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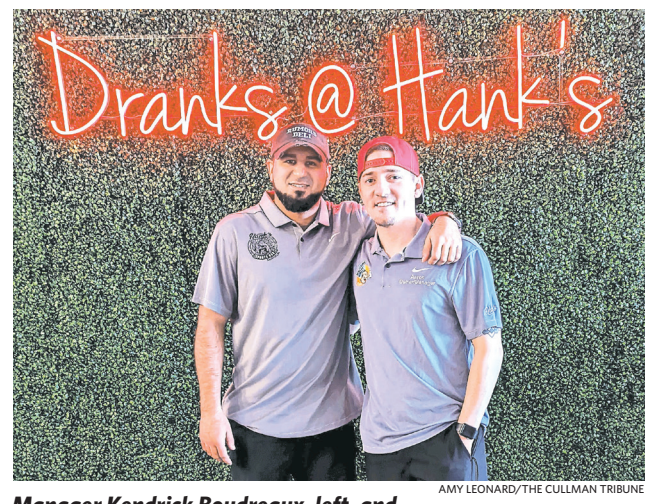
Hank's Sports Bar officially opens at Rumors Deli location

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman's newest watering hole, Hank's Sports Bar, located in the Rumors Deli location, is officially open for business after holding a successful soft opening for members of the Cullman Chamber of Commerce Monday night. Attendees enjoyed menu items, including smash burgers, barbecued briskets, po'boys and signature drinks while networking and taking in the new décor.

The opening of Hank's was always in owner Aaron Coombs' plan, who shared, "When the opportunity of purchasing Rumors Deli and opening Hank's was right during COVID but we eventually decided to do this and started with the remodel. It was a long process but it was well worth it."

Coombs, along with his righthand man manager Kendrick Boudreaux, worked to create an ambiance one would expect at the finest sports bars while still maintaining Rumors » PAGE 10



AMY LEONARD/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Manager Kendrick Boudreaux, left, and Owner Aaron Coombs, right

– SENIORS –

Veterans Park in Hanceville hosts senior Fish-O-Rama event



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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The City of Hanceville's Seniors Fish-O-Rama was held Friday at Veterans Park under a bright blue Alabama sky. With registration underway at 7:30 a.m. the participants dropped their lines at 8 a.m. hoping to bring home the trophy for biggest catch and top three places by weight.

Expecting between 75-100 fishers for the event, Hanceville Police Department Records Administrator Michelle Allen said this year's participants were limited to three fish opposed » PAGE 5


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Cullman County Home Builders Association raises money for local student scholarship fund



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City of Cullman Tree Commission purchases 50 trees to honor former chairman Everett Wier

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported April 22

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported April 22, 2022. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

April 18

- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; I-65 NB at 306 MM
- domestic violence; CR 1435
- burglary; CR 747
- domestic violence; CR 1718
- burglary; CR 11994
- criminal mischief; CR 59
- domestic violence; CR 1598
- theft of property; Hwy. 69 N
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 437
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; Hwy. 69 S
- harassment; CR 1112
- possession of marijuana; possession of controlled substance; Hwy. 69 S

April 19

- domestic violence; CR 824
- domestic violence; CR 233
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 690
- assault; Beech Ave. SE
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 1598

April 20

- possession of drug paraphernalia; McNabb Rd.
- domestic violence; CR 447
- theft of property; CR 216
- possession of controlled substance; illegal possession of prescription drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; Bower Dr.
- harassment; CR 1122
- harassment; CR 1107

ARRESTS

April 18 – 20

Belton, Rodriquez K.; 20
- possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Black, Stephanie G.; 40
- FTA- driving while license suspended
- FTA- no tag/tag not plainly visible
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- proof of liability insurance registration
- FTA- second-degree possession of marijuana
- FTA- possession of controlled substance

Cowley, Crystal N.; 36
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Floyd, Cassie M.; 27
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- FTA- DUI (alcohol)

Regalado Jr., Jesus A.; 34
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Taylor, David E.; 29
- sell/distribute amphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- driving while license suspended, revoked or cancelled

Williams, Bradley; 41
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Bates, Jeffery G.; 53
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Bolan, Chelsie N.; 21
- parole violation- possession of controlled substance (2 counts)

Edwards, Donald L.; 63
- FTA- driving while license suspended, revoked or cancelled

Hanson, Samantha J.; 43
- family offense- causing of delinquency, dependency or need of supervision

Ingle, Christopher L.; 32
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Jones Jr., Jimmie D.; 57
- FTA- driving while license suspended (2 counts)

Latham, Rebecca L.; 48
- DUI (alcohol)

Martin, Dakota J.; 21
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Pace, Kenneth D.; 36
- illegal possession of prescription drugs

Peoples, Melissa G.; 40
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Thornton, Zakariah D.; 30
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- second-degree possession of marijuana
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- forgery-counterfeiting
- FTA- forgery-forged instrument
- FTA- illegal possession of credit/debit card
- FTA- sale of stolen property less than $500

Bell, Christopher Shaunn A.; 32
- Grand Jury- assault-aggravated assault family-other weapon
- Grand Jury- assault-aggravated assault non-family-other weapon
- FTA- burglary-residence-no force
- FTA- larceny/theft-theft from residence
- FTA- attempting to elude police officer
- FTA- driving while license suspended (2 counts)
- FTA- reckless driving

Burrows, Amber L.; 37
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Dempsey, Damon B.; 25
- assault-aggravated assault non-family-strong arm

Dingler Jr., James L.; 28
- FTA- possession of heroin
- FTA- DUI (controlled substances)

Duncan, Stephanie L.; 46
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of dangerous drugs

Dunn, Virginia D.; 29
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family
- public intoxication

Eddleman, Logan N.; 30
- possession of heroin
- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Hammond, Andrew M.; 29
- assault-aggravated assault non-family-strong arm

Havard, Kimberly D.; 51
- harassing communications

Hawkins, Miles J.; 26
- assault-aggravated assault non-family-strong arm

Jones, Edward O.; 66
- sex offense- failure of adult sex offender to register with local law enforcement

Lucas, Spencer A.; 22
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Martin, Crystal A.; 37
- public intoxication

Sandlin, Dallas C.; 24
- assault-aggravated assault non-family-strong arm

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

April 17
- third-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $624

April 20
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; Wellstone Behavioral Health; Commerce Ave. NW; vehicle part; $400
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; Baker Productions; 2nd Ave. SW; vehicle part; $90

April 21
- fourth-degree theft of property; person; Veigl Ave. SW; tag; $101
- identity theft; person

ARRESTS

April 20

Pruett, Joseph M.; 35
- FTA- insurance violation (2 counts)
- FTA- driving while license revoked (2 counts)
- FTA- expired tag

Martin, Lexie D.; 20
- fourth-degree theft of property

Martin, Christy B.; 46
- fourth-degree theft of property

Mitchell, Kage A.; 23
- third-degree assault
- third-degree criminal mischief

Lopez, Daniel K.; 32
- FTA- vehicle entering private drive
- FTA- DUI
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence
- public intoxication

Walters, Robert M.; 55
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- concealing pistol without permit

April 21

Wynn, Gregory P.; 46
- third-degree theft of property

Woodard, James A.; 62
- FTA- insurance violation

Thornton, Zakariah D.; 30
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Golden, David G.; 46
- FTA- insurance violation (2 counts)
- FTA- fail to signal
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Echols, Leann C.; 33
- FTA- driving without driver's license

Hernandez, Nohemi M.; 32
- fourth-degree theft of property

Williams, Shayla C.; 27
- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespass
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
- FTA- leaving scene of accident

Miller, Leroy S.; 45
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- expired tag

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

CRIME

CCSO makes two separate arrests after serving warrants

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN COUNTY, Ala. – In two separate instances, the Cullman County Sheriff's Office attempted to serve warrants and left with two under arrest.

On Wednesday, April 20, CCSO deputies attempted to locate an individual at a residence in the Holly Pond area with active warrants.

The individual was not present; however, Logan Neil Eddleman, 30, of Holly Pond, was located at the residence.

Various narcotics and paraphernalia were located at the residence and on his person.

He was arrested and charged with: possession of dangerous drugs, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia and illegal possession of prescription medication.

Also on Wednesday, CCSO deputies arrested Christopher Shaun Andrew Bell, 32, of Hanceville, for multiple outstanding warrants at the Cullman County Detention Center.

He was charged with: aggravated assault (GJ) and failures to appear for: attempting to elude, traffic violations, burglary and larceny.



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COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Friday, April 22, 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) No Updates Available
- Positivity in tests in Alabama: 3.8%
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 387,829
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2021): 538,484
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2022): 372,824
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,188
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2021): 9,551
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2022) 2,802 (+16 since Wednesday)
- Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.: 2.3%
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2020): 7,567
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2021): 9,754
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2022): 7,238
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 128
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 188
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2022): 50 (+1 since Wednesday)
- Total tested in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 561
- Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 13
- Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 19,591
- Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 736
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 60

Vaccine details (updated Tuesday and Thursday)
- Doses delivered to Alabama: 9,250,795 No Updates Available
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 4,770,865 No Updates Available
- Doses administered: 5,948,510
- Additional doses administered: 801,656
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,874,519
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 2,354,061
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 4,479,930 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/.

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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.
- 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.

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Cullman City Cemetery Ground flower removal
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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

Spring Under the Stars
- April 26, 7 p.m.
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- Info: 256-352-8277, jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu

Cullman High School Theatre presents "The Addams Family"
- April 21-23 - Cullman High School Performing Arts will present "The Addams Family" this Thursday through Saturday, April 21-23, at the high school auditorium. Performance times are: Thursday, April 21 – 7 p.m., Friday, April 22 – 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 23 – 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Tickets are available through Booktix.

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.

St. Andrew's United Methodist Church Rummage Sale
May 7 - St. Andrew's United Methodist Church will hold a rummage sale Friday, May 6 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturday, May 7 from 8 a.m. – noon at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church (615 Main Ave. SW). All proceeds go to local missions and ministry.

49th Annual Arley Day Festival
- May 21 - The Arley Women's Club will host the 49th annual Arley Day Festival on
- May 21, from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Hamner Park. This year's festival will feature an array of activities: kids rides, vendors, a car show, a parade and a fun run. The car show will also feature prizes. Proceeds from the event go to the funding of the women's club, which helps the community in a variety of ways, including supporting local students with scholarships.
- For more information, contact Teri Henley at terihenley@gmail.com or 205-230-5004.

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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PREP SOFTBALL

Addison tops Lynn 6-2 on senior night

Todd Walker
Tribune Correspondent

ADDISON, Ala. — Addison hosted the Lady Bears from Lynn in their final regular season home game Thursday night, and it ended well for the three Addison seniors and the Lady Bulldogs as they came away with a 6-2 win.

After holding the Lady Bears scoreless in the first, the Lady Dawgs struck for two runs in their half of the first. Lainey Jo Evans led off with a hit by pitch and that was followed by a double to left center by Senior Saige Carter.

With runners on second and third, Addison senior Anna Grace Luker lined a single scoring Evans to give the Lady Dawgs a 1-0 lead. Lexie Luker grounded into a fielder's choice putting runners on the corners with one out. Cara Bolinger grounded into a fielder's choice scoring Luker. At the end of the first inning, Addison led 2-0.

Lynn tied the game up with two unearned runs of their own in the top of the second. Gracie Jordan led off with a solid single to center. Senior Anna Grace Luker got the next two Lady Bears out and then walked Molly Pate. A Lady Bulldog error allowed Jordan and Pate to score to tie the game up at 2.

The game remained tied until the bottom of the third inning when the Lady Bulldog bats came alive. Carter singled, Anna Grace walked then Lexie singled loading the bases with no one out. The Lady Bears played solid defense as they got the first out of the inning at home plate.

Dacey Baker singled driving in Anna Grace. After another out at home, Seventh Grader Mackenzie Carter shot a single through the hole, scoring Bolinger and Baker. At the end of three innings, Addison led 5-2.

Addison scored one more run in their half of the fourth inning. With one out, Carter walked and that was followed by back-to-back singles by the Luker cousins.

Bolinger grounded into a run scoring fielder's choice to give the Lady Dawgs their final run of the game.

Addison took the win 6-2.

Unofficial stats:
Addison was led by Anna Grace Luker who dominated on the mound. She went the distance going seven innings, scattering three hits and giving up no earned runs. Luker struck out nine and walked four.

Carter went 2-for-3 with a double and a walk. Anna Grace went 2-for-3 with an RBI and three runs scored. Lexi went 2-for-4.

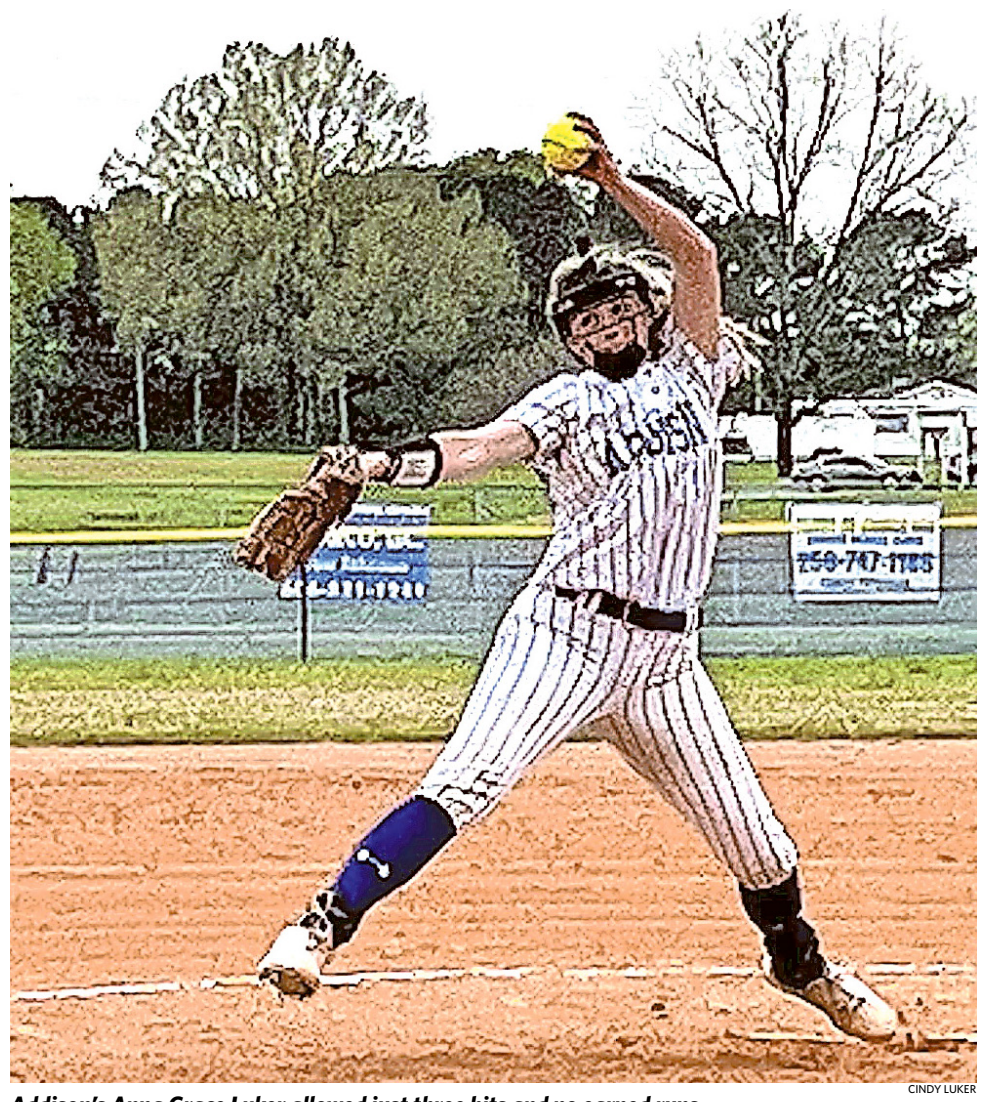
Bolinger finished with a pair of RBIs. Baker went 1-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored. Carter went 1-for-2 with two RBIs and a walk.

Lynn was led by seventh grader Bella Harper. Harper went the distance, giving up six runs, scattering eight hits while walking four and striking out one.

Anna Hosler finished with a walk and two stolen bases. Amy Barton went 1-for-3.

Jordan went 1-for-2 with a walk, stolen base and a run scored. Bella Harper went 1-for-3. Pate recorded a walk and a run scored.

The Addison Lady Bulldogs wish to thank three exceptional young ladies, Seniors Anna Grace Luker, Saige Carter and Jayden Woodard as they complete their careers and move on to bigger and better things.



CINDY LUKER

Addison's Anna Grace Luker allowed just three hits and no earned runs in the Lady Bulldog' 6-2 win over Lynn Thursday night.

PREP SOCCER

Warriors, Lady Warriors drop tight matchups at Brewer

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WEST POINT, Ala. — Both the West Point Warriors and Lady Warriors were back in action on the road Thursday night but unfortunately, they both fell in a pair of tight games at Brewer. The Lady Warriors fell to the Lady Patriots 3-2 and the Warriors came up just short against Brewer, losing 1-0 in extra time.

West Point's men were just two wins away from punching their ticket to the postseason but the loss at Brewer eliminated them from playoff contention. Head Coach Jacob Brown is disappointed to finish outside of the playoff bubble but he's proud of the stellar season that his guys have put together.

"I have been in multiple heartbreaking losses over my coaching career, and it always tears you up, however on this one I was of course upset but I was also so proud of the boys. The boys have never seen someone so excited to beat them that the entire bench is cleared and there is a dog pile. It was hard to see but it's also a true sign of respect," Brown said. "I told the boys at the beginning of the season that this season was all about the road to acknowledgment and respect as a program. I believe they have truly earned it this season. I am so proud of them."

In the girls' game, Kyli Armstead scored a pair of goals on a pair of Kaedince Cagle assists but Brewer managed to edge the Lady Warriors 3-2 to pick up the win.

West Point's final two games of the season will be a rematch with Brewer Saturday and a matchup against J.B. Pennington Tuesday.



JACOB BROWN

The West Point Warriors fell at Brewer 1-0 in extra time Thursday night.

WSCC ATHLETICS

Tennis teams begin ACCC Tournament Friday; softball and baseball teams play series v. Shelton State

Russell Moore
WSCC Athletics

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State's tennis teams were undefeated during regular-season conference matches.

They'll look to remain perfect against ACCC foes, beginning Friday in the ACCC Tournament at the Mobile Tennis Center.

Wallace State's men's team breezed past its conference opponents behind a steady lineup of Ryan Wang, Sebastian Gamez, Massimo Caliendo, Tristian Du Plessis, Muntingh Hamman and Marco Kalbermatten. Hudson Harden and Alex Rainer have been among the top doubles teams for the Lions.

"Our men's team is very confident and has many interchangeable parts. I'm probably proud of Marco Kalbermatten more than anyone right now. He's our No. 6 singles player and has been one of the steadiest players for us all season. He's been a bright spot, for sure," said Wallace State tennis coach Tim Garner, last season's ACCC Coach of the Year.

Wallace State's men's program is seeking a second straight ACCC Tournament title and fourth in five seasons.

Leonardo Dos Santos, Ethan Howard and Vinnie Aragao round out the men's roster. The men finished seventh nationally last season.

Wallace State's women's team is also playing for a second straight conference title after beating Marion Military Institute last year in a playoff.

Italia Jones, Erianna Irvin, Martina Paillet, Halle McCrory, Natalia Barron and Micah Oldacre have made up the majority of the singles lineup in matches.

Breanna Vann has made significant contributions in doubles.

Anna Knepper and Kaitlyn Daniel round out the roster.

"Even with our women, Micah Oldacre is No. 6 in singles, and she's been an anchor of our team. We've relied on her during every match. The strange thing about tennis is you can be as good or bad as your No. 6 player," Garner said.

Wallace State softball and baseball
Wallace State's softball and baseball teams each have conference series with Shelton State, beginning today.

Wallace State's third-ranked softball team hosts the Bucs today and travels to Tuscaloosa on Saturday. The Lions are 42-2 overall and 19-1 in ACCC action, outscoring their opponents this season, 373-65.

Sophomore outfielder Harper Niblett leads the conference with a .504 average heading into Thursday's play. She's scored 44 runs and swiped 30 bags.

Sophomore Felicity Frame is second in the league in batting with a .496 average. She's also second in the conference in runs scored with 55 and stolen bases with 48.

Maddie Carton's 18 home runs lead the ACCC. Lillyanna Cartee has added 10 homers for the Lions.

On the mound, Leigh Kirby (0.71), Josie Thompson (0.86) and Bailee Hall (1.26) are the conference leaders in ERA respectively. Thompson and Hall have won 13 games and apiece and Kirby has won 10.

After playing Shelton State, Wallace State has a four-game series with Calhoun remaining.

WSCC baseball
Wallace State baseball (26-14, 12-8 ACCC) is currently in third place in the ACCC North as the important series against Shelton State begins. The Lions are five games behind the Bucs for first place with 12 games remaining in the regular season.

Wallace State's Mitchell Heer is carving out a memorable freshman campaign. The Georgia native leads the conference with 11 home runs and is second with 46 RBIs. He's also sixth with a .405 average.

On the mound, Heer is 4-1 with six saves and a 0.64 ERA in 11 appearances.

Ben Arnett is among the top hitters, batting at a .397 clip with 14 RBIs and 12 doubles.

Catcher Dan Stewart is hitting .350 with 35 RBIs, while Colson Lawrence is hitting .345 with seven homers and 36 RBIs.

Among the pitchers, Cade Henry is 3-1 with a save and a 3.72 ERA in 11 games and Brayden Rowe is 3-2 with a 2.45 ERA.

Saturday's doubleheader begins at 2 p.m. at home.

After this weekend, the Lions have conference series remaining against Calhoun and Central Alabama.

For more information about Wallace State athletics, visit www.athletics.wallacestate.edu or the athletics Facebook page at www.wallacestate.edu/athleticsfb.



WSCC ATHLETICS

Martina Paillet and her Wallace State women's tennis teammates begin play at the ACCC Tournament on Friday.

Strong pitching, high-powered hitting lead No. 19 Auburn over Kennesaw State

George Nunnelley
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. — No. 19 Auburn's pitching staff held Kennesaw State to just four hits while the offense exploded for 14 runs to lead the Tigers to a 14-1 win Wednesday at Plainsman Park.

"I was pleased with every phase of the game tonight," head coach Butch Thompson said. "We passed the baton the way we wanted to tonight with every pitcher."

Konner Copeland (1-0, 0.00) made his second start of the year and began the game in impressive fashion, retiring 10 consecutive batters from the first inning through the fourth before surrendering a single. Copeland tossed four scoreless innings and allowed two hits with one walk and eight strikeouts to secure his first win in an Auburn uniform.

"I felt great," Kopeland said. "I hadn't seen innings like this before, so I just wanted to come out and do the best I could and try to dominate.

"This win means a lot to me, and I hope to do the same thing with the next opportunity that I get."

At the plate, Auburn (26-12) pushed across six runs in the third inning and added runs in the fourth, sixth and seventh frames to win the midweek matchup.

"Offensively, that third inning, we just clicked in with an approach and started stinging the ball with good at bats," Thompson added. "That inning really settled us tonight."

Every Auburn starter reached base in the win, and Kason Howell, Sonny DiChiara, Cam Hill, Brooks Carlson and Brody Moore collected multiple hits.

Moore and Carlson also added home runs and Brody Moss collected his first collegiate hit.

"I think this was a really good win overall," Carlson said. "It looked like everybody was seeing the ball well and we took advantage of when we had players on base."

Tommy Sheehan, Ben Bosse, Hill, Brooks Fuller and Chase Isbell made up the relief effort after Copeland's strong start. Sheehan entered in the fifth and faced the minimum in two innings of work while punching out three.

Kennesaw State (22-14) scored an unearned run in the seventh before Fuller and Isbell tossed scoreless eighth and ninth innings.

"Kopeland, Sheehan, Cam Hill, Brooks Fuller, all those guys continue to work, and I just couldn't be more excited about them," Thompson said. "Tonight was a testimony to the amount of work these pitchers put in behind the scenes. Even without being in ballgames, they continue to be sharp and ready to go."

Auburn's big third inning began with a Ryan Dyal walk and singles from Blake Rambusch and Howell to load the bases for the Tigers. DiChiara followed with a two-RBI single to left field to begin the scoring.

The Tigers added two more on a double from Hill and sacrifice fly from Bobby Peirce sacrifice fly. The inning was capped off by Moore's solo home run that gave Auburn a 6-0 advantage.

Howell drove a ball off the right field wall for a one-out double to start the fourth inning.

Carlson then blasted his third home run of the year over the left field wall to increase Auburn's lead to eight. The graduate-transfer went 2-for-5 with a season-high four RBI.

The Tigers pushed across three more runs in the sixth inning off an RBI single from Carlson and a two-RBI single from Peirce to give Auburn an 11-0 edge.

Kennesaw State scratched across a run in the seventh to move the score to 11-1, but Auburn responded with three more runs of their own in the bottom half of the frame to give the Tigers a 14-1 lead, which proved to be final.

Auburn's 15 hits were the most since March 22 and tied for the second most in a game all season. The team's 14 strikeouts came after striking out 16 batters last night.

Auburn continues a busy week at home with a three-game series against South Carolina (19-17, 6-9 SEC) beginning Friday at 6 p.m.

Event (from Front)



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to previous years' five catch limit to ensure plenty of availability of catches for the kids' event the next day.

This year's event was especially important after its cancellation last year due to the COVID pandemic. Hanceville Councilwoman Patty Dean shared, "I think our seniors play a big part in what Hanceville is, not excluding myself. I think it's important for us to be out and the lockdown hurt, emotionally and physically, all of us especially the older generation because we need to be around people. We really do. I think it's vital for us to have things for our senior citizens and our youth to keep activities going."

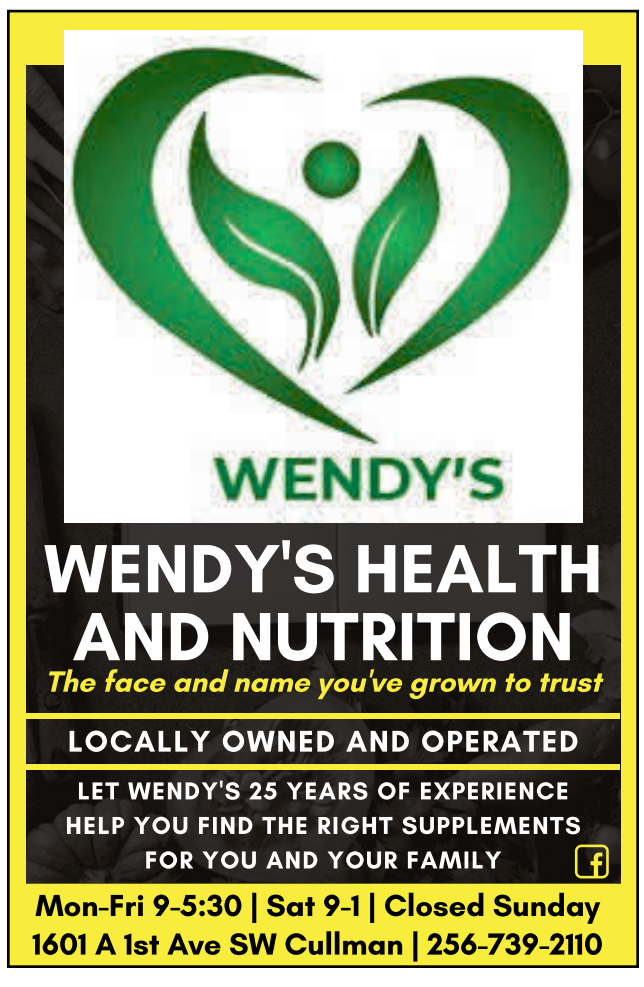
Echoing the sentiment of the importance of socializing amongst the senior community was James Davis, "Wormy" to his friends. "I just come here to talk to people and see people. I really just like to run my mouth and have people to talk to," Davis shared with an impish smile.

Arriving with fishing poles in hand were the Cottens, Michael and Linda. Linda shared that she has been an attendant at all of Fish-O-Ramas including the inaugural event 10 years ago. Married less than a year, the newlywed said, "I told my husband that I would be finishing this morning and, if he wanted to spend time with me today, he needed to grab a fishing pole and come with me."









OUTDOORS

Roads and parking areas at Lake Guntersville State Park paved with longer-lasting asphalt made from recycled tires

Outdoor Alabama
Contributor



OUTDOORALABAMA.COM

GUNTERSVILLE, Ala. — Officials with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management on Tuesday showed off newly resurfaced roads and parking areas at Lake Guntersville State Park paved with asphalt made with materials from items that are routinely discarded—scrap tires.

The repaving at the park using asphalt modified with rubber from ground-up old tires was paid for in part by a $829,080 grant from ADEM to Alabama State Parks. The money comes from the state's Scrap Tire Fund administered by ADEM. One dollar from the sale of each tire in the state goes into the fund, which is used to remove scrap tires from illegal dumps, along roadsides and other places, as well as promote the recycling of discarded tires.

At a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Monday, April 18, at Lake Guntersville State Park, ADCNR Commissioner Chris Blankenship said the new pavement is stronger, smoother and will last longer thanks to its rubber composition.

"We were thrilled with the opportunity to resurface the roads and paved areas of the park with a material that will require less maintenance, hold up better in all kinds of weather conditions and greet park-goers with a more pleasant ride," Commissioner Blankenship said. "We are extremely grateful to ADEM for making this money available."

The grant covered the costs of repaving access roads and parking areas for the lodge and campground store. State Parks put in an additional $500,000 to pave other roads in the park with the special asphalt.

ADEM Director Lance LeFleur said the paving at State Parks is an ideal demonstration project on how discarded tires can be used for beneficial purposes.

"For many years, old scrap tires have been a nuisance," LeFleur said. "We have cleaned up tire dumpsites all over the state where tires collect water and become breeding areas for mosquitoes and other pests.

"Tires strewn along roadsides and waterways are also a common sight.

"Even when tires are properly disposed of, they oftentimes end up in landfills, which is not ideal either because they take up valuable landfill space and over time can work themselves to the surface.

"The best way to deal with old tires is to find an alternative beneficial use, thereby creating a market for them.

"If scrap tires had more value, fewer of them would be dumped and become environmental problems."

LeFleur said that in addition to funding demonstration projects, the Scrap Tire Fund is also used to reimburse local governments for the costs of picking up discarded tires along highways and clearing unauthorized tire dumpsites.

Studies have shown that asphalt made with ground-up tires has many advantages over traditional asphalt. In addition to lasting up to 50% longer and being less prone to potholing and cracking, rubber-modified asphalt is quieter, reduces tire wear, improves fuel mileage because of lower rolling resistance and is safer due to better traction and reduced misting on wet roads.

Commissioner Blankenship said the parks system plans to use rubber-modified asphalt to repave roads at DeSoto State Park later this year.

"This complements the work we have done and are continuing to do to improve the campsites, cottages and other amenities to make a visit to a state park even more appealing and enjoyable," he said.

"It's an investment that pays dividends, now and in the future, because we know the roads and parking areas will hold up better over time."

About Alabama's State Parks system

The Alabama State Parks is a division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and maintains 21 state parks encompassing about 50,000 acres of land and water in Alabama. The parks range from Gulf Coast beaches to the Appalachian Mountains and provide opportunities and facilities from basic day-use activities to resort convention lodging, restaurants and golfing areas. These parks rely on visitor fees and the support of other partners like local communities to fund the majority of their operations.

About the Alabama Department of Environmental Management

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management administers all major federal environmental laws, including the Clean Air, Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water acts and federal solid and hazardous waste laws. The mission at ADEM is to assure for all citizens of the State a safe, healthful and productive environment.

For more information, visit http://adem.alabama.gov.



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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
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CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC2022-130

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF GENEVA ELVIRA McBRAYER, DECEASED.

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Pattie Diane Kitchens
Personal Representative

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DWIGHT WEST *
*
Deceased. *

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OUTDOORS

Common poisonous plants to avoid this spring

Aisling Fields
Alabama Cooperative Extension

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. — Itching rashes and painful blisters can create an unfortunate experience when working outdoors or enjoying outdoor recreation.

"Poison ivy (Toxicodendron radicans) and poison oak (Toxicodendron pubescens) are the most commonly encountered poisonous plants in the area that can result in skin irritation/allergic reaction," said Nancy Loewenstein, an Alabama Cooperative Extension System specialist.

Among these common poisonous plants in the Alabama area are stinging nettles (Urtica sp.) and spurge nettle or tread softly (Cnidoscolus stimulosus). These plants have stinging hairs that can also cause a painful reaction.

Why identifying these plants is important

The ability to identify poisonous plants as humans encounter them will help prevent a dreadful experience. It is also important to be wary of look-a-like plants, as many grow in similar conditions.

Virginia creeper (Parthenocissus quinquefolia), box elder (Acer negundo) and climbing hydrangea (Decumaria barbara) are frequently confused with poison ivy.

Fragrant sumac (Rhus aromatica) is often mistaken for poison oak. Only a few differences occur in these plants.

One difference is that fragrant sumac leaflets attach at a single point. This is different from poison oak's terminal leaflet having a short stem.

"Recognizing the differences can help ease your mind if you encounter a look-a-like rather than one of the 'irritating' plants," Loewenstein said.

Controlling poisonous plants

Controlling infestations of poison ivy, poison oak and poison sumac plants can be tricky because individuals need to avoid contact.

As tempting as it may be, under no circumstances should you burn any part of these poisonous plants. The poison can become airborne and inhalation may cause severe swelling of the esophagus and respiratory passages.

"If you need to control these plants in your yard, the safest option is to use an herbicide spray," Loewenstein said.

"Effective herbicides containing glyphosate and triclopyr are available in the gardening section of most general stores. Some are specifically labeled for poison ivy control."

Due to the poisonous nature of these plants there is no need for control, unless the plants are growing in areas where people are actively gardening or where children are playing—such as your yard.



ALABAMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

STATE

Governor Ivey joins American Governors' Border Strike Force

Office of Gov. Kay Ivey
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Governor Kay Ivey on Tuesday announced her decision to join the American Governors' Border Strike Force. The Governors' Border Strike Force is made up of 26 states and will coordinate efforts in deterring illegal immigration on the Southern Border.

"With the crisis on our Southern Border escalating by the day, and the total absence of leadership coming from the Biden-Harris Administration, forming this strike force is paramount in protecting our national security," said Governor Ivey. "Last year, illegal border crossings surged to a 20-year high, which also means we have dangerous drugs flowing into our country.

"Here in Alabama, we're going to enforce the law, and I'm proud to join my fellow governors on this mission to protect our states and nation.

"We will continue doing all we can here in Alabama to protect our border and our citizens."

Member states of the American Governors' Border Strike Force include Alabama, Arizona, Texas, Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia and Wyoming.

Since taking office, Governor Ivey has worked to fight illegal immigration.

In 2021, Governor Ivey sent hundreds of active-duty Alabama National Guard troops, as well as equipment to the southern border to continue this mission.

She also signed an agreement with the Trump Administration to fight illegal immigration, and as governor, has kept Alabama from being a sanctuary state.

Trees (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The City of Cullman Tree Commission convened on Tuesday morning at City Hall for its bimonthly meeting. Joining commission members Michael Sullins, Barry Slatton, Rachel Dawsey and Amy Leonard was City Arborist, Charles Chandler and two members of the Alabama Forestry Commission, Mary Claire Smith and Katie Wiswall. Recorder Leanne West and community member Dot Hyde were also present.

The commission honored former chairman, Everett Wier, with the purchase of 50 trees through the Arbor Day Foundation. The trees, memorializing Wier, are planted and thriving in Umpqua National Forest in Oregon and Superior National Forest in Minnesota.

Rachel Dawsey, the commission's newest member, was previously approved by the city council and introduced by Tree Commission Chairman Michael Sullins. Dawsey currently serves as the executive director of the North Alabama Agriplex Heritage Center and is a familiar face throughout the community, working and educating children and adults throughout Cullman County.

"I am honored and humbled to welcome Ms. Dawsey to the City of Cullman Tree Commission and appreciate her willingness to serve. Our commission fills an important need in our community, and I believe that Rachel's vast knowledge and broad experience will be a great benefit to City of Cullman and its citizens. She is already a leader in agriculture in our community and I'm excited that she will be bringing that leadership to our commission. I look forward to working with Rachel and our commission team as we continue to look out for the best interests of Cullman's urban forests," stated Sullins.

Commission members opted to create a vice chairperson position "to share the leadership role for the Tree Commission, similar to a president pro temp of the Cullman City Council. The vice chairperson will be willing to do more to share tasks, for example chairing a subcommittee, leading on strategy projects, filling in when the chairman is not available or a tree commission ordinance review," Sullins shared.



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Pictured are City of Cullman Tree Commission Chairman Michael Sullins with new commission member Rachel Dawsey

Upon approval of the new position, members nominated and approved Amy Leonard to the vice chairperson position.

City Arborist Charles Chandler provided an itinerary for the coming week which included the removal of trees on Convent Road along properties owned by the Benedictine Sisters of Cullman and the City of Cullman. Approximately nine dead or dying trees, which pose a potential hazard to motorists and pedestrians, are scheduled to come down.

The Alabama Forestry Commission provided pertinent information on urban forestry and reiterated their willingness to actively participate and mentor the commission on available educational resources. While Cullman is in its 34th year as a Tree City USA, the commission learned of additional opportunities including Tree Campus USA, Tree Line USA and the Growth Award.

The City of Cullman Tree Commission meets bimonthly on the third Tuesday of even months at 10 a.m. at City Hall. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

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52 ODES TO JOY: BLOOMIN' JOY

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ODE TO BLOOMING

Stealthily, they commanded the hill,

Though no cannons nor bombs were booming.

No movement detected, all seemed deadly still.

Then, victorious as any army, all the flowers were blooming.

The earth is blooming with the joyous laughter of flowers. In my part of the world, we are enjoying the flowering season, once again.

After the long, often bleak time of pandemic burrowing, I've noticed how friends and neighbors are blooming with a spirited, newfound delight and determined positivity.

Like blooming flowers, we are again standing to attention with our heads raised to the warmth of the sun. We are nearly giddy with happiness, our blossoms dancing joyfully like those on the branches of cherry, peach and almond trees.

BLOOMIN' JOY always requires resilience but even more so in the midst of world-buffeting change. You can find encouragement from Dr. Philip Zimbardo and Rosemary K.M. Sword in the May, 2020 issue of "Psychology Today" magazine. I am using their wise counsel to inform how we can foster blooming through "The S.U.N.S. (Smile-Making, Uniting, Neighboring, Spellbinding) Joyful Aging System"

SMILE-MAKING (Positive Thinking and Positive Doing)—Feel a smile blossoming as you reflect—we are still alive and there is the joy-bolstering wisdom of philosopher, Friedrich Nietzche's famous truism: "That which does not kill us makes us stronger."

UNITING (Deeply Connecting)—It's normal to slip into a gloom-and-doom funk-a-rama during hard times, but a good way to part the clouds is to focus on someone you treasure. Zimbardo and Sword advise, "If you've lost a loved one, consider making a vow to yourself that you'll live 'double'—for yourself and the person you lost."

NEIGHBORING (Others-Centeredness)—Most of us feel marooned and "cut off" from important relationships during this pandemic. Many haven't been able to connect in church and civic groups nor visit with loved ones. Think of others who live alone in isolation throughout every year. This would be a good time to volunteer at a nursing home or as some friends and I did for Valentine's Day, 2022. Make certain every "shut-in" person in your community receives a message of love and joy.

SPELLBINDING (Meaning Achieving "in the Flow")—Spiritual exploration and blossoming often happens during cultural "lockdowns." Instead of mulling, "Why is thing challenging time happening during my life?" flip your questioning to "Why not me to confront hardships?" A good, safe way to ponder deeper thoughts and get lost "in the flow" is to find an outdoor labyrinth or "meditation maze" in your neck of the woods—an easy online search.

"Flowers are transporting magical agents that attend our great transitions, from weddings to funerals; symbols of purity and fresh starts," writes Diana Abu-Jaber in an article titled, "A Glass Full of Flowers" (The New York Times Magazine, March, 2022) about hibiscus, violet and other blooms currently in vogue as cocktail ingredients. She continues her ode to blossoms, "We collect them, wear them, crush their fragrance against our wrists and necks. They elevate our rituals and communicate love and grief. They're the bridge between body and spirit, heaven and earth."

BLOOMIN' JOY is possible for all of us at every age. In my work as, "The Gerontologist of Joy," I'm especially interested in how those who have blossomed with positivity can have "staying power."

Just as some people need a bit of extra care to remain vigorous, some blooms require a bit more attention to remain at their peak. I found these suggestions in "Flower School" by Calvert Crary (Hachette Book Group, 2020):

ROSES—The foliage displaces nutrients from the blooms, so remove most or all and hydrate stems for 2-4 hours. Then, arrange in a separate vase of room temperature water.

TULIPS—So they can stand on their own atop sturdier stems, let the stems hydrate for 5-6 hours.

LILIES—Buds need 4-7 days to fully open and share their exquisite fragrance.

ANEMONES—Avoid too much heat and hydrate for 1-2 hours in cool water before placing in a vase.

HYDRANGEAS—To allow them to drink, make a one-inch slit up the stem and moisten the fluffy blooms with a spray bottle to ensure they stay hydrated.

BLOOMIN' JOY AND THE LANGUAGE OF FLOWERS

Every April, communities across Alabama host "history walking tours." Last weekend, I was the "guest historian," shepherding a group and sharing newspaper accounts from the 1880s of the grand home and gardens of Colonel John Cullman, "The Most-Interesting Man in Alabama."

Colonel Cullman's flower garden was legendary. Following his death, a special public auction was held for his cherished plant specimens. An 1896 advertisement for the high-profile event promised "a large variety of rare and beautiful flowers. Ladies desiring to add to their stock should attend this sale."

The late-Victorian Era women targeted by the advertising, understood the unspoken symbolism of flowers and some would be decoding the messages found in this colorful and compelling gentleman's private place. Elegant ladies of this time often carried small bouquets called "tussie-mussies."

These charming nosegays not only carried beauty to show and smell, but they also delivered secret messages. For example, a "tussie-mussie" might combine strands of ivy as a symbol of "fidelity," gardenia meaning a "secret love" and forsythia for "anticipation."

BLOOMIN' JOY can be yours by creating your own "tussie-mussie." Here are flowers for your consideration and the meanings they could help you communicate:

APPLE BLOSSOM—Good fortune

BABY'S BREATH—Everlasting love

CAMELLIA—Perfect loveliness

CARNATION (Red)—Fascination

CARNATION (Yellow)—Disappointment

DAISY—Innocence

GARDENIA—Secret love

LILY—Pure of heart

MARIGOLD—Jealousy, cruelty

ORCHID—Beauty

ROSE (Red)—Passionate love

SWEET PEA—Goodbye

BLOOMIN' JOY ODES FROM OTHERS

"Flowers always make people better, happier and more helpful; they are sunshine, food and medicine to the soul."—Luther Burbank

"A flower does not think of competing with the flower next to it. It just blooms."—Zen Shin

"All of us blossom when we feel loved and wither when we do not feel love."—Gary Chapman

"If every tiny flower wanted to be a rose, spring would lose its loveliness."—Therese of Lisieux

"Flowers don't worry about how they are going to bloom. They just open up and turn toward the light and that makes them beautiful."—Jim Carrey

"Every flower blooms at a different pace."—Suzy Kassem

BLOOMIN' JOY JOKE ON US MATURE BLOOMERS

Two old gents are sitting on the porch, their wives in the kitchen. One says to the other, "Bob, you should try that new restaurant we went to last night. Best food I've had in a long time."

"Yeah, Joe. What was it called?"

"I can't seem to remember. What is the name of that flower with the red blooms, the one with the thorns on the stem?"

Joe answers, "A rose is what I think you're thinking of."

"You're right, thanks." Then he yells to the kitchen, "HEY ROSE, WHAT WAS THE NAME OF THAT RESTAURANT WE WENT TO LAST NIGHT?"

JOY-GIVERS CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

April 23—Shirley Temple

April 24—Barbra Streisand

April 25—Walt Whitman

April 26—Carol Burnett

April 27—Lizzo

April 28—Jay Leno

April 29—Willie Nelson

BLOOMIN' BAKED POTATO—IDAHO
(Source: delish.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 gerontologists believe the promise for a long, healthy, joyful life.

INGREDIENTS

- 4 russet potatoes
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 6 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped chives
- Sour cream for garnish

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 425 F and line a baking sheet with foil. Cut off the top of the potatoes. Using a paring knife, make three circular cuts in each potato, then place the potato cut side down on a cutting board and slice crosswise, leaving a small space on the top uncut. Carefully flip the potatoes back over and place on baking sheet.

2. In a small bowl, whisk together olive oil and garlic powder. Brush potatoes with olive oil mixture and season with salt and pepper. Bake for 30 minutes.

3. Brush with the olive oil mixture and bake for another 30 minutes, or until the potatoes are tender. Scatter cheese on top of potatoes. Bake until the cheese is melted and the outsides of the potatoes begin to crisp, about 10 minutes.

4. Top with bacon and sprinkle with chives. Garnish with sour cream and serve.

BLOOMIN' JOY EVENTS THIS WEEK—BLOOMIN' FEST (St. Bernard Abbey, Cullman, AL) the 38th annual arts/crafts/music festival is 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., April 23 and 24; CULLMAN COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS SPRING PLANT SALE is April 22 noon. - 5 p.m. and April 23 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. at North Alabama AGRIPLEX (across from Cullman Bowling Center)

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

362. The giant vase of fragrant, Rubrim lilies when my son was born.

363. My great-grandmother's rose bowls my mother gave me and the tulipiere' she tried to give me.

364. The facile and prolific art of Raoul Dufy, all pure joy.

365. The classy professionalism of comedian Chris Rock after an audience member physically attacked him.

366. A spirited game of "spoons."

365. Hanging a spoon from your nose.

366. A twanging mouth harp.

367. Kindergarten cubbyholes with your personal symbol.

368. Buying costume jewelry for your mom and she acts like they are precious jewels.

369. Uncle Kitty's striptease girl steering wheel knob and ink pen.

370. Dancing with a fun girl who wore a lighted Christmas tree skirt.

371. "Don't do that, you'll put your eye out!"

372. "I don't make trash, I burn it!"

373. The clever choreography of "Stomp!"

374. Square dancing.

375. Buck dancing.

376. Waltzing.

377. Root vegetables in deep winter.

378. Marzipan.

379. Monkey Bread.

380. A dog named "Lady" who was anything but.

381. That zaftig, totally nude German gal playing beach volleyball in Nice.

382. "Don't make me put my Jesus socks on!"

383. Seeing Princess Diana's wedding bouquet in a flower shop in London before she married Prince Charles.

HAPPY JOYFUL WEEK AND BLOOMIN' SEASON!

EDUCATION

Hanceville High School Math Team become Division III State Champions



CONTRIBUTED

Team members: Logan Lisle, Brady Cleek, Luke Brown, Jessica Marshall, Dalton Pirkle, Ivan Conway and AJ Stephens

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The second round of the state math tournament took place on Saturday, April 9 on UNA's campus. Hanceville High's math team placed 1st in Division III which is comprised of 1A-4A schools. Team members are Logan Lisle, Brady Cleek, Luke Brown, Jessica Marshall, Dalton Pirkle, Ivan Conway and AJ Stephens. Math team sponsors are Dana Lisle, Phamie Brown and Katie Brewer. Any students are welcome to join the math team, but sponsors selected the top performing students to send to the championship.

The second "ciphering" round of the tournament was by invitation only based on the results of the first round team comprehensive scores. The ciphering tournament consisted of four rounds of 10 questions each, completed by a team of four students. Each student is sent up to answer two individual questions in a predetermined category (Geometry, Algebra II, Comprehensive I and Comprehensive II) and the final two questions are worked on by the entire team.

The first round of the tournament is an individual written test. The top four scores per team are added together to create a team score for the first round. The top scoring teams in each division are then invited to the 2nd round. Several Hanceville students placed individually during the first round.

Dalton Pirkle placed 4th in Division III on the Geometry Exam. Logan Lisle had the top score in Division III on the Algebra II Exam and Brady Cleek placed 2nd. In the Comprehensive Exam, Zachary Campbell placed 4th and AJ Stephens placed 5th.

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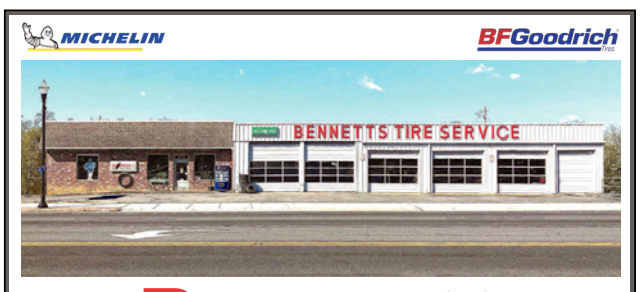
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Hank's (from Front)

Deli's decades long family-friendly atmosphere.

The footrail along the bar is a cast iron pipe, original to the historic building, which was found in the basement after the Coombs' purchase.

Continuing to pay homage to his new home of Cullman, Coombs proudly showed vintage postcards sent from the city over the past 70+ years arranged and curated by his mother, Jolene.

Their Louisiana roots are evident in the Hank's menu which includes a roast beef po'boy that is made to the letter of Boudreaux's family recipe.

The pair will be featuring authentic Cajun jambalaya for their Cinco de Mayo celebration on May 5.

While the Hank's menu is new, the Rumors Deli menu has remained unchanged due to its overwhelming popularity.

Thursday through Saturday evenings will feature live music with many local favorites, including Jeremy Johnson, Larry Kotlik and Dale Moore, already on the schedule.

The location touts eleven televisions, a vital part of any sports bar in our SEC nation.

Rumors Deli is open from Monday – Saturday from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The restaurant will be open from 3-4 p.m. with very limited menu items available during that hour to allow the kitchen to prepare for the Hank's menu.

Hank's Sports Bar is open from 4 p.m. – 9 p.m. on Monday – Saturday, and the drive-thru is open from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. for pickup orders.

The business is seeking applicants for open kitchen staff positions. Hank's Sports Bar is located at 601 Fourth St. SW in Cullman. For more information, please visit www.rumorsdeli.com or visit their Facebook page.



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Obituary Announcements: April 21 - 22

Wilma Gail Coursey, 68, of Vinemont (Updated)
A graveside service for Wilma Gail Coursey, 68, of Vinemont, Alabama, will be 2 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at Springhill Baptist Church Cemetery. Reverend Larry Duke will officiate the service. Mrs. Coursey passed from this life April 20, at her residence surrounded by family. Mrs. Coursey was born September 23, 1953, to James Benjamin and Willodean Helton Holmes. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Coursey family. Mrs. Coursey was preceded in death by her parents: James Benjamin and Willodean Helton Holmes; her husband: Ron Coursey and her sister: Kathie Epperson. She is survived by her brothers: Roger (Kris) Holmes and Dennis Holmes and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Mary Lucille Wear Schlosser, "Mary Lu," 73
Mary Lucille Wear Schlosser, "Mary Lu," age 73, passed away Wednesday, April 20. Mary Lu was first and foremost a loving mother and nana, and a Christian. She enjoyed crocheting, knitting, reading and most of all, doting on her grandson. Mary Lu grew up in Fort Payne, Alabama. After high school she attended the University of Alabama where she graduated with a double masters in speech pathology and audiology. In 1972, she moved to Cullman to start her career. In 1974 she started with the Cullman County School System. She retired after 40 years in education. During her tenure, she served in various roles, including a hearing-impaired teacher, speech language pathologist and special education referral coordinator. Mary Lu's nurturing spirit was always evident in the hundreds of students she helped over the years. She was also a member of the First United Methodist Church where she previously served as the president and secretary of the United Methodist Women. Mary Lu was preceded in death by her husband: Louis Schlosser Jr; parents: John and Martha Wear and brothers: David Wear and Andy Wear. She is survived by her daughters: Marian Schlosser and Michelle Schlosser; grandson: Mason Sexton; sister: Claudia Roseman and her niece and nephews: Kelly Wear Demlow, Jason Wear and Drew Wear. Funeral services for Mrs. Schlosser will be 11 a.m. Monday, April 25, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with burial at the Catholic Cemetery. Family will receive friends Sunday, April 24, from 5-7 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Judy Rose Whatley, 71, of Cullman
Funeral service for Judy Rose Whatley, age 71, of Cullman, were at 1 p.m. Friday, April 22, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Keith Warden officiating, and interment in Center Hill Cemetery. Visitation was from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Whatley passed away Tuesday, April 19, at her residence. She was born Aug. 20, 1950, in Cullman, Alabama, to H.M. and Rushee Monk. She was preceded in death by her grandson: Taylor Gray; parents and all of her siblings. Survivors include her husband: Leo Whatley; son: Philip (Julie) Whatley; daughter: Maday Gray; grandchildren: Grace Whatley, Jacob Whatley and Blake Gray; granddaughter-in-law: Haley Dye and great-grandchildren: Leo Gray and Dawsyn Gray.

Connie Sue Shadix Smith, 84, of Cullman
Funeral service for Connie Sue Shadix Smith, age 84, of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 23, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Josh Sellers officiating, and interment in Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation was from 6-8 p.m. Friday, April 22, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Ms. Smith passed away Tuesday, April 19, at Cullman Regional. She was born March 16, 1938, to Reverend John D. and Hattie Theo Shadix. She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers: Roy "Red" Shadix and Walter "Cotton" Shadix. Survivors include her daughters: Teressa (Roy) Quick and Kellie Emerson; son: Alan (Tracey) Smith; grandchildren: Amber (Justin) Heaton, Slay Smith, Noah (Makenzie) Smith, Zane Emerson, Zeb Emerson and Zackery Emerson and great-grandchildren: Caleb Heaton, Natalie Heaton and Caseton Smith.

Harriet Harden, 57, of Chelsea
Funeral service for Harriet Harden, age 57, of Chelsea, will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 23, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rodney Turner officiating, and interment in New Mount Zion Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1-3 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Ms. Steimer passed away Wednesday, April 20, at Princeton Hospital. She was born May 12, 1964, to John Henry Harden and Joann Harden. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers: Harold Harden and John "Butch" Henry Harden and sister, Holly Hamm. Survivors include her sons: Timothy (Anna) Richey and Joshua Richey; grandchildren: Julianna Richey and Claire Richey; sisters: Henrietta Swafford and Helen (Thomas) Knott and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Madge Teague, 92, of Vinemont
Madge Teague, age 92, of Vinemont, Alabama passed away Wednesday, April 20. Mary was born April 18, 1930 in Cuba, Alabama to William Silas and Lura Robinson Tims. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband: Charles H. Teague and a son: Thomas Lynn Teague. Funeral services are Saturday, April 23, at 11 a.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Eric Martin officiating. Interment will follow services in Ebenezer Cemetery. Survivors are daughter: Susan (Willard) Johnson; son: Charles Timothy (Paula) Teague; sister: Sue Evans; grandchildren: Stacy (Dennis) Morgan, Randi Teague, Matthew (Heather) Teague, Connor Johnson, Daniel Teague (Keturah) and Sevie (Alyssa) Teague and great-grandchildren: Brandon Morgan, Brooke Morgan, Devin Morgan, Conway Teague, Addison Teague, Emma Nicole Sekulski and Ava Jane Teague. Visitation is Saturday, April 23, from 10:15 a.m. until service time at 11 a.m. at Moss Funeral Home. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Larry E. Smith, 75, of Pelham, Georgia
Larry E. Smith, age 75, of Pelham, Georgia passed away Monday, April 18. Larry was born March 28, 1947. He is survived by his wife: Gloria Smith and brothers and sisters: Gerald Smith, Mac Smith, Kenneth Smith, Brenda Drake and Keith Smith. He was preceded in death by his parents: Raynard Smith and Alma Berry Smith and sister: Joyce Faulkner. A visitation for Larry will be held Saturday, April 23, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home (1901 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, Alabama 35055). Following the visitation will be a graveside service with military honors at 2 p.m. at Flint Creek Cemetery, Vinemont, Alabama.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

In Ireland, ewe need to watch out for sheep

Bill King
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In rural Ireland, do you know what you call a traffic jam? A sheep crossing! I did not actually have the privilege of seeing sheep crossing the highway, but I was told that it was common. I have experienced riding in a car through the middle of a cattle drive in Wyoming once. The cattle covered the highway, so my driver, who was used to such, just eased up to them and they parted like the Red Sea. We drove right through the middle. I was hoping for a similar experience with the sheep in Ireland. While that never happened, I did see more sheep than this Alabama boy has ever seen. There are almost as many sheep in Ireland as people... seriously. We drove by countless pastures filled with sheep.

Sheep farmers have been paid by the Irish government to raise sheep. The amount they were paid was based on the number of sheep in their flock.

At one time, government employees counted sheep from a distance. This method was eventually abandoned because some farmers painted white spots on boulders that from a distance looked like sheep! Talk about a bang for your buck, or a buck for your painted rocks.

Those must have been low-maintenance sheep! While farmers were paid for having sheep, dog owners have to pay a dog tax. My mother used to tell me if I didn't go get a haircut, I was going to have to begin paying dog taxes. For all these years I had no idea what that meant, until my visit to Ireland!

We had the privilege of visiting a local farm to see border collies in action during a traditional sheepdog demonstration. We watched with amazement as the trainer blew a whistle to give commands to his dogs. On command, the dogs put a small flock inside a circle of rocks.

He then told us he was going to separate part of the flock out and have the dogs move them to another pen. He asked us how many we would like for the dogs to separate.

We answered three. One by one, the dogs pulled out three sheep, and moved them away from the others and into another pen.

I have often seen pictures of the pasture land in Ireland. I've seen the lovely hedgerows, but I did not know until my visit why they are there. I thought they were simply for decoration. They do add distinctive character to the countryside with their patterns, but they actually serve a purpose. They are like fences that keep the sheep on the owner's property...sometimes.

In Western Ireland, some of the farmers use rock walls, rather than hedge rows. Cattle farmers also us rock walls, because cattle will walk right through the hedges. Some farmers also mark their sheep. I kept seeing all these sheep that looked like someone had spraypainted their backs.

That was because someone had. They had large spots of blue, red, pink, etc. The black sheep have a white spot with color inside the white. Each farmer marks his flock with a certain color, so if they wander into a neighbor's pasture, they can tell whose sheep belongs to which farm. It is similar to branding cattle, but a little less painful.

The Bible refers to God's people as his sheep. What I learned about sheep in Ireland, gave me better insight into the scripture that says, "All we like sheep have gone astray." With our truly sheep-like nature, only God could keep up with his sheep and even without hedges or paint!

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: 1950

From the Files of 1950

John Wesley Shear, five-week-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Shear underwent serious surgery on Monday.

Herman Plunkett has been elected president of the West Point Sportsman Club. Clyde Walraven is vice-president and secretary-treasurer is D.M. Eddleman.

Theaun Cheatwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.V. Cheatwood was riding his motor bike and was hit by a McCoy bus. He suffered cuts and bruises.

Reverend T.E. Bright has been installed as pastor of East Point Presbyterian Church.

George Henry Young died on Monday morning. Funeral services were held at St. Paul's. Pallbearers were Doctor R.A. Culpepper, Doctor T.A. Robinson, William R. Griffin, Elbert Ponder, W.O. Buettner and Joe Hasenbein.

Robert Albert Leigeber, age 60, died on October 20. The funeral was at Sacred Heart Church. Pallbearers were John Luyben, J.J. Boike, John Imbusch, Alfred Sachs, Frank Fink and John Veigl.

Wendell Childs has been elected president of the Cullman High Student Body.

There was a family reunion on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Gable at Walter.

School will re-open on October 30, after the cotton picking vacation.

Mrs. Rowena Coppock, of Holly Pond, suffered a broken arm, on Wednesday.

Patsy Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.T. Bailey, of Etha, has the mumps.

The Baptist Association is meeting at Hopewell this week.

One dozen oranges are 29 cents at Brothers Grocery. Ad.

Having dates last weekend were Betty Blackmon and Roy Ritcher, Shirley Hamilton and Wallace Stephenson, Nancy Moore and Kennon Wood and Mary Speegle and Rastus DeMonia.

POET'S CORNER

Woodpecker | By: Randy C. Hale

Rap a tap tap! Rap a tap tap!
The woodpecker is at his chore.

Rap a tap tap! Rap a tap tap!
Wood shavings hit the forest floor.

His red head bobs as it moves in rhythm.
Nothing distracts his task.

Rap a tap tap! Rap a tap tap!
An insect, he is looking for.

Rap a tap tap! Rap a tap tap!
This is his territorial abode.

He raps a message loud and clear
Rap a tap tap! Rap a tap tap!

I'm the head woodpecker here!



CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

APRIL 23

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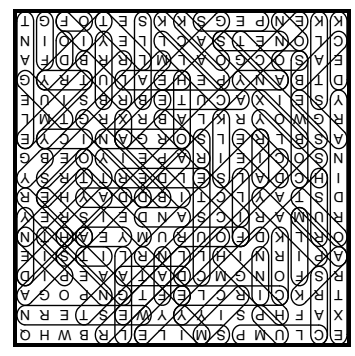
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Fund (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — On Thursday afternoon, the Cullman County Home Builders Association hosted a fundraiser benefiting their scholarship fund for local county students. Serving up plates of Cajun-smoked chicken with all the trimmings, over 300 tickets sold easily before the doors opened at noon at the VFW.

Willy Hendrix, president of the county association, was found preparing plates in the kitchen where he said he was "very pleased with the phenomenal turnout."

Home Builders Association of Alabama President Michael Toles was also on hand, making the trip to Cullman from south Alabama.

Several Makita products, including an orbit sander, drill set and orbit sander and various other items were offered as door prizes at the event.

Sarah Smith, of LifeSouth Community Foundation, was delighted with the turnout at the LifeSouth Blood Mobile which was present accepting blood donations.

Several local political candidates enjoyed the event in their hometown and voiced their pride in the association's contribution to the community. Cullman County District Attorney candidate Champ Crocker, Cullman County Commissioner for Place 2, up for reelection, Garry Marchman and Cullman County Commission District 4 candidate Morris Williams warmly greeted each other and sat to catch up with each other on their respective campaign trails.

For more information on the Cullman County Homebuilders Association or to apply for their scholarship, please visit https://www.cullmancountyhba.org/.



