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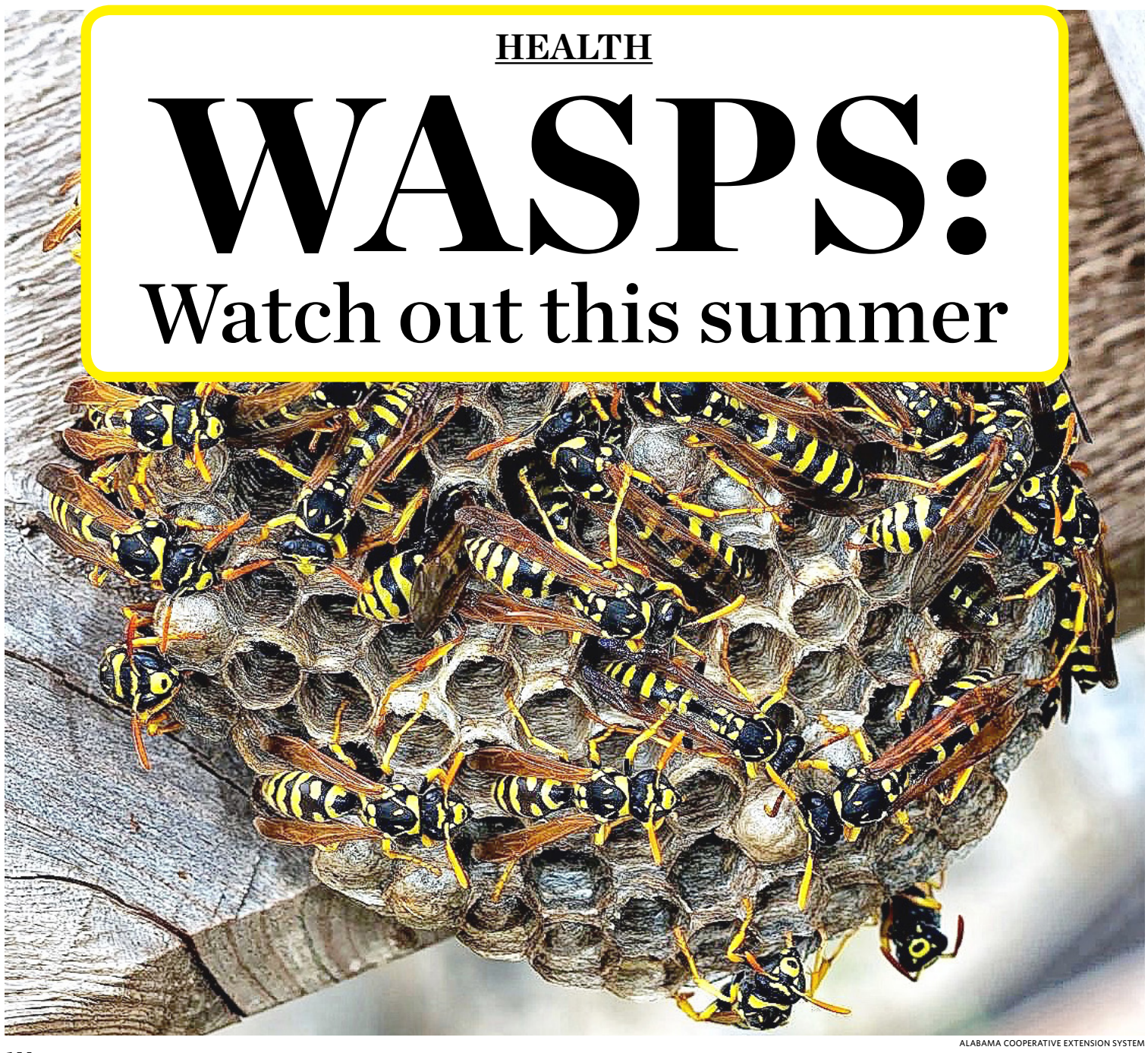
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WASPS:
Watch out this summer



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Wasp nest

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PIXABAY

4TH OF JULY

Cullman-area 4th of July family events

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Here's a look at some 4th of July activities going on around the county. If you know of an event not listed, please email wendy@cullmantribune.com. » PAGE 8

4TH OF JULY

Be safe on Smith Lake this Fourth of July holiday

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SMITH LAKE, Ala. – The Fourth of July is a busy time on and around Smith Lake, which has already seen its share of tragedies this year including two fatalities just since late May. The Tribune talked to Captain Matt Brooks, Northern District Marine Patrol Chief for the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA), which has jurisdiction over Alabama's waterways, about the status of Smith Lake and the upcoming holiday.

During fiscal year 2019, since last October, there have been three reported boating accidents on Smith Lake, two of which resulted in fatalities; and two drownings, for a total of four deaths on the lake.

Marine Patrol troopers have issued approximately 200 citations so far:

- Two for boating while intoxicated
- Six for illegal possession of alcohol (Most of Smith Lake is dry.)
- Nine for careless operation of a vessel
- One for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia
- The remainder are for equipment, registration, and licensing violations

According to Brooks, the overall numbers for Smith Lake are within the normal range for the area, though the state has seen an upsurge in waterway incidents.

Said Brooks, "Statewide, we've had a dramatic increase. We are up from 26 total boating accidents to 60 (within comparable time periods from 2018 to 2019) now, from 26 to 60. We have increased our fatalities » PAGE 8

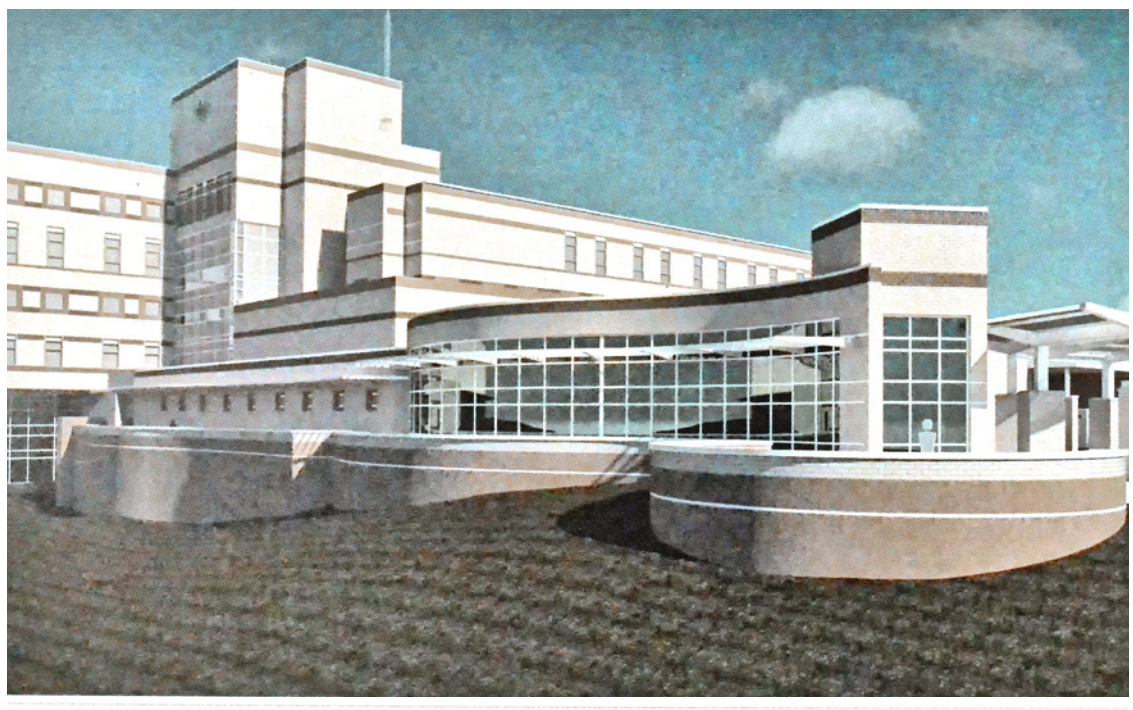
Cullman Regional announces $30M expansion, including Critical Care Unit, ER

Hospital will also create Outpatient Behavioral Health Program

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Health Care Authority of Cullman County/ Cullman Regional Board of Directors announced Thursday they have initiated a $30 million expansion to the current facility. The expansion will increase the capacity of the Critical Care Unit (CCU) by 50%, increase the capacity of the Emergency Department by 50% and reduce the usage of semi-private rooms throughout the facility.

"Cullman Regional continues to see a growing number of patients through the Emergency Department," said Board Chair Beth Anderson. "Last year, the ER provided care for nearly 50,000 patients in a facility built to care for up to 40,000 annually. Many of these patients are sicker and require a higher-level of care, which is provided best in our Critical Care Unit (CCU). Therefore, we » PAGE 8



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Architectural rendering shows the expansion set to take place at Cullman Regional.



1 person killed, 4 injured in 3-vehicle wreck near Jones Chapel

Trooper Curtis Summerville
ALEA

JONES CHAPEL, Ala. – A three-vehicle crash today, June 27, in Cullman County has claimed one life and injured four others.

William Ezekiel Lee, 19 of Hartselle was killed when the 1999 Ford Mustang he was driving struck a 2011 Sion.

Lee was pronounced dead at the scene.

The driver of the Scion and two passengers, along with the driver of a third vehicle that was involved in the crash, a 2016 Ford F-150, were all transported to an area hospital for treatment of their injuries.

The crash occurred at 6:40 a.m. on U.S. Highway 278 at the 67-mile marker one mile east of Jones Chapel.

ALEA Troopers continue to investigate the crash, and nothing further is available.

Hanceville selects architect for proposed senior center

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – The Hanceville City Council selected an architect for the proposed senior center at Thursday's meeting. The council hopes to be awarded a Community Development Block Grant to help fund the new building that will be located at C.W. Day Park.

The council chose Tim Burney Architects for the project over Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc. In the work session meeting preceding the regular meeting, the council weighed the decision between the two qualified firms. "I've seen some of the stuff that he's (Tim Burney) done and I like his architecture," council member John Stam said. Tim Burney Architects is local and the council voted unanimously in its selection.

The council also voted to waive the fees for the upcoming Community Wide Yard Sale scheduled in Hanceville July 11-13. The City hopes more people will participate with the fees waived. The City will also allow participants to use select City property for residents to use for booths. Vendors will need to contact City Hall to inquire about locations and availability.

Council member Charles Wilson gave an update on the planned water outage Thursday afternoon in northwest Hanceville. He informed the council, "We cut it off right on schedule and got it back on around 4:30 this afternoon.

"We had a fire hydrant that someone broke the stem in that was leaking. We've got a brand-new hydrant in there now with three different cut-off valves. If something goes wrong out there now, we can isolate without cutting off the funeral home, the assisted living. Basically, the whole hill out there." He thanked those who worked to replace the hydrant for doing a great job.



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The next Hanceville City Council meeting will be July 11.

The City of Hanceville was approved by the ABC board to sell alcohol at the upcoming concert in the park. The Hanceville Music Fest will be July 20 at Veterans Park starting at 5 p.m. The featured band will be the Natchez Trace Band.

Following all the discussion items, Mayor Nail asked the council to meet in an executive session to discuss the remaining agenda item listed as "land acquisition." The mayor, council members, city attorney and city clerk met for well over an hour before ending the session. They adjourned and did not discuss the matter further.

The next Hanceville City Council meeting will be July 11. The work session will begin at 5:30 p.m. Public hearings will be held at the July 11 meeting at 6 p.m. for rezoning and dormitories. The regular meeting will begin immediately following the public hearings.

Arrests and incidents reported June 28

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 28, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

June 25

- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy 157; AC; $160
- duty upon striking an unattended vehicle; person; 2nd Ave SW; damage to '14 Chev. Cruze; unknown amount of property value

June 26

- third-degree domestic violence; person; St. Joseph Dr. NW

June 27

- third-degree theft of property; person; Ward Ave NW; phone; $950
- unlawful breaking and entering a motor vehicle; person; CR 1760; keys; unknown amount of property value
- unlawful breaking and entering a motor vehicle; person; Markplatz Ctr. SW; miscellaneous, damaged window; unknown amount of property value

ARRESTS

June 27

Fout, Sabrina M., 21

- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

LEGALS

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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 CAROL A. SMITH, Deceased. CASE NO.: PC-2019-081

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Melissa I. Smith, as Administrator of the Estate of Carol A. Smith, deceased, on the 28th day of June, 2019, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same be barred.

Melissa I. Smith
Administrator

C. Blake West
Attorney for Administrator
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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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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM CLAUDE PICHELMAYER, Deceased. CASE NO.: PC-2016-155

NOTICE OF HEARING MOTION TO CLOSE OUT ESTATE

TO: JESSIE EVANS, JEFF CHILDERS, RONALD JOHNSTON, ERCIE BAKER, LILLIE MAE WOLFE, SHIRLEY NIMS, ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS

The Motion of Freddie Donald Smith, to close out Estate of **WILLIAM CLAUDE PICHELMAYER**, deceased, has been set for hearing on the 26th day of August, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.

All persons having interest in, residing or being without the state are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Done this the 20th day of June, 2019.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF TOMMIE WAYNE REAVES, Deceased. CASE NO PC 2019-138

NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: SHERRY A. REAVES BRAZELTON AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS ADDRESSES UNKNOWN

The Petition of Linda Kay Bailey Reaves to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Tommie Wayne Reaves, deceased, has been set for hearing on the 11th day of September, 2019, at 9.00 a.m.

All persons in interest residing or being without the state are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Done this the 20th day of June, 2019.

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

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June 30

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

July 4th Picnic
Fairview: The Grace Place is hosting a July 4th Picnic Sunday, June 30 beginning at 1 p.m. at Sportsman Lake Park, pavilion no. 6.

Special Needs Free Swim at the Aquatic Center
Free Swim Hosted by Cullman Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism, 3-5 p.m. 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.

Bethlehem West Baptist Church 4th of July Celebration
Make plans on joining us Sunday night, June 30 at 6 p.m. as we celebrate America! We are so thankful and blessed to live in the USA!!! Fireworks will be at 9 p.m. 14310 Alabama Highway 157, Vinemont, AL 35179

Garden City Freedom Celebration
The Garden City Freedom Celebration will be Sunday, June 30, 2019 starting at 6 p.m. at Garden City Park by town hall. Fireworks will began at dark. Come out and bring family and friends!

UPCOMING....

Spring Valley Beach Fireworks Show
Make plans now to join us for our annual fireworks show July 3 at 9 p.m. As always, this will be a FREE show and all are welcome to view the show from our free parking lot. See you there! 2340 County Highway 55, Blountsville, AL 35031 Fireworks show visible from the park and surrounding areas, with parking areas available at stores down the road like Dollar General and Lucky's Supermarket.

Smith Lake Park Fireworks & Music Festival
- July 4, 9 a.m. Admission $5 per person.
- Live music, art and food vendors, putt-putt golf ($3), and boat rentals (prices for two hours - $15 for kayaks and canoes, $25 for paddle boats)

Entertainment schedule
- 9:30 a.m. Donny James
- 11 a.m. Ben Myrick
- 1 p.m. Justin Holt
- 3 p.m. Golf cart parade & Pepsi chugging contest
- 3:30 p.m. Christian Gann
- 5:30 p.m. Matt Bennet
- 7:30 p.m. Trey Lewis
- 9 p.m. Fireworks

Cullman Fireworks Festival
- July 4, 5-9:30 p.m. at Heritage Park, 705 Lee Ave. SW, Cullman
- Fireworks Festival presented by Desperation Church and Nelson, Bryan & Cross Law Firm
- Admission is free thanks to our sponsors: Nelson, Bryan & Cross Law Firm, Ashley Mercantile and Metal Central.
- Gates open at 5 p.m. There will be food, games, music and more! Listen live on WKUL 92.1 & Praise 97.9 for the fireworks show beginning at dark!
- Food will be available for purchase from these vendors:, Chick-Fil-A; Devil Dawgs: Funnel cakes, fried oreos, gourmet fries, lemonade, and sweet tea.

Annual Fairview Freedom Celebration (Randall Shedd Community Park)
July 4, beginning at 6 p.m. at Randall Shedd Community Park. Free admission. Sponsored by area churches and the Fairview Lions Club. Food, games and live music until sundown, followed by a fireworks show.

Blair Church Yard Sale
Friday, July 5 from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, July 6 from 7 a.m.-noon; 5131 County Road 1082 in Vinemont; children's clothes, men's and women's clothes; toys, household items, baby items, etc. Free blood pressure check on Saturday.

Vinemont High School Class of 1972 47-Year Reunion
The Vinemont High School Class of 1972 will hold its 47-year reunion Saturday, July 13 at 11 a.m. in the Florida Room at The Shrimp Basket in Cullman. Call Jolene Gamble Bethke at 256-612-7201 or Linda Williams Skinner at 256-595-7808 for more information.

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.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Due to the Cullman Caring for Kids Food Bank being closed July 4-5 for Independence Day, the Food Bank will be open Wednesday, July 3 from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. We are doing this to help clients who normally come in the first part of the month.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Summer Revival
Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church will hold a summer revival beginning with a singing Sunday night, July 21st at 6:00 p.m. with "The Bailey's." Services will be held day and night, Monday, July 22nd through Friday, July 26th. Morning services will begin at 10:30 a.m. and evening services will begin at 7:00 p.m. Brother Matthew Fallin will be the evangelist. Lunch will be served each day after the morning service and prayer band will be at 6:45 p.m. before each evening service. Everyone is invited. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278 approximately two miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information, call 256-796-5986.

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WALLACE STATE

The Evelyn Burrow Museum Presents 'Alabama Art: Inside Out'

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – The Evelyn Burrow Museum at Wallace State Community College in Hanceville, announces a new exhibition on loan from Troy University, "Alabama Art: Inside Out," which will be on display in the museum's main gallery through September 31.

"Alabama Art: Inside Out" originated as an artistic endeavor by the internationally acclaimed artist Nall to reveal to the world the work of fellow Alabama artists who embodied the spirit and style of his home state.

Nall saw these artists as important, courageous and ambitious. From art made of found materials, to stories told through photography, and history immortalized in the threads that bind a quilt, Nall's portrait series and collection reveal both beauty and hardship.

The exhibition contains 14 portraits by Nall of the artists William Christenberry, Chip Cooper, Frank Fleming, Bruce Larsen, Charlie Lucas, Betty Sue Matthews, Bill Nance, Clifton Pearson, Steve Skidmore, Jimmy Lee Sudduth, Mose T., Yvonne Wells, Flemming Tyler Wilson, and Kathryn Tucker Windham.

Works by each of these artists is shown alongside the Nall portraits.

The "Alabama Art" series was largely created while Nall was artist-in-residence at Troy University. In most cases, he collaborated with the featured artists to complete the work. Many of pieces on display are from Nall's own collection, which he donated to Troy University.

Throughout much of his career, Nall collected art that fed his soul. He often traded his work for that of others. Even while living in France for many years, he maintained a keen interest in local Alabama artists, seeing that they shared much in common.

The book, "Alabama Art," published in 2000, accompanied the series of portraits Nall created.

Born in Troy, Alabama, in 1948, Nall has created works of art for 50 years. A multi-talented fine artist, he has traveled the world studying diverse cultures and exploring art, architecture and indigenous craft.

His artwork includes finely detailed drawings, remarkable botanical paintings and prints, complex mosaics, graphite portraits encased in elaborate frames, intricate line engravings and masterful watercolors. Exhibitions of Nall's work have circulated the globe. His artwork has even been chosen for a series of official postage stamps for the Principality of Monaco and to designs of the theatrical set and costumes for the Puccini Opera in Italy.

The exhibition is sponsored at Wallace State in part by Cullman's Alabama Bicentennial Committee and by the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association.

"We are pleased to collaborate with Troy University and our sponsors in showing this exhibition of Alabama artists during the state's Bicentennial celebration," said museum representatives.

A Wedgewood exhibition is also on display at the museum along with examples from the Burrow Museum permanent collection.

Except for holidays, the Evelyn Burrow Museum is regularly open Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 256.352.8457 or visit burrowmuseum.org.



WSCC

"Alabama Art: Inside Out" is on exhibit at The Evelyn Burrow Museum at Wallace State Community College in Hanceville through September 31. The exhibition is on loan from Troy University and features portraits of Alabama artists created by internationally renowned artist Nall accompanied by artwork from each of those artists.

Wasps (from Front)

Justin Miller
Contributor

AUBURN, Ala. – While helpful in controlling other insects, wasps are more known for their painful stings. The term wasp is somewhat generic. Hornets, mud daubers and yellow jackets are all wasps, with hornets and yellow jackets being the most common. With every occasional sting, a person's chances of becoming sensitive to the venom increases. Knowing the basic information about these insects may reduce your chances of getting stung.

Yellow Jackets

Yellow jackets get their names from the yellow and black coloring on their bodies. They are commonly mistaken for bees, but they are actually highly aggressive wasps.

Xing Ping Hu, an Alabama Extension entomologist, said yellow jackets are responsible for almost all of the stinging deaths in the United States.

"Unlike other stinging insects, yellow jackets like to sting people," Hu said.

"Unlike honey bees, yellow jackets do not lose their stringer, so each insect can sting repeatedly and generally attack in large numbers. They are especially dangerous in the summer."

Yellow jackets usually build open nests made of saliva and paper from fibers in wood.

These nests are commonly found in wall voids, crawl spaces, attics and cracks. You may also find yellow jacket nests in the ground.

"Be cautious of small areas that are devoid of vegetation because they could be ground nests of yellow jackets," Hu said.

Hornets

The term hornet can also be a somewhat generic term. All hornets are wasps, but not all wasps are hornets. When most people refer to a hornet, they are usually talking about either the bald-faced hornet or the European hornet.

However, the bald-faced hornet is not actually a true hornet.

"Strictly speaking, the only true hornet in the U.S. is the non-native European hornet which grows to be about 1 to 1.5 inches long," Hu said.

Confusion between wasps and hornets is common because their differences are not that obvious, but they can be distinguished.

"Hornets have a relatively fatter head, rounder abdomen and are often have brown, red and yellowish-orange markings, with little black on the body," Hu said.

Though they are less aggressive than other wasps, if provoked hornets can deliver even more painful, sometimes fatal, stings to humans.

Hornets usually build nests off the ground, in the leaves of trees, shrubs and under eves and decks. They cover the insides of their nests with a paper-like substance made from chewed-up plant materials and saliva paste.

Management

Hu said people should remove nests when they are small and only have a few wasps to deal with.

"You may be able to knock a nest down and dispose of it before the queen lays eggs," Hu said. "You can use an insecticide to kill the wasps before removal. Remember to wear protective clothing for this job."

When using insecticides, treat either early in the morning before the wasps fly out or later in the evening when all the wasps have returned.

According to Hu, the most useful tool for management is a dust applicator. Hand dusters and air dusters are the more common applicators.

"Air dusters carry the particles deep into cavities and voids of the nests," she said. "The dust particles remain on the concealed surfaces awaiting contact with foraging wasps, which, in turn, contaminates other nest mates."

If you choose to use a liquid spray, make sure to aim the chemical into the nest entrance so the product reaches the nesting area.

Under no circumstances should anyone attempt to treat ground nests by pouring gasoline or other generic chemicals into the nest.

"Doing this will poison the ground, possibly killing both plants and animals," Hu said. "It may also prove to be a fire or health hazard to humans."

More Information

For more information about wasps, and other stinging insects, visit www.aces.edu or contact your county Extension office.

Obituary Announcements: June 26 – 29

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Jonathan Lee Elliott of Bremen passed away June 26, 2019 at the age of 49. He was born June 3, 1970 to Robert Eugene and Patricia Lynn Webb Elliott. He is preceded in death by his parents and his companion Chris Foote. A Celebration of Life Service is Sunday, June 30, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Junior Garmon officiating. Survivors are his brothers Rodney (Nickey) Elliott, Keith (Paige) Elliott, granddaughter Alyssa "Tiny Tot", nephews Landon (Ashton) Elliott, Evan Elliott, Chayse (Emily) Elliott, Cayde Elliott, niece Hollyann Watwood, great nephew Kingston Burns. Visitation is Saturday, June 29, 2019 at Moss Funeral Home from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Mrs. Dixie Burden Baxter, 72, of Cullman passed away on Thursday, June 27, 2019 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. She was born March 23, 1947. No services are planned at this time. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lester Kyle Burden and Imer Jeanne Doughton Burden; husband, Don Baxter and son, Don Bryant. She is survived by her sisters, Janne Cornett and Judy Burden and her granddaughter, Autumn Bryant.

Funeral services for Francis Eugene Howell Veal, 88, of Baileyton are Sunday, June 30 at 2 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home, Rev. Donnie Cason officiating, with interment in Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Visitation on Saturday from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home directing. Mr. Veal passed away on Thursday, June 27, 2019. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dover Howell Veal and Willie Mae Stewart Veal; sisters, Maxine Brannon, Sue Brannon, Carolyn Veal and Frances Jones and brothers, Chestley Veal, George Veal and Bobby Veal. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Betty Veal; son, Doug Veal; daughters, Debora Maxwell and Donna Smith; brothers, Kenneth Veal and David Veal; sisters, Linda Holmes and Melba Nelson; grandchildren, Jason Maxwell, Fran Maxwell Skinner, Shaina Smith Cruz, Randy Smith and DeeDee Smith; great grandchildren, Autumn Lee, Braven Ponder Skinner, Zoey Cruz and Braxton Cruz and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

Funeral services for Orville Wayne Lewis, 69, of Hanceville, will be at 11 a.m. Monday, July 1, 2019 in the Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will for family and friends will be noon, Monday July 1, 2019 at the Funeral Home. Reverend Harse Swann will officiate. Mr. Lewis will be laid to rest at the Damascus Cemetery, Hamceville. Mr. Lewis, who preferred to be called Wayne had been in law enforcement. He is survived by his wife Christine Lewis, three sons, Jeremy (Melony) Lewis, Jessie Lewis and Scottie Lewis. He leaves five grandchildren, Stacy Wilborn, Courtney Lewis, Jessie Lewis, Nathan Smitherman and Logan Smitherman, one great grandchild, Addilyn Wilburn, three brothers, Bobby (Lisa) Lewis, Ralph (Sherry) Lewis and Dale Lewis, a sister-in-law Shirley Cates and brother-in-law Don Cats. Mr. Lewis is predeceased by his son Jason Lewis and his parents Ralph and Lena Bernell Lewis.

James Byron Hutchens, age 98 of Cullman, died Friday, June 28, 2019. He is survived by his daughter, Carol Wilhite (Lee); sons: Phil Hutchens (Patty), Jimmy Hutchens (Donna) and Joe Hutchens (Sherry); sisters: Ann Norsworthy, Emily Taylor, and Betty Jane Carraway; brothers: Audrey Hutchens and Wallace Hutchens; 10 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and 11 great great grandchildren. The family will receive friends on Sunday, June 30, 2019 from 3 p.m. until the Celebration of Mr. Hutchens' life which will begin at 4 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Cullman City Cemetery.

Funeral services for Wilbur Loyd Campbell, 84, of Cullman are Saturday, June 29, 2019 at 11 a.m. at Cullman Funeral Home, Rev. Paul Campbell officiating, with interment in Good Hope Cemetery. Visitation on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Cullman Funeral Home directing. Mr. Campbell passed away on June 27, 2019 at Falkville Healthcare. He was born July 8, 1934 in Cullman County to Eldridge and Elvie Lay Campbell. He was a member of Livingston Chapel Church and was a devoted Christian, farmer, gardener, carpenter and school bus driver. He was preceded in death by his parents; the love of his life and wife of 54 years, Flossie Lorretta Smith Campbell and his brother, Denver Sherill Campbell. He is survived by his daughter, Lisa (Tony) Harbin; grandchildren, Katie and Joseph Harbin; sister, Nina (Charles) Givens; sister-in-law, Glinda Campbell and a host of nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank Dr. Rick Gober, Falkville Healthcare staff, Comfort Care Hospice, Brother Don and Regina.

Funeral Service for Marcia Hagen Bliss, age 78, of Hanceville will be at 11 a.m.on Monday, July 1, 2019, at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints with Bishop James Jones officiating; interment in Hopewell Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Bliss passed away on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at University of Alabama Hospital. She was born April 17, 1941, to Lawrence and Inez Hagen. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Lawrence A. Hagen; and sisters, Nancy Baker, Marlene Peterson, and Lois Smith. Survivors include her husband of 57 years, Bob Bliss; son, Chris (Misty) Bliss; son, Todd (Diane) Bliss; daughter, Tammy (Patrick) Cupp; son, Darrin Bliss; grandchildren, Shawn (Leah) Cupp, Kylee Bliss, Mitchell (Lesli) Cupp, Chelsea Cupp, Taylor (Parker) Allen, and Parker (Katy) Veatch; five great-grandchildren; brothers, Bruce Hagen and Gene Hagen; sisters, Joan Everson and Lillis Murray; sister-in-law, Lois Hagen; brothers-in-law, Jim Baker, Ray Peterson, and Frances Smith; special cousin, Terry Buxton; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. on Sunday, June 30, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Terry James Johnson passed away on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at Cullman Regional. He was born June 30, 1962, to the late James and Penny Johnson. Survivors include his daughters, Meghan (Johnny) Jarrett, Heather Johnson (Brandon Shiffler); grandson, Isaiah Jarrett; granddaugher, Audrey Jarrett; sister, Jackie Johnson; grandmother, Ruth Harrison; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, and uncles.

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EDUCATION

CHS Theatre student Grant Holland brings home school's first Superior rating from International Thespian Festival

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LINCOLN, Neb. – On Thursday, Cullman High School (CHS) Theatre student became the first student in school history to earn a Superior rating at the International Thespian Festival in Lincoln, NE, taking the top honor in the category of Musical Theatre. Holland landed a spot at the elite invitation-only event after scoring superior at the Alabama Thespian Festival in Feb., only the second CHS student to do so, following Drew Fillinger.

Holland just completed his junior year, during which he starred in the school's spring production of The Hunchback of Notre Dame. He attended the festival accompanied by CHS Theatre Director Wayne Cook and CHS Choral Director Sarah Jane Skinner.

Wayne Cook: "It's a pretty big deal. You go through a lot of hoops to get to that point, you know. You have to get to the state and do well there, and they're pretty stingy at the state."

We were able to catch up with Holland before an evening show at the festival Thursday evening, and he told us, "When I found out, I was amazed! It was very unexpected, because I was honored enough just to be able to come here and perform, because this is what I want to do for a living. So, when they showed me the medal and that I won superior, I was speechless!"

Holland also told us, "I can thank three people, for sure: Wayne Cook--of course, Sarah Jane Skinner, and Laci New."

Cook spoke for himself and Skinner in telling us, "We're both incredibly proud of Grant and his accomplishments. And I told him the day he competed, I said, 'You've got an opportunity to do something no one's ever done in our community,' and he went and did it!

"And so, we're very proud of him. And we feel like, with the right kind of direction, we can bring more kids back to do this. You know, it's hard, but it's not out of reach for our kids. It's not. They've just got to work hard. If they work hard, they can do it. And we're trying to create that environment in our program."

CHS Principal Kim Hall told us in a message, "The Cullman High School Fine Arts Department has established a stellar program where creative students achieve at their highest potential.

"We are proud of our directors and students who competed at the International Thespian Festival. We are especially proud of Grant Holland for his superior award winning performance."



WAYNE COOK/CHS THEATRE

Grant Holland displays his score sheet marked "Superior" Thursday afternoon in Lincoln, Nebraska.

CHS Class of '54 celebrates 65th Reunion

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman High School Class of 1954 met for lunch at Stone Bridge Farms Thursday to celebrate their 65th high school reunion. The classmates planned three days of activities including lunch Friday at the West Point Brandin' Iron and breakfast Saturday morning at the home of Ruben and Shelba Williams.

The group met in the Cigar Room at Stone Bridge and enjoyed catching up with each other while remembering their classmates who have passed. Billy and Shirley (Lovelady) Cheatwood drove from Melbourne, Florida to spend three days with their lifelong friends.

They laughed and reminisced about places like the Globe, College Circle, The Lyric Theater, the Ritz Theater and the Cullman Theater.

Chris Doss treated his classmates by telling the fascinating history of the founding of Cullman.

Class Secretary Hulda Teichmiller Schaefers gave updates on those classmates unable to attend the reunion.

Doss praised Schaefers and the reunion committee, "We need to give the committee a real hand and we need to give Hulda a BIG hand for having been the secretary for many years."

The Class of '54 graduated from Cullman when what is now Cullman Middle School was the high school.

There were between 140-150 graduates in the class and 15 of them came out for Thursday's lunch.

The committee also has mini-reunions planned at the Golden Corral in Cullman on September 26 and December 12 at 11:30 a.m.



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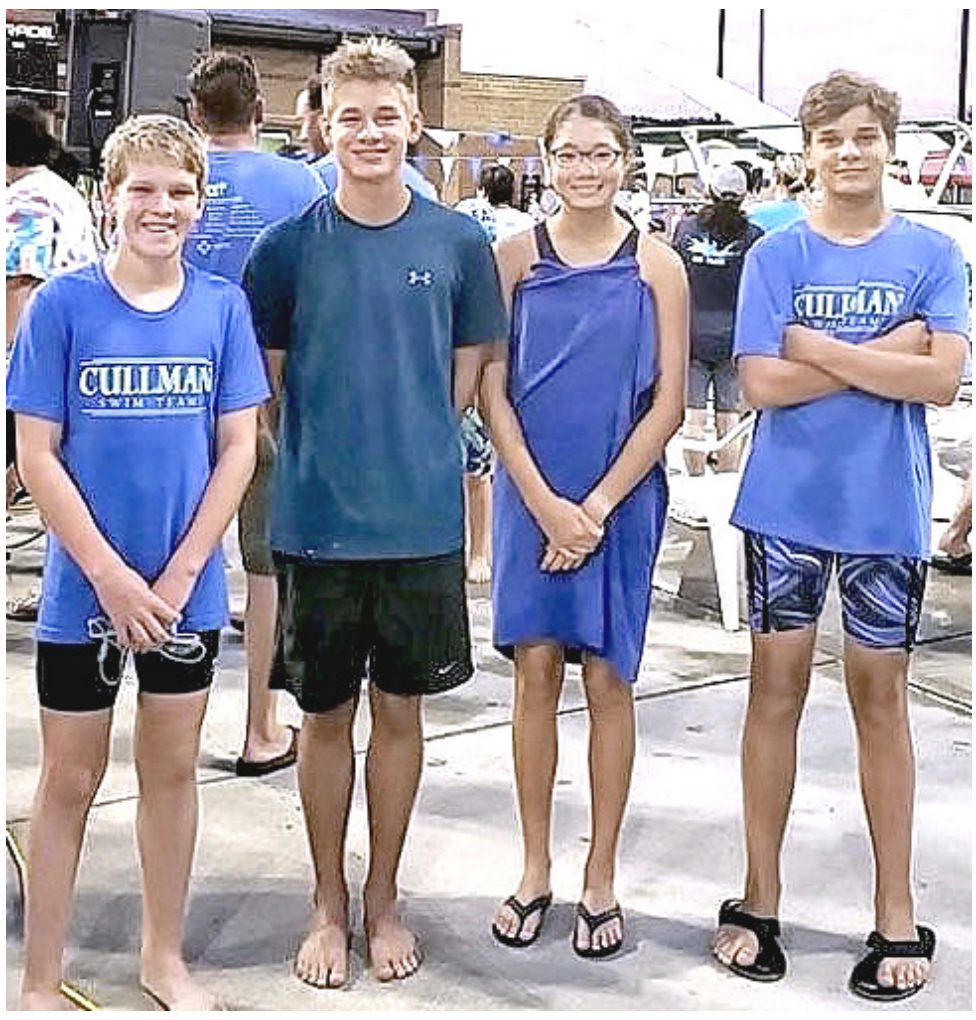


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The Cullman Swim Team defeated Jasper, Florence and Sheffield Wednesday night to win this year's Cullman Challenge.

SWIMMING

Tritons edge out Jasper to win Cullman Challenge

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Jasper, Sheffield and Florence traveled to the Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center Wednesday night for the Cullman Challenge and the home-standing Tritons edged out Jasper to finish on top. Cullman's girls got past Jasper by 19 points while the boys managed to pull away from them by 40 points. The Cullman Swim Team will be back in action July 2 when it hosts Scottsboro.

Final Team Scores: Girls
1. Cullman 485
2. Jasper 466
3. Florence 245
4. Sheffield 177

Final Team Scores: Boys
1. Cullman 431
2. Jasper 391
3. Sheffield 227
4. Florence 174

First Place Winners: Girls
- Madison Clements (14) 50-Yard Back
- Georgia Dowdy (6) 25-Yard Free and 25-Yard Back
- Madeline Dowdy (9) 50-Yard Free
- Morgan Fuller (12) 50-Yard Free, 50-Yard Back, 50-Yard Fly
- Edie Hudson (8) 25-Yard Breast
- Ruby Hudson (14) 50-Yard Free and 50-Yard Breast
- Kelly Warren (16) 100-Yard IM
- Claire Windham (12) 50-Yard Breast
- Maria Windham (15) 50-Yard Breast

First Place Winners: Boys
- CJ Arnold (14) 100-Yard IM and 50-Yard Back
- Griffin Berryhill (6) 25-Yard Back
- Harris Crow (6) 25-Yard Free
- Chase Duncan (12) 50-Yard Free and 50-Yard Back
- Mason Fuller (10) 100-Yard IM, 50-Yard Back, 50-Yard Fly
- Aubrey Helms (13) 50-Yard Fly
- Jonah Hilb (16) 100-Yard IM, 50-Yard Fly
- Brody Schaefer (14) 50-Yard Free, 50-Yard Breast

First Place Relay Teams:
- Boys 9-10 200-Yard Medley Relay; Charlie Long, Mason Fuller, Griffen Wight, Camp Smith
- Boys 11-12 200-Yard Medley Relay; Chase Duncan, Grayson Randall Parker Wight, Cameron Martin
- Boys 13-14 200-Yard Medley Relay; CJ Arnold, Brody Schaefer, Aubrey Helms, Jacob Hilb
- Girls 13-14 200-Yard Medley Relay; Maddie Long, Ruby Hudson, Madison Clements, Anna Page
- Boys 9-10 200-Yard Free Relay; Clark Freeman, Camp Smith, Charlie Long, Mason Fuller
- Boys 11-12 200-Yard Free Relay; Parker Wight, Grayson Randall, Cameron Martin, Chase Duncan
- Boys 13-14 200-Yard Free Relay; Brody Schaefer, Jacob Hilb, Aubrey Helms, CJ Arnold
- Girls 13-14 200-Yard Free Relay; Anna Page, Madison Clements, Maddie Long, Ruby Hudson

WALLACE STATE

Students explore other opportunities for enrolling in Health Science programs this fall

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – About two dozen students met with advisors from seven different Health Science programs at Wallace State Community College to possibly find a new route toward a career in healthcare.

Wallace State's Health Science division held a Second Opportunity meeting for students who did not get into their first-choice program, giving them options for other programs they can enter rather than wait a year to re-apply.

Health Science Dean Lisa German said it is disappointing to the students who didn't get in their first-choice programs. The purpose of the meeting is to present them with options they may not have realize were open to them or introduce them to programs they might not have considered or even knew about.

Billie Langley of Birmingham came to the meeting and visited with a number of programs. Therapeutic Massage is one that piqued her interest because of her original interest in the Occupational Therapy Assistant program.

"I think Therapeutic Massage is something that I can apply to," she said. "When I did my observation, I had an occupational therapist tell me that therapeutic massage was a real process that they used and it would be a good idea to take some of those classes."

Langley said she appreciated having the opportunity to come to the meeting, where she could hear about the programs in person. "I can find out a lot more here than I would have online by myself," she said.

Sara Holcombe of Florence and her mother, Sandy, attended the meeting and visited with a number of the programs to learn more about options other than Diagnostic Medical Sonography, which was Sara's first choice.

After hearing about the other options, Sara said she would be looking into Polysomnographic Technology (Sleep Lab) and Medical Assistant.

"I had my mind set on sonography, so now I'm just exploring," Sara said. "It helped a lot just to see and talk with the advisors about their programs."

"And it helped me realize that y'all really do care about your students, to show them there is a second chance; so, I was very impressed with that," Sandy Holcombe said. "A lot of times, people just send out their letters and that's it."

The program directors and instructors also appreciate the opportunity to share about their programs with students interested in healthcare.

Donna Conn, director of the Health Information Technology and Medical Coding programs, said the Second Opportunity meeting is one of the more beneficial events held by the division each year. The number of new students she recruits varies each year, but it helps get the word out about programs that may not be as widely known as the others.

Students can still apply to programs that have openings this fall. Those programs include: Child Development, Emergency Medical Services, Health Information Technology/Medical Coding, Medical Assistant, Medical Laboratory Technician/Medical Laboratory Assistant, Pharmacy Technology, and Therapeutic Massage. Completion time for programs range from one to two semesters for certificates and up to five semesters for Associate degrees.

Not all programs require completion of pre-requisite courses.

Classes for the Fall 2019 semester will begin Aug. 19. Priority registration begins July 8, with registration for all starting July 11.

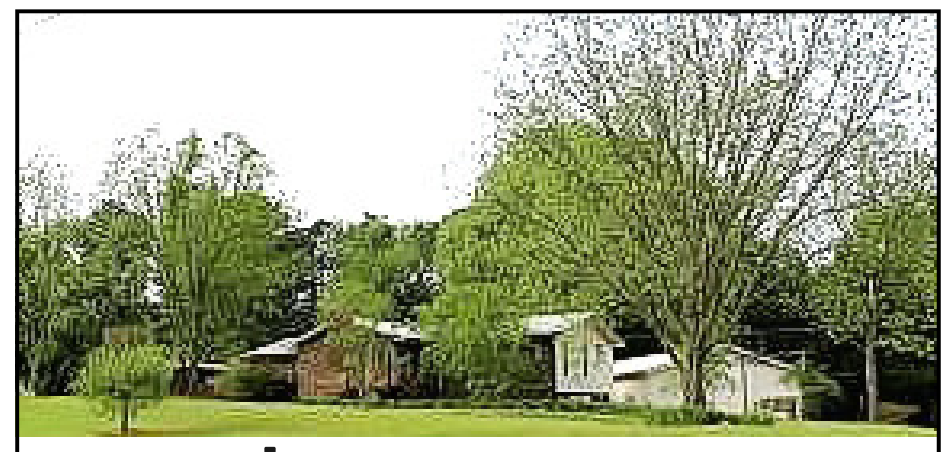
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"THE 67-COUNTY, ALABAMA GARDEN PARTY"

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Ben Johnson South
Tribune Correspondent

"Happy Together," a pop hit of the late 1960s, which is when I first got to know Jefferson County, Alabama, is how I always think of this place. Birmingham was the first real city I ever lived in.

It surprises bumpkins like me, but Birmingham, the state's most populated city, a place where I came to enjoy the freedom of my youth and stayed the next 40 years, is a designated "City of Trees" regularly under beautiful, blue skies. "Baby, the skies'll be blue...so, happy together."

I moved to Jefferson County the same decade Dr. King wrote the famous, "Letter From The Birmingham Jail." It had been a few years, tensions had eased, real social progress had been made and the downtown parks were now a place where the answer, my friend, was blowin' in the wind. Peace y'all.

Everyone I knew on the Southside of Birmingham, red and yellow, black and white, had welcomed the "Peace Train" and come together to love one another and the earth. A best-selling book of that era was THE GREENING OF AMERICA by Charles Reich which predicted a counter-cultural revolution of city dwellers returning to peaceful, pastoral values. And, every home in my neighborhood had a thick, dog-eared copy of the WHOLE EARTH CATALOG, air plants and a macramé fern hanger.

The current vogue for sustainability, reducing the carbon footprint, environmentalism and organic food feels like "The Summer of Love" redux.

At my greenest, like greener than Kermit the Frog, one Easter in my early Jefferson County days, I dyed eggs with beet juice and hid them in my rewilded yard.

As the words of another song from that era and from the Christian bible remind us, "To everything there is a season; turn, turn, turn. A time to reap and a time to sow." That time of shared optimism and "smiling on your brother, everybody get together" didn't last as we hoped it would. But, some of the good seeds planted then, took root and still in Jefferson County, we regularly enjoy the blossoming of renewed hope for a thriving, peaceful community.

Could botanicals be the key to lasting, positive change in Birmingham? Feel free to insert your own pot jokes, here.

Biophilia is legal in Alabama and a good place to explore this is where our state has the most urban residents, Jefferson County. The core belief of "biophilia" is that PEOPLE need to be connected to PLANTS and the natural world.

According to "green urbanist," Dr. Tim Beatley, a University of Virginia professor of Sustainable Communities, "The evidence continues to mount that we are happier, more productive, more creative—even more generous—in the presence of nature." Birmingham may suffer from a disconnect between goodwill and the good earth.

Jefferson County, founded in 1819, has experimented with an array of PLANTS + PEOPLE initiatives over the last 200 years. The vegetable gardens and sweeping landscape at the antebellum Arlington house, built in Old Elyton, the first county seat (now part of metro-Birmingham) is a prime, 19th Century example; the urban parks of Bessemer were created in early 20th Century; Downtown Birmingham Green was planted in mid-20th Century; and Jones Valley Urban Farm, and Pepper Place Farmers Market are 21st Century biophilic developments.

In Jefferson County, these ideas are being explored and expanded by biophiliacs:

• **GREEN ROOFS**—think skyscrapers and viaducts with mature trees and meadowland carpet instead of concrete for these sky gardens; green roofs, also called "eco-roofs" or "vegetable roofs" are lightweight, engineered systems built on waterproof roof surfaces

• **VERTICAL FORESTS**—google "Bosco Verticale" and imagine this award-winning architecture in Milan, Italy planted in government housing in Bessemer, Birmingham and other parts of Jefferson County

• **LANDSCAPE REPLACEMENT POLICY**—Jefferson County planners are drafting new municipal laws that would require plant-consciousness in planning and compensate for nature lost on the ground

• **REPLACING ABANDONED BUILDINGS WITH MEADOWLAND**—also, where feasible, replace with community food gardens

• **CITIZENS LIVING IN GARDENS NOT JUST VISITING THEM IN A "TREE MUSEUM"**—this means an interweaving of natural and built habitats to foster interaction between PLANTS + PEOPLE

• **MEDICAL MARIJUANA RESEARCH**—this county has the most medical researchers in the state and the most marijuana users; we are in the midst of a "green rush" on cannabis investment; already more than half the states in the US have legalized medical marijuana and 10 states and Canada have legalized recreational use; there are projections of $50 billion for this plant-based industry; Jefferson County CBD oil or cannabis-infused foods and beverages have major, jobs-producing potential for Alabama

• **LAWNS INTO MICRO-FARMS**—imagine "yardening" where multiple blocks of urban and suburban lawns become food-producing "farmlettes"; Orlando, FL has a model for this, Jefferson County plant visionaries are studying

Biophilia might be the key to the world John Lennon wrote about: "Imagine all the people, living life in peace." When I look out at the cascading, green hills of Jones Valley, I can imagine the skies'll be blue as Jefferson County shows the world how to live in perfect harmony...Happy Together.

Here are other positive and pleasurable ways PLANTS + PEOPLE come together in Jefferson County, including a recipe for a sweet salute to "The Magic City," we call HAPPY TOGETHER, FUDGY, CHEESECAKE, RASPBERRY, TURTLE BROWNIES:

• **JEFFERSON COUNTIES FARMERS MARKETS**—Bessemer Farmers Market (Alex Bradford Park), Bessemer Farmers Market at Medical West, Center Point Parkway Farmers Market (Civitan Park), East Lake Farmers Market, Gardendale Farmers Market (Gardendale Civic Center), Hueytown Farmers Market (Gilmore Vines Stadium Park), Jefferson County Truck Growers Association (Finley Avenue West), Leeds Farmers Market, Linn Place Farmers Market (20th Street North at Park Place), Market at Pepper Place (2nd Avenue South), McCalla Farmers Market (Bell Hill Road, Bessemer), Pinson Farmers Market (Center Point Road), Rocky Ridge Church Farmers Market (Altadena Road, Hoover), Ross Bridge Farmers Market (Hoover), The Farmers Market at Shades Valley (Montevallo Road), Trussville Fresh Farmers Market (The Episcopal Church), UAB Farmers Market (North Pavilion), Vestavia Hills Farmers Market (Montgomery Highway), West Homewood Farmers Market (Oxmoor Road)

• **VULCAN ORIENTEERING CLUB**—dubbed "the thinking sport," orienteering combines racing and map navigation for all ages to enjoy a "walk in the woods"; participants learn topography, terrain, native plant-life and hiking safety; www.vulcanorienteering.org

• **JONES VALLEY TEACHING FARM**—using on-site Farm Labs at their Downtown Birmingham, cultivated acreage, this non-profit has been teaching urban kids the connections between PLANTS + PEOPLE, especially food plants for more than a decade; helping children and their families make smart, food choices is the goal of their K through 12 program Good School Food

• **BOTANICAL PATTERNS FABRIC DESIGNER**—check out the sophisticated, plant-centric designs of Birmingham-based Heather Chadduck Hillegas

• **PLUCK-TO-PLATE AWARD-WINNING RESTAURANTS**—too many to salute all in Jefferson County but among the most-trumpeted are those created by Chef Frank Stitt, a native Alabamian and 2018 winner of a national James Beard Award; a "must taste" side dish in this part of the state are the Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café in Irondale, so popular they are movie stars

• **ALDRIDGE GARDENS**—30 acres of woodlands and verdant lawns with the grandest salute to Snowflake Hydrangeas on the planet;

• **EARTH DAY 365**—there are numerous opportunities for urbanites and visitors in this central, Alabama county to connect with nature daily; Vulcan Park has added miles of walking trails, www.visitvulcan.com and Red Mountain Park trails at www.redmountainpark.org ; Turkey Creek Nature Preserve, www.turkeycreeknp.com; also, the "go to" natural hiking area is Ruffner Mountain www.ruffnermountain.org; check out the Facebook page for the Homewood Salamander Festival held each January by the Friends of Shades Creek

• **ALABAMA GOODS**—distinctive gifts and food gift baskets of Alabama-made products; Downtown Homewood, regularly voted #1 Gift Shop

• **FLOWER MAGAZINE**—founded by Birmingham's Margot Shaw, this all-things-floral, nationally circulated publication is still created by Margot and her talented team in Jefferson County

• **ALABAMA'S FLORICULTURE CAPITOL**—Birmingham is known for floral-design, there is even a signature look that melds traditional English arrangements with Alabama natives so that "bees and butterflies have space to flit amongst the blossoms and branches"; top, local stars in this applied art are: Sybil Sylvester, Ray Jordan, Leah Hazzard, Dorothy McDaniel

• **BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDEN**—the popular art of Alabama is gardening and there are hundreds of gardens to visit and enjoy, but the 67 acres of this FREE and open to the public every day of the year from sun-up to sundown collection of gardens is very much worth exploring again and again; go to www.bbgardens.org and select a special place in the 67 acres of the BBG to celebrate this Bicentennial with "THE 67-COUNTY, ALABAMA GARDEN PARTY"

• **MOSS ROCK FESTIVAL**—Alabama's premier, eco-creative festival has 10,000 visitors to explore nature/sustainability/art under a blanket of colorful, Fall foliage; November 2-3, 2019

• **OAK HILL CEMETERY**—this 19th Century, romantically landscaped "garden for the dead" is now wedged between buildings and parking lots of the Birmingham-Jefferson County Civic Center; among those celebrated is Lou Wooster, a well-known madam of brothels in Birmingham and Montgomery who became a respected, Alabama heroine as a nurse feeding the hungry and preparing the deceased for burial during Birmingham's 19th Century cholera epidemic

• **RAILROAD PARK**—19 acres of public, "green space" in Downtown Birmingham immediately south of the Norfolk Southern and CSX rail lines; open to the public 7 a.m. -11 p.m. each day and host to open-air music, outdoor movie nights and cultural events

• **VESTAVIA HILLS DOGWOOD FESTIVAL**—celebrated the 55th annual festival in 2019 to herald the seasonal arrival of blooms of the cherished dogwood trees

• **PLANTING AN IDEA**—The 56' statue of Vulcan, Greek god of fire and blacksmithing which rises above the city of Birmingham to salute the city's minerals could be balanced by another 56' statue of botanical importance. Think PLANTS + PEOPLE and biophilia.

Y'ALL COME to Jefferson County on "THE 67-COUNTY, ALABAMA GARDEN PARTY," enjoy the hopefulness of a blossoming peace where all are "Happy Together."

Many thanks to Lisa Jones, Coordinator of the Jefferson County office of the Alabama Cooperative Extension Services for suggesting many of the PLANTS + PEOPLE resources mentioned. Also, thank you to Laurie Johnson, a frequent visitor to the gardens, parks, festivals and floriculture in Jefferson County for her beauteous and "yummilicious" Happy Together brownies.

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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- 4 eggs
- 1 1/2 C all-purpose flour
- 1/3 C cocoa powder
- 2 C sugar
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

For Cheesecake Batter:
- 16 ounces of cream cheese – softened/room temperature
- 1/3 C Sugar
- 1 Egg
- 1/4 C Flour
- 1 tsp Vanilla Extract

For Raspberry Topping
- ~12 ounces of fresh raspberries (2 small containers)
- 1 T sugar
- Juice from one lemon

For Turtle Topping
- Caramel sauce (such as Ghirardelli Sea Salt Caramel)
- 1/2 C chopped pecans
- 1/4 C toffee bits (such as Heath)

INSTRUCTIONS
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Spray a 13 x 9 baking pan with cooking spray, line it with aluminum foil (with overlap on all edges) and then spray the foil with cooking spray.
- Brownie Batter – Melt the semi-sweet chocolate and butter in the microwave on 60 % power for about a minute, stirring as they melt (consult the instructions for your chocolate). Cool in the refrigerator for 5 – 10 minutes. Lightly whisk the eggs and mix in the flour, cocoa powder, salt and sugar. Pour in the melted chocolate and butter and add the vanilla. Mix well by hand.
- Cheesecake Batter – Beat the softened cream cheese, sugar and vanilla using a hand mixer until well blended and fluffy.
- Raspberry Topping – Put most of the raspberries in a small sauce pan with the lemon juice and sugar, saving some whole berries for garnish. Stir and simmer for about 8 minutes until berries have mostly disintegrated. Then strain through a fine sieve to remove the seeds – smashing the mixture with a spoon until you get all the juice and pulp – discard the seeds.
- Using a spoon or scoop, alternate dollops of the brownie and cheesecake batters into the pan. Tamp the pan on the counter or shake it to allow the batters to settle and fill in the pan.
- Drizzle the raspberry topping on about 1/3 of the pan – you won't need it all so save some for serving. Drizzle the caramel sauce on another 1/3 and top with chopped pecans and toffee bits.
- Using a skewer or pick, drag through the batters to make a marbled pattern.
- Bake for about 45 – 50 minutes until set – rotating the pan half way through. Cool on a rack for about 30 minutes and then cool in the refrigerator before removing from the pan and cutting.
- Serve with fresh berries and additional raspberry sauce, caramel sauce and pecan bits.

Makes 36, 1 1/2 inch square brownies

FUNNY THINGS FROM YESTERDAY

Riding the pine sapling down

Robert N. Tidwell, Sr.
Tribune Contributor



You will probably need to be 75 years old or older to understand this story. This type of playing or sport, as you might call it, probably went out the same time the horse and buggy transportation died out.

Logan was the area where we spent a lot of time as we were growing up. Mama and Papa Tidwell and Uncle John H. lived there. We also had other aunts, uncles and cousins in the area.

This particular Sunday afternoon we were at Uncle Wesley and Aunt Ellie's home. In those days toys were few and far between for boys ages 9 to 11 years old.

Four boys didn't make up a very good ball team so our cousins, James and Ross, Jr., my brother Dale and I went over to the pasture, at the edge of the woods to ride some saplings down.

For those that don't know what a sapling is I will explain.

A sapling is a young tall tree, probably no more than 3 inches in diameter at the bottom.

To ride it down you climb up the sapling until it bends over and your feet touch the ground.

You sit straddling the tree, then jump up a little and the sapling's strength will raise you a little higher and then you ease back down until your feet touch the ground and then you jump up again.

This is your ride. If you have ever ridden a sapling down, you know that you need a hickory or an oak tree. The tree has to be strong but flexible. Not being an experienced rider I picked out a good looking pine sapling.

Little did I know at that time that pines are very brittle. I may not be too smart to start with but I learn fast. I got about 8 or 10 feet off the ground and started to bend the tree over.

Suddenly there was a snap and a dull thud. I found myself on the ground with a pine tree top on me. If you have ever had the breath knocked out of you really good, you know what I'm talking about.

I didn't know if I was going to survive that Sunday afternoon or be in the cemetery by Wednesday. But, I lived to ride again. And, as I said, I learn fast — I learned that Sunday afternoon to never, ever ride a pine sapling down.

Local Artist Spotlight: Joyce Hyde

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Joyce Hyde has always been interested in the arts. So much so that she made a career of it as a teacher. Hyde graduated from West Point in 1957 and taught school for over 20 years in North Carolina, Mobile and Hartselle. After she retired from teaching, she sold real estate in Cullman for close to 13 years. "I've worked all my life," she said.

It didn't take Hyde long after retiring to find a new passion. She began making baskets, containers and other items made from magazines, and then Mag Art by Joyce was born. She laughs, "I had a neighbor across the street. She used to bring stacks of magazines and leave them at my door all the time so I had to do something with them."

"I was watching a design show on TV one day and this lady came on. She was bringing things in the room and designing it. She put a vase on the table and said 'can you believe that's made out of magazines?' So, I said that's what I'm going to do with the magazines, "Hyde said.

The show didn't explain how the vase was made but Hyde set out to figure it out herself. "I started collecting the colors from the magazines and then I rolled them into straws. Then I experimented every which way. Its like pottery and I always liked pottery and taught it in school. It was touch and go. I didn't really know what I was doing," she explained.

Hyde would try different ways to put the magazine straws together using glue and clothespins to hold it together but it wasn't working. One day her daughter Debi suggested using a hot glue gun. That worked and 15 years later Hyde has created beautiful vases, storage bins and many whimsical creations.

Hyde has branched out a bit from just using magazines. She has incorporated old telephone directories to produce earth tones and black/white pieces. Her creative use of materials won Hyde a 1st place award in a Recycled Art Show. She said, "That's when I was first started out and that was real exciting."

Hyde has a room in her house she refers to as her studio. There are stacks of sorted magazine pages and bins of already rolled straws organized by color. "Good Housekeeping is a great magazine to use. Any magazines with lots of bright colors."

Each piece can be quite time-consuming. Hyde said, "Its an ongoing process. I'd work on it in my spare time. You've got all the time invested in sorting the colors and rolling the straws and putting it all together. The whole process takes a couple of weeks. It really depends on how big it is."

In the beginning, she made pieces for herself and enjoyed making it. Eventually, as she continued to make pieces and perfect her process, it was suggested that she begin showing her work at craft shows. She had a show at the Civic Center and she was invited to the Alabama Jubilee. Soon she was doing around 12 shows a year including shows at the Bloomin' Festival and Crane Hill.

Hyde doesn't work craft shows anymore. She said, "I just didn't think it was fair for them (her family) to help me all the time and it was just getting too much. I'm not getting any younger." Hyde's granddaughter, Amber Hyde Rose, has learned from her grandmother and makes Mag Art jewelry now. Joyce's daughter Debi and Amber help by keeping up the Mag Art by Joyce Facebook page.



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Hyde creates baskets, containers and other items out of magazines.

Hyde still makes her Mag Art and has them at several consignment shops in Alabama. She has a variety of items already made but will also do specially commissioned pieces. She recently made new toy boxes for her two great-grandchildren. Her containers are both beautiful and functional. As a matter of fact, Joyce has a large Mag Art storage bin for her smaller Mag Art pieces.

For more information on where to find Joyce's Mag Art, please visit her Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/MagArtByJoyce/

Her items are also available on Etsy at http://MagArtbyRRD.etsy.com/.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

When our cars only had two-sixty air conditioning

Bill King
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I have a serious problem. Well, serious might be an overstatement, but it is as least an uncomfortable situation. I live in the deep-south, summer has arrived, and my home's air-conditioner keeps going out. The breaker keeps tripping. The first time this happened, I didn't realize the problem. A few weeks ago the unit wasn't cooling, so I called my heating and cooling technician. He had to add a couple of pounds of Freon, so when it stopped again, I assumed it must be low again. I feared I might have a leak, which is usually not a good thing. I was so embarrassed when he came out, only to flip a breaker. At least I have never called an electrician when a light bulb burned out!

I'm not sure if my a/c unit actually has a problem or if the breaker has gone bad. If it is the latter, I guess that would mean my breaker is broken. I think I would prefer that the breaker be broken, rather than the unit, because a broken unit might break me – or flip my breaker!

Anyway, what I do know is the heat and humidity down here are so high that not having a/c can bring on much pain and suffering, maybe even suffocation. I don't think I'm going to die from the heat, but I will confess, I have adapted quite well to air conditioning.

I remember the days when the only people who had air-conditioning were the rich and famous...well, and Ken Smith's family. My family was neither rich nor famous, so the closest thing we had to a/c was a large window fan.

Back in those days churches had funeral home fans instead of air-conditioners. Some motels, theatres and restaurants were air-conditioned. They had red neon lights hanging in their windows advertising air-conditioning. Theatres had "vacancy/no vacancy signs" and "air-conditioned signs." That increased business in the summer. When I was a kid, I would have paid money to spend the night in a cool air-conditioned motel room - if I had had any money - if we had had a motel.

Our theatre in downtown Rainsville did not have air conditioning because it was a drive-in theatre. About the best you could do was roll down all the windows and bring along a few funeral home fans, or maybe use your bingo cards for fans. We could have run the a/c in our car but all it had was two-sixty a/c. What? You've never heard of two-sixty air-conditioning? That's what we called rolling down two windows and going sixty miles-per-hour. There is any number of variations of this type air-conditioning. You may have one-sixty, three-forty, four-fifty-five, and, well you get the point. For maximum a/c, you could have four-eighty, but you could also get a speeding ticket. Some cars even had little vent windows you could open up. In the late sixties, Chevrolet came out with something called "astro-ventilation" in some of their cars. This was not air conditioning but those cars had vents, like air-conditioning, that air blew through but it was not cooled air. It worked about as well as two-sixty air-conditioning! Either way, it was little more than hot air blowing in your face.

Occasionally, I love to turn off my a/c, roll down the windows, and even let back the sunroof and pretend its 1970 something. The fresh air feels good, especially early in the morning before the temperature has reached broiling. I'm not quite ready to go back to two-sixty a/c, or funeral home fans, on a permanent basis, so I need to give thanks for the modern luxuries that we tend to view as necessities.

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Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1972

Hinkle Reunion

Attending the annual Hinkle family reunion, at Rickwood Caverns, on Sunday were: Coleman and Edna Sanford, Jack R. And Bertie Lou Markham and Roy Lee, Norma Markham and Jim Raino, Linda and Jeremy Hodge, from Dallas, Texas; Ardill and Ruth Hinkle, of Cocoa Beach, Florida; Doctor and Mrs. Robert Green, Lynn and Laurie, of Fort Lewis, Washington; Mr. and Mrs. E.W. Bridges, Mark and Ina, of McMinnville, Tennessee; James and Lola Hinkle, Delta and Afred Taylor, Kenneth Taylor and Jennie Wimberly, of Decatur; Johnny and Carolyn Hinkle, Thor, Holly and Noel and Robert Jenson, of Huntsville; Jeanette and Books Hinkle, of Clanton; James, Ruth, Joyce and Janice Howard, Kaye and Gail Tunnell, of Tuscaloosa; Florence Rhea, of Bessemer; Bruce and Shirley Hinkle, of Auburn; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hinkle and Jeff, of Mount Olive; Ricky and Karen Hinkle, of Gardendale; Juanita and Orville Hinkle, Tootsie and Ralph Shaw, Pearl Hinkle, Mr. and Mrs. Quimby Hinkle, Harold Mann, Hassie Spain, Clement L. Spain, Randy and Tammy Clearsill Gillespie, Ed and Ealy Hinkle and Glenn, Dwight Hinkle and Kem, Gary and Patsy Hinkle and Stephanie, of Birmingham; Lee Donahoo, of Westwood; Sharon and Ronny Kemp, Sharee and Rhonda, of Adamsville; Mr. and Mrs. Milton Sinyard, Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Nuss and Aaron, Wynelle Day and Myra, of Walter; Mr. and Mrs. D.W. Metcalf, of Hanceville; Ruby Hinkle, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Sanford, Mrs. Anna Hinkle, Gene and Sherry Kilgo, Homer and Mahle Calvert Cornell and Inez McMinn, Mr. and Mrs. Donald McMinn, Vickie and Tara and Dixie Kreps, Joe and Vivian Tubbs, Becky and Rhonda, Ruby Tubbs, Donnie, Sherra and Dan Smith, Lorene Barnette, Judy and Chris and Tina, Mr. and Mrs. Olen Freeman, Richard and Evelyn Dahlke and Jeanne, Marilyn and Ramon Quick and Cindy, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hinkle, Gail and Junior and Mr. and Mrs. F.S. KIlgo, of Cullman.

Miss Jecaliah Rodgers and Mr. Butch Sharpton were united in marriage, on Friday night, at Bellview Heights Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bayemore, of Texas, spent the first of last week with Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Banks and girls.

Mrs. Bular Brown was the Friday visitor of Mrs. H.D. White.

From The Files Of 1928

Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. George Stahmer and daughter, Jewell and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Tucker motored to Florence, on Sunday.

Miss Sarah Lillian Richter has returned from a visit to Birmingham and Chattanooga.

W.L. Ward and sons, Roy and Clyde spent Wednesday, Decatur, fishing.

Mrs. Bess Morrow has returned from New Orleans, where she attended the B. and P.W. national convention.

Miss Clara Weibke is spending her vacation, in New York.

Miss Mary Kelly is vacationing in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Cullman County shipped its first carload of hogs for 1928, this week.

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Poet's Corner

To The Mockingbird

By: Randy C. Hale



Greyish brown feathers with pale belly,
a small trace of white on each wing until
opening into waving flags as NASCAR
when you fly from perch to perch.

You're a Chatty Cathy, aren't you?
Making your multilingual presence known,
top of the post, hops, clicks, chirps
and off you go again.

Fly on with your spindly legs,
extended tail feathers, soaring and diving,
even at the cat if he comes too near
the shade of your nest.

Being an alluring songbird does not mean
your weak, your aggressive nature makes
you a perfect mate, protective of your brood,
invested in life, a divine package to survive.

Events (from Front)

July 4th Picnic
Fairview: The Grace Place is hosting a July 4th Picnic Sunday, June 30 beginning at 1 p.m. at Sportsman Lake Park, pavilion no. 6.

Faith, Family and Fireworks Extravaganza
- Sunday, June 30 beginning at 5 p.m. at Good Hope Municipal Park
- Free food, games, bounce houses and FIREWORKS! Bring your blankets and chairs!
- Horse Shoe Tournament- $20 per team, 50% payback
- Dummy Roping Jackpot- $5 kids, $10 adults, three age divisions, 50% payback
- Signup begins a 4:30
- Everyone is invited.

Bethlehem West Baptist Church 4th of July Celebration
- Make plans on joining us Sunday night, June 30 at 6 p.m. as we celebrate America! We are so thankful and blessed to live in the USA!!! Fireworks will be at 9 p.m.
- 14310 Alabama Highway 157, Vinemont, AL 35179

Garden City Freedom Celebration
- The Garden City Freedom Celebration will be Sunday, June 30 starting at 6 p.m. at Garden City Park by town hall.
- Fireworks will began at dark. Come out and bring family and friends!

Spring Valley Beach Fireworks Show
- Make plans now to join us for our annual fireworks show Wednesday, July 3 at 9 p.m. As always, this will be a FREE show and all are welcome to view the show from our free parking lot. See you there! 2340 County Highway 55, Blountsville, AL 35031
- Fireworks show visible from the park and surrounding areas, with parking areas available at stores down the road like Dollar General and Lucky's Supermarket.

Smith Lake Park Fireworks & Music Festival
- Thursday, July 4, 9 a.m. Admission $5 per person.
- Live music, art and food vendors, putt-putt golf ($3), and boat rentals (prices for two hours – $15 for kayaks and canoes, $25 for paddle boats)

Entertainment schedule
- 9:30 a.m. Donny James
- 11 a.m. Ben Myrick
- 1 p.m. Justin Holt
- 3 p.m. Golf cart parade & Pepsi chugging contest
- 3:30 p.m. Christian Gann
- 5:30 p.m. Matt Bennet
- 7:30 p.m. Trey Lewis
- 9 p.m. Fireworks

Cullman Fireworks Festival
- Thursday, July 4, 5-9:30 p.m. at Heritage Park, 705 Lee Ave. SW, Cullman
- Fireworks Festival presented by Desperation Church and Nelson, Bryan & Cross Law Firm
- Admission is free thanks to our sponsors: Nelson, Bryan & Cross Law Firm, Ashley Mercantile and Metal Central.
- Gates open at 5 p.m. There will be food, games, music and more! Listen live on WKUL 92.1 & Praise 97.9 for the fireworks show beginning at dark!

Food will be available for purchase from these vendors:
- Chick-Fil-A
- Devil Dawgs: Funnel cakes, fried oreos, gourmet fries, lemonade, and sweet tea.

Annual Fairview Freedom Celebration (Randall Shedd Community Park)
- Thursday, July 4, beginning at 6 p.m. at Randall Shedd Community Park. Free admission.
- Sponsored by area churches and the Fairview Lions Club. Food, games and live music until sundown, followed by a fireworks show.

Smith Lake (from Front)

during the same time period from 8 to 16, and our injuries have been increased from 14 to 19."

The biggest issues for marine troopers come from ski boats and similar vessels. Brooks told us, "Probably the number one complaint that we receive on Smith Lake, as well as statewide, are wake issues, specifically complaints on wakeboard boats being operated carelessly."

Brooks said specifically of Smith Lake, "Boats are jammed in.

"It's kind of a narrow lake in a lot of places, you know, a lot of narrow areas of the lake, I guess you can say; and boat wake tends to be a big issue."

Holiday tips
Brooks told us, "We have two fireworks shows coming up next week. Our troopers will be out in full force during the week, through the holiday and the weekend after."

ALEA, which historically has had only one trooper on the lake, now has two full-time troopers patrolling the waterway, and a third slated to be on the water by the end of 2019.

For the holiday, they will be joined by marine patrols from the Cullman County Sheriff's Office and game wardens from the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Brooks said, "Things that we're going to be looking for over the holiday week are persons operating recklessly and carelessly--a lot of times, courtesy goes a long way, as well.

"Being a courteous boater can alleviate a lot of problems. Smith Lake is mostly dry.

"There are some portions of it that people are allowed to consume alcohol, but it's mostly dry; so if they're in an area where alcohol is prohibited, we'll be looking for that.

"We want to make sure that boaters that go out to the fireworks show at night have their correct navigational lights, and have them displayed like they're supposed to. That's one right there that, you know, this time of year, we don't issue warnings for that. If the navigation lights are not correct, they're most likely going to receive a citation for that.

"We're looking for equipment violations. We want to make sure that life jackets are in the vessels and are worn accordingly, when they're supposed to. Children under eight are required to have them on at all times.

"We also want to emphasize the 'rules of the road,' where the boat operators know what to do when they're encountering other traffic. Specifically on that one, I would say staying to the right in a head-on meeting, making sure that they keep a proper lookout.

"We also want to make sure that they don't overload their vessels.

"Holidays are really bad for that, when people will go out and put way too many people in a boat. They should pay very careful attention to their capacity plate.

"And then, we also want to remind all boaters to keep a safe distance from piers, shoreline, people in the water. We'll specifically be on the lookout for that this week, as well."

Brooks noted that a single Marine Patrol citation and related court fees typically costs the violator over $300.

The Captain also cautioned that the Smith Lake Park fireworks show is an event that draws special attention from law enforcement.

The show draws several thousand boats into a very tight cluster around the park, requiring tremendous amounts of safe driving, correct and functional navigational lighting, and patience and understanding from boaters.

To contact the Marine Patrol Division of ALEA, or for more information on safe boating and boating laws, visit https://www.alea.gov/dps/marine-patrol, or call 334-517-2950.

Expansion (from Front)

need a solution that allows more critically-ill patients access to critical care beds more quickly."

The expansion plans include:
- Increase the number of Critical Care Beds from 12 to 18
- Expand the current Emergency Room facility from 21 exam rooms and three behavior health treatment rooms to 30 exam rooms and eight behavior health treatment rooms
- Create an Outpatient Behavioral Health Program
- Hospital-wide infrastructure upgrades to accommodate the additional capacity

"During my time at Cullman Regional we've had a very simple strategy and that strategy is to continue to offer new opportunities and create those new opportunities consistently so that our local patients and communities can receive their care locally," said Cullman Regional CEO James Clements. "Thanks to the efforts of all the team here at Cullman Regional, many of whom you see here today, we are announcing yet another expansion project and we are blessed to be able to do that in this current economy. The opportunity is a $30 million expansion project that we filed a letter of intent for yesterday. That is four basic components: a 50% increase in the number of patient treatment rooms in our emergency room, a 50% increase in our Critical Care Unit capacity and the development of an outpatient behavioral program. The fourth component is an infrastructure upgrade that will be necessary to support the new square footage added onto the hospital."

Said Clements, ""In order for us to more effectively and efficiently provide care for all patients coming to us for treatment, these upgrades to our current facility are necessary. Particularly the need for more effective treatment options for our behavioral health patients is needed in order to prevent continuous readmissions of those patients."

Cullman Regional's Emergency Department provided medical care to more than 1,000 behavioral health patients in 2018. Caring for behavioral health patients is a national, state and local issue that is not unique to Cullman County. Cullman Regional's goal with the Outpatient Behavioral Health Program is to provide care for patients in our community that consistently face barriers to receiving behavioral health care. As the project progresses, the hospital will continue to share updates about what this specifically looks like for our community.

"Our current emergency room was built for a capacity not to exceed around 40,000 patients a year and we are seeing around 50,000 patients a year in our emergency room," said Clements. The third cog of the initiative is the Outpatient Behavioral Program. We are seeing over 1,000 behavioral health patients a year in our emergency rooms. Those people are struggling to find ways to access care. Our Critical Care Unit is kind of a function of the increased capacity of the sicker patients coming into our ER and our need for additional capacity for those."

The overall facility will receive an infrastructure upgrade in order to accommodate the additional capacity. The infrastructure upgrade will include the expansion of the onsite power plant by approximately 1,100 square feet, replacement of the cooling towers, addition of two new chillers, addition of new elevator controls and modification of remaining two service elevators to allow them to access all levels of the hospital.

"The administrative team began reducing the use of semi-private rooms in the fourth quarter of 2018 and has only utilized them during high-census periods, when more patients are being admitted," Clements said. "By reallocating those beds and expanding our CCU, we will be able to care for more critically-ill patients."

The benefits of the expansion include:
- Reduction in semi-private room usage housewide
- Expansion of emergency room capacity from 40,000 to 60,000 annually
- Better access to the highest level of care for the sickest patients
- Better access to outpatient behavioral health treatment for our community
- Upgrades to existing infrastructure to make it more sustainable for the future

Hal Starkey, associate principal architect with TRO Jung | Brannen in Birmingham, was on-hand for Thursday morning's announcement.

"It's always an honor for myself and Grady Black, my partner at TRO, to work at Cullman," he said. "Both of us worked on the original hospital so we're approaching about 25 years. For an architect, it's a wonderful experience and we've enjoyed every group that we've worked with on campus. I think Cullman represents an example of a hospital that was designed to allow for expansion and I think when you see these images, you can see that everything we do tries to integrate the campus."

The hospital recently filed a Letter of Intent to file a Certificate of Need (CON) to the Alabama State Health Planning & Development Agency followed by the official filing of the CON. If approved, anticipated construction will begin in the third quarter of 2020. Phase 1 of construction will include the expansion of the Emergency Department, phase 2 will include infrastructure improvements and Phase 3 will be the addition of the critical care beds which will be a ground floor to fourth floor expansion of the west units of the current facility.

For more information about Cullman Regional, call at 256-737-2000 or visit www.CullmanRegional.com.

