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PREP BASKETBALL

'Cats rally to top Hazel Green 57-48, advance to Regional Finals

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Cullman Bearcats were back in action Friday afternoon at Tom Drake Coliseum, battling Hazel Green for a spot in the Northwest Regional Finals. It was a rocky first half for the black & gold and they trailed the Trojans 27-25 at the break, but they adjusted on both ends in the second half and rallied to top Hazel Green 57-48. With the win, the Bearcats will advance to the Elite 8 for just the third time in school history.

Tucker Cagle drained a jumper from the top of the key to tie the game at 2 at the start of the opening period and Tucker Gambrill finished an and-one play at the line on the next possession to put Cullman in front 5-4. Max Gambrill drilled a three to keep the 'Cats ahead 8-6 and Garrison Sharpe dropped in a running floater midway through the first to make it 10-8. However, the Trojans made things difficult the rest of the period, creating turnovers, outrebounding the Bearcats and pulling ahead 21-13 by the end of the first quarter. » PAGE 7



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The Bearcats celebrate after defeating Hazel Green Friday and advancing to the Northwest Regional Finals.

'Don't listen to everyone telling you that you can't do it, because you can'

Young couple Jager Burns and Destiny Jones share their parenting story



DESTINY JONES

Good Hope's Jager Burns and Destiny Jones

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — There are a lot of inspirational stories you can find in high school sports, from special needs kids playing in sporting events, to people helping out others who are dealing with a lot in their lives right now. Imagine, though, becoming a parent the same week you're about to play a playoff game against the No. » PAGE 4

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Feb. 18

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Feb. 18, 2022. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Feb. 14

- domestic violence; CR 1212
- sell/distribute drugs; unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 654
- illegal possession of prescription drugs; Beech Ave. SE
- theft of property; CR 1728
- assault; menacing; CR 437
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1544
- harassment; CR 1379
- criminal mischief; CR 1711
- harassment; CR 1320
- domestic violence; CR 556
- theft of property; CR 1223

Feb. 15

- burglary; CR 1270
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of marijuana; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Welcome Rd.
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 702
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; 2nd Ave. NW
- domestic violence; CR 1763
- theft of property; CR 8
- assault; High School Rd.
- trespassing; CR 509
- theft of property; CR 222
- theft of property; CR 847

Feb. 16

- theft of property; CR 1141
- domestic violence; CR 1408
- attempt to elude police officer; possession of brass knuckles; Olive St. SW
- violation of protection order; Colony Rd.
- harassment; CR 52
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278 W
- domestic violence; CR 1490
- unlawful possession of marijuana; CR 1228
- harassment; Schwaiger Rd.

ARRESTS

Feb. 14 – 16

Banks, Doris A.; 52
- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Bates, Jeremy C.; 49
- burglary-residence-force

Beverly, Chandler F.; 20
- FTA- attempt to commit controlled substance crime
- possession of amphetamine
- sell/distribute marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Bradford, Daniel L.; 34
- probation violation-smuggling-promote prison contraband

Burns, Jeffery J.; 45
- probation violation- larceny/theft- second-dree theft of property $1,500 - $2,500

Carden, Cameron D.; 26
- Grand Jury- damaged property-destruction of property by prisoner

Champion, Jennifer L.; 38
- FTA- driving while license suspended
- FTA- improper lane usage
- FTA- operating vehicle without insurance

Clay, Cody L.; 33
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- promote prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA- larceny/theft- second-degree theft of property $1,500 - $2,500

Cox Jr., Larry W.; 57
- Grand Jury- using false identity to avoid arrest/hinder prosecution
- Grand Jury- giving false identification to law enforcement
- Grand Jury- buying/receiving stolen property $1,500 or more

Cummings, Tammy J.; 55
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- second-degree possession of marijuana

Davis, Jessica C.; 39
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Dowdle, James F.; 39
- possession of methamphetamine

Duncan, Stephanie L.; 46
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- FTA- criminal trespass

Eason, Gary J. S.; 27
- attempting to elude police officer
- weapons-carrying brass knuckles/sling shot

Farley, Hannah A.; 25
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Franklin, Shana Rachelle D.; 25
- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Gray, Casey A.; 26
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Green, David W.; 32
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Hill, Donald E.; 36
- FTA- driving while license suspended (2 counts)

Holland, Pennie D.; 19
- public intoxication

Holmes, Sheena D.; 38
- assault-aggravated assault-domestic-menacing-strong arm
- assault-simple assault

Hopper, Derrick E.; 35
- burglary-residence-force

Hughes, Melissa D.; 40
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence

Hurd, Joshua L.; 35
- sex offense- enticing child immoral purpose-girl
- sex offense- force
- sex offense- incest with minor
- sex offense- second-degree sexual abuse more than 15 years older than the victim
- sex offense- statutory rape

Hutson, Logan Ryan W.; 21
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- second-degree possession of marijuana

Jenkins, Jerry T.; 26
- FTA- resident license-freshwater fishing
- probation violation- illegal possession/use of credit/debit card
- probation violation-buying/receiving stolen property

Johnson, Troy D. J.; 20
- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Kendall, Kirk A.; 21
- Grand Jury- electronic solicitation of a child
- Grand Jury- enticing child immoral purpose-girl
- Grand Jury- traveling to meet a child for an unlawful sex act
- Grand Jury- sexual contact-no consent or 12-16 years of age

Kuykendall, Brian M.; 33
- Grand Jury- obscenity-production of pornography with minors
- Grand Jury- possession of child pornography

Layfield, Christina A.; 40
- negotiating worthless instrument

Malcom, Rodney; 54
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

McGinnis, Michael L.; 41
- Grand Jury- possession of child pornography

Miller, Tabitha J.; 32
- FTA- operating vehicle without insurance

Myers, Nathan J.; 20
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Oden, Cary J.; 26
- Grand Jury- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- Grand Jury- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft
- Grand Jury- receiving stolen vehicles

Overton, Celina J.; 27
- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Parker, Angela M.; 37
- FTA- 20 days to register vehicle
- FTA- improper lights
- FTA- operating vehicle with improper tires
- FTA- operating vehicle without insurance

Samsill, Courtney L.; 33
- FTA- DUI (alcohol)

Shelton, Savannah R.; 28
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Sparkman, Dustin R.; 45
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Twilley, Allyson Claire R.; 23
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Watson, Zebary Cameron R.; 31
- Grand Jury- burglary-second-degree burglary-domestic violence
- Grand Jury- burglary-residence-force
- Grany Jury- third-degree domestic violence

Whitlock, Corey D.; 46
- FTA- driving while license suspended (2 counts)

Wren, James K.; 59
- second-degree possession of marijuana

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Feb. 15
- leaving scene of accident; person; St. Joseph St. NW

Feb. 17
- fourth-degree theft by deception; person; cash; $500
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; third-degree criminal mischief; Cullman Church of Christ; Hwy. 157; catalytic converter; damaged property; $1,200
- third-degree theft of property; Marvin's; Hwy. 157; welder; $650

ARRESTS

Feb. 16

Killion, Kyle A.; 42
- Grand Jury- first-degree sexual abuse

Green, Charles K.; 31
- FTA- attempt to elude police officer
- FTA- unauthorized use of motor vehicle

Fitzgerald II, Alan R.; 41
- FTA- reckless endangerment
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- false information to law enforcement
- FTA- attempt to elude police officer

Feb. 17

Patterson Jr., John R.; 26
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Gutasfon, Jessica M.; 31
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Parker, Angela D.; 36
- Grand Jury- first-degree possession forged instrument

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Friday, Feb. 18, 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 Monday, Wednesday and Friday; the Vaccine Distribution Dashboard will update Tuesday and Thursday 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 levels in their communities and the impact of COVID-19 in Alabama. The moving 7-day sum is updated 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)

- Positivity in tests in Alabama: 13.4%
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 387,457
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2021): 535,457
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2022): 348,541 (+3,206 since Wednesday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,187
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2021): 9,509
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2022) 1,181 (+126 since Wednesday)
- Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.: 9.6%
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2020): 7,562
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2021): 9,739
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2022): 6,878 (+66 since Wednesday)
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 128
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 188
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2022): 23 (+4 since Wednesday)
- Total tested in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 1,105
- Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 106
- Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 43,681
- Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 5,856
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 1,272

Vaccine details (updated Tuesday and Thursday)

- Doses delivered to Alabama: 8,689,335 No Updates Available
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 4,607,525 No Updates Available
- Doses administered: 5,809,713
- Additional doses administered: 748,146
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,835,843
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 2,308,015
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 4,081,810 No Updates Available

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.

Cullman Regional COVID-19 update, Feb. 17

On Feb. 17, Cullman Regional Medical Center released the following COVID update:

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

Cullman Regional Current Situation

- 37 COVID positive patients, two of whom are on a ventilator
- 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 socially distance.

COVID vaccine clinics

Vaccines for ages 12 and up

Cullman Regional's COVID vaccine clinic is located on the hospital's Mobile Unit in the parking area of Professional Office Building 3 on the east side of campus. This location is most easily accessed through the hospital's main entrance at the traffic light off Highway 157.

- Hours are Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. No Wednesday or Thursday appointments are available. When you arrive, please pull up to the mobile unit and a staff member will give you further instructions.
- Vaccines are by appointment only. To schedule a vaccine appointment visit: https://cullmanregional.com/cullman-regional-vaccination-clinics/?swcfpc=1.
- If no appointments are available, please check back the following day as we post additional appointment openings regularly.

Vaccines for ages 5-11

If you would like to schedule a COVID-19 vaccination for your child, you may schedule an appointment at Cullman Regional Medical Group – North by calling 256-735-5075. Online appointments are not accepted for children's vaccines. Appointments are available only on Fridays from 8 a.m. – noon. All children must have a parent or legal guardian with them to receive their vaccination.

Additional community locations providing vaccines

Pfizer
- CVS – Hanceville
- CVS – South Cullman
- Walgreens – North Cullman
- Walgreens – South Cullman

Moderna
- Borden Family Pharmacy
- CVS – North Cullman
- Heritage Pharmacy - Dodge City
- Heritage Pharmacy of Cullman
- McSwain's Pharmacy
- Medical Arts Apothecary
- Publix
- Specialty Pharmacy
- Village Discount
- Walmart – U.S. Highway 157
- Walmart South

Johnson & Johnson
- McSwain's Pharmacy
- Medical Arts Apothecary
- Specialty Pharmacy
- Village Discount
- Visiting Cullman Regional:

As a reminder, Cullman Regional upholds visitation restrictions in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines.

These restrictions include:

- All visitors must check-in and complete a temperature check at the front desk.
- Masks are required for employees and visitors regardless of vaccination status.
- Only one visitor is allowed per adult (16 or older) patient in all hospital departments except the Emergency Department*. (Two visitors allowed per minor patient ages 15 or younger.)
- 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.

***Emergency Department Restrictions**

- Due to the influx of COVID positive cases and out of an abundance of caution, no visitors are allowed in the Emergency Department. Limited exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis. In those limited exceptions, we will only allow (one) visitor/caregiver who will not be allowed to rotate with any other visitor during the patient's stay in the Emergency Department to limit unnecessary exposures. We appreciate your compliance with these regulations to keep our staff, patients and families safe.

Stay up to date on all of the information by following us on social media: Facebook, Instagram and Twitter or visit https://cullmanregional.com/coronavirus-2/ for more information.

Cullman Regional update courtesy Mary Beth Sellers

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 Street SE in Cullman
• Please wear a mask/face covering.

Baileyton Bargain Days
• First and third Saturday of each month from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the old Baileyton fire station next to the town's park
• Beauty and health products, toys, home goods, pet items, food and many everyday items
• A donation of $20 will allow a shopper to fill up a bag, and for $40 a shopper can fill a large box. Some of the items of greater value will require a larger donation. There will be some restrictions and product limits on the items. Cash and checks accepted.
• Proceeds will be used for park improvements and capital improvements for the town.

Alcoholics Anonymous
• The Grace of God group of Alcoholics Anonymous has open AA meetings (all are welcome) Monday and Thursday nights from 7-8 p.m. at the Carriage House, located next to Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE Cullman.
• Contact phone numbers: 256-347-1097, 256-841-2209 or 256-708-1340

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph 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.
• Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Small group classes for children, youth and adults at 10 a.m., 11 a.m.
• Sundays at 9 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Small group classes for adults, children and youth at 10 a.m. Praise and worship and message at 11 a.m.
• Mondays-Fridays- 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.
• 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.

Miércoles de Despensas
• 6-7 p.m. ler. miercoles del mes, En Su Tierra Cullman FUMC
• Despensas para la comunidad. No requiere ID. Entrega en su vehículo. Por favor use mascarilla.

Agriplex spring program schedule

Child and homeschool programs
• Feb. 24, 9 a.m.: Heritage Homeschool Terrariums / Watercycle: Join us as we cover the water cycle and put that knowledge to use in creating take home terrariums. $15 per student, no max per family.
• March 3, noon: Heritage Homeschool Secondary Spring Herbs for Your Health: We have an abundance of spring herbs popping up that can be useful to help spring clean our bodies. Instructor Paula Smith will share how to use herbs to help students feel their best and will have a hands-on salve making project. $15 per student, no family max.
• March 5, 9 a.m.: Farm Kids First Peas to the Table: Join us as we find out how Thomas Jefferson's garden is inspiring even the youngest gardeners today.
• March 8, 10:30 a.m.: Library Storytimes Five Senses at Guy Hunt Library Holly Pond. FREE
• March 11, 10 a.m.: Little Farmers Feathered Friends: Explore the world of birds with hands on fun as we learn how to bring birds to our own backyards.
• March 24: Heritage Homeschool Seed Starting: What does a seed need to grow? Find out as we learn all about how to grow our own vegetable transplants for the garden.

Adult programs
• March 8, 6 p.m.: Beginning Farmer & Rancher- Small Scale Vegetable Production: Learn which summer vegetables are the most profitable and learn the best practices for growing them. Registration required, contact Tony Glover at gloveta@aces.edu, or by phone 256-568-0005
• March 14, 6 p.m.: Living Landscapes Growing Shitake Mushrooms: Inoculate your own shitake mushroom log to take home and grow. $40 per person.
• March 16 noon: Lunch & Learn Growing Succulents: Bethany O'Rear will be here to talk about succulents. Free program, light lunch provided. Must call 256-297-1044 to register.
• March 22, 6 p.m.: Heritage Skills Growing & Using Gourds and Pumpkins: Katie Westmoreland will be here teaching us how to grow these useful cucurbits, avoid pests and diseases and also will be demonstrating how to use them in crafting recipes and more!

Register for programs at https://agriplex.org/WPtest/services/.

CASA volunteer training
• Cullman County CASA (court appointed special advocates) is looking for dedicated volunteers to speak up for abused and neglected children in foster care. They need YOUR VOICE! A training class will be beginning soon! For more information, please contact Candace Lingo at cullmancountycasa@msn.com.

Application deadline for Eightmile Creek Watershed
• The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service announced the deadline to submit applications for the National Water Quality Initiative. The deadline to apply is Friday, Feb. 25. Cullman NRCS is offering an opportunity for agricultural producers in Eightmile Creek watershed to apply for financial assistance to install conservation practices that protect water quality through NWQI.
• Eligible conservation practices through NWQI include those that promote soil health, reduce erosion, and lessen nutrient runoff, such as cover crops, reduced tillage, nutrient management and animal waste management systems.
• Cullman County producers located in the Eightmile Creek watershed interested in participating in NWQI and meet eligibility criteria should contact the Cullman NRCS office. Please phone the Cullman County NRCS office at 256-734-6471, ext. 3. Applications signed and submitted to NRCS by the Friday, Feb. 25, deadline will be evaluated for fiscal year 2022 funding.

T.O.P.S (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings
Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., at Cullman Housing Authority Community Center (1545 Vine Circle SW, Cullman, AL 35055). First meeting is free. TOPS, a national program, is a hands-on/pounds-off approach to weight loss and management through weekly meetings providing information, accountability, support and encouragement where you make the changes that make sense to you.

Cullman NAR-ANON Group Meetings
The NAR-ANON family group meetings are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. We offer Help by sharing our experiences, strength and hope. We carry the message of hope by letting others know that they are not alone by practicing the 12 Steps of NAR-ANON and changing our own attitudes. We Respect Your Anonymity. Our program is not a religious one, but a spiritual way of life. Meetings will be held at The Ruehl Building (family life center of St. John's Church) Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. Contact Jamie Weathersby Smith 256-708-7122 or Don or Nancy McKenzie 256-736-3327 or 256-736-3470 for more information.

Wallace State Fine and Performing Arts fall – spring performances

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee
• March 18-19, 7 p.m., March 20, 2 p.m.
• Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre
• Featuring Wallace State Theatre
• Info: 256-352-8277, jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu

Dazzle Me, Disney!
• April 7-9, 7 p.m.
• Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre
• Featuring the Wallace State Singers
• Info: 256-352-8277, jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu

Big Band Dance
• April 15, 7 p.m.
• Burrow Center for the Fine and Performing Arts
• Featuring the Wallace State Jazz Band
• Info: 256-352-8277, jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu

Dance Spring Showcase
• April 22, 7 p.m.
• Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre
• Featuring the Allegro Dance Theatre
• Info: 256-352-8277, jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu

Spring Under the Stars
• April 26, 7 p.m.
• Burrow Center for the Fine and Performing Arts (bring lawn chairs, blankets etc.)
• Featuring the Wallace State Concert Choir and Concert Band
• Info: 256-352-8277, jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu

Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation scholarship application open
Jan. 22 - March 4: The Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation District is now accepting applications for a $500 scholarship sponsored by the Alabama Conservation District Employees Association. Applicant must be a U. S. citizen, high school senior, and living in the State of Alabama. Deadline to receive completed applications in the district office is March 4. For more information, please contact Kathy Holmes at 256-734-1431 or at cullman@alconservationdistricts.org.

Cullman Community Theatre's "Arsenic and Old Lace"
Feb. 18-20: Cullman Community Theatre will present "Arsenic and Old Lace," a play by Joseph Kesselring, Friday, Feb. 18 – Sunday, Feb. 20 at Stone Bridge Farms. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. and the show will start at 7 p.m. To get your tickets, call 256-347-9109 or email noah.carpenter123@gmail.com.

Cullman County Natural Resources Planning Committee Tree sale
• Feb. 19: The Cullman County Natural Resources Planning Committee will be holding a tree sale Saturday, Feb. 19 at the North Alabama Agriplex, 1714 Tally Ho St., Cullman. The sale will begin at 8 a.m. - noon (or until all trees are sold).
• Trees are bare root seedlings and are $2 each. Ten tree and six shrub species will be available.
• All proceeds go toward the Cullman County Forestry Awareness Week Now school program for 6th graders and National FFA Organization Forestry judging contest.
• For more information on the tree sale, contact Kathy Holmes, Cullman County Conservation District, 256-734-1431, kholmes@cullmanswcd.com or Kira Sims, Cullman County Extension Office, 256-737-9386, klc0023@auburn.edu.

Pleasant View Singing
Feb. 20: Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church will have their regular third Sunday night singing Feb. 20, at 5 p.m. "2nd Mile" from Dekalb, Mississippi will be the guest singers. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information, call 256-796-5986.

Books & Brews
• Feb. 23: The Friends of the Libraries of Cullman County is hosting a book sale at Goat Island Brewery on Wednesday, Feb. 23 from 5-7 p.m.
• The event is free to attend, with books selling for 50 cents apiece. Chat and Chew Food Truck will also be on-site.

Fairview Lions Club Pancake Breakfast
Feb. 26: The Fairview Lions Club is having a pancake breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 26 from 7-10 a.m. at Fairview Town Hall, 7525 Alabama Highway 69 N. Plates will be $6, with both dine-in and carryout options available. All proceeds will go to the Fairview Lions Club projects fund. For more information, call Kita Chambers at 256-385-8805 or William Criscoe at 256-385-5596.

Valley Springs Baptist Church Youth Revival
• March 12-13: Beginning at 5 p.m. at Valley Springs Baptist Church (6979 County Road 437, Cullman). The evangelists will be Colin Long, Ethan Yarbrough, Clay Rollo and Kenny Shelton.
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5th Annual Hanceville Irish Festival
March 19: The 5th Annual Hanceville Irish Festival will take place Saturday, March 19 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., hosted by Snead's Farmhouse. Booth fees are $30 per booth. For more information about becoming a vendor Snead's Farmhouse at judysnead9522@gmail.com.

2022 Hanceville Grilled Cheese Festival
May 28; The Hanceville Grilled Cheese Festival is back for the second year! The festival will take place Saturday, May 28 starting at 9 a.m. Features will include vendors, food trucks, live music and plenty of activities for adults and kids alike. Most food trucks will feature their own signature grilled cheese. There will also be a grilled cheese cook-off. Follow them on Facebook for more information: https://www.facebook.com/events/265071822436868/.

Sale (from Front)

Sara Gladney
sara@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Friends of the Libraries of Cullman County will be hosting a Books and Brews book sale at Goat Island Brewing on Wednesday, Feb. 23 from 5-7 p.m. The books are donations that were made to the Cullman County Public Libraries and will be priced at 50¢ each. The Chat and Chew Food Truck will also be on-site. The proceeds will go toward funding events planned by The Friends of the Libraries of Cullman County.

A member of the group, Melissa Betts, said, "The funds will go back into the Friends of the Library. The Friends do all kinds of projects with those funds; anything from renovating spaces, new equipment or interactive things that we do with kids, especially during our summer programs."

Betts stated that the Friends of the Library decided to hold this event at Goat Island to encourage a wider net of people to be involved with Cullman County's Public Libraries. "We are really looking for ways to engage with people who maybe haven't been big users of the library. We want to get people in because there's lots of value to our library."

"We felt like this would be a more visible place for people to come, and we have lots of variety as far as books go, children, adults, everything in between. You might find collections of books. A lot of it is current. People donate books to the library all the time, and they only keep so many on their shelves, so these are not just outdated books that somebody is throwing away," she concluded.

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PREP BASEBALL

West Point's Folds signs with LaGrange College

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WEST POINT, Ala. — Thursday was a special day at West Point High School as friends, family, teachers, coaches, teammates and more packed themselves into the library to celebrate the next step in a fellow Warrior's athletic and academic. West Point baseball standout Eli Folds committed to play for LaGrange College earlier this month and officially signed his letter of intent to play for the Panthers Thursday morning. Folds will spend most of his time on the mound at LaGrange and Warriors Head Coach Drew Bryson is confident that he'll slide right into the rotation. Bryson has watched Folds develop since his freshman season and grow from someone who can eat a few innings to the ace on staff.

"He came on the scene as a freshman, and it was really because we just needed someone to come up and get some things done for us on the infield. He was great stepping up there for us and going into that summer we knew we needed to find some guys that could pitch," Bryson said. "We threw him out there at a summer camp down at UAB and he looked really good, and I thought, 'We need to run with this'. We wanted to develop him and really spend some time with him on the mound. Then he goes out there his sophomore year kind of slotted into that closer role and was really, really good. Then of course his junior year he came back and was just phenomenal for us. When Aubry (Cleghorn) went down he really stepped up as our ace on the staff and this year throughout the fall he's looked really good. We expect big things from him this year."

Folds has obviously developed the physical talent to play at the next level but what sets him apart from most high school athletes in Bryson's mind is his coachability.

"He is so coachable. That doesn't mean he's perfect or does everything right, but he gives great effort every single day. You can chew him, or you can pat him on the back it doesn't matter. He's unphased by that stuff and he's a tough kid. When you've got a guy that's a hard worker, coachable and tough, you've got something special," Bryson said. "He's going to be back there in the leadoff spot for us this year and we expect a lot of good things from him in that spot as well."

Eli got to know LaGrange and the coaches there over the course of a couple visits and he's looking forward to using their new facilities but he's also excited to join a program that has been winning at a high level.

"They were actually my first official visit. When I went there, they told me they were getting new facilities. When I first went there for a camp, they had a couple small things I didn't like but when I showed up for my official visit, Coach starting show me all this new stuff that they had brought in and were fixing up for the season," Folds said. "The facilities were really nice and when I had my talk with the coaches in the locker room, they were all just upbeat coaches and very excited about the year. They really gave me what I wanted which was a chance to go work for a spot and start as a freshman. They're very confident in the team, I think they've won the conference four years in a row now so I'm excited."



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

West Point's Eli Folds is joined by his father, Kevin Folds, his mother, Misty Folds and Coaches Drew Bryson and Tyler Morgan at his signing ceremony Thursday.

Folds has grown a great deal as a player over the last few years and has put in the work to earn this opportunity but more than anything else he credits his coaches for helping both him and his teammates become the best players they can be.

"Coach Bryson and Coach (Tyler) Morgan have put it on us to always work our hardest and you'll end up in good places. That's why we've had eight guys sign over the last few years. I'm glad that we've got those coaches to help us get there."

Eli's senior campaign at West Point will get underway Friday when the Warriors travel to take on Deshler in their season opener.

Story (from Front)

1 team in the state and not just keeping up with athletics and academics, but excelling in them. That was the case for Good Hope senior wide receiver Jager Burns, whose girlfriend, Destiny Jones, had their baby girl Blakely, on Nov. 16. The baby came three days before the Raiders were scheduled to take on top-ranked Madison Academy in the quarterfinals of the Class 4A state playoffs. Burns was also dealing with a shoulder injury but had played through it all season.

Burns wasn't able to watch a whole lot of film leading up to the game, but his coach, Alan Scott and his teammates were there to help any way they could.

"I didn't watch a whole lot of film that week," Burns said. "I got to the game an hour and a half before we got started. I got there when we were warming up. I went to talk to coach Scott, and he talked me through everything. We went back to the fieldhouse, and he gave me a sheet about 10 minutes before the game. I got the feel for what they would do when I got into the game. After the first quarter, I could tell what they were doing, so it helped me a lot. My teammates helped out a lot. They'd always check in on us and make sure that if I miss practice, make sure I got caught up. They'd come over and we'd hang out, just talk about the baby and just try to cheer us up."

Burns dealt with a shoulder injury all season, but the fight he showed despite the injury was truly amazing.

"It was tough. I had to come out a few plays or a quarter and go back in," Burns said. "Every time I would get hit, it would go numb, or I couldn't feel it. I still went in after I couldn't feel it, though, because the team needed me."

Burns is happy being a dad in high school. Jones is so proud of not only the dad that he's becoming for their daughter, but the way that he toughed it out through his shoulder injury. Plus, he's becoming an inspiration to a lot of young dads out there as well.

"It's been amazing," Burns said. "She's a great baby. It's indescribable how it feels to be a dad."

"He's doing really good. He's strong," Jones said. "You get told that you can't do it. Playing in high school with a hurt shoulder at the least, most guys would've given up. He didn't. We went through a lot during the pregnancy. We had a really rough pregnancy and he never stopped supporting me. He never stopped putting family first, but he always supported his team as well. He did everything he could for his team. When we were in the doctor's office, he would be studying the plays. He would study for school. He still has all A's, and he went virtual. He's doing a lot to keep up with what he's doing."

Burns' coaches helped him out a ton during this whole process as well. Burns and Jones were more than surprised when they threw a baby shower for them.

"They helped me out a ton," Burns said. "Coach (Alan) Scott was amazing during the process. He always called and checked in, even if we were at the doctor. He would always call every time we get out of the doctor's office and asked us, 'How did it go?' and 'What's wrong?' He still checks in." Jones added, "They threw a baby shower for us. Tanner Malin's parents, they threw us a baby shower. The whole team is very supportive and the whole school is very supportive."

The balance between work, school and being parents has been a little rough for both Burns and Jones so far, but they are trying to find that balance and it's paying off.

"The balance is rough," Jones said. "And he works, so that's rough. He works until five or six at night. He comes home at night, we study. He does his work, and we still try to find time for her. During football, it was harder. He would have morning practices, afternoon practices, and still trying to get doctor's appointments. We weren't sure if we were going to be able to come home on Friday because of how the birth went. It wasn't really well, but we ended up coming home. He went to the game."

What these two have been through so far in their first few months as parents is truly an inspirational story and it will help inspire a lot of young couples who are going through the same things.

"Don't listen to everyone telling you that you can't do it because you can," Jones said. "I go to Wallace. I have all A's. Jager's still in school and he has all A's. She's perfect. He did football the same that he would if we didn't have her. He may have missed a couple of practices, but he definitely made up for it."

Burns gave some great advice to a lot of young parents who are going through the same things that he and Jones are going through right now.

"It's hard, but once you put your mind to what you need to do and want to do, you can do it."

Jones added, "I'm very proud of Jager for everything that he's gone through, even since he was little. He grew up without a dad. He didn't have that dad influence," Jones said. "He'd never had that. He couldn't be a better dad. I'm adopted. I grew up without my mom and dad and for us to be better than what they were, it's a really good thing."



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MARVIN GENTRY/AHSAA

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PREP WRESTLING

Arab, Gardendale rank 1-2 after 1st day of AHSAA Class 5A/6A State Wrestling Meet

Ron Ingram
AHSAA

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — Arab High School took a slim 3.5-point lead over two-time defending state champion Gardendale after the first day concluded at the AHSAA 67th State Wrestling Championships underway at the Von Braun Center here.

The Knights posted 60 points in the first day's 5A/6A division competition and the Rockets had 56.5. Mortimer Jordan was third with 52.5 points and McAdory was fourth with 52. The teams battled through two championship rounds and two consolation rounds. The state championships continue Friday with the Class 7A and Class 1A/4A divisions joining the action which begins at 9 a.m.

All the matches are being live streamed over the NFHS Network by Track Wrestling.

Bouts continue Friday with all three divisions closing out the 2022 state tourney Saturday with championship bouts set for Saturday afternoon and consolation championship matches Saturday morning.

Moody High senior Cory Land (54-0), vying to win his fifth state title, opened the 138-pound competition with two quick pins to advance to Friday's 5A/6A semifinals to take on Bentley Briscoe (26-8). Land extended the AHSAA's second-longest win streak in it 67-year history to 205 in a row. His last defeat came when he was an eighth grader in 2018.

Arab advanced five wrestlers to the semifinals including Joshua Ray (54-10) at 145 pounds Patrick Lawler (45-8) at 152 pounds, Caleb Roe (52-3) at 182 pounds, Jonathan Pugh (47-4) at 195 pounds and Mohamed Al-khawlani (43-12) at 220 pounds.

Gardendale has five wrestlers in the semifinals including three of four Poe brothers and both Wyatt brothers. Demarcus Poe (52-8) advanced at 106 pounds; Daishon Poe (48-) t 132 pounds; Melton Poe (38-1) at 160 pounds; Keenan Wyatt (51-0) at 170 pounds; and Kennedy Wyatt (51-2) at 182 pounds.

Isaiah Poe (48-3) was a favorite to challenge Land at 138 pounds but was unable to compete. The Wyatts are the son of former AHSAA heavyweight wrestling champion and University of Alabama football standout Willie Wyatt.

Alexandria senior Jaden New (55-0) had the quickest pin of the day Thursday winning his first 152-pound match in 14 seconds.

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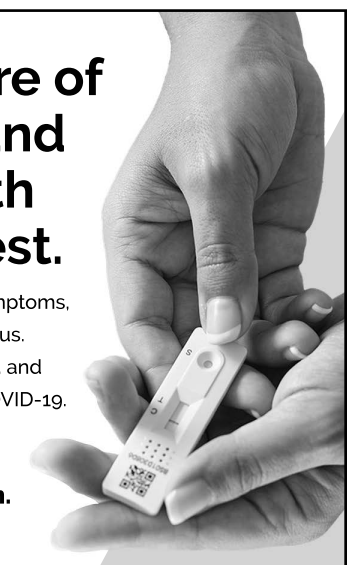
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LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

RICKY GRAVEMAN,

PLAINTIFF,

VS. CASE NO. CV-2022-900019

Lot Number 20 according to the Map of Piney Point Subdivision as recorded in Misc. Book 56, Page 173 in the Probate Records of Cullman County, Alabama, being part of the West half of the Southeast Quarter, of the Southeast Quarter in Section 8, Township 10 South, Range 3 West.

AND

PATRICIA DIANE LILL, And A, B, C, D and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands,

DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE

The Defendant, Patricia Diane Lill, and any unknown Defendants, must answer the Complaint in Rem to Quiet Title filed by Ricky Graveman on or before the 28th day of March, 2022, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against her in case number CV-2022-900019 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County Alabama.

DONE this the 31st day of January, 2022.

LISA McSWAIN, Circuit Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

MARY HOLLOWAY,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2022-900035.00**

BRIAN JEANES,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Brian Jeanes, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Mary Holloway's Complaint for Divorce by April 11th, 2022 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2022-900035.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 10th day of February, 2022.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
Sara Baker
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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
ROBBIE C. DAVIS CASE NO PC-2021-345

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted to Huey Michael Davis, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Robbie C. Davis, Deceased, on the 11th day of February, 2022, by the Honorable Tammy Brown. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claim against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Huey Michael Davis
Personal Representative

C. Blake West
Attorney for the Petitioner
1701 Main Avenue, SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
FRANCES Y. WILLINGHAM,) CASE NO PC 2021-001
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
AMENDED PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: ANTHONY THOMPSON
ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

The Petition of Dan J. Willingham to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Frances Y. Willingham, deceased, has been set for hearing on the 1st day of March, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

All persons in interest residing or being without the state are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Done this the 3 day of February, 2022.

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

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Dan J. Willingham
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
)
WILLIAM J. DANIEL, JR.,) CASE NO.: PC-2020-134
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT AND
DISCHARGE OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

TO: HOLLY POND FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SELETA CULVER, OLIN DANIEL, JAVAN YOUNG, RICKY DANIEL, KEITH DANIEL, JAVON DANIEL, SANDRA SCHMITZ, OFFIA DANIEL, JASON YOUNG, CHRISTY MORAN, WILLIAM DANIEL, DON DANIEL, COURTNEY CAMPBELL AND ANY OTHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Please take notice that a Hearing on the Petition for Final Settlement and Discharge of Personal Representative filed by Randall Daniel, Personal Representative of the Estate of William J. Daniel, Jr., by and through his Attorney Alex Chaney, set for hearing on the **1st day of March, 2022, at 10:30 A.M.** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

DONE this 4th day of February, 2022.

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

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Attorney for Personal Representative
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Cullman, Alabama 35056

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
JOYCE BEATRICE JACOBS CASE NO.: PC2022-040
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to NANCY DIANE WATSON MEYER, as Personal Representative of the Estate of JOYCE BEATRICE JACOBS, deceased, on the 16th day of February, 2022, 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.

NANCY DIANE WATSON MEYER
Personal Representative

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

HUGH C. HARRIS and CLIFFORD HOYT HARRIS, PLAINTIFFS.

V.

MISTY HARBOR RESORT, LLC and ESTATE of VENIE WILSON, deceased, DEFENDANTS.

CASE NO PC 2012-125

NOTICE OF HEARING
APPLICATION FOR REQUISITION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY BY PRIVATE PARTY
AMENDED APPLICATION FOR REQUISITION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY BY PRIVATE PARTY
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TO: ROBERT L. WILSON
MISTY HARBOR RESORT, LLC

The Application for Requisition of Right-of-way by Private Party, Amended Application for Requisition of Right-of-way by Private Party, Second Amended Application for Requisition of Right-of-way by Private Party, and Third Amended Application for Requisition of Right-of-way by Private Party has been set for hearing on the 8th day of April, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

All persons in interest residing or being without the state are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION PETITION OF
CHARLES CALVIN BRATTON, JR. CASE NO AD 2022-005
FOR THE ADOPTION OF

N.Y.C. A MINOR.
D.O.B. 5-15-2006

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: SERGIO ALBERTO CARRILLO, BIOLOGICAL FATHER OR ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN FATHER OF N.Y.C. A MINOR CHILD

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

DONE THIS 11th DAY OF February, 2022.

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

Jerry Kilgo
Attorney for Petitioner
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John Merrill
Alabama Secretary of State

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — We are excited to announce that multi-platinum singer and songwriter Mr. Lionel Richie, a native of Tuskegee, Alabama, has agreed to participate in our 2022 photo voter ID and voter registration initiative. Mr. Richie will be, in addition to the 45th President of the United States Donald J. Trump, in this year's promotional efforts.

Every year, the Secretary of State's Office conducts a statewide multimedia campaign to ensure all registered voters have a photo ID, promote voter registration and encourage voter participation.

For the last seven years, several other well-known individuals have participated in the Secretary of State's photo voter ID promotional efforts, including:

2015: Alabama Head Football Coach Nick Saban and former Auburn Head Football Coach Gus Malzahn

2016: NBA Hall of Famer Charles Barkley and former Heavyweight Boxing Champion Deontay Wilder

2017: Former NASA astronaut Dr. Mae Jemison and Miss Alabama 2017 Jessica Procter

2018: American Idol "Season 5" Winner Taylor Hicks and radio personalities Rick Burgess and Bill "Bubba" Bussey

2019: Country Music Artist Jamey Johnson and Alabama's first Governor William Wyatt Bibb (actor portrayal)

2020: The Women of the Alabama Legislature and Alabama Veterans Naval Commander Lee Allen Hallman, former U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Regina Benjamin, and Medal of Honor recipient Gary Michael Rose

2021: Legendary singer and songwriter Jimmy Buffett and country music sensation Riley Green

To receive a free Alabama photo voter ID card, applicants must complete the application and meet the following requirements: they must provide a photo ID document or a non-photo identity document containing their full legal name and date of birth, they must be a registered voter in Alabama and they cannot already have any valid form of photo ID that is accepted at the polls. To register to vote in Alabama, you must be a U.S. citizen and an Alabama resident, who is 18 years or older on or by Election Day, and the prospective voter cannot be convicted of a disqualifying felony nor declared mentally incompetent. Alabama's next Statewide Primary Election date is May 24, 2022, and the deadline to register before the 2022 Primary Election is May 9, 2022.

For more information about our photo voter ID efforts, reach out to the Secretary of State's Elections Division at 334-242-7210.

Queen (from Front)

Russell Moore
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Halle McCrory was named Wallace State Community College's 2022 Homecoming Queen during the annual festivities Wednesday night. She was crowned at halftime of the men's basketball game versus Southern Union.

McCrory, a general studies major from Muscle Shoals, is a member of the Wallace State women's tennis team and was voted as the queen by her peers through online voting. A record number of candidates applied for the Homecoming Court and a record number of votes were cast. McCrory is the college's Phi Theta Kappa secretary, the SGA Parliamentarian and a member of Mu Alpha Theta. She was escorted by Ben Fennel and was crowned by Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Karolewics.

Remaining members of the Homecoming Court were Sarah Jacobs, a general studies major from Valley, Bailey Grant, a general studies major from Hayden, Karina Faulkner, a general studies major from Holly Pond and Emily Roper, a Salon and Spa Management major and dual enrollment student at Mortimer Jordan.



WALLACE STATE

Halle McCrory

Finals (from Front)

Sharpe laid one in, and Max Gambrill converted an and-one play to cut the lead to 23-18 early in the second. Max added two more free throws to make it a 25-20 game and Tucker Gambrill split a pair of foul shots to trim the lead to four with just under three minutes to play in the first half. Tucker knocked down two more free throws to make it a 3-point game with a minute remaining in the period and with less than a second on the clock, Tucker Apel was fouled on a three-point attempt and netted two more shots at the line to cut the lead down to 27-25 at the halftime break.

Baskets by Cagle and Apel tied things up at 29 early in the third quarter and Sam Duskin buried a trey to give the 'Cats their first lead since the opening quarter at 32-31. Colton Echols scored inside to stretch the lead to 34-31 and Sharpe scored through a foul and added the free throw to make it 37-31 with just under three minutes remaining in the period. Cullman continued to smother the Trojans on the defensive end and the Bearcats went into the fourth leading Hazel Green 37-31. The 'Cats outscored the Trojans 12-4 in the third.

Sharpe got the final period started with a three from the top of the key that made it a 40-31 game, but Hazel Green responded with a 9-0 run to tie things up at 40. Cagle scored down low to reclaim a 42-40 lead and Max Gambrill drilled a three from the left corner to give Cullman a 5-point lead with five minutes to play. The Bearcats were in complete control of the momentum after that, and Tucker Gambrill knocked down four straight from the free throw line to make it a 50-40 game with two minutes on the clock. Gambrill and Sharpe continued to do damage at the free throw line in the final two minutes and the Trojans were unable to answer on the other end, allowing the 'Cats to pull away and collect a 57-48 win.

Sharpe led the way for Cullman with 14 points in the win. Tucker Gambrill finished with 12 and Cagle and Max Gambrill each posted 11. The Bearcats will be back at Tom Drake Coliseum to take on Scottsboro in the Northwest Regional Finals Tuesday at 2:15 p.m. with a trip to Birmingham on the line.

Show (from Front)

Sara Gladney
sara@cullmantribune.com

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Senior Outreach Organization will be presenting their version of the Hee Haw Show on Saturday, April 30 at the Hanceville Civic Center at 2 p.m. Jamie Brown Looney began directing the Hee Haw show for the seniors in 2018. Looney volunteers with the seniors at the Donald Green Senior Center and decided to develop a new way to give back. She started by creating the Outreach Organization to bring meals to seniors on the weekend, as well as entertainment. "A lot of the seniors that came there wanted to do more. They wanted to be in the spotlight too," Looney stated.

To assist with this, she started writing some small plays for the seniors to perform and said, "They loved it and thought it was real cute, so I said 'Well I'll just see what else I can do.' So, I started writing the Hee Haw show."

The seniors were quick to volunteer to be in the play and the group rehearsed three times a week for three months to put on their show, with the first show performed at the Donald Green Center in February 2019.

Looney said, "It was standing room only, packed house."

The group performed shows in 2019 and 2020, but were unable to perform in 2021 due to COVID-19.

"Now it's 2022 and they have all been geared up and excited to start this journey again. It just gives them something to do, and they get to meet with one another, keep their minds going, and they love it.

"They love to get out there and show what they can do in front of a crowd. Some of them are 80, getting close to 90 years old, but they still love to sing, act, laugh," said Looney.

The Senior Outreach Organization has welcomed seniors from Gardendale, Birmingham, and Jasper to participate.

Looney is influenced by the Hee Haw show and does her show in a similar fashion but applies her own original skits. The group still plays favorite characters like Roy Clarke, George Jones, Grandpa Jones, Porter Wagner, Dolly Parton and Loretta Lynn. The cast will perform some well-known songs including, "Gloom, Despair, and Agony," "Old Rattler" and "Mountain Dew."

The Senior Outreach Organization meets at the Donald Green Senior Center every Monday at 1 p.m.

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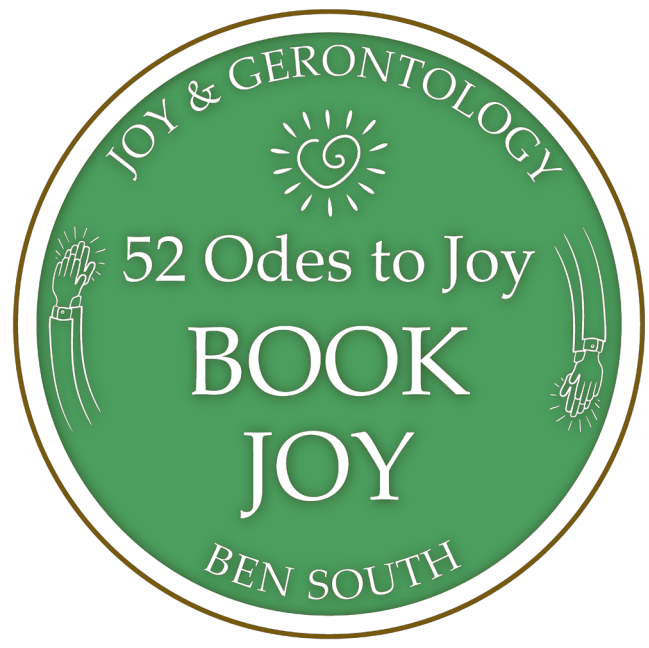
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ODE TO BOOK JOY

Books are magic
transportable.
Free libraries make
them quite affordable.
It is well-known but
still reportable,
Libraries need us to
stay supportable.

John Grisham hoped he could make a living as a writer. I wasn't so sure of his career plan, but I had a lifetime of "book joy" as a reader and wanted to be supportive.

He was young and still trying to act like he cared about being a Mississippi lawyer. We knew some of the same folks at Hal and Mal's music venue in Jackson.

John checked out early from the law firm one weekday afternoon and drove from Jackson to the gone-but-not-forgotten Jonathan Benton Booksellers in Birmingham.

The trunk of his car was loaded with copies of his first novel, "A Time to Kill."

I met him at the bookstore. For nearly an hour, a young woman and I were his only customers. I tried to be diverting but the silence was deafening.

I was tap-dancing as fast as I could or whatever the correct metaphor is. He was disappointed that night but not defeated and his own "book joy" propelled him forward.

John Grisham, born to a struggling farm family in Arkansas, had always found his greatest happiness in reading books. He loved the idea of writing books all day and being paid some for that privilege. I mean, what are the chances for that dream working out? I hope he's doing OK but I'm not, pardon this, booking on it.

The writing business is hard as stone and it has been at least since Moses came down the mountain trying to recommend 10 inspired lines to his friends.

Even then, people were questioning whether the written word was going to survive the test of time.

Publishing technology changes but books find a way to keep rolling off the presses.

The monks who created illuminated manuscripts felt their jobs were at risk when Gutenberg launched his new-fangled gizmo, the printing press.

Then, we all thought paper books with that seductive glue smell would be dead as sea scrolls after the Kindles and Nooks plugged in.

BOOK JOY has not only survived but triumphed.

Last year, 940 million books were sold in the U.S. and that number increases year after year.

During the COVID pandemic, there has been an understandable spike in sales of books about the search for joy and the psychology of happiness.

HERE ARE SOME POPULAR TITLES FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION:

• "The Happiness Advantage" by Shawn Achor proposes that "Happiness isn't the result of success—it's the cause of it."

• "The Monk Who Sold His Ferrari" by Robin Sharma is a parable which teaches how to live a simple, fulfilling life that enhances one's joy.

• "The Power of Positive Thinking" by Norman Vincent Peale has been around since Hector was a pup and remains a bestseller. Reverend Peale preaches one can overcome any obstacles in life through faith, positive-thinking and prayer.

• The Subtle Art of Not Giving a F*ck" by Mark Manson is a popular, 2016 book written from a contrarian's perspective suggesting all the other happiness and positive-thinking books simply got things wrong. Good l*ck to the public libraries who have the chutzpah to promote this title. Written in a ribald, vulgar tone which contrasts with most "feel good," faith-laced books, Manson suggests we each need to focus on what personally brings us joy and meaning.

• "Flow" by Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi is a classic in general and sports psychology with the central construct being people are happiest when they connect with their inner thoughts and feelings, are "in the zone" with enjoyment, purpose and meaning--fully enthralled. The term we use in "The S.U.N.S. Lifestyle for Aging Joyously" is—SPELL-BINDING.

• "The Happiness Hypothesis" by Jonathan Haidt blends the philosophical and theological wisdom of ancient thinkers with insights from the field of positive psychology.

• "The Power of Now" by Eckart Tolle, one of my favorite writers to quote, teaches how to have more happiness by being present in the moment, in the now.

• "The Happiness Project" by Gretchen Rubin is my current favorite of the "happiness how-to" books and one I often gift to people when they are going through a rough patch. Rubin shares insights from her own life experiment about how one can make little changes in various aspects of daily living in order to make a substantial uptick in joy.

BOOK JOY is an exquisitely personal matter but there are some writings which are universally embraced because of their ability to bolster and lift spirits. Besides the works above which are specifically about increasing joy and happiness, here are two dozen grown-up and children's books I crowdsourced, which every person should consider for their own S.U.N.S. (Smile-Making, Uniting, Neighboring, Spellbinding) BOOK JOY library:

1. "The Painted House"—John Grisham

2. "Humankind: Changing the World One Small Act at a Time"—Brad Aronson

3. "Little Pieces of Hope"—Todd Doughty

4. "14,000 Things to Be Happy About"—Barbara Ann Kipfer

5. "Man's Search for Meaning"—Viktor E. Frankl

6. "The Little Prince"—Antoine de Saint-Exupery

7. "The Uncommon Reader"—Alan Bennett

8. "The Wind-Up Bird Chronicle"—Haruki Murakami

9. "Tao De Ching"—Lao Tzu

10. "How to Walk Away"—a novel by Katherine Center

11. "All Creatures Great and Small"—James Herriot

12. "The Art of Happiness"—The Dalai Lama XIV

13. "Little Women"—Louisa May Alcott

14. "The Boxcar Children"—Gertrude Chandler Warner

15. "How to Be Good"—a novel by Nick Hornby

16. "Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant"—Anne Tyler

17. "The Hobbit"—J.R.R. Tolkien

18. "The Sound of Music"—Maria von Trapp

19. "Smile Anyway"—Richelle Goodrich

20. "Make Your Bed"—Admiral William H. McRaven

21. "10% Happier"—DAN HARRIS

22. "The Travels of Babar"—Jean de Brunhoff

23. "Sinners and Saints"—Alice Bloom

24. "The Enneagram: Understanding Yourself and Others in Your Life"—Helen Palmer

BOOK JOY is smile-making and spell-binding but readers are picky. Even though millions, literally millions, have found joy in the two dozen books I suggested above, you might find one or two that just don't do it for you. So, French writer, Daniel Pennac (born Daniel Pennacchioni) penned this:

"READER'S BILL OF RIGHTS"

1. The right to not read.*

2. The right to skip pages.

3. The right to not finish.

4. The right to reread.

5. The right to read anything.

6. The right to escapism.

7. The right to read anywhere.

8. The right to browse.

9. The right to read out loud.

10. The right to not defend your tastes.

(*Readers of this S.U.N.S. lifestyle series please ignore No. 1.)

BOOK JOY ODES FROM OTHERS

"Good friends, good books, and a sleepy conscience: this is the ideal life."—Mark Twain

"To acquire the habit of reading is to construct a refuge from almost all the miseries of life."—Somerset Maugham

"Reading was and is my real joy."—Ahmed Zewail

"The person, be it gentleman or lady, who has not pleasure in a good novel, must be intolerably stupid."—Jane Austen

"Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside a dog it is too dark to read."—Groucho Marx

"Books are a uniquely portable magic."—Stephen King

"Get over yourself. Go rake the yard and then read a happy book. Next question?"—My mom's prescription for positive psychology

"Until I feared I would lose it, I never loved to read. One does not love breathing."—Harper Lee

"I love books. I love that moment when you open one and sink into it, you can escape into a story that's way more interesting than yours will ever be."—Elizabeth Scott

"The more that you read the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."—Dr. Seuss

THE NO. 1 THING A PUBLIC LIBRARY SHOULD DO FOR BOOK JOY

February is "National Love Your Library Month." I love libraries this and every month and have supported "friends of libraries" groups and actively served on a library board (Birmingham, Alabama). A dynamic library can be a "heart and soul" community hub.

CELEBRATE THE PATRONS

I was fortunate to be on the design team for one of the major, corporate venues at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. What our team created looked and functioned great. Like all but one sponsor, we celebrated the athletic skill and persistence of the Olympians.

However, the most winning and memorable work was done by the Coca-Cola corporate team who zigged when the rest of us predictably zagged. The huge, Coca-Cola tent celebrated the passion and dedication of the spectators at the Olympic Games.

Each sports fan who walked into the Coca-Cola corporate tent heard the sound of applause thanking them for coming to cheer on the Olympians. The photomurals were of passionate spectators at previous Summer Olympic games.

Libraries are typically quieter, contemplative spaces that don't regularly need a "applause machine" at the entrance but the priority for passionately DELIGHTING EACH PATRON SHOULD BE No. 1. Librarians and library workers should be recruited and hired because they have a demonstrable background in customer service and a work history for genuinely respecting, appreciating and understanding patron desires and anticipating how to exceed those expectations. Great library patron service, like great customer service, requires only two things but they are rare in one individual—EFFICIENCY and GOOD PEOPLE SKILLS.

Every decision made by a library board, "friends of libraries" group and paid library workers should ask this simple question: WHAT IS BEST FOR PATRONS? Let's love our libraries and help them show us patrons they love us. BOOK JOY (all media) FOR ALL!

YOUR FREE, $90, BOOK JOY RELATIONSHIP ADVICE THAT WORKS

For years, the most popular, relationship counselor in Alabama was a big, bearded, Birmingham professional named Jim Cotton. While paying $90 for 50

minutes of his wisdom, I once asked Jim if in his decades of work, he'd found anything that gives individuals and clients insight that worked.

"THERE IS ONE THING THAT WORKS"—yes sir, please—"and that is to ask 'What was your favorite children's book and why?'" Jim Cotton replied. His answer seemed perhaps too simple but I'm here to vouch it works.

I've used this question in personal and work relationships to understand another and provide insight into my dynamic with them. This fun-but-brilliant exercise works because whichever book you begged your parents to read to you over and over or the one you read until the pages came unglued, connects with your core personality. Please enjoy the $90 savings and explore this with your spouse, "gratitude partner," co-workers, friends and others.

One of the best-looking, most fun and positively contributing, married couples in my community, Tanya Alcorn, president of Cullman Friends of Libraries, and her husband, Jason, gave me their answers to this BOOK JOY question and agreed I could share with you readers.

Charismatic, charming, creative Tanya—loop by the Cullman library to see the newly painted, fresh, lime green and turquoise walls in the children's area—said her favorite book as a child and one she still adores is "Happy Birthday to You" by Dr. Seuss. Per Tanya, "I love how the book celebrates life and enjoying every moment of the wacky and wonderful things around us. We should never stop celebrating the big and small things with those we love."

Jason, a star athlete and now part-owner in his family's machine manufacturing firm, appears to have come out of the womb eager to know what makes things work. Per Jason, "Virginia Lee Burton's 'Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel' was my favorite. The story of an antiquated machine and its owner remaining relevant through effort, creativity, and a willingness to reinvent themselves is as inspiring now as it was years ago."

I'm betting this dynamic duo has more opportunities for fun and lively, creative conversations than Chip and Joanna Gaines. Dear Reader, now it's your turn to ask the insightful, BOOK JOY questions of yourself and someone close to you. Please Facebook Message me at Ben South to share your findings.

"BOOKS AND BREWS" is next Wednesday, Feb. 23 from 5-7 p.m. at Goat Island Brewery. This joyful event supports the Friends of Cullman Libraries. I can say from experience that savoring a Goat Island Blood Orange beer while reading definitely hoists the BOOK JOY to a new high.

BOOK JOY AT BRANCH BOOKS

(Hartselle, Alabama)—You can almost hear the applause for each book lover who enters this efficient, charming haven. Branch Books, an independent bookstore (used and rare books), 15 minutes from my house in Cullman, is not just staying alive, but growing. They have 125,000+ books in accessible inventory and another 200,000 books in storage. Branch Books is getting ready to double their offerings and expand into the building next door. Cookbooks? They have about 300 and while you're savoring your newest, you can enjoy coffee or a full meal just steps away in the same plaza at Mr. Henry's. Books about "joy and happiness?" This great bookstore has a shelf of smiles and the owners are eager to help you find your bliss. BOOK JOY is No. 1 at Branch Books but they also have lots of DVDs, audio books, CDs and puzzles. Novels by John Grisham are a popular request and also those of Kristin Hannah, Beverly Lewis, Karen Kingsbury, J.K. Rowling, Rick Riordan, James Patterson, Dean Koontz, Harlan Coban, C.J. Box, Stephen King... and anything by Colleen Hoover. The majority of their books are priced at 70% off retail every day. For contact info, driving directions, hours/days of business call owners, Cheryl and Bobby Kahlstorf at 256-754-5111 and enjoy Branch Books updates on Facebook.

S.U.N.S. JOY-GIVERS CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

Feb. 19—Millie Bobby Brown

Feb. 20—Ansel Adams

Feb. 21—Erma Bombeck

Feb. 22—George Washington

Feb. 23—Aziz Ansari

Feb. 24—Steve Jobs

Feb. 25—Jack Handey

BOOK JOY JOKES

A patron walks into a library and asks the librarian for books about paranoia. She whispers, "Shh, they're right behind you."

What do you call a book club that's been stuck on the same book for years? CHURCH

A shopper walked into Branch Books and said: "I'd like to buy a book by Shakespeare." Cheryl said, "Great, any particular one?" The said, "William, of course."

JOHN GRISHAM ARKANSAS BROWN RICE AND CHICKEN BOOK CLUB SOUP

(This healthy, easy, tasty soup salutes Arkansas native, bestselling book author, John Grisham. The recipe is sourced from allrecipes.com)

Each week, Joy & Gerontology shares a recipe saluting healthy food produced in America. The delicious and nutritious collection is called "The S.U.N.S. USA Longevity Cookbook" and highlights vitamin B-3 (niacin) which many research gerontologists believe holds the promise for a long, healthy, joyful life.

INGREDIENTS

- 5 cups chicken broth
- 2 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
- 1 cup diced celery
- 1 cup diced onions
- ¼ cup diced carrots
- ¼ cup corn
- ¼ cup drained and rinsed black beans
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 bay leaf
- ¾ cup brown rice

DIRECTIONS

1. Bring chicken broth to a boil in a large pot; cook chicken breasts in the boiling water until no longer pin in the center, about 20 minutes. Remove chicken from the broth using a slotted spoon and shred with a fork.

2. Stir shredded chicken, celery, onion, carrots, corn, black beans, sage, pepper, salt and bay leaf into the chicken broth and cook until vegetables are slightly softened and flavors of soup have blended, about 20 minutes. Add brown rice to soup and simmer until rice is tender, about 1 hour.

1,070 JOY-GIVING THINGS FROM MY FIRST 70 YEARS (continued)

162. Erma Bombeck's newspaper column.

163. "Yosemite" photographed by Ansel Adams.

164. George Washington, American joy-giver.

165. Bicycle handlebar tassels.

166. Clipping playing cards in bicycle tire spokes to sound like a motorcycle.

167. "Edward Scissorhands" topiary.

168. Topiary in Cancun, Mexico.

169. Hot lava brownies.

170. Grilled peaches.

171. Rah-Rah cheerleader shoes.

172. "O' Brother Where Art Thou," the movie.

173. "O' Brother Where Art Thou," the soundtrack.

174. Minnie Pearl's hat with $1.98 price tag.

175. "Manners will take you places money won't."

176. "The Name Game" by Shirley Ellis.

177. George Plimpton's "participatory journalism."

178. "Hit Me with Your Best Shot."

179. Shot glass souvenirs.

180. Spoon rests.

181. Eating a sun-warmed tomato pulled right off the vine.

182. Knowing avocados are berries.

183. Charley Pride, Mississippi-American joy-giver.

DEAR READER, HAPPY "LOVE YOUR LIBRARY MONTH" & BOOK JOY!















Obituary Announcements: Feb. 17-18

Eloise Stisher Stevens, 95, of Cullman
The funeral service for Eloise Stisher Stevens, 95, of Cullman will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, at the Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends from noon – 2 p.m. prior to the service Tuesday. The interment will be in the Holly Pond Cemetery. Dr. John Garrison will officiate the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Stevens family. Mrs. Stevens went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Feb. 17. She was born Nov. 21, 1926 to Watson and Daisy Stisher of Cullman, Alabama. She was a member of Faith Baptist Church. She accepted Christ at age 13 and was baptized at Holly Pond Baptist Church. She enjoyed the seniors trips and all the fellowship with the members. She loved the family trips to the beach. She was preceded in death by her parents: Watson and Daisy Stisher; three brothers: James, Ross and Charles Stisher; two sisters: Inez Ellard and Irene Gilley and one grandson: Justin Stevens. Mrs. Stevens is survived by four sons: Bobby (Linda) Stevens, Chris (Ginger) Stevens, Sidney (Cheryl) Stevens: Stanley Stevens; one daughter: Janet (Mike) Mabry; one sister: Naomi Betterton; 10 grandchildren: Chad Stevens, Heather (Randy) Narmore, Jennifer Stevens, John (Heather) Stevens, Nick (Jessica) Stevens, Zach (Jessica) Halbrooks, Watson (Cassie) Stevens, Caden Stevens and Savannah Stevens; 15 great-grandchildren and a host of family and friends.

Pamela Deeanna Smith, 52, of Cullman
The funeral service for Pamela Deeanna Smith, 52, of Cullman, will be 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21, at the Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends from 1-2 p.m. prior to the service on Monday. Rev. Etsel Riddle will officiate the service. The interment will be in the Holly Pond Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Smith family. Miss Smith was born Oct. 7, 1969, to Carlton Elvin and Mary Ellen Garrison Smith. She passed from this life on Feb. 17, at UAB Highlands. She was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Ellen Garrison Smith. Miss Smith is survived by her parents: Carlton and Pat Smith; brother: Christopher (Alyson) Smith; step-sisters: Kim (Wade) Bartlett and Pam (Jerry) DeWitt; special cousin: Robbie Beason; three special friends: Brenda Spahn, Holli Martin and Shelia Barlow and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. In lieu of flowers the family request that donations be made to the Lovelady Center in Birmingham.

Bobby Ray Sanders, 66, of Vinemont
Memorial service for Bobby Ray Sanders, 66, of Vinemont will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 19, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Sanders family. Mr. Sanders passed away Wednesday, Feb. 9, at his residence. He was born March 22, 1955, to John William and Betty Maelene Faulkner Sanders. He was preceded in death by his parents; his stepdad: Hubert Dempsey and his wife: Nerissa Sanders. Survivors include his son: Jason (Ashley) Leibensperger; daughter: Katrese (Matthew) Schnur; brother: Johnny Sanders; grandchildren: Ethan Wiggins, Blakely Schnur and Jaxon Leibensperger; fiancé: Jan Barnet a host of family and friends.

Jerry Lane Pilgrim, 70, of Jasper
Jerry Lane Pilgrim, age 70, of Jasper, passed away Feb. 15, at Walker Baptist Medical Center. He was born April 6, 1951, in Arley, Alabama to the late Claude and Grace Lollar Pilgrim. Jerry was preceded in death by his parents; sisters: Tempie Sue Pilgrim and Joann Elmer and brother: William Pilgrim. Jerry is survived by his siblings: Wayne (Debbie) Pilgrim, Kathy (Ron) McEwen, Ray Pilgrim and Perry (Pam) Pilgrim a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. The family will have a private graveside service. Hanceville Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Elwanda Armstrong Houston, 90, of Cullman
Elwanda Armstrong Houston, age 90, of Cullman, Alabama passed away Thursday, Feb. 17. Elwanda was born May 28, 1931, in Ft Payne, Alabama to Thomas H. and Geneva Richey Armstrong. She is preceded in death by her husband: Bill Houston; son: Michael Houston; sisters: Imogene Godwin and Jimmie Armstrong; brother: Ray Armstrong and her parents. Funeral services are Sunday, Feb. 20, at 2 p.m. at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church with Dr. Roger White officiating. Interment will follow services in Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation will be at the church Sunday from 1-2 p.m. Survivors are son: William David (Linda) Houston; sisters: Lila Bailey and Equilla Hulgan; sister-in-law: Louise Armstrong; grandchildren: Philip Houston, Jeremy Houston, Kevin Houston, Dax Houston, Kristy Houston and 10 great-grandchildren. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Elizabeth "Libby" Ann Sterling, 65, of Addison
Elizabeth Ann "Libby" Sterling, 65 of Addison, passed away Feb. 16, at St. Vincent's Hospital. She was born Nov. 30, 1956, to T.A. Howse and Kathryn Louise Williamson Howse. She loved to sing and play guitar, fishing and trips to the beach with her best friends, "The Golden Girls." She loved watching Auburn football and Tennessee women's basketball. Libby loved her family and friends. She was one of a kind. The family will receive friends Friday, Feb. 18, from noon - 2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison, where a memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Vance Hutton and Terry Michaels will officiate. Libby is survived by her sons: Jimmy Sterling and Rodney Sterling (Brian); granddaughter: Bella Gambrill; nephews: Jamey Hill (Rob) and Clint Hill (Lora); great-nephew: Blake Hill; great-niece: Addi Hill; aunts: Ann Cole (Cecil) and Kathy Williamson; best friend: Bonita McCombs and a host of other close friends and family. She was preceded in death by her parents: T.A. and Louise Howse; sister and brother-in-law: Kay and Pete Hill and brother: Brent Howse.

Sarah Elizabeth Onks, 26
Funeral service for Sarah Elizabeth Onks, 26, will be Tuesday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m. at Peck Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Joey Coots officiating and Peck Funeral Home directing. Visitation will be Tuesday, Feb. 22, from 4-7 p.m. at Peck Funeral Home. Miss Onks died Monday, Feb. 14, She was born Dec. 30, 1995.

Jerry Lane Pilgrim, 70, of Jasper
Jerry Lane Pilgrim, age 70, of Jasper, passed away Feb. 15, at Walker Baptist Medical Center. He was born April 6, 1951, in Arley, Alabama to the late Claude and Grace Lollar Pilgrim. Jerry was preceded in death by his parents; sisters: Tempie Sue Pilgrim and Joann Elmer and brother: William Pilgrim. Jerry is survived by his siblings: Wayne (Debbie) Pilgrim, Kathy (Ron) McEwen, Ray Pilgrim and Perry (Pam) Pilgrim and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. The family will have a private graveside service. Hanceville Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Ellen Jeanette Hoffman, 78, of Hanceville
Ellen Jeanette Hoffman, age 78, of Hanceville, Alabama passed away Wednesday, Feb. 16. Ellen was born May 18, 1943, in Cullman, Alabama to Razzie Barton and Leola Gertrude Burkhart Wilson. She is preceded in death by her husband: James Ray Hoffman; brother: Robert Wilson and her parents. Funeral services are Sunday, Feb. 20, at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel at 2 p.m. Interment will follow services in Mount Zion Cemetery. Survivors are daughter: Camilia (Ronnie) Harrison; sons: Kevin Wilson (Theresa) Hoffman, Timothy Wayne (Barbara) Hoffman, John Timothy Hoffman and Wesley Vernon Hoffman; brother: Edward Dudley Wilson and grandchildren: Justin Hoffman, Chase Hoffman, Anthony Harrison and Sabrina Harrison. Visitation will be Saturday, Feb. 19, from 6-9 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Jack Leroy Stevens Jr., 72, of Cullman
Funeral service for Jack Leroy Stevens Jr., age 72, of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 21, at St. John's Evangelical Church with Rev. John Richter and Rev. Samuel Tucker officiating, and interment in Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Stevens passed away Wednesday, Feb. 16, at Cullman Regional. He was born Aug. 1, 1949, to Jack Leroy Sr. and June Taylor Stevens. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife: Mary Elizabeth Stevens; daughter: Stacie (Brian) Owen; son: Ben (Brittney) Stevens; grandchildren: Dylan Owen, Tavie Owen and Madison Stevens; brothers: Jim (Erin) Stevens, Scott (Barbie) Stevens and Danny Stevens; sisters: Judy (Ed) Dorrance, Jina (Freddie) Smith and Anita (Todd) Lynn Williams and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Betty Ruth Shaddix, 93, of Cullman
Funeral service for Betty Ruth Shaddix, age 93, of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 19, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Randy Makemson officiating, and interment in Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Shaddix passed away Thursday, Feb. 17, at Woodland Village Health Care. She was born Dec. 4, 1928, in Cullman, Alabama to William and Ruth Abbott. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband: Earl K. Shaddix. Survivors include her son: David (Diane) Shaddix; daughter: Karen Harden; grandchildren: Robert Malone, Joshua (Elizabeth) Shaddix and Jonathan (Brittany) Shaddix; great-grandchildren: Andrew Shaddix, John William Shaddix and Ellanor Rose Shaddix and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

The first banquet season of the year has arrived

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



This month marks the 20th year since I began doing humor as Bro Billy Bob. My first event was a Valentine's banquet, at the church where I served as pastor. Even though this has not been my main profession, I have been blessed to have had more than 1000 outings as Billy Bob since that unassuming start. I do programs throughout the year; however, December and February have always been my two busiest months. Obviously, since Christmas and Valentine's come in those two months, that's when most churches and groups have banquets and/or special events. Sadly, those months are two of the hardest for some people.

I give groups a light-hearted program through my stories and songs, and hope to at the least leave them with a smile on their faces, and at most give them a few out-loud laughs. The smile on my face comes from knowing I've put a smile on theirs. I have realized that there are some individuals who have a hard time finding their smile. Unfortunately, there may be a couple of reasons for this. Some people simply have no sense of humor. I say these individuals are humor blind... they can't see the humor in anything. They don't seem to have the ability to laugh at anything, no matter how funny it may be. Try this little test. Smile as big as you possibly can. I guarantee, it won't cause your ears to pop off the sides of your head!

There are others who have a sense of humor, but circumstances in their lives have robbed them of their joy and their laughter. They may be dealing with some level of depression. Often, these are people who have lost loved ones. We often spend time with family and loved ones during holidays. When those people are no longer with us, those holidays can become difficult. Holidays such as Father's Day and Mother's Day, can be hard for adults who have no children or have lost children. A mother once thanked me after one of my programs for making her laugh. She said it was her first time she had been able to laugh since her son was killed several years earlier.

Valentine's Day can be especially difficult for widows and widowers. The theme of this unofficial holiday is love. When the love of our life is no longer in our life, this season can be difficult. Many churches have banquets that they call "Sweetheart banquets." I have called them this myself, but stopped after a widow once told me she couldn't come, because she didn't have a sweetheart to bring. She caused me to realize there are many like her, so we started calling our banquet a "heart banquet." We promoted our event by saying, "You may not have a sweetheart, but every living person has a heart! If you have a heart, come, this banquet is for you!"

Everybody needs some laughter, but more importantly everybody needs to be loved. If you know someone who has lost the love of their life, show them a little-extra love and attention, especially this month.

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: 1952

From the Files of 1952

Hanceville cheerleaders this year ae Jo Vaughn, Hail Thomas, Belva Sue Johnson, Eleanor Gay Chappell, Margaret Johnson, Barbara Ann Johnson and Mona Ann Seibert.

Private A.P. Alvis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Alvis, formerly of Garden City was killed in Korea in late June. His body was shipped to Cullman last week. In addition to his parents, he is survived by three brothers, Vernon, Frank and Julian and three sisters, Mrs. Paul Ray Anderson, Vickie Alvis and Barbara Alvis.

Carolyn Peinhardt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Peinhardt won eight first place ribbons with her Guerneys in the Tennessee Valley Show and a trip to Toronto, California to compete with cattle showers from other countries.

Wesley Rhodes is recuperating in St. Agnes Hospital in Fresno, California following an accident which necessitated spinal surgery. He is the eldest son of John and Mutell Gilley Rhodes, former residents of Bethsadia.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Edwards of New Harmony are parents of a baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ziegenbein and Rex of Norfolk, Nebraska are spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. C.V. McElroy and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Keller have returned home after spending several days in Columbus, Georgia with Mr. and Mrs. Burton Keller.

Mrs. Cortez Peeler and daughter, Peggy have returned from visiting Mr. and Mrs. Cal Peeler in Orlando, Florida.

Mrs. Nancy Mize was honored with a dinner last Sunday on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

A.B. Marsh of Union Hill has bought a new electric stove.

Reverend Virgil Sizemore preached at Enon last Sunday.

A daughter was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. T.E. Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Huffstutler of Cullman announce the engagement of their daughter, Christine to Billy James Hodge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hodge of Cullman.

Dating on Tuesday night were Ann Harbin and Ed Knight, Rebecca Hesterly and Harold Chandler, Mary Frances Zeinsmeister and Rayburn Parker.

Betsy Bridgesand and Virgil Fowler were spotted on Sunday afternoon.

POET'S CORNER

Winter | By: Randy C. Hale

You like your frosts and brown's
your hazy whites,
flaunting them in the cold
each morning, day, and night.

Sashaying through December,
January, bold.
Going through February
as early March unfolds.

Time will sew your dress
with emerald vines of green,
and then give birth to the earth,
flowers in the spring.

But memories of you winter
shall linger in our mind,
for rest assure you shall return,
when autumn each year dies.



CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

FEB. 19

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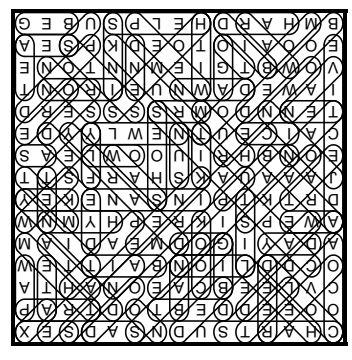
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CULLMAN TRIBUNE SUDOKU

FEB. 19

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2022 Miss Southerner and Fair Queen Representative Pageant contestants announced

Cullman High School will host the 2021-2022 Miss Southerner Pageant and the 2022 Fair Queen Representative Pageant Saturday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. in the CHS auditorium.



CAROLINE LUNSFORD

2022 Fair Queen Representative Pageant – Carrie Betts; Not pictured: Ashton Henderson, Kathryn Dueland



CAROLINE LUNSFORD

2021-2022 Miss Southerner Contestants – Front row (L to R): Nicole Lindsey, Avery Heis, Natalie Myrex; Second row (L to R): London Valladares, Katie Chambers, Lexi McCormick; Third row (L to R): Victoria Hudson, Maggie Barnett, Madison Files, Avery Orr; Fourth row (L to R): Emree Dean, Adrianne Lynn, Natalie Freeman, Natalie Lindsey; Not pictured: Ashton Henderson, Gracie Barksdale, Anabelle Howze, Kathryn Dueland, Olivia Smith, Sydney Sweet, Marissa Brown, Abbie Allison

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