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Snake safety



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The Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake is one of five venomous snake species native to Cullman County.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The fear of snakes, or ophidiophobia, is one of the most common phobias among humans. There is a debate in the scientific community as to whether or not the fear is learned or part of human evolution as a survival mechanism. Regardless of the fear, it is important for people to know how to identify venomous and nonvenomous snakes and be aware of the benefits snakes to the ecosystem.

The Tribune sat down with Tony Glover, Cullman County Extension coordinator, to learn more about snakes that are native to Cullman.

He said, "There are four or five deaths nationwide in a year, if that much. It's probably less. It's extremely rare. They are more likely to get killed trying to kill the snake in an accident related than if they just avoided it. People just get so distraught over seeing a snake. Even if they get bit by a venomous snake, it's extremely rare that someone would die from that. There are a lot more people allergic to bees and wasps and die each year from stings."

There are several things a homeowner can do to significantly decrease the likelihood of snakes being on his or her property.

Glover gave the following advice, "Make sure there's no piles of debris or rock piles, areas where snakes would tend to go for cover because they are being preyed upon by owls and hawks.

"I saw a hawk swoop down one day on my way home on the road I live on and catch a snake. So, they are looking for places to hide and places that aren't disturbed very often. A snake feels safe in places with very little human activity. Anything they can do to alter the habitat to have less desirable places for them to shelter and hide."

A well-maintained and mowed yard means fewer hiding spots and will help you spot a snake. Some experts also say that having a dog present in the yard can deter snakes. There is always a chance that a snake will pass through despite these suggestions.

Benefits of snakes

There are benefits to snakes being around. Snakes can keep rodent populations under control and nonvenomous snakes often prey upon the venomous ones

Added Glover, "Trying to get rid of all snakes just because you see one is counterproductive for your goals and trying to have a balance. It's OK for them to have habitat at the edge of the yard or the areas you aren't frequenting. It's a beneficial thing."

King snakes, which are common in Cullman County, are resistant to the venom of pit vipers and prey upon the rattlesnakes, copperheads and cottonmouths that most people fear most. They also eat rodents.

"I would advise homeowners, if they have kids that are going to be playing in the yard, take a trip through the yard with a stick and check the areas you can't openly see around shrubbery, rocks and things like that.

"Just try to disturb them that they might say, 'Hey let's get on out of here' because they aren't looking for an encounter. Usually if people get bit it's because they didn't see them and stepped on them or near them."

Snake identification

An estimated 40-50 species of snakes can be found in Alabama. Of those 40 species, only six are venomous. Of the six venomous snakes, five are native to Cullman County: Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnakes, Timber Rattlesnakes, Pygmy Rattlesnakes, Copperheads and Cottonmouths/Water Moccasins. The sixth is the Coral Snake, but they are rarely found as far north as Cullman County.

The most common snakes are nonvenomous, with the rat snake being the most common. The five venomous snakes indigenous to Cullman County are pit vipers and they all give birth to live young.

In an article for the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service, Jim Armstrong wrote, "Pit vipers get their name from the presence of pits on both sides of the face between the eye and nostril. These pits are used to detect heat and improve the snakes' accuracy in striking warm-blooded prey.

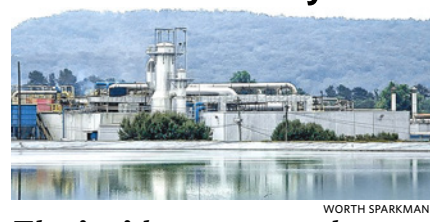
"Pit vipers have vertical or 'cat-like' pupils, thin necks, and heavy bodies. While all pit vipers have wide, triangular heads, some nonvenomous snakes share this characteristic.

"Pit vipers are also characterized by having retractable, hollow fangs near the front of the mouth. The nonvenomous snakes in Alabama also have round

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TYSON SPILL

Public encouraged to avoid Dave Young Creek, Mulberry Fork



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The incident occurred at the Tyson rendering plant (formerly American Proteins), located at 1170 County Road 508 in Hanceville.

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Cullman Regional Airport receives $1.5M grant for taxiway reconstruction



CULLMAN TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

Cullman Regional Airport General Manager Ben Harrison (center) gives a tour in 2017.

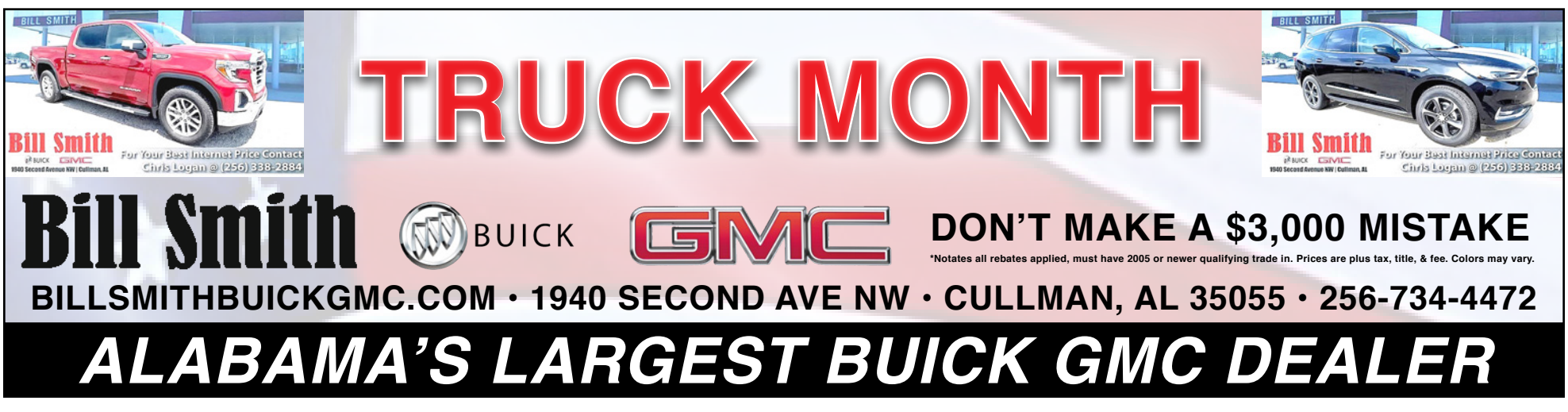
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CULLMAN, Ala. – Sen. Doug Jones, D-Alabama and Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Alabama on Friday announced that Cullman Regional Airport has been awarded a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant of $1,543,500 for taxiway reconstruction. The funding was awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). The grant is one of 20 awarded throughout Alabama for airport infrastructure improvements totaling more than $25 million.

"Well maintained and accessible airports are critical to our state's continued economic growth and they are key to helping our communities expand and thrive," Jones said. "This $25.9 million round of grants is great news for communities all around the state of Alabama that will put these dollars to work to improve their local airport's infrastructure and safety."

"The FAA grants awarded to these local airports across Alabama support key projects that aim to improve safety, security,

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Arrests and incidents reported June 6-7

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 6-7, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

REPORTED JUNE 6
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INCIDENTS
June 4
- burglary; CR 1585
- criminal mischief; CR 703
- burglary; CR 813
- violation of a protection order; CR 438
- harassment; I-65 NB/300 MM
- trespassing; CR 747
- violation of a protection order; Hwy. 91
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 565

June 5
- domestic violence; CR 1043
- theft of property; CR 572
- illegal possession of prescription drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia; Summit Rd., CR 1718
- allowing animals to run at large; CR 542
- harassment; Hwy. 278 E
- burglary; CR 1466
- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; CR 1488
- domestic violence; CR 515
- domestic violence; Wooley Rd.
- theft of property; Meadow Dr.
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; HP Blountsville Rd.
- domestic violence; CR 119
- unlawful possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 490

ARRESTS
June 4
Aycock, Brandy Bambi Lee, 38
- public intoxication

Gaydos, Lanea Marie, 38
- third-degree criminal trespassing

Knight, Missy Louise, 28
- third-degree promoting prison contraband

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

Lynn, Donald Joe Jr., 28
- third-degree promoting prison contraband

Mutter, Charles Allen, 54
- third-degree theft of property

Owens, Chad Michael; 34
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Partain, Chasity Lasae, 28
- GJ- chemical endangerment of a child

Patterson, Zachary Thomas, 27
- drug court sanction – unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Prince, Brandon Clark, 27
- probation violation – unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Roberts, Jason Keith, 33
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Shaffer, Carrie Lynn, 31
- illegal possession of prescription medicine
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

June 5
Bagwell, Brooke Renea, 32
- FTA- driving while suspended

Bates, Justin Ray, 33
- third-degree domestic violence – harassment

Daly, Nomie Danille, 34
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Killian, Amanda Leann, 34
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Olinger, Christopher Wayne, 45
- third-degree burglary

Oliver, Michael Joseph Sr, 54
- failure to register/establish SORNA

Quattlebaum, Zebadiah Scott, 19
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Smithson, Dakota Alan, 24
- carrying a pistol without a license
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- illegal possession of prescription medicine

Weldon, Tracy Michelle, 44
- third-degree criminal trespassing

Wolf, Julian Cree, 19
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Wynn, Kaitlyn Mae, 18
- unauthorized use of a vehicle

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
June 4
- identity theft; person

June 5
- fourth-degree theft of lost property; person; Hwy. 157; cash; unknown amount of property value

ARRESTS
June 5
Monroe, Ashley C., 33
- FTA- public intoxication

Bailey, Shaun P., 40
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

Thornton, Zakariah D., 27
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Lindsey, Deangela G., 37
- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hines, Randy E., 59
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

Parson, Jordan N., 18
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Coleman, Heidi L., 38
- fourth-degree theft of property (13 counts)

King, Alan P., 32
- fourth-degree theft of property

Gaither, Ladonna B., 42
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

Burgess, Cody E., 25
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Jones, Johnathon A., 25
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Jones, Amy M., 35
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Kincade, James A., 53
- public intoxication

Oliver Sr., Michael J., 54
- public intoxication

Gaydos, Lanea M., 38
- public intoxication
- resisting arrest

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

REPORTED JUNE 7
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
June 1
- second-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; miscellaneous; $2,010

June 6
- third-degree forgery; Warehouse Discount Groceries; Town Square SW; forged checks; unknown amount of property value
- third-degree burglary; person; Morgan Ave. SW; damaged door, cash; unknown amount of property value
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; miscellaneous; $92
- third-degree domestic violence; person; Ave. C SE

ARRESTS
June 6
Ford, Latonya N., 33
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Hale, Daxton K., 20
- FTA- expired tag

Goodlett, Douglas D., 62
- DUI

Abbott, Paul, 51
- third-degree domestic violence

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

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

Reconstruction (from Front)

and efficiency," said Shelby. "Airport infrastructure impacts overall economic success, and as a result of this funding, 20 of Alabama's airports will receive the upgrades and advances needed to continue serving communities and driving development."

According to Shelby's office, the FAA grants – which range from $10.4 million for the Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport to $100,200 for the Camden Municipal Airport – are funded through the Airport and Airway Trust Fund and federal appropriations. Shelby is the chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, which authors and advances the FAA funding legislation. The funding distribution is based on both entitlement and discretionary awards.

Said Cullman Regional Airport General Manager Ben Harrison, "The project that we currently have was the entire north taxiway, but it was broken up in three phases. What they just awarded is for phase three, so that will totally finish that taxiway. If everything goes well, phase three should finish the north taxiway and make some improvements here that we need for maintenance and things of that nature.

"The runway has a heavy strength rating and the apron has a heavy strength rating, but the taxiways were the Achilles' heel, so we had to get the taxiways built up and get those reconstructed. They've exceeded what they were originally designed to do. As we've grown, we need bigger capacity, so we need those taxiways built up. Next year we're doing the runway."

Harrison is hopeful the north taxiway will be finished this year.

"That's the goal is to have it done this calendar year. Hopefully, this calendar year, the north taxiway will be completely finished," he said.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR
June 8 - 10

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

Dodge City Day
Annual festival in Dodge City. 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Free. Music, food, vendors

Pentastar South Car Club's Mopars at the Depot
Car Show Saturday, June 8 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Benefits Secret Meals for Hungry Children

21st Annual Hanceville Antique Tractor & Engine Show
Saturday, June 8, starting at 9 a.m. at Wallace State Community College in Hanceville

Featured attractions will include:
- 50 to 60 vintage tractors dating back to the 1930s, from John Deere, Farmall, Cub, International and others. Many are restored antiques, but some are still working "fresh from the field" vehicles.
- Vintage engines that were used to power farm equipment in the early 20th century, some of which will be operating for demonstrations
- Peddle Tractor Races for the kids
- "Parade of Power" tractor parade, where visitors enjoy the sights and sounds of operational vintage equipment
- Skillet throwing contest for the ladies, using official tournament rules and skillets. Don't believe us? Come see!
- Homemade ice cream, made in motorized churns powered by vintage engines

For more information, call 256-590-2478 or 205-616-4173, or visit www.facebook.com/HancevilleTractorShow/.

Guthery Reunion
The Guthery family will meet on Saturday, June 8 at West Point Town Hall (3990 County Road 1141, Vinemont) at 10 a.m. A covered dish lunch will be served at noon. For more information, call Jackie Parker at 256-734-2098.

Iron Rockets MC Benefit Ride for Karma in Cullman
Registration at noon at Hawg Engineering (230 Hwy. 278 W, Cullman, Alabama 35057); kick stands up at 3 p.m. $20 per rider, $25 per couple

Hanceville Family Music Fest
The City of Hanceville presents Family Music Fest. Free admission and entertainment for the whole family. Featuring Three on a String and Jesse Priest as the opening act. We will have an array of food vendors along with the mechanical bull, rock climbing wall, paddle boats and train rides for the kids. Bring your family and your lawn chairs and help us make our first concert in the park a success. **Tickets for activities will be sold at the gate. 4-9 p.m. at Veterans Park. (In case of rain, the event will be moved to the Hanceville Civic Center.)

Gospel Singing
There will be a gospel singing on Saturday, June 8 at 6:30 p.m., at the Commission on Aging Building (1539 Sportsman Lake Road, Cullman). Everyone is welcome. Come sing with us. For more information call 256-796-6072.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

Special Needs Free Swim at the 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, JUNE 10

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

UPCOMING....

Bikers Against Cancer Ride
Saturday, June 15- New route this year to Guntersville State Park- Rain date is June 22. Riders will be escorted by members of the Cullman County Sheriff's Office and the Cullman Police Department. It begins in the parking lot behind Cullman Regional (POB 2) with registration at 7:30 a.m. and kickstands up at 9:30. Cost is $25 per bike, $10 for extra rider. This includes a complimentary breakfast, snacks at the rest stop and lunch on return. Proceeds benefit the Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation, Inc., which assists cancer patients and families while in active treatment for cancer. For more info, call 256-339-0911 or 256-503-5301.

Bates Reunion
The Bates Reunion will be held on Saturday, June 15 at 10 a.m. at the Trimble Community Center.

Cullman Regional Safety with the Sheriff Seminar
In recognition of National Safety Month, Cullman Regional is hosting a Safety with the Sheriff Seminar on Thursday, June 20. Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry will share information on community safety, scams and drug awareness. Join us for this informative seminar and learn tips to keep you safe! 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Colonel Cullmann Room, located in Professional Office Building 2 on the Cullman Regional Campus (1912 AL Hwy 157, Cullman, AL 35058). The cost of this lunch and learn program is $5 for Healthy Life members and $8 for others. To reserve your spot, register at www.cullman-regional.com or call 256-735-5600.

Swamp John's
Friday, June 21, from 4-7 p.m. at 2659 County Road 1545 (Gold Ridge Road). $12 plate. For more information, contact C.H. Loyd at 205-706-2556.

85th Annual Sandlin Reunion
- Cold Springs Community Center; 8821 County Road 109, Bremen, AL 35033
- Saturday, Aug. 3, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Bring covered dish and drinks; plates, cups, napkins, forks and ice provided.
- Invite your Sandlin relatives.
- Chairman: Dr. Randall Sandlin; Secretary: Patsy Sandlin Medlock
- Contact: Anita Sandlin Glover, 1283 Highland Lakes Trail, Birmingham, AL 35242, patsymedlock@bellsouth.net, 205-995-7988 (home), 205-915-1870 (cell)
- Let's conserve postage! Please email me your email address. If you don't have an email address, invitations will be sent via U.S. mail. Thanks!
- Directions: Interstate 65, Exit 299 toward Dodge City/Jasper, take AL-69 South (approximately 14 miles). Turn RIGHT on CR-54. At 1st STOP sign, turn RIGHT on CR-109. At the STOP Sign at Cold Springs High School, turn RIGHT. Less than 1/4 mile, Cold Springs Community Center is on the RIGHT!
- Sandlin Chapel & Cemetery are off AL-69S

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BUSINESS

Wacked Out Weiner open for business

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Wacked Out Weiner opened its doors Thursday morning and customers were eager to get a taste. Cullman's is the 11th store for this popular hot dog franchise. It is located at 1930 Market Platz Ctr. SW, in the same strip as Rock N Roll Sushi.

A large line had formed just before noon, with people curious about the new restaurant with the crazy name. Several came in just to buy T-shirts and other merchandise. In addition to hot dogs, The Wacked Out Weiner sells T-shirts, drink koozies, stickers, aprons and its unique blend of spices called "Weiner Dust."

The Cullman location is owned by Lori Gortemoller and Bo and Jennifer Winfrey. Gortemoller and Jennifer Winfrey spoke to The Tribune Thursday morning.

Gortemoller said, "They started in Foley, Alabama in 2016. We are the 11th store and the 12th is opening in Daphne, Alabama."

With most Wacked Out Weiners found near the Gulf Coast, Cullman might seem like an odd location, but, as Gortemoller explained, "We started talking about it and it was the perfect place. There's industry and we have a food truck also so we can go to the events and lunches at the factories. We are going to try to do all the festivals and music things. There is so much up here to do and it's so saturated down there."

The Wacked Out Weiner food truck will be at the popular 2nd Friday events in downtown Cullman throughout the summer.

The Wacked Out Weiner serves Nathan's 100% beef hot dogs. They are kosher, gluten-free, nitrate-free and keto-friendly (without the bun). The restaurant also has high-quality pork sausage blend, jalapeno and Cajun weiners, as well as nachos. There are more than 30 toppings available.

Gortemoller said, "The name definitely makes people curious. It's a fun environment. We want to do kids' birthday parties. We want to get involved with the community, and the veterans are especially important to us. Jen's husband Bo is a veteran."

Seniors, all first responders, veterans and city workers get a 10% discount at The Wacked Out Weiner.

For the first four days, the restaurant will be open from 11 a.m.-7 p.m., but the owners are still undecided on hours moving forward.

"We think Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday we may try to stay open as late as midnight for the movie crowd," Gortemoller said.

The Wacked Out Weiner is open seven days a week.

The selfie station was a popular spot Thursday morning as people put on hotdog suits and posed for pictures beneath the popular logo. The store has hotdog suit sizes for kids to adults with several hashtag signs for customers to hold.

One customer said after lunch Thursday, "Better than good. It was way above average and we'll be back."

A grand opening celebration is planned for July 13.



JEN WINFREY

Jerry Springer was the very first customer at Cullman's new restaurant, The Wacked Out Weiner, Thursday, June 6, 2019.

Spill (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Tyson Foods, Inc. issued a public notice Friday, saying, "Due to a failure in a pipe owned by River Valley Ingredients located near Hanceville, Alabama, partially treated effluent (liquid waste/sewage) is believed to have reached the Dave Young Creek, which flows to the Mulberry Fork."

The incident occurred at the Tyson rendering plant (formerly American Proteins), located at 1170 County Road 508 in Hanceville.

According to Tyson's Worth Sparkman, "In an abundance of caution, the public is encouraged to avoid recreating in Dave Young Creek or the Mulberry Fork until further notice."

Sparkman said River Valley Ingredients acted quickly and is engaged with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management and has an environmental management company actively working on clean-up.

"The company is dedicated to swift remediation of this issue," he said.

The Tribune received the following statement from the Black Warrior Riverkeeper organization's Nelson Brooke Friday afternoon:

American Proteins had a large wastewater spill (undisclosed amount) sometime yesterday, which caused a massive fish kill. The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Division of Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries (DCNR) and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) are conducting an investigation into the wastewater spill and resulting fish kill today. Unfortunately, everyone should avoid contact with the Mulberry Fork downstream until further notice.

American Proteins [1170 Co. Rd. 508 | Hanceville, AL 35077 (256) 352-9821)], which they say is the largest rendering plant in the world, is now owned by Tyson. The sprawling plant receives chicken carcasses from slaughterhouses across Alabama and cooks them down into protein products. This facility has a history of spills and fish kills due to poor housekeeping and maintenance.

ADEM is responsible for holding American Proteins accountable for the spill, and should levy a stiff penalty to encourage better housekeeping and deter future spills and fish kills. ADEM failed to issue a stiff penalty in 2016 when American Proteins spilled 900 gallons of sulfuric acid into the river, killing around 40,000 fish. The fine levied by ADEM for that spill and kill was a mere slap on the wrist. Join us in demanding that ADEM hold American Proteins accountable!

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Ida Belle Little of Cullman passed away on June 4, 2019 at the age of 79. She was born in Cullman on November 17, 1939 to John and Annie Drake Ayers. She is preceded in death by her parents, sisters Jewel (George) Suggs, Gertrude (Lee) Butler, Mildred (Charner) Marlow, brother Jack (Inez) Ayers. She is survived by her son James G. "Greg" (Sandy Little, 2 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. The family will plan and announce a memorial service at a later date.

Donald Roger Cheatham, age 84, died on Wednesday, June 5, 2019, in Southern TN Regional Health System, Pulaski, TN. He was born in Falkville, AL on December 16, 1934, retired from freight transportation, served in the US Army, preceded in death by his parents, Jessie Ervin and Flossie Arlene Buckelew Cheatham, first wife, Camille Russell Cheatham, daughter, Kathy Cheatham Nix, sister, Betty Cheatham Burden, brother, Delaine Cheatham. Visitation will be on Friday, June 7, 2019, from 4-8 p.m. at the Carr & Erwin Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, June 8, 2019, at 10 a.m. at the Carr & Erwin Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, June 8, 2019, at 2 p.m. at the Corinth Cemetery West in Battleground, AL. Survivors are: wife, Darlene Nix Cheatham of Bodenham, TN, children, Keith Cheatham and Virginia of Hattiesburg, MS, Roger Cheatham and Debbie of Daleville, MS, Mitzi Sumrall of Cleveland, TN, Scott Cheatham of Vancleave, MS, Wayne Cheatham and Eva of Laurel, MS, sister in law, Opal Gilliam of Murfreesboro, TN, 11 grandchildren, several great grandchildren. Carr & Erwin Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. carranderwfh.com

Funeral Service for Marie Bethar Dunn, age 92, of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 8, 2019, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church with Pastor Christopher Clark officiating. Interment will be in Cullman City Cemetery. She will lie-in-state from 10-11 a.m. before the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Dunn passed away on Wednesday, June 5, 2019, at her residence. She was born January 15, 1927, to Noah C. and Ruby Bethar White. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lavant Dunn; parents; brothers, Edward White, James White, and Charles White; sister, Louise Talley; and brother-in-law, Jimmie Sterling. Survivors include her sons, Bunnie (Nancy) Dunn and Horace (Shirley) Dunn; grandchildren, Brian Dunn, Mark Dunn, Eric Dunn, and Nathan (Suzanne) Dunn; brother, David (Vera) White; sister, Francis Sterling; and a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Funeral Service for Aubrey Joseph Hornsby, age 77, of Cullman, was Friday, June 7, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; interment in St. Ann Cemetery in Bourg, Lousiana on Monday, June 10, 2019. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Hornsby passed away on Wednesday, June 5, 2019, at his residence. He was born November 7, 1941, to Henry and Lucretia Hornsby. He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Sybil Sangster and Judy Colwort; and brothers, Gerald Hornsby and Jerome Hornsby. Survivors include his wife, Brunella Hornsby; sisters, Audrey (Ronald) Richaud and Mary Rayburn; and brothers, Henry (Connie) Hornsby, Jr., Roger Hornsby, Hanson (Janet) Hornsby, Russell (Robyn) Hornsby, and Lonnie (Julie) Hornsby.

Edith Dorothy Hammack, 68 of Houston passed away on June 6, 2019 at home surrounded by her family. Edith was born on July 5, 1950 in Hartselle, Alabama. She was a member at Houston Church of God for 20 years. Edith attended Speake High School and Double Springs High School and enjoyed gardening and working outside. Visitation will be held on Saturday, June 8, 2019 from 11-2 p.m. at Houston Church of God, where services will be held at 2 p.m. Pastor Buford Smith will officiate. Burial will be in the Houston Community Cemetery. She is survived by her husband of 45 years, George Donald Hammack; sons, Bobby Jack Jefferies, George Donald Hammack II and Brian Dewayne Hammack and wife Tonya; brother, Fred Guthries, William Gutheries and Mack Gutheries; she was grandma to 6 grandchildren, Taylor Jefferies, Faith Jefferies, Lilly Hammack, Mary Miner, Savanah Dehaan and Lisa Kimmerly; and 1 great grandchild, Lilliean McLellan; and a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lenell and Buren Gutheries; and her brother Roy Gutheries.

Eddie Wayne Hamm, age 70, of Hanceville, died Thursday June 6, 2019. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Hamm; daughters: Jenny Terry (Brent), Tracey Smith (Joel), and Whitney Hamm (Adam); grandchildren: Alex and Colton Terry, Jackson and Madison Smith, Whitten Tuggle, and Remi and Reed Burt; sister, Kathey Turner (Frankie), and his brothers: Terry Hamm (Wilma) and Dwight Hamm. The family will receive friends on Sunday, June 9, 2019 from noon until the Celebration of Eddie's life, which will begin at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Fairview West Cemetery in Hanceville. Please visit mossservicefh.com to leave condolences for the family. Moss Service Funeral Home Directing.

William Sherrill Bailey, age 76, of Cullman, died Thursday, June 6, 2019. He was preceded in death by his father, Hersel Bailey, and brother, Earl Bailey. Sherrill is survived by his wife, Sharon Lynn Bailey; son, Russell Bailey (Kelley); mother, Ruby Bailey; grandchildren: Blake Bailey and Sara Shelton (Jimmy); great grandson, Connor Shelton; brother, Ronald Bailey (Anita); sister-in-law, Geraldine Bailey and a host of sister-in-laws, brother-in-laws, nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends at Moss Service Funeral Home on Sunday, June 9, 2019 from 2-4 p.m. Please visit mossservicefh.com to leave condolences for the family. Moss Service Funeral Home Directing.

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Cullman Shooting Team competes at State AIM Shotgun Tournament

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MATHEWS, Ala. – Members of the Cullman Shooting team participated in the State AIM shotgun tournament on May 30th and 31st in Mathews, Alabama held at Dixie Trap and Skeet Club.

Each shooter participated in all three events, which consisted of 100 rounds of handicap, 100 rounds of doubles and 200 rounds of singles.

There were several winners in the events.

Cole Herfurth (Cullman High School) wound up winning the state championship in the Junior AIM handicap round after posting a score of 98/100.

Griffin Barksdale (Cullman High School) took home third place in the Junior AIM handicap round, posting a score of 94/100.

Barksdale won second place in the Junior AIM singles round with a score of 193/200 and he also took home second place in the Junior AIM doubles round with a score of 91/100.

Gage Howard (Cullman Middle School) won the state championship in the Pre-Sub AIM doubles round with a score of 79/100 and took second place in the Pre-Sub AIM singles round after scoring 185/200.

The team of Barksdale, Herfruth, Jackson Lowery, Aaron Coffey and Kenan Pierce won the state tournament in the team AIM singles tournament's junior division after posting a combined score of 897.

Cole Burnham, Howard, Zac Edwards, Jackson Metrock, and Evan Dockery took home third place in the Sub-Junior AIM singles division with a combined score of 776.



KELLEY BURNHAM

L-R: Jackson Metrock, Evan Dockery, Cole Burnham, Gage Howard.

Jackson Lowery also competed in the open ATA events and wound up winning several awards including Doubles Class D champion, ATA overall singles champion runner-up, ATA junior doubles champion, ATA handicap championship overall fourth place, ATA high all-around resident Class D champion and he earned a 50-straight patch.

Good Hope splits Thursday night matchups to open summer play

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Good Hope started out their summer schedule of games in Hanceville on Thursday as they took on Mortimer Jordan and Central-Florence. The Raiders pulled away in the second half to take game one over the Blue Devils 64-51 but fell to the Wildcats in game two in a very physical, low-scoring contest that saw Central-Florence come out on top 37-34.

Good Hope 64 - Mortimer Jordan 51

Good Hope jumped out to a quick 9-4 lead to start out the contest, but Mortimer Jordan went on a 17-5 run to take a 21-14 lead. Cole Maddox scored four in a row to make it a 21-18 game. After a three-point play by the Blue Devils made it 24-18, baskets by Dawton Farr and Cole Maddox cut it to 24-22. Drew Maddox hit a trey to make it a 29-27 score at the half.

Drew Maddox started out the second half strong, scoring the first seven points for the Raiders to help them take a 34-31 lead but a 7-0 Blue Devil run gave them the lead right back at 38-34. Back-to-back baskets by Cole Maddox tied the game up at 38 and later on, Cole and Drew Maddox, along with Michael Lowe, helped jump-start a 9-0 run that gave Good Hope a 47-40 lead.

The Raiders then started to pull away as a 12-2 run pushed the lead to double-figures at 59-42 and they went on to take the game 64-51.

Cole Maddox finished the game with 27 points for Good Hope, followed closely by Drew Maddox, who added 23 points.

Dawson Turner ended up with five points.

Central-Florence 37 - Good Hope 34

Good Hope's next contest came against Central-Florence and it was very physical from the opening tip. The Wildcats held a 10-7 lead in the first half, but the Raiders went on a 9-0 run, highlighted by six straight points from Cole Maddox and a Farr trey gave them a 16-10 lead, but Central-Florence ended up dominating after that.

The Wildcats scored the final seven points of the half, five from the free-throw line, to take a 17-16 lead at the break.

Cole Maddox put up the first five points of the second half to give the Raiders a 21-17 advantage.

After Lowe hit a basket and a pair of free throws to make it 25-22, the Wildcats put up five in a row to give them a 27-25 lead and later stretched their lead to 32-27.

A three-point play by Cole Maddox cut it to 32-30. Three free throws by Central-Florence made it 35-30, then a Lowe layup, later followed by a pair of Cole Maddox shots at the line, made it a 35-34 game.

After the Wildcats hit a pair from the charity stripe, the Raiders had multiple opportunities to try and tie the game up, but they couldn't get the shots to fall and wound up losing the game 37-34.

Cole Maddox finished with 20 points, eight rebounds, a steal, and a block for Good Hope.

Lowe added 11 points, and Farr ended up with three points, a steal, and a block. Drew Maddox added three rebounds and four steals in the contest. The Raiders will continue their summer schedule on Friday night when they play Collinsville at 5:00, Deshler at 7:30 and finish the night against Red Bay at 8:30.



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Good Hope's Cole Maddox racked up 27 points in the Raiders' win over Mortimer Jordan Thursday night.

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Safety (from Front)

pupils and small heads. Another distinguishing characteristic of all nonvenomous snakes is the double row of scales on the underside of the tail.

"All of the pit vipers have a single row of scales. However, like nonvenomous snakes, the coral snake has a double row."

There are colorful snakes that live in our area such as the Scarlett King Snake that appear very similar to the coral snake. Just remember: "Red on yellow, kill a fellow. Red on Black, a friend of Jack."

Younger snakes are more likely to strike and inject venom than the adult snakes, but most snakes are going to try and get away from humans. They strike when they feel threatened.

What do you do if you're bitten by a snake you suspect is venomous?

According to Spencer Green, M.D., a medical toxicologist and emergency physician at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, you should take the following steps:

• Get away from the snake. No need to hurt the snake just because you're angry, and you don't want to incur additional injury.

• If you (or someone else) can safely and quickly get a picture of the snake, great, but don't waste time or risk a second envenomation. Ultimately, pit viper (rattlesnakes, copperheads, cottonmouths/water moccasins) envenomation's are diagnosed clinically. As are coral snake bites, but most people can identify those.

• Remove constrictive clothing and jewelry

• Position the affected extremity appropriately. DO NOT PLACE BELOW HEART LEVEL. Almost all pit viper bites cause local tissue injury, and placing the affected extremity below heart level will cause the venom to collect in the extremity and will increase the hydrostatic pressures in the extremity. This will increase the potential damage to lymphatic vessels and increase the likelihood of some degree of permanent injury, such as post-exertional swelling. For copperhead and cottonmouth bites, in which local tissue is highly likely but the likelihood of systemic toxicity is low, I recommend placing the affected extremity ABOVE HEART LEVEL. In rattlesnake bites, it is reasonable to keep the affected extremity AT HEART LEVEL. These variations are for pre-hospital management. Once in the hospital, the affected extremity should always be elevated. This is emphasized in the unified treatment algorithm.

• Get to an appropriate hospital. If you are having life-threatening signs and symptoms (e.g. airway issues, low blood pressure) get to the closest hospital for stabilization. They can then transfer you if needed to an expert. Otherwise, proceed directly to a hospital with a snakebite expert.

Green also emphasizes actions that should not be taken, saying:

• DO NOT apply a tourniquet.

• DO NOT apply any sort of constriction band or pressure immobilization for pit vipers.

• DO NOT use electrical shock treatment.

• DO NOT apply heat.

• DO NOT apply PROLONGED icepacks. A few minutes at a time is okay (say, 5 minutes on, 10 minutes off) but prolonged cryotherapy is bad for the tissue.

• DO NOT use one of those commercially-available suctions devices.

• Do NOT bring the snake to the hospital.

Snakes live in Cullman County, and although many might fear them, there are some logical things a person can do to limit the likelihood of having a close encounter. Experts say that despite the fear, people should be rational and remember that snakes are a vital part of the ecosystem.

Said Glover, in Cullman County, the odds of being killed by a cow are far greater than being hurt by a snake.



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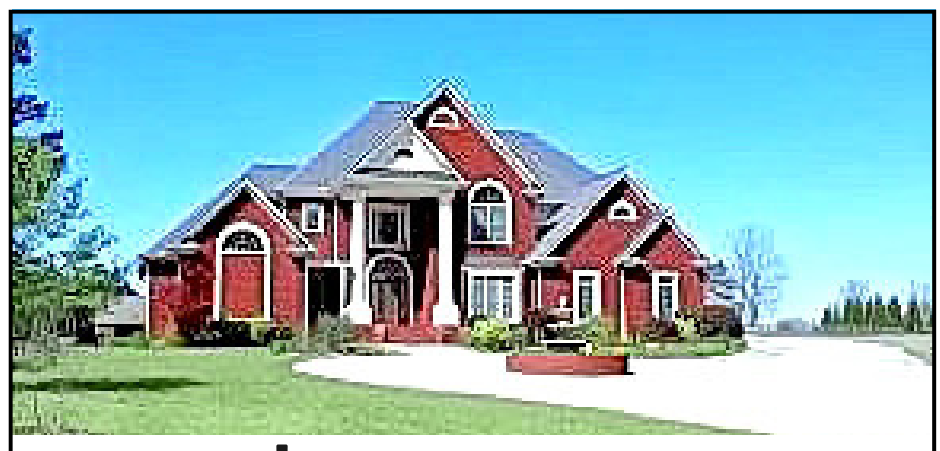
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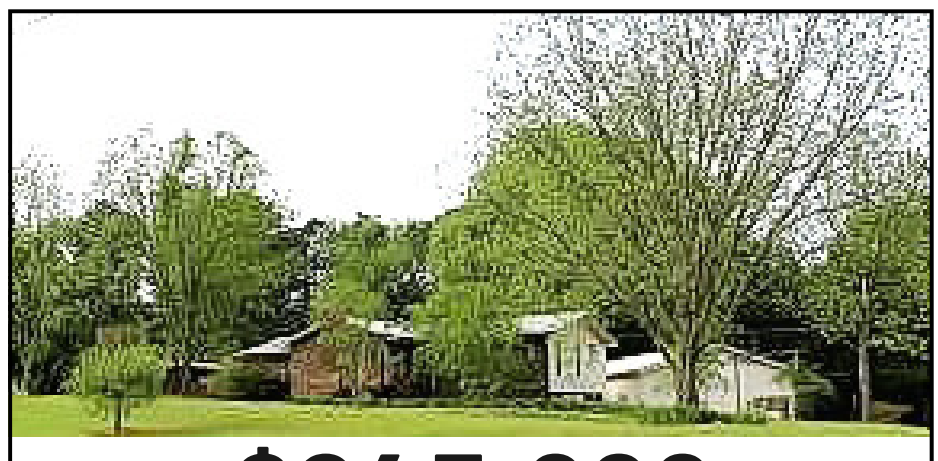
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"THE 67-COUNTY, ALABAMA GARDEN PARTY"

GREENE COUNTY

Ben Johnson South
Tribune Correspondent

Greene County pie is the answer. What was the question? We simply must have Greene County pie. These are stressful times we're living through, America, and as playwright David Mamet said, "Stress cannot exist in the presence of pie."

I'm a professional pie judge. It's true. I've been judging pies at Alabama county fairs for a few years now. This will be chiseled on my tombstone, "Professional Pie Judge: It took the undertaker a week to wipe off the meringue and his smile."

Greene County, Alabama may be the world epicenter of pie-making. What Mecca is to Muslims, Greene County is to pie-lovers. What Liverpool, England is to Beatlemania, Greene County, Alabama is to us passionate, fork-ready, pie people. (Someone cue Barbra Streisand) "People, pie people who love Greene County pie...are the luckiest people in the world."

If you think you've had the best pie on the planet, but you haven't had pie in this part of the world, you're probably crazy as the nuts in some runner-up-to-Greene County pecan pie. There's even a town in Greene County named, wait for this, Forkland. "Ladies and Gentleman, get your pie on. Welcome to Forkland, Alabama, USA." If there's not already an IHOP (International Hullabaloo of Pies) in Forkland, somebody please start a pie festival and let me come be the judge of it. "Here come da judge. Here come da pie judge."

Greene County was established in December 1819. Cotton was the major agricultural crop, but thanks to the natural bounty of fruit trees, hard-working farm folks regularly rewarded themselves with apple, pear, persimmon and berry pies. And, the Native Alabamians in that area had been eating strawberries in various dishes for centuries. Specimens of their larger strawberry plants were shipped back to upgrade commercial nurseries in Europe.

Early English settlers in Greene County brought their pie-making traditions to Alabama, including baking fruit pies in long, narrow pans they called "coffins." Historical culinary archives record fruit-pie baking in England as early as the 1500s. Also true and not some late-night television one-liner, Queen Elizabeth I, "The Virgin Queen," is credited with inspiring the first cherry pie.

The Alabama Bicentennial Pie we are celebrating with Greene County has a trinity of berries that early-1800s settlers enjoyed: lowbush blueberries (Vaccinium angustifolium), wild blackberries which have been consumed by humans since the Iron Age, 2,500 years ago, and cultivated strawberries. Should you wish to add other gustatory goodness to salute the settlers and native Alabama plants, you could add locally-grown pecan meal or corn meal to your Bicentennial Pie crust.

"Bake the world a better place," as they say here in Greene County. While we're in pie country, let me share some pie-making tips I've learned from plowing through hundreds in my, uh, work. First, here's a pie-EATING tip: When I'm presented with a whole pie to enjoy, I always ask for it to be cut into four pieces. I'm just not sure I could eat eight.

Life is what you bake it, and here's some secrets for tasty pies:

1. Cold dough creates flaky crust- You may have to keep chilling your pie dough repeatedly, but make sure it's cold when it enters your oven. This is food chemistry. I don't have the time to explain it... OK, or the science smarts, but pie bakers know this is the key to keeping pies from slumping.

2. Fill your pie to the rim— Nobody likes a stingy little, wimpy pie; think Alabama abundance, AL-Abundance. If it's a fruit pie, peak it up a bit in the middle (An exception: unbaked pies with no upper crust should just be filled to the crimped rim).

3. Do like Garth Brooks and have friends in low places- Bake your pie on the lowest rack to give the bottom crust and the wet filling the best chance to bake all the way through; nobody wants a soggy ass pie.

4. Way down South we weigh down our pie crust- When you bake an empty pie crust, it'll regularly warp and wave in weird ways. You can buy ceramic pie weights or you could do like settlers did 200 years ago and fill your pie plate with dried beans atop a baking crust; this will give your pie even edges and bottom. Gently lift out the dried beans and cool the crust before filling (Note: Many top pie bakers lay a sheet of parchment paper over a cold crust and then evenly distribute pie weights over this before baking).

5. Cool your jets and cool your baked pie before you cut it- Let the delicious aroma waft through your house and yes, you're drooling, but "STOP IT! DON'T CUT THAT PIE YET!" Sometimes this takes a few hours, but your patience will be rewarded with firm filling and smooth sides.

Pies make everybody happy. And, here are other ways PLANTS + PEOPLE in Greene County make for sweet happiness, including the recipe for our 1819 ALABAMA BICENTENNIAL BERRY PIE:

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• **BEST FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS**- Catherine's Floral Boutique (Eutaw); also, Eutaw Accents

• **HAYBALE FOLK ART OF JIM BIRD**- (Forkland) This Greene County cattle rancher, now 90 years old, has been creating giant folk art out of haybales and junk on his farm since 1993. Like the art of pie-making, Mr. Bird's sculptures, including a 32' "Tin Man," are about adding some smiles to life; Jim Bird budgets $5 to create each sculpture, though he splurged on $42, mostly for paint, on the "Tin Man."

• **MOMA'S GOT A SWITCH**- A plant-centric song by Bobo Jenkins, a Greene County share-cropping farmer's son who became a national, blues-singing sensation in Detroit; Mr. Jenkins, who died in 1984, also had hits with "Guitars on My Mind," and "She Wanna Sell My Monkey."

• **ST. JOHN'S-IN-THE-PRAIRIE**- (Forkland) This native tree, wooden Episcopal church started out Methodist on an Antebellum plantation in a nearby county and was south of Greensboro, Alabama. After the American Civil War, it was moved across the Black Warrior River to its present-day site in 1878 because the plantation owner had repurposed some of the wood of his home to build a saloon.

• **PLANTING AN IDEA**- Greene County could be the sweet home of an Alabama Pie School workshop which could teach traditional pie-making techniques as well as up-to-the-minute, 21st century pie-making innovations.

As we leave Greene County, let me leave you with this "pie joke" we judges learned from Bozo the Clown, though it may be 200 years old like Alabama: "Do you know how my hand is like a lemon ice box pie?" Answer: "It's got meringue on it."

Many thanks to Mary Knott of the Greene County office of Alabama Cooperative Extension System. And, thanks to Pie Baker Extraordinaire, Laurie Johnson, for creating THE 1819 ALABAMA BICENTENNIAL PIE.

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.



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Greene County
Alabama Bicentennial Berry Pie

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INGREDIENTS

- 8 cups fresh berries (a combination of strawberries, blueberries, blackberries, raspberries)
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar, plus additional for sprinkling pie
- 6 tbsp. corn starch
- Juice from one lemon (about 2 tbsp.), plus zest from its peel
- 1 tbsp. balsamic vinegar – Use a berry- or dark cherry-infused vinegar if you can get it.
- 2 9-inch pie crusts for a double crust pie – can use the refrigerated type or make your own
- Softened butter for pan and 1 egg, beaten with a 1/2 tbsp. of water for egg wash on crust

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 400 F and preheat a large cookie sheet in it.
2. Wash berries and dry well so they don't carry excess water into the pie filling. De-stem and cut strawberries into quarters. Measure 8 cups of mixed berries into a large mixing bowl.
3. In a small bowl, blend the sugar and corn starch and sprinkle over the berries and gently stir with a large wooden spoon until well distributed.
4. Combine the lemon juice, zest and balsamic vinegar and pour over the berries and stir again until well mixed. Set the mixture aside and stir a couple of times over the next 15 minutes.
5. Rub the inside of a 9-inch pie pan with a little butter.
6. Roll out the first pie crust and carefully place into the pan, crimping or ruffling the edge.
7. Roll out the second pie crust and cut into a circle that just fits inside the first crust. Use cookie or crust cutters to cut out your message, such as "1819" and "2019" for this Bicentennial pie. Roll out remaining dough and cut into additional decorative shapes, such as the state of Alabama.
8. Stir and then pour the berry filling into the crust and level out. Place the top crust (with the cut outs) over the filling, but save the additional decorative pieces for later. Lightly brush the egg wash over the top crust and ruffled edges and sprinkle with granulated sugar.
9. Place pie on the heated cookie sheet and bake for about 15 minutes. Remove from oven and add the decorative crust cut out (the State of Alabama). Brush it with egg wash and sprinkle with sugar. Hint - on any double crust pie, the edge can brown too quickly and may burn before the pie is done. Use strips of aluminum foil or a pie crust shield to cover the outer rim as necessary, removing in the last few minutes of baking.
10. Reduce oven temperature to 375 F and return the pie for another 30 – 35 minutes, or until the filling is just bubbling and crust is golden. Remove to a cooling rack and (mostly) cool before cutting. Enjoy your Bicentennial Pie with fresh berries and ice cream or whipped cream!

Billy Bob's Stories and Stuff: Bully has met his match in Molly

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



The summer sizzle seems to have shown up early in Alabama this year. Our family pool is open and they tell me the water is fine.

Everyone, as well as everything it seems, except me, has jumped in. My family loves our pool, but so do all kinds of critters... especially frogs.

Each summer, I feel like the Pharaoh in Exodus must have when his land was overrun by frogs...or should that be over-hopped?

Frogs, in Alabama, come from two frog families: The Smiths and The Joneses. Okay, actually the two families are the true frog (Ranidae) family and the tree frog (Hylidae) family. Alabama has been tagged as "The second-froggiest state in the nation."

I'm not sure who is number one, but having lived in Louisiana that would be my guess.

Like Baskin- Robbins, thirty-one flavors (of frogs) are found in our state. I believe all thirty-one species have been in my pool.

Once they awaken from their long winters' nap, they are ready to hit the water. I rarely see them lounging around by the pool, sunbathing, and drinking lemonade during the day, but when the sun goes down, the frogs come out and jump in.

One of our regulars is a giant bullfrog, a true frog, whom I have nicknamed "Bully." Bully is a Goliath, in the frog world.

I should have named him Frogzilla. He showed up in our pool last summer and has returned this season.

The first time I saw him, I thought he needed to be rescued.

Every night, during frog season, multitudes of frogs perish in our waters. The tree frogs can climb out, because they have suction cups on their toes, but the true frogs jump in and then can't get out.

I have rescued many of them, before they end up dead in the skimmer or at the bottom of the pool. I catch them in a dip-net and transport them to the stream below the pool.

Last year, I managed to rescue Bully. I thought he would be much happier in the fresh running water of the stream.

I guess I was wrong, because the next night there he was right back in the pool. He must have been onto me and my net this time around because I couldn't catch him.

After trying ten or fifteen minutes, I gave up. I felt certain that Bully would be bellied up by morning, but much to my surprise, he was nowhere to be found.

I am still not sure how he got out, unless he swam to the top step and jumped out from there.

I was surprised when Bully showed back up this summer. There is no doubt it is him. I've never seen another frog around that's nearly as large as him. I have noticed when Bully takes to the water the other frogs seem to take a hike. I wonder if his size intimidates them.

Maybe they are afraid he will eat them, so they don't hop in.
That's one way to keep all those frogs out of the pool, but I think Bully may have met his match.

A few nights ago, right after Jeopardy James won again, I put Molly in the pool.

Molly is our Polaris pool vacuum that runs across the bottom of the pool, switching her long tail, and sucking up trash and debris.

I noticed that Bully never showed up that night. I'm thinking Molly may have scared him away.

Perhaps, Bully thought Molly was a giant species of frog he had never seen and didn't want to challenge. A bully usually always meets his match, eventually.

Bully's match was much larger than he, but sometimes, as in the case of David and Goliath, the match may even be smaller than the bully.

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Funny Things from Yesterday: Not C.C. pills- I wanted SEA SICK pills

Robert N. Tidwell, Sr.
Tribune Contributor



As my column a couple of weeks ago indicated, I sometimes have a hard time understanding a person who speaks with a little different accent than I do, either Southern or Northern.

Most of the time there is no harm done, but occasionally misunderstood words really make a difference, as this week's story of another true incident relates.

One Friday morning, when I was still working as a pharmacist in one of the local drug stores, a dear little Yankee lady walked back to the prescription counter and asked for some

C.C. pills. I mentioned to her that it would be a few minutes, as I was filling some prescriptions for some of the people who were waiting.

In a few minutes, the other pharmacist came to work and asked, "Who is next to be waited on?"

I said, "This lady is next and she needs some C.C. pills."

He put a dozen in a little white box and marked on the box C.C. pills - 25 cents.

The lady paid the cashier up front and left the store.

Some of you know what C.C. pills are, but for those of you who don't know let me explain.

C.C. stands for compound cathartic. Now a cathartic is a strong laxative, and when you compound that thing, you really have something that will do the work.

The first drug store that I worked in bought them in a bottle of 500 and would be sold out before summer.

A lot of people wanted a good clean out before starting their summer work.

I was off from work that weekend and the other pharmacist was on duty.

When I went in to work on Monday, he said to me, "You really got me in trouble over the weekend."

The lady who bought the C.C. pills wanted sea sick pills. They were on their way to the coast to go deep sea fishing when they had stopped by the drug store.

They stated that their fishing trip had been ruined and threatened to sue us.

They threatened the pharmacist within an inch of his life before they finally left the store.

They wanted something to keep them from getting sea sick and that is what they got.

Now, I know these people could not have possibly gotten sea sick because they couldn't get far enough from the bathroom to get on the boat.

Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1934: Married on Saturday at the home of Reverend J.E. Marion were Alvin Brannon and Miss Della Ham. Mr. Brannon holds a position with Hills Grocery Company and his bride is employed by Western Union.

Miss Velma Oaks and Lee Swann were married on Saturday at the home of the bride's parents, near Simcoe. He holds a position with West Side Furniture Company.

Twenty-five young men attended the new Agapa Bible Class at First Baptist last Sunday. H. Clay Smith is teacher, W.D. Stanley, president, Jesse Mayo, vice-president and Russell Smith, secretary.

Mrs. S.Y. Styles has returned from Auburn, where she attended the Farmer's Week activities.

There are 500 people in Cullman County delinquent with their 1933 tax. Those who do not pay by October 1st will have their property advertised for sale.

Caspe Mages left this week to visit relatives in Milwaukee and attend the Century of Progress in Chicago.

Mrs. Helen Glasscock Aarenson left on Friday to join her husband in Boston, Massachusetts, where he is attending dental college.

Mrs. John Assell has returned to Birmingham, after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Edwards.

Curtis Stewart is recovering from an appendectomy.

Miss Beulah Caudell is teaching English at Falkville this year.

Mrs. Fred Hurston and Misses Florence Hurston and Melba Buchman drove to Montevallo to take Miss Nell Hurston, who entered Alabama College.

From The Files Of 1954: Returns from only one polling place in Cullman County – Beat 17, showed errors, according to a report this week by the Grand Jury, with W.O. Dunlap as foreman.

Six men left the local draft board this morning for military service. They were all volunteers, including: Robert Henry McDonald and Manuel Godbee, both of Route Two, Hanceville; Arnold Eldredge Abbott, of Route One, Hanceville; Archie Lester Williams, of Route Two, Bremen; Norman Thornton, of Route One, Logan and Alfred Garmon, of Route One, Holly Pond. Thurman Guthrie spoke to the group.

Reverend and Mrs. D.E. Tucker, of Cullman celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on September 4th at their home.

Hanceville defeated Arab, 26 to 7. Allen Green scored twice, Nelson once and Simpson once.

Mrs. Henry Howle left on Thursday for a six to eight week European and near east tour.

Poet's Corner

Home From The Hospital

By: Randy C. Hale



New granddaughter Penelope Rose Hamlin, born May 24, 2019 with daughter, Kayla Hamlin.

And here she comes the one I watched,

attempting to tie an unwilling yellow

cat into a red wagon with doll

and diaper bag running over.

Who would endlessly hunt

for newborn kittens until found, where

another determined mother had hidden.

Now steps into a house with her newborn

baby girl, her bosom carrying life

and nurture, her spirit prime and fit.

And I, a dad of many years still see my

own little girl tottering in our backyard,

with the sun and the moon in her hair.

LEGALS

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicles, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-

1993 Ford F150, Vin. #2FTDF15N8PCA52442.

This vehicle will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at Mullins Body Shop, LLC, 11042 US Highway 31 South, Cullman, Alabama 35055, on Tuesday, July 9, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on October 3, 2006 by Michael A. Quick and wife Robin K. Quick, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1492, Page 424 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 June 21, 2019:

State of AL County of Cullman and described as follows:
PART OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT THE NW CORNER OF SAID FORTY; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST FORTY LINE, 448.06 FEET TO THE TRUE P.O.B.; THENCE EAST 295 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF JOHN AND VICKIE LAMBERT PROPERTY (FICHE 1002, FRAME A-11); THENCE ALONG SAID LAMBERT PROPERTY LINE SOUTH 21 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 54 SECONDS EAST, 155 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 66 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 28 SECONDS WEST, 20 FEET, MORE, OR LESS TO WESLEY AND PATRICIA QUICK PROPERTY LINE; THENCE NORTH 64 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 17 SECONDS WEST, 135.33 FEET; THENCE NORTH 84 DEGREES, 51 MINUTES, 39 SECONDS WEST 215.72 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID FORTY; THENCE NORTH ALONG SAID FORTY LINE, 90 FEET TO THE P.O.B.,·CONTAINING .8 ACRES MORE OR. LESS.

ALSO A 20 FOOT WIDE INGRESS - EGRESS EASEMENT DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCE AT THE NW CORNER. OF THE W 1/2 OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST, AND RUN THENCE SOUTH 04 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 19 SECONDS EAST 538.06 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 84 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST 177.22 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 64 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 17 SECONDS EAST 135.33 FEET TO THE P.O. B. OF THE EASEMENT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE NORTH 66 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 28 SECONDS EAST 320.02 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST R.O.W. LINE A DISTANCE OF 20.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 66 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 28 SECONDS WEST 315.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 37 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 57 SECONDS WEST 20.62 FEET TO THE P.0.B.

The following manufactured home to be auctioned separately and together with the real estate:
2002 Signature manufactured home, VIN AL169OS023234.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

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

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Dewayne N. Morris
Attorney for Mortgagee
2131 Third Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
The Cullman Tribune-June 1, 8, 15, 2019

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MAMIE JUKES, Deceased. * CASE NO PC-2019-164

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted to Flora Aplin, as Personal Representative of the Estate of MAMIE JUKES, Deceased, on the 29th day of May, 2019, by the Honorable Tammy Brown. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claim against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Flora Aplin
Personal Representative

W. Greg Graham
Attorney for the Personal Representative
712 13th Street
Phenix City, AL 36867

TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman** Tribune

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

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

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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 THOMAS ALLEN ALLRED, Deceased. * CASE NO PC 2016-259

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary of the Estate of Thomas Allen Allred having been issued to Angela Marie Allred Frazier on the 30th day of May, 2019, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate 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 law, or the same will be barred.

Angela Marie Allred Frazier
Personal Representative

Shay Persall
St. John & St. John, LLC
Attorney for Personal Representative
108 3rd Street SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

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

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF M.V., a minor, DOB:10-22-2014. * CASE NO.: JU-2016-387.03

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

ELLESHA CRYSTAL LEE, mother of M.V., whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by John Gallaway and Jarred Gallaway in regards to a minor child born on October 22, 2014, by the 1st day of July, 2019, or thereafter a judgment terminating her parental rights may be entered against her in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 21 day of May 2019.

Lisa McSwain
District Clerk

Petitioners:

John Gallaway
Jarred Gallaway

Attorney for Petitioners:

LAW FIRM OF NAIL & SPARKS, LLC.
Pamela E. Nail
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Cullman, AL 35055
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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC-2019-122

IN RE: IN THE MATTER OF BENNIE L. COLLUM, an alleged incapacitated person.

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: All Known and Unknown Next-of-Kin/Heirs of Bennie L. Collum; and any interested party

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Letters of Conservatorship and Guardianship of Bennie L. Collum has been filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama. A hearing shall be held at 10:00 a.m. on July 17, 2019, to consider said petition.

Any known and unknown next-of-kin/heirs of Bennie L. Collum, and all interested parties are hereby given notice of said hearing.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Probate Judge

TO: Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks in said newspaper.

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY **CASE NO: AD-2019-027**

IN RE: THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF B.R.B.
D.O.B. 08-09-2007
A MINOR CHILD.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: **BOBBY RAY BAKER**
687 2ND STREET
ADDISON, AL 35540

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY ANDREW RYAN THOMPSON, PETITIONER. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONER, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS IS SHOWN BELOW, AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, 500 2ND AVENUE SW, ROOM 101, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35055.

DONE THIS 23rd DAY OF May, 2019.

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

Nathan A. Brock
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223 2ND Avenue SW
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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY **CASE NO: AD-2019-026**

IN RE: THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF D.K.B.
D.O.B. 02/25/2005
A MINOR CHILD.

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Mental Health: 6 months in, Stepping Up Initiative connecting mental health patients with needed resources

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Around six months ago, WellStone Behavioral Health, which serves Cullman and Madison Counties, became one of five agencies in the state of Alabama to receive grants from the Alabama Department of Mental Health (ADMH) to administer a program known as the Stepping Up Initiative. The initiative is described by the ADMH as "a national program with the goal to reduce the numbers of individuals in jails with mental illness. It is managed at the county level to establish effective partnerships across individuals in law enforcement, local governmental entities, elected officials, mental health and healthcare providers, courts and any others needed to meet the goal."

In announcing the initiative last year, State Mental Health Commissioner Lynn Beshear wrote, "Today our local jails and hospitals - neither of which have it as their mission - are serving as mental health providers, which is creating a dire situation that is both dangerous and unsustainable.

"It is incumbent upon communities and regions to work together in partnership to reduce the number of individuals with mental illness in jails and ERs and to direct these individuals to the appropriate care. It will be a win for those individuals, a win for the community and indeed for the entire state and prison system."

In addition to WellStone, other FY 2019 grant recipients included:

- Mental Health Board of Chilton and Shelby Counties, Inc.
- Cherokee-Etowah-Dekalb Mental Health Center
- Marshall-Jackson Mental Health Board. Inc.
- Mental Health Center of North Central Alabama Inc.

This week, The Tribune spoke with WellStone COO Chris Van Dyke about how the initiative is working in Cullman County.

"We've had to modify things along the way, because, you know, being a new concept and all of that, there's been a lot of hurdles to overcome," he said, "but we feel like it's been beneficial. We started with our case manager- I think we hired her in November- and we've been doing case management follow-up at the jail and at the hospital, to try and reduce recidivism."

Under the initiative so far, WellStone has evaluated 172 patients at Cullman Regional.

Of those:

- 86 had substance abuse issues
- 135 had a mental illness

"You can see those numbers don't equal 172, so some people have both," said Van Dyke.

Are you seeing more drug use leading to mental illness, or attempts to self-treat mental illness leading to drug abuse?

Said Van Dyke, "We really don't focus on what started when with somebody who we know has both problems. We just focus on what they need to start recovery."

After diagnosis, patients were referred for services:

- 58 patients went into inpatient treatment at residential facilities
- 99 went into outpatient treatment programs

Defining success

Stepping Up is not a program from which patients "graduate."

Instead, as Van Dyke explained, "The Stepping Up program doesn't focus on the long-term treatment as much as it does making the connections and the case management part. We've had a few cases that are really complicated that the Stepping Up case manager has worked intensively on. I think, off the top of my head, about nine people that she's worked with really closely, trying to get their needs met. And you know, those cases are so complicated, that sometimes it looks like there's no success there. Sometimes you know, even though the person's still not doing as well as we would like them to, it would have been a lot worse if we wouldn't have been in there working with them."

In essence, Stepping Up has accomplished something positive every time it links victims of mental illness or addiction with resources that can help them.

Every patient who enters treatment instead of a hospital or jail is a success for the program. It is a success as well for the hospitals that can free up beds and emergency room space, and for county legal systems that can reduce jail populations and also reduce the amount of taxpayer money being spent each day to house those inmates.

WellStone is currently gathering data on the referred patients who entered treatment.

A shift in approach

Van Dyke reported that diagnosing inmates at the Cullman County Detention Center has been hindered by a requirement that the inmates voluntarily submit to evaluation, sharing, "We're also going to be transitioning from working in the jail to working with the court system. We've worked out a system with the judges so that they can order somebody to come for a mental health evaluation, and this case manager, Stepping Up case manager, is going to make sure they follow up and communicate with the judges."

Circuit Judge Gregory Nicholas told The Tribune, "People with mental illness are generally able to function normally in society so long as they are taking their medication properly and following their recommended treatment plan. It's when individuals stop taking their medication and don't follow up on treatment that they start to decompensate and will oftentimes pose a threat of harm to themselves or to others.

"As a result of changes in court procedure that have recently been implemented, the judge presiding over a defendant's criminal case will be notified immediately if a defendant has failed to comply fully with a court ordered treatment plan and action can be taken to bring the defendant back into compliance before his or her mental condition worsens to the point that the individual could present a threat to community safety."

"We're pulling out of the jail," continued Van Dyke, "because we were required to ask the person if they wanted to be screened, if we could help them. What we're finding is that, in the jail environment, everybody said no. It was not the best use of our time.

"Hopefully, with this court system, when the judge says, 'You need to come get evaluated,' they will."

The future of Stepping Up: more counties, finding funding

While grant money has only gone to a few counties, 15 counties have passed resolutions to participate in efforts to create partnerships between mental health authorities, hospitals and law enforcement agencies in their communities. ADMH has advertised for local entities across the state to apply for a new round of grants for next year.

Van Dyke said, "Stepping Up is an initiative that the Commissioner of Mental Health really wants to roll out to all the Alabama counties, and, since she's been commissioner, we've had a lot more counties come online with becoming Stepping Up counties. This round of grants is going to move on next year to other counties. This won't be renewed for our current set of counties, because the commissioner wants to get it started in another set of six counties."

Van Dyke plans to continue to provide services even if the grant money goes away, and hopes to be able to demonstrate that the program is valuable enough to continue, even if funding must come from other sources.

Note: WellStone's Stepping Up case manager has recently resigned, and the agency is currently searching for a replacement with a bachelor's degree in a human services-related field.

