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CRIME

Convicted murderer captured in Hanceville by armed citizen

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Early Friday evening, escaped Cullman County Detention Center inmate Leo Chavez- listed in Blount County court records as Leo Chavez-Santiago with the shorter name as an alias- was taken into custody near Hanceville after he was identified and detained by an armed local resident.

Lawrence Baker, who lives on Arkadelphia Road near the railroad tracks, saw Chavez from his home after the escapee came down from the tracks, his apparent route of escape from Cullman.

"I was sitting there trying to eat supper and just seen him walk down the driveway. I grabbed my gun, come out and asked him if he was the one they was looking for. He said, 'Yes, Sir.' I said, 'Well you need to get down on that gravel right there, and » PAGE 2



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Leo Chavez-Santiago

'Southern Momma' Darren Knight and friends coming to Cullman Caring for Kids March 31



DARREN KNIGHT/FACEBOOK

Comedian Darren Knight, aka 'Southern Momma

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CULLMAN, Ala. – If you like Southern comedy, Cullman Caring for Kids (CCK) has a special treat for you! The child advocacy agency, best known for its high-traffic food pantry, will hold a fundraising event and food drive at its office and food pantry located at 402 Arnold St. NE in Cullman, on Wednesday, March 31 from noon-3 p.m., featuring Munford, Alabama-based stand-up comedian Darren Knight, well known to internet audiences for his "Southern Momma" videos. Knight will be joined by fellow comedians "Red Squirrel" and Gary Cargal.

According to his website, Knight "is the fastest rising comedian in American history. Variety magazine picked Darren as 10 Comics to Watch in 2018.

He has cultivated a massive online presence, accumulating over a billion views across multiple social media platforms.

Darren has been performing on stage for 4 years, selling out theatres and casinos nationwide.

He's been » PAGE 8

Cullman Farm-City promotes National Agriculture Day



CHERRIE HANEY

Cullman Farm-City representatives Pat Floyd and Doris Patterson share information with visitors to their booth at a past event.

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Local Kraving to expand food delivery services in Cullman area

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Wallace State Fine and Performing Arts to present 'Spring Under the Stars' March 30

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Escapee (from Front)

we called Hanceville (Police). Hanceville showed up pretty quick and put him in the car."

Hanceville police officer Zach Hightower took Chavez into custody, and was joined at the scene by Cpl. Kyle Duncan.

Hanceville Mayor Kenneth Nail told The Tribune that Chavez told officers that "He was hungry and tired and tired of running," and commended Baker, saying, "I appreciate Lawrence keeping his eyes open and recognizing the escapee and that sort of thing."

Nail added, "I want to thank all the law enforcement officers that worked on this deal. Proud of everybody and the job that they done."

Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry and U.S. Marshals are offered a combined $10,000 reward for information leading to the capture of Chavez.

Baker joked that his wife, who had suggested to him that Chavez might come down the tracks, would probably get the money.

Chavez was convicted in Blount County in 2020 for his participation with other suspects in the robbery and murder of his parents.

He was charged with two counts of capital murder during a robbery and an additional count of capital murder of two or more victims.

Because Chavez was 17 at the time of the murders, he was inelligible for the death penalty and was given life sentences.

Because his parents' bodies were placed by the suspects in a single shallow grave without proper burial, Chavez was also convicted of two counts of abuse of a corpse.

Chavez's sentencing was postponed repeatedly by the COVID shutdown, and he was finally sentenced earlier this year.

He appealed the conviction, and his appeal was under consideration when he escaped.

On Friday morning following his Thursday night escape, Blount County Courts posted, "The Court having considered the pleadings and arguments of counsel hereby denies the motion for judgment of Acquittal and denies the Motion for a New Trial."

Chavez had been housed in Cullman's jail for months, and he had also been housed previously in Walker County.

The housing of certain inmates, especially to separate co-defendants, in counties away from those in which they are charged is not unusual.

Though his case was under appeal, Chavez was being held in Cullman pending transfer to a state Department of Corrections facility.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
MICHAEL D. TRUCKS * CASE NO.: PC 2021-092
Deceased. *

NOTICE
PETITION FOR SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION AND SUPPLEMENT TO PETITION FOR SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION OF SMALL ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Summary Distribution of Small Estate has been filed by Cathy G. Trucks, petitioner, on the 15th day March, 2021, and Supplement to Petition for Summary Distribution of Small Estate filed the 18th day of March, 2021, filed by Michael J. Baggett, attorney for the Petitioner, and that thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to the law of the State of Alabama, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent.

Cathy G. Trucks
Petitioner

Michael J. Baggett
Attorney at Petitioner
206 Ninth Street SW, Ste 102
Cullman, AL 35055

To: PUBLISHER OF *The Cullman Tribune*

Please publish the above notice **ONE TIME** in said newspaper, and thereafter file with the Court a copy of the notice so published and an affidavit of publication.

DONE this the 18th day of March, 2021.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that a bill substantially as follows will be introduced in the 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature of Alabama and application for its passage and enactment will be made:

BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to Cullman County; amending Section 1 of Act 2020-160 of the 2020 Regular Session, now appearing as Section 45-22-224, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide that the Battleground School Historical Board may transfer ownership of the Battleground School property by a vote of the board; and deleting the additional requirement of a referendum.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 1 of Act 2020-160, of the 2020 Regular Session, now appearing as Section 45-22-224, Code of Alabama 1975, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"§45-22-224.

"(a) In Cullman County, the Battleground School Historical Board is established to own, operate, manage, and preserve the former Battleground School property in the unincorporated community of Battleground, including any ball fields and other historical structures, owned by the Cullman County Board of Education. The Battleground School Historical Board shall be composed of five members appointed by the Cullman County Legislative Delegation for terms of four years. Members of the board shall continue to serve until a successor is appointed. Members of the board are immune from civil liability for actions taken in the conduct of their duties to the extent allowed under Section 36-1-12.

"(b)(1) The Battleground School Historical Board may accept title to the former Battleground School property owned by the Cullman County Board of Education and may hold the property for the benefit and use of the public, particularly the unincorporated community of Battleground. The Battleground School Historical Board may receive state, local, and other governmental funding and may accept charitable donations.

"(2) The board may ~~not~~ sell or transfer ownership of the property ~~unless approved by~~ upon approval of a majority ~~vote~~ of the board ~~and then by a majority vote of the qualified electors in the unincorporated community of Battleground at a referendum called by the judge of probate and held during the following general election~~.

"(c) The Battleground School Historical Board may be reorganized as an unincorporated nonprofit association or other entity authorized by law by unanimous consent of the board."

Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Friday, March 19, 2021 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Dashboard Hub (https://bit.ly/3iVJwXK)

Case details

- Total confirmed cases in AL: 397,865 (+388 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 112,714 (+143 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 8,215 (+24 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 2,210
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,308 (+18 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 2,965 (+4 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 123 (+1 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 62
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 38,616
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 2,492
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 288
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,371,772
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 12,104
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 146,972
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 401
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama (reported M-F): 47,090
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 310,742

Vaccine details (updated Monday-Friday)

- Doses delivered to Alabama: 2,021,465
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 1,692,985
- Doses administered: 1,364,631
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 866,236
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 523,264
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 328,480

Alabamians in Phases 1a and 1b, as well as people older than 65, are eligible to receive a vaccine. The ADPH announced Friday, March 12 that all people in Phase 1c will be eligible beginning March 22.

View the Alabama COVID-19 Vaccination Allocation Plan at: www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19vaccine/assets/adph-covid19-vaccination-allocation-plan.pdf

DAILY UPDATE FROM ADPH

Alabama ranked 9th in the country in vaccinating most vulnerable citizens

A study published in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) March 17 issue looked at how well states in the country are vaccinating their highly vulnerable citizens. Alabama scored ninth best in the country at reaching the most vulnerable Alabamians. The complete report can be viewed here, www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/pdfs/mm7012e1-H.pdf

County-level COVID-19 vaccine distribution data now available on dashboard

A new feature on the ADPH COVID-19 dashboard provides vaccination information for each of Alabama's 67 counties, including percent of Alabama residents ages 16 years or older receiving one or more doses of vaccine and the total number of doses administered in the county. To navigate, go to arcg.is/0brSGjand use the drop-down menu in the top right corner of the screen to select the county and select the "% Receiving Vaccine" tab at the bottom of the screen. Hover your mouse and click the county on the map to view the latest data in a separate window. In addition, there is now a graphical representation showing the number of vaccines administered statewide by date, beginning with December 15, on the "Doses Administered" tab. The graph indicates that March 11 was the highest day with 5,972 injections given. The hub also contains a risk indicator map and K-12 school data.

County health department inclement weather closures

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) plans for management of vaccines in severe weather events. Plans include back-up generators and alternative storage sites. ADPH has lost no COVID-19 vaccine as a result of Wednesday's severe weather. Local county health departments that had to close to protect the safety of patients and employees rescheduled appointments for vaccines today and over the next few days.

National Guard COVID-19 vaccination clinics

Governor Kay Ivey has activated the Alabama National Guard (ALNG) to set up mobile sites to bring COVID-19 vaccinations to underserved and rural counties throughout Alabama. The ALNG will be working closely with the ADPH, the Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA), and local county Emergency Management Agency staff to provide vaccinations in the counties listed on this page. Clinic information ordered by date of first dose can be found at www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19vaccine/ng-clinics.html. The website also includes flyers to promote each clinic and vaccination forms that will need to be reviewed and completed prior to receiving a vaccination.

COVID-19 Vaccination Eligibility Check and Scheduling Portal instructions

Our online portal, http://alcovidvaccine.gov, is available to help you check your eligibility for the COVID-19 vaccine and to make appointments for COVID-19 vaccinations at our county health departments. For step-by-step instructions on using the portal, a flyer is available at go.usa.gov/xsfM3

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported March 19

Cullman Tribune Staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported March 19, 2021. 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

March 18

- third-degree domestic violence-harassment; person; CR 1462
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; Olive St. SW; miscellaneous
- second-degree burglary; first-degree theft of property; person; Fox Meadow Trail SW; 2004 Chevy Corvette

ARRESTS

March 18

Burress, Wesley E.; 35

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- reckless endangerment
- FTA- DUI
- FTA- fail to signal
- FTA- insurance violation

Fraley, Morgan B.; 28

- fraudulent use of credit/debit card
- first-degree theft of property

Anderton, Doris J.; 61

- public intoxication

Borden, Joel I.; 43

- fourth-degree theft of property (2 counts)
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submit your calendar items or public notices to wendy@cullmantribune.com

"Come to the Well" Community Women's Bible Study

- Tuesday mornings at 10 at the Hebrews Cafe at East Side Baptist Church, 1111 Third St. SE in Cullman
- Please wear a mask/face covering.

Baileyton Bargain Days

- First and third Saturday of each month from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the old Baileyton fire station next to the town's park
- Beauty and health products, toys, home goods, pet items, food and many everyday items
- A donation of $20 will allow a shopper to fill up a bag, and for $40 a shopper can fill a large box. Some of the items of greater value will require a larger donation. There will be some restrictions and product limits on the items. Cash and checks accepted.
- Proceeds will be used for park improvements and capital improvements for the town.

Alcoholics Anonymous

The Grace of God group of Alcoholics Anonymous has open AA meetings (all are welcome) Monday and Thursday nights from 7-8 p.m. at the Carriage House, located next to Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE Cullman. Contact phone numbers: 256-347-1097, 256-841-2209 or 256-708-1340

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD

- Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
- Prayer meetings- Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Come and pray with us or come to receive prayer.
- Ladies' exercise classes- Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Children welcome.
- Classes- Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult class, "The Phases of Armageddon" by Pastor Bobby Dodd
- Sundays at 9 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points area. Call 256-841-2060 for pick-up. Small group classes for adults, children and youth at 10 a.m. Praise and worship and message at 11 a.m.
- Mondays-Fridays- Our 5 Points Ministry provide free hot meals for children and elderly 3:30-5 p.m. at the Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW Please call Aimee at 256-841-2060 to register or for more information. Eat in or take out. Kids' activities are available. Kids do not have to come to the center to get a free meal. Adults can list the names of the children and do takeout meals. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry and Spirit Life Church.
- Saturday, March 20 9-11 a.m. Drive Through Food Bank. Bring ID.
- Saturday, March 20 Parents Night Out! 5-9 p.m. Meal and snacks provided. Bring your children for a night of fun! Temperature checks will be performed. No fees! Donations received go to the Children's Ministry.
- Saturday, March 27- Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings - serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthday. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations, and toys! Pick up is the last weekend of the month. Saturday-Jasper 5100 Curry Hwy Suite 100-B Jasper Al 35504 from 3-5 pm or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1:00 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045 For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
- Wednesday, March 31 7 p.m. - Easter Revival. Communion and Foot washing. Everyone welcome!
- Saturday, April 3 2-5-p.m. - Easter Community Celebration. Free food, Easter Egg hunt, bouncy houses and games for children. Everyone invited!

Free Community Dinner at Center Hill Baptist Church

- 5-6 p.m.- The first Wednesday of every month we will be offering a Free Community Dinner. Church members, community members, neighbors and friends are welcome. This will be takeout only. Please message or comment with how many plates you will need to help us prepare enough food for everyone. RSVP at http://bit.ly/centerhill.
- 13108 County Road 747, Hanceville, AL 35077

Miércoles de Despensas

- 6-7 p.m. ler. miercoles del mes, En Su Tierra Cullman FUMC
- Despensas para la comunidad. No requiere ID. Entrega en su vehículo. Por favor use mascarilla.

St. Paul's Spring Flea Market

- St. Paul's Lutheran School will host a Spring Flea Market fundraiser Saturday, March 20 from 8 a.m.-noon. Vendors will be located inside the gym and in the front parking lot of the school. Spaces are limited. Interested vendors should contact Emily Trahan at emilytrahan@stpaulscullman.com. Find out more at www.stpaulscullman.com.
- St. Paul's is located at 510 3rd Ave. SE, Cullman, AL 35055.

Good Hope High School Pageants

Saturday, March 20 in the school gymnasium. The Good Hope High School Fair Queen Representative Pageant will begin at 4 p.m., and the Miss Good Hope Heritage Princess and Miss Good Hope Heritage Pageants begin at 5 p.m. Admission is $7.

Food Drive with Comedian Darren Knight

- Wednesday, March 24 from noon-3 p.m. at Cullman Caring for Kids, 402 Arnold St. NE Cullman
- Join us for a day of fun, laughter and a mission to help feed hungry children.
- Darren Knight (known as "Southern Mama") will be accompanied by fellow comedians "Red Squirrel and Gary Cargal."
- For every 20 cans of food donated, you can have your photo made with them!

Heritage Homeschool Attracting Butterflies

- Thursday, March 25, 9-11 a.m.
- We will cover the importance of our native butterflies and how to help create the perfect habitat for them in your own yard. Register at Agriplex.com.

Senior Easter Egg Hunt

- Friday, March 26 at 10 a.m. at Sportsman Lake Park Veterans Memorial, 1544 Sportsman Lake Road NW, Cullman
- Sponsored by the Cullman County Commission on Aging. FREE admission, and lunch provided by the Cullman County Sheriff's Office.

Hanceville Lions Club Swamp John's Dinner

- Friday, March 26 from 4-7 p.m. at the Moody Center in Hanceville (111 Michelle Street) Drive-thru only. Plates are $12. Proceeds benefit the Hanceville Lions Club community projects. For more information, call Kenneth Quick at 256-352-6397.

Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry

- Friday, March 26 from 5 PM to 7:30 PM - Knights of Columbus of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church will sponsor one of their annual Lenten Fish Fry dinners at the Family Life Center. Due to COVID-19 this will be a drive-thru event only, from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm using the school parking lot for meal pick-ups. Fried or baked fish, French fries, hush puppies and coleslaw meals are available for $8.00 single and $24.00 for families of 4 or more. This event is open to the public with funds raised used for church projects of the Knights of Columbus.
- Barbara Ragsdale. 256-347-3471

Cemetery Clean-Up

- March 28, 2021
- The Holly Pond Homemakers Club asks that all flowers be removed from graves at Holly Pond Cemetery by March 28,2021 for cemetery clean-up and mowing before Easter. Questions? Call Brenda at 256-531-3342

le petit Fashion Show

- Saturday, March 29 at 2 p.m. in the garden at Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE, Cullman
- A BD Ballet Academy scholarship & performance fund evet
- Tickets are $10. For reservations, call 256-338-6401 or email brooke.desnoes@gmail.com.

Annual Spring Clean-up for City of Cullman Sanitation Customers

- March 29 – April 2, 2021
- Place your old unwanted appliances, furniture, mattresses, and other large items curbside on MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2021. Crews will be picking up these items throughout that week (separately from your regular garbage and recycling). This is a service provided to our customers at NO EXTRA CHARGE!
- There are some things we can't pick up, though. We CANNOT pick up rocks, dirt, bricks, concrete, construction materials, hazardous materials or tires. And due to the large volume of items to be picked up, we will not be picking up brush, tree limbs and other yard waste during the week of March 29-April 2, 2021.
- If you have any questions, please contact the City of Cullman Sanitation Department at 256-737-7560 or cityhall@cullmanal.gov.

Easter Healing Service

- April 2, 3, 4, 2021
- Healing Waters Ministries at 305 3rd Ave SW in Cullman, AL will host a Healing Revival on Friday, April 2nd at 7pm; Saturday, April 3rd at 7pm and Sunday, April 4th at 5:30pm.
- We are inviting everyone in the community, friends, family and those in need of a healing. Overflow parking in City Parking Deck. For more information contact Mary Sue Sanford at (334) 306-3921.

Annual Easter Bake Sale

- April 3, 2021
- The Holly Pond Homemakers Club will sponsor the annual Easter Bake Sale for the upkeep of the Holly Pond Cemetery on Saturday, April 3, 2021, beginning at 8:00 and ending at sell out.
- Location will be at Holly Pond Town Hall. Come early for better selection. Questions? Call Brenda at 256-531-3342 or Gladys at 256-338-1478.

Holly Pond Community Easter Egg Hunt

- Saturday, April 3 at 2 p.m. at Governor's Park
- Children are encouraged to bring their own baskets, but some baskets will be available for kids who do not have one of their own.

The American Hero Music Festival

- Saturday, April 24 at Camp Liberty, 15719 Alabama Highway 157 in the Battleground community west of West Point-Gates open at 9 a.m., with the show going from 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
- The event will feature headliner Black Oak Arkansas along with Blackbird Anthem, Billy Don Burrs, Rowdy Johnson, Michelle Leigh, Mercy Shine, Dawn Rix, Dee Rock and Kris Rowdy, as well as speakers Billy Howell, Jr. (veteran of the Special Forces unit that was the subject of the 2018 film "12 Strong"), Navy Rear Admiral Kent David and Dan Robinson.
- Activities consist of an Airsoft shoot house, zip lines, food, vendors and giveaways, with the grand price being a Smith & Wesson M&P AR15 style rifle.
- Lodging available through Camp Liberty (cabins, camping/RV, and bunk rooms)
- Get tickets at http://bit.ly/2NLka3a.

Local Kraving (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Have you ever been hit with the need for a delicious Duchess donut, but stuck at work or home? Thanks to Local Kraving, a new delivery service in Cullman, there is a simple way to get your Duchess fix. Paul and Jamie Yarbrough's new delivery business hopes to focus on delivering local favorites not serviced by larger delivery companies.

Paul Yarbrough and his wife Jamie are Cullman County natives. He is a graduate of Holly Pond High School and she is a graduate of Cullman.

"I have lived in Cullman all my life. I was born and raised here," said Paul Yarbrough. "This is our town and we've both lived here all our lives."

For now, Local Kraving is delivering goodies from Duchess Bakery and working out any issues it may encounter before adding additional restaurants.

"We are just getting started and this is our second week, and we are trying to get the word out the best we can," Yarbrough said.

Eventually the couple would like to add more local establishments to their delivery offerings.

He explained, "I would love to get some of the places that don't have any delivery services, local one business ownerships here in Cullman. We've got several local restaurants that don't have any type of delivery service. I would love to be able to get with them."

He added, "Right now, we are just focusing on Duchess and getting all the kinks worked out. Eventually, we want to grow, that's for sure."

As the business grows, said Yarbrough, he hopes to create an app to assist with the ordering process. For now, orders can be placed by text or phone.

To place a delivery order, text or call Local Kraving at 256-258-9900.

"The easiest way is to text your name, address and what you would like from Duchess," he said. Once Duchess confirms it can fill the order, the delivery can be arranged.

Local Kraving accepts cash, credit and Venmo payments. Duchess Bakery is open Tuesday-Saturday for delivery.

Day (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – National Agriculture Day, commonly referred to as National "Ag" Day, is coming up on March 24, and Cullman County's Farm-City folks are gearing up for a series of events around the day and through the season to celebrate farmers and agriculture in Alabama and the Cullman area.

Cullman County Economic Development said in a statement, "National Agriculture Day is a day celebrated every year by producers, agricultural associations, corporations, universities, government agencies and countless others across America when they join to recognize the contributions of agriculture. It is celebrated each year in March."

This year, Cullman's Farm-City Committee will host events to celebrate locally. Cullman Farm-City Committee members plan to deliver pizza pans to local Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) clubs to promote making food and using local produce.

"We are trying to promote city and county people working together to see what can be made from locally grown products," said member Leonard Slade. Each school's FCCLA group will receive six pans, along with information and recipe cards to cook and make their own foods in the classroom.

Other activities planned include a food drive at Cullman Caring for Kids on March 31. You can drop off non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry to help the community.

The North Alabama Agriplex is also planning some Zoom classes and learning experiences. Another great event the local Farm-City committee does is POP, or Power of Produce. This event is held at the Festhalle Farmers' Market in April and allows children to come watch a recipe demonstration, try the recipe and receive a recipe card, then allows the children to "buy" their own fresh produce through POP bucks.

"We want to encourage children to eat fresh fruits and vegetables," said Cherrie Haney, Farm-City Committee co-chairperson.

Doris Patterson, who has been involved with the Farm-City Committee for more than 25 years, said she loves all the things they do. She said she loves the POP program and showing children how they can learn to love locally grown, fresh vegetables.

"We have done so many things and events throughout the years," Patterson said. "I just love working with Farm-City. We love to bring in recipes and show the children and watch them spend their bucks in the market."

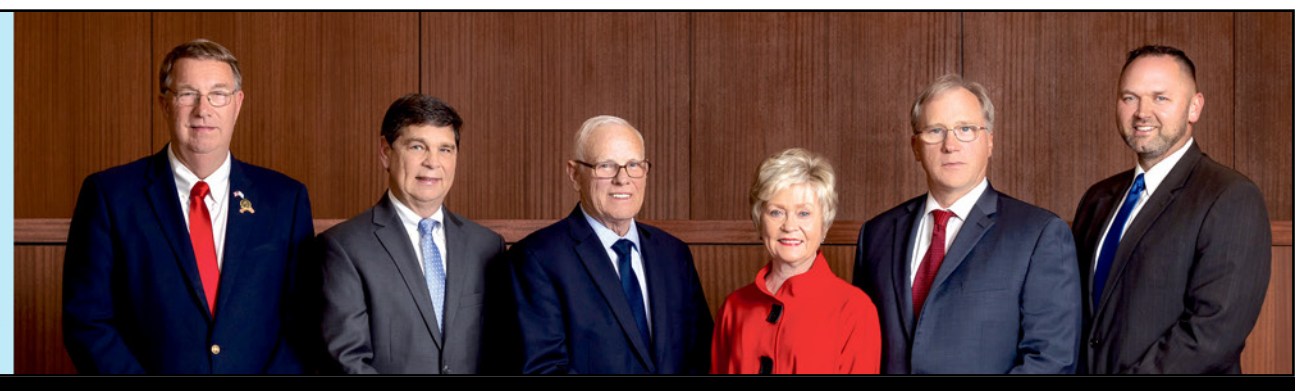
Cullman's Farm-City Committee is made up of local farmers and leaders who want to spread the word about the importance of local agriculture. Although agriculture is not the main focus of the country in today's technology-filled society, it is still essential for the economy and for everyone, everywhere.

Other events throughout the year include a poster contest, which usually has more than 500 participants, the Farm-City Tour, which normally takes place in November, and the Farm-City Annual Banquet, where a farm and city family are alternately named each year.

National Ag Day was founded in 1973 and is organized by the Agriculture Council of America (ACA).

The ACA is dedicated to increasing the public's awareness of agriculture's role in modern society. Ag Day is a time to recognize and celebrate all that agriculture provides. There are too few people that really understand the contributions agriculture makes to society; Ag Day's purpose is to change this. Each year farmers, agricultural associations, schools, government agencies and many, many others celebrate the day. It also encourages Americans to learn more about foods and fibers, and to consider a career in ag.

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A Round of Applause for 365 American Joy-Givers in 2021: Fred and Fannie's Neighborhood Birthday Party

Ben South
Tribune Columnist



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Lemon pound cake



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We are headed to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to celebrate this week's American joy-givers birthday party in a recreated set of the popular WQED children's television show, "Mister Roger's Neighborhood." Fred Rogers in his signature cardigan sweater will greet us as we explore King Friday XIII's Castle and Great Oak Tree, the residence of Henrietta Pussycat and X, the Owl. Our celebrants will interact with friends using "Picture Picture" and take selfies on Mr. McFeely's "Speedy Delivery" tricycle. Since it's a party, our special helper is Chef Brockett.

JOIN US...

You sense the joy the minute you walk onto the television production set. HOORAY FOR THE JOY-GIVERS! (Note: The comments attributed to these famous joy-givers come from words they have written or said.)

Please give A ROUND OF APPLAUSE for these American joy-givers celebrating a birthday this week:

March 20—FRED ROGERS, widely known as "Mister Rogers," was a television show host, author, producer and Presbyterian minister. He was the creator, showrunner and host of the preschool television series, "Mister Rogers Neighborhood," which ran from 1968 to 2001. Rogers received more than 40 honorary degrees, the Presidential Medal of Freedom and a Lifetime Achievement Emmy award. He was also inducted into the Television Hall of Fame.

March 21—SOLOMON BURKE, "The Bishop of Soul," was a preacher and singer who shaped the sound of rhythm and blues as one of the "Founding Fathers" of soul music in the 1960s. He was a prolific recording star and a transitional link between rhythm and blues and soul. His hits include "Got to Get You Off My Mind," "Cry to Me" and "Everybody Needs Somebody to Love." This Grammy award winner sold 17 million albums and Rolling Stone magazine rostered him in the "100 Greatest Singers of All Time." He was honorifically called "King Solomon," "The King of Rock 'n Soul" and "The Muhammad Ali of Soul." He fathered 15 children.

March 22—STEPHEN SONDHEIM is one of the most important composers in American musical theater. He has been praised for "reinventing" musicals by creating original works of unprecedented complexity and sophistication. His best-known creations as a composer and lyricist include "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," "Company," "Follies," "A Little Night Music," "Sweeny Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," "Sunday in the Park with George" and "Into the Woods." He was also a lyricist for "West Side Story" and "Gypsy." He has an Oscar, eight Tonys (more than any other composer), eight Grammys, a Pulitzer Prize, a Laurence Olivier Award (England) and a Presidential Medal of Freedom.

March 23—FANNIE FARMER was one of America's first "food celebrities." She was born Fannie Merritt Farmer in 1850s Boston and eventually became head of the famous Boston Cooking School. Farmer expected to go to college but had a paralyzing stroke at the age of 16 and could not continue her formal education. Though unable to walk, Fannie took up cooking in her family home that she ultimately transformed into a boarding house, which became known far and wide for the deliciousness of the quality meals she served. She trained at the Boston Cooking School at the height of the domestic science movement in the 1890s. Inspired by her own experience, Farmer focused on food for convalescing and wellness. Her best-known work was the legendary cookbook, "THE BOSTON COOKING SCHOOL COOKBOOK," published in 1896 and remaining in print ever since. She introduced the concept of using standardized measuring spoons, cups and level measurements. After the stroke in her teen years, she always walked with a pronounced limp and the last seven years of her life, she used a wheelchair. She lectured to nurses and dieticians, including at Harvard Medical School. She delivered a vigorous lecture only 10 days before her death.

March 24—HARRY HOUDINI was a Hungarian-American illusionist and death-defying stunt performer known for his escape acts. The Jewish-born Erik Weisz, son of a rabbi, first attracted notice in Vaudeville as "Harry 'Handcuff' Houdini" where he challenged local police officers to keep him locked up. Another stunt saw him buried alive and only clawing himself to the surface, emerging in a state of near breakdown. He extended his escapist repertoire to include chains, ropes hung from skyscrapers, straitjackets under water and was once sealed inside a milk can filled with water. Houdini presented himself as the real thing and was the scourge of "fake spiritualists." He died from an infection following a common appendectomy surgery.

March 25—ARETHA FRANKLIN was a singer, songwriter, actress, pianist and political activist. She was "The Queen of Soul" but also a queen of pop music. She epitomized soul at its most gospel-charged. Her astonishing string of hit songs included "I Never Loved A Man (The Way I Love You)," "Respect," "Chain of Fools," "Think" and "I Say a Little Prayer." She won 18 Grammys, sold 75 million records worldwide, was awarded the National Medal of Arts and the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

March 26—DUNCAN HINES was an American pioneer of restaurant ratings for travelers. He was a Kentucky son of a Confederate soldier. Hines is best known today for the brand of food products that bears his name. He worked in the American West for several years before settling in Chicago. He was a traveling salesperson when there was no interstate highway system and there were only a few chain restaurants, which were in large, populated areas. He and his wife Florence began assembling a list for friends of several hundred good eateries across the USA. This led to a book contract and a second book of recommended lodging. In the 1940s and 1950s, Hines wrote the newspaper column, "Adventures in Good Eating at Home," which ran in newspapers throughout America on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. The highlights of the column were restaurant recipes he had collected on his nationwide travels which were adapted for home cooks.

COMMENTS OVERHEARD at "Fred and Fannie's Neighborhood Birthday Party" for American joy-givers:

"Listening is where love begins; listening to ourselves and then listening to our neighbors."—Fred Rogers

"Cooking may be as much a means of self-expression as any of the arts."—Fannie Farmer

"Bit by bit, putting it together...piece by piece, only way to make a work of art. Every moment makes a contribution. Every little detail plays a part. Having just the vision is no solution. Everything depends on execution. Putting it together, that's what counts."—Stephen Sondheim

"No prison can hold me; no hand or leg irons or steel locks can shackle me. No ropes can keep me from my freedom."—Harry Houdini

"My brain is the key that sets me free."—Harry Houdini

"If one of us is chained, none of us is free."—Solomon Burke

"Music does a lot of things for a lot of people. It's transporting, for sure. It can take you right back to the very moment certain things happened in your life. It's uplifting, it's encouraging, it's strengthening."—Aretha Franklin

"I've run less risk driving my way across this country than eating my way across it."—Duncan Hines

"Imagine what our real neighborhoods would be like if each of us offered, as a matter of course, just one kind word to another person."—Fred Rogers

"The secret is to be cool, stay in God's graces and work it out."—Solomon Burke

"Any moment, big or small, is a moment, after all. Seize the moment, skies may fall, any moment."—Stephen Sondheim

"It's best to take the moment present as a present for the moment."—Stephen Sondheim

"Keep up your enthusiasm! There is nothing more contagious than exuberant enthusiasm."—Harry Houdini

"I love ANNE OF GREEN GABLES. I have for years. That's one of my favorite things. She's such a can-do kind of girl; that's why I'm crazy about her."—Aretha Franklin

"I certainly feel the time is not far distant when mankind will eat to live, be able to do better mental and physical work and disease will be less frequent."—Fannie Farmer

"Nearly everyone wants at least one outstanding meal a day."—Duncan Hines

"The greatest escape I ever made was when I left Appleton, Wisconsin."—Harry Houdini

"Don't say Aretha is making a comeback, because I've never been away."—Aretha Franklin

"Often when you think you're at the end of something, you're at the beginning of something else."—Fred Rogers

"Opportunity is not a lengthy visitor."—Stephen Sondheim

"Fame is a four-letter word; and like 'tape' or 'zoom' or 'face' or 'pain' or 'life' or 'love,' what ultimately matters is what we do with it."—Fred Rogers

"White. A blank page or canvas. So many possibilities."—Stephen Sondheim

"I'm a big woman. I need big hair."—Aretha Franklin

"Girls were coming from every angle. I couldn't love them all. But I tried."—Solomon Burke"

"Some say I do it this way, others say I do it that way, but I say I do it the other way."—Harry Houdini

"Anything you do, let it come from you. Then it will be new."—Stephen Sondheim

"R-E-S-P-E-C-T, find out what it means to me...If you disrespect everybody that you run into, how in the world do you think everybody's supposed to respect you?"—Aretha Franklin

"Look at life—all mystery and magic."—Harry Houdini

PARTY MENU for Fred and Fannie's Neighborhood Birthday Party

APPETIZERS—Stephen Sondheim Broadway Baby Back Ribs (foodandwine.com)

SALAD—Houdini Trapped-in-Jell-O Congealed Cherry Salad (allrecipes.com)

ENTRÉE—Aretha Franklin Rock Steady Lobster Tails—grilled (allrecipes.com)

SIDE DISH—Fred Rogers "Family Recipe" Corn Pudding (pbs.org)

BREAD—Fannie Farmer All-American White Bread (grouprecipes.com)

BEVERAGE—King Solomon Burke Cooler (youtube.com)

DESSERT—Duncan Hines Favorite Lemon Pound Cake (see recipe below)

The musical entertainment is Franklin and Burke singing songs from the vast Sondheim songbook.

Hines toasts the others and gives a rave review of the meal.

As proof that his reviews were not always glowing (though most were) he remembers a not-so-grand meal: "If the soup had been as warm as the wine, if the wine had been as old as the turkey, if the turkey had had a breast like the maid, it would have been a swell dinner."

As a final send-off, Rogers leads all in a sing-along of: "It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood, a beautiful day for a neighbor, would you be mine? Could you be mine? It's a neighborly day in this beauty wood, a neighborly day for a beauty, would you be mine? Could you be mine?"

DUNCAN HINES FAVORITE LEMON POUND CAKE

A densely rich pound cake with a big splash of lemon flavor from Duncan Hines Lemon Cake Mix and lemon pudding.
(source: duncanhines.ca)

Ingredients:
Cake:
- 1 package Duncan Hines Moist Deluxe Lemon Cake Mix
- 1 (3.4 oz.) package instant lemon pudding and pie filling
- 4 large eggs
- 1 cup water
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil

Glaze:
- 1/2 cup Duncan Hines Creamy Home-Style Frosting (your favorite flavor)

Directions:
1. Preheat oven to 350F. Grease and flour 10-inch tube pan.

2. Combine cake mix, pudding mix, eggs, water and oil in large bowl. Beat at medium speed with electric mixer for two minutes. Pour into pan.

3. Bake at 350F for 50-60 minutes or until toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool in pan 25 minutes. Invert onto heat resistant serving plate. Cool immediately.

4. For glaze, place frosting in microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on high power 10-15 seconds. Stir until smooth. Drizzle over cake.





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NCAA TOURNAMENT PREVIEW: No. 2 seed Alabama ready to face No. 15 seed Iona

UA Athletics
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INDIANAPOLIS, IN. – The Alabama men's basketball team is the No. 2 seed in the East Region, and No, 5 overall seed. The Tide will face No. 15 seed Iona inside Hinkle Fieldhouse on the campus of Butler University Saturday at 3 p.m. CT on TBS.

Saturday's matchup will mark the second meeting between Alabama and Iona with the Crimson Tide winning the only other matchup between the teams. That contest came on Dec. 29, 1989 when the Tide captured a 78-39 victory in the opening round of the Cable Car Classic in Santa Clara, Calif.

The Broadcast

• Saturday's game will be available on TBS with Andrew Catalon (play-by-play), Steve Lappas (analyst) and AJ Ross (sideline) on the call.

• The radio broadcast can be heard on the Crimson Tide Sports Network with Chris Stewart (play-by-play), Bryan Passink (analyst) and Roger Hoover (sideline) on the call. The pregame show will begin one hour prior to tipoff.

NCAA Tournament Notes

• The tournament trip is the 21st in program history and its first since 2018. UA is 19-20 all-time in the tournament and has advanced to the Sweet 16 seven times and the Elite Eight once (2004).

• Alabama earned the program's second No. 2 seed in the 2021 NCAA Tournament which matches the highest seed in program history. Both the 1987 (Sweet 16, 2-1) and 2002 (Round of 32, 1-1) teams were also No. 2 overall seeds, combining to go 3-2 overall.

• Iona owns a record of 12-5 overall and 6-3 in MAAC action, reaching the NCAA Tournament by winning the conference tournament title over Fairfield (60-51)

• The winner of the Alabama vs. Iona game will advance to face the winner of the matchup between No. 7 UConn and No. 10 Maryland on Monday, 22

• This is Nate Oats' fourth NCAA Tournament appearance as a head coach, with the others coming in 2016, 2018 and 201

Team Notes

• Alabama ranks No. 2 in the Ken Pomeroy defensive efficiency ratings (as of 3/18). Last year, the Tide was rated by the same site at No. 114 in the category. The Tide also ranks No. 34 in offensive efficiency making UA one of just four teams in the nation to have a top-40 offense and a top-10 defense.

• Alabama leads the nation in three-point field goals made (312) and attempted (912) (as of March 18) and is third in threes made per game (10.8). Furthermore, the Tide is also third nationally in average possession length on offense (14.1) and ninth in the nation in adjusted tempo (73.9 possessions per game).

• Alabama boasts four seniors who have played more than 100 games. John Petty Jr. leads all players with 128 games played, followed by Herbert Jones (126), Alex Reese (121) and Jordan Bruner (104)

• Alabama remained in the national rankings, moving up at No. 5 in both the Associated Press and USA Today Coaches Top-25 Polls. It's the first time the Tide has been ranked in the AP Poll top five since December of 2004. In fact, the last time UA was ranked inside the AP Top Five during the Famed Rocket 8 team that finished No. 5 in the AP Poll.

• Alabama captured the 2021 Southeastern Conference Tournament championship with an 80-79 victory over LSU in Sunday's title game. It marks the seventh SEC Tournament trophy in Crimson Tide history and the first in 30 years, dating back to 1991. Combined with winning the program's eighth SEC regular-season title, the Tide has now claimed a combined 15 SEC Championships in school history. The Tide owns a record of 70-53 (.569) in all-time SEC Tournament games, ranking second in tournament winning percentage and third in total tournament wins.



UA ATHLETICS

The Alabama Crimson Tide will face Iona in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament Saturday at 3 p.m.

• Guard Jahvon Quinerly was named the SEC Tournament Most Outstanding Player, averaging 15.7 points, 3.0 assists and 2.7 rebounds while shooting 59.4 percent (19-of-32) and 46.2 percent (6-of-13) from beyond the arc across the Tide's three wins. Herbert Jones was also named to the All-Tournament team, averaging a double-double with 13.7 points, 10.3 rebounds and a team-leading 5.7 assists per game during the Tide's tournament run.

• The 80-79 win over LSU in the SEC Championship game on March 14 marked the Tide's 18th game of scoring 80 or more points which is a new school record. The former program record was 17 80-point games in a season, which was set in three different seasons: 1976-77, 1978-79 and 2001-02. Good things happen when Alabama hits the mark as the Tide is now 18-0 this season.

• Herbert Jones was named the SEC Player and Defensive Player of the Year, while Nate Oats was tabbed the league's Coach of the Year. It's the first time an Alabama player has earned Defensive Player of the Year and the first time since 2002 the program has had a player and coach of the year. In addition, Jones and John Petty Jr. were named First Team All-SEC, while Jaden Shackelford earned second-team honors and Joshua Primo was named an all-freshman performer. The full list of SEC awards can be found in the column on the right.

Racking Up The Awards

• Herbert Jones was named a Sporting News All-American (Third Team) while also earning the Southeastern Conference Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year, while Nate Oats was tabbed the league's Coach of the Year, as the league office announced the 2021 postseason awards on March 9.

• In addition to those honors, John Petty Jr. joined Jones as All-SEC First Team honorees, while Jaden Shackelford earned All-SEC Second Team recognition. Joshua Primo became the fifth straight UA rookie to earn a spot on the league's all-freshman team, while Jones was also one of five named as an all-defensive team performer, earning the accolade for a second consecutive year.

• Jones and Oats become the first Alabama duo to sweep the Player of the Year and Coach of the Year since Mark Gottfried and Erwin Dudley achieved the feat in 2002. Jones is the first Alabama player to earn the league's Defensive Player of the Year honor and is just the third player in SEC history to sweep both the Offensive and Defensive Player of the Year awards (Anthony Davis (2011-12) and Tyler Ulis (2015-16).

• In addition to his other hardware, Jones, who became the 20th All-American men's basketball player in program history, was tabbed by USA Today as the league's Player of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year and First Team All-SEC, while the AP selected him as the Player of the Year, earning 14 of the 18 first-place votes, as well as First Team All-SEC.

• Furthermore, Petty was named Second Team All-SEC by the AP and Honorable Mention/Third Team by USA Today. Oats was a consensus Coach of the Year by all three outlets.

For all the latest information on the team, follow AlabamaMBB on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook. General athletic news can be found at UA_Athletics on Twitter and Instagram and Alabama Athletics on Facebook.

Auburn Pro Day: Schwartz turns heads with blazing 40 time

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. – In the fall of 2018, when Anthony Schwartz was just a freshman at Auburn, he tweeted at Kansas City Chiefs wide receiver Tyreek Hill.

"When we racing?" Schwartz asked.

Hill was and still is considered one of, if not the fastest wide receiver in the NFL. He ran a 4.29 in the 40-yard dash at the NFL combine. On Thursday, Schwartz bested that time with an unofficial 40 time of 4.26 at Auburn's Pro Day. He was 0.04 off the NFL combine record 4.22, set by John Ross III in 2017.

"Today, he just proved how fast he was," teammate Jamien Sherwood said. "Everybody thought he was going to run anything in the 4.2s. His first one, he was already blazing. And then just to watch him run the second one, it was like 'don't blink' type of deal."

As evidenced by his tweet at Hill as a freshman, Schwartz has never lacked in confidence.

"I feel like I am the fastest guy in all of football, especially coming into the draft this year," Schwartz said after running a 4.26 on Thursday.

The speedy wide receiver was among the top 12 in the SEC at his position in receptions (54), yards (636) and yards per game (63.6). He ranks 10th all-time at Auburn with 117 career receptions in his three seasons on the Plains.

It was no surprise to see who Schwartz has been watching at the next level.

"I've been watching a lot of Tyreek Hill, of course," he said. "Just how he's able to use his speed in and out of his breaks, how he's able to run with the ball and run his routes with his speed. It's something I've been trying to model myself after, trying to see things in his game that I can bring into my game."

Other top performers from Auburn's Pro Day included Jordyn Peters in the vertical jump (39 ½), Peters and Seth Williams in the broad jump (10-4), and K.J. Britt with 24 reps on the bench press.

There was a representative from 30 of the NFL's 32 teams in attendance at Thursday's event.

K.J. BRITT
Linebacker
Height: 6-0 ½ / Weight: 235
Vertical: 32 ½
Broad: 9-10
Bench: 24 reps
40-yard dash: 4.75

On his attributes/strengths you can't measure at Pro Day...
"The relationships I make with my teammates. The way I care about ball. The way I care about my teammates and everybody who is going to help my team win. Also, just my competitiveness. I hate to lose anything. I feel like the way I compete is kind of scary. Those things right there are the kind of things you wouldn't see unless you really know me."

Jordyn Peters
Safety
Height: 6-0 ¾ / Weight: 202
Vertical: 39 ½
Broad: 10-4
Bench: 7 reps
40-yard dash: 4.7

On his Pro Day performance...
"I feel like overall I did a great job. Scouts got to see how I move around, my athleticism. I hope it shows that I'm not done. I'm still improving. I'm nowhere near being close to my top capacity. I feel like my best ball is still ahead of me. I want to be known as a versatile player. If I can move from position to position, I have more value as a player, so I've always prided myself on trying to learn as many positions as I can so I can be ready."

Anthony Schwartz
Wide receiver
Height: 6-0 / Weight: 186
Vertical: 32
Broad: 10-3
Bench: N/A
40-yard dash: 4.26

On expectations for Pro Day...
"My expectations were just to run fast on my 40, do good on all my drills and then when it came to the position work, just being able to show good footwork, be fast in and out of my breaks, be clean in and out of my breaks. And I feel like I did all of what I listed. I feel like there's still room to improve, but I feel like today I showed I'm more than just that deep-threat guy. I can do everything a receiver is supposed to do."

Jamien Sherwood
Safety
Height: 6-1 ¾ / Weight: 216
Vertical: 36
Broad: 10-3
Bench: 15 reps
40-yard dash: 4.75

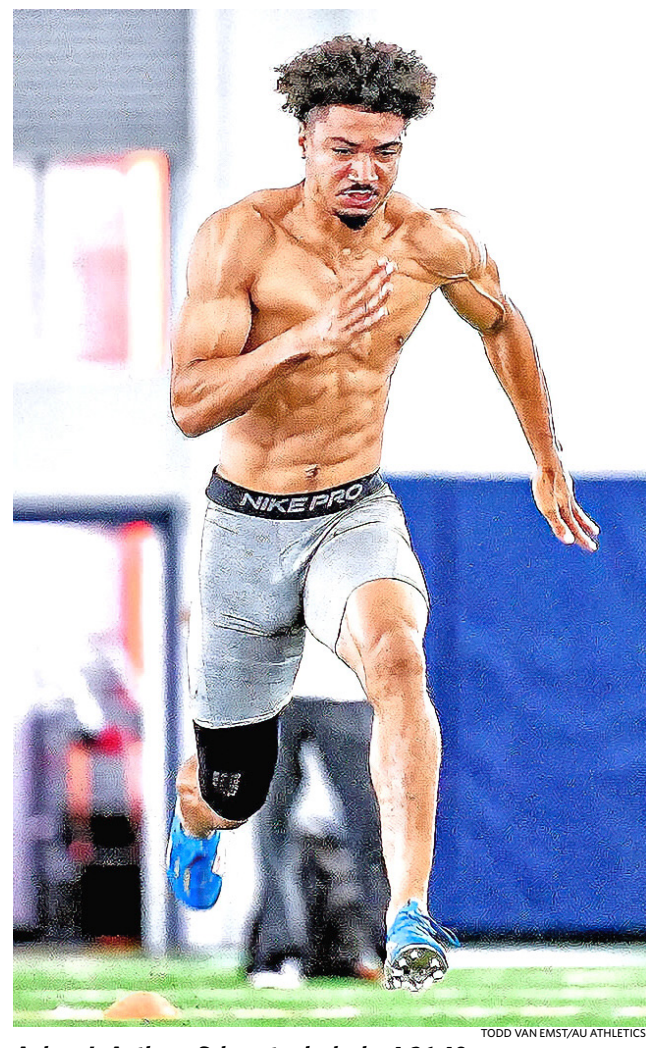
On if he's more of an enforcer or a ballhawk...
"Enforcer. I like to hit. I like to put it on people. A ballhawk is great. I love to get my hands on the ball as well, get my chance to score. Most of the time, you're not always going to get those opportunities. But you always get an opportunity to hit someone every play. Every chance I'm on that field, I'm bringing it to someone. Whether it's a lineman, fullback, running back – whoever it is, when I got my chance, I'm taking my shot."

Eli Stove
Wide receiver
Height: 5-11 3/8 / Weight: 194
Vertical: 30 ½
Broad: 9-11
Bench: 14 reps
40-yard dash: 4.55

On his versatility as a player...
"Like I say to the scouts, I play everything. Any position on the field you want to put me, I can do it. Slot, outside, play a little bit of running back, run in motion and get the ball on sweeps. I play special teams, too. I can do everything on the field. Versatility is my biggest thing."

Christian Tutt
Defensive back
Height: 5-10 1/4 / Weight: 180
Vertical: 29 ½
Broad: 9-2
Bench: N/A
40-yard dash: 4.75

On what he would bring to an NFL team...
"Whatever team decides to take me, I'm going to bring a lot of versatility. I love to be savvy as a defensive back. I'm going to try to learn as much as I can and do the best that I can and help the team in any way possible."



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Auburn's Anthony Schwartz clocked a 4.26 40-yard dash time at Auburn's Pro Day Thursday.

Seth Williams
Wide receiver
Height: 6-3 / Weight: 211
Vertical: 37
Broad: 10-4
Bench: 12
40-yard dash: 4.50

On his goal for Pro Day...
"To show my athleticism and show that I've cleaned up route running and getting in and out of breaks. I feel like I did great. I showed everything I can show."

On what advice he'd give to aspiring wide receivers...
"Don't be scared to make the play. Always want the ball. Don't be scared to be in the moment."

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

I have finally retired Lassie the laptop

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



Do you notice anything different about my writing this week? Does it look better? Does it seem fresh and new? I was afraid you might say what you just said. Well, it may look the same as always, but it was written on my brand-new laptop! Yes, I have a new laptop. Old faithful has served me well, but I have retired her. I have used my old laptop, with Windows 7, for ten years! In the computer world, that would be like driving a 1912 Ford Model T! My current Ford is not quite that old, but it is the same age as Lassie the Laptop and has almost 200,000 miles on the odometer.

I like to get all the good out of whatever I buy, by using it as long as possible. That old laptop and Ford are both young in comparison to our clothes dryer.

That thing is 41-years old and still drying! Those are all youngsters in comparison to the guy writing this column! Actually, I'm not as old as Methuselah, but I'm not finished yet either.

I am so old, my first writings were done with pen and paper, long before we had PCs. That was shortly after they had discarded stone tablets and carving because upgrades and support were no longer available!

Then, when I was in the 11th grade, I learned to type... with all ten fingers. Pelham Ables taught us...on Royal and Underwood manual typewriters. We had to learn without looking at our fingers.If Mr. Ables caught us looking, he made us stand up in front of the class and say, "I am a gooney bird!" These days, he would probably be fired for mental and psychological abuse. I am forever thankful for the gift Mr. Ables gave me. I may have used that skill in my work more than most others I learned. I am talking specifically about typing, but the gooney-bird thing may have been a forerunner to my doing comedy in front of a crowd!

My first electric typewriter was a hybrid. No, it didn't run on both electricity and gas. It was all electric, but the carriage return was still manual. That dinosaur got me through college and seminary.

By the time I went back to work on a doctorate, I had bought my first laptop. That was back in the 90s. They called it a laptop, but that thing was about the same size as that Model-T, and about as slow! If it sat on my lap too long, I couldn't walk afterwards! I wrote my doctoral dissertation on that thing. I would have graduated sooner if I'd had this new fast-as-lightning model back then. I also might not have lost those 30-something pages of work.

I have to admit, I am a little sad to retire the old dinosaur. We have cranked out quite a few items over the past ten years.

All my nine books, except the first one, were written on that laptop. An untold number of sermons, studies, stories, and songs have been written on it.

Since 2014, one newspaper column each week, which is currently in sixteen papers across Alabama, have been written on it. For the past five years, several feature stories for Mature Living magazine have been pecked out of it. Ole Lassie the Laptop and I have spent more time together than I have with most of you!

I know it was only a machine, but I am thankful for what we've accomplished together. Thank you for reading what she has written. Now, I need a new nickname for the new laptop.

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: 1930

From the Files of 1930

Kenneth Legg, the two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Legg is recovering nicely after breaking his leg two weeks ago.

The marriage licenses issued on March 20, 1930 included Howard George Hyde, age 17, to Miss Nettie Williamson, age 17.

Miss Mamie Bradford and Mrs. W.A. Trimble spent Tuesday in Birmingham.

Snow, rain, sleet and hail were all a part of the weather picture in Cullman County on Tuesday. Later the sun came out and it turned cold.

Those endorsing Mr. H.W. Tucker for sheriff of Cullman County from the Logan area were J.A. Roden, J.R. Rushing, T.D. Young, W.G. McCoy, W.B. Wood, W.A. Wright, J.F. Gibbs, M.T. McCoy, J.V. Cupp, J.S. Cupp and E.D. Graham.

Ben Perry and Miss Ruby Adams of Kelly were happily married on Saturday night, March 22.

Those who attended the egg boiling on Thursday night were Prentis and Lois Adamson, Earl Scott, Raymond Perry, Roy Westbrooks, J.C. and Clint Hensley.

Misses Katie Kamp and Gladys Sizemore spent Saturday in Cullman shopping.

Grady Ellard was the Saturday and Sunday night caller of Miss Bertha Patterson.

Duard Teague escorted Lula Mae Patterson from church on Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Freeman are the proud parents of twin girls. They live at Baldwin.

Misses Wynell, Christine and Atha Butler were the Sunday guests of Helen Calloway.

Julian Speegle spent Sunday with Fred Goodwin at Baldwin.

Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Waldrop attended the Sacred Harp two-day singing at Gum Pond.

Give your home the place it deserves, live with balance, love, faith and friendship and let happiness catch you!

Obituary Announcements: March 20

Vera Parker Harris, 86, of Gardendale
Vera Parker Harris, age 86, of Gardendale, AL, went home to be with the Lord on March 18, 2021 following a lengthy illness. She is survived by her daughter, Donna Harris DeLoach; her grandson, Travis (DaNeal) DeLoach; granddaughter, Traci DeLoach; great grandson, Private Gage Deloach. She is also survived by her three sisters, Jen (Ken) Dees, Frances (Dan) Anderson, and Brenda (Walt) Johannes. She was preceded in death by her beloved sister, Flora "Tinie" Muse; brothers, Melvin Parker and Raymond Parker. Viewing will be held at Cullman Funeral Home on March 21, 2021, 11 a.m. until 12 noon followed by a graveside service at Cullman City Cemetery. Bro. Dan Anderson will officiate the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Harris family. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Robert Wesley Heatherly, 83, of Cullman
Graveside service for Robert Wesley Heatherly, age 83, of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 27, 2021 at Cullman City Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Heatherly passed away on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at Cullman Regional. He was born, October 11, 1937 to Mack and Dora Heatherly. He is preceded in death by his wife, Patti Heatherly; parents; brothers, Michael Heatherly and James Heatherly. Survivors include his son, Shea (Michelle Hastings) Heatherly; daughter, Robin (Joshua McCluskey) Heatherly; step-daughter, Robin (Richard King) Smith; step-son, Kenny (Gina) Smith; grandchildren, Amanda (Michael) Moon, Jarod (Kelly) Davis, Trey (Jordan) Smith, Landon (Britainy Bachelor) Smith, Lauren Smith; great-grandchildren, Wyatt Simms, Cooper Simms and Parker Davis; brothers, Jerry (Charlotte) Heatherly, Raymond (Imogene) Heatherly and Bill Heatherly, and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Per the state mandate please wear a mask and social distance while attending the service.

Elizabeth Jane James, 68, of Cullman
Funeral service for Elizabeth Jane James, age 68, of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 22, 2021 at New Hope North Baptist Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. James passed away on Friday, March 19, 2021 at Hanceville Nursing Home. She was born August 24, 1952 in Missouri to Ervin and Lillie Knighten. She is preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her children, Jimmy (Katrina) James and Angela Armstrong, grandchidren, Tiffani (Daniel) Wren, Kody Armstrong, Nicole James and Autumn James, stepson, Jeff (Sandra) James, step grandchildren, Trent Patteson and Eric Patterson, great grandchildren, Scarlett Wren and Phoebe James, and brothers, Henry (Linda) Knighten and Victor Nuss. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Monday, March 22, 2021 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

ShirleyCarnell,79,ofMadison
Funeral service for Shirley Carnell, age 79, of Madison, will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 21, 2021 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Bradley Griggs officiating; burial at Enon Baptist Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Carnell passed away on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at Valley View Health and Rehab. She was born, February 5, 1942 to Clifton and Pauline Carter. She is preceded in death by her husband, Garold Carnell; and parents. Survivors include her daughter, Sherry (James) Adams; son, James Wise; step-son, John (Cindy) Carnell; step-daughter, Leah (Jerry) McRae; grandchildren, Hunter (Keri Beth) Adams, Lindsay Adams, Jackson Carnell, Cody McRae, Reilly McRae and Jordan McRae. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 21, 2021 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Elizabeth Ann Richardson, 54, of Cullman
Elizabeth Ann Richardson, of Cullman, passed away March 19, 2021 at the age of 54. She was born in Huntsville Alabama September 3, 1966. Survivors are: husband: Roger Richardson, daughter: Brittany Hodge, sons: Robert Hodge III, James Hodge, sisters: Linda Craig, Rena Stonis, Denise Rynders, brothers: Billy Ray (Kathy) Billions Jr., Patrick (Ashleigh) Moore, mother: Patricia Diane Moore, father: Daniel Moore. A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be announced at a later date by the family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.mossservicefh.com.

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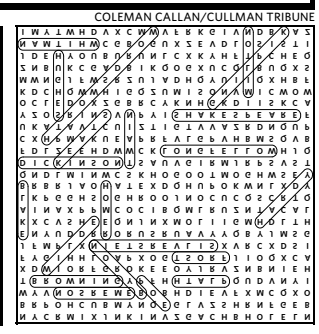
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POET'S CORNER

Overheard in an Orchard

By: Elizabeth Cheney (1859)

Said the Robin to the Sparrow,

"I should really like to know

Why these anxious human beings

Rush around and worry so.'

Said the Sparrow to the Robin,

"Friend, I think that it must be

That they have no Heavenly Father,

such as cares for you and me.

Knight (from Front)

compared to Jeff Foxworthy as the next star of redneck comedy."

Will pose for cans!
Folks are encouraged to stop by and bring canned goods for the CCK food pantry. To support its drive, if you bring at least 20 cans, you can have your picture taken with the comedy team.

A release from CCK read, "Join us for a day of fun, laughter, and a mission to help feed hungry children."

Always a need
CCK Executive Director Javon Daniel told The Tribune that, in addition to canned goods, the food pantry has a constant need for dry beans and rice, as well as popular children's cereals that seem to leave CCK as fast as donors bring them in.

For more on CCK, visit www.facebook.com/CullmanCaringForKids or www.cullmancaringforkids.com, or call 256-739-1111.

For more on Darren Knight, visit https://comediandarrenknight.com.

Spring Under the Stars (from Front)

Kristen Holmes
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – The Wallace State Community College Fine and Performing Arts program announces, "Spring Under the Stars," a performance featuring the Wallace State Singers, Jazz Band, Concert Band and Concert Choir. The outdoor concert will be held Tuesday, March 30 at 7 p.m., in front of the Burrow Center for the Fine and Performing Arts.

"Bring a blanket or lawn chairs and join us for a concert beneath the stars," said Ricky Burks, department chair.

"In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved inside.

Performances by the Wallace State Singers will include a medley of songs made famous by the Andrew Sisters, such as "Booogie Woogie Bugle Boy" and "Bei Mir Bist Du Schön (Means That Your Grand)."

The Jazz Band will entertain with tunes like "In the Cool, Cool, Cool of the Evening," which was a 1951 Academy Award winner for Best Original Song for composers Hoagy Carmichael and Johnny Mercer.

Among the songs planned by the Concert Choir is Amy Bernon's "Oceans and Stars." The Concert Band and Vocal Jazz Group will also perform.

There is no charge to attend, but a suggested donation of $5 is requested.

Social distancing measures will be taken in accordance with state guidelines.

Other upcoming events include a Dance Showcase Wednesday, April 7 at 7 p.m., presented by the Wallace State Dance program, the Big Band Dance Friday, April 16, at 7 p.m., presented by the Wallace State Jazz Band and performances at the Strawberry Festival May 1 for the Jazz Band and Singers.

For more information about the performance, contact Tiffany Richter at 256-352-8034 or tiffany.richter@wallacestate.edu.

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