the letter and upon discovering who I was, watched those plans blow away like dust.

This feeling seems to be all too familiar within teenagers and youth of today.

You feel like you have to have everything planned out whenever in all actuality, you could not be more out of control of your future.

Author Nancy Werlin shows us throughout this book that being out of control might not always be a bad thing.

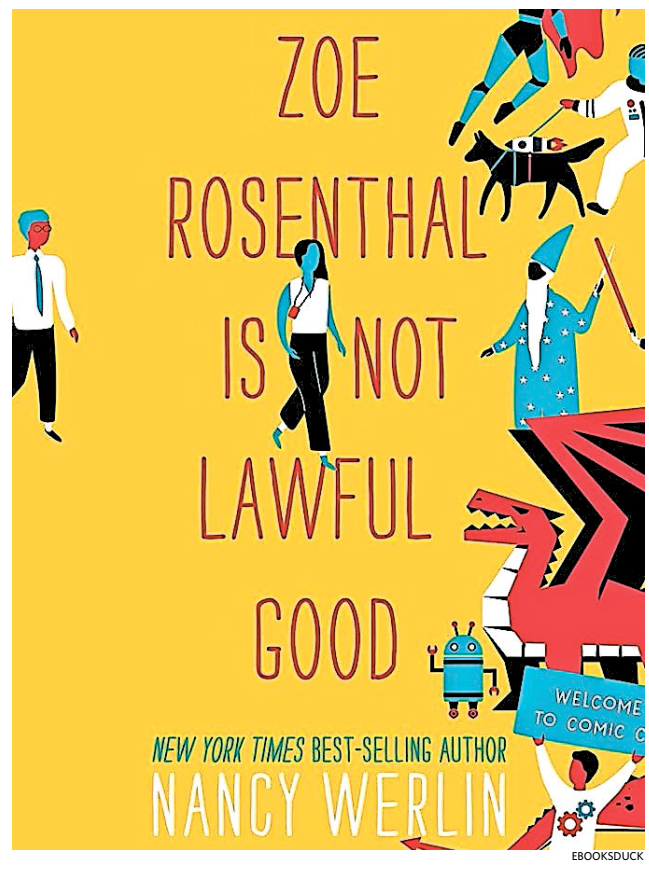
Sometimes when we hold on to the smallest details of everything, we lose sight of the larger picture and miss the thrill of it all.

From Zoe presenting as the perfect daughter, student, and young adult at the start, to her beginning to choose herself in her decision making, we are able to see one of the most intricate writings of character development that I have come across.

In fact, the term "character blossoming" might be more fitting.

I absolutely recommend this lighthearted, meaningful book to anyone who is, or ever has been, overwhelmed by the choice's life throws at us.

Hopefully, you can see bits of yourself reflected in our protagonist as Zoe faces decisions that reveal who she really is and change everything for the future she needs, but not necessarily the one originally planned.



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Tribune (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Tribune has recently decided to make the switch from a five-day print schedule each week to a three-day print schedule. This change will be completed by the first full week of August and begins with today as the last Friday print edition for the foreseeable future. But not to fret! While some things may be changing, the quality and consistency of The Tribune's news coverage remains the same.

Publisher Noah Galilee shared, "The decision to switch from a Tuesday through Saturday print schedule back to our three-day schedule of Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday was not done lightly. It was something we (Dustin Isom and myself) have spoken about many times since the pandemic, but the ultimate decision came when we looked at the analytics and realized nearly 85% of our readers download the PDF version of the print edition, or stay connected through our app."

Each day, readers will be able to access The Tribune by downloading the free smartphone app, keeping track of any of The Cullman Tribune social media accounts, and of course, by visiting the website at https://www.cullmantribune.com completely free of charge.

When it comes to what it means for The Cullman Tribune's readers and advertisers alike, Galilee explained, "For our readers, this means more local content, photos and sports coverage.

"For our new advertisers, well, it opens up several new avenues that have not been explored in this region.

"As we always do, we will continue to come up with new and innovative ways to reach the reader while properly serving the advertiser.

"Honestly, we look at our advertisers more as sponsors than anything else, simply due to loyalty."

What does this mean for print and digital going forward? Galilee continued, "Before running The Tribune, Dustin and myself had begun CullmanSense, which started solely as an online platform before switching to print in 2011.

"When we took over The Tribune on April 1, 2016, we upped production from once a week to three days per week.

"The combination of working first online, then moving to print gave us a unique view of the industry and what is not effective. Paywalls for online views are nowhere on our site.

"We do not charge families for obituaries, which in some cases families are charged over $1 per word to submit an obituary, but thanks to the great support from local businesses, we are able to offer the service free of charge.

"The print editions will grow in page count and will include much more in-depth stories, features and a few other expanded sections. As far as digital, it will be running 24/7, increasing the amount and variety of news to our readers."

As the oldest continuously published weekly newspaper in Alabama and the oldest business across Cullman County,

The Cullman Tribune takes pride in the motto, "Serving Cullman in the Heart of Dixie since 1874." It has been around for a while and while time may change somethings, The Tribune is here to stay.

Armyworm (from Front)

Another Extension Service publication warns, "Other forage grasses which are hosts for fall armyworm are bahiagrass, pearl millet, sorghum-sudan hybrids, tall fescue, and various winter annuals including ryegrass, rye, wheat and oats. More than 60 plants have been reported as hosts of the fall armyworm, including corn, alfalfa, cotton, soybeans and most vegetable crops."

How do you find them?

According to the briefing, "Scouting is the best way to determine if and how many, fall armyworms are present. Grasses can be inspected by getting kneeling and looking at the top of the grass blades during cooler parts of the day and down near the soil surface during the hotter parts of the day.

"A soap flush in turf may also be used to detect infestations. For row crops and forages, a sweep net is an easy method to sample for armyworms. While scouting, people should note both the size and number of fall armyworms. This will help determine the proper control strategy."

From other Extension Service resources: "Fall armyworm damage may vary in appearance and severity according to the type of grass and management practices. In closely grazed fields, the grass may seem to thin out and develop brown spots similar to those sometimes seen on golf courses.

"These spots look burned or browned out. This appearance is the result of grass plants rapidly dehydrating after fall armyworm larvae have chewed off the tender foliage.

"For this reason, fall armyworm damage often resembles drought damage. In hayfields or in pastures where there has been substantial growth accumulation, virtually all tender green material may be removed, leaving only tough stems a few inches long protruding from the soil surface. Brown patches appear in the field and can rapidly increase in size."

CONTROL STRATEGIES

The briefing offered the following suggestions for controlling fall armyworms:

MECHANICAL CONTROL OPTIONS

If a hayfield is close to harvest, producer should go ahead and harvest early. Cattle can also be used to intensively graze the forage before the caterpillars consume it all. In turf systems, mowing may mechanically kill a few caterpillars but will not provide adequate control. However, turf should be mowed before applying an insecticide to reduce the distance the chemical must penetrate. If the thatch is dry, irrigation prior to treatment may bring more larvae to the surface for more effective control.

CHEMICAL CONTROL OPTIONS

Pastures

There are multiple control options for fall armyworms in pastures. They vary in price, residual and level of rain-fastness. Products containing diflubenzuron (Dimilin) or methoxyfenozide (Intreprid) are insect growth regulators that disrupt the pest's life cycle and work best on small caterpillars. Residual control is approximately 10 and seven days, respectively, but both will cease to provide control following a rain.

Pyrethroids (Mustang Maxx, Karate, Warrior II) will provide more immediate knockdown but have a shorter residual. They will also cease to provide control following a rain.

If producers do not plan to harvest for another 10 to 14 days and have multiple generations of armyworms, they should consider mixing a pyrethroid and an insect growth regulator.

If rain persists, producers should consider applying products that are more rainfast. Products containing chlorantraniliprole (Prevathon, Beseige) are taken up by the plant, so they will still be effective after a rain.

While these products are more expensive, producers can expect longer control, up to 21 days at the highest labeled rate.

Products labeled for pastures can be found in the Alabama Extension Pastures and Forage Crop IPM Guide at https://www.aces.edu/blog/topics/forages-livestock/pastures-and-forage-crop-ipm-guide/.

Commercial turf

Professional products for turf vary in mode of action, systemic properties and residual. They may also have site-specific labeling. Granular insecticides are typically less effective than liquid insecticides. Treatments should be applied later in the day when the caterpillars are feeding or preparing to feed overnight. Do not mow for several days following an application.

On golf courses, Extension professionals recommend treating the turf surrounding the greens. Worms may be feeding in these areas, and it will help prevent them from moving back onto the greens following an application.

Reduced risk insecticides containing spinosad (Conserve, Entrust) or Bacillus thuringiensis (Dipel Pro DF, Xentari) will preserve natural enemies.

These products are most effective against small larvae and multiple applications may be necessary. Pyrethoids (bifenthrin, cyfluthrin, lambda-cyhalothrin) will provide effective control at the label rate, but with a short residual, weekly applications may be necessary. Diamides (chlorantraniliprole, cyantraniliprole) are more expensive, but provide much longer control. In some cases, people may see months-long control with a diamide.

Products available for commercial pesticide applicators can be found in the Alabama Extension Commercial Turf and Lawn IPM Guide: Insects at https://www.aces.edu/blog/topics/lawn-garden/commercial-turf-and-lawn-ipm-guide/.

Home turf

Products for home lawns will usually be labeled for caterpillar pests rather than specifically for fall armyworms. Most products are granular formulations of pyrethroids. If using a granular formation or Ready-To-Use spray formulation, there is no dilution or equipment required. Products containing spinosad or Bacillus thuringiensis (Bt) will control smaller caterpillars without harming beneficial insects. However, Bt will only provide control for one to two days.

Products available to homeowners can be found in the Alabama Extension publication Controlling Fall Armyworms on Lawns and Turf at https://www.aces.edu/blog/topics/lawn-garden/controlling-fall-armyworms-on-lawns-and-turf/.

Soybeans

The primary soybean fields at risk of economic fall armyworm infestations are Alabama's late beans (i.e. wheat beans). This is because of the size of the soybeans. Fields planted earlier have much more foliage and fewer grass weeds in the field. The majority of the caterpillars are feeding on grasses that border the field or within the field. They then move to the soybeans either after consuming all of the grass or after an herbicide application that kills the grass. For soybeans prior to bloom, the threshold is 35% defoliation. However, if high numbers of fall armyworms are present (eight to 10 plus per 25 sweeps), do not wait. As the caterpillars grow, they can devastate a field.

Based on recent reports, Extension professionals recommend that producers avoid using pyrethroids if possible. If pyrethroids are going to be used, professionals in the mid-south are recommending to tank-mix a minimum of 0.5 pounds of acephate, and to be sure to follow up on the application two to three days to ensure it worked. The insect growth regulators Dimilin (4 oz), Diamond (6 oz), or methoxyfenozide (Intrepid, Trubador, etc.) are also options that could be tank-mixed with a knockdown insecticide or used alone under lower pressure situations.

Under high pressure situations, go-to products include the diamides (chlorantraniliprole: Prevathon, Vantacor, Besiege) or Intrepid Edge (5 oz). Intrepid Edge would be slightly more economical, but much less rainfast. If rain is in the forecast for the next two to three days, a diamide would be the best option. The lower end of the labeled rates for diamides should provide adequate control.

Products labeled for soybeans can be found in the Alabama Extension Soybean IPM Guide https://www.aces.edu/blog/topics/crop-production/soybean-ipm-guide/.



Obituary Announcements: July 29

Ethelene H. Farmer, 96, of Cullman

Ethelene H. Farmer, age 96, of Cullman, Alabama passed away Tuesday, July 27. Ethelene was born Feb. 4, 1925, in Cullman, Alabama to Leonard Doyle Hesterley Sr. and Tommie Pearson Hesterley. She is preceded in death by her parents: husband Rev. J.T. Farmer; daughter: Charlotte Farmer Cummings; granddaughter: Pandy Farmer Allred; daughter-in-law: Deborah Farmer; great-grandchild: Cesar Garcia. Mrs. Farmer was a devoted and loving wife and mother. She was a member of Fairview First Baptist Church. She also wrote a book in 2006 titled "My Precious Memories." Survivors are daughter: Rebecca Farmer (Bobby) Murphy; sons: John (Pam) Farmer and James Farmer; son-in-law: Robin Cummings; grandchildren: Steve (Debbie) Cummings, Jason Cummings, Cassandra Farmer (Josh) Phillips, Sarah (Skylar) King, Rebekah Farmer, Leah Farmer, Lucas Farmer, John-Thomas Farmer and Nathan Farmer; great-grandchildren: Cody (Lisa) Cummings, Carson (Katherine) Cummings, C.J. Cummings, Norah Cummings, Serena Garcia, Christian Garcia, Brittany Farmer and Kimberly Allred and great-great-grandchildren: Kopis Cummings, Kal Cummings, Willow Rae Clark and Elizabeth Grace Thurman. A visitation for Ethelene will be held Sunday, Aug. 1,from noon - 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home (1901 Second Ave., NW, Cullman, Alabama 35055). A celebration of life funeral service will occur Sunday, Aug. 1, at 2 p.m. An interment will occur Sunday, Aug. 1, at Simcoe Methodist Cemetery (4545 Alabama Highway 69 North, Cullman, AL 35058). The family request in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Gideon International Cullman Camp at P.O. Box 583 Cullman, Alabama 35056. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Farmer family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Nadine Eady Page, 92, of Crane Hill

Funeral service for Nadine Eady Page, 92, of Crane Hill, Alabama will be noon, Saturday, July 31, at Mount Hope Baptist Church in Crane Hill, Alabama. Visitation will be 10 a.m. – noon prior to the service. The interment will follow in the adjoining cemetery. Rev. Gary Gates will officiate the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Page family. Mrs. Page passed from this life July 28 at Woodland Village. She was born Dec. 23, 1928, to Early and Effie Wood Eady. She was a member of Mount Hope Baptist Church. In her earlier years, she was a homemaker and then, Dowling Headstart Teacher's aide. She was preceded in death by her husband: Nolen Page; her parents: Early and Effie Eady and a grandson: T. J. Tucker. Mrs. Page is survived by her daughters: Myra (Darrell) Fell, Teresa (Randy) Young, Anita (Ronald) Bailey and Sheila Page; sister: Mildred Edmondson; grandchildren: Tony (Ashley) Fell, Jamie Tucker, Kevin (Xiaoli) Young, Kara (Jared) Ibrahim, Shannon (Adam) Armstrong, Seth (Britney) Bailey and Scotty Bailey; 14 great-grandchildren: Sylvia Tucker, Andrew Tucker, Jonathan Fell, Patton Brook Fell, Baileigh Armstrong, Bryce Nolan Armstrong, Zev Young, Emma Chase Mathis, Izaiah Ibrahim, Ryden Young, Tretty Bailey, Kyla Ibrahim, Ruby Kate Bailey and unborn grandchild: Harriston Bailey; great-great-grandchild: Trevor Groves. We would like to thank the following people: special caregiver Carolyn York, caring neighbors, The Moons (Joel, Margaret, Frankie and Dallas) and Danny and Tiffany Wolford; Dr. James and his staff for providing care and love to mother; The Alabama Home Care and Home Health for helping us keep mother at home as long as we could; The Woodland Village Nursing Home and Comfort Care for the excellent care provided and also, for loving her and treating her like your family. Pallbearers: Tony Fell, Kevin Young, Seth Bailey, Scotty Bailey, Adam Armstrong, Jared Ibrahim, Andrew Tucker and Jonathan Fell. Friends can sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

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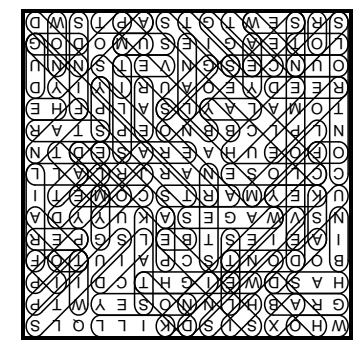
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– VETERAN MEMORIAL –

Neil Wade Jones

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Neil Wade Jones was born May 13, 1946, in Cullman County. He lived in Cullman and graduated in 1964 from Cullman High School where he played football. He enlisted in the United States Army and served during Vietnam.

Jones began his tour July 22, 1971, with the 101st Airborne Division, 3rd Squadron, 5th Cavalry, D Company as a Specialist Four. His occupation was avionic communications equipment repairer.

On Dec. 31, 1971, the helicopter Jones was on crashed in the Quang Tri Province, South Vietnam due to hostile action.

He was listed as the crew chief. He was just 25 years old when he was killed in action, leaving behind a wife and young child.

Jones received the Purple Heart and the Distinguished Flying Cross. The citation for Jones' receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross states:

"For heroism while participation in aerial flight evidenced by voluntary action above and beyond the call of duty in the Republic of Vietnam.

|Specialist Four Jones distinguished himself while serving as Crew Chief on an OH-6A observation helicopter during combat operations in Quang Tri Province, Republic of Vietnam.

"After an aircraft was downed during a visual reconnaissance mission, Specialist Jones displayed exceptional personal courage while placing accurate suppressive fire on known enemy positions.

"During the extraction of a wounded crew member, he prepared a resupply of ammunition and survival equipment for the downed crew members and then assisted the wounded soldier from the critical situation on the ground.

"Responding to the urgency of the situation, he expelled the ammunition and survival equipment while exposing himself to enemy fire as he reached for the wounded crewman.

"At that instant, the aircraft became the target of enemy fire.

"Although he was mortally wounded, he continued to deliver effective suppressive fire until the pilot cleared the area before succumbing to his wounds.

"His actions and courage were instrumental in saving the life of the crewmember and also, resupplying the downed crewmembers with essential equipment needed to protect their lives.

"Specialist Four Jones' heroic actions and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army."

He is buried at Ebenezer Cemetery in West Point and honored on the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Washington D.C. Panel 02w, Line 93. He is also memorialized at Cullman's Veterans Memorial Park.



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