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PREP BASKETBALL

CHS hires Stuedeman to lead Bearcats

Cullman City Schools
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman High School has found its new basketball coach. Vincent "Stu" Stuedeman, a recent assistant on Mountain Brook High School's state championship basketball team, has been hired to lead the boys varsity Bearcats as the new head coach.

"Being chosen to lead the Cullman High School boys' basketball program is a tremendous honor. My wife and I are thrilled to join a community that places immense value on education as well as athletics," Stuedeman said. "It is beyond inspiring to work alongside high-achievers who pride themselves on being a Cullman Bearcat, and I am truly humbled by their belief in me. I am excited to further build our basketball program into an institution that brings the city both excitement and pride. I cannot wait to get started and to meet as many people as possible."

Stuedeman has spent the 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 seasons as an assistant coach at Mountain Brook. During that time, Mountain Brook won a 6A State Championship, a 7A State Championship and regularly won area and regional tournaments. Stuedeman also brings head coaching experience from a 20-4 run as varsity head coach of Greenville High School, plus a 15-14 stint as Grissom High School's head varsity coach that saw his team finish as regular season area champs. Stuedeman's Grissom and Greenville teams both reached the regional semifinals under » PAGE 4



KYLE PARMERLY/STARNES MEDIA

Coach Stuedeman, center, talks with Mountain Brook players during his time as an assistant coach with the Spartans.

Cullman County Child Development Center gets a visit from their favorite superheroes!



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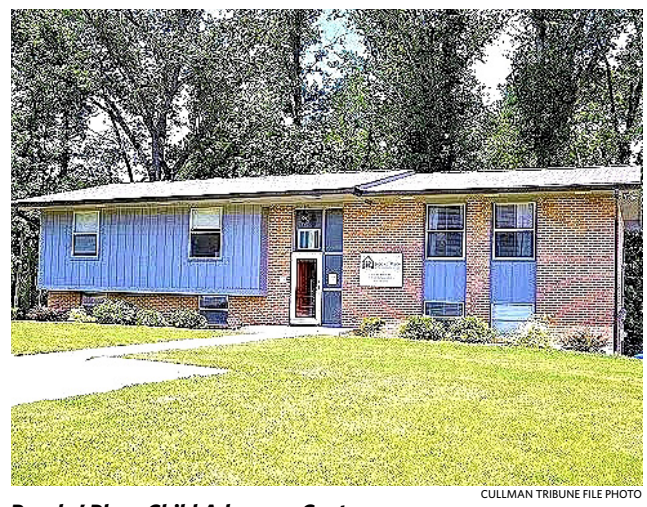
Spiderman strikes his signature pose with one of the center's students.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Superheroes took over the Cullman County Child Development Center Friday as Batman, Spiderman, Thor and Captain America stopped by to visit with some of their mightiest fans. Many of the students wore masks, t-shirts, capes or costumes of their favorite superheroes. Students also had the opportunity to get a close look at Batman's awesome truck!

Superhero Day is part of the Child Development Center's Fabulous Fun Friday events. Earlier in the day, superheroes from Temple Baptist Church came to visit with the children. In the afternoon, The Superheroes of Cullman County stopped by the school. They posed for pictures with the children and gave them pointers on how to shoot webs and fight crime. There was no shortage of hugs for » PAGE 2

Brooks' Place Child Advocacy Center provides justice and healing for victims of child abuse



CULLMAN TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

Brooks' Place Child Advocacy Center. » PAGE 6

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Cullman County Commission terminates emergency declared before March 17 storms



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To the Class of 2021

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Superheroes (from Front)

the superheroes, and Spiderman appeared to be the most popular Friday afternoon. Batman and Captain America still received plenty of love from their young admirers. Batman said, "It never gets old--just seeing the smile on the kids' faces." Spiderman added, "Especially these kids."

Each Friday the children participate in a different themed day. Last week was camping week and the children had a great time while learning important life skills. When the children return from spring break, they will have a landscaping day and a tailgating day. CCCDC Principal Chris Chambers explained, "The teachers have different ideas for different classrooms. That way, they can make it age appropriate for the littles versus the bigs. They don't know that they are learning. On camping day, they learned about different foods and how to preserve things. They learned to shelter and if you get lost, what you can do. How to open a can. How to use a can opener so if you don't have any power or you are out camping."

The Superheroes of Cullman County are always looking for other superheroes to join in on the fun. If you are interested in using your superpowers to put smiles on the faces of others, contact Chuck Brown on Facebook.

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF JOHN PATTERSON and MELISSA PATTERSON FOR THE ADOPTION OF

CASE NO AD 2020-085

R.R.R.S. A MINOR.
D.O.B. 06-13-2019

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: BRAIDEN REEFER ROBERT STANLEY, BIOLOGICAL FATHER
HAILEE ANDREE FRANCIS LACKEY, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER

The Petition for Adoption and Amended Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by John Patterson and Melissa Patterson, Petitioners. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioners, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 24th DAY OF March, 2021.

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

Jerry Kilgo
Attorney for Petitioners
105 1st Ave NE, Ste G
Cullman, Alabama 35055

To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice once a week for four (4) successive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO.: PC 2021-080

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES FELTUS TANKERSLEY, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Charles Michael Tankersley on the 24th day of March, 2021, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Charles Michael Tankersley
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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steve@smithandsmithllp.com

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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 * **
LELDON EDDLEMAN * CASE NO.: PC 2021-050
Deceased. *

NOTICE
PETITION FOR SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION OF A QUALIFYING ESTATE UNDER THE SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION OF SMALL ESTATES ACT AND AMENDED PETITION FOR DISTRIBUTION OF A QUALIFYING ESTATE UNDER THE SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION OF SMALL ESTATES ACT

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Summary Distribution of a Qualifying Estate Under the Summary Distribution of Small Estates Act has been filed the on the 3rd day February, 2021, and Amended Petition for Distribution Qualifying Estate Under the Summary Distribution filed the 23rd day of March, 2021, filed by Kenneth Ray Eddleman, Petitioner, by and through Attorney Richard R. Henson, 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.

Kenney Ray Eddleman
Petitioner

Richard R. Henson
Attorney at Petitioner
55 North Main Street
Arab, Alabama 35016

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 24th 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.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

DYER ROY,)
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Plaintiffs,)
)
V.) Case No.: CV-2021-900069.00
)
BAKER JAMES,)
BROWN JO ANNA,)
ELLIS CHRISTI,)
BROWN ROLAND EARL ET AL,)
Defendants.)

AMENDED ORDER OF PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

TO: ANY AND ALL PERSONS, HEIRS OR DEVISEES OF JAMES BAKER or JO ANNA BROWN, claiming any right, title and interest to the following described real property, to-wit: **Parcel #22-07-25-0-000-014.000**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 11TH day of March 2021, a Complaint in Rem to Quiet Title was filed by Plaintiffs Roy Dyer and Teresa Dyer, by and through their counsel of record, Seth B. Thompson, wherein all parties at interest were given notice and wherein it was alleged that said Complaint was filed against the property described above, and it was alleged that Plaintiffs were the owner in fee simple of said real property.

The parties at interest are further notified that Plaintiff avers in said Complaint that it claims title to the real property by reason of the following chain of title, to wit:

(a)On the 7th day of March, 2016, a decree was rendered by the Revenue Commissioner of Cullman County for the sale of land herein described and conveyed for the State and County taxes of James Baker or Jo Anna Brown, the owners of said land for the cost of expenses thereto and thereunder.

(b) On the 3rd day of May, 2016, said lands were duly and regularly sold by the Revenue Commissioner of said county for taxes, costs and expenses and at said sale Plaintiffs purchased said lands at and for the sum of said taxes, costs and expenses and forthwith paid said sum to the Revenue Commissioner, and received from said Revenue Commissioner a certificate of said sale.

(c) The time of redemption of said lands has elapsed and said certificate of purchase had been returned to the Revenue Commissioner of said county.

(d) On or about the 21st day of May, 2019, Plaintiffs came forward and notified the Revenue Commissioner that they had taken lawful possession of the land and were due a deed pursuant to the Code of Alabama, specifically, but not limited to Title 40-10-29 and act number 84-493. Plaintiffs have met all requirements under these two statutes and other provisions of Alabama Law.

(e) Title to the real property described hereinabove stands upon the records in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, in the name of the Plaintiffs.

YOU ARE HEREBY DIRECTED to answer this Complaint on or before thirty (30) days from the 11th day of April, 2021, or on failure to do so, suffer a default judgment to be rendered against you.

DONE this 18th day of March, 2021.

/s/ MARTHA E. WILLIAMS
CIRCUIT JUDGE

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Friday, March 26 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: 400,120 (+302 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 113,460 (+140 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 8,299 (+19 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 2,224
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,355 (+3 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 2,984 (+1 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 124 (+0 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 62
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 38,984
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 2,363
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 288
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,393,751
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 11,177
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 139,407
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 361
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama (reported M-F): 47,426
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 315,743

* The ADPH Data and Surveillance Dashboard experienced some technical issues Tuesday, March 23. As a result, case counts reported Wednesday, March 24 2021, are higher, as they contain data from both days.

Vaccine details (updated Monday-Friday)
- Doses delivered to Alabama: 2,348,515
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 1,935,315
- Doses administered: 1,564,146
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 1,007,340
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 591,616
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 413,200

Alabamians in Phases 1a, 1b and 1c are now eligible to receive a vaccine.

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

DAILY UPDATE FROM ADPH

Hale County COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Saturday, March 27 canceled

Due to the severe weather damage in Hale County, the Alabama Department of Public Health has canceled the COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic scheduled for Saturday, March 27, at the Boys and Girls Club (Old National Guard Armory) in Greensboro. Announcements about future clinics will be made at a later date.

National Guard COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic update

The Alabama National Guard (ALNG) will continue rotating through 24 rural counties to provide primary COVID-19 vaccinations for the next three weeks. On March 23, 641 vaccinations were given at the Covington County location and 433 vaccinations were given in Sumter County. 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 can be reviewed and completed before receiving a vaccination. Persons are asked to check the link frequently as locations are subject to change due to inclement weather or unforeseen logistical issues.

Updated Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance for schools

CDC guidance related to physical distancing in schools has recently changed. ADPH would like to remind the public that CDC's physical distancing guidance changes were based upon studies done with consistent and correct use of masks, along with additional recommendations for elementary, middle and high school age groups. CDC's definition of a close contact did not change and remains persons who have contact within less than 6 feet for 15 minutes or more. ADPH is updating its School Toolkit to include CDC guidance. Schools may assess their current situations and make decisions in the best interest of their students, teachers and staff.

At least 1 in 5 residents of 47 Alabama counties vaccinated

Twenty percent or more of the residents age 16 and older of 47 Alabama counties have received one or more doses of COVID-19 vaccine to date. Successful public health efforts to achieve vaccine equity have resulted in higher vaccine uptake among African American residents of Black Belt counties. Counties where 20% or more of their residents have been vaccinated are as follows: Wilcox, Marengo, Perry, Conecuh, Clarke, Hale, Dallas, Lee, Tallapoosa, Sumter, Lowndes, Jefferson, Macon, Monroe, Houston, Colbert, Bullock, Clay, Henry, Lauderdale, Greene, Mobile, Baldwin, Chambers, Choctaw, Washington, Shelby, Lamar, Franklin, Cullman, Morgan, Crenshaw, Madison, Montgomery, Geneva, Fayette, Coosa, Pike, Etowah, Lawrence, Limestone, Tuscaloosa, Calhoun, Jackson, Butler, Marion and Escambia. Vaccines are one key to protecting the most vulnerable and helping stop the pandemic in Alabama. Supply remains an issue, as there is not yet enough vaccine available for everyone who would like to be vaccinated.

ADPH encourages the use of facial coverings after mandate ends April 9

Masks or other facial coverings will no longer be a mandate after April 9, but ADPH reminds everyone that masks remain one of the most successful tools to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. Many businesses and health care facilities will continue to require facial coverings in their facilities. Hospitals and nursing homes are under federal guidance that supports the use of facial coverings, and we anticipate the requirement for facial coverings to remain in place at those facilities.

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported March 26

Cullman Tribune Staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported March 26, 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 25
• fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $75

ARRESTS
March 25
Bagwell, Susan B.; 57
• illegal possession of prescription drugs

Shirley, Jason E.; 37
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Garrett, James E.; 23
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Tanner Jr.; James I.; 29
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
• FTA- driving without license (2 counts)
• FTA- insurance violation (2 counts)
• FTA- driving while suspended

Frazier, Stephanie L.; 27
• unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance

Graves, Kevin D.; 35
• third-degree criminal trespass

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.
• Sundays-9 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Small group classes for children, youth and adults at 10 a.m. Praise and Worship and message at 11 a.m.
• 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!
• Saturday-April 17th 9 a.m.-1 p.m.-Lifesouth Blood Drive. Please donate blood and save a life!

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.

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

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.

Commission (from Front)

Christy Perry
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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Commission voted to terminate the local emergency that was declared prior to the storms Wednesday March 17. Cullman County EMA director Phyllis Little said, "Other than having some repeat issues with areas that were washed out and flooded last week, we did have some new areas of flooding and most of it was flash flooding, and there was the interstate that everybody is familiar with, but I haven't received any new damages that would cause me to think that we have an extreme load on top of what we had last week."

She continued, "A lot of it is going to be repeated damage from culverts that have not settled long enough and it's not anything we can really do about that except go back and fix it." There were no reports of structural damage from the latest round of storms, so the recommendation was to terminate the existing emergency declaration.

More strong storms are expected in the coming days. Little updated the commission, "We are looking at some strong to severe thunderstorms possible starting around midnight tonight (Friday) going into the morning (Saturday). We are looking at another round Sunday. We are not in a high-risk area for that. We are not, at this time, looking at tornadic-type weather. Of course, you can never rule that out with a thunderstorm anyway. The forecast that is in place now is nothing like we had for yesterday or what we had for last week. This looks like the usual springtime thunderstorms that we've come to expect in the South."

Chairman Jeff Clemons praised those out working to repair damages. He said, "I want to thank Phyllis (Little) with EMA for all their hard work in the last two floodings that we have had. It's been devastating. I want to thank the road department and the water department for all the hard work they did yesterday. I was out on several scenes with them. There were up in mud knee deep putting pipes in and water lines. I can't thank them enough, from me and Kerry (Watson) for all their hard work. The co-op, they were out last night getting people's power restored and our county fire departments. It's truly an honor to get to work with all those folks. All the dedication they do for our county. Thank you all so much."

Cullman County received over 5 inches of additional rainfall Thursday. Many of the areas that had been fixed from last week's flooding are being repaired again. Chairman Clemons said, "We had a lot of rain, my goodness. They repaired roads yesterday in the pouring down rain and it rained so hard that we even had water lines that were washed out of the ground that the water department had to go fix."

County road crews went back out early Friday morning and will work through the day.

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Stuedeman (from Front)

his leadership.

He also played collegiate basketball at the University of Alabama-Huntsville for two seasons, from 2004-2006.

He then moved on to the University of Alabama and served as a student assistant under former Alabama Crimson Tide coach Mark Gottfried.

Stuedeman also served as an assistant coach at Spring Hill College and Chipola Junior College.

"Bearcat fans can expect our team to always be hard-working, unselfish and fearless.

"We will play to a high standard, night in and night out," Stuedeman said.

"Our brand of basketball will be entertaining and fast-paced. With a drive to excel in all facets of the game, both offensively and defensively, we will tailor our approach and play up our strengths against each opponent.

"The aim is to not only build a team, but also foster a group of brothers who lay it all on the line for each other, their school and their community each and every game."

Cullman High School Principal Kim Hall said Stuedeman represents what the Bearcats are looking for both on and off, the court to lead the varsity program.

"We are thrilled to have Coach Stuedeman join our team.

"He brings valuable basketball expertise, knowledge and energy to CHS, and has a clear vision to implement a comprehensive developmental basketball program," Hall said.

"I look forward to working with him and we are so excited about the energy he brings, coming from an elite Mountain Brook program.

"He brings key experience working in various successful high school and college programs, and coached alongside former Mountain Brook and current Samford University Coach Bucky McMillan."

Cullman City Schools has more than 3,000 students and encompasses Cullman High School (Grades 9-12), Cullman Middle School (Grades 7-8), East Elementary School (Grades 2-6), West Elementary School (Grades 2-6), and Cullman City Primary School (Grades K-1). Cullman City Schools also hosts the Cullman City Head Start Program.

Cullman City Schools consistently ranks as one of the top school systems in College ACT scores in the state of Alabama.

Class (from Front)

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To the Class of 2021, I applaud you! Last year, as the school year came to an abrupt end, there was profound sadness followed by an abundance of community support for the seniors of 2020. As a mother of a 2020 senior and a 2021 senior, I knew the Class of 2021 would be the class to have an entire senior year full of changes.

This year's seniors were the student leaders who had to figure out how to manage an entire year during a global pandemic.

Sure, last year's seniors faced a few months of uncertainty, but you were the ones who faced an entire academic year wondering what might happen next. You did so with extraordinary resilience.

Whether the choice was made to attend class in-person, virtually or in a hybrid format, nothing about your senior year has been normal.

This makes you trailblazers in my eyes. Learning to navigate your way through an unknown way of doing things was likely confusing, frustrating and, at times, disappointing.

With graduation just a few weeks away, you have shown that you are capable of handling some of the craziest curveballs life has to offer.

If figuring out how to get through the academic year wasn't challenging enough, next you had to juggle the never-ending changes to your extracurricular life.

Would there be sports? Would there be marching band? Who would get to go? Would there be performances or plays?

These were some of the many questions you faced each and every day.

Despite the disappointments, I saw firsthand the determination each of you had to make your senior year the absolute best it could be.

You did this with the added pressure of remaining socially distanced and wearing masks. Some of you, despite your best efforts, would test positive for COVID-19 and others would be placed in quarantine. Essentially, you adapted to all the changes while trying to avoid the corona boogeyman.

There is so much criticism, especially on social media, of Generation Z from older generations.

Perhaps the critics fail to recognize the extreme perseverance the Class of 2021 has demonstrated over the last year.

They certainly did not have it easy and they never quit. They rolled with the punches and rose to the challenges like champs.

When this year's senior class is finally able to walk across the stage to receive their diploma, know that they did more than just pass all the required classes. They endured and survived a tumultuous and sometimes frightening year. They are proven leaders and without a doubt, they deserve our respect. Congratulations Class of 2021!!!

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365 AMERICAN JOY-GIVERS for 2021: 'The Winners Circle Birthday Party'

Ben South
Tribune Columnist

Brooke Astor was known as "The Queen of New York." Her beloved country house, "Holly Hill," in Briarcliff, New York is the regal setting for "The Winners Circle Birthday Party." The Westchester County estate has more than 10,000 square feet, including 24 rooms, 13 bedrooms and both indoor and outdoor swimming pools.

Because this late-March day is warm and sunny, Mrs. Astor's butler ushers us to a lovely luncheon in her luxurious gardens.

JOIN US...

You sense the joy the minute you walk into the gardens. 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 27 - QUENTIN TARANTINO (born in Knoxville, TN) is a film director, screenwriter, producer and actor. He is one of the most-influential creatives of his time, which is—NOW. His films are characterized by non-linear plotlines, buckets of bloody entertaining violence, ensemble casts, dark humor and joy-giving comeuppance. (Side note: One of my most-embarrassing moments in a movie theater (and there are others) was seeing a matinee of Tarantino's, "Django Unchained" with maybe five other people in the auditorium. About midway through the film, after I thought I'd become inured to blood-spurting, headless cowboys, I was so startled by a scene, I hollered out loud as if I'd been speared. I'm sure you understand why I waited through all the final credits to roll before I slunk out to the lobby.)

Tarantino's first independent film was the hugely successful "Reservoir Dogs," which he financed from the sale of the screenplay he wrote for the hit, "True Romance." "Pulp Fiction" was next, then "Kill Bill," "Inglorious Basterds," (yes, grammar police that is the way the film title was spelled) and his recent award-winner, "Once Upon A Time In Hollywood."

Quentin Tarantino has two Oscars, two BAFTAs (British), four Golden Globes, the Palme d'Or (Cannes), an Emmy, five Grammys, a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and perhaps most-enviably, a passionate cult following.

March 28 - CHARLIE McCOY is one of America's most-listened to harmonica players and one of Nashville's most-sought after session musicians. He was the leader of "HeeHaw's Million Dollar Band." You'll hear him on recordings from: Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Loretta Lynn, Chet Atkins, Waylon Jennings and hundreds of others.

Charlie McCoy has been inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame and the International Musicians Hall of Fame.

The Florida native's first recording as a harmonica player was the song, "I Just Don't Understand" performed by Ann-Margret.

My personal favorite, Charlie McCoy harmonica soloing is heard throughout Roy Orbison's million-selling, "Candy Man."

If you are wanting some extra joy in this second (feels like 10th) year of the pandemic, you'll want to YouTube this song soon.

March 29 - BROOKE ASTOR was a socialite and one of America's wealthiest and most high-profile philanthropists. (Yes, I know, nice work if you can get it, but she also gave joy to thousands through her generous support of worthy causes.)

Her third marriage was to Vincent Astor, great-great grandson of America's first multimillionaire fur trader, John Jacob Astor. Miz Brooke (her close friends called her) Bobby, was the chairwoman of the Vincent Astor Foundation.

She also authored two novels and two volumes of personal memoirs. The charities she supported included: The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York Public Library, The Animal Medical Center (NYC), the Fresh Air Fund and Lighthouse for the Blind.

Brooke Astor was awarded the National Medal of Arts and the Presidential Medal of Freedom for her tireless, philanthropic work.

March 30 - SECRETARIAT is the only nonhuman rostered in this yearlong series, "365 AMERICAN JOY-GIVERS for 2021." He was the first Triple Crown winner in 25 years. Secretariat was born in Virginia but spent much of his life in Kentucky. He set speed records in all three races for the Triple Crown: the Kentucky Derby, the Belmont Stakes and the Preakness Stakes.

He won five of horse racing's coveted "Eclipse Awards," including "Horse of the Year." If they had a "Horse of the Decade," he would have one that, too, and "The Horse Giving America the Greatest Joy."

The big, handsome, chestnut-colored stud was a champion joy-giver in his many celebrations in the "Winners Circle."

Here are quotes associated with the joy-giving life of Secretariat:

"He laughs at fear, afraid of nothing...In frenzied excitement, he eats up the ground. He cannot stand still when the trumpet sounds."

"Behind every legend is an impossible dream."

"Don't look at the life behind you and your past; look at the life ahead and your future."

"This is not about going back. This is about life being ahead of you and you run at it."

"Never run faster than your guardian angel can fly."

March 31 - CESAR CHAVEZ was born in Arizona and became an American labor leader, community organizer, successful businessman and Latino American civil rights activist/hero. He was revered as a "folk saint" by Mexican Americans. His birthday, March 31, is a federally-commemorated holiday in several U.S. states. He received the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

April 1 - DEBBIE REYNOLDS was born into a poor family in El Paso, Texas. Her mother took in laundry to add to the family income. Reynolds' dad was a carpenter and railroad laborer. Per Debbie, "We may have been poor, but we always had something to eat, even if Dad had to go out in the desert and shoot jack rabbits."

Debbie Reynolds was a bestselling recording singer, a television and film star, a nightclub performer and a businesswoman. She became an iconic American superstar as the title character of the "Tammy" movies.

She owned a dance studio and a Las Vegas casino/hotel. She even released an exercise video, "Do It Debbie's Way." She won Oscars, Golden Globes, Emmys and a Tony award. She's on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and actually became Dr. Reynolds when the University of Nevada (Reno) gave her an honorary degree for her many years of support to film studies.

April 2 - MARVIN GAYE was born Marvin Pentz Gay, Jr. in Washington, D.C. He was an award-winning singer, songwriter and record producer. He helped shape the sound of Motown in the 1960s, first as a session performer, then with duets and solos.

He was musical royalty, called "The Prince of Motown," and "The Prince of Soul." His song hits include: "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," "Ain't Nothing Like the Real Thing," "Ain't That Peculiar," "I Heard It Through the Grapevine," "Sexual Healing," "Some Kind of Wonderful," and "What's Going On?"
Marvin Gaye performed one of the most-popular, joy-giving renditions of "The Star-Spangled Banner" since the ink dried on Francis Scott Key's scrap paper during the British bombardment of Fort McHenry. (Side note: "The Star-Spangled Banner" did not become America's national anthem until 1931.)

COMMENTS OVERHEARD AT "THE WINNERS CIRCLE BIRTHDAY PARTY" FOR AMERICAN JOY-GIVERS:

"I didn't go to film school, I went to films."—Quentin Tarantino

"The song is like a picture, session musicians like me provide a frame to make the picture look and sound good."—Charlie McCoy

"Money is like manure; it's not worth a thing unless it's spread around."—Brooke Astor

"To make a dream come true, the first requirement is a great capacity to dream; the second is persistence."—Cesar Chavez

"Singin' in the Rain" and childbirth were the two hardest things I ever had to do in my life."—Debbie Reynolds

"Too busy thinking about my baby and I ain't got time for nothing else."—Marvin Gaye

"Don't write what you think people want to read. Find your voice and write about what's in your heart."—Quentin Tarantino

"I've played on some 13,000 sessions...some great...some downright horrible."—Charlie McCoy

"It's quite an art to ask people for money. But I think that I have to ask them for money for the things I'm interested in. And, of course, money breeds money."—Brooke Astor

"True wealth is not measured in money or status or power. It is measure in the legacy we leave behind for those we love and those we inspire."—Cesar Chavez

"I gave it all I had, and it's gratifying that others seem to be receiving so well."—Debbie Reynolds

"Politics and hypocrites are turning us all into lunatics."—Marvin Gaye

"Thomas Edison invented the movie camera to show people killing and kissing."—Quentin Tarantino

"I'm just a movie fan. I used to go to the movies just to watch movies."—Debbie Reynolds

"No matter how horrid a person may appear on the surface, if you dig deeper, you will find some nice, unexpected little quality."—Brooke Astor

"Once social change begins, it cannot be reversed. You cannot un-educate the person who has learned to read. You cannot humiliate the person who feels pride. You cannot oppress the people who are not afraid anymore."—Cesar Chavez

"I always avoid not working."—Debbie Reynolds

"Mercy, mercy me, things ain't what they used to be."—Marvin Gaye

"I'm an easy laugher. I laugh all the time. You can find me on any set, because I'm always laughing."—Quentin Tarantino

"Good music is good music whether it's your idea or my idea."—Charlie McCoy

"If you love to read, if you love nature and if you have a dog, you've got it made."—Brooke Astor

"In giving of yourself, you will discover a whole new life full of meaning and love."—Cesar Chavez

"If you cannot find peace within yourself, you will never find it anywhere else."—Marvin Gaye

"The people who give you their food, give you their heart."—Cesar Chavez

"Hamburgers! The cornerstone of any nutritious breakfast."—Quentin Tarantino

"Usually, New York has lousy salads."—Debbie Reynolds

PARTY MENU for "The Winners Circle Birthday Party:"

APPETIZERS—Quentin Tarantino Mini-Breakfast Burger (foodnetwork.com)

SALAD—Brooke Astor's "21 Club" Wedge Salad (restaurantguru.com)

ENTRÉE—Debbie Reynold's Jackrabbit Bourguignon (themeateater.com)

SIDE DISH—Charlie McCoy Nashville Grits (ediblenashville.com)

BREAD—Secretariat Oatbread (quakeroats.com)

BEVERAGE—Marvin Gaye "Heard It Through the Grapevine" Cocktail (see below)

DESSERT—Cesar Chavez Homemade Churros (tasteofhome.com)

ONE TO GROW ON: Search YouTube for Marvin Gaye's soulful, nationally popular performance of "The Star-Spangled Banner" recorded February 13, 1983 at the 33rd National Basketball Association All-Star Game at The Forum in Inglewood, California. You will be proud you did. At the end of the party, Brooke Astor thanked everyone for coming to her farm and commented on how at some point, each of those celebrating had dreamed of being in a "Winners Circle" and the heady power that might bring. She adds, "Power is the ability to do good things for other people."

THE MARVIN GAYE 'HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE' COCKTAIL
(source: diffordsguide.com)

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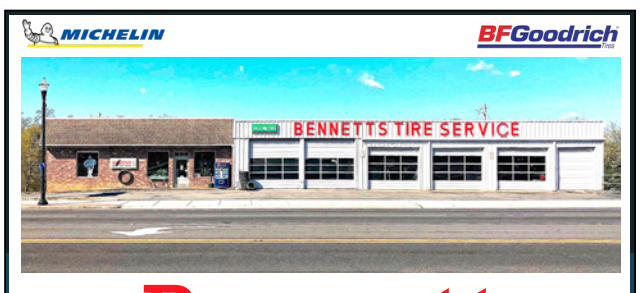
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- 1/3 oz Birch sap liqueur
- 2/3 oz Remy Martin 1738 Cognac
- 1/6 oz Luxardo Maraschino liqueur
- 1/3 oz Peppercorn syrup 1:1 (homemade)
- 2 dashes Lemon bitters
- 1 dash Angostura aromatic bitters

Instructions

Stir all ingredients with ice and strain into chilled "coupe glass," (Brooke Astor likely had two hundred coupes and they were Waterford, but anyone could/should have two, and not plastic); garnish with a frozen grape and spiral of lemon zest.



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Brooks' Place (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – As the U.S. prepares for Child Abuse Prevention Month in April, The Tribune is taking a look at the local resources the Cullman community uses to confront issues of child abuse and neglect. First stop: Brooks' Place Child Advocacy Center.

According to director Gail Swafford, the mission of Brooks' Place is "to protect children, provide justice and promote healing to child victims of sexual/physical abuse and their non-offending family members."

Brooks' Place is unique as the only non-profit agency in Cullman that provides services to child victims of abuse and their non-offending caregivers, from the child's initial outcry of abuse to the legal disposition of the case or until the child/family no longer needs services.

All of the agency's services provided are at no cost to the family.

The agency provides services to children and families across Cullman County, and occasionally serves those in neighboring counties under special circumstances.

What is a child advocacy center?
Swafford responded, "The child advocacy center is a safe, comfortable, child-friendly place where specially trained Forensic Interview Specialists talk to children about what happened to them.

"In addition, they receive other needed services to promote healing. Brooks' Place is accredited by the National Children's Alliance and must meet specific standards to ensure that we provide services that are responsive to the latest evidence and trends within both the child maltreatment intervention field and communities."

To be accredited as a child advocacy center, the National Children's Alliance requires that standards must be met in nine specific areas.

The agency must:
• include a multidisciplinary team with representatives from law enforcement, DHR, the District Attorney's office, Juvenile Probation, forensic interview specialists, medical, mental health and victim advocacy

• provide culturally competent services for all CAC clients

• provide victim support and advocacy

• have specialized medical evaluation and treatment services available

• provide evidence-based, trauma-focused mental health services

• have a system for monitoring case progress and tracking case outcomes

• be a legal entity responsible for program and fiscal operations and has been established and implements basic sound administrative policies and procedures

• have a child-focused setting that is comfortable, private and both physically and psychologically safe for diverse populations of children and families.

Said Swafford, "Within those nine standards, there are other essential components that must be met. For example, therapists must be Master level clinicians and are required to be licensed in their respective fields such as social work or professional counseling, etc.

"Each staff member is required to have continuing education in their respective discipline i.e., advocacy, counseling, medical treatment specific to abuse issues, etc.

"Another example is that financial audits are required to ensure confidence in the fiscal operations, appropriate oversight and financial transparency.

"In addition, we are reviewed by our grantors to ensure that grant funds are being used as outlined in that specific grant."

What exactly does Brooks' Place do?
When they through the door, victims receive a forensic interview in a comfortable setting (no white walls and big tables, kid-friendly, with furniture and accessories to accommodate young children to teens), observed via video cameras by law enforcement and Cullman County Department of Human Resources (DHR) representatives who form part of the center's Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT). Children can also receive free non-invasive medical examinations including testing for HIV and sexually transmitted diseases, and free counseling from certified center staff.

Brooks' Place has also assisted victims and non-offending caregivers in getting protective orders against offenders and has provided other services for victims and families headed to court.

In over 22 years of child advocacy in the Cullman community, Brooks' Place has grown to become something approaching a one-stop center for child victims and their caregivers, even offering on-site medical services.

These services, provided by a staff nurse who also has degrees in forensic science and criminal justice, are a great improvement over the days when victims would routinely have to travel as far as Huntsville or Birmingham for exams.

"Each child who comes here is offered a medical exam," said Swafford, "whether or not they disclose abuse or not, because we want to make certain that any unmet medical needs are identified, and then we can make the appropriate referral.

"The other part of that, though, is if there has been sexual abuse or physical abuse, she (the staff nurse) specializes in that. She has specific lighting that can show old bruises, for example, that's not visible to the naked eye, but she can also do the medical exams to make sure that the child's body is not hurt in any way, but also, if need be, collect forensic evidence.

"She can also go to the jail to collect evidence from the offender, and she has done that before."

Brooks' Place also offers an outreach program under a nationwide legislative movement known as "Erin's Law."

Thanks to the legislation, public schools in more than 30 states are required to provide age- and developmentally-appropriate education to students about recognizing sexual abuse and how to report it, training for faculty and staff on dealing with abuse issues and victims, and both training and support for parents and guardians on recognizing signs of abuse and finding resources to help the victims.

After Erin's Law was passed in Alabama, Brooks' Place began going out into local schools to offer the program, visiting kindergarten, third grade and seventh grade students in all Cullman County and City schools.

The program teaches body safety and internet safety skills beyond the traditional "stranger danger" approach. Similar programs are also available for older students but are administered through the office of District Judge Kim Chaney or the Juvenile Probation Office.

The center also offers a program for juvenile sex offenders because, as Swafford explained, "We want those kids, early on, to learn the skills that they need not to do this behavior again. And those are court-ordered, and they're never on campus at the same time as our other victims."

Though they do not see very many of them, Brooks' Place also occasionally offers counseling services to adults who were abuse victims as children.

Though Brooks' Place prefers face-to-face service, the staff could not just stop work under the COVID shutdown. Instead, they developed protocols to offer limited "telemental health" virtual counseling and interviews when necessary.

With whom does Brooks' Place partner, and what can this network do?
Swafford explained, "Our community partners are vital in promoting healing, safety and justice to these vulnerable victims and their families. Our multi-disciplinary partners include representatives from law enforcement, the Department of Human Resources, the District Attorney's office, juvenile probation, victim advocacy, medical professionals who specialize in child abuse issues and mental health counselors who have specific training in working with children who have experienced trauma.

"This approach contributes to less anxiety, fewer child interviews and more timely, needed referrals for needed services.

"Utilizing this multidisciplinary approach also fosters the education, support and treatment for children and families that may also enhance their willingness to participate in the criminal justice system as effective witnesses.

"Because family members are key to the child's recovery and ongoing protection, counseling is available to them as well.

"In addition, family members oftentimes struggle with other issues related to the abuse such as guilt, self-blame, memories of their own abuse and lack of knowledge about the dynamics of abuse. Providing mental health counseling empowers the family member by providing education, support and coping strategies in dealing with the abuse of their child.

"Brooks' Place is blessed to work with the professionals who make up our multidisciplinary team. We all have the same goal: to protect and assist children in their journey of healing from the abuse they've experienced. We all want justice for this child, but also to prevent future victimization of not only this child but other children as well."

What does everyone need to know about Brooks' Place, but no one ever asks?
Swafford said, "Brooks' Place has been providing services to child victims and families in Cullman for over 22 years. Unless you, a family member or friend has been impacted by sexual or physical abuse, you probably have never heard of Brooks' Place.

"Never in the history of Brooks' Place have victims been charged for the services they receive. Without the interventions we provide in collaboration with our partners, many children would suffer ongoing or long-term adverse social, emotional, developmental and health issues stemming from their abuse.

"The majority of our funding is through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) administered through the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs. Funding from VOCA has steadily decreased over the last few years.

"The last two years in particular, we have experienced cuts in funding. In fiscal year 2020 alone, we experienced a 25% reduction in funding.

"The economic cost to our community if children and families are not able to obtain services to deal with abuse issues is incredibly high. It impacts our local economy, physical and mental health, productivity losses and costs related to child welfare, violence and crime, special education and suicide or death."

Get involved
Brooks' Place welcomes donations such as snacks, paper products, general office supplies, new toys, art materials, gas cards and more. Of course, monetary donations are always needed to go towards items not covered by grants or to help the agency meet cash match grant requirements.

Brooks' Place experienced a decrease in funding from community, state and federal grant sources even before the pandemic.

Swafford concluded, "We want to sincerely thank all those who have supported our mission throughout the years. Whether you made a monetary donation, a donation of items, or participated in our fundraisers, you are a part of the solution of combatting child abuse."

For more information about Brooks' Place or to make a donation, contact Gail Swafford at 256-739-2243 ext. 307, or by email at gswafford@cullmancac.com.

Obituary Announcements: March 26

Randolph "Randy" Hudson Millar
Randy Millar entered into eternal rest the afternoon of Sept. 27, 2020 with his wife of 31 years by his side. He was born in Cullman, Alabama to Hudson "Dusty" Millar and Helen Vogel Millar Jan. 31, 1951. Randy's greatest legacy is his children and grandchildren with whom, he always took great pride. He was a proud dad whenever he talked about his children, and the adults they had become. He was affectionately known as " Pop" to his two grandsons. As a teenager, Randy played the role of Santa for serval years at the annual Childhaven Orphanage (now Childhaven Child Home) Christmas party. Later in life he took every opportunity to help those in need serving the United Way for 21-years in various capacities. He was also active in the Chamber of Commerce and was a member of Cullman First Baptist Church. Randy attended Cullman High School then transferred to Woodward Military Academy and graduated Class of 1969. His bachelor's degree was from Vanderbilt University, 1973. His career spanned six decades. As a child he began janitorial duties at his father' s radio station WKUL later WXXR and by 13 was the host DJ of the ever-popular Dixie-A-Go-Go Show. After college he was involved in all aspects of radio management, from president and CEO of Indian River Broadcasting company, to brokering (selling) broadcast stations and aiding in the development of radio satellite automation. Returning to Cullman in 1988, Randy capitalized on his vast computer programming knowledge engaging in computer software development. Randy was the founder of C-RAE® software, a software program used by district attorney offices throughout Alabama. He also founded Computer Partners, Inc. a computer network and software support company. One of his gratifications in life was mentoring staff members and watching them excel beyond their work with his company. He was profoundly proud of their accomplishments. His comforting presence, big smile and rich laugh will be greatly missed by his family and friends. A private family memorial service was held at Cullman First Baptist Church Oct. 24, 2020 with Pastor Tom Ritcher and Dr. Edwin Hayes officiating. The family asks that if you would like to honor Randy's life, please do so by gifting Childhaven Child Home, P.O. Box 2070 or Cullman Caring for Kids, P.O. Box 698, Cullman, AL 35056 Randy was predeceased by his parents. He is survived by his wife Cynthia, son Robert of Alpharetta, GA; daughter Diana (James) Gore; grandsons Caleb and Camden of Dawsonville, GA; daughter Natalie (Blake) Jackson of Tuscaloosa, AL; brothers Dr. Gregory (Tracy) Millar of Madison, AL; Jeffrey (Nancy) Millar of McAllen, TX; stepmother Katherine G. Millar of Florida.

Maxine Whisenhunt, 83, of Cullman
Funeral service for Maxine Whisenhunt, 83, of Cullman will be Monday, March 29 2021, at 1 p.m. at St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church, Rev. Joh Richter officiating. Grandson, Ryan Whisenhunt, will give the eulogy. Interment will follow at Cullman Memory Gardens. Mrs. Whisenhunt will lie in state from noon until 1 p.m. Mrs. Whisenhunt died Thursday, March 25 2021, at her residence, surrounded by her loving family. She was born April 4 1937, to Max and Irene Huck. She was a retired secretary and floral designer. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Luther Whisenhunt; and sister, Carolyn Huck. Survivors include a son, Mark (Wendy) Whisenhunt; a daughter, Rosemary (David) Herge; a sister, Evelyn (Bobby) Edison; seven grandchildren: Lindsey (Wesley) Slaton, Mallory Whisenhunt, Zachary (Kyria) Whisenhunt, Ryan Whisenhunt, Emily (Isaac) Eady, Lukas (Jessica) Hagood and Lydia (Justin) Nichols; 14 Great Grandchildren; and a host of Nieces and Nephews and other family. In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made to St. Johns's Evangelical Protestant Church. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Sunday, March 28 2021, at Moss Service Funeral Home. Please visit mossservicefh.com to leave condolences for the family. Moss Service Funeral Home Directing.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

A stranger at our door in the middle of the night

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



The evening was dark, cloudy, and stormy...not to mention frightening. Shortly after midnight, flashes of lightning were the only thing that lit up the sky. In Alabama, even a forecast of severe weather grabs our attention. Its arrival strikes a chord of fear in our hearts, and sets our nerves on edge. Our imaginations can run wild, but rightfully so. Two-years ago this month, only a few miles from where I live, 23 people lost their lives in a Sunday afternoon of tornadoes.

So, last week, with the possibility of tornados throughout the night, we expected to be awake most of the night. The storms arrived in Montgomery, an hour West of us, much earlier than predicted.

They were headed our way, but did not appear to be as bad as had been expected. I stayed up longer than normal, but eventually, after I made sure my severe-weather alert was turned on, I turned the lights out, said a prayer for safety, and turned in. It was not the weather alert that woke me, but an unusual and eerie noise in the wee hours of the wet-and-windy night did. First, I thought the sound came from inside the house, then determined it came from right outside our front door.

After wrestling with my inner voice about whether to find my protection and go see what monster lurked at my door, I decided the culprit was only a scared cat. I decided to stay put in the safety of my warm and dry bed.

The sound was unusual, because we don't have a cat, and I didn't know of any nearby neighbors who did either. Finally, I dismissed the noise and went back to sleep.

The next morning, I asked Jean if she had heard that cat wailing in the night. I'm not sure exactly who she was talking about, but she said something about somebody being crazy.

I was beginning to wonder if I had been dreaming, or if Jean's assessment might be correct.

Then, when I opened the door, in the safety of daylight, there stood a big-beautiful blonde...actually, a big yellow-tabby cat! I had never seen him before and had no idea where he had come from.

Later that day, I learned that he was well known in the area, and that his name was Fritz. Fritz and I became well acquainted. Without invitation, Fritz welcomed himself into our house. He promptly took the self-guided tour of both the downstairs and upstairs, before I herded him back outside. Later that morning, I went to "piddle" in my woodshop, so Fritz decided to take that tour too. I had hoped that Cocoa (15) would become a shop dog, but because of the noise, she showed no interest.

Cats are often spooked easily, but not Fritz. He applied to become the shop cat. We posted a picture of our new friend on social media and someone recognized him right away.

He lives a half-mile from our house, so Drew and I loaded him up in my truck to take him home. Fritz decided he preferred to ride on the dash, rather than in the seat. He stretched out up there like a giant bobble head, reaching halfway across the truck. His owners apologized for Fritz's visit. They laughed and said he was quite popular, and that several other families claimed him as their own. Fritz has been back to visit several times since then. After a year of not getting to spend time with friends and family, it was nice to make some new neighborhood friends...including Fritz.

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: 1955

From the Files of 1955

Bill Rasco, son of Mrs. Mildred Rasco has been recognized for outstanding service as editor of the Crimson-White, the University of Alabama student newspaper.

Dovie Ruehl was confined to Cullman Hospital following a freak fall in Doctor R.B. Dodson's office when the coat she was sitting on slid off a stool and resulted in a broken hip.

In a Cullman High School election the candidates are President – Jimmy Kilpatrick and Frank Bates and Vice- President – Darrel Blalock, Curtis Mize and Nancy Dunlap.

Doctor R.F. Williford has been elected president of the Rotary Club.

Revival services are in progress at Cullman First Baptist with Doctor Chester E. Swor as guest speaker.

A hog school will be held on April 6 at the Legion Home according to County Agent, H.G. Pinkston.

Clyde Mosteller died in an auto-truck crash while enroute from Lebanon, Tennessee. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Mosteller.

The Tribune Mystery Farm last week belongs to Woodfin Graham of the Grandview community.

Mr. and Mrs. Osborn Bates and children FROM PEOria, Illinois are moving to the Eva community.

Robert Speegle and Frances Kennady were married on March 12 at the home of Reverend L. Hudson. Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Loys Speegle.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Bland, Bob and John of Hanceville spent the weekend in Atlanta visiting Mrs. Ida Thompson (Mrs. Bland's mother) who has been ill.

John W. Dodson is a chief aviation machinist mate aboard the USS Carrier Phillipine Sea. John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dodson of Holly Pond. His wife, Mary is currently in San Diego, California.

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

MARCH 27, 2021 - MARCH MADNESS

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COLEMAN CALLAN/CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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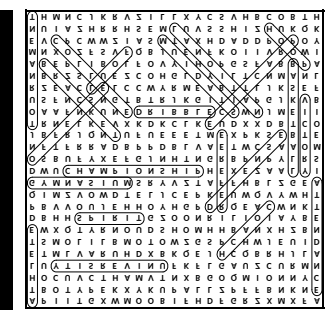
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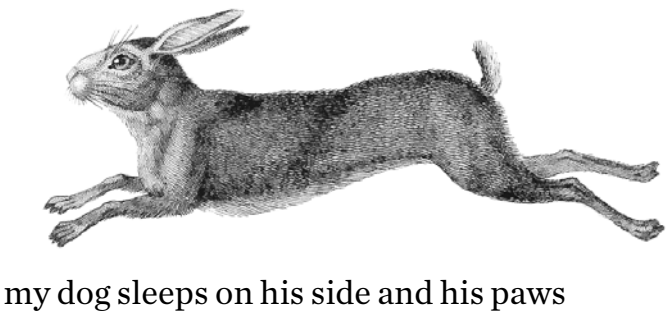


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POET'S CORNER

A Rabbit Runs
By: Randy C. Hale



On a concrete covered porch, my grandfather calls a piazza, my dog sleeps on his side and his paws
begins to twitch and move slightly.
Grandfather says he's chasing
a rabbit in his dreams.

Bumblebees buzz the flowers at the piazza's end and I think of them as choppers in flight, watching them land on blooms with their mandibles
moving like motor pistons.

I leave the shade, feeling the smooth cool cement upon my bare feet
to climb a pear tree near, from where
up high, I'll blend with nature's artistic brush that touches the pastel clouds.

The grace of this all is that I will remember this time some fifty years hence, awaken to it's power by something
pulling this picture from a magic treasure box, like a rabbit running from its hallowed hole.

WSCC ATHLETICS

Women's golfer Lauren Cole earns 5th career low medalist title with Lions; basketball splits with Wallace Community College-Selma

Russell Moore
WSCC Athletics



WSCC ATHLETICS

Competing for the Wallace State women's golf team at the Northeast Invitational were, from left, Hannah Sanders, Lauren Cole, Carly Havens and Abigail Baker.

HANCEVILLE, ALA. – Wallace State's women's golf team won its second tournament of the spring this week, earning the rain-shortened Northeast Alabama Invitational, and sophomore Lauren Cole claimed her second low medalist title this month. Cole, a Glencoe native, has won five low medalist titles in her Wallace State career, including two this spring.

Cole shot a 5-over par 77 in the opening round at Goose Pond and had a 38 through nine holes during the second round, which was cut short because of rain.

"Lauren Cole is an invaluable part of our team and a true leader. She came to us a good golfer and has developed into a great golfer. She constantly works on her swing and is among the hardest workers I've coached, either men or women," said Wallace State women's coach J.J. Adams. "Lauren's also a great person and on the President's List each semester."

Wallace State freshman Abigail Baker was an All-Tournament selection, finishing tied for third with a 12-over 88.

Hannah Sanders placed fifth overall for the Lady Lions, and Carly Havens was tied for ninth.

Wallace State will host its annual spring invitational at Cross Creek Golf Course on April 5-6.

The Wallace State men's golf team is currently ranked 16th in the nation and competes in the Calhoun Invitational next week.

Wallace State basketball splits doubleheader

Wallace State women's sophomore Jiselle Woodson finished with 23 points and six rebounds, and Olivia Howard tallied a double-double in a 78-63 victory over Wallace Community College-Selma at home Tuesday night.

The Wallace State men lost a heartbreaker in the final seconds, 51-50.

In the women's game, Wallace State (9-6, 4-6 ACCC) used a 23-6 run to close the first quarter, cruising to a fourth win in five tries.

The Lady Lions maintained a 45-30 cushion at the break and a 62-44 advantage after three quarters.

Howard, a Spanish Fort native, had 12 points and 11 rebounds, and Kallie Allen and Makyia Broughton each registered 10 points and six rebounds apiece.

Tatyanna Davis had six points and nine rebounds for the Lady Lions, and Avrie Grayer and Emrey McGill each scored six.

In the men's game, the Patriots converted the go-ahead bucket with two seconds remaining, squeaking out a win at Traditions Bank Arena at Tom Drake Coliseum.

For Wallace State (9-10, 7-7 ACCC), Miguel Miranda had 15 points and five rebounds off the bench, Kuran Garner finished with 13 points and six rebounds and Jevon Laidler added eight points.

Both Wallace State teams travel to Selma on Friday.

For more information about Wallace State athletics, visit www.athletics.wallacestate.edu or the athletics Facebook page at www.wallacestate.edu/athleticsfb.

Recent storms, high water could play a role in Bassmaster Central Open at Lewis Smith Lake

Emily Harley
B.A.S.S. Communications

JASPER, Ala. — The state of Alabama has endured severe storms and heavy rainfall during the past week, causing water levels to soar.

With more severe weather and rain in the forecast ahead of the Basspro.com Bassmaster Central Open at Lewis Smith Lake April 1-3, anglers will find a different landscape at the historic fishery than in years past, according to Bassmaster Opens competitor and Jasper native David Kilgore.

Anglers will take off each day from Smith Lake Public Boat Ramp at 6:30 a.m. CT. Weigh-ins on Days 1 and 2 will be held at the boat ramp starting at 2:30 p.m., and the final-day weigh-in will move to Bass Pro Shops in Leeds, Ala., at 4 p.m.

"What we are facing now is, the lake is superhigh. Depending on how much rain we get, I don't know how low they are going to be able to get this thing before the tournament starts," said Kilgore, a four-time B.A.S.S. winner and two-time qualifier for the Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic presented by Huk.

"You are going to have flooded trees and bushes. It is going to be a whole different lake.

"When it's normal, I know right where to go, but this time I'm not sure. Right now, the lake is up 5 feet over full pool."

Lewis Smith Lake, a 21,000-acre reservoir located just north of Birmingham, is a generally rocky reservoir with plenty of creek arms and fishable docks during normal conditions.

The presence of blueback herring controls the attitude of the bass — and while there is a healthy largemouth population, spots are the predominant species.

Historically, Kilgore said the beginning of April is when the spawn begins, and he normally focuses on the spotted bass spawn rather than the largemouth.

"I don't fool with the largemouth much just because of the population. They are harder to find," he said. "Spots spawn all over the lake.

They will spawn in the back of a pocket in a foot of water and sometimes they will spawn in the middle of the lake on a point.

"With the herring, they are there one day and gone the next. They will come to the bank and spawn and then they'll go back to eating herring."

Depending on the air and water temperatures, the 2014 Bassmaster Open champion at Smith Lake thinks this tournament could be more of a prespawn event than a spawning situation.

"This is usually the week the spawning starts and I doubt it will be much different," Kilgore said. "It is still cool here now and the water is still cool.

"By the tournament, if they get the water down to a reasonable level, it's not difficult to catch 10 or 11 pounds, but it is more difficult to catch 13 or 14.

If you catch that for multiple days, you are doing really well."

Kilgore added that he doesn't believe the high-water conditions will affect the spawn; the bass will just be spawning in deeper water.

Although the 2020 Carhartt Bassmaster College Series event on Smith was won with largemouth bass in high water by Ethan Jones and Andrew Althoff from McKendree University, with their Day 1 bag weighing just under 20 pounds, Kilgore doesn't anticipate that happening during the Open.

"It's going to scatter the largemouth and, in my opinion, it will make them harder to catch," he said. "What they had there was the perfect storm. I've caught over 20 pounds there with largemouth multiple times, but during the spawn, no. I've done it when it's cold."

Crankbaits, spinnerbaits and worms are a few of the baits Kilgore expects to play.

If the bass are chasing herring, he said a topwater bait could come into play as well.

The full field will compete the first two days before the boater side is cut to the Top 10 anglers for Championship Saturday. The co-angler champion will be crowned after the Day 2 weigh-in.



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