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EDUCATION

## 'She's the teacher you would want your kid to have'

***Vinemont High's Shannon Bridges named AFA Alabama State Teacher of the Year for 2019***




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***Vinemont High School Principal Robin Netherton and teacher Shannon Bridges***

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## 11-year-old Denna Chivers holding 3rd annual yard sale to help animals




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***In this photo from July 2018: Left to right: Capt. Tim McKoy, Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry, Denna Chivers, Cullman County Commissioner Kerry Watson and Cullman County Commission Chairman Kenneth Walker stand in front of the new covered pavilion that Denna donated to the Cullman County Animal Shelter. Denna earned the money for the pavilion through yard sales.***

**Christy Perry**
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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – Young animal advocate Denna Chivers is getting ready for her third annual yard sale to benefit the Cullman County Animal Shelter. This year, on Saturday, May 18, the yard sale will be held in the Seventh Street Baptist Church parking lot from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. (The sale was originally scheduled for May 11, but was rescheduled due to weather.)

Chivers, 11, began helping the shelter's animals a few years ago by saving her Christmas and birthday money and buying items for them. She eventually decided to have a yard sale to raise money for bigger items that would enhance the shelter. Last year she was able to purchase a covered pavilion and a picnic table for the shelter's outdoor facilities.

Her generosity was celebrated last summer with a special ribbon cutting where she was joined by the Cullman County commissioners, Sheriff Matt Gentry and the shelter staff. Captain Tim McKoy had a special sign made that hangs from the pavilion in honor of Chivers. The pavilion offers a shady area for the dogs to sit under during their daily outside time. The area is also perfect for visitors who want to interact with the dogs as they find the perfect one

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# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12. Tribune readers share why their moms are special.

*See them all online at http://bit.ly/2PZDAi3*



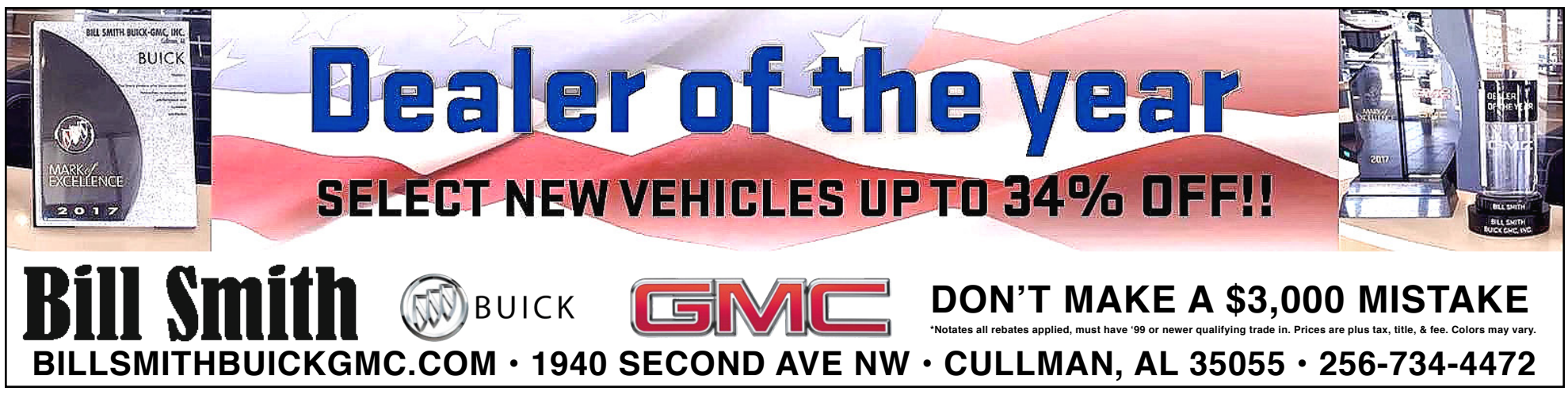
***"My mom is my twin! Just born 24 years before me. We love to shop, travel, eat, and just hang out together. We both love to teach Sunday School, sing in the choir and other church activities. My mom is my best friend and she has taught me so much. Most important I know she loves me and that will never change. She is my rock. I love her to the moon and back." - Laura Rigdon***



***"My mother Mary Ruth Shoemaker, 84 years young, is a resident at the Folsom Center. My mom worked hard to provide for (her) girls. She is such a sweet woman and taught me so much growing up. I hope I am half the woman she is. I love going to see my mom and take her treats when I go. She is so special to me and my children and great-grandchildren." - Marie Lindsey***



***"This is my mom, Kim Aderholt. She really is something special. She raised 5 children, pretty much by herself. She is a strong, selfless and independent woman. She never expects anything from anyone. She has a bunch of grandkids that she does all that she can for. My mom tries to make us laugh and bring us all together." - Patricia Hedges Bryan***



# Arrests and incidents reported May 9-10

**Maggie Darnell**
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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – Below are the arrests and incidents reported May 9-10, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

**REPORTED MAY 9**
**CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**
**INCIDENTS**
**May 6**
- menacing; CR 1490
- trespassing; CR 747
- domestic violence, violation of a protection order; CR 1355
- theft of property; CR 1756
- possession of drug paraphernalia, criminal mischief, harassment; Hwy. 91
- trespassing, theft of property; CR 1237
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1652
- theft of property; Hwy. 157
- theft of property; Hwy. 69 N
- harassment; Hwy. 91

**May 7**
- domestic violence; CR 1568
- harassment; Hwy. 91
- burglary; CR 1235
- theft of property; CR 1135
- domestic violence; Hwy. 157
- burglary; CR 1354
- harassment; CR 1607
- harassment; Commercial St. NE

**May 8**
- unlawful possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 91
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 369
- harassment; CR 134
- domestic violence; Cupp Rd.
- harassment; 2nd Ave. SW
- burglary; CR 1082
- domestic violence, menacing; CR 704
- domestic violence; CR 834

**ARRESTS**
**May 6**
**Fairbanks, Jeffrey Dwight, 53**
- first-degree attempted theft

**Guthrie, Brian Walter, 48**
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- public intoxication

**Mack, Anthony Dewayne, 39**
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- illegal possession of prescription medicine
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Phillips, Patrick Eugene, 21**
- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Prentice, Damian Dionta, 30**
- FTA- driving while suspended
- FTA- speeding

**Smith, Timothy Steven, 37**
- FTA- violation of a protection order

**Thompson, Destiney Kiah, 21**
- FTA- driving without first obtaining a license
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- possession of drug paraphernalia

**May 7**
**Bates, Mary Ellen, 54**
- drug court sanction – unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Broussard, Lawrence A., 49**
- fourth-degree theft by deception (2 counts)

**Brown, Wendy Gail, 37**
- drug court sanction – unlawful manufacturing of a controlled substance

**Dickinson, Chad Everett, 32**
- FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

**Freeman, Keith Lee, 59**
- third-degree domestic violence – harassment

**Freeman, Renee Lynn, 56**
- third-degree domestic violence – harassment

**Haynes, Keith Dewayne, 52**
- harassment

**James, Gregory Merle, 40**
- first-degree jumping bail – incest
- first-degree jumping bail – first-degree rape

**Kitchens, Timothy Justin, 28**
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

**London, Dennis Charles II, 32**
- drug court sanction – unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Murphy, Christina Mary, 39**
- unauthorized use of a vehicle

**Price, James Dale, Jr., 32**
- first-degree criminal mischief
- reckless endangerment

**Sanders, Jason Ray, 32**
- third-degree domestic violence – harassment

**Sawyer, Thomas Kingsley M., 37**
- violation- home builder's license

**Smith, James Randall, Jr., 30**
- drug court sanction – unlawful distribution of a controlled substance

**Vences, Raul Flores, 23**
- drug court sanction – unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**May 8**
**Brown, Alexandria Rae, 28**
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

**Bryan, Staci Lynn, 42**
- first-degree criminal trespassing

**Calvert, Joshua Ray, 30**
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- fourth-degree receiving stolen property
- probation violation – trafficking in methamphetamine
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- probation violation – unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Cato, Kyle David, 25**
- third-degree domestic violence – harassment

**Clowdus, William Curtis, 32**
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

**Crocker, Nelda Diane, 64**
- violation of a protection order

**Dunn, Vernon Dewayne, 54**
- FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

**Jewell, Jason MaClain, 35**
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

**Johnson, Mary Baker, 53**
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)

**Knight, Summer Danielle, 32**
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

**Leplattenier, Chase, 39**
- third-degree domestic violence – harassment

**Link, Sommer Ashlie, 38**
- third-degree domestic violence – harassing communication

**Riggs, Timothy Shawn, 51**
- FTA- DUI

**Roberson, Arthur Floyd, 74**
- harassment

**Romine, Destinie Leann, 37**
- third-degree domestic violence – harassment

**Warner, David Chase, 24**
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**
**INCIDENTS**
**May 7**
- third-degree criminal trespassing; Days Inn; 4th St. SW

**May 8**
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; person; Oakmont Dr. SE; cash, knife; unknown amount of property value
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; person; Brown Dr. SE; checks; unknown amount of property value
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; person; Hwy. 157; chainsaw; $200

**ARRESTS**
**May 8**
**Goodman, Kelli M., 27**
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

**Payne, Jordan M., 26**
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

**Lee, Brandon W., 27**
- DUI

**Fuller, Cregary A., 42**
- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

**Lynch, Pamela C., 54**
- FTA- DUI
- FTA- improper lane usage
- FTA- driver's license restriction violation

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

**REPORTED MAY 10**
**CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**
No incidents or arrests reported.

**CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**
**INCIDENTS**
**May 8**
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; Miscellaneous; $41
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; person; Oakmont Dr. SE; misc. items; $25
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; person; Bolte Rd. SE; purse & contents; unknown amount of property value

**May 9**
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, third-degree criminal mischief; person; 4th Ave. SE; miscellaneous; unknown amount of property value
- harassment; person; Main Ave. SW

**ARRESTS**
**May 9**
**Burney, Cody D., 27**
- obstructing justice – using false ID

**Clemmenson, Matthew F., 45**
- FTA- public lewdness

**Grohman, James S., 22**
- obstructing government operations
- second-degree criminal mischief
- FTA- public intoxication

**Grohman, Jr., William J., 24**
- obstructing government operations

**Nixon, Byron G., 45**
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence

**Gaydos, Lanea F., 38**
- disorderly conduct

**Cochran, Shane J., 37**
- DUI

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

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

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR
## *May 11 - 13*

**SATURDAY, MAY 11**

**Lyndon's Walk Across America for HAE (Rain or Shine!)**

On Saturday, concerned citizens will gather at Sportsman Lake Park in Cullman for a local stop of Lyndon's Walk Across America, an event to raise awareness of Hereditary Angioedema (HAE) and raise funds for research into the rare genetic disorder. The walk was named in memory of Lyndon Stidham, a Cullman area child who died in 2004 of asphyxiation during an attack. Lyndon's mother, Lora Moore, who has the disease herself, was one of four HAE patients featured in the international award-winning documentary "Special Blood," a film described on its website as: The event, which will begin at 11 a.m., will feature free Jim-n-Nick's barbecue, T-shirt tie dyeing (according to Ennis, Lyndon was a big fan of tie-dyed shirts) and a karaoke talent show. After sundown, there will be a free screening of "Special Blood." For more on HAE, visit www.haea.org, and find out about the documentary film at www.specialblood.com/about.html.

**SUNDAY, MAY 12**

**Special Needs Free Swim at the Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center**

- 3-5 p.m. Free Swim Hosted by Cullman Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism
- Free swim is for those with special needs and immediate family members. All guests must sign in at the CWAC front desk before entering the pool. Parents/guardians/caregivers must stay in the pool area at all times during the therapeutic recreation swim time.

**MONDAY, MAY 13**

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

**Cullman City Council Meeting**
7 p.m. at Cullman City Hall

**UPCOMING...**

**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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# LEGALS

**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.

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2131 Third Avenue North
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The Cullman Tribune-April 27, May 4, 11, 2019

**NOTICE OF COMPLETION**

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39 Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that Paulk Construction, Inc. Contractor has completed the contract for the Mod of Site AL93-1, VI, at Hanceville, AL for the Hanceville Housing Authority Owner(s), and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify Michelle Whitaker, PO Box 330 Hanceville, AL 35077

Paulk Construction, Inc.
390 N. Goldthwaite Street
Montgomery, AL 36104

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, ALABAMA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DORMAN ODELL SPEEGLE, Deceased.** ) **Case No.: PC-** 2019-142

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT**

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to CHET ODELL SPEEGLE and DEBORAH ANNETTE SPEEGLE HIGDON, Co-Personal Representatives on the estate of DORMAN ODELL SPEEGLE on the 7th day of May, 20 19 by the Honorable TAMMY BROWN, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by the law or the same will be barred.

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TO: Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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# Obituary Announcements: May 6 - 10

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**Montie Ray Free**, 84, of Holly Pond, passed away on Monday, May 6, 2019. He was born August 6, 1934, to Montie Wert and Cholie Temperance Orr Free. Mr. Free served our country honorably in the United States Army. We appreciate his sacrifice for our nation. Montie was also a foreman for Goldkist. Mr. Free is preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include a son, Alan (Rebecca) Free; daughter, Andrea McCurdy; brother, JW Free; nine grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

**Robert "Leon" Watson**, 92 of Nesmith Community, entered into rest on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at his home. Leon was born on September 22, 1926. He was a graduate of Addison High School and a 30-year employee of Stockham Valve and Fittings, where he was a supervisor. He also proudly served in the United States Army for four years. Leon faithfully served for over 50 years as deacon, teacher and singer, the last 30 years being at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. He, along with his two daughters, sang for many years in the gospel group known as "The Watson Family", recording nine gospel albums. He also helped start the Alabama Gospel Quartet Association. Visitation will be held on Friday, May 10, 2019 from 6-8pm at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Nesmith Community, where service will be on Saturday at 11am. He will lie in state from 10-11am. Brother Jr. Garmon, Brother Donny Thomason, and Brother William McClellan will officiate the service. Burial will follow in Jones Chapel Cemetery. Leon is survived by his daughters, Shirley Watson Grauberger and Kathy Dian Watson; brother, Alton "Buddy" Watson; and sister, Freda Sharp. He was preceded in death by his wife of 70 years, Pauline Carpenter Watson; parents, Dock Monroe Watson and Ella Lois Robinson Watson. "Be an example for your children to follow in anything they may do." - Robert "Leon" Watson

**Funeral Service for James Johnson**, age 84, of Vinemont, will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, May 10, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; interment in Cullman Heritage Funeral Home Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Johnson passed away on Wednesday, May 8, 2019, at Falkville Health Care Center. He was born March 21, 1935, to Elise Heedley and Mary C. Johnson. He served the City of Cullman for 33 years as a Cullman City Firefighter. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Inze Dotson; brothers, H. B. Johnson, Ellis C. Johnson, and Curly Johnson. Survivors include his wife of 30 years, Hilda Johnson; daughters, Judy (Scott) Brady and Jackie (Quindall) Terry; son, James Keith Johnson (Sharon Anderson); stepdaughters, Tina (Jimmy) Hopper, Marsha (Billy) Campbell, and Stacy McClanahan; stepson, Anthony (Tammy) McClanahan; four grandsons; five step-grandchildren; five great-grandchildren, four step-great-grandchilren; sister, Mary Thomas; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Friday, May 10, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

**Mr. Randy Nolan Moses**, 65, of Horton passed away on Wednesday, May 8, 2019. No services are planned.

**Betty Marie Williams**, 77 of Addison, entered into rest on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. Betty was born on July 21, 1941 in Arley, Alabama. Betty graduated from Meek High School in 1959 and was a lifelong member of Addison Church of God. She loved mowing grass and being outside. Betty was an avid Auburn sports fan. She loved spending time and talking with family and friends. Visitation will be on Friday, May 10, 2019 from 6-8 pm at Addison Church of God, where services will be held on Saturday at 2 p.m. Pastor Rodney Ridgeway and Bishop Samuel Parker will officiate. Burial will follow in Arley Congregational Church Cemetery. Betty is survived by her son, Greg Williams and wife Glynnes; daughters, Polly Doss and husband Barry, Rena Parris and husband Eddie; brothers, Wayne (Joan) Cleghorn, Bobby Cleghorn, Kenneth Cleghorn; sisters, Alice (Steve) Woolwine, and Gayle Roland. She was "Maw Maw Betty" to 8 grandchildren, Dana Walker, Noel Williams, Jeremy (Rachel) Doss, Brandon (Brittany) Green, Shae (B.J.) Hallman, Nathan (Haley) Williams, Kendall Parris, Kayla (Levi) Brown and 12 great grandchildren, Marlee, Cooper, Watsen, Kylie, Clay, Jason, Leah, Cameron, Connor, Krymson, Karson, and Paeleigh. Special lifelong friends Glenda and Jerry Brannon, Shirley Payne, and Merle Cobb. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lee Williams; parents, Garland and Ruby Cleghorn; brothers, Neal Cleghorn, Leon Cleghorn, and Jimbo Cleghorn.

**Shirley Faye Overton**, 75, of Haleyville, Alabama entered into rest on May 8, 2019 at North Alabama Medical Center in Florence, Alabama. Shirley was born December 14, 1943 in Cherokee, Alabama. Family will receive friends on Friday, May 10, 2019 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville; where memorial services will be held at 6:00 pm. Brother Alvis Treece will officiate. Shirley is survived by her sons, James Curtis (Angie) Overton and Allen Ray Overton; daughters, Sheila Faye Overton, Regina Lynn Byrne, Teresa Gail (Tommy) Owsley, and Lora Ann Overton; brothers, Mike and Bill Harris; "Maw Maw" to 15 grandchildren: Jamie White, Whitney Cornelius, Tona Michelle Colegrove, Eric Wayne Overton, Rachel Ann Rollins, Mike Byrne, Chris Byrne, Kaylie Byrne, Samantha Morris, Junior Overton, Cheyenne Bard, Shannah Brewer, Anna Brewer, Kayla Kepher, and Katlin Owsley and 29 great grandchildren: Autumn White, Izack White, Emma White, Alyssa Harvell, Easton Cornelius, Trevor, Alyssa Gosa, Araeya Colegrove, Presley Sickles, Darian Overton, Donavin Overton, Savannah Owens Overton, Connar Owens Overton, Malachi Douglas Overton, Jaden Overton, Xavier Overton, Mielia Overton, Miles Bryne, Abagail Overton, Owen Bryne, Rylie Morris, Gracie Morris, Oliver Morris, Nevaeh Overton, Kynlie Overton, Jaxon Bard, Matthew Bard, Savannah Kepner, and Tammy Kepner. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Harold Overton; her parents, George and Lora Harris; and brothers, Bob and Frank Harris.

**Sherrill Armond Hale**, 90 of Addison, entered into rest on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at home. Sherrill was born on October 1, 1928 in Cullman County, Alabama. He was loved by all who knew him. Sherrill was a devoted husband and father. He was a man of God for most of his life. Visitation will be on Saturday, May 11, 2019 4-6 pm at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Nesmith Community. Private burial will be in Cullman City Cemetery. Sherrill is survived by his wife of 11 years, Mildred Hale; son, Sherrill Armond Hale II and wife Terry; sister, Sylvia Johnson; and one grandchild, Scott Alan "Trey" Hale. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Helen Hale; mother, Vera B. Williamson; father, Gilbert Roy Hale; sister, Joy Harbison; brothers, Gerald Hale and Jimmie Hale.

**Mr. Phillip DeWayne Breedlove**, 56, of Cullman passed away on Wednesday, May 8, 2019. No services are planned at this time.

**Alberta Irene Durham**, of Cullman passed away on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at the age of 92. Mrs. Durham was a member of 7th Street Baptist Church. She was very involved in working in the children's ministries there. She volunteered in the nursery, Mother's Day Out program and with Vacation Bible School. She also worked in the missions programs and enjoyed being in the XYZ's class. She worked in an administrative role at the Cullman County Electrical Co-op for 25+ years until retirement. She is preceded in death by her parents: Albert and Cora Bland; husband, Estus Durham; Step-son, Dwight Durham and Step-daughter, Nell Ann Daniels. She leaves to cherish her memory her son, Dale (Dean) Quick; grandchildren: Mike (Donna) Durham, Dee Dee Durham Mosley, Nell (Tommy) McWhorter, Del (James) Franklin and Pam Daniels Miller; six great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren. Visitation for Mrs. Alberta Irene Durham will be on Saturday, May 11, 2019 from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. Her funeral service will be in the chapel of the funeral home on Sunday, May 12, 2019 at 2 p.m. with Bro. Kerry Cleghorn and Bro. Eric Martin officiating. Burial will follow at Cullman City Cemetery. Special memories and condolences can be left for the family at mossservicefh.com

**Funeral Service for Wilmer Ray Perry**, age 73, of Vinemont, will be at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 13, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rev. Don Froelich officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Perry passed away on Thursday, May 9, 2019, at the Folsom Center. He was born May 18, 1945, to Carl and Valeria Perry. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Delores Wynelle Hulsey. Survivors include his son, Michael (Kathy) Perry; daughters, Dawn (Dennis) Hutchison and Carla (Brian) Delfs; son, Matthew (Kyung) Perry; ten grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, May 13, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

**Freeda Reid** passed away on Thursday, May 9, 2019, at Hanceville Nursing Home. She was born September 10, 1930, to Allen and Lula Gregory. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Gene Reid. Survivors include her sons, Gary (Jacquline) Baldridge and Roger Baldridge; grandchildren, Sybil Baldridge and John Muladore; and great-granddaughter, Stella Bower.

**Funeral services for Addie "Boots" Maynard**, 91, of Cullman are Sunday, May 12, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home, Rev. Wade Maynard officiating, with interment in Antioch Baptist Cemetery. Visitation on Saturday from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home directing. Mrs. Maynard passed away on Thursday, May 9, 2019. She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert L. Watson and Lillie Mae Tankersley Watson; her husband, Milburn "Mib" Maynard and two sisters. She is survived by her son, Steve (Barbara) Maynard; daughters, Brenda (James) Golden and Sandy (Jimmy) Wright; grandchildren, Stephanie (Bart) Abbott, Chasity Harris, Chris Maynard, Lance Golden, Alisha Golden, Harvey Trussell and Jonathon Trussell; great grandchildren, Corey (Tyler) Weeks, Gracie Abbott and Aubrey Robertson; great great grandchild, Kyson Weeks and a host of other family and friends.

**William Hansel Drake**, of Falkville, Alabama passed away Thursday, May 9, 2019. Hansel was born September 17, 1925 to the late William Amel and Nora Wilhite Drake of Vinemont, Alabama. He was a U.S. Army Veteran; Co. A, 151st Combat Engineer Battalion, who served in Europe during WWII. Hansel lived in Alabama until 1970 when he moved to Oklahoma with his wife, the late Lottie Mae Teague Drake, and his five younger sons. During his time in Tulsa, OK he worked for Vincent Radiator Co., Auto Air Service, and Drake Air, Inc. He was known to his friends and family in Oklahoma as "Bill" or "Papa Bill." He returned to Alabama to live in 2015. Hansel was preceded in death by his wife, Lottie Mae; his parents, William Amel and Nora Wilhite Drake; brothers, Euel Drake and Wallace Drake; sisters Naomi Cartledge, Frances Carlton and Marie Pattillo. Hansel is survived by sons Roger (Paula) Drake of Franklin, TN, Randy (Cherri) Drake of Cullman, AL; Vann (Connie) Drake of Tulsa, OK; Butch Drake of Tulsa, OK; Jeff (Tina) Drake of Denver, CO; John (Sharon) Drake of Vinemont, AL; Paul Drake of Tulsa, OK; Eric Drake of Tulsa, OK; brother Charles (Ellen) Drake of Vinemont, AL and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and caregivers. Services will be on Monday, May 13, 2019 at noon at Moss Service Funeral Home in Cullman, AL. The family will receive guests prior to the service beginning at 10:30 am. Interment will be at Flint Creek Cemetery, Vinemont, AL. The service will be officiated by Carlos Wilhite, Vinemont, AL. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the "Hansel Drake Memorial Scholarship Fund" at Wallace State Community College - Wallace State Future Foundation, P.O. Box 568, Hanceville, AL, 35077.

**Rebecca "Becky" Graves Cofer** of Cullman, Alabama passed away on May 9, 2019. She was the daughter of J.C. and Vetra Calvert Graves. Ms. Cofer leaves to cherish her memory her parents; daughter, Brittanie Coggins; sons, Larry Shaun and Shannon Campbell; sisters, Jeanie Bates and Rhonda Turner; brothers, Rodney and Randy Graves; and six grandchildren. Visitation for Ms. Cofer will be Monday, May 13, 2019 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home with a graveside service following (2:00 p.m.) at Prospect Cemetery. Rev. Malcolm Carter II will be officiating the service. To leave condolences for the family please visit mossservicefh.com.

**Frank James Sorrow**, 72, was born on April 1, 1947 and passed away on May 8, 2019. Visitation will be Saturday, May 11 from 2-3 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel. A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will follow at 3 p.m.

**Graveside services for Ledger S. Foust** will be Monday May 13, 2019 at 11 a.m. at Bethlehem East Cemetery in Hanceville, AL. Ledger Scott Foust son of Judd and Heather Foust passed Thursday May 9, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Vincent's Women's and Children's Center. Ledger is deeply loved by his mommy and daddy, grandparents, great grandparents, aunts and uncles, cousins and many others. Ledger will always remain his parents' precious baby and they will see him again in heaven one day. Jeremiah 29:11

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# Teacher (from Front)

**Christy Perry**
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**VINEMONT, Ala.** – Vinemont High School teacher Shannon Bridges was surprised Friday morning at the school's annual awards ceremony when she was named the Air Force Association (AFA) Alabama State Teacher of the Year for 2019. Bridges was first selected as the AFA Tennessee Valley Chapter Teacher of the Year for 2019, which qualified her for the state award.

By being selected as the Tennessee Valley Chapter winner, Bridges was awarded $250, and as the state winner, she received an additional $500 to use toward materials and expenses in the classroom.

AFA Tennessee Valley Chapter President Rick Driesbach was on hand for the awards ceremony Friday and addressed the students, "Each year we recognize a teacher who has done extraordinary things in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math. It is so important to the United States Air Force in their air, space and cyber missions. We need scientists, engineers and mathematicians coming from your ranks. I am old and you are young, so we need you. To make you knowledgeable in all those things, we have fine teachers and you have one of the finest here at Vinemont."

A surprised Bridges said, "I had no idea! I had no clue. It's a great accomplishment and I am just overwhelmed. I am in charge of InSPIRESS and that is our program through UAH and NASA where we design and build, it's an engineering program, so that money will go in that account to help fund building supplies.

"I take them to the United Launch Alliance. I take them to the Space and Rocket Center. I take them on different field trips so they can see the engineering process so that will help fund our field trips and any building supplies we need for our future."

Bridges is involved in many of the student organizations at Vinemont High School and teaches many classes, including ninth-grade biology and honors biology, 10th-grade chemistry, 11th-grade dual enrollment biology 103 and 104 through Wallace State Community College and 12th- grade physics.

She also serves as the varsity cheerleading coach, varsity girls and boys golf coach and National Honor Society sponsor. She started a group at the school called GEMS (Girls Engaged in Math and Science).

"This year the GEMS project was endangered and threatened turtles and tortoises of Alabama and (Principal) Mr. (Robin) Netherton helped me put in a grant and we got a $2,000 grant.

"Hopefully we are going to start our recycling project here next year to recycle to help wildlife," Bridges shared. "I love what I do. I love the kids and I am so proud of them and I want them to experience different things. I want them to realize how close NASA is. They can be a NASA engineer and only drive 40 minutes down the road."

Netherton said of Bridges, "She won the Cullman County Secondary Teacher of the Year. She's won the AFA Teacher of the Year and the Tennessee Valley Teacher of the Year.

"She does a variety of things here at Vinemont High School that we couldn't live without. She's an outstanding asset to our faculty. She's a duel enrollment teacher. She's the teacher you would want your kid to have."

Find out more about the AFA awards at www.afa.org/education/teacher-of-the-year.

# Central Alabama Community Foundation awards Fran Kay Schwaiger Scholarship to Cullman's Lillimae Allen

**Chad DuBois**
Contributor

**CULLMAN, Ala.** – The Central Alabama Community Foundation (CACF) on Wednesday, May 8 awarded the Fran Kay Schwaiger Scholarship to a deserving student at Cullman High School. The scholarship was created in honor of Cullman native Fran Kay Schwaiger Weiss. This year's recipient has been described as resolute, focused, eager to learn, intelligent and in possession of a teachable spirit. The 2019 recipient of the Fran Kay Schwaiger Scholarship is Lillimae Allen.

Fran Kay Schwaiger Weiss is a graduate of Cullman High School and Vanderbilt University. As a scholarship recipient herself, she knows personally how the kindness of strangers can change one's life.

"I graduated from Cullman High School in 1975 and received a full scholarship to Vanderbilt Engineering School, and this literally changed my life," said Weiss. "Having an engineering degree, or any degree in STEM, opens so many doors of opportunity for a meaningful and well compensated career. After short stints at Procter & Gamble and the Memphis VA Hospital, I completed a very successful 31-year career as an industrial engineer at FedEx and was able to retire at 55 years old."

The fund annually awards one scholarship to a graduating senior of any public or private high school located in Cullman County with a minimum 3.0 GPA who is planning to attend an accredited four-year college or university who has shown aptitude and intends to pursue a course of study in science, technology, engineering or mathematics.

For over 30 years, the Central Alabama Community Foundation has been a valued community partner and resource for nonprofits and students in the River Region and Wiregrass. Through the generous support of individual and corporate donors, the foundation provides over $5 million in grants and scholarships each year that meet diverse community needs, supporting programs and projects in education, human services, health, cultural arts and other civic concerns. Our mission is to create a better quality of life for those who live and work in the River Region.

CACF serves several counties including Autauga, Coffee, Dale, Elmore, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Lowndes, Macon and Montgomery. The Central Alabama Community Foundation can be reached at 334-546-0813 or Chad.DuBois@cacfinfo.org.



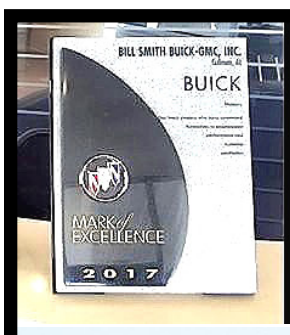

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***Left to right are Lillimae Allen, Fran Kay Schwaiger Weiss, John Weiss and Lisa Schwaiger.***

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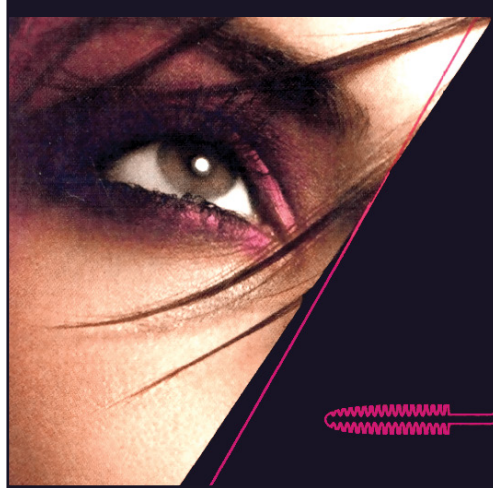
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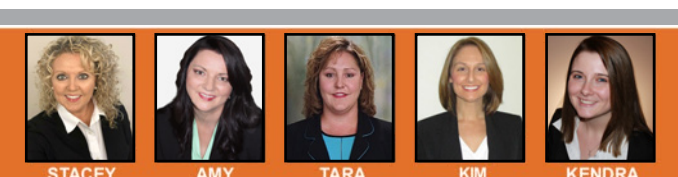
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## *"THE 67-COUNTY, ALABAMA GARDEN PARTY"*

# MARION COUNTY

**Ben Johnson South**
Tribune Correspondent

"**MULE-HEADED** is mighty fine flattery," was a lesson I learned in Marion County from a local-but-famous folk art potter, Jerry Brown. Jerry, who passed away in 2016, was a ninth-generation potter and still used a mule to mix clay in his pug mill. Jerry's mule was named "Blue," and if a country singer wannabe is not already performing "A Mule Named Blue" to the tune of Johnny Cash's "A Boy Named Sue," please hitch up some lyrics and plow on. According to Jerry, when ole Blue or any mule appeared to be stubborn they were just thinking and being prudent.

I was in Marion County to buy a wagonload of handmade pitchers Jerry and his wife, Sandra, and their family made. This was for a major Southern folk art show the company I worked for was sponsoring at the Birmingham Museum of Art. For the opening reception, the event design team filled the beautifully crafted pots with Alabama wildflowers to create one of my favorite garden parties ever.

Jerry Brown had learned pottery-making from his dad, who everybody called "Jug Brown." Mr. Jug was a demanding craftsman and a man of few words. Jerry told me his job as a child was rolling balls of Alabama clay for his dad to form into cups and dishes and, yes, jugs. His dad wouldn't say anything, but if a clay ball Jerry made disappointed Jug, his dad would pop him on the side of his head with it to redo. This was a stellar example of Marion County home-schooling. Here, you're taught, "Be the job, large or small; do it well, or not at all."

Jerry Brown was the 2003 recipient of the Alabama Folk Heritage Award. He was also awarded a National Heritage Fellowship and five pieces of his pottery, handmade with mule-ground clay in Marion County, are in the permanent collection of the Smithsonian Institute. Every March, The Jerry Brown Arts Festival is enjoyed by hundreds in Hamilton, the county seat.

Mules make a good symbol for Marion County; hard-working, intelligent, determined, resilient, plowing forward through good times and challenging times. In fact, the town of Winfield celebrates Mule Day every fourth Saturday in September.

Here's a holler out from farm boy, Harry S. Truman, "My favorite animal is the mule. He has more horse sense than a horse. He knows when to stop eating and he knows when to stop working."

In Alabama, when the conversation is PLANTS + PEOPLE coming together over the last 200 years since statehood, you can't talk for long without somebody bringing up mule-powered farming.

Mules aren't native to our continent. These genetically modified creatures are the product of an unnatural union between a male donkey (jackass) and a female horse (mare). Though it happens less frequently, a cross between a male horse (stallion) and a female donkey (jenny) is called a hinny.

Christopher Columbus introduced mules to the New World in 1495, bringing four jack donkeys and two jenny donkeys. These animals produced mules for the Spanish Conquistadores' explorations. Hernando de Soto brought mules to Alabama in the 1540s. And, it was our first U.S. president, gentleman farmer George Washington, who started the first mule breeding farm in our country. This was in 1785 when the king of Spain saluted the new country's leader with a prized jack donkey named "Royal Gift."

By 1808, the U.S. had an estimated 855,000 working mules valued at $66 million. Mules became popular in the Southern agricultural states because they can work harder, with less food, in more intense temperatures and have fewer health problems than horses. An Alabama farmer with two mules could easily plow 16 acres a day. Besides plowing, mules were also important for harvesting crops and hauling that harvest to market.

Pound for pound, mules were more valuable to Alabama farmers than horses. A draft mule can tip the scales at 1,800 pounds, glide a plow through clay-packed, Marion County soil and pull logs from the dense forests.

Mules have a long, treasured history. In the Bible times only nobility, King David among them, rode mules. Most of the mules in this part of Alabama came from breeding farms in Tennessee and Kentucky. Farmers met the mule breeders on the mule routes and bought a few mules at a time. Most Alabamians didn't breed mules, they bought finished, working mules from the suppliers. In the springtime, Marion County farmers might go into town to buy a mule like their ancestors buy a new tractor these days.

A shortage of mules is considered a reason the American South was defeated in the Civil War. Mules still matter. In more recent times, a team of mules was used to pull a jet engine to the top of Pikes Peak for the test that launched the U.S. space program.

Now, let's give those mules a rest and let them cool off on a shady creek bank in Marion County. Look around you at the verdant blanket of watercress (Nasturtium officinale) thriving in the damp soil along the stream. Here, watercress stems can grow 2 feet high. This northwest part of Alabama is ideal for growing watercress. At one point, north Alabama grew and sold millions of bunches of watercress annually.

WAKE UP, POPEYE! Nutrient-rich watercress has more iron than spinach, more calcium than milk and more Vitamin C than orange juice. Some studies indicate watercress may inhibit the spread of tobacco-related cancers.

Watercress is most often used as a peppery ingredient to add flavor to sandwiches and salads or as a garnish. It's also a superb addition to soups, sauces, breads and stuffing.

Marion County has a multitude of waterways to explore for watercress. Add these to your foraging map: Buttahatchee River, Bull Mountain Creek, Summers Branch, Coffee Creek, Dismal Branch, New River, Little Bear Creek, Bear Creek, Sugar Creek, Sipsey Creek, Mill Creek, Beaver Creek, Studhorse Creek, Turkey Creek, Mallard's Creek and Bluff Creek.

Taking this story to the barn, let me close by saying, mules in Marion County are both loved and feared. You'll get a kick out of this quote from William Faulkner, who grew up across the Mississippi line in similar territory: "A mule will labor 10 years, willingly and patiently for you, for the privilege of kicking you once."

**Here are some other positive and pleasurable ways PLANTS + PEOPLE + PLOW MULES + POTTERY come together here in northwest Alabama including an easy, peppery, nutritious recipe for a MARION COUNTY WATERCRESS AND EGG SALAD SANDWICH:**

• **MARION COUNTY FARMERS MARKET**- 2151 Bexar Ave. West, Hamilton, AL 35570; Saturday mornings 7-11 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursday 3-6 p.m.; opening June 2

• **PLANT 'N ROOTS FARMSTAND**- 2394 County Highway 46, Brilliant, AL 35548

• **JAMES R. LEE BLUEBEERIES**- 822 16th St. North, Guin, AL 35563; call for directions- 205-468-2695; July 1-Aug. 1

• **MARION COUNTY FOOD FESTIVALS**- Buttahatchee Fall Festival (Hamilton) last Saturday in October; May Day Festival (Guin) in May; Neighbor Day Festival (Hackleburg) last Saturday in April; Coal Festival (Brilliant) in May; Mule Day (Winfield) the fourth Saturday in September

• **TOLL GATE CAFÉ**- (Hamilton) for delicious, homestyle cooking celebrating in-season, local-grown produce

• **WHEN THE SNOW IS ON THE ROSES**- Hackleburg's Sonny James took this garden-lovers song to no. 1 in 1972; also, "Running Bear" in 1969 and "Young Love" in 1956; the Alabama Music Hall of Famer is the impetus for the Alabama Country Music Hall Of Fame being in Marion County.

• **MARION COUNTY SUGGESTIONS FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS**- This is a beautiful part of Alabama with rolling, green hills and views. According to Lisa Murphy, Marion County coordinator of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, any landscape painter or photographer will want to see the Indian Mounds near Hamilton, the lost-in-time beauty of the Hamilton-Sullins House in Hamilton, and the serenity of Pikeville Cemetery.

• **PLANTING AN IDEA**- Watercress, nutritious and delicious, could become a money-maker for some growers in Marion County. It doesn't have to be cultivated in the wild in a pure stream. Watercress can be grown in containers or in soil that is kept permanently wet. Every year, Alabama spends $65 million in taxpayer money for soft drinks and candy in the federally-funded "food stamp" program. Some of that money could be intelligently diverted to create better nutrition with Alabama-grown watercress. Some entrepreneur with access to a commercial kitchen should consider making and selling products like healthy watercress salad dressing and spreads.

**Y'ALL COME** to Marion County on your 67-County, Alabama Garden Party tour! We're fixin' to hitch up the mules and take a wagon into town to welcome you.

Many thanks to Lisa Murphy and the Marion County office of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System (ACES) for pointing me to some great PEOPLE + PLANTS. The folks at ACES are your "go-to" source for all things farm and garden-centric. Also, when I told my sister-in-law, Laurie Johnson, I was promoting the wonders of watercress in this story, she created, tested and refined this delicious recipe. My personal thanks to Laurie.




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



### MARION COUNTY WATERCRESS AND EGG SALAD SANDWICH

***Makes 4 sandwiches***

**Ingredients:**

• 4 eggs, hard-boiled (bring to boil in water and cook 10 minutes – cool and peel)
• 1/2 cup mayonnaise (mayo) or your favorite salad dressing - divided
• 2 tbsp. finely diced dill or sweet pickle relish
• Salt and black pepper
• A large bunch of fresh watercress – some diced and some coarsely torn
• Fresh green herbs, if desired – include parsley, thyme, and/or chives
• 8 slices of your choice of bread

**Directions:**

**1. Make egg salad and chill for an hour (or even overnight) before assembling sandwiches.**

**a.** Finely chop the egg whites and partially chop/partially smash the yolks.

**b.** Mix about 1/8 cup mayo and the relish into the eggs and salt and pepper to your taste.

**2. Assemble sandwiches.**

**a.** Pull long stems off the watercress and finely dice about 3 tbsp. with the other herbs and stir into the rest of the mayo.

**b.** Spread the green mayo on 8 bread slices, spread the egg salad on 4 slices and top with a generous layer of torn watercress leaves and the remaining bread slices.

**c.** Cut the 4 sandwiches with a serrated bread knife into the size and shape of your choice.

*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 BASEBALL PLAYOFFS**

# 'Cats headed back to Montgomery after sweeping Hueytown on the road

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**HUEYTOWN, Ala.** – After sweeping the Golden Gophers on their home field with a 13-11 win in game one and a 2-0 win in game two, the Cullman Bearcats are headed back to Montgomery for the fifth time in six years. The 'Cats trailed Hueytown 8-5 going into the final frame of game one but plated eight runs in the top of the seventh to rally and take a 1-0 lead in the series and in game two, Dylon Wallace pitched seven shutout innings to lead the Bearcats to a road sweep and back to the state finals.

**Cullman 13 – Hueytown 11 (Game One)**

Cullman took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first with an RBI single from Ben Hollis, but the Gophers had an answer in their half of the inning.

After tying the game on an RBI single, A bases-clearing double put Hueytown on top 4-1 early. The Bearcats began to chip away at the lead after a pair of scoreless innings.

Dylon Wallace scored on a fielder's choice to make it 4-2 and a sacrifice bunt from A.J. Miller allowed Brady Patterson to cross the plate and trim the lead to 4-3 in the top of the fourth.

An RBI single put the Gophers back up 5-3 in the bottom half of the fourth, but the Bearcats weren't nearly done scoring yet. Cooper Beck scored on a fielder's choice to make it a 1-run game and an RBI single from Wallace tied the game at 5.

The game remained tied until the bottom of the sixth when a Hueytown batter was hit with the bases loaded to make it a 6-5 game and just a couple of pitches later, a 2-run single put the Gophers on top 8-5 with just three outs remaining for Cullman.

A single and an error put two runners on the bases for Patterson in the top of the seventh and he drove a line drive over the left fielder's head to score both of them and cut the lead to 8-7.

After a pair of walks, the Hueytown pitcher mishandled a bunt from Niklas Fondren, allowing Patterson to score and tie the game at 8.

Three pitches later, Beck singled into right field to score two more runs and put the 'Cats up 10-8 with just one out in the inning.

A sacrifice fly from Peyton Colvard brought in another run to make it 11-8 and Hollis capped off the big inning with a 2-run single into left field that put Cullman up 13-8 going into the bottom of the seventh.

The Gophers managed to make some noise in the final frame and plated three runs to cut the lead to 13-11 but a double play ended the game for Hueytown and lifted the Bearcats to a 13-11 victory in the opening game of the series.

Hollis finished 3-for-5 at the plate with a game-high four RBIs while Brennen Norton racked up three hits of his own. Beck (two hits) and Patterson (two hits) each drove in a pair of runs for Cullman in the win.

**Cullman 2 – Hueytown 0 (Game Two)**

After the shootout between the Bearcats and Golden Gophers in game one, both teams lined up for a pitcher's duel in game two. Dylon Wallace got the start on the hill for Cullman and put together a dominant performance to help lead the Bearcats back to the state finals. Wallace tossed a complete game shutout in game two, allowing just three hits in the win and striking out seven.

The 'Cats finally broke the tie in the bottom of the sixth when Cooper Beck doubled to lead off the inning and two pitches later, Brennen Norton doubled to bring him around for a score and a 1-0 lead.

After the Gophers collected the first two outs of the inning, Norton came home to score on a passed ball and make it a 2-0 game with just three outs between the Bearcats and the sweep.

The 'Cats were held to just five hits in the win, three of which came off the bat of Beck. Norton (one RBI) and Brady Patterson collected the other two hits in game two.

Cullman will be at Paterson Field in Montgomery next Thursday at 7:00 p.m. for game one of this year's AHSAA 6A State Championship series against the Chelsea Hornets.

## FUNNY THINGS FROM YESTERDAY

# Our goldfish died

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



Chris Godby and I were talking one afternoon and Chris said, "Robert, I enjoy your column, but you are writing about other folks.

It's funny to read of the mischief some the folks got into, but tell us some of the things you did."

I must have been a pretty good kid. I hardly remember any mischief that I got into. My sister, Frances, who is just older than I am, might tell you something different, but don't believe all she might tell you. I have known other boys who got into a lot of mischief, but I might not have been involved.

This is one thing that I was involved in. It is not a tale of mischief but a tale of woe that Dale and I got into one day. We were probably 6 and 4 years old at the time.

Most kids have pets as they grow up. I don't think you could call a goldfish a pet, because the only thing you can do with a goldfish is watch it swim and feed it. We had a goldfish and it died.

Dale and I made preparations for a funeral for our goldfish. We picked out a nice spot on the east side of the garden. This was across the garden from the hog pen where Mother killed our hog.

We dug the grave and laid our goldfish to rest. We didn't have any flowers at this time, but we did have some old hot pepper that had already turned blood red. Not knowing the great danger of hot pepper, we decided to use the pepper for grave decoration.

We broke the pods up, crumbled up the insides and scattered the seeds over the grave. In our mourning for the lost pet, we wiped our faces and wiped our eyes. This is where we REALLY MADE A BIG MISTAKE.

Dale and I went screaming back to the house. Our eyes were on fire, our faces were red and our lips were beginning to blister. That hot pepper had done a job on us. Mother spent the rest of the day putting butter on us and cold compresses on our eyes. We finally got over this episode.

I know we have buried pets since then, but we did not have any mourning and I have not liked any kind of pepper since that day.

## BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

# I'm sure thankful for the mama God gave me

**Bill King**
Tribune Contributor



Mama was the disciplinarian in our house, at least for me. I'm not sure about when my siblings were growing up because they were already drawing their social-security by the time I came along.

Okay, I'm teasing and exaggerating, but they were several years older than me, so I don't remember how they were disciplined. With me, Mama believed in hickory switches. I didn't believe in them, but I also didn't get a vote. I often wished she would switch... to another method of discipline!

Leroy, Jerry, and Willard, had come to spend a few days with us during the school break. They were brothers and my first cousins. They lived on a farm about a dozen miles or so from us. Back then, I thought they lived halfway across the state.

We boys were in the barn, Mama was in the house. Jerry pulled out a small block of something that looked like a brownie from his pants' pocket. Then he pulled out his ever-present three-bladed Case, cut off one corner of his brownie, and popped it in his mouth. With a slight look of guilt and pleasure all rolled into one, he chewed for a minute, and then spit brown liquid on the ground. He held his brownie out to me and asked, "You want some bull?" I wasn't exactly sure what "bull" was, but I was beginning to suspect that what he was chewing was not a brownie.

I answered "Sure," but honestly, I was not so sure. He cut another piece and handed it to me.

I stared sheepishly at the strange looking brownie I held in my hand. My cousins smiled, big smiles, as they stared at me. One by one, they nodded encouragement, so I somewhat reluctantly popped the Bull-of-the-Woods "brownie" in my mouth. It was unlike any brownie I had ever eaten. The taste was strong and it gave my mouth a tingling burning sensation. I chewed but failed the all-important next step. Instead of spitting, I swallowed!

Within a matter of minutes I felt like I was acting in a soap-opera... "As the World Turns," except I wasn't acting. My world, the barn, cousins, and brownie, were all spinning. I wobbled back to the house, thinking I might die, or at least lose my cookies, or brownie, as was the case, at any moment.

When Mama found me lying in bed, in the middle of the day, she knew I didn't feel well. What she didn't know was how "not well" I did feel, or what had caused my sudden urge to pray. When she asked what was wrong, I knew I faced a dilemma. I knew if I came clean and told her why I was sick that she would say, "Get up from there and go get me a hickory." I didn't feel like doing either.

The other option was to lie. I knew that was a poor choice and if Mama knew I was lying, she would still say, "Get up from there and go get me a hickory." I decided to risk it all...I lied.

Many years later, after I was a grown man, I confessed. I came clean and told Mama the whole truth and nothing but the truth. I sought her forgiveness. Mama just smiled and said, "Get up from there and go get me a hickory."

This Mother's Day, I'm thankful I had a mama who cared enough to correct me when I did wrong.

Her method of discipline may not have been my choice and has ceased to be acceptable these days, but I'm glad she taught me the difference between right and wrong.

To all you Mothers who are trying your best to teach your children the same, thank you and happy Mother's Day.

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# Tribune Files from Yesteryear

**From The Files Of 1900**

M. Dickerman has purchased the sawmill belonging to V. Turney, near Vinemont.

Doctor W.A. Barclift, of Hartselle, is having a cottage erected on the bluff, overlooking the Vinemont railroad station and will use it as a summer home.

Swiss and Limberger cheese always to be had at Al Richters. Adv.

The streets are constantly crowded with cotton wagons.

Mrs. C.J. Brown entertained a few friends on Tuesday evening.

W. Thomas Green, of Joppa, has entered the Polytechnic College.

Miss Hattie Gibson left this week for an extended visit to friends in Morgan County.

A.M. Weatherford has been at work putting electric lights in the courthouse, this week.

Mrs. M.W. Howard stopped in Cullman, this week, on her return from Kentucky, where Mr. Howard has been making campaign speeches.

John F. Knight went to Birmingham on Wednesday to meet Mrs. Knight, who has just returned from Canada. They will reside here.

The length of public schools in this county will be increased this year from three to four and one-half months.

The Tribute-Gazette this week goes to a seven column paper, from a six column.

Probate Judge, S.L. Fuller has received warrants for 253 disabled Confederate soldiers and widows of deceased soldiers, which he will distribute.

The Cullman Cotton Company has completed arrangements for putting in a guano factory, which will be ready for operation next year.

H.A. Worley will conduct an all-day singing at Mount Nebo on Sunday.

**From The Files Of 1930**

Bryon Ashwander, of Hanceville, purchased the first "A" automobile license in this county on October 1st, according to Probate Judge, Homer F. Mitchell.

The tag is number A 103-301 and will be used on a Ford coach. George Ashwander, of Hanceville, purchased the first "B" tag for his Dodge sedan and Alton McBrayer purchased the first truck tag for his Ford truck.

At the B.P.W. benefit "Bug" party, on Thursday, Miss Mamie Hoelscher won first prize and Miss Margaret Schlosser and Miss Gertrude Ziegler second and consolation.

Mrs. N.J. Duke was seriously injured, on Friday morning, when she fell from the back door step at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Norton entertained on Friday evening, honoring their son, Willie, on the anniversary of his birth.

W.L. Guthrie and son, Thurman, spent Sunday in Sipsey as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Johnson.

Joe Hacker spent the weekend in Birmingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo Watts, Miss Selena Watts, Hubert Stisher, Corin House and Hugh House have returned from Detroit, Michigan.

The Cullman Bearcats won their opening game of the season by defeating Fairview, 12 to 0.

Charley Bilgero, who underwent an operation in Birmingham last Thursday, is reported to be resting well, at this time.

# Chivers (from Front)

to adopt.

This year's yard sale will include a Mother's Day gift basket raffle. The basket includes a massage, haircut, manicure and more. The drawing will take place at noon and tickets can be purchased for $1 each, 6 for $5 or 30 for $20. Those who bring cat or dog food will also get a free ticket.

Chivers is a fifth grader at Cullman Christian School and hopes to help animals now and into the future as she works to become a veterinarian. From a very early age, Chivers has understood the importance of adopting animals from your local animal shelter.

She said, "Some people don't have pets. So I would really like for some more people to have pets, to adopt them, because some animal shelters, they put the animals to rest, and I just don't like that. So I'd really like for more people to adopt animals."

The homeless animals of Cullman County have a great voice in Denna Chivers. She is dedicated to making their lives better and educating others about the need for animal adopters.

McKoy said last summer of a then 10-year-old Chivers, "I think it's amazing that a 10-year-old would have the fortitude to donate all of her hard earned money, and I am grateful that she chose to help the shelter animals."

# Poet's Corner

## *The Overcoat*

**By: Randy C. Hale**



We stood looking from the second floor balcony
of Century Plaza, who each year builds a two story
Christmas tree of poinsettias that she must see.

My mother is thirty-nine, myself nine-
teen. A young man with vast dreams,
about to journey from home, but not with-
out a nice overcoat she feels she must pur-
chase to shield me from the rain and cold.

For minutes, we stand, sharing my visions
and plans of travels and great revivals.
So soon to be zipping in and out the warm lin-
ing of the overcoat as seasons come and go.

How could a mere boy possibly grasp
not always having his mother.

Her inward warmth, her outward shield.

# LEGAL

**INVITATION TO BID**
**May 10, 2019**
**Bid # 05-21-19-01**

The Cullman City Board of Education will receive sealed bids until **9:00 A.M. May 23, 2019** for the **Cullman City Primary School Playground Renovation**. Sealed bids must be submitted on bid forms attached to this invitation. Sealed bids will be opened on the above date.

1. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept the bid, which is in the best interest of the school system based on cost and warranty, or to reject any and/or all bids. Bids made in pencil will not be accepted.
2. No errors in bids will be corrected after bids are opened.
3. No bid price shall include state or federal excise taxes or sales tax. Tax exemption certificates will be signed as required.
4. No bid may be withdrawn after the date of the bid opening.
5. Awarded vendor prices shall remain in effect for 6 months after bid opening date.
6. Awarded bidder must complete project no later than August 1, 2019.
7. Each bid will be returned in a separate envelope and marked "Cullman City Primary School Playground Renovation " on the lower left-hand corner of the envelope.
8. Bid price must include supply, delivery and installation.
9. All items must be bid.
10. All bids must meet all State of AL fire codes and regulations.
11. Awarded vendor must have city license and be insured and bonded.
12. If there are any questions concerning specifications, please contact Hayden Faulk at 734-2233 Ext. 9060.
13. Alabama laws (see Title 31, Chapter 13 of the Code of Alabama 1975) require that, as a condition for the award of a contract by a school board to a business entity or employer with one or more employees working in Alabama, the business entity or employer must provide an affidavit and documentation of enrollment in the E-Verify program. During the performance of the contract, the business entity or employer shall participate in the E-Verify program and shall verify every employee that is required to be verified according to the applicable federal rules and regulations. An Affidavit of Alabama Immigration Law Compliance and the signature page from the contractor's E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding must be included with the bid. If you do not believe these requirements are applicable to your entity, include an explanation justifying such exemption. An entity can obtain the E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding upon completion in the E-Verify enrollment process located at the federal web site www.uscis.gov/everify. The Alabama Department of Homeland Security (http://immigration.alabama.gov) has also established an E-Verify employer agent account for any business entity or employer with 25 or fewer employees that will provide a participating business entity or employer with the required documentation of enrollment in the E-Verify program. An Employer Identification Number (EIN), also known as a Federal Tax Identification Number, is required to enroll in E-Verify or to establish an E-Verify employer agent account.

Sincerely,

Hayden Faulk
Support Services Coordinator

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