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EDUCATION

'WE ALL WANT OUR STUDENTS TO SUCCEED'

Fairview High School administration, faculty talk state report card improvements



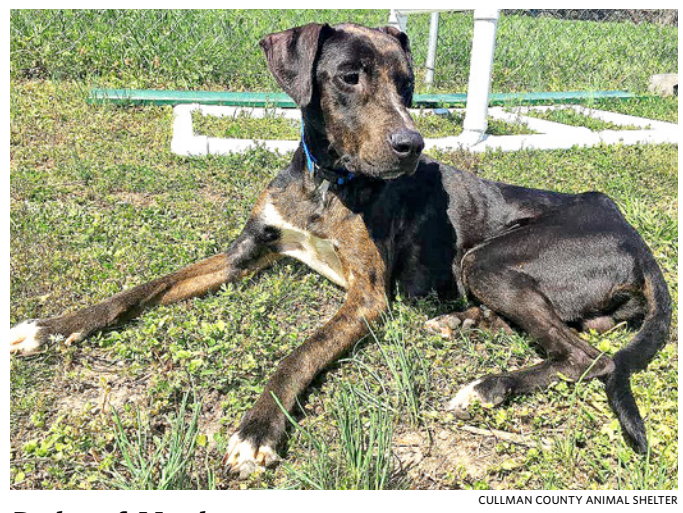
WHITNEY HAYNES

The Fairview High School senior class forms a giant "88" on the lawn of the school.

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(BONUS) PET OF THE WEEK

Get an audience with the Duke of Merle



CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Duke of Merle

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CULLMAN – Cullman County Animal Shelter volunteer Donna Ruttkay reported that the shelter is nearing capacity, so we're sharing an extra Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week.

The "Duke of Merle" came to the shelter starving and emaciated, but he's putting on weight and getting better every day. From his features, he may have a little Great Dane in him, though he's not a really large dog himself. He's around 2 years old, a laid-back low- to medium-energy

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"THE 67-COUNTY, ALABAMA GARDEN PARTY"

MORGAN COUNTY

Ben Johnson South
Tribune Correspondent

A special stop on our '67-County Alabama Garden Party,' where we discover a Lost Garden of the Old South in Morgan County!

A "Lost Garden of the Old South" is hidden in a copse of tall trees in Morgan County, Alabama. It was created by a woman with knowledge of the geometry of design, the agronomy of red clay soil and a botanist's understanding of which plants could thrive in her part of the world. She also had a genteel, "steel magnolia" determination to will her exquisite vision into reality. This Morgan County gardener was Ann Fennel Davis.

Forest Home was a 500-acre, 19th century plantation, where Ann Fennel Davis and her husband, Absalom Leonidas Davis, a scholarly academic, lived and she gardened with their free and enslaved workers. The land is now an upscale, 21st century, residential development named Forest Home Estates. The surrounding community was and is Trinity, Alabama.

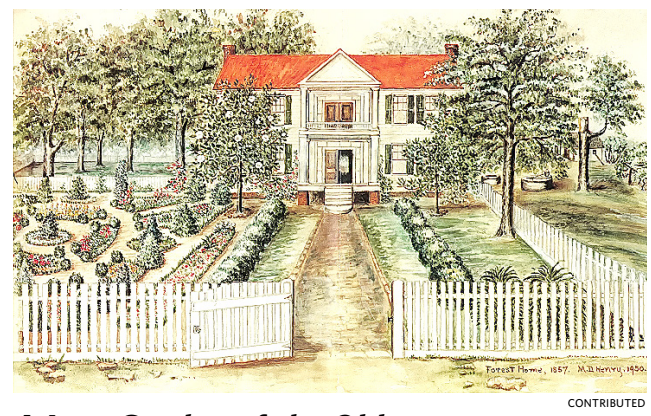
"The Lost Garden of Forest Home" first crossed my radar about 25 years ago. My source was a gentleman in Birmingham, George Robert Stritikus, who was a prominent member of the Southern Garden History Society. Mr. Stritikus, the Jefferson County agent for the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, had been instrumental in the restoration of several period gardens in Alabama. We were in his downtown office shooting the breeze about Southernness and gardens when, just like some character in an "Indiana Jones" movie, he walked over to a cabinet, unlocked a drawer and pulled out a watercolor "imagining" of Ann Fennel Davis' garden, circa 1858. The illustration had been painted by M.D. Henry in 1950. Later, George Stritikus graciously gifted me with a copy of this lovely botanical art, which I shared with Morgan County archivist, John Allison, yesterday.

The main house at Forest Home, completed in 1857, had not been inhabited for many years and burned to the ground one hot, dry weekend in October 1991. There is no manmade marker for the home nor for Ann Fennel Davis' "lost garden." However, two impressively knowledgeable and intrepid members of the Morgan County Historical Society, David Burleson (Hartselle) and Phil Wirey (Decatur) accompanied me on an adventure this week to identify this important place in Alabama where PLANTS + PEOPLE came together.

We drove west from Decatur and took the Old Trinity Road. The main street as you turn into Forest Home Estates is, note the spelling, Forrest Home Drive. It is at the end of this drive, using old, aerial maps, that we were able to identify the gentle rise where the main plantation house would have been at the end of a long, landscaped allee' of native cedar trees. The Davises would look from their front double-veranda out into Mrs. Davis' beautifully designed and pristinely maintained garden and then farther south to the many acres of agricultural production spread before them. The main cash crop for Forest Home and most of Morgan County's hard-packed, red clay farms was cotton. Corn was also a row crop, grown mostly for feeding livestock. Additionally, there was a large vegetable garden and fruit tree orchard shared by everyone on the plantation.

"The Lost Garden of Forest Home," designed by Ann Fennel Davis, was influenced by the formal patterns of the Virginia gardens her grandmother, Burchet (Curtis) King, remembered. Ann Fennel's mother, Mary Curtis King Fennel, also had a prized, ornamental garden in Morgan County (Decatur) at her home, Riverview. As the garden at Forest Home matured it became an attraction for visitors from near and far. Ann Fennel Davis' composition was a large center ring with rounded beds, segmented with gravel paths and four smaller rings in the corners of a large, fenced square. The centermost planting was an evergreen yew. All the beds had boxwood parterres bracketed with taller evergreens and were planted for seasonal flowers. Amongst the myriad blossoms were lilies, peonies, dahlias and 150 varieties of roses. Large commercial nurseries supplying such plants to Alabama during this era were in Memphis, Mobile and New Orleans.

Yankee soldier diaries record how valuable plants such as boxwood shrubs



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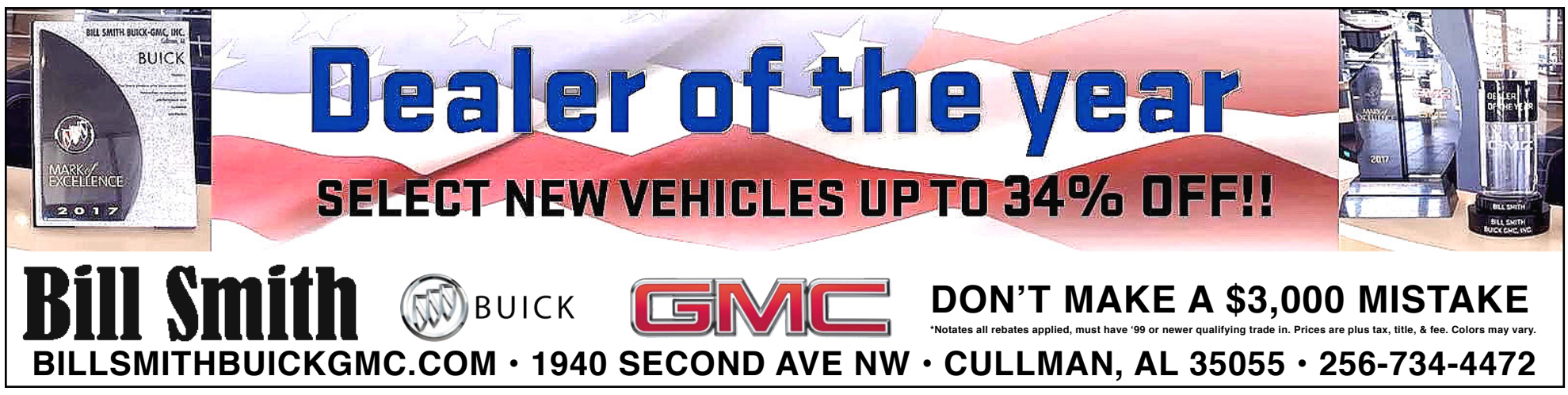
A Lost Garden of the Old South- Forest Home

and roses, many of those with historic origins in Empress Josephine's garden at Malmaison, were dug out of Southern soil and replanted in the northern part of the nation. So far, we have found no records about what is left of Ann Fennel Davis' "Lost Garden at Forest Home." This could be an exciting exploration for garden historians and an ideal project to launch this year as we celebrate Alabama's Bicentennial. Perhaps there is plant material original to this important Alabama garden that could serve future gardeners. Remember, the study of garden history begins at the triumph of the last, new sprig.

For more information on the history of Forest Home and the "lost garden" of Ann Fennel Davis, I encourage you to rely on the expert and gracious help of David Breland, director of historic resources for the City of Decatur (you'll find him at the grand Old State Bank, Alabama's oldest bank building, which has a charming butterfly garden in back and a sweeping, greenspace and amphitheater in front) and John Allison, Morgan County Archives (Decatur). Also, the Morgan County Historical Society, an all-volunteer group, is extremely knowledgeable and eager to support historical research.

You may not have a historic garden to restore, but many of us have overgrown and neglected

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Hillsboro man killed in wreck near West Point

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WEST POINT, Ala. – A Lawrence County man was killed Thursday morning in a single-vehicle wreck along Alabama Highway 157 in West Point.Cullman County Coroner Jeremy L. Kilpatrick identified the victim as Timothy Dennis Blasingame, 45, of Hillsboro, Alabama. He said the wreck happened around 7 a.m. in the 12000 block of Hwy. 157.

Blasingame was killed when the 2006 Sterling dump truck he was driving left the roadway and struck a utility pole. Blasingame, who was not wearing a seat belt, was ejected and pronounced dead at the scene.

Nothing further is available as Alabama State Troopers continue to investigate.

EDUCATION

Thank You, VISTAs! AmeriCorps VISTA volunteers recognized

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. - The North Alabama Agriplex and Wallace State Community College celebrated National Service Recognition Day this week by providing lunch for all of the VISTAs at work in our community.

AmeriCorps VISTA, or Volunteers in Service to America, is a national service program designed to alleviate poverty in America.

Founded in 1965 by President John F. Kennedy, VISTAs are the domestic version of the Peace Corps.

They serve in communities throughout the U.S., focusing on developing programs and services designed to end the cycle of poverty.

Eight AmeriCorps VISTA members serve in Cullman County providing vital support to residents and increasing the impact of the organizations they serve.

The North Alabama Agriplex hosts four VISTA members each year.

These VISTAs help design and teach the Agriplex's programming as well as work with the community gardens throughout the county.

Wallace State's VISTA members support several different departments throughout the college.

They can be found building an interview wardrobe for the Career Services department, managing a community garden and teaching gardening skills to the students, and helping to raise funds for student scholarships.

If you are interested in getting involved, or would like to learn more about national service opportunities, go to www.nationalservice.gov, to find volunteer opportunities that match your skills and interests.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE; THE ESTATE OF MATTIE RUTH KENNER, DECEASED,)
PLAINTIFF,) CASE NO.: CV-2015-900422.00
V.)
ELEANOR CLOPTON AND BYRON WENDELL KENNER,)
DEFENDANTS.)

FILED IN OFFICE APR 04 2019 LISA McSWAIN CIRCUIT CLERK CULLMAN COUNTY

NOTICE OF FILING LAWSUIT

NOTICE to the following Defendants: A tract or parcel of land being a part of the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 5, Township 13, Range 3 West. Located where the North right-of-way of Highway 91 crosses the SE line of the above described property continue West along said right of way a distance of 160 yards to a point of beginning; thence North 201 feet, thence West 210 feet, thence South 201 feet, thence East 210 feet more or less back to the point of beginning; Byron Wendell Kenner, and his heirs or devisees, if deceased, all unknown heirs of Tom Kenner and Mattie Ruth Kenner, and all other persons claiming any present future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said described lands:

You are hereby advised that the Plaintiffs has filed a Petition for Declaratory Judgment to Quiet Title and Application for Order to sell Real Property to Pay Administrative Expenses and Distribution to Next of Kin to those lands described as: A tract or parcel of land being a part of the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 5, Township 13, Range 3 West. Located where the North right-of-way of Highway 91 crosses the SE line of the above described property continue West along said right of way a distance of 160 yards to a point of beginning; thence North 201 feet, thence West 210 feet, thence South 201 feet, thence East 210 feet more or less back to the point of beginning.

This Petition is set for hearing on June 4, 2019 at 9:00 AM before Judge Gregory A. Nicholas

The aforesaid Defendants must answer said Petition on or before May 28, 2019 or, thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered against the said Defendants, in Cullman County, Alabama Circuit Court Case No. 2015-900422.00.

Done this the 4th day of April, 2019.

Lisa McSwain, Clerk
Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ROY L. MCDOWELL, Deceased.) CASE NO.: PC-2018-398

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to CANDACE R. PALMER, as Personal Representative of the Estate of ROY L. MCDOWELL, deceased, on the 4th day of April, 2019, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

DONE this 4th day of April, 2019.

Candace R. Palmer
Candace R. Palmer
Personal Representative

Stephen N. Pritchett, Jr.
Attorney for Estate
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Warrior, Alabama 35180

TO THE PUBLISHER OF: THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Please publish the above notice for three (3) consecutive weeks and provide a proof of publication affidavit to the Probate Judge of Cullman County, Alabama.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Dewayne N. Morris
Attorney for Mortgagee
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Birmingham, Alabama 35203
The Cullman Tribune-March 30, April 6, 13, 2019

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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

Attorney for Personal Representatives:
ANDRIA SIMS
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TO: Publisher
The Cullman Tribune

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

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

April 6 - 8

Cullman County Republican Party Monthly Meeting with Special Guest Bradley Byrne- Saturday, April 6
The Cullman County Republican Party hosts monthly meetings on the first Saturday of each month at the Cullman Elks Lodge.
• 7:30- Breakfast ($10)
• 8- Meeting begins (free)
•April's special guest speaker will be Bradley Byrne, candidate for U.S. Senate.

Colors of Cancer Day and 5K- Saturday, April 6
The Colors of Cancer Day 5K Walk/Run will take place on Saturday, April 6 at 8 a.m. at Sportsman Lake Park in Cullman. All entrants will receive a T-shirt, breakfast and goodies. The Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation's goal is to provide assistance for cancer patients in the Cullman area who are struggling with day-to-day living expenses. Register here: bit.ly/2FNRT4K

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.
• 8 a.m. Shotgun Start-4 person scramble
• Breakfast and lunch are provided!
• Awards and door prizes at the conclusion of the tournament!
• $220 entry fee per team until April 5
• $240 entry fee on day of event
• Mulligans 5 for $25
• Register at https://goo.gl/forms/TFOstw7lMPqk-Dgom2 OR
• You can print this form off and mail it in with your payment:www.dropbox.com/s/k3s0dn4xxfox3ee/ONLINE%20REG%20FORM-GOLF%20TOURNAMENT.docx?dl=0
• Please make checks to Holly Pond Band and mail to: Holly Pond Band, 160 New Hope Rd., Holly Pond, AL 35083. For more info, call 256-339-9677 or email hollypondband@gmail.com.

3rd Annual Fairview Lions Club Spring Fling- Saturday, April 6
The third annual Fairview Lions Club Spring Fling will take place on Saturday, April 6 at 9 a.m. at Randall Shedd Community Park. The event will feature a car show, vendors, music, games, food, health screenings, a blood drive and more. Car show registration will begin at 8 a.m. Vendors and remaining activities will start at 9.

Vinemont History Day- Saturday, April 6
Vinemont History Day will take place on Saturday, April 6 beginning at 9 a.m. at Vinemont Elementary School. Storytelling, reenactments, etc. A history bus tour will take place at noon with Dr. Jane Teeter. A parade will start at 1 p.m. at the school Free admission and free hot dog lunch.

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

April Walking Tour- Saturday, April 6
The April Walking Tours will take place every Saturday morning in April. Tour dates are April 6, 13, 20 and 27. All tours will begin at 10 a.m. There is no charge. Each tour is approximately one hour long and will begin and end at the Cullman County Museum. Cullman County Tour Guides will include: Dr. Bill Peinhardt, Michael Sullins, Ben South and Leslie Bearden Hyde of the Southern Ghost Girls. This year is a special one for the tours, as this is the third and final year of the Alabama Bicentennial celebration. Admission to the museum will be free after the tours for those interested in learning more about Cullman's past.

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!

Cullman Community Band Spring Concert- Sunday, April 7
Celebrating Alabama's Bicentennial- The Cullman Community Band will present its spring concert on Sunday, April 7 at 3 p.m. at Northbrook Baptist Church. Admission is free.

Good Hope City Council Meeting- Monday, April 8
6:30 p.m. at Good Hope City Hall

UPCOMING...

Quilting Class at the Cullman Extension Office
• April 24 & 25 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
• April 26 from 10 a.m.-noon
• Learn to piece, applique and put together a wall-hanging/table topper, game/checkerboard.
• All supplies furnished; cost is $45
• Call Raydonna Sims at 256-737-9386 for more information.

Car Wash at Arby's on Hwy. 157
Arby's on Hwy. 157 in Cullman will have a car wash on Saturday, April 13 to raise money for the Make a Difference Campaign to support No Kid Hungry, Big Brothers Big Sisters and Junior Achievement.

Pilot Club of Cullman 27th Annual Fashion Show/Luncheon Charity Fundraiser- Wednesday, April 24
• "Stars Fell on Alabama"
• An Alabama 200 Bicentennial Celebration
• Pilot Club of Cullman 27th Annual Fashion Show/Luncheon Charity Fundraiser
• Wednesday, April 24, 2019
• 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
• Cullman Civic Center
• 10 a.m. - Doors open – vendor shopping at 10 a.m., set up by local businesses
• 11:30 a.m. - Lunch by Freddie Day Catering
• 11:45 a.m. - Fashion Show - Models and fashions from 12 + local merchants
• Door prizes donated by area businesses and Pilot members, 100-plus to be given away.

Tickets for the event are $20 and can be purchased:
• Cullman County Museum
• Cullman Civic Center
• Any Pilot Club member
Tickets will not be sold at the door. For ticket sale questions, contact Sandra McCluskey at 205-960-7633. Deadline to buy tickets is April 17.

Good Hope High School Class of 1969 50 Year Reunion- Thursday, May 16
Good Hope High School's Class of 1969 will hold its 50-year reunion on Thursday, May 16 from 5-8 p.m. in Belle Vue Hall at Stone Bridge Farms in Cullman. For more information, contact Becky Barnard at 256-339-1806 or Jeanne Milligan at 256-520-5951.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

Good Hope Public Cemetery Decoration Weekend Clean up Announcement
Good Hope Public Cemetery will hold its annual Decoration Weekend on Saturday, May 4 and Sunday, May 5. Please have all flowers and decorations removed from the cemetery by Sunday, April 21. Donations are tax deductible and essential for maintenance.

Good Hope Public Cemetery Special Event
On Saturday, May 4, the Good Hope Public Cemetery will participate in the Alabama Bicentennial living history tours, with Good Hope High school students telling about some of the cemetery's residents. Hope to see you there!

Arrests and incidents reported on April 4-5

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported on April 4-5, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

REPORTED ON APRIL 4

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

April 1

- domestic violence, criminal mischief; Countryside Acres Rd.
- theft of property; CR 1486
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 248
- domestic violence; CR 832
- burglary; CR 437
- theft of property; CR 1419
- burglary; Leonard Rd.
- domestic violence; CR 388
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; Chad Dr.
- burglary; CR 1736
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 1212
- assault; CR 1447
- domestic violence, resisting arrest, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1447

April 2

- harassment, criminal mischief; CR 1107
- domestic violence; CR 359
- theft of property; CR 191
- theft of property; CR 222
- unlawful breaking entering of a motor vehicle; CR 202
- violation of a protection order; CR 1141
- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, theft of property; CR 469
- criminal mischief; CR 1615
- burglary; Hwy. 69 S

April 3

- domestic violence; CR 1145
- domestic violence; CR 842
- domestic violence, criminal mischief; CR 855
- theft of property; CR 1859
- criminal mischief; CR 599
- reckless endangerment, unlawful possession of marijuana, attempting to elude law enforcement officer; CR 1301
- violation of a protection order; CR 1138
- burglary; CR 62
- burglary; CR 572
- domestic violence; Meadow Dr.

ARRESTS

April 1

Barton, Christopher Allen, 29
- third-degree burglary
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Dutton, Christopher Wayne, 42
- FTA- first-degree receiving stolen property
- FTA- first-degree theft of property

Graham, Asia Ryan, 28
- FTA- second-degree promoting prison contraband
- FTA- trafficking in methamphetamine
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Green, Willie Jack, 35
- second-degree assault
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Harris, William Clay, 33
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Higginbotham, Ceaira Nicole, 27
- GJ- chemical endangerment of child

Lott, Joshua Gerald, 28
- judge's order- trafficking in cannabis

Simmons, Joshua Byron, 42
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Thomas, Alexander Justin, 32
- FTA- writ of arrest – child support

APRIL 2

Alexander, Carolyn, 65
- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument (3 counts)

Dickson, Alyssa Kay, 25
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Ellis, Sonya Nicole, 42
- FTA- driving while revoked

Johnson, Kimberly Renee, 51
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Kaiser, Christopher Brian, 34
- FTA- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Leatherwood, Larry Wayne Jr, 44
- FTA- driving while revoked (2 counts)

Lynn, Dalton Leonnard, 27
- judge's order- third-degree burglary (2 counts)

Peterson, Mary Margaret
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment
- false reporting to law enforcement
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- public intoxication

Quick, Charlene Bates, 53
- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument (2 counts)

Smith, Robert Jakob, 23
- DUI- influence of alcohol
- failure to signal/ improper lane change

APRIL 3

Baker, Robert Lee, 55
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Brady, Daryl William, 53
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Campos, Giovanni Rojas, 21
- attempting to elude
- carrying without a permit- unsecured
- reckless endangerment
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Estes, Brandon Todd, 32
- third-degree domestic violence- third-degree assault

Fields, Bradley Wayne, 32
- DUI- influence of alcohol

Jarrett, Jacob David, 32
- fourth-degree theft of property

Persall, Nicholas Drennon, 29
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment
- interfering with a domestic violence emergency

Traweek, Becky Leann, 44
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Wisener, Jennifer Lynn, 26
- third-degree domestic violence- third-degree assault

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

April 2
- third-degree criminal mischief; North Alabama Dive Center; 2nd Ave. SW; door; $150
- fourth-degree theft of property; Walmart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $113

April 3
- third-degree domestic violence; person; Poplar Dr. SW
- harassing communications; Town Square SW
- duty upon striking an unattended vehicle; person; AL Hwy. 157
- duty upon striking an unattended vehicle; person; AL Hwy. 157
- fourth-degree theft of property; Hobby Lobby; Town Square SW; general merchandise; $206

ARRESTS

April 2

Mullen, Christina A., 33
- fourth-degree theft of property
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hughes, John S., 63
- third-degree domestic violence

McWaters, Taylor Z., 26
- public intoxication

APRIL 3

Woody, Antonia M., 19
- third-degree theft of property

Lindsey, Stephen C., 34
- fourth-degree theft of lost property

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

REPORTED ON APRIL 5

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests or incidents reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

April 4
- fourth-degree theft of property; Cullman High School; 13th St. NE; stolen property; $330
- unauthorized breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, second-degree theft of property; Northwood Dr. NW; stolen property; $600
- duty upon striking an unattended vehicle; person; Beech Ave SW; damaged vehicle; $2,000
- third-degree criminal mischief; person; Olive St SW; damaged vehicle; $100

ARRESTS

April 4

Cockrell, Stephanie B., 39
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence

Cockrell, James M., 42
- fourth-degree theft of property

Davenport, Darrell G., 53
- FTA- illegal possession of prescription medicine
- FTA- DUI
- FTA- improper lane usage

Baird, Brandon L., 28
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- expired tag

Oliver, Michael A., 41
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- giving false ID

Fanning, Warren D., 32
- FTA- third-degree criminal mischief

Mays, Ruben K., 25
- FTA- public intoxication

Quick, Maria L., 36
- fourth-degree theft of property

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

No incidents reported.

ARRESTS

March 19-30

Arrington, Ryan, 37
- FTA- switched tag

Burnage, George R., 44
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Chumley, Eric R., 19
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence

Danecker, Jamison L., 39
- FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument (2 counts)

Epperson, Jeffery J., 53
- FTA- driving while revoked (3 counts)

Green, Christian B., 27
- public intoxication
- unlawful possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Griffin, Kristopher L., 33
- FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Jenkins, Jerry T., 23
- FTA- minor in possession of alcohol

Loggins, Darryl E., 57
- FTA- driving without a license

Parker, Christopher T., 19
- first-degree receiving stolen property

Parson, Billy A., 22
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Pruett-Vinzant, Jennifer R., 38
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Runyon, Jeremy A., 32
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Slatton, Amanda L., 28
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Spurlin, Randall G., 59
- fourth-degree theft of property
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Trussell, Anthony L., 33
- FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Wilson, Robert D., 54
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Yates, Donna J., 24
- FTA- speeding

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Graveside funeral services for Mrs. Mary Pearl Adams, 75, of Cullman, Alabama are Saturday April 6, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Coal City Cemetery in Jasper, Alabama. The family will have a viewing on Friday April, 5 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Adams is survived by her children Teresa Ingram of Athens, AL, Chuck Ingram of Cullman, AL, Angie Smith of Cullman, AL, Jacqueline McMurphy of Cullman, AL and Roger Currington of Cullman, AL; her siblings Barbara Adams of Navoo, AL, Rita Adams of Curry, AL, Bobby Adams of Carbon Hill, AL and Billy Adams of Jasper, AL. Mrs. Adams has twelve grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren. Mrs. Adams is preceded in death by her three sons; Danny Currington, Rueben Currington and Jerry Currington and brother Jimmy Adams.

Zachary Tyler Troy Baugh,16, of Guntersville, AL passed from this life on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 in an automobile accident. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Friday, April 5, 2019 at Clear Springs Baptist Church in Guntersville, AL. Danny Hood will officiate. Pallbearers will be Patrick Foote, Kaleb Baugh, Isaac Smith, Buddy Baugh, Kevin Baugh, Anthony Bowling, Keegan Havis. The family will visit with friends Thursday, April 4, 2019 from 6-8 p.m. at Albertville Funeral Home Downtown Chapel. He is survived by his parents, Christopher Wayne and Cassie Baugh of Guntersville, AL, brothers, Christopher Kaleb Wayne Baugh of Madison, AL, George Isaac Smith of Good Hope, AL, grandparents, Buford Lee and Betty Faye Spain of Addison, AL, Troy Wayne and Susan Marie Baugh of Red Oak, TX, Larry Wayne and Elizabeth Diane Sutton of Morgan City, AL.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Mildred Irene Vincent, 88, of Hanceville, Alabama are Friday, April 5 at 11 a.m. at the Hanceville Funeral Home chapel. Burial will follow at Garden City Cemetery. Reverends Dillon Calvert and Jerry Hackney officiating. The family will receive friends on Thursday, April 4 at 5:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Mrs. Vincent is survived by her daughter, Mildred Lorene Vincent; a brother, Curtis Casey, sisters Christine Graham and Mary Brown. Mrs. Vincent is preceded in death by her husband Cecil Earl Vincent, brothers William F. Casey, James Casey and sister Clara Black, father William F. Casey and mother Estelle (Edwards) Casey.

Funeral Service for Mary Louise Chestnut, age 85, of Holly Pond, will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Tim Collier officiating; interment in at Brooklyn Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Chestnut passed away on Monday, April 1, 2019 at the Folsom Center. She was born April 4, 1933, to George and Mary Estes. She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Mary Estes, and husband, Harold L. Chestnut. Survivors include her son, Ricky (Veleta) Chestnut, and granddaughter, Danielle Chestnut. Visitation will be from noon until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Isaac Jerome Lehmann, 1 year 11 months old, of Hanceville will be held on Monday, April 8, 2019 at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, with interment in Sacred Heart Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Sunday beginning at 5 p.m. and a rosary will be said at 7:30 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home. Little Isaac passed away on Wednesday, April 3, 2019. He is survived by his parents, Greg and Mary Lehmann; brother, Alan Lehmann; sisters, Kimberly and Vanessa Lehmann; grandparents, Burney Lehmann and George and Joy Jacobs; great grandmother, Ruby Bourgeouis; aunts and uncles, Keith Lehmann, Michael Lehmann, Uncle Brother Leo Lehmann, Rebecca Reuter, Josh Jacobs, Ann Jacobs, Joseph Jacobs, John Jacobs, Zach Jacobs and Gabe Jacobs.

Visitation for Jerry Howard Golden, age 74, of Cullman, will be at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home on Saturday, April 6, 2019, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Golden passed away on Friday, April 5, 2019, at his residence. He was born July 5, 1944, to H. R. and Myrtle Golden. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Kuni Golden; and brother, Joe Golden. Survivors include his daughter, Akimi Golden; son, Jimmie Golden; granddaughters, Kira Golden, Asia Golden, Shauna Golden, and Angel Golden; grandson, Jaye (Becky Sue) Marshall; four great-grandchildren; brothers, Jimmie (Sherry) Golden and Earnie Van (Nancy) Golden; and sisters, Nell (Jerry) Loegler and Marlin (Terry) Jeffers.

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pet. Despite a background of neglect, Duke is still an affectionate "people dog" described by Ruttkay as "my new best friend" who could have a great future as comfort, therapy or companion dog.

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PREP GOLF

Lady Aggies finish as runners-up at Fairview Spring Classic

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. – The seventh annual Spring Classic was held at Chesley Oaks Golf Course and the Lady Aggies finished tied for second after shooting a 252. Russellville posted a 252 as well and White Plains was the winning team with a score of 225.

Lauren Lawson finished as the low medalist for Fairview after shooting a 77 and also earned a spot on the All-Tournament Team.

Individual results for local golfers:
Fairview – 252
• Lauren Lawson – 77
• Brileigh Roberts – 79
• Maddie Yeager – 96

Good Hope – 264
• Taryn Collins – 81
• Julee Turner – 86
• Violet Owens – 97

West Point – 318
• Natalie Trammell – 103
• Ryleigh Jones – 107
• Sydney Pedalino – 108

Individuals
• Katie Salley, Cold Springs – 85
• Jacie blackwood, Fairview – 86
• Idalee Greer, Vinemont – 103
• Brylie Teichmiller, Vinemont – 116



KURT KNIGHT

Lauren Lawson finished as the low medalist for Fairview after shooting a 77 and also earned a spot on the All-Tournament Team.

PREP SOFTBALL

2019 Cullman County Softball Tournament gets underway next week

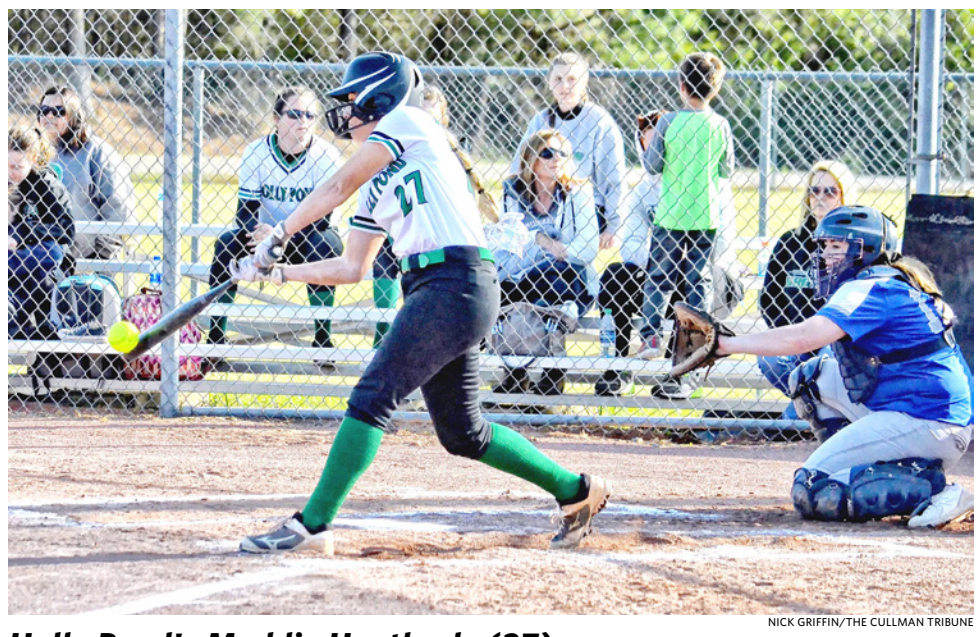
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HOLLY POND, Ala. – The 2019 Cullman County Softball Tournament will be here Monday and day one will be packed with interesting matchups. The double elimination tournament will be held at Holly Pond and get underway at 2 p.m. when Cold Springs takes on Good Hope and Hanceville faces Vinemont. The winners will play at 5 p.m. and the losers will face off in the loser's bracket game at 3:30.

Fairview will play Holly Pond at 3:30 and the winner of that game will advance to play West Point at 5:00. The Lady Warriors are looking for their sixth straight county title.

The Lady Raiders defeated Cold Springs 6-1 in their first matchup of the season in March and Monday's showdown between Hanceville and Vinemont will be their first of the year. Holly Pond has faced Fairview twice this season and the Lady Broncos are 2-0 in the series with the most important of the year coming up on Monday.

The tournament will continue with five more matchups on Tuesday and this year's county championship game will be held Wednesday at 5 p.m.


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Holly Pond's Maddie Heatherly (27)

Brown crowned Miss Enhancer, Hanceville Fair Queen Representative


HANCEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Hanceville High School recently crowned Josey Brown Miss Enhancer as well as Hanceville High School Fair Queen Representative. Brown is the daughter of Todd and Monica Brown.

Succeed (from Front)

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. – Two years ago, Fairview High School scored a 68 on the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE)'s report card. The school took the score personally and sought redemption. It succeeded. When the state report card came in last December, Fairview High School's score jumped from a 68 (D) to an 88 (B). School officials say this type of improvement was a community effort, and it wasn't easy. (For a scoring breakdown, see https://bit.ly/2FUzNxW)

Fairview High School Principal Dr. Chris Gambrill recalled, "We had a terrible report card and life changed for us. It was kind of crazy. I think it's the first time our kids took it seriously because it was the first time we took it seriously."

Gambrill knew things needed to change but said he wasn't sure where to start. After the report card, the school went through its Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence assessment.

Gambrill continued, "We had to change everything. (Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence Board Member) Mike) Hall said, 'The second I walk into your school, I have no idea what you're about, but the second I walk in, I should know that.' So now, the first thing you see when you walk in, we set the standard.

"We are all about standard-based instruction in everything that we do. If you go into any room, there are standards all over the boards. That's what we do standard-based instruction ACT."

The ACT is a standardized test used by colleges to measure high school achievement and readiness for college-level academics

The administration, faculty and students have created bulletin boards throughout the school to help with motivation.

Each classroom features a college/university and the ACT data for that school. Students can see what it takes to be accepted into Alabama, Auburn, UNA, UAH and others. Other displays keep track of progress using different-colored push pins to represent students anonymously.

Gambrill even has 80s music (his favorite) playing in the halls between classes, laughing, "I wanted to kill the prison look."

While a change in the aesthetics helped, it was a complete reboot of the school that elevated the test scores and morale. Different teams were formed, including the Data Team, which The Tribune sat down with recently. Whitney Haynes, Sarah Jean, Shannon Black, Treyla Kessler, Morgan Watts, Eric Vest and Stephanie Chambers were pouring over student information and pinpointing the different areas in which each student could use more help.

Haynes, who teaches family consumer sciences, began by saying, "We don't have 'D' students.

"I felt horrible that we allowed ourselves to have a 'D' because we are NOT a 'D' school. We don't have 'D' kids, we don't have 'D' faculty and we don't have 'D' administration. There's nothing about us that's a 'D.'"

The teachers attribute much of the improvement to better understanding how the report card score is reached.

Haynes explained, "It helped that Dr. Gambrill had gotten all the information, but we really didn't understand what we were graded on. He did a really great job of finding out that information."

The teachers quickly realized that the school was especially weak in attendance and academic growth. They created incentives to help decrease student absences.

Students could earn homework passes and bonuses or have pizza parties for being the best homeroom. The teachers thanked the community, its businesses and state representatives for help in providing incentives and prizes to the kids.

Academic growth is based on the increase in scores between the pre-ACT testing and the ACT. The school focused these scores through boot camps, practice ACTs, time management and strategy.

Black said, "We put the kids in teams to where the different teachers were over the different kids to evaluate their growth.

"I think the expectation was of everybody being on board, this is our goal, let's go, and everybody did."

Haynes added, "We were able to look at each student's score and we have them broken down into 'needs a lot of help' to 'these are really high achieving.' I thought, these high-achieving kids, they are probably topped out.

"They're probably not going to get a lot higher, but those kids showed some of our biggest growth. Our kids are capable of more than we ask sometimes."

The class of 2019 showed positive growth in all subjects. The greatest improvement was in the English portion where the school gained by 2 whole points.

Kessler, who teaches math, shared, "I know for a fact that in last year's math portion, everybody decreased, but we increased, and last year's math test was really difficult."

When the score of 88 came, the kids celebrated. They were proud of their achievement and recently the seniors challenged the junior class to keep it going.

The seniors went to the front lawn and formed a large "88." They also created a fun music video with a message to the class of 2020 to #ACTlikeachampion.

"Everything that we did was not mandated. It was what we as a community, as a faculty and the administration came together because we wanted the kids to be able to reflect what we knew that they were," Black said.

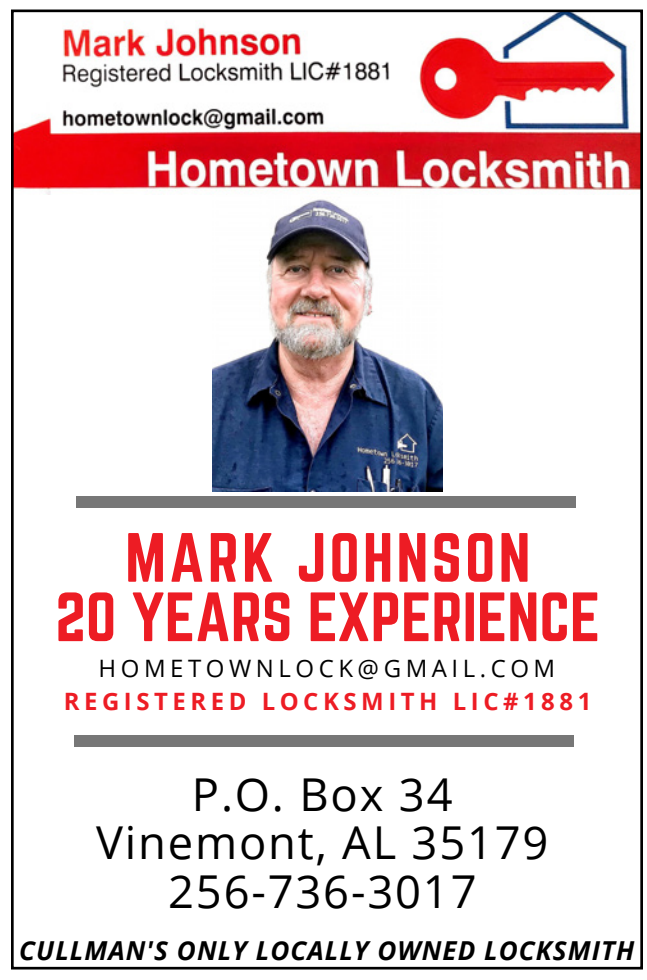
When Hall came back a year later he loved what he saw.

He was so impressed with the changes at Fairview that the school was featured in the Blue Ribbon Schools newsletter. Gambrill hopes to implement more programs next year, including Game Plan 2020, to help students learn real world skills such as building resumes, managing money and budgeting.

The school also wants to begin college and career readiness assessments in the ninth grade.

Kessler stressed, "We are not the only teachers in this county that are concerned with how our students do. Just because we scored really well, and I'm super proud of that, doesn't mean that those teachers and those other schools aren't working just as hard as we are.

"We are around those teachers and they are just as concerned. We just happened to have, last year, found the formula to do well and we hope to do that again. Every teacher I know is working just as hard as we are. We all want our students to succeed."





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"THE 67-COUNTY, ALABAMA GARDEN PARTY"

MARENGO COUNTY

Ben Johnson South
Tribune Correspondent

Ooh La, La, y'all! Welcome to Marengo County, originally established as a French wine and olive colony. The Bonapartists founders named this Alabama county to celebrate The Battle of Marengo, where Napoleon defeated the Austrians. The county seat is Linden named for another Napoleonic victory. (Note: Alabama has a place named Waterloo, but it is several counties away in much less French-rooted terrain.)

Marengo County did not prove to be a compatible place for Bordeaux or champagne vineyards, but Alabama gardeners have embraced many French jardin techniques over the past 200 years.

Here are ways Marengo County encourages us to add panache where PLANTS + PEOPLE, or "les plantes + les gens" come together:

• **PUT A MEASURING TAPE IN YOUR GARDEN SHED**- French plantings are exactingly designed and deliberate; nothing is left to chance. Even when something appears to be spontaneous, it is not. Imagine a perfectly spaced allee of native, Alabama pecan trees punctuating your driveway.

• **CONTROL NATURE ABSOLUTELY**- Remind the trees and everything in your landscape that you are in charge at least until the next Alabama tornado or drought; edge like an engineer, prune like a Parisian Edward Scissorhands.

• **CREATE A FOCAL POINT TO BE SEEN FROM YOUR CHATEAU**- Whether it's a window box or a grand fountain, plan for something outside to engage your eye when viewed from inside your home.

• **GEOMETRY AND SYMMETRY RULE THE DAY**- Here's where I get to "place drop" that when I was working with perfumers in Grasse and Paris, France, I was given a private tour of the grand palace and gardens at Versailles. Most of us, unlike Louis XIV, don't have an André Le Nôtre-caliber landscape architect, but we can still enjoy the pleasure of mirror-image, precisely square or precisely-some-shape planting beds.

• **ALLOW FOR SOME WONKY GARDEN ELEMENT TO EASE THE FRENCH FUSSINESS**- Picture an array of precise walks and designed spaces and then muster some Coco Chanel audacity to surprise with an asymmetrical corkscrew willow or some contemporary outdoor sculpture.

• **TOPIARY TRIUMPHS**- "We want candy," like the pop song says in the 2006 Cannes-awarded film, "Marie Antoinette," and in our French-influenced jardin we want lollipop-shaped yew and rosemary topiaries. (Shameless plug: a classical ballet based on my children's story, "The Reluctant Topiary," is being choreographed by Brooke Desnoes, who owned a ballet school in Paris for years; the premiere is spring 2020; consider yourself invited to that garden party!)

• **METAL AND PETAL**- Enjoy the exquisite contrast of soft plants against hard metal; the French do this with wrought iron garden furniture, zinc planters and even tin watering cans.

• **MIRROR SOMETHING OUTSIDE**- The famed "Hall of Mirrors" at Versailles is 34 feet high, 240 feet long and created for jaw-dropping awe; you may not want to be that outrageous, but some reflective surface like a fish pond or a birdbath will add a bit of romance and magic (la magie).

• **ESPALIER A PEAR (POIRE) OR APPLE (POMME) TREE**- Espalier is an exotic word for us Alabamians, but it's a smart, time-tested and relatively simple gardening technique perfectly attuned to smaller spaces. As the one I drew in the "quilt block" for Marengo County, fruit trees have been espaliered for centuries, affixed to sun-warm garden walls. Though not yet verified with Alabama Archives, I'm willing to bet a few francs that the French settlers in early Demopolis and Linden espaliered some of their Alabama fruit trees.

Here are other pleasurable and positive ways PLANTS +PEOPLE intersect in Marengo County:

• **MARENGO COUNTY FARMERS MARKET**- Demopolis Tractor Supply Company Farmers Market, 1404 U.S. Highway 80 West, Saturdays, May-September; Thomaston Farmers Market, intersection of Highway 25 and Highway 28, summer months; Bobby Jones (Dixon Mills) 8972 County Road 55

• **MARENGO COUNTY STILL HAS A VINEYARD IN VINELAND**- Autry Vineyards in the apt-named Vineland community offers organic muscadines for u-pick, buckets provided, Sept 1- Oct 15, 7 days a week.

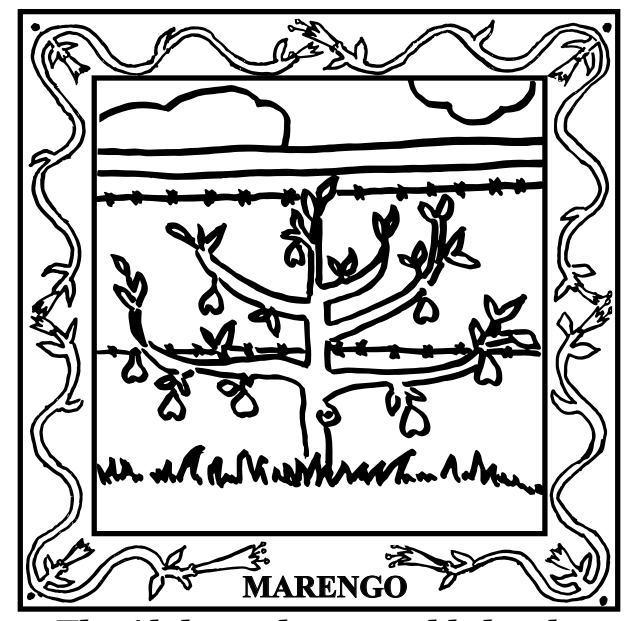
• **ALFALFA, ALABAMA**- Say that three times fast- is a Marengo County place with a plant name, as are: Half Acre, Magnolia and the aforementioned Vineland; plant tourists welcomed.

• **B'NAI JESHURUN SYNAGOGUE**- An 1858 wooden structure built of local pine and created in the Moorish Revival style with a domed top served as a temple in Marengo County, Alabama's fourth-largest Jewish settlement; most of Alabama's rural Jewish population migrated to the bigger cities in the late 19th century and early 20th century. This worship house was sold to the Episcopal church after Jewish artifacts were donated to the Museum of Southern Jewish Experience (Jackson, MS).

• **GAINESWOOD PLANTATION**- Completed in 1861 after 20 years of construction and considered one of the most beautiful neoclassical structures in America, Gaineswood is now in the city of Demopolis, but was once the main house of a sprawling and extremely lucrative cotton plantation built mostly on slave labor. The walled Gaineswood gardens, featuring an impressive columned pavilion, highlight French-flavored exactitude with geometric planting beds outlined by clipped parterres.

• **CHICKASAW STATE PARK**- This 520-acre ramblin, roadside park has belonged to the State of Alabama since 1819 and was developed as parkland by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s- perfect for picnicking, hiking and a popular perch on the Alabama Black Belt Birding Trail. Contiguous with this park is the Turnipseed-Ikenberry Place Physically Disabled Hunting Area, also operated by the state.

• **PLANT AN IDEA**- Alabama has loved magnolia trees since Marengo County was a wine colony. How about building a small garden party space in downtown Demopolis by constructing easy-but-sturdy trellising (the French say "treillage") for three sides and espaliering a magnolia tree on each to create three "living walls" for an inexpensive, public-inviting outdoor room? Versailles planters made of local timber could be planted with Marengo County French blue hydrangea.



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

Y'ALL COME to Marengo County on your 67-County, Alabama Garden Party tour! As the French settlers used to write home about the natural beauty here, "Marengo c'est magnifique!"

MARENGO COUNTY MICROWAVE PEAR PEPPER JELLY

This recipe was inspired by the Pepper Jelly Festival in Thomaston. It's an elegant use of locally grown peppers and the pears from your espaliered pear tree. Pear pepper jelly would make a delicious, gluten-free, vegan condiment for the Candlelight Evening at Gaineswood or picnicking at Christmas on the River.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 ½ cups cider vinegar
- 4 Marengo County jalapeno peppers
- 2 Marengo County red bell peppers
- 3 Marengo County pears
- ½ cup sugar
- 6 oz. pectin

DIRECTIONS

1. Finely chop bell and jalapeno peppers (include stems, seeds, ribs for more heat) and pears.
2. In a 3-quart microwave casserole dish, combine all other ingredients with the chopped pears and peppers, EXCEPT the pectin.
3. Cook uncovered on high for 8-12 minutes to a full boil; stir well to make sure sugar is dissolved.
4. Stir in pectin. Cook on high for 1-3 minutes to a full boil.
5. Stir well and spoon into sterilized gift-sized jars. Cover tightly with sterilized lids and rings. Store in refrigerator up to 4 months.

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.

Morgan County (from Front)

gardens.

Here are some suggestions shared by garden preservationists to consider for any garden:

1. GO SLOW- Live through all four seasons with your garden before you make major design decisions.
2. EDIT- Clear out all the unwanted volunteer plants, like privet, but use few chemicals which could kill desirable plants and bulbs.
3. PRUNE- Allow for fresh growth.
4. BUDGET- Understand your personal priorities and fund those.
5. STAY TRUE TO THEME- It's as important what you not add to the garden as what you do.
6. ENJOY EACH STAGE- A garden is about change; stop and smell the roses, and then mulch.

Here are other ways PLANTS + PEOPLE intersect positively and pleasurably in Morgan County, including a recipe for MORGAN COUNTY APPLE CIDER SYLLABUB:

• **MORGAN COUNTY FARMERS MARKETS**-Decatur Farmers Market , 211 First Ave. SE; Hartselle Farmers Market, Sparkman Street SE; Church of The Good Shepherd Farmers & Artisans Market (Decatur) August-October

• **MORGAN COUNTY FARMSTANDS**- Burl Slaten (Hartselle), Clark Produce (Decatur), Fred Motes (Hartselle), James Vest (Eva), Reeves Farm (Hartselle)

• **MORGAN COUNTY U-PICK**- Fagerman Farm (Somerville); Gin House Branch Farm (Decatur) blueberries, muscadines, local honey; James Vest (Eva) strawberries, okra, peppers, watermelons, other; Reeves Farm (Hartselle) pumpkins, strawberries, tomatoes

• **THE RAILYARD RESTAURANT**- Perfect for locavores, this popular watering hole is in walking distance of the Morgan County Farmers Market, and the chef has worn a path between these two hot spots; our waiter provided a list of top notch Alabama craft beers, including ones from the Cross-Eyed Owl Brewing Company in downtown Decatur (the brewery is another great coming together of PLANTS + PEOPLE in Morgan County and a fun place to visit).

• **SUNWISE FLOWERS** (Hartselle at Westview Plantation)- Local cut flowers grown by Forrest Burleson and Eryn Elledge; sold at the Morgan County Farmers Market.

• **MORGAN COUNTY HISTORIC CEMETERIES**- These are also landscaped, tree-shaded works of art. In one day, I toured the Lafayette Street Cemetery (downtown Decatur dating to 1818, the year of Alabama statehood); the cemetery at Fennel Turnout (original name of Trinity) where you should note the graves of Ann Fennel Davis and her mother, Mary Fennel, were designed to be planted as flower beds, and, you will want a Morgan County Historical Society guide with machete for this next "hidden garden," the Garth-Dancy Cemetery in the middle of the woods contiguous to Roselawn Cemetery.

• **WALDEN OAKS PARK**- A charming "pocket park" dedicated as a place of peace and inspiration, itself inspired by the writings of naturalist and early environmental visionary, Henry David Thoreau.

• **DELANO PARK CONSERVANCY**- This nonprofit group of garden enthusiasts has gloriously transformed a large public space, Delano Park, from so-so to splendiferous; the park is open FREE to the public every day of the year; 10,000 plants, 10 kid-friendly sculptures on 28 acres right in the heart of Decatur with a mile-long, heart-healthy walking path.

• **WHEELER WILDLIFE REFUGE**- Comprised of a great diversity of plant habitats such as bottomland hardwoods, pine uplands, wetland bogs and riparian woodlands, established in 1938 as a sanctuary for migrating birds, this national treasure also has five walking trails to enjoy the birding: Atkeson Cypress Trail, Dancy Bottoms Trail, Flint Creek Trail, Beaverdam Swamp Boardwalk, Wildlife Observation Building.

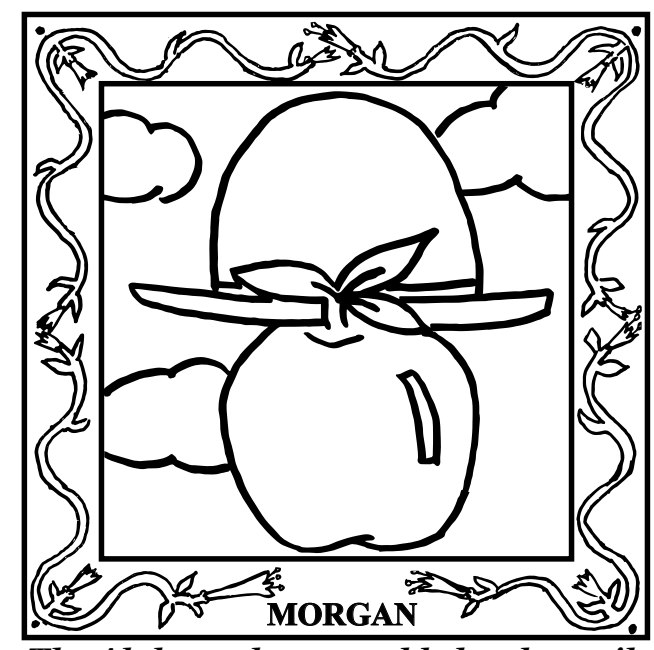
• **TENNESSEE VALLEY PECAN COMPANY**- "Welcome to the Nut House" its slogan teases; this has been the pride of area kitchens since 1942; 806 Bank St. NE, Decatur.

• **AMERICAN INDIAN INTERPRETIVE WALKING TRAILS**- 5.5 miles of marked paths at the vast Point Mallard complex to enjoy natural beauty and learn about the Native American tribes that populated this part of Alabama.

• **PLANTING AN IDEA**- Erect a historic marker recognizing the imagination and labor of Ann Fennel Davis and her workers at the site of "The Lost Garden of Forest Home."

Y'ALL COME to Morgan County on your 67-COUNTY, ALABAMA GARDEN PARTY tour! An impressive array of gardens, history and garden history awaits you.

My sincere thanks to Morgan County Archivist John Allison, and to Judge David Breland, David Burleson and Phil Wirey for sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm for the area history, especially the garden history, of this part of Alabama. And, thank you to Allyson Shabel of the Morgan County Office of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System for all the connections and ideas you provided.



The Alabama honeysuckle border quilt block was inspired by an 18th century, Southern applique quilt. (A note about the Morgan County Bicentennial "quilt block" art: this combines a fun bit of art history and plant history; inspired by famed Surrealist, Rene Magritte's 1964 self-portrait titled "Son Of Man," but coloring-ready art using a green, Morgan County apple topped with a bowler hat.)

MORGAN COUNTY APPLE CIDER SYLLABUB

This classic, Southern, 19th century sipper would have been graciously served by Ann Fennel Davis to guests at Forest Home, highlighting apple cider pressed from the Davises' Morgan County orchard.

INGREDIENTS

- 3 Morgan County Golden Delicious apples, peeled, cored and chopped
- 2 tbsp. water
- 1 tbsp. super fine, granulated sugar
- 2/3 cup apple cider
- Zest and juice of 1 lemon
- 3 1/2 tbsp. super fine, granulated sugar
- 10 ounces heavy double cream
- Garnish of fresh mint leaves and apple slices

DIRECTIONS

1. Put chopped apples, water and 1 tbsp. sugar in a saucepan and cook 8-10 minutes until soft. Allow to cool.
2. Put apple cider, lemon zest and juice, 3 1/2 tbsp. super fine, granulated sugar and cream in a bowl and whisk to blend.
3. Carefully fold in the apple puree and spoon into 6 glasses.
4. Refrigerate to chill for 1-2 hours; garnish and serve.

Serves 6

STATE

Cullman Farm-City Committee named best in state for 7th year in a row

Marlee Moore
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Farm-City Committee on Thursday was named the best in the state for the seventh straight year. The committee received the Overall Best Farm-City Committee Award during the Alabama Farm-City Awards Luncheon April 4 in Birmingham. The group also received Division I (counties with larger populations) awards for Best Farm-City Committee, Best Farm-City Dinner and Innovative Idea for the group's Power of Produce program.

County volunteers found new ways to communicate the importance of agriculture by partnering with the North Alabama Agriplex to host Power of Produce programs at the farmers market. Recipes were prepared with fresh produce, and children were given $2 gift certificates for produce if they tried the dish.

Altogether, about 200 volunteers invested more than 5,000 hours to reach 100,000 people in Cullman and surrounding areas with the Farm-City message, including the 2018 theme of "200 Years of Alabama Agriculture."

Coffee County was awarded Division 1 Best Farm-City Committee Runner-up. A special Press Day allowing media to visit with county honorees earned Coffee County the Best Media Coverage / Proclamation. For their work chronicling the year, Coffee County also received the Scrapbook Award.

A close second for the overall prize, Pike County received the Best Farm-City Committee for Division 2 (counties with smaller populations).

Farm tours, events and award programs impacted community members of all ages, from elementary schoolers to adults. Pike County also won the Target Award and had the Best Media Coverage / Proclamation.

Randolph County was named Division 2 Best Farm City-Committee Runner-up. Its new Farm Photo to Contest also earned the county the Innovative Idea Award.

After more than 35 years fulfilling the Farm-City mission, Houston County's Janice Shepard took home the Service Award.

Alabama Farm-City Committee Chairman Jeff Helms said Shepard understands the interdependence of farmers and townspeople, while her nomination stated, "Some people do great work, but attitude and a desire to help the agricultural community set her apart."

The Volunteer of the Year was Vicky Yarbrough of Lee County. Yarbrough's organizational skills, work ethic, creativity, servant's heart and passion for Farm-City caused her to rack up 275 hours of volunteer work during 2018 alone.

Nominators called Yarbrough the "reason why our Farm-City committee has prospered" and said, "Without her, we would be in a world of hurt."

Other committees notching wins in Division 1 were:

- DeKalb County — National Ag Day Promotion
- Mobile County — Target Award
- Lauderdale County — Best Farm-City Tour
- Lee County — Best Special Activities
- Marshall County — Best Civic Club Activities



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The Cullman County Farm-City Committee

In Division 2, other winners were:

- Crenshaw County — National Ag Day Promotion
- Lawrence County — Best Farm-City Tour
- Fayette County — Best Farm-City Dinner
- Geneva County — Best Civic Club Activities
- Chambers County — Best Special Activities, Scrapbook Award

The Cullman County Farm-City Committee has earned the title of best in the state. For the seventh year in a row, the committee received the Overall Best Farm-City Committee Award during the Alabama Farm-City Awards Luncheon April 4 in Birmingham. The group also received Division I recognition for Best Farm-City Committee, Best Farm-City Dinner and Innovative Idea for the group's Power of Produce program at the farmers market. Division I includes counties with a larger population.

FUNNY THINGS FROM YESTERDAY

The working mother

Robert N. Tidwell, Sr.
Tribune
Contributor



While on a visit to Montgomery, I was visiting in one of the offices in the state capitol.

There were two very nice ladies working in the office where I was waiting to see a person on the governor's staff. They were very cordial and chatted with me while I waited.

The telephone rang and one of the ladies answered and I could tell by her conversation that it was one of her children. Then l knew that she was a working mother.

She said, "You will have to do the dishes for he has other chores to do while he is at home."

The she said, "He did not do the dishes last, I did them myself."

It seems that the boy had conned his sister into doing part of his chores by telling her that he had done the dishes for her last night, which he had not done.

The mother then asked to speak to the boy and told him in no uncertain terms that he was to mow and trim the front lawn.

Then she said "What do you mean, is anyone coming to see us? No, I just want the place to look nice."

After the telephone conversation ended, the mother turned to me and said, "He wants to know if anyone is coming to visit before he does the lawn."

I told her that my wife was also a working mother. Hang in there working mother; they will all grow up and you will wonder where the years have gone.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

One lost wedding ring leads to two rings

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



I've lost more wedding rings than the Kent State Golden Flashes have lost football games. Well, not really. They've lost over 500, but I have lost several.

I wore my first one until the backside of it broke in two. Since then, I've lost count as to how many I've had. I lost one playing church-league softball. Running in from the outfield, I jerked off my glove and my ring flew off my finger. I knew it came off, but I didn't see where it landed. As I began to search for it, my teammates helped me look. The game was delayed and even the opposing team joined in the hunt. The earth must have swallowed that thing up, because we never found it. Now I'm not the only one to lose my wedding ring.

My dear sweet wife has lost hers too. In amazing, almost miraculous fashion, we found hers on two occasions. Once, when we were involved in a terrible accident, Jean was thrown from a truck. Her hand hit something and sprung the prongs that held in her diamond. Our dear friend, Fred Ledford, went to the scene of the accident to search for the diamond.

You've heard of "Looking for a needle in a haystack?" He looked for a diamond in a pile of glass... and found it! Several years later, she laid her rings on the side of our bathtub. She watched in disbelief as Sage, our long-departed Golden Retriever, picked up her rings with his mouth.

I guess he thought they were a treat because he swallowed them. We knew, as they say, that this too would pass. What do you do? Well, what do you think? Yes, I know that's gross, but I monitored his every "movement" for the next few days. I retrieved them from... well, you know. I'm surprised Jean didn't melt those rings with all that bleach. After all that, they finally disappeared one day to never been seen again. Sage never admitted, or denied, any knowledge of the situation! I bought Jean another nice ring, but we quit buying the expensive ones for me. About a year or so ago, I lost still yet another one. I had no idea what had happened to it. It disappeared like a $100 bill at the grocery store. One day I had it, and the next day I couldn't find it. I usually pull off my ring and put it on the bathroom sink each night. That evening when I looked to pull it off, it wasn't on my finger. I went bare-fingered for a while, until I eventually gave up on finding my ring.

I bought another one that I felt I would, no doubt, lose. Then one sunny spring day that called for work in the yard, Jean found my missing ring. No, it wasn't hiding out in the grass or hanging on an azaleas bush. When she slid her hand into an old pair of my work gloves, she felt something in one of the fingers. It seemed that another glove had removed another one of my rings, but this time I didn't realize it. It stayed in the finger of that glove all winter long. I have two rings now, one that I wear and one that's a spare, in case I lose one!

Sometimes we lose things that later return, so don't give up on whatever, or even whoever, you have lost. Jesus told three parables about a lost sheep, a lost coin, and a lost son, but they were all found and/or returned. (Luke 15) The one thing we should never lose is hope.

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Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1936

The beloved preacher, Reverend B.E.

Fulmer is pastor at Ebenezer this year.

School opened on Monday. Mr. Chaney and Misses Winn and Speegle are the teachers.

Miss Clyde Crider has accepted a position as secretary in the office of Clarence Keller, register of equity in the courthouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Gunn left on Monday for Tampa, Florida, where Mr. Gunn has been transferred.

Miss Mozelle Nunnelly is teaching at Walter this year.

She lives at Welcome.

Reverend Hunt, of Holly Pond, was Saturday guest of Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Nunnelly.

C.T. Bailey, County Agent, is urging farmers to plant long staple cotton, far a better price at the selling place.

Mr. W.A. Nail, of Bolte, has a new pair of mules.

There is going to be a box supper, at Bolte, on Friday night, for the benefit of the school.

Jerry Shafer and Glenna Eubanks were married on Saturday night.

A shower was given for Mrs. John Brown, at her home, on Saturday afternoon.

Miss Melba Bradford, of Baldwin, was the Sunday afternoon visitor of Miss Christine Styles.

There will be jobs available for 1,800 young men in the United States Army.

There will be many ways to advance.

Red Cross is now doing a membership drive.

The Dwight Fullers are building a new home.

The Hanceville Lutheran Church was organized in the fall of 1885.

Western Auto has opened a store in Cullman. The store is owned and operated by C.H. Grob, at First Avenue East.

Professor and Mrs. Joe Ray, of Hanceville, were in Cullman on Saturday.

Mrs. William Lessman is critically ill, at her home on the Bremen Pike.

Colonel Thomas Millican, Ezra Williamson and Roy Ingle spent Monday in Scottsboro.

Mrs. Conrad Howard and Miss Trischel Cordes spent Tuesday in Birmingham.

Be thankful for a dry place to stay this week.

From The Files Of 1950

Raymond Yost and his father, F.H. Yost, of Guntersville, are in Rochester, New York at Mayo's Clinic, where Raymond is undergoing surgery.

He will have to stay about two weeks.

Winston County will celebrate its 100th birthday next week at Double Springs with a football game, a greased pig contest, baby auction, exhibit of antiques, a parade a play, square dancing, sacred harp music, new book singing and speeches by Governor Folsom, Congressman Carl Elliott, Mrs. Marie Bankhead Owen, Cooper Green, etc.

Cullman County was formed mostly from Winston and Blount Counties.

A couple of thieves, both ex-convicts, stole Albert Lorenz's car about 8:00 p.m. on Monday, then proceeded to Shipman's Café and flashed a gun.

They took Mr. Shipman's wallet, containing $50.00. A road block in Huntsville, recovered the wallet and the vehicle and one suspect. The other thief was later arrested in Falkville.

Poet's Corner

And Then The Morning

By: Rita Moritz

Like a thousand artists
or Rembrandt's pallet a hundredfold,
a million little kids with finger paints,
Florida citrus growers squeezing nectar
for Minute Maid, the blush of every
maiden with her first chaste kiss.
Consider the dragons of Mardi Gras
breathing flames of crimson and
yellow and orange or picture the
neon lights of Vegas inviting you to play.
Imagine a beach like Normandy and
blood from wounds that have no end.
Think of colors you can hear,
the cacophony of a thousand orchestras,
the tie-dyed shirts of hippies and
all the candy in the world
in delicious colors you can taste.
It's the way young lovers walk hand in hand
along the beach toward a
promise in the future.
It's where mothers with a broken heart find hope.
It's when birds sing and
seals play and sailors take warning.
No wonder it's the time when joy comes
after tears have endured for the night,
and that's when the stone was rolled away.

Cullman County's Antone honored during Alabama Farm-City Awards

Student creations channel 200 years of Alabama agriculture

Marlee Moore
Contributor

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - Eighteen outstanding students were honored for channeling "200 Years of Alabama Agriculture" into posters, essays and videos during the Alabama Farm-City Awards Luncheon April 4 in Birmingham.

The theme connected kindergarten-12th graders with Alabama's storied farming heritage during the state's bicentennial year, said Alabama Farm-City Committee Chairman Jeff Helms.

"From settlers who cleared land by hand to modern farmers using high-tech equipment, agriculture is intricately woven into Alabama's past, present and future," Helms said. "The judges were impressed by the level of skill and creativity our winners displayed in their submissions. We applaud these students and are thankful they took time to explore agriculture's importance and its effects on their daily lives."

The Alabama Farmers Cooperative (AFC) sponsored prizes for students and their schools. AFC serves farmers, gardeners and homeowners with about 80 Quality Co-op stores in Alabama, Florida and Tennessee.

Essay contest, seventh-ninth grades:

- First place and $300 — Hallie Rose Cunningham, seventh grade, Vernon Intermediate in Lamar County
- Second place and $200 — Lily Suggs, eighth grade, Double Springs Middle School in Winston County

Essay contest, 10th-12th grades:

- First place and $300 — Abigail Taylor, sophomore, Headland High School in Henry County
- Second place and $200 — Jackson Curtis, senior, Glenwood School in Russell County

Multimedia contest:

- First place and $300 — Abraham Humphrey, senior, Brilliant High School in Marion County
- Second place and $200 — Rio Murphy, sophomore, Munford High School in Calhoun County

Poster contest, kindergarten-third grades:

- First place and $200 — Asa Thompson, third grade, Pike Liberal Arts School in Pike County
- Second place and $100 — Dalton Robert Carter, third grade, Caldwell Elementary School in Jackson County

Poster contest, fourth-sixth grades:

- First place and $200 — Kaitlin Tuck, sixth grade, Trinitas Classical Academy in Lauderdale Academy
- Second place and $100 — Will Thornton, fifth grade, Heard Magnet School in Houston County

Eight students received an honorable mention and $50 from AFC through the poster contest. The 2020 Alabama Farm-City Calendar will feature poster contest winners and honorees. They are:

- Mary Beth Pittman of New Brockton Elementary in Coffee County
- Samantha Tetreault of Williams Intermediate School in St. Clair County
- Lyric Antone of West Point Elementary in Cullman County
- Haley Johnigan of Guin Elementary in Marion County
- Ali Smith of Ariton Elementary School in Dale County
- Sparrow Shehan of Jackson Academy in Clarke County
- Karter Beach of Southside Elementary School in Etowah County
- Shelbi Bowen of Marengo Academy in Marengo County

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