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EDUCATION

VHS' Netherton, GMS' Hood, WPES' Taylor honored as Principal, Teachers of the Month



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Elementary Teacher of the Month Jessica Taylor of West Point Elementary School, with the help of her students, inspects the Nissan Kicks she'll drive for the next month.



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Secondary Teacher of the Month Stephanie Hood of Good Hope Middle School checks out her new ride for the next month, a Nissan Rogue Sport.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Representatives from Tony Serra Nissan and The Cullman Tribune on Thursday visited schools across the county with Cullman County Board of Education (CCBOE) central office administrators to meet the system's Principal and Teachers of the Month, and present them the keys to the vehicles they'll be driving for the next month. Each one also received a $100 gift card presented by the Nissan dealership.

Teachers are nominated by their schools' administrators and chosen by a committee at the CCBOE central office. Principal selections are made by the CCBOE administration.

Principal of the Month
Robin Netherton of Vinemont High School was named Principal of the Month.

CCBOE Superintendent Shane Barnette said of his selection: "Robin is always going above and beyond. We're proud to acknowledge him as our Principal of the Month.

"The school has, not only in just instruction, but in sports and every area, has continued to excel under his leadership, and we're really excited to celebrate with him."

Secondary Teacher of the Month
Stephanie Hood, librarian at Good Hope Middle School, was named Secondary Teacher of the Month.

She was nominated by Principal Alan Dunkling, who said of her: "She does a lot in our school, from a standpoint of not just being a librarian or a media specialist; she also helps us with our reading intervention, helps our kids that need a little extra help, also gets our teachers squared away on resources to use in the classroom, and actually comes into classrooms to teach, teaches out of the library.

"And probably one of the biggest things that she did this year, that we've never done at Good Hope Middle School, is we put on a three-act play.

"And she took the drama club, and took us from not ever having one to having one and actually putting on a play, and it was great for our kids. I think it's well-deserved and quite an honor for her."

Elementary Teacher of the Month
West Point Elementary Kindergarten teacher Jessica Taylor was named the Elementary Teacher of the Month.

Principal Angelia Yarbrough shared: "Jessica has stepped up to be a leader over the last few years for all of our teachers here. She has extended her learning and carried it over to the classroom. She's worked with our reading coach, helped us with our Walk to Read, to make sure that all the needs of the students are being met, as well as she's always there for the faculty when they need her."



DR. T.J. FRANEY/CCBOE

Principal of the Month Robin Netherton of Vinemont High School receives the keys to a Nissan Frontier. Left to right are Nissan representatives LeeAnna Thomas and Mikey Leipert, Robin Netherton, CCBOE Vinemont representative Mike Graves, Cullman Tribune representative Janet Chandler, CCBOE Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette.

FEATURE

3 YEARS GONE

Foul play suspected in Jordan Wilson's disappearance



CONTRIBUTED

Jordan Wilson

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CULLMAN, Ala. – "There is foul play suspected," said Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry.

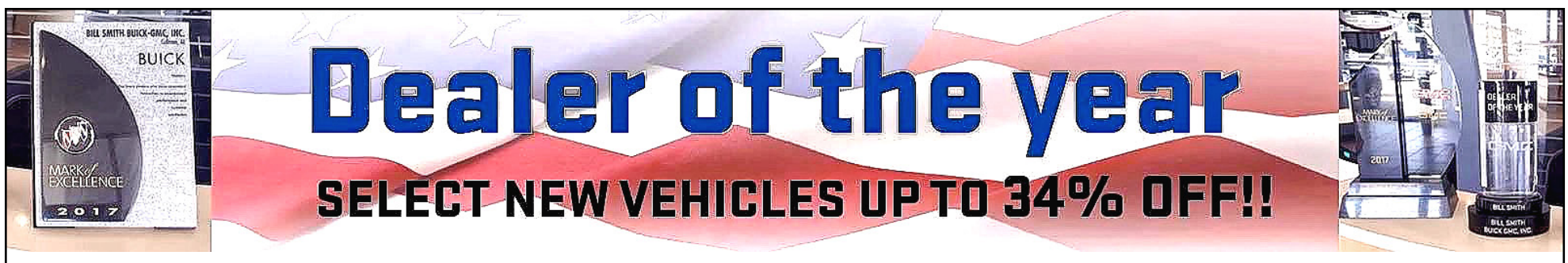
Wednesday, May 15 marked three years since Jordan Lee Wilson disappeared. Her **» PAGE 7**

Good Hope Class of '69 holds 50-year reunion



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Left to right are Billy Byrd, George Meadows, Doris Rhodes Merriman, Charles Wilbanks, Becky Reid Barnard, Jeanne Mize Milligan, Connie McSwain Allen, Rodger Shabel, Judy Barnett King, Margie Watkins Hill, Glenda Hathcock Hardiman, Deborah Davis Ergle, Ronald Gentry, Peggie Swann Nez, Judy Phillips Wood. **» PAGE 6**



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Arrests and incidents reported May 16-17

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported May 16-17, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

REPORTED MAY 16
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INCIDENTS
May 13
• unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 1245
• criminal mischief, trespassing; Roland Johnson Parkway
• criminal mischief; CR 1135
• domestic violence; CR 1384
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1114
• theft of property; 2nd Ave. SW

May 14
• theft of property; CR 1224
• domestic violence; CR 1082
• theft of property; CR 1605
• unauthorized use of a vehicle; CR 1282
• harassment; CR 946
• violation of a protection order; Hwy. 91
• burglary; CR 1855
• criminal mischief; CR 1718
• criminal mischief; CR 1135
• burglary; Moehring Rd.

May 15
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278 W
• possession of drug paraphernalia, attempting to elude law enforcement officer; CR 1605
• burglary; CR 1856
• burglary; CR 1605
• domestic violence; CR 1447
• domestic violence; CR 1629
• theft of property; CR 458
• harassment; Hwy. 157
• domestic violence; CR 1225

ARRESTS
May 13
Harvey, Lauren Alexandra, 22
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Helms, Zachery Dale, 25
• probation violation – second-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• probation violation – first-degree receiving stolen property
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Hone, Molly Elizabeth, 26
• FTA- first-degree theft of property
• probation violation – unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Kuhn, Derrick Remon Jr., 30
• attempting to elude
• obstructing government operations
• resisting arrest

Loggins, James Brian, 39
• FTA- third-degree burglary

Phillips, Brandy Lee, 41
• fourth-degree theft of property

Sams, Lenisa Dionne, 43
• DUI- .08 BAC or greater

South, Christopher Allen, 30
• home repair fraud

Speakman, Tyler Lamont, 24
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Vinzant, Jody Alan, 41
• FTA- carrying a pistol without a license
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Wagnon, Jeffrey Scott Jr., 34
• disorderly conduct
• tampering with physical evidence
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Yeager, Michael Wayne, 45
• DUI – alcohol and controlled substance

May 14
Borges, Angela Lynn, 40
• contributing to truancy

Garland, Brad Dewayne, 37
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Nethery, Auburn Zachary, 27
• FTA- third-degree receiving stolen property

Weaver, Jennifer Nichole, 32
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)

May 15
Ballentine, Tyler Clay, 26
• attempting to elude
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• public intoxication

Batemon, Dusty Cheyene, 35
• probation violation – unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Burnett, Gary Lane, 62
• third-degree domestic violence

Hanson, Phillip Terry, 55
• probation violation – second-degree assault

Hyde, David Brandon, 35
• probation violation – first-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument

Key, Seth Patrick, 37
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Messina, Helena E., 41
• contributing to truancy

Messina, Paul Franklin, 58
• contributing to truancy

Parker, Chad Stephen, 34
• motion to revoke – fleeing/attempting to elude
• motion to revoke – second-degree promoting prison contraband
• motion to revoke – fourth-degree receiving stolen property
• motion to revoke – first-degree receiving stolen property
• motion to revoke – unlawful possession of a controlled substance
• motion to revoke – unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle (with theft) (2 counts)

Parker, Clay Austin, 37
• probation violation – second-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument

Prince, Brandon Clark, 27
• certain person forbidden to possess a pistol (2 counts)
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Pugh, Justin Randall, 24
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Tubbs, Stacy Lee, 44
• probation violation– unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
May 14
• second-degree theft of property; Rocket City Property Management; Lessman Cir. SW; miscellaneous; unknown amount of property value
• third-degree domestic violence; person; John H. Cooper Dr. SE

May 15
• third-degree domestic violence- assault; person
• second-degree forgery; person; forged document; unknown amount of property value
• third-degree theft of property; Dick's Sporting Goods; Cullman Shopping Center; baseball gloves; $980

ARRESTS
May 15
Collins, Stanley S., 39
• fourth-degree theft of property

Pugh, Ashley C., 19
• possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

REPORTED MAY 17
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
May 16
• duty upon striking an unattended vehicle; person; 3rd Ave. SW; damage to '13 Ford Edge; $600
• identity theft; person

ARRESTS
May 16
Reeves, Rachel A., 35
• fourth-degree forgery
• fourth-degree possession of a forged instrument

Terry, Melissa D., 52
• second-degree theft of property

Vest, Bruce A., 48
• FTA- public intoxication
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
May 18 - 20

SATURDAY, MAY 18

Yard Sale to Benefit the Cullman County Animal Shelter
Denna Chivers, 11, is hosting her third annual yard sale to benefit the Cullman County Animal Shelter on Saturday, May 18 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. in the parking lot of Seventh Street Baptist Church. There will also be a raffle for a Mother's Day gift basket. Tickets will be $1 each, 6 for $5 or 30 for $20. Bring dog or cat food and get a free raffle ticket.

Veteran Farmers Conference
• 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Wallace State Community College, 801 Main St. NW in Hanceville
• Sponsored by The Alabama Mountains, Rivers & Valleys Resource Conservation & Development Council, the conference will offer military veterans, active duty and reserve personnel an opportunity to learn more about therapeutic farming and sustainable agriculture. The conference will introduce participants to therapeutic farming to address PTSD financial and technical assistance programs for small farmers, and sustainable small farming techniques and practices. In addition to presentations about farming projects and getting help from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, participants will also have the opportunity to learn more about Veterans Affairs and programs to assist victims of PTSD, and will get to network with other veterans who have similar experiences and interests. For more information or to register for the conference, visit amrvrcd.org/vfc/

2nd Annual Junkin' Jalopy Swap Meet, Car Show and Tractor Show
• May 18-19, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Cullman County Fairgrounds
• Car parts- Gas/oil memorabilia- License plates- Bottles- Tools- Concessions and vendors

Cullman Law Enforcement Golf Tournament
• 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at Cross Creek Golf Course
• The Cullman Police Department is hosting a 3-person scramble Golf Tournament benefiting the Cullman Law Enforcement Services Association (CLESA) which provides funds to help families of fallen officers, organize retirement dinners, and assist retired law enforcement officers.
• $210 per team
• 18 holes, cart included, with breakfast and lunch provided
• Mulligan and power drive packages will be available to purchase, and prizes awarded to the top finishing teams
• Teams can sign up and pay at the Cullman Police Department. Payment is due at sign-up.
• All proceeds go to the Cullman Law Enforcement Services Association. Checks can be made payable to "Cullman Law Enforcement Services Association" or "CLESA."
• Call the CPD at 256-734-1434 with questions.

46th Arley Day Festival, Car Show & Parade
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• This Saturday, May 18 beginning at 9 a.m.
• Hamner Park in Arley
• Find out more at https://www.facebook.com/groups/1657303354325911/.

Hamm Family Reunion
We are changing the day of 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 about the reunion, call Scott Hamm at 256-739-3069.

3rd Annual Lymphedema Car, Truck and Bike Show
• 2-6 p.m. at Northbrook Baptist Church, 3691 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman, AL 35058
• Join us in having our third annual Lymphedema Car, Truck, and Bike Show! This is to raise money for those with lymphedema who cannot afford their wraps, compressions, therapy, or just to help out with the bills associated with this disease.
• ALL VEHICLES WELCOME! The entry fee for vehicles is $10. One best of show trophy, one people's choice trophy and top 10 dash plaques. You do not have to be judged to enter the show.
• We will have a ton of vendors and food. We will also be holding a raffle every hour. Those tickets will be $1 each or 6 for $5.
• Please come out and help us support this cause!

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

SUNDAY, MAY 19

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• May 18-19, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Cullman County Fairgrounds
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MONDAY, MAY 20

West Point Town Council Meeting
6 p.m. at West Point Town Hall

Garden City Town Council Meeting
6 p.m. at Garden City Town Hall

Berlin Town Council Meeting
7 p.m. at the Berlin Community Center

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
DONNIE WAYNE WITCHER * CASE NO PC 2019-157
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Summary Distribution has been filed by Misti McClintock Fisher, Petitioner, on the 10th day of May, 2019, made Court record the 13th day of May, 2019, and that 30 days after the publication hereof and pursuant to law, the Court shall enter an Order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent.

DONE this the 14th day of May, 2019.

Misti McClintock Fisher
Petitioner

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TO: The Editor and Publisher of the Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice **ONCE** in your newspaper.

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

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

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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, 2019 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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STATE

Cullman County's unemployment rate falls to 3%; Alabama's at 3.8%

Record high employment and record high jobs count in April

Tara Hutchison
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – For the fourth month in a row, more people are working in Alabama than ever before. In April, preliminary estimates account for 2,139,379 people working, up by 32,335 from the same time a year ago, and up 6,739 from March.

The number of jobs supported by the economy also reached another record high, measuring 2,075,500 in April, representing an increase of 35,600 from the same time a year ago, and an increase of 10,800 from March.

"Employment has once again reached record levels," said Secretary of Labor Fitzgerald Washington. "Our economy is supporting more jobs than ever before and more people are in the labor force than ever before. Those that are entering the labor force are finding work. The jobs are out there, and we're working harder than even before to make sure that everyone who wants a job, has one."

Over the year, wage and salary employment increased by 35,600, with gains in the leisure and hospitality sector (+7,300), the construction sector (+6,100), and the professional and business services sector (+5,700), among others.

Wage and salary employment grew in April by 10,800. Monthly gains were seen in the leisure and hospitality sector (+4,300), the construction sector (+2,300), and the professional and business services sector (+1,700), among others.

"Average weekly earnings are also up, both over-the-month and over-the-year," continued Washington. "Yearly increases in some of our high-wage industry sectors are showing employment growth, in some cases of more than 10%. This is great news for Alabamians who are looking for high-wage, high-skill jobs."

Sectors with over-the-year employment growth of more than 10% include: Construction of Buildings (11.92%), Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction (10.73%), and Aerospace Products and Parts Manufacturing (10.00%).

Unemployment numbers

Alabama's preliminary, seasonally adjusted unemployment rate is 3.8%, up slightly from March's record low rate of 3.7%, and below April 2018's rate of 4.1%. April's rate represents 83,565 unemployed persons, compared to 82,319 in March and 89,509 in April 2018.

Cullman County's rate fell to 3%, down from 3.4% in March and up slightly from 2.8% in April 2018.

Counties with the lowest unemployment rates are: Shelby County at 2.4%, Marshall County at 2.8%, and Tuscaloosa, Morgan, Madison, Lee, Elmore, and Blount Counties at 2.9%. Counties with the highest unemployment rates are: Wilcox County at 7.0%, Greene and Lowndes Counties at 6.5%, and Clarke County at 6.0%.

Sixty-six of Alabama's 67 counties saw their unemployment rates drop or remain the same over the month. Greene County was the only county to show an increase, rising to 6.5% from 5.9% in April 2019.

Major cities with the lowest unemployment rates are: Homewood at 2.2%, Alabaster, Hoover, Northport, and Vestavia Hills at 2.4%, and Madison at 2.7%. Major cities with the highest unemployment rates are: Selma at 7.2%, Prichard at 5.8%, and Anniston at 5.1%.

United Way of Cullman County celebrates 40 years

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CULLMAN, Ala. – United Way of Cullman County (UWCC) is getting ready to celebrate its 40th anniversary.

"On May 23, 1979 a group of leaders came together to create a unified front to address the concerns they had for Cullman County. These 18 founding board members created the Cullman County United Fund, and this year what is now known as the United Way of Cullman County is celebrating the generous impact made by the organization over the last 40 years," said a media release from the organization.

"United Way's mission to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of communities has not changed since Carl Stiefelmeyer, Jr. was president of that first board."

UWCC will hold its annual meeting Wednesday, May 22, 2019 from 11:30-1 p.m. at Loft 212. Board members, volunteers and longtime community partners will gather to celebrate the accomplishments of the 2018-19 campaign and honor the history of the organization.

"It truly is a privilege to serve as the executive director of this great organization," said UWCC Executive Director Becky Goff. "For 40 years, volunteers and business partners have contributed from their paychecks to help improve our community. An unmeasurable amount of volunteer hours has been spent, and thousands of lives have been changed. This year we not only celebrate the accomplishments of our campaign, but we will celebrate the many generations who have made an impact on behalf of this organization."

During the annual meeting, UWCC will honor the 2018-19 top 10 campaigns, highlight the events of the year and present the Roy Drinkard Outstanding Volunteer Award. This year, UWCC's Board of Directors selected Tim Collins as the recipient of the award. He will be honored posthumously for his contributions to UWCC.

"Tim was a board member and friend to United Way. He worked tirelessly to bring hope and promise to our community," Goff said. "We are thankful for the influence he had on so many and for his service to Cullman."

Tickets for the annual meeting are available for $25 and can be purchased by contacting UWCC at 256-739-2948 or dmcdonald@uwaycc.org.

Obituary Announcements: May 11 - 17

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Mrs. Lora Corene Higginbotham, age 86 of Cullman, passed away Saturday, May 11, 2019 in the Cullman Regional Medical Center. Mrs. Higginbotham was born on May 2, 1933 in Russellville, AL to Luther and Gladys Bishop. Lora was a graduate of Phil Campbell High School and worked for many years as a bookkeeper. Mrs. Higginbotham is survived by her children, Cheryl Ann Smith Rasbury (Jeff) of Cullman and Mason Smith (Martha) of Phil Campbell, grandchildren, Clint Smith (Heather), Matt Smith, Natalie Henson (Clay) and Lauren Rasbury, great grandchildren, Samantha Franklin (Jabbar), Allie, Zeth, Teresa and Lora Smith, Sydney (Eli) Snider, Braedon and Katie Smith, Preston and Vince Henson, great great grandchildren, Bentley Franklin and Kenden Snider, sister, Doris Sinyard of Trussville and her special friend, Doug Birdyshaw of Decatur, stepdaughters, Sally Newsome of Huntington, CA, Amanda Robinson and Mary Lou LaRue both of Marietta, GA. She was preceded in death by her parents, Luther Bishop and Gladys West Bishop, her husbands, J. V. "Bud" Smith, Fred Robinson and Jim Higginbotham. Pallbears will be, Clint Smith, Matt Smith, Clay Henson, Eli Snider, Jabar Franklin and Braedon Smith. Funeral serviced for Mrs. Higginbotham will be held on Sunday, May 26, 2019 from the Pinkard Funeral Home in Haleyville, AL at 2 p.m. with burial to follow in the Winston Memorial Cemetery in Haleyville. Billy Quinn will be the officiating minister. The visitation will be held on Sunday, May 26, 2019 from noon until 2 p.m. (service time) at Pinkard Funeral Home. Bowen Funeral Home of Winfield and Pinkard Funeral Home of Haleyville serving the Higginbotham family.

Tommie Lynn Goodwin of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Wednesday, May 15, 2019. She was born on November 26, 1950 to Thomas C. and Ruby B. Hutchins Goodwin. Ms. Goodwin was a daughter, sister, mother, and grandmother along with being a registered nurse. She was preceded in death by her father, Thomas C. Goodwin and one brother, Michael Phillips. Those Ms. Goodwin leaves to cherish her memory are her daughter, Deidra Tidwell of Lynn, Alabama; mother, Ruby B. Goodwin; four grandchildren; sister, Deborah (Jerry) Warren of Gardendale, Alabama; sister, Judy Perry of Orange Park, Florida; brother, Richard Phillips; and brother, Philip Goodwin. Visitation for Ms. Goodwin will be Sunday, May 19, 2019 from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. There will be a graveside service at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 20, 2019 at Oakwood Cemetery in Gardendale, Alabama. To send condolences to the family of Tommie Lynn Goodwin please visit mossservicefh.com.

Ruby Lanco "RL" Ard passed away on May 14, 2019, surrounded by family at his residence on Smith Lake in Cullman, Alabama. RL was born to Bishop Flemon Jacob Ard, Sr. and Edith Richardson Ard on August 3, 1945 in Hemingway, SC. RL was a skilled architect and builder as evidenced by his home on Smith Lake. He was employed by CSX Railroad as a Locomotive Engineer for almost forty years. He loved music of all genres, poetry, fishing, family, friends, and teaching the Bible. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his beloved wife Kathy (nee) Harville, sons Ronald David (Lisa), Timothy Lane (Vonda), Chadrick Lanco (Andrea), and daughter Cynthia Marie Rice. RL had one daughter-by-choice, Pam Harville (Wayne). Grandchildren include Taylor Ard, Haley Rice, Austin Rice, Noah Ard, Zoe Ard, Malachi Ard, Chloe Ard, and three great-grandchildren. He also included two grandchildren-by-choice: Megan Brooke Harville and Jesse Wayne Harville. RL had four siblings: Genie Byrd (James), Pat McKelvey (Maxwell), Flemon Ard, Jr. (Gale) and Judith Heath (James). RL enjoyed a multitude of friends and neighbors who will remember him as a helpful, loving, and kind Christian man. Funeral will be at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home located at 255 County Road 1435, Cullman, AL 35058 with Bishop Flemon Ard, Jr presiding. Visitation will be on Sunday, May 19 from 6-8 p.m., and funeral service Monday, May 20 at 2 p.m. Interment will be following the service in the funeral home gravesite with Bishop James Heath presiding.

Melba L. Kugler Rooks passed away on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, at Cullman Regional. She was born January 11, 1946, to C.G. and Dorothy Kugler. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Jimmy Edward Rooks; and brother, Kenneth Kugler. Survivors include her daughter, Dana (Robert) Gann; grandson, Bailey Gann; sister-in-law, Ann (Buddy) Carden; and niece, Donna (Alan) Edwards.

Funeral Service for Erby Erick Barbee, age 67, of Hanceville, will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 20, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Wesley Alldredge officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Barbee passed away on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, at Cullman Regional. He was born December 9, 1951, to H.E. "Buck" and Roxie Ola Barbee. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Sean Barbee; and sister, Patsy Barbee Wood. Survivors include his son, Isaac Barbee; daughter, Brandy Barbee; grandchildren, Magnolia Wimberley, Justin Shelton, Jaden Shelton, and Caleb Barbee; sisters, Pam Perkins, Gail Wright, and Diane Marty; and brother, Steve Barbee. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. on Sunday, May 19, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Kenneth Clinton Mauldin, 79, of Pinson, AL., was born on July 25, 1939 and passed away on May 15, 2019. Mr. Mauldin was a 1957 graduate of Woodlawn High School. He was involved with the Shriner's as a Clown for many years. He was a past member and was very active with the Wilson Chapel United Methodist Church, and was a present member of the Palmerdale United Methodist Church. He was very proud of his grandchildren and loved them dearly. Preceding him in death were his father Travis Benjamin Mauldin; mother Jewell Lockhart Mauldin; brothers Ray G. Mauldin, Henry V. Mauldin, Gene S. Mauldin and Travis B. Mauldin, Jr. Survivors include his sons William Benjamin Mauldin and Thomas Ray Mauldin (Rebecca) granddaughter Rachel Elinor Mauldin and grandson Benjamin Rudd Mauldin; and a host of other beloved family and friends. The family will receive friends on Friday, May 17, 2018 at Lemley Funeral Home in Oneonta from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. A graveside service will be held at Marvin's Chapel Cemetery at 1 p.m. in Pinson on Friday following the visitation with Gail Hodge officiating. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Palmerdale United Methodist Church. Lemley Funeral Home and Crematory directing.

Clyde "Lewis" Deaver, 63, of Locust Fork, AL., was born on July 18, 1955 in Alabama and passed away on May 15, 2019 at the TLC Nursing Center. He graduated with the 1974 class at Locust Fork High School; he was an avid Alabama fan and he loved fishing. Preceding him in death was his father Mitchell Deaver and brother Michael Deaver. Survivors include his children Bradley Deaver (Amber) and Dustin Deaver; mother Virginia Deaver; grandchildren Alivia, Cash and Watkins; and Marie Clements. The family will receive friends on Sunday, May 19, 2019 at Lemley Funeral Home from 1 to 3 p.m. Funeral service will be held in the Chapel of Lemley Funeral Home at 3 p.m. with Bro. Darryl Holt officiating. Burial will follow in the Tabernacle Cemetery. Lemley Funeral Home and Crematory directing.

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EDUCATION

St. Bernard Prep Middle School students honored

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ST. BERNARD

St. Bernard Prep Middle School eighth-grade valedictorian, Nic Ruse and salutatorian, Natalie Garcia are congratulated by Fr. Linus Klucarits, OSB headmaster at St. Bernard Prep School in Cullman.

CULLMAN, Ala. – Faculty, students and families gathered in the St. Bernard Dining Hall on Friday, May 10 to honor students in the seventh and eighth grades for their academic achievements during the 2018-19 academic year.

Fr. Linus Klucarits, headmaster, expressed his great pride in being able to present awards to those deserving students and wished everyone an enjoyable, well-deserved summer break.

Following the presentation of awards, Fr. Linus recognized the eighth-grade class valedictorian, Nic Ruse, and salutatorian, Natalie Garcia, who was later honored with the final and most prestigious award of the afternoon - The Benedictine Service Award.

The Benedictine Service Award, explained Fr. Joel Martin, is presented to a student who has demonstrated the Benedictine values of prayer, work, and hospitality.

"This award is not given every year and only to students who have really shown exemplary character throughout the year," Fr. Joel added.

Fr. Linus thanked everyone for their time and commitment to St. Bernard, especially in their invaluable encouragement to students toward realizing their fullest potential.

Refreshments were served following the ceremony.

2019 MIDDLE SCHOOL AWARDS

- **Walter Adams** - 7th Grade Religion, Most Improved; Physical Education - St. Bernard National Fitness Award
- **Elaina Agnello** - 7th Grade Religion, Outstanding Achievement; 7th Grade Life Science, Highest Average; 7th Grade Math, Academic Excellence; Physical Education - St. Bernard National Fitness Award; Toto–Dedication and Leadership Award in the Musical; Outstanding Musician Beginning Band
- **Jennifer Agiular** - Physical Education - St. Bernard National Fitness Award
- **Jiovany Aguilar** - 8th Grade Religion, Outstanding Achievement; 8th Grade Honors Algebra I - Academic Excellence; Physical Education, St. Bernard Presidential Fitness Award; 8th Grade Art, Outstanding Achievement
- **Cole Bissot** - 8th Grade Religion, Outstanding Achievement; Physical Education - St. Bernard National Fitness Award; The Guard– Dedication and Leadership Award in the Musical; Student Council Vice-President; Knights of the Altar
- **Bradley Burrows** - Physical Education, St. Bernard Presidential Fitness Award
- **Scarlette DeCicco** – Highest Average, 7th Grade Grammar; Highest Average, 7th Grade Literature; 7th Grade Religion, Outstanding Achievement; 7th Grade Religion Participant in the Diocesan Religion Bowl; 7th Grade Life Science, Highest Average; 7th Grade Math, Academic Excellence; Physical Education - St. Bernard National Fitness Award; 7th Grade Civics/Geography – Outstanding Achievement
- **Gavin Farrow** - 7th Grade Student Council Representative
- **Brianna Garcia** - 8th Grade Religion, Best Class Participation; Physical Education - St. Bernard National Fitness Award; 8th Grade Student Council Representative
- **Kiara Garcia** – 8th Grade Religion, Outstanding Achievement; 8th Grade Religion Participant in the Diocesan Religion Bowl; Physical Education - St. Bernard National Fitness Award
- **Natalie Garcia** – Highest Average, 8th Grade Literature; 8th Grade Religion, Outstanding Achievement; 8th Grade Physical Science Highest Average; 8th Grade Math, Achievement in Mathematics; Physical Education - St. Bernard National Fitness Award; 8th Grade Salutatorian; and Benedictine Service Award.
- **Kole Gentry** – Physical Education, St. Bernard Presidential Fitness Award; Student Council Secretary; Knights of the Altar
- **Elizabeth Hazzard** – Highest Average, 8th Grade Grammar; 8th Grade Literature, Best Writer; 8th Grade Religion, Highest Average; 8th Grade Physical Science, Hardest Worker; 8th Grade Honors Algebra I - Academic Excellence; Physical Education - St. Bernard National Fitness Award; 8th Grade History – Outstanding Achievement; Soprano Dedication and Leadership Award in Middle School Concert Choir; Miss Gulch – Dedication and Leadership Award in the Musical
- **Cesar Hernandez** - Physical Education, St. Bernard Presidential Fitness Award
- **Jacob Hilb** – 8th Grade Literature, Outstanding Achievement; 8th Grade Religion, Best Class Participation; Physical Education, St. Bernard Presidential Fitness Award; Bass Dedication and Leadership Award in Middle School Concert Choir; Knights of the Altar
- **Chloe Lambert** - 8th Grade Religion, Outstanding Achievement
- **Maria Luyk** - 7th Grade Religion, Most Improved; 7th Grade Math, Academic Excellence; Physical Education - St. Bernard National Fitness Award
- **Ashley Morris** – 8th Grade Math, Achievement in Mathematics; 8th Grade Student Council Representative
- **Grayson Olszowka** - 7th Grade Religion, Best Class Participation
- **Lee Osborne**- 8th Grade Religion, Most Improved; Physical Education - St. Bernard National Fitness Award
- **Emma Powell** - 7th Grade Religion, Outstanding Achievement; 7th Grade Math, Academic Excellence; Physical Education, St. Bernard Presidential Fitness Award; 7th Grade Student Council Representative
- **Ethan Powell** - 8th Grade Religion, Most Improved; Physical Education, St. Bernard Presidential Fitness Award; Student Council President; Knights of the Altar
- **Citlally Ramirez** – 8th Grade Literature, Most Improved
- **Nic Ruse** – Highest Average, 8th Grade Grammar; 8th Grade Literature- Academic Excellence; 8th Grade Religion, Outstanding Achievement; 8th Grade Honors Algebra I - Academic Excellence; Physical Education - St. Bernard National Fitness Award; Bass Dedication and Leadership Award in Middle School Concert Choir; Tough Kid–Dedication and Leadership Award in the Musical; Student Council Treasurer; 8th Grade Valedictorian
- **Emmanuel Santiago** - 7th Grade Religion, Best Class Participation
- **Elena Saldana** - 7th Grade Art, Outstanding Achievement
- **Elana Steele** - 7th Grade Religion, Outstanding Achievement
- **Allison Stidham** – 8th Grade Literature, Outstanding Achievement; 8th Grade Math, Achievement in Mathematics
- **Amelia Tafazoli** – Highest Average, 7th Grade Grammar; Highest Average, 7th Grade Literature; 7th Grade Religion, Highest Average; 7th Grade Life Science, Highest Average; 7th Grade Math, Academic Excellence; Physical Education, St. Bernard Presidential Fitness Award; 7th Grade Civics/Geography –Outstanding Achievement; Alto Dedication and Leadership Award in Middle School Concert Choir; 7th Grade Student Council Representative
- **Peter Tran** - 8th Grade Religion, Best Class Participation; Physical Education - St. Bernard National Fitness Award; 8th Grade Art, Outstanding Achievement

SERVICE NOTE

Hanceville's Richard L. Campbell graduates USAF basic training

U.S. Air Force
Contributor



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U.S. Air Force Airman Richard L. Campbell

U.S. Air Force Airman Richard L. Campbell recently graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Campbell is the son of Katherine H. Junkins and Timothy D. Campbell, of Hanceville. He is a 2017 graduate of Hanceville High School.









LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Hanceville approves funding for emergency communications equipment damaged by lightning

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Hanceville City Hall was struck by lightning last Saturday, leading to emergency communications equipment being disabled. The Hanceville City Council held a special-called meeting Thursday to approve the funding needed to replace the equipment.

Hanceville Police Chief Bob Long explained, "If it wasn't a direct hit, it was in the immediate vicinity.

"It fried three quarters or more of our electrical equipment. We are actually operating our dispatch now off walkie-talkies.

"All of our fire and medical calls are coming in from county fire.

"The systems we were using are fixing to be obsolete so they don't really want to replace with something that's going to be obsolete in a year."

The council heard from a representative from Sharp Communication & Security Solutions, who provided a quote for the cost to replace the damaged equipment with upgraded equipment from Motorola.

The estimated cost is $84,784. The upgraded equipment is faster and would include greater back-up capabilities in case of emergency.

Hanceville Mayor Kenneth Nail said, "I don't want there to be any delay in getting help to people."

The cost of the new equipment will be partially covered and possibly fully covered by insurance once the City's insurance company has made its determination on the damage from the storm.

Due to the situation and the potential risk to public safety, the City was not obligated to advertise for bids to replace the equipment.

The council voted unanimously to approve the quote.









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MEET JOSHUA VANDIVER
SALES CONSULTANT



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.

"We strive to make everyone feel like family and welcomed, which comes with a warm hello and a wonderful, caring staff."

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"THE 67-COUNTY, ALABAMA GARDEN PARTY"

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

Ben Johnson South
Tribune Correspondent

Lakeside in sun-dappled St. Clair County leads to deep thoughts like these: "Make your heart like a lake, with a calm, still surface, and great depths of kindness." (Lao Tzu) And, "A lake carries you into recesses of feeling otherwise impenetrable." (William Wordsworth) Then there's, "Time wasted at the lake is time well spent." That last quote is attributed to many, but I think it every time I unplug and join friends at one of Alabama's most beautiful lakes, Logan Martin.

This lake is deep, 110 feet (34m) deep. And, this lake is big, 15,263-acres big. Logan Martin Lake is named for a utility company lawyer who helped pass the legislation which dammed the Coosa River and flooded the area as a reservoir. This relatively new Alabama lake was completed in 1964. It is circumscribed by 273 miles of shoreline and numerous hiking trails. Since its 50 years of being, the lake has become a popular destination for recreation, especially for fishing bass, sunfish, crappie and catfish.

The lake is a milestone in modern Alabama history, but St. Clair County is older than the state. It was established on Feb. 20, 1818 when the Alabama Territory split Shelby County. In 1836, a portion of St. Clair was separated to create Cherokee and DeKalb counties.

Then, in 1866, following the American Civil War, a northeast section was used to birth Etowah County. St. Clair has two county seats, the oldest in Asheville and the more newly minted in Pell City, near Logan Martin Lake and heavily trafficked Interstate 20, which connects Birmingham and Atlanta.

Logan Martin Lake is surrounded by woodlands, a wide swath of the Talladega National Forest, pastureland and the green lawns of year-round and part-time residents. It's like a giant water feature in an even more giant garden. There is lush and varied foliage boasting a full color wheel which changes with each of the fully experienced four seasons we Alabamians appreciate.

The wooded shores are expansive. Neighbors around the lake community are friendly, often boating from one's pier to another's for what becomes a progressive garden party, especially on weekends. But, judging by the beautifully manicured lawn of one lake dweller contrasted to the natural-looking but carefully designed, tree-dotted landscape of the next, there is a bit of horticultural one-upmanship here in St. Clair County. "Shhh, I think I hear dueling gardening shears."

The climate is temperate in this central Alabama county: mild winters and hot summers. This allows for native plants like bold-colored, indigenous azaleas to thrive next to also thriving, even-more-boldly colored exotic azaleas and rhododendrons. Terraced beds and borders of cutting flowers slope toward the vast planes of shimmering, blue water.

Lawns and gardens are oriented to the waterfront and are enjoyed from that approach by boaters.

The views are also lovely from the decks and windows stretched across the backs of grand homes and tidy cottages. Roses and other sun-loving plants are often gardened near the lake where there is less shade from the majestic pines and venerable cedars.

How to best spend your time well in this part of Alabama? Waste it at the lake.

Here are some other positive, pleasurable ways PEOPLE + PLANTS come together around the lake and throughout St. Clair County including an original recipe for a relaxing cooler, the ST. CLAIR COUNTY LAKESIDE SUNSET COCKTAIL served with fresh bass canapes:

• **ST. CLAIR COUNTY FARMERS MARKET**—3040 Cogswell Ave., Pell City, AL 35125; May 1-Oct 30, 2-6 p.m.

• **STEELE FARMERS MARKET**—3981 Pope Ave., Steele, AL 35987; Saturdays 8 a.m.-noon, June-Sept.

• **RONNIE JENKINS FARMSTAND**—7818 Chandler Mountain Road, Steele, AL 35987 has a variety of local-grown produce; 256-538-8515

• **ST. CLAIR COUNTY BLUEBERRIES**—Bear Mountain Blueberry Farm, 205-586-2272, in Springville; C&D Blueberry Farm, 205-338-3912, in Pell City; Mae-Berry Blueberry Farm, 205-629-0435, in Odenville and Mike Wadsworth, 205-525-4708, in Cropwell

• **ST. CLAIR COUNTY MUSCADINES/SCUPPERNONGS**—(Moody) Hubert Brand Farm, 205-640-5971

• **BROWN'S CUT FLOWER FARM** - (Pell City) This unique plant-haven is open seven days a week April-Oct or call for an appointment, 205-410-5330; cut flowers, zinnias, cosmos, sunflowers, event flowers, all garden-fresh.

• **HORSE PENS 40**— A natural, stone fortress atop Chandler Mountain, this privately-owned park is a popular bluegrass music festival destination (the largest on July 4th). Rock climbing and "bouldering" are major draws, but so are tree climbing and picnicking in the shade (Note: When I asked Lee Ann Clark, coordinator of the St. Clair County office of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, where she would take a landscape painter or photographer to capture the natural beauty in this part of the state, Horse Pens 40 topped her suggested perspectives. The views from here are truly, "Alabama, the Beautiful.")

• **ST. CLAIR COUNTY PLANT NURSERIES**—Crawford's Nursery (Moody); Hazelwood Nursery and Greenhouses (Pell City); Warren Family Garden Center (Leeds)

• **ST. CLAIR COUNTY WATER FESTIVAL**—Held each March, this fun event has the serious mission of teaching the importance of water conservation and water protection.

• **HOMESTEAD HOLLOW ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL**—One of Alabama's largest, outdoor arts and crafts events; next up, Sept. 27-29 and Nov. 8-10

• **SMITH TOMATO FARM**—(Steele) "A Family Tradition of Growing the Best Quality, Vine-Ripened Tomatoes" for generations; buy a basket for your family, a bushel for home-canning or a truckload for re-sale; 4575 Loop Road, Steele, AL 35987, 256-538-3116

• **LOGAN MARTIN LAKEFEST**—IT'S THIS WEEKEND, MAY 17-19; this is the ninth annual lake festival, which grows bigger each year; check the website for details at www.loganmartinlakefest.com.

• **BIRMINGHAM SAILING CLUB**—This is a private club for sailboat enthusiasts begun even before Logan Martin Lake was completed in the 1960s and based here with 150 members; get more information about races, regattas and membership at www.birminghamsailingclub.org.

• **JOHN LOONEY PIONEER HOUSE MUSEUM**—A two-story, 200-year-old, "Alabama double dogtrot" house built of local, St. Clair County timber is open for history tours. As old as the state, this is an ideal, Bicentennial learning experience near Ashville, 205-629-6897. John Looney fought with Andrew Jackson at The War of 1812 and The Battle of Horseshoe Bend (present day, Tallapoosa County, Alabama).

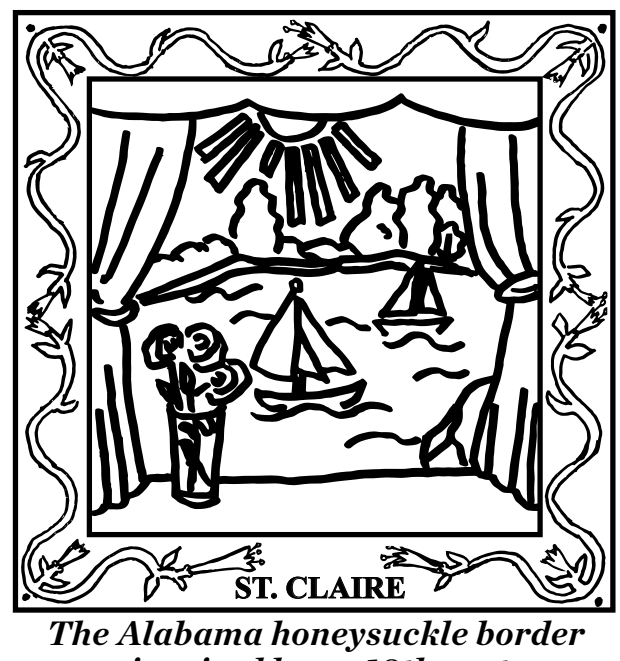
• **THE ARK FAMILY RESTAURANT**—(Logan Martin Lake) It has been serving Alabama catfish and fixins' since the 1920s using in-season, local produce.

• **PLANTING AN IDEA**—Design and build a waterside "Garden of Reflection" on a promontory that stretches onto Logan Martin Lake. Remember this is a man-made lake, so it's not like you would be second-guessing God. Part of the art could be the sculpted land itself like "Spiral Jetty," Robert Smithson's earthwork which attracts thousands of tourists yearly to a remote part of Salt Lake, Utah. This could be something classical and somewhat solemn like a Palladian temple and/or something cutting-edge contemporary like huge, shiny Dale Chihuly-esque glassworks, or a four-story high dog made of potted begonias like Jeff Koons. The point is to create something astonishing and double the visual astonishment by positioning it to be reflected in the glistening waters of Logan Martin Lake.

Y'ALL COME to St. Clair County on your 67-County, Alabama Garden Party tour! Time wasted here is well spent.

Many thanks to Lee Ann Clark, coordinator of the St. Clair County office of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, for sharing her knowledge about farmers markets, food festivals, nurseries and all the ways PLANTS + PEOPLE come together in this lovely and lake-loving part of Alabama. Also, my personal thanks to Laurie Johnson, my food-savvy friend and sister-in-law, for the original and delectable recipes which are perfect for lakeside or most anywhere enjoyment.

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.



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



St. Clair County – Lakeside Sunset Cocktail and Smoked Fish Canapes

This beautiful and refreshing cocktail is perfect for a lakeside sunset, with assorted small bites such as Smoked Fish Canapes – a simple "smash up" of flaked, smoked fish, chopped capers, diced red onion, lemon or lime juice and softened cream cheese, served on crackers or cucumber slices.

COCKTAIL INGREDIENTS

- 5 jiggers (7.5 oz.) of your favorite orange-colored juice (orange, mango, tangerine, etc.), chilled
- Juice from one lime, plus lime slices for garnish
- 4 jiggers (6 oz.) vodka
- Mint leaves – a good handful
- 1 jigger (1.5 oz.) chilled grenadine syrup

COCKTAIL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Chill martini style glasses in the freezer or by placing crushed ice into them for a few minutes.
2. Fill a cocktail shaker about half full with crushed ice and shake orange and lime juice, vodka and some torn mint leaves until well blended. Strain into chilled glasses and discard those mint leaves.
3. Slowly pour half a jigger of grenadine into each drink, but don't stir, letting it sink to the bottom.
4. Garnish with lime and mint and enjoy the sunset!

(2 servings)

ARTS

Cullman Community Theatre back with 'Oklahoma!'; auditions Monday, Tuesday

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CULLMAN, Ala. – After success with "The Music Man" last summer, the revived Cullman Community Theatre (CCT) is ready to crank things up again with another large-cast, crowd-pleasing classic.

CCT Director Wayne Cook shared: "We are excited to announce the beginning of the summer show season with CCT planning to put together the classic hit 'Oklahoma!'

"Licensing a show is a difficult process at first; you have to make sure the rights are available and that the show fits your cast and your community.

"This show does all of that. We are expecting to be able to use all ages to make this show happen which adds up to a good community show."

Why "Oklahoma!"?

Said Cook, "First of all we had to go through a list of shows that did not fit or were not available. This takes time once the venue is determined.

"We finally agreed as a team that 'Oklahoma!' offered the size cast we needed to involve a bunch of people.

"We also think the musical will draw a crowd due to the popularity of the production.

"We hope Cullman will embrace this show and come out to participate as we continue to grow community theatre."

Actors, singers and crew needed

CCT is seeking a large cast and crew, and auditions are open to all ages. The first round of auditions is this coming Monday and Tuesday, May 20 and 21, at the Cullman Civic Center starting at 6 p.m. After those auditions are completed, directors will determine if additional callbacks or auditions are needed.

Cook added, "Please come by if you are in the least bit interested and find out more. We need all talents, including those who sew and build sets. We need actors, singers, dancers, technicians and much much, more. Please give CCT a try!"

At a glance

Cullman Community Theatre auditions for Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!"

• Monday, May 20 and Tuesday, May 21 at 6 p.m. at the Cullman Civic Center

• CCT seeking actors, singers, dancers, technical and stage crew

• Auditions open to all ages

Reunion (from Front)

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. – The Good Hope High School Class of 1969, the first graduating class of Good Hope High School, celebrated its 50-year class reunion Thursday evening at Stone Bridge Farms.

The classmates enjoyed a nice dinner while reminiscing about their days as Good Hope Raiders.

A typical Friday night 50 years ago would be a ballgame or a trip to cruise Highway 31 around the Mug N' Cone.

Good Hope didn't have a football team in 1969, so basketball and baseball were the most popular sports.

Jeanne Mize Milligan told about pranks they pulled as kids.

When asked which teachers they tormented, she said, "All of them! We all went outside one day. Ms. Hinkle came stomping out there and said 'I'm going to expel every one of you!' We just left class and went outside."

Class president Ronald Gentry spoke about his class, saying, "It was small. There were a few of us that were together for the whole 12 years.

"Some came in from the smaller feeder schools."

The men explained facing the draft after graduation, and Gentry explained, "I was already accepted in college and I went to college.

"When I was in college is when they started that lottery. I was lucky. I came in the 300s on the draft list. They only drafted up the first 50 to 100 numbers."

Billy Byrd, added, "I was no. 1, but I got a college deferment.

"Two weeks after I graduated from St. Bernard I got a letter from the draft board that said if anybody from Cullman County was going to be drafted, it will be you!

"I got married my junior year in college so I got another letter that I wasn't being drafted and had been reclassified. I was lucky!"

As the class visited and caught up with each other, they also remembered the classmates they have lost through the years: Vickie Chambers, Sandra Knight Graves, Gloria Harris Schuman, Beverly Speegle Heatherly, Mary Jane Heatherly, Dewey Huffstutler, Jane Reynolds Speegle, Thomas Speegle and Larry Teague.

FUNNY THINGS FROM YESTERDAY

We forgot to tell you about those eggs

Robert N. Tidwell, Sr.
Tribune Contributor



As most children will do, Dale and I used to do the same thing- explore. We were checking the hay loft out one day, and we found a hen's nest with several eggs in it. That was like finding a great treasure. We hardly ever found a nest with more than one, or at the most two, eggs in it.

We knew that we always carried the eggs to the house.

We found a tin pan, something like a fruit cake comes in now a day, and loaded it up with those eggs. We carefully brought them down out of the loft and carried them into the house.

We put them on top of a pie safe (for young folks, this is a free-standing kitchen cabinet with legs on it). I don't know why we put them on top of the pie safe- safe keeping, I guess.

Several days passed. One Sunday at noon we came home from church to find a terrible odor in our house.

Mother began to look all over the house to find what was causing this terrible, terrible smell. After a little looking, she discovered our pan of eggs. I think that's the day Mother lost her religion and I can understand why.

It seems that our eggs were rotten, had gotten hot, and exploded. They splattered on the ceiling, dripped down on the pie safe and floor, and there was still a pan full of raw, rotten and broken eggs.

It seems like Dale and I could get into trouble without even trying. Maybe this was the day Mother started whipping us twice a day- once in the morning for what we might do, and again in the afternoon for what we did do.

I'm sure it made better boys out of us.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

How to help the hurting and how not

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More than two months have passed since horrific EF-4 tornadoes ripped through Lee County on March 3rd. Twenty-three people in Beauregard lost their lives that Sunday afternoon. Hundreds of residents in Beauregard and Smiths Station lost their homes.

Life for many has not been the same, but prayerfully, and with much help, they are making progress. Grieving families and friends have laid their loved ones to rest. The injured are on the road to recovery. The property cleanup is still in process and the rebuilding has begun.

The outpouring of love and help has been staggering, as well as heart- warming. Volunteers, phone calls, prayers, and donations have come from across the nation. Byron, a Texarkana farmer, drove his pickup 1200 miles round trip, to bring a load of water he had bought and deliver a personal check. Many others have performed similar acts of kindness.

A few weeks ago, I received a phone call from someone in another state, who said they wanted to send a mission team to help in our rebuilding efforts. Since I had just visited a family whose severely damaged house needed to be torn down, I was delighted. I asked, "Would your team be interested in tearing down a house?"

He said he thought they would, but he needed to speak to his group. A couple of days later, he called back to say, "Yes, we want to come. I will ask our team leader to contact you with details."

That team leader said, "We can come the week of June 24th. We will arrive on Sunday afternoon and begin work on Monday morning." I informed the family that we had secured a team to tear down their house.

I gave them the dates and they said they would get ready. The team leader asked if there were motels nearby where they could lodge, so I sent him a list. Less than a week later, he sent me an email saying, "As of this time, we will not be able to assist you on the demo project. We have been waiting on confirmation from NC, just received it and will be working there. So sorry." So was I! I had no idea they were talking with someone else about another project.

I couldn't believe what I had read. I was confused, disappointed, and quite honestly, angry. I knew I had to let the family know they weren't coming, but after all they had been through, I sure hated to share this news. I wanted to call that team leader and let him know exactly how I felt about what he had done, but I didn't.

The very next day, I received a phone message from the pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, in Talladega, saying they wanted to come help us rebuild. When I called him back, I asked, "Would you be willing to come help tear down?"

He said, "Absolutely. Our team has a couple of guys who made their living tearing down houses! We have equipment to do the job." As it turned out, we will get better than we first believed we would. I was reminded that God comes through, even when people sometimes don't.

We are most thankful for those who have come through. How about you? Would you like to help the hurting? Rebuilding will be going on for quite some time.

With funding from MEND, of East Alabama Medical Center, The Fuller Center has already built and dedicated three new houses. Volunteers are needed when they return on September 29th to build several more. You can volunteer through MEND EAMC (334-528- MEND) or the Fuller Center for Housing. You may also contact my office at tuskegeelee@aol.com. We need your help and we certainly appreciate it!

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Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1954

Dan Sims, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Sims, of the Bethel Community is the 4-H Club Champion Corn Grower of Cullman County in 1953.

John M. Crider, 60, was crushed to death on Tuesday shortly after noon, when several logs he was loading rolled off the vehicle. In trying to keep the logs from rolling off, he was unable to get out of the path and was dead when his body was extricated from underneath. Survivors of this World War I Veteran are: his widow, Mrs. Sophia Crider, of Route 10, Cullman; four daughters, Mrs. Ora Verdinna, Mrs. Essie Mae Hicks, Mrs. Geraldine Sharpton and Miss Ethel Crider; mother, Mrs. Fannie Crider; four grandchildren; seven brothers and five sisters.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at one o'clock at New Hope with Reverend Clyde Sharpton and Reverend Green Harris officiating and Mutual Service directing interment.

Some $30,000.00 damage resulted from a fire in Hanceville, on Friday afternoon, about 4 o'clock.

The fire, believed to have been caused by faulty wiring, was discovered by Earl Kretzschmar, theatre owner, when he entered the building to get ready for the evening show.

The blaze had started on the stage and had spread to the projection room. The damage to the building was estimated at $30,000. It was partly covered by insurance.

The stage, which was built of wood and the theatre curtains were a complete loss.

Also damaged in the same building were a barber shop and watch repair shop. The watch repair shop was owned by Carl Grund.

The contents of this shop were all removed from the building to safety.

"Tomp" Vansant, barber shop owner, had moved into the theatre building, only two weeks ago, from across the street. The contents of his shop were also saved from the fire.

Cullman defeated Arab, 34 to 0. Guy Waldrop scored the first touchdown, following a Jimmy Knight pass.

In the second period, a beautiful jump pass from Knight to Ralph Blalock, who tossed to Dahlke, led to a 30 yard score.

Several Arab miscues allowed Cullman to score three more touchdowns.

The $100,000 armory, long promised to Cullman, will definitely be built.

In a letter received this week by Cullman's Representative Henry White, from Governor Gordon Persons, plans were revealed for the modern building. The bids for which will be let on March 23rd.

The building will be 100 feet wide and 150 feet long. There will be a 74 x 102 foot auditorium for the drill and gym floor.

Also included will be an indoor rifle range, two supply rooms, three offices, three classrooms, kitchen, shower, laundry, restrooms and vault.

From The Files Of 1937
Rotarians Organize

On Friday evening, September 17th, at a meeting at the Bland Motor Company the following are listed ad charter members: Kenneth Griffith, N.P. Bartlett, John Luyben, W.F. Richter, Doctor J.G. Dawes, Joe C. Sapp, Fred W. Hurston, William R. Major, Henry White, Jack Huie, Al Ehrensperger, Talmadge Bland, W.E. James, Gordon Daniel, Henry F. Arnold, Doctor T.A. Robinson, W.A. Trimble, Emil Loegler, David Joffe and Doctor J.C. Martin.

From the above group W.R. Major, Doctor T.A. Robinson, F.W. Hurston, William R. Griffin, Doctor J.G. Daves, Gordon Daniel and Henry F. Arnold were elected directors.

The officers of this new civic club are: William R. Griffin – president; Doctor J.G. Daves – vice-president; Jack Huie – secretary and Talmadge Bland – treasurer. Joe Duncan of the Decatur Rotary Club was present to assist in the organization of the Cullman unit.

Gone (from Front)

family had held out hope that she would be found alive. Now, though, said her mom, Judy (Johnston) Thomas, she has faced the hard truth that Jordan is not just missing- she is not coming home.

"I sat in my chair for the first three months, in a state of shock. Tremors would just go through me. The phone would ring, tremors. A car would hit the driveway, tremors. Until July of last year, I thought she was coming home. She's not coming home. No," said Thomas.

She said prayer is what brought her to accept the truth that her daughter is not coming home.

"I gave it to God. I had to," she said.

The Cullman County Sheriff's Office and Walker County Sheriff's Office have suspects they believe were involved in Jordan's disappearance and know what happened to her. Those suspects have not been publicly named.

"We got some information last week, we went over and worked with Walker County last week, following up on some stuff, and got some new leads that we're going to follow up on," said Gentry.

"We're still working. We're actively working with Walker County. We've met with them multiple times over the last few months. It's still a top priority for us. Captain Ronnie Melton (the lead investigator in Wilson's case) has put a lot of time and effort into this case, just day in and day out."

At approximately 5'8" and 150-160 pounds, Wilson, who was 32 at the time she disappeared, had dark blonde hair and was last seen by friends and family on May 15, 2016 driving a newer, dark-colored Kia Sorento near the Walker County line in the Bremen and Bug Tussle area.

Later discovered near Busby Road and Campbellville Lane in an area north of Sipsey and west of Arkadelphia, the SUV was abandoned approximately 7 miles from where Wilson was last seen by friends and family, and Wilson was nowhere to be found. Her cell phone was in the vehicle. Her makeup bag, containing her driver's license and debit card, was found a year later.

Thomas said Jordan left after an argument with her common law husband on May 14 and went to a friend's house, where she stayed the night. At 2 a.m. May 15, Jordan's phone died. Thomas said the following Wednesday a phone call was placed by one of the people believed to have been at the house on May 14 to Jordan's sister, with the caller saying, "Something bad happened to Jordan."

The family has had billboards up on Alabama Highway 69, banners up at Cold Springs School and a few hundred decals on cars showing Jordan's picture and information. Up until a short time ago, there was a $50,000 reward for information leading to her whereabouts. The family is no longer offering that reward.

The CUE (Community United Efforts) Center for Missing Persons has been instrumental in the search for Jordan. The nonprofit has organized several searches in the area where her car was found, working its way outward and searching in grids, documenting each search and keeping records of exactly what areas have been searched.

When asked if he thinks the crime will be solved by this time next year, Gentry responded, "I think there's a good chance in it. This case and Tabitha Franklin's (another missing woman from Cullman County) are top priority for us and have been since the day we took office."

Thomas has struggled over the last three years, grieving the loss of her daughter, but she said letting go of the idea that Jordan is coming home has given her some peace.

"I'm better today because I accept reality. I gave it to God. That was hard for me, but I needed to do it through faith, and I did," said Thomas. "She's not coming home. She's in the arms of Jesus. I'm after those that killed her, and I'm not giving up."

Jordan also leaves behind two sons. Dylan is 14 and Caleb is 9.

Anyone with any information on any missing person in Cullman County or the surrounding area is asked to contact the Cullman County Sheriff's Office at 256-734-0210 or 256-734-0342, or the 24-hour CUE Tip Line at 910-232-1687 or 910-343-1131. Find out more about CUE at www.ncmissingpersons.org.

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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.

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