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LOCAL BUSINESS

The Warehouse District's Nomadic Threads holding grand opening today

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Zac and Audra Yow will be holding a grand opening for their new business Nomadic Threads, located in the Warehouse District, on Saturday, April 9 starting at 10 a.m. The first 25 customers will receive a swag bag with koozies, stickers, coupons and pens. The business started as a hobby for Audra in 2019. Zac said, "We decided to go full speed ahead online and it was a hit. We were both able to quit our jobs and focus on the business last year."

They offer custom graphic tees that can be done in about 1-2 weeks to give them time to draw the artwork, but the "press on demand" designs on the wall can be done in under five minutes. "You come in, pick a design we have on the wall, then pick from the blank » PAGE 9



SARA GLADNEY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

A view from inside the Nomadic Threads shop; ready to welcome new customers.

– COURTS –

'A Badge for Brooksie'

Cullman's courthouse dog stars in upcoming children's book



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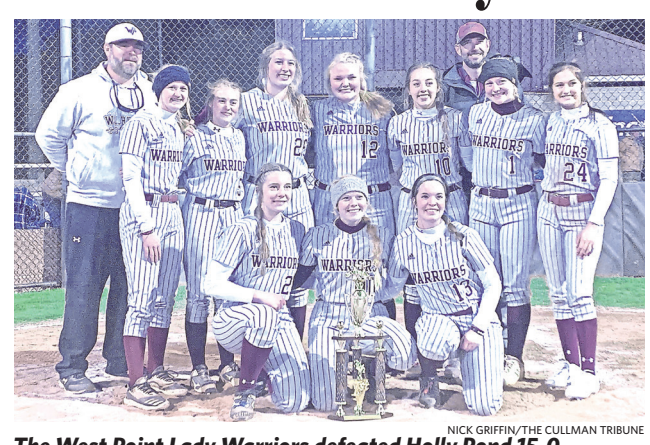
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CULLMAN, Ala. — In 2019 Cullman County Courthouse welcomed its newest court officer: Brooksie, a then two-year-old "goldendoodle" facility dog to help victims – especially children – navigate the often intimidating experience of court cases. She was trained to sense increasing heart rate, blood pressure and other indicators that a human's stress levels were getting out of control, and respond with subtle distraction techniques like nose nudges or putting her head in the human's lap to help ground them and pull them out of panic attacks and other negative stress reactions.

Brooksie has already made a name for herself around the county, taking part in cases and visiting child advocacy facilities and schools with handler Judge Gregory Nicholas, but now she is about to become a little more famous as the star of upcoming children's book "A Badge for Brooksie," written by » PAGE 3

COUNTY SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

West Point claims 8th straight county title with 15-0 win over Holly Pond



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The West Point Lady Warriors defeated Holly Pond 15-0 Friday night to capture their eighth consecutive Cullman County Championship. Look for a full story on the Lady Warriors' win in Tuesday's edition of The Cullman Tribune.

Cullman County Master Gardeners Plant Sale set for April 22 and 23

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

St. Bernard Prep performs Disney's 'Aladdin Jr.'



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Princess Jasmine (Maddie McBride) looks on as Genie (Cole Bissot) "illuminates the possibilities" for Aladdin (Adrian Cortes-Villegas).

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported April 8

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported April 8, 2022. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

April 4
- domestic violence; Hwy. 278 E
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 616
- assault; CR 489
- assault; Hwy. 69 N
- burglary; CR 538
- domestic violence; CR 1374
- reckless endangerment; CR 806
- theft of property; CR 204

April 5
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 31
- harassment; CR 162
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 520
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1545
- harassment; CR 1445
- theft of property; CR 781
- domestic violence; CR 2114
- domestic violence; CR 1208
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 522
- domestic violence; CR 1545

April 6
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1553
- burglary; CR 1242
- possession of controlled substance; CR 1141
- theft of property; CR 1371

ARRESTS

April 4 – 6

Amaro, Mathew J.; 37
- third-degree domestic violence

Baldwin, Adam Nicholas R.; 35
- larceny/theft-shoplifting

Beasley, Anthony R.; 50
- FTA- sell/distribution of dangerous drugs

Boone, Dustin L.; 33
- FTA- driving while license suspended (2 counts)

Brown, Christi L.; 42
- FTA- DUI (alcohol)

Brown Jr., Johnny M.; 41
- larceny/theft-miscellaneous

Burks, Cheyenne L.; 24
- probation violation-assault-child abuse-simple-family

Cobb, Jordan A.; 25
- FTA- DUI (combined substance)

Dauksza, Jacob I.; 31
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Elsberry, David M.; 38
- FTA- possession of methamphetamine
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Gerst, Levi J.; 40
- assault-child abuse-simple-family
- FTA- driving while license suspended
- FTA- switched tag

Hill, Nicholas D.; 33
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- improper lane usage

Johnson, Christian S.; 24
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Johnson, Jennifer M.;
- public intoxication

Jones, Jacqueline E.; 44
- fraud-identity theft (3 counts)
- larceny/theft-miscellaneous

Light, Jonathan K.; 40
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-2nd offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- negotiating worthless instrument
- FTA- obstructing criminal investigation

Moody, Jerod W.; 41
- FTA- sell/distribute methamphetamine
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- DUI (alcohol)

Moore, Jessica S.; 40
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- resisting arrest

Moore Jr., Ted F.; 30
- probation violation- possession of dangerous drugs

Niblett III, Herman; 43
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Noe, Savannah B.; 29
- possession of heroin
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- promote prison contraband (drugs)

Oates, John D.; 51
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Panter, Ryan D.; 36
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Ponder, Steven W.; 53
- probation violation- possession of dangerous drugs

Sterling, Christopher W.; 44
- FTA- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (3 counts)
- FTA- driving while license suspended, revoked, or canceled (3 counts)
- FTA- unauthorized possession, sale, delivery, use, etc. of wine or alcohol

Teague, Megan S.; 25
- probation violation- possession drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- probation violation-making false report to law enforcement

Thomas, Alexander A.; 37
- probation violation- assault-aggravated assault family-other weapon
- probation violation- burglary-residence-force

Thomas, Ricky W.; 60
- FTA- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA- possession of methamphetamine

Velich, Razim; 44
- larceny/theft-miscellaneous

Villa, Alexis Bethany M.; 19
- larceny/theft- second-degree theft of property $500 less than $1,500

Villa, Patricia D.; 40
- assault-child abuse-simple-family (2 counts)
- illegal possession/use of credit/debit card

Weaver, Donnie R.; 32
- FTA- second-degree possession of marijuana
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- no plainly visible tag (2 counts)

Williams, Michael C.; 30
- possession of opium or derivative
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- forgery-other objects – Will/Contract/Codicil (2 counts)
- larceny/theft-miscellaneous

Wynn, Gregory P.; 46
- manufacture of controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

March 6
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person

April 7
- fourth-degree theft of property; Marvin's; Hwy. 157; miscellaneous; $40
- identity theft; person

ARRESTS

April 6 – 7

Shirley, Michael D.; 29
- receiving stolen property

Smith, Shara L.; 49
- obstruction giving false identification
- filing false report

Perez, Elyse C.; 34
- DUI

Waldrop, Ricky J.; 39
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Denning, Joseph E.; 33
- DUI
- reckless endangerment (3 counts)

Green, Allen D.; 38
- FTA- second-degree possession of marijuana
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Fuller, Cregary A.; 45
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
- FTA- public intoxication

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Friday, April 8, 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: 2.5%
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 387,664
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2021): 537,830
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2022): 371,236 (+367 since Wednesday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,188
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2021): 9,541
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2022) 2,647 (+2 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): 7,202 (+4 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: 591
- Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 6
- Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 22,578
- Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 567
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 64

Vaccine details (updated Tuesday and Thursday)
- Doses delivered to Alabama: 9,112,495 No Updates Available
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 4,727,265 No Updates Available
- Doses administered: 5,914,749
- Additional doses administered: 790,053
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,863,948
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 2,342,559
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 4,385,230 No Updates Available

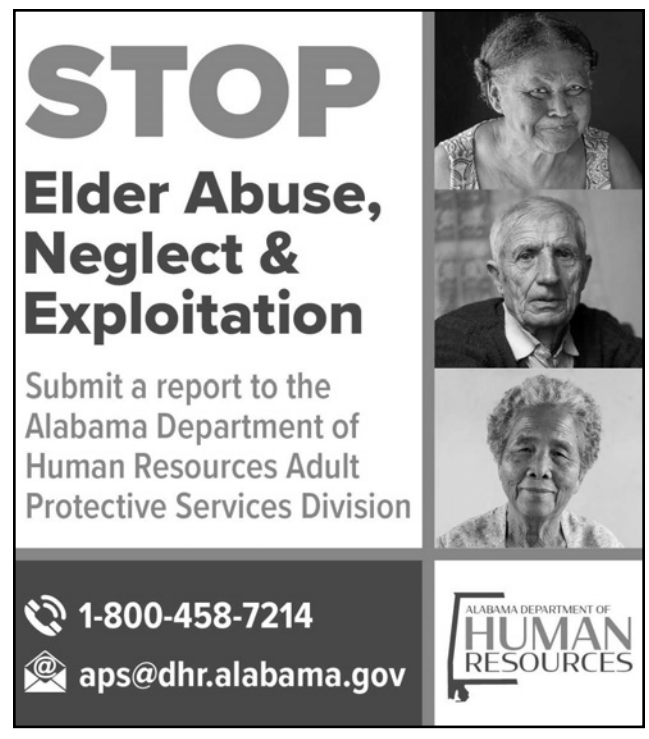
Alabamians in Phases 1a, 1b and 1c (including those 12 and older) are now eligible to receive a vaccine.

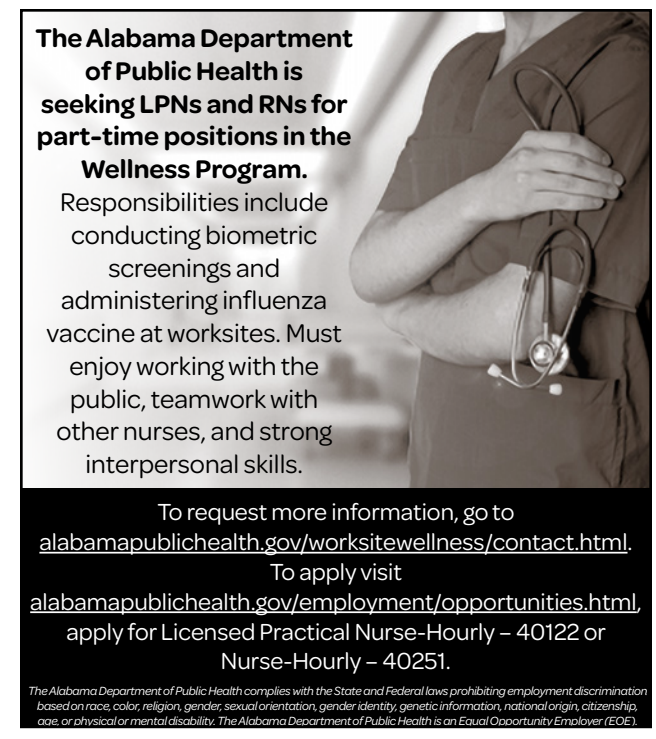
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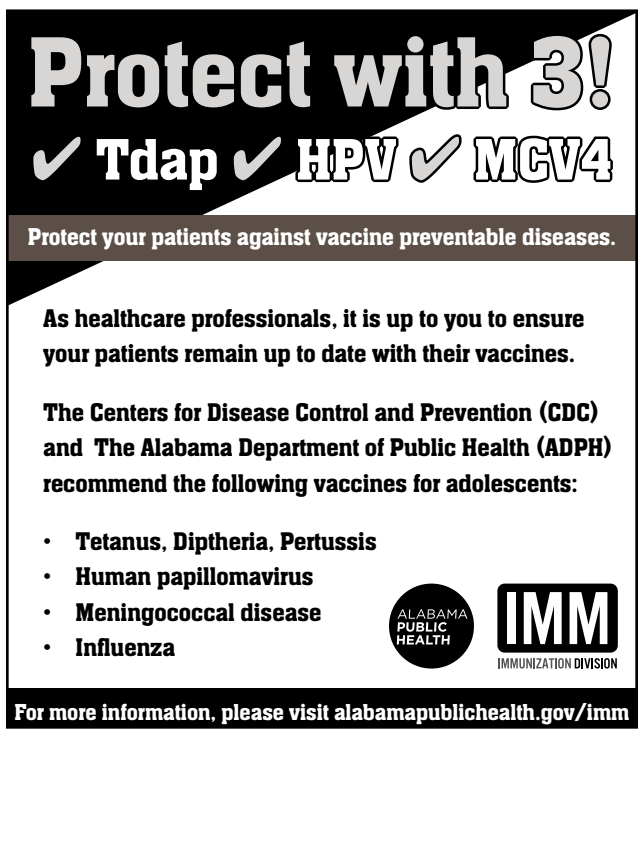
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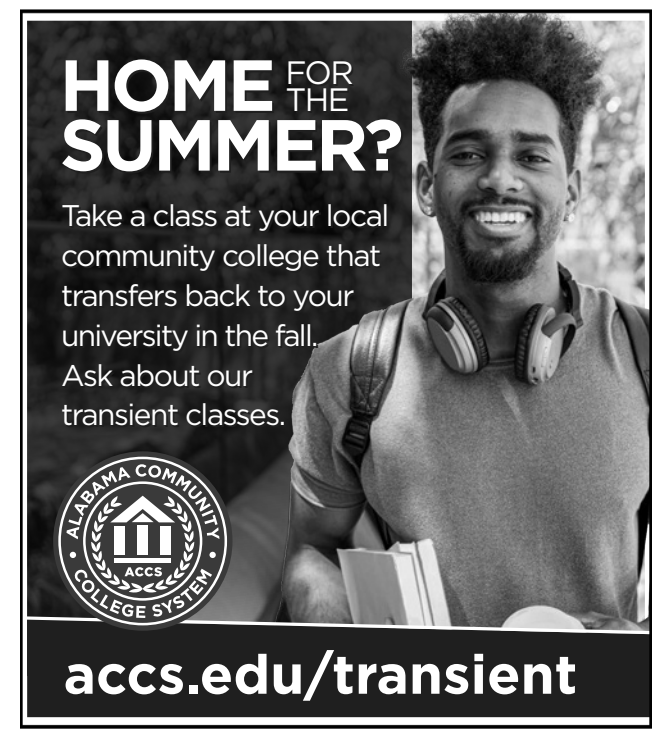
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Book (from Front)

Elena Caudle and illustrated by Maggie Green. The book casts Brooksie as a young pup looking for a purpose in life, and finding that purpose in helping kids.

"Children and Dogs are two species with the same soul," said Caudle.

"They both instinctually love and trust until 'taught' otherwise, but even then, when they come together, a magical atmosphere of joy, laughter and healing exists and abounds.

"Very much like people, dogs need and want a purpose in their lives, and we imagine, just like people, when that job brings a bright spot to a child during what can often be a dark and scary journey through the court systems, it must also bring joy to the dog's heart!

"Come, read her story and join Brooksie as she searches for a job that allows her to bring healing and comfort to the children she and we all love so much!"

As traumatized victims – especially children – testify in court, according to Brooksie's trainer Ashley Taylor, "The dog's laying their head in their lap and letting them pet the dog helps them. You know, it doesn't feel like someone's staring at you when you're having to retell all these things.

"They, a lot of times, will say the person is looking down the whole time at the dog, stroking the dog, and it's a little bit easier for them to get the words out. You do not get them having panic attacks as much.

"They typically are giving way more details because they feel at ease; you know, their anxiety is being relieved, and it's easier for them. They feel like they're talking to the dog, and obviously a dog is not judgmental."

Veteran author of the "Serendipitous" series and "Billy the Kitten and Travis Too", Caudle asked her teenage niece to illustrate the book, remarking that the "request turned out to be a wonderful decision. Maggie Green has proven herself to be a joy to work with as well as an excellent artist."

Set in Cullman County, "A Badge for Brooksie" features not only the canine star, but also artistic representations of some of our local heroes, human and canine.

"But," cautioned Caudle, "you'll have to buy the book to see who those heroes are! As much fun as it was to 'personalize' the story, the true hope is that with this story, we can help relieve some of the fears and anxiety associated with law enforcement, lawyers, judges and courthouses in the minds of our community's children.

"To that end copies of the book will be donated to the Cullman County Courthouse, to select lawyer's offices, and other Child advocacy groups in our area.

"And as has been the case with all prior books, B.E. Blessed Publications is going to include a fundraiser benefiting children with the book launch."

Caudle's team will split and donate a portion of the proceeds from all individually purchased books to each of the following three organizations:

- Brooks' Place Child Advocacy Center
- The Link of Cullman County
- Cullman County Department of Human Resources

Official release in Cullman coming soon

"A Badge for Brooksie" will officially launch April 23, with an event for the public at Karma's Coffeehouse in the Warehouse District from 4-6 p.m.

Caudle shared, "As with any project, it's never just a one-person deal, and there are always people to thank, and we will try to show our gratitude to as many folks as possible on the 23rd of April, but we want to make a special point to thank the Cullman Savings Foundation for making it possible to make the dream of donating these books become a reality! We are so blessed to live in such an amazing and generous community."

Order now

Follow Elena Y Caudle Creativities on Facebook to pre-order the book and learn more about the children's advocacy organizations to which proceeds will be donated. The public is invited to join Caudle, Green and Brooksie on April 23 at Karma's Coffeehouse for the book launch and a live reading of Brooksie's story. The books will sell to the public for $15 per copy, $5 of which will be donated.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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"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.
- Friday, April 8, 11 a.m.: Senior PotLuck Lunch and games. Adults of all ages are welcome. Bring a dish, drinks or dessert and join us for food, fellowship and fun.
- 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 flowers 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 cullmancounty-casa@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

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.

Revival at FCM Church
April 10 - Cullman FCM Church will host a spring revival on Sunday, April 10, at 5 p.m. and on April 11-13 at 7 p.m. Mark Askew will be the guest evangelist. Jason Smith is pastor. For more information call 256-734-1017.

Cullman Kiwanis Club
April 11 – The Cullman Kiwanis Club will meet Monday, April 11 at noon at Freddie Day Catering (1628 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, AL). Guest speaker will be Dr. Robert W. Smith of Sound Mind TMS Therapy.

Cullman County Republican Women Governor's Forum
- April 12 – The Cullman County Republican Women Governor's Forum will be Tuesday, April 12 at the VEW Building (112 Veterans Drive SW, Cullman, AL). "Meet and Greet" at 5:30 p.m.
- (Hors d'oevres will be served). Candidate remarks to begin at 6 p.m. Moderator: Charlotte Covert
- Speakers: Lindy Blanchard, Tim James , Lew Burdette, Dean Odle, Donald Trent Jones, Dave Thomas

Easter Dinner Giveaway
April 13 - The First Presbyterian Church of Cullman is holding a free Easter dinner food box giveaway on Wednesday, April 13, starting at 2 p.m. at the church located at 615 Third Ave. SE.

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 Cullman County 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 first 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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COUNTY SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

West Point, Holly Pond set to clash for County Championship, day 2 scoring recap

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WEST POINT, Ala. — After some spring storms put this year's Cullman County Softball Tournament on hold earlier this week, our local teams returned to West Point Thursday afternoon to continue battling it out for this year's county title. The Lady Warriors dominated Holly Pond 16-0 to secure a spot in Friday's County Championship Game and the Lady Broncos topped Good Hope in the loser's bracket to fight their way back into a rematch with West Point in the county finals. West Point and Holly Pond will square off Friday night at 6 p.m. for this year's county championship.

Cold Springs 6 – Fairview 2 (Loser's Bracket)

Cold Springs looked to get on the scoreboard first in their opening at-bats. Brooklyn Ingram lined a leadoff double to left field, then one out later, Emma Black got hit by the pitch. Fairview starter Ayda Payne, though, got a fielder's choice and a strikeout to get out of the inning unscathed. The Lady Eagles' starter, Black, and the Lady Aggies, Payne, got themselves out of some early jams to keep the game scoreless through two innings. After Payne set Cold Springs down in order in the top of the third, the Lady Aggies' bats got going in their half.

Allie Scott hit a leadoff single, then a sacrifice bunt moved her over to second. A Jaycee Aleman double put runners on second and third with one out, then a suicide squeeze play by Kaitlyn Benson allowed Scott to score and that gave the Lady Aggies a 1-0 lead. Payne helped her own cause as she hit an RBI single to make it 2-0. The Lady Eagles got a two-out rally started in the top of the fourth as Pearl drew a walk. She later scored on a Starla Fuller RBI double to cut the Fairview lead to 2-1. After a scoreless fifth inning, Cold Springs looked to take the lead in the top of the sixth.

Ciara Calvert hit a leadoff single and Journee Swann drove her in with an RBI double as that tied the game up at two. One out later, Pearl reached on a Lady Aggie error and Swann scored on another Fairview error to give the Lady Eagles a 3-2 lead. An RBI groundout by Fuller pushed Cold Springs' lead to 4-2. The Lady Eagles added on to their lead in the seventh. Singles by Black and Swann put runners on the corners with two outs, then Heidi Nichols got the biggest hit of the game for Cold Springs as she lined a two-run double to center field to make it 6-2. The Lady Aggies couldn't get anything going in their final at-bats and the Lady Eagles pick up a 6-2 win over Fairview to move on to the next round.

Nichols and Fuller each finished with a hit and two RBIs for Cold Springs. Swann added a pair of hits and an RBI in the contest, while Ingram, Black, Calvert, and Pearl each collected a hit as well. Black allowed eight hits, two runs, walked one, and struck out seven in a complete game effort for the Lady Eagles. For Fairview, Kaitlyn Benson and Payne each finished with a hit and an RBI. Allison Davis added a pair of hits. Emily Benson, Aleman, Emma Roberts, and Scott each ended up with a hit in the game.

Good Hope 17 – Vinemont 2 (Loser's Bracket)

Good Hope starter Molly Benefield struck out the first two Vinemont batters that she faced, then after a two-out walk, she recorded another strikeout to get out of the inning unscathed. The Lady Raiders lit up the scoreboard in their opening at-bats. Back-to-back singles by Lexi Steed and Campbell Koch had them in business early, then Haley Lay hit an RBI double to center field to put Good Hope on the scoreboard first. Later on in the inning, Natalie Miller hit a one-out RBI single to center field and Benefield added an RBI groundout to make it 3-0. Molly Johnson hit a two-run double to push the Lady Raider lead to 5-0. Steed lined a two-run single to center field to make it a 7-0 score.

The Lady Eagles got something going in the top of the second. Abby Cody hit a leadoff single, then Lauren Elliot drew a walk. A single by Angela Harris loaded the bases with no outs. Brooklyn Knott drew another walk to bring home Cody to put the Lady Eagles on the scoreboard. Benefield quickly settled down after that as she struck out Anneliese Kline for the first out. Maci Smith then lined out to Koch at third base, who doubled off Elliot at third, as Benefield was able to get out of the inning with only limited damage done.



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West Point will face Holly Pond in a rematch Friday night in this year's County Softball Championship Game.

Good Hope continued to swing some red-hot bats in the bottom of the second. They quickly loaded the bases with no outs and Miller promptly cleared them as her bases-clearing double made it 10-1. Johnson's RBI double pushed the Lady Raider lead to 11-1 and later on in the inning, Steed drove in Johnson on a two-out bunt single to make it 12-1. Steed later scored on a throwing error as that made it 13-1, then Lay crushed a two-run home run over the left field fence and Good Hope took a 15-1 lead into the third inning.

Vinemont added a run in the third on an RBI fielder's choice by Cody, but Good Hope looked to end things in their half of the third inning. Carley Adams and Miller each reached base on a walk and a hit by pitch, respectively. Later on in the inning, a pair of Lady Eagle errors allowed Adams and Miller to cross the plate as the Lady Raiders roll past Vinemont, 17-2, to move on to the next round. Miller led the way for Good Hope with two hits and four RBIs. Steed collected three hits and three RBIs. Lay and Johnson each added a pair of hits and three RBIs in the contest, while Benefield ended up with an RBI as well. For Vinemont, Cody finished with a hit and an RBI, while Knott added an RBI as well. Mabry Thompson and Harris each collected a hit in the contest.

West Point 16 – Holly Pond 0 (Winner's Bracket)

The Lady Warriors handled Holly Pond in their winner's bracket matchup in dominant fashion. West Point racked up 16 runs on 15 hits in just three innings against the Lady Broncos, starting with 11 runs in the first.

An RBI double by Carlie Wilkins made it 1-0 and just a few pitches later, Sidney Burks drilled a 2-run single into left field to extend the lead to 3-0. An error allowed a fourth run to score and Alexis Kimbril ripped an RBI single to right field to make it a 5-0 game. Bethany Minck squared up an RBI single to plate another run and back to back homeruns by Wilkins and Burks put the Lady Warriors up 11-0 going into the second inning.

After a scoreless second inning, West Point put things away in the third. Burks' second homer of the day stretched the lead to 13-0 and Kimbril officially iced the win for the Lady Warriors later in the inning with a 3-run bomb to secure a 16-0 victory and a spot in Friday night's County Championship Game.

Burks (three) hits racked up five RBIs in the win and Wilkins (two hits) and Kimbril (two hits) each drove in four. Micnk (two hits) added a pair of RBIs as well.

Good Hope 6 – Cold Springs 4 (Loser's Bracket)

Cold Spring and Good Hope faced each other in an elimination game Thursday night and the Lady Raiders were able to pull ahead with a big third inning to take a 6-4 win from the Lady Eagles.

A fielder's choice allowed Heidi Nichols to score and put Cold Springs in front 1-0 in the top of the first, but Good Hope responded right away in the bottom half of the inning. Addyson Burgess lifted a 2-run double into right field to give the Lady Raiders a 2-1 lead and an RBI double off the bat of Natalie Miller made it a 3-1 game going into the second.

An RBI groundout from Anna Stricklin trimmed the lead to 3-2 in the top of the second and another RBI groundout from Journee Swann tied things up at 3 in the top of the third. Good Hope moved back in front in the bottom of the third, scoring on a pair of passed balls and an error to take a 6-3 lead into the fourth inning.

After three scoreless innings, Emma Black connected with an RBI single in the top of the seventh to cut into the lead, but it was too little, too late and the Lady Raiders advanced with a 6-4 win over the Lady Eagles.

Holly Pond 14 – Good Hope 5 (Loser's Bracket)

Good Hope and Holly Pond clashed in the final game of Thursday night's slate and the Lady Broncos punched their ticket to the county finals with a dominant, 14-5 win over the Lady Raiders.

Samantha Giles scored on a fielder's choice to put Holly Pond in front 1-0 in the bottom of the first and a bases-loaded walk, followed by an RBI double from Kaylee Stallings, made it a 4-0 game early. Another 2-run double off the bat of Brooke Hill stretched the lead to 6-0 and after scoring another run on a fielder's choice, the Lady Broncos led 7-0 going into the second inning.

Molly Neal ripped an RBI triple into center field to plate two more runs and make it 9-0 in the bottom of the second, but the Lady Raiders answered in the top of the third with a 3-run bomb from Addyson Burgess that cut the lead to 9-3.

A Good Hope error extended the lead to 10-3 in the bottom of the third and an RBI single from Addyson Armstrong drove in another run to give Holly Pond an 11-3 advantage. The Lady Broncos continued to add to their lead when Stallings blasted a 2-run homer and made it a 13-3 game after three innings of play. After a scoreless fourth inning, the Lady Raiders managed to score a pair of runs on an error and an RBI single from Burgess and trim the lead to 13-5 going into the bottom of the fifth. An RBI single by Aliyah Ryan scored Stallings and put the Lady Broncos ahead 14-5 in the bottom of the sixth and Holly Pond collected the final three outs in the top of the seventh to wrap up a 14-5 win over Good Hope.

Stallings finished the game 4-for-4 with four RBIs and Hill (one hit) and Neal (one hit) each drove in a pair of runs as well. Bai Widner also added two RBIs for the Lady Broncos and Giles posted three hits. Holly Pond will return to West Point Friday night at 6 p.m. to take on the Lady Warriors for this year's County Softball Championship.

Sammy Confer contributed to this article.

PREP BASEBALL

West Point, Cullman down Lawrence County, Muscle Shoals to earn area series wins

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WEST POINT, Ala. — After defeating Lawrence County on the road 7-1 earlier this week, the West Point Warriors returned home to finish the area series Thursday night. Caiden Rodgers led the way on the mound, tossing a complete game one-hitter and guiding the Warriors to a 5-0 win over the Red Devils to secure the area series win. Rodgers shut out Lawrence County and allowed just one hit to go with seven strikeouts.

Meanwhile in Muscle Shoals, the Bearcats were wrapping up their area series with the Trojans. Kaleb Heatherly walked it off in the eighth inning to give the 'Cats a 2-1 win on Tuesday but they took care of business with a little less drama Thursday night.

Cullman plated three runs in the fifth and two more in the sixth to pull away from Muscle Shoals and pick up a 9-3 area win, securing the series for the Bearcats. Heatherly earned the win on the mound Thursday night, pitching all seven innings, allowing three runs (one earned) on five hits and striking out seven.

Both West Point and Cullman will play another game with Lawrence County and Muscle Shoals tonight, but both the Warriors and Bearcats have already taken their respective area series.

West Point 5 – Lawrence County 0 (Baseball)

West Point put some runs on the board in the first two innings to claim the early lead. Andrew Putman scored on an error to put the Warriors up 1-0 in the bottom of the first just before Isaac Hoffpauir drove a double deep into right field. Brody Freeman then ripped an RBI single into left field to bring Hoffpauir across the plate and make it a 2-0 game going into the second.

In the bottom of the second, another RBI double off the bat of Hoffpauir, this time to deep left field, scored Putman to stretch the lead to 3-0 and two pitches later, Colton McCoy punched an RBI single into left to score Hoffpauir and make it 4-0. West Point added another run to its lead when Aidan Maddox scored from third, putting the Warriors ahead 5-0 after two innings.

The Red Devils led off the top of the sixth with a single but that was the only hit they recorded in the game and West Point cruised to collect a 5-0 area win.

Hoffpauir finished 3-for-4 at the plate with an RBI in the win. Rodgers posted two hits and Freeman (one RBI) and McCoy (one RBI) each added a hit for the Warriors as well.

Cullman 9 – Muscle Shoals 3 (Baseball)

An RBI groundout from Riley Jackson allowed Hayden Stancil to score in the top of the first and put Cullman in front 1-0 early. A solo homerun by the Trojans tied things up at 1 in the bottom half of the first but the 'Cats responded in the top of the second. Will Bradberry answered with a 2-run bomb of his own to put the Bearcats back on top 3-1 going into the third inning.

Cullman was kept off the board in the third and fourth but in the bottom of the fourth, Muscle Shoals pushed one run across the plate to cut the lead to 3-2. That's when the Bearcat bats started to get hot. Back to back RBI singles from Heatherly and Tucker Cagle made it a 5-2 game and an error allowed another run to score and extend the lead to 6-2 going into the sixth.

Stancil added another run to the lead with an RBI double in the top of the sixth and another RBI single off the bat of Heatherly gave Cullman an 8-2 advantage going into the bottom half of the inning. Bradberry's big day wasn't over, and he led off the top of the seventh with another homerun over the wall in center field to make it a 9-2 game.



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West Point's Caiden Rodgers pitched a complete game one-hitter in the Warriors' 5-0 win over Lawrence County Thursday.

The Trojans managed to chip away a bit of the lead in the final frame, but it wasn't enough to overcome the early lead and the Bearcats secured a series win over Muscle Shoals with a 9-3 win.

Bradberry finished the game 3-for-4 with three RBIs and Heatherly (two RBIs) posted three hits in the win as well. Stancil (one hit) and Cagle (one hit) each drove in a run for Cullman as well.

PREP SOCCER

West Point Warriors, Lady Warriors post wins over Fairview

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WEST POINT, Ala. — Both West Point varsity squads returned home for a pair of games against Fairview Thursday night and both teams were able to collect wins over the Aggies. The Lady Warriors shut out Fairview 3-0 to improve to 7-4 on the year and the Warriors topped the Aggies 3-1 to improve their record to 7-4-1.

Kyli Armstead scored a pair of goals in the win for West Point and Hope Lee added a goal as well.

Vanesa Garcia assisted on all the goals for the Lady Warriors and Kali King preserved the shut out in goal.

Head Coach Rob Whitesell was proud of the way his team finished the game Thursday night to put away a Fairview team that was hanging with them all night.

"Fairview versus West Point is always a tough game, no matter what the sport," Whitesell said.

"Soccer is no different and despite the final score, this game was neck-and-neck until the final five minutes.

"It wasn't our best effort, but we can be happy that it is behind us as an area win."

In the boys' game, Omar Segunda deflected a shot off a defender and into the back of the net to give the Warriors a 1-0 lead.

The Aggies responded and tied things up at 1 just a few minutes later but Segunda scored on a penalty kick to put West Point back in front 2-1 and his third goal came late in the game to secure a 3-1 win for the Warriors.

West Point's boys set the school record for goals in a season during the win Thursday night and both teams will host big matches against Priceville Monday night.



TIFFANY WHITESELL

Hope Lee celebrates with Vanesa Garcia and Evelyn Guevara after her goal in the final minute of West Point's 3-0 win over Fairview Thursday night.

'Aladdin Jr.' (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — St. Bernard Prep's Drama department on Friday premiered "Aladdin Jr.," a little twist on Disney's popular telling of the tale of an orphaned "street rat" who is offered three wishes by a genie. With his heart set on the love of a princess, Aladdin must balance rising fame and fortune with an ultimate need to be true to who he really is. Shows continue on Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

"I am extremely proud of the Aladdin cast for several reasons," said Director Ashleigh Russell.

"One is that these kids are so busy with schoolwork, sports, holding down jobs, and being involved in their community, but still find time to rehearse several times a week, outside of school, to put on a great show. I am also very proud of this group for coming together to become a team.

"They range from seventh to 12th grade, and may or may not have known each other before this show. Lastly, I have grown to love these kids as my own and have enjoyed seeing them grow and improve their talents and theatrical skills. They have been open to becoming better and improving and I can't wait for the community to see them take the stage."

Cast and crew

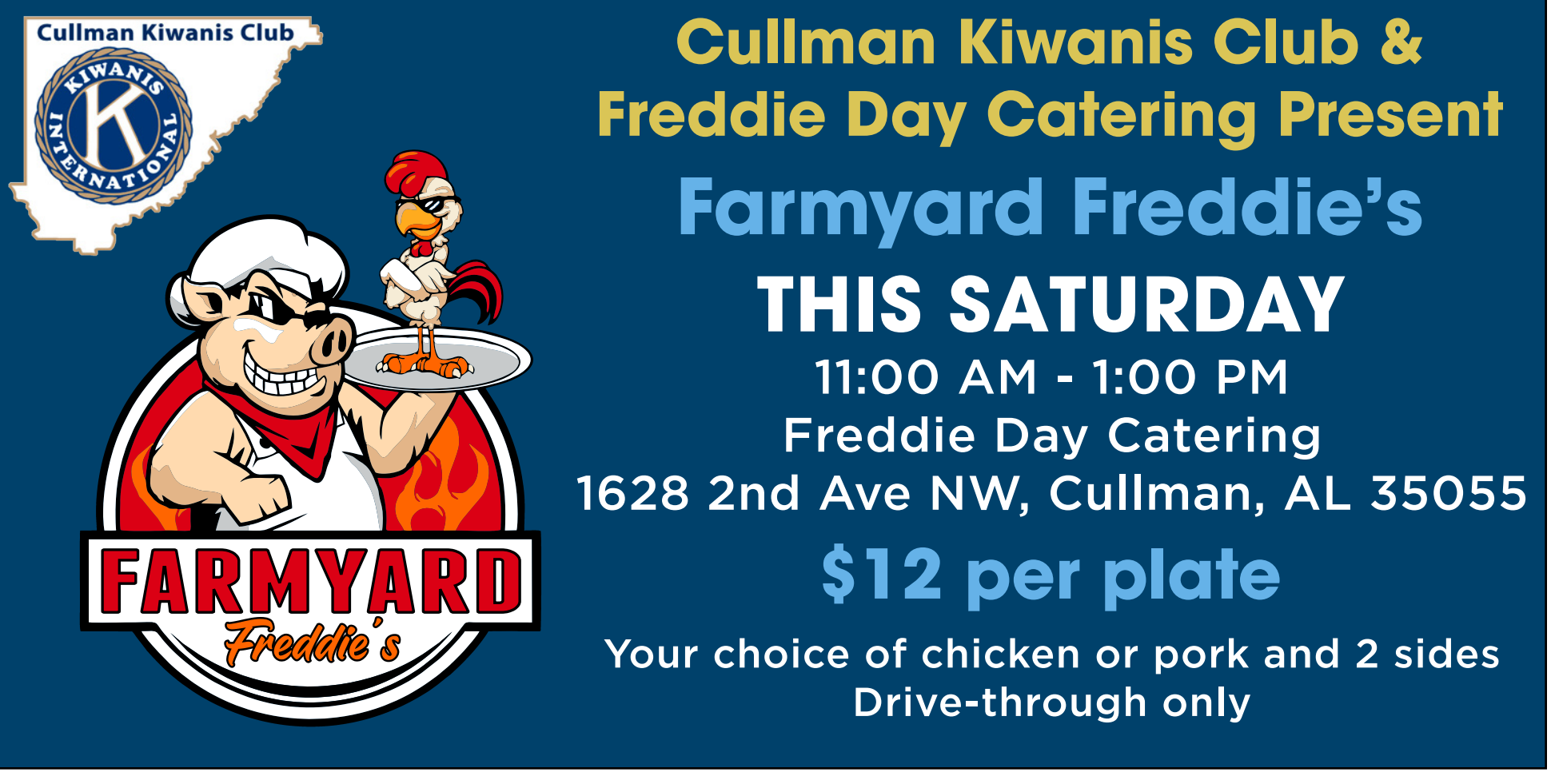
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At a glance

- St. Bernard Prep presents Disney's "Aladdin Jr."
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Farmhouse Midwifery raising standard of care for pregnant women

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Laura Reeder with other childbirth specialists at the Farmhouse

CULLMAN, Ala. — Laura Reeder is a certified professional midwife and an Alabama licensed midwife. She is one of three licensed midwives in Cullman. Reeder created Farmhouse Midwifery in 2020 to revolutionize a new standard of care for women as they go through pregnancy. Reeder with the help of other birth workers and health professionals operate the Farmhouse where they provide services including childbirth education, ultrasound imaging, prenatal massage, chiropractic care, lactation support and fitness coaching.

Midwifery was made legal in Alabama in 2017 and the state began issuing licenses in 2019 for the first time since the 70s.

Reeder said, "My degree is in Community Health Education from UAB, and I worked at St. Vincent's for 12 years and focused on their wellness department, so a lot of my background was in community health seeing where there are health disparities and things like that in the community and then establishing educational programs, Lunch and Learns, health fairs, health screenings, that kind of thing."

This background would influence Reeder on her current endeavors to gather people and educate them on the different options available to them during and after pregnancy.

Reeder is originally from Cullman and attended Cullman High School. She and her husband moved back to the area from Birmingham after having children and bought their farm in 2012.

"We moved back after we had a bunch of kids and bought a little farm, so we had a little homestead. When I became a midwife, my heart was kind of set to have everything centered around our farm because modern maternity care can be so stressful. You know, you have to get in the car, usually people are going to Birmingham.

"They are having to fight through a parking deck, they're having to wait and then they get like 15 minutes with their care provider and they're out the door."

"During the labor and birth times, you're just surrounded by strangers in this unfamiliar place with all these lights on you and that can be a lot for people to process.

"Sometimes people can leave that feeling like things were done to them instead of they had active participation in their birth."

Reeder says the midwifery model of care is centered around informed consent. "Giving people all their options and then giving them the autonomy to make the decisions that are best for them. We really wanted more of a community centered care for women when they are pregnant or trying to conceive or in the post-partum period when you feel like you're by yourself."

At Farmhouse Midwifery, a collective of specialists come together to bring their clients holistic service.

Often, Reeder refers patients to other services at the Farmhouse, such as pre and postnatal fitness instruction or chiropractic care.

"That's one of the hardest things for women is to piecemeal together all of the care that they need during their pregnancy. So, the goal is to bring it all into one place," she said.

Women can contact the Farmhouse at any stage in their pregnancy. Many women call Reeder when they are first thinking about getting pregnant. Prenatal testing is started around 10-12 weeks. She has also had women transfer their care to her at 32 weeks.

Midwives are not allowed to provide care for clients with certain conditions like diabetes type 1 or 2, HIV, thyroid disease, cardiac disease or previous major surgery.

Reeder usually performs deliveries at people's homes. She says 80% of the births she does are water births.

The births are unmedicated, but explains she is allowed to administer life-saving medication if needed.

"As far as pain management, we're going to rely more on coping skills and relaxation practices, movement, different positions, comfort measures like water and back rubs and counter pressure, different things like that.

"We find that moms can deal with the discomfort a lot better when they have freedom to move around, and they aren't just stuck in a bed the whole time."

"We are flexible enough to allow people to birth the way that they want to and we're there to kind of oversee the process and make sure there are no red flags or to know when to make that call if things get bigger risk and they need to transfer," she continued.

Reeder also differentiated between home birth midwives and certified nurse midwives in hospitals, saying, "In Alabama, nurse midwives only have privileges in a hospital or in a birth center setting. Where the CPMs, we don't have privileges in a hospital, but we do have privileges in the home."

Farmhouse Midwifery offers community classes at Karmas Coffeehouse every second Saturday of the month from 9-10:30 a.m.

Reeder explained, "When you're going to choose a provider of any kind of service it's so hard to just get on the internet and find a picture and go meet a stranger and get really vulnerable about whatever it is you're going through.

"So, I had this idea that if we offered these events, it would be a way to help educate the community with free health information.

"Also, it's an opportunity for people from the community to get to meet us and ask their questions in an informal setting."

There are often guest speakers in attendance to educate people on various women's health topics.

Reeder concluded, "It really is a beautiful thing because I've seen both dynamics. I worked in a hospital for a long time. I did do a lot of work in a hospital as well, so lots of hospital births.

"I've had both hospital births and home births and there's a huge difference in the quality of care you get when you go for a one hour prenatal versus a 15-minute prenatal and you get to really form that relationship with your care provider where there's that trust between both people."

For more information visit: https://farmhousemidwifery.com/.

LEGALS

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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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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NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: Shawna Storm Starcross May
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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

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EDUCATION

Cullman County Schools announces April Teacher, Staff Members of the Month

Ty Watwood
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County Schools, along with America's First Federal Credit Union, recognizes a teacher and staff member each month.

TEACHER OF THE MONTH
Allison Morgan, 4th Grade, West Point Intermediate School

"Mrs. Morgan is an exemplary teacher and such a valued member of the West Point community," said Mike Jones, West Point Intermediate principal. "Our students know that she loves and supports them, but they also know that she has the highest expectations for them. She truly believes all students can be successful."

STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH
Kelly Taylor, Secretary, Hanceville Middle School

Kelly Taylor has served in the same position, Hanceville Middle School secretary, for 26 years, which is the same year Hanceville transitioned to a middle school model. "Mrs. Taylor is the person that students come to for band-aids and bus passes," said Dr. Susan Patrick, Hanceville Middle School principal.

"She is the first face that people see when they visit our school, and is a valuable member of our team."

Cullman County Schools thanks America's First Federal Credit Union for donating a $100 gift card to each employee of the month.



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Right: Staff Member of the Month Kelly Taylor



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Left: Teacher of the Month Allison Morgan

EDUCATION

Talking Tolkien

Students journey to Middle-Earth at Cullman Middle School

Trent Moore
Cullman City Schools

CULLMAN, Ala. — It might be pushing 85 years old, but J.R.R Tolkien's classic novel "The Hobbit" is still finding new fans — and just found plenty more at Cullman Middle School.

To give her English language arts classes a bit of fantasy flair this year, CMS seventh grade teacher Katie McGee decided to literally bring the world of Middle-Earth to life as they wrap up a run of four novels students have been reading this year.

McGee divided her classes into the "five armies" from Tolkien's Middle-Earth saga, with groups for goblins, wargs, men, elves and dwarves. The different groups then had their own "battle" for the mythical "Arkenstone" — the coveted gem the heroes are searching for in Tolkien's 1937 novel. However, instead of on an epic battlefield, this war was raged in the CMS library, which was decorated and transformed into a fantasy world all its own.

"Each student had a specific job. For example, the speaker was to write a speech from the perspective of a villain of their choice, and another had to make an advertisement that included ethos, pathos and logos to persuade the audience to join their army, and so forth," McGee explained.

"I really wanted to find a new way for students to experience Tolkien's incredible use of descriptive language; to discuss themes, symbols, archetypes and the hero's journey structure of the book. The day after this 'Journey to Middle-Earth,' they began writing their own creative narratives."

Students also created art projects including hand-drawn and printed pieces from the book, as well as detailed digital presentations to accompany their projects. McGee said students were so engaged they literally ran out of time every day digging into the presentations and projects.

"All of the kids were amazing and just loved it," she added. "It's always amazing to see how creative these students can be. One brought her ukulele and sang a song from the book to her own tune.

"Another student wowed us with his own use of descriptive and figurative language in his villain speech as a goblin. Just brilliant, creative ideas."



CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

Students at Cullman Middle School created projects as part of a deep dive into J.R.R Tolkien's The Hobbit. The library team transformed the library into its own version of Middle-Earth.

Cullman Middle School Librarian Tasha Meyer and library aide Deann Schafer brought the little corner of Middle-Earth to life, building sets, creating costumes and hanging scenery to transform the library into its own fantasy world.

"We decided on five different sets: a Hobbit house, the Misty Mountains, Rivendell, Lake Town and The Lonely Mountain. The Lonely Mountain was my favorite — we created a huge mountain with an old pageant backdrop," Meyer explained. "I painted a dragon and we used a students' salt lamp as the Arkenstone. We used whatever we could find. We brought things from home, painted backdrops, just whatever we could do to bring it to life. These are the types of projects these students will always remember, and we want to make it special."

EDUCATION

Wallace State Community College hosting Open House April 12

Russell Moore
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College is hosting an Open House on Tuesday, April 12 from 5:30-7 p.m., beginning at the Garland E. Gudger Sr. Student Center.

All prospective and interested students and their families are invited to the event. All attendees will have the opportunity to visit Wallace State's academic, applied technologies and health sciences programs in addition to attending breakout sessions about admissions, financial aid, dual enrollment, transfer opportunities and more.

Registration begins at 4:30 p.m. at the Student Center and a welcome/entertainment is scheduled for 5-5:30 p.m.

Visitors can choose among breakout sessions and program tours from 5:30-7 p.m.

Free Chick-fil-A is on the menu and attendees will have their names placed into a scholarship drawing.

RSVP to the Open House at https://www.wallacestate.edu/openhouse/.

For more information about the event, contact Lion Central at 256-352-8032.



WALLACE STATE

Whit Rice, Director for the Center for Student Success, advises attendees at a previous Wallace State Open House.

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52 ODES TO JOY: YOU AND JOY BIRDS

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ODE TO JOY BIRDS

The singing kind are
such joy birds,

One rarely hears a whiner.

Chirping, tweeting,
hummingbirds

Make a fine day even finer.

My family's Alabama farm was a certified Audubon Sanctuary. We didn't just love birds and protect their habitats; birding was like breathing—literally a natural part of our daily lives.

Both of my parents were passionate, relentless teachers. After their children left the nest, they focused even more on teaching the birds who came to the sanctuary. Season after season, they taught the birds where to safely obtain food, water and shelter for nesting to nurture their bird families.

The birds were teachers for us as well. The study of birds, ornithology, wasn't a passion for everyone in my family, but that was beside the point. Each of us was given opportunities to connect with the universe and every day the birds were teaching us the joy of being alive.

When I Googled symbols of joy for this yearlong series of odes; sunbursts, flowers and birds, lots of birds, proliferated an array of images across my computer screen. Remember the bluebirds in Disney's animated "Cinderella" that chirpily helped the heroine dress for the royal ball? Those were exquisite joy birds and not too fantastical to imagine in so-called "real life."

Some birds joyfully sing as they construct elaborate, couture-worthy, feathered nests which ultimately look like grand hats. So, with a bit of time, joy birds could swath a princess in elegant frippery. Close your eyes and you can hear the whistling while they weave.

Studying joy birds inspires us to add happiness to our own lives. Dr. Sarah Woolley at Columbia University's Zuckerman Institute is decoding what songbirds teach us about interpreting sound.

Birds are the only other animals whose brains share with ours the remarkable ability to learn vocal sounds. A young bird's brain allows them to mimic the songs of their elders and they practice the tunes as in a master class until the musical notes are polished to opera singer perfection.

As a young child listens to a variety of words and tones, it shapes the way they speak their entire life. Heather Wolf, author of "Birding at the Bridge," reminds us not all birdsong is melodic. "Ravens sound like frogs," Wolf says. "So, if you hear a frog flying above you, look up."

JOY BIRDS teach us many lessons. Using "The S.U.N.S. (Smile-Making, Uniting, Neighboring, Spellbinding) Joyful Aging System," here is smart, bird brain thinking for humans:

SMILE-MAKING (Positive-Thinking and Positive-Doing)—When we're at the beach, we see seagulls dive and dip for every little beetle and breadcrumb. However, bird scientists report often the gulls are simply doing the aerial gymnastics because they find it pleasurable.

And, songbirds don't just sing during mating season—they love to sing and just like a church choir or a community musical, they like to flock together and sing.

UNITING (Deeply connecting)—One of my favorite articles from the always delightful, "Audubon Magazine" was written by Michele Berger, titled "Till Death Do Them Part: 8 Birds That Mate for Life" (February, 2012). The faithful joy-givers mentioned are:

1. BLACK VULTURES—"form such a tight bond, in fact, that they hang out year-round—not just through the mating season."

2. BALD EAGLES—symbols of the United States, have large homes (nests) about 6 feet wide. Their elaborate mating dance is called a "Cartwheel Display" and involves joyfully inter-locking talons then twirling through the air.

3. ALBATROSSES—don't breed until they are eight or nine years old; if a mate dies, "they go through a year or two of mourning period"—this is according to John Klavitter, a biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

4. SWANS—Their divorce rate is less than 10%. If a mate dies, a female swan will find a mate in less than a month, but a male swan will nurture and defend his young cygnets, then perhaps re-mate the next winter.

5. SCARLET MACAWS—exotic birds, regularly live to 75 years in captivity and 33 years in the wild. They are so devoted they help "groom" each other's appearance by plucking bugs from feathers.

6. WHOOPING CRANES—North America's tallest birds, attract a mate for life by bowing their head as if praying and then rising up and bouncing on stiffened legs. (Yes, this sounds like actor, Tom Cruise, jumping up and down on Oprah's sofa. YouTube it.)

7. CALIFORNIA CONDORS—a highly endangered bird on the Audubon "Red List," lives wherever the female chooses. Condors are scavengers and if they find a tasty carcass will bring it home to share with their mate.

8. ATLANTIC PUFFINS—known as the "clowns of the sea" have a mating ritual called "billing" during which they rub beaks together all day like lovesick teenagers.

NEIGHBORING (Others-Centered)—Scientists at Oxford University (England) found that larger groups of birds are better than smaller groups at solving problems. It is believed this is because a larger gathering has some older, "experienced" members in their flock. ("Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences" September, 2011)

SPELLBINDING (Meaningfully captivated)—You may not find it enticing to show up early for a worm, but birds teach us to show up and keep at it. Birds get "in the flow" and focus on the task of survival of the fittest they can be.

JOY BIRDS remind us to enjoy life and our own song. They show us the importance of protecting our young dreams and allowing great ideas to hatch. By their courageous example, we are taught to leave the nest, spread our wings and start flapping. Joy birds encourage us to have the confidence to soar.

WHAT KIND OF JOY BIRD ARE YOU?

Here are some of the best-known birds and attributes we associate with them:

BLUEBIRD—happy, joyful, carefree but also hard-working

HAWK—wide-eyed visionary

EAGLE—peace protector, self-starter

SPARROW—enthusiastic, remind us to enjoy life

HUMMINGBIRD—industrious, light-hearted, optimistic, independent

RAVEN—curious, fun-loving, full of mirth

ROBIN—rejuvenating, forward-thinking, hopeful

OWLS—wise, thoughtful, patient

CROWS—clear communicator

DOVE—compassionate for suffering, peaceful

FLAMINGO—beauty and balance

CARDINAL—a sign that a loved one is near who is saying "I love you"

BLUE JAYS—fearless, truthful, talkative

SWAN—graceful and loyal

JOY BIRD ODES FROM OTHERS

"Use what talents you possess. The woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best."—Henry Van Dyke

"I hope flowers always line your path and sunshine lights your day; and songbirds serenade you every step along the way. May a rainbow run beside you in a sky that's always blue, and happiness fill your heart each day your whole life through."—A traditional toast

"Instead of weeping when a tragedy occurs in a songbird's life, it sings away the grief. I believe we could well follow the pattern of our feathered friends."—William Shakespeare

"A bird doesn't sing because it has an answer. It sings because it has a song."—Maya Angelou

"Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, life is a broken-winged bird that cannot fly."—Langston Hughes

"Be a bird perched on a frail branch that she feels bending beneath her, still she sings away all the same, knowing she has wings."—Victor Hugo

"Tame birds sing of freedom. Wild birds fly."—John Lennon

"Intelligence without ambition is a bird without wings."—Salvador Dali

JOY BIRD LAFF OF THE WEEK

So, an elderly, nearly deaf lady dies and in her will, she gives her pet parrot to her Southern Baptist minister. Come to find out, the lady's husband, also deceased, had taught the parrot to swear like a sailor.

The parrot could squawk curse words for five minutes without repeating himself.

The minister loved all God's creatures but the bird's, pardon the pun, foul mouth was driving him crazy.

One day, the pastor starts raging, grabs the parrot by the throat, tries to shake the devil out of him and yells—"JUST QUIT IT!" but this ticks the bird off and he swears more than ever.

Hearing those vulgar words, the reverend gets furious and says, "That's it, I'm putting you away" and locks the parrot in the kitchen pantry.

This really ruffles the bird's feathers and he claws and scratches the pantry door and knocks the canned goods off the shelves. When the fellow finally lets him out, the parrot cuts loose with a stream of obscenities that would make a veteran sailor blush.

At that point, the minister is so enraged he throws the parrot in the ice freezer.

For the first few seconds there was a terrible ruckus. The parrot kicks and claws and thrashes about. Then things suddenly go very quiet.

At first, the minister just waits, but then he starts to feel guilty and worries he may have harmed one of God's blessed creatures. After a couple of minutes, he's so worried he opens up the freezer door.

The parrot calmly climbs onto the pastor's outstretched arms and says, "Pardon me, reverend, about all that trouble I gave you. I'll do my best to clean up my vocabulary from now on."

The minister is astounded. He has never seen such a transformation of a man nor a beast.

Then, the parrot gestures to the freezer, "By the way, what did that chicken do?"

JOY-GIVERS CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK:

April 9—Elle Fanning

April 10—Alex Pettyfer

April 11—Bill Irwin

April 12—David Letterman

April 13—Al Green

April 14—Loretta Lynn

April 15—Bessie Smith

BIRD'S NEST COOKIES WITH GEORGIA PEACH SUGARFREE JAM
(Source: ahintofhoney.com)

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

INGREDIENTS

- 1 ½ cups salted butter
- ¾ cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract
- 3 cups all-purpose flour, sifted
- 3 eggs, separated
- Georgia Peach Sugar-Free Jam (Look for sources online.)
- Sweetened dried coconut flakes
- Walnuts, finely chopped

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350 F.

2. In a large bowl, cream butter with an electric mixer. Add the sugar gradually and mix well. Lightly whisk the egg yolks then add them to the bowl with the vanilla and flour mixing until thoroughly combined. Shape into walnut-sized balls

3. Place egg whites in a shallow bowl and lightly whisk. Place nuts and coconut in separate bowls. First roll the balls of dough in the egg whites and then in either the nuts or coconut to coat. Place on a lightly greased baking sheet and dent in the center with a thimble or thumb.

4. Bake in a preheated oven for 10 minutes. Quickly remove from the oven and re-dent the tops of the cookies. Return the cookies to the oven and continue cooking for about 8 minutes, until golden. Remove from the oven to cool on a wire rack. Fill the "nest" centers with jam while still hot. Once cooled, store in an airtight container. Makes 40-60 cookies, depending on size.

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

318. "Well-a bird, bird, bird, bird's the word." (Surfin' Bird by The Trashmen).

319. Throwing toast at "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

320. Mardi Gras in Mobile, Alabama, the first American city to celebrate.

321. Balderdash.

322. Etta James coming out of retirement to shake her fine moneymaker.

323. Hubba hubba.

324. "Tap your troubles away."

325. Making chicken salad from chicken ____.

326. Lonesome. Phonesome.

327. "Gene, Gene, The Dancin' Machine."

328. The push-button gear shift on a 1957 Dodge.

329. Elvis' golf cart with the fringe on top at Graceland.

330. Wandering the grounds of Mr. Faulkner's "Rowan Oak" alone.

331. Winning some folding money at the Kentucky Derby.

332. "Why do birds suddenly appear, every time you are near?"

333. "May the circle be unbroken."

334. Shaved ice in August in the steamy French Quarter.

335. Chinese handcuffs reward for not crying at the dentist's office.

336. The "Redneck Riviera" café that shot yeast rolls from a cannon across the dining room.

337. Laughing about a condom machine called "The Family Planning Center" in a Texaco restroom.

338. "You Make Me Wanna Walk Like a Camel" (Southern Culture on the Skids).

339. "Sweet Bird of Youth," the 1959 play by Tennessee Williams.

HAPPY, JOYFUL, "FREE AS A BIRD" WEEK TO YOU!

Farm-City poster winners; committees recognized at luncheon

Several locals receive awards at Alabama Farm-City Awards



ALABAMA FARMERS FEDERATION

Marriah Hain of Cullman Christian School in St. Clair County won fourth place in the Alabama Farm-City Poster Contest for Fourth-Sixth Grade. She was honored at the Alabama Farm-City Awards Luncheon and Program April 7 in Birmingham and received $60 from Alabama Farmers Cooperative. Her school also received $60. From left are AFC's Jade Randolph, Hain and Alabama Farm-City Committee Chair Jeff Helms.



ALABAMA FARMERS FEDERATION

Maggie Phillips of Good Hope Elementary School in Cullman County won fourth place in the Alabama Farm-City Poster Contest for Kindergarten - Third Grade. She was honored at the Alabama Farm-City Awards Luncheon and Program April 7 in Birmingham and received $60 from Alabama Farmers Cooperative. Her school also received $60. From left are AFC's Jade Randolph, Phillips and Alabama Farm-City Committee Chair Jeff Helms.



ALABAMA FARMERS FEDERATION

The Cullman County Farm-City Committee was named runner-up for the Best Farm-City Committee Award in Division 1 at the Alabama Farm-City Awards Luncheon and Program April 7 in Birmingham. The county also earned the Best Farm-City Tour and Scrapbook. For each award, the county committee earned a cash reward Alabama Farm Credit. From left are Alabama Farm Credit's Wendy Tysinger; Cullman County Committee Co-Chairs Leisa Van Gundy and Leonard Slay; and Alabama Farm-City Committee Chair Jeff Helms.

Opening (from Front)

shirts below and we can have it done in about five minutes. We also have shirts already finished in popular designs," Zac explained.

The normal prices are $22 for a S-XL and XXL and up are $24. Bulk order discounts are applied, such as businesses and companies having their logos printed. Also offered are direct to film prints and sublimation prints for people who have a heat press at home. They can also make custom blankets, hats, dog tags, magnets and more. They have a 3-D laser cutter for gifts like ornaments, keychains and bookmarks.

"We should have a pretty good crowd on Saturday. We have so many followers that have been with us since we started and they all want to be supportive," said Audra.

"We know people's whole life stories from shirts," she added. Audra talked about how they have gotten to make memorial items for customers, and they are happy to make shirts to embody the important aspects of people's lives. "With my background being in occupational therapy, I still get to care for people in a little bit of a different way. We have met so many cool people."

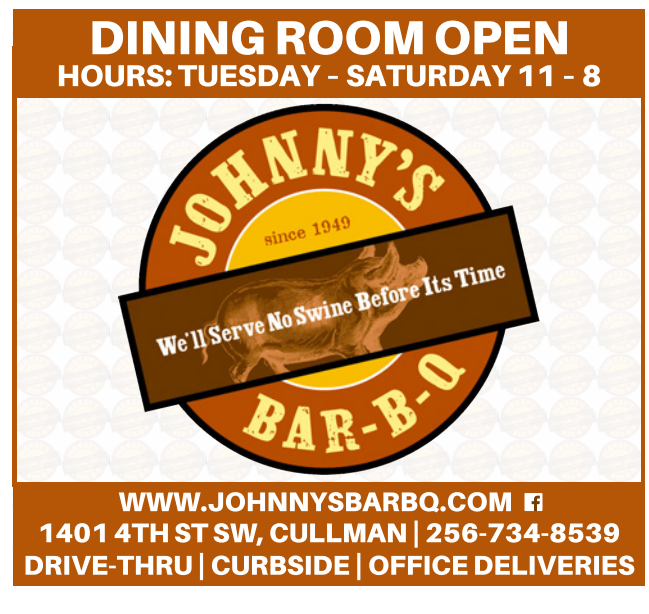
Nomadic Threads is located at 106 First Ave. NE. They are open Tuesdays-Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

















POLITICS

House GOP Caucus successfully addresses all items in its 2022 'Standing Tall For Alabama' legislative agenda

Nathaniel Ledbetter
Alabama GOP Majority Leader

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — House Majority Leader Nathaniel Ledbetter (R - Rainsville) and Agenda Committee Chairman Randall Shedd (R - Fairview) on Friday announced that members of the body's Republican Caucus successfully addressed all items in its "Standing Tall for Alabama" legislative agenda during the 2022 regular session.

"House Republicans have once again kept our promises and followed up our words with actions," Ledbetter said.

"All of the items in our agenda were addressed by the House and several were fully enacted into law, including the constitutional carry firearms measure, which I believe ranks high among the landmark bills passed by the Legislature in several decades."

Shedd, who was appointed chairman of the House GOP Caucus' agenda committee and helped select the bills that were highlighted, said the measures that were passed serve the needs of average Alabama families.

"With its cross-section of targeted tax cuts, Second Amendment protections, rural broadband expansions, benefits for active military and veterans and other measures, the 'Standing Tall for Alabama' agenda touches the lives of every Alabamian," Shedd said.

"It proved to be an ambitious but achievable agenda, and one that was firmly rooted in constitutional principles, conservative policies and commonsense philosophy."

While each agenda item was addressed by the House, the measures that successfully navigated the full legislative process and were enacted into law included:

• Constitutional Carry legislation that allows law-abiding citizens to carry concealed weapons without first having to purchase a permit. The bill included tools, technologies, and provisions that will help ensure law enforcement officers and agencies remain well-protected.

• Legislation shielding state law enforcement officers from enforcing unconstitutional, anti-Second Amendment, federal executive orders.

• Targeted tax cuts benefiting small businesses, agriculture, families and retirees.

• An Alabama House Republican Caucus resolution urging the U.S. Supreme Court to rule constitutional the Mississippi pro-life law that bans abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy.

• Ballot box protections ensuring that Alabama's elections remain honest, fair and impartial.

• Legislation and record funding for the expansion of high-speed, broadband internet throughout rural Alabama.

• Pay raises for public education employees and state workers.

• Longevity bonuses based upon years of service for public education retirees and retired state employees.

• A package of bills designed to preserve and expand our military bases and infrastructure while making Alabama the nation's friendliest state for military service members, dependents and veterans.

Both Ledbetter and Shedd offered their thanks to members of the House Republican Caucus agenda committee, each of whom devoted substantial hours to creating a platform that serves the best interests of citizens across the state.

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Sale (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Master Gardeners will be holding a plant sale Friday, April 22 from noon – 5 p.m. and Saturday, April 23 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the North Alabama Agriplex. Most of the plants available will come directly from the yards of Cullman County Master Gardeners, so they are sure to grow well in Cullman County. Some of the plants include hydrangeas, gardenias, impatiens, columbine, azaleas, coleus, blueberries, tomatoes and more. The sale will also have special items that commercial retailers do not have. The proceeds from the sale will go toward Master Gardener projects throughout the county. Prices of the plants will be available at the sale.

The Master Gardeners have two public gardens they upkeep: the Demonstration Garden located between Sixth and Seventh Street SE along First Avenue SE, and the Agriplex Raingarden in front of the North Alabama Agriplex at 1714 Tally Ho St. NW.

At the sale, the gardeners can provide information about the upkeep of each plant.

Cullman County Extension Coordinator Kira Sims discussed the benefits of people growing their own plants, "It's fun! You can cross pollinate tomatoes and see what new progeny plants can be created. We can graft a pink dogwood to a white one and have a double-colored dogwood. There are other techniques that can be experimented with when we grow our own plants."

She also says that people can save money by saving the seeds from some of this year's flowers or fruits to plant next year.

"You can also take cuttings of your favorite shrubs to propagate and plant in your landscape when they get big enough," she explained.

The North Alabama Agriplex provides gardening classes throughout the year for anyone who would like to learn to start their own garden.

The Living Landscapes program at the Agriplex is a monthly educational series about sustainability in your own backyard.

The next event is on Tuesday, April 12 and will teach about composting basics to help plants grow. To see all the programs offered go to: https://agriplex.org/WPtest/living-landscapes/.

Obituary Announcements: April 7 - 8

Amelia Ann Snead, 84, of Arley
Amelia Ann Snead, 84, of Arley, passed away April 7, at Grandview Medical Center in Birmingham. She was born Sept. 7, 1937, in Townley, Alabama. Amelia is survived by her husband: Johnny Snead; sons: David Oglesby and Daniel Oglesby; sister: Connie Mullins and many grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents: Arsene and Maybelle Tate; brother: Rodney Tate; sister: Jeanie Newcomb and stepson: Johnny Snead II. Visitation will be held Monday, April 11, from 6-8 p.m. at Bethel No.1 Baptist Church in the Wilson Bend Community. A funeral service will be held at the Church Tuesday, April 12, at 3 p.m. Burial will follow in the adjoining Cemetery. Brother Michael Tidwell will officiate.

Doris Mozelle Dyer Ogletree, 90, of Vinemont
Funeral service for Doris Mozelle Dyer Ogletree, age 90, of Vinemont, will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 10, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Brandon Stripling officiating, with interment in Flint Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Saturday, April 9, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Ogletree passed away Wednesday, April 6, at her residence. She was born Jan. 29, 1932, in Cullman, Alabama, to Asa Alonzo and Salie Myrtle Yates Holmes. She was preceded in death by her parents and husbands: James Cleon Dyer and Bishop Ogletree. Survivors include her son: Brad (Kristy) Dyer; daughters: Melinda Dyer Shabel, Melissa Dyer Shabel and Beth Dyer (Rod) Parker; grandchildren: Wes Shabel, Sam Shabel, Nick Shabel, Kendra Gaines, Bobby Miller, John King, Kenton Parker and Sawyer Shabel; great-grandchildren: Henry Shabel, Franklin Shabel, Ryder Gaines, Oakleigh Gaines, Levi Parker, Evelynn Parker and Sawyer Parrish; sister: Marteen Gray and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Missing one celebration but finding another one

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



I was as excited about hearing the music of Ireland and Scotland as I was about seeing the beauty of the two countries. Neither disappointed. Although we arrived in Dublin around 8:00 a.m., my first day there is somewhat of a blur. No, I had not been in the Guinness, even though that is its birthplace. I don't even drink, but I was severely sleep deprived. On the way over, we had a short layover in Philadelphia, and didn't hit the friendly skies until about the same time as I normally hit the hay! We flew for the rest of the night, and I slept for at least a good 15 minutes!

We enjoyed a good dose of Irish music that first night. After enjoying a big bowl of Irish stew for dinner, we went to a traditional-Irish concert at The Landsdowne Theatre. My head bobbed a few times, but I refused to sleep through such a treat.

Three band members sang and played guitar, flute, penny whistle, and the Irish bagpipes. A young lady performed river dances for us during several of the songs. The Irish bagpipes, known as the uilleann pipes, were beautiful.

They are slightly different from the Scottish bagpipes, which we may be more familiar with. While they sound similar, the uilleann pipes are inflated by a small set of bellows that are pumped with the right arm, rather than by air blown into them by mouth.

Later, in Scotland, several kilt-clad bagpipers played on the streets of Edinburgh. I so wanted to bring a bagpipe home with me. I could imagine myself performing as Bro. Billy Bob, dressed in a kilt and playing a bagpipe. I did get a kilt and a penny whistle, so watch out!

Thursday finally came, and brought St. Patrick's Day with it. Our lodging in Dublin was at The Gresham Hotel. The old-grand hotel is two blocks from the River Liffey, a few blocks from the Temple Bar area, on O'Connell Street, in the heart of the city. The historic hotel opened its door in 1817 and has hosted such guests as Dwight D. Eisenhower, Elizabeth Taylor, The Beatles, John Wayne, and now, Bill and Jean King, and other Opelikans! I had no idea that the main parade route would be directly in front of our hotel.

While we were in Dublin, the stands that lined the streets for Wednesday big parade were already in place. I was reminded of once when I was in New York City the week before Thanksgiving. I've never been to the Macy's-Thanksgiving-Day Parade, but I have seen the stands. Now I can say that I've never been to Dublin's St. Patrick's Day parade, but I have seen the stands.

Before lunch, we were in the small town of Kilkenny. Kilkenny is couple of hours Southwest of Dublin, but it felt like a different country. To celebrate the national holiday, this beautiful little town hosted a street fair.

Local artisans had set up tents filled with their arts and crafts. It was great! I wasn't homesick, but when I spotted a sign on a tent read, "Barbecue," my mind drifted toward Alabama. I thought, "Alright! Some ribs, pulled pork, or chicken! Drowning in red barbecue sauce. I asked, "What kind of barbecue do you have?" They replied, "Hamburgers or hot dogs...cooked on the barbecue grill!" What! But they were delicious. As we thoroughly enjoyed the festivities of this beautiful hamlet, I was reminded that bigger is not always better! And, we even got to see the big parade in Dublin later that day after all...on television!

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: 1936

From the Files of 1936

Mr. and Mrs. Joe H. Ray attended the funeral of their cousin, Mrs. Sam Bradford, at Bethsadia, on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Kittie Smith, who has been nursing Miss Katherine Girley, has returned to her home at Reform, Alabama.

Mr. and Mrs. Hermon Calvert of Akron, Ohio, left Wednesday for their home.

Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Quattlebaum and daughter, Thelma, of Birmingham, have returned home after a visit with her sister, Miss Daisy Quattlebaum.

Doctor and Mrs. Jack Fisher of Moulton spent Sunday in Cullman as the guests of Doctor Fisher's mother, Mrs. O.M. Fisher.

A good selection of beds and springs for $5.00. Ad.

Mr. Paul Motzkus had the misfortune of losing a fine mule last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervon Thompson have moved to Cullman.

Mrs. Dora Bridges and son, Floyce and Mrs. Luther Wood and daughter, Ola, visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Garner at Simcoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Parker visited Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Parker on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ruby Cheatom has gone to her home in Akron, Ohio.

A razor bought 200 years ago is still being used by Oliver Ballard of Ionia, New York.

Miss Nadine Allen was the Sunday afternoon guest of Miss Nova Self.

Miss Charlie Thompson left on Saturday for a visit to her parents at Marion, Alabama.

Doctor and Mrs. McAdory were in a gulf storm, while on a fishing trip to Gulf Shores.

Cullman County has reported twelve cases of infantile paralysis.

The W.H. Compton home burned in Hanceville last Thursday. The Compton family has moved to a tenant house, until they can repair or build.

The Tribune wishes to thank those who have extended their subscriptions to The Tribune for another year.

They include: Zelma Self, Birmingham, R.C. Calloway, Cullman, Mrs. Ethel Leak, Logan, Verda Rane, Cullman, Roy Scott, Cullman, Arnold Leak, Mississippi, Mrs. S.F. Grenade, Holly Pond, Cora Duke, Hanceville, O.D. Dial, Hanceville, Robert Lang, Cullman, J.E. Easterwood, Lacon, Sallie Knight, Joppa, D.W. Miller, Cullman, Mrs. O.D. Dial, City, Cortez Speegle, Crane Hill, Hazel Mitchell, Eva and Lydia Bonner, City.

POET'S CORNER

Somber Skies | By: Randy C. Hale

I often wish to go back
when life was without
these somber skies.
And the problems, seemed
could all be fixed, with
faith and love together
mixed.

When age was a thing the
future held, so far, away
I thought.
And now, it comes in
record time to grasp me,
though I fought.

Yes, I have wish for things
before to live life fresh
and new.
Yet, give myself a wake-up call,
to bid the past adieu.

I drop my head in prayer
to breathe a word or two, and
ask for grace to leave this life
that I have stumbled through.



CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

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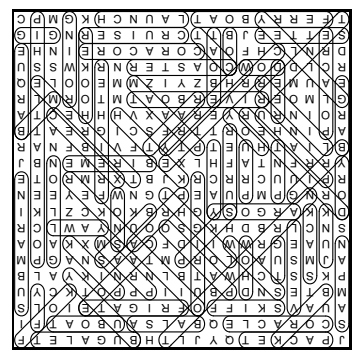
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Wallace State Singers present 'Dazzle Me, Disney!'

The Wallace State Singers present the final performance of the full-length production of "Dazzle Me, Disney!" tonight at 7 p.m., at the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre. The production features music from "Frozen," "Princess and the Frog," "Encanto," "Beauty and the Beast" and more.



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