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EDUCATION

Holly Pond High School welcomes Assistant Principal, Adam Edmondson

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — Holly Pond High School announced the hiring of new Assistant Principal Adam Edmondson Thursday, Jan. 6. Edmondson is a Holly Pond graduate and has been a long-standing community member of Holly Pond.

"I am humbled and beyond excited to introduce myself as the new assistant principal of Holly Pond High School. I love this community and school.

"I want nothing more than to see both succeed," shared Edmondson in the announcement.

Edmondson spoke about his work history, saying, "I am arriving at Holly Pond as a seasoned educa-tor and new administrator.

"I began my teaching career in 2008 as a welding instructor at » PAGE 6


FACEBOOK
Adam Edmondson poses with his family.

Forever a part of the fabric of Cullman

Local leaders discuss Coach Page and his legacy

Noah Galilee, W.C. Mann
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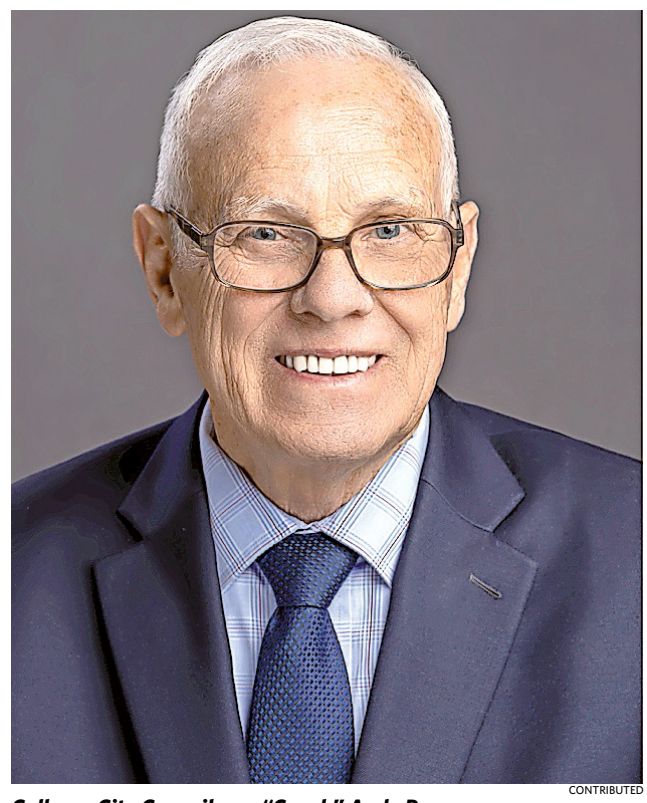
CULLMAN, Ala. — Wednesday was a tough day for those closely associated with the Cullman City Council, but more importantly those who knew Coach Andy Page.

Cullman mayor Woody Jacobs shared his thoughts on Coach Page as a "genuine man" who was fair.

"Coach was a genuine man. Coach was fair. And, Coach was my friend. He was a believer first and foremost – devout in his faith. He treated every person he came in contact with with compassion, and he gave his undivided attention to everyone – letting you know that whatever you were going through or whatever problem you might have or whatever idea you wanted to pass along, he truly cared. It was real. So many people confided in Coach, and he never violated that trust.

I heard Bill Curry say one time, 'Every teacher is not a coach, but every great coach is a teacher.' Coach Page was just that. He was a teacher, from his younger days up through his later years. From growing up in a rural, small town in South Carolina, to his days as a coach, he knew life was tough and that the only way to succeed was to work with others, regardless of differences."

He continued, "I use the term, teamwork religiously because Coach knew that the only way we were going to achieve great accomplishments was to put personalities aside and work together for a common goal – a better community. Coach was never too serious. He knew we only had a brief moment on this Earth, and he wanted to enjoy it and lift up those around him to do the same.


CONTRIBUTED
Cullman City Councilman "Coach" Andy Page

"Coach Page loved his wife, Liz, his children Jay and Susie and his grandchildren. He was a great husband, father and grandfather. The Council and myself know that Coach's spot will have to be filled, but now is not the time to focus on that. Now is the time to reflect back on the life of a great man and leader, to thank God for the impact he allowed Coach to make in everyone's life, and to grieve with the family. While we selfishly miss Coach, we know he is now home – his Earthly fight fought and his battle won. I am sure that he and Coach Dale Cook are sitting at a table somewhere, drinking coffee and talking football, all while he waits for his bride so that they may dance together once again," Mayor Jacobs finished.

Many words of condolences were posted to multiple social media platforms Wednesday evening into Thursday morning, including this post from Cullman High School: "CHS is saddened by the loss of Coach Andy Page. Coach Page has been an instrumental leader in Cullman City Schools and the City of Cullman. Coach impacted so many lives, in the classroom and on the foot- » PAGE 3

ENTERTAINMENT

Local band Don't Think Twice to play at Valley Tavern and Grille


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LOCAL BUSINESS

The Sweet Life Bakery and Eatery in Jones Chapel adds extended business hours



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Jan. 7

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Jan. 7, 2022. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Jan. 3

- theft of property; Wesley Ave. N
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278 W
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; attempt to elude police officer; CR 649
- theft of property; CR 38
- domestic violence; CR 649
- theft of property; Hwy. 278 E
- theft of property; CR 590
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 1212

Jan. 4

- domestic violence; Hwy. 91
- domestic violence; Hwy. 29 N
- domestic violence; Commercial St. NE
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 437
- theft of property; CR 68
- theft of property; CR 1354
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 109
- criminal mischief; CR 675
- theft of property; CR 818

Jan. 5

- unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of marijuana; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69 S
- trespassing; CR 1736
- theft of property; CR 792
- domestic violence; Hwy. 31
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; Hwy. 91
- domestic violence; CR 1635

ARRESTS

Jan. 3 – 5

Daniel, Amy A.; 36

- assault-child abuse-simple-family
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- attempting to elude police officer

Griffin, Heather N.; 30

- possession of drug paraphernalia

Steele, Mark J.; 56

- sex offense- adult sex offender in prohibited residence location

Beasley, Anthony R.; 50

- FTA- larceny/theft- second-degree theft of property $1,500 to $2,500
- FTA- transporting stolen property $500 less than $1,500
- FTA- traffic-follow too close
- FTA- traffic-switched tag

Evans, Melinda S.; 48

- possession of opium or derivative

Goforth, Daniel E.; 40

- FTA- negotiating worthless instrument

Hinkle, Joseph F.; 42

- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Landers, Barry W.; 37

- buying/receiving stolen property $500 to $1,499

Moctezuma, Reyna N.; 24

- probation revoked- illegal possession/use of credit/debit card
- probation revoked- stolen vehicles-auto theft

Tidmore, Christopher; 44

- FTA- negotiating worthless instrument

Watson, Elizabeth K.; 29

- forgery-forged instrument

Brown, Alexandria R.; 30

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- second-degree possession of marijuana
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Drinkard, Laccie A.; 28

- possession of drug paraphernalia

Gunter, Roman D.; 30

- possession of drug paraphernalia
- forgery-counterfeiting
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Harbison, Ann M.; 38

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)

Hester, Bradley D.; 39

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Leak, Amanda J.; 36

- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

McKinney, Raymond M.; 34

- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- promote prison contraband (Drugs)
- FTA- receiving stolen vehicles

Monroe, James T.; 62

- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs

Parker, Bailey M.; 22

- FTA- failure to register vehicle

Trussell, Jerry L.; 69

- FTA- driving while license suspended
- FTA- DUI (Alcohol)
- FTA- improper lane usage

Williams Jr., Theodore V.; 33

- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- improper tag classification
- FTA- driving while license suspended

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Jan. 5

- harassment; person
- fourth-degree theft of property; Shoe Show; Marktplatz Ctr. SW; shoes; $60

Jan. 6

- third-degree criminal trespass; Days Inn; 4th St. SW
- third-degree criminal mischief; person; 2nd Ave. SW; damage to '15 Toyota Camry
- fourth-degree theft of property; Factory Connection; Town Square SW; clothing; $274
- second-degree theft of property; person; Oakhill Dr. NW; jewelry; $2,500
- third-degree domestic violence; person; Ave. D SE

ARRESTS

Jan. 5

Baldwin, Adam N.; 35

- FTA- driving while license suspended

Wilson, Sharla D.; 54

- FTA- failure to register vehicle

Ellis, Daniel A.; 41

- FTA- third-degree domestic violence-harassment
- FTA- attempt to elude

Jan. 6

Blue, Justin K.; 37

- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Sapp, Jacquelyn F.; 47

- FTA- providing false information to law enforcement (2 counts)
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property (2 counts)
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespass

Thornton, Meghan N.; 36

- third-degree criminal trespass

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests supported.

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

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Friday, Jan. 7, 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.

*The dashboard has been redesigned to help people better understand the current transmission levels in their communities and the impact of COVID-19 in Alabama. The moving 7-day sum is updated daily instead of weekly--instead of a 3, 7 and 14-day average, the dashboard will provide a 7-day moving sum for cases. The 2020 and 2021 breakdowns of cases and deaths will be provided - not just a total sum over both years.

Case details* (Updated Monday, Wednesday and Friday) No Updates Available

- Positivity in tests in Alabama: 43.6%
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 387,464
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2021): 530,508
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2022): 39,876 (+23,529 since Wednesday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,187
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2021): 9,3196
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2022) 2 (+1 since Wednesday)
- Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.: 27.4%
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2020): 7,561
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2021): 9,668
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2022): 603 (+343 since Wednesday)
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 128
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 185
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2022): 0 (+0 since Wednesday)
- Total tested in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 1,873
- Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 514
- Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 95,773
- Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 41,727
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 1,528

Vaccine details (updated Tuesday and Thursday) No Updates Available

- Doses delivered to Alabama: 7,827,125 (No update available)
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 4,289,825 (No update available)
- Doses administered: 5,494,252
- Additional doses administered: 607,044
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,743,448
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 2,231,756
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 3,537,300 (No update available)

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

Cullman Regional COVID-19 Jan. 5 update

On Jan. 5, Cullman Regional released the following COVID-19 update:

Cullman County is in the High-Risk category for overall level of community transmission.

Cullman Regional Current Situation

- 37 COVID positive patients, two of whom are on a ventilator
- Continue to be vigilant in mask wearing and social distancing. Everyone should continue to follow precautions to prevent the spread of infection – wash hands, socially distance and wear a mask when you cannot socially distance.

Below is the Alabama Department of Public Health data on hospitalizations statewide.

COVID Vaccine Clinics

Vaccines for ages 12 and up

Cullman Regional's COVID vaccine clinic is located on the hospital's Mobile Unit in the parking area of Professional Office Building 3 on the east side of campus. This location is most easily accessed through the hospital's main entrance at the traffic light off Alabama Highway 157.

- Hours are Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. No Wednesday or Thursday appointments are available. When you arrive, please pull up to the mobile unit and a staff member will give you further instructions.
- Vaccines are by appointment only. To schedule a vaccine appointment visit: https://cullmanregional.com/cullman-regional-vaccination-clinics/?swcfpc=1.
- If no appointments are available, please check back the following day as we post additional appointment openings regularly.

Vaccines for Ages 5-11

If you would like to schedule a COVID-19 vaccination for your child, you may schedule an appointment at Cullman Regional Medical Group – North by calling 256-735-5075. Online appointments are not accepted for children's vaccines. Appointments are available only on Fridays from 8 a.m. – noon. All children must have a parent or legal guardian with them to receive their vaccination.

Additional community locations providing vaccines

Pfizer

- CVS – Hanceville
- CVS – South Cullman
- Walgreens – North Cullman
- Walgreens – South Cullman

Moderna

- Borden Family Pharmacy
- CVS – North Cullman
- Heritage Pharmacy - Dodge City
- Heritage Pharmacy of Cullman
- McSwain's Pharmacy
- Medical Arts Apothecary
- Publix
- Specialty Pharmacy
- Village Discount
- Wal-Mart – Hwy 157
- Wal-Mart South

Johnson & Johnson

- McSwain's Pharmacy
- Medical Arts Apothecary
- Specialty Pharmacy
- Village Discount

Monoclonal Antibody Therapy:

Distribution of the monoclonal antibodies previously available has been paused and/or severely limited from the state and federal government. This is due to the ineffectiveness of these therapies for the omicron variant which is the most prevalent COVID variant causing infections currently. As a result, we have a very limited supply of effective monoclonal antibodies to administer, and these are being given only to patients in the highest risk category as defined by the CDC. We do not have enough to provide infusions to every patient with COVID. National production of these treatments has increased, and we are hopeful there will be much more availability soon. The best protection from serious illness due to COVID remains vaccination and a booster when applicable. COVID vaccines can be obtained at Cullman Regional as outlined in this document.

Visiting Cullman Regional:

As a reminder, Cullman Regional upholds visitation restrictions in accordance with CDC guidelines.

These restrictions include:

- All visitors must check-in and complete a temperature check at the front desk
- Masks are required for employees and visitors regardless of vaccination status
- Only one visitor is allowed per adult (16 or older) patient in all hospital departments except the Emergency Department*. (Two visitors allowed per minor patient ages 15 or younger)
- COVID-19 positive patients will not be allowed to have visitors
- All visitors must be over the age of 16

Please remember that visitor hours are from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily. Visitors to the Cullman Regional Medical Group Clinics must wear a mask regardless of vaccination status and only one visitor is allowed per patient or two visitors per minor under the age of 16.

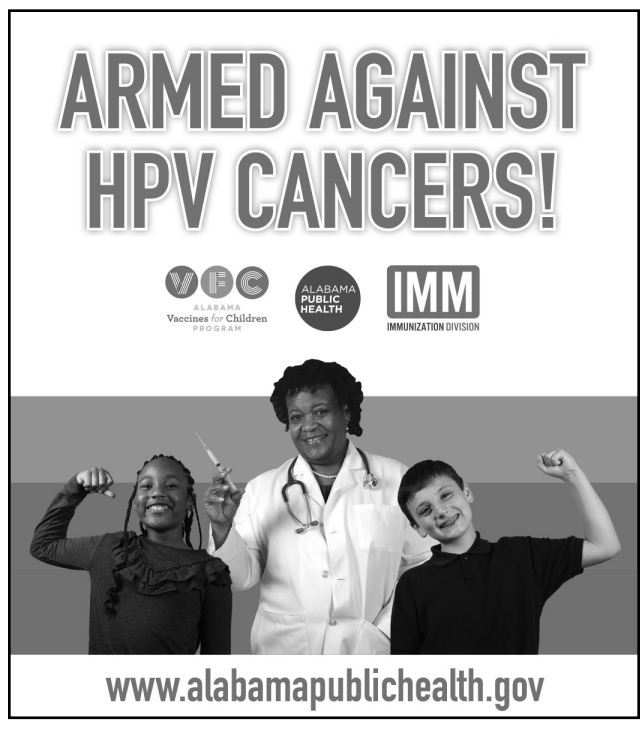
***Emergency Department Restrictions**

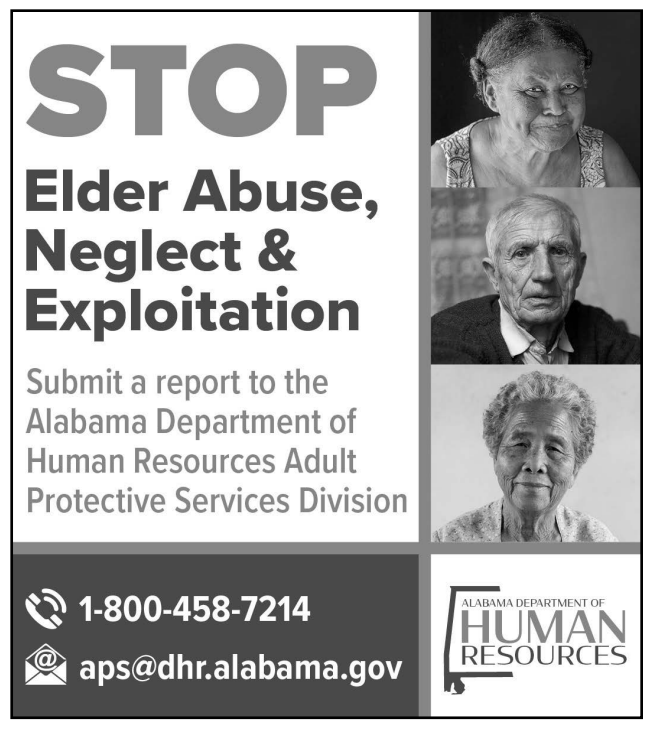
- Due to the influx of COVID positive cases and out of an abundance of caution, no visitors are allowed in the Emergency Department. Limited exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis. In those limited exceptions, we will only allow (one) visitor/caregiver who will not be allowed to rotate with any other visitor during the patient's stay in the Emergency Department to limit unnecessary exposures.

We appreciate your compliance with these regulations to keep our staff, patients and families safe. Stay up to date on all of the information by following us on social media: Facebook, Instagram and Twitter or visit https://cullmanregional.com/coronavirus-2/ for more information.

Cullman Regional updates courtesy Mary Beth Sellers.







Page (from Front)

ball field for many years. He has always been a positive influence and will be missed dearly. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Page family."

Page moved to Alabama from South Carolina in the late 1950s to attend college at Jacksonville State. After graduation, he was hired as a math instructor and football coach at Cherokee County High School. From there, he went to Cleveland High School, then Oneonta High School where he was an assistant football coach who helped lead his team to a state championship.

Cullman City Council President Jenny Folsom remembers Coach Page as a true team player and one who was out to make the community he loved a better place for all.

"Coach will be remembered for his philosophy that 'teamwork' was the reason positive accomplishments or changes occurred.

"From the day he was elected, Coach said the council was a team and it was our responsibility to work together and serve the people. The council valued his experience and opinion.

"Whenever we had an important or tough decision that did not require an immediate action, Andy would suggest we 'sleep on it.' He wanted us to reflect on the pros and cons to allow us to make the right decision.

He took great pride in his council position overseeing Public Safety (police and fire)," Folsom said.

A post from Cullman Fire and Rescue simply read, "We are so saddened by the loss of Coach Page. Coach Page always encouraged a team effort in protecting our community and his dedication to Public Safety and Cullman Fire Rescue will surely be missed."

Folsom continued, "I will miss Coach as a friend and fellow council member. He loved Cullman and loved public service. His death is a loss for our community and he will be greatly missed.

"Coach was serving his fourth term as a council member. Anytime he was asked if he planned to seek reelection he would reply 'at least two more terms.' That speaks volumes about how much he enjoyed public service.

"I have served 14 years on the council with him and know he always wanted to do what was best for Cullman.

"Coach Page loved sports and loved teaching. He taught and coached in the Cullman County School System, at Cullman High School and Cullman Middle School.

"He taught math at Wallace State College after he retired from the K-12 system. He was as proud of his math teaching career as he was of his coaching career.

"He never met a stranger. He loved people and talking with people. His laugh was infectious. He was tremendously proud of his wife, Liz and the family they raised here. His sudden passing is a blow to all of us."

Coach Page came to Cullman County in 1972 to coach at Fairview, then to Cullman in 1977, where he coached at the middle and high schools until his 1993 retirement. Following a brief stint in the hardware business, Page returned to teaching at Wallace State Community College, where he taught math for another eight years.

Page's wife, son and daughter have all worked in education. His son Dr. Jay Page is the principal at West Elementary in Cullman.

CCS Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff shared the sentiments of many others by offering condolences to his family and friends. "We are all deeply saddened to hear about the passing of 'Coach' Andy Page. He was an instrumental part of Cullman City Schools for years as a coach and community leader," Superintendent Kallhoff said.

"He coached and inspired a generation of students at Cullman Middle School and Cullman High School for decades, instilling the virtues that will continue to carry our community forward.

"Our deepest condolences to his family, friends and the entire Cullman community that will forever miss him."

Coach Page served on the Cullman City Council for over 13 years.

Rep. Garlan Gudger (former City Council President) said, "Coach Page was known to be a leader that brought people together. Either through his massive smile, dancing or by telling a joke. Coach Page couldn't hide how much his heart loved life, his family, this community and the Bearcat Nation."

He served under mayors Max Townson and Woody Jacobs, helping lead the city through the aftermath of the 2011 tornado, 2015 Christmas Day 100-year flood and 2018 hailstorm.

Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry said, "Coach Page was a great supporter of the Cullman County Sheriff's Office and law enforcement. I always enjoyed our time together and his friendship over the years. Coach Page will be missed. Our heartfelt prayers go out to Coach Pages family."

Cullman Police Department Chief Culpepper said Coach was "a true southern gentleman, with a coaches' toughness to get it done right."

He also helped draft the city's current alcohol ordinance in 2011. During his tenure on the council the City of Cullman:

- Received over $30 million in state and federal grants
- Secured a $14 million federal grant to complete the widening of State Road 157
- Grew its Strawberry Festival and Oktoberfest celebrations, while Cullman Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism brought in a National Archery Tournament and the 1A, 2A and 3A State Championship Track Meet
- Built Cullman Fire Rescue Station Two
- Expanded its industrial economic base



CULLMAN HIGH SCHOOL

CPRST director Nathan Anderson also spoke on the legacy Coach has left behind, saying, "Coach Page meant so much to all who knew him. He loved his community so much which was evident in his many years of service. We were all blessed by his time dedication to Cullman, and we will truly miss him and the joy he would bring with his stories."

During the 2020 council campaign, Page said, "I run for council for the children, my children, my grandchildren and those generations to try to make Cullman an even better place."

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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 Street 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.
• Wednesday, Jan.12, 7 p.m.: Children and youth classes. Adult men's class -"The Resolution for Men," and Adult women's class-"It's All Under Control."
• Thursday, Jan. 13, at 11 a.m.: Senior Potluck Lunch- bring a dish, drink, or dessert and enjoy a time of fun and fellowship.
• Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Small group classes for children, youth and adults at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Message "EMPOWER ME LORD!" 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.
• 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 (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 12:30-1 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.

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.

Cullman NAR-ANON Group Meetings
The NAR-ANON family group meetings are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. We offer Help by sharing our experiences, strength and hope. We carry the message of hope by letting others know that they are not alone by practicing the 12 Steps of NAR-ANON and changing our own attitudes. We Respect Your Anonymity. Our program is not a religious one, but a spiritual way of life. Meetings will be held at The Ruehl Building (family life center of St John's Church) Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. Contact Jamie Weathersby Smith 256-708-7122 or Don or Nancy McKenzie 256-736-3327 or 256-736-3470 for more information.

Wallace State Fine and Performing Arts fall – spring performances

Night of Jazz
• Feb. 10, 7 p.m.
• Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre
• Featuring Wallace State Faculty and Friends
• Info: 256-352-8277, jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee
• March 18-19, 7 p.m., March 20, 2 p.m.
• Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre
• Featuring Wallace State Theatre
• Info: 256-352-8277, jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu

Dazzle Me, Disney!
• April 7-9, 7 p.m.
• Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre
• Featuring the Wallace State Singers
• Info: 256-352-8277, jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu

Big Band Dance
• April 15, 7 p.m.
• Burrow Center for the Fine and Performing Arts
• Featuring the Wallace State Jazz Band
• Info: 256-352-8277, jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu

Dance Spring Showcase
• April 22, 7 p.m.
• Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre
• Featuring the Allegro Dance Theatre
• Info: 256-352-8277, jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu

Spring Under the Stars
• April 26, 7 p.m.
• Burrow Center for the Fine and Performing Arts (bring lawn chairs, blankets etc.)
• Featuring the Wallace State Concert Choir and Concert Band
• Info: 256-352-8277, jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu

Wallace State Community College spring registration
Dec. 11 -Jan. 15th - Registration for the spring 2022 semester is underway at Wallace State Community College. Classes will begin Jan. 10 with options for day and evening classes on campus, online and hybrid. Registration will continue through Jan. 15 for regular and Mini Term I classes. Mini Term II classes will begin March 8. Call 256-353-8000 for more information.

Pleasant View Singing
Jan. 16: Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church will have their regular third Sunday night singing on Jan. 16, at 5 p.m. "The Dixie Echoes" from Pensacola, Florida will be the guest singers. 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.

Sing Me to Heaven choir concert
Jan. 18: Cullman choir Cullman Women Sing will be holding their concert "Sing Me to Heaven" on Tuesday, Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. at Seventh Street Baptist Church. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated.

Fairview High School Class of 1963 Meeting
Jan. 21: The 1963 Fairview High School class meeting will be Friday, Jan. 21, at 1:02 p.m. The meeting will be at the Cullman Golden Corral (1720 Cherokee Ave. SW) in one of the reserved rooms in the back. Must arrive at 1:02 p.m. or after to receive senior discount. For more information, call Joyce Williams Rodgers at 256-339-3451.

Cullman Community Theatre's "Arsenic and Old Lace"
Feb. 18-20: Cullman Community Theatre will present "Arsenic and Old Lace," a play by Joseph Kesselring, Friday, Feb. 18 – Sunday, Feb. 20 at Stonebridge Farms. More information to come.

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52 ODES TO JOY: SUNSHINE

Ben South
Tribune Columnist

ODE TO SUNSHINE
No one should be allowed
to kvetch or whine
If they sulk inside while
outside there's sunshine.
Pill-poppers flock
druggists for Vitamin D,
When just a few sunny
moments turn rays
to Vitamin Gee.
Sunshine inside and
out are fine, I opine;
Have I told you lately
that you are mine?

"The Dandy Who Introduced Sunny Spain to the Shimmering Silver Sun-Worshiping Blanket" is how I expect to be remembered. It was lightweight mylar for traveling and this was the shining 1970s - think disco ball on sun-kissed sands. When I fluffed my magical mat upon the beautiful beaches of Majorca, suddenly all the eyes that had been ogling topless bathers swiveled in envy to my radiant blankie.

Like Sir Paul McCartney once famously said, "I Follow the Sun" - and have my entire life. I'm writing this in January, but playmate come out and play with me—the air is invigorating and the sun is fine. Like Gale Garnett, "We'll Sing in the Sunshine."

I haven't mapped my DNA, but I'm certain Ancestry.com will illuminate there must have been Egyptian sun-worshippers on top of my family tree, not, Ra forbid, in the shade. They were probably handsome princes and beautiful princesses - isn't that how it works for every Ancestry.com customer?

Sun-worship is commonly associated with "pagan" rituals, but many old religions like Judaism and Christianity revolve around the solar cycle. Hindus have the god Surya who is represented by the sun and sheds light on both good and evil while ridding the darkness of nightmares and diseases. Now, that's a handy god to have during a pandemic or a power grid blackout.

Most of the Roman gods had solar-like qualities, and even Jesus of Nazareth acquired the traits of popular "sun gods." The feast of the Sol Invictus (Unconquered Sun) was a popular, Romanesque tradition celebrated on Dec. 25.

My ancestors, the indigenous people of the Americas, extensively worshipped the sun before European border crossings. The joyous "Sun Dance" practiced and performed by Native Americans—think disco in the desert—came at the end of winter.

Pre-Columbian civilization in Mexico and Peru worshiped the sun. The Aztec gods Huitzilopochtli and Tezcatlipoca had sky-scraping temples raised to the sun and demanded human sacrifice to remain shiny and happy. Lordy mercy, and I thought my Episcopal priest was a drama royale.

ODES TO SUNSHINE FROM OTHERS:

"Keep your face to the sun and you will never see the shadows."—Helen Keller

"Some people are so much sunshine to the square inch."—Walt Whitman

"Yeah, sure, the sun will age my skin, and all these giggles and smiles with you will, over time, will crack up my face and give me wrinkles...sunshine, giggles, smiles, you? That's happiness, baby I'm living!"—Bodhi Smith

"Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face."—Victor Hugo

"The sun–the bright sun, that brings back, not light alone, but new life and hope, and freshness to man—burst upon the crowded city in clear and radiant glory. Through costly-colored glass and paper-mended window, through cathedral dome and rotten crevice, it shed its equal ray."—Charles Dickens, "Oliver Twist"

"Laughter is a sunbeam of the soul."—Thomas Mann, "The Magic Mountain"

"But once in a while, you pick the right thing, the exact best thing...The sunshine on your face, warm enough to make your heart sing."—Sarah Ockler, "Bittersweet"

"Whiskey is liquid sunshine."—George Bernard Shaw

"We must leave this terrifying place tomorrow and go searching for sunshine."—F. Scott Fitzgerald

"Joy sneaks in...I have the desire to be filled with sunlight, to soak my skin in as much of it as I can drink up, after the long interior darkness of the past season, the indoor vigil, in this harshest and darkest of winters, outside and in."—Mark Doty, "Heaven's Coast: A Memoir"

"Let there always be a bright spot in your heart for the people around you. They might need a bit of sunshine."—Ron Baratono

"Shade is a two-
faced friend
In the heat of summer
It provides a
welcome respite
Yet in winter's chill
It hides the warming sun."
—Richard L. Ratliff

"As the years pass, I am coming more and more to understand that it is the common, everyday blessings of our common everyday lives for which we should be particularly grateful. They are the things that fill our lives with comfort and our hearts with gladness—just the pure air to breathe and the strength to breath it; just warmth and shelter and homefolks; just plain food that gives us strength; the bright sunshine on a cold day and a cool breeze when the day is warm."—Laura Ingalls Wilder

WAYS TO ADD MORE SUNSHINE TO YOUR LIFE (from 40 years of Joy & Gerontology):

1. MIRROR—Hang a large mirror on the wall across from a window (see the photo for a local source; Cullman Furniture Market, Alisa Thompson, Manager). Patrick J. Hamilton, a witty, NYC friend who happens to be a nationally-recognized interior designer ("Traditional Home Magazine," "House Beautiful") and I were chatting about mirrors and this gerontology series, when he quipped, "I use aged, antique glass in my mirrors...Wait, WHAT? They're not?"



BendigoArt.com/CullmanTribune.com

2. MOVE YOUR WORKSPACE/DESK near a window—I did this with my laptop on a cloudy day this week and immediately felt sunnier, go figure.

3. TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE—ignore your treadmill on sunny days and take your exercise outside, you will get more air, more vitamin D and the likelihood of more smiles.

4. DAYLIGHT BULBS mimic natural light, American brands like Philips and Sylvania now market these which are a bit more blue in the light spectrum; especially popular for kitchens and bathrooms.

5. TUBULAR SKYLIGHTS are cheaper, smaller and easier to install than traditional skylights (I read about these in "AARP Magazine" which reads like "the official fish-wrapper for frugal folks"), these funnel natural sunlight into a room that no light bulb can.

6. LIGHT BOX THERAPY? When I lived in a metro-area (back before the earth cooled and long before COVID), I had a post-holiday grumpiness and tried light therapy for my self-diagnosed SAD (seasonal affectedness disorder). I'm not sure it did anything that walking off some eggnog-induced weight gain in sunshine wouldn't have done better—ask your shrink.

7. SOAK UP SOME VINCENT VAN GOGH—last weekend, I experienced the sun-filled art expo, "BEYOND VAN GOGH: The Immersive Experience." It was joy-filled and soul-warming, and you could create a similar experience by luxuriating in these famous artworks online: "Impression, Sunrise" (Claude Monet), "The Weather Project" (Olafur Eliasson), "Dido Building Carthage" (J.M.W. Turner), "Woman Before the Rising Sun" (Caspar David Friedrich) and really almost any Henri Matisse art but start with "Interior in Yellow" (1946).

Before you put on your mittens and a bit of SPF lotion to savor the sunshine outside, here are a few rays of light humor:

"My mother was an English teacher. She wrote Bill Withers to tell him his song, "Ain't No Sunshine" was bad grammar. He replied, "I know I know I know I know I know I know."

"I hate optimists. They'll jump out of a plane expecting sunshine and rainbows to cushion their fall. Meanwhile, I'll look both ways before crossing the street and get hit by an optimist."

"I've invented a solar-powered still! It turns sunshine into moonshine."

SUNNY, JOY-GIVER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK and a Celebration Recipe:

- Jan. 8—ELVIS AARON PRESLEY
- Jan. 9—KATE MIDDLETON
- Jan. 10—ROD STEWART
- Jan. 11—ALEXANDER HAMILTON
- Jan. 12—JOHN SINGER SARGENT



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- Jan. 13—HORATIO ALGER, JR.
- Jan. 14—LL COOL J

WEIGHT WATCHERS' SUNSHINE SALAD

You will not need your video screen for instructions on this simple, citrusy salad, so use it to YouTube Katrina and the Waves "Walking on Sunshine" and dance along in the kitchen. It's January, so FAT-FREE pudding mix is mandated by law.

INGREDIENTS
- 1 (15 ounce) can of mandarin oranges
- 1 (20 ounce) can pineapple chunks
- 1 (5 1/8 ounce) package of FAT-FREE, instant vanilla pudding mix

INSTRUCTIONS
- Do not drain fruit. Use FAT-FREE pudding mix dry, do not add milk. Combine ingredients and stir well. Chill in the refrigerator about 1 hour. Serve on a bed of lettuce, it will look prettier and show others you are trying to keep your New Year's resolution to eat more things that grow from the ground.

1,070 JOY-GIVING THINGS from MY FIRST 70 YEARS (continued):

23. "Sunshine on My Shoulders" by John Denver.

24. Jeff Koon's "Balloon Dog (Blue) sculpture.

25. Northern Cardinals wintering down south.

26. "Keep Your Sunny Side Up."

27. The music intro of "Perry Mason."

28. Warm clothes from the dryer on a cold day.

29. Seed catalogs.

30. Judy Garland singing "C'mon Get Happy."

31. "Sunshine, Lollipops and Rainbows" by Lesley Gore.

32. Oranges and cloves simmering.

33. Pomanders.

34. "Walking in Memphis."

35. Cedar blocks tucked amongst sweaters.

36. "Love Story," the movie, with a box of Kleenex.

37. "I'll have what she's having."

38. Neighbors shoveling a neighbor's walkway.

39. Anne Tyler's "The Accidental Tourist."

40. Homemade beef and barley soup.

41. "Sunny, one so true, I love you."

42. Grand Ole Opry radio shows.

43. Cheese straws squeezed through the "star" cookie press.

44. Sunshine yellow Witch Hazel blooming in January.

HAPPY, SUNNY, JOYFUL JANUARY!

LEGALS

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF S.S.E.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 009/14/2017

CASE NO.: AD2021-057

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: HOPE NICOLE WRIGHT, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER OF A MINOR S.S.E. AND GARY SHAWN EASON, BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF A MINOR S.S.E. BORN TO HOPE NICOLE WRIGHT

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Marvin Wright and Melinda Walker, 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 5th DAY OF January, 2022.

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

Jerry L. Kilgo
Attorney for Petitioners
105 1st Ave. NE
Cullman, AL 35055

To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice once a week for four (4) successive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT

COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2021-073

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF JONATHAN JAMES KILGORE TO ADOPT I.P.J. a minor child.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: UNKNOWN FATHER OF I.P.J
WHOSE IDENTITY, ADDRESS AND/OR WHEREABOUTS
ARE UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of I.P.J. a minor child born on 12/15/2016 to Jenifer Marie Johnson, was filed on the 12th day of November, 2021, in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Jonathan James Kilgore, Petitioner. Please be advised should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama, 35055.

DONE this 16th day of December, 2021.

Tammy Brown
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Judge of Probate

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

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2nd half run propels No. 15 Alabama to 83-70 victory at Florida

Aaron Jordan
UA Athletics

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — After trailing by three at halftime, the No. 15/20 Alabama men's basketball team opened the second half on a 22-4 run and ran away with an 83-70 victory at Florida Wednesday night.

Five Crimson Tide players reached double figures led by forward Juwan Gary and sophomore Jahvon Quinerly. Gary finished with a career high-tying 19 points to go along with a team-high eight boards, while Quinerly also had 19 points to go with a team-best five assists.

It marked Alabama's third win in its last four games at Florida, as the Tide won for the 30th straight time when scoring 80 points in a contest.

Head Coach Nate Oats postgame comments

"This was a huge road win for us. Give a ton of credit to our guys for their effort in the second half. I thought we had to win the turnover battle. We turned them over 20 times, and we only turned the ball over 12 times ourselves, so I thought that was key in the game.

"Our rebounding, we ended up even, but getting 20 offensive boards, I thought our effort was great. We really needed our guys to come alive and they did.

"That was just about as good of a half defensively as we played, maybe all year, against a quality team. They're a good team that's going to win a lot of games. They're well coached, they play really hard.

"I thought they played harder than us in the first half. We chart blue-collar points, they were well ahead of us at the half. I thought our effort picked up in the second half.

"When our defensive effort picks up, offense usually comes around and that's what happened tonight. We have not shot it particularly great, really for a while, maybe since the Gonzaga game, but we've played hard enough to win two big SEC games here to start the year."

Team stats

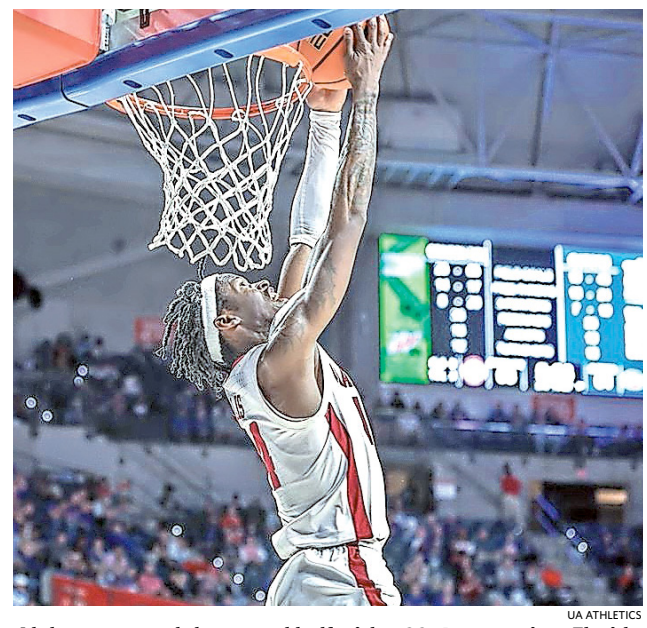
- Joining Gary and Quinerly in double figures was Jaden Shackelford (14 points), Keon Ellis (13 points) and Charles Bediako (11 points)
- UA forced a season-high 13 steals, led by Ellis who finished with a season-high four
- Bediako added two blocks and two steals to the night
- Florida entered the game ranked No. 29 in the nation in average points allowed per game (59.9) but Alabama scored the most points UF has given up this year
- Alabama scored 21 points off 20 Florida turnovers, while the Gators tallied just 10 points off 12 Tide turnovers
- Gary earned the Hard Hat Award

First half

- After an opening layup from Florida, Alabama posted seven unanswered points to take a 7-2 lead early in the game
- Florida would tie the game at 7-7, one of five ties and four lead changes in the half
- Ellis gave the Tide its largest lead of the half at six points, converting a four-point play to move UA head 21-15 with 10:52 on the clock
- The Gators responded with an 18-5 run that extended just shy of six minutes and turned the Tide's six-point lead into Florida's largest lead of the half at 33-26 at the 4:57 mark
- Gary ignited the Tide offense with a team-leading nine points as UA battled back to a one possession game at the half (39-36)
- Alabama made 11-of-35 from the floor while Florida shot 13-of-26
- The Tide led 9-4 in points off turnovers, but the Gators paced the half in points off the bench, 14-2, and second chance points 9-4

Second half

- The Tide would emerge from the intermission on fire, going on a 22-4 run over the first 8:18 to take control of the game
- The defense was also clicking during the run as well, as it held Florida without a field goal until the 11:48 mark of the second stanza, going 0-of-9 with seven turnovers before hitting its first bucket of the half
- Florida managed to close the gap to five points (66-61) after outscoring the Tide 18-8 over the next 5:36 minutes of play
- A layup by Quinerly followed by a steal and reverse dunk from Ellis jump-started a 7-1 spurt to reestablish its double-digit lead at 73-62 with 4:32 to play
- Alabama closed the game on a 10-3 run to result in the final score



UA ATHLETICS

Alabama opened the second half with a 22-4 run against Florida Wednesday night to pull away and defeat the Gators 83-70.

Up next

Alabama continues its SEC road slate, traveling to face Missouri on Saturday at 2:30 p.m. on SEC Network

For all the latest information on the team, follow AlabamaMBB on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. General athletic news can be found @UA_Athletics on Twitter and Instagram and Alabama Athletics on Facebook.

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North Alabama Agriplex offering new educational program Living Landscapes for Wildlife in January

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The North Alabama Agriplex will be hosting the Living Landscapes Landscaping for Wildlife from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27. The North Alabama Agriplex promotes agriculture education and heritage by offering educational programs, Touring Farms for Kids and public events.

With Living Landscapes Landscaping for Wildlife, students can learn how to create the perfect habitat for helpful bugs, butterflies and more in their very own yard.

A recent announcement reads, "Love attracting birds? Don't stop there! — Living Landscapes is a program designed for adults and high school aged students to learn more about sustainability in your own backyard."

This event will be $10 per person, with registration required. Registration can be found at: https://cullmanrecreation.recdesk.com/Community/Program/Detail?programId=770. Additionally, this educational event is sponsored by the Cullman County Master Gardeners & Cullman Native Plant Society. The North Alabama Agriplex is located at 1714 Tally Ho St., Cullman.

Edmondson (from Front)

Brewer High School.

"Then, I moved to Bob Jones High School as an Agriscience teacher.

"I was able to move closer to home in 2010 with the opportunity to be the Agriscience teacher at Susan Moore High School.

"I enjoyed working there until I received the opportunity to be an administrator this fall at Etowah Middle School."

While Edmondson's experience in education has served him well, his personal life has helped pro-pel him forward, saying, "I am an educator, but I am also a husband and father to five incredible children.

"We own a farm here in Holly Pond where we run layer houses, raise goats, pigs and ride horses.

"I also serve as the pastor of White Oak Baptist Church, and we love our church family there."

"I know that every child at Holly Pond has the ability to succeed.

"I believe communication and building relationships between the school and home will build trust and confidence to make this possible.

"I will work diligently to help each student achieve the best future possible because their future is ours too.

"I cannot wait to get started. Let's go Broncos!" he concluded.

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Obituary Announcements: Jan. 6-7

Arville Odean Thompson, 88, of Vinemont
Funeral service for Arville Odean Thompson, 88, of Vinemont, will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, at the Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends from noon – 2 p.m. prior to the service on Saturday. Reverend Steve Rodgers will officiate the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Thompson family. Mr. Thompson passed from this life Jan. 5, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. He was born Aug. 15, 1933, to Jamie and Pearly Thompson. He loved fishing, bluegrass music and playing his banjo with his brothers. Mr. Thompson was preceded in death by his parents; his wife: Linda Thompson and brother: A.C. Thompson. He is survived by his sons: Ricky (Jan) Thompson, Ronald (Janet) Thompson, Jamie (Kelley) Thompson, Jerry Shane (Kayla) Thompson and Tim (Bridgett) Freeman; daughter: Robbie (Jeff) Thomson; brother: Ellis Thompson and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Betty Mae Drake, 89, of Vinemont
Graveside service for Betty Mae Drake, age 89, of Vinemont, will be at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 8, at Flint Creek Cemetery with Alton Bailey officiating. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. - noon on Saturday at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Drake passed away Wednesday, Jan. 5, at her residence. She was born March 15, 1932, in Cullman, Alabama, to Luther and Della Mae Yarbrough. She was preceded in death by her husband: Tommy Drake; parents; brothers: Clyde Yarbrough, Cletus Yarbrough and Clarence Yarbrough and sister: Cordie Barnett. Survivors include her sons: Tommy Dewayne Drake (Nevis) and Keith Drake; grandson: Walt Drake; sister: Bonnie James and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Nina Lorene Godsey Gray, 92, of Double Springs, formerly of Adamsville
Nina Lorene Godsey Gray, of Double Springs, formerly of Adamsville, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 6, at the age of 92 at Hendrix Health Care in Double Springs, Alabama. Lorene was born Aug. 15, 1929, in Double Springs, Alabama. Visitation will be held Sunday, Jan. 9, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, where funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Burial will follow in Shady Grove Cemetery. Brother Steve Woods will officiate. Lorene is survived by her daughter: Leara Pollock; granddaughters: Alicia McGee and Leah (Heath) Boral; great-grandchildren: Autumn Murray, Zane Murray, Chloe Murray, Austin Boral and Emily Boral; great-great-grandchildren: Levi Wharton, Skylar Wharton and Jacob Wharton a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband: Billy Morris Gray; parents: Levi and Lucretia Adams Godsey; one sister and nine brothers.

Andrew Jackson Page, "Coach" Andy Page, 81, of Cullman
Andrew Jackson Page, "Coach" Andy Page, 81, of Cullman, passed away surrounded by his loving family on Wednesday, Jan. 5. Andy is survived by his wife Liz of 57 years; son: Jay; granddaughters: Mary Claire and Anna Page; daughter: Suzy Drasheff (Don) and a host of loving friends and extended family. Andy was a loving husband, father, Papa and friend to everyone. Andy was born and raised on a farm near Aynor, South Carolina. At a young age, he developed a lifelong passion for all sports. He attended Jacksonville State University, where he earned his degree, and met Liz. He then began a 30-year career as a math teacher and football coach. Andy taught and coached at Cherokee County, Cleveland, Oneonta, Fairview and Cullman. He loved teaching and coaching. Many of his students still remember his interesting and humorous ways of teaching math and coaching. One of his frequent quotes was "Math is simple, not easy." Many of his students still remember this quote. In 1977, he moved to Cullman, and this city became his home. After his teaching and coaching career, he owned a hardware store and pursued a career in the insurance business. For the past 13 years, Andy served on the Cullman City Council. Serving was one of Andy's greatest honors, and he always emphasized teamwork for the better of Cullman. He truly loved all people. Andy had a way of always making you feel welcome. He constantly smiled, laughed often and loved to tell and hear stories. He was a devoted member of St. John's Church for 49 years. Many remember Andy being the greeter and usher at St. John's, always with a smile. Andy was beloved by all who knew him, and he will be greatly missed. Graveside services will be Saturday, Jan. 8, at 2 p.m. at Cullman City Cemetery. Pall Bearers are Shawn Daffron, Brian Dove, Randall Key, Lance Reese, James Shavers and Tim Sivley. Honorary Pall Bearers are Mayor Woody Jacobs, Johnny Cook, Jenny Folsom, Clint Hollingsworth and David Moss. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations to be made to Cullman Caring for Kids and St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church.

Billy Leon White, 93, of Falkville
Billy Leon White, age 93, of Falkville, Alabama passed away Thursday, Jan. 6. Billy was born July 29, 1928, in Cullman, Alabama to L.R. and Sophia Adams White. Leon is preceded in death by wife: Vena Mae Sharp White; son: Ronny White; infant daughter: Trudy White; brothers: Luther Roy White Jr. and Don Hugo White and parents: L.R. and Sophia Adams White. A graveside service for Billy will be held Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 1 p.m. at Hopewell Cemetery (600 Hopewell Drive NE, Hanceville, AL 35077). Survivors are daughter-in-law: Judy White; granddaughter: Jennifer (Bobo) Taylor; grandson: Patrick (Christa) White; great-grandsons: Raylyn (Jaliegha) Ayers, Jenson Ayers, Tyler White and Braxton White; great-great-granddaughter: Paisley Ayers and sister: Sarah Ann Quick. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Donald Hugh Black, 48, of Cullman
Graveside service for Donald Hugh Black, age 48, of Cullman, will be Saturday, Jan. 8, at Flint Creek Cemetery at 2:30 p.m. Mr. Black passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 4, at his residence. He was born Dec. 16, 1973, to Roger Black and Bonnie Dye Speakman. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his stepfather: Donald Dye; brothers, Roger (Eydie) Black and Paul (Holly) Black; stepbrother: Chris (Tammy) Taylor; grandmother: Ollie Brock; aunts: Donna Tucker and Charlotte Kelly and a host of nieces and nephews.

Danny Louis Russell, 64, of Bremen
Funeral service for Danny Louis Russell, age 64, of Bremen, will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 9, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home, with interment in Macedonia Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon - 2 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Russell passed away Tuesday, Jan. 4, at Cullman Regional. He was born Jan. 17, 1957, to Louis and Millie Jo Russell. Danny worked for Alabama Power as a maintenance mechanic for 30 plus years. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and loved his grandbabies more than anything. Mr. Russell was a huge Crimson Tide fan. He was a follower of Christ and a member of Daystar Church. Mr. Russell will be missed by many. He was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents: Dan and Josephine Butts and father-in-law: Jimmy Tucker. Survivors include his wife: Debra Russell; daughter: Ashley (Derek) Taylor; son: Seth (Alexis) Russell; daughter: Haley (Riley) Briscoe; grandchildren: Malaya Taylor, Makenna Taylor, Camdyn Taylor, Deklyn Taylor, Hartley Russell, Lexie Briscoe, Emma Briscoe and Kadence Briscoe; sister: Vicki Walker; brother: Mike (Margie) Russell; sisters: Donna (Jimmy) Garrison and Lori Spates; brother: Doug (Lydia) Russell; mother-in-law: Ann Tucker and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Asa Hulette Reid, 92, of Cullman
A graveside service with military details for Asa Hulette Reid was 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5, at Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo, Alabama. Mr. Reid passed away Jan. 1, at Cullman Regional. He was born in Cullman County, Alabama on Feb. 14, 1929. Mr. Reid served in the U.S. Army for 25 years and retired as a Command Sergeant Major. He also served in Germany and Vietnam. While stationed in Germany, he met and fell in love with the woman he wanted to marry. Survivors include his loving wife of 63 years: Friederika Schilling Reid. They lived in Huntsville, Alabama for approximately 52 years. Mr. Reid was preceded in death by his parents: Olin Marshall Reid and Gladys Bice Baker; brother: Wilton Reid; sister: Melba Reid Sinyard and son: Edward Marshall Reid. Other survivors include his sister: Nadene Reid Boatright of Gardendale, Alabama; brother: James Ray Baker (Linda) of Hanceville, Alabama and nieces: Barbara Sinyard Rowe (Jerry) of Tupelo, Mississippi, Donna Marlene Sinyard of Cullman, Alabama, Donald Wayne Boatright (Sharon) of Birmingham, Alabama and Melissa Kay Boatright Gough of Maylene, Alabama.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

A gift that brought me tears of joy

Bill King
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I was around ten-years old. Like many days at that time in my life, I was helping my dad at his place of business, or at least hanging around there. I got my education in those days at Plainview Elementary School and at King's Coal and Building Supply Store.

Dad's place did its best business in the winter time. Winters back then seemed much colder, especially in the northern end of the state and on top of Sand Mountain. Cold was good for business, because Dad's main business was selling coal. Many people still heated their houses with coal, as well as their chicken houses.

It seemed to snow more back then too. A good snow shower, or even the threat of one, was better for business than a free puppy with every pound. The customers flocked in. Dad had a big-coal heater right in the middle of the office. Customers often came in there to warm themselves around the hot fire while Dad, or one of his helpers, loaded their coal. There were regulars who hung out there too, even when they weren't buying anything. They did usually buy an RC and a Moon Pie, or a six-ounce coke and a pack of peanuts to pour in it. They swapped yarns, as well as pocket knives. Some of their stories were true. Most were entertaining and occasionally educational!

I guess, since most of them were old timers, they traded their Old Timers...as well as their Schrades, Cases, Boker Tree Brands, and Queens. In case you're wondering, those were pocket-knife brands. By that ripe old age in life, I was an experienced pocket-knife totter. We even took them to school back then. I had an old beat-up Barlow in my pocket. The kind that had two-blades on the same end. One was about as dull as the other. About two-thirds of the handle had a dark-brown, saw-cut finish, and the other third was steel that had the Barlow brand stamped on it. I think that was the first pocket knife I ever owned, and ugly as it was, I couldn't have been prouder of it...that was until I saw that yellow handle, three-bladed, Queen. I don't remember the man's name, but I remember his knife. He opened all three blades for us to envy. I got my turn when he passed it around. My eyes were as big as lump coal as I slide my little fingers over that smooth yellow handle. It was love at first sight. I was proud of my old Barlow, but not quite as proud as he thought. I think he was trying to tease me when he said, "I'll trade with you." The joke was on him with I instantly replied, "Okay!" Then he tried to wiggle his way out of the deal until my dad, who was a towering man, said, "I think you told the boy you would trade."

I'm not sure what ever became of the object of my treasured trade. I either lost it or traded it for something else. In recent years, I've searched high and low for an old-yellow-handled Queen. Thanks to my sweet wife, I found not just one of them, but two, under the Christmas tree. She bought one and then found another one that was more like the one I had. A flood of memories rose right up and leaked out my eyes. Oh, it wasn't just the knife, but the memory of my long-gone dad's voice, as he sealed my deal all those many years ago. The best treasures in life are not about knives, or things, but the people we love.

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: 1900, 1930

From the Files of 1900

Mrs. Annie Mackentepe and son, after an extended trip to Cincinnati and other northern points, have returned home.

Nine cheeses, about $40 worth, were stolen from the depot last Monday night.

The J.H. Karter Company has just received a carload of Studebaker wagons, the best on the market. Adv.

Cullman will be lighted with electricity inside of ten days.

A.B. Brindley made a business trip to Montgomery on Wednesday.

T.D. McMinn went to Cincinnati this week to visit his father.

J.J. Fowler has purchased the M.L. Robertson property on Quality Hill.

Doctor W.S. Bean now has his office in the front room of the office occupied by Fred Buchmann.

The old street lamps have been taken down and are for sale.

R.B.F. Still of Trimble was in town on Wednesday.

S.J. Griffin and R.L. Hipp returned last Saturday from a trip to Winston Count, where they went in the interest of Mr. Hipp's candidacy for State Senator.

Doctor J.H. Walling of Vinemont was in Cullman on Wednesday.

At the regular meeting last Monday night, the city council elected J.B. Brown City Attorney and R.H. Baird City Physician.

Miss Franchette Davitt, a charming young lady of Funnel Hill, Kentucky, is the guest of Mrs. N.J. Coniff.

A.M. Weatherford, proprietor of the Cullman Telephone Exchange, made a business trip to Decatur this week.

From the Files of 1930

Miss Jemmer Phillips of Moulton has succeeded Miss Clara Wiebke as county health nurse.

Married this week were Miss Minnie Schumann and George Hartwig.

POET'S CORNER

A Possum on a Broken Limb | By: Randy C. Hale

A possum climbed a tree
to see what he could see.
He had been eating quite a lot
and in his belly formed a pot.

At first, a crack he heard above
then fell to earth with a thud!
And with that fall, he made a vow,
to join a gym this year somehow?



CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

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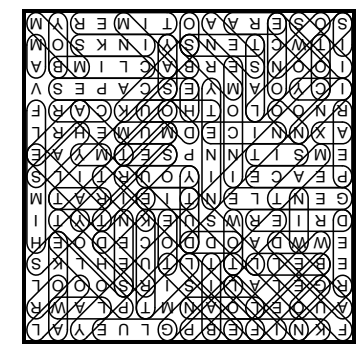
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ENTERTAINMENT

Goat Island Brewery shares upcoming events for the new year

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Goat Island Brewing has kicked off the year with a bang, as the bookings for January 2022 are already piling up. Offerings such as Trivia Night, live music and food trucks will present a variety and entertainment for locals and visitors all year around.

• Saturday, Jan. 8: Trivia Night with Matt Mitchell, beginning at 7 p.m.

• Friday, Jan. 14: Live music with Valley Groove Band, beginning at 7 p.m.

• Saturday, Jan. 15: Live music with Avenue G and Mom and M's Food Truck in attendance, beginning at 7 p.m.

• Friday, Jan. 21: Live music with Brēz and Dog Eat Dawgs Food Truck in attendance, beginning at 7 p.m.

• Saturday, Jan. 22: Live music with 347 Band and Mom and M's Food Truck in attendance, beginning at 7 p.m.

• Friday, Jan. 28: Live music with Generations, beginning at 7 p.m.

• Saturday, Jan. 29: Live music with Justin & Tab, beginning at 7 p.m.

Goat Island Brewing Office Manager Hannah Alexander Peres shared with The Tribune, "We are known for our quote, 'Life's too short to drink baaaad beer!'

"But really, we like to bring everyone together to have a good time while drinking excellent, hand-crafted beer."



FACEBOOK

Goat Island Brewing is located at 1646 John H Cooper Drive SE Cullman, AL 35055.

Follow them on Facebook at: https://www.facebook.com/goatislandbrewing.

Hours (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Sweet Life Bakery and Eatery in Jones Chapel opened its doors in October 2021. The eatery was previously open for breakfast and lunch from 6 a.m. - 2 p.m., and they have recently expanded their hours to include dinner, reopening from 5-8 p.m. during the week. On Saturdays, they will only be open 6 a.m. - 2 p.m. and will be closed on Sundays. The bakery/ eatery is the only restaurant in the area that offers home-cooked country meals. Owner Rayven Peak lives in Jones Chapel and opened her business there because she noticed a lack of restaurants in the area that were not fast food.

Peak started out making covered strawberries and cupcakes on the side last February. People began asked her if she did birthday cakes, which she did several of, including gluten-free options.

Peak said, "I've always wanted to own my own restaurant, so I saw this place become available, and I took the opportunity to go for it and open up my own place."

The lunch special and dinner menu are changed daily, offering various southern-style options with sides like fried okra, coleslaw, mac & cheese and baked potatoes, while the set breakfast and lunch menu includes cheeseburgers, BLTs, club sandwiches, grilled cheeses and more.

Peak eventually began to test the business waters by opening for dinner.

She said, "A lot of people have been wanting me to open up at dinner time, so if I don't open to try it, I'll never know."

For Valentine's Day, the Sweet Life Bakery offers special chocolate covered strawberries, dipped pretzel rods, cake pops, Oreo balls and fudge.

The deadline to order Valentine's Day decorated goods is Feb. 5.

To view the Valentine's Day desserts, breakfast and lunch menus, visit The Sweet Life Bakery and Eatery's Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/The-Sweet-Life-Bakery-Eatery-104741638551534/.

Peak is looking into opening a second location, with a buffet-style restaurant. She also recently began offering catering for events like dinner parties, business meetings, baby showers, etc.

She will be catering a wedding in October and has catered a few Thanksgiving dinners and Christmas parties.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Local band Don't Think Twice will be appearing at Valley Tavern and Grille Friday, Jan. 21. Valley Tavern and Grille is a restaurant attached to the Cullman Bowling Alley and has been renovated in more recent years to allow a fun space for community and entertainment.

Valley Tavern opens at 11 a.m. each day, and Don't Think Twice will begin their show at 7:30 p.m. Band members Jason Higginbotham and Jeremy Phillips both spoke with The Tribune on their upcoming burst of local bookings, with Higginbotham sharing, "For so long, Cullman missed out on live music. There are so many great local musicians, and places like Valley Tavern do a great job of promoting that talent."

"Cullman is a growing, vibrant city." he continued, "Live music is a relatively new added feature to its charm, and we are excited to be a part of it. All of the venues are so great to work with. Moe's Original BBQ, The Stash House, Ledgers, Goat Island and Valley Tavern all have live music and book local and out of town acts weekly."

Close friend and bandmate Jeremy Phillips chimed in, "The Valley Tavern is where Jason and I first met. They make us feel at home. The staff is wonderful there, as well as the staffs at all the other venues in Cullman.

"I do not believe you could ask for better people at our local musical venues than what Cullman has. All of the people who have come out and seen us have been so great and supportive of us, and we thoroughly enjoy the opportunity to get to perform for as many people as possible."

He finished, saying, "We sincerely hope that everyone, and anyone who can, will come out on the 21st, hang out with us, and support The Valley Tavern Bar and Grille as a local business. Come up and introduce yourself between our song sets.

"We love meeting new people and hearing your input. Tell us what you like and don't like, because that is the only way any musician can get better!"

Valley Tavern Bar and Grille is located at 1710 Tally Ho Road, Cullman, AL 35055. For more on Don't Think Twice, follow their Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/dontthinktwicerock.

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