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BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

Cullman industries and businesses need workers, job fair coming April 24

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman area industries and businesses are in need of workers, and local agencies are teaming up to bring supply and demand together at the Cullman Careers Live Event job fair April 24, 2021 at the Donald Green Active Adult Center, 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW in Cullman. The Cullman Economic Development Agency (CEDA) is hosting the event, which is co-sponsored by the City of Cullman Industrial Development Board, Cullman County Industrial Development Authority, Cullman County Economic Development Agency, Wallace State Community College, Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce and Cullman Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism.

Participating businesses and industries include AGCO, AGCOR STEEL, America's First Credit Union, Busted Knuckle, Cullman Cabinet, Dodge City Petro, HH Technologies, HomTex, North Alabama Fabricating Co. (NAFCO), Rehau, Reliance Worldwide Corporation, Rusken Packaging, Sequence Health, Topre America, Walmart Distribution, WestRock, Yutaka Technologies and others.

CEDA director Dale Greer talked about the current shortage of workers in the market evidenced by "help wanted" signs outside businesses and "please be patient" signs on restaurant doors across the area:

"All of north Alabama is under 3% unemployment rate. You know, we're second lowest at 2.2 (percent). That's very successful--most of north Alabama is. So I think that is a similar situation in the northern part of the state and maybe even for most of Alabama. I can't remember a time that it's been low like that throughout the region. And so it's difficult."

He continued, "You know, I think it's a » PAGE 6

– SPORTS –

'Great to be a Bearcat'

CHS celebrates kids night as Bearcats baseball clinch area title



CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

Dozens of young players came out Thursday for kids night.

Cullman City Schools
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Before Cullman High School's varsity baseball team clinched its 10th straight area title Thursday night, the school welcomed the next generation of young Bearcats to the field as part of kids night. Dozens of young players — decked out in their own travel and recreational league baseball uniforms — came out to watch the game, and even had the opportunity to step on the turf with the varsity Bearcats for the National Anthem pre-game.

"Having our younger players out at our games is such a blessing and great opportunity for our school and our athletic programs," Cullman High School athletic director Mark Stephens said.

"For our players, it really puts things into perspective when they see how those little guys look up to them for how they act and how they play the game.

"For our coaches and administrators, we understand the importance of fostering relationships with our future student athletes. These kids are the foundation of our program."

Stephens noted that kids night 2021 is hopefully just the beginning, as the athletic program hopes to continue growing these youth outreach initiatives with more camps, crossover events and instructional opportunities for younger athletes.

"We appreciate Cullman Park and Recreation and our other area baseball organizations for participating last night," he added. "It's great to be a Bearcat."

The varsity baseball team clinched the Class 6A, Area 14 title with a 2-0 win against Hartselle High School and finished out the night's sweep with a 10-0 win in the second game of the double header.

The school band, cheerleaders, students and community members helped bring the game day atmosphere to life with a bonfire and concert outside the stadium — with ample space provided for social distancing, of course.

"It was such a great turnout and atmosphere," Cullman High School Principal Kim Hall said.

"The real goal for us has been to try out best to make sure the students don't realize things have been 'different' this year due to the pandemic. For them, it's just a fun night cheering on the Bearcats. I think we've done that."

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Human Trafficking 101: survivor educates Cullman County officials and social workers on trafficking issues, response and prevention



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Human trafficking expert Amy Joy talks to seminar participants Friday morning. » PAGE 2

– BONUS PET OF THE WEEK –

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COURTS

Gov. Ivey awards grant to help crime victims navigate the court system

ADECA
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Gov. Kay Ivey has awarded a $475,016 grant to help Alabama crime victims better navigate the judicial system.

The grant to the state Office of Prosecution Services will help maintain certified victim service officers throughout the state and continue its use of certified facility dogs that help people, especially children, who have been victims of crime or witnesses to a violent crime.

"The intricacies of the criminal justice system can feel confusing and daunting to people who have been victimized by criminal activity," Gov. Ivey said. "This grant helps serve those victims and provide the information and support they need to better navigate the court system and obtain justice."

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs is administering the grant from funds made available by the U.S. Department of Justice.

"Gov. Ivey continues to show that she is a strong advocate for crime victims in Alabama," ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell said. "These funds will help provide needed support for people in this state who have been victims of crime."

Ivey notified OPS Executive Director Barry Matson that the grant had been approved.

ENVIRONMENT

ADEM creates video series for Earth Day

Kathryn Shoupe
ADEM

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – To celebrate Earth Day and encourage high school and middle school students to pursue careers in the sciences, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management hosts an annual event to highlight ADEM's efforts to safeguard the environment.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions, ADEM staff are not able to conduct the annual Earth Day event in-person this year, so in lieu of a live event, the Department has created a series of videos that feature ADEM personnel explaining and demonstrating key functions of their work in protecting Alabama's environment.

The videos are posted on the ADEM YouTube channel.

The Alabama State Department of Education is assisting ADEM with this virtual Earth Day video event by notifying teachers and administrators statewide about the availability of the videos, though the videos are also available to the public.

The ADEM videos cover a wide variety of subjects and programs related to the environment, including air monitoring, fish tissue sampling, water quality and recycling.

This is the 51st anniversary of the first Earth Day. The theme for this year's global day of activism is "Restore Our Earth."

More than 1 billion people in 192 countries participate in Earth Day activities each year, making it the largest civic observance in the world.

Earth Day continues to be a popular and unifying day to raise awareness of environmental issues and the beauty of the Earth.

Of course, at ADEM, every day is Earth Day.

Trafficking (from Front)

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. – Amy Joy, a human trafficking survivor who went on to become a social worker, psychologist and lecturer on human trafficking response and prevention, visited Cullman County Friday for a one-day seminar at Daystar Church in Good Hope, sponsored by the Cullman County Human Trafficking Task Force, Brooks' Place Child Advocacy Center and Cullman County Juvenile Probation. Joy is the founder/CEO of Human Trafficking Education Seminars.

According to the task force, "She has spent the last decade helping survivors of sex trafficking, developing educational programs on childhood trauma, its impact on the developing person and Dissociative Identity Disorder.

"She has earned a bachelor's degree in social work and a master's degree in public administration, both from the University of Michigan, and is currently earning her Ph.D. in psychology. Amy is the author of Human Trafficking 101: Stories, Stats, and Solutions. As an adjunct professor and international speaker, Amy continues to fight for those adversely impacted by childhood trauma."

Among Joy's hosts were Cullman County District Judges Rusty Turner and Chad Floyd, who hear cases of child abuse and see the kinds of crimes committed by traffickers.

Floyd said, "What we're trying to do is bring awareness to counselors and ground level personnel who are out there and most likely to encounter and see these individuals that have been affected by human trafficking. I know when we live here in

"Cullman, it's so easy to really think that human trafficking is something that can go on overseas or can go on in nearby large cities, but it can happen anywhere.

"And we're learning today about individuals who were exploited for purposes of sexual exploitation, but persons who are exploited for labor, for housing; there's just a tremendous amount that we learned already this morning."

Joy's presentation laid out chilling facts about human trafficking, including:

• Anywhere from 21 million to 45 million people are enslaved at any given time today around the world, meaning that slavery is a bigger problem in the modern world than at any time in history.

• A new victim is introduced into trafficking every 30 seconds.

• Approximately 1,000,000 new victims enter trafficking each year.

• At any given moment, approximately 750,000 child predators are one the internet, actively seeking victims.

• Trafficking is the fastest growing criminal industry and currently the second largest criminal enterprise in the world, behind guns.

• Trafficking generates approximately $150 billion in annual revenues.

• Where Americans seeking "sex tourism" once had to travel to foreign countries, the U.S. has now become the number one destination.

• The U.S. is now attracting foreign visitors who come here for sex tourism.

• Approximately 300,000 children are traded in sex trafficking in the U.S. each year, and when authorities try to get those kids out of "the life," only 1700 spots are available in residential recovery programs nationwide.

• Though women and girls are considered the typical victims of trafficking, 44% of victims are male, typically 9-11 years of age when they are first trafficked. Girls tend to enter trafficking at 11-13 years.

• Runaways are prime targets for traffickers and 70% of all runaways will be contacted by a predator within 48 hours of leaving home.

• At any given time, approximately 2,000,000 children are missing in the U.S., and one out of every three of those cases will never be reported.

• The average life span of a child from the time they enter "the life" is only seven years.

Joy told the audience that exact numbers are not available for the 2020 COVID pandemic and shutdown, but that accessing pornography increased drastically during the shutdown, and cases of trafficking rose as laid-off workers became desperate for money. She warned that the available evidence points to a potential 41% increase in trafficking and sex abuse cases during that period.

Turner told The Tribune, "I'm very happy to have the number of people that showed up to listen to Miss Amy Joy tell us about the human trafficking and exploitation of folks. It's a wonderful program. I really appreciate Juvenile Probation, Brooks' Place putting this on so we can get the information out to as many people as possible in the community, because it's going on in Cullman. We know that it's something that needs to be taken care of, and make more people aware of it, so it's great to have this kind of program going."

Task force director Kathy Wilson told The Tribune, "The mission of the task force is to provide education to our community, and today's training was an excellent opportunity for professionals. If we can arm our community with knowledge, then we can protect our children against these predators. We are grateful for everyone's support today. We hope to continue to provide training opportunities like this in the near future."


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COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Friday, April 16, 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: 404, 631 (+261 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in AL: 116,731 (+161 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in AL: 8,456 (+3 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in AL: 2,283
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,447 (+0 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 3,056 (+2 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 127 (+1 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 62
• Total tested in Cullman Co.: 39,954
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 1,881
• Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 89
• Total tested in Alabama: 2,457,263
• Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 5,748
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 115,950
• Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 325
• Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama (reported M-F): 48,316
• Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 328,752

Vaccine details (updated Monday-Friday)

• Doses delivered to Alabama: 3,371,795
• Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 2,659,225
• Doses administered: 2,195,915
• Number of people receiving one or more doses: 1,379,034
• Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 889,849
• Doses delivered to federal programs: 712,570

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

Johnson & Johnson vaccine update

On April 13, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recommended a pause in the use of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine out of an abundance of caution. The CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) will meet today to address this issue. People who have received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine within the past three weeks who develop severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain, or shortness of breath should contact their health care provider. The CDC official health alert with more information is available here, https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/2021/han00442.asp.

County-level demographic tabs available on COVID-19 vaccine distribution dashboard

Demographic tabs are now available at the bottom of the ADPH COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Dashboard. The new feature provides county-level vaccine distribution demographic information for each of Alabama's 67 counties. The information includes age, sex, race and ethnicity. To navigate, go to arcg.is/0brSGj and use the dropdown menu in the top right corner of the screen to select the county and select the age, sex, race or ethnicity tab at the bottom of the screen. You can also select the "% Receiving Vaccine" tab at the bottom of the screen and click a county on the map to view the latest data in a separate window.

National Guard COVID-19 vaccination clinic update

The Alabama National Guard completed its rotation through 24 rural counties to provide primary COVID-19 vaccinations April 9. A total of 10,438 vaccinations were given in under-served and rural counties throughout the state. Second-dose clinics will continue rotating to the same counties that were originally visited for the next three weeks from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Second-dose vaccination information can be found at www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19vaccine/ng-clinics.html. Johnson & Johnson vaccine will no longer be offered at these clinics. Anyone who has not received a first dose is encouraged to contact his or her local county health department or visit https://www.alcovidvaccine.gov/ to schedule a vaccine appointment.

Pfizer requests FDA approval for COVID-19 vaccine for adolescents age 12 to 15

Pfizer has requested to expand the use of its COVID-19 vaccine to adolescents ages 12 to 15. The request asked the FDA to amend the emergency use authorization (EUA) which was originally for people age 16 and older. Phase 3 clinical trials have shown the Pfizer vaccine to be safe and 100% effective in persons 12 to 15 years of age. The FDA review process is expected to take several weeks. ADPH will provide additional information about the review process as it is made available.

Updates to Federal Retail Pharmacy Program

The Federal Retail Pharmacy Program continues to expand throughout the state. Recent additions to the program include Kroger, Publix, and Health Mart. These retail pharmacy providers join CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, and Sam's Club in offering COVID-19 vaccine. Federal Retail Pharmacy Program locations are available on the "Federal Pharmacies" tab on the COVID-19 Dashboard Hub located at arcg.is/0brSGj

ADPH still encourages use of facial coverings

Masks or other facial coverings are no longer a mandate under the Safer Apart order. ADPH still encourages 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 health care facilities continue to require facial coverings in their facilities.

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported April 16

Cullman Tribune Staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported April 16, 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 14
• third-degree assault; person; 2nd Ave SW

April 15
• second-degree criminal mischief; Cullman Park & Rec.; Lee Ave SW; damaged property; $1,600
• identity theft; person
• third-degree theft of property; third-degree criminal trespass; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $728

ARRESTS
April 15
York, Kodi V.; 26
• FTA- insurance violation

Lindsey, Robert N.; 40
• fourth-degree receiving stolen property

Hyatt, Arron K.; 40
• public intoxication

Palacios, Jose M.; 29
• chemical endangerment of child

Walker, Kevin O.; 40
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- third-degree domestic violence

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 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 17 9 a.m.-1 p.m.-Lifesouth Blood Drive. Please donate blood and save a life! (Please bring I.D.)
• Sunday April 18 - Tri-County Revival 5pm at The Patio 217 County Road 220, Arley, Al. Praise and worship will be led by Worship Life Center. Eat before you come. Join us and help us pray over Cullman, Winston and Walker Counties.

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.
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Agriplex April programs
Children's Programs
• April 29, 9:00 - 11 a.m., 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 21, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m., 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 19, 6 - 8 p,m,, 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 20, 6 - 8 p.m., 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.

Cullman County / City Clean-up
• April 17 – From 8 a.m. – noon

Dumpster locations:
• West Elementary
• East Elementary
• Cullman High School
• Cold Springs School
• Baileyton Town Hall
• Colony Community Center
• Crane Hill Sulphur Springs
• Dodge City Fire Station
• Fairview Community Park (across from Fairview Superette)
• Garden City maintenance area
• Good Hope City Hall
• Hanceville behind City Hall
• Holly Pond - Lions Club Park
• Jones Chapel School
• Vinemont First Baptist Church
• West Point Town Hall

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• For more information contact: Cherrie Haney by email at cherriehaney@bellsouth.net or call 256-531-4222

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.

Valley Springs Baptist Church Spring Revival
April 25 - Valley Springs Baptist Church will hold a spring revival on Sunday, April 25, Monday, April 26, Tuesday, April 27 and Wednesday, April 28. The Sunday night service will begin at 5 p.m. and the Monday through Wednesday services will begin at 7 p.m. The evangelist will be Brother William McClellan. Pastor is Brother Tim Box

1st Annual Derby Day – Goat Island Brewery
May 1 – 2 p.m.-11 p.m. - Realtors from several agencies in Cullman have teamed together to fundraise for local veterans to receive the 5GB PTSD shot. Join us at Goat Island Brewery for food, fun, music, "best dressed hat" cat walk, stick horse races.. and of course, the Kentucky Derby running at 6:30 p.m. Band starts at 7 and goes until 11. We will also be having a silent auction! Admission is $10

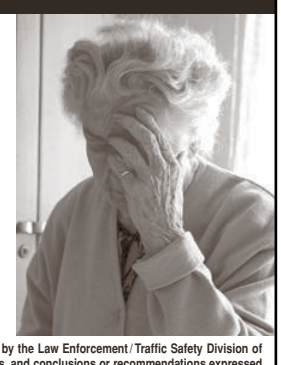
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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Animal Shelter has love to spare these days, so Donna Ruttkay shares a bonus Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week: Applejack is a 1.5-year-old Husky mix with striking heterochromatic eyes. Get ready to play! She's a medium-to-high energy pet who's great on her leash and loves to splash in cool water on a hot day. She craves human company but, even though she's energetic, she understands and respects personal space, and will stay by your side when relaxing. Applejack has the makings of a good therapy, companion or hiking dog. Applejack'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.













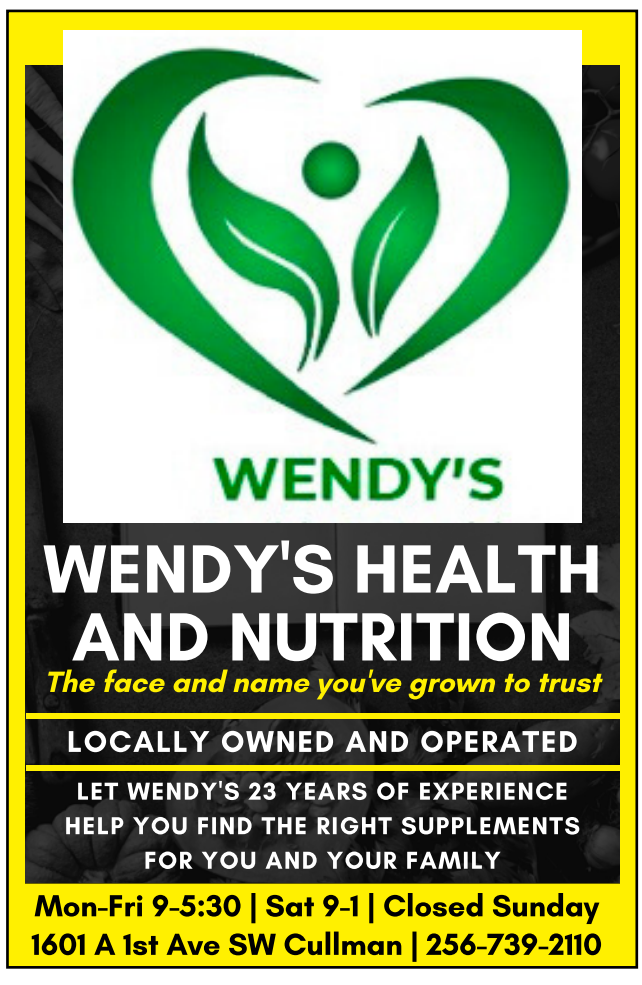


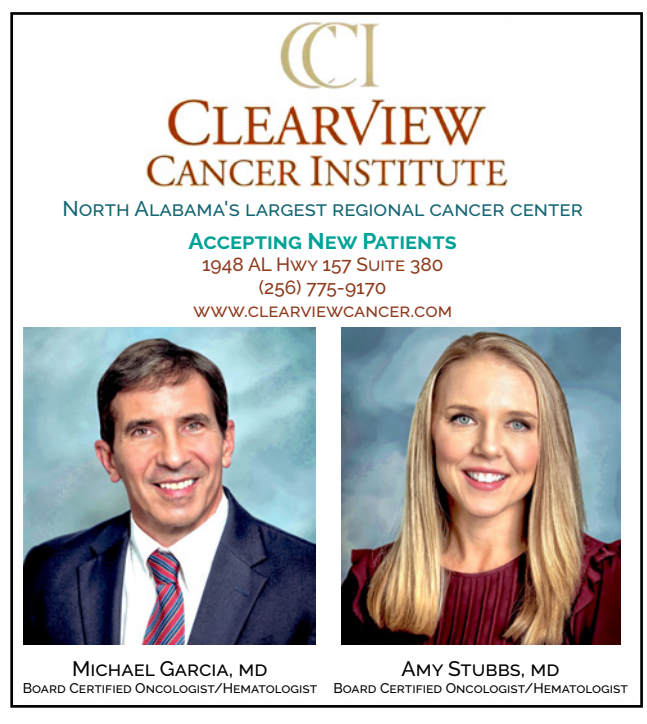














365 AMERICAN JOY-GIVERS for 2021: The Good Ship Enterprise Birthday Party

Ben South
Tribune Columnist

The setting for "The Good Ship Enterprise Birthday Party" could have been on the Good Ship Lollypop with Shirley Temple or another good ship, the "USS Enterprise" with George Takei. However, our party location for this week is inspired by one of our other birthday celebrants this week, the majestically joy-giving John Muir, "Father of America's National Parks," who is recognized for the protection of the 404,000 acres of forested, mountainous terrain of the Sequoia National Park.

We're pitching our party tent under one of the sequoia trees in the "Giant Forest." The tree we choose is "The Largest Tree On Earth" by volume. If you haven't had the joy of seeing this tree in the wild, please put it on your post-pandemic, travel list.

JOIN US...

You sense the joy the minute you walk under the canopy of the giant sequoia tree. 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 17—DON KIRSHNER was called "The Man with the Golden Ear." As a music publisher, producer, talent agent and songwriter, he helped launch the careers of joy-givers: Bobby Darin, Tony Orlando, Neil Diamond and Carole King. Without him, the world might not have had relentlessly bouncy "Bubblegum Music," such as The Monkees or The Archies. He produced and hosted the weekly television show, "Don Kirshner's Rock Concert' and is in the Songwriters' Hall of Fame and the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

Pardon the earworms but here are my list of "The Ten Yummiest Bubblegum Songs:"

1. "Yummy, Yummy, Yummy"- Ohio Express

2. "I'm A Believer" - The Monkees

3. "Jam Up and Jelly Tight" - Tommy Roe

4. "Knock Three Times"- Dawn

5. "I Think We're Alone Now" - Tommy James and The Shondells

6. "Love Grows (Where My Rosemary Goes)" - Edison Lighthouse

7. "Sugar Sugar" - The Archies

8. "Smile A Smile for Me" - The Flying Machine

9. "Easy Come, Easy Go - Bobby Sherman

10. "Gimme Gimme Good Lovin'" - Crazy Elephant

April 18—SUPERMAN was born on the planet, Krypton, but he grew up in Smallville, USA where he was adopted by Jonathan and Martha Kent, a farming couple. They named him Clark and were amazed when he grew up to be "faster than a speeding locomotive" and have superhuman strength. The Kents advised Clark to use his gifts for the benefit of humanity. So, he became a newspaperman. Yes, I'm making this joy-giving story all about the wonder that is American newspapering. When he changed out of his street clothes and donned the blue tights and red cape—he flew, depending on whom you're quoting, like a bird, or like a plane; he was—SUPERMAN! He fought bad guys like mad scientists and bad businessmen. He was the most-popular American hero for decades.

April 19—ALI WONG is a proud, loudmouth comedian, actress and humorist who doesn't shy away from "all things considered blue." Much of her stand-up comedy is slice-of-life about being Asian American and the exasperated mother of little children. Wong's dad is Chinese American and her mother is Vietnamese. Her husband, Justin Hakuta, is the son of famous inventor, Ken Hakuta. Her father-in-law is Japanese American and her mother-in-law is Filipino. For three seasons, Ali Wong was a writer on the tv sit-com "Fresh Off The Boat." (MISS MANNERS ALERT!!) If you haven't had the joy of Ali Wong's wide open and often risque' commentary on motherhood, put her Netflix specials "Baby Cobra" and "Hard Knock Wife" in your queue. (One last warning, Ali Wong comedy is not for the faint-of-heart or super-conservative but is a complete joy-giving treat for millions of viewers.)

April 20—GEORGE TAKEI (born Hosato Takei) is a popular actor, author and freedom activist. He is best known for his role as Hikaru Sulu, the helmsperson of the "USS Enterprise" in the sci-fi television show, "Star Trek." He also portrayed that heroic character in six "Star Trek" feature films and one episode of "Star Trek: Voyager." Takei has 10 million Facebook followers where he often posts original, joy-giving comments. His internment in two, US-run "holding camps" during WWII provides a platform for him to speak about hopeful, immigration reform.

April 21—JOHN MUIR was a Scottish-American naturalist and author, and as was mentioned earlier, was known as "The Father of America's National Parks." He was an early advocate for preservation of the wilderness in the United States. His letters, essays and books describing his adventures in nature, especially in the Sierra Nevada mountains, have been read by millions. Muir's passionate and charismatic environmental activism helped preserve the Yosemite Valley National Park and Sequoia National Park. The Sierra Club, which he co-founded, remains a prominent organization for American conservation.

April 22—GLEN CAMPBELL, "The Rhinestone Cowboy," was a singer, guitarist, songwriter, television host and actor. One of his most joy-giving contributions to American pop culture was as the host of "The Glen Campbell Goodtime Hour" on CBS television which ran from 1969-1972. He released 64 record albums over the five decades of his career and sold 45 million records. His hits include: "Gentle On My Mind," "By the Time I Get to Phoenix," "Wichita Lineman," "Galveston," "Southern Nights," and, of course, "Rhinestone Cowboy." He won numerous Grammy Awards, including the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award.

April 23—SHIRLEY TEMPLE was the most popular American celebrity to endorse merchandise for children and adults, rivaled only by Mickey Mouse. She was a dancer, singer, actress, businesswoman and U.S. ambassador to Ghana and to Czechoslovakia. She appeared in 29 films from the ages of 3 to 10 and a sprinkling of films afterward. Shirley Temple retired from film in 1950 at the age of 22. She was the recipient of many awards, including a special "Juvenile Academy Award, "Oscar," a Kennedy Center Honors award and a Screen Actors Guild Lifetime Achievement Award.

COMMENTS OVERHEARD AT "THE GOOD SHIP ENTERPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY" FOR AMERICAN JOY-GIVERS:

"There is a superhero in all of us, we just need the courage to put on the cape."—Superman

"My dream was to be a trophy wife but then I found out to do that, you have to be a trophy. I'm more of a commemorative plaque."—Ali Wong

"Good grief! If we can't laugh at ourselves, and at one another, in good spirit and without malice, then what fun can be left? If we must withhold all ribbing in the name of protecting everyone's feelings, then we truly are a toothless society. We will reach what I call "the lowest common denominator of butthurt."—George Takei

"I'd rather be in the mountains thinking of God, than in church thinking about the mountains."—John Muir

"You've got to try a little kind ness, yes, show a little kindness, just shine your light for everyone to see. And, if you try a little kindness, then you'll overlook the blindness of narrow-minded people on their narrow-minded way."—Glen Campbell

"I stopped believing in Santa Claus when I was six. My mother took me to see him in a department store and he asked for my autograph."—Shirley Temple

"Dreams lift us up and transform us into something better. And on my soul, I swear until my dream of a world where dignity, honor and justice are the reality that we all share I will never stop fighting...EVER!"—Superman

"If I ever do a nude scene in a movie, I want to be just in shape enough so no one calls me 'courageous' for doing it."—Ali Wong

"It's really hard to hate someone for being different when you're too busy laughing together."—George Takei

"Of all the paths you take in life, make sure a few of them are dirt."—John Muir

"We didn't have electricity when I was a kid. We had to watch television by candlelight."—Glen Campbell

"Some people liked Rudolph Valentino. I liked Rin Tin Tin."—Shirley Temple

"It's not about where you were born or the powers you have or what you wear on your chest; it's about what you do."—Superman

"Yoga is 'Simon Says' for adults who have lotsa free time."—Ali Wong

"I myself am a Buddhist, not a Christian. But, I cannot help but think that if Jesus Christ ran a public business, it would be open to all, and He would be the last to refuse service to anyone."—George Takei

"To sit in solitude, to think in solitude with only the music of the stream and the cedar to break the flow of silence, there lies the value of wilderness."—John Muir

"It seemed like fate was always leading me to the right door."—Glen Campbell

"I don't like to do negatives. There are always pluses to things."—Shirley Temple

"I believe in second chances. I believe in redemption. But mostly, I believe in my friends."—Superman

"I can tell I'm getting older because my Kindle is turning into a self-help library."—Ali Wong

"The starship 'Enterprise' was a metaphor for starship Earth, and the strength of the starship 'Enterprise' lay in its diversity."—George Takei



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"Between every two pine trees there is a door leading to a new life."—John Muir

"I have cried and I have laughed. Laughing is a hell of lot better."—Glen Campbell

"You've got to S-M-I-L-E to be H-A-Double P-Y!"

PARTY MENU FOR "THE GOOD SHIP ENTERPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY:"

APPETIZER—Glen Campbell Galveston Crab Balls (urbancowgirllife.com)

SALAD—John Muir Wilderness Forage Salad (inhabitat.com)

ENTRÉE—George Takei Starship Enterprise Pizza (wonderlandrecipes.com)

SIDE DISH—Ali Wong Hand-Pulled Asian Noodles (seriouseats.com)

BREAD—Don Kirshner Challah Monkee's Bread (food.com)

BEVERAGE—Shirley Temple, The Good Ship Lollypop Cooler (see below)

DESSERT—Superman Cookies (food.com)

ONE TO GROW ON—This newspaper series is about happy, joy-giving people, places, things, moments. I'll be the first to admit when I first heard about the 2014 documentary, "I'LL BE ME," I was pretty certain it would be a downer. The film is about country music legend Glen Campbell embarking on one last concert tour as he is beginning his struggle with Alzheimer's disease. "I'LL BE ME," exudes love, respect and compassion. There is real hope and deeply resonating joy found watching this real, hard story. The reason for the tour is simply that Glen Campbell asked to go—one last time. And, his loving family offered him a lifeline. "I'LL BE ME," gives a lot of joy and there are even moments tinged with Glen Campbell's joy-giving humor. He was forgetting some things, but he still knew his music and that he was surrounded by love. He remembered to tell his adoring fans and his family that he appreciated and loved them.

Now, back to the stars twinkling in the black velvet, big sky through the leaves of the giant sequoia tree. Everyone at "The Good Ship Enterprise Birthday Party" raised their Shirley Temple pink mocktail and the former child star gave a toast, adding, "Don't forget to tell your favorite people that you love them."

THE SHIRLEY TEMPLE GOOD SHIP LOLLYPOP COOLER
(source: thespruceeats.com)

Ingredients
- ½ tablespoon grenadine
- 1/3 cup lemon-lime soda
- 1/3 cup ginger ale
- Maraschino cherry for garnish

Directions
1. Gather ingredients

2. Pour grenadine into a Collins glass with ice cubes

3. Top it with equal amounts of lemon-lime soda and ginger ale

4. Stir well

5. Garnish with cherry. Serve and enjoy with occasional attempts at tap-dancing.





Fair (from Front)

combination of things. I think COVID still has a few people restricted. I think government subsidies that are available now make it more attractive for many people to stay home; when you're getting the COVID money and getting unemployment extensions and those types of things. You know, it's just a tight market."

CEDA retail and workforce development manager Susan Eller warned, "They're thinking, 'Well, I'm making this much money'- whatever that is at this point in time. They don't think about the long run, when will this money end, and then you're going to have to have a job."

Even with the low unemployment rate, Alabama still has a large number of people not working, compared to many other states.

Greer observed, "One of our problems is the low participation rate. I have seen some numbers that said Alabama's like, the eighth lowest state in the country for percentage of people participating in the workforce. You don't know why; some of that may be lack of skills or whatever it is, but there are a lot of opportunities for help, for assistance for people who need anything like that.

And then I think we need to do a better job of talking about the jobs that are available here, and the skills and compensation for those. There's potential for people to have some pretty good jobs here. I think sometimes we believe that jobs in industry are dirty, unskilled, low pay, and I don't think that's the case at all. You know, if you think about each company, they may have an HR department, they may have an environmental services group, they have health care people, some of them have food services. And then you've got engineering, electronics and maintenance; some of those are really well-paying jobs and skilled jobs. Not everything you read about in the plant is a dead end opportunity, and I think that's a perception in some areas. We just need to counter that, too." He finished by saying, "And I think that's the same in a lot of businesses and a lot of things. You just think, 'Well there's just not much to that.' I think, when you get in and look at what people do, what the jobs entertain and stuff, some of them are a lot neater and a lot more involved than some people imagine."

At a glance

- Cullman Careers Live Event! job fair
- April 24, 2021, 8 a.m. - noon
- Donald Green Active Adult Center, 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW in Cullman.
- Applications taken on-site, potential interview opportunities possible

For more information, contact Susan Eller at 256-775-7228 or email susane@cullmaneda.org.

Obituary Announcements: April 16

Cassandra Leigh Hunter, 36, of Cullman

Memorial Service for Cassandra Leigh Hunter, age 36, of Cullman, will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 18, 2021, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 1:00-3:00 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Ms. Hunter passed away on Thursday, April 15, 2021, at her residence. She was born August 22, 1984, in Cullman, Alabama to Michael Fred and Karen Hunter. She was a joyous free-spirit that loved everyone and everything. She was preceded in death by her grandparents: Robert L. Rutledge, Margaret Marie Hunter and William Jackson Hunter. Survivors include her parents; sister: Catherine Marie (Brannon) Crook; nephew: Austin Hunter Crook; nieces: Allie Marie Crook, Brylee Lynn Crook, and Caitlin Leigh Crook and grandmother: Mary Etta Rutledge.

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LEGALS

Auction Notice

Contents of storage unit **D-14** rented to **Becky Knight,** on **August 28th, 2020,** will be sold for auction for past due rent on April 24th**, 2021,** at **10:00 a.m**. Consisting of household goods.

Lock and Roll Storage
615 Logan Avenue Southwest
Cullman, AL 35055

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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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

DYER ROY,
DYER TERESA,
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 17th 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

DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY
500 2ND Ave SW
Room 303
Cullman, AL 35055

Walker Brothers, LTD

(Plaintiff)

v. Case No. SM-2020-900120

Jeremy Burnett

(Defendant)

NOTICE OF ELING OF LAWSUIT

Defendant, Jeremy Burnett, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him/her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD, for $766.41 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account

ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT MUST BE MADE BY THE SAID DEFENDANT on or before the 22nd day of May, 2021, or a default may be rendered against it in the above styled cause.

Dated this the 15th day of April, 2021.

Lisa McSwain
LISA MCSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO.: PC2021-017

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY S. HUGHES, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Michael E. Cone on the 15th 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.

Michael E. Cone
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 2021-062

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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Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice IN-N-OUT Self Storage located at 106 13th St., Cullman, AL 35055 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the facility by the below occupant who is in default at an auction. The sale will occur or otherwise disposed as an online auction via www.storageauctions.com on 5/4/2021 at 10:00am. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings.

Gerald Cochrane, unit #631, 301 Fieldcrest Street, Hartselle, Alabama 35640.

This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY
500 2ND Ave SW
Room 303
Cullman, AL 35055

Walker Brothers, LTD

(Plaintiff)

v. Case No. SM-2020-900164

Colten Graham:

(Defendant)

NOTICE OF ELING OF LAWSUIT

Defendant, Colten Graham, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him/her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD, for $1,078.32 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account.

ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT MUST BE MADE BY THE SAID DEFENDANT on or before the 22nd day of May, 2021, or a default may be rendered against it in the above styled cause

Dated this the 15th day of April, 2021.

Lisa McSwain
LISA MCSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF M.G.L.H.
A minor child.
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
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Sherry H. Barrett
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 398
Cullman, AL 35056

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

LAUREN EVELYN GUINN,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2021-000092.00**

ANDREW HEATH GUINN,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Andrew Heath Guinn, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Lauren Evelyn Guinn's Complaint for Divorce by June 8, 2021 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2021-000092.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 12th day of April, 2021.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
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P O Box 834
Hanceville, AL 35077

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Sometimes my woodwork is for the birds

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



It's 4:00 in the morning. I am awake, up, and writing what you are now reading. I don't want to be up this early, yet here I am, wide awake and rambling with my thoughts. I think I may have been in my early 30s before I ever got up this early. In my youth, probably like most youth, I thought 4:00 or 5:00 o'clock only came in the afternoon. I remember hearing older people talk about getting up before daylight. I thought they were kidding. Then I thought they were bragging. Now here I am...well, you know. I've often heard it said that the early bird gets the worm. Well, I'm not a bird, so I normally have no desire to get a worm, unless I'm going fishing. I had just as soon go back to bed and sleep some more, but sleep ran off and wouldn't come back!

I'm awake this early, because I'm not young anymore. That sometimes happens to people my age.

It has been at least a couple of years since I was 30 something! Jean is not in her 30s either, but she is younger than me. She is also awake and sitting here in the room with me. Actually she does this more than I do.

One thing I love about being up this early is how peaceful it is. Everything is still and amazingly quiet. I don't hear any traffic from the streets.

The only sound I hear is a slight ringing in my ears, but wait, now I hear the faint whistle of a train in the distance.

I always find that interesting since the nearest train track to my house is a couple of miles away.

During the day, I never hear the train because there are so many other sounds that drown it out. We don't seem to get a lot of quietness these days. It seems to me that we are much busier than we used to be (at least in pre-covid days we were), and our world is much louder.

As the sun goes up, so does the noise level. In a little while, my coffeemaker will kick on. I set it for 5:45 each morning.

In the stillness, it will seem terribly loud as it strains to squeeze out that black wake-up juice that my body craves.

Somewhere around that same time the birds outside will begin their morning chorus of calls.

Oh, the air conditioner just kicked on. I will turn on the television soon to hear the bad news for the day, but mainly to see the weather forecast. As the day progresses, the quietness fades away and noise will surround us.

I remember as a kid, listening to Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons sing "Silence is Golden."

An old Arabic proverb dating back to the 9th Century said, "Speech is silver, silence is golden." In our modern- day society we don't seem to think so, but there is something special about silence.

Some of what fills our ears is little more than garbage. Noise is one of the many pollutants that fill our world.

In Ecclesiastes 3:7, Solomon said, "There is a time to keep silence, and a time to speak." I think that may be what Mama meant when she said, "It is time to hush."

Silence is indeed golden, and sometimes something to be treasured. We should find time to be still, to be silent, and to listen, especially to the voice of God. If we can get quiet long enough to hear what he has to say, it is always worth hearing.

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: 1904 and 1934

From The Files Of 1904: George Markland has bought a lot on Highlands, with the view of building a nice residence.

Some very naughty boys cut the German Society flags to pieces, after the picnic on Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Miles of Bristol, England have arrived in Cullman and are residing in the Willie Williams cottage, until they build a residence on their farm, a few miles from the city.

The Tribune has moved to the new and commodious German Bank Building.

Ed Cordes brought in the first open cotton bolls of the season today.

Reverend C.E. Scheile spent this week in Florence.

There is a constant demand for houses to rent in Cullman.

Mrs. Lonnie York is spending some time with relatives in Hartselle.

Eugene Walling, of Vinemont, was in the city on Tuesday.

J.L. Taylor is putting the finishing touches on his new house.

J.B. Kilpatrick left for Texas, on Tuesday.

E.C. Wenzel is erecting one of the finest dwellings in the country, on his farm.

W.H. Martin has installed a new engine and boiler at his gin for the coming cotton season.

Charlie Thompson spent a few days, in Hanceville, last week.

Willie Basenburg has been elected Captain of the Centerdale baseball team.
Monroe Burch is very ill with a fever.

From The Files Of 1934: Mayor J.A. Dunlap is not only an efficient mayor and successful banker, but is also an excellent fisherman, as he proved on the Gulf Coast last week.

M.H. Killingsworth, principal of Cullman High was elected president of the Alabama High School Principals Association, in Montgomery, on Friday.

Cullman telephone users, beginning August 25, do not have to crank their phones to call central. The installation of a new battery system, in the exchange, makes this possible.

Miss Sarah Lillian Richter has returned from Chattanooga, where she visited her aunt, Mrs. C.W. Wewees.

Mr. and Mrs. S.H. Green are spending several weeks with friends in Illinois.

Mrs. Floris Hendrix is spending several weeks with her brother, Harold Hendrix, in New York City.

Charon Denson, of Logan will leave next week for Bennet Academy, Mathiston, Mississippi, where he will be a student this winter.

Marriage licenses were issue this week to Miss Edna Earle Smith and Henry Frank Arnold.

Jane Dodson has returned from Camp Dixie, Clayton, Georgia, where she spent six weeks.

George Ponder has returned from six week of Camp at Hendersonville, North Carolina.

Mrs. Herman Stewart and Mrs. R.B. Wright spent Tuesday in Birmingham.

William Joseph Simpson died from injuries he received in an automobile accident.

POET'S CORNER

Beatitudes

Matthew 5:3-12

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven.

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

APRIL 17, 2021 - TRAFFIC JAM

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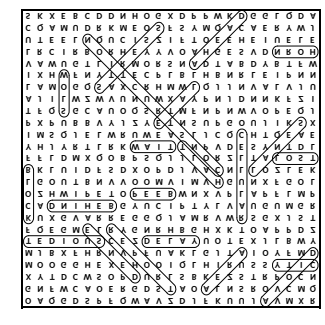
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PREP BASEBALL

'Cats shut down Hartselle 2-0 to win 10th straight area title

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CULLMAN, Ala. – A global pandemic may have prevented the Bearcats from defending their area championship last year but they more than made up for it this week. After Hayden Stancil's 2-hit gem helped lead the way in a 2-1 win at Hartselle Tuesday night, the 'Cats returned home to finish the series at Bill Shelton Field Thursday and another stellar pitching performance from Jeb Bartle lifted Cullman to a 2-0 win over the Tigers to wrap up the area series and claim their 10th consecutive area title.

Bartle tossed a complete game shutout on the mound, allowing just four hits and striking out and striking out four batters. Bearcats Head Coach Brent Patterson has been very pleased with his pitching staff's performance this week and the way his team has found ways to win.

"It takes a lot of stress off of us offensively because our pitchers haven't been walking people to create innings. I thought both our guy and theirs did a great job of throwing tons of strikes and forcing the issue to make hitters beat them instead of letting walks beat them," Patterson said. "So, Jeb was outstanding obviously. No walks, one hit batter and then we played great defense. I try to sell them on the idea that if we pitch it and defend it and just have competitive at bats, we have a chance to win every day that we play. It was good to see that really come to fruition."

Cullman got on the board in the bottom of the first when three straight singles from Brennen Norton, Hayden Stancil and Kaleb Heatherly loaded up the bases and an RBI groundout from Max Dueland pushed across a run and made it 1-0 going into the second inning. Neither team had much success getting runners on the bases over the next few innings and the 'Cats were able to roll a pair of double plays to get the Tigers out when they did.

The Bearcats added to their lead in the fifth when Norton doubled down the third base line to put a runner on second and one pitch later, Stancil came up just a few feet short of homerun in left field to score Norton and stretch the lead to 2-0 going into the sixth.

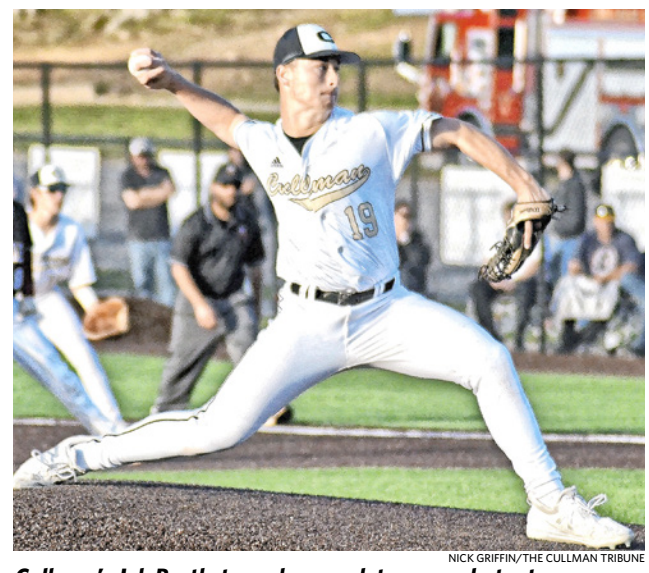
Hartselle managed to get a runner on base in the top of the sixth and the top half of the seventh but didn't get any closer to the plate than that and Cullman held on to win the game 2-0, the area series 2-0 and their 10th consecutive area crown.

Norton finished 3-for-3 at the plate and Stancil added a pair of hits and an RBI in the win. Jackson Stanford and Matt Brock each posted a hit as well and Dueland posted an RBI. The 'Cats will be back home Monday night to wrap up the regular season against Sparkman.

Cullman 10 – Hartselle 0 (Game Two)
After winning a pair of pitcher's duels in the first two games of the series, the Bearcats erupted for 10 runs in the final game of their area series with Hartselle and put the Tigers away in just five innings. Austin Hurt and Weston Horton each took the mound for Cullman and combined to allow just two hits in the 10-0 win.

The 'Cats scored as many runs in the first as they had in the previous two games combine. An RBI groundout from Kaleb Heatherly allowed Matt Brock to score and make it 1-0 and Brennen Norton scored on a wild pitch to make it a 2-0 game. An infield error allowed two more runs to cross the plate and Cullman went into the second with a 4-0 lead over the Tigers.

After a scoreless second inning, the Bearcats added to their lead in the third. An RBI single from Grant Morrison drove in Heatherly to make it 5-0 and Brock later drew a walk with the bases loaded to stretch the lead to 6-0. Another wild pitch and an error allowed two more runs to score, making it an 8-0 game and Norton drove an RBI double into left field to drive in another run and make it 9-0. An RBI double by Hayden Stancil put another run on the board and the Bearcats went into the fourth inning with a commanding, 10-0 lead over Hartselle.


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Cullman's Jeb Bartle tossed a complete game shutout in the 2-0 win over Hartselle Thursday night.

The Tigers threatened to score in the top of the fifth but an unassisted double play by Morrison at first base ended the game after five and secured an area sweep for Cullman. The 'Cats held Hartselle to just one run in all three games of the series.

Norton (one RBI) posted three more hits for Cullman in the win and Heatherly (one RBI) added a pair of hits as well.

PREP SOFTBALL

Lady Eagles fall to Sumiton Christian 9-5; Thursday scoring recap

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BREMEN, Ala. – The Cold Springs Lady Eagles returned home to host Sumiton Christian in their area finale Thursday night looking to keep their playoff hopes alive but a late rally from Sumiton Christian proved to be the deciding factor in the game as Cold Springs wound up falling at home 9-5.

Sumiton Christian got on the scoreboard first on an RBI single. Cold Springs got a couple of runners on base with one out but couldn't get a run across in their half. Cold Springs was held without a hit for the first two innings, but they quickly changed that in the bottom of the third. Heidi Nichols hit a leadoff single, then Maddie Pearl reached on a throwing error. One out later, Anna Katherine Voce lined an RBI double to center field and Emma Black followed that up with an RBI infield single, then Morgan Chasteen hit an RBI groundout to give Cold Springs a 3-1 lead after three innings.

Cold Springs added to their lead in the bottom of the fifth. Nichols and Pearl each reached on singles, then Voce hit a one-out RBI double to help stretch their lead to 4-1. Sumiton Christian made it a 4-3 game on a solo home run and an infield single, but Cold Springs looked to counter in their half.

Back-to-back doubles by Chasteen and Shay Sellers, followed by a bunt single by Toni West, loaded the bases with no outs, but two strikeouts and a groundout quickly ended the threat.

Sumiton Christian started out the seventh inning red-hot as they collected seven straight hits to give them an 8-4 lead; they later added an RBI groundout as Cold Springs went into their half down, 9-4. Kyla Aaron hit a leadoff single to left field, then Voce stayed red-hot at the plate as she hit yet another RBI double to make it a 9-5 game, but they didn't get any closer as three straight strikeouts ended the contest and Cold Springs dropped its region finale to Sumiton Christian, 9-5.

Voce led the way for Cold Springs with three hits and three RBIs. Black and Chasteen each added a hit and an RBI. Heidi Nichols ended up with a pair of hits and Aaron, Sellers, West and Pearl each collected a hit. The Lady Eagles will travel to take on Fairview Friday.

Other Thursday scores:
West Point 3 – Lawrence County 2 (8 innings) (Baseball)
After taking game one over the Red Devils at home Tuesday night, the Warriors hit the road Thursday with a chance to win the series and secure a playoff spot. It took more than seven innings to do it, but West Point got it done with a 3-2, extra innings win over Lawrence County and can now begin to look ahead to a postseason run.

After four scoreless innings, the Red Devils managed to plate a pair of runs in the bottom of the fifth to take a 2-0 lead but Aubry Cleghorn scored on an error in the top of the sixth to cut the lead to one. The Warriors struck again with the game on the line in the top of the seventh, scoring on another error to tie the game at 2 and force extra innings.

Will Cochran led off the top of the eighth with a single and two at bats later, Carter Thornton drove an RBI double into center field that brought Bryson Phillips home to score and gave West Point a 3-2 lead. The Warriors collected the final three outs in the bottom of the eighth and earned another trip to the playoffs with the 3-2 road win.

Eli Folds tossed all eight innings in the win, allowing just two runs on four hits and racking up 14 strikeouts for West Point. Thornton (one RBI) and Cochran each posted a pair of hits in the win and Branson Smith added a hit and an RBI as well.

Cullman 9 – Decatur 4 (Softball)
After a tough area loss to Hartselle at home Tuesday night, the Lady Bearcats bounced back with a 9-4 area win over Decatur. Leading the way 2-1 after three innings, Cullman tacked on seven runs in the bottom of the fourth to take a commanding lead and pulled away to win it 9-4.

After falling behind 1-0 in the top of the first, an error allowed the 'Cats to score a pair of runs in the bottom of the second and pull ahead 2-1. That score held until the bottom of the fourth when the bats began to get hot for Cullman.

After an error and back to back singles from Haley Shannon and Faith Guest loaded the bases, Chalea Clemmons laced a bases-clearing triple into right field to make it a 5-1 game.

Savannah Davis kept it going with an RBI single that made it 6-1 and Emma Claire Wilson drove in Davis with an RBI double to stretch the lead to 7-1. An RBI single from Sarah Herfurth plated another run in the fourth and Carlie Burnham scored on an RBI groundout from Olivia Britton to make it a 9-1 game going into the fifth.

A pair of homeruns allowed Decatur to cut into the lead in the top of the sixth, but it was too little, too late and the Lady Bearcats held on to take the area win 9-4.

Shannon went 3-for-3 at the plate in the win and Clemmons (two hits) led the way with three RBIs. Faith Guest posted a pair of hits and RBIs for Cullman and Burnham added two hits as well.

West Point 8 – Arab 5 (Softball)
The Lady Warriors were back home Thursday night for a big matchup against Arab and after falling behind 5-1 in the top of the third, West Point responded with six runs in the bottom of the fourth to pull ahead for good and went on to beat the Lady Knights 8-5.

A solo homer off the bat of Lexi Shadix put the Lady Warriors in front 1-0 after the opening inning and after Arab posted five runs to pull ahead 5-1 in the top of the third, Shadix blasted her second homer of the day to trim the lead to 5-2 in the bottom of the third.

West Point was able to string some hits together and load the bases early in the bottom of the fourth. Nikki Tyree drew a walk to bring in a run and Lexi Kimbril ripped an RBI single up the middle to cut the lead to 5-4. Shadix drove an RBI single into left field to plate two more runs and give the Lady Warriors a 6-5 lead and before the end of the inning, an error allowed two more runs to score for West Point and extended the lead to 8-5 going into the fifth.

That was all the offense the Lady Warriors needed, and they held on to defeat the Lady Knights at home 8-5. Shadix went 3-for-3 at the plate and racked up four RBIs in the win. Braelee and Kylie Quinn each added a pair of hits for West Point and Kimbril (one hit) and Tyree each drove in an RBI.

Appalachian 11 - Fairview 5 (Softball)
Fairview traveled to take on Appalachian on Thursday afternoon. Both teams got off to strong starts offensively, but the Lady Aggies couldn't keep it going after that as the Lady Eagles pulled away to take the game, 11-5.

A two-run single and an RBI single in the top of the first quickly gave Appalachian a 3-0 lead, but Fairview countered in its half. Kyleigh Aleman drew a leadoff walk, then Kloie Watson got hit by the pitch. Devan Fulmer lined a two-run double to left field, then one out later, Emma Garcia tied the game at three on an RBI double.

The Lady Eagles broke the tie in the top of the second inning on a two-run double and an RBI groundout. The Lady Aggies loaded the bases on a hit by pitch and back-to-back walks, then Fulmer reached on an error, which allowed Reagan Dunkin and Aleman to score as they made it a 6-5 game.

But it was all Appalachian after as they scored the final five runs of the contest and Fairview wound up falling to the Lady Eagles, 11-5.

Fulmer finished with a hit and four RBIs in the game for Fairview. Garcia added a hit and an RBI. Emma Roberts and Savannah Bryson each collected a hit in the contest. The Lady Aggies will host Cold Springs on Friday.

Southeastern 7 - Good Hope 2 (Baseball)
Good Hope looked to break a three-game losing streak as they hosted Southeastern, but they couldn't get much going offensively as the Raiders wound up dropping the game to the Mustangs, 7-2.

Southeastern quickly jumped out to a 4-0 lead after three innings, but Good Hope got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the fourth. Peyton Seymore and Lane Speegle hit back-to-back singles, then later on, Braxton Marshall hit a one-out RBI double to right field to make it a 4-1 contest. After the Mustangs made it 5-1 in the top of the sixth, the Raiders loaded the bases with one out and Paydon Bagwell hit an RBI single to cut the deficit to three at 5-2. Southeastern added two more runs in the top of the seventh and Good Hope went down in order in their final at-bats, and they ended up falling to the Mustangs 7-2.

Marshall (three hits) and Bagwell (one hit) each collected an RBI in the game for Good Hope. Speegle added a pair of hits and Seymore finished with a hit as well. Good Hope will be a part of the Cullman County Baseball tournament Friday.

