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LIFESTYLE

Picked fresh: Cullman prepares for 83rd Annual Strawberry Festival

'This year's event will be our 83rd festival and we are so proud to continue this legacy'

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Celebrating its 83rd year, The Cullman Strawberry Festival has organizers excited to return to full strength for this year's event to Downtown Cullman and Depot Park. The festival will be held May 7 from 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

"This year's Strawberry Festival will include our annual event favorites—featuring our local farmers and their fresh strawberries, The Strawberry Festival Baking Competition, the Doggy Pawgeant and After Party, a Kid's Area with games and inflatables, local arts and crafts vendors, as well as the largest and most diverse » PAGE 6



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Crowds enjoy last year's Strawberry Festival

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'The safety and security of our citizens and our community comes first'

Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry addresses rising fuel costs



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If fuel prices continue rising, protocols will be implemented similar to those of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — With an average of seven patrols per shift, not including two township deputies and a Lieutenant, the Cullman County Sheriff's Office looks at strategic planning to help conserve fuel while continuing coverage of the county.

"No matter what we face here at the Cullman County Sheriff's Office, the safety and security of our citizens and our community comes first. Regardless of the obstacle, that cannot and will not change," said Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry.

Gentry stated between the seven district patrol deputies and a Lieutenant average roughly 300 miles per shift, covering a total area of more than 700 square miles. The increase in fuel has caused an increase in expense. "We have seen an increase of approximately 20% over the past two months," said Gentry.

To help lower the costs, Gentry said deputies are keeping an eye on the gas gauge while continuing patrols. However, if fuel costs continue to rise, the department has a plan in place.

"We have instructed our deputies to be vigilant with the rising cost of fuel. It is our job to take care of Cullman County and to be out in our communities," he said. "If the rise continues, protocols and policies will be implemented, similar to our COVID procedures. For example, non-emergency calls and incident reports that can be, will be handled over the phone."

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported April 1

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported April 1, 2022. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INCIDENTS
March 28
- theft of property; Hwy. 69 S
- possession of controlled substance; illegal possession of prescription drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278 E
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 157
- possession of marijuana; Christian St.
- theft of property; CR 1711
- menacing; CR 1107
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 940
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1570
- theft of property; CR 1222
- domestic violence; criminal mischief; Lindsey Rd.
- harassment; CR 1592
- theft of property; Hwy. 91
- theft of property; CR 573
- harassment; CR 109

March 29
- theft of property; CR 1242
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69 S
- possession of controlled substance; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 157
- receiving stolen property; CR 1756
- possession of marijuana; CR 831
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 437
- possession of controlled substance; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; attempt to elude police officer; I-65 NB at 308 MM
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; I-65 NB at Rest Area

March 30
- theft of property; CR 1663
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 1349
- harassment; CR 1544
- criminal mischief; White Oak Loop

ARRESTS
March 28 – 30
Bagwell, Richad D.; 39
- Grand Jury- burglary-residence-force
- FTA- possession of marijuana
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Brock, Myra L.; 55
- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- second-degree possession of marijuana

Davis, Katherine D.; 40
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Findley, Stephen D.; 35
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Fortner, Gabriel K.; 21
- FTA- burglary-residence-force

Holt, Steven M.; 37
- public intoxication

Humphries, Kasen D.; 18
- second-degree possession of marijuana

Johnson, Jeffery L.; 52
- FTA- assault-harassment

Monroe, Jason T.; 44
- FTA- driver's license not in possession

Noe, Savannah B.; 29
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- public intoxication

Swann, Alice G.; 50
- possession of opium or derivative
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Wallace, Ricky L.; 43
- FTA- operating vehicle without insurance

Welch, Chelce L.; 28
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Williams, Larry A.; 34
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Bates, Josie Makae C.; 26
- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Borden, Daniel G.; 31
- forgery-counterfeiting
- forgery-forged instrument
- larceny/theft-miscellaneous

Dill, Kelly; 42
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- resisting arrest

Duffey, Kimberleigh A.; 31
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Farr, Larry D.; 61
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Hasenbein, Sherre E.; 47
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- second-degree possession of marijuana
- FTA- promote prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- criminal trespass
- FTA- operating vehicle with expired tag
- FTA- driving while license suspended
- FTA- improper brake lights
- FTA- no seat belt
- FTA- operating vehicle without insurance
- FTA- traffic-tinted windows

Havard, Kimberly D.; 51
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- second-degree possession of marijuana

Lowery, Nathan D.; 33
- illegal possession of prescription drugs

McClain, Evann C.; 32
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- second-degree possession of marijuana

Odom, Jennie M.; 44
- second-degree possession of marijuana
- FTA- traffic-failure/refusal to display insurance

Rhoads, Joseph M.; 28
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Sheets, Eric T.; 33
- possession of heroin
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- second-degree possession of marijuana
- attempting to elude police officer

Stewart Sr., Kenneth M.; 45
- driver's license not in possession

Turner, Justin D.; 40
- FTA- assault-reckless endangerment
- FTA- sell/distribution of dangerous drugs

Chandler, Abby G.; 19
- FTA- fraud-identity theft
- FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous $500 less than $1,500

Givens, Mark W.; 58
- FTA- drug trafficking
- FTA- possession of marijuana
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- weapons-drunk/addict in possession of a firearm

Knight, Steven J.; 44
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- promote prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- sex offense- failure of adult sex offender to register with local law enforcement
- Grand Jury- sex offense-failure of adult sex offender to register with local law enforcement
- probation violation- sex offense-rape-strong arm

McCay, Mandy M.; 41
- FTA- public intoxication

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
March 31
- forgery; Peoples Bank; Cherokee Ave. SW; forged check
- fourth-degree theft of property; Marvin's; Hwy. 157; miscellaneous; $24
- third-degree criminal mischief; Walmart; Olive St. SW;
- fourth-degree theft of property; Walmart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $262

ARRESTS
No arrests reported.

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

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COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Friday, April 1, COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Dashboard Hub (https://bit.ly/3iVJwXK)

ADPH COVID-19 dashboard changes
The Alabama Department of Public Health received lab reports from five entities on March 25, 2022. A total of 1,714 positive cases with specimen collection dates from January 2, 2022 to February 28, 2022 were added to the dashboard today. These cases are mostly residents from Barbour, Coffee, Dale, Geneva, and Houston counties. For information related to when a case occurred versus when the case was reported, please view Tab 5. COVID-19 is a notifiable disease and laboratories are mandatory reporters. ADPH does not have control over when results are reported.

*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: 2.4%
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 387,666
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2021): 537,780
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2022): 369,851 (+215 since Wednesday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,188
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2021): 9,530
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2022) 2,572 (+5 since Wednesday)
- Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.: 1%
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2020): 7,567
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2021): 9,739
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2022): 7,192 (+1 since Wednesday)
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 128
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 188
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2022): 48 (+0 since Wednesday)
- Total tested in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 611
- Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 6
- Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 25,138
- Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 602
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 90

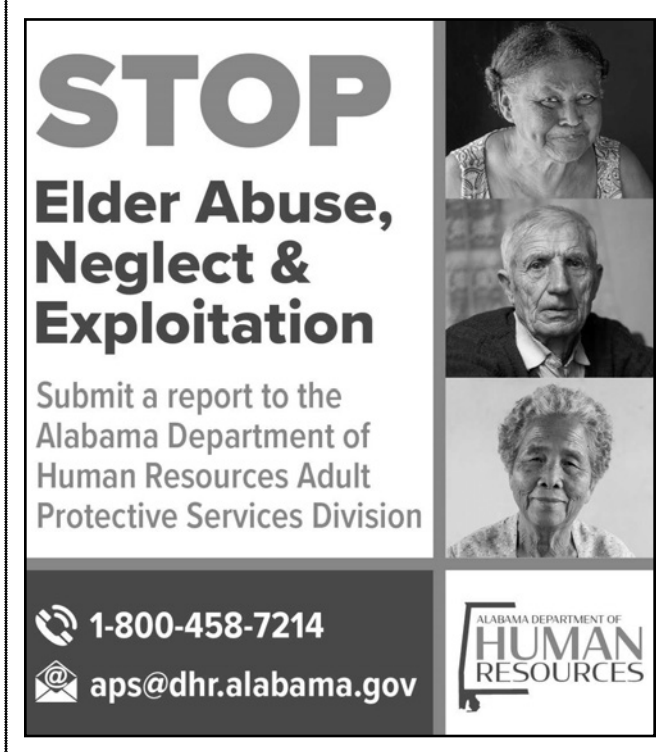
Vaccine details (updated Tuesday and Thursday)
- Doses delivered to Alabama: 9,003,045 No Updates Available
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 4,687,365 No Updates Available
- Doses administered: 5,900,446
- Additional doses administered: 782,484
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,862,114
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 2,337,978
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 4,315,680 No Updates Available

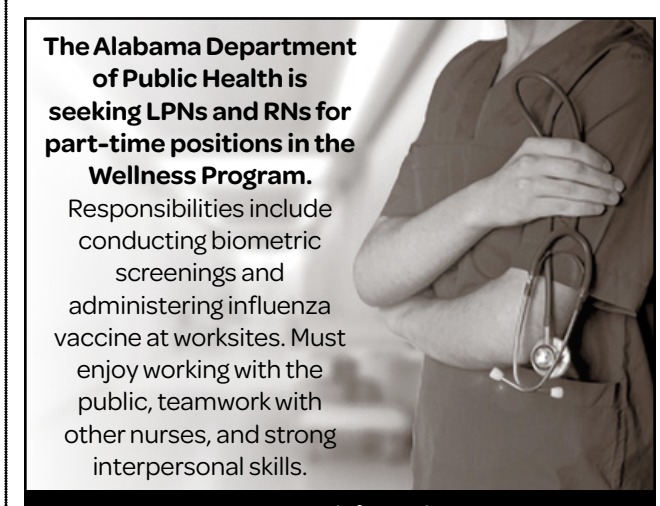
Alabamians in Phases 1a, 1b and 1c (including those 12 and older) are now eligible to receive a vaccine.

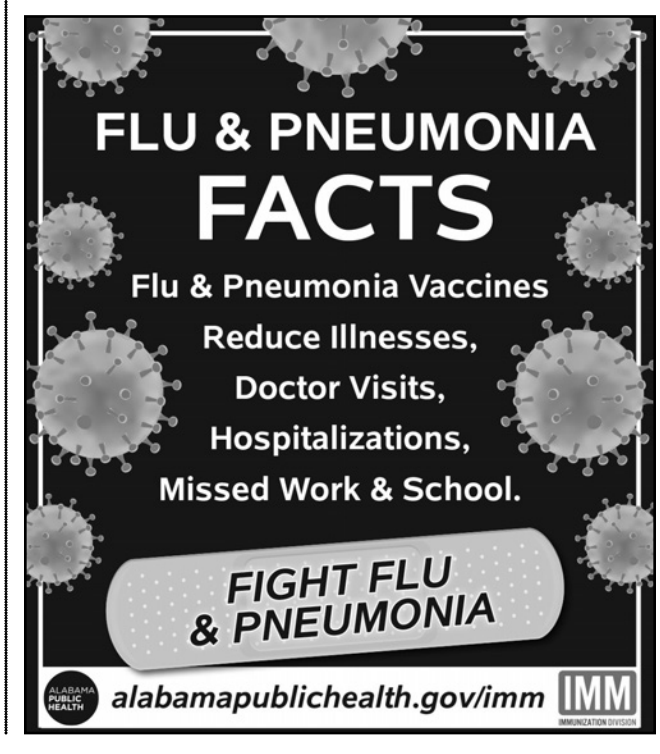
View the Alabama COVID-19 Vaccination Allocation Plan at: www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19vaccine/assets/adph-covid19-vaccination-allocation-plan.pdf./











COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submit your calendar items or public notices to olivia@cullmantribune.com

"Come to the Well" Community Women's Bible Study

• Tuesday mornings at 10 at the Hebrews Cafe at East Side Baptist Church, 1111 Third St. SE in Cullman

• Please wear a mask/face covering.

Baileyton Bargain Days

• First and third Saturday of each month from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the old Baileyton fire station next to the town's park

• Beauty and health products, toys, home goods, pet items, food and many everyday items

• A donation of $20 will allow a shopper to fill up a bag, and for $40 a shopper can fill a large box. Some of the items of greater value will require a larger donation. There will be some restrictions and product limits on the items. Cash and checks accepted.

• Proceeds will be used for park improvements and capital improvements for the town.

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Church Services-Spirit Life Church of GOD

• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph 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.

• Saturday, April 2, 8 a.m.: Men's Breakfast and Community Outreach -Sack Lunches in the 5 Points area. Come join our men for a free breakfast; help prepare and distribute lunches.

• Saturday, April 16: Community Easter Outreach. Time to be announced.

• Sunday, April 17, 11 a.m.: Children's Easter play.

• Saturday, April 23, 9 a.m. - noon Pick up and pay for your pre-ordered Boston Butt for $40. Support our youth fundraiser. Help send them to youth camp. Text or call 256-347-3619 to order yours.

• 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.

Cullman City Cemetery ground flower removal

Ground flowers at the City Cemetery need to be removed by April 15 to prepare for Decoration Day on May 8.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 12-Step Groups

The Goose Hung High Group of Alcoholics Anonymous - 1st Church of Nazarene, 5415 U.S. Highway 157, Cullman, AL 35058 - CLOSED Literature Study, SUNDAYS at 3 p.m. - Handicap accessible

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.

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

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

Fairview Lions Club Spring Fling

April 2: The Fairview Lions Club will have their annual Spring Fling and car show on April 2 at the Randall Shedd Community Park on Wesley Avenue in Fairview. We will have a car show, parade, vendors, games, music and bouncy houses. Parade line up starts at 10 a.m. at the Clint Barbee ball field and parade starts at 11 a.m. Car registration will begin at 8 a.m. with awards to be given out at 2 p.m. Vendor spots are $10 a spot, payable the day of the event. Must be set up by 9 a.m. (no ready to eat food please, canned foods and fresh food allowed). Concessions will be sold by the Lions Club. If the ground is too wet that day, we will have this event at Fairview School. For more information, please contact Kita Chambers at 256-385-8805 or William Criscoe at 256-385-5596.

St. Andrew's United Methodist Church Swamp John's Dinner

April 8 – St. Andrew's United Methodist Church will be holding a Swamp John's dinner on Friday, April 8 from 4-7 p.m. Dine-in and carry-out options available. All proceeds will go to community mission projects.

Cottontails Arts and Crafts Festival

• April 9, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

• 905 SE Commercial St., Hanceville

• Willow Brook Boutique & Design will host a spring arts and crafts festival in downtown Hanceville.

Senior Easter Egg Hunt

April 13 – The Cullman County Commission on Aging will host a Senior Easter Egg Hunt on Wednesday, April 13 at 10 a.m. at Sportsman Lake Park. There will be 1,000 eggs and candy to be found, with the Sheriff's Office serving hamburger and hotdogs. Seniors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. Prizes will be handed out to those who find the most eggs.

Senior Fishing Day

April 22: The Senior Fishing Day will be held at Veterans Park in Hanceville on April 22. Registration starts at 8 a.m. and weigh-in is at 11 a.m. Trophies will be presented to 1st place, Big Fish, Oldest Man in Attendance and Oldest Woman in Attendance. There will be a limit of five fish to take home.

Bloomin' Festival Arts and Crafts Fair

• April 23-24, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

• 1600 St. Bernard Ave. SE, Cullman

• Food, music and artisan crafts all weekend at St. Bernard Preparatory School.

Admission $7, children 5 and under get in free.

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/.

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In accordance with Title 40, Chapter 10, Code of Alabama 1975 (§40-10-180 through 200), Cullman County Tax Collecting official has authority to auction and sell tax liens on properties for which ad valorem property taxes are delinquent. Effective with the 2021 delinquent property tax, a tax lien auction will take place in the County Commission conference room of the Courthouse of Cullman County on May 3, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. the parcels of real estate indicated on the delinquent parcels page of the Cullman Revenue Commissioner website, assessed to the respective individual's name, for the payment of taxes, fees and costs and interest as shown at:

https://cullmanrevenue.us/TaxPayments/Property/DelinquentParcels.

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Big inning, solid pitching leads Auburn past LSU 6-5

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BATON ROUGE, La. — Auburn used a six-run fifth inning and solid effort from three of its arms to defeat No. 12 LSU, 6-5, in the series opener at Alex Box Stadium Thursday night.

Trailing 2-0 after solo homers in the first and fourth innings, Auburn sent 10 batters to the plate in the top of the fifth and scored six runs on five hits, an intentional walk and an error to take a lead that it wouldn't relinquish.

"We wound up scoring six, which barely held up here with a crazy crowd here at Alex Box," head coach Butch Thompson said. "That's us going for it tonight."

Cam Hill tied the game with a two-run single, and Brody Moore provided the big swing with a three-run home run in the fifth inning, his second homer of the season.

"Hitting is contagious," Moore said. "We linked it up, and it was really nice for us to get on a roll.

"He threw me a first-pitch fastball that I hit a line drive on in my first at-bat, so I was sitting slider. He threw it to me, and I just let it eat."

After Hayden Mullins threw the first four frames, Carson Skipper (2-0, 3.28) pitched 3.1 innings and earned the win while bridging the gap to closer Blake Burkhalter, who recorded the final five outs for his fifth save of the season.

"That's a big win," Skipper said. "Winning game one sets the tone and lets them know we are here to battle this weekend.

"My job as a reliever is to come in and get the first guy out," Skipper added. "I feel like myself and Blake did that pretty well tonight. We both went out and competed, and Nate (LaRue) called a great game."

With Auburn (18-8, 4-3 SEC) leading 6-4 entering the ninth inning, LSU (18-8, 3-4 SEC) threatened by putting runners on the corners with nobody out. The Tigers cut the deficit to one on a sacrifice fly, but Burkhalter got a strikeout and Josh Hall made a nice catch on a flyout to right field to leave the tying run in scoring position and end the game.

The win was Auburn's first in a series opener in Baton Rouge since 2011.

After LSU started the scoring with a leadoff homer on the second pitch of the game, Auburn threatened in each of the first two innings, putting two aboard with one out in the first and two aboard with two outs in the second. However, the Tigers came up empty in both frames.

Mullins hung though in the early innings, bouncing back from the leadoff home run to strike out five in the first three frames and hold LSU scoreless in the second and third. The junior lefty ultimately allowed two runs on three hits with two walks and a season-high seven strikeouts in four innings.

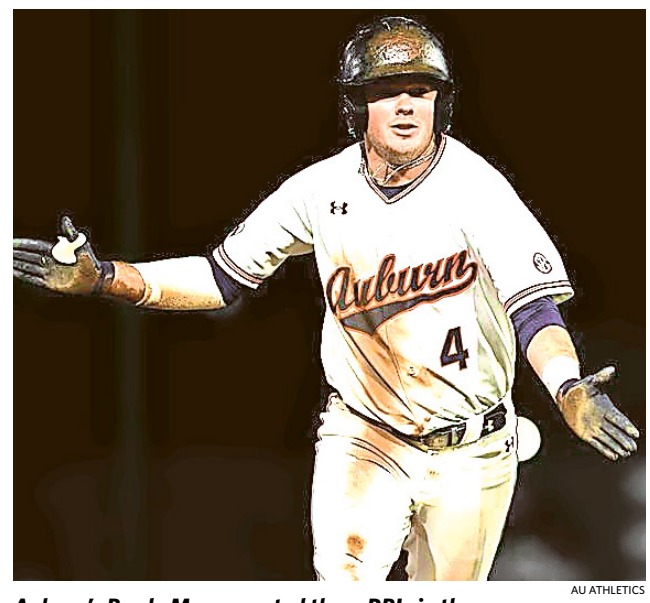
LSU added a run on a solo homer in the fourth, but Auburn answered in a big way with a six-run fifth. With two outs and two on, the Tigers made LSU pay for intentionally walking Sonny DiChiara as Hill hit a two-RBI single through the right side and Moore followed two pitches later with his three-run homer. Auburn added an unearned run on a fielding miscue later in the frame.

Skipper took the mound in relief of Mullins following the big top of the fifth and allowed just one hit and two baserunners in the fifth through seventh frames. LSU narrowed the gap to 6-4 with a two-run home run and double to run Skipper from the game with one out in the eighth. Burkhalter recorded the final two outs of the frame with a strikeout and flyout to strand the runner in scoring position.

Similar to the eight, the junior righty struck out LSU cleanup hitter Jacob Berry with the tying run in scoring position for the second out of the ninth before the flyout to foul territory in right ended the game.

Blake Rambusch extended his hitting streak to 16 games, matching Jonah Todd for the longest hitting streak in the last six seasons, and ultimately collected multiple hits for the 14th time this season. Moore and Mike Bello matched Rambusch with two hits in the contest.

The two teams turn around for game two of the three-game series Friday at 6:30 p.m.



AU ATHLETICS

Auburn's Brody Moore posted three RBIs in the Tigers' 6-5 win at LSU Thursday night.

Homestand continues for Alabama this weekend against Texas A&M

Alex Thompson
UA Athletics

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Alabama continues the current five-game homestand with a weekend series against Texas A&M at Sewell-Thomas Stadium. The Crimson Tide and Aggies are scheduled for a 6 p.m. CT first pitch in the opener on Friday followed by a 4 p.m. start on Saturday. Things wrap up on Sunday at 1 p.m. Games one and three will air on SEC Network+ with the Saturday matchup receiving national attention on SEC Network.

This weekend's series with Texas A&M will feature numerous promotions across the three games. On Friday, the Atlanta Braves' 2021 World Series trophy will be on display at Sewell-Thomas Stadium. Fans can take pictures and get an up-close look at the Commissioner's Trophy. The series finale on Sunday will continue the Tide's "Kids' Day at The Joe" promotion.

All kids 18-and-under can purchase a $5 general admission ticket. Children will also have the chance to run the bases postgame. Sunday's series finale will also resume the Tide's baseball card giveaway as part of a season-long promotion highlighting the 2022 roster. Kids can get their second pack of baseball cards and stay after the game to get autographs from the group of players featured on this Sunday's set of cards.

Follow the Tide
Fans can follow this weekend's games via the below outlets:

• Watch: SEC Network+ (Friday/Sunday) | SEC Network (Saturday)
• Listen: 100.9 FM / CTSN / The Varsity App
• Twitter: @AlabamaBSB
• Live Stats: RollTide.com

Probable Starting Pitching Matchups
• Friday: UA – Garrett McMillan (Jr., RHP) vs. A&M – Nathan Dettmer (So., RHP)
• Saturday: UA – Jacob McNairy (Sr., RHP) vs. A&M – Micah Dallas (Jr., RHP) -OR- Ryan Prager (Fr., LHP)
• Sunday: UA – Grayson Hitt (So., LHP) vs. A&M – Micah Dallas (Jr., RHP) -OR- Ryan Prager (Fr., LHP)

Leading off
• Alabama and Texas A&M will meet for the 28th time when the two teams open the series on Friday evening at Sewell-Thomas Stadium. The Aggies hold the all-time advantage, 17-10, including a 7-4 mark in Tuscaloosa.

• The two teams last met from April 9-11, 2021, in Bryan-College Station with Alabama earning three wins to secure the series sweep of A&M. The last series in Tuscaloosa came from May 10-12, 2019, with the Aggies claiming wins in the bookend games of the weekend to clinch the series, 2-1.

• Alabama will continue with its' rotation from last weekend in Starkville. The Crimson Tide will first send junior right-hander Garrett McMillan to the mound before senior righty Jacob McNairy takes the hill on Saturday. Left-hander Grayson Hitt will get the nod in game three with the sophomore starting Sunday's series finale.

• Texas A&M calls on sophomore right-hander Nathan Dettmer in the series opener. The Aggies are then split between who will start on Saturday and Sunday, with junior righty Micah Dallas and left-handed freshman Ryan Prager both in the mix to get the call.

About Alabama
• Alabama enters the series with Texas A&M having won two games in a row as part of four matchups this past week. The Crimson Tide went 1-2 at Mississippi State last weekend, claiming a victory in the series finale, before downing South Alabama at Sewell-Thomas Stadium on Tuesday night.

• The Crimson Tide used a bases loaded wild pitch to bring in the game-winning run for a 5-4 win over South Alabama.

• South Alabama took a 2-0 lead after three innings, with UA gaining the advantage in the fourth thanks to four-run frame highlighted by a Bryce Eblin three-run home run.

• The Jaguars added one in the fifth and eighth to tie things up at four apiece headed to the ninth. Alabama was able to keep USA off the board in the top half before rallying for the game-winning run in the home half.

• Jim Jarvis began the ninth-inning rally with a leadoff double before the Tide loaded the bases up with intentional walks to both Zane Denton and Owen Diodati. Following a strikeout for out No. 2, a wild pitch in the next at-bat got away from the South Alabama catcher to allow Jarvis to cross. Jake Leger was tabbed with the win on Tuesday night.

• The Crimson Tide battled down to the final out in all three games at State and was afforded the opportunity thanks to strong outings from each of the three weekend starters.

• UA's trio of Garrett McMillan, Jacob McNairy and Grayson Hitt combined for a 2.20 ERA (4 ER/16.1 IP) and 18 strikeouts against the Bulldogs. McMillan contributed 6.0 innings of one-run baseball on Friday while McNairy posted 5.0 frames and allowed just two runs on Saturday. Hitt tossed 6.0 innings in which he gave up just one run on Sunday to send the Tide home with a win.

• Alabama suffered a 7-6 loss to Mississippi State in the 10th inning of Friday's game at Dudy Noble Field.

• State scored one in the second before Alabama took the lead with a three-run fourth. The Tide added two more in the top of the seventh, but MSU was able to counter with three in the bottom of the frame to make it a one-run ballgame.

• Alabama added one in the ninth but a two-run home run in the home half sent the game to extras. The Bulldogs secured the win with a solo homer in the 10th.

• McMillan provided the Crimson Tide with a solid start on Friday. The junior tossed 5.1 innings of one-run baseball, allowing six hits and issuing two walks with six strikeouts.

• Alabama traded blows with State all Saturday, with the Bulldogs coming out on top late, 8-7.

• MSU gained the advantage with two runs in the bottom of the fourth. Alabama came right back with a three-run sixth to take the lead. State would score one in the home half to make it a 3-3 affair before UA moved out front once again, this time with one in the seventh. The Bulldogs matched with one in the bottom of the eighth to send things to the ninth. The ninth saw Alabama score three to take the lead before State walked it off with a four-run home half.

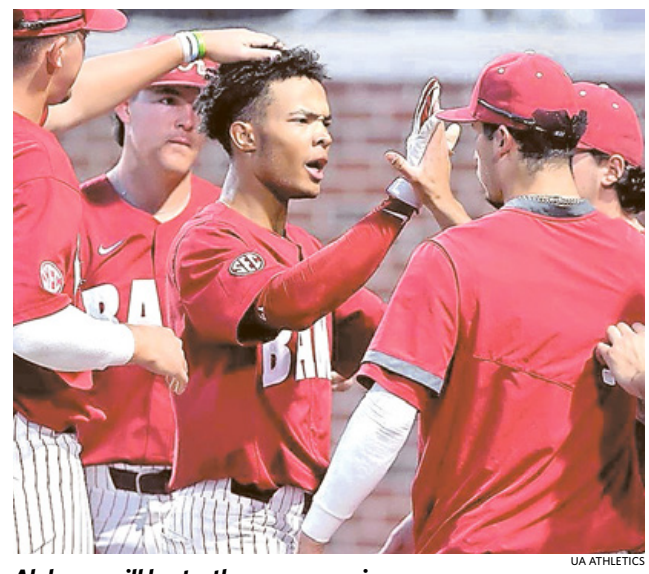
• McNairy was impressive in his first weekend start of the season. The senior allowed two runs on six hits and no walks with a career-high tying seven strikeouts in his 5.0 innings of work.

• The Tide secured a 6-2 win on Sunday in Starkville. Alabama led 2-1 after five full and maintained a lead from thereon out. UA added one in the sixth with State countering for a run of their own in the seventh to make it a one-run affair.

• Alabama was not content with a one-run advantage, widening the gap with a three-spot in the top of the ninth to put the game out of reach. The Tide used two walks followed by three straight RBI-singles with two outs to earn the 6-2 win.

• Hitt posted a quality start for the Crimson Tide to earn his second win of the season. The sophomore allowed one run on four hits and four walks with five strikeouts across his career-high 6.0 innings and 102 pitches. Hitt turned the ball over to junior Antoine Jean. The Tide lefty tossed the final 3.0 frames, allowing one unearned run on three hits and a walk with one punchout for his first career save.

• The Alabama offense was highlighted by Drew Williamson. The senior finished 2-for-3 with a home run and a walk to go with a team-high two RBI and two runs scored.



UA ATHLETICS

Alabama will host a three-game series with Texas A&M this weekend.

Gamecocks hand Auburn its first midweek loss 5-2

Tony Schmidt
JSU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. – The Jacksonville State baseball team did something no other team could do against Auburn in the midweek as the Gamecocks handed the Tigers a 5-2 loss in front of a sold-out crowd on Tuesday night at Plainsman Park.

The loss was the first in the midweek for AU, who dropped to 17-8 on the season and 5-0 before Tuesday during the midweek. The Gamecocks picked up their 15th win over the Tigers and their second in three trips to The Plains going back to the 2019 season. JSU moved one game over .500 at 12-11 on the season and returns to ASUN West activity this weekend against the Colonels of Eastern Kentucky. The series starts on Friday, April 1 with first pitch set for 6 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at JSUGamecockSports.com. JSU students and fans 18 years old and younger are admitted free. All three games will be streamed on ESPN+ and carried on the Gamecock Sports Network.

Jax State doubled up the Tigers with four of the six hits coming as doubles. Junior Carson Crowe claimed two of the doubles and drove in runs with both of them. Crowe switched places with junior T.J. Reeves in the first inning after Reeves belted a one-out double to left field. Senior Cole Frederick had a double in the third inning.

With a one-run lead, Jake Peppers kept AU off the scoreboard until the third inning after the Tigers strung together three hits in the frame. Peppers went 4.0 innings and collected five strikeouts and five hits and the lone run.

The Gamecocks broke up the 1-1 deadlock in the fifth with a pair of two-out runs. After back-to-back walks by Frederick and Reeves and a swipe of second by Frederick. Reeves scored on a wild pitch, followed by Crowe's second double of the game.

After AU cut the lead to 3-2 in the seventh, the Gamecocks responded offensively in the eighth. Sophomore Kody Putnam recorded a bloop RBI single with the infield playing in and senior Javier Ramirez laid down a safety squeeze bunt for an RBI.

Freshman Cole Turner secured his first win as a Gamecock as the first arm out of the bullpen. The Moulton, Alabama native tossed three innings and allowed one run. Senior Dylan Hathcock finished the eighth, while Trey Fortner collected a save.



JSU ATHLETICS

Carson Crowe posted a pair of hits and RBIs in Jacksonville State's 5-2 win at Auburn Tuesday.

OUTDOORS

Black bear cubs collared in northeast Alabama

David Rainer
Ala. Dept. of Conservation and Nat. Resources

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — To say Traci Wood has a passion for bears would understate her love for the small black bear populations on opposite ends of the state in northeast and southwest Alabama.

Wood, State Wildlife Grants coordinator with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division, recently was among a team of biologists and researchers who were able to place collars on a trio of bear cubs in DeKalb County near Mentone.

A research program under State Wildlife Grants is continuing to monitor the black bear populations in the state. In its fourth year, the study looks at cub survival and den habitat.

"We're evaluating the types of den structures the sows are using," Wood said. "We are collaring cubs when they are 7 weeks of age, around the 5-pound mark. It's basically a GPS collar. We also insert a PIT (Passive Integrated Transponder) tag into them. That collar expands as they grow. After six to nine months, that collar will fall off. So, if we trap that animal later, the PIT tag will identify as a cub we had previously collared.

"What that collar also tells us is if that cub has died. If they die, we receive a transmitter signal, and we can find the location of the den and try to determine the cause of death. This will give an indication of how cubs are recruiting into the population."

When the cubs become adults and are collared again, the research team gathers a great deal more information about bear habits and habitat.

"It tells us where they are going, if they're having cubs in the future," Wood said. "Hopefully, it's a long-term look at the life ecology of a bear from when it's born to its reproductive age."

The previous summer, WFF and the Auburn University research team, with Hannah Leeper as the research associate in the field, trapped females and attached GPS collars to determine where they made their winter dens. With the dens located, the team was able to find the cubs this spring near Mentone.

The team will move to the Mobile area this weekend to start performing den checks to hopefully find cubs to collar.

"The cubs in southwest Alabama are born at different times than north Alabama cubs," Wood said. "We really don't know why. It could be due to genetic reasons. Those cubs should be big enough to attach cub collars."

Although the study is focused on the bear populations in those two areas, Wood said that doesn't mean bears aren't denning and birthing cubs in other areas of the state.

When den locations are determined, the researchers carefully approach the den to determine if the sow has given birth.

"When we approach, the mom usually gets off the den and runs off right away," Wood said.

"We go straight into the den, collar, weigh and measure the cubs and put them back. It's a very quick process because we want to reduce the stress to the den and mom. We want her to come back as quickly as possible. We don't want her to think we are a threat.

"She usually comes back within an hour, which is kind of surprising. I think she can sense – hear and smell – when we're gone. That's good news the sows are returning to the dens. Later, with the GPS, we can determine if the mom stayed at the den, or she may move her cubs to a different den.

"A couple of weeks after we collar the cubs, they are out of the den, walking around with mom. They're big enough to keep up with mom, and they're exploring and climbing trees."

Wood said the bear population in northeast Alabama is doing great with sows producing large litters.

"It's not uncommon to encounter three cubs on average in a den," she said. "Those cubs are very healthy, look very pretty, and they're surviving in that first year, which is the most critical period because they're small, vulnerable to predators, and it is a lot of work to keep up with mom.

"Those cubs in north Alabama have very good habitat as well. They have canyons, caves and rock outcrops. Because of the canyons, they're not running into people, houses or barriers. Even though we're not seeing many sows' dens in caves, most of the time they den in windrows after a tree cutting. It's very thick. That seems to be their preference. It's very removed from people as well. We're seeing high cub survival in north Alabama."

After about a year, the yearlings will disperse, and Wood said some of the males travel into Georgia.

"They're covering a very large range," she said. "It's a bigger picture than what you would think. The linkage between our bears in northeast Alabama and Georgia has very high potential because of the good habitat in that corridor."

Unfortunately, the bear population in the Mobile area is facing many more hurdles to viability, mainly due to isolation and habitat.

"In the Mobile population, we are seeing more cub mortality," Wood said. "It's still a question mark for us on how to find answers and come up with solutions. They are a very genetically isolated population. They are surrounded by highways, the interstate and subdivisions. It has led to inbreeding and very low genetic diversity. It doesn't bode well for them at all.

"Den habitat and habitat quality for the adult bears are not there. Their den is open, like a nest on the ground. There's rarely coverage, exposing them to all the elements, not only predators but extreme weather like flooding in the (Mobile-Tensaw) Delta.

"All those factors play a part in cub survival. It doesn't appear, at this stage of the project, that predators are the problem. It's directly linked to the poor habitat. It leaves those cubs so vulnerable. They have a hard life from the get-go. But we're trying to find the answers on how to protect that population."

Wood said Auburn University has been a WFF partner for about a decade in this research on black bears, Alabama's state mammal. Auburn leads the field work, trapping, collaring and tracking the bears as well as analyzing the data to provide a report to WFF.

"This assists us in making management decisions for bears," she said. "It helps us evaluate the status of black bears in Alabama. It's very important work."

WFF and Auburn estimate the population of the northeast Alabama bears at 30-35 individuals. The southwest Alabama bear population is estimated at about 125 individuals, although Wood said some people in southwest Alabama think bears are everywhere.

"There aren't as many bears in the Mobile population as people think," she said. "They're seeing the same bears over and over. The fact that they have such a restricted home range in the Mobile population means those bears are basically traveling in a circle with a radius of about 10 miles. Bears are a common sight in the general Saraland area."

However, Wood said a black bear could be spotted just about anywhere in the state, especially during the summer months.

"Once the mom kicks them out at about 18 months of age, the young adult males roam," she said. "But it's not only the yearlings but older bears as well. The males are probably going to be looking for a mate or looking for a new home range. They can travel 250 miles.

"We're starting to get more reports from the Birmingham area. Some of the north Alabama males come down that corridor and turn up around Birmingham and Alexander City."

Wood said it's important to be "Bear Aware" and realize any sighting during the summer is likely going to be a male bear passing through.

"If you have garbage out or you're feeding wildlife, you should remove that food source for about two weeks, and the bear will move along," she said. "Their activity is extremely food driven. They're like little teenagers and get into trouble. Removing the food source is the key.

"But treat the bears as wildlife. Treat them as if they are dangerous. Typically, they're not aggressive. They're just looking for something to eat. You don't want it to imprint on your food source because it's going to keep coming back. That's when it becomes a problem, but it's more of a human problem than a bear problem."



ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

WFF's Traci Wood is all smiles as she prepares to return a black bear cub to its den in northeast Alabama. WFF Director Chuck Sykes retrieves a bear cub from its den and passes it to Wood. The black bear cubs are handled so gently during the collaring process that they sometimes take a nap.

Wood hopes being "Bear Aware" will reduce human conflicts and people can enjoy just seeing a bear.

Speaking of bear sightings, WFF has set up an online reporting system for citizens. Visit: https://www.outdooralabama.com/black-bear/alabama-black-bears and click on the "Report a Black Bear Sighting" link at the top of the page.

"This helps us know where bears are popping up," Wood said. "This helps us in where our research is focused. It helps us work with our citizens on how to be 'Bear Aware.'

"People love bears because the cubs are so cute, but it's not all rainbows and sunshine. It's briars, mud and mosquitoes. It's extremely hard work, but I love it."







Fresh (from Front)

selection of food and beverage offerings—guaranteeing something delicious for everyone," said Leah Waldrop, director of Marketing Cullman City Parks Recreation and Sports Tourism.

Don't forget about the Miss Strawberry Festival Pageant, which will take place April 23 beginning at 10 a.m. at Desperation Church.

The pageant will be held so the Strawberry Festival Queen may enjoy the events of festival day.

The Strawberry Festival itself is free of charge along with all official events.

No tickets are required for families to enjoy the music and vendors; however, a nominal fee will be charged by attraction vendors for certain rides and aspects of the Kid's Activity Zone.

"Arts and crafts vendors, food and beverage vendors, as well as local businesses providing games or services will be charging their own individual prices for their goods, food and drink items and services," said Waldrop.

"This festival can be considered more family-friendly as there is a dedicated Kid's Activity Zone with rides and inflatables, Mr. and Mrs. Berry photo opportunities, several arts and craft vendors specializing in kid-friendly products and services, as well as additional events that families will love including the Doggy Paw-Geant and the Farmers Market with fresh and local strawberries!"

One of Cullman's historical facts is the county's strawberry fields helped to attract visitors once the railway was completed.

"It all started with some local farmers and their passion for strawberries!

"In 1898, strawberry farming put Cullman, Alabama on the map thanks to increased railway lines and the ability to ship produce further distances," she said.

"Cullman hosted their first Strawberry Festival in May of 1939, and this community event has continued to be one of the state's largest and longest-running Strawberry Festivals to date."

Over the past few years, CPRST has helped elevate the level of entertainment for those attending the festival. Previous acts have included the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band and Eve 6 and this year will be no different according to organizers.

The live music will begin at 4 p.m. and conclude by the festival's closing of 10 p.m.

With families watching their expenses with rising costs due to inflation and fuel increases, Waldrop said the whole family can have a great time at the Strawberry Festival without having to break their savings.

"We are proud to offer the Cullman Strawberry Festival as a free event and we have worked to choose a variety of food and beverages vendors who have a diverse offering in terms of foods offered as well as price points," she said.

"Our local shops and restaurants will also be open and could provide more economical options for those who are sticking to a budget. Outside food and drink items can be enjoyed at the festival as well."

Waldrop wanted to remind both residents and visitors to grab a copy of the festival's magazine, containing many delicious recipes and interesting stories.

"Our Strawberry Festival Magazine will be located at local shops and restaurants prior to the festival," she said.

"We encourage everyone to pick up a copy as it will be full of Strawberry Festival facts, stories, recipes and more!"

LEGALS

VALUATION NOTICE

The appraised valuations of all property listed for taxation in Cullman County have been fixed as provided by law and filed in my office according to Sec. 40-30-20, 1975 Code of Alabama. The Board of Equalization and Adjustment will hear protest on any of these valuations provided these protests are filed in writing by April 29, 2022.

Barry Willingham, ACTA
Revenue Commissioner
Board Secretary
Cullman County

NOTICE SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

Statewide Democrat and Republican Primary
and Constitutional Amendment Election
May 24, 2022

State of Alabama
Cullman County
Probate Elections

TO: All Cullman County Voters

There will be a School of Instruction held for all election workers in Cullman County on April 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th, 19th, & 20th between the hours of 10:00 AM and 3:30 PM, pursuant to *Ala. Code §17-8-9 (a)*. All election workers selected by the Appointing Board are required to attend one of these schools.

Thank you for your service.

Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, A

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of)
)
DANIEL LEE DILLOWAY,) Case No.: PC-2022 -098
)
Deceased)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Beverly Poston as Administrator of the Estate of Daniel Lee Dilloway, deceased, on the 18 day of March, 2022, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Beverly Paschal Poston
Administrator of the Estate of
Daniel Lee Dilloway, deceased

TO: The Publisher of *The Cullman Tribune*

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

Beverly Paschal Poston,
Attorney for the Estate of
Daniel Lee Dilloway, deceased.
200 1st Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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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 *
BETTY F. KRETZSCHMAR, * CASE NO. PC 2022 – 003
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration *cum testamento annexo* having been granted to Shellie D. Lafon and Randall Kretzschmar as Co-Administrators *cum testamento annexo* of the Estate of Betty F. Kretzschmar, deceased, on the 24th day of March, 2022, all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same barred.

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Attorney for Shellie D. Lafon and Randall Kretzschmar, Co-Administrators *cum testamento annexo*

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Probate Judge

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF *
THE ADOPTION PETITION OF *
ROBERT CHASE STARCROSS * CASE NO. AD 2022-009
FOR THE ADOPTION OF *
K. L. N., A MINOR, DOB 07/07/2010 *

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: Shawna Storm Starcross May
Jeremy Glenn Nixon
Address unknown

The Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Robert Chase Starcross, Petitioner. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioner, whose name and address are shown below and with the Clerk of Probate Court 500 Second Avenue SW Room 101, Cullman Alabama 35055.

DONE this 18th day of March, 2022.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

J. Bradley Wilson
Attorney for Petitioner
Baggett & Wilson, LLC
206 Ninth Street SW, Suite 102
Cullman AL 35055

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MARENGO COUNTY, ALABAMA

MARTHA HARRIS BROWN,)
)
Plaintiff,)
)
vs.) CASE NO.: DR-2021-900043.00
)
RANDY ALAN BROWN)
)
Defendant.)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TAKE NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION:

Randy Alan Brown, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Martha Harris Brown's petition for divorce and other relief by 20th day of May, 2022, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against him in Case No. 48-DR-2021-900043.00, Circuit Court of Marengo County.

Done the 24th day of March, 2022.

Kenny Freeman, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Marengo County.

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Attorney for Martha Harris Brown

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF)
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JACOB TALMADGE LUMPKIN,) CASE NO.: PC-2022-104
An alleged incapacitated person.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR EMERGENCY LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP

TO: KATIE JO LUMPKIN
2326 YANCEY AVENUE
MONTGOMERY, AL 36107

BRET HARLAN LUMPKIN
74 COUNTY ROAD 871
CRANE HILL, AL 35053

ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Please take notice that a Petition for Emergency Letters of Guardianship filed by Jerry L. Kilgo, Attorney for Petitioner, Teresa Ann Martin. A hearing on said Petition for Emergency Letters of Guardianship has been **SET FOR THE** 14th **day of** April, **2022, AT** 11:30 **A.M.,** Cullman County Courthouse, Probate Office Room 101, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this 18th day of March, 2022.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

Jerry L. Kilgo
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Suite G
Cullman, AL 35055

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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 *
GERALDINE EZEKIEL * CASE NO PC-2022-096
*
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted to Rebecca Holman, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Geraldine Ezekiel, Deceased, on the 17th day of March, 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.

Rebecca Holman
Personal Representative

Melvin Hasting
Attorney at Law
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407 2nd Ave. SW
Cullman, Alabama 35056

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ORDINANCE NO: 001-2022

RE-ZONE PARCEL FROM R2 TO B2

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOOD HOPE, ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, this ordinance is enacted pursuant to the Act and the city's general jurisdictional power and land use authority, it is therefore, provided:

For the purpose of rezoning the below parcel of property from R-2 located in the corporate limits of the City of Good Hope, Cullman County, Alabama to Business District.

A parcel of land, 14 acres +/- in the City of Good Hope, more particularly described as follows:

The West half of the SW ¼ of Section 33, Township 10 South, Range 3 West, containing 20 acres, more or less. LESS 7 EXCEPTING: 4.36 acres heretofore sold to State of Alabama for right of way for Interstate Highway No. 65. Also, less and except a strip of land twenty feet in width deeded to Burrow and Edge Company, Incorporated, said easement filed for records in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama in Deed Book 286, Page 43. Situated, lying and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama.

Source of Description: Deed Book 306, Page 85

Parcel No: 17-08-33-0-001-047.000 PPIN: 12569 Physical Address: 0 Mize Road

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 28th **DAY OF** February, **2022.**

Jerry Bartlett
Mayor, Jerry Bartlett

ATTEST:

Christie Chamblee
City Clerk

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ORDINANCE NO. 003-2022

TO ESTABLISH SPEED ZONE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF GOOD HOPE, ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:

RESTRICTIONS AS TO SPEED:

(a) Any person driving a vehicle within the city limits of the City of Good Hope shall drive at a careful and prudent speed not greater than is reasonable and proper, having due regard to the traffic, surface and width of the street or highway and of any other conditions then existing. No person shall drive any vehicle within the city at such a speed as to endanger the life, limb or property of any person.

(b) It shall be prima facie unlawful for any person to operate any automobile, motorcycle, truck or any other motor vehicle at a speed in excess of thirty-five (35) miles per hour on or in the **SPEED ZONE** set between GPS Coordinates 34.099588,-86-876703 (parking lot of Wiregrass Const) and 34-093458,-86.882059 (Bavar Creek Bridge), within the municipal limit of the City of Good Hope, Alabama.

(c) This ordinance shall not apply to the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle when responding to an emergency call, or when in pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law or when responding to, but not upon returning from a fire alarm, provided however that the driver of said emergency vehicle shall at all times operate said vehicle in such manner as to not endanger life or property. This exception shall apply only when the driver of emergency vehicle sounds an audible signal by bell, siren, electronic sire or exhaust whistle as may be reasonably necessary and when the vehicle is equipped with at least one lighted lamp displaying a red or blue light visible under normal atmospheric conditions.

(d) The foregoing provisions shall not relieve the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons and property.

(e) Signs shall be posted along the right of way of County Road 437 within the speed zone set in the municipal limits of Good Hope, Alabama showing the speed limit but the failure to post signs along said roads or the absence of said signs shall not affect the validity of this ordinance.

This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED THIS THE 28th DAY OF February 2022.

Jerry Bartlett
Jerry Bartlett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christie Chamblee
City Clerk

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ORDINANCE NO: 005-2022

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL & REPLACE ORDINANCE NO's 39A, 002-2010, 002-2013, 020-2018 SETTING NEW SEWER RATES AND REGULATIONS FOR SEWER SERVICE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOOD HOPE, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section One of Ordinance Number 020-2018 of the City of Good Hope, Alabama adopted October 8, 2018, which established rates and regulations for sewer service provided by the City of Good Hope, Alabama is hereby repealed and replaced with said Ordinance No: 005-2022 to read as follows:

SECTION 1. Imposition of Sewer Disposal Charges. There are hereby established the following charges for sewage disposal service measured by quantity of water used:

(A) RESIDENTIAL, BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL RATES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GOOD HOPE, ALABAMA

(i) The sewer disposal service fee to each residence which is served by a water meter connected with the water system, or which discharges into the sanitary sewer system water received from a source other than the water system shall be as follows:
$13.50 for the first 2,000 gallons of water or any portion thereof;
$ 4.00 per 1,000 gallons of water from 2,001 gallons up to 10,000

No additional sewer disposal fee shall be charged residents for water usage in excess of 10,000 gallons of water per month, except as otherwise provided in Section three of this ordinance.

(ii) The sewer disposal service to each business or industry which is served be a water meter connected with the water system, or which discharges into the sanitary sewer system water received from a source other than the water system shall be as follows:
$42.50 for the first 2,000 gallons of water or any portion thereof,
$ 7.50 per 1,000 gallons of water from 2,001 gallons up to 10,000 gallons;
$ 6.00 per 1,000 gallons of water from 10,000 gallons and up

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(B) RESIDENTIAL, BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL RATES OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS OF GOOD HOPE, ALABAMA

(i) The sewer disposal charges to each resident outside the municipal limits of the City of Good Hope, Alabama which is served by a water meter connected with the water system, or which discharges into the sanitary sewer system water received from a source other than the water system must first be approved by council vote, then upon approval shall be as follows:
$15.00 for the first 2,000 gallons of water used or portion thereof;
$ 4.50 per 1,000 gallons of water from 2,001 gallons and up

(ii) The sewer disposal charges to each business or industry outside the municipal limits of the City of Good Hope, Alabama which is served by a water meter connected with the water system, or which discharges into the sanitary sewer system water received from a source other than the water system shall be
$46.00 for the first 2,000 gallons of water used in portion thereof;
$ 8.00 per 1,000 gallons from 2,001 gallons up to 10,000 gallons
$ 7.00 per 1,000 gallons from 10,001 gallons up to 15,000 gallons and up

SECTION 2. Additional Metering to Measure Water Not Entering Sanitary Sewer System.

For all residential, industrial, institutional and commercial users, monthly use charges will be based on actual water usage subject to the following.

(a) If a residential, commercial, institution or industrial user has a consumptive use of water or in some other manner uses water which is not discharged into the sanitary sewer collection system, a separate water meter or a wastewater meter or meters may be installed at the user's expense and subject to approval of the City of Good Hope.

(b) For industrial or commercial users, where a wastewater meter or meters are installed. The sewer use credit for any water not discharged into the sanitary sewer system may be credited to the user's account on a monthly or annual basis, as agreed upon the City of Good Hope and User.

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SECTION 3. Multi-unit use of one master water meter. For rental apartment complexes or any other multi-family complex or similar residences that are served by one master water meter, the monthly sewer user charge shall be no less than the minimum sewer charge times the number of such apartment unit, multi-family complex or residences, plus an additional sewer use charge for any water used above the minimum amount times the number of apartment units, multi-family complex or residents.

SECTION 4. Imposition of Sewer Impact Fee Charges. There are hereby established the following sewer impact fee charges for connection to the City's sanitary sewer system.

(i) The Sewer Impact Fee, or fee for a residential connection to the sanitary sewer system, shall be based upon one residential connection volume of 250 gallons per day per connection or an Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU). A one-time fee of $1,500.00 per EDU will be required for an individual residential connection. Such a residential connection includes single family residents, one rental apartment, individual units in a multifamily complex or residence.

(ii) The Sewer Impact Fee, or fee for a commercial, institutional or industrial connection to the sanitary sewer system, shall be based upon water usage requirements specific to the respective user. The one-time Impact Fee will be calculated utilizing the designated amount per EDU ($1500.00) with a multiplier of the EDU quantity of 250 gallons per day.

(iii) The City of Good Hope reserves the right to assess any customer served by the City's sanitary sewer system an additional Sewer Impact Fee for accepting for treatment and disposal volumes of sewage flow in excess of the stipulated quantity determined at the time of connection to the City's Sanitary Sewer System, as stated in the Sewer Service Agreement between the user and the City.

(iv) The City of Good Hope reserves the right to request water usage records from any sewer user for determining water volumes discharged to the sanitary sewer system by the respective user. The sewer user is required to provide the City with the information pertaining to water discharged to the sewer system.

SECTION 5. Imposition of Sewer Account Transfer Charges. There is hereby established the following sewer account transfer charges for transfer of an existing sewer account.

(i) The Sewer Account Transfer Charge is set as a one-time fee for transfer of an existing sewer account of $50.00. This fee is applicable for transfer of an account from one property owner to another or from one resident to another.

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SECTION 6. The City Council of the City of Good Hope, Alabama hereby Declares that should any portion, paragraph or section of this Ordinance hereby adopted be declared invalid for any reason, it is the intent of this City Council that it would have passed all of the Sections of this Ordinance independent of the elimination hereof of any such section as may be declared invalid.

SECTION 7. All ordinances or parts thereof which are in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby expressly repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Adopted this the 28th day of March, 2022.

Jerry Bartlett
Jerry Bartlett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christie Chamblee
City Clerk

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52 ODES TO JOY: FOUR, JOYFUL SEASONS

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ODE TO FOUR, JOYFUL SEASONS

Spring is joyful, then
there is also this,
Summer is such
sunny bliss.
Autumn is a sweet
molasses kiss, and
Winter is time to
joyfully reminisce.

THE FOUR SEASONS: spring, summer, fall and winter were mostly named for "planting times." The word "seasons" comes from the French for "seed sowing." Spring was known as "Lent" for hundreds of years but evolved in the 14th century to describe "flowers springing up."

Summer comes from the Old English "sumor" which means "togetherness" and it is the warmer months, even in contemporary times, when we most enjoy UNITING together under the sun we share. Fall was named for "falling leaves." Winter derives from the German "wentruz" meaning "white and wet."

This year, I'm celebrating 280 seasons of life. What number of seasons have you weathered? Do the math, even if you need a calculator. Multiply, YOUR AGE X 4=_____seasons. You and I can choose to be: once, twice, three times, four times grateful to have the opportunity to enjoy all our seasons.

FOUR, JOYFUL SEASONS can be yours at any age if you choose to view each of them positively with "The S.U.N.S. (Smile-Making, Uniting, Neighboring, Spellbinding) Joyful Aging Lifestyle Plan"

S M I L E - M A K I N G (Positive Thinking and Positive Doing)—Each season offers unique and wonderful things to enjoy: the blossoming of springtime, the radiant gilding of summer, the flamboyant palette of colors of fall foliage, the cozy snuggling of wintertime. As you think through the special joys of each season, here are some prompts to make your positive-thinking become positive-doing.

Stargazing—That big, bright star you see on a summer evening is probably the planet Venus. How about the wintertime stars the magi studied in Ancient Bible times?

Birding—One season, you can enjoy the birdsong and mating rituals, and another, the migration.

Walking/Hiking—These FREE, fun activities have no "off season." Some walks may require you to layer extra clothing and others to strip away, but good health and adventure await us all through the year.

Road-Tripping—Paraphrasing the classic rock band, Steppenwolf, "Get your motor runnin'. Head out on the highway. We were born to enjoy the wild." Even with soaring gasoline prices, most of us can enjoy a quick getaway and with a bit of planning and budgeting a longer sojourn.

Gardening—Every month at our Master Gardener meetings, those of us who enjoy digging in the dirt discuss the seasonal pleasures of our gardens. Even if working your own garden is not your cuppa, you can enjoy strolling through public gardens and delighting in the changes that come with each season. When plants are snuggling in during the winter, there are some resilient, SMILE-MAKING blooms like pansies and an appreciation for the sculptural beauty of branches.

Reading—Remember as a child when school was out, you had a "Summer Reading List?" How about creating your own reading list for each season? Some "beach reads" simply beg to be enjoyed under summer sun and other books (for me more challenging works) are great for hot cider and blanket-burrowing in the cooler months.

Sports-Watching—I have friends who experience a bit of funk in the months when football isn't in play. How about expanding your fanatic, fantastic, fan enthusiasm to include watching swim meets and cheering on sandlot volleyball? Could be worth the gamble.

UNITING (Deeply Connecting) is another essential for joyful aging. As you ponder the things you positively appreciate in each season, also think of how to enjoy some aspects of those things with those to whom you have your most meaningful connections.

NEIGHBORING (Others-Centeredness)—Each season has opportunities for us to go beyond our own self-focused needs and support others. How might you be assisting in the next "winter coat drive?" Back-to-school supplies are additional expenses some families may need help in affording. "Senior Citizens Day" at your county fair would be a good time to offer to guide a wheelchair or volunteer as an escort.

SPELLBINDING (Absorbed in Meaningful Achievements) can readily happen throughout your year. You can get caught up in raking leaves or counting birds for hours as you enjoy the fresh air and some exercise. Winter is a wonderful time for making crafts, learning new recipes and finishing that book you abandoned reading last summer.

FOUR, JOYFUL SEASONS are possible for the vast majority of us but according to Dr. Joel L. Young, a mental health expert quoted in "Psychology Today" magazine (October, 2017), "Every year, about 5% of Americans experience a condition called 'seasonal affective disorder' (SAD)...a seasonal depression."

Researchers believe seasonal affective disorder is caused by changes in levels of sunlight. The good news is this somewhat uncommon malady can be treated by increasing outdoor activity, possibly adding indoor light box therapy and in extreme cases may require antidepressant medications.

ODES TO FOUR, JOYFUL SEASONS FROM OTHERS

"The seasons are what a symphony ought to be: four perfect movements in harmony with each other."—Arthur Rubenstein

"To be interested in the changing seasons is a happier state of mind than to be hopelessly in love with spring."—George Santayana

"Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all."—Stanley Horowitz

FOUR, JOYFUL SEASONS are waiting for each of us to explore and enhance our enjoyment. A great soundtrack as you plan for your personally designed, seasonal explorations is by Antonio Vivaldi and aptly named, "The Four Seasons" (circa 1717).

One of the most popular works in symphonic music, "The Four Seasons" is a group of four violin concertos which each give expression to a season of the year. They were a revolution in musical conception: in them, Vivaldi represents singing birds, flowing creeks, buzzing flies, seasonal storms, harvesting, hunting parties, frozen landscapes and warm winter fires. There are many things to delight you season after season.

JOY-GIVERS CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

April 2—Marvin Gaye

April 3—Eddie Murphy

April 4—Muddy Waters

April 5—Bette Davis

April 6—Merle Haggard

April 7—Francis Ford Coppola

April 8—Betty Ford

FOUR, JOYFUL SEASONS OF LAFFS

"The love of my life just left me. She says how we spent our time revolved too much around football. It's quite upsetting considering we've been together for seven seasons."

"Who changes the season when summer ends? No one, it happens Autumnatically."

"I occasionally flip the television channels to that weather show but I don't want to watch all four seasons of it."

"What is a personal injury lawyer's favorite season's greeting? Happy Fall!"

FLORIDA PASSION FRUIT—SUMMERTIME SALAD DRESSING
(Source: thespruceeeats.com)

Each week, Joy & Gerontology shares a recipe saluting a healthy food produced in America. (This week, we offer both a recipe for summer and another for winter using Florida-grown passion fruit.) 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 hold the promise for a long, healthy, joyful life.

INGREDIENTS
- 2 passion fruits (or ¼ cup passion fruit puree)
- ½ cup olive oil
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1 tablespoon honey
- ¼ teaspoon salt

DIRECTIONS
1. Gather the ingredients

2. Cut the passion fruits in half. Scrape the pulp and seeds into a small saucepan.

3. Heat fruit pulp over medium-low heat, stirring frequently. Heat the pulp almost to boiling, then remove it from the heat.

4. Strain the pulp through a sieve or colander.

5. Discard the seeds and let the juice cool.

6. Put the passion fruit, olive oil, lime juice, vinegar, honey and salt in a blender or food processor and blend until the mixture is smooth.

7. Store the salad dressing in the refrigerator for up to one week. Stir or shake before using.

FLORIDA PASSION FRUIT—WINTERTIME CRUMBLE
(Source: yummly.com)

INGREDIENTS
- 6 passion fruits
- 4 peaches
- 1 ½ tablespoons slivered almonds
- 2/3 cup flour
- 70 grams butter (cut into 1 centimeter pieces)
- 3 ½ tablespoons brown sugar
- Farofa

DIRECTIONS
1. Preheat oven to 400 F. In a bowl, mix the flour and butter with your hands until thick and crumbly. Add sugar and almonds, then mix.

2. Peel and cube the peaches and mix into the flour mixture. Remove the passion fruit pulp and combine with the peaches and sugar. Place the mixture in a baking dish, then sprinkle with farofa.

3. Bake until golden brown, or for about 25-30 minutes. Serve immediately accompanied by vanilla ice cream or plain yogurt, as desired.

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

295. "April Love" sung by Pat Boone.

296. The kitchen cabaret of washboard and waterglasses.

297. Catholic school uniforms.

298. Service station attendant uniforms.

299. Healthy food made like carnival cotton candy.

300. "Cherry Pink and Apple Blossom White."

301. Seasonal place cards.

302. Seasonal bulletin boards.

303. Talking home appliances.

304. Teapot cozies.

305. Comfortable, convertible Murphy beds.

306. Saab convertible.

307. V-neck, cashmere sweaters.

308. Alpaca knits—and the animal.

309. Catsuits.

310. "Can't Touch That" M.C. Hammer and his pants.

311. "Liar, liar, you're pants on fire."

312. That highly chemical, new car smell.

313. The colorful Big and Little Edie of "Grey Gardens."

314. Testing spaghetti by throwing it against a wall.

315. Birdsong.

316. Whalesong.

317. "April Fools" by Burt Bacharach

HAPPY, JOYFUL APRIL AND FOUR SEASONS!

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EDUCATION

Alabama-based Morris, King & Hodge, P.C., launches 8th Annual Driver Safety Scholarship Program

The law firm will award a total of $4,200 in scholarships to three students who write outstanding essays on distracted driving

Joey Aiello
Contributor

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — The law firm of Morris, King & Hodge, P.C., is pleased to announce its 2022 Driver Safety Scholarship Fund essay program to assist deserving students with funds for education while also raising awareness of the dangers of distracted driving.

This year marks the eighth time the law firm has held the program.

The firm will award a total of $4,200 in three separate scholarships to the Alabama high school seniors and first-year college students who write winning essays on ways to raise awareness of the hazards of distracted driving and prevent the dangerous practice.

The first-place winner will receive a $2,000 scholarship, the second-place winner will receive $1,200 and $1,000 will be awarded to the third-place winner.

Morris, King & Hodge, P.C. is now accepting scholarship applications and essays from high school seniors and college freshman in the Alabama counties of Dekalb, Franklin, Lawrence, Colbert, Cullman, Jackson, Lauderdale, Limestone, Madison, Marshall and Morgan.

To participate in the program, applicants must submit an original 1,000-word essay on this topic:

"How can we educate our community about the dangers of distracted driving and what are some practical ways we can drastically reduce distracted driving related accidents?"

For more details about the scholarship program and how to apply, visit: https://www.mkhlawyers.com/scholarship/#apply.

A panel from Morris, King & Hodge, P.C., and associated parties will judge the submissions on content, correctness of facts, grammar, style and originality.

Judges will look for clear, original essays that are logically organized and well-supported.

The deadline for submissions is April 15. The firm will announce this year's winners on May 2.

Auction (from Front)

Cullman Revenue Commissioner's Office

CULLMAN, Ala. — The 2022 tax lien auction for delinquent 2021 ad valorem property taxes are scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, in the County Commission meeting room, located in the Cullman County Courthouse at 500 Second Ave. SW. This year's auction marks the first in-person tax lien auction since social distancing recommendations were implemented in 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The tax lien auctions for 2019 and 2020 delinquent ad valorem property taxes were held online via tax lien auction company, GovEase.All prospective bidders who wish to participate in the tax lien auction must register in person at the Cullman County Revenue Commission office by close of business on Monday, May 2. For information on available tax liens, visit the delinquent property list on the Revenue website at https://cullmanrevenuecommissioner.com/ (click on Tax Lien Parcels on the homepage).

Costs (from Front)

the safety of Cullman County's citizens will always be first. "Gas prices affect everyone—law enforcement, however is unique. Our citizens are the most important thing to the Sheriff's Office. If the rise does continue, we will take a vigilant approach to managing our tax dollars. Cullman County citizens' safety and security are our first priority," he said. "Whether gas prices go up or down, the Cullman County Sheriff's Office will continue to do our job – to serve the citizens and our communities. We have, and will continue to be, a proactive force throughout Cullman County."

According to Gentry, the department receives a lot of support from the Cullman County Commission. Without the support and the Commission's budget allocations it would be a more difficult task.

"In this time of economic uncertainty, one of our greatest assets at the Cullman County Sheriff's Office is the Cullman County Commission. The Commission sets the budget, and realizes the importance of law enforcement. They continue to be 100% supportive of the CCSO, and help make sure we are able to continue to do our job."

Month (from Front)

Sara Gladney
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Link of Cullman County hosted a Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention event on Friday, with many representatives from supporting organizations in Cullman present. The Good Samaritan Health Clinic, Cullman County Extension, Cullman Caring for Kids, Unshel-tered International and District Attorney Wilson Blaylock were a part of the group that came to hear the "sounding of the sirens." Captain Edward Potter, Victim Services coordinator at the Cullman County Sheriff's Office, sounded his sirens at noon for a moment of remembrance of the children of abuse whose cries were not heard.

The Link also gave out Forget-Me-Not seeds to attendees to encourage remembrance of the reality of child abuse victims every time the flowers are seen.

Julie Hall of the Link stated, "Every time you look at those Forget-Me-Nots, you remember that someone needs to hear about child abuse prevention."

Hall continued, "We really want to do our part to raise awareness in our community of how prevention works, and one of the ways is if you see something, say something, but also it works by providing resources to parents and building their confidence up to be protectors.

"If we can help them become emotionally resilient when things go wrong, they have the skills to manage and cope with those big emotions. Then they are better able to protect and care for their children."

The Link's Parenting and Fatherhood classes will be beginning a new term in April. They also provide safe spaces for visitation for parents who are divorced or have any other issue which requires monitored visits. The Link is always in need of volunteers to work their food pantry, and teach anger management and parenting classes. Volunteers are trained to facilitate the different classes.

"We just want everyone in the community to be partners and to work together. It's a terrible thing, so the more aware we are, the better we can help others be aware," said Hall.









LIFESTYLE

Springing into hummingbird season

Wes Ellard
Alabama Cooperative Extension

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. — Spring is in the air. Temperatures are beginning to rise, and flowers will soon begin to bloom. The fair weather and abundant supply of nectar will spring bee and butterfly populations upward. Homeowners may also find a hummingbird that has taken up residence in the backyard.

Hummingbird migration

The Ruby-throated Hummingbird is the state's most common hummingbird.

"They will arrive from mid-March to mid-April and stay through late summer and early fall," said Wesley Anderson, an Alabama Cooperative Extension System forestry and wildlife specialist. "These colorful birds then fly south to Central America."

As with most species, hummingbirds migrate to areas as resources become available. Abundant nectar, insects and spiders are paramount for hummingbird survival.

Alabama also hosts the Rufous Hummingbird around the Gulf Coast. It differs from the Ruby-throated species in color, plumage and geographic preference. Anderson said hummingbird migration patterns appear to be changing.

"This is largely due to the climate warming in certain areas, causing milder winters," he said. "Milder winters allow the birds to arrive earlier and potentially stay longer."

Attracting hummingbirds

There are several ways to attract hummingbirds to homes. First, Anderson said, is putting out hummingbird feeders.

Hummingbirds are attracted to red, so having a red feeder–not red dye in it–will help. Anderson also suggests planting red flowers and hanging red ribbons to attract the birds, which weigh only a few grams on average. If using multiple feeders, be sure to space them apart from each other.

"Hummingbirds can be territorial, and this (spacing them apart from each other) will allow them to establish their own territories and expend less energy chasing each other," Anderson said.

Planting trees and shrubs to be used as perches will also make an area more appealing to hummingbirds.

Red dye: Making sense of mixed reviews

Anderson said red dye in food has been a controversy since the 1970s. It also raised concerns relate to hummingbird health. Red dye No.2, a known carcinogen, has been banned in the United States since 1976.

The current red dye used is Red 40, which is FDA approved for humans. However, hummingbirds' small size and differing anatomy means that the dye may be dangerous for them.

Until there is further research, Anderson said it is best to steer clear of red dye in hummingbird food altogether.



ACES

More information

More information on hummingbirds in Alabama, check out the Alabama Extension publication Hummingbirds in Alabama (https://www.aces.edu/blog/topics/forestry-wildlife/hummingbirds-in-alabama/).

Obituary Announcements: March 31 – April 1

James Edward Schrader, 58, of Crane Hill

James Edward Schrader, 58 of Crane Hill passed away Thursday March 31, in Cullman. He was born Nov. 11, 1963, in Washington, D.C. to Charles William and Clara Ann Alvis Schrader. He is preceded in death by his father. Survivors include his mother: Clara Ann Alvis Schrader; two brothers: Jeffery William Schrader, Sr. and Jerry Charles Schrader and his girlfriend: Thi Lam. A graveside service will be held Monday, April 4, at Shady Grove Cemetery in Logan at 2 p.m. The family will be receiving friends at Moss Service Funeral Home Monday from noon – 1 p.m. Brother Kent Persall will be officiating.

Larry Gene Voyles, 65

Larry Gene Voyles, age 65, completed his journey on earth at his residence in Cullman on March 31, with his wife of 24 years by his side. Larry was born in Arab (Marshall County), Alabama on Tuesday, Oct. 2, 1956, to Columbus Larry and Dorothy Mae (nee Jackson) Voyles. He attended Eva High School. He enjoyed playing the guitar and spending time with family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; a son: Jason Damron and brothers: R.C. Voyles, Sherman. Voyles, Levoid (Tucker) Voyles and Jerry Voyles. Larry is survived by his wife: Joyce (nee Bailey) Voyles; two children: a son: Jonathan Lee Damron (Brenda) of Ohio and daughter: Jamie Lynn Damron of Cullman; a brother: Rick Voyles; three sisters: Joyce (Don) Manous, Carolyn James all of Eva and Sandra Johnson of Union Hill; five grandchildren: Britney LeeAnn Damron, Tyler Jason Damron, Stephanie Ranae Damron, Austin Wayne Dibble (Brenda) and Brooke Lynn Cloud (Brayden); three great-grandchildren: Kayleigh LeeAnn Elphee, Abigail Damron and Aryana Damron and a host of dear nieces and nephews and cousins. Funeral arrangements will be Sunday, April 3, at 1 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel (461 U.S. Highway 278 E, Cullman, AL 35055), with visitation from 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home. Rev. Rayburn Morgan and Rev. Steve Rodgers are officiating, and Cullman Funeral Home is directing. The burial will be in Daniel's Chapel Community Cemetery (780 Daniel's Chapel Road, Eva, AL 35621). Pallbearers: Wiley Borden, Daniel Butler, Brayden Cloud, Austin Dibble, Jeremy Voyles and Tommy Jack Voyles. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Daniel Chapel Community Cemetery at 1017 Daniel Chapel Road, Eva, AL 35621.

Samuel Davis Parker, 80, of Cullman

Funeral services for Samuel Davis Parker of Cullman will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 3, in the chapel at Moss Service Funeral Home, with Abbot Marcus Voss and Elder Ricky Harcrow officiating. Visitation will be from noon until the service begins, and interment will follow at Fellowship Cemetery in the Springhill Community. Mr. Parker passed Tuesday, March 29, following a lengthy decline in his health. Sam was born May 28, 1941, to Leldon and Thora Whitton Parker. He graduated from West Point High School and earned an A.B. from St. Bernard College (magna cum laude), a M.Ed. from Auburn University and the Ed.D. from the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa. He served as associate professor, then professor, in the Education Department at St. Bernard College, and later Southern Benedictine College, until its closure in 1978. At that time, he became an instructor at Wallace State Community College, teaching classes in psychology and sociology until his retirement in 2001. Dr. Parker was the recipient of many awards and honors as a student and a professional, but the two of which he was most proud were the Gold Medal Award for Academic Achievement presented at the end of his senior year at St. Bernard and the five consecutive terms he was elected by his colleagues to serve as president of the Faculty Senate at St. Bernard. He was also proud to have been a part of the development of the St. Bernard Preparatory School, serving as the original Chairman of the Board of Directors during the initial phase of its opening. More recently, in June 2015, Dr. Parker was honored to have been presented with The Abbot Benedict Menges Medal for Outstanding Service by the St. Bernard Abbey and the St. Bernard Preparatory School. He was active in his community as well, serving as president of the Cullman Rotary Club in 1976. Sam was preceded in death by his parents; his brother: Jerry (Patricia) Parker and his nephew: Scott David Parker. He is survived by his wife of 51 years: Betty M. Parker and his son and daughter-in-law: Stephen Davis and Annette Irons Parker. In lieu of flowers, please consider a monetary donation to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or a donation of food or supplies to the Cullman County Animal Shelter. If there is room in your heart and home, go to the shelter and adopt an animal. Those of you who knew Sam know of his love for all animals, especially of his love for dogs. Sam was a great teacher and friend. He had a great personality, sense of humor and sharp wit. He was the kindest man... the best. He was loved dearly, and he is missed already.

Clomer "Shorty" M. Easterwood, 84, of Cullman

Funeral Service for Clomer "Shorty" M. Easterwood, age 84, of Cullman, will be at 3 p.m. Friday, April 1, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Johnathan Easterwood and Hunter McBride officiating, with interment in Emeus Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1-3 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Easterwood passed away peacefully Tuesday, March 29, at home surrounded by family. He was born Oct. 16, 1937, in Cullman, Alabama, to E. L. and Arvie Easterwood. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife: Mary Ruth Easterwood and brother: Felix Easterwood. Survivors include his son: John (Sherry) Easterwood; grandchildren: Chanda (Paul) Collins and Johnathan (Nicole) Easterwood; great-grandchildren: Caiden Collins, Jaci Baker, Joseph Easterwood, Carson Easterwood and Everly Collins; brother: Felton (Polly) Easterwood and sister: Clovis Hendrix.

Charlsie Flora "Boots" Pike Hill, 88, of Cullman

Funeral service for Charlsie Flora "Boots" Pike Hill, age 88, of Cullman, was at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 1, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Patrick Morton and Ralph McGowan officiating, and interment in First Baptist Church of Fairview Cemetery. Visitation was from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, March 31, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Hill passed away Tuesday, March 29, at her residence. She was born Oct. 15, 1933, in Cullman, Alabama, to Homer and Dora Pike. She was preceded in death by her son: Wiley Hill; grandchildren: Hope Marie Hill and Elizabeth Smith and parents. Survivors include her husband: Willis Hill; children: Nancy (Kenny) Bryant, Julie (John) Zingarelli and Samantha (Richard) Law; grandchildren: Charles Hill, Bradley (Tela) Hill, Jonathan Hill, Aubrey Hill, Judson Law, Olivia Law, Stephanie Bryant (Timothy) Marley, April Bryant (Casey) Smith, Megan Zingarelli, Mary Zingarelli (Philip) Carden and John Edward (Ted) Zingarelli and great-grandchildren: Braxton, Cooper, Tucker, Cara, Aiden, Connor, Alexis, Alaina, Evelyn and Genaro.

Olivia Jane Johnson, 47

Olivia Jane Johnson, age 47, passed away Wednesday, March 30, at Lawrence County Hospital. She was born Sept. 17, 1974, in Jasper, Alabama to Roger and Nellie Alexander. Olivia was an avid rock collector. She was very crafty and loved driving a truck and was known as "Ghost Rider." She loved her husband dearly and loved to fight with him, she loved her family, especially her kids and grandkids. She felt that she was here on earth to change people's lives. Visitation will be held Saturday, April 2, from 6-8 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in the Double Springs Chapel, where services will be held on Sunday at 2 p.m. Burial will be held at Williams Cemetery in Black Pond, Alabama. Olivia is survived by her husband of 29 years: James "Gizmo" Johnson; daughters: Sarah (Brandon) Woods, Trista (Nathan) Wolfe, Samantha Johnson (fiance' Chris Rickard) and Angie Johnson; sons: Jay Pruitt and James Wayne Johnson (fiancé' Abby Armstrong); grandchildren: Boston Woods, Ava Woods, Hydee Woods, Titus Woods, Danielle Wolfe, Elijah Wolfe, Blaklynn Johnson, Ellen Cleghorn, Colt Cleghorn, Caleb Pruitt, Jasmine Pruitt, Brayden Wayne Johnson, Kolter Johnson, Brett Johnson, Chloe Johnson and Sophia Johnson; mother: Nellie Jane Alexander; father: Roger Alexander; brothers: Wayne Alexander and Joe Alexander and sister: Angie Charlene Thompson. She was preceded in death by her sister: Myra Moore; brother: Luke Alexander and mother-in-law and father-in-law: Ellen and Raymond Johnson.

Lee Graves, 90, of Cullman

Lee Graves, age 90, of Cullman passed away Wednesday, March 30, at Hanceville Nursing and Rehab. He was born April 17, 1931, to Garlen Graves and Belle Hollis Graves. Lee was a member of 4th Street Church of Christ and was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He is survived by his wife of 67 years: Vivian Graves; son: Randy Graves and his wife, Denise; daughter: Debbie Marty and her husband, Michael; grandchildren: Varonica Donham and her husband, Jared, Hilarie Marty and Kaleb Graves; great-grandchildren: Ethan Donham, Gwyneth Donham and Viviana Marty; sisters: Dorothy McCroy, Sara Heatherly and Jan Self and brothers: James Graves and his wife, Ann and Bobby Graves and his wife, Clara. Pallbearers will be Andrew Graves, Chris Burks, Chad Burks, Jay Heatherly, Josh Heatherly, Nathan McCluskey and Kaleb Graves. Visitation will be Saturday, April 2, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. The funeral service will be Saturday, April 2, at 1 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Cullman City Cemetery.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

St. Patrick's Day in St. Patrick's Land

Bill King
Tribune
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I have forever wanted to visit Ireland. I have never confirmed this, but I have been told that my father's people came from there. His fair complexion and reddish-blond hair may have been the only reason for such claims. Now that I have visited the beautiful land of green grass and rolling hills, I have a desire to do some genealogical research to see if Ireland actually is the land of my ancestors. I have only traced my father's side to the far West... the far West side of Georgia, that is.

Jean and I have spent the last two weeks in that "Neck-of-the-Woods." Our journeys included Ireland, Scotland, and a couple of plane changes in London. I even got lost in Heathrow, but perhaps that's another story, for another week.

Our explorations began in the capital city of Dublin. When we first planned our trip, we didn't realize we would be there on St. Patrick's Day. Numerous people had told us that the holiday wasn't really a big deal in Ireland. Sometimes, numerous people don't know what they are talking about. St. Patrick's Day is huge in Ireland. It's their second most important national holiday, right behind Christmas. While it may be true that Chicago and New York often draw larger crowds to their St. Patrick's parades, more than 400,000 came Dublin's parade on O'Connell Street.

The parade passed right in front of our hotel, but we marched out of town before it got to us. As much as we would have loved to have seen the parade live, we got out of Dodge, as well as Dublin, before all those marching bands from America started marching.

We had other places to go and things to see. Otherwise, we would not have gotten out of Dodge until shortly before the Christmas parade begins. We did watch the parade later on television.

So then, exactly who was this man who is so celebrated? He was never officially canonized, but he is the Patron Saint of Ireland. He was not Irish by birth, but either British or Scottish. At around 16, probably in the 5th century, he was captured by a band of Irish raiders and taken to Ireland.

He was held in captivity there for six years, and forced to work as a shepherd. It was during his days of solitude, with only sheep, that he became a Christian. He broke away and returned home, but later became a cleric and went back to Ireland.

He is credited with having brought Christianity to the island - an island that had been more pagan than Christian. Celtic beliefs and dogmas, taught mainly by the Druids, was common and widespread. Legend has it that Patrick chased all the snakes from the island. While it is true that there aren't any venomous snakes on the island, or any vicious predators, St. Patrick's legend may be more symbolic than realistic.

Some believe the snakes he chased away were not literal, but rather the false doctrines and teaching of the Druids.

He replaced those with the teachings of Christ. Much like the Apostle Paul, he was an early Christian missionary, but to Ireland.

I'll share more details about our travels for the next few weeks, or until you say, "I wish he'd hush about that, and talk about something else." You know, it's kind of like when a grandmother asks, "Would you like to see pictures of my grandchildren?" These days, we all have 38,578 pictures of our grands on our cellphones, so we grandparents can be quite dangerous...not to mention boresome. I now have almost that many pictures of Ireland and Scotland on my phone!

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: 1930, 1936

From the Files of 1930

Probate Judge H.F. Mitchell has received Cullman County's allotment of new auto tags for 1931. The tags are yellow on a green background.

Jim Martin, 81, died at his home near Missionary Grove on Monday.

Cullman County High will open on August 25 with the following faculty members: M.H. Killingsworth, Virgil Collins, A.S. Johnson, J.H.S. Church, Sanford Clark, Pauline Neighbors, Minnie Harris, William T. Wilks, Nannie Lou Jenkins, Mary Nicholson, Ethel Rogers, Ruby D. Doyle, Susan Patterson, Freda Hartung, Thelma Goodwin and P.F. Bria.

Mrs. C.H. Bedingfield entertained at bridge on Friday afternoon.

Miss Lorene Fischer returned Tuesday from a three-month tour of Europe.

Miss Sarah Lillian Richter has returned home after spending the summer with relatives in Birmingham.

Orus McMinn has recovered from a serious attack of malaria.

Miss Elizabeth Otwell who has been attending summer school at Boston, Massachusetts, has arrived home to visit her parents.

Mrs. Mary Julian of Blountsville is visiting Mrs. T.C. Holmes and Mrs. Clyde Stewart.

Miss Doris Bland left on Saturday for New Orleans for a visit with friends.

Miss Maggie Brown, who has been attending school at Jacksonville, has arrived home for a vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Brandon are spending several weeks in Arkansas.

Mrs. Gundy Schafer entertained with a picnic lunch, on Sunday, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hayward and Mrs. John Schafer of Michigan.

From the Files of 1936

Ralph H. Saunders is the new minister at the First Christian Church in Cullman. He is a native of Savannah, Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. Bertis Rascoe are building a new home in West Cullman.

From January 1, 1935 to June 30, 1935, there were 198 marriage licenses issued in Cullman County.

A Hartford man was paid 12 cents a pound for the first bale of cotton ginned in Cullman County.

Doctor Byron Gibson, of Barberville, Kentucky, attended the funeral of his aunt, Miss Katherine Gurley, on Monday.

POET'S CORNER

You Are A Poem | By: Randy C. Hale

I thought about asking you to
write poetry.
On dimly lit nights or sunny
days when butterfly's fly.
When snow has fallen, and we
are snug inside and birds sing
and emotions flow.

And then I was certain that none
of this is necessary for you.
Watching you rise or lie, seeing you
in the ocean breeze or dry autumn
fields beneath blue skies,
telling me that in you are a muse
of a different kind.

You are an azure canvas with wisps
of smoky clouds,
the artist's brush creating scenes
for the eyes to behold.
A musical score that calls the world
to peace,
a lease of God's gift to me.

Just as the crackling colored leaves
of fall beneath my feet.
Ice sickles dripping when winter's
sun appears.
The beauty of the dogwoods I long to
see in spring,
and everything of summer's green.

You are a poem to me.

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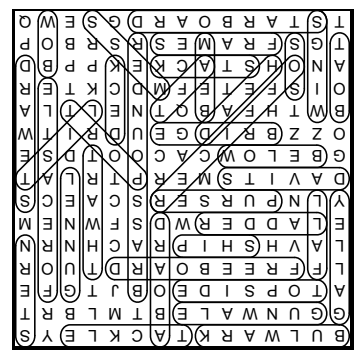
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Events (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Commission on Aging has planned some exciting new events for this month, starting off with the Senior Easter Egg Hunt on Wednesday, April 13. It will start at 10 a.m. at Sportsman Lake Veterans Memorial, with 1,000 eggs to hunt and candy provided by Kindred Hospice. The event will begin with a devotion by Pastor Tim Collier of Lonesome Dove Cowboy Church.

The Cullman County Sheriff's Office will be providing hamburgers and hotdogs. Encompass Health and Southern Care will also be giving out chips and bottled water.

Seniors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. The County Commissioners will also be in attendance. Garry Marchman will be handing out Moonpies, and Chairman Jeff Clemons will be awarding a cash prize to the person who finds the prize egg.

Director Stephanie Lawson is expecting around 200 to show.

"It's still hard to know at this point, still coming back from COVID. Our very first come together would've been last September with the Health Fair and we didn't see too many people come out for that.

"We saw more come out at Ocktoberfest, and we had a pretty good crowd at the Senior Fair Day, both of those are outside.

"Going into this Easter egg hunt, we're preparing for 150-200 folks, but if we only have a hundred that's OK too."

The Senior Fishing Day will be held at Veterans Park in Hanceville on April 22. Registration starts at 8 a.m. and weigh-in is at 11 a.m. Trophies will be presented to first place, Big Fish, Oldest Man in Attendance and Oldest Woman in Attendance.

There will be a limit of five fish to take home. The event is made possible thanks to sponsors Mayor Kenneth Nail, Hanceville Park & Recreation, District Attorney Wilson Blaylock, Commission Garry Marchman, Southern Care Hospice and the Cullman County Sheriff's Office.

The seven full-time senior centers in Cullman County will be closed for each of the events. "Each time we have an event like this, we shut our full-time centers down and everybody goes to the event.

"We work with C.A.R.T.S in transporting folks that ride C.A.R.T.S to our full-time centers, and we work with them to pick those folks up and bring them to the different events," said Lawson.

The full-time senior centers open at 8 a.m. and serve lunch at 11:30 a.m. The centers host various games every day including bingo with Encompass Health, Southern Care, Moss Service Funeral Home and several different organizations that support the seniors.

The Cullman Center has karaoke every other Thursday and Gospel singing on Fridays. Attendance is currently down, so seniors are encouraged to join and invite their friends to the center.

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