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'We are the guardians of acceptance and inclusion'

Community Torch Run kicks off this year's Cullman Area Special Needs Track & Field Day



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Runners take a ceremonial lap around the track at Oliver Wood Stadium on the campus of Cullman High School to kick off this year's Cullman Area Special Needs Track & Field Day Friday.

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CPD: Missing Cullman man's truck located near New Orleans under 'suspicious' circumstances



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Charles Steven Smith, Jr.

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Hundreds enjoy annual Strawberry Festival Senior Shindig

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The always popular Strawberry Festival Senior Shindig filled the Festhalle Friday as seniors from near and far came out for juicy strawberries, great music and, of course, bingo! Approximately 500-600 seniors attended this year's shindig.

"It just gets bigger and bigger each year," observed Cullman County Commission on Aging Director Dusty Baker.

Senior groups from Birmingham, Gardendale, Irondale, Hoover, Florence and Harvest were just a few of the out-of-town guests who, along with Cullman's extraordinary seniors, had a blast.

They enjoyed a variety of vendors for shopping, health services and information, live music and oodles of strawberries. Most purchased strawberries to take home.

The Shindig featured several fun contests including a strawberry picking contest, talent show and buck dancing contest. In between the games and contests the seniors listened to popular oldies.

They were not a bit shy about getting on the dance floor and showing off their amazing moves.

La June White from Birmingham proved she's still got it as she was declared the winner of the buck dancing contest.

White, who came with her friends from Trinity Baptist Church in Birmingham, was thrilled to have been picked as the winner.

After a quick hot dog lunch and more dancing, the main event got underway.

Bingo is always a crowd pleaser and Friday's Shindig was no exception.

After a fun, yet windy day, most of the seniors The Tribune spoke to said they intended to return for Saturday's festivities. Most in hopes to seeing Nitty Gritty Dirt Band Saturday night.

Baker said after the Shindig, "It was a great crowd this year and everyone had a great time. The senior events are great and growing."

The event is sponsored each year by the Cullman County Commission on Aging and Cullman Parks, Recreation, and Sports Tourism.



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La June White, 84, from Birmingham, who came with Trinity Baptist Church, won the 2019 Senior Shindig buck dancing contest.

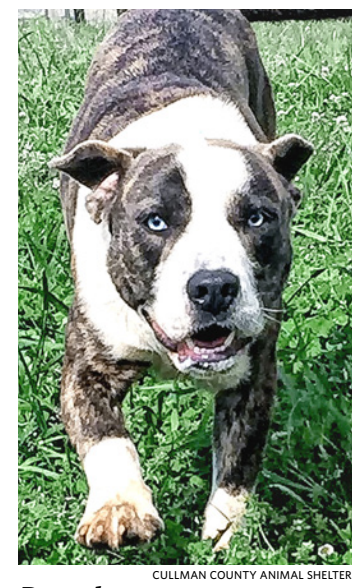
(BONUS) PET OF THE WEEK

Meet roly-poly Pugsley

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Animal Shelter has extra animal friends this week, so volunteer Donna Ruttkay shares a bonus Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week.

Pugsley is a 7-8-month-old hound/bull mix with beautiful coloration and dramatic white markings, not to mention some "meat on his bones!" He's a happy-go-lucky, medium-to-high-energy pet described as a "joyful soul" and "lover of life" by folks at the shelter. He enjoys running and playing outside, though he likes to stay close to his human companions.



CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Pugsley

Pugsley has the makings of a companion, therapy or emotional support dog.

Animal shelter staff and volunteers work with their dogs to make sure they are accustomed to being around people, walking on a leash and practicing good behavior. Several of the shelter's dogs have even been "hired" to work as therapy and special needs service dogs.

Pugsley's adoption fee is $90 which includes: DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet, neutering, microchip, free 30-day health insurance policy issued by 24PetWatch (with valid email only) and a free bag of food from Cullman Pet Depot (you must pay sales tax).

Please consider adopting to give a rescued pet a chance at a happy and healthy life.

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or visit them at 935 Convent Road NE. Reach them by email at cullmancountyanimalshelter@gmail.com.

Wallace State hosts 5th annual Harvest-to-Home Dinner for North Alabama Agriplex

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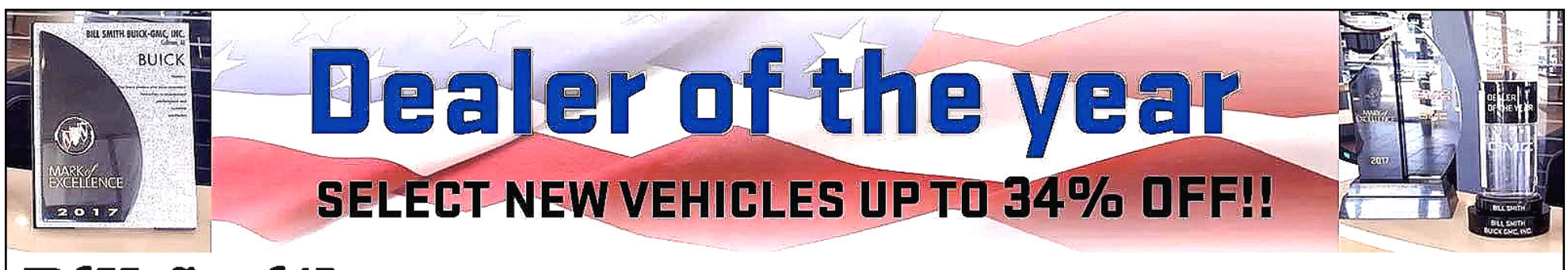
HANCEVILLE, Ala. – On Thursday evening, Wallace State Community College (WSCC) hosted the fifth annual North Alabama Agriplex Harvest-to-Home dinner. The fundraising event featured a huge silent auction, as well as a meal of locally sourced foods supplied by:

- Trent Boyd Harvest Farm
- Brickyard Meats
- J. Calvert Farm Strawberries
- Champion Farms
- Fatback Pig Project
- Fat Cat Organics
- Goldenvine Farms
- Humble Heart Farms
- North Alabama Agriplex
- Par 5 Livestock
- Polland Milling Company
- St. Bernard Abbey
- Wallace State Small Farmer Training Program

Agriplex Director Rachel Dawsey told The Tribune, "We are thankful for our sponsors. Alabama Farm Credit is our event sponsor. Trigreen sponsored us; you would see they brought a big green tractor to put in the front of the building!

"Wallace State's donated the space for us, and is having Chef John Wilson who's with Culinary Pride here. They are catering the meal. It's very, very fancy! So, this is the second year they've catered that with us, and they don't usually do things like this, but he was willing to because their students would get to participate

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Bill Smith BUICK GMC

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Arrests and incidents reported April 25-26

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported April 25-26, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

REPORTED APRIL 25
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INCIDENTS
April 22
• domestic violence; Willowbend Rd.
• domestic violence; CR 1693

April 23
• possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 599
• unlawful possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1545
• assault; CR 1428
• domestic violence, trespassing; CR 1129
• burglary, criminal mischief; CR 493
• theft of property; CR 616
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance, unlawful possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 437

April 24
• unlawful possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1225
• harassment; CR 589
• theft of property; CR 704
• possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1071/CR 1101
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance; I-65 NB/305 Exit
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1615/CR 747

ARRESTS
April 22
Calloway, Vernon Allen, 43
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Clark, Tesla Lynn, 28
• harassing communications

Hayes, Dennis Ray II, 37
• third-degree domestic violence

Hopper, Cody Ryan, 29
• third-degree domestic violence– third-degree assault

Jones, Jared Wayne, 27
• third-degree domestic violence– harassment
• resisting arrest

Partain, Chasity Lasae, 27
• chemical endangerment of a child

Rollo, Jennifer Lynn, 36
• unauthorized use of a motor vehicle

Smith, Brandi Michelle, 38
• negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

April 23
Burbage, George Richard, 44
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Cook, Samuel Austin, 40
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Crocker, Jason Robert, 42
• FTA- obstruction/using false ID
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Dodson, Sindy Lynn, 37
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
• probation violation – unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)
• FTA- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle (without theft)

Fowler, Frances Wilson, 46
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Green, Mandi R., 42
• negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Jensen, Christopher Lee, 40
• GJ- domestic violence-strangulation/suffocation

Moore, Tammy Rena, 32
• FTA- unlawful distribution of a controlled substance

April 24
Church, Ashley Michelle, 29
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Davis, James Nicholas, 36
• GJ- second-degree theft of property

Farr, Clayton Edward Arnel, 26
• indecent exposure

Fuller, Destiny Michelle, 21
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Gunter, Roman Dewayne, 27
• judge's order– possession of drug paraphernalia

Honeycutt, Henry Martin, 37
• FTA- leaving the scene of an accident– misdemeanor

Levi, Jacqueline Denise, 40
• third-degree burglary

Martin, Trisha Ann, 21
• fourth-degree receiving stolen property

Moore, Alexander Kenyon, 18
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• speeding
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Raymond, Robert Shane, 36
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Schaeffer, Stacy Adamson, 34
• contributing to truancy

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
No incidents to report.

ARRESTS
April 24
Foshee, Jennifer J., 43
• FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Runyon, Jeremy A., 32
• FTA- public intoxication
• FTA- attempting to elude

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

REPORTED APRIL 26
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
April 23
• fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; miscellaneous charges; unknown amount of property value
• duty upon striking an unattended vehicle; person; Hwy. 157; damage to '14 Toyota Camry; $1,200
• fourth-degree theft of property; Belk; Cullman Shopping Center; miscellaneous merchandise; $360

April 24
• leaving the scene of an accident; person; Cherokee Ave. SW; damage to '16 GMC; $500
• fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; miscellaneous merchandise; $102

April 25
• unauthorized breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; person; 2nd St. SW; phone, bag; unknown amount of property value
• fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; stereo; $110
• fourth-degree theft of property; Belk; Cullman Shopping Center; general merchandise; $166

ARRESTS
April 24
Marchman, Bobbie F., 60
• DUI- controlled substance

Holloway, Amber L., 39
• DUI

April 25
Dorton, Eric P., 26
• unauthorized breaking and entering of a motor vehicle
• giving false information to law enforcement

Knight, Missy L., 28
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Swann Jr., Johnny G., 37
• FTA- attempting to elude

Fitzgerald II, Alan R., 38
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
• FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing
• FTA -giving false information to law enforcement
• FTA- attempting to elude
• FTA- reckless endangerment

Allen, Pamela D., 40
• fourth-degree theft of property

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

Find arrest reports online Monday-Friday at www.CullmanTribune.com.

Truck (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The New Orleans Police Department is now involved in the case of a missing Cullman man. Charles Steven Smith, Jr., 42, was last heard from Friday, April 19. His truck was found abandoned near New Orleans Monday, April 22 under what Cullman Police are calling "suspicious" circumstances.

The Cullman Police Department issued a media release Thursday, April 25 requesting the public's assistance in the case. According to Sgt. Eric Cole, Smith left Cullman on his way to Biloxi, Mississippi on the 19th. The family lost contact with Smith later that afternoon during his travels. In the last known contact, Smith discussed issues with a tire but did not give his location.

Cole said Smith is white, 5'10" and approximately 210 pounds. He said the CPD is working with other agencies in an effort to locate Smith, but has been unsuccessful.

Friday morning, April 26, Cole said, "I can confirm New Orleans did locate a truck. It's believed to be his truck, and they have been processing that, to see if he was in it, or what may have happened to him. I can confirm that his truck was located in New Orleans. I can't say anything about Steven, though, because he is still missing. He is still a missing person. New Orleans has an investigation going on. I'm in contact with them. On my end, I am looking into the missing person."

Cole said the truck was found under "suspicious" circumstances; he shared, "It does appear that there are bullet holes in the truck, which may or may not be connected. The area has been searched thoroughly, but nothing has been found."

He continued, "Smith has been confirmed to have been alive and well while traveling through Mississippi on his way to Biloxi throughout the majority of Friday, April 19. His vehicle was located along a secondary road near I-10 on the outskirts of New Orleans under suspicious circumstances.

"The circumstances in which the vehicle was found are being actively investigated by the New Orleans Police Department at this time and foul play has not been ruled out. The Cullman Police Department is currently working in conjunction with the New Orleans Police Department on this matter."

Anyone with knowledge of Smith's travel plans or with personal knowledge of him that could assist in the case is encouraged to contact Cole at the Investigations Division of the CPD at 256-775-7170.



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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.)

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LISA McSWAIN
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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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
April 27 - 29

SATURDAY, APRIL 27
Cullman County PALS Spring Clean-Up
8 a.m. - noon; Dumpsters will be located at: East Elementary, West Elementary , Cullman High School, Baileyton, Colony, Fairview, Garden City, Holly Pond and Hanceville. Free trash bags are available at city halls and town halls. PALS encourages folks to help clean up to 1 mile from their homes or places of business. All manner of trash can be dropped off, except tires, paint and chemicals. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/CullmanCountyPALS/ or call Cherie Haney at 256-531-4222 or Ashley Graves at 256-775-6258.

Tabletop Day 2019
8 a.m.-9 p.m. at the North Alabama Agriplex Heritage Center, 1714 Tally Ho Street SW, Cullman.This is a free, drop in, drop out kind of event. There will be prizes for those that participate in any game. All participants will be added to a drawing every hour (or so). You must be present to win! Due to age restrictions on most games, we recommend all children under the age of 10 be accompanied by an adult at ALL times.

Cullman Strawberry Festival
8 a.m.-10 p.m. at Depot Park. Celebrate Cullman's agricultural history with the 80th anniversary of the state's oldest Strawberry Festival, featuring arts & crafts, food, music, strawberries and more! Following a full day of music, Nitty Gritty Dirt Band will perform at 8 p.m.! www.facebook.com/events/742534226126579/

April Walking Tour
10 a.m. There is no charge. Each tour is approximately one hour long and will begin and end at the Cullman County Museum. Admission to the museum will be free after the tours for those interested in learning more about Cullman's past.

Goat Yoga at the Cullman Library
Goat Yoga returns to the Cullman County Public Library. This will be an outside event with yoga instructor Sheila Sobotka from 1-2 p.m.

Busy Bee Cafe 100-Year Anniversary Celebration
We will be celebrating being in business 100 years. We will have carnival rides free to the public, live music and a free car show. Carnival rides start at 2 p.m. Car show will start setting up after 1pm and goes till whenever. Live music schedule - Cotton Pickin kids 2-3:30, Music talent still needed from 3:30-6, Tres Locos from 6-9

Beating Cancer Spring Meet & Benefit Show
Bad Intentions Car Group presents Beating Cancer Spring Meet & Benefit Show - Benefit for AC Poteete and family, as he fights non Hodgkin's lymphoma. Saturday, April 27 from 2:30-10:30 p.m. at Buffalo Wild Wings in Cullman, 1700 2nd Ave. SW. $5 per car entry

Welcome Back Hanceville Concert
• Saturday, April 27 from 4-7 p.m. downtown
• Featuring Irlene Mandrell, with special guests Cody McCarver and Vicki Lynn Maxwell.
• Fun for the whole family! There will also be vendors with food and drinks. This will be an outside event, so bring your chairs!
• There will also be a meet and greet set up for each artist from 2-4 p.m. www.facebook.com/events/319887258645397/

2019 Crawfish Boil
United Way of Cullman County presents the 2019 Crawfish Boil, hosted by the Young Professional Board. Join us Saturday, April 27 from 4-8 p.m. at Goat Island Brewing for all you can eat crawfish and music by The Brickmasons. Cost is $35. Thank you to our sponsors River Valley Ingredients, Merchants Bank, Publix, Colvard Insurance Group, Allstate, The UPS Store and Goat Island. To buy tickets, go to https://conta.cc/2vhCG6U.

Joyful Hearts Benefit Singing
Saturday, April 27 at 6 p.m. at Bethlehem United Methodist 2830 County Road 216 in Hanceville. The benefit is for Lynda and daughter Amanda Brown. Amanda has spina bifida and is wheelchair confined. Their van has 300K miles and needs lots of repairs that they do not have the money for as they are both on a fixed income. We are doing the benefit to help raise the money for a different van that has to be handicapped accessible.

UPCOMING...
Relay For Life Survivors' Breakfast- Wednesday, March 1
7 a.m. at Cullman Church of Christ on Hwy. 157. All survivors and caregivers are invited to attend.

Relay For Life Survivors' Dinner- Friday, May 3
5 p.m. at the Cullman County Fairgrounds. Opening Ceremonies will begin at 6, with the Survivors' First Lap beginning at 7. All survivors and caregivers are invited to attend these activities.

Old Paths Quartet will be at Cross Baptist Church on Friday night, May 3 at 7 p.m.

Good Hope Public Cemetery Special Event- Saturday, May 4
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!

Cub Scout Pack 213 New Membership Drive- Saturday, May 4
Sportsman Lake Park from 10 a.m.-noon at pavilion 4. Come out to get information about joining Cub Scouts and enjoy free food.

Good Hope Public Cemetery Decoration- Saturday, May 4 and Sunday, May 5

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.

Hamm Family Reunion- Saturday, May 18
We are changing the day o the Hamm Reunion this year. It will be on Saturday, May 18. It will still be at the Lions Club, 111 Michelle St. SW in Hanceville, AL. Please bring a covered dish. We will be eating around noon. We hope this change will allow more people to attend. For more information, call Scott Hamm at 256-739-3069.

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Timothy Shane "Timmy" Puckett age 47 of Vinemont died Tuesday, April 23, 2019. Timmy served his community in the Cullman County Sheriff's department. He was a member of the Jack Aces Riding Club and of the Cullman Elks Lodge. He was preceded in death by his grandparents: Ernest Thomas and Sid and Edna Puckett. Timmy is survived by his loving wife, Kim Puckett; his girls: Kinlee and Kyla Puckett; parents: Windle and Sandy Puckett; grandmother, Rae Thomas, a host of aunts, uncles and cousins, other family members and friends; his Jack Aces' family and comrades at Cullman County Sheriff's department. The family will receive friends on Sunday, April 28, 2019 from noon until the Celebration of Timmy's life that will begin at 3 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. Moss Service Funeral Home Directing.

Graveside Service for Raymond William Cochran, age 94, of Panama City Beach, FL, will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 28, 2019, at Shady Grove Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Cochran passed away on Wednesday, April 24, 2019, at Clifford Chester Sims State Veterans Nursing Home. He was born May 17, 1924, in Akron, Ohio, to Raymond and Myrtle Cochran. He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Myrtle Cochran. Survivors include his wife, Ruth Ilene Cochran; son, Don Cochran; nephews, General Lance Smith and Mark Marshall; nieces, Kim O'Neal and Cheryl Miller; brother-in-law, Wesley Abbott; sister-in-law, Isabelle Crider; and many more nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Funeral Service for Hubert Lee Scott, age 88, of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 27, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Scott Guthrie and Mark Long officiating; interment in Good Hope Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Scott passed away on Thursday, April 25, 2019, at his residence. He was born October 18, 1930, in Cullman, Alabama, to Gordon and Beulah Scott. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Freda Mae Scott; brothers, Edward Scott and Hobart Scott; and two grandchildren. Survivors include his sons, Larry (Annette) Scott, Brad (Carol) Scott, and David (Debra) Scott; daughters, Sandra (Al) Barton and Teresa (Scott) Dyer; thirteen grandchildren; and a host of great-grandchildren. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Friday, April 26, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Leora Gaither, 102, of the Sugar Creek Community, was born in Alabama on August 25, 1916 and passed away on April 25, 2019. She was a member of the Shoal Creek Baptist Church. She was always talking about what God has done for her and will do even for a perfect stranger. Preceding her in death were her husband Winford V. Gaither; son Dan W. Gaither; grandchild Frankie Carr; parents Lee and Venia Hogeland Marsh; two sisters and two brothers. Survivors include her sons Johnny Gaither (Jean), Felix Gaither (Sue) and Grady Gaither; daughters Ida Lee Carr and Sheila NeSmith (Mark); twelve grandchildren; eighteen great grandchildren and a host of great great grandchildren. The family will receive friends on Friday, April 26, 2019 at Valley Chapel of Oneonta from 5:30 until 8 PM. Funeral service will be held from the Oak Grove Baptist Church on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 2 PM with Rev. Carson McSherdon, Sr. and Pastor Joey Wilson officiating. She will lie in state before the service at the Church from 12 Noon until service time. Burial will follow in the adjoining cemetery. Felix Gaither, J.C. Graham, Bobby Gaither, Walley Green, Jacob Byrd and Johnny Gaither will serve as pallbearers. Valley Chapel of Oneonta is honored to serve the Gaither family.

Funeral Services for Carl Robertson, 91, of Hanceville will be Saturday April 27, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be Friday April 26, 2019, 5:30 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Interment will follow Fairview West Cemetery with Reverend Don Philpott and Donny Robertson officiating. Mr. Robertson is survived by his wife Mayola Robertson and his daughter Rita Nail. Other survivors include two sisters-in-law Debbie (Dale) Brown and Inez Robertson. Grandchildren include Eddie (Jennifer) Carlisle, Kevin (Autumn) Carlisle, Shelley (Sam) Badalucco and Nicole (Brett) Lovell. Great Grandchildren include Josh Badalucco, Brittany (Jacob) Harpen, Kendall (Jace) Calvert, Taylor (Austine) Smith, Brody Rowell, Landon Rowell, Grant Carlisle, Britain Carlisle and Chase Carlisle. Great Great-Grandchildren are Emma Preiss, Paisle Harden, Isaiah Smith, Kroy Smith, Hudson Calvert and Everly Calvert. He is preceded in death by daughter Christine (Charles) Carlisle, sons-in-law Charles Carlisle and Garry Nail and a brother Willard (Neilene) Robertson.

Audra Mae Posey Rice joined her loving husband, Clyde Rice Sr., in the presence of the Lord on April 25, 2019. She was born in 1926 to Siant A. and Pearl Davis Posey. Born on the Franklin/Winston county line in the Pebble community, she spent most of her life between the two counties. Since 2012, she has lived at the Villages of Cook Springs in Moody, AL to be near her oldest son. She is survived by her brother Paul Posey (Betty), sons Clyde Jr. (Glynda) and Don(Joyce), granddaughter Stephanie Knight (Keith), great granddaughter Emma Knight and fur-grandbabies Cooper and Hope. In keeping with her wishes to "not be any trouble to anyone", the family will hold a simple graveside service at Winston Memorial Cemetary in Haleyville, AL on April 30 at 1 p.m. Her sons wish to express their deep gratitude to their Uncle Paul and Aunt Betty, and the Village of Cook Springs for the years of wonderful care and support they provided after the death of their dad. Also, to Oasis Hospice of Moody for the loving care and compassion they provided at the end of her 93-year journey on this side. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Oasis Hospice of Moody or a charity of your choice.

Services for Anthony Taylor Yates will be held at a later date. Mr. Yates passed away Thursday, April 25, 2019, at his residence. He was born June 16, 1959, to Linda Marie Payne. He was a machinist. He was preceded in death by his mother. Survivors include his wife, Carmen Yates; sons, Jeremy (Bonnie) Yates, Brett Abercrombie and Brandon Abercrombie; daughter, Amanda (George) Lynn; stepchildren, Melissa (Dale) Kugler and Billy Wayne Turner; grandchildren, Kylie, Kara and Colt Yates, Clay Lynn, Misty, Desiree and Riley Kugler; brothers, Matthew (Lisa) Goins, Alex Goins, Shane Goins, and Kenneth Andrew Goins; stepfather, Kenneth Andrew Goins, Sr.; uncles, Larry Hollis and Danny Hollis. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Myles Lathon Knight was born on February 7, 1949 and passed away on April 25, 2019. There will be a graveside service at Valley Springs Cemetery on April 27 at 11 a.m.

Funeral Service for Heath Wade Towers, age 34, of Huntsville, will be at 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 28, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Towers passed away on Friday, April 26, 2019, at Huntsville Hospital. He was born June 3, 1984, to Donald Franklin and Annie Ruth Towers. He was preceded in death by his grandma, Louise Towers, and grandparents, Chelcey C and Eunice Lillian Arrington. Survivors include his wife, Kristyn Towers; sons, Hunter Owen Towers and Ethan Vann Towers; mother, Annie Ruth Towers; father, Donald Franklin Towers; sister, Heather (Mark) Moore; granddad, Benjamin Franklin (Grandma Jean) Towers; and a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, family, and friends. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 28, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

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LEGALS

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY *
* CASE NO. CV 2011-106

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF HAZEL B. HATHCOTE, an incapacitated person

NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION OF CONSERVATOR FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT AND DISCHARGE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Petition for Final Settlement and Discharge of William C. Porter, Guardian and Conservator for Hazel B. Hathcote, will be heard on the 27th day of June, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in the Courtroom of Circuit Judge Gregory A. Nicholas.

All persons interested in said cause are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Gregory A. Nicholas
Circuit Judge

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on September 22, 2015 by Donnie R. Weaver and spouse Cara L. Weaver to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in MTG 1771, Pages 27 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 May 20, 2019:

A tract or parcel of land being situated in the locally accepted NW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 23, Township 10 South, Range 2 West, and being a part of that certain tract as conveyed to Richard P. Northey and wife, Kathleen L. Northey by deed recorded in Deed Book 394, Page 441 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the northwest corner of said Section 23 and run S 01°18'03" W and run along the west line a distance of 558.73 feet (from which point a found bar marking the southwest corner of said Section bears S 01°18'03" W 4,479.85 feet); thence run S 88°41'57" E a distance of 2652.40 feet to a set rebar on a fence line, same being the west line of said Northey tract as agreed and the point of beginning: thence run S 89°32'42" E a distance of 209.74 feet to a set rebar marking the westerly right of way line of County Road No. 730; thence run S 26°17'13" W a distance of 113.08 feet to a set rebar marking the point of curvature of a curve to the right having a central angle of 27°53'28", a radius of 221.61 feet and a chord bearing of S 40°14'00" W; thence run along the arc of said curve a distance of 107.88 feet to the point of tangency; thence run S 54°10'48" W continuing along said R.O.W. line a distance of 133.88 feet to a set rebar marking the southwest corner, of said North tract, same being on an old fence line; thence run N 03°53'33" E a distance of 263.55 feet to the point of beginning.

The following manufactured home to be auctioned separately and together with the real estate:
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Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process.

EvaBank
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Dewayne N. Morris
Attorney for Mortgagee
2131 Third Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
The Cullman Tribune-April 27, May 4, 11, 2019

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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, ALABAMA

Nancy F. McClellan
Bland, Harris & McClellan, PC
Attorney for Petitioners
401 2nd Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
* CULLMAN COUNTY
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

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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)
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

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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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

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

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



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Scholarship recipients pose for a photo with members of the Cullman Savings Bank Foundation Board at Top of the Town Thursday.

EDUCATION

Cullman Savings Bank Foundation awards Wallace State scholarships to 19 area students

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CULLMAN, Ala. – On Thursday, the Cullman Savings Bank Foundation, in partnership with the Wallace State Future Foundation, honored 19 county high school students named 2019 foundation scholarship recipients. In a luncheon at Top of the Town, each recipient was introduced and received an additional gift presented by Cullman Savings Bank President John Riley and Vice President Clara Kent, selected according to the student's intended field of study.

Recipients

- Francisco Ayala, Cold Springs, laptop computer
- Matthew Baughman, Fairview, laptop computer
- Dustin Burney, CATA/Fairview, Lowe's gift card
- Myra Rios Cortes, CATA/Fairview, cosmetology kit
- Tess Duke, Holly Pond, laptop computer
- Chase Dupree, CATA/Fairview, laptop computer
- Braden Holmes, Hanceville, laptop computer
- Nikki Light, Holly Pond, laptop computer
- Hunter Manley, West Point, laptop computer
- Christy Perales, Vinemont, laptop computer
- Daniel Price, Good Hope, laptop computer
- Dawson Ray, Cold Springs, laptop computer
- Brisa Romero, Vinemont, laptop computer
- McKenna Sharpton, CATA/West Point, laptop computer
- Hannah Silvers, Hanceville, laptop computer
- Jesse Smith, Fairview, culinary kit and uniforms
- Kara Tingle, Good Hope, laptop computer
- Makaley Whitfield, Holly Pond, laptop computer
- Stormy Williamson, Cold Springs, laptop computer

Additionally, returning 2018 recipients Katelyn Neely and Presley Marks, who are both going into nursing, received Apple watches and gift cards to Uniform Place. Emily James, a 2017 recipient who has completed two years at Wallace and is in her first semester of the nursing program, received a cash award.

James addressed the audience, saying, "Before starting Wallace State, I was a high school senior who had no other way to pay for college besides taking out loans or working countless hours. I had applied for multiple scholarships with no luck at receiving one. Then one day, Mrs. Barnett, who is the counselor at the Cullman Area Technology Academy, called me into her office and told me that I had received the Future Foundation Cullman Savings Bank Scholarship! I was completely thrilled to know that the burden of paying for school was no longer a problem, and that I could focus on my grades.

"Now, I am proud to say that I have been through two years of school and I have no debt. I want to say a huge thank you to everyone at the Future Foundation and Cullman Savings Bank for this amazing opportunity I have been given for the past two years. I know that all of the recipients here will appreciate it just as much as I do! Thank you!"

Cullman Savings Bank Foundation Board

- Chad Burks
- Dr. Paul Bussman
- Judge Kim Chaney
- Ms. Nancy McClellan
- Dr. Bill Peinhardt

Wallace State Future Foundation representatives

- Suzanne Harbin, director of advancement
- Cherie Smith, donor relations coordinator

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EDUCATION/ARTS

West Point production of 'Newsies' opens; public shows this weekend

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It's kids versus the World, the New York World newspaper, that is, in a colorful retelling of actual historical events surrounding the 1899 New York Newsboys' strike.

FAIRVIEW, Ala. – On Thursday morning, West Point High School Theatre opened the first in-school performance of Disney's "Newsies" at Fairview High School's auditorium. It wasn't without its challenges: moving a cast and set from a converted gym across the county onto a real theatrical stage, bringing scenes rehearsed for months in one place to life in some place new, and facing a first experience for a number of student actors new to the theater. But the cast and crew, along with their faculty directors, just seemed to look forward to the challenge.

After they got that first show under their belts, West Point Librarian and show co-director Kimberly Harbison told The Tribune, "Our first day of shows went extremely well.

"Our cast was full of energy right from the first number, and we are proud of how the performances went today. Many of our cast members are first-time performers on the stage, and they realized just how much fun it is to perform for an audience.

"Students from Fairview High School, West Point High School and West Point Middle School attended the two shows. We are looking forward to our shows on Friday and the weekend."

Harbison expressed hope that the school shows might do more than just entertain, saying, "Friday we host West Point Elementary and West Point Intermediate Schools, and we hope to inspire some future performers with 'Newsies.'"

Public shows began Friday evening.

At a glance

West Point High School Theatre production of "Newsies"

- Saturday, April 27 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, April 28 at 2 p.m.
- All shows at Fairview High School auditorium, 841 Welcome Road, Cullman
- Admission $10

Dinner (from Front)

in a farm-to-fork dinner, which is a little bit different from your normal catering because you don't just get everything right at the same time. But Chef Wilson has been very patient with us in picking up things little by little by little.

"Also, Cullman Jefferson Gas is one of our sponsors. I think our silent auction is bigger this year than it was last year.

"We have a lot of stuff: locally-grown items, gardening items; we have some trips, all kinds of things. It's a good event!"

Wilson and Wallace State Culinary Pride prepared appetizers and a meal including spiced lamb cupcakes, three kale salad and an entree featuring molasses and balsamic vinegar lacquered pork belly, goat cheese polenta, sweet and sour fried cabbage and Monte Cassino bread from the St. Bernard Abbey.

Cullman County sweet potato bread pudding with pecan crumble and bourbon caramel sauce rounded out the menu.

Billy and Jamie Troutman served as masters of ceremonies.

Chef Wilson and Alabama Farm Credit CEO Mel Koller addressed the audience, before the crowd was treated to a musical sampling of the Wallace State Singers' upcoming Alabama 200 Bicentennial show.

Dr. Tom Williamson, Dr. Bill Peinhardt and Mrs. Doris Patterson shared their stories of Alabama.

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"THE 67-COUNTY, ALABAMA GARDEN PARTY"

DALLAS COUNTY

Ben Johnson South
Tribune Correspondent

What's the first thing that comes to mind when you think of Selma? You're right, Selma is "THE BUTTERFLY CAPITAL OF ALABAMA."

Alabama has more than 150 species of butterflies. Our "state within a garden" offers nurturing habitats for butterflies to be sheltered from the weather, to feed, to multiply and to delight. In Dallas County, you'll find acres of colorful butterflies including swallowtails, sulphurs and satyrs. In 1989, the Alabama Legislature adopted the gloriously striped, proudly wide-winged Eastern Tiger Swallowtail as the state's official butterfly. There are meadows of nectar-kissed milkweed beckoning throngs of those graceful beauties here.

The monarchs returned to meet a King in Dallas County on March 21, 1965. This was the day Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. led 3,200 freedom-loving, nonviolent protestors from Selma on a 54-mile, three-day march which swelled to a crowd of 25,000 supporters in Montgomery. Ultimately, the winds that carry the butterflies in this part of Alabama led to the freedom of the Voting Rights Act, which became law on Aug. 6, 1965.

"You're a butterfly and butterflies are free to fly" is a lyric from an Elton John song. Selma and Dallas County are known throughout the world for championing freedom for all. Butterflies are a beautiful, age-old symbol of the fragile right of freedom we cherish and the determination to soar. Butterfly fossils date to the Paleocene Age 56 million years ago.

Monarch butterflies, like the ones that lifted the spirits of the freedom-marchers in Selma, occur in every county of Alabama. We mostly see them in our state during the spring when thousands of nomadic monarchs traverse north as far as Canada after wintering in the warm cliffsides of Mexico and then again in the fall when they are returning to their winter havens.

Dallas County is an ideal place on our "Alabama Garden Party" tour to learn simple things any of us can do to attract and nurture butterflies.

THE DALLAS COUNTY 6-STEP PLAN TO CREATE A BUTTERFLY GARDEN

1. SELECT A SUNNY SPOT- Butterflies are cold-natured insects and often start their day by warming in the sun. Choose an area that gets at least six hours of direct sunlight each day. Also, add a couple of large "warming rocks" for butterfly basking.

2. SELECT THE RIGHT PLANTS FOR BUTTERFLIES AND CATERPILLARS- Ask your local plant nursery which plants are "butterfly-friendly" and will thrive in your planting zone; here are plants butterflies love, perfect for most Alabama gardens: alyssum, asters, bee balm, butterfly bush, cosmos, daylilies, dianthus, goldenrod (Alabama's official state wildflower), lavenders, marigold, mallows, purple coneflower, Queen Anne's lace, verbena and zinnias. Caterpillars need different plants to help them grow; consider these in Alabama: borage, fennel, grasses, lupine, milkweed, nettle and willows.

3. BUTTERFLIES WANT A LITTLE WATER- They don't need much water, but butterflies like a mud puddle or moist sand; researchers believe butterflies may be getting the salt they need from "puddling."

4. TREES AND SHRUBS FOR A WINDBREAK- My "can do," perfectionist-but-delightful, Alabama mama had one of the largest butterfly gardens in the state; she had my dutiful dad plant a dense arc of Nellie R. Stevens hollies (Quercus ilex) around her butterfly garden so fragile butterfly wings would be protected. That sort of thing may be too ambitious for most home gardeners, but a few shrubs as a windbreak is a compassionate idea.

5. AVOID POISONS NEAR YOUR BUTTERFLY GARDEN- Whatever kills unwanted plants (a weed is any plant you don't want) may also kill butterflies.

6. PLAN FOR A GARDEN BENCH OR CHAIR AND ENJOY the Alabama Butterfly Garden you created; reward yourself with a glass of iced tea or some other treat as you watch all the freedom-loving beauty.

Here are other positive and pleasurable ways PLANTS + PEOPLE come together in Dallas County, including an original recipe for Orange Butterflied and Herb-Stuffed Pork Tenderloin

• **DALLAS COUNTY FARMERS MARKETS**- Orrville Farmers Market, 14580 Main Street, Orrville, AL 36767; open Fridays and Saturdays, 7 a.m.-2 p.m., June 1-Aug. 31; Selma Farmers Market, Block Park, Dallas Avenue and Marina Drive, Selma, AL 36702, Tues/Thurs/Sat, 6 a.m.-2 p.m., June-November

• **BIG MULBERRY NURSERY AND LANDSCAPE**- This "environmentally-friendly" plant provider grows most everything onsite, which is in the Burnsville community just across the creek from Autauga County; It has a selection of nectar plants butterflies love and is the proud source of plants used by a Dallas County Wounded Warrior group to create an Alabama butterfly garden. 334-418-4813

• **OLD CAHAWBA ARCHEOLOGICAL PARK**- In 1819, the year-old state of Alabama carved its first capital out of the dense forests of Dallas County at what is now called Old Cahawba. The settlement thrived but by the 1890s Old Cahawba became a "ghost town" with most buildings lost to fire, decay and dismantlement. Here you can enjoy hiking and biking 5 miles of nature trails through native, butterfly-welcoming wildflowers.

• **BUTTERFLY PARK BY THE RIVERFRONT**- This small park in Selma with a scenic view of the Alabama River and the world-famous Edmund Pettus Bridge was completed in 2017. This is a perfect spot for landscape painters and photographers, picnic enthusiasts, with much to entertain children of all ages.

• **STURDIVANT HALL**- A grand house museum from Alabama's pre-Civil War, Antebellum years will particularly interest garden tourists with a charming courtyard planted with fragrant plants consistent with the original, 1860s design and plantings. Also, note the elaborate, cantilevered balcony which looks out over the grounds, the cast iron filigree and the unique application of stucco to mimic ashlar.

• **PLANTING AN IDEA**- Selma and Dallas County are fortunate to have a gracious, dynamic, visionary community leader in Sheryl Smedley, executive director of the Selma and Dallas County Chamber of Commerce. When I spoke with Ms. Smedley about this story on "the Butterfly Capital of Alabama," she shared some of her past-respectful, future-embracing vision.

Smedley, "Butterflies are a vital part of nature's plan. And, the butterfly symbolizes rebirth which Selma and Dallas County are experiencing."

Ms. Smedley lauded now deceased Mrs. Mallieve Breeding, known as 'Madame Butterfly,' who was the life-force behind the area's butterfly passion. I mentioned to Smedley that my Atlanta-based, Selma-raised niece, Bess Johnson, was a videographer on the award-winning feature film, "Selma," which starred Oprah Winfrey, among others. (When you see Bess Johnson's name in the film credits, please jump up and shout for joy like I did.) It's my understanding that Winfrey gave $75,000 to the local high school during the time she was filming. So, she has already contributed mightily. But, Oprah loves, LOVES gardens and has worked with gifted designers to create glorious ones at her homes. Recognizing that Selma is "the Butterfly Capital Of Alabama" and that butterflies represent the beauty of being free, I'd like to approach the progressive and uplifting billionaire to fund a major butterfly garden and perhaps a year-round "butterfly house" in Dallas County. This could be a world-class, motivational message about hope and change.

Y'ALL COME to Dallas County on your 67-County Alabama Garden Party tour! I promise your spirit will soar.

DALLAS COUNTY ORANGE BUTTERFLIED AND HERB-STUFFED PORK TENDERLOIN

This recipe was created by former Selma resident Laurie Johnson who, besides being my fun sister-in-law, is also a talented cook. She was determined to create a special, delectable "butterfly garden" entrée to honor her three children who spent parts of their childhoods in Dallas County. Even Laurie admits, this recipe was a challenge. The major hurdle is "butterflying" the pork, which basically means slicing it almost-but-not-quite through. Laurie did this herself, but she suggests many butchers will do this for you. (Note: Laurie's food photo highlights a china pattern from Lenox called "Butterfly Meadow." Yes, she's that butterfly-obsessed.)



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



Dallas County Orange Butterflied and Herb-Stuffed Pork Tenderloin (4 servings)

Ingredients

- ½ cup chopped sweet yellow onion
- ½ cup diced yellow and/or orange bell peppers
- Butter and olive oil
- 1 tbsp. minced garlic
- Juice of 2 oranges, zest from their peels and one extra orange for roasting and garnish
- ½ cup minced, mixed fresh herbs – include rosemary, parsley and thyme – reserve some for garnish and some full sprigs for roasting
- ½ cup panko bread crumbs (gluten-free, substitute southern pecans, pulsed in a food processor)
- Salt, black pepper and red pepper flakes
- 1 unseasoned pork tenderloin, about 1 lb.
- Dijon or stone ground mustard, balsamic vinegar, orange marmalade

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 F

2. For stuffing- Sauté onions and peppers in 4 tbsp. butter/oil with half of the juice until soft, adding garlic in last minute. Take off heat and mix in herbs, bread crumbs, some remaining juice (add a bit at a time to not get too soupy), half of the zest, salt, black and red pepper to taste, using more juice or bread crumbs for consistency - a crumbly, but spreadable, stuffing.

3. Prepare tenderloin (sharp knife and cutting skills needed or ask a friendly butcher to do this)- Trim any excess fat and silver skin and butterfly the tenderloin lengthwise- cutting almost through so that it opens up like a book. Cover with plastic wrap and pound to flatten to a uniform thickness, using a mallet or heavy skillet. Brush with 2 tbsp. mustard mixed with 1 tbsp. balsamic, sprinkle with the remaining orange zest, salt, black pepper and red pepper flakes. Spread with the stuffing to about ½ inch of each edge. Roll up tightly, lengthwise like a jelly roll, and tie with cooking string every two inches. Season with salt, black pepper and red pepper (to taste).

4. Cook tenderloin- Heat a swirl of olive oil and butter in a heavy, oven-proof skillet and sear tenderloin until brown all the way around, approximately 3-4 minutes on each side. Brush with browned oil/butter from skillet and top with herb sprigs and a few orange slices. Insert a meat thermometer and transfer to oven. Roast about 25 minutes or to an internal temp of 160 F. Remove and rest for 5-10 minutes before slicing. Garnish with herbs and orange slices and serve with a drizzle of warmed marmalade, mustard and balsamic.

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.

PREP SOFTBALL

Lady Warriors knock off 10th-ranked Huntsville at home, Cold Springs wins on the road

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WEST POINT, Ala. – The Lady Warriors picked up a big win at home on Wednesday after they welcomed in no. 10 in class 7A Huntsville and sent the Lady Panthers back home with an 8-3 loss. West Point went up 3-0 in the bottom of the second and once the offense began to come alive for Huntsville, the Lady Warriors plated four runs in the bottom of the sixth to pull away from the Lady Panthers.

After a scoreless first inning, Bethany Minck gave West Point a 1-0 lead with an RBI single into left field and they stretched the lead to 3-0 when Gracie Thompson and Kaci Minck came home to score on a fielder's choice. Carlie Wilkins worked through another scoreless inning in the third, but Huntsville managed to trim the lead to 3-1 in the top of the fourth. That score held until the bottom of the fifth when Makayla Brown scored on an error to extend the lead to 4-1. The Lady Panthers managed to plate a pair of runs in the top half of the sixth and make it a 4-3 game, but the Lady Warriors put things away for good in the bottom of the sixth.

An RBI double from Gracie Abbott scored Bethany Minck to go up 5-3 and back to back to back RBI singles from Lexi Shadix, Braelee Quinn and Thompson put West Point on top 8-3 with three outs remaining for Huntsville. Wilkins and the Lady Warriors' defense collected the final three outs to seal the win over the 10th-ranked Lady Panthers.

Wilkins tossed a complete game for West Point, allowing just one earned run on eight hits and striking out seven. Minck (one RBI), Quinn (one RBI), Shadix (one RBI) each finished with two hits and Abbott finished 2-for-4 at the plate with three RBIs.

The Lady Warriors are now 17-16-1 on the season with a road trip to Danville coming up on Thursday.

Other Wednesday scores

Cold Springs 7 – Addison 4

The Lady Eagles hit the road to take on Addison Wednesday and returned home with a 7-4 win over the Lady Bulldogs. Cold Springs took an early lead after scoring three in the top of the first and after Addison tied the game in the fourth, the Lady Eagles plated four runs in the top of the fifth to pull away from the Lady Bulldogs. Hayden Goodwin (one hit) racked up three RBIs in the win and Morgan Chasteen (two hits), Emily Williams (one hit) and Shay Sellers (one hit) each drove in a run for the Lady Eagles as well.

Winston County 4 – Meek 2

The Lady Yellow Jackets scored three in the bottom of the first to jump out to an early lead that the Lady Tigers were never able to catch. Back to back RBI singles from Emma and Bailee Fincher put two runs on the board for Meek in the fifth but it wasn't enough to overcome Winston County and the Lady Tigers fell 4-2.

Bailee Fincher finished 4-for-4 at the plate with an RBI in the loss and Abby Phillips, LaKota Alden and Savannah Smith each collected a pair of hits for Meek.

JOB FAIR

Payroll Services, LLC Will Be Having A Job Fair on Saturday, May 4th, 2019 – 7:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Hanceville approves pay increase for mayor, council; City preparing for Welcome Back Hanceville concert Saturday

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – The Hanceville City Council Thursday night set new, higher salaries for the mayor and city council members for the first time in more than a decade. The changes will be effective following the 2020 municipal elections. The salary for the position of mayor will jump from $31,000 to $54,000, unless the mayor is appointed to the Cullman Jefferson Gas Board, then it will be $42,000. The mayor pro tem position's pay was set at $500 per month and other council seats at $400 per month. Council members currently receive $350 per month.

Welcome Back Hanceville

Hanceville is gearing up for the Welcome Back Hanceville concert Saturday, April 27 featuring Irlene Mandrell of Barbara Mandrell and the Mandrell Sisters. Other performers include Cody McCarver and Vicki Lynn Maxwell.

Mayor Kenneth Nail shared, "The last few days we've worked really hard cleaning up downtown and getting the sidewalks clean."

The free concert is Saturday night in downtown Hanceville from 4-7 p.m. There will be a meet and greet with the performers from 2-4. The City plans to have portable bleachers brought in but suggests people bring a lawn chair or quilt to sit on as bleacher seating will be extremely limited. The mayor is also addressing handicap accessibility for the concert.

The Welcome Back Hanceville concert is just one of several planned concert events for the city. The 2019 Summer Concert Series has three events scheduled. On June 8, Three on a String and Jessie Priest Music will perform at Veterans Park. The Natchez Trace Band and Another Hero will be playing in Veterans Park on July 20. Finally, The Kingsmen and Genisis will be playing at the Hanceville Civic Center on August 24.

The council gave approval for the City to obtain a special license that would allow alcohol sales at the Natchez Trace Band concert in July.

Hanceville Parks and Recreation Director Ashley Dye addressed the council, saying, "We were looking to see if we could attempt to obtain all the licensing and do what we needed to do to possibly sell alcohol at that one event. We will not be selling it at the first concert or the third. It would be at Veterans Park."

Dye hopes to contract the alcohol sales through Cabin Fever Beverages and has a meeting with Budweiser in hopes of getting a sponsorship.

The one-day event license costs $150 with a $50 filing fee. A City ordinance requires $300,000 liability coverage that will cost an additional $1,200 but by contracting through Cabin Fever, the City will profit from the alcohol sales.

Nail explained, "What we've done here, we done the first concert as a family-friendly concert. The next concert is kind of a Southern Rock concert, and to be honest with you, if you don't have beer at that concert you might as well just not have that concert. That's just the truth because the folks that's going to go listen to Southern Rock, they want to drink a beer."

The City hopes to offer different concerts that appeal to all people as it looks to continue hosting public concerts and other events. After an in-depth discussion, the council gave the approval with Councilman Jim Sawyer abstaining.

Paving bids

The council opened sealed bids at Thursday night's meeting for paving work to begin soon. The streets listed for paving are Forrest Drive, Melton Drive, Stiles Street, West Railroad Avenue, East Railroad Avenue and a portion of County Road 662 within Hanceville city limits.

The first bid was for the virgin asphalt the city will purchase directly for the paving project. C.A. Lankford was the only bidder offering the asphalt at $65 a ton. The project is estimated to require 1,000-1,400 tons of asphalt. The council approved the bid.

The next bid was for the paving and labor. There were three bidders and the low bidder was John's Paving at $28,500. The bid includes the price of hauling, paving and tack. The council approved the bid.

Announcements

Saturday, April 27 is Cullman County People Against a Littered State (PALS) Spring Clean-Up. Residents can use the dumpster behind city hall, but tires, paint and chemicals are not accepted. The dumpster will be available from 8 a.m. until noon. PALS is asking citizens to pitch in by picking up garbage around their homes and neighborhoods. Garbage bags provided by State PALS can be picked up at city hall.

The annual Senior Fish-O-Rama will take place on May 3. The Kids' Fish-O-Rama will be May 4.

The next city council meeting is May 9 at 6 p.m. preceded by the work session at 5:30.

FUNNY THINGS FROM YESTERDAY

He's coming out the other side of the barn

Robert N. Tidwell, Sr.
Tribune Contributor



In my much younger days, we had a barn and a large pasture behind our house on Denson Street. This was before we were inside the city limits, and we could have some cows, a few calves and hogs in our neighborhood.

Daddy was constantly trading, buying or selling the animals. At this time, we had three white-faced steers that we were going to sell, but we had to catch them to load them on the truck. The easiest place to catch them was in a stable in the barn. The way our barn was built it had a L-shaped hall that was open on two sides, and it took four or five people to drive the calves in and run them in a stable.

We had one little steer that must have been a midget. He only grew to about 3 feet high, but he was always fat, so we decided to sell him. We had him run into the hall, but couldn't get him to go into the stable.

The little steer made a run for the outside, and someone yelled, "He's coming out the other end of the hall."

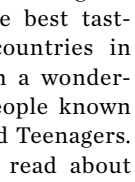
I got over in front of him to turn him back, but he wouldn't turn. As he came by me, I bear hugged him around his neck. That little rascal dragged me about 15 feet out of the barn hall, through four or five piles of cow manure, and split the inseam of my blue jeans from top to bottom.

The rest of the crew had a real big laugh over this sight. I was like the Northwest Mountie who always gets his man. I am a cattleman that always gets his calf in a roundup.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

I loved the land of lemons and the place of pastries

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Recently, I had the joy of touring one of the best tasting countries in the world, with a wonderful group of people known as The Recycled Teenagers. Hopefully, you read about us a couple of weeks ago. I want to tell you about some of the wonderful things we saw, but first I want to write about some of the wonderful things we ate. Italy is not only a land of the brightest yellow lemons I've ever seen, but it is also filled with orange, olive, and almond groves, plus miles of vineyards. I ate some of all those, as well as almost everything else in Italy! I'm sure glad I had lost a little weight before we went. Now I am wishing I had not wasted my money on buying smaller clothes.

Our journey began on the island of Sicily – the land of Sicilian-style pizza. When you think about Italian food, you may think about pizza, pasta, spaghetti, and lasagna.

They had all of those, as did I, but I must confess I was slightly underwhelmed with the sauces. The pasta part was great, but I almost asked for some Ragu! I've probably eaten too many times at Pizza Hut and Olive Garden. Italy has olive gardens... by the acres! And forget the toppings on the pizza...just eat the crust!

The pizza crusts and all the bread was out of this world.

In the south, we know about sopping, but we usually drag a buttermilk-biscuit through a puddle of sawmill gravy. In Italy, we sopped fresh baked bread through a lake of olive oil. Oh my!! There was plenty of pasta, but give me their pastries.

At breakfast, there was no gravy. They had eggs, but not fried, and no grits. The eggs were hidden somewhere over behind the brioche, cornetto, and crostata.

After a couple of mornings, I realized there would be eggs and grits when I got back home. As for the cannoli and tiramisu, I would advise eating those whenever and wherever, no matter what time of day or night.

I ate some strange things too. I've had calamari before, even in Alabama. I had never had octopus. I don't think we have octopuses in Alabama, although there is a restaurant in Dolphin Island called The Happy Octopus.

By the way, calamari and octopus are not the same thing. One is squid and one is octopus. That's like saying beef and buffalo are the same. In Italy, you can order octopus-salad. That's a tossed salad with octopus on top, but they don't have honey-mustard. It's kind of like our barbecued pork-salad, except on top of all the green stuff, there's octopus...octopus tentacles, to be exact.

They're not barbecued either. We say everything tastes like chicken and we eat chicken legs, so why not octopus legs? And no, octopus does not taste like chicken. It tastes like squid or buffalo. I'm teasing. It was kind of like eating a large gummy bear but without flavor. One thing is for certain, octopus will stick to your ribs - they leave the suction cups on it.

For desert, pass some more pastries, but save room for gelato. I didn't know anything could taste better than ice- cream. Gelato is not ice-cream or calamari; it's better than either. I was thrilled to learn that it has less fat than ice-cream, and no suction cups! That's probably why I usually got two scoops.

Well, what I've shared has been in good taste. I hope what we all share today, as well as what we do, will be in good taste as well. I've used up my word count without telling you what we saw. I hope to see you here next week, for the rest of the story.

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Run (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Community leaders and members of the Cullman community gathered at the courthouse steps Friday morning as the torch was lit for the Cullman Area Special Needs Track & Field Day. The Community Torch Run began at the courthouse and traveled through town on its way to the athletes waiting at Oliver Woodard Stadium on the campus of Cullman High School. After a heartwarming and celebratory lap around the track, the games got underway.

Cullman City Police Chief Kenny Culpepper reminded the participants in the torch run, "Law enforcement, we are the guardians of acceptance and inclusion.

"This is what this is about. We in law enforcement are the guardians of the flame- the flame of hope. I am proud of every one of you."

Cullman County Sherriff Matt Gentry led the run and before the run, Gentry dedicated this year's run to Sgt. Arvel Allison, Deputy Timmy Puckett and Tim Collins.

Cullman County Commissioner Garry Marchman said to the runners, "I wanted to give a special thanks to the folks that put this on. That's the rapid responders, the sheriff's department and the police department. All those are involved in making this happen. I know it's going to be a great day. Ya'll go get em."

"We have people from every aspect of different careers here and that's why we call it the Community Torch Run.

"The torch is a symbol of peace, unity and friendship. Our focus needs to be on the athletes and we want to make sure they are the ones we focus on when we get there," Lt. Rex Sorrow said as the torch was lit.

As the runners entered Oliver Woodward Stadium, the torch was passed to one of the many cheering athletes as "Eye of the Tiger" played from the speakers.

All the athletes along with their teachers, coaches, mentors and friends circled the stadium in a fantastic display of love and sportsmanship. Members of local high school Key Clubs helped and supported the athletes.

See a full photo gallery of the day's events at http://bit.ly/2ZC15lI.

Poet's Corner

Shady Grove

By: Robert N. Tidwell, Sr.



Many years have come and gone since I was a child,
But many are the memories I recall with a smile.

We traveled for miles it seemed on a dusty road,
But at last we arrived at a place called Shady Grove,
There we would meet old friends of days gone by,
And talk of old times with a glisten of a tear in our eye.

We place flowers on the graves of our family
and friends who have gone before
And know in our hearts we'll meet again
and be together forever more.

The little white church stands for what was and is to be
And it always gives fond memories to you and to me.

I wrote this poem about Shady Grove. This little church is listed on the Alabama register of Places to see. I have many of my family in this cemetery. My great grandfather and great grandmother, my grandfather and grandmother and many of my aunts and uncles are in this cemetery. Decoration day is the first Sunday in May.

Before The Earth Awakes

By: April McCay

Before the earth awakes
And the day starts,
I come to You
With all my heart.
A fresh beginning Waiting to be seized, Here I am
On my knees.
The day is Yours
This I know,
I need Your leading
For the path
I am to go.
Before I rise
And go ahead,
Let Your words
Upon my heart be said.
Let my ears
Listen deep,
For my soul
Is Yours to keep.
Give my eyes
A vision from You,
Let my lips
Speak the way You do.
Let my hands
Touch and care,
For I am the church in body
Taking You, Lord everywhere.

EDUCATION

Crane Hill homeschool student finalist for $10K national memory championship

John Carpenter
Contributor

CRANE HILL, Ala. – A Crane Hill sixth-grader will embark this weekend on a voyage to become a national memory champion and earn a $10,000 grand prize.

Brady Phillips, 12, is one of 16 finalists in the National Memory Master competition. On April 30, Brady will compete in three rounds of academic memory testing during a five-day cruise to the Bahamas aboard the Carnival cruise ship Liberty. Each of the finalists received two free tickets to the cruise and $800 in traveling money.

The 16 finalists have already been through a rigorous series of local and regional memory competitions to reach the finals. They have been tested on more than 500 facts in their local community and are memorizing more than 1,200 facts for the finals. In his competition video, Brady, great-grandson of Rip Van Winkle, slept through most of the 20th century, and he has just been informed of all the war and conflict that took place.

The National Memory Master competition is hosted by Classical Conversations, Inc., the world's largest classical education resource used by homeschoolers in all 50 states and 30 foreign countries. Classical Conversations now has more than 125,000 students enrolled in its tutoring programs.

Brady attends a Classical Conversations community in Cullman. He is the son of Eric and Alicia Phillips and has five siblings. He is finishing his fourth year as a Classical Conversations, or CC, student and has been a Memory Master for all four years. His favorite school subjects are history and geography. Brady also enjoys playing baseball, playing the guitar and reading.

"I feel blessed to have the opportunity to participate in this program and represent my CC campus," Brady said. "I am thankful for the knowledge I have received through CC to prepare me for this moment."

CC provides resources, guidance and a community for a home-school curriculum using classical education in three developmental stages: grammar, dialectic and rhetoric, and taught from a Christian worldview, according to its founder, Leigh Bortins. She says CC supports homeschooling parents by cultivating the love of learning through a Christian worldview in fellowship with other families. She believes there are three keys to a great education: classical, Christian and community.



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Brady Phillips

Started in 1997 and headquartered in Southern Pines, North Carolina, CC is a family-owned company that provides services to 2,500 CC communities around the world. For more information visit www.classicalconversations.com.





