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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Dodge City Town Council approves road projects, challenges local business over licensing

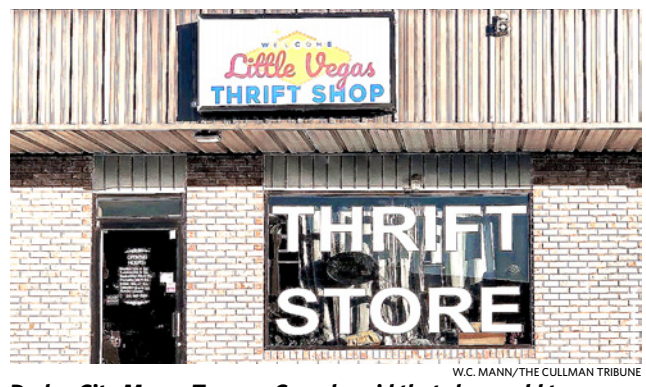
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DODGE CITY, Ala. – The Dodge City Town Council Thursday evening awarded a contract to M. C. Paving of Hanceville to perform repairs, and resurfacing to Wagon Wheel Road and County Road 205.

• On Wagon Wheel Road, the company will patch potholes, apply tar tack and resurface a 900-by-18-foot section of road with new asphalt at a cost of $32,000.

• On County Road 205, the company will fill potholes, grade and lay tar and rock to a 1,120-by-12-foot section of road and entryways at a cost of $13,500.

The council also considered a proposal for » PAGE 4



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Dodge City Mayor Tawana Canada said that she would turn the Little Vegas Thrift Shop over to the Sheriff's Office for allegedly continuing to operate without a business license.

– EDUCATION –

St. Paul's Lutheran School receives flag flown over U.S. Capitol



EMILY HAYNES

St. Paul's students and teachers, together with State Sen. Garlan Gudger and Sheriff Matt Gentry, prepare to hoist a flag that once flew over the nation's Capitol in Washington, D.C.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Congressman Robert Aderholt, at the request of Nell Dunlap, had the Flag of the United States of America flown over the United States Capitol recently in honor of St. Paul's Lutheran School. That flag was presented to St. Paul's Lutheran School by Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry and Alabama State Sen. Garlan Gudger Friday, April 9.

Sheriff Gentry and Sen. Gudger also took time to speak to the children.

Gentry talked about patriotism, leadership and character.

Gudger encouraged the children to be the best friends they could be to others, and to choose to do the right things.

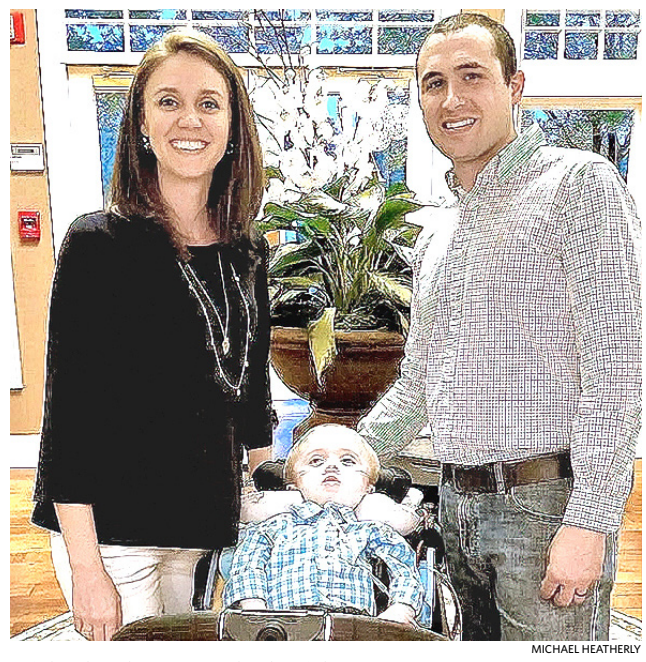


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St. Paul's students and teachers, together with State Sen. Garlan Gudger and Sheriff Matt Gentry, say the Pledge of Allegiance around a flag that once flew over the nation's Capitol in Washington, D.C.

FAITH

Remembering Porter: Michael Heatherly talks about winning St. Paul's Impact Award



MICHAEL HEATHERLY

Michael and Sara Heatherly with their son Porter in 2016.

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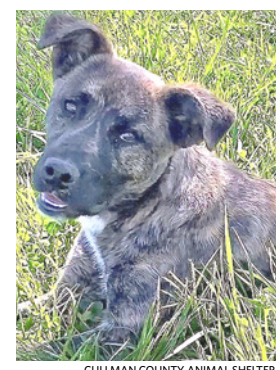
HEALTH

Cullman Regional continues to require masks for all entering the facility

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– PET OF THE WEEK –

CUT LOOSE WITH IVY!



CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Ivy

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Ivy (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Animal Shelter has love to spare these days, so Donna Ruttkay shares a bonus Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week:

Ivy is an 8-12-month-old terrier/hound mix. She's a lively-but-not-crazy, medium-energy pet who, sadly, has spent most of her short life tied up, but has made enormous strides in developing social skills like walking politely on her leash and controlling her excitement when she sees her folks coming. Her rehabilitation is moving forward nicely.

Ivy cherishes human companionship.

She loves to play in the kiddie pool, carrying around her ball and hanging out in the shelter office. Ruttkay calls her "a delightful, raw ball of clay whose potential is endless."

Ivy has the makings of a good therapy, companion or hiking dog.

Ivy's adoption fee is $100 which includes DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet, spaying, microchip, free 30-day health insurance policy issued by 24PetWatch (with valid email only) and a free bag of food from Cullman Pet Depot (you must pay sales tax).

Animal shelter staff and volunteers work with their dogs to make sure they are accustomed to being around people, walking on a leash and practicing good behavior.

Several of the shelter's canine friends have even been "hired" to work as therapy and special needs service dogs.

Please consider adopting to give a rescued pet a chance at a happy and healthy life.

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or visit them at 935 Convent Road NE. Reach them by email at cullmancountyanimalshelter@gmail.com.

Award (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – St. Paul's Lutheran School in March named alumnus Michael Heatherly as the recipient of its second Impact Award, said to be inspired by 1 Peter 4:10-11:

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen."

After graduating from St. Paul's, Heatherly went on to study at Wallace State and Auburn University, where he graduated in 2008 with a B.S. in Forestry. He is currently Vice President/Chairman of Sizemore & Sizemore, Inc., a Tallassee-based firm specializing in forest appraisal, analysis and management.

Heatherly was named for the award based on his work in fundraising for patient support and research on GM 1 Gangliosidosis, a genetic disorder that affected his son Porter. The child was born in Sept. 2012 and was diagnosed only a few months later. The rare disease affects about one in every 200,000 infants and, according to the National Institutes of Health, "progressively destroys nerve cells (neurons) in the brain and spinal cord." Porter's was the first recorded case of childhood GM 1 in Alabama.

Michael Heatherly and his wife Sara Heatherly have, for years, both during their son's battle with the disease and since his passing in 2016, worked to increase awareness of GM 1 and promote fundraising for research and treatment. During Porter's lifetime, he and his parents helped support researchers at Auburn University's veterinary medicine Scott-Ritchey Research Center who were working on a potential human treatment based on previous animal research.

On Thursday, Michael Heatherly talked to The Tribune about being named for the award.

"I think it was a big honor to have been named for the award," said Heatherly. "I didn't expect that, and feel like there's a lot of very deserving people out there, so I was honored and privileged to have just been thought of as somebody that's even in the running for something like that, much less to have gotten it."

Porter's story

Heatherly's son Porter seemed healthy at birth, but it would take months for the parents to learn the full extent of their son's disorder.

Said Heatherly, "Throughout Sara's pregnancy, everything was perfectly normal--all of her doctor's appointments and checks--and everything was good. And when he was born, well, he was a perfectly healthy baby boy to us."

At around four months of age, the couple noticed that Porter seemed to be developing more slowly than he should, and that he had developed an eye twitch.

A vision specialist in Birmingham discovered marks in the boy's eyes indicating a possible genetic disorder and sent the family to UAB Medicine the same day.

Within two weeks, the Heatherly's received a diagnosis that would take some time to process and understand.

Said Heatherly, "We thought that the worst case scenario was that he was going to not be able to see well and that maybe he had some other delays, some other issues going on, trying to figure out what that was."

Then they found out the truth: that their son had a terminal disease with no known cure, or even a treatment that might slow down its progress. The couple looked nationwide, and then around the world for anything that might help, to no avail.

"So basically, from then on, we joined the Tay Sachs and Allied Disease Foundation. We registered with them so that we could connect with some other families.

"And through that, we found out about the research that was going on at Auburn, that we had no idea about.

"So it turns out that the lead researcher at Auburn is a member of the same church that we attend now in Auburn, and there's just a lot of connections there.

He continued, "So, from that point on, we found out that Auburn had been doing this research on these cats that had GM 1 for many years.

"And we tried to get involved any way we could, knowing that anything that was done as far as the progress that was made was not likely going to help Porter in any way, but we just didn't want other families to be in the situation that we were with getting this diagnosis and saying, 'Okay, there's no hope; basically, there's no cure.' And so, that's kind of where we got on the mission to see what we can do to help raise money and help push this research along, the best that we can.

"And it kind of gave us something to look forward to, definitely kind of allowed Porter to make the impact in his time here by helping to raise money and push that research forward."

Over the years, the Heatherly's have raised over $200,000 for GM 1 research and support of patients and their families.

Porter became a hero of the cause, attending fundraising events and visiting with the very scientists who were battling the disease that was claiming his life.

Three years after Porter's death, researchers at Auburn, funded in part by the efforts of the Heatherly's, conducted the first human trial of an experimental GM 1 treatment. Since that time, other trials have begun.

"It's still kind of early to see how that's going to go," said Heatherly, "but I feel like all the feedback we've gotten so far has been positive and, hopefully, it's slowed down some of the regression of the disease. But they're going to be constantly trying to improve on what's been started."

Years from now, when teachers at St. Paul's talk to their students about Impact Award winners, what do you hope they remember about you?

Heatherly hesitated for a few moments, then answered, "The reason, I feel like, that I've been chosen for this is because of Porter, and because of his life and the impact that he made, and the impact that he left behind. So I feel like most of this should be credited to him. And I think it's awesome, and I'm very proud he's made such an impact.

"I hope that when people hear my name or see my name on this, that they also think about Porter and look into his story, and the legacy and impact that he made while he was here, too.

"I think that's what it's all about: it's the Impact Award and the impact you leave on people.

"In this case, it's not so much myself, but the impact that our son Porter has made. And I hope that people will remember him whenever they think about me."

More about GM 1 Gangliosidosis and the Heatherly's efforts can be found at www.facebook.com/Prayers-for-Porter.

On his Facebook page, Heatherly quoted Jeremiah 29:11 - "'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'"

The Impact Award will be presented at the St. Paul's Alumni and Friends Dinner scheduled for May 15 2021, at Seasoned Catering, 316 Second Avenue SW in Cullman. Tickets for the event are available through www.stpaulscullman.com.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Friday, April 9, 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: 403,401 (+522 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 114,833 (+260 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 8,417 (+25 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 2,269
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,421 (+2 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 3,037 (+6 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 126 (+0 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 62
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 39,626
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 1,901
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 103
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,433,565
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 4,912
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 116,062
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 318
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama (reported M-F): 47,967
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 325,733

Vaccine details (updated Monday-Friday)

- Doses delivered to Alabama: 3,098,025
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 2,453,715
- Doses administered: 1,970,308
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 1,268,881
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 762,745
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 644,310

Alabamians in Phases 1a, 1b and 1c (including those 16 and older) 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

Safer Apart Order begins April 9 at 5:00 p.m. – ADPH still encourages use of facial coverings

Masks or other facial coverings will no longer be a mandate after the new Safer Apart order becomes effective April 9 at 5:00 p.m. ADPH will still encourage the use of facial coverings and reminds everyone that masks remain one of the most successful tools to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. Many businesses and healthcare 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.

COVID-19 funeral assistance

As a result of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act and the American Rescue Plan Act, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will provide financial assistance for funeral costs specifically related to COVID-19. Funeral expenses will be reimbursed up to a maximum amount of $9,000 per decedent for funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020. Applicants must submit all required documentation before FEMA will award funeral assistance (death certificate indicating death was caused COVID-19, proof of funeral expenses and insurance or other funeral benefits). Beginning April 12, 2021, individuals can call FEMA at 1-844-684-6333 once they have all information and documentation ready to send. For more information, visit www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance.

Hale County National Guard COVID-19 vaccination clinic rescheduled for April 15

The Hale County National Guard COVID-19 vaccination clinic that was cancelled in March due to inclement weather conditions has been rescheduled for April 15. The site will be located at the Boys and Girls Club (Old National Guard Armory), 515 Greene Street, Greensboro, AL 36744. The vaccination site will be open from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (CT). The Johnson & Johnson vaccine will be given at this location, which will not require a second dose at a later date.

Johnson & Johnson one-dose vaccine available at National Guard second-dose clinics

Second dose Alabama National Guard clinics will begin on April 13, rotating through the counties that have already been visited for Pfizer primary doses. The second dose clinics will also have 200 doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine available for anyone who has not received any vaccine. Johnson & Johnson is a single-dose vaccine, so no second dose clinics will be required for those who receive it.

National Guard COVID-19 vaccination clinic update

The Alabama National Guard continues rotating through 24 rural counties to provide primary COVID-19 vaccinations. A total of 9,387 vaccinations have been given in under-served and rural counties throughout the state during the vaccine clinics that started on March 23. 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 prior to 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.

At least 30 percent of 29 Alabama counties vaccinated

Thirty percent or more of the residents age 16 and older of 29 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 30 percent or more of their residents have been vaccinated are as follows: Bullock, Hale, Perry, Lowndes, Wilcox, Marengo, Jefferson, Tallapoosa, Conecuh, Dallas, Lee, Shelby, Greene, Macon, Colbert, Clarke, Henry, Madison, Sumter, Clay, Monroe, Chambers, Houston, Mobile, Lauderdale, Franklin, Montgomery, Choctaw and Coosa. 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.

COVID-19 vaccine age requirements – only Pfizer vaccine currently authorized for ages 16-18

As vaccine eligibility expanded on April 5 to include all Alabamians 16 and older, it is important to note that Pfizer has the only COVID-19 vaccine currently approved for persons age 16-17. Currently, our county health departments are giving the Moderna vaccine. Other providers, such as hospitals and some pharmacies, are administering the Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccine. The Johnson & Johnson and Moderna vaccines are currently not authorized for those under 18 years of age. If you are 16 or 17 years of age, please be sure to check which vaccine the provider is offering before scheduling your appointment. Vaccine can be searched by brand at www.vaccinefinder.org. ADPH is working to include county health departments on the Vaccine Finder website, and encourages all vaccine providers in the state to add the information for their facilities.

Alabama continues to prioritize vulnerable populations

When Alabama allocates vaccine doses, a prime consideration is reaching those who are most vulnerable if exposed to the virus. The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) targets our most vulnerable citizens for COVID-19 vaccinations. ADPH uses the CDC Social Vulnerability Index to help ensure those people living in the more disadvantaged counties are covered, yet some barriers remain. These include lack of transportation, inability to complete forms and difficulty in locating vaccination sites. ADPH is working with community groups to assist those who wish to be vaccinated but are having problems with access.

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported April 9

Cullman Tribune Staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported April 9, 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

April 7

• second-degree domestic violence-assault; person; Kim Ln. SE

April 8

• identity theft; person
• third-degree domestic violence; person; Logan St. SW
• unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; Marktplatz Ctr. SW; purse and contents

ARRESTS

April 8

Heald, Nathan A.; 35
• FTA- insurance violation
• FTA- window tint violation
• FTA- expired tag

Selvage, Holli R.; 25
• third-degree domestic violence

Stewart, Tiffany D.; 40
• FTA- driving while license suspended
• FTA- switched tag
• FTA- speeding

Gurganus, Tritten A.; 21
• public intoxication

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

Items For Sale!

Special Edition Barbies - Millennium Princess and Pocahontas Winter Moon. Both still in box, in mint condition.

Hand blown Lenox Crystal glassware. Never used, excellent condition. Set of 4, black.

Royal Kent Bavarian Rose china. Set includes dinner plates, salad plates, soup bowls, platter, and creamer, but is missing sugar bowl and teacups. Barely used, in great condition.

Call or email for pricing and photos on all items.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submit your calendar items or public notices to olivia@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 pickup. 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-April 10th 8 a.m. Men's Brwakgast and short bible study
• 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.

Agriplex April programs
Children's Programs
• April 29th, 9:00 - 11:00 am, Heritage Homeschool Recycled Crafts: Reduce, reuse, recycle! In celebration of Earth month, we will use 'trash' and turn it into treasures. Join us for some up-cycling fun! Ages 3-5 with parent, $8.00 per child/$16.00 program max per family. Registration required at Agriplex.org.

Adult Programs
• April 21st, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, Lunch & Learn presents Alabama Rivers: A Celebration & Challenge by Dr. Bill Deutsch. Join us in welcoming Dr. Bill Deutsch, a retired Auburn Research Fellow, as he covers his book and the importance of our rivers. He will also be signing books. FREE program.
• April 15, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Living Landscapes- Growing Backyard Fruits Retired Extension Agent Tony Glover will cover fruit growing for the home gardener with an emphasis on small fruit that can be grown with minimal or no pest control. $5.00 per adult. Registration required at Agriplex.org.
• April 19th, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Learn to Sew- Pillows & Pillowcases: We will learn how to make pillows, pillow covers & pillowcases using a French Seam. $5.00 per person. Registration required at Agriplex.org.
• April 20th, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Heritage Skills presents Spring Herbs for Health. Paula Smith will share how to use herbs to 'spring clean' our bodies to make them feel their very best. Participants will make a salve to take home. $15.00 per person. Registration required at Agriplex.org.

Sacred Heart Sunday of Divine Mercy service
• April 11 - Sacred Heart of Jesus Church will have it's annual Sunday of Divine Mercy religious services at 2:30 pm on the downtown Church this Sunday, April 11. There will be a Holy Hour of Prayer from 1:30 to 2:30 pm immediately preceding the Divine Mercy service. This special occasion showcases the unique mercies and love offered by the Lord Jesus, following His appearance to a young Polish religious Sister, St. Faustina Kowalski. All are welcome to attend.

Cullman County Republican Women's Meeting
• April 13 - The Cullman County Republican Women's Meeting will be held on April 13th at 6pm at the VFW building located at 112 Veterans Dr SW Cullman AL 35055. The guest speaker will be Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs. A light meal will be provided.
• The public is encouraged to attend.

City Cemetery cleanup
April 15 - Ground flowers at the City Cemetery need to be removed by April 15 to prepare for Decoration Day on May 12.

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.

May 2 - Decoration at Shady Grove Methodist Church at Logan
10:00 the first Sunday in May! Join us!

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Dodge City (from Front)

a larger project on County Road 260 projected to cost $87,500, but was advised that a project of over $50,000 would have to be put out for bids, which the council decided to do.

Little Vegas's future a gamble

In March, the council heard from Jeffrey Hefner, owner of the Little Vegas Thrift Shop, who came to question Mayor Tawana Canada over her reported refusal to renew his business license after he installed gaming machines in his business. Hefner complained that the Town had denied him a li-cense renewal over the machines while a truck stop in town had the same machines, adding a claim that the Cullman County District Attorney's Office had approved the machines and saying that he would go to the Alabama Attorney General's Office.

Canada replied, "If the attorney general says yes, those machines are legal, then yes, I will give you a business license, but not till the sheriff, someone from his office, someone with authority, gives me written notice that I can put on file."

Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry said that Hefner's machines have been recently inspected by the AG's Office and were found to be out of compliance with state gaming machine regulations, so the Sheriff's Office delivered a notice of removal to the business.

On Thursday, Canada told the council that Little Vegas was still open without a business license, and opened the floor for discussion on what to do.

After discussion over whether the machines in the shop were turned on while the owner awaits word from authorities, Town Attorney Hugh Har-ris advised that, even if the machines are unplugged, the owner still has no license to operate the thrift shop, and that the town should turn the matter over to the Sheriff's Office. The mayor said that she would do so.

In other business, the council tabled consideration of a property maintenance resolution that could penalize residents for not taking care of their yards after Councilwoman Heather Langley said that she was uncomfortable with the idea of telling people how to keep their yards, and other council members agreed. The council also announced Saturday, April 17, 2021 as the annual PALS Spring Cleanup, and said that bags will be available at Town Hall.

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365 AMERICAN JOY-GIVERS for 2021— The April Shower of Stars Birthday Party

Ben South
Tribune Columnist

The lush, verdant setting for our "April Shower of Stars Birthday Party" is in Kentucky. Loretta Lynn proudly hails from this state, but instead of her old stomping grounds in Butcher Holler, we are picnicking on a beautiful, finely laid, closely mown stretch of turf made for playing the game of bowls. We're in Bowling Green to also salute Mark Roth, one of the greatest professional bowlers in the history of the game.

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:

April 10—MARK ROTH is often referred to as "The Professional Cranker," which, in this use, is a compliment. He made a splash on the Professional Bowlers Association tours with a "CRANKING," hard-throwing style that birthed a generation of imitators. Roth has been inducted into the Professional Bowlers Hall of Fame and the National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame. He was the first professional bowler to convert a "7-10 split" on national television.

April 11-BILL IRWIN is a contemporary, professional clown, comedian and actor. Born in 1950, he began as a retro-vaudeville stage performer and is recognized for his contribution to the renaissance of American circus in the 1970s. This Tony and Obie winner has also won a MacArthur Fellowship "Genius" award.

April 12—DAVID LETTERMAN delivered thousands of laughs hosting late night television for 33 years. He is a writer and producer. His company, Worldwide Pants, produced several primetime comedies, including the hit show, "Everybody Loves Raymond," which is now in syndication. His joy-giving comedy style is observational, deadpan satire and often self-deprecating. Letterman is a vehicle enthusiast who owns: 10 Ferraris, 8 Porsches, 4 Austin-Healys, 2 Honda motorcycles, a Chevy pickup truck, a Mercedes-Benz, a Jaguar, a MG, a Volvo and a Pontiac.

April 13—AL GREEN, born Albert Leornes Green, is, according to the website of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame (that website totally "ROCKS" some joy-giving, btw), "one of the most gifted purveyors of soul music." This winner of 11 Grammys has also been called, "The Last of the Great Soul Singers." Al Green, a singer, songwriter, record producer and sometimes evangelical "preacherman" had a string of soul singles in the 1970s including: "Tired of Being Alone," "Take Me to the River," "I'm Still in Love with You," "Love and Happiness" and his biggest hit song, "Let's Stay Together." He is a Kennedy Center Honors winner and Rolling Stone Magazine ranked Al Green as #14 on their list of "100 Greatest Singers."

April 14—LORETTA LYNN one night, when I was on my annual visit to the Grand Ole Opry, came onto the stage in a green, velvety ballgown bigger than a Wells Fargo stagecoach. Rollover Disney princesses, there's a new gal in town. She was a coalminer's daughter. Her cherished dad, Ted Webb, died of "black lung" when he was only 52-years old. She's of Irish and Cherokee descent. When Loretta Webb was 15-years-old, she married Oliver Vanetta "Doolittle" Lynn, who bought her a $17 Harmony guitar. She's had more than 70 charted songs and 16 #1 hits as a singer and songwriter including: "You Ain't Woman Enough to Take My Man," "Don't Come Home A-Drinkin' (with Lovin' on Your Mind)," "One's on the Way," and "Coalminer's Daughter." She's been a member of the Grand Ole Opry since 1962, has a spot in the Country Music Hall of Fame and was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

April 15—BESSIE SMITH, a blues belter widely renowned during the Jazz Age, first sang in public as a child busker on the street corners of Chattanooga, Tennessee. She was nicknamed, "The Empress of the Blues," and toured with fellow female blues great, Ma Rainey. Bessie Smith's successful recording career began in the 1920s with Columbia Records. Smith traveled in her own 72' railroad car. Her songs weren't sweet and ladylike, they were often rough 'n rowdy, encouraging women to go enjoy some partying and sex to de-stress in hard times. Some of her audience-thrilling, joy-giving songs were: "T'aint Nobody's Biz-Ness If I Do," "Empty Bed Blues," "Need a Little Sugar in My Bowl" and "Gimme a Pigfoot and a Bottle of Beer."

April 16—HENRY MANCINI was born Enrico Nicola Mancini. You're right if you guessed he was Italian American. He was one of the greatest composers in the history of film. Mancini won four Academy Awards, a Golden Globe and 20 Grammys. During the peak of the Rock and Roll era, Henry Mancini had a pop instrumental, "Love There from 'Romeo and Juliet,'" that stayed on top of the charts for two weeks. Some of his greatest, joy-giving compositions were: "The Pink Panther Theme," "The Peter Gunn Television Theme," "Baby Elephant Walk" and the megahit from "Breakfast at Tiffany's"—"Moon River."

COMMENTS OVERHEARD at "THE APRIL SHOWER OF STARS BIRTHDAY PARTY" for AMERICAN JOY-GIVERS:

(Professional bowling great, Mark Roth, didn't offer a lot of quotable quotes but here are others talking about the sport):

"One of the advantages bowling has over golf is that you seldom lose a bowling ball."—Don Carter

"I love bowling! It's the perfect workout. Six seconds of exercise and then you drink beer for half an hour."—Roseanne Barr

"In bowling and in life, if a person makes the spares, the strikes will take care of themselves."—Stephen King

"The bowling alley is the poor man's country club."—Sanford Hansell

"You can never find the right bowling ball. This one's too heavy. This one's the right weight but it's too pink."—Jim Gaffigan

And, these comments from our birthday celebrants:

"It was so cold in New York City today, the Statue of Liberty had her torch under her dress."—David Letterman

"I didn't have a mother. I had a mama."—Al Green

"You've got to continue to grow, or you're just like last night's cornbread—stale and dry."—Loretta Lynn

"No time to marry, no time to settle down; I'm a young woman and I ain't done runnin' around."—Bessie Smith

"If you're feeling fancy free, come wander through the world with me, and any place we chance to be, will be a rendezvous. Two for the road, we'll travel through the years, collecting precious memories, selecting souvenirs and living life the way we please."—Henry Mancini

"The physical language of the body is so much more powerful than words."—Bill Irwin

"America is the only country where a significant portion of the population believes professional wrestling is real, but the moon landing was faked."—David Letterman

"If I could live my life over, I'd do everything the same; the film in my camera would remain the same; there's no way Lord, to leave this love behind."—Al Green

"You either have to be first, best or different."—Loretta Lynn

"I don't want no drummer. I set the tempo."—Bessie Smith

"We want to be able to fly. We want to be able to sear somebody with lightning from across a room. Those are primal desires, to shoot somebody with energy."—Bill Irwin

"In times of stress, I frequently remind myself that I'm doing what I want to do most and that's what really counts."—Henry Mancini

"What I love is the comedy of the body. It's a little highfalutin', but you can even call it 'pre-verbal comedy.' People laugh differently at stuff that isn't brough to them via the spoken word. It's from a different place; it's a different quality of laughter."—Bill Irwin

"They say there about 12 million illegal immigrants in this country. But, if you ask a Native American, that number is more like 300 million."—David Letterman

"Some people believe that fairness comes with obeying the rules. I'm one of those people."—Al Green

"I loved being outside as a kid. We'd hold lightning bugs in our fingers and pretend they were diamond rings."—Loretta Lynn

"When my bed is empty, makes me feel awful mean and blue. My springs are getting' rusty, livin' single like I do."—Bessie Smith

"If you want to make money in music, get into the band uniform business."—Henry Mancini

"I used to be called a 'post-modern clown.' But now, post-modern is a quaint notion, too."—Bill Irwin

"You've got to be careful smoking weed. It causes memory loss. And, also, it causes memory loss."—David Letterman

"God told me, 'I gave you the music, Al. Sing the music I gave you—all the music.' So, I did. –Al Green

"The real creative power for film music is not technology, it is the mind and heart of the composer."—Henry Mancini

"I think I reach people because I'm with them, not apart from them."—Loretta Lynn

"Any man who can stand to leave me, I can stand to see him go."—Bessie Smith

"I don't want to get corny, but my career really has been the personification of the American dream."—Henry Mancini

"I am the oldest of three children. I was in charge of making sure my brother and sister were OK and also entertained so they didn't bother our mother, who had a job at home."--Bill Irwin

"You know what I love best about the great American game of baseball? The pine tar, the resin, the grass, the dirt—and that's just in the hot dogs."—David Letterman

PARTY MENU FOR "THE APRIL SHOWER OF STARS BIRTHDAY PARTY:"

APPETIZERS—Bessie Smith Raw Walnut Pate' (therawtarian.com)

SALAD—Al Green Salad (tasteofhome.com)

ENTRÉE—David Letterman's Mom's Hot Chicken Salad (recipeofhealth.com)

SIDE DISH—Bill Irwin Clown Face Veggie Tray (pinterest.com)

BREAD—Mark Roth Bread Bowls for Mrs. Letterman's Hot Chicken Salad (allrecipes.com)

BEVERAGE—Henry Mancini Pink Panther Cocktail (youtube.com)

DESSERT—Loretta Lynn's Coalminer's Peanut Butter Fudge (see below)

ONE TO GROW ON—Loretta Lynn released her 46th solo studio album last month. Yes, in March 2021, while many of the rest of us were still quarantined at home, dwiddlin' our thumbs on the couch. The album title is "Still Woman Enough" and you can search YouTube for a couple of the songs and then go buy this great, new collection. Ms. Lynn looks resplendent on the cover photo in a ballgown created by her longtime dressmaker, Tim Cobb, which was inspired by her gown on the 1971 album cover of her bestselling, "Coalminer's Daughter."

Here in Bowling Green, Kentucky the April showers have made the grass so green and you can see determined, green baby leaves growing up to the starlit sky. This part of America was settled in 1768 around the time George Washington laid the plans for his own bowling green at Mount Vernon.

"Forbes Magazine" named Bowling Green, Kentucky one of "The Top 25 Best Places to Retire in the U.S," and, after the wonderful food and fun of "The April Shower of Stars Birthday Party," we are ready to retire as Bill Irwin and David Letterman quit their clowning. As a finale, Loretta Lynn, Al Green and Bessie Smith serenade us with this Henry Mancini lullaby--"Two drifters off to see the world. There's such a lot of world to see. We're after the same rainbow's end, waitin' round the bend, my huckleberry friends, moon river and me."



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Loretta Lynn's Coalminer's Peanut Gutter Fudge



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LORETTA LYNN'S COALMINER'S PEANUT BUTTER FUDGE
(source: citylifestyle.com)

INGREDIENTS
- 3 cups sugar
- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1 cup milk
- ½ stick butter
- ½ teaspoon vanilla flavoring

DIRECTIONS
1. Mix sugar and milk in a saucepan over medium-high heat.
2. Stir. Stir. Stir.
3. Let the mixture come to a molten boil for 10 minutes.
4. Add butter, vanilla flavoring and peanut butter.
5. Remove pan from the heat and stir the mixture until peanut butter is smooth.
6. Pour the mixture into an 8" x 9" buttered pan and let it cool. "Make sure to use plenty of butter on the pan. You've got to rub it like you love it."
7. Let the fudge cool.
8. Slice into several pieces and enjoy!





EDUCATION

Wallace State awarded National Science Foundation Grant

Kristen Holmes
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Wallace State Community College has been awarded a prestigious National Science Foundation (NSF) grant aimed at increasing the number of women and adult learners in diesel technology training.

The three-year $279,336 award was announced Wednesday by NSF.

"We are so very pleased to have been selected for this award, which will allow us to make education and training for high-demand careers in the diesel industry more accessible to students, and will help to encourage more individuals to consider a career in diesel," said Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Karolewics.

The concept for this grant project began in early 2020, and last March when the COVID-19 pandemic interrupted in-person instruction, the urgency to provide new and flexible learning options for students became a priority.

"During the pandemic, the transportation industry was crucial in the supply chain, creating even more of an urgency to supply a talent pipeline to support the industry," said Suzanne Harbin, vice president for advancement. "Wallace State took this opportunity to innovate and create a program that benefits the employer through establishing a talent pipeline, and the student through an earn and learn opportunity."

Wallace State's project, titled "Developing and Implementing Hybrid Instruction to Increase the Access of Women and Adult Learners to Diesel Technology Training," will include a partnership with the National Institute of Women in Trades, Technology and Sciences to increase the diversity of students entering the Diesel Technology program, ultimately providing more opportunities and jobs for women and other adult learner populations under-represented in the diesel technology field.

The Alabama Department of Labor estimates that Alabama companies will need to hire 3,000 diesel technicians over the next six years.

"We'd like to have 200 students a year enrolled in our program in order to meet demand," said Jeremy Smith, chair of the diesel technology program at Wallace State, a NC3 certified master trainer and a thought leader in the field. The program has a near 100 percent job placement rate.

Recruiting women to technical fields has been a goal of the college for a number of years, and several women have completed the diesel technology program in recent years and gone on to successful careers in the field.

One of the newest students, Alicia Gardner, who will start the program this summer, said, "I chose Diesel by Distance because it's a program suited for me. I have children at home, so I'm able to work and be able to learn at the same time, while getting a degree. It's a great opportunity for anybody."

This grant will also expand the use of technology and hybrid offerings in the diesel program to increase accessibility and convenience for learners, a key component of Diesel by Distance.

Diesel by Distance, part of Wallace State's more traditional diesel technology program, is designed to allow students to learn high-demand diesel mechanics from anywhere, even on the road, using virtual reality, distance learning, and work-based learning, with drive-in and remote assessments tailored to the student's schedule.

"It is our goal to take best practices learned from the use of virtual reality in the Diesel by Distance program and apply them to all of our programs," said Dean of Applied Technologies at Wallace State, Wes Rakestraw .

Wallace State partnered with TransfrVR and the Alabama Trucking Association on the Diesel by Distance project, which launched this week with funding through a U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities (WORC) grant and support from the Appalachian Regional Commission.

Students enrolled may now use virtual reality training to give them access to on-the-job training that would otherwise take place in a technical workshop. A digital coach in the virtual training modules will provide immediate feedback through conversational artificial intelligence.

Both the NSF project and Diesel by Distance have the potential to establish a pathway to employment for individuals in communities that have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic in Alabama, and to reduce the burden on supply-chain logistics, which has been taxed as the demand for the delivery of goods has increased.

Wallace State's diesel program is NATEF accredited, recognized by the National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3), and has scores of local and national industry partners. The program also conducts customized workforce training for industry.

Scholarships are available for women in diesel and for others enrolling in the diesel program.

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Obituary Announcements: April 9

William G. "Bill" Waldrop, 89, of Crane Hill
William G. "Bill" Waldrop, age 89, of Crane Hill, passed away April 8, 2021. Family will receive friends at the Waldrop Home (117 Waldrop Drive, Crane Hill, Alabama 35053) on Saturday, April 10, 2021 from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. A graveside service will be held Sunday, April 11, 2021 at 2 p.m. at Fairview Cemetery in Double Springs, Alabama. Dr. Roger White will officiate. Complete obituary information will be posted when available. Nichols Funeral Home directing.

Katelyn Wynell Quick, 21, of Cullman
Graveside service for Katelyn Wynell Quick, age 21, of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 11, 2021, at Bethsadia Cemetery with Karen Heaton officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Ms. Quick passed away on April 8, 2021, at Emory University Hospital. She was born February 7, 2000, to Jeff Quick and Shannon Stephens. She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Evelyn Stephens. Survivors include her mother, Shannon Stephens; father, Jeff Quick; brothers, Matthew Stephens, Phillip Stephens, and Derek Stephens; grandmother, Anita Robinson; grandfather, James Quick; un-cles, Mark Stephens and Blake Mechaw; and a host of cousins and other family.

William Howard "Bill" Moore, Jr., 76, of Fyffe
Funeral service for William Howard "Bill" Moore, Jr., 76, of Fyffe, Alabama will be at 3 p.m., Sunday, April 11, 2021 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Ebenezer Cemetery. Visitation will be Sunday from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. at the funeral home. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Moore passed away Friday, April 9, 2021 at Huntsville Hospital. He was born November 2, 1944 to William Howard Moore, Sr. & Hazel Moore Duke. He was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers, Charles Moore and Tony Moore. Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Doris Moore; sons, Jeff (Yasmeen) Moore, Keith (Lorri) Moore, Steve (Kara) Moore; daughter, Linda (Buddy) Pettry; brother, Wayne (Shirley) Moore; thirteen grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a host of family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Cindy Pope, 61, of Hanceville
Graveside services for Cindy Pope, 61, of Hanceville, AL will be 4 p.m. Sunday, April 11, 2021 at Hopewell Cemetery in Hanceville. Visitation will be at Hanceville Funeral Home on Sunday from 2:30 p.m. until 3:45 p.m. Mrs. Pope was born on April 19, 1959 to Homer and Opal (Robertson) Twilley in Cullman. She died on April 8, 2021 at Woodland Nursing Home in Cullman.Survivors include Freddie Pope; mother, Opal Twilley; daughter, Freda Blanton; son, Jeremy Pope; grandson, Jaythan Blanton; granddaughters, Madison Pope and Pipper Pope; a great grandson, Alec Meza; brothers, Allen (Threase) Twilley and Junior (Lynn) Twilley; and sisters, Bonnie (Genaro) Castillo and Debra (Steve) Turny. Mrs. Pope was preceded in death by her father, Homer Twilley and sister, Diane Rodriguez.

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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

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

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IN THE MATTER OF THE
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D.O.B. 09/21/2015
CASE NO.: AD2021-012

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN FATHER OF A MINOR CHILD BORN TO GEORGINA ESPERANZA LEJARAZO-HERNANDEZ

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Jonah Gregory Hogland, Petitioner. 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 petitioner, 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 1st DAY OF April, 2021.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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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, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO.: PC 2021-062

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FLOYD H. COX, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED
BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Mary Dean Lamar on the 8th day of April, 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.

Mary Dean Lamar
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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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:*

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Tammy Brown
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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Sometimes my woodwork is for the birds

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



I am a woodworker. Actually, I am not a professional woodworker but a hobbyist. I enjoy building many different things, but lately my projects have been mostly B and B. No, that is not Bed and Breakfast, but benches and birdhouses.

Doing woodwork is not anything new for me, but the stay-at-home Coronavirus days helped me to rediscover my passion for building things. I have never mastered the art of doing nothing, so when I had nowhere to speak, sing, or do humor, I found something else to do. One of those things was woodworking.

I can't remember exactly how old I was when I first began building things, but I was still a child. Fortunately for me, my dad owned a business where he sold lumber and building supplies.

Unfortunately for Dad, he had a boy who liked to use his material to build things. In order to keep me from using wood that someone might buy (and pay actual money for it), Dad gave me the bad pieces and all the shipping pallets I wanted. I was building things out of pallet wood long before it became popular. Dad even gave me some huge-wooden crates that fill-line tiles came in. My friend Ken Smith and I used those crates to build ourselves a camp house, down by the creek. We even spent a few nights in that thing.

During those childhood days, I built my first birdhouse. Quite frankly, I can't remember if I used new wood or scraps, but I do remember what I used for the bottom. One of the many things that Dad sold was glass. At an early age, he taught me the art of scoring and snapping a piece of glass, without breaking it into a dozen pieces. For some unknown reason, I had the brilliant idea of cutting a piece of glass to use for the bottom of a birdhouse. You have probably heard of the "glass ceiling." Well, now you have heard of the glass floor too! After I completed my glass-floored birdhouse, I made a surprising discovery. A house with a clear floor is not for the birds. They refused to build on it. They probably wondered what dummy had built a house but forgot to put in the floor.

I gained a better understanding of how those birds must have felt, when we visited the Grand Canyon a few years ago. The West-Rim has a skywalk. The skywalk is a ten-foot-wide, horseshoe-shaped bridge, that extends 70-feet past the edge of the canyon wall. From there you have amazing views of the canyon, even one that is straight down. That is because the floor of the bridge, much like the floor of my birdhouse, is clear. One guest who walked out with us, became hysterical when she looked down. She fell to the floor and froze in a state of panic. I handled things a bit better than she, but I'll have to admit, I was a wee-bit unnerved as I stared at the canyon floor some 4000-feet directly below my feet.

Those birds may not have been smart enough to know there was a piece of clear glass in the bottom of my birdhouse, but they were smart enough to know they couldn't build a house on thin air. Jesus once taught that it is not wise for us to build a house on sand, or in other words, on a weak foundation. He was not necessary speaking about brick-and-mortar structures, but about our lives. We can learn much from his message, and from the bird's example.

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: 1937

From the Files of 1937:
Mr. Jim Bright and Mr. and Mrs. Kellett Bright are announcing the opening of their flower house, the first of September. It is located to the rear of the Jim Bright residence, on Second Street East. Mrs. Kellett Bright has taken a summer course in flower designing, at Joy's Florist in Nashville.

Marriages

August 19 – Ledmon L. Pugh, 23, to Aubrey Casen, 20.

August 20 – Luther Seibenhener, 21, to Elvia Pruett, 16.

August 21 – Albert Smith, 18, to Gladys Murray, 16; Asa Henry Hogland, 21, to Bertha Ogletree, 18; Cephas T. Turner, 19, to Lerone Puryer, 23 and Miles Hudson, 22, to Mozelle Smith, 18.

August 24 – Frank Kicham, 36, to Elsie Kendricks, 21 and William J. Kupinse, 25, to Mary Ellen Sandlin, 22.

Mr. and Mrs. L.O. Bailey announce the engagement of their daughter, Lyndall Eloise, to Earl Reid, of Cullman. The wedding is to take place in September.

Mrs. J.D. Moore announce the marriage of her sister, Miss Julia Mae Denson, of Birmingham, formerly of Cullman, to Mr. Bennie Earle Crow, of Birmingham, on August 21 at Ashville, Alabama.

Mrs. W.R. Griffin was a charming hostess on Wednesday afternoon, when she entertained three tables of bridge. The house was artistically decorated with a variety of summer flowers.

Mrs. H.O. Thompson held high score and Mrs. Phillip Hartung won second. Both were awarded lovely gifts. After the games, a delicious salad course was served to the following: Mesdames Phillip Hartung, Finis St. John, M.L. Robertson, Ruth Griffin, Carl Thompson, Robert Rosson, Lute Hayes, G.W. Bledsoe, Edward Kinney, Hershel Thompson and Misses Freda and Elsa Hartung.

Cullman Regional (from Front)

Mary Beth Sellers
Cullman Regional

CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman Regional Medical Center announced Friday, April 9 that they will continue to require anyone entering the medical center to wear a mask. This announcement comes after Governor Ivey announced that the Alabama Statewide Mask Mandate Order will expire Friday, April 9 at 5 p.m.

"Out of an abundance of caution, Cullman Regional will continue to require visitors, patients and staff in the facility to wear a mask in accordance with current CDC recommendations for health care facilities," said Cullman Regional Chief Medical Officer William Smith, MD.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that health care facilities continue to follow routine infection prevention and control practices including:

• Limiting gathering in waiting rooms and keeping patients at least 6 feet apart

• Implementing universal source control measures, including masks

• Requiring handwashing or hand sanitizing before entering the facility and before entering or exiting patient rooms

• Symptom screening before entering the facility

• Limiting points of entry for facilities

• Continued isolation of infected patients

• Limiting the number of visitors

As of Friday, April 9, Cullman County has seen 100 positive COVID-19 cases over the past 14 days. However, Cullman Regional currently has nine positive COVID-19 patients in the facility, including four in critical care and three on ventilators.

"Although the community spread seems much lower than in previous months, Cullman Regional's ICU is currently at 136% capacity and we've had to create additional overflow areas in order to accommodate all of our critically-ill patients," Dr. Smith said. "We must remain cautious in order to protect our patients and staff."

Current Cullman Regional visitation includes:

• No more than two visitors at a time per room.

• All visitors must wear a mask.

• No visitors under the age of 16, even when an adult is with them; but with exceptions for extraordinary circumstances which will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

• Visitors will be required to sanitize hands when entering the hospital and when entering and exiting any patient rooms.

• Anyone who has a fever, cough, body aches or sore throat will not be allowed to enter the facility unless they are seeking treatment.

For more information on Cullman Regional, the services provided or for local COVID-19 resources, visit https://cullmanregional.com.

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- Tetanus, Diptheria, Pertussis
- Human papillomavirus
- Meningococcal disease
- Influenza

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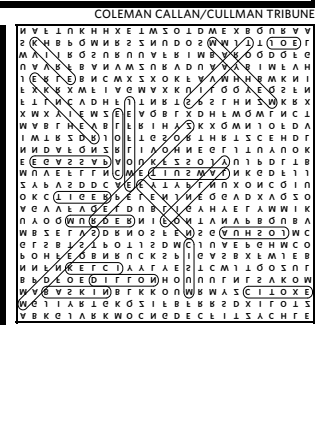
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Music

ANSWER:



POET'S CORNER

Poetry

By: Randy C. Hale

Sometimes I write under florescent lights, keeping the world outside,
but I prefer a field, the sunlight
to see and feel,

or beneath the moon, listening
to the barred owl croon,
a call that breaks the silent
pause, "who works for you?"

My muse sniffs the wild rose
and the butterfly weed,
plays with bugs and salamanders,
watches the wild doe feed.

I write as the clouds drop
spontaneous dreams,
and the sights and sounds of
nature's rhythms devour me.

PREP SOFTBALL

Lady Bearcats come back and walk off to top Muscle Shoals 7-6

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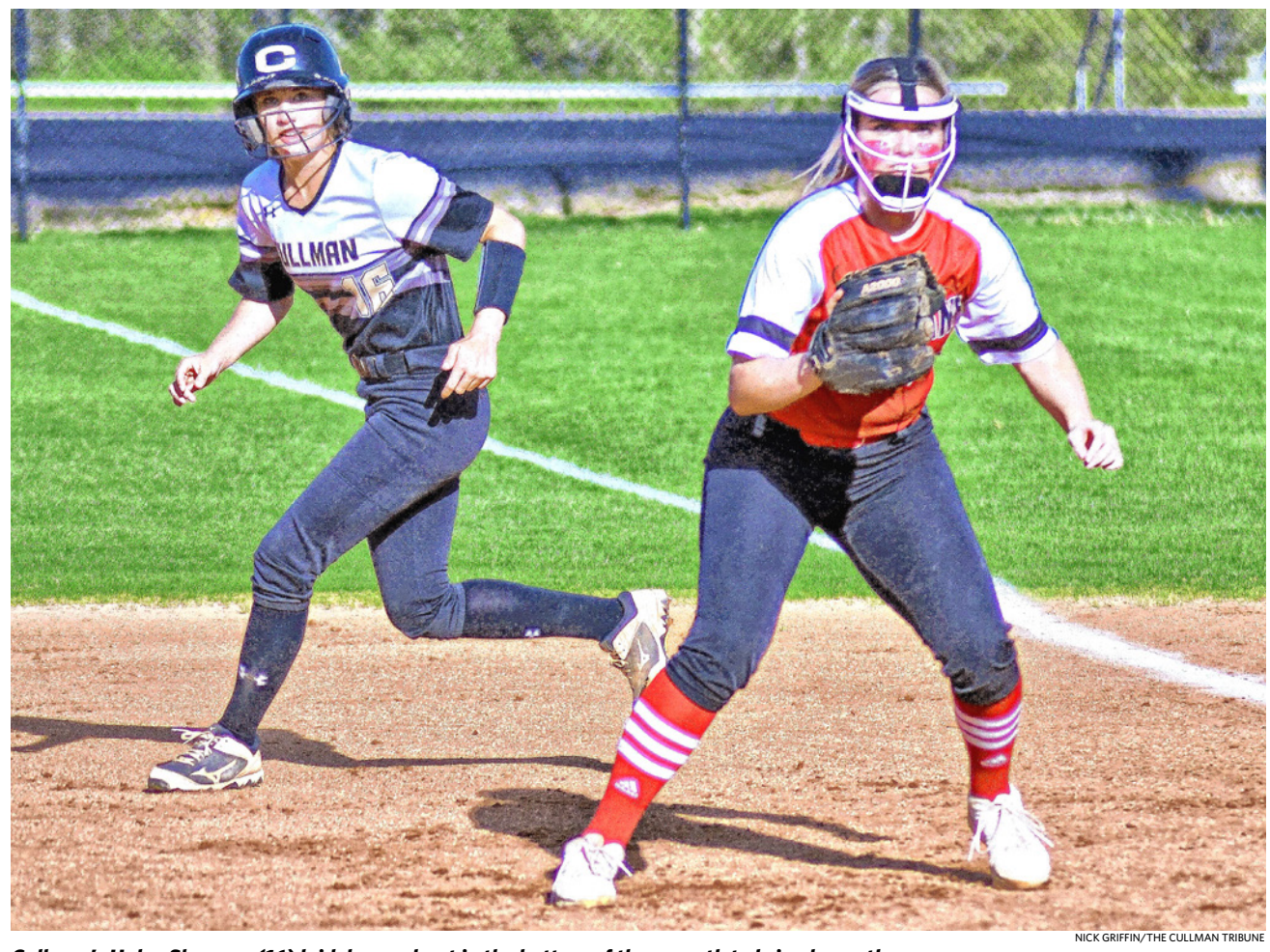
CULLMAN, Ala. – After falling behind early, the Cullman Lady Bearcats were able to do what they've already done several times this season and rally to come from behind and defeat Muscle Shoals Thursday night. Trailing 6-5 going into the bottom of the seventh, Sarah Herfurth laced a game-tying RBI double to make it 6-6 and later in the inning, Haley Shannon laid down a bunt in front of the plate and allowed Herfurth to score from third base and give the Lady Bearcats a dramatic, 7-6 win over the Lady Trojans.

After a scoreless first inning, Muscle Shoals scored the game's first run on an error to take a 1-0 lead. The Lady Trojans were able to put some hits together in the top of the third and extend their lead to 4-0 going into the bottom of the third. That's when Cullman began to chip away at the lead. Carlie Burnham drew a walk with the bases loaded to get the 'Cats on the board and make it 4-1 and an RBI single from Faith Guest drove in another run to cut the lead to 4-2 going into the fourth.

A solo homerun added another run to the Muscle Shoals lead in the top of the fourth and another solo shot in the top of the fifth made it a 6-2 game.

Chalea Clemmons responded with a solo bomb of her own in the bottom half of the fifth to trim the lead to 6-3 and she blasted her second homerun of the day in the bottom of the sixth to drive in two more runs and cut the lead to one going into the final frame. That's when Herfurth's double and Shannon's bunt came into play and lifted the Lady Bearcats to a 7-6 win over Muscle Shoals.

Clemmons finished the game with two homeruns, a double and three RBIs. Guest posted three hits for Cullman in the win and Shannon (one RBI) and Emma Claire Wilson each added a pair of hits as well. The Lady Bearcats improve to 17-8 on the season with the win.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman's Haley Shannon (16) laid down a bunt in the bottom of the seventh to bring home the winning run for the Lady Bearcats in their 7-6 win over Muscle Shoals Thursday.

PREP BASEBALL

Bearcats down Trojans 12-3 to clinch playoff berth

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CULLMAN, Ala. – After blanking Muscle Shoals on the road 9-0 Tuesday night to take a 1-0 lead in the area series, the Bearcats returned home to Bill Shelton Field Thursday night with a chance to wrap up a series win and clinch a spot in the postseason. Cullman did just that, plating three runs in the third and five more in the fifth to help build a lead and pulled away to take the game 12-3, the series win 2-0 and a trip back to the playoffs. Kaleb Heatherly got the start and the win on the mound, tossing 5.1 innings, allowing three runs on six hits and striking out four Trojans.

'Cats head coach Brent Patterson is pleased with the way his team has been playing this week and wants to continue building momentum with the postseason right around the corner.

"I just feel like lately we've been putting more solid performances together.

"We're trying to get to where there isn't a glaring phase of the game where we come up short. In a lot of our losses, we've pitched it really well, had really good at bats but we didn't defend it very well," Patterson said.

"So, we're just trying to get to where we are solid in every phase and Tuesday night I was about as pleased as I've been all year. We pitched it, defended it and ran the bases."

Patterson also touched on his starting pitcher's performance Thursday night and the way he thinks this team can continue to win games going forward this season.

"We always say it starts on the mound and Kaleb was fantastic.

"When your starting pitcher gives your offense some time to settle in that's a good luxury to have.

"So, now in game two we're going to go back out and try to be solid again and just get used to being solid.

"We're not a spectacular team by any means but we can be a very solid team and if we can keep putting solid games together, we can win."

After a scoreless opening inning, Cullman struck first in the bottom of the second when Zac Edwards drove in Jake Dueland with an RBI single.

The Bearcats got two more runs on the board in the bottom of the third after Carter Gay and Max Dueland each crossed the plate on a passed ball and an error.

The 'Cats continued to take advantage of the Trojans' mistakes and Jake Dueland came home to score on another passed ball to make it a 4-0 game going into the fourth.

Heatherly helped himself out with an RBI double that made it a 5-0 game in the bottom of the fourth, but Muscle Shoals was able to get on the board and trim the lead to 5-2 in the top half of the fifth.

Cullman got those runs back and then some in the bottom of the inning, starting with another RBI single from Edwards that made it 6-2.

Hunter Brooks scored on a fielder's choice to stretch the lead to 7-2 and Brennen Norton drove an RBI single into left field to make it 8-2.

The Bearcats added two more runs to their lead after Matt Brock scored on another passed ball and an RBI groundout from Heatherly gave them a 10-2 lead going into the sixth.

The Trojans were able to cut the lead to 10-3 in the top of the sixth but wouldn't come any closer than that.

A throwing error and a fielder's choice allowed Cullman to plate two more runs in the bottom of the sixth and Hayden Stancil struck out the first three batters he faced in the top of the seventh to secure a 12-3 win for the 'Cats.

Jake Dueland was 3-for-4 at the plate in the win and Edwards (two RBIs) and Stancil each posted a pair of hits as well.

Brock and Norton also added a hit and an RBI in the win for Cullman.

The Bearcats improve to 20-10 on the season with the win and after finishing the area series with Muscle Shoals tonight, Cullman will be on the road Tuesday to begin its next series with the Hartselle Tigers.

Cullman 9 – Muscle Shoals 2 (game two)

The 'Cats and Trojans were locked in a tight battle for most of their second game Thursday night, but Cullman plated six runs in the bottom of the sixth to pull ahead for good and went on to claim a 9-2 win to complete the series sweep.

A solo homer off the bat of Brennen Norton gave the Bearcats a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first and after a scoreless second inning, Norton made it 2-0 when an RBI single in the third.

Cullman added another run in the fifth when Will Bradberry drilled an RBI double into center field, but Muscle Shoals was able to cut the lead to 3-2 in the top of the sixth.

However, the 'Cats responded in the bottom half of the inning with six runs of their own.

Cole Robertson and Grant Morrison each crossed the plate on a passed ball and an error to make it a 5-2 game and Norton blasted a bases-clearing double later in the inning to stretch the lead to 8-2.

Stancil drove an RBI single up the middle to bring Norton home and gave Cullman a 9-2 lead going into the final frame.

Morrison took the mound in the top of the seventh and put away the final three outs to secure a 9-2 win for the Bearcats.

Norton posted three hits and five RBIs in the win for Cullman.

Bradberry (one RBI) added a pair of hits and Stancil (one RBI) and Morrison each finished with a hit as well.

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Love Always from
Lucinda, Charlotte and Anita
Love, Dad

Mary Chumley died on February 5, 1918

Her birthday is April 12

Happy Birthday in Heaven!



We All Miss You,
Anita, Charlotte and Lucinda
Love, Erwin