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EDUCATION / ARTS

## In the round: St. Bernard Theatre gets face-to-face with audience; final performance tonight




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***With its "theater in the round" staging, the cast of St. Bernard's "The Wizard of Oz" gets up close with the audience.***

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – Theatrical innovation is becoming the norm in the Cullman area: Cullman High School flying characters over its stage, Cullman County Schools launching its first countywide casting call, Wallace State putting on north Alabama's first sensory-friendly performance. On Thursday evening, St. Bernard Prep School's theater department took its place in the trend with the first of three public performances of "The Wizard of Oz," staged in the round to bring the audience and cast face-to-face. Action takes place on both the stage and floor of the Abbey Byre; a multimedia video component sets scenes, helps make the Wizard bigger than life and features footage from the original motion picture.

Director Michael Kastner explained, "I think it's more exciting for the audience, especially if they get there late and they're in row Z, and their kid's about this big, clear to the other end of the world. And I love doing in the round, especially the kid zone (the front row all the way around the floor section of the stage). That's third grade and below.

"So, little kids, what do they do? They like television: they want to be as close to the action as they can. What happens is, when the munchkins and everything come out, the munchkins are going to dance with the little kids in the front row. It's very interactive; it puts you right in the middle of the action. In this setting, there's a lot of things on the stage and in the middle, and at this end (near the entrance); we're trying to use the entire space, the entire building, just to give everybody 'I wanna be this close to it.' I don't think anybody down here's done theater in the round before."

This is Kastner's first production as the new theater director at St. Bernard.

He shared about the experience: "This is my first year here at St. Bernard so, at the beginning of this school year, it was kind of like they were trying to figure out who I was and I was trying to figure out who they were. And they all sang for me at the beginning of the year, and I thought, 'Wow, I have some really nice voices here.' Then I started thinking: it's also the 80th anniversary of 'The Wizard of Oz,' so that's another thing, we should celebrate what happened in 1939. That's really part of the excitement.

"Those main six leads, they're very, very talented. They make me look like I know what I'm doing, really! And the stage crew people: I've got a couple of stage managers that I haven't told them anything. They just have kind of said, 'Come here, little'--I call them puppies: younger kids, seventh and eighth graders--'Come here; I want to show you this. This is how we do this.'

"It's really been a great teaching moment, for me and for them. I've told them, 'You've got to be a sponge.' Any scenario that I think is going to happen, I've tried to put that at them: 'What happens if somebody misses a costume change? Okay, what are you going to do to cover for that person until they get in?' I'm very proud of them. They really have done well."

St. Bernard Headmaster, Fr. Linus Klucsarits, OSB, temporarily traded his monk's tunic and hood for overalls and a straw hat to play Dorothy's Uncle Henry.

Before Thursday evening's performance, Klucsarits shared, "It's such a joy to work with such talented people. Over a third of our student body is in the show, so it's really a blessing that Mr. Kastner brought all these students together. I think it's going to be a fantastic show, and I hope that everybody comes out and sees it."

**PRINCIPAL CAST**

**Dorothy**
Lauren Agnello

**Scarecrow**
John Christian Rose

**Tinman**
Ian Sidley

**Lion**
Luis Garcia

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## Handmade: A guide to St. Bernard's 35th annual Bloomin' Festival

*'The food, the environment, everything about Bloomin' Festival is geared toward family. It's geared toward fun!'*



CULLMAN TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

***This year's Bloomin' Festival will take place Saturday and Sunday, April 6-7.***

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – St. Bernard is preparing to host its 35th annual Bloomin' Festival Arts and Crafts Fair April 6-7. The juried event, which requires each potential vendor to be evaluated before admission, draws a variety of talent a step above the average community craft show, making the festival one of the most highly rated of its kind in the Southeast and landing it on the Southeast Tourism Society's Top 20 list on multiple occasions. This year, approximately 150 crafters and vendors will occupy 180 booth spaces (some of them are bringing a lot of stuff!) on the Abbey grounds for St. Bernard Prep's big fundraiser, and the world-famous Ave Maria Grotto will offer discounted admission.

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## Cullman City Sanitation's Spring Cleanup Week April 1-5

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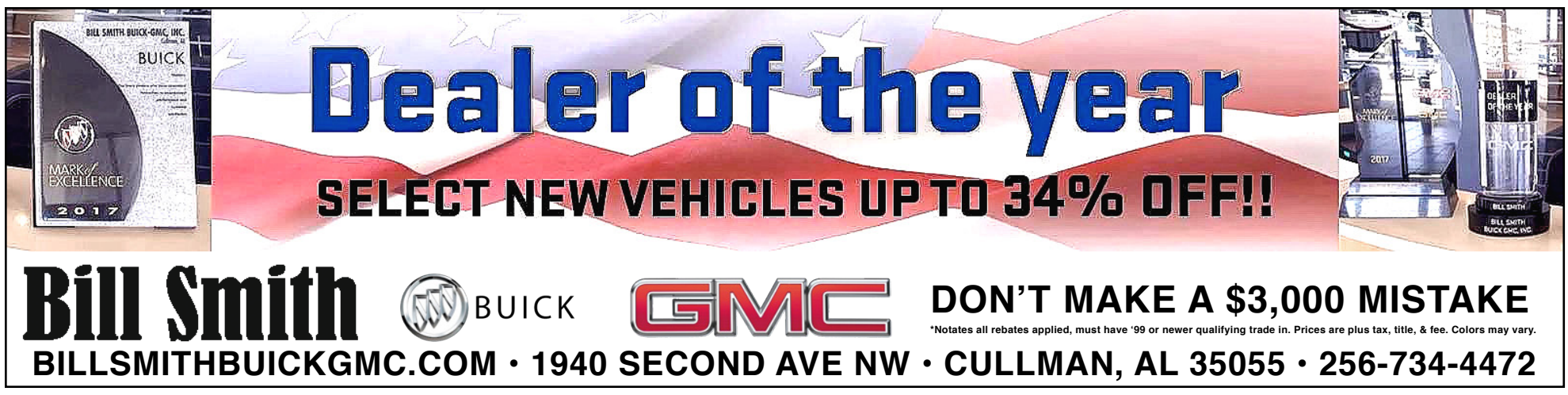
**CULLMAN, Ala.** – Next week is the City of Cullman's annual Spring Cleanup. From April 1-5, Cullman City Sanitation will pick up furniture, mattresses, appliances and other large items at no extra charge. City Sanitation customers who wish to participate are asked to place items curbside as early as possible. Customers are asked to NOT place items in the road.

Items that cannot be picked up are construction materials, rocks, dirt, bricks, concrete, hazardous materials or tires.

If the large items aren't picked up at the same time as your normal garbage pickup, don't worry. Although the City will try to pick up items on each customer's scheduled day, it's possible it will be later in the week due to the volume.

Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs said this is done each year as a courtesy, sharing, "Not everyone has a way or means to take items to the dump."

For questions about the cleanup or about restricted items, call 256-737-7560, email cityhalll@cullmanal.gov or visit www.cullmanal.gov/event/annual-spring-cleanup-week.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT

# ‘Let’s get real; let’s fix real problems first’

## *Hanceville council votes to oppose CCBOE’s proposed multi-use sports complex*

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**HANCEVILLE, Ala.** – The Hanceville City Council on Thursday night passed a resolution to notify Cullman County Board of Education (CCBOE), Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette and Hanceville Board Member Kenny Brockman that the City of Hanceville is against the construction of the multi-use sports complex (”Project X”), which is to be paid for by the recently-passed half-cent sales tax.

The Cullman County Commission voted on March 12, 2019 to approve the new half-cent sales tax to benefit Cullman County Schools, with the money earmarked for facilities and safety upgrades for all county school campuses, as well as ”Project X,” the details of which were not revealed until March 20, 2019. The tax will be imposed for 15 years. The commission’s vote was in a response to a request from the CCBOE, which had voted earlier that same morning in a special-called meeting to approach the commission with the request.

On March 19, 2019 Barnette revealed “Project X” as a multi-use sports and event venue to be located in Cullman, on Alabama Highway 157 near its intersection with I-65. The facility will be located behind Warehouse Discount Groceries, on land donated to the CCBOE by Roy Drinkard. The new half-cent sales tax, along with lodging tax money contributed by the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce, is to help fund the project, which is projected to reach $30 million.

**The resolution passed by the Hanceville City Council Thursday night reads:**

*Whereas, Shane Barnette, Cullman County Board of Education (CCBOE) Superintendent, Kenny Brockman, Hanceville Board Member, and the other members of the CCBOE initiated a half-cent sales tax for a multi-use sports event venue; and*

*Whereas, the CCBOE passed this initiative in an early morning special called meeting; and*

*Whereas, the CCBOE delivered this initiative to the Cullman County Commission the same morning wherein it was improved to be imposed upon the people of Cullman County; and*

*Whereas, the imposed half-cent sales tax will help fund this project with an estimated cost of $30 million; and*

*Whereas, the county school facilities located in Hanceville are in need of repair and expansion; and*

*Whereas, the multi-use sports and event venue will have a detrimental effect on the local schools, local economy, and Wallace State Community College.*

*Now therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Hanceville that the Hanceville CCBOE Member, Kenny Brockman, the CCBOE Superintendent, Shane Barnette and the rest of the Cullman County Board of Education Members be notified that the City of Hanceville is in opposition to the construction of the multi-use sports facility.*

*It is further resolved that the City of Hanceville calls upon the Hanceville CCBOE Member, Kenny Brockman, to oppose this project and stand firm for this community, as he was elected to do, by petitioning for the half-cent sales tax to be used to improve our local school facilities.*

*Read and adopted this the 28th day of March 2019.*



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

***Hanceville Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Sawyer and City Clerk Tania Wilcox watch as Councilman Jimmie Nuss signs a resolution at Thursday night’s Hanceville City Council meeting. The council passed the resolution to notify the Cullman County Board of Education (CCBOE), Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette and Hanceville Board Member Kenny Brockman that the City of Hanceville is against the construction of the multi-use sports complex ("Project X"), which is to be paid for by the recently-passed half-cent sales tax.***

Councilwoman Kim Brown voted no on the resolution; she is an employee of the CCBOE.

After Thursday night’s meeting, Hanceville Mayor Kenneth Nail said, “I thought it was important for this mayor and this council to come out with a strong statement. We’re not trying to be ugly, not trying to be mean to (any)body, but we wrote this this proclamation today and consulted several people about this proclamation. We wanted a strong proclamation that left no doubt how we feel about it.”

Nail said he requested a meeting with Barnette and Brockman to voice his concerns, including the age and condition of the Hanceville schools, mold problems and lunchroom issues were a few he listed as high priority.

He asked, “Why (are) there children, they go up there and eat breakfast at 7:30 in the morning and they’re back in there at 10 o’clock eating lunch? Then some of our kids are eating at and after 1 o’clock in the evening. We (don’t have) money to do anything about that, but we got money to build a $30 million sports complex?”

Nail said Hanceville has sought to separate its elementary school for many years. He described the way the buildings have been added throughout the years and the condition of the buildings as creating a campus that “looks like hell.”

He added, “I told the superintendent, ‘I think you’re trying to put the icing on the cake before you bake the cake.’”

Nail made it clear that the decision by the Cullman County Commission to add a half cent to the sales tax for the schools was not the issue. The decision to use the money for the sports complex rather than the schools’ immediate needs is what Hanceville is against.

“They never asked our opinions, no public hearings, no community input. There was no nothing! We’re just going to make a decision and that’s how it’s going to be. That’s pretty much how the community feels.”

The plan by the CCBOE to use part of the tax money for campus security Nail described as “ a good spend.” However, Nail said, after speaking to many of other mayors in Cullman County, he felt that each community has its own needs that haven’t been addressed.

The economic impact to the Hanceville community is another major concern the mayor and council hope Barnette and the CCBOE will consider. He said Barnette has suggested that each county school would play one or two football games at the proposed complex each season. This is an idea Nail does not support.

Nail explained, “These little towns and these little communities need that economic impact. On Friday night, it’s a big impact for a local community to have that football game in their town.”

For Hanceville, the threat to the economy could be especially significant if events were moved away from Wallace State Community College.

Another meeting is planned next week at which Nail and other community leaders will voice their opposition to the CCBOE. Nail was adamant about standing up for both the city and Wallace State.

He stressed, “We’re going to fight for our high school and we’re going to fight for Wallace State. We’re going to fight them tooth and nail.”

He continued, “I’ll say this, you go ahead and build this. There’s going to be an election one of these days, and you can be looking for another job, and you can quote me on that.”

The City of Hanceville is the first city to make a public proclamation in opposition to the proposed sports complex. Nail’s hope is that this strong statement will result in the CCBOE reconsidering. If not, Nail said he will not rule out future action by the city.

“’I have a dream.’ I think that’s what the superintendent said, ‘I have dream.’ Well, I’ve had a nightmare for years, actually,” he said. “My nightmare is why are these kids still going to these old buildings? Why do we have the crappiest campuses in the county? Why are we eating lunch at 10 in the morning? I’m all about people having dreams, but let’s get real. Let’s fix real problems first.”

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## *March 30 - April 6*

**Smith Lake Park Spring Yard Sale- Saturday, March 30**
Join us on Saturday, March 30 for our Smith Lake Park Spring Yard Sale! It’s free to the public! Set up begins at 6 a.m. and sale begins at 7 a.m. Vendor grass spots are $10 and pavilions are $35 and $55. Vendors will pay at the gate on the day of the sale. Reservations only needed for pavilions. For more info, call 256-739-2916.

**5K Walk & Run Benefiting Garrison Gives Hope- Saturday, March 30**
Come join us for a 5K Walk & Run supporting Garrison Gives Hope and the Cullman Area Mental Health Authority. All proceeds go toward LOCAL FOLKS who need access to care or medications and who struggle with mental health issues here in our community. Email gghcom@regarrison.com or go to https://bit.ly/2HWS40e to register. 8 a.m.-noon at Sportsman Lake Park in Cullman

**Relay For Life March Madness Golf Tournament- Saturday, March 30**
The Wallace State Relay For Life team will hold a March Madness Golf Tournament on Saturday, March 30, at Cross Creek Golf Course. Check in will begin at 11 a.m., with a 12 p.m. shotgun start. The two-player scramble is flighted and includes a couple’s division. Entry is $120 per team, and includes green fees and cart with GPS and club cover, team range balls, tournament gift, one attempt for longest drive, one attempt for closest pin, one attempt for closest second shot, dinner, prizes/photo. Team options include skins game, chipping and putting contest and mulligans. Cash prizes will be awarded. Register by March 23 at www.wsccalumni.org/marchmadness19 or contact Debra Young at 256-352-8334 or debra.young@wallacestate.edu. Facebook event: www.facebook.com/events/473493976509964/

**Colony Alabama 200 Bicentennial Celebration- Saturday, March 30**
The Town of Colony will unveil its Alabama 200 Bicentennial mural project at 5 p.m. this Saturday at the Colony Educational Complex. The five-piece collection includes information and images of Colony’s early communities, history, “then and now,” churches and local sites. Drew Green, director of the Cullman County Museum and chairman of the Cullman County Bicentennial Committee, will come down to help Mayor Donnis Leeth open the exhibit. Folks from all over Cullman County are invited to join in the celebration that will include live music, skits, oral history presentations and refreshments. 151 Byars Rd, Hanceville, AL 35077

**Bingo at the American Legion- Saturday, March 30**
Everyone is invited to Bingo every Saturday night at 6 at American Legion Post 4. 181 Reid Road, Good Hope, AL 35057

**Cullman City Planning Commission- Monday, April 1**
The Cullman City Planning Commission meets on the first Monday night of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Cullman City Hall Auditorium.

**New Cancer Support Group- Victory Support Group- Monday, April 1**
Victory Support Group is for all cancer survivors and co-survivors. Meetings are the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at Cullman Regional, Professional Office Building II. Victory Support Group is supported by Cullman Regional and Clearview Cancer Institute, works closely with Nurse Navigators Ronda Neal and Jessica Nicholson, and is assisted by the guidance of Delbert Freeman, chaplain, Cullman Regional. Victory Support Group recognizes that each survivor has a personal journey of recovery, and that survivors feel more comfortable consulting other survivors for information and resources. Survivor: Any man or woman who has been diagnosed with cancer. Co-Survivor: Anyone who walks alongside a survivor on his or her journey. This person may be an adult or child, caregiver, family member or a beloved friend. For more information, contact Judy W. Grissom at 256-347-5993.

**Baileyton Town Council Meeting- Monday, April 1**
Baileyton Town Hall

**Holly Pond Town Council Meeting- Monday, April 1**
Guy Hunt Library

**Fairview Town Council Meeting- Monday, April 1**
Fairview Town Hall

**Colors of Cancer Day and 5K- Saturday, April 6**
Saturday, April 6 from 8-11 a.m. at Sportsman Lake Park - Find out more at www.facebook.com/CullmanCountyBosomBuddiesFoundation.

**Bloomin’ Festival Arts and Crafts Fair- Saturday and Sunday, April 6-7**
- April 6-7, 2019, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- St. Bernard Abbey, 1600 St. Bernard Dr. SE, Cullman
- Admission is $5; children younger than 5 get in for free
- Grotto admission $3
- Handicapped parking available
- No pets, please

**Holly Pond Band 21st Annual Golf Classic- Saturday, April 6**
Holly Pond Band’s 21st Annual Golf Classic at Chesley Oaks will take place on April 6. For more information, visit the band’s Facebook page, call 256-339-9677 or email hollypondband@gmail.com.

**Miss Strawberry Festival Pageant- Saturday, April 6**
Join us Saturday, April 6, 2019 at the Cullman Civic Center at 2 p.m. for a throwback pageant to help celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Cullman Strawberry Festival!

**PUBLIC NOTICE**
Ground flowers at the Cullman City Cemetery need to be removed by April 15 to prepare for Decoration Day on May 12.

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Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on October 2, 2007 by Andrew Larry manning and wife Eleanor A. Manning, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1540, Page 343 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on April 24, 2019:

A part of Lot Number One (1) of Oak Dale Park Addition to Cullman, Alabama, as shown and designated in the recorded map of the above mentioned Addition and being a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 10, Township 10. Range 3 West, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Lot No. One (1); thence running North 52 feet, thence West 69 feet to a marked corner; thence South 52 feet, thence West 69 feet to a marked corner; thence South 52 feet to a point on the South line of said Lot No. One; thence East 69 feet along the South line of said Lot No. One to the point of beginning.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

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**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF** *
**MURIEL MILLER,** * **CASE NO.: PC2019-100**
**Deceased.** *

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to DENIS MILLER and KIMERLY PITZING, as Personal Representatives of the Estate of MURIEL MILLER, deceased, on the 20th day of March, 2019, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same be barred.

DONE this the 20th day of March, 2019.

Personal Representative:
**DENIS MILLER**
**KIMERLY PITZING**

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# Arrests and incidents reported on March 28-29

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – Below are the arrests and incidents reported on March 28-29, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

**REPORTED ON MARCH 28**
**CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**
**INCIDENTS**
**March 25**
• unlawful possession of controlled substance, unlawful possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, illegal possession of prescription drugs; Hwy. 69 S
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1742
• theft of property; CR 1242
• theft of property; Good Hope School Road
• theft of property; Beech Ave. SE
• domestic violence, violation of protection order; CR 384
• theft of property; CR 1492
• theft of property; Hwy. 69 S
• harassment; CR 851
• domestic violence; 2nd Ave. SW Garden City
• attempting to elude law enforcement officer; CR 831

**March 26**
• domestic violence; CR 222
• possession of drug paraphernalia; 2nd Ave. SW/4th St. SW
• domestic violence; CR 1145
• harassment; County 1189
• criminal mischief; Hwy. 91
• harassment; Hwy. 31 N
• domestic violence; Hwy. 31
• harassment; CR 1697
• theft of property; Hwy. 278 E
• unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; CR 804
• domestic violence, criminal mischief; CR 998
• theft of property; CR 1273
• possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 143

**March 27**
• domestic violence; Chad Dr.
• domestic violence; CR 1107
• possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 109
• burglary; CR 1136
• theft of property; CR 704
• unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 700
• burglary; CR 35
• domestic violence; CR 438
• theft of property; Day Gap Road
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance; CR 437
• violation of a protection order, trespassing; CR 781
• criminal mischief, theft of property; CR 437

**ARRESTS**
**March 25**
**Akins, Susan Lawless, 39**
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Chancy, Vicki Lynn, 44**
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Chumley, Eric Reese, 19**
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Dupree, Kimberly Ann, 48**
• negotiating worthless negotiable instrument (2 counts)

**Gray, Richard Michael, 64**
• altering firearm ID number
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• illegal possession of prescription medicine
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)

**Griffin, Norman Wayne, 54**
• FTA- defrauding secured creditors

**Kennedy, John Douglas, 42**
• DUI- influence of alcohol

**Messersmith, James Calvin, 21**
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Rollo, Jennifer Lynn, 36**
• altering firearm ID number
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• illegal possession of prescription medicine
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)

**Sutton, Felicia Leann, 31**
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• writ of arrest – child support

**Todd, Elizabeth Michelle, 41**
• harassment

**Ulmer, Jacquelyn Rene, 53**
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Walker, Laklee Skye Lashea, 25**
• probation violation – third-degree attempted robbery
• probation violation – unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Wise, Dustin Ray, 26**
• possession of drug paraphernalia

**Wise, Lisa Diane, 47**
• FTA- driving while revoked
• possession of drug paraphernalia

**March 26-27**
**Alexander, Natosha Jean, 36**
• probation violation – unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)

**Campbell, Kim Marie, 45**
• probation violation – second-degree assault

**Caudle, Essence De Nek, 25**
• possession of drug paraphernalia

**Clark, David Kenneth Jr., 29**
• third-degree domestic violence- third-degree criminal mischief

**Conn, Nathaniel Brent, 38**
• third-degree domestic violence- harassment

**Cornelius, Brandon Seth, 32**
• disorderly conduct
• resisting arrest

**Guthrie, Damian Christian, 18**
• possession of drug paraphernalia

**Hanners, Loretta Joan, 50**
• FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

**Harvey, Lauren Alexandra, 22**
• probation violation – possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
• probation violation – unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)

**Hone, Molly Elizabeth, 26**
• FTA- first-degree theft of property
• probation violation – unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Kimbrough, Gregory Lee, 54**
• third-degree criminal trespassing

**Looney, John Stephen, 67**
• fourth-degree theft of property

**Lucas, Aneta Maria, 45**
• third-degree domestic violence- harassment

**Mashburn, Meredith Diane, 24**
• distributing private image with intent to harass, threaten, coerce

**Massey, Donna Kaye, 32**
• FTA- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

**Melton, Elizabeth Temple, 36**
• travel permit requirements- SORNA

**Michaelangelo, Joseph Andrew, 31**
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Oden, Nicholas Wayne, 30**
• FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

**Parker, Steven Ray, 36**
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Powell, Daiquiri Tashell, 29**
• disorderly conduct

**Runyon, Jeremy Alan, 32**
• FTA- first-degree theft of property

**Sanford, Christopher Lee, 34**
• FTA- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

**Spurlin, Randall G, 59**
• FTA- driving while revoked

**Swindoll, Sammi Lee, 24**
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Thomas, Tyler Drew, 27**
• public intoxication

**Williams, Colby Alan, 20**
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

**CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**
**INCIDENTS**
**March 27**
• third-degree assault; person; Denson Ave. SW
• fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $106

**ARRESTS**
**March 27**
**Campfield, Brendon M., 19**
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• possession of drug paraphernalia

**Lopez, Diane F., 33**
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia

**Goodman, Eric D., 49**
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia

**Crenshaw, Ashley R., 27**
• FTA- public intoxication
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

**HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**
No incidents or arrests reported

**REPORTED ON MARCH 29**
**CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**
No incidents or arrests reported.

**CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**
**INCIDENTS**
**March 27**
• identity theft, second-degree forgery; Integrated Transportation Solutions, LLC.
• harassment; person
• duty upon striking an unattended vehicle; person; Town Square Shopping Center; damage to '14 Chev. Cruze

**March 28**
• identity theft; Terri Pines Country Club
• leaving the scene of an accident; person; Cherokee Ave. SW at Main Ave. SW; damage to '14 Hyundai
• third-degree domestic violence- harassment; person
• harassment; person; 12th St. SE

**ARRESTS**
**March 28**
**Boatright, John D., 25**
• DUI- controlled substance

**Michaelangelo, Joseph A., 31**
• reckless endangerment
• attempting to elude

**Turney, Aaron K., 28**
• unlawful distribution of a controlled substance (3 counts)
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• possession of drug paraphernalia

**Willingham, Mickey J., 55**
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Stover, Tevin O., 26**
• FTA- violation of a protection order

**Smith, Teresa P., 50**
• DUI

**Hays, Daniel J., 42**
• FTA- running a red light
• FTA- insurance violation (2 counts)
• FTA- expired tag
• FTA- following too close

**Creel, Patrick S., 43**
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia

**Watson, Jeremy S., 35**
• FTA- driving while revoked
• FTA- expired tag
• FTA- insurance violation

**HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**
No incidents or arrests reported.

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# Obituary Announcements: March 27 - 29

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**Funeral Services for Mrs. Cheryl L. Sileven** 65, of Vinemont, AL are Saturday at noon at Destiny Church with interment following at Holly Pond Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Saturday at 11 a.m. at Destiny Church in Cullman, AL. Mrs. Sileven is survived by her husband, Charles "Chuck" Sileven; daughters, Kristen (Derek) Phillips and Caylie Barbee, son, Darren (Amy) Sileven, grandchildren; Mackenzie Phillips, Madelyn Phillips and Ava Cowart, brother, Tim Burnett and mother-in-law, Ruth Ann Sileven. Mrs. Sileven is preceded in death by her daughter Carissa Sileven-Barbee.

**Funeral Services for Mrs. Nelda Jean Crawford**, of Hanceville, Alabama are Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 10 a.m. at Fairview West Cemetery with a grave side service. The family will receive friends on Friday, March 29 at 5:30 p.m. at the Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Crawford was a L.P.N. at Cullman Regional Medical Center and is survived by her husband Larry Crawford, and son, Randy (Shenandoah) Crawford, a sister Janice McKinney, grandchildren; Randy Crawford Jr. and Liam Garrett Crawford.

**Kerry Randall Waldrep**, 64 of Addison, Alabama, entered into rest on March 28, 2019 at his home surrounded by his loving family. Kerry was born on January 13, 1955 in Cullman, Alabama. He attended Addison First Baptist Church and loved to hunt and fish. Kerry was a wonderful family man, and he was a loving husband, father, brother, and grandfather. Visitation will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2019 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison, Alabama where services will be held on Sunday, March 31, 2019 at 2 p.m. Burial will be in New Mt. Zion Baptist Church Cemetery in Logan, Alabama. Brother Samuel Tucker will be officiating. Kerry is survived by his wife of 44 years, Mary Ann Townson Waldrep; daughters, Kerri Ann Waldrep and Anthony Roberts, Kimberly Johnson and her husband Randall; brothers, Gary Duel (Joanne) Waldrep, Willard Ervin Waldrep, Raithnel Dale (Peggy) Waldrep, Darrell Elvis (Brenda) Waldrep, Mickey S. (Sebrenia) Waldrep; sisters, Lila Gail Richardson, Lisa Renae (Dennis) Calvert, Laurie Percilla (Charles) Chappell, and Lanette Moss; sister-in-law, Patricia Eddy Waldrep Lee; brothers-in-law, James Townson, and Lee Townson. He was Known as "Pa Paw" to his 5 grandchildren, Isaiah (Blake) Johnson, Savannah Johnson, Jacob Johnson, Justice Waldrep, and Katelyn Brooke White. He was preceded in death by his parents, Duel Ervin and Rosa Lee Skinner Waldrep; and brother, Milford Duwane Waldrep.

**Funeral Service for Leldon "Junior" Steele**, age 65, of Cullman, will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 31, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; interment in Center Cemetery, Danville, AL. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Steele passed away on Thursday, March 28, 2019, at his residence. He was born May 20, 1953, to Leldon A. and Gladys Marie Steele. He was preceded in death by his parents, Leldon A. and Gladys Marie Steele; brother, Terry Norman Steele; and sister, Helen Pitts. Survivors include his daughter, April Thomas; daughter, Rhonda Weaver; son, Kyle (Rachel) Steele; daughter, Katelyn Steele; grandchildren, Phillip Steele, Andria (Steven) McClure, Gladys McClure, Jossie McClure, Archie Steele, and Cisillia Steele; great-grandchildren, Nathaniel Franklin, McKenzie Franklin, and Dustin Franklin; sisters, Diane Westmoreland and Glenda Bagwell; brothers, Danny (Vicky) Steele, Troy Steele, Gary Steele, Kevin Steele, and Nathan Steele; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 31, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

**Funeral services for Shirley Mae Bailey**, 81, of Cullman are Monday, April 1, 2019 at 2 p.m. at The Refuge Church, Bro. Jeff Bennett and Bro. Tim Dubberly officiating, with interment in Etha Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Sunday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the church. Cullman Funeral Home directing. Mrs. Bailey passed away on Wednesday, March 27, 2019. She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Eva South; son, Mark Bailey; grandsons, Eric Bailey and Tyler Bailey; brothers, Herman, Thurman, Ernest, Howard and Junior and sisters, Mary, Gladys and Margie. She is survived by her sons, Jeffery (Gail) Bailey and Bobby (Jeri) Bailey; daughters, Gail (Larry Joe) Chambers, Carolyn Twilley, Diane (Dennis) Dye, Beverley Thomas and Janie Johnson; seventeen grandchildren; thirty-four great grandchildren; one great great grandchild and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

**Funeral services for James Alton Huff**, 67, of Bethel are 2 p.m. Sunday, March 31, 2019 at Cullman Funeral Home, Bro. Shane Wheeler officiating, with interment in Central Cemetery. Visitation on Saturday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home directing. Mr. Huff passed away on Thursday, March 28, 2019. He was a longtime member of Bethlehem West Baptist Church. He was a member of the US Air Force and retired from Ruscorr. He is preceded in death by his parents, John W. Huff and Marjorie Owen Huff and his brother, Charles Huff. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Darlene Huff; daughters, Stephanie Cooner and April (Matt) Weaver; brother, John (Wanda) Huff; sister, Carolyn (Ronald) Ege; grandsons, Collin James Cooner and Michael (Angel) Weaver and great grandson, Casen Weaver.

**James "Mike" Hillman of Cullman**, 75, passed away March 28, 2019. He was born August 7, 1943 to Howard and Marion Gammon Hillman, and was originally from Pine Mountain in Blount County. He graduated high school at Hueytown. Mr. Hillman received his bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Alabama and a master's degree in engineering from UAB. He had a successful career as a land surveyor and engineer in both Birmingham and Cullman. Mr. Hillman was an avid marksman, winning awards and enjoying deer hunting. He was accomplished in both metal and woodworking, making parts in his shop for his racecar and motorcycle. Mike was highly respected by all who knew him, especially the young people he mentored in how to work and live. Preceding Mr. Hillman in death are his parents. Those left to cherish Mr. Hillman's memories are his wife Linda "Sue" Shikles Hillman; son Jeff (Kim) Hillman; brother John (Brenda) Hillman; nephews, Tyler (Teresa) Hillman and Josh (Melanie) Hillman; and grandsons, Nicholas and Zachery Hillman. Visitation for Mr. Hillman will be Sunday, March 31, 2019 at Moss Service Funeral Home from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. with a graveside service at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 2019 at Elmwood Cemetery in Birmingham, Alabama. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Cullman County Humane Society. Please visit mossservicefh.com to leave condolences for the family. Moss Service Funeral Home Directing.

**Rickie Stancil**, 60, of Cullman passed away March 29, 2019. He was born July 17, 1958, in Cullman County, Alabama. Rickie was a lab tech for over twenty years for Speedring. After leaving Speedring, Rickie drove a truck until retirement. Mr. Stancil was a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church until 2014 when he moved his membership to Temple Baptist Church. Rickie was a proud father and grandfather. He enjoyed coaching his own children and he loved watching his grandbabies play ball. Mr. Stancil spent his later years traveling with his wife, often times to Gatlinburg, TN. Rickie loved his family and he enjoyed spending time with each one of them. He also enjoyed fishing, cheering on his Crimson Tide, and riding the trails of Windrock, in Oakridge, TN. Mr. Stancil is preceded in death by his parents, Rose and Troy Haynes. He is survived by his wife, Pam Stancil; son, Eugene (Kala) Stancil; daughter, Monica Jones; stepdaughter, Amy Strong; sister, Shelia Hunt; grandchildren, Andruw (Emily) Jones, Hayden Stancil, Landon Stancil, Carson Stancil, Madison Strong, Steven Strong; and a friend he loved as a brother, Gary (Ann) Beard. Funeral services for Mr. Stancil are 1 p.m., Monday, April 1, 2019, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel, Doyle Berry officiating. Rickie will lie in state from 11 a.m., until services begin at 1 p.m. Burial will follow in Holly Pond Cemetery. Andruw Jones, David Jones, Hayden Stancil, Billy Sinyard, Scott Hunt, and Chad Hunt will serve as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers are Landon Stancil and Carson Stancil. Friends may visit with the family on Sunday, March 31, 2019, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

**Robert Dwaynn Roys Sr**. age 58 of Hanceville, died Thursday, March 28, 2019. He is survived by his wife, Diana Lynn Burttram; daughter, Taryn Metheny; son, Robert Roys Jr.; father, Rudolph Roys and 6 grandchildren. The family will be announcing a service at a later time. Please visit mossservicefh.com to leave condolences for the family. Moss Service Funeral Home Directing.

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# Festival (from Front)

**Live music**
St. Bernard's music ensembles will provide live entertainment on the grounds, and Nashville-based retro rock band Incognito Cartel will perform its take on early 60s pop influenced jangle rock at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, visit www.incognitocartel.com.

**Eat while you're there**
The onsite festival menu will include smoked chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, Polish sausage and lemonade. Wandering among the vendors, you'll also find treats like toffee, fudge, roasted nuts, cheese straws, kettle corn and more. And don't forget the Monks' Bread!

**A tradition of quality**
The Bloomin' Festival has become an annual tradition for many people from all over this part of the country. They return year after year to shop their favorite vendors, discover some new treasure, make a mini pilgrimage to the Grotto and take in a little local culture.

Event Coordinator Joyce Nix explained, "First of all, they know it's a quality show. If you go on our Facebook page and just read some of the comments, I mean it's very enlightening and uplifting to me as the promoter to read the kind comments that they leave about our students and our volunteers. But they also are very complimentary of the quality of workmanship that each one of the booths provide.

"We strive to keep everything handmade. Sometimes- you know, we're not professionals- sometimes stuff slides in, and we try to make an attempt to make the person aware that that's not handmade, that's not acceptable, and we try to resolve those kind of situations.

"But, for the most part, our stuff is all handmade. It's quality materials. The food, the environment, everything about Bloomin' Festival is geared toward family. It's geared toward fun!

"And, you know, we can all learn something. We have so many demonstrators here. George Jones comes from Florence, Alabama. He's a broom maker; he actually grows his own straw that he makes for his brooms and he dyes it. And then he sits out here during the festival and will tie it all together. Allan Kress is a local blacksmith from Baileyton. He has his forge set up, and he makes all kind of shepherds' hooks and wrought iron plant hangers, and just whatever you want. We even have an aluminum/tin (crafter): the Davenports; and I think they come from (Michigan). But they take aluminum cans and press them together and turn them into decorative plates; it's the most amazing thing you've ever seen.

"We have book authors coming this year. One of our very own will be amongst them: Br. Benedict Dyar, who is also the bread maker in the monastery. He will be signing copies of his newly released book 'The Flame of Telbyrin.' Young people all over Alabama have been enjoying that book.

"We've got plenty of flowering plants; we've got bonsai plants. We've got all kinds of jewelry, from steampunk to spoon to coins. Our birdhouses, our stained glass, concrete art: we've got concrete statuaries that will be here; all kind of wood furniture, cypress lawn furniture, pottery."

This year, Nix herself has teamed up with her daughter and a friend to share a booth offering woodworking, quilts and other goodies.

Said Nix, "My mom always told us, 'If you hang around smart people, maybe they'll rub off one you.' So, I'm hoping hanging around some talented people, I'll learn something, too!"

**Prizes**
For a fortunate (at the Abbey, might it be 'blessed?') few, the Bloomin' Festival will be memorable for the impressive prize they take home from the Sunday afternoon raffle. This year's prizes include:
- Weather radio from the Cullman Electric Cooperative
- Apple AirPods from St. Bernard Prep
- Apple Watch Series 3 GPS from St. Bernard Prep
- Four-night Orange Beach vacation from D&J Retreat Rentals

The big prize this year will be a red 2019 Jeep Renegade from Cullman Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep-Ram. Entrants do not have to be present to win.

Nix shared, "It's candy apple red, and I think most anyone in Cullman County would look good in it! But you don't have to be from Cullman."

**Exhibitors**
The festival draws exhibitors from around the country, but the 2019 list of vendors and craft demonstrators includes a good amount of local talent, including:
- Sandra Abbott (Cullman) – Pottery
- Sarah Benefield (Cullman) – Canvas paintings
- Joyce Branch (Hanceville) – Hand painted signs
- Ann Brown (Vinemont) – Knit, crochet, sewing
- Talmadge Butler (Vinemont) – Wood furniture
- Larry Couch (Cullman) – Woodworking
- Cullman County Master Gardeners (Cullman) – Plants
- Anna Belle Hazard and Joyce Nix (Cullman) – Wood signs/bowls/shelves, quilts, bowl cozies and dog bandanas
- Tammy Hill (Cullman) – Handmade furniture and accessories
- Allan Kress (Baileyton) – Blacksmith
- Leldon Maxcy (Cullman) – Woodworking
- Chad Nelson (Cullman) – Pottery
- Gary Reid (Cullman) – Leather items made from boots
- Liz Smith (Joppa) – Photography
- Jarrod Smitherman (Cullman) – Woodworking
- Cheryl Thompson (Hanceville) – Bath and body products
- Dee Washburn (Cullman) – Artist/musician

**From around Alabama:**
- Shirley A. Aaron (Lanett) – Author
- Heather Adams (Decatur) – Polymer clay jewelry
- Jessica Allen (Kimberly) – Pallet picture frames
- David and Jan Anders (Cottondale) – Hand-painted ceramic pottery
- Deborah Ashcraft (Bessemer) – Hand lettering
- Debra Ashworth (Gardendale) – Children's clothing
- Rami Awwad (Tuscumbia) – Hand-carved olive wood nativity sets, ornaments
- Robert and Jimmye Bain (Rainbow City) – Children's art boxes and small fabric items
- Chris Barentz (Leeds) – Hand-painted art on canvas, wood and various textiles
- Jimmy Bendall (Northport) – Silver spoon jewelry
- Terry Benefield (Heflin) – Wrought iron and birdhouses
- Sandi Billings (Huntsville) – Herbal soap, tea, salves, plants, deodorants
- Tammy Blackburn (Skipperville) – Artwork
- Cary Bone (New Market) – Handcrafted pens, seam rippers, etc.
- Sandy Brady (Steele) – Wood, soft sculpture, sewing
- Jim Braun (Decatur) – Papercrete, cement, glass, jewelry
- Brenda Bridges (Hueytown) – Children's applique shirts and clothing
- Dylan Britt (Higdon) – Leather
- Tracie Bryant (Athens) – Ragdolls, pillows
- Emily Busby (Guntersville) – Pottery
- Cheri Button and Carol Greenhille (Hartselle) – Button magnets, jewelry artwork
- Mechele and Steve Carter (Haleyville) – Driftwood art
- Larry Childers (Toney) – Woodworking
- Mary Childers (Toney) – Sewing, crochet and plastic weave
- Kay Cornelius (Killen) – Hats
- Janette Cramer (Danville) – Ceramics
- Norris Crawford (Greensboro) – Leather
- Mike Davis (Brantley) – Pottery
- Donna DiGiorgio (Hoover) – Bottle cap art
- Stephanie Dingler (Mobile) – Woodworking
- Ray Dutton (Moulton) – Birdhouses and feeders
- Deborah Elliott (Birmingham) – Art
- Debra and Bobby Farley (Pelham) – Jewelry
- Steven Febres-Cordero (Centerpoint) – Woodcarvings
- Bill Finklea (Columbiana) – Kettle korn
- Deborah Foster (Prattville) – Glass
- Dean Gerrard (Birmingham) - Nursery items, baby essentials
- Paul Glenn (Birmingham) – Woodworking
- Billy Goodman (Anderson) – Birdhouses
- Mike and Sara Goodson (Leeds) – Wood hanger and yard signs
- Brian Greer (Falkville) – Jewelry
- Mike and Molly Gregory (Ozark) – Corian trivets and cutting boards
- Beth Harrison (Elkmont) – Handmade soaps, bath and body
- Edward and Patricia Heerten (McCalla) – Wood
- Theresa Heffner (Hayden) – Stained glass
- Heaven Hight (Piedmont) – Handmade bags
- Marcus Hilden (New Market) – Forged iron and copper
- Mechelle Hodgens (Arley) – Artist
- Billy and Tammy Howell (Gardendale) – Metal art
- Georgia Hulbert (Gurley) – Wood, pillows, planters
- Connie Hulsey (Decatur) – Recycled art
- Amanda Hunter (Huntsville) – Unique succulent arrangements
- George Jones (Florence) – Broom maker
- Bryan and Laura Jordan (Hoover) – Pottery
- Julie Kelley (Jasper) – Candles, wax melts
- Regina and Kim Kimbrough (Killen) – Hand-painted wooden door hangers
- Marypat Klee (Huntsville) – Wreaths
- Kim LaRock (Huntsville) – Pottery
- Kerry Leasure (Hoover) – Jewelry
- Joy LeDvina (Vestavia Hills) – Hand dyed and sewn clothing
- Johanna Littleton (Decatur) – Paintings
- Darlene Lovelady (Ashland) -Cheese straws
- Paulette Lucas (Bessemer) – Handmade wooden music boxes
- Robert Martindale (Russellville) – Pottery
- Marty Maughn (Orange Beach) – Fancy ceiling fan pulls
- Jeanne McCostlin (Athens) – Driftwood art, handbags, turned bowls, jewelry
- Roger McGuire (Falkville) – Wood craft
- Jackie Miller (Huntsville) – Quilted items, art
- Brenda Mitchell and Susan Coulter (Huntsville) -Handmade bags, bows, doll clothes
- Tracy Moore and Deborah Goodwin (Springville) – inspirational clothing, paintings
- Anthony and Tracy Murcks (Decatur) – Chair caning
- Roni and Delores Norbut (Arab) – Burlap door hangers, hairbows, bags, crochet items
- Melanie Poole and Denise Poole-Cabela (Montevallo) – Hats and jewelry
- Lori Rhodes (Pinson) – Handmade jewelry
- Ken Riddle (Birmingham) - Metal art
- Kelly Roberts (Hartselle) – Painted ceramics, clay
- Ellen Rodgers (Gulf Shores) – Jewelry
- Mary and Linda Rogers (Union Grove) – Jewelry and pottery
- Phyllis Sauls (Gadsden) – Ladies Clothing, spoon jewelry
- James Sebastian (Huntsville) – Woodcarving and chainsaw art
- Tim Sebastian (Huntsville) – Sculptures and casting
- Charles Schodorf (Elmore) – Wood work
- Thomas Simmons (Remlap) – Belts, gun slings, and bullwhips
- Dawn Sparks (Arab) – Whimsical art
- Beverly Stephens (Falkville) – Children's clothes and toys
- Tony Thornock (Athens) – Western author
- Thomas Troup (Guntersville) – Windchimes
- Marvin and Maureen Wallace (Decatur) – Monogrammed items and wood plaques
- Pam Weaver (Vestavia) – Buttnaked Candles
- Leonda Whetstone (Huntsville) – Handwoven baskets
- Annette White (Butler) – Hand-painted slates
- Lynn Woolf (Birmingham) – Toffee
- Paul and Carol Woodham (Ozark) – Welded and recycled metal crafts

**From across the country:**
- Alejandro Amezcua (Nashville, TN) – Jewelry
- Matt and Linda Barry (Sewanee, TN) – Plants
- Sally Batson (Murfreesboro, TN) – Floral and painted items
- Stacey Beasley (Monroe, GA) – Handcrafted scented soy candles
- Christina Bowles (Gulf Breeze, FL) – Customized yard signs
- Ron Brooks (Gaffney, SC) - Caricature artist
- Randy and Bev Bullard (Smyrna, TN) – Hand-painted gourd birdhouses
- Chris Bussler (Fayetteville, TN) – Fine art
- Dan Davenport (Millington, MI) – Hand hammered aluminum giftware
- Ruby Ellison (Memphis, TN) – Doll clothes and accessories
- Laura and Lorenzo Estrada (Temple, GA) – Concrete statuary
- Wade Fleshman (Miramar Beach, FL) – Fused glass
- Dave Geyer (Columbia, TN) – Ladies clothing
- Bob and Shelly Giles (Fort Meyers, FL) – Metal art
- Glenda Giles (Chattanooga, TN) – Fiber art
- Lance Gracy (Fayetteville, TN) – Honey
- Carol Hyde (Swansea, IL) – Whimsical succulent gardens in glass globes
- Liping Jackson (Clanton, MS) – Clay art and jewelry
- Lucy Jones (Navarre, FL) – Marbling silk scarves, pottery
- Jerry and Jane Lashley (Lithia Springs, GA) – Cypress outdoor furniture
- Huiying Lee (Conley, GA) – Bonsai trees
- June Lusty (Franklin, TN) – Leather
- Lynn Lusty (Old Hickory, TN) – Pottery
- Jack Marshall (Metaire, LA) – Cinnamon roasted nuts
- Francis Martin (Cantonment, FL) – wooden toys
- Jeff and Maggie Mayfield (Pulaski, TN) – Pottery
- Heather McDurmon (Rome, GA) – Hand dyed clothing
- Brandy Nevins (Hamilton, MS) – Yard art, decorative home accessories
- Adam Nicholson (Murphy, NC) – Traditional longbows
- Mary Prim (Graceville, FL) – Pottery
- Cathy Probst-Walker (Crossville, TN) – Gourd art
- Tim Reid (Chattanooga, TN) – Wood turner
- Pat Rike (Bristol, VA) – Window clings
- Shirley Russell (Grand Blanc, MI) – Folk art (woodcarving), primitive-style
- Jimmy Rutherford (Shannon, MS) – Metal art
- Sara Rutherford (Shannon, MS) -Jewelry
- Darlene Seals (Holly Springs, MS) – Hair bows
- Dan Skinner (Nashville, TN) – Herbal wraps
- John Sperry (Maysville, GA) – Folk art paintings
- Lenora Thomas (Magnolia, AR) – Vintage linen clothing
- Bruce Washington (Anderson, SC) – Skin care/soaps
- Anita Watson (Columbia, TN) – Fudge
- Dennis Williams (Tallahassee, FL) – Wooden toys
- Susan Williams (Abbeville, MS) – Ceramic, wood and goat milk soap

Many vendors have returned yearly to become staples of the festival.

Nix explained: "They love Cullman and they love St. Bernard. They talk about how wonderful our community is. They talk about how friendly our public is, and they love the fact that we go over and above what's expected to make them feel welcome."

**From a festival veteran**
Nix has been part of the Bloomin' Festival for all 35 years of its existence.

Thinking back, she shared, "I've been part of the growing process, and I think this year's festival is, by far, going to be one of the best you've ever seen at St. Bernard. But it is absolutely not possible without the support of our students, our staff, our employees; it take every one of us to pull this thing together.

"And I am so proud of the way our athletes have taken on the parking situation. Our little cheerleaders take over the kids' side.

"Our parents are here to work in the concession stands; their kids work alongside them. Our students are fabulous, and we're so proud of the work that we do, and we just want to share it with the world. And what a great way of sharing good food, good fun, good fellowship!

"Our vendors help us spread that good news. And without them, of course, there would be no Bloomin' Festival. So, we are so appreciative of our sponsors to the show. We have had so many wonderful new businesses join our sponsorship list, and their support helps us keep doing what we do."

**Sponsors**
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Plus: Buenavista Mexican Restaurant, Cook's Pest Control, Cullman-Jefferson Gas, Cullman Regional Medical Center, Kassouf & Company, Merchants' Bank, Richard Neese/Weichert Realtors, Southern Sash, The Space Place, Wal-Mart Distribution Center #6006, Wes Warren/Happy Homes Real Estate

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/bloominfestival/.

**At a glance**
**2019 Bloomin' Festival**
- April 6-7, 2019, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- St. Bernard Abbey, 1600 St. Bernard Dr. SE, Cullman
- Admission is $5; children younger than 5 get in for free
- Grotto admission $3
- Handicapped parking available
- No pets, please

# Theatre (from Front)

**Glinda the Good Witch**
Mya Agnello

**Wicked Witch of the West**
Josie Reynolds

**Toto**
Elaina Agnello

**Professor Marvel/Wizard**
Jordan McCormick

**Aunt Em**
Toni Shuper

**Uncle Henry**
Fr. Linus Klucsarits

**Miss Gultch**
Elizabeth Hazard

**Hickory**
Joseph Keith

**Zeke**
Morgan Waites

**Hunk**
Sam Taber

**Guard of Oz**
Cole Bissot

**Leader of the Winkies**
Emmanuel Santiago

**Nikko the Monkey**
Gavin Farrow

**Tree One**
Alison Gongre

**Tree Two**
Aria McMillan

**Tree Three, Coroner**
Hailey Snapp

**Mayor of Munchkin City**
Joseph Tomeny

**City Father One**
Sara Barck

**City Father Two**
Maggie Holsomback

**City Father Three**
Emma Whaley

**Munchkin One**
Alison Gongre

**Munchkin Two**
Aria McMillan

**Fiddler**
Cesar Hernandez

**Braggart**
Jacob Hilb

**Munchkin Woman**
Sofia Olyniec

**Technical Director**
John Caples

The final performance is Saturday evening at 7 p.m. in the Abbey Byre on the grounds of St. Bernard Abbey's farm. Adult admission is $10, students $7 and children $5.



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# ADOL: New debit cards for unemployment compensation delayed

## *New cards will be available April 10, 2019*

**ADOL**
Contributor

**MONTGOMERY, Ala.**– The Alabama Department of Labor is changing service providers for the Unemployment Compensation Debit Cards. Due to technical difficulties with this conversion, the release of the new cards has been delayed until April 10, 2019.

For recipients that do not already have a green card, any payments issued March 26, 2019 through April 10, 2019, will be sent via paper check. All recipients who have chosen the debit card will receive funds on the new tan card for all payments issued on or after April 10, 2019.

Recipients who are receiving benefits via direct deposit to a personal bank account will not be affected by this change.

The new cards will be tan in color and will replace the existing green cards. Claimants should continue to use their green cards until the balance is zero.

Recipients are strongly encouraged to ensure that the Department of Labor has a valid, current address on file.

Any updates should be made as soon as possible. Changes can be made by calling 1-800-361-4524 or by visiting https://labor.alabama.gov/uc/ICCS/default.aspx and selecting "change personal information."

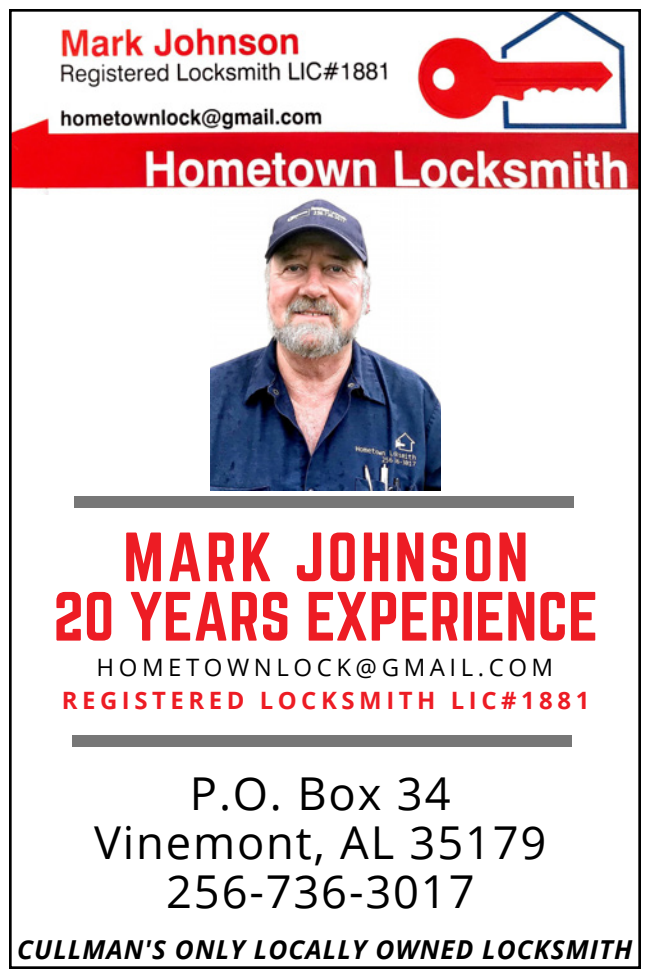
Many of the features that are available on the current debit cards will be available on the new cards, including: unlimited and free U.S. card purchases, online bill pay, unlimited and free online card purchases, and free over-the-counter withdrawals at any participating MasterCard member bank branches.

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## *"THE 67-COUNTY, ALABAMA GARDEN PARTY"*

# LIMESTONE COUNTY

*The Cullman Tribune is celebrating the Alabama Bicentennial (1819-2019) with statewide field reporting by Alabama Master Gardener/Botanical Artist Ben Johnson South. This year-long feature, "The 67-County Alabama Garden Party," will spotlight different counties each week. Each county will get its own "quilt block," along with a historical profile, and we'll share a recipe specific to the area. At the end of the year, all 67 counties will be put in a book to commemorate the Bicentennial.*

Fiddle-de-dee, it's the first week of spring and here I am in Limestone County with fine folks and fiddle music. Life is not just good, it's fit-as-a-fiddle good.

Limestone County is to Alabama folk and bluegrass music what Liverpool is to Beatlemania. Every fall, thousands of bluegrass music fans come out of the local hills and valleys, as well as all 50 U.S. states and many foreign countries, to the Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention in Limestone County. And, the interwoven Athens Storytelling Festival is considered by many to include "the best professional liars in Alabama not counting our politicians."

**Here are some Limestone County stories about how PLANTS + PEOPLE come together in positive and pleasurable ways, each introduced by a crowd-pleasing bluegrass tune:**

• **"THIRTY YEARS OF FARMING"**- This classic by The James King Band could have been written about 10 score years of agricultural ups and downs in Limestone County since joining the Alabama Territory in February 1818

• **"PRETTY GREEN HILLS"**- Limestone County is so pretty and green it was fought over in violent clashes between white settlers and the Native Americans, then only a few decades later fought over again in bloody battles between Southern and Northern soldiers during America's Civil War. These pretty, green hills are alive with the sound of music and history.

• **"JOHN DEERE TRACTOR"**- The level plowing fields of this part of Alabama have welcomed thousands of mechanical tractors through the years and thousands more mules ahead of that (song by Larry Sparks).

• **"BILE THEM CABBAGE DOWN"**- Speaking of mules, this American folk song with the title refrain about a favorite vegetable has been enjoyed in Limestone County for more than 100 years. The origins of the song are unknown, but it was probably brought to America by African slaves who played it on a banjo they invented from a hollowed out gourd. This here lyric is liable to have you grinnin' like a mule eatin' briars: "How that mule would kick. He kicked with his dyin' breath. He shoved his hind feet down his throat, and kicked hisself to death."

• **"SHADY GROVE"**- Ricky Skaggs, who wrote this tune, is not from Alabama but he comes to play here and the locals love and claim him. He could have been thinking of the leafy , little, lost-in-time, white picket-fence town of Mooresville where the post office has been operating since 1840. "Every time I walk this road, it's always dark and cloudy. Every time I see that girl, I always tell her howdy."

• **"CABIN ON THE HILL"**- The tall natives pines in Limestone County provided safe shelter for the early settlers; life was roughhewn but sweetly remembered like the lines Lester Flatt, Earl Scruggs and The Foggy Mountain Boys evoke: "There's a happy child at home; in my memory I can see, standing out upon the hill, in the shadow of a tree."

• **"MOUNTAIN DEW"**- The no. 1 plant crop in Limestone County is corn, which is the main grain in moonshine up in these pretty, green hills (basically, grain, sugar, water, yeast plus time to ferment). Be forewarned, "mountain dew" from here has a kick like a Mooresville mule, but like Grandpa Jones sang: "Oh, they call it that ole mountain dew, and them that refuse it are few. I'll shut up my mug, if you fill up my jug with some good ole mountain dew."

• **"PARADISE"**- Jim and Jesse McReynolds were singing about another Southern state, but the pastoral images resonate with the folks in Limestone County: "Daddy won't you take me down by the green river where paradise lays." The Tennessee River is slow-moving and green through this part of Alabama and another reason anything you plant here naturally thrives.

• **"I'LL MEET YOU IN CHURCH SUNDAY MORNING**- This classic by The Stanley Brothers has been hummed by many on their way to church in Limestone County. I stopped by the prayer garden at St. Timothy's Episcopal and thought through what I understand to be the four prayers of all the old religions: THANKS—for this beautiful, green part of Alabama, GIMME—a safe trip home and a good opportunity to return here soon, OOPS—for the missteps we humans take in trying to be good stewards of the land and share it with others, and WOW—IT'S THE FIRST WEEK OF SPRING AND I'M IN GOD'S COUNTRY!

**Here are a few other PLANTS + PEOPLE notes from Limestone County:**

• **LIMESTONE COUNTY FARMERS' MARKET**- (Downtown Athens) 409 West Green Street, open Tuesday and Friday mornings May-November

• **LIMESTONE COUNTY FARMSTANDS**- Geary Farms (Athens), James Williamson (Tanner), John Isom (Athens), Richard Phillips (Athens)

• **LIMESTONE COUNTY BLUEBERRIES**- U-Pick in Elkmont with Trey Sanford (256-232-7418)

• **LIMESTONE COUNTY RAILS**-TO-TRAILS- This repurposed path runs from Athens to the Tennessee state line, offering miles of FREE hiking and biking through acres and acres of farmed land and woodlands.

**PLANT AN IDEA**- In this statewide series, I'm regularly sharing a garden idea that seems right for the featured area, but in Limestone County I stumbled onto a little oasis smack dab in the middle of Athens that could, and I think should, be adopted in each of the other 66 Alabama counties. It's a designed space not bigger than 20 feet wide and 20 feet deep, fronted at the sidewalk by two simply constructed, waist-high, wooden planters, separated to allow an easy entrance. The side walls have trellises for vines to grow and the back fence has a charming painting of a map of Alabama with a pink camellia and a Yellowhammer bird. The outdoor furniture is just a couple of round tables and maybe four chairs. I got a caramel sundae at the Kreme Delight and settled in with some brochures about the historic sites right in front of my eyes, including the stately Limestone County Courthouse constructed with local limestone. This would also be a cool, shaded place to hear the soulful sounds of Brittany Howard and Alabama Shakes, the Grammy winners who blossomed forth from Athens, Alabama in recent years.

**Y'ALL COME** to Limestone County on your 67-County, Alabama Garden Party tour! The pretty hills are freshly green, but the timeless soundtrack is bluegrass.




***The Alabama honeysuckle border was inspired by an 18th century, Southern applique quilt.***

**LIMESTONE COUNTY EGGPLANT PARMESAN AND GOAT CHEESE SANDWICH**

While I was in downtown Athens on the historic and charming square, I looped into the deservedly popular Terranova's Italian Restaurant and talked "eatin' local and thinkin' global" with chef/owner, Dan Oliver. This astute ambassador for Alabama farm-to-fork expressed his gratitude for Limestone County farmers and the fresh produce they sell just steps away from his kitchen. One of the many diner-pleasers on Terranova's impressive menu is eggplant parmesan, which Dan makes with local, in-season eggplants as palate-pleasing as they are purple-pretty.

Chef Oliver serves his eggplant parmesan with capellini pasta, but I had been waiting for a chance to explore an eggplant parmesan sandwich recipe I saw in Real Simple Magazine. The recipe also exalts the fresh goat cheese from Belle Chevre in nearby Elkmont. This sandwich entrée would be delish with a bowl of Limestone County corn-crab soup from Terranova's and then a dish of their local strawberry tiramisu.

**INGREDIENTS**

- 1 medium Limestone County eggplant sliced into 1/4 inch-thick rounds
- 3 tbsp. olive oil
- 1 tsp. kosher salt
- 4 slices sandwich bread
- 3 tbsp. sundried tomato paste
- 1/3 cup Belle Chevre goat cheese
- 1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

**DIRECTIONS**

**1.** Heat grill or grill pan to medium. Brush both sides of the eggplant with 1 tbsp. of the olive oil and sprinkle with salt.

**2.** Grill until tender and slightly charred, 4-5 minutes per side.

**3.** Spread 2 slices of bread with tomato paste and the remaining 2 slices with goat cheese. Form 2 sandwiches with the bread and eggplant slices.

**4.** Brush both sides of the sandwiches with 1 Tbsp. of the oil, then press with 1 tbsp. of the Parmesan cheese.

**5.** Heat the remaining tbsp. of oil in a large, nonstick skillet over medium-low heat.

**6.** Add the sandwiches and cook until the Parmesan has browned, 4-5 minutes.

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**PREP BASEBALL**

# Cullman sweeps Friday doubleheader at West Point

**Nick Griffin**
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**WEST POINT, Ala.** – After taking on Decatur in a pair of area games last night, the Bearcats returned to West Point Friday for a doubleheader with the Warriors. West point took a 1-0 lead in the first inning of game one, but Cullman managed to build a 5-1 lead before blowing it open with seven runs in the seventh inning and pulling away to win it 12-1. The 'Cats scored one in the first, two in the second and three in third to take an early lead in game two and held on to win it 9-0 and complete the sweep.

**Cullman 12 – West Point 1**

Hunter Persall crossed the plate on a fielder's choice to make it 1-0 West Point in the bottom of the first, but Cullman had an answer in the second inning. Dylon Wallace scored on a bunt single from Easton Dean to tie the game and an RBI single from Peyton Colvard gave the 'Cats a 2-1 lead in the top of the third.

Ben Hollis drove a ball to deep center field to score a run and make it 4-1 in the fifth and Brennon Norton brought a run home with a sacrifice fly in the top of the sixth before Cullman blew it open in the final frame.

A bases-loaded walk made it 6-1 for the Bearcats and a bases-clearing double down the first baseline from Niklas Fondren put Cullman on top 9-1 in the top of the seventh.

Cooper Beck singled up the middle to stretch the lead to 10-1 and Brady Patterson capped things off by doubling into the left-center gap to score two more and make it a 12-1 game.

Wallace made his way back out to the mound for the final three outs and finished off his complete game effort for the 'Cats.

Wallace allowed just one run on four hits and collected five strikeouts in the win. Fondren was 2-for-4 at the plate with three RBIs and Patterson (two hits), Hollis (one hit) and Dean (one hit) each drove in a pair of runs as well. Rylan Jones led the Warriors at the plate with two hits in the loss.

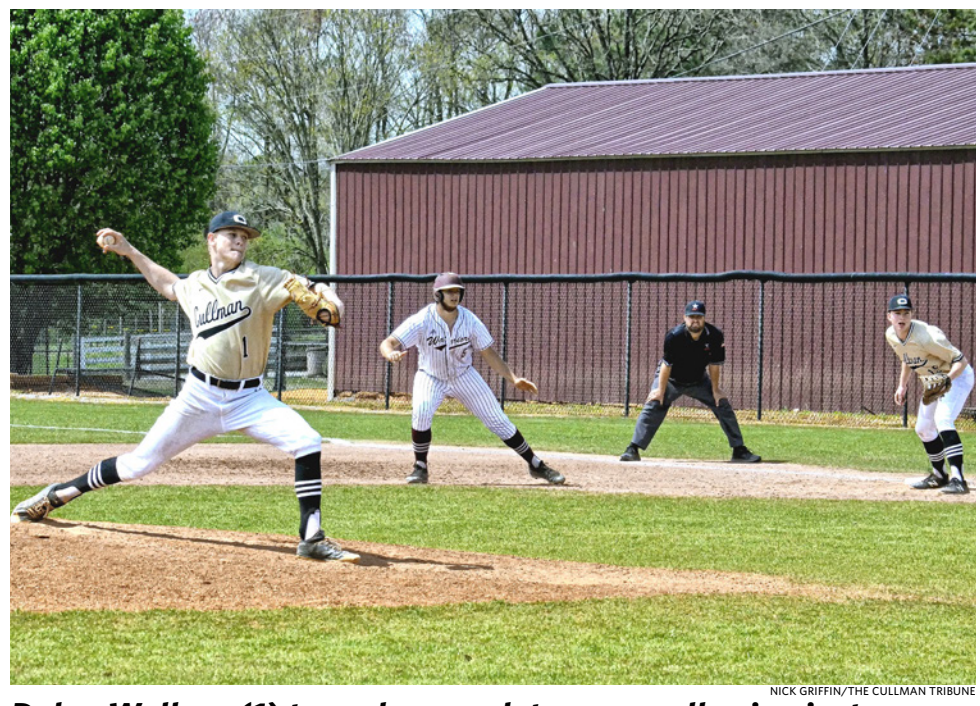
**Cullman 9 – West Point 0**

The Bearcats scored on an error to make it 1-0 in the top of the first, but they continued to build their lead in the first few innings.

Niklas Fondren scored on a fielder's choice to go up 2-0 in the second and an RBI single from Cooper Beck stretched the lead to 3-0.

The 'Cats scored on another error in the top of the third and an RBI double from Ben Hollis along with a Cole Fuller sacrifice fly made it a 6-0 game going into the bottom of the third.

After a pair of scoreless innings, Beck came home to score and put Cullman up 7-0 and in the top of the seventh, Cooper Beck doubled to bring around Fondren and Beck brought Dean home with a sacrifice fly to make it a 9-0 game.



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***Dylon Wallace (1) tossed a complete game, allowing just one run on four hits in Cullman's 12-1 win over West Point Friday.***

Carter Guest picked up the final three outs on the mound for the Bearcats and they completed the Friday sweep with a 9-0 win.

Blake Lambert got the start and the win on the mound for Cullman.

Lambert tossed four innings and allowed no runs on six hits while striking out three.

Beck led the way at the plate, going 3-for-5 with two RBIs and Hayden Stancil finished with a pair of hits in the win as well.

The Bearcats are now 12-10 on the season with a game against Boaz coming up Saturday Morning and the Warriors (10-14) will try to bounce back and get the bats going when they travel to Hamilton for an area matchup on Tuesday.

TRIBUNE COLUMN

# Faith: A little leaven

**Russ Fox**
Tribune Contributor

I've been around for more than 77 years. I'm what some call a "Tweener." I was born between the Depression generation and the Baby Boomer generation. Some social scientists say that I'm part of the smallest generation (born between about 1940-1946).

I've been a Christian since Jan. 3, 1973, and though my journey with Christ has been circuitous, I know where I'm going.

What I've also discovered during my journey is that the Bible's declaration that "a little leaven leavens the whole lump" (Galatians 5:9) is true, whether within the community of Christ followers or in society in general.

"Leaven" (yeast being a form of leaven) is something small that tends to extend its influence until all is affected by its presence. Jesus used this idea in a parable recorded in Matthew 13:33 in which He said the "kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened."

Once leaven enters it does its work so long as the environment is such so as to sustain its work.

Jesus was telling us that the influence of the kingdom of heaven (God) may begin in small ways, but over time it can have an influence on whatever it comes in contact with. That's a good thing.

However, there are things that are leaven-like that can have a negative effect on the things it's mixed with.

Jesus warned of the leaven of corrupt doctrine (Matthew 16:6-12) and of "hypocrisy" (Luke 12:1).

The apostle Paul also warned of false doctrine being leaven-like in Galatians 5:7-9, and in 1Corinthians 5 he likened unrepented sin as being leaven in a church.

Also, various ideologies are leaven-like and have produced devastating consequences on countries and the world. Hitler's ideology swept the German people and led them to be complicit in his evil. Communism has also produced untold amounts of harm to people.

We are witnesses to the ideology of socialism reaping its devastation on the people of Venezuela and we have some in our own country beating the drum for this destructive ideology.

I've witnessed the decline of our culture as the leaven of humanism has slowly crept into our attitudes toward sin. Humanism places the emphasis on the individual rather than on God.

Paul seems to allude to this attitude in Romans 1:25 where he wrote that sinful man had "exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen."

The things that are carried on in public would have made my mother blush 50 years ago, but today, in some circles they are applauded.

Even among some claiming allegiance to Christ there has been a succumbing to this kind of leavening, this exalting the individual above God and His righteousness.

In some ways we shouldn't be surprised. Though there have been moments in human history in which God was honored and Christ was hailed as Lord, for the most part we've been spiraling down into darkness.

The only remedy is to become leaven for Christ in our families and within our own individual spheres of influence.

The Church, filled with the Spirit of God, living by faith, and pursuing the will of God is the only hope for our nation: to turn back the influence of the evil leaven and begin sowing the leaven of the kingdom of God.

**God bless you,**

***Russ Fox, pastor of Bethlehem East Baptist Church Highway 541, Hanceville, Alabama***

FUNNY THINGS FROM YESTERDAY

# Having breakfast in Vermont

**Robert N. Tidwell, Sr.**
Tribune Contributor



Last week I wrote about a woman who gets mean when she gets hungry. This is part of the same trip.

When we travel, unless we are going to a special place, we leave most traveled roads and travel on the old roads and see a lot of things that other people miss.

We left southern Maine and traveled across New Hampshire and were in Vermont. It was getting late in the evening and the small towns we were passing through had no motels. We finally found a motel close to the top of the mountain we had just crossed. We stopped and spent the night there.

The next morning, knowing we were in the middle of nowhere, we asked if there was a place nearby to eat. The motel people directed us to a restaurant at the top of the mountain. It was a very nice place and it seemed as if we were in a ski resort area.

The restaurant had large windows, which gave a beautiful view of the mountains and a valley.

The young waitress brought the menu and welcomed us to the restaurant. After we received our breakfast, the young waitress came over very often and asked if there was anything else we needed and made other small talk.

We thought she was being really attentive, but we finally realized that she just wanted to hear our Southern accents.

After a while, she could stand it no longer and just plain out asked us where we were from. I know that young girl from the mountains of southern Vermont had never heard a Southern accent.

In my best Southern drawl, I said, "We are from ALA BAM A."

She just smiled and said, "I knew you were not from around here."

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

# A Rat on the loose

**Bill King**
Tribune Contributor



As a teenager, I had an after-school and Saturday job working in my brother's paint and body shop. A camper sales business, owned by a man whom we called "Quail," was located next door to our shop.

Quail became a good friend of ours, but we enjoyed "messing with him." His real name was Mr. Partridge, but we thought calling him "Quail" was funny. I'm not exactly sure why we did some of the things we did to him, other than the fact that we were boys and sometimes we acted like it.

Camper sales in a small town had quite a few slow days. Quail often had a good bit of idle time between customers, so he came up with different ways to pass the time. A friendly game of horseshoes was one of our favorites.

We often took a break from work and ambled up to his place to pitch a few games. He even hosted a horseshoe tournament a time or two.

Quail converted one of his campers into a sales-office. Several retired guys loved to hang around there and shoot the bull. Quail had several folding lawn chairs under an awning where they sat. He also had a hammock that he had strung up between two poles.

Occasionally, Quail stretched out in that hammock for a little afternoon siesta. One of our favorite activities was slipping up on him while he napped. You surely don't think we scared him, do you? Have you ever seen someone trying to run while they were still lying down?

Those legs were moving ninety miles-per-hour but taking him nowhere. We boys literally howled with laughter. Quail had to be a great sport or he might have killed us. He may have actually come close once, but it was our fault, not his.

One day we caught a rat. I'm not talking about a mouse. That thing was fully grown. I'm not sure what he had been eating, but he had been eating plenty of it.

I don't remember exactly how we accomplished the feat, but we managed to corner him in the shop and catch him in a five-gallon bucket.

We thought Quail might enjoy taking a peek at our new friend, but much to our surprise, he didn't seem to enjoy it at all.

When we walked up to his place, he was not outside pitching horseshoes or napping in his hammock. We knocked on his office-door and heard him say, "Come in." We didn't, but the rat did. We opened the door and threw that thing inside. We didn't think about the fact that Quail had a pistol, until we heard "Bang, bang, bang!"

We boys probably looked like the three stooges as we tripped over one another trying to run away. None of us were hit by flying bullets, and neither was the rat.

Quail didn't quite find our little joke nearly as funny as we did. He had three bullet holes in the floor of his office and a live rat on the loose in there.

We never knew what became of the rodent, but obviously, none of the shots hit him.

We gave Quail a couple of weeks to cool off before we went back to visit. We played horseshoes again, but we never took another rat with us.

Mr. Partridge was a good man and a dear friend to a bunch of immature boys.

He was indeed a man with a good sense of humor about most everything, except live rats. Practical jokes are often not funny and sometimes may even cause someone to get hurt.

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# Tribune Files from Yesteryear

**From The Files Of 1900**

County Health Officer Yielding, of Walter, was here on Wednesday.

R.W. Wiley, of Joppa, was here on Monday.

A.J. York attended the sheriff's convention, in Montgomery, this week.

Doctor J.S.O. Whitson, of the "Free State of Winston" was visiting friends here this week.

I.C. Gay will take a position with a wholesale house, in Birmingham, next month.

Joseph Minor, of Vinemont, died on Monday.

Mrs. Laura Bates has returned to her home in Aubry, Texas.

George Stiefelmeyer, of Canada, has accepted a position with C.A. Stiefelmeyer and will make his home there.

Reverend J.H. Harbison, of Bremen, is attending the Baptist Association, in Tuscaloosa, this week.

Doctor J.M. Lovett, of Bessemer, has located in Cullman, to practice dentistry.

Eggs are now up to 16 cents per dozen and cotton is bringing nine cents per pound.

**From The Files Of 1930**

An American Legion Auxiliary was organized here on Sunday afternoon. Officers elected were: Mrs. Herman J. Stewart, president; Mrs. William Bellar, first vice-president; Mrs. George Henry Young, second vice-president; Mrs. Aloy Imbusch, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. J.E. Marion, historian; Mrs. H.M. Windsor, chaplain and Mrs. Herman McCalman, sergeant-at-arms.

Carl Peinhardt, captain of the Cullman High football team, broke his leg, at team practice, Wednesday afternoon.

Ludie House, 23, son of Reverend and Mrs. W.O. House, was killed in an automobile accident in Akron, Ohio and funeral services were held at Holly Pond on Thursday.

Professor and Mrs. R.E. Moore are building a beautiful new home, in South Park.

Both the ladies of Saint John's Church and Christ English Church will serve Thanksgiving dinners this year.

Miss Mattie Carter was guest speaker, when twenty members of Coterie, met at the home of Mrs. J.C. Martin, on November 14th.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Fegrentz, of Ohio, are visiting relatives, at Longview, this week.

Three students of Good Hope Junior High made the honor roll this month.

They are Lena Woodall, Edna Stewart and Hazel Freeman.

The County Board of Education has moved into its newly remodeled building, which is one of the finest in the state.

Mrs. T.A. Smith had charge of the P.T.A. program on Tuesday. A book week program was given and Mrs. M.H. Killingsworth and Mrs. Henry Meyer gave a report from the recent P.T.A. meeting.



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## Poet's Corner

### *Here and There*

**By: Gail Bynum**

As the traffic light stalls us,
the golden streaks of light-
ning crackle across the sky,
with booming thunder in its
wake and thoughts for me to an-
other day, another time.

Racing thru my remembrance,
the startled little girl runs for shelter
in the soft fields of a mother's skirts,
muffling the sounds and hiding
the yellow jolts in the sky.
I could give way to her soft hands, al-
lowing me to hold back the tears and
escape the dread once more, soon
hearing quietness in the air.

As the skies parted and the cloud gave
way, my remembrances once again fad-
ed like the cloth in my mother's skirt,
bringing me back to the rain-washed green
of the earth and to the things of the day
that crowd my mind.

SERVICE NOTE

# Holly Pond's Jordan Creel graduates basic training

**U.S. Air Force**
Contributor

U.S. Air Force National Guard Airman Jordan Creel graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Creel is a 2017 graduate of Holly Pond High School.



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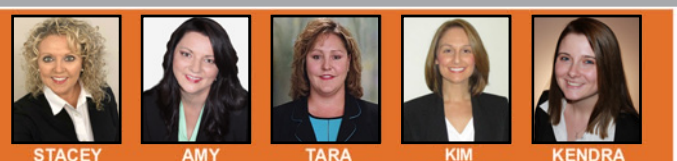
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SALES CONSULTANT



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*Joshua says the family atmosphere within Nissan is one that is accommodating to the staff, but more importantly, the customer.*

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