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2019 Harvest-to-Home Dinner April 25



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Tickets to the fifth annual Harvest-to-Home Local Foods Dinner and Silent Auction are on sale now.

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CRIME

Trafficking bust nets more than 30 guns, $30K, 15 lbs. of pot



HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The bust was conducted by the Hanceville Police Department and Morgan County Drug Task Force.

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – A Logan man is behind bars, charged with trafficking in illegal drugs and first-degree possession of marijuana, following a bust conducted by the Hanceville Police Department and Morgan County Drug Task Force.



HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Calvin Edmond

HPD Assistant Chief Adam Hadder said the case, which has been in the works for at least two months, is ongoing, with more charges possibly coming. Right now, though, Calvin Edmond, 23, is incarcerated in the Cullman County Detention Center and will be facing charges in Morgan County when he is released, said Hadder.

"There's a lot of marijuana in Hanceville," said Hadder. "Maybe it's because it's a college town. We've arrested several for possession, and we started looking at where it was coming from."

Hadder said the investigation led to several houses, some in Cullman County and some in Morgan County.

Search warrants were executed at multiple residences in both counties on Tuesday. Altogether, the agencies netted more than 30 guns, more than $30,000 in cash and approximately 15 pounds of marijuana. Hadder said the main residence in Cullman County is located at 850 County Road 939 in Logan.

"The investigation is ongoing," said Hadder. "There will be warrants on other people. When he (Edmond) gets out of jail here, he will go to Morgan County. There may even be federal charges. ALEA (the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency) got this guy last year with $36,000 and guns. That case is pending in Cullman County."

Hadder said he knows people will say, "It's just pot," but emphasized, "There is a lot of violence in this kind of weight, because of the amount of money involved. A lot of money and a lot of guns."

Nitty Gritty Dirt Band to headline 2019 Strawberry Festival in Cullman

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman Parks, Recreation, and Sports Tourism (CP&R) and Executive Director Nathan Anderson have named the headline act for this year's Strawberry Festival on April 27: Nitty Gritty Dirt Band.

"Headlining the 2019 Cullman Strawberry Festival for the festival's 80th anniversary will be Nitty Gritty Dirt Band. With a refreshed lineup and newfound energy, Nitty Gritty Dirt Band remains one of the most accomplished bands in American roots music. Following an extended 50th anniversary tour, the ensemble grew to a six-piece in 2018 for the first time since their early jug band days," said a media release from CP&R.

"The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band played its first gig in southern California in 1966 and had become a cornerstone of the burgeoning country-rock community by 1969.

Its career breakthrough came in 1970 with the release of the record 'Uncle Charlie & His Dog Teddy' and the single 'Mr. Bojangles,' a folky Top 10 pop hit that remains a staple of the (band's) live show. The band secured sixteen Top 10 country hits between 1983 and 1990, including three number 1 singles: 'Long Hard Road (The Sharecropper's Dream),' 'Modern Day Romance,' and 'Fishin' in the Dark.'"

Nitty Gritty Dirt Band will perform at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 27 at the Cullman Strawberry Festival, headlining a day full of live music, kids' activities, food trucks, games, a farmers market, plenty of strawberries and more than 100 vendors in an arts & crafts show.

Anderson told The Tribune, "Since it's the 80th anniversary of the state's oldest Strawberry Festival, we wanted to be sure to feature a great band to wrap up a big celebration. We hope that this band will bring back memories for many and be a part of creating new memories for all of us."



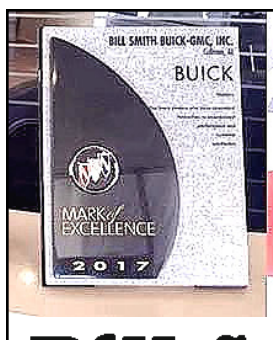
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Nitty Gritty Dirt Band

The Strawberry Festival will hold its Senior Shindig on Friday, April 26, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Festhalle. Lunch will be provided by Wal-Mart Transportation for the first 300 seniors 50 and older, and The Fairlanes will perform. The event will include a buck dance contest, talent show (please register with the Cullman County Commission on Aging prior to the event) and bingo contest.

The Strawberry Festival will take place in Depot Park and the Festhalle Saturday, April 27 beginning at 8 a.m. For more information, visit https://www.facebook.com/CullmanStrawberryfest.

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BUSINESS

Diablo's Southwest Grill opens in Cullman

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Diablo's Southwest Grill is now open in Cullman. Diablo's is the third restaurant to open in a new complex located at 1302 Second Ave. SW (U.S. Hwy. 31) in the last three months.

Triggered by the opening of the complex's third tenant, the already installed traffic signal in front of the property was turned on Thursday morning. It is scheduled to blink yellow for 72 hours before becoming fully operational, according to Susan Eller with the Cullman Economic Development Agency.

The complex is one of two sites being developed by Athens-based Ming Enterprises.

Ming Enterprises purchased the two properties, the site of the old Cullman Chrysler Dodge dealership and the property across the street, which was home to Sticks N Stuff and Trader Bob's Flea Mall, in January 2018.



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Pictured are the restaurant's first customers: Tina Welch, Brandon Wall and Courtney Frazier.

Diablo's joins Firehouse Subs and Marco's Pizza in the complex. Founded in Augusta, Georgia, Diablo's serves burritos, tacos, quesadillas, nachos and salads.

Learn more at www.facebook.com/Diablos-Southwest-Grill-of-Cullman-2161886910501183/ or www.diablossouthwestgrill.com.

LEGALS

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY **CASE NO: AD-2019-011**

IN RE: THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF B.N.M.
D.O.B. 07-23-2014
A MINOR CHILD.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: **BROOKE COURTNEY RATLIFF AND ELTON NICK MORGAN, ANY KNOWN, UNKNOWN, OR DISCLOSED PERSONS WHO MIGHT BE THE BIOLOGICAL MOTHER AND FATHER**

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY BARRY EDGE AND DEBORAH EDGE, PETITIONERS. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE LAST PUBLICATION. THE RESPONSE MUST BE FILED WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONERS, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS ARE SHOWN BELOW, AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, 500 2ND AVENUE SW, ROOM 101, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35055.

DONE THIS 10th DAY OF April, 2019.

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

Nancy F. McClellan
Bland, Harris & McClellan, PC
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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO.: PC2019-119

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JETTIE A. WHITE, DECEASED

TO THE HON. TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Michael White, as Administrator of the Estate of Jettie A. White, Deceased, on the 10th day of April, 2019, by the Honorable Tammy Brown.

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 will be barred.

Michael White
MICHAEL WHITE
Administrator of the
Estate of
Jettie A. White, Deceased

TO: The Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

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
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LISA McSWAIN
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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
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,) **CASE NO.: PC-2018-398**
Deceased.

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

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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
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
RUDIE KEITH COOPER,) **CASE NO.: PC-2018-389**
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to ANGELA MADRIGAL, as Personal Representative of the Estate of RUDIE KEITH COOPER, deceased, on the 12th 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 12th day of April, 2019.

Angela Madrigal
Personal Representative

June Brooks
Attorney for Estate
P.O. Box 73
Cullman, Alabama 35056

TO THE PUBLISHER OF: THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
ALLEN D. MOORE,) **CASE NO.: PC-2019-075**
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Patricia B. Barker, Personal Representative of the Estate of Allen D. Moore, deceased, on the 10th 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 10th day of April, 2019.

/S/ Patricia B. Barker
Personal Representative

Pamela E. Nail
Attorney for Petitioner
200 Second Avenue, Southwest
Cullman, Alabama 35055

TO THE PUBLISHER OF: THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

April 20 - 22

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

The Bunny Patch at 4D Farm- 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
• 7182 County Road 703, Cullman
• Spring on the farm- $10.95 plus tax or ages 2 and older.
• Admission includes: cow train, barnstormer tubing, low ropes course, 200-ft. ziplines, 80-ft. slides, jumping pillow, farm animals, hayrides, visit with the Easter Bunny, ongoing egg hunts and scavenger hunt. www.4DFamilyFarm.com

Cullman County Schools Presents a Countywide Production of "Sleeping Beauty
The production will feature students from across Cullman County Schools. The final performances will be at Fairview High School Saturday, April 20 at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tickets are $6.

Sportsman Lake Park Easter Egg Hunt- 9 a.m.
• 1544 Sportsman Lake Road NW, Cullman
• Free Easter egg hunt for all ages. Come get your picture made with the Easter Bunny!

Age groups:
•Ages 1-4 will be on the splashpad
•Ages 5-8 will be on the playground
•Ages 9-12 will be on the putt-putt golf course
• www.facebook.com/events/158671901704990

Daystar Egg Drop 2019 (Daystar in Hartselle)- 9 a.m.-noon
• Daystar Church – Hartselle Campus- 1010 Nance Ford Road SW, Hartselle, AL 35640
• A REAL Helicopter will drop 20,000 plastic eggs filled with candy and toys to the ground. It will be amazing! There will be a separate area for younger children. Bring your own basket!
• Children & Adults are encouraged to be a part. There will be bounce houses, giveaways, prizes and plastic eggs raining from the sky.

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT THIS YEAR'S EVENT:
For safety and security reasons, wristbands will be required for participation in the egg drop. Adults and children without a wristband WILL NOT BE PERMITTED in the area where the Helicopter Egg Drop will take place. Wristbands will only be distributed at the registration tables." www.eventbrite.com/e/daystar-egg-drop-2019-tickets-56648034797?aff=ebdssbdestsearch

Peter Cottontail Party- 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
• Perfectly Planned Parties & Events- 1310 Second Ave. NW, Cullman
• $10 per family. The Easter Bunny will be there all day for photos. There will be a photo station so moms and dads can take as many pictures as they want. Each child will get to paint a ceramic egg or small canvas and they will get a small Easter prize to take home. Light refreshments will be served. This is a come and stay as long as you want event. www.facebook.com/events/2310405255891775

April Walking Tour- Cullman Cakewalk!
• Saturday, April 20 10-11 a.m. Starts at Cullman County Museum.
•*Edgar Veigl--Sacred Heart Church, Architectural Preservation
•*Cullman Tribune--"The 10 Poems Everyone in Alabama Should Read"
•*Esther Opera House & Ice Skating Rink
•*All-Steak Restaurant--Major theatre announcement
•*Brooke Desnoes--Cullman's new, classical ballet academy
•*Charles Kleibacker--Alabama's Ralph Lauren
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• Cakewalk Leader: Ben Johnson South
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Cullman County Democrats Monthly Meeting- Medicaid Forum
The Cullman County Democrats will have a Medicaid forum on Saturday, April 20 at 10 a.m. at Camp Meadowbrook, 10 am. Breakfast provided. Anyone is invited, regardless of political party. Camp Meadowbrook, 2344 County Road 747, Cullman, AL 35058

Holly Pond EggFest with Grace Community Church- 10 a.m.
• Holly Pond Park- Lions Park Road, Holly Pond
• Bring your family/friends and come enjoy a communitywide egg hunt with loads of activities and fun for all ages! We will have grilled hot dogs, face painting, inflatables, games, door prizes and an egg hunt grouped into age groups. Don't miss out on the fun! www.facebook.com/events/282757568059385 8

Church 212 Easter Egg Hunt- 10 a.m.-noon
• Good Hope High School
• Come join us Saturday, April 20 at Good Hope High School! We have two fields of eggs. The first field is for ages 1-5, and the second field is for ages 6-12. Space is limited! Only the first 150 kids to register will be permitted to hunt for eggs, so come early to register! The hunt begins at 11 a.m., but registration begins at 10 a.m. We will also have inflatables, music, food, and pictures with the Easter Bunny. www.facebook.com/events/411149692784652/

Citywide Easter Egg Hunt at Heritage Park with WKUL and Seventh Street Baptist Church- 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
• Heritage Park soccer fields- 1705 Lee Ave. SW, Cullman
• Ages 1-12. The Easter Bunny will be there, so bring your camera and have a picture. www.facebook.com/events/288831412038781

East Egg Hunt- 11 a.m.
• West Point High School
• This will be an exciting time with 1,000s and 1,000s of eggs stuffed with candy and surprises! Come join the fun with Renovation Church at our towns fabulous West Point Warriors Stadium!

The Golden Ticket Hunt- 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
• Fairview: The Grace Place- 4154 Huckaby Bridge Road, Falkville, AL 35622
• Join us at Fairview: The Grace Place for our annual Easter party! We'll have free lunch for everyone and age-categorized egg hunts. In each group there will be one golden ticket winner. We're excited to also have a petting zoo, bouncy houses, snow cones, yard games galore and special appearances by some Disney princesses and the Easter Bunny. www.facebook.com/events/438428243577424

Fairview Class of 1963 Reunion
Saturday, April 20 at 1 p.m. at The Brandin Iron in Fairview

Community Easter Egg Hunt- 2 p.m.
• Hopewell Baptist Church- 600 Hopewell Dr. NE, Hanceville, Alabama 35077
• Join us Holy Saturday, April 20, at 2 p.m. for an afternoon of family fun! In addition to our Easter egg hunt, there will be games, a bouncy house, and the Easter Bunny will also make an appearance, including photos – all FREE and open to everyone!

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Easter Egg Hunt- 11:30 a.m.
• Trimble Worship Center, 6744 County Road 222, Cullman, Alabama 35057
• Hunt will start after church services.

MONDAY, APRIL 22

Good Hope City Council Meeting
• 6:30 p.m. at Good Hope City Hall

Cullman City Council Meeting
• 7 p.m. at Cullman 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.

2nd Annual Auto, Motorcycle & Antique Tractor Show- Saturday, May 4
• Holly Pond High School from 4-8 p.m. Sponsored by the Holly Pond Band.
• Registration starts at 2:30 p.m. $20 for first entry; $15 for each additional entry.
• For more info or to register online, visit www.facebook.com/HP-BroncoBand.

Vinemont High School Class of 1994 25 Year Reunion- Saturday, May 4
The Vinemont High School Class of 1994 will hold its 25-year reunion on Saturday, May 4 at The Brandin' Iron in West Point at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call Julie Barck at 256-339-1924.

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

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!

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POLITICS

Randall Shedd appointed to Joint Legislative Transportation Committee

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview has been appointed by Alabama Speaker of the House Mac McCutcheon to the Joint Legislative Transportation Committee.

Shedd issued the following statement Thursday:
'I want to thank Alabama Speaker of the House Mac McCutcheon for appointing me this week to serve on the Permanent Joint Transportation Committee for the next four years.

"This legislative committee consists of legislators in the Alabama House and Senate that will have broad new oversight powers regarding the Alabama Department of Transportation as a result of legislation passed in Governor Kay Ivey's infrastructure legislation.

"This committee will meet quarterly to review and can concur or amend ALDOT's transportation plan.

"We will focus on the state as a whole in transportation planning with safety, economic development and congestion relief as priorities.

"I am a firm believer that turn lanes add safety and prevent accidents and injuries, therefore I will be pushing for more turn lanes at intersections statewide and certainly in my district.

"Safer highways must be top priority in our state.

"We also must focus on transportation projects that enhance economic growth in our state and certainly I will keep an eye out for improving rural Alabama.

"Addressing traffic congestion and improved traffic flow has to be a high priority of the overall plan.

"Congestion can be dangerous, costly and frustrating.

"On the local level, I hope this position will help me complete Governor Guy Hunt's efforts to four-lane Highway 278 East from Cullman to Gadsden including new St. Bernard bridges; at least let's finish it to Snead in Blount County.

"Working closely with Senator Garlan Gudger in his new position on the State ATRIP Committee and with Governor Kay Ivey and her team, I think we can help our commissioners with more funding for county roads.

"I know there was a lot of pushback about the infrastructure legislation we passed, but this oversight committee is a huge new way for us to make sure, as the new law states that the new gas tax revenue is actually spent for roads, highways and bridges and not on bureaucracy, buildings, vehicles, etc. and I intend to make sure of that and make sure we get our fair share in our area!"

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House of Representatives
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CULLMAN TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

Rep. Randall Shedd speaks to an early-morning crowd at the Baileyton Senior Center on Saturday, July 15, 2017.

STATE

Alabama maintains record low unemployment rate of 3.7%; Cullman County at 3.4%

Tara Hutchison
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – The number of people counted as employed in Alabama is at a record high, announced Alabama Department of Labor Secretary Fitzgerald Washington.

"Once again, we've shattered employment records in Alabama," said Washington. "More people are working now than ever before in Alabama's history. Employers are continuing to post jobs, companies are moving operations, and our existing businesses are expanding, all of which is great news for Alabamians."

in March 2019, 2,132,578 people were counted as employed, up from 2,127,676 in February, and up 28,953 from March 2018's count of 2,103,625. March's rate represents 82,368 unemployed persons, compared to 82,247 in February and 88,723 in March 2018.

Alabama's preliminary, seasonally adjusted March unemployment rate is 3.7%, unchanged from February and remaining at a record low, and well below March 2018's rate of 4.0%.

Cullman County's March 2019 unemployment rate is 3.4%, up slightly from February 2019's rate of 3.3%. March 2018's rate was also 3.3%

"We're seeing great growth in some of our high wage sectors as well," continued Washington. "Building construction employment has increased by nearly 11 percent over the year, and aerospace parts and manufacturing is right behind it with more than 10 percent growth."

Building construction employment increased to 21,200 in March, representing a yearly growth of 10.99%, while aerospace products and parts manufacturing employment increased to 13,100, representing a yearly growth of 10.08%.

Wage and salary employment increased over the year by 33,200. Sectors showing the most over-the-year growth were: leisure and hospitality (+5,900), professional and business services (+5,600), and manufacturing (+4,700), among others.

Monthly gains were seen in the leisure and hospitality sector (+3,400), the construction sector (+2,500), and the professional and business services sector (+2,000), among others.

Additionally, construction sector weekly earnings showed tremendous growth over-the-month, rising to a record high of $1010.21, representing a $61.39 increase from February, and marking the first time in history this sector's average earnings exceeded $1000.

Counties with the lowest unemployment rates are: Shelby County at 2.8%, Marshall County at 3.2% and Morgan, Madison, and Elmore Counties at 3.3%. Counties with the highest unemployment rates are: Wilcox County at 8.4%, Lowndes County at 6.7% and Clarke County at 6.5%.

Major cities with the lowest unemployment rates are: Homewood and Northport at 2.6%, Hoover and Vestavia Hills at 2.7% and Alabaster at 2.8%. Major cities with the highest unemployment rates are: Selma at 7.5%, Prichard at 6.1% and Anniston at 5.3%.

Arrests and incidents reported on April 18-19

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported on April 18-19, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

REPORTED ON APRIL 18

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

April 15

- domestic violence; Cemetery Rd.
- menacing; CR 963
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69 N
- domestic violence; CR 1371
- domestic violence; CR 62
- chemical endangerment of child; CR 222
- harassment; CR 1663
- harassment; Hwy. 157

April 16

- theft of property; CR 641
- domestic violence; CR 1718
- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; CR 1082
- domestic violence; Hwy 157
- theft of property; CR 329
- trespassing; CR 1101
- harassment; CR 1221
- criminal mischief; CR 715
- domestic violence; CR 316
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 715
- domestic violence, criminal mischief, possession of drug paraphernalia, unlawful possession of marijuana; Hwy. 278 E

April 17

- harassment; CR 1144
- domestic violence; CR 722
- theft of property; Hwy. 91
- domestic violence; CR 1082
- harassment; CR 1823
- burglary; CR 1107
- burglary; CR 351
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 222
- domestic violence; CR 1742

ARRESTS

April 15

Blanton, Freda Joanne, 43
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)

Corbin, Sarah Kristine, 23
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Harris, Steven Paul, 40
- FTA- unlawful distribution of a controlled substance (3 counts)

Jimenez, Jesus Armando, 22
- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

McAlpin, John Burt, 51
- FTA- DUI

McKleroy, Jeffery Wayne, 52
- attempting to elude
- DUI- controlled substance
- reckless driving

Schafer, Cristina Lynn, 41
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Smith, Monica Garner, 43
- false reporting to law enforcement
- fourth-degree receiving stolen property

Strong, Larry Wayne, 71
- possession of drug paraphernalia

April 16

Champion, Jennifer Lynn, 35
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Daugette, James Louis, 23
- public intoxication

Durham, David Joshua, 42
- FTA- second-degree criminal mischief
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Farr, Justin Wayne, 28
- third-degree assault
- probation violation – third-degree receiving stolen property

Gordon, Erica Sharee Overton, 29
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- illegal possession of prescription medicine
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Green, Vallie Dennis, 32
- illegal possession/use of a debit/credit card (4 counts)
- third-degree theft of property (2 counts)

Haney, Angela Leann, 39
- contributing to truancy

Hann, Timothy Michael, 30
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- fourth-degree receiving stolen property

Johnson, Earl Roger, 61
- FTA- proof of liability insurance required

Pate, Hollie June, 40
- disorderly conduct
- public intoxication

Pendergraft, James Earl, 24
- FTA- defrauding secured creditors
- FTA- reckless endangerment
- FTA- switched tag

Sellers, Brent Miles, 47
- GJ- fourth-degree possession of a forged instrument

Skinner, Matthew Seth, 23
- FTA- third-degree burglary
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence – harassment

Strong, Noah Levi, 21
- DUI- .08 BAC or greater

Thursby, Jessica Leigh, 29
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Tompkins, Daniel Ray, 20
- third-degree domestic violence – third-degree criminal mischief
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Wilson, Jason Alan, 36
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

April 17

Cox, Caitlin Brianna, 23
- harassment

Freeman, Logan Lee, 29
- motion to revoke bond – possession of drug paraphernalia
- motion to revoke bond – third-degree theft of property
- motion to revoke bond – unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Lawrence, Raymond David, 30
- probation violation – third-degree theft of property

Lovell, William Jason, 37
- FTA- second-degree theft of property

Price, Jacky Ray, 48
- FTA- obstruction – using false ID
- FTA- public intoxication

Stephens, Matthew Dell, 35
- third-degree domestic violence – third-degree assault

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

April 16
- duty upon striking an unattended vehicle; person; Olive St. SW; damage to '18 Chev. Camaro; $1,000
- fourth-degree theft of property; Shell 157; Hwy. 157; alcohol; $2

April 17
- fourth-degree theft of property; person; 6th Ave. SE; tag; $50
- fourth-degree theft of property; Hobby Lobby; Town Square Shopping Center; general merchandise; $136
- third-degree criminal trespassing; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW

ARRESTS

April 17

Clowers, Brianne H., 27
- FTA- switched tag

Mentzer, Misti M., 41
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Gardiner, Autumn M., 22
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Boyd, Lena B., 48
- first-degree theft of property
- computer tampering (2 counts)

Jones, Katherine N., 27
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Starnes, Cynthia T., 19
- contempt of court

Turney, Aaron K., 28
- contempt of court

Hays, Daniel J., 42
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hitt, Bryan A., 23
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance (2 counts)
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Martin, Dannal J., 35
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

Barnett, Richard S., 19
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Baughn, Cayden L., 18
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- tampering with physical evidence

Lenz, William D., 47
- third-degree criminal trespassing

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

REPORTED ON APRIL 19

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

April 18
- third-degree forgery, third-degree possession of a forged instrument; Management That Cares, LLC; forged checks; unknown amount of property value
- third-degree theft of property; person; Northwest Ln. NW; motor; $1,200
- counterfeit $5; State of Alabama; Cherokee Ave. SW
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; stereo; $149

ARRESTS

April 18

Hitt, Byran A., 23
- unlawful distribution of a controlled substance (2 counts)

Sturgeon, Anthony M., 23
- first-degree receiving stolen property
- fourth-degree theft of property

Woods, Russell D., 43
- first-degree receiving stolen property

Phelps, Crystal M., 33
- first-degree receiving stolen property

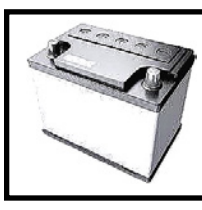
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Grady Smith, right, receives the 2019 AREA Eminent Service Award from Fred Braswell, president and CEO of the Alabama Rural Electric Association.

Grady Smith honored with 2019 AREA Eminent Service Award

Lenore Vickrey
Tribune Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. - The Alabama Rural Electric Association (AREA) gave its 2019 Eminent Service Award to Grady Smith, longtime president and CEO of the Cullman Electric Cooperative. The award, established by AREA in the 1960s to honor outstanding contributions to the rural electric program, is given to individuals of the highest caliber and with qualifications of great achievement contributing to the rural electrification program.

Smith, a graduate of Cullman High School, attended St. Bernard College with dreams of being a teacher and coach.

His career path took a different direction on May 15, 1972, when he took a job at Cullman Electric Cooperative.

He spent 13 years working his way through the ranks as a groundman, apprentice lineman, lineman, serviceman, staking technician, associate engineer and eventually superintendent of operations.

He left Cullman in 1985 for 12 years, working in positions at two other cooperatives, and returned to Cullman in 1997 to the one job he'd always wanted, president and CEO where he served for more than 21 years.

He retired on May 15, 2018, exactly 46 years to the day after his co-op career began.

PREP BASKETBALL

10 local athletes invited to inaugural AHSAA Elite 100 Showcase

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Alabama High School Athletic Association's first ever Elite 100 Basketball Showcase will be here in June and there will be 10 local players participating in the inaugural event. The AHSAA Central Board of Control approved a boys and girls summer showcase at a January board meeting and set the date for June 22nd. The boys will play at Hoover High School and the girls will play at Spain Park High School.

Good Hope's Cole Maddox was selected as one of the top 100 players for the boy's team after a stellar junior season and nine local players earned a spot on the girl's roster.

The reigning state champions, the Cold Springs Lady Eagles are sending Toni West and the 2A Girls Player of the Year Elizabeth Hill after their seasons helped lift Cold Springs to a state title. Cullman's AK Eastman and Hannah Hoffman made the top 100 after standout seasons, three Lady Warriors, Mackenzie Carter, Lexi Shadix and Miriam Oldacre were selected after helping lead West Point to a county crown in 2019 and a pair of Lady Bulldogs from Hanceville made the cut as well. Despite her season being cut short to due to an injury, Cassidy Campbell earned a spot in the showcase along with her teammate Kelly Pickett who finished her junior season with third team All-State honors.

After the showcases were approved earlier in the year, AHSAA Executive Director Steve Savarese said, "We are always excited to provide opportunities for our student-athletes to showcase their talents."

Director of the Alabama High School Athletic Directors and Coaches Association Jamie Lee is excited for the opportunities the event will be able to provide players and coaches alike.

"The showcase is a result of a combined effort of the NCAA, NFHS and member state high school associations," Lee said.

"Due to the new NCAA (basketball) recruiting changes, the AHSAA will do our part to provide a quality event for the high school players in our state. Last November, a group of coaches from around the state met at the AHSAA office to discuss the new rules and what we could do to take advantage of the new changes.

"In that meeting, it was decided we would host a showcase for the top 100 players in our state. The one-day event will be open to college coaches, at all levels."

The accolades keep coming after a basketball season full of standout performers and elite teams in Cullman County and these showcases will be a great chance for these players to get some attention and roll into next season with even more confidence.

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A HOPPING GOOD TIME

Students from West and East Elementary Schools enjoy joint Spring Fling

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West Elementary School Principal Dr. Jay Page, left, and East Elementary School Principal David Wiggins, right, pose with their carrots for the camera Thursday at the Spring Fling.

CULLMAN, Ala. – Two over-sized bunnies competed in a "bunny hop" race Thursday morning at West Elementary School (WES). East Elementary School (EES) Principal David Wiggins and WES Principal Dr. Jay Page raced for carrots as second and third graders from both schools celebrated their first Spring Fling. The principals said they hope the event will be the first of many joint activities between the two elementary schools.

The bunny hop showdown between the schools' leaders kicked off a day of fun for the kids from East and West.

Page and Wiggins had to hop down the field and retrieve carrots and hop back with the carrots in their mouths.

At the end of the two-minute race, both principals had fetched six carrots, resulting in a tied race. Based on the cheers, the kids loved seeing their principals' sillier sides.

Asked how he was feeling after the intense bunny hop battle, Wiggins laughed, as he fought to catch his breath, "Well, I didn't die. It was fun! Dr. Page and I are huge on unifying the schools in the system. East and West are really one school.

"These kids were friends at (Cullman City) Primary and we want to bring them up together as much as we can."

Page and Wiggins joked after the race about each other's performances.

Smiled Wiggins, "There was no training for this. I think we did great the first carrot."

Page felt the first two carrots were OK.

Wiggins laughed with Page, "That third one I was going to start a little skip and I look over at you, and I'm laughing as you are just skipping away."

WES Counselor Elizabeth Shaddix first approached Page about having a Spring Fling, which led to Page calling Wiggins to extend the invitation.

Shaddix explained, "We love this; it's easy and it brings the fun back into school. We could not have done this without our sponsors."

Page added, "Mrs. Shaddix needs to get a lot of the credit for it.

"She came up with it. It was her idea."

The WES student council also worked hard to help with the Spring Fling.

Student council president Olivia Dover was busy stuffing eggs for the Easter egg hunt; she shared, "The second and third graders from East and West are having an Easter egg hunt. It's called the Spring Fling. They are going to have some games with candy and stuff."

Dover estimated that they had 5,000-6,000 eggs ready for the egg hunt.

The Spring Fling and its activity stations were sponsored by area businesses, including Colvard Construction, If the Shoe Fits, Knight-Free Insurance, Nearen Construction, Secure Storage Solutions, Burks Brothers Pools & Spas and Publix.

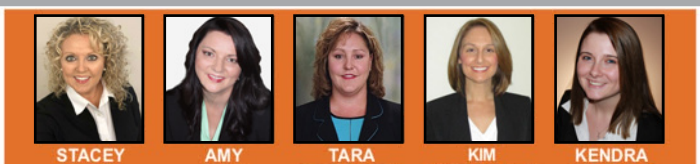
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"THE 67-COUNTY, ALABAMA GARDEN PARTY"

SHELBY COUNTY

Ben Johnson South
Tribune Correspondent

Have you seen the Shelby County "face trees" face-to-face? I went cheek-to-Instagram-cheek with them again last month. Let's face it, these magical, nature-interacting, public works of art are totally worth your 20-minute drive off I-65 from the Alabaster exit through some of the most beautiful countryside in America. Kids of all ages will love the famous "face trees."

The whimsical, skillfully crafted "face trees" were created by part-time woodcarver and full-time creative genius, Tim Tingle. They are in the middle of Orr Park, in the middle of Montevallo, which is in the middle of Alabama. Tingle graduated from Montevallo High School and attended the University of Montevallo. He carved the first "face tree" during "the blizzard of 1993" and now there are nearly 40 public works of art repurposed from dead cedars in the popular glade known as "Tinglewood." This imaginative intersection of PLANTS + PEOPLE has meant these cedars are cherished years after their natural deaths.

Here are some other positive, pleasurable ways PEOPLE'S FACES + PLANTS +PLACES come together here in the midsection of Alabama, including an original recipe for SHELBY COUNTY "OPEN-FACED" GREENS, EGG AND HAM SANDWICH:

• **SUN-KISSED, FARM FACES** at Shelby County Farmers Markets- Alabaster Farmers Market, Saturday mornings, June 9-Aug. 4; Calera Farmers Market, 9758 Highway 25, Calera, AL 35040; Helena Market Days, Saturdays, June-Aug.; Marketplace at Lee Branch, Saturday mornings, May 4-Sept. 28, Montevallo Farmers Market, Mondays 3-6 p.m., June 4-Aug 20; Mt. Laurel Farmers Market, Saturday mornings, June-Oct.; Valleydale Farmers Market, Saturday mornings, May-Sept.

• **PLANT YOUR SMILING FACE** in the fruit-producing plants at these Shelby County U-Pick farms: Bob and Joyce Balch (Sterret) blueberries; Dry Valley Vineyard (Montevallo); Leah Callahan (Alabaster) muscadines; Lyon Blueberry Farm (Wilsonville); Morgan Creek Vineyards (Harpersville) blueberries, muscadines; Mountain Meadows Farm (Columbiana) strawberries, blueberries, blackberries.

• **FACE YOUR BROWN THUMB FEARS** at Myers Nursery in Pelham where Stuart Myers has many years of experience helping people turn their brown thumbs green; people across the southeast know Mr. Myers as "The Caladium King;" Shelby County has other superb, local nurseries including: Hanna's Garden Shop (205) 991-2939 and Cedar Creek Nursery/Montevallo 205-665-5237. (All three of these plant providers have much more to explore than the botanicals, which are truly impressive; plan for a good, oohing-and-aahing hour for each place.)

• **FACE THE MUSIC**- Oak Mountain Amphitheatre in Pelham is Alabama's largest outdoor music venue and always a too-big-and-rowdy-for-a-house party; I heard George Jones sing "A Good Year for the Roses" and Sheryl Crow sing "Soak up the Sun," LIVE there, so even the songs are about PLANTS + PEOPLE savoring life outdoors in Shelby County.

• **FACE MASK**- ...of local honey and berries from the Calera Strawberry Festival, this year on April 27 at the Calera Farmers Market; get your honey and berries at the festival and google instructions for an organic face mask recipe that is all about PLANTS + PEOPLE.

• **BLUES IN THE FACE**- Bruce Andrews, longtime blues singer/harmonica player, won the W.C. Handy Blues Contest to represent Alabama at the national competition in Memphis. Bruce is an Alabaster resident and one of the nicest folks you'll ever meet. As director of the Shelby County Arts Council, Bruce makes certain this part of the state has a wonderful, LIVE music soundtrack of blues, jazz, country, rock, pop and classical to enjoy with all the natural, scenic beauty and the charming villages.

• **FUNNY FACE**- Good-looking comedienne Polly Holliday, who like her heroine, Lucille Ball, was willing to go for the rubber-faced laughs, played the sassy waitress "Flo" on the long-running television comedy, "Alice." Holliday, an Alabama native, honed her funny face, laugh-wringing skills at the award-winning theater school of the University of Montevallo. Flo's very Southern catch phrase, "Kiss my grits" became a popular riff heard 'round the world. Tour the romantic, historic, shaded lanes and buildings of the university and then walk downtown for a buttery bowl of grits (no sugar, please, we ain't Yankees) and sliced, Shelby County tomatoes with yard eggs cooked however y'all like 'em at one of the charming, locavore cafes .

• **FINE-DINING FACES**- ... are seen savoring the field-to-feast, in-season, locally grown culinary magic at Stonehollow Farmstead, 2006 Dead Hollow Road North, Harpersville, AL 35078.

• **FAMOUS FACES FROM AMERICA'S EARLY DAYS**- American Village near Montevallo is a large, beautifully landscaped campus of recreated buildings from the Revolutionary War era built as indoor/outdoor classrooms to teach young people and all visitors the value of liberty so we may uphold and expand this key value of our nation. Group tours are currently being scheduled for the 2019-2020 school year wwwamericanvillage.org.

• **THEY FACED DEATH TO KEEP AMERICA ALIVE**- The Alabama Veterans Cemetery is a 479-acre garden cemetery in Montevallo begun in 2008 with the first internment on June 25, 2009. As you view this solemn but undeniably grand final resting place, consider this quote from philosopher, Friedrich Schiller: "Only a soldier is a free man, because he can look death in the face."

• **FAMILIAR AND UNFAMILIAR FAMILY FACES**- The archives at the Shelby County History Museum are a key source for those with Alabama genealogical roots; the building housed in the beautifully restored old courthouse in historic downtown Columbiana has hundreds of photos and displays of Shelby County famous, not-so-famous and infamous faces. This is a must-see-and-do for American history enthusiasts. Lots of Alabama farm history as we celebrate the state's Bicentennial.

• **TULIP FACES**- ...should be planted with pointy "noses" up about 8-10" deep; this is true with all bulbs (daffodils, crocus, alliums) when planting; if your bulbs seem dry, soak them in room temperature water for a couple of hours before putting them in soil. I got these ideas when I visited the color-filled Festival of Tulips, an annual event each spring (last week of February and first two weeks of March) at the American Village near Montevallo. www.americanvillage.org

• **HAPPY CAMPER FACES**- The Alabama 4-H Center (892 Four-H Road #4713, Columbiana, AL 35051, 205-669-4241) can accommodate up to 386 people on 264 acres of lush woodlands overlooking Lay Lake, perfect for retreats, workshops, weddings, family reunions or just an overnight staycation when not reserved for statewide 4-H Club activities. (Suggestion: When possible, allow time in the 4-H youth schedule for them to visit the "face trees" in Montevallo to create happy memories and playful photographs that will last a lifetime.)

• **PAINTED FACES**- Red-white-and-blue on Liberty Day this June 28-29 in historic downtown Columbiana under leafy shade trees and winding through sun-blessed, blooming planters and charming shops; enjoy this jaunty, 23-year-old, outdoor, patriotic festival with local food vendors, LIVE music Friday night and Saturday, vintage car show and fresh, new growth every year.

• **FACE DANGER**- ...two ways at Oak Mountain State Park: 1) BMX mountain bike trails or 2) Wedding venues; 9,940 acres. Alabama's largest state park has adventures of all kinds (yes, I'm joking about a wedding being dangerous, but anyone who's done it will tell you jumping into marriage is not for the timid.)

• **FACES FESTIVAL**- In each of these county stories about PLANTS + PEOPLE and people coming together across Alabama, I enjoy PLANTING AN IDEA; inspired by Tim Tingle's "face tees" in Shelby County, I hope someone will consider creating a FACES FESTIVAL like the one they've had each year in Finland since 1998. The Finnish prototype is a fun event celebrating all kinds of multicultural faces with world music of all kinds and a variety of foods. Maybe the arty and techy students and faculty at the University of Montevallo could make connections with the Finns and their FACES FESTIVAL, which happens each year the first weekend in August. I'm imagining everything from the wood-carved statues of the Fiji Islanders to pottery facepots from the kilns at the university and at the Shelby County Arts Council.

Y'ALL COME to Shelby County on your 67-County, Alabama Garden Party tour! It will put a smile on your face.

Many thanks to Angela Treadway of the Shelby County Office of the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service. These people are your "go-to" source for all plant-related questions and suggestions in the area. Check out all the programs they are doing at farmers markets and other places throughout the area. Google their website and Facebook page. Also, my personal thanks to my Shelby County sister-in-law, Laurie Johnson, for the yummilicious, original open-faced sandwich that exalts locally-grown plants.

SHELBY COUNTY "OPEN-FACED" GREENS, EGG AND HAM SANDWICH

This original, beautiful and delish open-faced sandwich entrée was created by my talented sister-in-law, Laurie Johnson, who lives in Riverchase in Shelby County. The sandwich was photographed lakeside on her terrace on a sunny day this Easter week.



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

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup shelled, Shelby County edamame—steamed or boiled until soft
- ½ cup torn basil leaves, such as Southern Organics Living Basil
- Juice from a lemon
- Olive oil, salt and pepper
- 1 cup ricotta or goat cheese
- 4 slices of whole grain bread, lightly toasted and halved
- Baby lettuces and herbs, such as Southern Organics Magic City Mix
- Sliced Shelby County tomato, at least 8 slices
- Thin-sliced Shelby County red onion
- 4 soft-boiled eggs, such as King's Ranch in Wilsonville (Cooking tip: The perfect soft-boiled egg is placed into already simmering water for 6 minutes and immediately cooled in iced water before peeling.)
- Crispy pancetta or bacon, bite-sized pieces

DIRECTIONS

1. Puree edamame beans (reserving some for garnish), basil, lemon juice and a swirl of olive oil in food processor or blender (use more oil as needed).
2. Remove to mixing bowl, stir in cheese and salt and pepper to taste.
3. Spread each ½ slice of bread with edamame mixture, top with torn greens and tomato and red onion slices.
4. Top with halved, soft cooked egg.
5. Sprinkle with pancetta (or bacon), drizzle with olive oil and garnish with extra edamame and greens.

Serves 4

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.



Dinner (from Front)

Rachel Dawsey
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – The North Alabama Agriplex Board and Foundation will host the fifth annual Harvest-to-Home Local Foods Dinner and Silent Auction Thursday, April 25 at 6 p.m. at the Wallace State Community College Conference Center in Hanceville, Alabama.

This fundraising event will be catered by Chef John Wilson and the Wallace State Culinary Pride using locally sourced ingredients. FatBack Pig Project of Eva will be providing the pork, and bread will be produced by the monks of St. Bernard Monastery in Cullman. Vegetables and fruits will be sourced directly from the Wallace State Small Farmer Training program and local farmers from north Alabama.

In support of the Alabama 200 Bicentennial celebration, the evening will focus on "Stories of Alabama." The night will not only celebrate the bounty of north Alabama's harvest, but also the talents of Alabama's musicians through entertainment by the Wallace State Theater Department.

Stories of the North Alabama Agriplex's programming and outreach will also be featured through the evening, Billy and Jamie Troutman will be the masters of the ceremonies for the evening. Look for local storytellers with their own Alabama tales.

Tickets are on sale now for $40 each or $400 for a corporate table of eight. Tickets can be purchased at the North Alabama Agriplex, 1714 Talley Ho St., Cullman, or online at www.agriplex.org. Alabama Farm Credit is the event sponsor for this evening. TriGreen and Wallace State Community College are also sponsors of the dinner.

The silent auction will feature locally-made items from cakes to woodworking as well as garden- and farm-themed items.

All proceeds from the dinner and auction will go to support the North Alabama Agriplex and its programs throughout north Alabama.

About 225 people are expected to attend this event. Fore more information, contact Rachel Dawsey, director at the North Alabama Agriplex, at 256-297-1044 or cullmanag@gmail.com.

HARVEST-TO-HOME DINNER MENU

Hors d'oeuvres

- Spiced Lamb Cupcakes with Wasabi Icing
- Cullman County Strawberries with Herbed Cream Cheese and Candied
- Bacon

First course

- Kale Trio with Beet Chips, Pickled Strawberries, Radishes, Maple-Bacon
- Sausage and Local Microgreens – Herbed Honey Mustard Dressing

Entrée

- Molasses and Balsamic Vinegar Lacquered Pork Belly
- Goat Cheese Polenta
- Sweet and Sour Fried Cabbage

Dessert

- Cullman County Sweet Potato Bread Pudding with Pecan Crumble
- Bourbon Caramel

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FUNNY THINGS FROM YESTERDAY

Our visit to a Baptist church in Montgomery

Robert N. Tidwell, Sr.
Tribune Contributor



This column was first published in August 1985. I though some might enjoy it now.

Rudene and I went to Montgomery for a League of Municipalities meeting. We went down on Saturday afternoon since the first get-together was that evening. After we came in Saturday night we decided we would go to Sunday school and church the next morning.

Sunday morning, we got up early, dressed for church, and looked in the telephone book to find a church near the motel where we were staying. A Baptist church was nearby, so we chose to go to it.

Arriving at the church, we found a parking space about a half block away and started to the church.

I wondered how we would find a department that suited us and then I noticed a couple, about our age, parking their car across the street.

I said to Rudene, "Let's meet this couple and go with them."

Rudene, fulfilling her role as executive director of the family said, "No, we can find the place on our own, so let's go on to the education building."

After I had this word from the "boss," we walked on to the education department.

There was a sign on the sidewalk that directed visitors to a particular door. Once inside, another sign read "Visitors to the third floor."

After several flights of short stairs, we decided we had gone far enough and began looking for the visitors center. Either we had gone too far or not far enough, because we could not find the visitors center.

We then stopped a lady in the hallway and told her we were looking for the 45- to 50-year-old department.

She looked to be about 55 years old, and she said, "Oh, you need to come to my department."

Now, I do not know how old Rudene looks to people who don't know her, but I don't think she looks that old. This lady led us to a department and introduced us to another lady who was quite elderly. I thought to myself, this age range is headed in the wrong direction.

I told these ladies we would like to visit a couples class and the first lady we had met said, "I'm in a couples class, so you need to stay with me."

This department must have been for the senior citizens, because during the opening assembly time, a sharing time was held. Each one told of their ailments and operations, as well as those of their spouses (if they were at home sick). Rudene and I felt out of place because the only ailment we could come up with between us was a slight case of diarrhea I had the week before. This just didn't fit in with the other ailments, so I just said that we were both in perfect health and were thankful for it.

All kidding aside, we had a wonderful visit with these people. They made us feel very welcome and shared Christian fellowship and warm friendship with us - just as we have in our home church. Thank you people of a Baptist church in Montgomery.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Raised From The Dead

Bill King
Tribune Contributor



On a Sunday evening, in January of 2015, fourteen-year-old John Smith had a couple of his school friends over to spend the night. The next morning, on their way to shoot basketball at an area recreation center near Saint Louis, the boys spotted a frozen lake. They decided to walk out of the ice and snap a few pictures of themselves to show their friends. The thin ice gave way and all three boys plunged into the icy-cold water. Onlookers saw what happened and immediately called 911. First responders arrived on the scene quickly and rescued John's two friends but could not locate John. By the time someone found him and pulled him out, he had been under water for around fifteen minutes. Obviously, he was not breathing.

The rescue team administered CPR, to no avail, and then transported John to an area hospital where attempts to resuscitate him continued. After forty-five minutes, still with no pulse, doctors were ready to call for a time-of-death.

John's mother, Joyce Smith, was allowed to see her son. She prayed, "I believe in a God who can do miracles! Holy Spirit, I need you right now to come and breathe life back into my son."

The medical team was stunned when John's heart monitor began beeping. John was alive, but even then, doctors did not expect him to survive. When he did, they felt certain that he had suffered brain damage and would never be normal. Miraculously, John walked out of the hospital seventeen days later – with no brain damage! Even physicians were awed. John defied medical history and exceeded all expectations.

What happened to John Smith was nothing but miraculous. Doctor Jeremiah Garrett, a pediatric critical care and drowning specialist at Bishop Glennon Children's Hospital, said "If I had not been part of John's care, from presentation to recovery, I'm not sure I would have believed it myself." John's amazing story was told in a book, written by his mother, titled "The Impossible: The Miraculous Story of a Mother's Faith." His story is now being told in the new movie "Breakthrough."

To be dead for almost an hour and then brought back to life is unheard of – or is it? Actually, miraculous as it was, John was not the first person to come back from death. One man was brutally killed on a Friday and came back to life... the following Sunday. For someone to be dead for an hour and revived is miraculous. For someone to be dead for three days and be resurrected is divine. Each year, on the day we call Easter, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. There should be no doubt that Jesus was actually dead. After his arrest and a mockery of a trial, he was beaten half to death, and then crucified. At first, he was forced to carry his own cross, but he was so weakened by the flogging that he fell beneath the load. He was then nailed to the cross, where he hung for six hours, during the hottest part of the day. His side was slashed open with a sword. His corpse was buried in a cave-like tomb.

Apparently, no one expected Jesus to come back to life. The ladies, who discovered that he was alive, had simply gone to anoint his dead body. His disciples, who had been told what would happen, were not there waiting for his resurrection. The biblical scholars, who should have known prophesy, did not expect what happened. The Bible tells his story. Accounts of his death and resurrection are found in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Numerous movies have been made about him. On Sunday, believers across the world will gather to celebrate his resurrection. The one who died for the sins of the world is alive!

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Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1900:
Ice was half an inch thick here, yesterday morning.

G.S. Leeth and children went to the State Fair on Tuesday.

W.C. Boub and T.D. McMinn were in Birmingham and Talladega, the first of the week.

Miss Minnie Jenkins has arrived from Shelbyville, Tennessee, for a visit with her sister, Mrs. D.C. Martin.

Trav Sanders was called to Henry County, Georgia this week because of the illness of his father.

The enrollment of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, at Auburn, to date is 375.

William McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt were elected president and vice-president this week.

The jury for the December term of court includes: John H. Hill, J.K.P. Nix, G.J. McDonald, A.C. Drake, B.S. Fuller, H.V. Weeks, John Mack, J.H. Mitchell, F.R. Williams, R.F. Nix, W.H. Quattlebaum, L.C. Livingston, J.I. Horton, M.A. Tanner, T.H. Horton, W.P. Parker, J.W. Duke, A.W. Steward, J.M. Holmes, K.N. Hinds, R.H. McCoy, R.H. Boone, Jacob Hafling and W.H. Guthery.

Election Day passed very quietly.

From The Files Of 1930:
R.C. Calloway has gathered 396 bushels of Irish potatoes, from 1045 pounds of potatoes he planted, on his farm.

Doctor T.H. Sudduth's car was stolen on Sunday and was found in Birmingham. 37,220 bales of cotton have been ginned in Cullman County, up to November 1st, 1930, as compared to 36,671 bales to that date in 1929.

Mrs. C.W. Alley was hostess to the

Coterie on Friday afternoon.

Mrs. A.G. Glasscock and daughters, Helen and Emma spent Saturday in Birmingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schlichting left this week for Baldwin County, where they will spend the winter.

In Birmingham on Sunday to hear Bishop Ainsworth preach the annual sermon at the North Alabama Methodist Conference were Doctor and Mrs. C.E.

Herrin, Miss Edna Herrin and Doctor and Mrs. J.G. Daves.

Poet's Corner

Paradise Regained

By: Randy C. Hale

We blame Adam,
who blamed Eve,
who blamed the serpent
which did deceive.
We blame others
every day, in hopes
that someone else
will have to pay.
To save our own skin
once again,
we'll turn our backs
on our best friends.

Paradise still waits and
the Angels still stands
guard, but the gates
are quite rested,
and the locks
are never tested.
Man's feet never
tramples near the sod,
that leads the way to God.

Not many even try
to climb
the hill of God's will.
Things remain the same,
someone, something,
to always blame.
The road to hell gets
wider and hope is sinking
fast. And nature will close
her eyes as the end of
time arrives.

Only one answer we
can gain. Only one
hope remains.
A cross that stood
at Calvary's hill
to look to if we will. To
the Savior's wounded
side, where the blood
has never dried.

Placing all our
faith in Him,
Eternal life He gives.
The search for God
is found there,
and no one
we need to blame, for in
our heart comes mercy
and freedom from
guilt and shame.

And sin, that dark
black stain, and
damnation that we faced,
forever and forever
is gloriously erased.
And Heaven's gates
will open up again,
and we will enter in
with the blood bought
saints who trusted in
His marvelous
Saving Grace.

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Funeral services for Mr. Robert Micheal "Mike" Morgan, 66, of Falkville are 2 p.m. Saturday, April 20, 2019 at Cullman Funeral Home, Rev. Jimmy Greathouse officiating, with interment in Ebenezer Cemetery. Visitation is Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home directing. Mr. Morgan died April 18, 1953. He was born in Cullman on April 18, 1953. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bobby L. Morgan and Ruby Lee Morgan Hopper. He is survived by his wife, Treasa Drake Morgan; son, Chad (Stephanie) Morgan; daughter, Felicia Morgan Bartlett; grandchildren, Tyler (Allison) Morgan, Bailey Morgan, Devyn Bartlett, Olivia Bartlett, Chloe Morgan, Michael Earley, Brooklynn Earley, Arabella Morgan and Baby Morgan and a host of other family and friends.

Billie Fae Gunter Cheney, 96, was born Nov. 29, 1922, in Talladega, Alabama and died April 17, 2019. She was predeceased by her parents, James Louis Gunter and Lillian Lenora Gunter; her husband of 52 years, Alan Breck Cheney, Sr., daughter Anne Cheney; and brothers Ned Louis Gunter and Ronald Vandegrift Gunter. She is survived by children Celia Ellis (Wendell), Lydia Cheney (Jim Sokol), Rebecca Drake (Jack), Alan Cheney, Jr. (Paula), John Cheney, Edith Cheney (Dennis Street), and Lewis Cheney (Elizabeth); grandchildren Amy Ellis Wyrick (Ted), Neil Ellis (Anne), Albion Knight (Robin), Anna Knight Forester (Jay), Catherine Cheney Cowden (Chase), Elizabeth Cheney, Christine Cheney, Marilyn Cheney, Forrest Cheney (Aracely), Leah Cheney, Will Street, Meg Street, Sam Street, and Vivian Cheney; great-grandchildren Meredith Wyrick, Mark Wyrick, Josie Ellis, James Ellis, John Ellis, William Knight, Abigail Knight, Gus Knight, Linley Forester, Clare Forester, James Forester, Grace Forester and Ramsey Forester, Breck Cowden, Greyson Dowden and 15 nieces and nephews. Billie was a devoted member of Lester Memorial United Methodist Church, where she was a founding teacher of the Branscomb Class. Along with husband, Alan, they were avid supporters of the arts, notably involved in Birmingham Festival of Arts and the Birmingham Civic Opera. They were also tireless supporters of the arts in Blount County, as the inspiration and producers of Gilbert and Sullivan operettas in Oneonta and by bringing a number of artists to perform locally. Travel was also a focal part of her life, spanning many years to various destinations with husband, Alan, and with her children. She was a gifted and artistic quilt maker. For more than 50 years, she produced quilts which are treasured by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Visitation will be Tuesday, April 23 at Lemley Funeral Home in Oneonta from 5-7 p.m. Services will be at Lester Memorial United Methodist Church in Oneonta on Wednesday, April 24 at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at a private family service. The family suggests memorials to Lester UMC (P.O. Box 626, Oneonta, AL 35121) or Blount County Children's Center (P.O. Box 906. Oneonta, AL 35121). Lemley Funeral Home and Crematory directing.

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CULLMAN CITY-COUNTY CLASSIC

West Point Warriors repeat as Cullman City-County Classic Champions

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CULLMAN, Ala. – 41 boats loaded with anglers from across Cullman County hit Smith Lake early Thursday morning and after a day on the water, the 2019 Cullman City-County Classic is in the books. The West Point Warriors defended their title from 2018 and hauled in a team weight of 40.25 lbs. to secure the trophy for another year. West Point anglers Ashlyn Shedd and Caiden Galbreath finished as the top individual both with 15.58 lbs. and hauled in this year's big fish, weighing in at 6.21 lbs.

Galbreath knew early on that he and Shedd would have a chance at a great bag Thursday, especially after they made their first move on the water.

"We caught them all morning and hit our limit at about 8 this morning and started culling but after we got that big fish, we knew it was probably a done deal and that was at about 11:00," Galbreath said. "We always fish worms and the first spot we had we couldn't get anything, so we made a move and that's when we started getting them, but worms are the key."

Shedd and Galbreath hit the five fish limit early Thursday morning and the rest of the day they just had to decide which five they wanted to carry to the weigh-in.

After reeling in the big fish of the day a few hours into the tournament, Shedd knew that they'd have a real shot at winning.

"At about 8 this morning we had our limit in the boat, so we started culling and then we got that big one and from then on we knew we had a pretty good bag," Shedd said. "We just used shaky heads and worms all day. Up shallow, down deep, they were scattered everywhere today."



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The West Point Warriors hauled in a team weight of 40.25 lbs on Smith Lake Thursday to capture back to back City-County Classic Titles.

Top 10 Individual boats

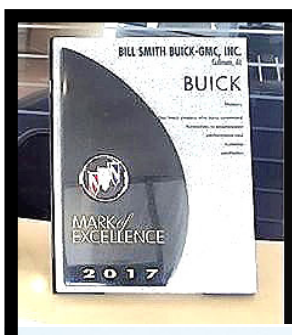
- 1st – Shedd/Galbreath, West Point – 15.58
- 2nd – Montgomery/Johnson, West Point – 14.36
- 3rd – Roberts/Robertson, Fairview – 14.21
- 4th – Chambers/Harris, Fairview – 12.38
- 5th – Hudson/Cooper, Good Hope – 11.91
- 6th – Arnold/Currington, Good Hope – 11.38
- 7th – Casey/Lambert, Cullman – 11.28
- 8th – Starnes/Lambert, Cullman – 11.15
- 9th – Herfurth/Chambers, Vinemont – 11.02
- 10th – Graham/William, Good Hope – 10.63

Final Team standings

- West Point – 40.25
- Good Hope – 33.92
- Cullman – 32.61
- Fairview – 31.95
- Vinemont – 29.18
- Holly Pond – 24.88
- Cold Springs – 24.35
- Hanceville – 21.62

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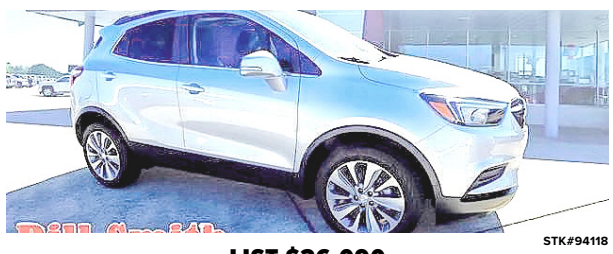
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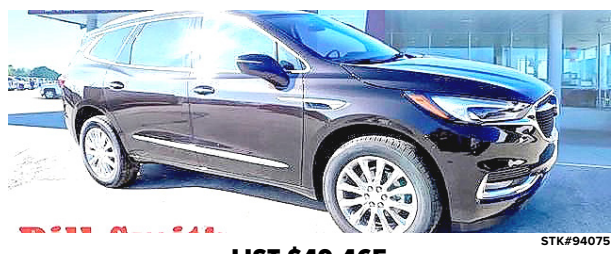


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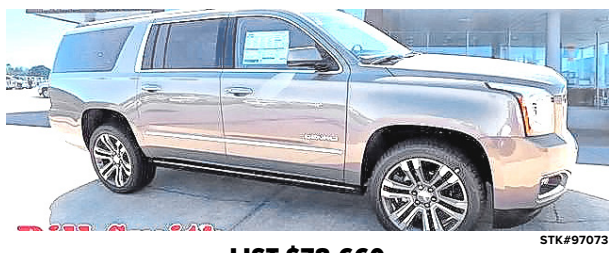
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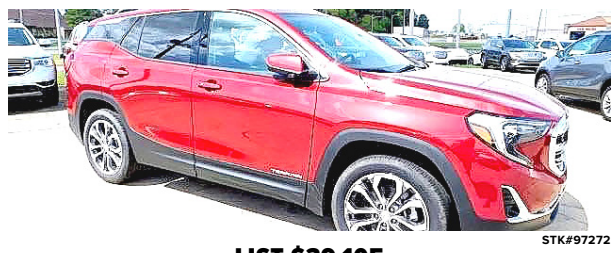
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