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STATE CHAMPS! Cullman claims 1st state title in school history with 58-50 win over Huffman

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — "There's no other way to describe it except as a dream come true."

Bearcat Forward Max Gambrill was nearly speechless following Cullman's first-ever state championship win but he, along with his teammates managed to find a few words to describe the historic moment. All-State Tournament Co-MVPs Tucker Cagle and Tucker Gambrill know that their team has put in the work to bring home a blue map but in the moments just after the game, they could still hardly believe what they had achieved.

"I think it's really crazy because if you had told me at the start of the year that we were going to win a state championship, I would've said no way," Cagle said. "I think just getting our bodies right in the offseason and getting stronger » PAGE 6



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Cullman Bearcats defeated Huffman 58-50 Saturday to claim their first basketball state championship in school history.

– LOCAL GOVERNMENT –

Cullman City Council looks forward to busy spring



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Cullman City Council met Monday evening.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council on Monday evening talked about upcoming events around the community both recreational and city services.

Councilman Johnny Cook reminded attendants about the upcoming Cullman Sanitation Department annual spring cleanup March 14-18. Residents should place bulk items near the curb (not in the street) by 6 a.m. on their regular trash pickup day.

The City will pick up furniture (chairs, couches, tables, etc.), appliances (washers, dryers, microwaves, stoves, etc.), mattresses and box springs, and other large or bulky items (lamps, boxes, toys, etc.).

The City will not pick up construction materials (rocks, dirt, bricks, concrete), hazardous materials (oil, pesticides, paint), cross ties or tires. There will be no brush, limb or green waste pickup during cleanup week because those trucks and crews will be assigned to bulk cleanup, so please refrain from placing this material out for service.

Councilman Clint Hollingsworth reminded everyone about the annual Strawberry Festival coming up on Saturday, May 7. The event will feature live music from Grand Funk Railroad, 2021 American Idol Winner Chayce Beckham and The Georgia Thunderbolts, along with an arts and crafts show, food vendors, Miss Strawberry Festival pageant, pet pageant, and of course plenty of strawberries.

Mayor Woody Jacobs told the council that weather conditions have slowed down work on the new water park at the Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center, but that he still hopes that the park – previously planned for a Memorial Day Weekend opening – will still be open by June 1.

In City business, the council approved resolutions to:

• Declare and surplus old inventory, equip- » PAGE 8

Jessica Denton crowned 2022 Miss West Point Rodeo Queen



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported March 7

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

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INCIDENTS
March 3
• domestic violence; CR 282

March 4
• possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; Wesley Ave. N
• violation of protection order; CR 260
• possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278 W
• criminal mischief; New Hope Rd.
• ex-felon in possession of firearm; CR 437
• harassment; CR 1194
• unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; Hwy. 278 E

March 5
• resisting arrest; attempt to elude police officer; CR 1114
• theft of property; CR 1354
• possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1570
• theft of property; Hwy. 91
• domestic violence; CR 162
• possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69 N
• harassment; CR 1678

March 6
• possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1693
• possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 31
• possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1527
• possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278 W
• burglary; CR 622
• criminal mischief; Hwy. 278 W
• possession of marijuana; attempt to elude police officer
• possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 67
• possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; giving false information to law enforcement; Hwy. 69 S.

ARRESTS
March 3 – 6
Bailey, Christopher J.; 29
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
• second-degree possession of marijuana
• FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft $500 less than $1,500
• probation violation- larceny/theft- second-degree theft of property $1,500 - $2,500
• attempting to elude police officer
• FTA- illegal possession/use of a credit/debit card

Baker, Mary M.; 37
• possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
• FTA- promote prison contraband (drugs)
• FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
• FTA- larceny/theft-theft from residence
• FTA- using false identity to avoid arrest/hinder prosecution
• FTA- illegal possession/use of credit/debit card
• FTA- driver's license not in possession
• FTA- improper lane usage

Banks, Anthony T.; 53
• possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Benafield, Harley D.; 23
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Bollen, Richard E.; 57
• probation violation- possession of dangerous drugs

Brown, Shanice Y.; 29
• ignition interlock misdemeanor
• DUI (alcohol)

Buck, Brent R.; 45
• harassing communications

Cason, David E.; 45
• violation of a domestic violence protection order

Crandall Jr., Edward G.; 51
• possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
• second-degree possession of marijuana
• giving false identification to law enforcement
• public intoxication

Cray, Shane R.; 35
• FTA- assault-harassment (harassment/intimidation)
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
• FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
• FTA- attempting to elude police officer
• FTA- resisting arrest
• FTA- criminal trespass
• FTA- driving while license suspended

Cummings, Tammy J.; 55
• second-degree possession of marijuana

Davis, Katherine D.; 40
• FTA- possession of methamphetamine
• possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
• FTA- driving while license suspended
• FTA- DUI (controlled substances)

Ellis, Daniel A.; 41
• probation violation- possession of dangerous drugs

Foster, Raphael M.; 37
• FTA- possession of methamphetamine
• probation violation- possession of methamphetamine
• FTA- possession of dangerous drugs-1st offense
• FTA- second-degree possession of marijuana
• FTA- promote prison contraband (drugs)

Gardiner, Autumn M.; 25
• FTA- possession of methamphetamine

Harris, Shelley D.; 47
• FTA- operating vehicle without insurance

Hood, Mitchell D.; 43
• probation violation- burglary-residence-force

Hyde, Ashley B.; 44
• possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Kelley, Brandon J.; 26
• second-degree possession of marijuana
• tampering with physical evidence

Light, April L.; 39
• family offense- causing delinquency, dependency or need of supervision

May, Ryan W.; 40
• violation of a domestic violence protection order

McClendon, Lisa M.; 32
• FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family

McDonald, Joshua R.; 40
• possession of methamphetamine

Mosley, Brandon C.; 22
• FTA- fail stop sign

Myrex, Heather N.; 39
• possession of methamphetamine
• possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Nunnelley, Jacky L.; 47
• possession of methamphetamine
• possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Otey, Trula A.; 52
• possession of methamphetamine
• possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Palmer, Christy M.; 48
• possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
• possession of dangerous drugs

Parker, Bryan L.; 38
• Grand Jury- sex offense-sexual misconduct
• Grand Jury- first-degree sexual abuse

Pendergraft, Unique N.; 29
• public intoxication
• disorderly conduct/disturbing peace/affray

Phillips, Patrick E.; 24
• attempting to elude police officer
• receiving stolen property $500 less than $1,500

Pirkle, Tracie D.; 40
• possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Ritchie, Robin L.; 41
• Grand Jury- forgery-counterfeiting
• Grand Jury- forgery-forged instrument
• FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous $500 less than $1,500
• negotiating worthless instrument
• FTA- illegal possession/use of credit/debit card
• FTA- driving while license suspended
• FTA- improper lane usage

Smith, Blake S.; 33
• possession of methamphetamine
• possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Smith, Shara L.; 49
• possession of methamphetamine

Smothers, Jody G.; 55
• assault-aggravated assault-domestic-menacing-strong arm
• damaged property- criminal mischief
• attempting to elude police officer
• resisting arrest

Stephens, Tonya A.; 35
• FTA- possession of methamphetamine
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Warren, Lee E.; 38
• homicide-criminally negligent homicide-other (non-vehicle)
• reckless driving

Whitehead, Keith T.; 48
• larceny/theft-theft from residence

Wilburn, Corey G.; 37
• ex-felon in possession of a firearm

Wilson, Willie J.; 39
• public intoxication

Wooten, Tony D.; 47
• FTA- operating vehicle with expired tag

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
March 2
• third-degree domestic violence; person; 5th Ave. NE

March 4
• third-degree theft of property; first-degree criminal mischief; Alpha Control Electrical LLC; 2nd Ave. NW; wire; damaged property; $4,000

March 5
• second-degree extortion; person
• third-degree domestic violence; person; Brunner St. SW

March 6
• third-degree criminal mischief; person; Hwy. 31 N
• unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; Lee Ave. SW; wallet and contents
• unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; Lee Ave. SW; purses and contents
• fourth-degree theft of property; person; Jennifer Ave. SE; sports equipment; $100
• harassment; person
• fourth-degree theft of property; The Foundry; 2nd Ave. SW; miscellaneous; $50

ARRESTS
March 4 – 6
McCown, Katelynn M.; 28
• third-degree domestic violence

Woodruff, Todd A.; 27
• public intoxication

McLeod, John L.; 26
• DUI
• endangering the welfare of child

Drane, Anthony G.; 35
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
• FTA- DUI

Harris, Christopher P.; 31
• FTA- third-degree criminal trespass

Moore, Christina J.; 44
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Kirby, Ashley N.; 28
• fourth-degree theft of property
• resisting arrest

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
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COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Monday, March 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.

March 7, - The Alabama Department of Public Health received lab reports from one entity on March 4. A total of 2,654 positive cases with specimen collection dates from Dec. 20, 2021, to Feb. 25, 2022 were added to the dashboard today. For information related to when a case occurred versus when the case was reported, please view Tab 5. COVID-19 is a notifiable disease and laboratories are mandatory reporters. ADPH does not have control over when results are reported.

*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)
• Positivity in tests in Alabama: 4%
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 387,454
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2021): 536,805
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2022): 362,396 (+2,985 since Friday)
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,187
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2021): 9,519
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2022) 1,863 (+88 since Friday)
• Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.: 2%
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2020): 7,561
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2021): 9,743
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2022): 7,134 (+10 since Friday)
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 128
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 188
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2022): 38 (+0 since Friday)
• Total tested in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 782
• Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 16
• Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 39,999
• Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 1,588
• Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 419

Vaccine details (updated Tuesday and Thursday) No updates available
• Doses delivered to Alabama: 8,965,595
• Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 4,675,165
• Doses administered: 5,851,139
• Additional doses administered: 764,128
• Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,847,457
• Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 2,321,685
• Doses delivered to federal programs: 4,290,430

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/.

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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 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 St. 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, March 9, 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" – 6:30 p.m. free pizza for children. Van runs in 5 Points Area at 6 p.m. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup.
• Thursday, March 10, 11:30 a.m.: Senior Potluck Lunch and Games. All adults are invited to attend for food, fun and fellowship.
• 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.

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Agriplex spring program schedule

Child and home-school programs
• March 8 - 10:30 a.m.: Library Storytimes Five Senses at Guy Hunt Library Holly Pond. FREE
• March 11 - 10 a.m.: Little Farmers Feathered Friends: Explore the world of birds with hands on fun as we learn how to bring birds to our own backyards.
• March 24: Heritage Homeschool Seed Starting: What does a seed need to grow? Find out as we learn all about how to grow our own vegetable transplants for the garden.

Adult programs
• March 8, 6 p.m.: Beginning Farmer & Rancher-Small Scale Vegetable Production: Learn which summer vegetables are the most profitable and learn the best practices for growing them. Registration required, contact Tony Glover at gloveta@aces.edu, or by phone 256-568-0005
• March 14, 6 p.m.: Living Landscapes Growing Shitake Mushrooms: Inoculate your own shitake mushroom log to take home and grow. $40 per person.
• March 16, noon: Lunch & Learn Growing Succulents: Bethany O'Rear will be here to talk about succulents. Free program, light lunch provided. Must call 256-297-1044 to register.
• March 22, 6 p.m.: Heritage Skills Growing & Using Gourds and Pumpkins: Katie Westmoreland will be here teaching us how to grow these useful cucurbits, avoid pests and diseases and also will be demonstrating how to use them in crafting recipes and more!

Register for programs at https://agriplex.org/WPtest/services/.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 12-Step Groups
The Goose Hung High Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, 1st Church of Nazarene, 5415 U.S. Highway 157, Cullman, AL 35058 – CLOSED Literature Study, SUNDAYS at 3 p.m. Handicap Accessible.

CASA volunteer training
Cullman County CASA (court appointed special advocates) is looking for dedicated volunteers to speak up for abused and neglected children in foster care. They need YOUR VOICE! A training class will be beginning soon! For more information, please contact Candace Lingo at cullmancountycasa@msn.com.

T.O.P.S (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings
Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., at Cullman Housing Authority Community Center (1545 Vine Circle, SW, Cullman, AL 35055). First meeting is free. TOPS, a national program, is a hands-on/pounds-off approach to weight loss and management through weekly meetings providing information, accountability, support and encouragement where you make the changes that make sense to you.

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

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

Cullman County Republican Women's Meeting
March 8: The Cullman County Republican Women's Meeting will be held Tuesday March 8 at 6 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars building located at (112 Veterans Drive SW, Cullman, AL 35055). The public is encouraged to attend. A light supper will be provided.

East Point Swamp John's Dinner
March 10: East Point Cumberland Presbyterian Church will be hosting a Swamp John's dinner on Thursday, March 10 from 4-7 p.m. (1441 U.S. Highway 278 E, Cullman, AL). Dine-in and carry-out options available. For more information, call 256-962-2116.

Swamp John's Meal at Corinth Methodist Church
March 12: Come by Saturday, March 12 from 4-7 p.m. for a Swamp John's plate, which are $13 each. Located at 5130 County Road 1101, Vinemont, AL.

Valley Springs Baptist Church Youth Revival
• March 12-13: Beginning at 5 p.m. at Valley Springs Baptist Church (6979 County Road 437, Cullman). The evangelists will be Colin Long, Ethan Yarbrough, Clay Rollo and Kenny Shelton.
• Let no man despise thy youth, but be thou an example of the believers in word in conversation, in charity, in faith, in purity. 1st Timothy 4:12 (KJV).

Cullman NARFE Meeting
March 14: The Cullman NARFE (National Association of Retired and Active Federal Employees) will have the March meeting at 11 a.m. March 14, at the Golden Coral Restaurant in Cullman. We will have Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry, speaking on "How to avoid Scams." Please plan to attend and bring new prospective members. For more information, call 256-796-6072.

Holly Pond Homemakers Club Meeting
March 15: The Holly Pond Homemakers Club will have a regular meeting at The Holly Pond Event Center March 15, at 1 p.m. Probate Judge Tammy Brown will have the program. Hosts will be Brenda Scott and Deanie Walker. Please come and bring someone.

Soup and Chili
March 19: The Fairview Lions Club is having a soup and chili supper March 19 at the Fairview Town Hall (7525 Alabama Highway 69 N) from 4-7 p.m. your choice of several kinds of soup or chili, cornbread or crackers and a drink for $5 or with dessert for $6. Eat in or carry out options available. All proceeds go to the Fairview Lions Club project fund. For more information, call Kita at 256-385-8805 or William at 256-385-5596.

5th Annual Hanceville Irish Festival
March 19: The 5th Annual Hanceville Irish Festival will take place Saturday, March 19 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., hosted by Snead's Farmhouse. Booth fees are $30 per booth. For more information about becoming a vendor Snead's Farmhouse at judysnead9522@gmail.com.

Cottontails Arts & Crafts Festival
• April 9, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
• 905 SE Commercial St., Hanceville
• Willow Brook Boutique & Design will host a spring arts & crafts festival in downtown Hanceville.

Bloomin' Festival Arts and Crafts Fair
• April 23-24, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
• 1600 St. Bernard Ave. SE, Cullman
• Food, music and artisan crafts all weekend at St. Bernard Preparatory school.
• Admission $7, children 5 and under get in free.

2022 Hanceville Grilled Cheese Festival
May 28: The Hanceville Grilled Cheese Festival is back for the second year! The festival will take place Saturday, May 28 starting at 9 a.m. Features will include vendors, food trucks, live music and plenty of activities for adults and kids alike. Most food trucks will feature their own signature grilled cheese. There will also be a grilled cheese cook-off. Follow them on Facebook for more information: https://www.facebook.com/events/265071822436868/.

Tigers win SEC title outright with 82-71 win over South Carolina

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. — Uninterested in sharing the Southeastern Conference championship, No. 5 Auburn won the title outright Saturday by beating South Carolina 82-71 in the first game in newly renamed Neville Arena.

Fans chanted "S-E-C, S-E-C!" as the confetti flew and Auburn players and coaches cut down the nets in celebration.

"It's all about the players. To be 15-3 in this league says they came to play every night," Auburn coach Bruce Pearl said

"We took no team for granted. They locked in, they grinded.

"The lessons these guys learned because of their own discipline are going to serve them well for the rest of their lives.

"They know how to win, they know how to compete, they know how to train, they know how to prepare.

"The coaching staff did a phenomenal job as well. I've got the best staff in the country."

The Tigers (27-4, 15-3) completed a perfect 16-0 home season, Auburn's first since 1998-99, winning their 18th straight home game while setting the program season record with 15 SEC wins.

"That's the best part of our team," Pearl said. "Our chemistry and our character."

Auburn celebrated its third SEC championship in the past five season under Pearl, to go along with the 2018 season championship and the 2019 SEC Tournament title.

Jabari Smith led Auburn with 21 points and six rebounds.

"That's why I came here, to win," Smith said.

"I felt like this school was going to put me in the best position to win a national championship.

"I'm not surprised at all that we won. It feels good. I just want to keep going."

K.D. Johnson added 18 points while Walker Kessler scored 11 and grabbed six rebounds.

Wendell Green Jr. scored 10 points and distributed a game-high seven assists.

Allen Flanigan and Kessler hit 3-pointers for an early 8-0 start to a game in which Auburn never trailed.

Smith scored 15 first-half points to help the Tigers take a 48-31 halftime lead.

"Jabari Smith is going to win his matchup every night," Pearl said.

"When we play the best teams on our schedule, we count on him more, because he will win his matchup."

Auburn led by 19 with 8:36 to play in the second half after Smith's 4-point play and Johnson's 3-pointer before the Gamecocks narrowed the gap in the closing minutes.

The No. 1 seed in the SEC Tournament, the Tigers will play Friday at 11 a.m. on ESPN in the quarterfinals against Thursday's Florida-Texas A&M winner.

"That chapter is closed, the regular season. Now it's postseason and it's also March," Pearl said.

"This is when the stakes are higher, and the reward is even greater.

"Can we get hot? Our defense will carry us, but to win another championship, we're going to have to pick it up offensively."

PREP BASEBALL

Folds walks it off to lift Warriors over Scottsboro 10-9

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HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — West Point traveled to Toyota Field in Huntsville to battle Scottsboro Saturday night and like they already have several times this season, the Warriors walked it off in the final frame to pick up a 10-9 win over the Wildcats. With two outs in the bottom of the seventh, Eli Folds ripped a double into right field to bring Andrew Putman all the way home to score from first base and lead West Point to the win.

The Wildcats got to Folds a little bit to start out the game. A leadoff walk, a wild pitch, and a ground out had their runner at third with one out. The base runner ended up stealing home to get Scottsboro on the scoreboard first. The Wildcats added to their lead in the top of the third inning. An error and a walk had them in business early and an RBI groundout made it 2-0, then a three-run, inside-the-park home run pushed their lead to 5-0.

West Point, though, answered right back in a big way in their half. Andrew Putman hit a one-out single to left field, then later moved to second on a passed ball. Folds lined an RBI single to right field to drive in Putman as that made it 5-1.

Caiden Rodgers reached on a fielder's choice and J.D. Cochran lined a single to left field to load the bases. Colton McCoy got hit by the pitch, Isaac Hoffpauir drew a walk, and Cade Simmons got hit by the pitch as well and Scottsboro's lead, just like that, got trimmed to 5-4. An RBI fielder's choice by Bryson Phillips tied the game up at five.

The Wildcats broke the tie in the top of the fourth as they loaded the bases with one out. An RBI single made it 6-5, then a sacrifice fly and back-to-back RBI single gave them a 9-5 lead.

The Warriors came roaring back in the game in the bottom of the fifth inning as AJ Randau got hit by the pitch to lead off the inning. Hoffpauir then drew a walk and Simmons reached on an error to load the bases once again.

Randau scored on a double-play ball to cut it to 9-6, then Brody Freeman lined an RBI double to center field to make it 9-7. Putman and Rodgers each hit RBI singles as that tied the game up once again at nine.

After keeping Scottsboro off the scoreboard in the top of the seventh inning, West Point looked to win it in walk-off fashion for the second time this season.

The rally started with two outs as Putman reached on a Wildcat error, then after a five-pitch at-bat, Folds won it for the Warriors as his RBI double to right field gave them a 10-9 win.

Randau tossed the final three innings for West Point and earned the win after allowing just two hits and striking out seven.

Folds finished with three hits and two RBIs, including the game-winning RBI double. Putman added a pair of hits and an RBI. Rodgers, McCoy, and Freeman all ended up with a hit and an RBI in the contest. Hoffpauir, Simmons and Phillips each finished with an RBI and Cochran added a hit for West Point (5-2).

The Warriors will travel to take on Huntsville Tuesday afternoon.

PREP BASEBALL

Fairview drops doubleheader with Decatur Heritage

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — After topping Hayden on the road 4-0 Thursday, the Fairview Aggies returned home Saturday to host a pair of matchups against Decatur Heritage. Unfortunately for the home crowd, it was Eagles in both games as they rolled past the Aggies 17-4 and 10-0.

Decatur Heritage 17 - Fairview 4 (Game One)

Decatur Heritage didn't waste any time getting on the scoreboard as a leadoff triple and a Fairview error gave them a quick 1-0 lead.

The Eagles loaded the bases and one out later, back-to-back hit by pitches pushed their lead to 3-0.

Crimson Wright led off the Aggie first with a single, then one out later, Parker Martin lined a single to center field.

Dalton Payne drew a walk to load the bases for Gannon Black and he, too, drew a walk as the Aggies cut the Eagle lead to 3-1.

Fairview got another run in the bottom of the third inning. Lucas West hit a leadoff single and a pair of passed balls allowed Nic Gregory, the courtesy runner for West, to move on up to third base. Black drove in Gregory with an RBI single as that made it a 3-2 game.

After a rough first inning, starter Parker Martin kept Decatur Heritage's bats in check for the next three innings.

The Eagles were threatening in the top of the fourth inning, but the runner got caught in a rundown between third and home and Martin tagged the runner coming home to get out of the huge jam.

Fairview got a two-out rally started in the bottom of the fourth inning. Caden Jennings got hit by the pitch, then he stole second.

Wright drove him in with an RBI single to tie the game up at three, then the Aggies loaded up the bases for Dalton Payne.

Payne drew a walk to force home a run as Fairview took a 4-3 lead into the top of the fifth inning.

After that, though, it would be all Eagles as they exploded for eight runs in the fifth inning and six more in the sixth.

Fairview couldn't mount a comeback and they ended up dropping game one to Decatur Heritage, 17-4.

Black led the way for Fairview with a hit and two RBIs.

Wright added a pair of hits and an RBI in the game. Payne ended up with an RBI and West, Martin, and Isaac Elrod each chipped in with a hit.

Decatur Heritage 10 - Fairview 0 (Game Two)

Fairview looked to bounce back in game two against Decatur Heritage, but the Eagles were too much for them once again as they got held to just two hits in the 10-0 loss.

The Eagles scored three runs in the third and sixth inning as that was more than enough run support for their pitching staff.

Three pitchers combined to strike out 15 Aggie batters in the contest as Fairview ended up falling in game two to Decatur Heritage, 10-0.

Payne and Jennings finished with the only two hits of the game for Fairview (2-5). The Aggies will host Hanceville Tuesday.





Rodeo (from Front)

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WEST POINT, Ala. — The Miss West Point Rodeo Queen was crowned Saturday night at the 38th Annual West Point Band Boosters Rodeo hosted by the Double Creek Rodeo Company and Southern Professional Rodeo Association at the Cullman Agricultural Trade Center. The contestants participated in private interviews March 3 before the pageant began at Cullman First Baptist. The contestants then showcased their horsemanship Saturday morning.

Each contestant, ages 5-18, brought a silent auction item and gave a 30-45 second speech about the item.

The Miss contestants (19-26) gave a 2-3-minute speech on the topic "Everyday Heroes." The auction raised $1,130 to help the pageant grow next year.

The winners were crowned at the intermission of the second day of the West Point Rodeo on Saturday by 2021 Miss West Point Michaela Cooper.

- Miss West Point Rodeo Queen - Jessica Denton from Monterey, Tennessee

- Senior Miss West Point Rodeo Queen - Reba McCarn from Bremen, Alabama

- Junior Miss West Point Rodeo Queen - Dawson Harvey from Spring Hill, Tennessee

- Petite Miss West Point Rodeo Queen - Payson King from Rydal, Georgia

- Little Miss West Point Rodeo Queen - Abree McClendon from Bremen, Alabama

- Tiny Miss West Point Rodeo Queen - Adalee Dunn from Taft, Tennessee

The other division winners included:

Miss Division
- Horsemanship: Reba McCarn
- Speech: Jessica Denton
- West Point Rodeo Spirit Award: Savanna Sams
- 1st Alternate: Savanna Sams

Senior Miss Division
- Horsemanship: Reba McCarn

Junior Miss Division
- Horsemanship: Lexi Evans
- 1st Alternate: Lexi Evans
- 2nd Alternate: Molly Caudle
- 3rd Altenate: Nicole Lindsey

Little Miss Division
- Horsemanship: Abree McClendon
- 1st Alternate: Ava Chaffee
- 2nd Alternate: Libby Sutherland

Petite Miss Division
- Horsemanship: Annabelle Beem
- 1st Alternate: Linley Higginbotham
- 2nd Alternate: Molly Robbins

Tiny Miss Division
- 1st Alternate: June Dobbs
- 2nd Alternate: Leah Hicks
- Arrow Spirit Award: June Dobbs



CONTRIBUTED

Senior Miss West Point Rodeo Queen Reba McCarn, Tiny Miss West Point Rodeo Queen Adalee Dunn, Miss West Point Rodeo Queen Jessica Denton, Petite Miss West Point Rodeo Queen Payson King, Junior Miss West Point Rodeo Queen Dawson Harvey, Little Miss West Point Rodeo Queen Abree McClendon





KENNY TAYLOR; SARA GLADNEY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The 38th Annual Stars and Stripes Rodeo featured mutton busting, calf roping, roping skills contests, and the West Point Rodeo Queen pageant with $10,000 in overall cash prizes. All proceeds went to the West Point Band and Auxiliary.



Fairs (from Front)

Russell Moore
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State's Center for Career and Workforce Development is hosting a pair of career fairs this month.

The Healthcare Career Fair is scheduled for Thursday, March 10 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the William Peinhardt Conference Center at School of Nursing and Center for Science building. A Campus Career Fair is slated for Tuesday, March 15 at 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Traditions Bank Arena at Tom Drake Coliseum. Both events are open to Wallace State students and the public. "Both fairs are excellent opportunities to network and hone your professional communication skills," said Director of the Center for Career and Workforce Development Jamie Blackmon.

Companies/organizations scheduled to attend the Healthcare Career Field are Amedisys Home Health Care, Ascension, Brookwood Baptist Health, CHI Memorial, Children's of Alabama, Cullman Army Recruiting, DaVita, DCH Health System, Decatur Morgan Hospital, Gadsden Regional Medical Center, Huntsville Hospital, Marshall Medical Centers, McGuffey Healthcare, Select Specialty Hospital – Birmingham, Sevita/REM Alabama, Southlake Orthopedics Sports Medicine and Spine, Tom Dodd Nurseries, Inc., TrustCare Health and UAB Medicine.

The Campus Career Fair is scheduled to host the following: Alabama Credit Union, Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Alabama Department of Corrections, Alabama Law Enforcement Agency, ALEA, Altec Industries, American Cast Iron Pipe Company, Blount County Sheriff's Office, Central Garden & Pet, Cigna, Cullman County Sheriff's Office, Decatur Police Department, Doster Construction, EOS Defense Systems, USA, Inc.; H&R Agri-Power, HH Technologies, Huntsville Police Department, ICool USA Inc., Jones Valley Fabrication, Kinder Morgan, Love's Travel Stops and Country Stores, Madison County Sheriff's Office, North Alabama Fabricating Company (NAFCO), Oneonta Police Department, Orchid Orthopedic Solutions, Prince Metal Stampings USA, Inc., Progress Rail, Rausch Coleman Homes, REHAU, Rogers Group, Inc.; Salia Construction LLC, Schoel Engineering Company, Inc., SERVPRO (Cullman and Blount counties), Shirley Quattlebaum State Farm, Steward Machine Co., Inc., Structure Medal LLC, SyBridge Technologies, Tractor Supply, Truckworx/Kenworth, Velocity Truck Center, Walpole, Inc. and Yutaka.

Wallace State's Center for Career and Workforce Development's Career Services Center assists students as they prepare to enter the job market, helping with creating a resume, honing interview skills and dressing for an interview, among other helpful practices.

For more information about the events, contact Ashley Baker at 256-352-8386 or Ashley.baker@wallacestate.edu.

Addison (from Front)

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ADDISON, Ala. — Addison Elementary School's pre-K program is a part of the First-Class pre-K Program created by the Office of School Readiness. Many local Alabama preschools are a part of the same play-based, explorative program including Meek Elementary, Harmony, Good Hope, Vinemont and Cullman Head Start. The program is meant to provide a developmentally appropriate method of learning for 4-year-olds. There is no set curriculum for the programs; rather, the students either participate in various learning stations throughout the day, or the teachers teach based on a different theme every few weeks. If the theme is "nature" the kids may go on nature walks so that they can examine and explore at their own pace.

Addison Elementary Principal Sharon Naylor spoke about the ways in which pre-K helps to prepare students for kindergarten, saying, "I try to stress to parents, the pre-K program is not necessarily so that they memorize the alphabet, or they know how to write their name, or they know everything forward and backward. It prepares them for school in the sense that they are learning routines.

"They're sitting for read-alouds. They are learning to work with other children. It's very good for their social development. And most of our kids who come in, they are very well prepared for kindergarten, but the main focus then is not strictly academic. We let them learn at their own pace because when they get into kindergarten, they're going to receive more specific instruction."

Naylor said that some kids learn very quickly when exposed to new experiences, but for others, the most important thing is the social aspect, especially if they don't have a big extended family with children their own age to interact with.

In pre-K classes, social, speech and motor skills can be monitored, and teachers can make recommendations to parents if a service such as speech therapy should be considered. Naylor's pre-K students are very successful when they go into kindergarten. She says the program helps to prepare them without the stress and pressure that are typical when school starts.

To schedule a preview of Addison's pre-K program, call their Elementary office at 256-747-1665. Registration is open until March 15. To register for a local First-Class pre-K program, visit: https://prek.alaceed.alabama.gov/.



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Addison Elementary pre-K class

Champs (from Front)

really helped us. We became a family, and this is just awesome for the community."

"I just see it as a kind of reward for how hard we worked. I'm still speechless," Gambrill said. "My last varsity basketball game is a win, so that's pretty great."

Garrison Sharpe was still trying to wrap his head around what just happened too but knows that he and his teammates had reached all the goals they set for themselves when this season began.

"That was our main goal. That's what we all put in our blood, sweat and tears for," Sharpe said. "It's honestly making me speechless, and it hasn't really hit me yet, but this is what we dreamed about. This is everything for us."

Its safe to say that Bearcats Head Coach Stu Stuedeman has hit the ground running at Cullman and after the game, he was quick to pass all credit to his players for all this team has accomplished this season.

"I'm so thankful for these players, because they deserve all the credit. I'm just so happy for them that they get to experience this because they put in all the work, and they deserve all the credit," Stuedeman said.

"Way too many times in sports, the coach gets all the credit for what's going on but it's not the coach out there putting blood, sweat and tears into the practices and in the weight room, it's these guys up here and the rest of those guys in the locker room. They have just believed in themselves, believed in each other, they play fearless basketball, and they keep coming at you every night. They deserve all of this because they did it, and I am so happy for them."

Cullman led by double digits early in fourth quarter, but the Vikings managed to cut the lead to five late in the game.

Following a missed free throw, Cagle pulled down a huge offensive board and reset the offense for Cullman.

That play was one of the biggest for the Bearcats down the stretch and it's a play they have been preparing to make all season.

"We coach offensive rebounds and I think we rebound better than anyone else in the state. Offensive rebounding on free throws is something we work on, and it showed up in a big moment," Stuedeman said.

"We get a big offensive rebound and it just kind of settles us and we started hitting our free throws again. I think we missed two in a row, but that offensive rebound just calmed us down. That's what we do, the little things of the game win. There really are no little things and rebounding and free throws are some of those."

Two quick baskets by Tucker Cagle and Garrison Sharpe gave Cullman the early, 4-0 edge but the Vikings responded 7-0 run to move ahead 7-4.

Max Gambrill sank a pair of free throws to cut the lead to one and another Cagle bucket tied the game at 8 midway through the first quarter.

Nate Zills then entered the game and buried a three-pointer to keep the score knotted at 11.

Cagle dropped one in to retake a 13-12 lead for the 'Cats with less than two minutes remaining in the period.

Max Gambrill split a pair of free throws to trim Huffman's lead to 15-14 with 20 seconds on the clock and he tipped one in at the buzzer to put Cullman back in front 16-15 going into the second.

Tucker Apel drilled a three and Colton Echols split a pair of free throws to make it a 20-15 game early in the second quarter. Cagle drove to the rim and scored to keep the Bearcats in front 22-17 midway through the second and Tucker Gambrill knocked down a three to make it 25-21 with two minutes to play in the opening half. The Vikings were able to get one more shot to fall before end of the second and Cullman went into the locker room with a 25-23 lead at the break.

Tucker Gambrill drilled a deep three early in the third quarter to stretch the lead to 28-23 and Sam Duskin scored through a foul to make it a 30-23 game.

Max Gambrill netted a pair of free throws to add to the lead and midway through the third, Jamar Kay knocked down a three of his own to keep the 'Cats in front 35-27. Kay drove to the basket and scored on the next possession to add to the lead and Cagle pulled down an offensive board and scored underneath the basket to give Cullman a 39-28 advantage.

The Vikings were able to chip away a bit of the lead in the final two minutes but went into the final frame trailing the Bearcats 39-32.

Apel scored in transition to make it a 41-32 game early in the fourth quarter and Max Gambrill split a pair of free throws to put the 'Cats up by 10. Apel sank a pair of free throws to extend the lead to 12 and Cagle split a pair of foul shots to maintain a 45-35 lead midway through the fourth. Cullman tried to eat up as much clock as possible with each possession and after a pair of Garrison Sharpe free throws, the Bearcats led 47-37 with less than three minutes to play. Apel laid in an easy basket off an inbounds play to keep Cullman in front 49-40 and Cagle added a free throw to make it a 10-point game with less than two minutes to play.

The Vikings knocked down a three on the other end to cut the lead to 50-43 with just over a minute on the clock and another inside basket for Huffman made it a 5-point game but Sharpe and Gambrill each answered with a pair of free throws to build the lead back up to 54-47.

Sharpe sank two more foul shots to make it a 56-47 game with 35 seconds remaining and Apel drained two more with 15 seconds on the clock to ice a 58-50 victory and Cullman's first state title in school history.

Cagle led the Bearcats with 12 points in the win. Apel posted 11, Tucker and Max Gambrill each added eight and Sharpe finished with seven. Cagle, Tucker and Max Gambrill were earned 6A All-State Tournament honors and Tucker Gambrill and Cagle were selected as Co-MVPs.

Stuedeman is thrilled to celebrate this massive accomplishment with his team but also has his eyes on the horizon and what this day can mean for the future of Cullman Basketball.

"I'm just telling, we're really just getting started. We've got a lot of younger dudes in that locker room that have played a lot of minutes and put in a lot of hard work. We have a lot of things coming back and we're just getting started," Stuedeman said.

"It's fantastic that we were able to do this and go on a run in year one with the program but we're going to keep grinding and keep working. The biggest thing I learned from Bucky (McMillan) and my sisters is that when you're at the top, it's easy to fall down and there's only one way to go so you have to keep working."

Shortly after Cullman's win, Birmingham Police investigated reports of possible shots fired in or near the arena, but BJCC security gave the all-clear just minutes later, saying the sounds heard were not caused by gunfire. Tournament play then resumed with the 7A Girls Championship.



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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF M.S.T.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 08/21/2018

CASE NO.: AD2022-007

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: HANNAH RICHELLE BROWN, NATURAL MOHER OF A MINOR CHILD, M.S.T.

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Michael Stephen Thornton and Jill Tuggle Thornton, 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 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 18th DAY OF February, 2022.

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

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Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicles, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80.

2003 Chrysler Town and Country, Vin.#2C4GP44333R260991
2018 Chevy Cruze, Vin.#1G1BE5SM9J7113151
1999 Toyota Camry, Vin.#2T1CF22P2XC108055
2001 Ford Crown Victoria, Vin.#2FAFP7491X189592
1999 Chevy Silverado, Vin.#2GCEK19TUX1193366
2007 Chevy Monte Carlo, Vin.#2G1WK16K179334226
2003 Cadillac CTS, Vin.#1G6DM57N230152597

These vehicles will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at Smith's Body Shop and Wrecker Service, LLC, 11597 US Highway 278 East, Holly Pond, Alabama, 35083, on Thursday, March 31, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.

Obituary Announcements: March 5 - 7

Thomas Calvert Baker, 73, of Logan
Funeral service for Thomas Calvert Baker, 73, of Logan will be at noon, Wednesday, March 9, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Mount Olive Cemetery in Jones Chapel. Rev. Hollis Gardner will officiate. Visitation will be Wednesday at the funeral home from 10 a.m. - noon prior to the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Baker family. Thomas passed away Sunday, March 6, at his residence. He was born Nov. 2, 1948. He was preceded in death by his father: Harrison Baker; mother: Alice Cash; brothers: Wilburn Baker, Wallace Baker, Charles Cash and Gary Aderholt and sister: Barbara White. Survivors include his wife: Shirley James Baker; son: Tony (Terri) Baker; daughter: Sherry (Kerry) Ridgeway; granddaughter: Joanie Moore Kerragan Armstrong (Austin); grandson: Keynan Baker; great-grandsons: Noah Daniel, Jackson Daniel, Grayson Daniel, Mason Armstrong, Mattox Armstrong and Matson Armstrong; sister: Debbie Kilgo; brother: Larry Aderholt and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Pallbearers will be Austin Armstrong, Kerry Ridgeway, Keynan Baker, Tony Baker, Mike Winkles and Laramie Aderholt.

James Lavone Torbert, 80, of Cullman
James Lavone Torbert, 80, of Cullman, passed from this life March 6, at his residence. He was born April, 23, 1941, to Emmett and Velma Vest Torbert. No services are planned at this time for Mr. Torbert. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Torbert family. He was preceded in death by his parents and by three brothers: Dilmon, Randy and Rick Torbert. Mr. Torbert is survived by his partner: Melissa Cole; son: Mike (Sherry) Torbert; daughter: Sharon (Richard) Sharpe; several brothers and sisters; nieces: Connie Jackson, Becky Anderson and Amie Shipp; nephew: Delane Torbert and a host of family and friends.

Gerald Dean Swann, 79
Gerald Dean Swann died Saturday, March 5, at UAB hospital at the age of 79. Born Aug. 26, 1942, Gerald loved being outdoors and spent most of his life working outside. He was a man of many talents--mechanic, logger, excavator, carpenter and a fix-it man. He was a certified John Deere mechanic, owned his own logging equipment, and dug many basements with his bulldozer. He remodeled five rental houses and installed hardwood floors in all of them in addition to his own home. Gerald loved to kid and joke around with all of his nieces and nephews. Gerald also loved animals, of which he had many through the years, especially his beloved dogs, Roxie and Jack. He was preceded in death by his parents: Rosa Bell Henderson Swann and Leonard H. Swann; sisters: Hazel Swann Veigl and Gladys Swann Graveman; brothers: Wilmer Swann and Avel Swann and in-laws: Juel and Loretta Lee. He is survived by his beloved wife of 54 years: Nan Lee Swann; sister: Phyllis Swann Holcomb; sister-in-law: Glenda (Martin) Raney; nieces: Leeann (Dan) Plank and Melissa Veigl (Brian) Messersmith; nephews: Patrick Raney, Edgar (Beth) Veigl and Edward Veigl; great-niece: Lillie Beth Veigl and great-nephew: Ian Austin Messersmith. Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. There will be a graveside service Thursday, March 10, at 11 a.m. at Cullman City Cemetery, with Rev. James Walker, former pastor and beloved friend, and Rev. Tommy Graves officiating. Pallbearers will be Dan Plank, Patrick Raney, Edgar Veigl, Ian Messersmith, Bobby King and Gene Smith.

Jonah Robert Curvin, 60, of Falkville
Graveside service for Jonah Robert Curvin, age 60, of Falkville, will be at 10a.m. Tuesday, March 8, at Flint Creek Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Curvin passed away Saturday, March 5, at his residence. He was born Jan. 2, 1962, to Robert James Curvin and Steller Pearl Curvin. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister: Dale Curvin. Survivors include his sisters: Faye Jones, Nell (Robert) Finley and Sue (Lester) Moore; brothers: Joel Curvin and Jerry Curvin; 12 nieces and nephews; 28 great-nieces and great-nephews and a host of family and friends.

Bonnie Jean James, 87, of Cullman
Funeral service for Bonnie Jean James, age 87, of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Jeremy Crowe officiating, with burial at Flint Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon - 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. James passed away Saturday, March 5. She was born Dec. 24, 1934, to Luther and Della Yarbrough. She was preceded in death by her husband: Deward James; parents; grandson: Justin Dyer; brothers: Clyde Yarbrough, Cletus Yarbrough and Clarence Yarbrough and sisters: Cordie Barnett and Betty Mae Drake. Survivors include her daughters: Kathy (Donald) Dyer and LeighAnne (Reggie) Basenburg; grandchildren: Jesica (Jeremy) Crowe, Maeleigha (Danny) Weaver, Jared (Gennifer) Dyer, Joshua (Susanne) Dyer and Dylan (Mykenzie) Basenburg and great-grandchildren: Macie Dyer, Brooklynn Dyer, Grant Dyer, Nolan Dyer, Kalen Dyer, Tatum Dyer, Lincoln Crowe, Elliott Grace Crowe and Walker Weaver.

Mark Anthony Stewart, 34, of Double Springs
Mark Anthony Stewart, 34, of Double Springs, passed away Friday, March 4, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. Mark was born Sept. 7, 1987, in Chicago, Illinois. Mark loved fishing, cornhole and his "potato" gun. He was a good father who loved his children. Visitation will be held Tuesday, March 8, from 6-8 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison, where the service will be held Wednesday at noon. Burial will be at Nesmith Cemetery. Pastor Jason Murphree will officiate. Mark is survived by his father: Dennis (Diana) Stewart; mother: Anna Stewart; fiancé: Lisa Mote; sons: Breydon, Sean Stewart and Hudson Stewart; brothers: Dennis (Laura) Stewart and Christopher Stewart; sisters: Laurie Stewart, Natasha (Patrik) Vogel and Aleshia Stamps; grandmother: Charlene Mercado and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Edwin "Ed" Eddy Hampton, 74, of Double Springs
Edwin "Ed" Eddy Hampton, 74, of Double Springs, entered into rest Friday, March 4, at Russellville Hospital. Ed was born Jan. 17, 1948, in Lawrence County, Alabama to Alec and Lillie Mae Hampton. Visitation will be held Tuesday, March 8, from 6-9 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Double Springs, where services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. Brother Danny Page and Brother Sherman Kimbrough will officiate. Burial will be in Center Cemetery in Lawrence County. Ed is survived by his wife: Betty Hampton; son: Darran Hampton; daughters: Pamela Hampton Jones and Josephine Wallace; grandchildren: Brittany (Michael) Howard, Jessica (Justin) White, Branna Hampton, Destiny Hampton, Toby Hampton, Samuel Hampton and William Eddy Jones; one great grandchild; brothers: Irwin (Kathie) Hampton and Kevin (Freda) Hampton; sister: Doris Fay (James) Warren; sister-in-law: Carolyn Lewis and brother-in-law: Linnie (Judy) Garrison. He was preceded in death by his parents: Alec and Lillie Mae Hampton; brothers: Eudon, Randall and Richard Hampton; in-laws: Cook and Leo Garrison; sisters-in-law: Edith Garrison New and Beatrice Garrison Hamby and brothers-in-law: Parnell Lewis and Johnny (Judy) Garrison.

Marilyn Faye Williams of Bremen
A graveside service for Marilyn Faye Williams of Bremen, Alabama will be 3 p.m. Friday, March 11 at Cold Springs Cemetery. Reverend Tommy Graves will be officiating. Visitation will be from noon - 2 p.m. Friday prior to the service at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Williams was born Nov. 10, 1945, to the late Gerald Columbus Chapman and Gertrude (Barnett) Farley in Cullman, Alabama. She died at the age of 76 at St. Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham on March 6. Survivors include her daughters: Dawn (Eddie) Williams-Harris and Vickie Williams-Duke; grandchildren: Mason Edward (Savanna) Harris, Matthew Kemp (Mackenzie) Harris and Isaiah Wayne Duke and Ty Harley Duke; great grandchildren: Kynleigh Brooke Harris, Macklin Everett Harris and Judson Wayne Harris; one great-grandchild on the way: Gatlin Creed Harris and sisters: Zelda Robinson and Dian Morrow. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband: Floyd "Wayne" Williams; brother: Allan Chapman; sisters: Glenda Bullard and Virginia Chapman and a grandchild: Emery Reese Duke.

Katha Mary Eichler, 73, of Cullman
Katha Mary Eichler, 73, of Cullman, passed from this life March 7, at the Folsom Center for Rehabilitation & Healthcare. No services are planned at this time for Mrs. Eichler. She was born Jan. 27, 1949, to Jerome and Mary Jane Wolf Deppert. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Eichler family. Mrs. Eichler was preceded in death by her parents: Jerome and Mary Jane Wolf Deppert and her sister: Linda Deppert. She is survived by her sons: Aaron (Laura) Jeziorski and Steve (Sue) Jeziorski; her brother: Mike Deppert; her grandchildren: Audrey Jeziorski, Madison Jeziorski, Sam Jeziorski, Will Jeziorski, Tori Davis and Zach Feeney and a host of family and friends.

Maurice Blalock, 79, of Nashville, Tennessee
Maurice Blalock of Nashville, Tennessee, formerly of Hanceville, passed away Saturday, March 5, at the Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee at the age of 79. Mr. Blalock was born June 5, 1942, in Cullman County to the late Dennis and Hazel Phillips Blalock. He is preceded in death by his parents: Dennis and Hazel Blalock; in-laws: Clarence and Lavondia Terry Hughes; nephew: David Blalock; brothers-in-law: Carl Rodenburg and William D. Kirkham and sister-in-law: Barbara Hamrick Blalock. He is survived by his wife: Mary Beth Blalock; son: Brian Maurice Blalock and his wife Davette; grandchildren: Victoria and Lance Blalock; sister-in-law: Vivian Hughes; brothers: Delton and Dwight Blalock and his wife Suzette; sisters: Brenda Kirkham and Deanne Rodenburg and many other family members and friends. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Saturday, March 12, from 10 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m. which will be held in the Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Bro. Ted Blalock and Delton Blalock will officiate the service. Burial will follow in the Hopewell Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be Brian Blalock, Lance Blalock, Michael Cone, John Cone, Carter Smith and Tracy Haynes. Hanceville Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Shelva Jean Whatley, 84
Shelva Jean Whatley went to be with her Lord and Savior Friday, March 4, at the age of 84. She was born March 28, 1937, to the late Thomas Almon Eubanks and Madge Belle Bennett Eubanks. Shelva loved her family, being a homemaker and watching the blue birds outside her home. She was a longtime resident of Hanceville and worked as a CNA at the nursing home. She passed away at the Cullman Regional Medical Center with her loving family at her side. She is preceded in death by her husband: Quinton Whatley; parents: Almon and Madge Eubanks; brother: Harold Eubanks and grandson: Jackson Colt Whatley. She is survived by her children: Danny (Melissa) Ford, Cindy (Fred) Penn, Tim Ford (Gaynell Partain) and Clark Whatley (Brandy Smith); grandchildren: Whit (Amy) Ford, Corey (Katie) Ford, Zack Ford, Dylan (Rachel) Ford, Riley Ford, Ivy (James) Wright, Teague Whatley and Easton Whatley; great-grandchildren: Willa and Wellsley Ford, Brayden and Maissley Ford, Lucy Ford and Leanna Vincent and siblings: Gaylon (Abbie) Eubanks and Donna (Terry) Trimble. Visitation will be held Monday, March 7, from 5-8 p.m. Funeral service will be held in the Chapel of Hanceville Funeral Home Tuesday, March 8, at 11 a.m. with Brother Tim Aris and Whit Ford officiating. Burial will follow in the Hopewell Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be Zachary Ford, Dylan Ford, Riley Ford, Whit Ford, Corey Ford, Teague Whatley and Easton Whatley. Hanceville Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Carl Edward Budweg, Jr., 74, of Cullman
Funeral service for Carl Edward Budweg, Jr., 74, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday, March 9, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday evening at the funeral home from 5:30-8 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Budweg passed away Saturday, March 5, at CRMC. He was born Oct. 25, 1947, to Carl Budweg Sr. and Christine Leona McDowell Budweg. He was a business owner of a trucking company. He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter-in-law: Meagan Lovvorn Budweg. Survivors include his wife of over 50 years: Joanne Kimbrough Budweg; sons: Frank Budweg, Jonathan Budweg and Ashley Budweg; daughters: Dana (Terry) Lynn and Elizabeth Budweg; sister: Melba Iris Harris; grandchildren: Dalton Lynn, Gracie Campbell, Jesse Thomason and C.J. Budweg; two great-grandchildren a host of family and friends.

Curtis Dale Bennett, 57, of Cullman
Curtis Dale Bennett, age 57, of Cullman, Alabama passed away Friday, March 4. Curtis was born Sept. 5, 1964 in Winston County, Alabama to Betty Lou Garrison Bennett and Curtis Arnold Bennett. Curtis is survived by his former wife and friend: Sherry Maddux; his daughters: Savanna (Byron) Linton and Camber (Chris) Craze and his grandchildren: Hunter Linton, Addisyn Linton, Rhett Craze and Easton Craze. Curtis was preceded in death by his father: Curtis Arnold Bennett and his mother: Betty Lou Garrison Bennett. A celebration of life memorial service will be announced at a later date by the family

Patsy Jean Hornbuckle Wright, 90, of Huntsville, formerly of Hamilton
Patsy Jean Hornbuckle Wright, age 90, of Huntsville, formerly of Hamilton, passed away Friday, March 4, at Signature Healthcare, surrounded by her loving family. She was born Aug. 2, 1931, to Chester L. Hornbuckle and Mary Dee Fleming Hornbuckle in Birmingham, Alabama. Patsy was a member of the Hamilton First United Methodist Church. The family will hold a private memorial celebration. Pasty is survived by her son: Richard Stephen (Tamara Pellant) Wright of Huntsville; daughter: Carol (Ritchie) Emerson of Hodges; grandsons: Maxwell S. (Adina Preston) Wright of Florida, Nathan Wright of Dallas, Texas and William Wright of Dallas, Texas; granddaughters: Mary Dee and Sarah Ann Emerson of Hodges; great-granddaughter: Harper Hana Wright of Huntsville; goddaughter: Malia Bishop Jarvis of Mobile and sister: Syble Ann Hornbuckle of Birmingham. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband: James Dewey Wright, Sr. and son: James Dewey "Pete" Wright, Jr.

Elizabeth Ann Lee Allen, 82, of Vinemont
Elizabeth Ann Lee Allen, age 82, of Vinemont, died Wednesday, March 2. She was preceded in death by her parents: John and Ann Rowe; stepson: Walter L. Allen IV; son: Johnny Gorman and grandson: Robby Gorman. Elizabeth is survived by her children: Barry Gorman (Brenda) and Mitch Gorman (Terrie); stepson: William Allen; grandchildren: Joey Gorman (Amber), Austin Gorman (Amber), Savanna Gorman and Gunner Gorman and great-grandchildren: Brady Gorman, Jamie Nicole Gorman, Isaiah Gorman, Steven Gorman, Zoey Gorman, William Gorman and River Gorman. The family will receive friends Sunday evening, March 6, from 5-8 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home in Cullman. The graveside celebration of Mrs. Allen's life will be Monday, March 7, at 2 p.m. At Greenwood Serenity Gardens in Montgomery, Alabama. Moss Service Funeral Home Directing.

Judy Kaye Martin Shirey
Judy Kaye Martin Shirey grew up in a small town, Arkadelphia, Arkansas. She was raised by a true southern lady and grew to become one herself. Judy has a little sister, Margaret, that she loved with her whole heart but also loved to tease. The Martin sisters are truly the closest sisters ever. When Judy Kaye loved someone, she loved them completely. Judy loved her classmates. They are still a very tightly bonded group. Judy, of course, was a school reporter on the yearbook staff. She knew everything about everyone and never forgot a big event or birthday. She was the historian of FHA and held a state degree with the organization. Judy was honored to also hold many other positions for her high school class. She stayed close with each of her classmates throughout the years and was so sad she was not able to go the last few reunions. While visiting her Aunt Connie in Hayte, Missouri, Judy Kaye met and fell in love with a southern boy named Billy, William A. Shirey. They wrote letters to each other daily, sometimes two or three a day, while their love grew. It was a true romance built on faith and the love they had for each other. Judy and Bill had two children, Stasie and Bo. She would go to the ends of the world for her children, even driving three hours in the late night hours to bring her forgetful daughter's boots for a Christmas parade. She NEVER missed a game or performance. When Judy's grandchildren were born, they became her world!! She was always so proud of each of their accomplishments. She cherished every visit, especially after she became unable to move on her own. Judy Kaye was a true southern Lady. She dressed with class and style. As Judy grew into the lady she was to become, she had a look that was a mix of the model Twiggy and First Lady Jackie O. She could decorate and add the final touches that would make any room come together. She would always remember her friends and go above and beyond for them. Judy Kaye will be missed. After suffering with MS for 27 years, the final seven years immobile, she is now set free and rejoicing in her new heavenly body! In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations go to the MS society. https://www.nationalmssociety.org/Donate. She is survived by her husband of 57 years: Bill Shirey; two children: Stasie Veinotte of Humble, Texas and Bo Shirey of Cullman, Alabama.; her son-in-law: Matt Veinotte; her daughter-in-law: Katie Shirey; four grandchildren: Conner Veinotte, Emma Shirey, Will Shirey and Anna Shirey and a sister: Margaret Brazil and her husband, Bill of Arkadelphia, Arkansas. The family will receive friends Monday, March 7, from 6-8 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held Tuesday, March 8, at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel; Rev. Keith Inman will officiate. Burial with follow in Cullman City Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Will Shirey, Scotty West, Connor Veinotte, Bo Shirey, Kevin Inman and Garlan Gudger, Jr. Honorary pallbearers will be Matt Veinotte, Jim Brazil and Hugh Hinson.

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LIFESTYLE

Stop the cycle of unhealthy habits during National Nutrition Month

Dustin Duncan
Contributor

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. — A lack of proper nutrition and physical activity is a major problem in Alabama. In fact, it is recognized as the fourth greatest current health concern facing Alabamians.

Unfortunately, this lack of proper nutrition is not new among residents. The Alabama Department of Public Health says in 2011 about 50% of residents did not consume a single piece of fruit or glass of fruit juice daily. Also, more than 25% of residents consumed vegetables less than once each day. This long-term era of poor habits has led to an extremely unhealthy population. During National Nutrition Month, health experts encourage Alabamians to stop the cycle and develop healthier eating patterns.

Alabama Extension recognizes National Nutrition Month

Alabama Cooperative Extension System human sciences regional agents, Helen Jones and Marilyn Agee-Carroll have partnered with other regional agents to highlight the importance of healthy lifestyles throughout the year.

Jones, a regional agent in Montgomery County, said the agents want to highlight the 2022 National Nutrition Month theme—A World of Flavors. "Our team encourages everyone to make healthy food choices and increase physical activity that can benefit them for a lifetime," Jones said. "We want to Celebrate a World of Flavors with the Academy Nutrition and Dietetics to help residents of Alabama embrace every culture around the table."

The Academy encourages families to take time to read food labels, as well as trying foods from all of the food groups. Remember, trying new foods doesn't have to be scary. Agee-Carroll, a regional agent in Houston County, said National Nutrition Month was initiated in 1973 as National Nutrition Week. It later became a monthlong observance in 1980 in response to growing interest.

"Each year National Nutrition Month spreads awareness and encourages people to understand the importance of nutrition and assume a healthy, viable lifestyle," Agee-Carroll said.

Agents highlight important topics

The Alabama Extension human sciences team continues to offer traditional education programming in their counties. However, they also provide resources for stakeholders to read online. Topics for these online resources include the following:

- Reducing screen time
- Losing weight
- Eating healthy on a budget
- Avoiding sugary beverages
- Scaling back on unhealthy snacks
- Celebrating a world of flavors

All of these topics are available by visiting the National Nutrition Month 2022 resources on the Alabama Extension website (https://www.aces.edu/blog/tag/national-nutrition-month-2022/).

Live Well Alabama offers more resources

Alabama Extension at Auburn University Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program–Education supports National Nutrition Month throughout March by sharing social media content through its Live Well Alabama pages on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Pinterest. In addition, SNAP-Ed will write articles and provide education throughout Alabama, reinforcing many of the tenets behind the initiative.

Live Well Alabama highlights many key recommendations from the Dietary Guidelines for Americans (https://www.dietaryguidelines.gov/) for developing a healthy eating pattern. The guidelines include the recommended amount of fruits and vegetables, protein, grains and dairy.

Additionally, Live Well Alabama works in conjunction with MyPlate (https://www.myplate.gov/eat-healthy/what-is-myplate) through the USDA and the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics to highlight National Nutrition Month.

Council (from Front)

ment, and other assets not needed by the City of Cullman

- Adopt the 2022 Municipal Wastewater Pollution Prevention resolution to continue its current plan for wastewater management
- Enter into the Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs Mutual Aid Consortium Agreement to give assistance to and receive assistance from other local departments in times of need
- Award the bid for a rubber-tired excavator to Cowin Equipment Co. in the amount of $165,805.27
- Annex 1741 Morning Drive NE into the city limits as R-1 Residential District
- Rescind an earlier resolution and re-award the bid for timber near the Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center

The council also approved a request from Ron Pierce of Fairview Florist located at 312 Second Ave. SE for an off-premises alcohol license.

The application received a favorable review from the city's Alcohol Review Committee.

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

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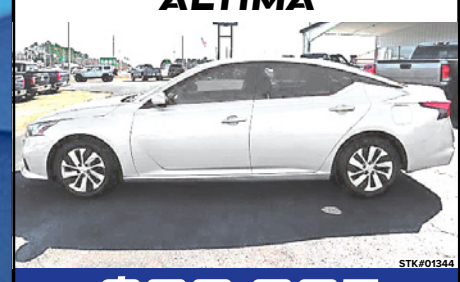
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