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State Delegation gives informational update at Community Luncheon

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a Community Luncheon on June 17 at Stonebridge Farms to bring an update on important issues to the community with the State Delegation of Senator Garlan Gudger, Representative Randall Shedd, Representative Corey Harbison and Representative Tim Wadsworth.

The event was presented by State Farm Insurance Agent Shirley Quattlebaum who presented their Neighborhood Assist grant check of $25,000 to the Link of Cullman County. For their 100th anniversary on June 7, State Farm awarded 100 grants. Executive Director Melissa Betts got the application in for the grant in the first 55 minutes after it became available. Only 4,000 applications were accepted, and out of those, only 200 were selected for the vote. The community of Cullman County outvoted several other more populated areas from all over the country to make sure their valued neighbor, The Link, was recognized and granted the funds they need.

Keith Varden asked the forum of the State Delegation questions about possible community concerns. Starting on the topic of school security, Varden asked about the steps that Alabama is taking to find safety solutions. Tim Wadsworth stated that most of the counties in District 14 had SRS officers, saying, "As far as getting an SRS officer, I think it's got to be a combination of legislature, County, Board of Education and cities working together to fund the SRS officers."

Gudger stated, "I think we all agree that there's nothing more important than the safety of our children." He shared that a resident of Jones Chapel is developing a bulletproof mesh » PAGE 6

Sportsman Lake Yard Sale draws hundreds of shoppers Saturday


AMY LEONARD/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
The Sportsman Lake Yard Sale featured a variety of items, often at a discount.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — In search of good deals on just about every item one can imagine, hundreds of people from Cullman and surrounding areas visited Sportsman Lake's Summer Yard Sale on Saturday.

Vendors stretched all over the former campsites and beyond filling the pavilions and nearly every inch of the park. Many sellers were pleased with the turnout and touted a successful, profitable day.

While looking for new hats for himself and his young son, Scotty Hornsby said, "They got a lot to pick from and the prices ain't bad neither.

"I like that Trump one and that one with the rebel flag. I might end up getting two for me and one for my boy so I can get both of 'em."

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported June 20

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 20, 2022. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

June 14

• theft of property – 4th degree; Walmart; Hwy 157; general merchandise; $152

June 17

• domestic violence – 3rd degree, harassing communications; person
• theft of lost property – 3rd degree; person; Olive St. SW; wallet and contents
• unauthorized use of vehicle; person
• TBFL
• theft of property – 4th degree; Walmart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $243

June 18

• theft of property – 4th degree; Walmart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $5
• theft of property – 4th degree; Walmart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $445
• theft of property – 4th degree; Walmart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $265

June 19

• domestic violence – 3rd degree, harassment; person; Ward Ave. NW
• theft of property – 4th degree, criminal trespass – 3rd degree; Walmart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $248
• theft of property – 4th degree; Walmart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $184
• counterfeit $20; State of Alabama; Hwy 278W

ARRESTS

June 17

Combs, Bradley R; 38
• unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle (4 counts)

Coots, Steven R; 50
• FTA – criminal trespass – 3rd degree

Hann, Timothy M; 33
• FTA - unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)

Schwenn, Andrew W; 33
• FTA – unlawful possession of marijuana – 2nd degree
• FTA - unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA – driving without license

Sloan, Misty A; 41
• FTA – criminal trespass – 3rd degree

Smith, Rodney L; 33
• theft of property – 4th degree

Veal, Brandon L; 38
• FTA – insurance violation
• FTA – following too close

June 18

Burrows, Amber L; 37
• unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia

Davis, Joshua L; 33
• FTA – fail to register vehicle (2 counts)
• FTA – driving while revoked (2 counts)
• FTA – insurance violation

Patterson Jr, John R; 27
• FTA – driving while suspended

Peak, Brian D; 52
• unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance
• unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia

Roden, Joshua M; 36
• possession of forged instrument

Tworkowsky, John M; 51
• expired tag
• leaving scene of accident
• improper lane usage
• driving while suspended

June 19

Cash, Franklin H L; 18
• minor in possession/consumption of alcoholic beverage

Lay, Jonathan K; 31
• domestic violence – 3rd degree
• harassment
• unlawful possession of marijuana – 2nd degree
• unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia

Santos, Cesar A M; 18
• minor in possession of/consumption of alcoholic beverage

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

Meeting (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The State Championship winning Hanceville Math Team Cullman was recognized at the County Board of Education meeting last Wednesday. Members of the team include Luke Brown, Brady Cleek, Ivan Conway, Logan Lisle, Jessica Marshall, Dalton Pirkle and A.J. Stevens. Math Team sponsors are Katie Brewer, Phamie Brown and Dana Lisle.

Also recognized at the meeting was Kristi Barnette, the 2022 Air and Space Forces Association Tennessee Valley Chapter 335 Teacher of the Year.

The board approved the transfers of Wesley Black from the assistant principal to Probationary Principal at West Point High School and Shanda Garner from the assistant principal position at WPHS to Probationary Principal at Good Hope Primary School.

The following resignations were accepted:

• Daniel Clark - Child Development Center - Behavior Support assistant
• Keneiath S. Campbell - Cold Springs High School - bookkeeper
• Alice Dutton - Fairview Elementary School - teacher
• April K. Jochum – FES – Special Education teacher
• Kelsey Butts Edge - Fairview High School - Family and Consumer Science teacher
• Taylor Jones - Fairview Middle School - TEAMS Teacher/CCBOE employee
• Kathryn Day – GHPS - aide
• Marcella Creel - Holly Pond - K-8
• Corinne Williams - Holly Pond - K-8 Speech Language pathologist
• Brian McKenney – WPHS - maintenance/custodian
• Amanda H. Yearwood – WPHS - Counselor

The following leaves of absence were accepted:

• Sydney Shumaker Cold Springs Elementary School - teacher
• Richard T Dillashaw - maintenance
• Kylee Brock – Parkside Elementary School - teacher

The following voluntary transfers were accepted, contingent upon state certifications:

• Christy Campbell Brown – Hanceville Elementary School to Cold Springs Elementary School
• Karen D. McReath – CSES teacher to CSES teacher with Fine Arts
• Sydney Shumaker – CSES temporary pre-K lead to CSES pre-K lead
• Carolyn E. Doss – CSHS TEAMS contract teacher to CSHS math teacher
• Regina Hallmark – CDC Special Education TARP teacher to FES Special Education teacher
• Kristy Smith Harris – FES Teacher to FES library media specialist
• Brian Simmons – FHS Physical Education teacher to FHS Physical Education/Driver's Education teacher
• Denise Feldner – CATA Special Education teacher Fast Track for Industry to Special Education teacher/homebound
• Tiffany Pope -Good Hope Middle School Social Science teacher to GHHS Social Science teacher
• Jessica Clayton – GHHS Social Science teacher to GHMS Social Science teacher
• Haleigh Harbison – Holly Pond Elementary School to GHPS teacher
• Keisha Wright – Hanceville High School CNP worker to HHS CNP assistant manager
• Taylor Powell – GHHS Special Education teacher to Harmony Special Education teacher
• Joshua Coffey – child nutrition CNP maintenance to maintenance technician electrician
• Jacy N Douglas – Parkside Middle School English teacher to PMS Science teacher
• Audra Knop – Parkside Temporary pre-K Lead teacher to Parkside pre-K lead teacher
• Lauren Rainwater – WPES teacher to Parkside teacher
• Shae Elrod – FES teacher to Systemwide EL teacher
• Stephanie A Coffey – Parkside speech language pathologist to Welti/Parkside speech language pathologist
• Hollie Gutierrez – CDC pre-K Special Education teacher to Welti pre-K Special Education teacher
• Tara S. Twilley – HHS CNP worker to Welti CNP worker
• DeeAnna Key – HHS counselor to WPHS counselor

The following appointments were approved:

• Jessica Bartlett – CDC Special Education teacher
• Laura Cole – Cold Springs pre-K Auxiliary teacher
• Meghan Epperly – Cold Springs English teacher
• Emily Johnson – Cold Springs re-K lead teacher
• Kaytlyn Shadix – Cold Springs teacher
• George Voce – Cold Springs Physical Education teacher
• Amanda Bailey – FES teacher
• Leigh Baughn – FES teacher
• Tanya Douglas – FES pre-K lead
• Samantha Walker – FES teacher
• Justin Balik – FHS English teacher
• Tate Brown – FHS Math teacher
• Jon Dumas – FHS Access teacher
• Nina Moss – GHHS Secondary Special Education teacher
• Phillip Nunnelley – GHHS Secondary Special Education teacher
• Madalyn Wilbanks – GHHS English teacher
• Jill Anderson – GHMS counselor
• Katie Spicer – GHMS English teacher
• Whitney Moody – GHPS pre-K Auxiliary teacher
• Jennifer Woodard – GHPS Primary pre-K lead teacher
• Ashley Belding – HHS Science teacher
• Kathryn A Risner – HHS Secondary Special Education teacher
• Jessica Vest – HHS CNP worker
• Amy Freeman - Harmony pre-K lead teacher
• Julie Martin – Harmony pre-K Auxiliary teacher
• Madison Sharpe – Harmony pre-K lead teacher
• MaKenna Woodruff – Harmony pre-K Auxiliary teacher
• Jacqueline Black – Holly Pond Elementary teacher
• Meghan Block – PMS English teacher
• Kendra Dowski – Parkside pre-K lead teacher
• Sarah Finley – Parkside pre-K Auxiliary teacher
• Ashley J Harris – Parkside CNP worker
• Abbey J Holcomb – Parkside pre-K Auxiliary teacher
• Meaghen Woodis – Parkside Elementary teacher
• Kayla Boyd – VES pre-K Lead teacher
• Annette Olive Mills – VES part-time EL teacher
• Sabrina R Gilbreath – VHS English teacher
• Kaitlinn McKissack – VMS Secondary Special Education teacher
• Kayla Drake – Welti pre-K Auxiliary teacher
• Anna Parker – Welti pre-K Lead teacher
• Chassidy Pennington – Welti pre-K lead teacher

Michael Nelson was approved to be a substitute bus driver. Luke Gay was approved for summer maintenance work at Central Office and Callum Smith was approved for summer work at HPHS.

The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 12 with the work session beginning at 3:30 p.m. and the meeting to follow.

The Capital Planning Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, Aug. 16 at 8 a.m. All meetings are held at the Central Office.

Winner (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Former Junior Miss Program, now Distinguished Young Women held a showcase at the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre on Saturday, June 18, to present the class of 2023 and select the new Distinguished Young Woman to represent Cullman County in the Alabama DYW Program in Montgomery next year.

Distinguished Young Women is a national scholarship program that inspires high school girls to develop their full, individual potential through a fun, transformative experience that culminates in a celebratory showcase of their accomplishments. The program has provided life-changing experiences for more than 780,000 young women and more than $116 million in cash scholarships has been awarded at the local, state and national levels combined.

The Cullman County Class of 2023 consisted of Heidi Armstrong from West Point, Olivia Britton from Cullman, Berkley Gable from Vinemont, Ashton Henderson from Cullman, Maddie McKenney from Good Hope, Anna Page from Cullman and Gabriella Palacio from Cold Springs. The judging criteria is based on the characteristics the DYW Program believes every young woman should strive to possess.

The categories judged include:

Judges Interview - 25% in which judges look for perception, a sense of values, clarity of expression, concern for others and ability in human relations

Scholastic Achievement – 25%, transcripts of grades in core classes and college entrance examinations are reviewed

Talent – 20% where judging is based on originality, technical ability and stage presence

Self-Expression – 15%, the judges consider the elements of grace, poise under pressure, ability to communicate effectively and naturalness in posture and

Fitness -15% in which coordination, stamina, agility and posture are evaluated without regard to physique.

Taylor Simmons, the 2022 DYW of Cullman County, recently graduated from Holly Pond High School while participating in the fast-track program at Wallace State. Taylor will be competing in the Miss Alabama competition later this June with her social impact initiative of implementing human trafficking education in all Alabama school systems.

The master of ceremonies for the evening was Miss Elizabeth Miller, 2022 Miss UAB and 2020 Cullman County DYW first alternate. Miller asked Simmons about the highlights of the program and what it has meant to her. Simmons spoke about the many different people and personalities that she got to interact with.

She said, "You don't know what connections you will need in life, and these are where you make those connections."

Before the 2023 Distinguished Young Woman was announced, Simmons gave her final walk and thanks to the program, "I hope that these young ladies and myself have inspired upcoming girls to compete in this program. DYW has taught me that if I want something, I must work hard to get it."

The first award given was the Spirit Award to the participant who has shown the true meaning of being a Distinguished Young Woman. The Spirit Award winner was Olivia Britton who received a $150 scholarship.

The Community Service Award of $200 was awarded to Berkley Gable. The "Be Your Best Self" essay winner was Anna Page who received $200. The Fitness Award of $300 was granted to Ashton Henderson.

The highest scorer of the Self-Expression competition was Ashton Henderson who received a $400 scholarship. The Talent Competition Winner was also Ashton Henderson who received $450.

Ashton Henderson was the winner of the Interview portion which took place before the day of the program and she received a $600 scholarship.

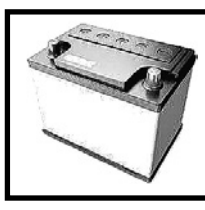
The Scholastic Achievement Winner who received $800 as well as a dual enrollment tuition scholarship from Wallace State was awarded to Maddie McKenny, who also finished First Runner-Up and received a $1,500 scholarship to a college of her choice.

Ashton Henderson won Distinguished Young Woman of 2023 and received a $3,000 tuition scholarship, a six-month family membership to Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center and a $250 photo session.

Miss Elizabeth Miller concluded, "We want to say how thankful we are to the Cullman County Distinguished Young Women Class of 2023 for participating in the program. You all are truly distinguished and will do amazing things."

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

"Come to the Well" Community Women's Bible Study
• Tuesday mornings at 10 at the Hebrews Cafe at East Side Baptist Church, 1111 Third St. SE in Cullman
• Please wear a mask/face covering.

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

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

Church Services-Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 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.
• Wednesday, June 22, 7 p.m.: Adult - THE BAIT OF SATAN, children, and youth Bible Study Classes. Free pizza for children at 6:30 p.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area at 6 p.m. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup.
• Friday, June 24, 6:30 p.m.: Friday Night Lights - Fellowship & Testimonies. Addiction training, organization and ministry
• Sunday, June 26, 9 a.m.: Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10 a.m. Adult class by Pam Dodd. 11 a.m. message by Pastor Bobby Dodd.
• 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.

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.

St. Bernard Prep Applications Open
St. Bernard Prep is accepting applications for residential and day students in grades 7-11. Think you can't afford it - think again. If your child qualifies academically, scholarships and financial aid are available! Call to schedule an appointment today at 256-739-6682 or visit https://stbernardprep.com/.

Festhalle Farmers Market
• Open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays – 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. until October
• Located at 209 First Ave. NE, Cullman, AL

Berlin Farmers Market
• Open Saturdays from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. until October
• Located at 50 Mt. Carmel Drive off U.S. Highway 278

Summer events at The Link
• Master's Hand Food Pantry at The Link
• 708 Ninth St. SE, Cullman, AL 35055
• Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
• Closed for lunch noon – 1 p.m.

Free Kindergarten Readiness Camp
• Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. - noon
• Week of July 18 and Week of July 25
• To register for one of the six sites located across the county contact Dakotatrammell@linkingcullman.org to register

Cullman Community Blood Drive
• Wednesday, June 22, at The Link
• To register: visit https://www.redcrossblood.org/ and use sponsor code "Cullman"
• Or call 1-800-RED CROSS

Renew U Term at The Link Starts the week of June 20
• Positive Parenting - Day and evening class
• Anger Management
• Boundaries
• 24/7 Dad
• To register for these free courses, call 256-775-0028

Free Community Meal at The Link
• June 23 from 5:30-7 p.m.
• Sponsored by St. John's Church
• Menu includes pork chops, green beans, corn on the cob and dessert

2nd Fridays at Sacred Heart
• Join Sacred Heart of Jesus Church's Altar Society and Knights of Columbus as they celebrate Cullman's 2nd Fridays this summer on three different nights, June 10, July 8 and Aug. 12, with Bunco and Bingo games in the Family Life Center. Located in downtown Cullman, one block over from First Avenue and the Warehouse District, site of open stores, music and food during these summertime nights, the Altar Society will offer two sessions of Bunco games, one from 5-7 p.m., with a second round of fun from
• 7-9 p.m. Cost is $20 per session per person with monetary awards for winners. In addition, the Knights of Columbus will sponsor an evening of Bingo starting at 5 p.m., and prizes galore! Food and drink will be available for purchase. Everyone is invited to attend these events with funds raised used for the Church's upkeep. Come join in the fun and fellowship in the air-conditioned Sacred Heart of Jesus's Family Life Center.

West Point Movie Nights
• July 24 – "Zootopia"
• Aug. 20 – "Jumanji"
• Will be held at the ball field at West Point Town Hall (3990 County Road 1141, Vinemont, AL 35179). Concessions will open at 7 p.m. with cheeseburgers, hot dogs and regular concession food. The movie begins at 8:15 p.m. and ends at 10:45 p.m. Please bring blankets and chairs. Adults are $5 and kids are free. Popcorn supplied by Kernel Kullman.

Cullman County Auburn Club Blood Drive
June 25 – The Cullman County Auburn Club Blood Drive will be Saturday, June 25 at the Cullman Shopping Center near Dick's Sporting Goods from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Every donor gets a T-shirt and certificate.

"Heartland Has Turned 20" 2022 Quilt Show sponsored by Heartland Quilters of Cullman
July 8-9 – This event will feature beautiful quilts made by Heartland members, vendors, Guild Challenge 2021 display, donation quilt give away (made with turning 20 blocks), drawing at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, door prizes and free mini demonstrations. Friday, July 8 from 1-5 p.m. and Saturday, July 9 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at East Elementary School (608 Fourth Ave. SE, Cullman, AL 35055). Admission is $7 per person.

SCHEDULE
Friday
• 2-3 p.m.: Finishing Your Quilt with Carol McKay
• 3-4 p.m.: Paper Piecing with Porsia Anderson

Saturday
• 10-11 a.m.: Selvages-Not One Left Behind with Sheryl Simpson
• 11 a.m. - noon: Hand Embroidery/Redwork with Geraldine Hendrix
• Noon - 1: Making Bags with Cheryl Johnson/Teresa Rogers
• 1-2 p.m.: Rope Bags with Laurie Osborn
• 2-3 p.m.: Bed Turning with Jennifer Bridges

Contact: Porsia Anderson 256-737-7557, Carol McKoy 256-841-2977, Geraldine Hendrix 256-734-8316 or Hazel Ruehl 256-339-2224. Please join us as we celebrate 20 years of quilting!

Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame Banquet
July 23 – Tickets for the Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame Banquet on July 23 are on sale at First Southern Financial in the South Cullman Shopping Center. Call 256-737-5120 or 256-736-4445. Tickets are $20 each.

86th Annual Sandlin Reunion
• Aug. 6 – First Sandlin Reunion after two years will be back at the Cold Springs Community Center (8821 County Road 109 in Bremen) on Saturday, Aug. 6 from 10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Bring covered dishes and drinks. Plates, cups, napkins, forks and ice will be provided. Invite your Sandlin relatives!
• For more information, email patsymedlock@bellsouth.net or call 205-915-1870.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Monday, June 20, COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Dashboard Hub (https://bit.ly/3iVJwXK)

ADPH COVID-19 dashboard changes
As of May 19, 2022, the Overall Levels of Community Transmission was removed from the Data and Surveillance Dashboard. We have added two tabs: Community Levels for the public and Community Transmission Levels for healthcare facility use only to the Dashboard Hub: arcg.is/0brSGj.

Case details* (Updated Monday, Wednesday and Friday)
• Positivity in tests in Alabama: 20.3%
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 387,828
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2021): 538,470
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2022): 411,879 (+3,195 since Friday)
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,189
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2021): 9,555
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2022) 2,953 (+1 since Friday)
• Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.: 6.3%
• 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): 7,810 (+47 since Friday)
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 128
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 188
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2022): 51 (+0 since Friday)
• Total tested in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 1,182
• Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 75
• Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 33,210
• Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 6,746
• Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 358

Vaccine details (updated Tuesday and Thursday) No update available
• Doses delivered to Alabama: 9,668,195
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• Doses administered: 6,023,788
• Additional doses administered: 842,713
• Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,879,968
• Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 2,380,249
• Doses delivered to federal programs: 4,752,230

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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‘There is always room to get better’: Cade Simmons reflects on his West Point career

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WEST POINT, Ala. – In this interview, I talked to one of West Point’s multi-sport standouts Cade Simmons.

Cade had a near endless list of his favorite sports and high school memories.

“My favorite baseball memories were beating Lawrence County my junior and senior year to clinch a playoff spot, the game against Scottsboro at Toyota Field, the environment with that many people there, and to win the way we did,” Simmons said.

“My favorite basketball memory were beating Russellville both times in the regular season and my favorite football memory was when we made the playoffs my junior year.”

Simmons added, “My favorite high school memories were homecoming week and the activities that we did throughout high school, pep rallies before football games, and hanging out with friends after football, baseball, and basketball games.”

Cade feels fortunate to have played for a lot of great coaches throughout his sports career, and he learned so much from them.

“All of my great coaches were role models for me. I always knew that if I ever needed anything, they would be there for me to help any way they could,” Simmons said. “They would always put the team needs before theirs. If myself or the team wanted to stay after practice to get some extra work in, they would sacrifice their family time to work with us to be the best we could be. Playing for all of my coaches, I learned that being a Christian athlete was the best and biggest platform that I would ever have and that I could make an impact on my fellow peer’s life.

“Another thing is that when situations and circumstances change, you can’t be up and down all the time. You have to remain the same no matter the situation or circumstance.

“Lastly, you’re never good enough to be satisfied with your work. There is always room to get better.”

Simmons took away a whole lot during his time at West Point and will definitely miss going there.

“The community of West Point is just such a great place. People care for each other so dearly,” Simmons said.

“We’ve had some people in our community that has been sick and every time we have a prayer meeting, a ton of people show up and rally together to show their love for everyone. The relationships that I made had such a great impact on me. Also, no matter what you do in school or in the athletic side of things, there will always be people who will be proud and care about you.”

Cade added, “I will miss all of the friendships that I made with the classes under me, being able to hang out with my friends on a daily basis, but mostly, getting the opportunity to put the West Point jersey on and competing to represent my school.”

Simmons taught the younger guys a lot about hard work, and he also gave some advice to those students that are starting high school in August.

“I tried to be the best example I could be, but there were days that I did much better than others,” Simmons said. “I taught the younger guys how to be respectful and work hard. I also taught them how to go about a scenario with a good attitude and most of the time, the outcome will take care of itself.”

Cade added, “My advice to them would be to just be yourself. Don’t let anyone’s opinion change your outlook on things and what you’re willing to do. Be bold and make friendships and enjoy every second of it. It’ll be over before you know it.”



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West Point’s Cade Simmons

No. 14 Auburn falls in College World Series opener

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

OMAHA, Neb. – Making its second College World Series appearance in three seasons, No. 14 Auburn lost to Ole Miss 5-1 Saturday in an SEC West opening round matchup before 25,217 at Charles Schwab Field.

Ole Miss starting pitcher Dylan DeLucia (7-2) struck out 10 Tigers without a walk and allowed only one run on four hits in 7.2 innings. Rebels reliever Josh Mallitz struck out the side in the ninth.

“We never could garner any offense,” Auburn coach Butch Thompson said. “Dylan just set a slider beneath us and a fastball above us. He didn’t trick us too much.

“We could not evaluate the strike zone with him on the mound. It shortens the game for their bullpen, who did a nice job and got to the finish line.”

Trailing 5-0, Auburn got on the board with three straight hits to start the seventh.

Garrett Farquhar led off with a double, advanced to third on Sonny DiChiara’s single and scored on Bobby Peirce’s single, trimming the Rebels’ lead to 5-1.

DeLucia dashed Auburn’s hopes for a big inning by retiring the next three batters.

Auburn starter Joseph Gonzalez retired the first two batters in the top of the first before three straight Ole Miss hits gave the Rebels a 2-0 lead when Kemp Alderman singled to left to score Tim Elko and Kevin Graham.

“Their approaches created some fortune for them,” Thompson said.

Graham doubled in the first and homered just beyond the reach of leaping left fielder Mike Bello in the third to put the Rebels ahead 3-0.

DeLucia pitched 4.2 perfect innings, retiring 14 consecutive Tigers until Brody Moore’s two-out single in the fifth.

“He (DeLucia) was putting it where he wanted to today,” Peirce said.

Gonzalez struck out seven in five innings, one shy of his career high, before Carson Skipper relieved him with two on in the sixth.

The Rebels added two more runs in the inning, scoring on a bases-loaded double play and a two-out single.

Gonzalez (7-4) allowed four runs in five innings, taking the loss. Skipper pitched the rest of the game, fanning six in four innings, allowing one run on four hits.

“I kept Carson in the game to see if we could get back and catch them later,” Thompson said.

“Today wasn’t really a true testimony to who we are,” Skipper said. “Monday’s going to be a different story. It’s how you respond and bounce back that defines who you are.”

Auburn (42-21) will play Stanford in an elimination game Monday at 1 p.m. on ESPN and the Auburn Sports Network. Ole Miss (38-22) meets SEC West rival Arkansas Monday at 6 p.m. in the winner’s bracket.

“Very offensive ballclub,” Thompson said of Monday’s Pac-12 opponent. “We know exactly what we’re going to face.”

“We’ve battled back a lot. One loss isn’t going to kill us,” Peirce said. “We’re going to come back Monday fighting. We’re a team that’s going to fight every game no matter what. We believe in ourselves. We believe that we’re going to win, even with one loss.”





‘Always put God first’: Bracie Rodgers looks back on her time at Addison

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ADDISON, Ala. — In this interview, I talked to former Addison volleyball and basketball player, Bracie Rodgers, who graduated as this year’s salutatorian at Addison High School.

Rodgers spent a lot of her time at Addison making memories with her friends on and off the court.

“Winning state is definitely an unforgettable moment. Being a part of a team and a program that’s so close is definitely a true blessing,” she said.

“Another favorite memory would be watching the boys under the Friday night lights, ending with the alma mater with my classmates. Homecoming was always a busy, but exciting week.

“One of my favorite high school memories would definitely have to be the “Fields of Faith” hosted on our football field. It was completely student-led and so many people allowed Jesus to come into their heart that night. It was truly amazing!”

Rodgers learned an awful lot during her time at Addison and is very blessed to go to a school that will always hold a special place in her heart.

“Addison is a very close-knit school. I personally wouldn’t have it any other way,” Rodgers said.

“Addison has given me so many lifelong friendships and connections. Being such a small school allows you to connect on a deeper level with so many people.

“Addison was everything I could ever ask for and more.

“The teachers and staff always pushed us to be the best possible students and loved us no matter how annoying we may have been. Addison will forever hold a very special place in my heart.”

Rodgers feels fortunate to have played for a lot of great coaches in volleyball and basketball and was able to learn so much from them.

“I feel extremely blessed to have played under all the coaches at Addison. They all truly impacted my life for the better,” Rodgers said.

“Coach Bailey West came into my life my ninth-grade year and then ended up having to leave after that year. She later returned for my 11th and 12th grade year, and we made it to Wallace this year, so that was very exciting! Playing for coach West was such a fun time. She definitely made me a better player on and off the court as well.

“Since she was also a point guard, she helped me out so much. She led us to Wallace this year, which hadn’t happened for Addison girls’ basketball for a while. Her and her husband, along with all of her family, supported us constantly and always showed us love. I am so thankful she was brought to Addison.”

Rodgers added, “I have had so many amazing volleyball coaches throughout the years. Coach Kaydi Woodward came my 11th grade year.

“She truly helped me to gain my confidence and made me a better person all while coaching us to a state championship win my 11th and 12th grade year. Coach Woody Smothers was a huge part of my athletic career at Addison though. Honestly, he probably frustrated me more than any coach, but only because he cared. He doubled as our workout/speed coach and track coach. He always pushed me to be the absolute best I could be. I’m not going to lie, there were days when I didn’t think I could go anymore. He always uplifted me to in every way possible and truly made a big impact on my athletic career. Addison coaches are hands down the best.”

Rodgers will miss her time at Addison and talked about some of her funniest memories.

“When I think of Addison, I will remember the people- teachers, staff, fellow classmates, other students- and how no matter what, they were always there for me. They always showed me love, and all the great memories Addison gave me. That’s what I will miss the most,” Rodgers said. “One of the funniest memories would definitely have to be this little stuffed animal our senior class named Lenny. The juniors would hide him, and we would find him every day, so it kind of just became a joke. Another funny memory was when one of our classmates, Mac Cagle, told our English teacher God told him it was okay to not write his paper. We all got a good laugh out of that one.”

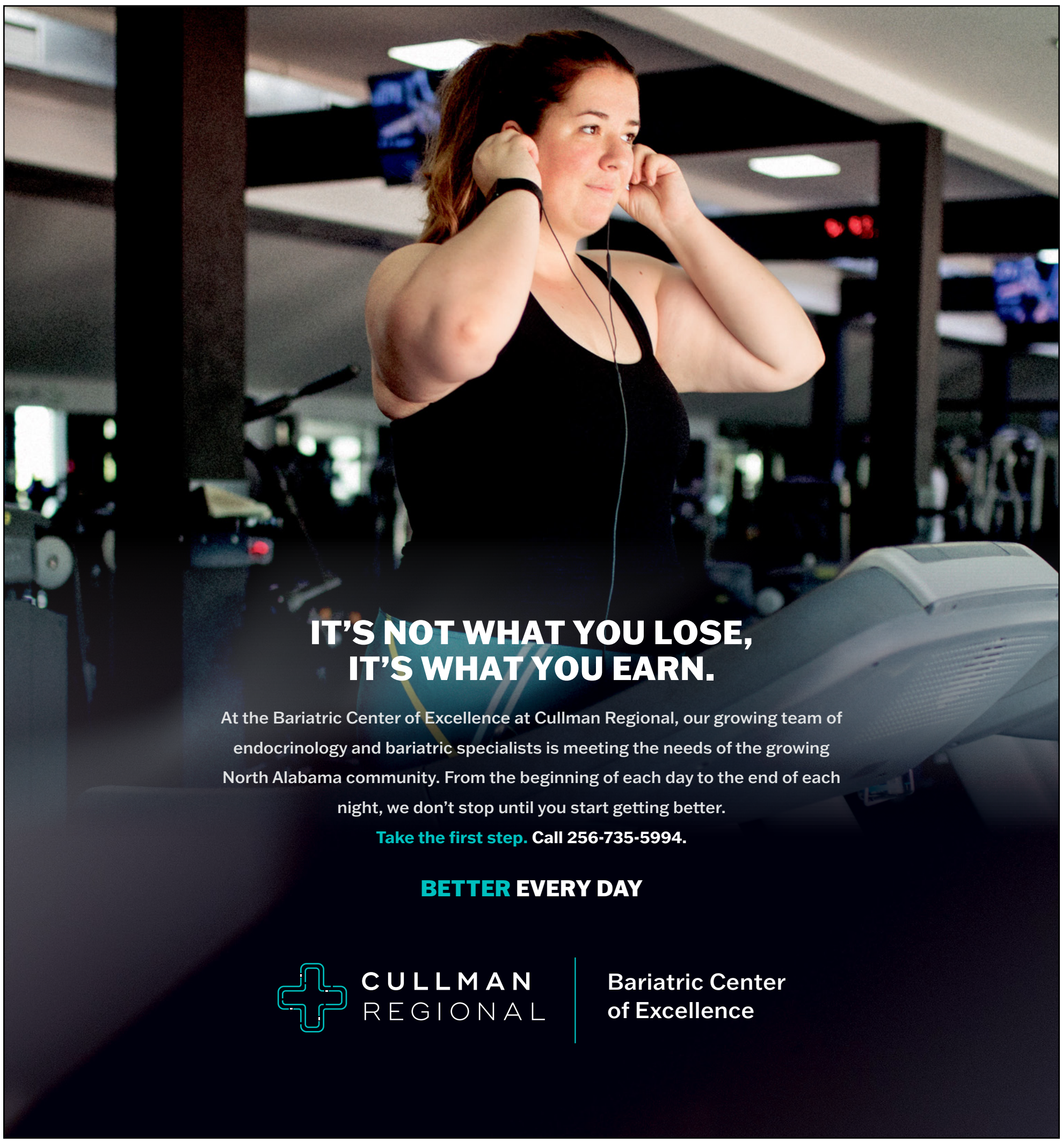
Rodgers’ faith is important to her, and she gave some advice to those students that are fixing to start high school this upcoming year.

“My advice would be to cherish every single moment. Never take anything for granted. Treasure your time in high school with your friends because when it’s over, it’s over,” Rodgers said. “I personally loved high school and would go back tomorrow if I could. Above all though, seek God first. Philippians 4:13 tells us that ALL things are possible through Him. So, to all upcoming high schoolers, let your mom take those pictures because you will be thankful one day. Never give up no matter how hard it gets, and always put God first!”



BRACIE RODGERS
Addison’s Bracie Rodgers





Luncheon (from Front)

system that would pull from the wall of a classroom and could be locked down so a shooter could not penetrate. He said that the system has gotten national attention. "I'm glad that Cullman, Alabama might have a chance to do something on a national scale."

When asked about a coming recession, Wadsworth answered, "Obviously we have a recession. The bottom line is, people's income is dropping." However, he shared that there have been several tax changes made that will benefit individuals and businesses in Alabama.

Gudger added, "As far as inflation at a state level, if I can raise that up to the state level, you have the best budget we have ever had. (The) Education Trust Fund budget is higher than It's ever been. The General Fund budget is higher than It's ever been. We've paid off more debt this year than we have in the last three years. The state of Alabama is in good financial health and we're ready for the recession even though no one wants that to happen at the state level. We're all putting back a little bit."

When asked about the political climate from the last session in Montgomery, Gudger said, "It's very intense, everybody would like to win their seat back. If you're running for office, usually you think you're the best candidate for that job or you wouldn't have signed up for it. There needs to be direct debates going back and forth in every race; it doesn't matter if it's a local race all the way to U.S. Senate."

The delegation also discussed the major issues they were currently seeing in Alabama. Wadsworth said that in his district, including Sumiton and Walker counties, the rural areas many times do not have basic infrastructure. "You've got to be able—the larger cities—to work with the smaller cities, and y'all seem to do that here in Cullman, but in some areas it doesn't exist." Therefore, he said, legislatures need to canvas smaller towns for their needs. "I grew up in a small town, and as a result of being a small town, you've got to get your basic medical care. You've got to get ambulance services in your area. You've got to have your parks, your schools, there's a lot of things in just helping your small community."

Harbison spoke overcoming misinformation, "I think one of the biggest challenges we have in the legislature, and it's a good thing and it's a bad thing—but social media. I've been online and I see good information, but I also get online and see a bunch of bad information. It always seems the bad information has a lot more shares than the good information, so now we're stuck putting out fires from misinformation. It's a good way to mass communicate and get the word out, but if you're on social media make sure what you're sharing is true."

In response to the question of what items they were able to see pass in the last legislation that they were most proud of, Shedd spoke about the Adoption Promotion Act which would give adoptive parents the same benefits as biological parents. The Adoption Promotion Act of 2003 is a U.S. federal statute that was signed into law by President George Bush. The act reauthorized the adoption incentive payments program under part E of title IV of the Social Security Act.

Wadsworth and Harbison both found the Constitution Carry bill to be one of the most important. Gudger's favorite bill he had seen passed was a tax package for small businesses and large industries. "He said if you have tables and cash registers and you already paid sales tax on it when you purchased it, the state will come in later and say, 'you have to pay on tax on that every year from here on out.' I personally totally disagree with that, so we eliminated that."

Gudger also brought up the transgender bathroom bill, with a new addition that limits classroom instruction on gender identity and sexual orientation in grades K-5. The transgender bathroom bill is for grades K-12. He said, "If you are a boy, you have to go to the boys' restroom. If you are a girl, you go to the girls' restroom. The reason that came up, which might be different than what you think, is for the fact that I had a transgender student, and their parents came to me and said that they felt uncomfortable in the different bathroom and wanted it to go back to what it was."

The delegation concluded with a question about Choice Schools. There are a variety of school choice options available for many of the 1.1 million children living in Alabama. Families in Alabama can choose from traditional public schools, public charter schools, public magnet schools, private schools, online academies and homeschooling. Gudger supported the bill in areas where kids or parents may not feel safe at a particular school but wasn't sure how the bill would affect Cullman County. Shedd concluded, "We've got to be careful and find the right balance. Our public schools are so important to everything—our children and our economy. Some things sound good, just got be careful."

LEGALS

Invitation for Bids- Bid # 2022-15
Custodian Services for Cullman High School
For more information and/or a bid packet, please email asparks@cullmancats.net
Deadline is Thursday, June 23, 2022 @ 1:30pm
Bid opening is Thursday, June 23, 2022 @ 2:00pm

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2022-222

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BRENDA J. WRIGHT, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Anna B. McEvoy on the 17th day of June, 2022, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Anna B. McEvoy
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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y Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
)
ROGER DALE ANDERSON,) CASE NO.: PC-2022-126
)
DECEASED.)

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: Anthony Anderson
All Know and Unknown Heirs of thereafter
Estate of Roger Dale Anderson, deceased

That on the 28th day of March, 2022, a Petition for Probate of Will of the Estate of ROGER DALE ANDERSON, DECEASED was filed in the aforesaid Probate Court by Terry Allan Bates; and that the 16th day of August, 2022 at 9:30 o'clock a.m. has been appointed as the day for hearing said petition, at which time you may appear and contest the same, if you deem it proper to do so.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court this the 13th day of June, 2022.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

TO: Publisher
The Cullman Tribune

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

Beverly Paschal Poston
Attorney for Petitioner
200 First Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

RICKY GRAVEMAN, *
*
PLAINTIFF, *
*
VS. * CASE NO. CV-2022-900103
*
Lot No. 3 of Park Place Subdivision as shown and known on the recorded plat of said subdivision in Plat Book B-125-B in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Also: A parcel of land described as beginning at the Northeast Corner of the above described Lot No. 3; thence Southeast 60 degrees for a distance of 100 feet to a point, being the Northwest corner of Lot 1 of said Park Place Subdivision; thence in a clockwise direction along the circumference of a circle being the property boundaries of Lots 1 and 3 of said Park Place Subdivision, to the point of beginning. Also: A 1/23 undivided interest in that certain lot designated "OUT" adjacent to Lot 10 of Park Place Subdivision as shown and known on the recorded plat of said subdivision in Plat B-125-B in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
*
AND *
*
NELLIE F. GREEN and NATHAN BAKER, And A, B, C, D and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, *
*
DEFENDANTS. *

NOTICE

The Defendants, Nellie F. Green and Nathan Baker, and any unknown Defendants, must answer the Complaint to Quiet Title filed by Ricky Graveman on or before the 1st day of August, 2022, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against her in case number CV-2022-900103 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County Alabama.

DONE this the 27th day of May, 2022.

Lisa McSwain
LISA MCSWAIN, Circuit Clerk

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF S.R.W.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 12/27/2017
CASE NO.: AD2022-034

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: SETH RUSSELL ROBERTSON WILSON, BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF A MINOR CHILD, S.R.W. BORN TO RACHEL LEE RITTENBERRY

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Thomas Blake Green, 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 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 25th DAY OF May, 2022.

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

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF C.J.M.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 09/26/2017
CASE NO.: AD2022-027

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: DILLION MICHAEL MCAVOY, BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF A MINOR CHILD, C.J.M. BORN TO SARA ASHLEY MORRIS "BROWN"

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Gary Clifton Morris and Donna Jo Morris, Petitioners. 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 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 25th DAY OF May, 2022.

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

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF C.R.M.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 12/11/2016
CASE NO.: AD2022-028

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: DILLION MICHAEL MCAVOY, BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF A MINOR CHILD, C.R.M. BORN TO SARA ASHLEY MORRIS "BROWN"

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Gary Clifton Morris and Donna Jo Morris, Petitioners. 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 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 25th DAY OF May, 2022.

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

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To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice once a week for four (4) successive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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my Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of)
)
JOYCE ANN CROCKER,) Case No.: PC-2022-203
)
Deceased)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Steven C. Smith, as Administrator of the Estate of Joyce Ann Crocker, deceased, on the 17th day of June, 2022, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Steven C. Smith
Administrator of the Estate of
Joyce Ann Crocker, deceased.
328 First Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055
256-739-3970

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, Judge of Probate

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City of Cullman
Planning Commission

On Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Short form subdivision – 3rd Avenue SW & 4th Avenue SW between 4th Street SW & 5th Street SW – Cotton Warehouse
2. Short form subdivision – 8th Street NE & Main Avenue NE
3. Short form subdivision – HighPoint Subdivision
4. Request to vacate alley at 604 5th Avenue SW

For further information contact Brian Landreth or Amber Duke at the City of Cullman Building Department at 256-775-7203.

Obituary Announcements: June 18-20

Bobby Gene Irons, 84
Funeral services for Bobby Irons were Sunday, June 19, at 2 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Fairview West Cemetery. Visitation for the public was on Sunday prior to the service beginning at noon at the funeral home. Mr. Bobby Gene Irons was born Oct. 1, 1937, to Leatha Elizabeth (Hopper) and Edgar Cleveland Irons in Adamsville, Tennessee. He joined the United States Navy straight out of high school and took the only cruise of his life, on the Aircraft Carrier USS Hornet. After his Far East cruise, he returned to the States and was stationed in San Diego, California. and while he enjoyed his time and adventures in the Navy, he was anxious to return home to Tennessee when his service was completed. Bob loved cars— working on them and racing them. In 1961 he moved to Birmingham, Alabama to work as an auto mechanic. Birmingham is where he met his future wife, Mary Jane Shugart, while she was in Nursing School at St. Vincent's hospital. The two married in 1963 and made their home in Hanceville, Alabama; Bob worked at Drinkard Chevrolet in Cullman, Alabama then went to work as the Service Manager for Wood Chevroletin Birmingham. He dreamed of owning a "classic car" and that dream came true when he purchased and restored a number matching 1960 Pontiac Ventura (with three duces). His second passion was University of Tennessee athletics— he bled orange. Go Vols. Later in life, he became interested in woodwork and learned the trade while working for many years at Central Cabinet in Cullman. He then opened his own shop at home, where he refinished many antiques, built custom furniture and many of the trophy / display cases in numerous local high schools. Bob was always willing to help serve his community. He was a former member of the Lions Club, and he helped build the first softball fields at the current Hanceville Ball Park. He and his wife Mary organized and coached the first little girls softball teams in Hanceville. Bob was most proud that he quit smoking and drinking at the same time and rededicated his life to Christ. He loved his Laodicea Church and was always a faithful servant, willing to serve in any capacity as needed. He is survived by his wife: Mary; daughter: Annette Irons-Parker; son-In-law: Stephen D. Parker; grand dogs, Sable and Maddie and one sister: Patsy Powell of Memphis, Tennessee. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Willie, Jodie and Kenneth Irons and sisters: Dorothy Irons, Marie Petty and Annie Scott.

John Elliot Fowler, 57
Friends and family are invited to attend graveside services for John Elliot Fowler at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, June 22, at Greenwood Memorial Park, with Pastor Rick Davis and Dr. Ramonalynn Bethle officiating, under the direction of Hixson Brothers, Alexandria. John Elliot Fowler of Cullman, Alabama passed away Friday, June 17. John was born in Alexandria, Louisiana on July 20, 1964, to Walter C. and Patty Fowler. John is survived by his daughter: Morgan Kathryn Fowler and Andrea Kristine Fowler of Cullman, Alabama; grandchildren: Damian Jason "D" Fowler, Xander Elliott Fowler, Anna Kathyrn Kristine Hausler and Olliver James Felix "Ollie" Fowler; brother: Walter C. Fowler, Jr. and sister: Nancy Fowler. John graduated from Holy Savior Menard High School, attended Louisiana Tech and graduated from Automobile School in Nashville, Tennessee. He worked for Keystone Automobile as a manager and retired after 24 years of service. Honoring John's memory will be the following pallbearers: Steve Edwards, Michael Brame, Andy Leveque, John Robert Elliott, Aldon Ryan Elliott and Hunter Leveque. The family would like to thank John's caregivers, Julie Sharpton, Patty Duke and Betty Shelton, for all the love and care during John's illness. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Amyloidosis Foundation, 7151 North Main St. Suite 2. Clarkston, MI, 48346.

Patsy Ann Williams, 82, of Hanceville
The funeral service for Patsy Ann Williams, 82, of Hanceville, will be 2 p.m., Wednesday, June 22, at the Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends from noon – 2 p.m. prior to the service on Wednesday. The interment will follow the service at Ebenezer Baptist Cemetery. Rev. Cory Drummond and Rev. Tim Holder will officiate the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Williams family. Mrs. Williams passed from this life June 19, at the Hanceville Nursing and Rehab. She was born Aug. 28, 1939, to Albert Alton and Leona Horsley Mauldin. She was a member of Blair Congregational Methodist Church and was active with the ladies group. Mrs. Williams was preceded in death by her parents: Albert Alton and Leona Horsley Mauldin; her husband of 56 years: Tommy Williams; a grandson: Christopher Owens and her sisters: Ida Mae Morris and Martha Dean Harris. She is survived by her son: Keith (Skylar) Williams; her daughter: Pam (Donald) Drummond; grandchildren: Heather (Guy) Rickman, Cory (Amber) Drummond and Josh (Becky) Drummond; great-grandchildren: Madyson Rickman, Carson, Alaina, Aralyn and Carter Drummond and Lily and Sara Owens and special friends: Esther Williams and Milda Laney. The pallbearers are Guy Rickman, Ronnie Shipley, Carson Drummond, Billy Marco, Greg Revera and Justin Morris.

Doris Virginia (Roberts) Gorman, 84, of Cullman
Doris Virginia (Roberts) Gorman, age 84, of Cullman, Alabama passed away Saturday, June 18, at Cullman Regional. Doris was born July 10, 1937, in Cullman, Alabama. Doris is survived by her son: Everett Keith Gorman; her grandchildren: Kaitlyn (Dwayne Handley) Gorman, Nathan (Ashley) Tankersley and Hannah (Aaron) Smitherson and her great-grandchildren: Lea Tankersley, Ellie Tankersley, Jordan Smitherson, Zayden Smitherson and Clayton Smitherson.Doris was preceded in death by her loving husband: Everett A. Gorman; her parents: C.J. and Hattie Clemons Roberts; her brother: Junior M. Roberts and her sisters: Jane Whittle, Katie Canaday, Chris Mitchell, Ludie Roberts, Trudie Taft and Myrtle Hale. A celebration of life visitation for Doris will be held Wednesday, June 22, from 6-8 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home (1901 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, AL 35055). A celebration of life graveside service will occur Thursday, June 23, at 11 a.m. at Cullman Memory Gardens (1516 Bolte Road, Cullman, AL 35055).

Jacqueline 'Jackie' Rodgers DeMonia, 84
Jacqueline "Jackie" Rodgers DeMonia was born July 31, 1937, to William and Ida Bell (McSwain) Rogers in Cullman County, Alabama. She transitioned peacefully from her earthly home on June 15, with family members at her side. In addition to her parents: Jackie was preceded in death by brothers: Preston, Harold, Jimmy and Bertis and sisters: Olvia Wix and Alva Caldwell. She is survived by her sisters: Louise Carrillo and Aver Brown; her daughter: Gwendolyn Anderson-Burns of Nashville; grandchildren: S. Hunter Burns of Kentucky, Hillary E. Burns of Minneapolis, Emily-Catherine "E.C." Burns of New York City and S. Mallory Burns of Gainesville; two great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Jackie grew up in the Trimble-Good Hope area of Cullman County, and graduated from Cullman High School in 1955. Jackie enjoyed singing and playing the piano given to her by her oldest brother, Preston, when she was a child. Visitation will be held Friday, June 24 from 9-11 a.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home in Cullman with a service beginning at 11 a.m. An interment service for the family will follow.

June Speegle, 68, of Cullman
June Speegle, age 68, of Cullman, passed away Friday, June 17, at her residence. She was born April 22, 1954, in Cullman, Alabama to James Otto and Elouise Bailey. She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers: Alton Bailey and Jamie Bailey and sister: Janet Cruce. Survivors include her husband: Junior Speegle; daughters: Jennifer (Joey) Ray and Larissa (Bryan) Freeman; son: Justin (Shyra) Speegle; grandchildren: Jesse (Courtney) Ray, Austin Denton, Haleigh Denton, Aubrey Speegle, Lyrik Speegle and Bryxlynn Speegle; great-grandchildren: Connor Ray, Layla Ray and Dominik Denton; sisters: Darlene Bailey and Patricia Thomas; brothers: Randy Bailey, Robin Bailey, Bruce Bailey and David Bailey and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Teresa George Bradford, 60, of Guntersville
Teresa George Bradford, 60, of Guntersville, Alabama, passed away June 17. She was born in Jefferson County, Alabama, to Raymond and Ruby Helen George on July 17, 1961. Teresa was a member of First Baptist Church of Oneonta. She enjoyed crafting and loved animals, especially her dogs. Ms. Bradford adored her family, and she enjoyed any time she got to spend with those she loved. Teresa was dear to many people, and she will be missed very much. Ms. Bradford is preceded in death by her parents.Those surviving Teresa are her children: Michael and Rachel Randall, Breanna and Ryan Dennis, and Tasha and Andrew Shelley; grandchildren: Paul Shelley, Trinity Randall, Tristin Randall, Ayden Randall, Wyatt Randall and Lakelynn Randall; brothers: Raymond and Connie George, Clayton and Jennifer George, Sam and Diane George and Clarence and Hermie George and many special friends. Funeral services for Teresa were 4 p.m., Monday, June 20, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel. Bro. Earl Harper and Bro. Mark Dennis officiated. Burial followed in Friendship Cemetery. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Ms. Bradford.

William Sidney Morris, 74, of Brent
William Sidney Morris, 74, of Brent, Alabama passed away June 17, at UAB Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama due to complications of open heart surgery. Visitation will be held from noon – 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 23, at Moss Funeral Home. The funeral service will begin at 2 p.m. in the chapel. Burial will follow in Ebenezer Cemetery, Vinemont, Cullman County, Alabama with Moss Funeral Home directing. A celebration of life will be held at a later date in Bibb County. Pallbearers will be Jason Buckman, Brett Elam, Jerry Brown, Wesley Brown, Nathan Brown and Michael Britt. Flowers are welcome, but the family asks that you consider a donation to a charity or food bank of your choice in memory of Sidney. Sidney was born March 17, 1948, in West Point, Alabama to the late John Dewey and Bertha Louise Morris in the back of the local general store. His family moved to Harrisburg, Bibb County, Alabama in the 1950s. He would begin working at an early age selling peaches and later, at the age of 14, would leave school to enter the workforce full time. At the age of 19, Sidney was enlisted (via selective service) in the United States Army on Jan. 30, 1968, from Athens, Alabama to serve in the Vietnam War. During his training at Fort Benning, Georgia, he received commendations for Marksman (45 caliber pistol) and Expert (M-14 rifle and 81 mm mortar.) He would go on to serve in Company A/B, 2nd Battalion, 21st Infantry, 24th Infantry Division, 5th Cavalry (1st Air Cavalry Division) specializing in mortar. While in Vietnam, he contracted malaria, surviving an extreme fever in the field only by the efforts of his fellow soldiers who dripped water onto him from a bucket until he could be airlifted to Hawaii for medical treatment. After recovering from his illness, he returned to combat, going on to earn a number of awards: National Defense Service Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge, two Overseas Bars, Air Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 device, as well as two Army Commendation Medals with V Device. The first of these medals was awarded to Sidney for heroism in combat while showing personal bravery and devotion to his squadron despite continually exposing himself to hostile fire in order to aid others. The second one was awarded to him after he was shot in the shoulder while saving four wounded soldiers who had become pinned down by hostile fire. He was honorably discharged Jan. 29, 1970, with the rank of NCO Sergeant E5. Following his military service and return to Bibb County (where he would raise his family), Sidney went on to work for BF Goodrich (Michelin) Tire Manufacturing in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He retired from there in 2000 after 29 years. Sidney enjoyed raising a community garden, socializing with his friends and neighbors, nature watching and relaxing in his rocking chair with a good, strong cup of coffee. In addition to his parents, Sidney is preceded in death by his sister: Bobbie Rae (Bill) McKinley. He is survived by two daughters: Lisa (Jason) Buckman of Phenix City, Alabama and Amy (Brett) Elam of Brent, Alabama; two sisters: Marilyn Jeffreys and Rhonda (Jerry) Brown, both of Athens, Alabama and two grandchildren: Chase McElroy and Bella Church both of Brent, Alabama.

Kelley Jo Pesto, 61, of Falkville
A celebration of life service is incomplete at this time for Kelley Jo Pesto, 61, of Falkville. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Pesto family. Kelley passed away Friday, June 17, at her residence. She was born Jan. 13, 1961, to William Roger and Anna Kelly McGuire. She loved her family and loved talking about her grandchildren. She was friendly and loved people. She was preceded in death by her husband: Jamie Pesto. Kelley is survived by her parents; her son: Todd (Courtney) Vest; daughter: Jennifer (Daniel) Sellers; brother: Randy (Jo Ann) McGuire; grandchildren: Destiny Sellers, Jennings Vest and Jameson Vest and family and friends.

Kathy Campbell, 64, of Eva
Kathy Campbell, age 64, of Eva, passed away Friday, June 17, at her residence. She was born Oct. 31, 1957, in Cullman, Alabama to James Joshua and Geraldine Miner. She was preceded in death by her father: James Joshua Miner; brother: Mike Miner; grandparents: Lorene and Cephas Turner, and Gladys and E.U. Miner. Survivors include her sons: Joshua Campbell and Christian Campbell; mother: Geraldine Miner; sister: Linda (Elaine Eberhart) Miner; nephew: Brandon (Cecily) Miner; niece: Malorie (Jon) Johns; great-nieces: Paislee Miner and WillaGrace Miner; great-nephews: Wood Miner, Cross Miner and Parker Johns; chosen sister: Becky Rodgers Warren; beloved friend: Randell Wallace; her band family and a host of family and friends.

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from the 1970s and 1980s along with vintage Tupperware and craftsman woodwork were offered at the yard sale.

Blue jeans, furniture, clothing, bicycles and home decorations were sold for pennies on the dollar.

Vanessa Hagood proudly showed off her new garden tools which she said she found at a better price than she saw at big box retailers.

She shared, "I would have ended up spending my whole paycheck at the stores for what I need.

"The handles on my old stuff is either broke or the wood has splintered and I need to weed my garden like yesterday."

Sportsman Lake Park, located at 1544 Sportsman Lake Road NW in Cullman, is operated by Cullman County Parks and Recreation Open seven days a week, the cherished park offers many activities for people of all ages.



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Camp (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The North Alabama Agriplex will be hosting a special Heritage Skills Camp next week from Tuesday, June 28 through Thursday, June 30 from 9 a.m. until noon each day.

The camp's teachers are a lineup of who's who amongst the Cullman area arts and crafts community.

Woodworking will be instructed by local craftsman Leldon Maxcy while Katie Westmoreland will share her expertise on birdhouse gourds. Additional classes will be taught by Geraldine Hendrix on beginning quilting and Markus Doering will be leading the class on campfire cooking.

As the years go by, more and more heritage skills are lost along the way leaving the younger generations hungry for the skillset of olden days. The Heritage Skills Camp hopes to fill in the gaps with those lost skills.

Agriplex Executive Director Rachel Dawsey shares, "The North Alabama Agriplex created this new day camp based on folk crafts and skills due to the public interest and demand for these heritage skills. We have excellent, skilled instructors to teach the youth an introduction to each subject. This is a similar format to the Alabama Folk School or Campbell Folk School in North Carolina but right here in North Alabama!"

The day camp is for ages 11 and up and scholarships are available. For more information, please visit https://agriplex.org/WPtest/summer-programs/ or call 256-297-1044. Scholarships are available.

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