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A store with a mission

New King's Home Thrift Store opens in Hanceville



MAGGIE DARNELL/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The ribbon was cut on the new King's Home Thrift Store in Hanceville Thursday. The store takes the place of the old Jimmie Hale Mission store. **» PAGE 7**

PREP TRACK & FIELD

AHSAA State Track & Field Meets happening now





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Left: Meek's Jaycey Bowling took gold in the 1A Girls' Pole Vault Friday after recording a 9-00.00 at the AHSAA State 1A-3A State Track & Field Meet. Right: St. Bernard's Gracie Loyd finished second in the 1A Girls' 100-Meter Hurdles with a time of 16.75 at the AHSAA State 1A-3A State Track & Field Meet.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The AHSAA State 1A-3A State Track & Field Meet began Friday at Cullman High School and will wrap up Saturday. The 4A-7A meet is taking place in Gulf Shores. Look for a full story with results at www.CullmanTribune.com.

PRO FISHING

Addison's Jesse Wiggins, Cullman's Matt and Jordan Lee headed to Saturday's Knockout Round on Smith Lake

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CULLMAN, Ala. – After his monster day on the water Wednesday in the Major League Fishing (MLF) Bass Pro Tour Stage Five, Addison's Jesse Wiggins reeled in 25lbs. 14 oz. Friday to stay on top of Group B and secure his spot in Saturday's Knockout Round. Joining Wiggins on the water Saturday will be Cullman natives Matt and Jordan Lee, who finished eighth and 14th, respectively, in Group A on Thursday to advance past the elimination round. The top 20 anglers from Groups A and B will be in the field Saturday and all weights will reset to zero. The top 10 finishers on Saturday will advance to Sunday's Championship Round.

Thursday action

He spent a lot of the day on the water close to the cut line on Thursday, but Cullman's Jordan Lee made a late push to finish 14th and secure a spot in the field on Saturday with his brother Matt who is sitting comfortably inside the top 20 of Group A in eighth place. Matt collected 18 fish and 32lbs. 2oz. on Thursday to bring his total to 62lbs. 9oz and Jordan rallied from a slow morning to reel in 23lbs. 13oz. for a 2-day total of 52lbs. 10oz. and both of them will be advancing past the elimination round.

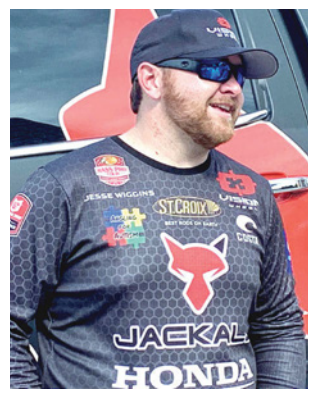
Matt has had a little trouble in the mornings so far this week, but he's done well enough later in the day to stay safely inside the cut line.

"I'm on something really good but it's only good after about 10:00. Most guys catch them early and the two days I've fished I haven't been able to catch anything early so that's really hurt me but I'm in eight today, so it hasn't hurt me too bad. But, to win the tournament, you've got to be able to catch them like (Jesse) Wiggins did yesterday," Matt said. "You can't have a bad period. So, I've got to figure out something early, later in the day has been fine for me, but I've got to figure out the early bite."

With the first two days behind and some weather on the way that could potentially affect weekend conditions, Matt is preparing to make some adjustments on the water and look for some new things.

"I'm going to have to adapt. The weather is going to be different with all this rain and stuff coming in. I experimented a little bit this morning and nothing worked out great so I'm going to experiment a little bit more come Saturday," Matt said. "You've got to keep an open mind in this deal, and I've got to just make good decisions, find a place where they're biting and catch a lot of them quick in the morning and I think I'll be good after 10:00. I just have to catch them early."

The other former Bearcat in the field, Jordan Lee, is already used to dramatic finishes as a pro angler and Thursday was another come from behind effort from the two-time Bassmaster Classic champion. Jordan had to bounce back from a slow morning on Smith Lake to climb up to 14th place in Group A and secure a place







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Left to right are Jesse Wiggins, Matt Lee and Jordan Lee.

on the lake Saturday but spent a lot of the day floating right around the cut line.

"It's really stressful, especially when you're right there on the bubble," Jordan said. "That's not really where you want to be, you want to be way up in the 20 cut but that's just kind of how it worked today. It was just a tough morning; I couldn't get anything going and on Smith Lake that's tough. You've got to put something together in the morning and then it's a grind after that. I kind of reversed that."

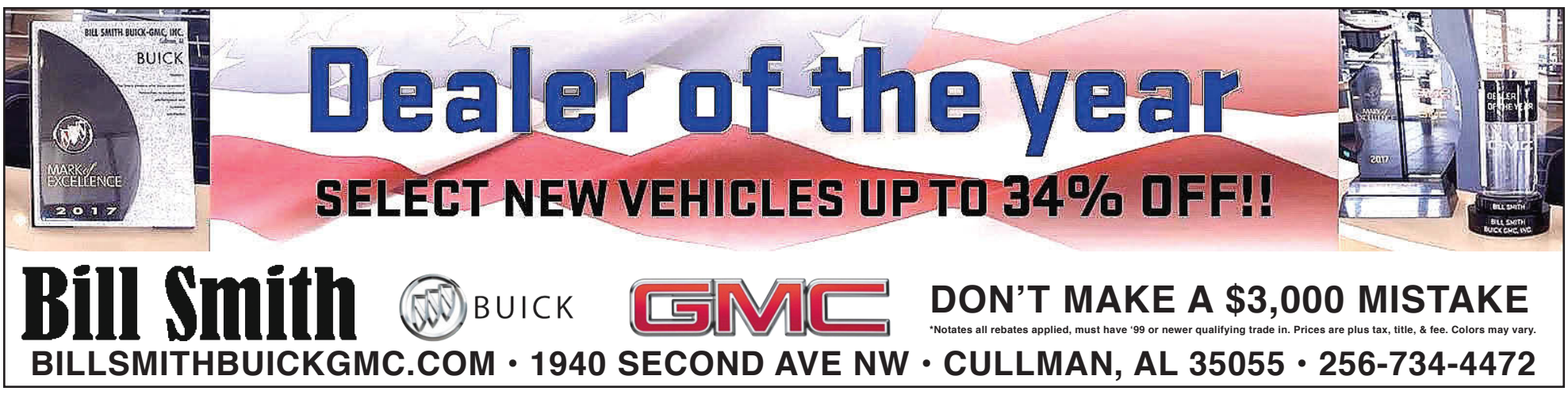
Like his brother, Jordan is planning on trying some new things on Saturday as he looks to climb into the top ten and chase another title on Sunday.

"I'm probably going to try some different areas and just try some different stuff because I feel like I'm not really doing the right thing. I'm kind of just doing enough to get by and I'm going to have to try and find something new and go explore," Lee said. "I fished water today that I didn't fish the first day and I may have to go back to some stuff that I fished the first day too and try to figure something out. It's not easy, you know. It's hard to get bit but I'm just going to keep doing some different stuff and hopefully figure it out on the fly Saturday."

Both Lee brothers will be looking to make adjustments when they hit the water again on Saturday and if they can get things to break their way, they'll both have a chance to make the cut for championship Sunday.

Wiggins breaks Bass Pro Tour record Wednesday

The Addison native racked up 72lbs. 4 oz. Wednesday after hauling in an MLF record 49 scorable fish to climb to the **» PAGE 3**



CRIME

Cullman man charged with trafficking; 1 pound meth, 3 grams heroin seized

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CULLMAN, Ala. – A Cullman man was arrested Wednesday after members of the Cullman Narcotics Enforcement Team (CNET) and investigators and deputies with the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) allegedly found approximately 1 pound of methamphetamine and 3 grams of heroin during a search of his residence. Also allegedly recovered were drug paraphernalia and a large amount of counterfeit U.S. currency.

Jamey Eugene Arwood, 45, was charged with trafficking in methamphetamine, possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Approximately 1 pound of methamphetamine, 3 grams of heroin, drug paraphernalia and a large amount of counterfeit U.S. currency were allegedly found.



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Jamey Eugene Arwood

The arrest and charges came after authorities conducted a search of Arwood's home in the city of Cullman.

"I continue to be impressed with our deputies making proactive drug arrests. If someone is a drug dealer in Cullman County, we will find them and arrest them," said Sheriff Matt Gentry. "I would like to thank all the CNET agents, CCSO investigators and deputies who worked on this case. Anytime you conduct a search warrant it's dangerous and I'm glad it was conducted effectively and safely."

Arwood has made bond.

Arrests and incidents reported May 2-3

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported May 2-3, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

REPORTED MAY 2
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INCIDENTS
April 29
• domestic violence; CR 432
• unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; CR 1136
• theft of property; Schwaigher Dr.
• burglary; CR 1435
• trespassing; CR 1367
• criminal mischief; CR 152
• possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278 W

April 30
• unlawful breaking and entering a motor vehicle; CR 57
• domestic violence; CR 1367
• possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 616
• domestic violence; CR 1185
• trespassing; CR 574
• harassment; CR 463
• harassment; Hwy. 278 W
• domestic violence; CR 497
• burglary, theft of property; Hwy. 278 E
• theft of property; CR 1305
• theft of property; Municipal Dr.
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1615/CR 747

May 1
• theft of property; CR 509
• domestic violence; Hwy. 91
• criminal mischief; CR 216
• criminal mischief, theft of property; CR 8

ARRESTS
April 29
Amick, Kevin Bartley, 45
• motion to revoke bond – second-degree domestic violence

Graves, Kevin Dewayne, 33
• probation violation – unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Landers, Barry William, 34
• third-degree promoting prison contraband

Lay, Rachel Lynn, 28
• third-degree criminal trespassing
• public intoxication

Oden, Cary James, 23
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Wright, Wayne, 63
• fourth-degree theft of property (2 counts)

April 30
Allred, Dustyn Herndon, 23
• fourth-degree theft of property

Baker, Caresha Ann, 29
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- illegal possession of drug prescription medicine
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Defoe, Krystal Ladawn, 37
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Dorton, Eric Preston, 26
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Evans, Karlaton Shelton, 34
• third-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument
• third-degree forgery

Gann, Kimberly Dawn Presley, 48
• probation violation- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Hamblen, Ricky Lindon, Jr., 45
• second-degree theft of property

Johnson, Heath Kerry, 32
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Pollock, Roy Munn, 41
• GJ- third-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument (3 counts)
• GJ- third-degree forgery (3 counts)
• GJ- first-degree theft of property

Saucier, Brittany Paige, 33
• FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Smith, Justin William, 30
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Smith, Wesley Eric, 36
• third-degree domestic violence

Thompson, Steven Edward, 43
• third-degree domestic violence- harassment

May 1
Arwood, Jamey Eugene, 45
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
• trafficking in methamphetamine

Caudle, James Christopher, 44
• probation violation – unlawful distribution of a controlled substance (3 counts)

Gable, Winford Clark, 57
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- third-degree promoting prison contraband
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Giles, Lesley Hurst, 37
• first-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument (2 counts)

Harbison, Ann Marie, 35
• negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Harrison, Jane Ziglar, 64
• harassment

Phelps, Crystal Michelle, 33
• fourth-degree theft of property

Starks, Andre Antonio, 40
• FTA- proof of liability insurance required

Stricklin, Terri Hicks, 57
• DUI- controlled substance

Wilson, Brooklyn Nicole, 18
• third-degree promoting prison contraband
• third-degree robbery

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
May 1
• third-degree burglary; Tony Serra Nissan; Cherokee Ave. SW; '17 Nissan Maxima, '12 Chev. Cruz, damaged property; $35,400
• unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; person; 1st St. NW; sports equipment, miscellaneous; $575
• third-degree domestic violence; person; 8th St. SW
• second-degree criminal mischief; Days Inn Motel; 4th St. SW; damaged property; $785
• third-degree domestic violence- assault; person; Commerce Ave. NW
• unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; person; Main Ave. SW; sunglasses; $150
• duty upon striking an unattended vehicle; 1st Ave. SE; damage to '14 Honda Odyssey; $800

ARRESTS
May 1
Martin, Anthony A., 27
• FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• FTA- resisting arrest

Pemberton, Tyler E., 26
• third-degree domestic violence- assault

Earley, Billy C., 34
• possession of drug paraphernalia

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

Sturgeon, Anthony M., 23
• fourth-degree theft of property

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No arrests and incidents reported.

REPORTED MAY 3
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
May 1
• third-degree domestic violence- harassment; person; Poplar Dr. SW
• unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; person; 4th St. SW; wallet & contents; unknown amount of property value

May 2
• third-degree burglary; Cullman Park & Rec.; Rosemont Ave. SW, 3rd St. SW; damaged property; $330
• fourth-degree theft of property; person; Lee Ave. SW; bicycle, miscellaneous; $435
• harassing communications; person
• third-degree criminal mischief; Marathon; 4th St. SW; damaged door; $200

May 3
• third-degree domestic violence; person; 2nd Ave. NW

ARRESTS
May 2
Barnett, Leigh F., 43
• third-degree robbery

Olser, Michael S., 35
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Reid, James W., 25
• fourth-degree receiving stolen property

Cray, Shane R., 32
• FTA- driving without a license (2 counts)
• FTA- insurance violation
• FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing (2 counts)
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Isbell, Matthew A., 35
• FTA- driving without a license
• FTA- driving while suspended
• FTA- improper lane usage
• FTA- DUI
• FTA- switched tag

Styles, Wesley A., 32
• public intoxication

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
May 4 - 6

SATURDAY, MAY 4

Cornerstone Church of the Nazarene Youth Yard Sale
7 a.m. to noon. Rain or shine in the basement. 321 Second St SE.

Cullman County Republican Party Monthly Meeting- Special Guest Stanley Adair
The Cullman County Republican Party hosts monthly meetings on the first Saturday of each month at the Cullman Elks Lodge.
• 7:30- Breakfast ($10)
• 8:00- Meeting begins (free)
• May's special guest speaker will be U.S. Senate primary candidate Stanley Adair. (https://www.stanleyadairforsenate.com/)

There's Good Hope in Alabama- Alabama 200 Bicentennial Festival at Good Hope High School
An Alabama 200 Bicentennial Festival at Good Hope High School
It starts with a 5K at 8 a.m. We will have a craft show, a cemetery tour, a community museum, face painting for the children, and many more events.
Sponsors - Alabama Bicentennial Committee, Cullman's Bicentennial Committee, Alabama Council on the Arts
• 8 a.m. - 5K - Raider Run
• 8 a.m.-4 p.m. - Community Museum - GHHS Gym - Free to the public
• 8 a.m.-4 p.m. - Cemetery Tour - Walking tour starts in GHHS parking lot - Free to the public
• 9 a.m.-4 p.m. - Craft Show - GHHS main hall
• 11 a.m.-1 p.m. - BBQ Lunch - GH School lunchroom - $12

MLF Bass Pro Tour Stage Five Fan Experience
• 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at Depot Park in downtown Cullman
• Join us in downtown Cullman for the MLF Bass Pro Tour Stage Five Fan Experience!
• During the event, we'll have live music, kids' activities, craft vendors & artisans, food trucks, a farmers market, meet & greets and more!

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

Clothed in Cullman
The inaugural Clothed in Cullman event, benefiting Curt's Closet, will take place Saturday, May 4 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Cullman Civic Center. The Silent Auction will begin at 11 a.m. - we have some AMAZING items that have been generously donated for the auction! Lunch will be provided by yummy Southern Eats - Meals to Go and will be served at 12 p.m. We will have LOTS of door prizes and a FUN fashion show showcasing clothing donated to Curt's Closet by our local boutiques! You don't want to miss this event! All proceeds benefit Curt's Closet. Tickets are available for purchase at $20 each at Monograms Plus Cullman, Traditions Bank (main branch), Curt's Closet and Southern Eats - Meals to Go or call 256-735-4557. Tickets are also available for purchase at the door on the day of the event for $25 each. www.facebook.com/events/589616351560233/

Teach a Child to Fish Day
• 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Sportsman Lake Park, 1544 Sportsman Lake Rd NW, Cullman
• Free Kids Fishing Event! Pond Hopper Nation will be in Cullman, Alabama hosting it's "Teach a Child to Fish Day" with Major League Fishing!
• First 100 children who register will receive a free fishing rod and reel! Children will also get to meet some of the Major League Fishing Pros and get autographs!
• Here is a link to the registration page: www.pondhoppernation.com/cullman.html
• If you would like to be a volunteer, or sponsor a child with a fishing rod, please email us at pondhoppernation@gmail.com or call 214-930-7515.

Senior Outreach Organization Dinner and Entertainment
• 5-8:30 p.m. at 708 9th St. SE, Cullman
• The Senior Outreach Organization meets on the first, second and third Saturday of each month at The Link of Cullman County. (It is not affiliated with The Link of Cullman County, it is only renting the building.)
• The meal begins at 5 p.m. and the entertainment starts at 5:30 p.m. and ends at 8:30 p.m.

Vinemont High School Class of 1994 25 Year Reunion
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.

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

Old Paths Quartet
Cross Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

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

MONDAY, MAY 6

Hanceville Kids' Fish-O-Rama
4-7 p.m. at Veterans Park in Hanceville; Free and open to all kids old enough to hold a fishing pole.

Cullman City Planning Commission Meeting
5:30 p.m. in the Cullman City Hall auditorium

Victory Support Group Meeting
Find meaningful advice and support from a community of fellow cancer survivors and co-survivors at the Victory Support Group. This group provides encouragement, information and support from local advocates and mentors in Cullman County, as well as the opportunity to share experiences, express concerns and provide coping strategies. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 6 at 6 p.m. in the Depot Room located in Professional Office Building 2 on the Cullman Regional Campus (1912 Alabama Hwy 157, Cullman, AL 35058). For more information, contact group coordinator Judy Watts Grissom at 256-347-5993.

Baileyton Town Council Meeting
7 p.m. at Baileyton Town Hall

Fairview Town Council Meeting
7 p.m. at Fairview Town Hall

UPCOMING...

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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Nelta Movalene Bowen, 83, of Russellville, Alabama entered into rest on May 1, 2019 at her residence surrounded by her loving family. Ms. Bowen was born on May 22, 1935 and was a member of Liberty Grove Church. Visitation will be held on Friday, May 3, 2019 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where services are to be held Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 2:00 pm. Brother Ricky White will officiate. Burial will follow in the Liberty Grove Baptist Church Cemetery. Ms. Bowen is survived by her son, Michael Bowen; daughters, Shelia Colburn Siquina and her husband Domingo, Sandra Nichols, Linda Vickery, Susan Bowen; brother, Jimmy Prater; and sister, Imagene (Bob) Bailey. She has 9 grandchildren, James Colburn, Lawanda Colburn, Jerri Colburn, Skylar Bowen, Spencer Bowen, Mercedes Nichols, Baylee Nichols, Keshia Terry, Kanesha Vickery; 15 great grandchildren; and 1 great great grandchild. She was proceeded in death by her husband, LD Bowen; granddaughter, Natalie Vickery; parents, John Elvis and Ethel Maude Prater; sisters, Joyce Sutherland, Kay Adams, Norma McGee, and Joan Prater; brothers, John Edward, James, and Leonard Prater.

Memorial services for Mrs. Doris Mae Segars, 75, of Vinemont are Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home, Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating. Cullman Funeral Home directing. Mrs. Segars passed away Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at her residence. She was born on July 9, 1943 to Randolph and Ida Segars. She was co-owner of Cherokee Court Efficiency Apartments in Vinemont and was retired from Chrysler Electronics. Doris is survived by her business partner and companion, Jamie Lee Ponder; brother, George (Joyce) Segars; nephews, Greg (Melody) Segars and Eric (Gwen) Segars and her four cherished furbabies. She is preceded in death by her parents; brother, Willard Segars; sisters, Margaret "Tootsie" Segars Fitzgerald and Venera "Sis" Segars Shaddix and nephew, Darryl Segars. The family would like to give a special thank you to Bobbie Lemley and Sonny Foster for the special care given to Doris; and a host of special friends throughout the years. Thank you to the CRMC 4 East staff and Hospice of Cullman County, especially Michelle Churchill. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cullman County Humane Society at 935 Convent Road NE, Cullman, AL 35055.

Everett Dormal Campbell, of Cullman, passed away on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at the age of 82. He is preceded in death by his parents: General W. and Lawasel Campbell and wife, Mary Lucille Campbell. He leaves to cherish his memories his daughter, Synthia "Cindy" and Mike Cone; grandsons: Joseph and John Cone and brother, Gerald and Kathy Campbell. Funeral Services for Mr. Everett Dormal Campbell will be on Saturday, May 4, 2019 in the chapel of Moss Service Funeral Home at noon with Bro. Gene Persall officiating. Burial will immediately follow at Mt. Zion Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until service time at the funeral home. Special memories and condolences can be left for the family at mossservicefh.com

Frances Carolyn Robertson was born on March 22, 1944 and passed away on May 1, 2019. Visitation will be Sunday, May 5 from noon until 2 p.m. with a celebration of life following after. Visitation and service will be at Moss Funeral Home.

Mr. Thomas H. Graves, 95, of Hanceville, passed May 2, 2019 in Hanceville, Alabama. Mr. Graves was born to Vernard and Lou Liettela (Morrow) Graves of Cullman County on July 7, 1923. Visitation will be Monday May 6 at 10 a.m., with services at noon in the Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel, with burial following at the Cullman Memorial Gardens. Reverend Leon Mauldin will be officiating. Mr. Graves was veteran who served in the United States Navy. After his naval service he was employed as a boilermaker. Survivors include his wife Mildred Graves, son Donald Graves of Norfolk Virginia; daughters Jean Winter of California and Evelyn Fulcher of Cincinnati. Mr. Graves leaves behind two brothers, Brady Graves of Hanceville and Grady Graves of Mesquite, Texas as well as two sisters Mamel Moehring of Good Hope and Loutella Senn of Florence, Alabama. Mr. Graves also leaves eight grandchildren and twenty great grandchildren.

Robert Stephen "Flip" Flippo 58, of Haleyville, Alabama entered into rest on May 2, 2019 at his residence surrounded by his loving family. Robert was born on November 16, 1960. He attended Phillips High School in Bear Creek, Alabama. His hobbies included: fishing, hunting, reading, and watching football and golf. He also enjoyed bird watching. Visitation will be held on Saturday May 4, 2019 from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. at Crossway Church in Haleyville, where services will be held at 11 a.m., May 4, 2019. Doctor Jordan Wilson will officiate. Burial will follow in Old Union Cemetery (County Hwy 62). Robert is survived by his Wife of 39 years, Donna Flippo; Son, Steven Lee (Ashley) Flippo; Daughter; Lisa (Chris) Hill; Brother, Allen (Renee) Flippo; "Paw Paw" to six grandchildren, Noah Owens, Zachary Clapper, Ethan Stidham, Lizzie Flippo, Eli FLippo, and Levi Flippo; one Great Granddaughter, Gracelyn Owens. He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard Presley and Pearl Mae Flippo; and brothers, Howard Wayne, David Ronald, and Bobby Ray Flippo.

Sandra Sue Hildreth Hutchens age 75 of Crane Hill died Thursday, May 2, 2019. She was the youngest daughter of ten children. Sandra is survived by her daughters: Nancy Hutchens Bonds (Edward) and Sheila Hutchens Sexton (Steve); 7 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. The family will receive friends on Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church. The celebration of Mrs. Hutchens life will follow. Condolences may be left at mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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Fishing (from Front)

scorable fish to climb to the top of Group B in the shotgun round. According to MLF, Wiggins' haul boke the Bass Pro Tour record for the most bass caught in a single round.

Wiggins has had a lot of big days on the water in his time as a professional angler, but his performance Wednesday was truly one to remember.

"In my time as a professional that was one of the best days I've ever had as far as catching fish. It was just an absolute blast. I caught tons of them, and I don't know man, it was just an awesome day," Wiggins smiled.

"Now, the pressure is to do it again on Saturday. I don't have to do it Friday because the weights carry over, but I'll have to do it Saturday when we get to the top 40 and then I've got to get into that top 10 for Sunday. That was a good day. I just hope we can keep it up."

Growing up here, Wiggins has spent a lot of time fishing out on Smith Lake, so he knew what to expect coming into this week and isn't surprised by a lot of the weights he has seen in the first two days.

"I've told people that this lake has more bass in it than a lot of lakes around and you can see it.

"Everybody's whacking 'em and just catching a ton of fish with really good weights and there's not a lot of big fish right now because of the time of year, but we still get to catch a bunch of them," Wiggins said.

"If we were here earlier in the year, there'd be some giants and a bunch of them, but we're here now and I'm not going to complain because we get to catch a bunch, set the hook a bunch and it was just an awesome day."

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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:
2011 Kabco MD0004SP DW manufactured home, VIN # KB026350A11 AND KB026350B11

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

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

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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
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Coffee for Curt: CMS special education class donates $515 to Curt's Closet

Christy Perry
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CULLMAN, Ala. – Understanding the importance of giving back to the community, the special education class at Cullman Middle School created a coffee service at the school to raise money for a local organization. The students chose to donate the money to Curt's Closet and presented a check for $515 to founder Ashley Wilson Thursday.

The young baristas got the idea of starting the Cullman Coffee Co. after a day of volunteering at Karma's Coffee House.

Special education teacher Kristen Tanner explained, "We started the coffee company because I really wanted to do something for life skills. We've talked about how important it is to give back to the community so they researched places they wanted to give to and Curt's Closet was one of them.

"They chose Curt's Closet and they actually went and volunteered for Ashley this year so they've worked at Curt's Closet and have seen what it looks like. But, one of the most important reasons that they chose it is because it's Curt's senior year."

The students have delivered coffee to the teachers at Cullman Middle School every morning throughout the year. They made the coffee themselves inside their classroom and charged just $1 for a fresh cup of the teachers' favorite coffees.

Tanner pointed out, "Every bit that they make, they put in an envelope. They count it and we've counted it up all year long so they're using being able to count money that is also another big skill for them."

Tanner thanked CMS Principal Lane Hill for his support and encouragement of the Cullman Coffee Co., sharing, "It was important for them. In a lot of schools, your special education classes don't always get out much and they are not always seen. Our administrators are not that way. They want them involved as much as possible. They want the kids to be included. Our administrators are all about inclusion for our special needs kids. So now they know every member of this faculty and people know them, too, and makes them feel good, too."

The students took a poll to learn the coffees the teachers would typically order at a coffee shop. They then began brewing those coffees each morning.

They have 11 different coffees they can make and deliver each morning. One student, Kami Young, created her own special blend now called "The Kami." Her recipe is a variation on the salted caramel mocha and quickly became the faculty favorite.

Wilson was moved to tears by the generosity shown by the students, saying, "These students mean the world to me and to know they chose Curt's Closet for this just thrills my heart."

Ashley also thanked the kids for the work they put in at Curt's Closet, adding, "They were a huge help that day. They sorted clothes and put clothes out on the rack. They were amazing and I'd hire them in a heartbeat."



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Left to right are Alex Chambers, Kami Young, teacher Kristen Tanner, Ashley Wilson, Tray Wilson, Tye Williams and aide Bobbie Maury.

The day volunteering was also a great lesson for developing life skills as they organized and sorted the clothes by sizes and colors.

May 7 will be two years since the tragic death of Wilson's son Curt Wilson, who was killed after mom and son were hit head-on by a drunk driver.

Curt, who was just 15, would have been a senior at Cullman High School this year. Curt was a member of the Cullman Bearcat baseball team and a friend to all. Wilson began Curt's Closet to her honor her son. The $515 will help bless other children and Wilson noted, "The 5 and the 15 equals 20. That was Curt's number."

Learn more about Curt's Closet at www.facebook.com/cw20curtscloset.

Register now for summer programs at the North Alabama Agriplex

Serena Knedlik
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – The North Alabama Agriplex offers several programs this summer. Below are a few.

May 7: Living Landscapes- Combat Invasive Plants- 6 p.m.
Privet, bamboo, ivy, multiflora rose! They are all growing in my yard! How do I get rid of them- forever!?? Hands-on demonstration with Extension's Noah Bowling.

The cost is $5 per person. To register go to www.Agriplex.org and click on the register tab.

May 9: Heritage Skills- Hypertufa- 6 p.m.
Learn to make your own lightweight plant containers with Alabama Extension's Raydonna Sims. Hypertufa looks like concrete. but it is lightweight. Limited space; $15 per person.

To register go to www.Agriplex.org and click on the register tab.

May 10: Little Famers- Sunflowers- 10-11 a.m.
April showers bring May flowers. We will plant flowers! Sunflowers to be exact.

The cost is $5 per child, $10 per family.

To register go to www.Agriplex.org and click on the register tab.

May 15: Lunch & Learn- Raised Bed Gardening- noon-1 p.m.
Free program with door prizes at each event. New topic every month. Call 256-297-1044 to reserve your seat. Bring your own lunch.

May 23: Heritage Homeschool- Wildlife- 9-11 a.m.
Wildlife plays an important role in Alabama history. Let's explore some of our more prominent wildlife as we learn to identify them and their habitats with experts from the Alabama Trappers and Predator Control Association.

The cost is $8 per child, $16 per family.

To register go to www.Agriplex.org and click on the register tab.

May 25: Blacksmith Workshop- 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Taught by Allan Kress; Limited space for adults and kids ages 14-17 with supervising adult. Maximum of 10 students.

The cost is $25 per person.

To register go to www.Agriplex.org and click on the register tab.

June 1: Farm Kids Club- Horse Talk- 9-10:30 a.m.
Learn the basics of horses from care to gaits. Meet horse up close- we won't ride but we will pet!

The cost is $5 per child, $10 per family.

To register go to www.Agriplex.org and click on the register tab.

June 4: Living Landscapes- Training Trees; the First 25 Years- 6 p.m.
ISA Certified Arborist Lee McBride will discuss pruning young trees with the goal of developing strong tree structure with one dominant stem.

The cost is $5 per person. To register go to www.Agriplex.org and click on the register tab.

June 5, 19, 26: Garden Camp- 9-11 a.m.
Campers work in raised beds at the Agriplex and take home projects to continue.

To register go to www.Agriplex.org and click on the register tab.

June 6, 7: Winston County Touring Farms for Kids- 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

$25 per person. See Winston County Extension Office for registration, 205-489-5376

June 12, 13: 19th Annual Touring Farms for Kids- 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
Two days of farm tours in Cullman County. Food and T-shirts will be provided. Paying parents are welcome to attend, but may need to drive separately.

The cost is $25 per person.

To register go to www.Agriplex.org and click on the register tab.

July 18,19: Nature Day Camp
Hurricane Creek Park, Echota Cherokee Tribal Land, and Earthworks Environmental Ed Center; New camp exploring our natural world and our Native American Heritage with adventure activities including hiking, canoeing, heritage crafts and storytelling.

For ages 10-14, $35 per person.

Register at www.agriplex.org.

July 15-19: Sewing 101- 9 a.m.-noon
For ages 7-12 and 5-6 with an adult. Sewing Camp 101 is designed for children interested in learning to sew. Campers will learn the basics of hand sewing while making projects to take home.

The cost is $40. To register go to www.Agriplex.org and click on the register tab.

July 22-26: Sewing Camp 102- 9 a.m.-noon
For ages 9-18. Sewing Camp 102 is designed for Sewing Camp alumni who want to expand their sewing skills by reviewing hand stitching and moving on to machine sewing. Each camper will bring their own sewing machine to learn on by making easy projects to take home. This is beginner Sewing Machine basics, no previous machine experience required.

The cost is $40. To register go to www.Agriplex.org and click on the register tab.

Aug. 10: Sewing Camp 103- 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
For ages 9-18. This workshop is designed for Sewing 102 alumni who want to further their sewing experience by learning pattern reading and make a project from their own pattern. Sewing machine experience required. Campers will learn to read a pattern, to purchase fabric, follow pattern directions and complete one project to take home.

The cost is $25. To register go to www.Agriplex.org and click on the register tab.

The North Alabama Agriplex is located at 1714 Talley Ho Street, Cullman, AL 35056. The phone number is 256-297-1044.

WSCC SPORTS

Wallace State men's basketball has 3 players sign with 4-year programs

Russell Moore
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Wallace State's men's basketball team celebrated three players this week as Demarkus Lampley, Zion Williams and Mike Johnson each signed letters of intent with four-year programs.

Lampley, who became only the third player in Wallace State men's basketball history to be selected as a NJCAA Division I 1st-team All-American, is headed to Sam Houston State in Huntsville, Texas.

Zion Williams signed with the University of Missouri – Kansas City Kangaroos after one successful season with Wallace State, and Mike Johnson has joined Bryan College in Tennessee.

All three players made significant contributions this past season as Wallace State finished with a 24-7 record and won the Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC) North Division championship.

"Demarkus and Mike Johnson have meant a lot to our program over the past two seasons. They are tremendous people and set the foundation for what we hope to continue here. They'll both achieve big things in life. They're a testament as to how to do things successfully for two seasons," said Wallace State coach John Meeks. "Zion Williams was with us for one season, but played like a returner. He was another leader for us and garnered respect and interest from many programs. He's a quick learner and a great person."

Lampley, a 6-foot-2 guard from Central High School in Phenix City, averaged 26.6 points and six rebounds per game for Wallace State during the 2018-2019 season, leading the Alabama Community College Conference in scoring. He also shot 42.5 percent from behind the 3-point line and a league-best 89.9 percent from the charity stripe.

In addition to being selected as a NJCAA 1st-team All-American, Lampley was also named the 2019 ACCC/Region 22 Player of the Year, the ACCC North Division Player of the Year and was a first-team selection to both the All-ACCC North Division and All-Region 22 teams.

"I've been very blessed my two years here at Wallace State and I've learned a lot. I'm thankful a program like Sam Houston State believes in me, and I'm ready to go," Lampley said. "It's a great spot for me."

Sam Houston State competes in the Southland Conference.

Williams, a 6-foot-5 guard from Maybrook, New York signed with the University of Missouri – Kansas City Kangaroos after averaging 7.6 points per game and dishing out 68 assists in his one season with the Lions.

"This is definitely a great opportunity and blessing for me. I'm excited to play at the next level. That's always been a dream. I'm thankful for my teammates, coaching staff and friends here for supporting me," Williams said. "I've learned here how to have the passion and desire to work through the good and bad in basketball and life."

With Lampley signing with Sam Houston State and Williams with Missouri – Kansas City, Wallace State men's basketball has now had at least one player sign with a Division I program for 15 consecutive years.

Johnson has inked with Bryan College, located in Dayton, Tennessee.

Johnson, an Acworth, Georgia native, was Wallace State's second-leading scorer in 2018-2019, averaging 8.2 points per game. He was second on the team in 3-pointers made, shooting 41.7 percent from behind the 3-point arc.

"This is something I've been praying and hoping for since I've been at Wallace State. I'm very excited," Johnson said. "I'll cherish my two seasons here. I'll never forget the camaraderie we shared and how we stuck together through the ups and downs. We remained close and that's important."

For more information about Wallace State athletics, visit www.athletics.wallacestate.edu or the athletics Facebook page at www.wallacestate.edu/athletics-fb.




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Childhaven striving to keep kids safe, and much more

Shelley Sharp,
W.C. Mann

CULLMAN, Ala. – Childhaven is a nonprofit, Christian children's home that serves abused and neglected teenagers and their families in Alabama. The organization serves approximately 30 residential clients on its Cullman campus, in four different programs: basic teen girls program, teen mom program, teen girls transitional living program and teen girls independent living program.

Childhaven has a liaison to the Cullman County Human Trafficking Task Force, as the home serves one of the population's most at risk for becoming victims of the crime described as "modern day slavery."

Emotional distress, various forms of abuse or neglect, dysfunctional home environments, isolation and lack of social support, and homelessness are all factors that make kids easier targets for predators; Childhaven offers kids a means of overcoming all of those issues.

Childhaven social worker Shelley Sharp told The Tribune, "The girls we serve are prime candidates for human trafficking. By (them) being placed at Childhaven we become a positive support system for them in hopes to keep them from being persuaded to turn to a lifestyle that could result in human trafficking.

"We teach them independent, basic living skills and help them obtain their high school diplomas or GED, driver's permit and driver's license, purchase vehicles, and our goal is for each of them to eventually move into their own apartment. Most importantly we want to help teach each of them to put God first, build their self-esteem, and help them to become independent, successful women in our society."

In a previous interview, Dr. Jim Wright, Childhaven executive director, described the home and what it does:

"We are a Christian children's home. We have a group home campus here in Cullman, where we serve about 30 . . . Then we serve almost another 200 people in 11 counties across north Alabama.

"These are children of families that are at high risk. We're either trying to get children back home with their families, or to prevent the families from losing their children into foster care."

In its region-wide intensive family service program, Childhaven works with entire families from whom children have been removed, or who have issues that could soon lead to removal. The organization can boast a 90 percent success rate in preserving or reuniting families.

Said Wright, "We get both ends of the spectrum. We work with families to try to prevent them from losing their kids into foster care; and we work with older kids here on our campus, many of whom will never go home."

For older youth who "age out" of the foster system, the chances of ending up in poverty, on welfare, or as victims of crimes like trafficking are elevated. The people of Childhaven know that, and are responding.

According to Wright: "We have a program for that called 'Transitional and Independent Living' for 18- to 21-year-olds. Once they get out of high school, we try to get them at Wallace, get them educated, get them a job with benefits and a livable wage."

Once a child is served by Childhaven, according to Wright, "They're part of our family forever."

A chance at success

"People recognize that the children who live at Childhaven have had a difficult time," said Wright, "but I don't think that the average person recognizes just exactly how traumatic that life has been, and how drugs and violence have affected our children.

"We may give lip service to that, but until you've worked with these young people who've been traumatized by violence and drugs, it doesn't really come home to you.

"And as we work with those young people and give them hope, and try to build and instill faith in them, it's amazing the progress they make and how well they do.

"You hear these stories about foster kids being in jail, and how such a high percentage of those in prison grew up in foster care, and I'm sure it's true. But it is not true for the kids who grow up at Childhaven."

For more information about Childhaven, visit http://childhaven.com.

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MEET JOSHUA VANDIVER
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Joshua Vandiver, Sales Consultant, has been with Tony Serra Nissan of Cullman for nearly two years. Joshua says that customer satisfaction is his ultimate goal at Tony Serra Nissan of Cullman.
"My favorite part about working at Tony Serra Nissan has to be the satisfaction of making a customer happy and excited about their new vehicle. I don't want to be just your salesman; I want to be your 'car guy' no matter your needs. I once had this lady so happy about her experience that she personally delivered brownies to my home for my family. Those are the moments I cherish and makes me love my job. I want everyone to have that experience when they see me. Plus, I just love brownies."

Joshua says the family atmosphere within Nissan is one that is accommodating to the staff, but more importantly, the customer.
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"THE 67-COUNTY, ALABAMA GARDEN PARTY"

CONECUH COUNTY

Ben Johnson South
Tribune Correspondent

"Are you going to Evergreen fair? Parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme." Let's ask Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel to revise their hit song to celebrate Conecuh County, "Alabama's Herb Garden."

What would famed Conecuh Sausage be without the seasonings? What would Knud Nielsen, the Conecuh County-to-the-world supplier of dried flowers and foliage, be without all the herb pods and natural botanical beauty? In this sun-blessed place where HERBS & HUMANS come together, there are baskets, trugs and wheelbarrows brimming with pretty, precious, popular, priceless, pungent, palate-and-proboscis-pleasing herbal tastes and aromas.

Many herbs have origins on the coastline of the Mediterranean Sea and thrive in sunny places like Conecuh County with sand-rich soil which drains more than hard-packed clay terrain. Herbs are resilient like the determined people who established this county in 1818. Herbs don't require much coddling and can be grown in most parts of Alabama in beds, borders, pots or even on a snippers-ready, kitchen windowsill.

To enjoy a year-round harvest of herbs, here are some lessons from Conecuh County gardens:

1. SOIL- Most herbs prefer to grow in non-acidic, lime-laden soil. Your planting area should be soil-tested for acidity and your best, local resource for that important step in each of the 67 counties in our state is the Alabama Cooperative Extension System (ACES) office. In Conecuh County, the program coordinator is Cynthia Knowlton, 251-578-2762. If your ACES soil-test indicates high acidity you will be advised how to add lime, crushed seashells, wood ash or bonemeal in small amounts for ideal herb-growing conditions.

2. SUN OR SHADE- Sage, oregano, rosemary and thyme, all perennial, aromatic, shrubby herbs, want lots of sunshine; cilantro, dill, fennel, parsley and mints prefer shady northern exposures with moist soil and indirect light; and, basil, chives, horseradish, lemon balm, lovage, sorrel and tarragon need only a few hours of sun each day.

3. BUNCHES OF BASILS- This is one of my favorite culinary herbs and there are several, distinct tastes to enjoy: Common Green is your all-purpose Genovese Basil, the one you want for pesto and tomato sauce; Thai delivers spicier flavor with licorice bottom notes, arresting in sweet-and-salty Asian dishes; African Blue has a clove-y hint of camphor and makes an intriguing tea; Cinnamon Basil tastes like its name suggests and is magical in homemade ice cream and fruit cobblers; Petite Basil is the lovechild of basil and micro-greens and is prized by top chefs.

4. RESTRAIN THE MINT- Alabama mint is livelier than a baby in a topless bar and needs to be planted in containers before it covers your yard faster than morning dew or kudzu.

5. PLANTS + PANTRY- This is not an exhaustive list, but consider these cooking herbs to plant for your favorite dishes: BASIL—tomato salads, potato salad, fondue, dips, mushrooms, squash, pesto, fish; BAY LEAF—tomato aspic, gravies, beets, corned beef, poultry; CHIVES—potato salad, omelets, carrots, baked potatoes; DILL—salad dressings, cream cheese, egg dishes, veal roasts, lamb, shellfish; GARLIC—(enhances just about everything except maybe kissing) salad dressing, marinades, eggplant, rice, tomatoes, beans, grilled meats, hamburgers, casseroles; MARJORAM—salads, seafood cocktail, peas, onions, spinach, stews; MUSTARD—macaroni salad, potato salad, biscuits, sauces, baked beans, cabbage, mushrooms, pork chops, cold meats; OREGANO—sandwiches, salads, breads, sunchokes, stews, baked fish; PARSLEY—garnish, salads, sauces, egg dishes, asparagus, fish stews; ROSEMARY—fruit cocktail, fruit salad, herb butter, parsnips (I read this in a book but I really don't know one living soul in Alabama who eats parsnips and I've eaten in all, 67 counties), roast meat, meat loaf; SAGE—spreads, beans, beets, peas, spinach, squash, tomatoes, pork like our Conecuh Sage recipe; TARRAGON—avocado salad, cheese spreads, marinades, asparagus, poultry, Thanksgiving turkey dressing; THYME—seafood cocktail, chicken salad, vegetable salads, beets, Irish potatoes, meat loaf, stews, broiled and stuffed fish.

Here are some other positive, pleasurable ways PLANTS + PEOPLE come together in Conecuh County including an original recipe for CONECUH COUNTY FRESH SAGE, SAUSAGE KABOBS:

• CONECUH COUNTY FARMERS MARKET- Old School Road, Evergreen, AL 36401; open Tuesdays 1-4 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m.-noon, May-August

• CONECUH COUNTY PLANT PROVIDERS- Millers Trading Company, 103 Cooper St., Evergreen, AL 36401, 251-578-1672; Conecuh Seed & Feed, 803 West Front St., Evergreen, AL 36401, 251-578-2833

• KNUD NIELSEN- This international corporation was founded in Conecuh County by Danish plantsman, Knud (pronounced "kuh-nute") Nielsen, Sr. in 1913 and is still family-owned with Knud Nielsen III as chairman and his cousin, Tom Nielsen, president and COO. The unique, plant-centric, Alabama business has delighted gardening enthusiasts, decorators and gift shoppers with mounds of dried grasses and grains, pods and pine cones, mosses and more for more than 100 years. The original Knud Nielsen was an immigrant from Copenhagen, Denmark who heard tales of the prolific plant life in Evergreen, Alabama. www.knudnielsen.com (Personal testimony: Though a sophisticated company doing business in many countries, the friendly folks at Knud Neilsen provide a customer-delighting combination of efficiency + Southern charm.)

• CONECUH SAUSAGE- Family-owned and operated in Evergreen since 1947, this major provider is known for high-quality pork, blended with natural seasonings, cooked over hickory wood; It offers six types of sausage including a spicier, Cajun-style and newly popular, All-Natural Hickory Smoked Sausage with no MSG and no nitrates. www.conecuhsausage.com

• CONECUH SAUSAGE FESTIVAL- More than 5,000 fun-loving people come from as far away as Canada to this smokin'-hot, Alabama food fest; this year's event is Saturday, Oct. 19.

• BROWN HAWKINS RURAL LEARNING CENTER- A farm heritage hub teaching people of all ages about 19th century agriculture in the Piney Woods region of Alabama.

• CASTLEBERRY COMMUNITY- ...is Alabama's "Strawberry Capital," celebrating many decades of sweetness and sales.

• BULL SLOUGH BRIDGE- Built in 1924, is a single-lane "pony truss" transport spanning the Sepulga River, this would be a prime spot to take a landscape photographer or painter to capture the water-loving, swampy plant life and the occasional alligator gliding through the cypress.

• PROFESSIONAL COWBOY ASSOCIATION RODEO- ...and the Alabama Jr. High School Rodeo are in Evergreen, this year Oct 17-20. Even though we're celebrating PLANTS + PEOPLE in this story, horses, cowboys and cowgirls need lots of grain, right?

• PLANTING AN IDEA- An Alabama Sages Herb Festival in Conecuh County could be a way to celebrate an array of forward thinkers with Alabama connections. I'm thinking of: Helen Keller, Samuel Ullman, Martin Luther King, Jr., Chief Tuskaloosa, Harper Lee, Hank Williams, Knud Nielsen, Sr., W.C. Handy, Jimmy Buffet (Sage? Even the "Minstrel of Margaritaville" would agree this is a stretch). And, we could all have Conecuh Sage Sausage Kabobs and sage-infused tea.

Y'ALL COME to Conecuh County on your 67- County, Alabama Garden Party Tour, where all things herbal will make you delightedly verbal!

Many thanks to Cynthia Knowlton, Conecuh County coordinator, Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Facebook/Conecuh County Extension Office; www.aces.edu/counties/Conecuh/; and Susan Coleman, Evergreen-Conecuh Economic Development director. Also, thank you to Laurie Johnson for the playful, pretty and pretty-darned-delicious, Conecuh County Fresh Sage, Sausage Kabobs.



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



CONECUH COUNTY FRESH SAGE, SAUSAGE KEBOBS
With pineapple and veggies (12 appetizer skewers or 6 meal-sized)
(Hint for kabobs – the ingredients never work out evenly – so plan for a big ole stir fry with whatever is left.)

Ingredients
- 1 lb. Conecuh Smoked Sausage – cut into 1-inch pieces
- Fresh pineapple – cut into 1-inch chunks – reserve juice for dipping sauce (supplement with canned juice if needed)
- 3 - 4 bell peppers (1 each of multi colored as you choose)– seeded and cut into 2-inch pieces
- 2 red onions - peeled and cut into 2-inch pieces
- Lots of fresh sage leaves – locally-grown pineapple sage if available – some left whole for kabobs, some coarsely chopped for infused oil and some minced for dipping sauce.
- 5 tbsp. sage-infused olive oil – buy some or make your own with directions below.
- Reserved pineapple juice (plus canned if needed) and stone ground or Dijon mustard

Instructions
1. If using wooden kabob skewers, soak in warm water starting now.
2. Make infused oil – Smash 2 tbsp. of coarsely chopped sage leaves with 5 tbsp. olive oil and let rest at room temperature for at least an hour, stirring occasionally.
3. Make dipping sauce – Combine 4 tbsp. pineapple juice, 1 tbsp. mustard and 1 tbsp. finely minced sage and set aside for serving. Later, add remaining infused oil that isn't used for basting the kabobs.
4. While the skewers, oil and sauce are hanging out, cut up sausage, pineapple and vegetables. Plan for 12 appetizer-sized (4-inch) skewers with each - 2 pieces of sausage, 1 chunk of pineapple, 3 pepper pieces, 1 onion piece and 2 sage leaves.
5. Make kabobs – Thread skewers with sausage, pineapple, peppers, onion and sage leaves, alternating as you choose. Brush all sides with sage infused olive oil (reserve some for grilling).
6. Grill kabobs – Grill over low-medium heat on outdoor grill or indoor grill pan until sausage sizzles and veggies soften (5-8 minutes). Turn every few minutes and brush with additional infused oil.
7. Serve over a bed of greens, rice, grits or quinoa with dipping sauce – drizzled and dipped.

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.

ARTS

Southern born and Southern bred: WSCC wows with opening of 'Stars Fell on Alabama'

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Wallace State Fine and Performing Arts on Thursday evening opened "Stars Fell on Alabama," a joint effort of the community college's music, dance and theater programs presented in conjunction with the Alabama 200 Bicentennial celebration. The show features original arrangements of songs written by Alabamians or recorded in Alabama, mostly at the famous studios of Muscle Shoals, along with dance and monologues by performing arts students.

The Tribune's own Bicentennial county series contributor Ben South watched the opening performance with Wallace State dance instructor Brooke Desnoes and her daughter Sidonie, and the two arts aficionados talked afterward about the show.

South: "I see a lot of theater; I go a lot to performances and so on. It made me proud to be an Alabamian! It's one of my favorite moments of hearing all these songs done in different arrangements. I think a lot of the arrangements were done by Tiffany Richter; she knocked it out of the park!

"It's so great that they will be taking this performance to Europe, because it'll present Alabama in a way that Europe hasn't seen it before. It's really original, really fresh, totally positive..."

Desnoes: "Exciting, energetic, fun. You really just want to stand up and dance with it!"

South: "Which we did!"

Desnoes: "I think it shows Alabama in multifacets, too, you know. It's not cliché; you get a little bit of everything. They're students, but they're still able to laugh at themselves, and we laughed with them. It's a nice mix of serious fun."

South: "I think it's a great way to remind Europeans that all the great American music has Southern roots: jazz, blues, country, rock, gospel; all of that comes from the south. And these people are taking it to Europe, so it's a great presentation of Americana, and the best of American music."

The final show is tonight, Saturday, May 4 at 7 p.m. in the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre on the campus of Wallace State. Admission is $10, $5 for students.

This summer, "Stars Fell on Alabama" will tour Germany and France.

Wallace State Music Instructor and Choir Director Tiffany Richter shared:

"It's me and 70 of my closest friends going to put on a show in Europe! And we're starting in our sister city of Frankweiler, of course.

"Once again, it's kind of a unique trip, because the company that we're working with, they're not used to a band and vocal thing happening together in a variety show kind of format. So we're really excited to take this to Europe because, number one, Europeans love to hear American music.

"They don't love it as much when we come and try to do European music.

"They want us to do the music that was made and grown here. So we're excited about that.

"We're also excited about taking this group of students because, I think out of 60 or 70 of them, two of them have been to Europe.

"This is a really big deal for them. We're going from Germany all the way across France, Strasbourg and Paris, but then we're going to end up in Normandy and do a memorial recital there. And it ends up being the 75th anniversary of D-Day, so there are a lot of really interesting things that we get to celebrate."



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Local residents initiated into Phi Kappa Phi

Marla Elsea
Contributor

BATON ROUGE, LA – The following local residents were recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society.

Leah Hoffpauir, of Vinemont, was initiated at University of West Alabama.

Haven Watson, of Bremen, was initiated at University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Benjamin Hixon, of Cleveland, was initiated at University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Brittany Reynolds, of Hayden, was initiated at University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Molley Eagle, of Horton, was initiated at University of Alabama at Birmingham.

These residents are among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year.

Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 300 campuses in the United States and the Philippines. Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others." More About Phi Kappa Phi

Since its founding, more than 1.5 million members have been initiated into Phi Kappa Phi. Some of the organization's notable members include former President Jimmy Carter, NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence, novelist John Grisham and YouTube co-founder Chad Hurley.

Each year, Phi Kappa Phi awards nearly $1 million to outstanding students and members through graduate and dissertation fellowships, undergraduate study abroad grants, funding for post-baccalaureate development, and grants for local, national and international literacy initiatives. For more information about Phi Kappa Phi, visit www.phikappaphi.org.

FUNNY THINGS FROM YESTERDAY

Cutting the lemon meringue pie

Robert N. Tidwell, Sr.
Tribune
Contributor



When my brother, Dale, was a teenager, he was a pretty good cook. He spent a lot of time in the kitchen and seemed to have the ability and the desire for fixing good food.

One summer day, Dale decided to make a lemon meringue pie. This was in the days, as a cook would say, you have to make everything from scratch. He got all the ingredients out and proceeded to make his pie.

After a lot of time, work and watching the pie cook it was ready to come out of the oven.

This lemon meringue pie was as pretty a pie as I have ever seen. Dale put the pie on the kitchen counter to cool while he helped our sister, Frances, prepare some other things for dinner.

Jim, the youngest boy in our family, came by and saw this delicious-looking and very tempting pie, so he decided he would have a slice before dinner.

He got a plate and a knife to cut the pie. Instead of holding the pie pan as he should have, Jim just saws along through the pie with his knife and scoots the pie off the edge of the counter. That beautiful, well-prepared lemon meringue pie turned upside down on the kitchen floor.

I knew Jim was in trouble and he knew it too. He made a mad dash out the back door and grabbed his bicycle to try to make his getaway.

Dale was in hot pursuit. Poor little Jim did not have enough time to get on his bicycle, so he ran and pushed the bicycle all the way to the end of the yard. He made it to the road, but Dale caught him.

After a few fisticuffs, Dale came back into the house to see if he could salvage his pie. Jim came back crying and explaining that dropping the pie was an accident.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

My eyes were overloaded by the sights of Italy

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



Our Recycled Teenagers group invested a large slice of time in Italy, but it was time well spent. Our journey began with a plane trip that lasted two days! Well, honestly, I'm not talking about forty-eight hours, but with layovers and plane changes, we left one day and arrived the next. That was not quite as long as it sounds because Italy was six-hours ahead of our central-time zone. Did you notice I said "was?" That's because they began Daylight Saving Time while we were there. We complain about changing our clocks twice each year. Well, I have now changed mine twice this spring. I've gone on Daylight Saving Time twice in one year – even in the same month! In spite of the loss of time, we had the time of our lives.

Our tour began on the island of Sicily. Sicily is located just off the toe of the boot of the mainland of Italy.

The island is surrounded by the gorgeous deep-blue waters of The Mediterranean, Tyrrhenian, and Ionian Seas. Jean dipped her foot in all three. I couldn't because I had to take her pictures. The icy water had nothing to do with my decision!

The countryside is filled with towering volcanic mountains and lush green valleys. Centuries-old villages and cities are filled with wonderful little shops and cafes, grand magnificent buildings, and streets paved with cobblestones.

We walked through the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento.

The ruins of multiple temples built to honor mythological gods, such as Zeus, predated Christ by several hundred years. Giant pillars were all that remained of most of them, but giants they were.

As I walked through the Cathedral of Montreale, in the city of Palermo, Sicily, I was awestruck. To think that I was standing in the same building where other worshippers of Christ have stood for the past eight-hundred years was mild boggling.

That even predates the discovery of our country. I stared at the giant Christ Pantocrator mosaic with wonder. The colors were dazzling, especially the pure gold that surrounded his head. This was one of the most beautiful and amazing structures I saw.

We toured the town of Salvica, where part of the Godfather movie was filmed. We sat in a pew in the chapel there, where the wedding was filmed, while we listened to the custodian sing to us with his beautiful baritone voice.

We took a short hike up the side of Mt. Etna, the tallest volcano in Europe. I picked up a half-dozen lava-rocks, with

permission, prayed that I wouldn't wake up the sleeping-giant, and then made my way to the gift shop for yet another two-euro cup of cappuccino. We explored the "Sassi di Matera," an ancient settlement of carved cave dwellings. The next day, we lodged on the Sorrento Peninsula, across the bay from Italy's other famous volcano - Mt. Vesuvius. There Jean and I stood on our two-person balcony and gazed at the snow-capped volcano that had blown its top 2000 years earlier, burying the city of Pompeii. After riding along the beautiful Almalfi Coast, on a rainy, foggy day, we made our way the next morning to walk the ruins of Pompeii. I was struck by the enormous size of the ancient city and the amazing city plan.

As we eventually pulled back into Rome, I couldn't help but wonder if the Apostle Paul might have walked where we were. With all the temples and cathedrals one thing is for certain, the ancient Italians had a desire to worship God. I pray that all people will have such a desire, and that we will in fact worship the true and living God.

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Tribune Files from Yesteryear

FROM THE FILES OF 1950

Mr. J.E. Gray, Senior, who was employed by the Tribune in 1888, stopped by for a visit last week. John A. Johnson was editor when Mr. Gray started work for the Tribune. He now resides in Birmingham.

Cullman cheerleaders this year are Carolyn Miller, Shirley Fay Hamilton, Nancy Moore, Dale Tidwell and Bill Handley.

Mr. Dennis Blalock, of Route One, Hanceville, brought by the Tribune some lovely sweet potato blooms, resembling the morning glory, with a dark purple center. Mr. Blalock has three acres of the blooming potato vines and says these are the first blooms he has ever seen in many years of farming.

Pat Buttram, son of Reverend and Mrs. J.W. Buttram, of Baileyton, was seriously injured last week in California when a prop cannon exploded and hit him in the chest. Mr. Buttram is making six movie pictures a year with Gene Autry and also has a television program. Pat is a brother of Reverend Gus Buttram, pastor of the Fairview Methodist Church.

Clyde Jerome Speegle is the new son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Speegle. He was born on September 18th.

Mrs. Opal Wheeler has received word that her husband, Sergeant Wheeler was seriously injured in Korea on September 15th.

A 1949 Oldsmobile driven by Roy Ritcher, of Cullman and a truck driven by Oscar Cordes, collided close to the post office on Sunday afternoon. There was about $100 damage to the Richter car and about $25 to the Cordes truck.

C.J. Burkart suffered a stroke of paralysis, on his right side, as he sat at the breakfast table on Monday morning.

He has worked at Kinney Brothers store in West Cullman for 25 years.

Philip G. Hartung has been elected president of the State Board of Pharmacy. He owns Peoples Drug Company.

A.C.E. Grafton, of Route Four, Cullman, has peanuts he grew measuring 7 1/2 inches around, the oblong way. The seed came from Florida. He feeds the "gobblers" to his hogs.

Those yelling for the Bearcats on Friday night included Helen Hamilton and Kenneth Speegle Doris Lessman and Kermit Robinson, Gwen Hart and Elwin Robinson and Jeanette and Bobby Joe Blalock. The game was at Scottsboro.

Dwight McSwain leaves the Bearcat football team to enter the Army on October 19th.

Cullman defeated Scottsboro, 14 to 6. Coach Tilrow Morrison attributed the upset to the blocking of Asa Blalock, Dahlke and Cook.

Charley Dewberry, age three, was killed at Liberty Grove, when he fell into a neighbor's boiling pot of water, where they were killing hogs.

Mr. and Mrs. Fonzie Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. Oran Holmes and Lowell Holmes were baptized at the John R. Holmes pond last week.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Aldridge, of Piney Grove severely cut his leg on a pile of sawdust. It required several stitches.

Mission (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – The King's Home Thrift Store held a grand opening celebration in Hanceville Thursday, opening in place of the old Jimmie Hale Mission store. The Hanceville store is one of three in the state. The others are in Pinson and Eastwood. All three stores support King's Home, a nonprofit which serves hundreds of youth, women and children seeking refuge, hope and help from abuse, neglect, abandonment, homelessness and other difficult and impoverished conditions and circumstances.

Hanceville Mayor Kenneth Nail shared, "We're proud that they're here, and this is a large building; of course, you never want a large building in your city to be empty, so I think this usually has done a lot of business here.

"You get some great buyers, and you know I think it helps a great organization.

"We just hope our folks will come out and support them, and like I said, there's a lot of good products here. I like to repurpose things; I don't like to throw things away."

Before Thursday's ribbon cutting, King's Home President Lew Burdette spoke to the store employees and Hanceville City Council, saying, "This was a match made in Heaven; (the) Jimmie Hale Mission, I've been friends with (Jimmie Hale Mission Executive Director) Tony Cooper for years and years and years, he called me over a year ago and said Jimmie Hale Mission wanted out of the thrift business and I said, 'Well great, we want in the thrift business.' We are proud to be here, we hope you enjoy the changes that we've made here."

Burdette said of King's Home's mission: "We have 22 residential group homes for abused youth and moms and kids.

"They can come and start over in life, dream big; they can do anything. King's Home has 12 homes for teenagers and 10 homes for adult mothers with children fleeing domestic violence."

All three King's Home stores support King's Home residents.

King's Home Thrift in Hanceville is located at 306 Main St. SE.

The store is open Monday-Saturday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Donations are accepted until 4 p.m.

Find out more at www.kingshome.com.

Poet's Corner

Spring Again

By: Randy C. Hale

I love the spring,
the birds that sing.
I love warm weather, bright clouds that gather.
The blooms of flowers, and that of the trees,
so very pretty,
but they make me sneeze.
I smell the fragrance
and rub my eyes
and sometimes cough like I could die.
Yes, pollen blows
but it's not cold
So I'll just enjoy,
and wipe my nose.

Seniors enjoy annual Fish-O-Rama in Hanceville

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – The City of Hanceville's annual Fish-O-Rama event began Friday morning with the Senior Fish-O-Rama.

Reeling in first place was Willie Pitts with a total of 12 pounds.

Second place was Ralph Rogers; his fish weighed in at 4.9 lbs.

Third place was Linda Hancock with her 1-pound total catch.

The winner of the biggest fish prize was a tie between Pitts and Rogers, whose largest catches weighed in at 2 lbs. and 10 oz. each.

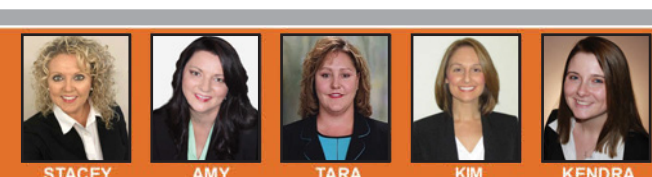
The Kids' Fish-O-Rama will be Monday, May 6 from 4-7 p.m. at Hanceville's Veterans Park.



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Willie Pitts took first place in the Senior Fish-O-Rama Friday morning in Hanceville.

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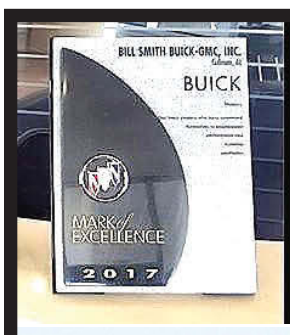
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