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Hanceville High School student to hold candlelight vigil for local teens injured in car crash

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — "This is not the way we would like to end our summer or start the school year," Hanceville High School Junior Logan Quick said. Early Thursday morning, four Hanceville teens were injured, two critically, when the car they were in struck a tree. Upon hearing the news, Quick began planning a candlelight vigil for those injured in the wreck.

The candlelight vigil will be held Saturday, Aug. 7 at 8 p.m. around the pond at Hanceville's Veterans Park. Attendees are asked to bring their own candles and extras if possible.

Quick hopes to have local pastors come to speak and also plans to address the crowd.

Quick believes there are lessons to be learned in this tragic situation.

He said, "Something hit me, everybody in Hanceville gets along. I have friends who are coming into high school and they say, 'I am so scared.' I tell them, they have nothing to worry about because Hanceville High School, it's the best.

"There's no drama and we all just get along. Lately, with everything in the world going on, nobody ever really comes together for anything."

He continued, "Something was telling me that I needed to do this.

"I want to make a difference in Cullman County but I didn't think it would be under these circumstances, but I am glad I got a chance to do it and help out."

Quick reached out to Allison Fossett for » PAGE 6

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library comes to Cullman



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Cullman County Public Library Director Sharon Townsend with her grandson Carter at Friday's press conference

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Dolly Parton Imagination Library has officially launched in Cullman. On Friday morning, the Cullman County Public Library hosted a news conference to discuss the partnership between the Friends of the Public Library, Cullman Electric Cooperative and Cullman County Public Library in bringing the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to the children of Cullman County.

The Imagination Library operates by allowing children ages 0-5 to be registered online or through paper application to receive a free, new book in the mail every month. This program is available to anyone who has a Cullman County mailing address. Registration online can be found at https://ccimaginationlibrary.com/ » PAGE 6

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One person dead in Good Hope shooting

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Cullman Parks, Recreation, & Sports Tourism announces WildWater

First of its kind in Alabama, new water park to bring added amenities to Cullman community

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported August 4-6

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Aug. 4-6, 2021. All persons are in-nocent until proven guilty.

GJ = grand jury; **FTA** = failure to appear

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Aug. 2

• domestic violence; CR 1212
• theft of property; Mayfair Ln.
• domestic violence; CR 437
• unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of marijuana; attempt to elude police officer; Main St. SW, Hanceville
• domestic violence; 1st Ave. N, Hanceville
• domestic violence; menacing; I-65NB at MM 299
• assault; CR 222
• burglary; CR 715
• theft of property; Hwy. 69 S
• harassment; CR 1252
• harassment; CR 1273
• theft of property; CR 181

Aug. 3

• unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of marijuana; Hwy. 31 N
• harassment; CR 129
• domestic violence; CR 109
• domestic violence; CR 747
• theft of property; CR 1216
• criminal mischief; CR 1719

Aug. 4

• criminal mischief; CR 1425
• criminal mischief; CR 1269
• harassment; CR 700
• theft of property; CR 1082
• trespassing; CR 1725
• trespassing; CR 596
• harassment; CR 1859
• unlawful possession of controlled substance; Hwy. 31 N
• harassment; CR 1252
• unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of marijuana; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; I-65 SB at MM 311
• unlawful possession of controlled substance; 4th St. SW

ARRESTS

Aug. 2

Bagwell, Terry Nolan; 60
• possession of a concealed weapon without a permit

Baker, Carter Ray; 59
• Judges Orders- possession of methamphetamine

Cantellano, Jesus; 45
• assault-aggravated assault non-family-other weapon

Clay, Teddy Lemark; 56
• harassing communications

Cole, Tabitha Lee; 39
• Family Offense- causing delinquency, dependency or need of supervision

Farmer, Rachel Nicole; 29
• Judges Orders- forgery-forged instrument

Faulk, Garfield Tremayne; 43
• possession of methamphetamine
• possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
• promote prison contraband (drugs)

Ford, David Leon; 50
• Sex Offense- Failure of adult sex offender to register with local law enforcement

Lindsey, Kristy Leigh; 44
• stolen property-swindle less than $500

Overton, Dustin Dakota; 24
• sell/distribute methamphetamine
• second-degree possession of marijuana
• attempting to elude police officer

Sellers, Margaret Denise; 47
• FTA- public intoxication (2 counts)
• FTA- driving while license suspended
• FTA- DUI (alcohol)
• FTA- fail stop sign
• FTA- operating vehicle without insurance
• FTA- reckless driving
• FTA- switched tag

Sellers, Sallie Marie; 50
• FTA- public intoxication
• FTA- criminal trespass

Tanner Jr., James Issac; 29
• FTA- no liability insurance

Weeks, Christopher Jerome; 43
• possession of methamphetamine
• possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
• second-degree possession of marijuana
• possessing forged instrument (2 counts)

Wisener, Phillip Michael; 44
• Probation Violation- attempt theft

Aug. 3

Baccus, Mary Jayne; 59
• negotiating worthless instrument

Bagwell, Dachery Dewayne; 29
• possession of heroin
• possession of methamphetamine

Curington, Crystal Dawn; 36
• Motion to Revoke Bond-fraudulent use of credit/debit card
• Motion to Revoke Bond-larceny/theft- second-degree theft of property $1,500 to $2,500
• Motion to Revoke Bond-larceny/theft- second-degree theft of property $500 less than $1,500

Gaither, Frankie Wayne; 59
• FTA- larceny/theft-vehicle parts

Hafley, Tommy Dwight; 37
• Probation Violation-forgery-checks (2 counts)

Handley, David Shannon; 26
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• second-degree possession of marijuana
• possession of synthetic narcotics

Klein, Patrick Lee; 59
• assault-harassment
• criminal trespass

Kritner, Christian Robert Kale; 24
• larceny/theft-miscellaneous

Mallard, Dylan Anthoney; 37
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
• public intoxication
• criminal trespass

Mortensen, Denise Young; 52
• DUI (alcohol)

Murphy, Bama Schenell; 36
• Parole Violation/Revocation- possession of heroin (3 counts)

Perkins, Jessie Ray; 37
• drug trafficking (2 counts)
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• second-degree possession of marijuana

Puckett Jr., Randy Allen; 44
• possession of opium or derivative
• open container alcohol in vehicle

Robertson, Weston John; 35
• FTA- DUI (alcohol)

Valka, Rene Herbert; 78
• assault-domestic-harassment-family

Aug. 4

Aldridge, Dana Jean; 41
• Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs

Beasley, Jana Faye; 38
• assault-domestic-reckless endangerment

Bennett, Chad Steven; 49
• possession of methamphetamine
• possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Curington, Crystal Dawn; 36
• assault-harassment
• Motion to Revoke Bond-burglary-non-residence-no force
• Motion to Revoke Bond-fraudulent use of credit/debit card
• Motion to Revoke Bond-larceny-theft- second-degree theft of property $500 less than $1,500

Foster, Raphael Maurice; 37
• possession of cocaine
• second-degree possession of marijuana
• FTA- open container alcohol in vehicle

Garrett, Tammy Wright; 42
• FTA- DUI (alcohol)

Glass, David Cameron; 30
• public intoxication

Hann, Timothy Michael; 32
• FTA- driving while license suspended (3 counts)
• FTA- operating vehicle without insurance (2 counts)
• FTA- switched tag

Hooper, Steven Dewayne; 39
• FTA- driving while license suspended (2 counts)
• FTA- no seat belt

Jenkins, Kimberly Michelle; 31
• possession of methamphetamine
• possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Key, Ronald Wayne; 46
• assault-harassment (2 counts)

Kolb, Robert Jay; 35
• assault-domestic-harassment-family

Meadows, Robert Wayne; 72
• negotiating worthless instrument (2 counts)

Medina, Gerardo Lerma; 33
• liquor-possession of tax-paid alcoholic beverages for private use
• DUI (alcohol)

Pate, Carrie Bridget Pelman; 36
• FTA- driving while license suspended

Taylor, Joseph Daniel; 21
• possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Widner, Christopher Ray; 23
• Probation Violation- stolen vehicles-auto theft

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Aug. 1

• identity theft; person

Aug. 4

• fourth-degree theft of property; person; Lakeside Dr. NW; bicycle; $100
• theft by fraudulent leasing; person; cash

Aug. 5

• third-degree forgery; fourth-degree theft of property; person; forged check
• first-degree theft of property; person 5th St. SW; '16 Jeep Compass; $15,000
• fourth-degree theft of property; Lowe's; Cherokee Ave. SW; trimmer; $329
• third-degree criminal mischief; Cullman Housing Authority; Cobb Ave. SE; damaged window; $600
• harassment; menacing; person; 1st Ave. SE

ARRESTS

Aug. 4

Curington, Crystal D.; 36
• third-degree theft of property
• FTA- third-degree criminal trespass
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property (2 counts)
• FTA- public intoxication

Baccus, Mary J.; 59
• FTA- public intoxication

Bradford, Kelsey N.; 28
• FTA- fail to signal (2 counts)
• FTA- driving while license revoked
• FTA- insurance violation
• FTA- switched tag

Aug. 5

Mallard, Dylan A.; 37
• FTA- attempt to elude police officer
• FTA- third-degree criminal trespass

Ellis, Daniel A.; 41
• FTA- attempt to elude police officer
• FTA- third-degree domestic violence-harassment
• FTA- speeding
• FTA- running red light
• FTA- driving without license
• FTA- running stop sign

Chambers, Rodney A.; 40
• FTA- insurance violation
• FTA- fail to register vehicle

Willingham, Tyren S.; 24
• FTA- third-degree domestic violence
• FTA- driving while license suspended
• FTA- insurance violation

Smith, Carson M.; 19
• third-degree criminal trespass

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Friday, Aug. 6, COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Dashboard Hub (https://bit.ly/3iVJwXK)

ADPH COVID-19 dashboard changes

Along with decreases in COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths, ADPH will be updating its dashboard less frequently. Effective June 7, the Data and Surveillance Dashboard will update Mon-day, Wednesday and Friday; the Vaccine Distribution Dashboard will update on Tuesday and Thurs-day and no weekend updates will be made. Additional information may be provided in the future as ADPH gathers more data on the pandemic.

*The dashboard has been redesigned to help people better understand the current transmission lev-els in their communities and the impact of COVID-19 in Alabama. The moving 7-day sum is updat-ed daily instead of weekly--instead of a 3, 7 and 14-day average, the dashboard will provide a 7-day moving sum for cases. The 2020 and 2021 breakdowns of cases and deaths will be provided - not just a total sum over both years.

Case details* (Updated Monday, Wednesday and Friday)

• Percent Change in Cases: - 2.8
• Percent Positivity in Tests: 24.1
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 393,326
• Probable cases in Alabama (2021): 209,992 (+6,837 since Wednesday)
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,171
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2021): 4,429 (+37 since Wednesday)
• Percent Change in cases in Cullman Co.: - 21.3
• Percent Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.: 15.1
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2020): 7,684
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2021): 3,061 (+ 88 since Monday)
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 129
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 80 (+3 since Monday)
• Total tested in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 1,321
• Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 200
• Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 58,742
• Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 14,149
• Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 1,923

Vaccine details (updated Tues, Thurs)

• Doses Delivered to Alabama: 5,031,175
• Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 3,258,9253,223,725
• Doses administered: 3,547,818
• Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,053,367
• Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 1,613,194
• Doses delivered to federal programs: 1,772,250

Alabamians in Phases 1a, 1b and 1c (including those 12 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

Variants of SARS-CoV-2

Variants of SARS-CoV-2 continue to circulate in Alabama and pose a significant threat of increased disease. Variants of concern reported, as of July 9, are Alpha (820 cases), Beta (2 cases), Gamma (31 cases) and Delta (56 cases). These variants are more transmissible, specifically the Alpha and the Delta, and some variants have less response to treatments such as monoclonal antibodies.

Percent positivity escalates

Alabama's current statewide percent positivity for COVID-19 has increased to its highest level since February at 7.7%. This is equal to the percent positivity recorded April 3, when vaccines had not been readily available.

Percent increase in COVID-19 cases

The number of COVID-19 cases reported in Alabama has risen 39% from June 26 - July 9. The best way to prevent getting the highly infectious and easily transmissible Delta variant or any other strain of COVID-19 is to get vaccinated as quickly as possible. The vaccines we have are highly effec-tive and their benefits far outweigh any risks. Only a very small percentage of deaths due to COVID-19 are among the fully vaccinated population.

COVID-19 hospitalizations increase

As of July 14, 341 persons were reported hospitalized as a result of COVID-19 disease. On July 3, 179 persons were hospitalized due to COVID-19. Increases in numbers of COVID-19 cases and hospi-talizations due to COVID-19 are the result of low vaccine rates and unvaccinated persons not fol-lowing preventive measures for themselves such as wearing masks, good hand hygiene and social distancing. So long as Alabama has such low rates of vaccination, cases will continue to rise, posing risk of illness and death from COVID-19, as well as threatening the ability of our health care system to treat all Alabamians.

Make vaccination a priority

This July 14, 4,124 doses of COVID-19 vaccine were administered in the state. At the height of vac-cine administration on April 8, 45,128 vaccine doses were given. Young people and others who are taking a wait-and-see stance on vaccination should be aware that they need to protect themselves, their families, friends and communities by getting vaccinated as soon as they can. Safe, effective and free vaccine shields vulnerable people and saves lives.

Cullman Regional COVID-19 update

On Aug. 4 Cullman Regional released the below update.

• Cullman County is in the High-Risk Category for overall level of community transmission.

Cullman Regional Current Situation

• 21 COVID-19 positive patients and three on a ventilator.
• Hospitals across the state are seeing an increase in hospitalizations. Continue to be vigilant in mask wearing and social distancing. Everyone should continue to follow precautions to prevent the spread of infection – wash hands, socially distance and wear a mask when you cannot social distance. Current information regarding statewide hospitalizations can be found on slide 7 of the ADPH Online Dashboard.

Vaccine administrations:

• Cullman Regional has created an online scheduling system so that patients can self-schedule for a vaccine appointment.
• Appointments are available by visiting: https://cullmanregional.com/cullman-regional-vaccination-clinics/?swcfpc=1.
• Appointment dates/times are only released five days prior to vaccine clinic days to make sure we have plenty of vaccines to administer for all appointments created. If no appointments are available, please check back the following day for more appointment openings.
• The vaccine clinic is located at the Cullman Regional Urgent Care Center (1958 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman, AL 35058).

Visiting Cullman Regional

As a reminder, Cullman Regional upholds visitation restrictions in accordance with CDC guidelines.

These restrictions include:

• All visitors must check-in and complete a temperature check at the front desk
• Masks are required regardless of vaccination status
• Only one visitor is allowed per patient
• COVID-19 positive patients will not be allowed to have visitors
• All visitors must be over the age of 16

Please remember that visitor hours are from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily. Visitors to the Cullman Regional Medical Group Clinics must wear a mask regardless of vaccination status and only one visitor is allowed per patient (or two visitors per minor under the age of 16). We appreciate your compliance with these regulations to keep our staff, patients and families safe.

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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 Saint Joseph Drive NW, Cullman

• Prayer meetings- Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Come and pray with us or come to receive prayer.

• Ladies' exercise classes- Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Children welcome.

• Classes- Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult class, "The Phases of Armageddon" by Pastor Bobby Dodd

• Sundays at 9 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points area. Call 256-841-2060 for pick-up. Small group classes for adults, children and youth at 10 a.m. Praise and worship and message at 11 a.m.

• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m. – noon, Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m. – noon; Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. 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 pick-up. Small group classes for children, youth and adults at 10 a.m. Praise and Worship and message at 11 a.m.

• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthday. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pick up is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper Al 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.

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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• Despensas para la comunidad. No requiere ID. Entrega en su vehículo. Por favor use mascarilla.

Festhalle Farmers Market

• 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Open every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from April – October

• Stop by to shop the freshest produce from Cullman-based farms.

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

Agriplex Children's Summer/Fall Camp Programs

• Aug. 20 - 10 a.m., Little Farmers Farmer's Market: Run your pretend farm stand and then use tokens to shop with a local farmer.

• Aug. 26 - 9 a.m., Heritage Homeschool Solar Power: Celebrate the new solar panels producing electricity at the Agriplex with hands-on activities powered by the sun.

• Sept. 4 - 9 a.m., Farm Kids Club County Fair Crafts: Create handicrafts that can be entered in the Cullman County Fair and win prizes!

• Sept. 10 - 10 a.m., Little Farmers "The Very Hungry Caterpillar": Explore the miracle of the butterfly life cycle through the beloved Eric Carle classic.

• Sept. 30 - 9 a.m., Heritage Homeschool Harvest & Seed Saving: Harvest the falls bounty at the Agriplex and save seeds for your very own collection. We will pick, taste and learn how to preserve the harvest.

• Oct. 2 - 9 a.m., Farm Kids Club Pumpkin Patch: Pick a pumpkin out of our patch and join us for some fall-themed fun! We will play games, have snacks and carve a pumpkin.

• Saturdays, beginning at 9 a.m. at Festhalle Farmers Market, Power of Produce: Kids up to age 12 can sample fresh produce while earning market money (pop bucks) to buy produce from local farmers.

Agriplex Adult Programs

• Aug. 10 - 6 p.m. - Heritage Skills Beginning Brewers Class: The Cullman Brewers Guild will explain the process of brewing and demonstrate how to make homemade beer. See equipment and learn the science of brewing your own beer.

• Aug. 16 - 6 p.m. - Learn to Sew Christmas in August: Get an early start on Christmas decorating and join us for felt ornament making for the tree using sequins and decorative thread.

• Aug. 18 – noon - Lunch & Learn presents Planting & Growing Fall Veggies. This is a free program, light lunch provided. Please call us at 256-297-1044 to reserve your spot.

• Aug. 31 - 6 p.m. - Living Landscapes Growing Berries & Grapes: Retired Auburn Experiment Station Director Arnold Caylor will be back at the Agriplex sharing his vast knowledge on growing berries and muscadines best suited for our region.

• Sept. 9 - 6 p.m., Cowboy Cooking - Cooking with a Dutch Oven: Local ranchers Greg and Emily Anderson from Sullivan Creek Ranch will be demonstrating how to cook over an open fire.

• Sept. 13 - 6 p.m., Learn to Sew Projects for the Kitchen: This will be a fun class making things to use in your kitchen.

• Sept. 14 - 6 p.m., Heritage Skills Raising Pigs: Learn the basics of raising pigs for your family.

• Thursdays: noon - 1 p.m., Yoga under the Pavilion, Join us for a beginner yoga class in the serenity of nature. $5 per person, summer family special of $10 per family. Ages 10 & up, must be able to follow along with class. No registration required. Please bring your yoga mat & water.

Country Legends Rediscovered Exhibition

• Evelyn Burrow Museum at Wallace State Community College.

• Through Aug. 31. Tuesday-Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Wallace State Diesel by Distance Open House

July-August - Wallace State's Diesel by Distance program will host a series of open house events to learn more about the program, experience virtual reality lessons and more. Open house will be held from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. in the Diesel Technology building on the Hanceville campus on the following dates: July 1, July 8, July 29, Aug. 5, Aug. 12 and Aug. 19. For more information, contact Anna Parrish Beard at 256-352-8356 or anna.parrish@wallacestate.edu or visit www.wallacestate.edu/dieselbydistance.

Movie Night at Fairview Park

Aug. 7 - The Fairview Lions Club is having a free movie at the park Aug 7, at the Randall Shedd Community Park on Wesley Avenue in Fairview. We will be showing "Frozen 2" and will start around 8 p.m. We will have concessions and drinks. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets. The proceeds from this movie go to the Lillie Handley family of Holly Pond. Bring the kids out, enjoy the movie and help us support Lillie's family. For more info, call Kita at 256-385-8805 or William at 256-385-5596.

Purple Heart Memorial Service

Aug. 7 - 10 a.m. at the Purple Heart Monument in Sparkman Park, Hartselle. Sponsored by the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter for Cullman and Morgan counties. Contact Clifford Gissell at 256-338-5617 or tothemax42@gmail.com for more information.

Quilters Retreat Bunch Annual Yard Sale

Aug. 7 -Saturday from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church (1310 Saint Joseph Drive NW). Lots of fabric (all kinds), books, glassware, baskets, kitchen items, craft items, vintage table with four chairs, two bookcases, round table, odd chairs, pictures, sewing notions, tons of thread, grab bags, yarn, Christmas items and MUCH MUCH MORE. Don't miss it!

Holly Pond Lions Club Pancake Breakfast

• Aug. 14 - The Holly Pond Lions Club will have a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, August 14, 2021 from 6- 9:30 a.m. at the Holly Pond Lions Park.

• The charge for plates is $5 with proceeds benefiting local sight projects.

Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame

Aug. 14 - The Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame will hold its annual banquet and induction ceremony Aug. 14, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Stonebridge Farms. Tickets can be obtained at First Southern Financial and are $20 each. For more information call 256-737-5120 or 256-736-4445.

WSCC Applied Technologies Open House

Aug. 17 – Wallace State Community College Dept. of Applied Technologies will host an Open House Tuesday, July 20 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Department tours and refreshments will be provided. Stop by the Bailey Center Lobby for campus maps, schedules and information. Call 256-352-8000 for more information.

Free Community Movie Night at Vinemont Community Center

Aug. 21 – Bring a blanket or chair and come enjoy "Toy Story 4!" Start time will be announced at a later date. Vinemont Community Center – 88 Ridgeway St., Cullman, AL 35058

Cross Baptist Church Singing

Aug. 22 - Debra Perry & Jaidyn's Call (from Dahlonega, Georgia) and Trusting Grace (from Birmingham, Alabama) will be at Cross Baptist Church on Lacon Mountain on Sunday, August 22 beginning at 6 p.m. - Everyone welcome. For more info: 256-297-0645

Goodwin Family Reunion

• Sept. 6 – Monday, Sept. 6, in Dodge City Town Hall basement, beginning 11 a.m.

• Benjamin and Victoria Howlett Goodwin Descendants: William A (Bill) & Mary Goodwin Tubbs, Ran & ParaLee Goodwin, Aycock George & Parthenia Calvert, Goodwin Ross and Dovie Calvert Goodwin, Joe & Bertha Calvert Goodwin/Delta, Calvert Goodwin Bert and Minnie Gray Goodwin

• Please bring a covered dish, family photos and stories. For more information, contact Jerry Goodwin at 256-595-2598 or Kathy Calvert at 256-708-7940.

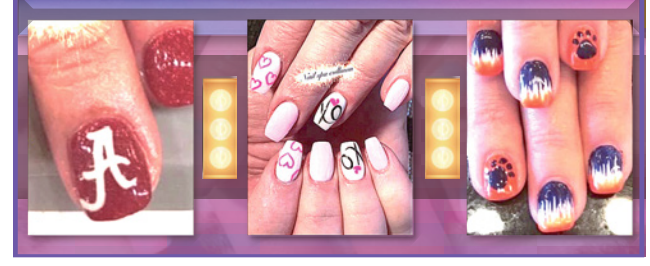
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Harmony School hosts back-to-school Harmony Hawk Fest

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LOGAN, Ala. — Harmony School recently hosted Hawk Fest as a fun way to kick-off the new school year with the community. While originally scheduled from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., the event was cut slightly short due to inclement weather.

Students and community members alike were thrilled to take part in many activities such as face painting, Fro'z Shaved Ice, live music, inflatables, Sheila's Shaved Ice and Food Truck, pony rides, concessions, a dance contest and a corn hole tournament with a $400 grand prize. The winners of the tournament were Phillip Gilliland and Casey Manns in first place, with Brent Dutton and Jimmy Bolan as runner ups.

Former PTO President Cassie Swann was the main organizer of this event and shared, "We are just really trying to help the school grow and receive recognition, but we wanted to do this as a community outreach and for the school, as well.

"We did not have the intention of photos and covering but just wanted it to be community involved and geared towards the school and getting the school recognition because a lot of people do not know that we are out here." She continued, "What is neat is that a lot of the people in the community have volunteered. We have not had to push anybody. You know, I asked yesterday that we needed tents, and this morning there were nearly 30 tents."

With many different vendors setting up their own stations, there were things such as essential oils, water-based cleaning supplies, handmade craft signs, clothing, air fresheners and health care supplies available for attendees to browse and purchase. The sponsors of the event were Premier Bank of South Addison with Rex Seymore, C & S Woodworks, Tesha Brewer State Farm and Excel Preschool.

The Jones Chapel Fire Department was also in attendance and shared, "We just want the community to know that we are here for them. If they are in trouble or having anything going on, we just want to let the community know that Jones Chapel Fire has their backs."



ASHLYN GREY

Wallace State Community College hosts STEM camps for elementary, middle school students

Russell Moore
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College recently hosted a pair of STEM Camps this summer, welcoming middle school and elementary students to campus.

Camp participants were introduced to the college's 3-D Printing Lab at Engineering Technology, the Emergency Medical Services program and competed in a robotics-style competition.

Students also dug deeper into math, science and genetics, engaging in activities to complement each subject.

Students in attendance received a certification of completion at the conclusion of their respective camps.

"It was a great camp. My favorite part was learning about genetics and what makes us look and act the way we do," said Isaiah Brown of Homewood.

"I'm ready to do this again next year."

Isaiah Brown and his brother Isaac are both entering sixth grade at Homewood.

"My mom went to Wallace State, and she's always interested in finding any memories we can make here," Young said.

"She loves it here, and it's worth the drive."

Terry Ayers, Wallace State's Computer Science department chair, was among the faculty leaders during both camps.

"Both weeks were a blast for all of us. One goal is to give the students a preview of all we have to offer, so that Wallace State sticks in their mind and is a viable option for them by the time they graduate from high school," Ayers said.

"It's a good opportunity to see the careers available to them."

Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Karolewics presented certificates to the elementary students during closing ceremonies, and Dean of Academic Affairs Dr. Beth Bownes-Johnson presented to the middle school group. Each camp participant also received a lab coat.

"Our faculty spent considerable time in developing hands-on, engaging activities that these youth found both informative and rewarding to prepare them in any area of the STEM field," Johnson said.

Wallace State students assisting during the camps included Madalyn Williams, Andrea Hardin, Temperance Chatman, Clayton Strane, Sara Eskew and Harper Chiaranda.

Funding for these camps was provided through a grant from the Perkins Reserve funds designated to foster innovation in Career and Technical Education.


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Elementary students conduct the Engineering Technology exercise.


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Genetics exercise: Elementary camp participants Briceston Broad, left, and Jacob Yu participate in a genetics exercise during the STEM camp.









EDITORIAL

The Policies of Starting Over: Stop apologizing

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How many times a day do you apologize? I am not talking about when you actually feel as if you did something wrong either. I am asking, how many times a day are you apologizing for things that do not actually require one?

For instance, you are in line checking out with your groceries and you see broken eggs, the cashier sees them as well and goes to grab another carton for you. Do you apologize to the people in line behind you because it is taking a little longer? What about at the office where you approach the receptionist and say, "I am sorry to bother you, I have a question." The truth is, these are nothing more than wrinkles that occur in our day-to-day lives. It's almost as if you are apologizing for existing, for needing a moment, or anything at all.

Often, we have our own individual reasons for why we feel compelled to apologize for everything. Sometimes, it can be from the need to please everyone around you; to be perceived as kind and caring, someone who is considerate of others. However, if we begin to sink too deeply into peoples' opinion of us and despise the idea of upsetting or disappointing someone, it will do much more harm than good.

These feelings can stem from low self-esteem. If we hold a poor image of ourselves and view others' interactions with us as a burden, the mind can often become preoccupied in believing we are doing something wrong, being too difficult, causing inconvenience to others, being unreasonable or simply asking for too much. Don't be fooled. You are allowed to exist, and experience need, and as a result, you do not owe a soul an apology.

Another reason we may over-apologize is allowing ourselves to feel responsible for someone else's mistakes or inappropriate behavior. In relationships, one person might find themselves apologizing for the actions of their partner to others. When you do this, you are taking responsibility for the actions of another person—actions that you personally have zero control over. Just because you are married to or dating someone does not make you their keeper. When you take ownership of those actions, you are enabling their inappropriate behavior by letting them off the hook.

It can be all too easy to armor your every action and word in an apology, to be sorry for merely existing in a way that upsets others. If you have been apologizing for everything for so long that you cannot remember when it started, it's probably become a reflex. In these cases, over-apologizing is just a bad habit to break, but one that needs to be broken, no matter how difficult.

I wanted to write this one for you, whoever you are. Whatever brought you here to read this, it is for you and all the moments you told yourself you were not good enough to speak or ask a question without being sorry for making noise. It is for the ways you undermine yourself before you have even allowed yourself room to finish a thought. It is for the times that you forgot that you are allowed to take up space. You deserve to feel confident in yourself and the actions you take throughout your life. You are a riddle wrapped in an enigma, encased in stars and you deserve to live unapologetically.

BOOK REVIEW

She Reads: 'The Sound of Glass' by Karen White

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I've mentioned in other reviews how I am not a fan of love stories, but this week, I found Karen White's 'The Sound of Glass' and it might have converted me. Though this book is very much a love story, it isn't necessarily a romance. With careful writing, White has interwoven themes of mystery, heartache, the peace that comes with having all of the answers and finding peace with the ones you do not.

One night, in the hot and humid night air surrounding 1955 Beaufort, South Carolina, a plane explodes across the sky, waking the sleeping residents and raining debris on the Lowcountry below. A suitcase falls from the explosion and lands directly in the middle of Edith Heyward's backyard garden, sitting upright as if someone had merely set it down and forgotten it. While holding her young son in her arms and trying to figure out what has happened in the night sky above, she sees the leather suitcase and grabs it before returning to safety within the house. As Edith's curiosity gets the better of her, she decides to open it.

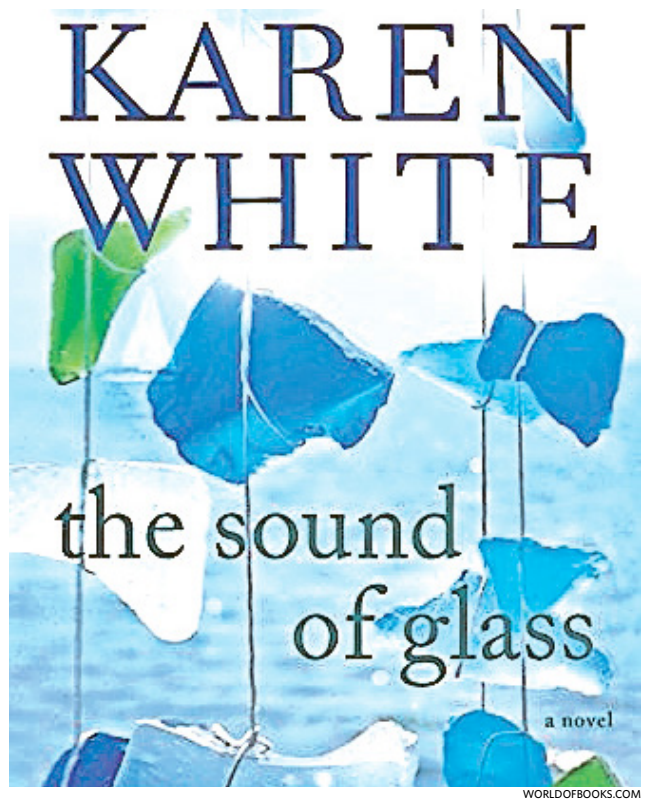
This begins a chain of events that bring us to the present day in 2014, as Merritt Heyward inherits a family home from her late husband, Cal. They were not married long before Cal's death and Merritt speaks of Cal's darker nature and it becomes clear that these abusive tendencies go back through many generations of the Heyward men.

Merritt has never seen the home before and upon arriving, is met by her stepmother, Loralee, who is only five years older than she is and Loralee's ten-year-old son. Merritt has not been involved with her stepmother in quite some time and has never even met her half brother until now. She is increasingly frustrated as Loralee invites herself and her son to stay with Merritt whenever she had initially planned this time to be a time of solitude and grieving.

As the story progresses, Merritt begins to tolerate and eventually, develops an appreciation for the company of Loralee and her son, Owen, but Loralee is keeping a secret, and has been the entire time. Will Merritt realize that there is something all too familiar about her stories?

This novel takes us on a journey of the bonds we can develop with those who have shared similar experiences to us, especially when it comes to pain.

You will laugh, cry and reminisce over every moment with these women, past and present, as White discusses the aftereffects of domestic violence and the triumph of pushing forward.



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Shooting (from Front)

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — Earlier today, an officer-involved shooting in connection to the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency occurred in the Good Hope Community, according to the Cullman County Sheriff's Office.

Cullman County Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick confirmed one fatality at the Good Hope Campground. The CCSO said this was an isolated incident and there is no further threat to the community. Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry said the investigation will be done by the ALEA.

Visit CullmanTribune.com for updated information as it is released.

Vigil (from Front)

help organizing the prayer vigil.

He hopes to deliver the message his football coach gives to the Hanceville players after each practice. He said, "One wrong decision can affect your life, no matter what that decision is, it can affect your life or somebody else's life forever.

The decisions you make don't just affect you. They affect your friends, your family and the people who love you most."

One of the teens from the accident remains in critical condition and on a ventilator in a Birmingham trauma center after being taken from the scene in Garden City by MedFlight. The other three teens were also transported to Birmingham by ambulance, one with critical injuries and two with minor injuries according to Hanceville Fire Chief Roger Green. ALEA is investigating the crash.

Library (from Front)

signup/. Paper applications are available at all Cullman County Public Library branches, the Link and Cullman Electric Cooperative.

Brian Lacy with Cullman Electric Cooperative shared with The Tribune, "Touchstone partnered with Dolly Parton Imagination Library to make their program and all of their materials available. And so, when we (Cullman Electric Cooperative) found out about that in the fall, we talked and wondered who we could reach out to here in Cullman to do that.

"So that is when we had the idea to reach out to the Friends of the Public Library group and said, 'Hey, if you guys want to start this up, we will partner with you both financially and sort of behind the scenes.

"We will help you with marketing and promotion, help do social media and the website' and they agreed. So, we have spent the last 7-8 months doing legwork behind the scenes so we could get to a point and there are now five or six other businesses that are corporate sponsors."

He also shared, "Once a child signs up, every single month from the time that they are born to when they turn 5 years old, they will get a book in the mail every month, and it is completely free to the family. The cost is about $25 per year, so it is like $2.10 a month, so that's where we have been working on getting corporate donations.

"We put up some money and we were able to get a grant to cover about half the cost to get started and then we have had four or five other businesses agree to do it. Fundraising going forward is going to continue to be a big thing to keep it going. But that is the idea is that is gets books into the hands of kids preschool age and helps them start to grow that appreciation of reading and literature."

Cullman County Public Library Director Sharon Townsend brought her young grandson Carter to the event with her, as he will be participating in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program as well. Townsend shared, "This is a big deal for our community. They will have a whole library of books by the time they start school, so that is exciting.

"We expose our kids to sports and dance lessons and things but sometimes we kind of forget about the reading part. So, this will give parents a better opportunity to have books in their home."

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library was launched in 1995 in Dolly's hometown of Sevier County, Tennessee, through the Dollywood Foundation. It was begun with the intention of addressing low graduation rates and illiteracy issues, and the program has since grown to reach over 2,000 local communities worldwide, giving over 150 million books to children.

Tanya Alcorn, President of the Friends of the Public Libraries of Cullman County said excitedly, "If you have a Cullman address and the child is from 0-5, they get a book. We have incredible sponsors who have stepped up and said, 'We want to be a part of this.' So, we are grateful. Cullman is super, super lucky."

The wonderful sponsors who have teamed up with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library so far are Cullman Electric Cooperative, Cullman County Schools, R.E. Garrison Trucking, McCaw Hydraulics, Apel Steel and People's Bank of Alabama. While goals to cover the cost of the program for the first two years have been successful, donations from corporations, community groups and individuals will continue to make the program possible and by signing up as a sponsor, businesses and community groups alike can ensure literature continues being put into the hands of Cullman County's youngest minds.

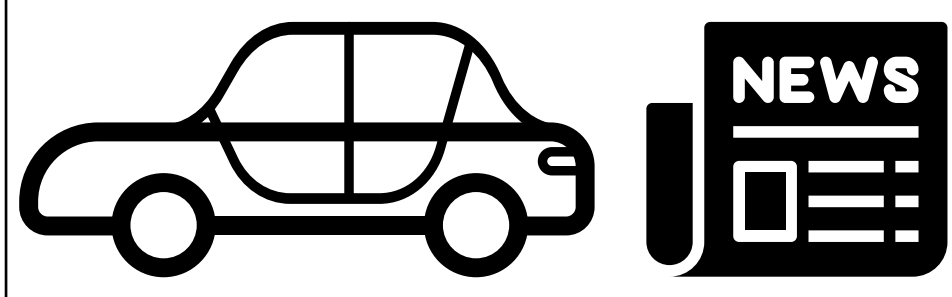
At the end of the news conference, representatives sent from sponsors assisted in passing out hardback copies of "The Little Engine That Could" by Watty Piper, also known as Arnold Munk. The book is a staple for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and the first book that children receive when they enter the program.

Cullman County Superintendent Shane Barnett shared with The Tribune on Cullman County School's sponsorship, "We are glad to be a part of it. It is something we have kind of been working on, too.

"Something for all of our infants, and we were glad to hear that they were doing this and hope they continue."

To become a sponsor of the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library within your community, businesses may contact Tanya Allcorn at friendsofcullmanlibraries@gmail.com or Oakleigh Calahan at oakleighc@cullmanec.com. Individual sponsorships can also be made online at https://ccimaginationlibrary.com/give/.

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Dismissal (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman City Schools students will return Wednesday, Aug. 11 for the start of the 2021-2022 school year. On Friday, Aug. 13, all Cullman City students will be dismissed two hours early to prevent school traffic from interfering with the traffic associated with Rock the South.

Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff shared, "With traffic from the Rock the South music festival expected to bring thousands of visitors to Cullman next week, we felt it was in the best interest of students and families to dismiss early on Friday to prevent the festival traffic from interfering with traffic patterns from school dismissals.

"We apologize in advance for the inconvenience this may cause for families and students, but feel it is the most prudent option."

Cullman City Students will resume their normal schedules Monday, Aug. 16.

Ruffles (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Animal Shelter's Donna Ruttkay shares the Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week:

Ruffles is a 1.75-2-year-old Bernese Mountain dog mix.

She is a lively medium-energy pet who cherishes the time spent with her and likes to stay close to her people.

She's a happy girl who is in love with life and who is also respectful of personal space.

She is already savvy on her leash and, with patience, takes to new challenges well, such as learning about the refreshing water the kiddie pool offers! Ruffles is a therapy/companion dog!

Ruffles has the makings of a good therapy or companion dog.

Ruffles' adoption fee is $100 which includes DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet, neutering, 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.

Good news!
Recent POTW Scooter was adopted by the most perfect family!

Thanks to the whole community for making forever homes a regular destination for our furry friends.

WildWater (from Front)

Cullman Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Parks, Recreation, & Sports Tourism has recently announced that a new water park, WildWater, will be built in the coming months.

The first of its kind in Alabama, WildWater will be a 3-acre addition to Cullman's existing water park, bringing the overall size to 4 acres.

The overall design for Cullman's WildWater was created by Aquatic Development Group, while the slides and tower complex was designed by Proslide Technologies.

WildWater is set to open in the spring of 2022 and will include the following features:

- CannonBowl, one/two-person raft ride with a 43-foot drop.
- Tornado Wave, one/two-person raft ride with a 43-foot drop.
- Rally Racer, 4-person mat racer with rally points, timing and scoring and 43-foot overall drop.
- TurboTWISTER, High speed body slide with an overall drop of 55 feet.
- Kids zone with miniature versions of the larger slides.
- 22,000 square foot wave pool.

"Our department has spent months choosing the best vendor and developing the most innovative design for WildWater, which we believe will bring visitors from around the southeast to Cullman," said Rusty Turner, Cullman Park board chairman. "We appreciate the support of Mayor Jacobs and the City Council regarding this important project."

Established in 1979, the department offers 10 parks, a golf course and five recreational facilities that provide activities for all ages and interests including athletics, senior programs, community events, aquatics, fitness, arts and more.

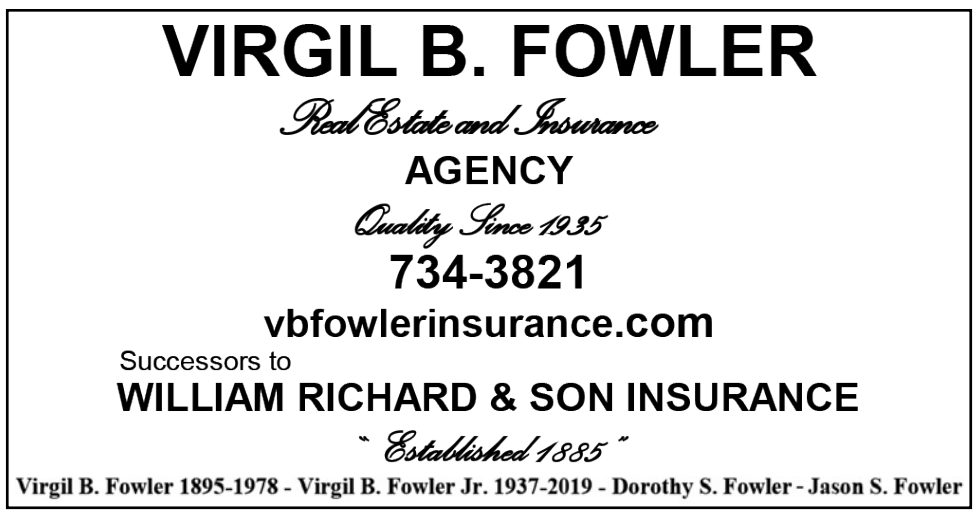
The department has won numerous state and national awards for its large-scale impact on the community, serving as a catalyst for the tourism industry in Cullman, as well as providing nationally recognized facilities and programs for the area's population.

"Cullman Parks, Recreation, & Sports Tourism is committed to serving the needs of the community through its mission statement of increasing community partnerships to better serve the citizens of Cullman and surrounding areas, striving for progressive development to stay on top of the newest trends, facilities and programs and focusing on health and wellness through all its offerings to build a stronger, healthier lifestyle for everyone," said Mayor Woody Jacobs, "WildWater will be an added resource of fun and entertainment for our citizens and those visiting Cullman."

A link to renderings of Cullman's WildWater can be found here: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1cJzKJmZc5JxRiJCE5srOCPx9x9RUxAjq.









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TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to GARY TURNER as Personal Representative of the Estate of HELEN TURNER, deceased, on the 29th day of July, 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.

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Personal Representative

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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

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO.: PC2021-347

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY EDWARDS, DECEASED

TO THE HON. TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to RHONDA QUICK, as Administratrix of the Estate of DOROTHY EDWARDS, Deceased, on the 29th day of July, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown.

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 barred.

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Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

John E. Hunt Memorial Scholarship awarded to Cullman's Cort Chandler

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CULLMAN, Ala. – A little more than a year after the passing of longtime Cullman Parks & Recreation Director John Hunt, the first ever John E. Hunt Memorial Scholarship has been awarded to a local student at Auburn University. Cort Chandler, a Cullman High School graduate and a Finance & Marketing Double Major at Auburn University, was this year's scholarship recipient. John's wife Elizabeth was happy to see the scholarship awarded to a student John watched play in Cullman's Park & Rec. leagues and is appreciative of all the support her family has received from the community. She also gave an update on the Inaugural John E. Hunt Golf Tournament coming up later in August.

"We were honored to award John's scholarship to Cort. John and I have known his family for years and watched Cort grow up and playing in City Parks and Recreation baseball league," Hunt said. "The Hunt family is thankful, honored and have been blessed through family, friends and community support by donations to his scholarship fund at Auburn University for a Cullman County resident to continue their education.

So many friends and community leaders and contacts have shared their memories of John with me, what he meant to them personally as a friend, mentor and community leader and to the City of Cullman. John would feel humbled and grateful of the sentiments that people have shared and spoke of him and his contributions to the city, the community and lives he touched. Listening to people share their story with me and our family makes my heart happy.

The golf tournament is going well as far as the number of golf teams that have registered. Golfers can register the day of the tournament as well. We will offer first and second place winners. A chance to win a car from Mitch Smith and door prizes donated by local business and friends. Opportunities are still available to be a hole sponsor as well."

The proceeds from the tournament will go towards each year's scholarship fund and this year's event is set for August 28 at Cross Creek Golf Course in Cullman. If you're looking for more information about the tournament or want to register, you can contact Lauren Hunt Peek at lhnoo29@auburn.edu or call 256-595-3771.



COURTESY OF ELIZABETH HUNT

Cort Chandler (left) with Ryan Hunt (middle) and Elizabeth Hunt (right) at the Cullman County Auburn Club's Freshman Sendoff in July.

Cullman's Matt Lee dominates opening day at MLF Bass Pro Tour Toyota Stage 6

Joe Opager
MLF

PLATTSBURGH, N.Y. — Normally on the Major League Fishing Bass Pro Tour when an angler breaks the 100-pound mark in a single day of competition, it's done with a large school or two of smallmouth bass. Thursday, at the Toyota Stage Six at Lake Champlain Presented by Googan Baits in Plattsburgh, New York, pro Matt Lee did it with largemouth.

Lee dominated Day 1 of the Group A Qualifying Round, catching 40 bass totaling 103 pounds, 5 ounces to give him a massive 55-pound, 6-ounce lead in Group A – the largest Day 1 lead ever held in Bass Pro Tour history. The six-day event, hosted by the Adirondack Coast Visitors Bureau and the City of Plattsburgh, features the top professional anglers from around the world competing for a purse of $805,000, including a top cash prize of $100,000 to the winner.

Behind Lee, in second place, is Berkley pro John Cox of DeBary, Florida, who boated 18 bass totaling 47-15. Rounding out the top three was General Tire pro Britt Myers of Lake Wylie, South Carolina, who caught 18 bass for 45-12 to end the day in third.

The 34 anglers in Group A will now have the day off on Friday, while the 39 anglers in Group B will begin their first day of competition. Group A will resume competition on Saturday.

"We still have a lot of derby ahead of us, but today was sick," Lee said in his postgame interview. "I have bass hand. Not even bass thumb – bass hand. It was unreal."

Lee said that he tried to target smallmouth early in the day, but when that plan fizzled he tried some of his largemouth areas and ran into what looks like the potential motherlode.

"I hit like four smallmouth places this morning and I could see them, but I couldn't get them to bite," the Cullman, Alabama pro said.

"I figured they had to be biting a topwater somewhere, soI ran around to a largemouth place that I had fished before and caught a 3-10, and when I was reeling it in there were like 10 with it.

"So, I sat right there in that 100- to 150-foot section of grass and flipped up 100 pounds worth of bass."

Lee said that he used just two setups on the day – his first bass came on a Lucky Craft Gunfish, and the rest came on a Texas-rigged Yamamoto Senko.

"I stayed in that same 75-yard stretch for five hours," Lee said.

"I went through some worms. The color didn't even matter. I was just flipping hydrilla in 12- to 15-feet, and it was juice money. I had so much fun.

"I've got one more day to go to win the round and I'm just going to put the hammer down and hopefully advance straight into the Championship Round."

Third-place angler Britt Myers chose another route to catch his 18 bass, mainly targeting smallmouth, although he did catch four largemouth as well.

"To be honest, Champlain was a little bit tougher than I thought it was going to be," Myers said. "I thought I'd have to catch 30 pounds just to be in the hunt for the Knockout Round, but I've almost solidified that today. If I can catch a few more fish on Saturday, I'm very confident that I'll make it in.

"The Duckett Baits swimbait was the key for me today – the 3.5-inch Real Thing Shad. I've been looking for an opportunity to use it and today when it was overcast, they really liked that swimbait. At the end of the day, I also caught a few on a special little secret bait that I've got in my pocket for Day 2. So, I'm looking forward to getting back out there."



MLF

Cullman's Matt Lee took a big lead on day one at Lake Champlain.

The top 20 pros in Group A after Day 1 on Lake Champlain are:

- 1st: Matt Lee, Cullman, Ala., 40 bass, 103-5
- 2nd: John Cox, DeBary, Fla., 18 bass, 47-15
- 3rd: Britt Myers, Lake Wylie, S.C., 18 bass, 45-12
- 4th: Scott Suggs, Alexander, Ark., 12 bass, 44-6
- 5th: Andy Montgomery, Blacksburg, S.C., 16 bass, 42-4
- 6th: Takahiro Omori, Tokyo, Japan, 14 bass, 40-8
- 7th: Edwin Evers, Talala, Okla., 13 bass, 39-15
- 8th: Shin Fukae, Osaka, Japan, 13 bass, 39-11
- 9th: Aaron Martens, Leeds, Ala., 14 bass, 38-10
- 10th: Dave Lefebre, Erie, Pa., 12 bass, 37-5
- 11th: James Elam, Tulsa, Okla., 12 bass, 36-12
- 12th: Ott DeFoe, Blaine, Tenn., 10 bass, 31-14
- 13th: Jason Lambert, Michie, Tenn., 12 bass, 31-13
- 14th: Gerald Spohrer, Gonzales, La., 10 bass, 30-9
- 15th: Bobby Lane, Lakeland, Fla., eight bass, 25-15
- 16th: Jacopo Gallelli, Florence, Italy, eight bass, 24-8
- 17th: Jared Lintner, Arroyo Grande, Calif., nine bass, 23-14
- 18th: Brent Chapman, Lake Quivira, Kan., seven bass, 22-4
- 19th: Bryan Thrift, Shelby, N.C., eight bass, 22-0
- 20th: Cliff Pace, Petal, Miss., seven bass, 19-13

6 Alabama players tabbed to Rotary Lombardi Award Watch List

Josh Maxson
UA Athletics

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – Alabama football had six total players selected to the Rotary Lombardi Award Watch List, the Rotary Club of Houston announced on Thursday morning. The list of Crimson Tide players includes Will Anderson Jr., Emil Ekiyor Jr., Christian Harris, Phidarian Mathis, Evan Neal and Henry To'oTo'o. The six players are among 80 student-athletes from across the country on the watch list for the Lombardi which is presented annually to the college football offensive or defensive lineman who, in addition to outstanding performance and ability, best exemplifies the character and discipline of NFL Hall of Famer Vince Lombardi. Alabama has had two Lombardi winners in program history including Cornelius Bennett (1986) and Jonathan Allen (2016).

WILL ANDERSON JR.
Linebacker, Sophomore

- An elite edge defender who made his presence known across college football in 2020
- Returns for his second season with the Crimson Tide after being selected as the Shaun Alexander-FWAA Freshman of the Year and earning multiple Freshman All-America honors a season ago
- Started every game as a freshman, totaling 52 tackles including 10.5 for loss (-52 yards) and seven sacks (-39 yards), to go with a forced fumble and team-high eight quarterback hurries
- Ranked third in the SEC in sacks and tackles for loss at season's end
- Applied 60 pressures (according to Pro Football Focus) through his 13 starts to lead the nation and more than double the next-closest freshman defender

EMIL EKIYOR JR.
Offensive Lineman, Redshirt Junior

- Won the starting job at right guard as a sophomore and started in all 13 games for the Crimson Tide last season
- Played 835 snaps in 2020, missing only one assignment and committing just one penalty
- Earned time in eight games of the 2019 campaign, working as a reserve guard
- Played in four contests as a true freshman and split time between guard and center
- Came to Tuscaloosa as the No. 1-rated player in Indiana and one of the nation's top center/guard combos in his recruiting class

CHRISTIAN HARRIS
Linebacker, Junior

- Looking to etch his name on the Tide's list of standout linebackers now in his junior season
- Earned Freshman All-America honors in 2019 and retained his starting role in 2020, finishing second on the Tide defense in tackles with 79
- Totaled seven tackles for loss (-31 yards) and 4.5 sacks (-28 yards) while adding six quarterback hurries, two pass breakups and an interception in 2020
- Selected to the Freshman All-SEC Team to go with his Freshman All-America honors in 2019 after playing in all 13 games with 12 starts
- Led the SEC's first-year defenders in tackles for loss at 7.5 (-14 yards) as part of his 63 tackles that finished seventh among the league's freshmen

PHIDARIAN MATHIS
Defensive Lineman, Redshirt Senior

- One of the leaders on the Tide defense who has played in 40 career contests with eight starts to his name entering the 2021 campaign
- Put together a standout junior season, totaling 31 tackles with five for loss (-10 yards) and 1.5 sacks (-6 yards)
- Added three quarterback pressures, three pass breakups and one forced fumble to his 2020 totals
- Racked up 27 tackles, including half a stop for loss, to go with two quarterback hurries and a forced fumble across his 12 games of action and two starts as a sophomore
- Played in all 15 games as a freshman, recording 18 tackles and a fumble recovery on his way to SEC All-Freshman Team honors in 2018

EVAN NEAL
Offensive Lineman, Junior

- Has proven to be one of the Tide's top lineman from day one, starting every game since stepping foot on campus in 2019
- Started at right tackle as a sophomore after beginning his career at left guard
- Played 810 snaps with just six missed assignments and three penalties a season ago
- Credited with 1.5 sacks allowed while surrendering just four quarterback hurries and three pressures in 2020
- Totaled 13 starts in his first season on the way to Freshman All-America accolades from multiple outlets to go with a spot on the Freshman All-SEC Team

HENRY TO'OTO'O
Linebacker, Junior

- A transfer from Tennessee who looks to earn a starting spot in the middle of the Tide defense in 2021
- Excelled in his two seasons in Knoxville, playing in 23 games with 22 starts
- Led the Vols in tackles as a sophomore with 76, including 10 for loss (-25 yards) and one sack (-4 yards), while adding one interception to go with a pair of quarterback hurries and pass breakups
- Made an impact in his first collegiate season, earning Freshman All-America recognition from multiple outlets thanks to his 72 tackles which ranked second among SEC freshmen and fourth across all Division I rookies
- Signed with UT as a top-50 recruit and one of the top linebacker prospects in the country

The Lombardi Award has been presented annually since 1970 and was established by the Rotary Club of Houston following Coach Vince Lombardi's death. The net proceeds from the award's activities are contributed to Cancer Research and specifically the American Cancer Society's programs. Four finalists for the 2021 Lombardi Award will be announced on Nov. 9 with the winner being named at an award ceremony in Houston, Texas, on Dec. 8.

365 AMERICAN JOY-GIVERS for 2021: The I Can Do Anything Better Birthday Party

Ben South
Tribune Columnist



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"Anything you can do, I can do better. I can do anything better than you...No, you can't... Yes, I can. No, you can't. Yes, I can. No, you can't! YES, I CAN! YES, I CAN!"

"Anything You Can Do (I Can Do Better)" is a show tune composed by the great songwriter, Irving Berlin, who we recently celebrated in this series on "American Joy-givers."

The song was an instant hit for the 1946 Broadway musical, "Annie Get Your Gun." It is a duet with one singer attempting to out-do the other in increasingly complicated tasks. In the musical, "Anything You Can Do (I Can Do Better)" sets the scene for the sharpshooting contest between Annie Oakley and her love interest/competitor, Frank Butler.

JOIN US...

You feel the joy as you stroll into The National Annie Oakley Center at Garst Museum in her hometown, Greenville, Ohio. This is our destination for "The I Can Do Anything Better Birthday Party." You may be surprised to learn that Annie's true personality was different from the stage and screen tomboy of "Annie Get Your Gun." She was a petite lady who loved lace, fine silver, beautiful furnishings and elegant clothing. However, she was blessed with great athleticism and daring. She could do many things better than most.

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 JOY-GIVERS CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK:

Aug. 7—GARRISON KEILLOR can do prairie storytelling better than anyone. The author, storyteller, humorist, voice actor and media personality created the National Public Radio hit show, "Prairie Home Companion," and hosted the weekly broadcasts for more than four decades. He is a Grammy winner, a Peabody Award winner and recipient of honors from both the American Academy of Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities. In 2007, he was given the John Steinbeck Award which honors "the spirit of Steinbeck's empathy, commitment to democratic values and belief in the dignity of the common man." He was also inducted into the National Radio Hall of Fame.

Aug. 8—ESTHER WILLIAMS could do movie "aquamusicals" better than anyone. She was known as the "Million Dollar Mermaid" for a series of movies in the 1940s and early 1950s which featured elaborate performances with synchronized swimming and diving. She has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame.

Aug. 9—BETTY BOOP can do cartoon flirtation better than anyone. She made her first appearance Aug. 9, 1930, in the animated cartoon, "Dizzy Dishes." A caricature of the Jazz Age flapper, she was described as: "combining the childish with the sophisticated...a large, round babyface with big eyes and a button nose, framed with a careful coiffure and born to flirt." Betty Boop was the creation of artist Max Fleischer, with other animators including Grim Natwick. She was featured in 90 theatrical cartoons between 1930 and 1939.

Aug. 10—JIMMY DEAN could hawk sausage while singing country music better than anyone. The singer, television host, actor and businessman was a distant cousin of the actor, another American joy-giver, James Dean. Jimmy was the creator of the Jimmy Dean sausage brand, as well as the spokesman for its television commercials. He rose to fame for his rendition of the song, "Big Bad John." His hit television variety show, "The Jimmy Dean Show," gave Muppeteer Jim Henson his first national attention. Jimmy Dean acted the role of billionaire Willard Whyte in the "James Bond" movie "Diamonds Are Forever."

Aug. 11—HULK HOGAN could out-wrestle any other professional wrestler better than anyone. Hulk is the ring name of the athletic showman, Terry Eugene Bollea. He is the most recognized wrestler in the world. The World Wrestling Federation (WWF) credits Hulk Hogan with his heroic all-American persona for ushering in the 1980s professional wrestling boom. He headlined eight of the first nine editions of the WWF's flagship annual events known as "Wrestlemania." He is in the International Professional Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Aug. 12—PETE SAMPRAS could win more tennis titles than anyone. The Greek American professional won 14 Grand Slams, 7 Wimbledons, 2 Australian Opens and 5 U.S. Opens. He won 64 singles titles in total. He is a right-handed player with a single-handed backhand. His precise and powerful serve earned him the nickname of "Pistol Pete." He was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame.

Aug. 13—ANNIE OAKLEY could hit a bull's-eye target better than anyone. She was the sharp-shooting star of "Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show," and a genuine, bonafide American heroine. Ms. Oakley (born Phoebe Ann Mosey) developed her hunting skill to help feed her impoverished Ohio family. At 15, she won a shooting contest against celebrated marksman Frank E. Butler, who she later married. The wedded couple joined Buffalo Bill in 1885 and performed for U.S. Presidents and royals in Europe. Audiences were astounded to see her shooting a cigar from her husband's lips or splitting a deck of playing-cards edge-on at 30 paces. Her stage acts were filmed by Thomas Edison. A stage musical, "Annie Get Your Gun" was based on her colonial life and was later made into a hit movie.

COMMENTS OVERHEARD AT "THE I CAN DO ANYTHING BETTER BIRTHDAY PARTY:"

"That's the news from Lake Woebegon, where all the women are strong, all the men are good-looking and all the children are above average."—Garrison Keillor

"No one had ever done a swimming movie before, so we just made it up as we went along."—Esther Williams

"Today is a new day, so laugh at the past, live for today and look forward to the future."—Betty Boop

"You gotta try your luck at least once a day, because you could be going around lucky all day and not know it."—Jimmy Dean

"Whatcha gonna do when Hulkamania runs wild on your ass!"—Hulk Hogan

"I let my racket do the talking. That's what I am all about, really. I just go out and win tennis matches."—Pete Sampras

"I ain't afraid to love a man. I ain't afraid to shoot 'em either."—Annie Oakley

"Anyone who thinks sitting in church can make you a Christian must also think sitting in a garage can make you a car."—Garrison Keillor

"I was all in gold sequins for 'Million Dollar Mermaid'—50 feet in the air."—Esther Williams

"Always make time to make some sweet music with your sweetie pie."—Betty Boop

"I went further on less talent than anyone, but I was a damned good entertainer."—Jimmy Dean

"I love to give the fans what they want. They're what I miss most when I'm not wrestling. That time in the ring is like being in heaven for me."—Hulk Hogan

"It's one-on-one out there. There ain't no hiding. I can't pass the ball."—Pete Sampras

"I would like to see every woman know how to handle guns as naturally as they know how to handle babies."—Annie Oakley

"I believe in looking reality straight in the eye and denying it."—Garrison Keillor

"The wisdom acquired with the passage of time is useless unless you share it."—Esther Williams

"There are plenty of fish in the sea. Be sure you hook the right one."—Betty Boop

"I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination."—Jimmy Dean

"Wrestlers are the greatest athletes in the world without a doubt."—Hulk Hogan

"A champion is supposed to hate to lose, and it wasn't like I was ever crazy about the idea."—Pete Sampras

"I hate to lose, and I do whatever I can to win and it it's ugly, it's ugly."—Pete Sampras

"God intended for women to be outside as well as men, and they don't know what they are missing when they stay cooped up in the house."—Annie Oakley

"The most un-American thing you can say is, 'You can't say that.'"—Garrison Keillor

"She was barely a teenager, when I worked with Elizabeth Taylor, but she was already more beautiful and more voluptuous than Miss America...With that superstructure of hers, she floated just fine. What she couldn't do was sink."—Esther Williams

"To avoid criticism, say nothing, do nothing, be nothing."—Betty Boop

"Being a Baptist won't keep you from sinning, but it'll sure as hell keep you from enjoying it."—Jimmy Dean

"Wrestling needs to be about the art form, again. It needs to be about painting a picture and having a really good match."—Hulk Hogan

"I didn't have a big fat Greek wedding, but I have a lot of fat Greek friends."—Pete Sampras

"Aim for the high mark and you will hit it. No, not the first time, not the second time and maybe not the third. But keep on aiming and keep on shooting for only practice will make you perfect. Finally, you'll hit the bull's-eye of success."—Annie Oakley

"Sex is good, but not as good as sweet corn."—Garrison Keillor

"It appeared as if I had invited the audience into the water with me, and it conveyed the sensation that being there was absolutely delicious."—Esther Williams

"Don't let a day sail by without giving someone your sweet hugging."—Betty Boop

"When I was a kid, I used to think, 'Man, if I could afford all the ice cream I want to eat, that's as rich as I ever want to be."—Jimmy Dean

"Train. Say your prayers. Eat your vitamins."—Hulk Hogan

THE MENU FOR "THE I CAN DO ANYTHING BETTER BIRTHDAY PARTY:"

APPETIZER—Esther Williams Poolside Fruit Dip (thecreativebite.com)

SALAD—Pete Sampras Greek Island (allrecipes.com)

ENTRÉE—Hulk Hogan Open-Faced Hoagies (cooks.com)

SIDE DISH—Jimmy Dean Sausage and Spinach Risotto (yummly.com)

BREAD—Garrison Keillor Powdermilk Biscuits (foodnetwork.com)

BEVERAGE—Betty Boop Blackberry Cocktails (see below)

DESSERT—Annie Oakley Bull's-Eye Cookies (marthastewart.com)

ONE TO GROW ON—"WHO WAS ANNIE OAKLEY?" is part of the "Who Was" biography series aimed at the 8-12 year old crowd. There are 195 books in this new-ish series at just $3.99 per bio. How about sharing your enthusiasm for other American joy-givers: Sacagawea? Albert Einstein? Benjamin Franklin? Helen Keller? Mark Twain?...

For entertainment at "The I Can Do Anything Better Birthday Party," Jimmy Dean hosted a variety show interviewing each of the attendees.

Garrison Keillor told some fun stories set in the fictional town, Lake Woebegon, which he created, and the radio storyteller shared some favorite jokes from "A PRARIE HOME COMPANION: PRETTY GOOD JOKE BOOK," including this one:

"A man who lived in a block of apartments thought it was raining and put his hand out the window to check. Just as he did this, a glass eye fell into his hand. He looked up to see where it came from and saw a young woman looking down from an upstairs window. 'Is this yours?' he asked...She said, "Yes, could you bring it up?"... When he got to her apartment, he found she was extremely attractive, and she offered him a drink.

After they'd finished their drinks, she said, "I've had a marvelous evening. Would you like to stay the night?" The man hesitated, then said, "Wow, do you act like this with every man you meet?"... "No," she replied, "only those who catch my eye."

Annie Oakley thanked everyone for coming to Ohio and the museum, then she started the singing of "Anything You Can Do (I Can Do Better)" with this new lyric: "Any party you can host, I can host happier."

Esther Williams sang, "Any pool you can swim, I can swim lovelier." Hulk Hogan sang, "Any hold you can make, I can make stronger." Betty Boop sang, "Any sugar you can give, I can give sweeter."

Jimmy Dean sang, "Any sausage you can fry, I can fry tastier." Garrison Keillor sang, "Any story you can tell, I can tell funnier." Pete Sampras sang, "Any serve you can serve, I can serve faster."

And, these American joy-givers all joined in a hardy chorus affirming each other: YES, YOU CAN! YES, YOU CAN!! YES, YOU CAN!!!

BETTY BOOP BLACKBERRY COCKTAIL
(source: chilledmagazine.com)

INGREDIENTS
- 2 ounces gin
- ½ ounce elderflower liqueur
- ½ ounce simple syrup
- 4 blackberries
- 1 raspberry

INSTRUCTIONS
Muddle 2 blackberries and 1 raspberry. Add ice, shake and double strain into a Martini glass. Garnish with 2 blackberries on a spike.



EDUCATION

FirstBank Mortgage donates $2,000 in scholarships to Cullman families

Madi Lutz
FirstBank Mortgage

CULLMAN, Ala. — FirstBank mortgage banker Brandon Snider has awarded $2,000 in scholarships to two Cullman-area families as part of the FirstBank 2020 Next Generation Mortgage Scholarship program.

In total, 160 families across Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky and Tennessee received $1,000 scholarships for a total of $160,000 awarded as part of the Next Generation Scholarship this year.

All FirstBank Mortgage customers who closed a mortgage loan in 2020 were automatically entered in a drawing for a $1,000 scholarship for a child, stepchild, adopted child or foster child living at home.

This year's recipients were selected by local FirstBank mortgage bankers who drew one name for every 50 loans they closed.

"Through the Next Generation Mortgage Scholarship program, we are able to provide financial support to the families of students looking to take that next step in their education," said Wib Evans, president of FirstBank Ventures, which includes FirstBank Mortgage.

"We have always been committed to serving our community and helping others meet their financial and educational goals, and this scholarship is a crucial part of investing in our community's future leaders."

The 2020 Cullman-area winners are Tracy Jackson and Kevin Gentry.

"We recognize that 2020 has been a difficult year for students as they made the transition to virtual learning and lost valuable time in the classroom," said Lee Townsend, director of Retail Mortgage Lending at FirstBank Mortgage. "At FirstBank, we're dedicated to taking our work in the community beyond financial services to prioritize investing in education for future generations, and we want to continue to help students meet their educational goals.

"Vice Chairman Jim Ayers built FirstBank upon the idea of helping people get to a better place, and we're proud of the impact the Next Generation Mortgage Scholarship program has had on members of our community, especially this year," he said.

This year's scholarship program is open to qualifying FirstBank Mortgage customers in Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky and Tennessee who close a mortgage between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31. Those customers will be entered into the following year's drawing.

Learn more about FirstBank Mortgage at https://fbmortgageloans.com/.



FIRSTBANK MORTGAGE
The Gentry family

Obituary Announcements: Aug. 6

Shirley Lucille Wagner, 72, of Cullman
Memorial service for Shirley Lucille Wagner, 72, of Cullman, Alabama will be planned and announced at a later date. Mrs. Wagner was born Jan. 31, 1949, to Charles Freeborn Lang, Sr. and Shirley Louise Henry Lang. She passed from this life Aug. 4. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband: Edward William Wagner; brother: Charles Freeborn Lang, Jr. and a great-grandchild: Lex. Mrs. Wagner is survived by her son: Charles Lawrence Gilbert; two daughters: Reba Lynn (Ken) Ravek and Gina Renee Wali; brother: Michael Edward Lewis Lang; sisters: Elizabeth Mason, Cynthia Sue Ohaver, Valerie Armstrong, Michelle Renee Dahl and Shawn Denise Rogers; grandchildren: William, Desiree, Nathan, John, Teresa, Morena, Anthony, Sabrina, Andrew, Megan and Caleb and great-grandchildren: Alan, Kholee, Nathaniel, Ave and Jalynn. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Wagner family. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Emerson Clarke "E.C." Alston, Jr., 87, of Addison
Emerson Clarke "E.C." Alston, Jr., 87, of Addison, Alabama died from liver cancer Thursday, Aug. 5, at his home surrounded by his loving family. E.C. was born July 17, 1934, in Addison, Alabama. He was a member of Sardis Baptist Church No. 2. E.C. was a Navy veteran of the Korean War and was a minesweeper in the Navy. He was a member of the Freemasons for many years. One of his biggest delights was his years of coaching football at Lynn High School. E.C. served as principal at Falkville High School from 1965 – 1967. He was in insurance sales until his retirement. Visitation will be held Saturday, Aug. 7, from noon – 2 p.m. at Sardis Baptist Church No. 2 in Addison, where services will be held at 2 p.m. Brother William McClellan will officiate. Burial will follow in the adjoining cemetery. E.C. is survived by his wife: Regina "Reggie" Plyer Alston; his children: Paula (Joe) Alston Hardin, Anita (Larry) Kilpatrick and Kevin (Roxanne) Alston; grandchildren: Rob Clemmons, Hannah Hardin Witt, Haley Hardin Roberts, Riley Kilpatrick, Connor Kilpatrick and Michelle Drucker and great-grandchildren: Landon Terry, Rhett Roberts, Tyde Witt and Saban Witt. He was preceded in death by his first wife: Nelda June Butler Alston and parents: Emerson Clarke and Lizabelle Dewberry Alston. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Sardis Baptist Church No. 2 at 3789 Sardis Airport Road, Addison, AL 35540. Memories and condolences may be shared at www.nicholsfuneralhomes.com

Wendell Keith Crumbley, 63, of Cullman
Memorial Service for Wendell Keith Crumbley, 63, of Cullman, Alabama will be 2 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 8, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends from 12:30-2 p.m. prior to the service. Rev. Bruce Abbott will officiate the service. Keith was born April 3, 1958, to Jerald Ray and Verley Elizabeth Buchanan Crumbley. He passed from this life on Aug. 6, at his home. He was preceded in death by his parents; grandmother: Granny Buck and mother-in-law: Edna Byrd. Keith is survived by his wife of 42 years: Deborah Elaine Byrd Crumbley; son: Matthew Keith Crumbley; father-in-law: Alvin Byrd; brother: Mike (Sharon) Crumbley; sisters: Dean Hutchens, Annette (Kevin) Banks, Candi (Bruce) Abbott and Carol (Kim) Mosher; sister-in-law: Melissa (Phil) Earp; grandchildren: Julianne and Francis; two cats: Scooter and Boo and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Calvert Family. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com

William Richard "Bill" Calvert, 73, of Cullman
Memorial service for William Richard "Bill" Calvert, 73, of Cullman will be noon, Saturday, Aug.14, at the Welti Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. - noon prior to the service. The interment will follow in the adjoining cemetery. Reverend Jimmy Peyton will officiate the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Calvert family. Bill was born May 19, 1948, to Everett William and Jimmie Lou Clingan Calvert. He passed from this life Aug. 5, at his residence surrounded by family. He spent 20 years as a custodian at West Elementary School with the Cullman City Board of Education System. Bill served his country in the U.S. Army, loved woodworking and Alabama Football. He was preceded in death by his parents: Everett and Jimmy Lou Calvert and two infant brothers: Teddy and Junior. Bill is survived by his wife of 34 years: Hilda Mosteller Calvert; daughter: Jennifer Arrington and her husband Scottie; granddaughter: Brittany Arrington; grandson: Blake Arrington; great-granddaughter: Emmalyn Arrington; son: Clifford Calvert; brothers: Frank Calvert and Dennis (Lisa) Calvert; sister: Joyce (Craig) McConnell and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. The family request that masks be worn for the service. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Barbara Ann Pirkle, 75, of Cullman
Funeral service for Barbara Ann Pirkle, 75, of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with her beloved pastor Dr. David Chambers officiating and interment at Fellowship Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. prior to the service at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Pirkle passed away Thursday, Aug. 5, at Hanceville Nursing Home. She was born Oct. 2, 1945, to Eddie and Edna Steckman. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband: Rosco Pirkle; daughter: Barbara Bentley and sisters: Fay and Earnestine. Survivors include her daughter: Debbie (Keith) Keaton; grandchildren: Debra Bentley (Matt Cruce), David Bentley, Jessica (Jonathon) McKleroy, Kyle (Brooke) Keaton and Justin Keaton; great-grandchildren: Kyleigh Boatright, Eli Boatright, Dylan McKleroy, Alex McKleroy, Della Cruce, Lynnlee Cruce and Brylynn Keaton; sisters: Jane Baker and Carol Hurley; HNHR staff and Harmony Hill Girls; her Sunday school class and church family at First Baptist Church of Fairview a host of family and friends and former Avon customers. Pallbearers will be David Bentley, Kyle Keaton, Justin Keaton, Eli Boatright, Jonathon McKleroy and Matt Cruce. Honorary pallbearers will be Dylan and Alex McKleroy.

Krysta Joy Ballew, 48, of Cullman
Graveside service for Krysta Joy Ballew, 48, of Cullman, will be at 3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 9, at Antioch Baptist Cemetery with Dr. David Chambers officiating. Visitation will be from 1:30-2:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 9, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Ballew passed away Thursday, Aug. 5, at Cullman Regional. She was born Oct. 18, 1972, in Tuscaloosa, Alabama to Rip and Libby Meacham. Survivors include her husband: William "Bill" Lee Ballew; daughter: Adeline Ballew; parents; mother-in-law: Judy Ballew; sisters: Kathy (Jason) Calvert and Jamie (Rodney) Bennifeld and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Anthony Terrell Haynes, 65, of Huntsville
Anthony Terrell Haynes, 65, of Huntsville, passed away Aug. 4. He was born Nov. 11, 1955, in Cullman to Troy Eugene and Betty Sue Shedd Haynes. Mr. Haynes was the Senior Pastor at Covenant Life Revival Church. He was an engineer for many years and he liked to work with computers. Anthony enjoyed reading and he loved to travel. Mr. Haynes served our country honorable in the United States Air Force. Anthony also loved animals and would have taken every animal as a pet. Mr. Haynes was loved greatly, and he will be missed greatly. Mr. Haynes is preceded in death by his parents: Troy and Betty (Shedd) Haynes; grandparents: Peirson and Desmer (Earl) Haynes and Vinis and Dessie (Hale) Shedd and a host of uncles and aunts. He is survived by his wife: Sharon Kay (Oldaker) Haynes; sister: Sheila Hunt; uncle: Bobby Ray and Barbara Faye (Dobson) Shedd and a host of cousins and friends. Funeral services for Mr. Haynes are 2 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 8, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Dennis Ivy and Rev. Carl Malin officiating. Burial will follow in Roswell Creek Cemetery where Sam Phillips, Stanley Batemon, Ronnie Sparks, Carroll Skipworth, Jack Russell and Chris Shedd will serve as pallbearers. Friends may visit with the family Saturday evening, Aug. 7, here at the funeral home from 6-8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Anthony to the Diabetes Foundation or a Humane Society of your choice. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Haynes family.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Our summer of mini-vacations

Bill King
Tribune
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Over the last year-and-one-half, my family has not traveled much or far. Lately, we've traveled some and near. We've done what I call mini vacations.

One Saturday we spent the day in downtown Wetumpka. I liked the drive time. Wetumpka is only about 60 miles from Opelika. Wetumpka is enjoying a revival. No, not a church revival, but a town revival. Since Ben and Erin came to town, so has almost everyone else. Ben and Erin are hosts of the popular television show called "Home Town." Now they host a show called "Home Town Takeover." In the new show, they go to a town to renovate the entire town, or at least give it a facelift.

In September of 2020, they came to Wetumpka for a 4-month long project. I had been to Wetumpka before, but recently, Jean and I went back to see what they had done.

We strolled down the streets, browsed the shops, thought about lunch at Coach's, but couldn't get in, had lunch at Copper's, and desserts at the coffee shop and the toffee shop. We saw the house where the movie "Big Fish" was filmed. That night we watched the movie.

The movie was rather strange, but it was fun to see locations we had seen in person that day. I browsed inside Sweet Home Bookstore. I introduced the owner to my books, and you will find them in their "Local Authors" section soon. We drove across the beautiful bridge, and then looked at the town and the Coosa River from the other side. For those who saw the movie, I did not fish in the river with my golden ring. We drove out a couple of miles and toured Fort Toulouse. The original Fort was founded by the French, in 1717. It was a fun day, well spent.

We also made a day trip this summer to Newnan, Georgia. That too is about 60 miles from Opelika. We have visited Newnan numerous times. I love to eat at the late Louis Grizzard's favorite barbecue place, Sprayberry's. I usually get the Louis Grizzard special, and a fried peach pie for dessert. A great time to visit Newnan is the first Saturday of the month, April through December. That is when they have their "First Saturday on the Square." On that day, all around the courthouse square, visitors can shop for arts and crafts items, vegetables, honey, and other nutritious foods like fried pies, peanut brittle, and caramel corn. There is also Pickin' on the Square. No, not corn picking, but guitar picking...or banjo, mandolin, bass, fiddle, etc. Well, actually, you don't pick a fiddle, but you know what I mean. Pickers usually arrive around 10:00 and pick until their fingers get sore. Anyone who plays or sings can join in...without audition! There is actually no definite time for the music to begin or end, however, there is definitely a specific time for the overall event. I remind you it is called, "First Saturday on the Square." On our most recent trip, I noticed the strangest thing when we got to the square. Nobody was there...no vendors, no pickers, no lookers, no one. I said to Jean, "Today is Saturday, isn't it?" She replied, "It is, but isn't the festival on the first Saturday of the month?" Do you know that July 10th is never the first Saturday of the month? I do too, now! What was I thinking? Or not? The day wasn't wasted. We strolled the square and had lunch at The Redneck Gourmet. I felt right at home!

An old adage says, "Look before you leap." I might add, check the calendar before you go!

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: 1936, 1950

From the Files of 1936

The August Dahlke residence, nine miles from Cullman on the Jasper Highway, burned around 6:30 a.m. on Saturday.

Alton Perdue's chicken house burned on Saturday with a loss of 200 baby chickens.

When Bobby Scofiled of Joppa returned to his stalled car on Ryan Mountain on Monday, he discovered that his vehicle had burned.

Miss Nellie Sewell's Dodge Coupe caught on fire about 6:25 on Sunday evening in her garage. The vehicle was saved.

Firemen extinquished a blaze at G.W. Ponder Apartments around noon on Saturday.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. Jepp Craft at Fairview was totally destroyed by fire about 5:30 a.m. on Tuesday. Their son-in-law, Alvin Cash discovered the fire when he arrived to feed the stock. Mr. Craft was ill in bed following a serious operation.

H.C. Bahr sold the first crate of 1950 strawberries to Fred Peinhardt for $10.00. Oscar Richter also sold a crate later that day for $8.00.

William Emmett Creel, 46, died at his Joppa residence on April 12. Funeral services were held on April 13 at Welcome.

Hospital patients include: Billy Dowda, Mesdames Madison Hicks, J.A. England, C.E. Shugart and Miss Bonnie Daniel.

Governor James E. Folsom will be in Cullman County on Tuesday for stops at Holly Pond, West Point and Hanceville.

Rex Sutton, Othel Horsley, Roy Cooley, Billy Ray Stewart and Walter Principle, J.S. Pearce spent Saturday in Tuscaloosa.

Melvin Maze of New Harmony has purchased a new tractor.

Mrs. Clen Denton of Upshaw visited the E.P. Lakers on Saturday afternoon at Piney Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Waters have twins born on April 7. The names are Sondra Ann and Michael David. Mrs. Waters is the former Mary Anna Geisen.

Visiting for several weeks with their parents, the J.T. Hamrick's are Doctor and Mrs. Edwin (Aline) Eastham of Front Royal, Virginia and children, Butch and Linda. Sergeant Charles Hamrick also visited last weekend.

POET'S CORNER

Foot Music | By: Randy Hale

I know my daughters by their walk, the
speed, and cadence of their feet.

The oldest moves like a squirrel,
bringing incentive and animation.

My second steps are more like a cat,
scrupulous and silent.

Into sight as a bird
on a clear day comes the third.

I also know the grandchildren,
and they are as different as fingerprints,

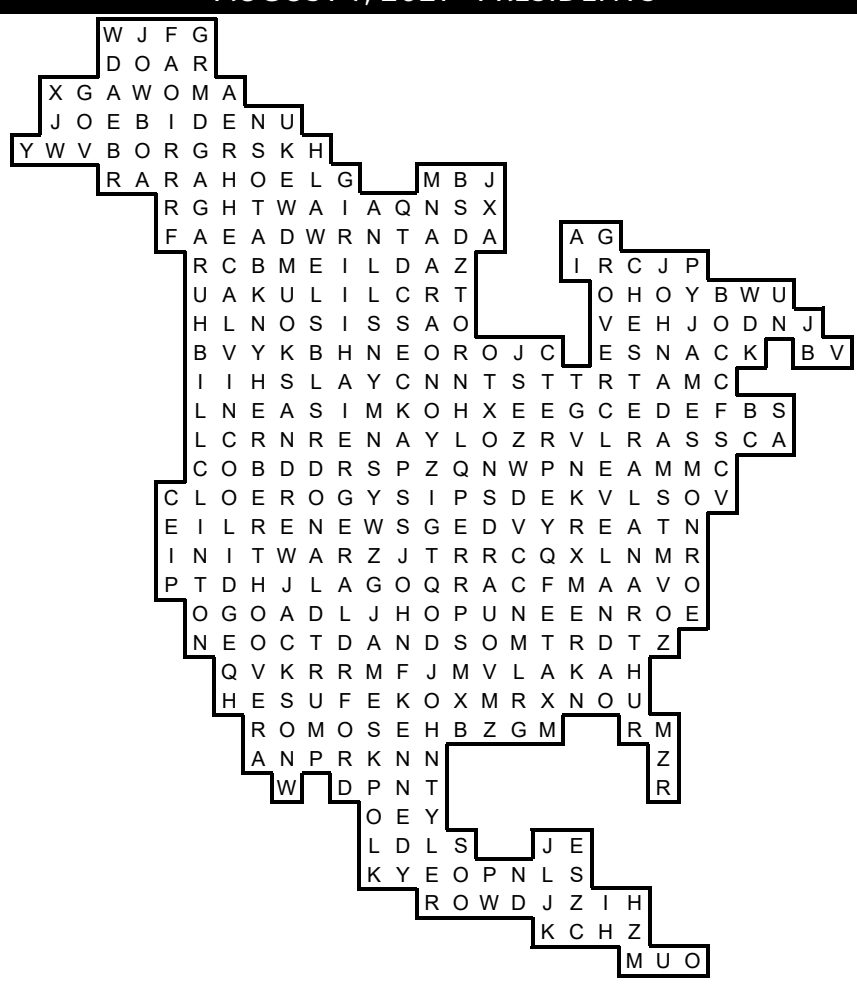
the boys like horses clopping, and
here comes my granddaughter with
music in her toes.

I almost hear my own feet
from decades ago.



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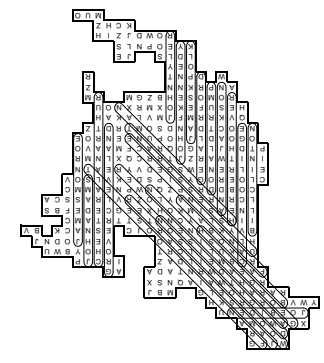
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– MILITARY –

On Duty: Sergeant Jacob Grey

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Sergeant Jacob "Jake" Grey currently serves in the United States Marine Corp as a machine-gunner. He is the son of Jeff and Jenny Grey of Cullman, and is also a 2016 graduate of St. Bernard Prep.

Grey joined the Marines in 2017 and left for boot camp at Parris Island that September. After graduating from boot camp in January 2018, he was stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. In March 2019, Grey was deployed to Norway. He is currently deployed in the Middle East.



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