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EDUCATION

Bill calling for vote to make County School Superintendent an elected position passes in State House

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. – House Bill 622, which would change the Cullman County School Superintendent from an appointed post to an elected post, passed the Senate Thursday after having made it through the House of Representatives April 29. Fewer than one in three Representatives took part in the vote, and roughly three-fourths of the state's Senators voted. All members of the Cullman area delegation took part and voted in favor of the bill.

The bill must still go to Gov. Kay Ivey to be signed.

State Representative Corey Harbision, who sponsored the bill, explained how it would work:

"This is just a simple vote of the people to ask the people what they would prefer, an elected or an appointed (superintendent). If they choose (that) they want it appointed, everything stays the same. I am not promising it again. They had a vote and that's what I promised, and I'm done with it," he said. "If they vote to change it, then there will not be a special election. The superintendent would be on a ballot in 2024. I thought that was important to do because I did not want to do anything that would cost the taxpayers for a special election, or anything that would cause the school board to have to pay a buyout for the current superintendent. We staggered this bill so it's not going to cause buyouts or special elections."

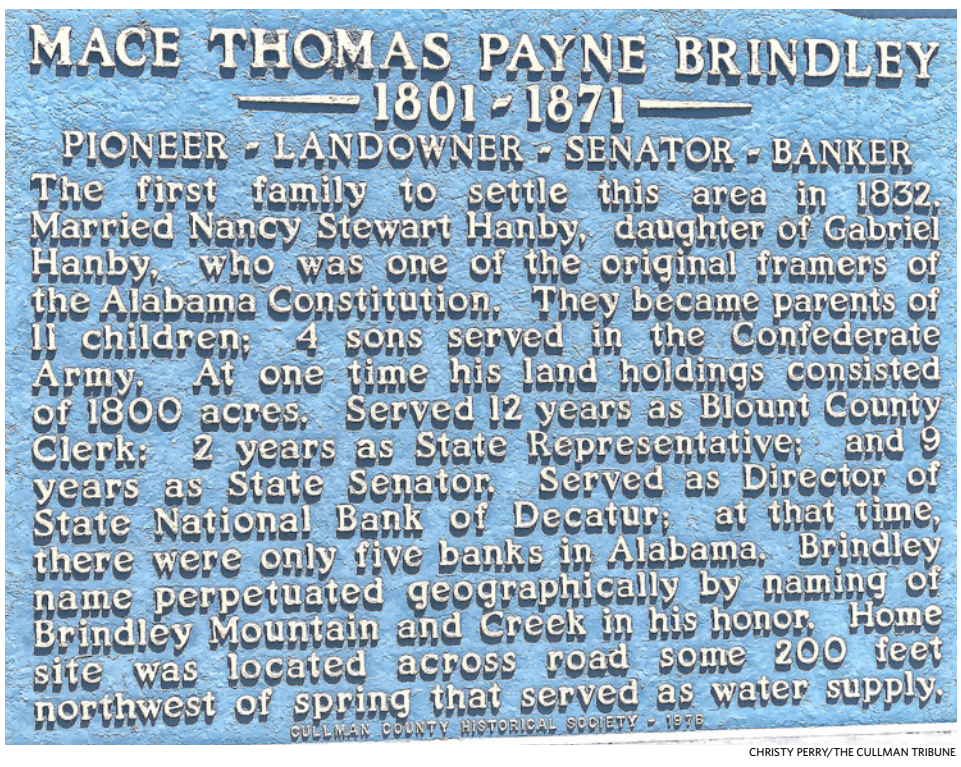
Harbison said in a previous interview, "At the end of the day, I have nothing against (Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr.) Shane (Barnette). I have nothing against anybody. » PAGE 4

Alabama historical site Brindley Cemetery restored and rededicated



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Family members on-site at Brindley Cemetery Friday



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CULLMAN, Ala. – A rededication of the Brindley Cemetery was held Friday afternoon with the descendants of Mace Thomas Payne Brindley (Brindley Mountain namesake) in attendance. The family swapped stories passed down over the years as they remembered the man and his family who first settled the area in 1832.

The Brindley Cemetery, which dates back nearly 170 years, is an Alabama historical landmark located in the southern Brindley Mountain Range near Simcoe in Cullman County.

It is the resting place of early Alabama landowner, banker and legislator Mace Thomas Payne » PAGE 8

LIGHTS ON FIRST

Relay for Life drive-thru luminary parade lights up the Warehouse District



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$3.6M awarded for broadband expansion projects in Cullman County

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United Way seeks help for food bank as letter carriers' drive canceled

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Palomino RV Resort to open new aqua park on Memorial Day weekend



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A preview of the water park

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Hanceville City Council discusses construction that will begin soon on new senior center

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – A new bid for the construction of the new Hanceville Senior Center was approved by the Hanceville City Council Thursday evening. The bid was awarded to Adam's Building Company for $415,000.

Adam's Building Company is a general contractor out of Blountsville and was also the low bidder when the project was originally bid.

According to the senior center's architect Tim Burney, "He said he would start right away if it's not raining. He is ready to go."

Nail, eager to get the senior center built, said, "Honestly, there has probably been a half a dozen of the Rowdy Bunch that has passed away since we've been talking about this.

"So heartbreaking because some of these folks were really looking forward to this building."

A water leak has caused significant rust damage to one of the Hanceville Fire and Rescue fire trucks.

The council approved the repair and the damage to the truck's shaft.

The fire department also asked the council to surplus a trailer belonging to them.

The trailer is to be placed on eBay for a minimum bid of $7,000.

A weight machine belonging to the fire department will also be surplused on eBay.

The money from the surplused equipment will help pay for the needed truck repair.

A request to have the Lyme Warrior 5K in Hanceville on May 15 was also approved. Organizer Becca Hill presented the plan route to the council and Hanceville Police Chief Bob Long.

The run is scheduled for the morning hours and will take runners around Veterans Memorial Park and beyond.

Hill explained, "I have it going down in front of the high school and turning at the civic center."

The council was in full support of the charity 5K with Nail saying to the Chief Long, "Do what you got to do!"

The council approved a donation of $500 to the American Legion to help with expenses of students from Hanceville scheduled to attend Girls and Boys State.

Mayor Nail hinted at some big news coming soon to Hanceville.

He wasn't ready to spill the beans just yet but said, "I will tell you this, there's going to be an important, in two to three weeks, industrial announcement for the City of Hanceville."

The Kids Fish-a-rama will take place May 21 at 3 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park.

The Grilled Cheese Festival is scheduled for May 29 in Hanceville's downtown.

The next Hanceville City Council meeting will be Thursday May 27 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

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COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Friday, May 7, 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: 409,937 (+240 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 120,388 (+74 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 8,640 (+14 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 2,326
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,518 (-1 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 3,131 (+3 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 129 (+0 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 64
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 41,047
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 2,074
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 78
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,524,778
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 3,390
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 111,357
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 374
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama (reported M-F): 49,151
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 338,587

Vaccine details (updated Monday-Friday)
- Doses delivered to Alabama: 3,947,595
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 2,942,275
- Doses administered: 2,650,663
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 1,540,840
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 1,189,847
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 1,005,320

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

DPH encourages age-appropriate groups to get COVID-19 vaccine
ADPH continues to encourage persons in the age-appropriate groups to be vaccinated against COVID-19 and follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention mitigation guidance to reduce the risk of this severe and deadly virus. All Alabamians need to continue to take personal responsibility to understand the benefits of vaccine to their own health and their need to practice efforts to reduce contracting this illness.

Governor announces May 31 end to Safer Apart order
Governor Kay Ivey announced that Alabama's COVID-19 public health order will end Monday, May 31, and the state of emergency will end Tuesday, July 6. Governor Ivey announced that the current Safer Apart order consists primarily of recommendations aligned with CDC guidance. However, specific guidance applies to two groups. Senior Citizen Centers must continue to follow guidelines issued by the Alabama Department of Senior Services. Hospitals and nursing homes must follow current guidance from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services with respect to visitation. Barring a great spike in COVID-19 cases, these last remaining requirements should be lifted with the expiration of this order May 31. Governor Ivey continues to encourage Alabamians to get the safe and effective vaccine.

Due to notifiable disease rules, isolation and quarantine timeframes remain after order ends
Exceptions include fully vaccinated individuals. COVID-19 patients and close contacts will continue to follow isolation and quarantine measures to protect the public's health, as this virus remains a notifiable condition in Alabama. Many Alabama schools have resumed face-to-face classes and some people incorrectly believe that isolation and quarantine requirements for COVID-19 have ended. However, these protections are still needed. Isolation separates non-healthcare personnel with COVID-19 from people who are not sick. Quarantine separates non-ill persons exposed to an infectious disease to determine if they may become sick. People with COVID-19 and their symptomatic close contacts must be isolated for at least 10 days after symptoms first appeared, at least 24 hours since fever ended without the use of fever-reducing medications, and other symptoms have improved. Fully vaccinated people are exempted from isolation and quarantine. Fully vaccinated people are those who are two weeks or more past their second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer or Moderna vaccines), or two weeks or more after receiving the single-dose (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine. Exceptions are also made for people who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past three months and recovered, so long as they do not experience symptoms. Isolation and quarantine timeframes may be viewed at www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/assets/cov-time-frames-isolation-quarantine.pdf

New vaccine website now available - www.vaccines.gov
A federally supported website that makes it easier for individuals to access COVID-19 vaccine is now live. Vaccines.gov – powered by VaccineFinder – is available in English and Spanish, with high accessibility standard, and will help connect persons with locations offering vaccines near them. In addition to the website, a text messaging service is also available. People can text their Zip Code to 438829 (GETVAX) and 822862 (VACUNA) to find three locations nearby that have vaccines available.

Healthcare providers urged to strongly recommend COVID-19 vaccine
ADPH is asking all health care providers in the state to strongly recommend all age-eligible patients take COVID-19 vaccine. Health care professionals are often the most trusted source of information on vaccines for their patients in making informed decisions about getting a COVID-19 vaccination and taking actions that enable them to move back to normal activities. The CDC has provided information for providers on how to talk to patients about COVID-19 vaccination, available here www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/hcp/engaging-patients.html

FDA anticipated to authorize COVID-19 vaccine for adolescents age 12 to 15 soon
ADPH anticipates the Food and Drug Administration to authorize use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine in adolescents 12 to 15 years of age soon. The CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) is likely to meet soon after the authorization to review clinical trial data and make recommendations for the vaccine's use in adolescents. ADPH will provide additional information as it is made available.

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.

*People with COVID-19 who have symptoms should wait to be vaccinated until they have recovered from their illness and have met the criteria for discontinuing isolation; those without symptoms should also wait until they meet the criteria before getting vaccinated. This CDC guidance also applies to people who get COVID-19 before getting their second dose of vaccine.

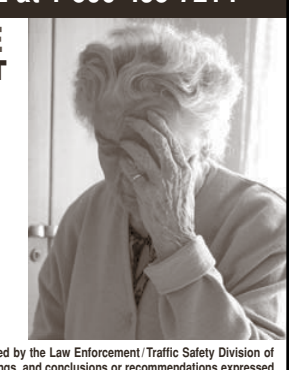
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- Human papillomavirus
- Meningococcal disease
- Influenza

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported May 7

Cullman Tribune Staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported May 7, 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

May 5

- harassment; person; 2nd Ave. SE
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; Northbrook Baptist Church; Hwy. 157; catalytic converter; $500
- harassment; person; 9th St. SE
- second-degree theft of property; person; Schneider Rd. SE; medication
- third-degree domestic violence-harassment; person; Hwy. 157

May 6

- second-degree criminal mischief; person; 2nd Ave. NW; damage to '17 Lexus; $2,500

ARRESTS

May 6

Underwood, Justin T.; 41

- FTA- driving while suspended

McIntosh, Martin W.; 44

- FTA- resisting arrest
- FTA- improper muffler
- FTA- improper tires
- FTA- DUI (2 counts)
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- switched tag

Brunshteyn, Ilya M.; 35

- chemical endangerment of a child

Waddell, Sharon C.; 67

- fourth-degree theft of property

Brown, Rona M.; 39

- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
- FTA- speeding

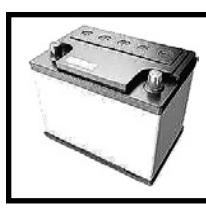
Addison, Byron T.; 46

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- attempt to elude
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespass
- FTA- certain persons forbidden to possess pistol
- FTA- driving while revoked
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- driving without license
- FTA- insurance violation

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.
- Sunday, May 9 - 11 a.m. Praise and Worship. Special Mother's Day message by Pam Dodd. Italian meal for women and mothers immediately after morning service prepared by our men. Come join us for our morning service and meal.

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

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- For more information, call 256-590-5009 or send an email to mgraveman@cullmanrecreation.org

2nd Annual Ridin' for Residents

- May 8 - The 2nd Annual Ridin' for Residents is coming up Saturday, May 8. This is a joint benefit between Cullman County Wranglers and USA Healthcare to bring joy and smiles to the faces of the residents of some of Cullman and surrounding areas' assisted living centers and nursing homes.
- Our inaugural event had 127 Jeeps! Let's make our 2nd event even more fun for our residents!
- If you would like to bring a donation, we are seeking stamps, stationery, blank greeting cards, pens, lotions, shower gel or card games. Donations are completely optional.
- Registration is free. We ask that you register, so we have an accurate count to give city officials, so they can offer assistance with traffic the day of the event. To register or purchase a T-shirt, visit https://cullmancountywranglers.com/ridinforresidents/.
- To purchase a T-shirt, click "register," and you will see the option to purchase. To receive your shirt by the day of the event, you must order by 10 a.m. April 22. Shirts are $20 and available in youth and adult sizes. XXL and XXXL shirts are $22 and $23 respectively.

Cullman City Cemetery Decoration

Sunday, May 9.

Pleasant View Singing

- Sunday, May 16 - Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church will have their regular third Sunday night singing May 16, at 5 p.m. with "Point of Honor" as guest singers. Everyone is invited.
- The church is located on U.S. Highway 278 approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information call 256-796-5986

Cullman Shred Day

Saturday, May 22 – Presented by the Better Business Bureau of North Alabama, Cullman Shred Day will offer free contactless drive-up services, such as document shredding and drug take back (no needles) from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the King Edward Plaza Shopping Center – 1731 2nd Ave. SW, Cullman, AL 35055. For more information, call 256-734-8209.

Cullman County Bosom Buddies Craft Fair and Vendor Expo

- Saturday, June 12th from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Cullman Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2214
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Bill (from Front)

I'm simply following through with promises I made when running for office," said Harbison. "Myself, and I know other legislators, have been in meetings and promised they would support a vote. Whether it passes or not is up to the people. I'm not pushing for or against. I'm just trying to follow through with what I promised I would do.

"I could argue for and I could argue against it. I see the goods and bads.

"I promised to give people the choice when I was running the first time and the last time.

"I promised people I would support the vote, and last year we had a meeting at Jones Chapel before the (legislative) session. As I was talking to the crowd of people, one of the attendees called Senator (Garlan) Gudger (R, Cullman) and got him on the phone.

"He promised everybody in there that he would also support it. So, that night, we made the promise that we would support this election, and I feel like we have to follow through on what we promise people."

At the time of Harbison's statement, Cullman County School Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette responded, "I understand when he was running for the position that he's in that it was a campaign promise that he had made to pursue that, and I understand that. I think if you look at the data of what our school system's achieving right now compared to when we had elected superintendents, the data doesn't lie.

"There's great things that are going on now, as they were in the past, but great things are going on.

"If people still want to have input into the selection of a superintendent, they elect their board members to make those decisions for them. And that's the way people still have control of the situation.

"But the entire state is working toward appointed superintendents, really across the entire nation, and I hate to see us take a step backwards, but I understand why he's doing what he's doing."

Projects (from Front)

Caroline Franklin
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Senator Garlan Gudger (R-Cullman) today released the following statement regarding three grants awarded by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs to expand broadband infrastructure in Cullman County:

"Access to high-speed internet is imperative to the growth and survival of our state, and I appreciate ADECA's efforts to expand these services through the Broadband Accessibility Fund," said Gudger.

"Broadband connectivity is critical when it comes to driving economic development and moving our state forward, and I am excited to see support for these significant projects in Cullman County that will improve the quality of life for our residents.

"I was glad to see SB215 has landed on the Governor's desk for her signature," Gudger continued.

"This bill will develop a connectivity plan to broaden broadband access to all four corners of the state, which we desperately need.

"I appreciate the diligent work by my colleague and friend Representative Randall Shedd, who served as Co-Chair of the Joint Rural Broadband Oversight Committee with members from both the Senate and House.

"I am extremely pleased with the work that has taken place this session to address the state's urgent need for expanded and improved broadband infrastructure."

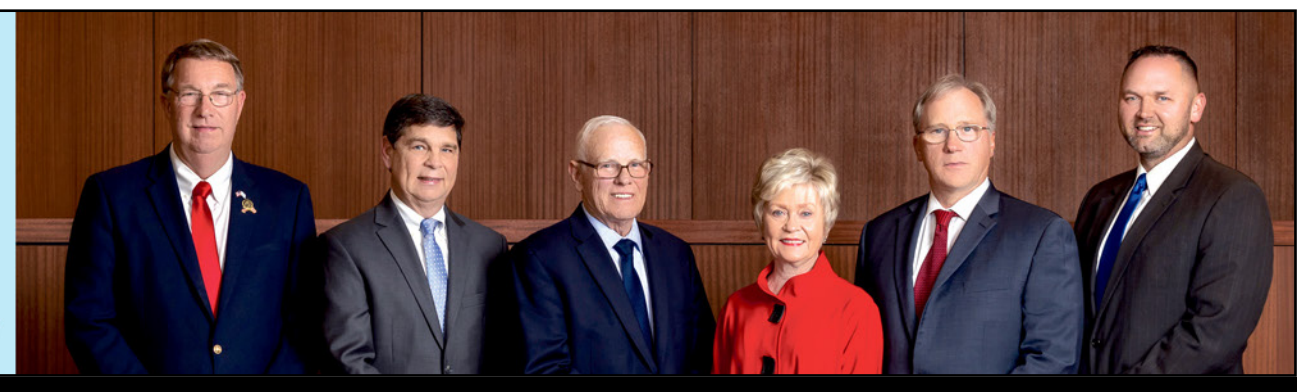
Three grants were awarded to Cyber Broadband, Inc. in Cullman, amounting to $3,581,615.30 for the following projects:

- $1.5 million to provide broadband access for Fiber to the Home – Phase IV – Grandview Logan West Cullman project
- $581,615.30 to provide broadband access for Fiber to the Home – Phase V – Simpson Shores and Cold Springs Road project
- $1.5 million to provide broadband access for Fiber to the Home – Phase VI – Bremen and Cold Springs project

These grants are funded through the Alabama Broadband Accessibility Fund administered by ADECA and created in 2018 to provide high-speed internet to rural and underserved areas of the state.

SB215 passed in both the House and Senate and was delivered to Governor Kay Ivey's desk for signature on Tuesday, May 6.

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365 AMERICAN JOY-GIVERS for 2021: The Wonders of America Birthday Party

Ben South
Tribune Columnist

America has many natural wonders: our national parks and forests, majestic mountains, giant Redwoods and Sequoias, Louisiana bayous and the Florida Everglades. And, thanks to American ingenuity, we have many man-made wonders like: the Statue of Liberty (okay, that was French ingenuity), the Washington monument and the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

The wondrous setting for "The Wonders of America Birthday Party" salutes Native American and poet laureate, Joy Harjo, in her birth state of Oklahoma.

We are in the Osage Reservation. "Osage" is translated to mean "calm waters" and our dining table made of native pine is next to a wonderful, gently moving stream.

The party entertainment is a "Facebook LIVE" event with Fred Astaire hosting an array of American dance forms, from native to Irving Berlin show numbers, to Stevie Wonder disco.

JOIN US...

You sense the joy the minute you stroll along the grassy banks of the calm waters edge and see the celebrants of this "Wonders of America" party. 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:

May 8—DON RICKLES was America's favorite joy-giving "insult comic." His art has been called "festive abuse." When you Google "insult comedy," Rickles' ear-to-ear, smartass smirk appears. Don Rickles was a stand-up comedy headliner in Las Vegas nightclubs and a frequent guest on television talk shows. He enjoyed a two-year stint starring in the NBC television sitcom, "C.P.O. Sharkey" and had his own sitcom, "The Don Rickles Show."

May 9—JOY HARJO is a Muscogee American poet, musician, playwright and author. She is the first Native American poet laureate of the United States. Harjo is the author of nine books of poetry and two award-winning children's books. There are five albums of her original music. Joy Harjo is a recipient of the coveted Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize and elected Chancellor of the Academy of American Poets.

May 10—FRED ASTAIRE (born Frederick Austerlitz) was a dancer, choreographer, singer, actor and television presenter. He is widely considered the most influential dancer in the history of film. His stage and screen career spanned 76 years. He starred in at least 10 Broadway and London West End stage musicals and in 31 films. He received many awards including being the very first honoree of the Kennedy Center Honors. The American Film Institute named Astaire the fifth-greatest male star of classic Hollywood cinema in 100 years.

May 11—IRVING BERLIN (born Israel Beilin) a composer born in Imperial Russia, is widely considered one of the greatest American songwriters—ever. His songs were simple and uncomplicated, meant to connect with the heart of the average Joe and Jane America. He wrote 1,600+ songs over his long career (Mr. Berlin died at 101 in 1989). Among his hits in the "Great American Songbook" are: "Alexander's Ragtime Band," "Easter Parade," "White Christmas," "There's No Business Like Show Business" and "God Bless America." The composer Jerome Kern had this to say about Irving Berlin: "He has no place in American music—he is American music."

May 12—GEORGE CARLIN was a witty, social critic and author. "Rolling Stone Magazine" ranked him #2 of the 50 best stand-up comedians of all time. He was known for his dark comedy and reflections on politics, religion, psychology and all things considered taboo. His "Seven Dirty Words" routine was central to the Supreme Court's decision that the government retains the power to censor public airwaves. He was posthumously awarded the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor.

May 13—STEVIE WONDER (born Stevland Hardaway Morris) was a child prodigy musician known as "Little Stevie Wonder." He signed with MoTown records at age 11 and became the youngest person ever to top the Billboard Hot 100. He has sold more than 100 million records worldwide and won 22 Grammy Awards. Mr. Wonder received the Presidential Medal of Freedom and was named a United Nations Messenger of Peace.

May 14—MARK ZUCKERBERG is a media mogul, internet entrepreneur and joy-giving philanthropist. He is known for founding Facebook. At age 23, he became the world's youngest, self-made billionaire. "Forbes Magazine" named Zuckerberg as the 10th most-powerful person in the world.

COMMENTS OVERHEARD AT "THE WONDERS OF AMERICA" BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR AMERICAN JOY-GIVERS:

"Every night when I go out onstage, there's always one nagging fear in the back of my mind. I'm always afraid that somewhere out there, there is one person in the audience that I'm not going to offend."—Don Rickles

"I've always had a theory that some of us are born with nerve endings longer than our bodies."—Joy Harjo

"Dancing is a vertical interpretation of a horizontal intention."—Fred Astaire

"There may be trouble ahead—but, while there's moonlight, and music, and love and romance—let's face the music and dance."—Irving Berlin

"Never underestimate the power of stupid people in large groups."—George Carlin

"There's songs to make you smile, there's songs to make you sad. But with a happy song to sing it never seems as bad."—Stevie Wonder

"Successful people always have two things on their lips: (1) silence, and (2) a smile."—Mark Zuckerberg

"I think if I took therapy, the doctor would quit. He'd just pick up the couch and walk out of the room."—Don Rickles

"I was born with eyes that never close."—Joy Harjo

"Old age is like everything else...to make a success of it, you've got to start young."—Fred Astaire

"Life is 10% how you make it and 90% how you take it."—Irving Berlin

"Fighting for peace is like screwing for virginity."—George Carlin

"Just because a man lacks the use of his eyes doesn't mean he lacks vision."—Stevie Wonder

"It could have been worse. I could have been born black."—Stevie Wonder

"Some people dream of success...while others wake up and work at it."—Mark Zuckerberg

"Who picks your clothes—Stevie Wonder?"—Don Rickles

"I know I walk-in and out of several worlds each day."—Joy Harjo

"I just put my feet in the air and move them around."—Fred Astaire

"How much do I love you? I'll tell you no lie. How deep is the ocean? How high is the sky?"—Irving Berlin

"In America, anyone can become president. That's the problem."—George Carlin

"We all have ability, the difference is how we use it."—Stevie Wonder

"People don't care what you say, they care what you build."—Mark Zuckerberg

"Move fast and break things. Unless you are breaking stuff, you're not moving fast enough."—Mark Zuckerberg

"I have no idea what I'm going to say when I stand up to give a toast. But I know that anything I say, I find funny."—Don Rickles

"She had some horses. She had some horses she loved. She had some horses she hated. They were the same horses."—Joy Harjo

"Do it big. Do it right. Do it with style."—Fred Astaire

"Blue skies shining at me, nothing but blue skies do I see."—Irving Berlin

"Some see a glass as half full. Others see a glass as half-empty. I see a glass that's twice as big as it needs to be."—George Carlin

"We all have hearts...If you have a heart, love somebody. If you have enough heart, love everybody."—Stevie Wonder



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PARTY MENU FOR "THE WONDERS OF AMERICA BIRTHDAY PARTY:"

APPETIZER—Don Rickles' Wonder Whip with Crudites (mycrazygoodlife.com)

SALAD—Mark Zuckerberg Green Wonder Salad (cooks.com)

ENTRÉE—Fred Astaire Dancing Shrimp (see below)

SIDE DISH—Joy Harjo's A-Maizingly Wonderful Corn Chowder (allrecipes.com)

BREAD—Homemade Stevie Wonder Bread (food.com)

BEVERAGE—George Carlin's Wisecrack Fizz (diffordsguide.com)

DESSERT—Irving Berlin's Blue Skies Blueberry Meringue Pie (allrecipes.com)

ONE TO GROW ON—The premise for the 2010 film, "The Social Network," about Harvard student, Mark Zuckerberg, creating the social networking site that would become Facebook, seems so arid one would need huge gulps of over-priced, cinema cola to get through it. But, "The Social Network," pleasantly surprised me in being totally engaging. Much of the credit goes to the screenwriting genius of Aaron Sorkin, but there are also good performances including Jesse Eisenberg as young, super-nerdy Mr. Zuckerberg.

Irving Berlin, the epitome of American music, offered these two thoughts as "The Wonders of America Birthday Party" was gently ending: "The song has ended, but the melody lingers on...I'll be loving you, always. With a love that's true, always."

The final toast to these American joy-givers was from Joy Harjo, "Perhaps the world will end at the kitchen table, while we are laughing and crying, eating of the last sweet bite."

<u>FRED ASTAIRE DANCING SHRIMP</u>

Simmering is a common, Japanese American cooking technique for shrimp. This super-easy recipe from shape.com is full of umami flavor.

INGREDIENTS

- ½ leek, julienned
- 5 oyster mushrooms, thinly sliced
- 9 ounces large, head-on shrimp
- 5 Tablespoons sake
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 3 drops sesame oil
- 1 teaspoon soy sauce
- 1 green onion, julienned

DIRECTIONS

1. Place the leek in a saucepan that has a lid. Lay the mushrooms on the bed of leek and the shrimp on top of those.

2. Add the sake, cover and cook over a high heat until the sake starts to steam and the prawns start to "dance" in the liquid, then reduce the heat to medium so the pot is just simmering and add the salt, sesame oil and soy sauce. Cover again and continue to simmer for two or three minutes.

3. Transfer to a serving plate and sprinkle with spring onion.

Park (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – As residents prepare for summer to kick off, the Palomino RV Resort at Burrow-Hamilton Farm plans to unveil a new way for guests to keep cool: an inflatable aqua park floating on the pond! Zac Wood, director of Cullman Parks Recreation and Sports Tourism, says that the plan is to officially open the park on Memorial Day weekend, through details are still being discussed regarding pricing and hours of operation.

Wood said that the idea for an aqua park has been planned since 2019 when CPRST Operations Manager Kyle Clark and Aquatics Director Diane Evans saw the inflatable park in a water park trade convention in Orlando.

"They saw this and talked about it, said it'd be neat to one day have a place to put it," Wood said, "then the RV park opened up and it became the natural spot for it." The inflatable park was purchased from Union Aquaparks, a company that specializes in floating water parks and sells both complete parks of varying sizes and individual components for people to build custom parks.

While several details are still in the works, Wood was able to tell The Tribune that there will be an age limit: guests younger than six years old cannot use the aqua park due to safety concerns. He also said that the number of lifeguards present will follow the Red Cross recommendation of one guard per 20 guests.

"In the beginning, we're probably going to limit it to about 40 people at a time until we can figure out what the flow of people will be like," he stated. "We'll probably end up with about three guards keeping an eye on it at any time, and one on the beach as well."

After discussing the details of the aqua park, Wood spoke about the RV resort in general, saying that it has seen a good turnout since opening in November 2020. "We've currently got 50 spaces with service hookups out here," he stated. "We've got five glamping tents (glam camping) that should be open and available to rent by the night around Memorial Day weekend too, and we're working on building some walking trails around the back here. It's really a great spot out here."

Many of the original buildings from the Burrow-Hamilton Farm have been kept and repurposed for the resort, such as the barns used for storage and the small farmhouse converted to the check-in office and camp store. The store features camping essentials and souvenirs for guests to purchase during their stay, as well as a game room inside and showers located nearby. Already, the resort has seen a lot of business from campers, and Wood stated that he only expects business to get better as Rock the South returns in August. According to him, sites at the resort are almost completely booked for RTS weekend.

As a final note, Wood said that over the summer, people can look forward to the return of the Second Fridays street festival. Due to Rock the South occurring in August and the strain that running both events would put on CPRST, there will not be a Second Fridays in August. Instead, there will be celebrations in June, July and September.





Drive (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The annual food drive sponsored by the National Association of Letter Carriers typically nets thousands of pounds of food for local pantries, but its 29th event has been canceled for 2021, potentially leaving organizations like Cullman Caring for Kids in a pinch. Becky Goff, director of United Way of Cullman County offered an alternative:

"Typically, we ask our community to collect non-perishable food items and place them by the mailbox for the mail carrier to pick them up and then, through United Way, be distributed to local food banks.

"This is a huge loss for our local food pantries. Typically, we get about 10,000 pounds of food.

"Rather than leaving bags of food by their mailboxes on the second Saturday in May, we are asking postal customers to support the effort again this year by dropping off items at United Way or Cullman Caring for Kids.

"As the need for food assistance is still more significant than ever, we want everyone to help support this effort."

UWCC is located in the Old Depot at 304 1st Ave. NE, next to Depot Park in Cullman. Cullman Caring for Kids is located at 402 Arnold St NE #W1 in Cullman, adjacent to the Cullman County Schools central office.

For more information on how you can help, call UWCC at 256-739-2948 or Cullman Caring for Kids at 256-739-1111.

Obituary Announcements: May 7

Sherron "Sherry" C. Stricklin, 79, of Cullman
Funeral services for Sherron "Sherry" C. Stricklin, of Cullman, Alabama will be 12:15 p.m. Saturday, May 8, 2021 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Hopewell Cemetery in Hanceville. Reverend Bo Pruett will be officiating. Visitation will be at Hanceville Funeral Home Saturday from 11:30 a.m. until service time. She was born August 3, 1941 to Odis and Allene (Grimmett) Ponder and died at the age of 79 surrounded by her family May 6, 2021. Mrs. Stricklin had a heart full of love and compassion. Whether it be a relative, a friend or someone she simply crossed paths with, she always had time for a conversation. One of the most precious things about Sherry was her contagious smile and of course, the laughter to go along with it. To say that she had a joyful personality is simply an understatement. If nothing else, she loved to sing, especially her favorite gospel hymns. She was also a member of Addington Chapel United Methodist Church in Cold Springs, Alabama. Survivors include her children: Tom Stricklin, Cindy Stricklin, Jennifer (John) Vincent, and Janna (Terry) Fendley; grandchildren: Meagan (Jamie) Danish, Kristen Denney, Jared Vincent, Brittany Couey, Jordan (Jeremiah) Hogeland, Paige Fendley, Seth Fendley, Noah Fendley and Jerrica Vincent; 10 great-grandchildren and her brother: Fred Ponder. In addition to her parents, Sherry was preceded in death by her son, Harlan Stricklin. The family would like to send a special 'thank you' to her caregivers, Annette Campbell and Christie Tolbert, as well as the staff at Encompass Health for the amazing love, care and support.

Belva Susan Kampis, 70, of Vinemont
Funeral Service for Belva Susan Kampis, age 70, of Vinemont, will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 9, 2021, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Tim McCormick officiating and interment in Flint Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 - 8 p.m. Saturday, May 8, 2021, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Kampis passed away Thursday, May 6, 2021, at Huntsville Hospital. She was born July 30, 1950, in Cullman, Alabama to Paul Huen and Melba Olene Dunn. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister: Barbara South and sister-in-law: Vickie Dunn. Survivors include her husband: John Joseph Kampis; sons: Johnny (Amy) Kampis and Steven (Alison) Kampis; grandchildren: Alexis Kampis, John Harper Kampis, Camdyn Kampis and Sarah Beth Kampis and brothers: Delone (Kathy) Dunn and Michael (Kim) Dunn.

Jack Nix, 91, of Cullman
Jack Nix, age 91, of Cullman, Alabama passed away Tuesday, May 4, 2021. Jack was born January 30, 1930. There will be a visitation at the Funeral home from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Saturday, May 8, 2021 with a graveside service to follow at Cullman City Cemetery at 12:30 p.m. Jack is survived by daughter: Valerie (Don) Vance; sons: Douglas (Trish) Nix, Christopher A. (Dolores) Nix, Mark A. (Vickie) Nix and sister: Alpharetta Nix (Perry) Tucker. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. Jack was preceded in death by his wife: Alma Louise Tilley Nix; his parents: Mamie Kugler Nix and William Joseph Nix; brother: Harold "Shorty" Nix and sister: Ethelene "Susie" Nix. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Nix family. Moss Service Funeral Home Directing.

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The City of Cullman will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at Cullman City Hall in the Council Chambers to discuss the FY 2021 Community Development Block Grant program. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the CDBG Program and the proposed applications the City plans to submit to the Alabama Department of Economic & Community Affairs (ADECA) for funding consideration. All citizens are encouraged to attend this meeting. Anyone who would like to attend the public hearing but has a disability which might require special materials, services, or assistance, should notify the City Clerk at 256-775-7109 at least three days in advance of the public hearing.
Woody Jacobs
Mayor

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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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.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to ROGER DALE KANADAY, as Administrator of the Estate of MAXIE LEROY KANADAY, deceased, on the 29th day of April, 2021 by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

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Probate Judge of Cullman County

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that Boatner Construction Co., Inc., Contractor, has completed the Contract for Construction of HOLLY POND HIGH SCHOOL HOME ECONOMICS ADDITION in Holly Pond, Alabama (Architect's Project No. 2018115) for the State of Alabama and the Cullman County Commission on Education, Owner, and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify the architect, LEONARD DESIGN, P.C.-115 2nd Avenue, NE.-Cullman, Alabama 35055.

Boatner Construction Co., Inc.
114 Hickman Street, Suite A
Rainbow City, AL 35906

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

Walker Brothers, LTD
(Plaintiff)
v. Case No. SM-2016-900120
Jeremy Burnett
(Defendant)

NOTICE OF PENDING 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
CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

PB MIN BK 196 PG 122 - 04/29/2021 10:07 AM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
EARNIE SULLINS *
Deceased *
CASE NO.: PC2021-087

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration With Will Annexed having been granted to Bonnie Nash, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Earnie Sullins, deceased, on the 29th day of April, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Bonnie Nash
Personal Representative

Edward G. Coey
Attorney for Personal Representative
P.O. Box 834
Hanceville, Al. 35057

TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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(Plaintiff)
v. Case No. SM-2020-900163
Colton Graham
(Defendant)

NOTICE OF PENDING LAWSUIT

Defendant, Colton Graham, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him/her by the Plaintiff, Walker Brothers, LTD, for $3,078.32 plus court cost, cause of action being: Open Account.

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Dated this the 15th day of April, 2021.

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 RE: THE ESTATE OF *
WANDA W. SANDERS a/k/a *
WANDA LEE SANDERS *
Deceased. *
CASE NO.: PC2021-167

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to LYNN SANDERS CAMPBELL, as Personal Representative of the Estate of WANDA W. SANDERS a/k/a WANDA LEE SANDERS, deceased, on the 30th day of April, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

LYNN SANDERS CAMPBELL
Personal Representative

Jeffrey N. Cotney
Cotney Elder Law
717 Kerr Drive
Gardendale, Alabama 35071

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * CASE NO. PC-2021-035
WILLIAM LAVERN CULVER, *
DECEASED *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary have been granted to SONYA HOFFMAN as Personal Representative of the Estate of WILLIAM LAVERN CULVER, deceased, on this the 30th day of April, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman Count.

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

TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

THE KILGO LAW FIRM
Jerry L. Kilgo
Attorney for the Personal Representative
105 1st Ave. NE, Ste. G
Cullman, AL 35055

To: THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Cullman, AL 35055

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks in said newspaper.

TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Mama and her hundred-acre garden

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



The sweltering-summer sun beat down unmercifully in the South where I grew up. It must have been 140-degrees out there in Mama's hundred-acre garden... or at least 95 in the shade, but there wasn't one-single shadow of shade out there. There were large shade trees in the yard, and plenty of them all along our creek bank where a boy could be fishing, but not a single one in the hundred-acre garden. I'm sure there had been trees out there once upon a time, but, no doubt, Mama had them all cut and the spot cleared. Not even the remnant of a stump was left for me to lean my poor-exhausted body against, weakened by all that work, before I hit the ground! My curly-blonde hair was soaked with sweat. It poured down my face and ran off the tip of my nose like an Olympic ski jumper off the end of a ramp.

That hoe handle, and the wooden handles of a push plow, had caused blisters on my tender-young hands that were about the size of the watermelons we grew! The blisters were about that size, not my hands. I felt quite certain I would die out there, at any moment, right between the rows of butterbeans, before Mama found me, or I ever had a chance to go fishing again.

Yes, you are partly correct in your thoughts. Mama didn't believe it all either. While I may be using my "writer's license" to exaggerate the situation, ever so slightly, it really was hot out there. Mama's garden actually was about half-an-acre, but to a boy who didn't want to be working in a garden in the first place, it seemed like a hundred. She grew enough vegetables and melons out there to feed Pharoah's army...plus our small family!

Every Spring, she hired Mr. Reuben Strange, to drive his old Ford tractor from his house, a good 5-miles from ours, to break up her garden. She checked the signs on her almanac calendar, but usually most things were in the ground before Easter.

I looked at the almanac calendar too, but I was checking to see which days were good fishing days. I would fish even on the bad days, but I didn't have my hopes quite as high. By the time things were rising up from the ground, so was the temperature. Have you picked up on the fact that I didn't want to be out there in the hundred-acre garden? I had one thing on my mind...fishing. Okay, there was swimming also. The ideal day to me was to go fish first and when the fish quit biting, jump in the water.

The order was important because if you swam first, you scared off the fish. Mama's ideal day was picking peas... she and me. She wouldn't even let me go to the house for a drink of cold water. Instead, she took a gallon-jar of ice water to the garden. I think the times I had gone to the house for a drink and then headed to the creek rather than returning to the garden, may have influenced her decision. She used other methods, lovingly, she said, that I did not approve of or enjoy, to influence my future decisions.

Every year, when Mother's Day rolls back around, I think about those long-gone days with her. Now days, my, how I would love to pick peas with her one more time. I would even give up fishing and swimming to do so! Happy Mother's Day in heaven Mama. Happy Mother's Day to the rest of you down here.

Bill King can be reached at bkpreach@yahoo.com or 334-745-0588 (office).

HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: 1954, 1959

From The Files Of 1954

Dear Sir:
I wish to extend my congratulations on the eightieth birthday of The Cullman Tribune. The writer is a bit older, having been born in Cincinnati on December 8, 1873. I began to read newspapers at the age of seven years old, namely the New York Daily Sun and the Cullman Tribune and have been reading the latter ever since. The first printing shop was operated by Julius Damus, which was located on Second Avenue and Second Street East and on the same block was the first post office, I remember in Cullman. The Post Master was J.W. Whatlington, a native of England. Also a lawyer. He always wore a silk hat and broadcloth Prince Albert coat – a goatee and mustache. Up until the time the old building was removed, there was a slot in the door to deposit outgoing mail. Captain Beckert was the editor at one time. Captain Beckert as an elderly man, who had a beautiful young bride, a sister of Al Keys. They lived in a long one story building, then located on First Avenue North of the Von Werdt place and about that time Crist Fricke had a shoe shop in the same building and Mr. and Mrs. Elsheimer also lived there. After she became a widow, she married Billie Weigand.

I believe that Judge Johnson, father of Searcy Johnson was editor for more years than one. The building he used ad an office was then located at the Ponder corner.

May the Tribune note many more years or printing the news and happenings in Cullman County.

Yours very truly,
J.A. Dreher

The year 1994 is the 120 anniversary of the Tribune. We are proud to be the oldest weekly newspaper in Alabama and Cullman's oldest business. Thank you for your patronage.

From The Files Of 1959
Bishop Bachman G. Hodge made appointments for Methodist Ministers at the final session of the North Alabama Conference on Sunday.

Five Injured In Accident
Five persons were injured at 10 o'clock on Saturday night when two automobiles hit head on, on County Road 35, some 5.7 miles north of Cullman.

Involved were a 1952 Ford Coach driven by Thomas Lawson Lowery of Route Two, Vinemont and a 1951 Chevrolet sedan driven by Felter C. Oden, also of Route Two, Vinemont. Total property damage was estimated at $500.

Injured were Thomas L. Lowery, 28 who received a chest injury, Hurdis Denton, 17, a passenger in Lowery's car, who received a fractured skull and lacerations of the face; Feltere C. Oden, who had a broken knee cap and deep facial cuts; Hazel Oden, 32, who received deep cuts on the left leg and three year old Debra Oden, who had lacerations of the face. The Odens were all riding in the Chevrolet. All were taken to Cullman Hospital.

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Presbyterian Church
Located on Saint Joseph Street, NW
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POET'S CORNER

Bluebird | *By: Randy C. Hale*

Imagine my elation when you
moved into the cedar house, I
placed for you a spring before.

When you came, blue
with rose breast, bringing
brown straw that winter left,

weaving in circles smooth
the nest to hold your eggs,
blue the color of the sky.

I have provided tiny nuts
and seeds, and water beneath
the trees of green,

so I can behold what you
and your bright feathered mate
have created
and hope to listen soon
to the faint chirping sounds,
of the newest of all blue life.



CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

MAY 8, 2021 - MOTHER'S DAY

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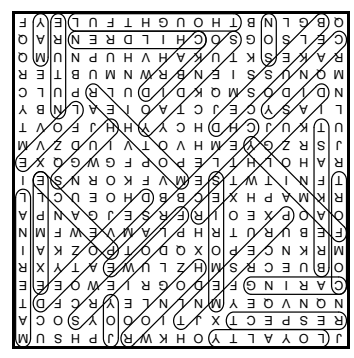
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MAY 8, 2021

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AREA SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

West Point handles Russellville 14-2 to claim 5A, Area 15 crown

Sammy Confer, Nick Griffin
Contributors

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SAMMY CONFER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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Unfortunately, Brewer responded with three runs in its half of the second to retake the lead and limited the Lady Aggies to just two hits in the rest of the game to pull away and win it 12-2 and advance through the winner's bracket.

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AREA SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Clemmons' 1-hitter leads Cullman past Muscle Shoals 4-0

Nick Griffin
nick@cullmantribune.com

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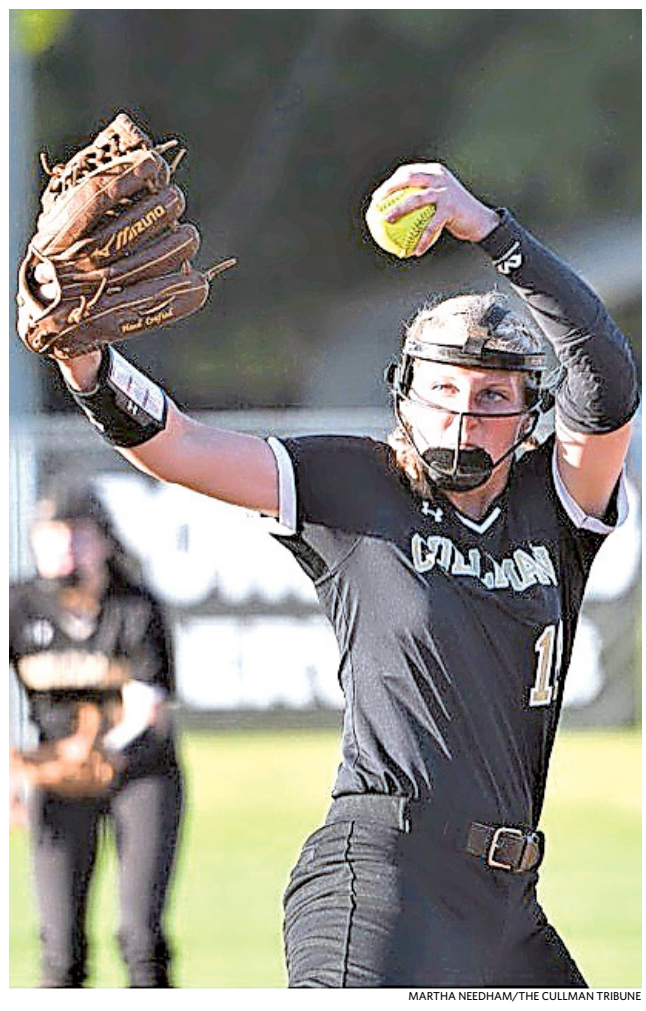
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MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman's Chalea Clemmons allowed just one hit in the Lady Bearcats' 4-0 opening round win over Muscle Shoals Thursday night.

Cemetery (from Front)

Brindley, eight of his family members and seven others, including two young children who died during the Typhoid epidemic.

All the graves date to the second half the 19th century.

Family members have cared for the cemetery for the past century and a half, and though restoration work took place around the time of Cullman's Centennial in the mid-1970s, time and the elements took an inevitable toll.

The rock wall, wrought-iron fence and rock bench deteriorated and grew unstable, presenting a safety risk and threatening the integrity of two of the graves. A portion of the sidewalk was damaged by tree roots, one headstone was broken and the parking area needed replacing. In 2019, Ray Buchmann, a longtime Cullman resident, civic leader and great-great-great-grandson of Mace Thomas Payne Brindley, launched an effort to repair and restore the cemetery.

The Cullman County Historical Society assisted in securing a grant from the state of Alabama in August 2019 that funded about one-third of the project, estimated to cost about $30,000. The rest of the funding came from organizations and individual contributions, with the Cullman County Road Department providing some of the labor. The work took place over the next year-and-a-half, interrupted temporarily by the COVID-19 pandemic. The rock wall was demolished and rebuilt, the fence was replaced, vegetation was cleared, the sidewalk was repaired and the concrete slab in the parking area was replaced. The project was completed in April 2021.

When asked about the importance of the project, Ray said, "Sometimes, an opportunity only comes once. This was our opportunity to preserve an irreplaceable piece of the Brindley family history, and I'm so glad we were able to see it through."

Ray thanked Drew Green and Julie Burks from the Cullman County Museum, Representative Randall Shedd and the Cullman County Road Department for their dedication and contributions toward the restoration project.

Ray's wife Benton spoke at the ceremony about the three projects Ray has been involved in over the past several years. Each year, the Buchmann's donate a new musical instrument to the Cullman Middle School Band. The second project was Ray's quest to have the new bridge on Eva Road named for Hugh P. Brindley Sr. With that project completed, he focused on the restoration of the family's cemetery.

She said, "Today, this has come to fruition so we can go dance."

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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.

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