NISSAN
Innovation that excites
TONY SERRA
NISSAN CULLMAN
256-676-2435 • TonySerraNissanCullman.com

The Cullman Tribune

SERVING CULLMAN – IN THE HEART OF DIXIE – SINCE 1874

VOL. 149 • 50¢ PER COPY | TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2022 | USPS 139-700 • NO. 65

SUBSCRIBE TODAY



TRIBUNE.STORE

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

OBITUARIES

Christopher Deon Lang, Huey Franklin Johnston, Courtney Albert Plater II, Barbara Anne Jones, Carolyn Francis Carden, Carl Edward Legg, Phillip M. Massey

» PAGE 7

WEATHER

88 66

SOURCE: WEATHER.GOV

SUNNY

Arrests and Incidents
» PAGE 2

Community Calendar
» PAGE 3



WALLACE STATE

– SPORTS –

Wallace State anglers Bryar Chambers, Clent Blackwood win 2022 BoatUS Collegiate BASS Fishing Championship

» PAGE 4

7 93888 98541 4

German Axe Throwing Co. to hold grand opening on July 9 to celebrate building extension and new rage room

Sara Gladney
sara@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — German Axe Throwing Company has been operating as the original ax throwing and mechanical bull riding venue in Cullman since February of 2021. They are currently finishing up construction on the extension of their building located at 419 Main Ave. which will include a brand-new rage room.

The rage room is a unique, fun place for groups or individuals to have a cathartic experience, releasing emotional tension by smashing the items on display. Some items for smashing will be glass bottles filled with colored powder so participants can see the results of their demolition. Safety glasses and suits to pro- » PAGE 5



SARA GLADNEY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

'CLOTHED IN CULLMAN'

A mother's pain turned into triumph in her son's memory



AMY LEONARD/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Ashley Wilson

Amy Leonard
amy@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — Ashley Wilson and her sister-in-law, Helen Lewis, chose the Saturday before Mother's Day to hold their first Clothed in Cullman fundraiser with great intention in 2019. It was to be a day for community members and Curt's Closet supporters to gather with their mothers, families and friends.

The fundraiser was then in limbo during the federal shutdown due to the COVID pandemic. This year's event was held on an exceptionally bittersweet day, the fifth anniversary of Wilson's precious son Curt's untimely passing.

Upon realizing the date on the calendar which this year's event would fall, Wilson said she "initially felt that deep down pain in my soul that I get so often and » PAGE 8



AMY LEONARD/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Ashley Wilson with Connell Award recipient Cathie Drake

CCSO Dive Team investigating potential drowning situation at Smith Lake

» PAGE 6

HEALTH

Annual Cullman City vs. County Blood Drive returning in June

» PAGE 2

Hanceville pool reopens with new additions and renovations



SAMMY CONFER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

A local swimmer dives in to celebrate the Hanceville Pool's reopening Saturday morning. » PAGE 5

The Saint's Motorcycle Club 6th Annual Miracle League Ride fundraiser returns June 11

» PAGE 6

Smith Lake Park celebrates 50 years with Memorial Day Festival

» PAGE 6

FIND A BLOOMING GOOD DEAL AT BILL SMITH!
Bill Smith
BUICK GMC
ALABAMA'S LARGEST BUICK GMC DEALERSHIP
*Notates all rebates applied, must have 2005 or newer qualifying trade in. Prices are plus tax, title, & fee. Colors may vary.
WAS $44,248
NOW
$41,600*
NEW 2022 GMC ACADIA FWD SLT
STK#158857
DUAL SKYSCAPE SUNROOF | HEAD UP DISPLAY | HD SURROUND VISION | HEATED STEERING WHEEL | 8-WAY PASSENGER POWER SEAT ADJUSTER & LUMBAR CTRL. | TRAILERING PACKAGE W/ HITCH GUIDANCE AND HITCH VIEW
BILLSMITHBUICKGMC.COM • 1940 SECOND AVE NW • CULLMAN, AL 35055 • 256-734-4472

© 2022 THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

CRIME

Multiple individuals arrested on domestic violence; drug-related charges

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The previous week experienced several drug-related arrests across Cullman County.

Monday, May 23, Cullman County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested Jonathan Kyle Lay, 31, of Vinemont, at the Cullman County Detention Center for multiple warrants, which stemmed from an incident reported earlier this year.

Lay was charged with: Sex Offense/rape - domestic violence (two counts) and domestic violence/assault.

Tuesday, May 24, CCSO deputies responded to the report of a traffic accident in the Good Hope area. Upon arrival, deputies located Saundra Kay Harbison, 57, of Cullman on scene.

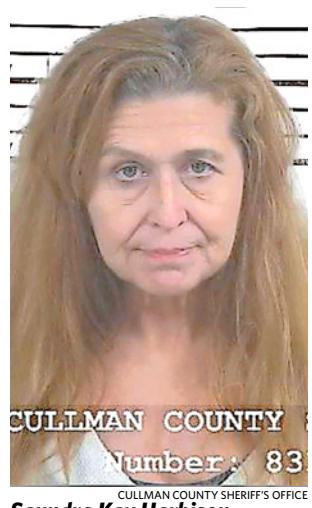
It was determined that Harbison had an outstanding warrant. She was placed under arrest.

A search of her vehicle yielded narcotics and paraphernalia.

Harbison was charged with: dangerous drugs/trafficking, possession of dangerous drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia and larceny/theft (warrant).

Also on Tuesday, CCSO deputies arrested Sharon Richardson, 44, of Empire for multiple outstanding warrants. The charges stemmed from a 2019 incident.

Richardson was charged with: distribution of dangerous drugs, promoting prison contraband, using false information to avoid arrest, illegal possession of drug paraphernalia and illegal possession of prescription medication.



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Saundra Kay Harbison



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Jonathan Kyle Lay


CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Sharon Richardson

OUTDOORS

Voters overwhelmingly approve state parks amendment

David Rainer
Ala. Dept. of Conservation and Nat. Resources

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — By a wide margin, Alabama voters approved the amendment on last Tuesday's ballot to provide as much as $80 million in funding for improvements and enhancements to Alabama's 21 State Parks.

"I would like to thank the voters of Alabama for their overwhelming support of our beautiful state parks," said Chris Blankenship, commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. "This will give us the funds to make much-needed improvements to the campgrounds across the state, bringing them into the 21st century. A lot of our campgrounds were built when camping was a pop-up camper and a tent. We're way past that now with the larger motorhomes with three air conditioners that need 50-amp service.

"We want to make sure we provide for citizens and our guests moving forward. Our day use areas need some new bathroom facilities to try to expand the day use in our parks. We want to build some accessible playgrounds so that our citizens of all ability types will have the opportunity to play at our playgrounds and enjoy our parks.

"We have parks that don't have cabins. If people don't have an RV or motorhome, they are not able to enjoy our parks as much as we would like. Our State Parks have been very successful the last few years under (Director) Greg Lein and our new Deputy Director Matthew Capps. Every dime we make at the parks we put back into the parks to do good work."

During last weekend's Alabama Conservation Advisory Board meeting at Lakepoint State Park in Eufaula, Commissioner Blankenship welcomed Governor Kay Ivey, who won Tuesday's Republican nomination without a runoff, to the Board meeting and highlighted her accomplishments in outdoor recreation.

"In the time that Governor Ivey has been in office, we (DCNR) have acquired 63,000 acres of property that has gone into public ownership for conservation and enjoyment of our citizens forever," Commissioner Blankenship said. "Thank you, Governor, for your leadership in allowing ADCNR to do good work for the people and natural resources of Alabama. In my 28 years at Conservation, I don't ever remember a governor joining us at one of our CAB meetings."

Governor Ivey highlighted the impact outdoor recreation has on Alabama's economy as well as reiterating her support for State Parks.

"Hunting, fishing, hiking and outdoor recreation, as managed by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, is a $14 billion, with a B, economic driver for our state," Governor Ivey said. "That's especially important for rural areas. I thank the men and women of the DCNR for their hard work and their passion that they display every day to ensure we have fish, wildlife and access to public lands and waters, both today and tomorrow for future generations. Conservation also manages our beautiful Alabama State Parks, many of which I've had the pleasure of visiting. With this bond money, we can make the needed improvements and upgrades to our state parks.

"One thing is for sure, in a state like Alabama, folks are passionate about hunting, fishing and wildlife, and they have plenty of opinions of how they should be managed. Commissioner Blankenship and his team do a wonderful job of balancing long seasons with appropriate bag limits to ensure that we don't overharvest the bounty that God has blessed us with. Alabama is truly a great place to hunt, fish, camp, hike and spend time in the great outdoors. So, y'all keep up the good work so that we remain Alabama the beautiful. Thank you for having me today, and may God bless each of you and the great state of Alabama."

State Parks recently held ribbon cuttings at several parks, including Cathedral Caverns, where a new campground was opened. State Parks worked with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management to use rubberized asphalt to pave roads and parking lots at Guntersville State Park.

The Joe Wheeler State Park campgrounds that were destroyed by a tornado in 2019 have reopened, and a project at DeSoto Falls included dredging an area of the river there and a new beach for the day-use area. The rubberized asphalt will be used to pave the roads and parking lots at the day-use area. Also, all 1,300 overnight units at State Parks received new mattresses.

"We also recently celebrated an addition of 1,650 acres (Belcher Tract) at Oak Mountain State Park, the largest park in our system, right there in fast-growing Shelby County," Commissioner Blankenship added. "That was monumental. That was purchased by the Forever Wild Land Trust, which is managed by State Lands and Director Patti McCurdy. You don't get those opportunities very often, and I'm thankful to the Forever Wild Board for moving on that."



OUTDOORALABAMA.COM

Commissioner Blankenship also provided an update on the effort to rebuild the portion of Gulf State Park Pier that was demolished by Hurricane Sally in 2020. The bids to do the work far exceeded expectations from the engineers.

"We thought the bids would come in between $4 million and $6 million; that was the estimated range from the engineering firm," he said. "The lowest bid ended up being $12.5 million, so it was more than twice what we thought would be the high bid. We're working with FEMA to get approval for the new amount. We're not going to be shutting the pier down this summer to do the construction that we had planned. We'll have to bid that again in late summer or early fall once we get the FEMA approvals."

Alabama's private recreational red snapper season opened Friday for four-day weekends (Friday-Monday) until the quota of 1.12 million pounds is expected to be reached.

"Just for information for the Board, NOAA Fisheries recently announced the South Atlantic red snapper season for 2022," Commissioner Blankenship said. "It will be July 8 and 9. That is their season—two days. The work that Marine Resources Division Director Scott Bannon and Kevin (Anson, MRD Head Biologist) and their team have done with other Gulf states has made a huge difference. Had that work not taken place, our season in the Gulf would probably be two days. Our season last year was 124 days. That just shows tangibly that the work they do means so much for the economy and outdoor recreation in Alabama."

Bannon said Alabama's private recreational anglers will have an unusual opportunity during the Memorial Day Weekend to catch three of the state's iconic offshore species—red snapper, greater amberjack and gray triggerfish.

Triggerfish and amberjack seasons are open through May 31. Anglers are required to report the harvest of all three species through the Snapper Check feature on the Outdoor AL app.

"We call it the trifecta weekend for reef fish where you can catch all three species," Bannon said. "If you plan to come to the Gulf Coast this weekend, the boat ramps will be congested, which is about the nicest word I can use. Bring your patience with you.

"Also, this year, reef fish fishermen must have a venting tool or descending device to reduce the number of dead discards."

Bannon provided the Board with updates on recreational saltwater fishing license sales, red snapper and a much-improved oyster season. More than 140,000 recreational saltwater licenses were purchased for the current season.

"A lot of people are visiting the Gulf, and a lot of people are moving there," Bannon said.

"The increase in license sales reflects that. The Gulf Reef Fish Endorsement ($10 license) was created three years ago. We sold 23,000 the first year and more than doubled to 56,000 the second year. That helps identify the anglers participating in offshore reef fish fishing and those funds go directly to enhancing and managing offshore reef fisheries."

Bannon also highlighted the recent work to expand Alabama's already unparalleled artificial reef program. About 1,200 square miles off the coast of Alabama is designated artificial reef zones. The reef zones were increased about 115 square miles recently with the addition of the Christopher M. Blankenship Zone and additions to several nearshore reef zones. In the overall reef zone complex, MRD deployed 456 25-foot pyramid modules, 1,203 juvenile reef fish modules, 327 circalittoral (nearshore) modules and built four new inshore reefs.

MRD has also spent more than $10 million in recent years on oyster restoration, including the planting of cultch material and starting a "mounds and furrows" project that provides the oysters some relief from low-oxygen areas on the bottom.

"Oysters are not only important to catch and eat, I call them the foundational critters," Bannon said.

"In the estuaries, we need those oysters. They clean the water. They're a sign of a healthy water system. They feed other species out there. Without oysters, the whole system is out of balance."

The success of these oyster restoration efforts is revealed in the number of sacks oyster catchers have produced in recent years. The harvest went from zero for the fall 2018 through spring 2019 season to 11,333 sacks the following year. In the fall 2020 through spring 2021 season, 22,070 sacks were brought to market. In the most recent season, 50,020 sacks were harvested. That translates into more than $4 million going into the pockets of the oyster harvesters.

"With the grid system, we can close one 500-meter area at a time," Bannon said.

"Our original harvest estimate for 2022 was 22,000 sacks. We harvested more than 50,000 because we could keep the catchers moving to new areas, and that also keeps from overharvesting certain areas. They quickly figured out the benefit to them and the oyster reefs."

On the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries side, the Alabama Legislature passed legislation to create an enclosure gun deer season. It sets the hunting dates for those enclosures that opt into that season, which will be Oct. 15 through Jan. 6.

The Board also voted to allow the use of turkey decoys during the special youth and disabled hunting dates. For 2023 in Zones 1 and 3, those dates are March 17 and 18 for youth and March 24 for disabled hunts. In Zone 2, the dates are March 25 and 26 and March 31.

Drive (from Front)

Amy Leonard
amy@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman's Annual City versus County Blood Drive is quickly approaching and most of us meet the requirements to participate and stake our claim.

On Friday, June 3, city donations will be held at Dick Sporting Goods and Walmart North on U.S. Highway 157. The county donation sites will be at the Cullman County Courthouse and Walmart South on Olive St. SW.

LifeSouth Community Blood Centers reports a nationwide blood shortage, which means there is no better time than now to donate. Most of us have known people in our community or within our own families who have suffered the horrors of cancer. Many cancer diagnoses require blood and platelet transfusions. Donating blood is one way we can honor or memorialize our loved ones who have suffered from cancer.

Many donations go to patients who undergo major surgical procedures in addition to people who have suffered major traumas due to automobile accidents.

Donors must be age 16 or older. If age 16, the donor will need written parental consent. The donor must also weigh a minimum of 110 pounds. All potential donors will need to show a photo ID.

All donors will receive a free cholesterol screening, custom T-shirt and Cattlemen's Association steak sandwich.

As we wrap up Memorial Day celebrations, we have the opportunity to pay our respect with more than just a barbecue. We can donate. May each Cullman citizen who deems themself as blessed consider blessing another by giving blood.

Average Americans are never placed in the position to be lifesavers. By donating blood, we become just that – lifesavers. What an honor!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submit your calendar items or public notices to olivia@cullmantribune.com

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

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

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

Church Services-Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph 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.
• Friday-Saturday, June 10-11, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Indoor / Outdoor Yard Sale.
• 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.

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.

St. Bernard Prep Applications Open
St. Bernard Prep is accepting applications for residential and day students in grades 7-11. Think you can't afford it, think again. If your child qualifies academically, scholarships and financial aid are available! Call to schedule an appointment today at 256-739-6682 or visit https://stbernardprep.com/.

Festhalle Farmers Market
• Open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays – 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. until October
• Located at 209 First Ave. NE, Cullman, AL.

Berlin Farmers Market
• Open Saturdays from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. until October
• Located at 50 Mt. Carmel Drive off U.S. Highway 278.

Swamp John's Dinner at St. Andrew's Methodist Church (Rescheduled)
May 31 – St. Andrew's Methodist Church is hosting a Swamp John's dinner Tuesday, May 31 from 4-7 p.m. There will be dine-in and carry-out options (sponsored by Quilter's Retreat Bunch). For more information, contact Sondra at 256-595-4433.

2022 PALS Beautification Award Nomination Application
• May 31 - The Cullman County People Against A Littered State is making plans to recognize the efforts of the many businesses that work hard to make the Cullman area a beautiful place for everyone to enjoy. The PALS Committee is currently accepting nominations for the 2022 Beautification Awards. All entries and the $25 fee must be received by 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 31, (P.O. Box 1935, Cullman, AL 35056). Please take a moment to nominate your business or a business you believe is worthy of consideration. If you are especially proud of your own landscaping design, don't hesitate to nominate your own business for consideration.

Competition Rules:
1. Anyone may nominate a property worthy of a Beautification Award.
2. All entries must be received by the PALS Committee by 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 31.
3. Recipients will be named at the Awards Ceremony on June 23, at Camp Meadowbrook.
4. All scoring will be at the discretion of the PALS Committee. Judging is conducted by a qualified panel of judges from surrounding counties and will be based on Design; Maintenance; General Appearance; Litter Control; and Planting.
5. There shall be no contact between any nominee and judges prior to or during judging.
6. Please note that this award is for landscape judging only, does not apply to building or structural renovations.
7. A $25 nomination fee is required upon entry. Each nominee will receive one complimentary ticket to the Beautification Awards Luncheon on June 23. Send your nomination form and fee to: Cullman County PALS P.O. Box 1935, Cullman, AL 35056. For more information, contact Cherrie Haney at cherriehaney@bellsouth.net or 256-531-4222.

Mount Zion Yard Sale
June 3-4 – Mount Zion Methodist Church will have a yard sale on Friday, June 3 from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. and Saturday, June 4 from 8 a.m. – noon. They are located on U.S. Highway 31 N across from the Cullman County Agricultural Center.

Bates Reunion
June 18 – The Bates reunion will be held Saturday, June 18, beginning at 10 a.m. at Trimble Community Center.

"Heartland Has Turned 20" 2022 Quilt Show sponsored by Heartland Quilters of Cullman
July 8-9 – This event will feature beautiful quilts made by Heartland members, vendors, Guild Challenge 2021 display, donation quilt give away (made with turning 20 blocks), drawing at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, door prizes and free mini demonstrations. Friday, July 8 from 1-5 p.m. and Saturday, July 9 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at East Elementary School (608 Fourth Ave. SE, Cullman, AL 35055). Admission is $7 per person.

SCHEDULE
Friday
• 2-3 p.m.: Finishing Your Quilt with Carol McKay
• 3-4 p.m.: Paper Piecing with Porsia Anderson

SATURDAY
• 10-11 a.m.: Selvages-Not One Left Behind with Sheryl Simpson
• 11 a.m. - noon: Hand Embroidery/Redwork with Geraldine Hendrix
• Noon - 1 p.m.: Making Bags with Cheryl Johnson/ Teresa Rogers
• 1-2 p.m.: Rope Bags with Laurie Osborn
• 2-3 p.m.: Bed Turning with Jennifer Bridges

Contact: Porsia Anderson 256-737-7557, Carol McKoy 256-841-2977, Geraldine Hendrix 256-734-8316 or Hazel Ruehl 256-339-2224. Please join us as we celebrate 20 years of quilting!

Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame Banquet
July 23 – Tickets for the Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame Banquet on July 23 are on sale at First Southern Financial in the South Cullman Shopping Center. Call 256-737-5120 or 256-736-4445. Tickets are $20 each.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Monday, May 30, COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Dashboard Hub (https://bit.ly/3iVJwXK)

ADPH COVID-19 dashboard changes
As of May 19, 2022, the Overall Levels of Community Transmission was removed from the Data and Surveillance Dashboard. We have added two tabs: Community Levels for the public and Community Transmission Levels for healthcare facility use only to the Dashboard Hub: arcg.is/0brSGj.

Case details* (Updated Monday, Wednesday and Friday) No Updates Available
• Positivity in tests in Alabama: 12.3%
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 387,834
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2021): 538,457
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2022): 386,146 (+1,938 since Wednesday)
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,189
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2021): 9,554
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2022) 2,915 (+7 since Wednesday)
• Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.: 1.6%
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2020): 7,567
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2021): 9,754
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2022): 7,434 (+25 since Wednesday)
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 128
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 188
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2022): 51 (+0 since Wednesday)
• Total tested in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 748
• Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 12
• Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 25,540
• Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 3,151
• Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 125

Vaccine details (updated Tuesday and Thursday) No update available
• Doses delivered to Alabama: 9,520,395
• Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 4,864,065
• Doses administered: 5,995,427
• Additional doses administered: 831,353
• Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,872,094
• Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 2,371,664
• Doses delivered to federal programs: 4,663,530

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/.

Borden Family Pharmacy
20
1999 - 2019
PROVERBS 17:22
Borden FAMILY PHARMACY
bordenfamilypharmacy.com
256-734-7535

The Cullman Tribune
Cullman County's Oldest Business, Serving the area since 1874 Publication
Number USPS-139-700
Telephone: 256-739-1351 Fax: 1-256-739-4422
HumbleRoots,LLC
Published daily Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 219 2nd Avenue SE, Cullman, Alabama 35055 Entered as periodical material at the Cullman Post Office Periodical postage paid at Cullman, Alabama 35055

POSTMASTER: SEND ADDRESS CHANGE TO:
The Cullman Tribune
219 Second Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Email Address: robin@cullmantribune.com

ANNUALLY BASED RATES

CULLMAN.....$125.00
OUTSIDE CULLMAN.....$250.00

Noah Galilee - Publisher
Dustin Isom - Associate Publisher
Olivia Law – Editor
W.C. Mann - Senior Reporter
Amy Leonard - Reporter
Sara Gladney - Reporter
Nick Griffin - Varsity Sports Editor
Sammy Confer-Youth/JV Sports Editor
Joe McElroy - Photographer
Bill Piper - Photojournalist
Howard Cole - Photojournalist
Martha Needham - Photojournalist
Robin Winton - Newsroom Manager
Janet Chandler - Marketing Specialist

EARL'S BODY SHOP
2251 Decatur Ave., N.W.
734-2406

THE BARN
Portable Storage Buildings
Hanceville, AL
352-2737

VIRGIL B. FOWLER
Real Estate and Insurance
AGENCY
Quality Since 1935
734-3821
vbfowlerinsurance.com
Successors to
WILLIAM RICHARD & SON INSURANCE
"Established 1885"
Virgil B. Fowler 1895-1978 - Virgil B. Fowler Jr. 1937-2019 - Dorothy S. Fowler - Jason S. Fowler

Wallace State anglers Bryar Chambers, Clent Blackwood win 2022 BoatUS Collegiate BASS Fishing Championship

Russell Moore
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State anglers Bryar Chambers and Clent Blackwood have fished together as the college's top duo for two seasons.

The talented pair secured their first major championship on Friday.

Chambers and Blackwood are the 2022 BoatUS Collegiate BASS Fishing National Champions presented by BASS Pro Shops after an impressive two-day run at Pickwick Lake.

Chambers and Blackwood finished with a two-day total of 10 fish, weighing 46.91 pounds, finishing directly ahead of teams from Auburn University, Drury University and East Carolina University.

They opened the event with five fish, weighing 23.66 pounds, and nearly matched that total on the second day.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to go out and win a championship. It makes all the time we spend on the water worth it. There's not much more we could ask for," said Chambers, a Fairview native. "It feels awesome to win an event on this circuit."

Added Blackwood: "There are no words to adequately describe the emotions.

"You go through a tournament and experience the ups and downs and hope you did enough. We're thrilled."

Blackwood is a resident of Logan and fished for West Point High.

Both Chambers and Blackwood added they entered the tournament believing they had an advantage because of their familiarity with a body of water located a little more than 100 miles from Wallace State.

They'll continuing fishing in the Collegiate Series on June 10-11 at Saginaw Bay in Bay City, Michigan. Last June, the duo led after the opening day at Saginaw Bay.

"We didn't want to repeat at Pickwick what happened to us last year at Saginaw Bay. That makes the championship even more satisfying. We took control and didn't put too much pressure on ourselves," Blackwood said.

Wallace State's BASS fishing team began competing approximately 10 years ago, and the club has consistently sent members to the college series national championships since.

For more information about Wallace State, visit www.wallacestate.edu



WALLACE STATE

Clent Blackwood, left, and Bryar Chambers won the 2022 BoatUS Collegiate BASS Fishing Championship at Pickwick Lake this week.

SEC Tournament run ends for Alabama with 11-6 loss to Florida

Alex Thompson
UA Athletics

HOOVER, Ala. — Alabama baseball's run in the 2022 SEC Tournament came to an end on Saturday at Hoover Metropolitan Stadium as the Crimson Tide fell to Florida, 11-6. The Tide finished 2-2 in the league's postseason tourney and sits at 31-27 overall on the season.

Florida jumped out front early with a four-run first, but Alabama answered with four runs of their own to set things even after one. The Gators added one run apiece in the second and third with UA posting two in the home half of the third to make it a 6-6 ballgame. Florida regained the lead with one in the sixth before a four-run ninth put things out of reach for an 11-6 final.

Alabama's offense totaled 10 hits, including two doubles and a pair of home runs, to keep pace with UF until the ninth. Zane Denton led the Tide in RBI with three as part of his 1-for-3 day that included a home run and one run scored.

Also homering was Drew Williamson as the senior finished 2-for-3 with two walks to go with a pair of RBI and two runs scored. Caden Rose led the Tide in hits at 3-for-5 with a double and one run scored.

Jake Leger (1-1) suffered the loss despite a strong outing out of the pen. The junior entered in the second and proceeded to toss a season-high tying 4.0 innings, allowing two runs on four hits and two walks with two strikeouts. Florida reliever Nick Ficarrotta (4-0) picked up the win, working the final 6.1 scoreless frames.

From Head Coach Brad Bohannon

"It was a really hard-fought loss for us today. Hats off to Florida's offense – really tough lineup, especially the top five or six hitters, really challenging. I'm really proud of the fight our guys showed. We gave up the four spot in the first and came right back and scored.

"That's been the one thing that's been consistent about our team this year is that they really leave it all on the field and give us everything they have.

"We just couldn't quite do enough out of the bullpen today. It's our seventh game in 10 days against a top-25 opponent, and that's a challenge for any team."

How it happened

- T1 | The Gators used four hits, a walk and a hit-by-pitch to score four, highlighted by a solo homer from Wyatt Langford. (4-0, Florida)
- B1 | Caden Rose led things off with a double and moved to third on an infield groundout. Rose would come across to score in the next at-bat thanks to an RBI-single from Dominic Tamez. A walk to Drew Williamson then put two aboard for Zane Denton. The Tide third baseman capitalized on the opportunity, evening things up with a three-run home run to right-center. (4-4)
- T2 | Langford led off the inning with his second home run of the day. (5-4, Florida)
- T3 | A groundout to first with runners in scoring position added one more for UF. (6-4, Florida)
- B3 | William Hamiter singled to start the inning and came home one out later on a two-run home run from Williamson. (6-6)
- T6 | With runners on the corners, a 1-6-3 double play cut down two but allowed the go-ahead run to cross for the Gators. (7-6, Florida)
- T9 | Florida used two hits and a walk to add four more, including a Mac Guscette three-run home run. (11-6, Florida)



UA ATHLETICS

The Crimson Tide fell to Florida 11-6 in the SEC Tournament Saturday.

Postgame notes

- Jake Leger matched his season-high total for innings pitched with 4.0. Leger also had 4.0 at Ole Miss on April 9.
- Caden Rose tied his career-high total for hits with another three-hit performance in Hoover. Rose led the Crimson Tide offense in the SEC Tournament, batting .438 (7-16) with two doubles, a triple, two RBI, six runs and three walks.
- Rose has reached base safely in 18 straight games dating back to April 25 against Georgia.
- Jim Jarvis has reached base in 16 straight games dating back to April 28 at South Carolina.

Alabama will now wait on Monday's NCAA Tournament selection show to find out if the Crimson Tide's 2022 campaign will continue. The postseason bracket will be revealed live at 11 a.m. on ESPN2.

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

UAB Football TV schedule and kick times announced

Ted Feeley
UAB Athletics

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – Highlighted by once again kicking off the year in the national spotlight, the UAB football team will play its 2022 schedule on three networks throughout the season.

The Blazers have four games on CBS Sports Network, including the season opener against Alabama A&M on Sept. 1 at Protective Stadium. Kickoff against the Bulldogs has been scheduled for 7 p.m.

UAB's other three games on CBS Sports Network are all away: at WKU (Oct. 21 at 7 p.m.), at Florida Atlantic (Oct. 29 at 6 p.m.) and at Louisiana Tech (Nov. 26 at 2:30 p.m.).

Stadium will broadcast UAB's five remaining home games with kickoff set for 2:30 p.m. for all of them. Those games include Georgia Southern (Sept. 17), Middle Tennessee (Oct. 8), Charlotte (Oct. 15), UTSA (Nov. 5) and North Texas (Nov. 12).

The ESPN family of networks have UAB's three remaining contests. UAB's games at Liberty (Sept. 10 at 5 p.m.) and at Rice (Oct. 1 at 6:30 p.m.) are slated for ESPN+, while the game at LSU on Nov. 19 is still TBA.

Season tickets for the 2022 UAB Football season are now available starting as low as $90.

Season ticket packages will feature all six home games and provide the most cost-effective way to attend games during the second season at Protective Stadium.

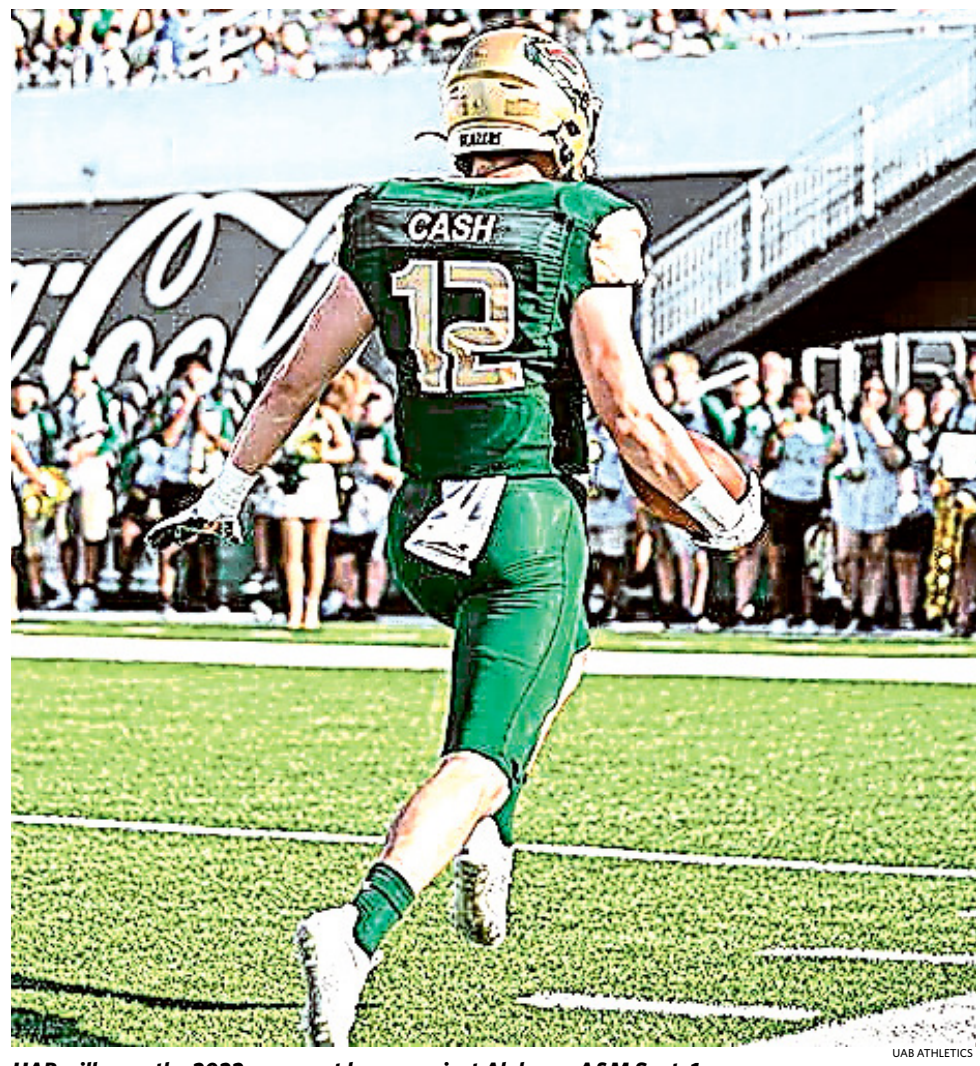
For more information about season ticket pricing, call the UAB Athletics Ticket Office at 205-975-UAB1.

Discounted group tickets and fan experience packages for the 2022 season were also recently announced and will be available for a minimum purchase of 15 tickets to any home football game.

Groups are encouraged to fill out the UAB Football Group Ticket Request Form for priority registration when group tickets go on sale June 1, 2022.

UAB FOOTBALL TV SCHEDULE

- Sept. 1 – Alabama A&M – 7 p.m. – CBS Sports Network
- Sept. 10 – at Liberty – 5 p.m. – ESPN+
- Sept. 17 – Georgia Southern – 2:30 p.m. – Stadium
- Oct. 1 – at Rice – 6:30 p.m. – ESPN+
- Oct. 8 – Middle Tennessee – 2:30 p.m. – Stadium
- Oct. 15 – Charlotte – 2:30 p.m. – Stadium
- Oct. 21 – at WKU – 7 p.m. – CBS Sports Network
- Oct. 29 – at Florida Atlantic – 6 p.m. – CBS Sports Network
- Nov. 5 – UTSA – 2:30 p.m. – Stadium
- Nov. 12 – North Texas – 2:30 p.m. – Stadium
- Nov. 19 – at LSU – TBA – TBA
- Nov. 26 – at Louisiana Tech – 2:30 p.m. – CBS Sports Network



UAB ATHLETICS

UAB will open the 2022 season at home against Alabama A&M Sept. 1.

Opening (from Front)

tect clothing will be provided.

They plan to hold a grand opening on Saturday, July 9 to welcome the public to the new and improved space. Kayla Reel said that it will be a big event, "We're going to have live music, hope to have a food truck, maybe a car show outside."

The extension will allow more people in the community to experience the destructive fun.

The construction has allowed for a new entrance to the building where customers can get a first view of "Fancy" the mechanical bull, foosball tables, a golf simulator and a stage where live music and karaoke will be performed.

Parties interested in ax throwing can walk in or reserve on https://germanaxethrowing.com/ to be sure to have a lane to use.

Groups can include up to eight people. German Axe Throwing Co. hosts every kind of group including families, church groups, birthday parties, couples on dates, etc.

For those who want to earn points to win a game rather than throwing axes at random, German Axe Throwing Company posted the following rules:

"At German Axe – we generally don't take ourselves too seriously. Any day we're throwing axes into targets is a good day! But for those that choose to play by the rules – here's how you score.

- Each individual match consists of 10 throws/competitor
- The black line awards points associated with the ring
- 6 points for the bullseye
- 4 points for the 2nd ring
- 3 points for the 3rd ring
- 2 points for the 4th ring
- 1 point for the 5th ring
- 10 points for the blue dots, also known as the 'kill shot'
- The kill shot is only available on the 10th and final throw of the match. Otherwise, the blue dots are worth 1 point"

Reel said there is no special technique to hitting the target, "Just chunk it and have fun," she said. The weekend glow throws start at 9 p.m. through midnight. Parties are also allowed to bring their own beer.

To view prices, visit https://germanaxethrowing.com/.



SARA GLADNEY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Pool (from Front)

Sammy Confer
sammy@cullmantribune.com

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Saturday was a big day for swimmers in Hanceville. The Hanceville Pool officially reopened at C.W. Day Park Saturday morning with some new additions and renovations for locals to enjoy.

Chris Johnson, Hanceville's Pool manager, talked about the decision to renovate the pool, and add some more things to it as well. He's really happy that the pool is open again.

"We decided, during the offseason, that we wanted to try and update it a little bit," Johnson said. "We wanted to try and bring more people in from out of town, make the community happier by bringing in some new features, something that they hadn't seen before.

"We wanted to try and breathe new life into the pool a little bit. I'm extremely happy to see the pool back open. We have put in a lot of work into it over the offseason, from completely draining it, to redoing, resurfacing things, and repainting. It's been a labor of love and we're extremely happy that we're finally able to open it for the public to see."

The pool has some new additions and Johnson is really excited about them.

"This year, we've completely repainted, and we've fixed a lot on the kiddie pool. That's something that it's an ongoing issue for a couple of years.

"We finally were able to get it fixed, so we're looking at, hopefully, the next couple of days to finally have that open and running again," Johnson said.

"We've actually got a brand-new diving board that we just replaced and also, our brand-new diving platform that we built, and somewhat of a high-style jumping platform for everybody to enjoy."

There are three different price ranges at the pool.

"Three dollars is for our young kids, as well as our seniors, and also, your hometown heroes: the military, first responders, medical, and teachers," Johnson said.

"Four dollars is going to be for younger kids, the toddlers up to early teens. It'll be five dollars for the adult general-type admission."

Assistant Manager Chandler Brown is really excited to see the pool open back up and hopes the new improvements will help bring in more people to enjoy it.

"I'm really excited. We've made a lot of improvements this year. We've put in new mirrors and new lights.

"We painted everything and we deep-cleaned really well, so I'm really excited to see how much this progresses us," Brown said.

"I think the new improvements will make it a safer place for people to come hang out and bring their kids because you don't want to bring your kids somewhere that's not clean, so I think that it'll help bring in more people."

Brown continued, "After the lifeguards got certified, which was about three weeks ago, we started working on this," Brown said. "We've pretty much been up here every day, just working from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. getting everything ready. It took about two-and-a-half weeks."

Assistant Manager Ella Absher had trouble containing her excitement about the pool opening back up and she believes that the new additions will help bring more people to the pool as well.

"I'm ecastic. I've worked here for about four years, and this is the absolute best it's ever looked in the entire time I've worked here," Absher said. "I'm so happy that it's open and that we've got so much. Everything is new and clean; it looks great. I hope these new additions helps bring a lot of people because this is a good family pool. We've had tons of people come in just because it's the Hanceville Pool. They want to come and support Hanceville, but I'm hoping, with our new additions, that it brings in a lot more people because our pool, honestly, I believe, is one of the best."

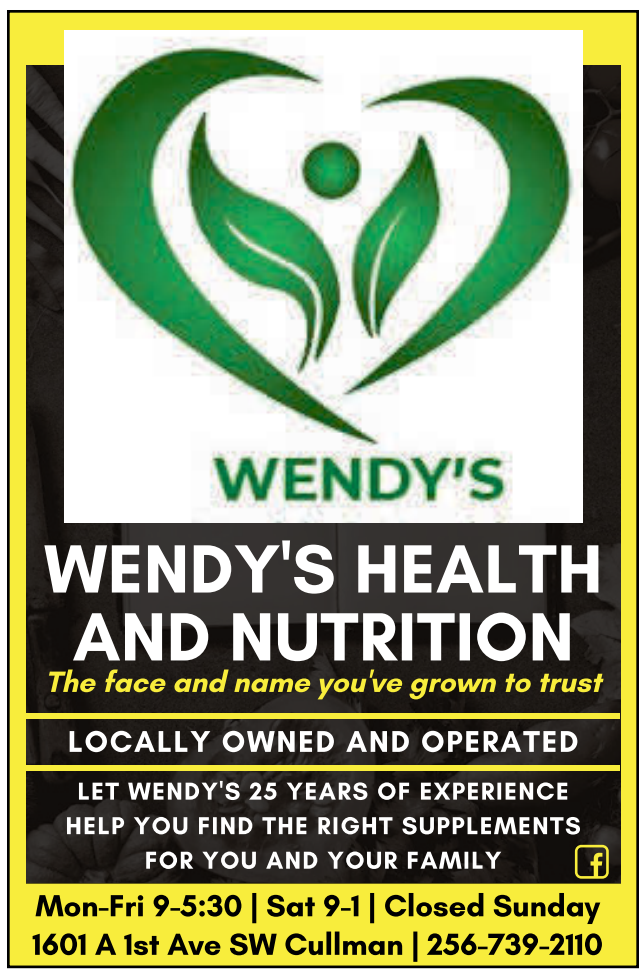
Absher works with a bunch of great people at the pool, and she had nothing but good things to say about them.

"I think, almost all of us, have a really good work ethic and we want to be here," Absher said. "We're willing to put in the hard hours and do all of the hard things to make this pool the best that it can be."

Ryan Davis, along with the others, is happy to see it open back up and he hopes that the new additions will bring in some more people.

"I'm really happy to see the pool open back up. We've put a lot of work into it. I think we finally got it presentable," Davis said. "It was looking a little bit not so great last year, but we fixed it up because Chris came in and got everything going. I think people will see how much hard work we've put into it, and they'll appreciate what we're doing for the city. I can't speak for everybody, but most people here went to school together. We're all about the same age, so we all get along."

Hanceville Pool will be open Monday - Saturday from 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon-6 p.m.









Situation (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN COUNTY, Ala. — According to the Cullman County Sheriff's Office, as of print time, the CCSO Dive Team is on scene at Smith Lake with ALEA and Cullman EMS.

"It is an active scene. We have no further info or details at this time."

Visit CullmanTribune.com for updates.

Festival (from Front)

Sammy Confer
sammy@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — Saturday marked a very special day at Smith Lake Park as crowds poured in to help honor the countless men and women that have sacrificed for our country and celebrate the park's 50th anniversary with this year's Memorial Day Festival. There were arts and crafts vendors, food vendors, a golf cart parade and plenty of live music.

The day started with Zach and Cheyloe Martin performing at 9:30 a.m. and BREZ followed them up at 11 a.m. At noon, a golf cart parade took place, and six very decorative golf carts took part in the parade. At 12:30 p.m., the Cam Spinks Band took the stage to perform. The day concluded with Samuel Hubbard taking the stage at 2:30 p.m.

Kimberly Siegel and her niece, Holly Beth, talked about how special it was to see Smith Lake Park host a Memorial Day event on its 50th anniversary, plus what we all learned from those people that paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

"It's wonderful to see local events done in remembrance of those who sacrificed their life for our country and our freedom," Siegel said.

"What we've learned from those people is that we should never take our freedoms for granted, to live each day with joy and passion, and to serve one another with love, compassion, and dedication to making the world a better place, one person at a time." Beth said, "It is amazing. It's always great to see so many people come out to remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms. We learned how our freedoms are never free. They always come with a price and sometimes, that price is a very big one."

This was the first time that Siegel had attended the Memorial Day festival and was really happy to see a big turnout at a very special event.

As for Beth, she's been to several events and is really touched to see a lot of people come out and support those that paid the ultimate sacrifice.

"It's the first time that I've been to the Memorial Day festival, but I normally go to the Veteran's Day celebrations because my dad was an Army Veteran," Siegel said.

"It was wonderful to see a big turnout, especially being dual celebrations for Memorial Day and Smith Lake Park's 50th anniversary."

"I absolutely love the live music and the bands that came out are awesome. All the vendors are wonderful, and the food is amazing," Beth said.

"I've been to several events like this and honestly, it warms my heart to see everyone out and enjoying their beautiful day. We are not promised another day, so it's beautiful to see everyone being together."

Siegel and Beth took away a lot from the event and offered some advice to those people that are choosing to serve and those who are considering it.

"As far as Memorial Day goes, it's not just a three-day weekend or an excuse to go to the lake and grill out," Siegel said.

"It's to remember those who sacrificed everything for our country. It's a day to stop and reflect on the many joys in life and it's a day to slow down in such a fast world and be thankful for every single person in your circle."

"My advice to those enlisted or thinking about doing so would be to just carry Jesus with you wherever you go, learn something new every day, and never take one second with family, friends, and loved one for granted," Beth said. "When people come together, we can all be happy. It's such an honorable position to hold being in our military. My advice would be, if you can set your mind to it, you can do it. Keep pushing."



SAMMY CONFER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Smith Lake Park hosted this year's Memorial Day Festival Saturday.

Fundraiser (from Front)

Sara Gladney
sara@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — The idea for the Miracle League Ride started when Brandi Story Evans, Friends of the Miracle League member, met and married a member of the Saints MC. She said she became familiar with the biker world and their willingness to always help those in need, saying, "I myself am a parent of a special needs child. Jacob, now 30 years old, is an honorary member of the Saints MC, has Down syndrome and has played with Cullman's Miracle League since it started 15 years ago."

The Miracle League develops baseball leagues for disabled athletes worldwide. They work to remove the barriers that keep children with mental and physical disabilities off the baseball field. Cullman's Field of Miracles, a custom-designed, rubberized turf used by the League in the spring and fall seasons, is considered to be the first in the country to combine a miracle field and regular use softball fields in the same park.

While the League has a place to play, the Friends of the Miracle League realized that not all athletes could afford to play. "As Cullman has grown, so has our special needs community. We realized that not all individuals may have the opportunity to play ball due to financial strains and cost of registration fees. Some individuals require costly medication, some expensive adaptive equipment and several of our adult players live in group homes and are on fixed incomes," said Evans.

Spring baseball fees are $50, fall fees are $30 and winter basketball fees are $30. After Evans and the Friends presented the financial need of some of the Miracle League Players to the local Saints Motorcycle Club six years ago, they stepped in and began hosting the Saints MC Miracle League Benefit Ride to raise funds to cover registration fees to ensure that anyone can play no matter the cost. Over the years, the ride has raised approximately $40,000.

Evans said, "Some years, we have been able to cover fees for all three seasons and some only two. Spring baseball usually has the most players, around 100-105 players, and we have been able to cover those players every year. The number of riders ranges from 65-85 over the years. We always hope the number of riders increase each year. After registering, the riders are taken on a two–three-hour long ride with stops at various locations, and then return to the Saint MC clubhouse for food and raffle prize giveaways. It's a day full of fun."

Registration for the ride is from 9:30-10:30 a.m., with kickstands up at 10:45 a.m. The ride will begin and end at the Saint's Clubhouse at 141 Doc Clemmons Road in Cullman. Registration fees are $20 per bike and another $5 for a passenger.

Evans added, "The Miracle League provides so much for these Special Athletes: inclusion, comradery, pride. It's just a joy to be part of something that brings so much happiness to so many folks and we wanted to help Jacob's friends."



A-1 Battery Supply
AUTO – TRUCK – TRACTOR
Quality Batteries For Every Need
Since 1979
2152 Co. Rd. 1169 • Cullman, AL 35055
Phone: (Office): 256-727-4266

LEGALS

PB ADT BK 61 PG 731 - 05/27/2022 12:32 PM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF S.R.W.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 12/27/2017

CASE NO.: AD2022-034

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: SETH RUSSELL ROBERTSON WILSON, BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF A MINOR CHILD, S.R.W. BORN TO RACHEL LEE RITTENBERRY

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Thomas Blake Green, 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 25th DAY OF May, 2022.

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

Jerry L. Kilgo
Attorney for Petitioner
105 1st Avenue NE, Suite G
Cullman, AL 35055
256-841-0488

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

RICKY GRAVEMAN,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
CASE NO. CV-2022-900103

Lot No. 3 of Park Place Subdivision as shown and known on the recorded plat of said subdivision in Plat Book B-125-B in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Also: A parcel of land described as beginning at the Northeast Corner of the above described Lot No. 3; thence Southeast 60 degrees for a distance of 100 feet to a point, being the Northwest corner of Lot 1 of said Park Place Subdivision; thence in a clockwise direction along the circumference of a circle being the property boundaries of Lots 1 and 3 of said Park Place Subdivision, to the point of beginning. Also: A 1/23 undivided interest in that certain lot designated "OUT" adjacent to Lot 10 of Park Place Subdivision as shown and known on the recorded plat of said subdivision in Plat B-125-B in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

AND

NELLIE F. GREEN and NATHAN BAKER, And A, B, C, D and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands,
DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE

The Defendants, Nellie F. Green and Nathan Baker, and any unknown Defendants, must answer the Complaint to Quiet Title filed by Ricky Graveman on or before the 1st day of August, 2022, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against her in case number CV-2022-900103 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County Alabama.

DONE this the 27th day of May, 2022.

Lisa McSwain
LISA MCSWAIN, Circuit Clerk

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 motor vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80:

1999 Mazda SE, Vin. #4F4YR16C3XTM12607.
1999 Ford Taurus, Vin. #1FAFP58U6XA304986.
2007 Buick Rendezvous, Vin. #3G5DA03L77S574481.
2005 Dodge Neon, Vin.#1B3ES56C35D201309.

If not claimed, these vehicles will be sold for towing, repair and work done. Sale date is Thursday, June 30, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. Call Vance Johnson at 256-339-5752.

PB ADT BK 61 PG 742 - 05/27/2022 01:10 PM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF C.R.M.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 12/11/2016

CASE NO.: AD2022-028

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: DILLION MICHAEL MCAVOY, BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF A MINOR CHILD, C.R.M. BORN TO SARA ASHLEY MORRIS "BROWN"

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Gary Clifton Morris and Donna Jo Morris, 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 25th DAY OF May, 2022.

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

Gregory J. Reid
Attorney for Petitioners
P.O. Box 245
Hayden, AL 35079
205-608-2972

PB ADT BK 61 PG 736 - 05/27/2022 12:49 PM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF C.J.M.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 09/26/2017

CASE NO.: AD2022-027

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: DILLION MICHAEL MCAVOY, BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF A MINOR CHILD, C.J.M. BORN TO SARA ASHLEY MORRIS "BROWN"

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Gary Clifton Morris and Donna Jo Morris, 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 25th DAY OF May, 2022.

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

Gregory J. Reid
Attorney for Petitioners
P.O. Box 245
Hayden, AL 35079
205-608-2972

LIFESTYLE

How to respond to product recalls

Cole Sikes
Contributor

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. — Product recalls are unpredictable and can be a hazard to you or your family. Staying up to date on the latest news regarding contaminated foods, drugs and other products can help prevent health concerns.

Where should I start?
According to Alabama Cooperative Extension System Regional Agent Janet Johnson, the first step when responding to a product recall is checking to see if you own that product.

Typically, the issuing company will list the item and give specific information pertaining to it.

This may include the name of the product as well as specific lot numbers.

These numbers allow for the identification of which plant or factory the product is from.

"If a consumer has the specific product, discontinue its use and discard it," said Johnson, who works in the food safety and quality program area. "Depending on the recalled item, some products may have an extended shelf life. So, don't think it could just be a recently produced or purchased product."

Recall resources
The United States Food and Drug Administration website contains an online database (https://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls-market-withdrawals-safety-alerts) of recalls, market withdrawals and safety alerts of all FDA-regulated products.

This list updates frequently and can search products by name brand and type. For any product with a longer shelf life, consumers may access this archive.

This journal helps with any recalls that go into an archive after three years and are no longer available on the FDA website.

What's next?
After discarding the product, Johnson says it is imperative to clean and sanitize any surfaces that might have come in contact with the contaminated product.

This practice will ensure that future persons or items will not be subject to contamination as well.

If you or someone in your household exhibit any diagnosed symptoms after eating or using a recalled product, contact your health care provider.

Can I get a refund?
Most products that are FDA-regulated are subject to a refund for a consumer. Major grocery stores, wholesale chains and the original production company typically refund purchases of eligible products.

Consumers can acquire refunds via website reclaim forms from the producer or at customer service counters at participating stores.

Calling the original store or visiting the company website is the easiest way to find out if there is a potential refund.

Play it safe
Product recalls of any kind should be in consumer consideration, as they could potentially impact your health. Therefore, educate yourself, as well as others, on all federal recalls while monitoring food and drug safety.

For more information on food product safety, visit: https://www.aces.edu/blog/category/food-safety/.



ALABAMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Obituary Announcements: May 28-30

Christopher Deon Lang, 48, of Hanceville
Funeral service for Christopher Deon Lang, 48, of Hanceville will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday, June 1, at Renovation Church with interment in Flint Creek Baptist Cemetery. Visitation will be at the church from noon – 2 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Lang passed away May 27, at his residence. He was born Oct. 1, 1973. He loved Jeeps, guns and kayaking and especially loved his boys and family. He was preceded in death by his grandparents: Paul and Laverne Lemmon. Survivors include his father: Billy Lang; mother: Paulette Lang; sons: C.J. Lang and Grant (Stormy) Lang; brother: Adam Lang; sisters: Tina (Jeff) Drake and Amber Lang (Brian); special friends: Jason Buckelew and Scott Barnett and a host of family and friends.

Huey Franklin Johnston, 87, of Cullman
Memorial service is incomplete at this time for Huey Franklin Johnston, 87, of Cullman. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Johnston passed away Saturday, May 28, at his residence. He was born Aug. 1, 1934, to Benjamin Franklin and Alethi Day Johnston. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife: Jessie Johnston; son: Kenneth Johnston and daughter-in-law: Kathy Johnston. Survivors include his sons: Tommy (Susan) Johnston and James Johnston; grandchildren: Huey E. Johnston, Brian Johnston, Crystal Easters and Sarah Herndon; great-grandchildren: Patience Carden, James Johnston, Alawna and Deric Easters and Nova Johnston; family and friends.

Courtney Albert Plater II, 67, of Eva
Courtney Albert Plater II, age 67, of Eva, passed away Sunday, May 29, at Cullman Regional. He was born, Dec. 22, 1954, in Saginaw, Michigan. He was a software engineer in the defense field. He was a gun enthusiast, who loved hunting and fishing. He loved living in Eva, Alabama, baking bread and his beagle. He was preceded in death by his parents: Courtney and Norma Plater and sister: Luci Plater. Survivors include three brothers; one sister and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. A memorial service will be in Saginaw, Michigan at a later date.

Barbara Anne Jones, 77, of Jasper
Barbara Anne Jones, age 77, of Jasper, Alabama passed away at home Saturday, May 28. Barbara was born Oct. 8, 1944, in Apopka, Florida. Barbara is survived by her daughter: Tammy Kaye (Joseph) Morales and her daughter Rhonda Anne Stone; her brother: Charles Alfred Reid; her sister: Anita Louise Reid; her granddaughter: Crystal Cagle; her grandson: Ricky Cagle and her great-grandsons: Quentin Bryant, Kileigh Bryant II, Kacey Bryant, Clayton Cagle and Gabe Cagle. She was preceded in death by her husband: Ronald W. Rawls. A celebration of life visitation for Barbara will be held Thursday, June 2, from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. A celebration of life funeral service will occur Thursday, June 2, at 12:30 p.m. A graveside service will occur Thursday, June 2, at Cullman City Cemetery (812 Ninth Ave. SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055).

Carolyn Francis Carden, 78, of Cullman
Carolyn Francis Carden, age 78, of Cullman, died Friday, May 27. She is survived by her children: Terry Campbell, Darren Campbell (Angie) and Christy Witcher (Mitch); brother: Gary Chandler; sister: Hilda Thompson; grandchildren: Cassie Riley (Hunter), Lexie Burdette, Lillie Burdette, Darana Calvert (Austin), Dathan Campbell, Peaches Campbell, Logan Campbell, Josh Bagwell (Ashton) and Ivey Campbell; great-grandchildren: Raeleigh Clowers, Colson Riley, Striker Calvert, Tucker Campbell, Ava Campbell, Jed Bagwell and Kainan Bagwell and a host of nieces, nephews, other family members and friends. The family received friends Sunday, May 29, from 2 p.m. until the celebration of Carolyn's life that began at 4 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Walker Methodist Cemetery.

Carl Edward Legg, 89, of Cullman
Carl Edward Legg, 89, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away May 27. He was born Nov. 20, 1932, in Morgan County, Alabama, to James Richard and Stella Wilhite Legg.Mr. Legg was a member of Welcome Baptist Church where he and his wife enjoyed worshipping with their brothers and sisters in Christ. Carl was a veteran of the United States Air Force, and he served his country honorably in the Korean War. We are very grateful for the service and sacrifice that Mr. Legg made for each one of us, and for our nation. Carl leaves behind a legacy of honor and generosity. His love for his God, family, friends, neighbors and country can easily be seen in the life he lived. Carl was loved by many, and he will be missed greatly. Mr. Legg is preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Luke Legg and Lewis Legg; sister: Ethel Eddy Morris; son-in-law: Jim Schrock and brother-in-law: Will Cottrell. He is survived by his wife: Dorothy Allen Widner Legg; son: Steven Legg (Debbie); daughters: Debbie Schrock and Donna Legg; sister: Ruth Cottrell; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Funeral services for Mr. Legg are 2 p.m., Wednesday, June 1, at Welcome Baptist Church, with Bro. Jerry Lake officiating. Carl will lie in state from 1 p.m., until services begin. Burial will follow in Etha Cemetery. Friends are invited to visit with the family on Tuesday evening, May 31, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel, from 6-8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Welcome Baptist Church in memory of Carl. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Legg family.

Phillip M. Massey, 72, of Hanceville
Funeral service for Phillip M. Massey, age 72, of Hanceville, will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 31, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. prior to the service.Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Massey passed away Wednesday, May 25. He was born Feb. 25, 1950, to Bernie and Dora Massey. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife: Vicky Massey. Survivors include his daughter: Janice (Richard) Sulyma; sons: Steven (Jennifer) Massey and David Massey; grandchildren: Ashlynn Massey, Gabe Massey, Kennedie Sulyma, Reece Sulyma and Chase (Ashlynn) Sulyma; brother: Edwin (Martha) Massey and nieces: Julie Massey and Sheila Mitchell.

THE TOMBSTONE COMPANY
Custom Granite Headstones and Monuments
Date of Death Engraving in Cemeteries
Locally Made and Locally Owned
Low Cost, High Quality
30-Day Delivery, Guaranteed
We Use Only American Granite
2117 US Hwy 278 West
Cullman, AL 35057
(2 miles West of I-65)
256-734-2005
Saturdays by Appointment
www.thetombstonecompany.com

Free Obituary Listings
HAVE YOUR FUNERAL HOME CONTACT US
Email: robin@cullmantribune.com • Fax: 256-739-4422
Complete obituaries may be found free of charge at CullmanTribune.com/obituaries.

CULLMAN'S NEWEST ON-SITE STATE OF THE ART CREMATORY NOW OPEN | DIRECT CREMATION $1,295 | NO HIDDEN COSTS
Cullman Funeral Home and Crematory
"Sincere Compassionate Care"
100% Locally Owned & Operated by the Steve Rodgers Family
(256) 734-3144
461 U.S. Highway 278 East
Cullman, Alabama 35055
www.cullmanfuneralhome.com

Triumph (from Front)

that I wish on no one. But, in that same instant, I honestly felt so much joy."

Looking to her sister-in-law, Wilson concluded, "It will be a day of celebration, a celebration of a life lived. The lives Curt touched in his short 15 years with us. More importantly, the countless lives that he continues to touch and change. All because of one very special boy that chose to be kind, giving and accepting of all. My Curtis."

The celebration saw hundreds of women and their families communing at the impeccably decorated Loft 212 and dining on lunch provided by Chat and Chew.

The celebrants placed their names on countless silent auction items provided by many giving local merchants. Generous gift bags were provided to each attendee ensuring that all ticket buyers left feeling special.

East Elementary School principal and emcee of the event David Wiggins spoke of his connection with Curt and the importance of giving back to Curt's Closet.

"I had the great pleasure and joy of being Curt's elementary school principal and had five years with that dynamic child. Being a baseball fan, I got to see him play ball growing up. I was here at the first Clothed in Cullman as a bidder to support the organization. Seeing what Curt's Closet has done for kids in our school, for people in the community in need, when Ashley asked me to take part this year, of course I said yes. I am delighted and honored to be here to support Curt's memory and Curt's Closet."

Ashley Wilson expressed her gratitude for attendees and supporters at the Clothed in Cullman silent auction and fundraiser benefiting Curt's Closet.

"Beauty from ashes. It wasn't until the past few years that I knew the meaning. Beauty from ashes. It invokes a sense of comeback, of a phoenix rising from destruction. Five years ago, today I was spending my last moments with my son, Curt. By 6 p.m. on May 7 of 2017, my entire life as I knew it was incinerated into ashes. But today as I stand before you all I look around and I see nothing but beauty. Curt is more loved today than he ever was when he was here with us."

From the ashes the determined mother worked diligently to make sure her son's name would never be forgotten. In its first year of operation, 662 children were clothed at Curt's Closet, Wilson's nonprofit clothing store where children aged 19 and younger shop for clothing for free.

In 2021, the organization clothed over 1,700 children, 22 housefire victims, 72 foster families and another 140 individuals in emergency situations.

"I promised my precious baby that I would do everything in my power to make sure that his legacy and his name would always be continued. I promised that every child in Cullman County felt the love, acceptance and self-worth that he gave to everyone who knew Curt," Wilson shared through her tears.

In 2021 the organization began Curt's Christmas and provided 300 area children with at least six new items from their wish list, new outfit, new pair of shoes and new coat along with household items for families. This year they expect to grow to 500 children.

Wilson's motherly love is evident with every child who walks through the door of Curt's Closet.

"These children that come in are truly the innocent victims of life's circumstances. They cannot control what their parents decide to do, and they are all so worthy of self-confidence, self-worth, knowing their identity in Christ.

"When they are in my presence, whether it be 10 minutes or an hour at Curt's Closet, I try to make sure they know they are worthy and can accomplish anything. I hope when they leave, they have pride and confidence that they can walk down the halls at school a little bit taller."

The nonprofit partners with many local agencies including Victim Services, The Link of Cullman County, DHR, Unsheltered, The Reid House and Wellstone.

Wilson expressed her gratitude to the audience with, "I feel like I'm up here bragging and I am. I'm bragging on y'all. I couldn't do it without each of you here—through your clothing donations, your volunteer hours, your monetary donations and being here today at events like this. This is what keeps us going."

Continuing to pay homage to her supporters, Wilson gave out the inaugural Connell Award, aptly a coat hanger, to Rick and Brenda Connell. The award was meant to be given at the 2020 celebration. With the moniker of "The Underwear King and Queen" the Connells have been stalwarts of the organization since day one.

Cathie Drake was the recipient of the 2022 Connell Award.

Wilson spoke with great affection of Drake, sharing, "This lady came to Curt's Closet as a volunteer and quickly became a best friend. Today, she is family. She's quick to make a joke to bring a smile to your face, sing a random song or remind you of God's promise to encourage you. She has taught me a lot in her short time at Curt's Closet. She has a gentle soul and a giving heart. I can't imagine my life without this beautiful lady."

Wilson concluded, "Curt's Closet has tremendously grown since March of 2018, and we have no plans of stopping."

To schedule an appointment with Curt's Closet, please call 256-735-4557.



AMY LEONARD/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Ashley Wilson with emcee David Wiggins

FIND A BLOOMING GOOD DEAL AT BILL SMITH!

Bill Smith
BUICK GMC

NEW 2022
BUICK ENCLAVE
AVENIR AWD



STK#156442

PREMIUM RIDE SUSPENSION
HEADLIGHTS W/ ENHANCED
AVENIR DESIGN
TRAILERING PACKAGE W/
HITCH GUIDE & HITCH VIEW

WAS ~~$60,490~~

NOW
$57,990*

NEW 2022
GMC ACADIA
FWD SLT



STK#158857

DUAL SKYSCAPE SUNROOF
HEAD UP DISPLAY
HD SURROUND VISION
HEATED STEERING WHEEL
8-WATY PASSENGER POWER SEAT
ADJUSTER & LUMBAR CONTROL
TRAILERING PACKAGE WITH HITCH
GUIDANCE AND HITCH VIEW

WAS ~~$44,240~~

NOW
$41,600*

NEW 2022
GMC TERRAIN
FWD SLT



STK#108235

SKYSCAPE SUNROOF WITH
POWER SUNSHADE
GMC PRO SAFETY PLUS PACKAGE
REAR PARK ASSIST
LANE CHANGE ALERT
SAFETY ALERT SEAT
GMC INFOTAINMENT SYSTEM
BOSE SOUND SYSTEM

WAS ~~$36,910~~

NOW
$34,750*

NEW 2022
ENVISION
ESSENCE FWD



STK#059728

LANE CHANGE ALERT WITH
SIDE BLIND ZONE ALERT
PANORAMIC MOONROOF
SPORT TOURING PACKAGE
DRIVER AND FRONT PASSENGER
SEAT 4-WAY LUMBAR

WAS ~~$40,140~~

NOW
$37,990*

Bill Smith BUICK GMC

*Notates all rebates applied, must have 2005 or newer qualifying trade in. Prices are plus tax, title, & fee. Colors may vary.

BILLSMITHBUICKGMC.COM • 1940 SECOND AVE NW • CULLMAN, AL 35055 • 256-734-4472

© 2022 THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE