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Waiting is the hardest part

Sen. Garlan Gudger, Cullman County Commission make case for additional manpower at Cullman Driver License Examiners Office

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The dread that fills the hearts of most residents as they trudge down the stairwell to the Driver License Examiners Office in the Cullman County Courthouse basement is well known. Most people have stories of the often » PAGE 7

Pictured left to right are Cullman resident Kitty Warren, Cullman County Commissioner Kerry Watson, Alabama Law Enforcement Agency Driver License Division Chief Capt. Jonathan Archer, License Manager Dorita Kelly, State Driver License Official Holly Cook, ALEA Governmental Affairs Director Chris Reader, Commissioner Garry Marchman and Alabama Senator Garlan Gudger.



GARLAN GUDGER

'Happiness on a stick'



SARA GLADNEY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Kristy and Jay Kieffer pose in front of the Frios Gourmet Pops "sweet ride."

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Jay and Kristy Kieffer, owners of Frios Gourmet Pops in Cullman, opened their franchise at 112 Clark St. NE in 2019. They have since become well-known, active members of the community. When they go out, they said, Jay Kieffer is often recognized and referred to as "the pop guy."

During the height of COVID-19, while many were quarantined, the pair took gourmet pops to their customers' neighborhoods in the Frios Pops Cart. They've taken their mobile cart to several festivals and go to preschools weekly.

"Little kids love Frios. It's not messy. Plus, our pops are healthy. We've got gluten-free options and vegan options," said Kristy Kieffer.

She also works as a nurse practitioner. Being in the medical field, she knew firsthand the struggles experienced by patients and medical staff due to COVID. She and her husband hosted a "create a card" promotion asking customers to write cards for nursing home residents. Then they hand delivered the cards to the residents along with Frios pops to help spread goodwill.

Kristy Kieffer shared, "Any time we can, we try to do a big push to give back to community members and we try to get our guests involved, too. We often bring our pops to the church we attend and share the delicious tastes of Frios with the members of the church."

The Kieffers have two other territories in Florence and Decatur. They serve those territories with mobile refrigerated carts, bringing hand-poured, packaged pops to events throughout the cities, including church events, school events and private parties.

They first began their operation when their sons moved out.

"We started this as empty nesters. When you go from being so involved in PTAs and boosters and schools, you're just so busy, and then everybody is gone and you're not busy. So, we had a lot of time on our hands," remembered Kristy Kieffer. "We were just thinking of what we could do - because at that time we both had full-time jobs - so we were thinking of what we could do and just do it and leave it, like not have to be committed to it."

Frios gave them the chance to fill their time giving back to the community while still maintaining their full-time careers.

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Big screen, popcorn and auditorium of eager elders

Cullman County Commission on Aging holds first senior movie day



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Holly Pond firefighters hosting 'Day in the Park' July 30



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported July 21-22

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 21-22, 2022. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

July 18

- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1123
- assault; 2nd Ave. S.W.
- resisting arrest; Hwy 31
- unlawful possession of controlled substances, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 773
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1374
- unlawful breaking and entering of motor vehicle; Co. Rd. 1435
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1422
- burglary; Co. Rd. 1352

July 19

- unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 490
- unlawful possession of controlled substances; Co. Rd. 1141
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Denson Ave. S.W.
- trespassing; Hwy 69S
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy 69S
- unlawful possession of controlled substances, unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 437
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 1087
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 469
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; Co. Rd. 1635
- trespassing, harassment; Co. Rd. 1087
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; Co. Rd. 371
- criminal mischief; Co. Rd. 1087
- receiving stolen property; Co. Rd. 1087
- burglary; Trimble Rd.
- unlawful possession of marijuana; Co. Rd. 1559
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1558
- unlawful possession of controlled substances, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 437

July 20

- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1260
- unlawful possession of marijuana; Co. Rd. 437
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1855
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; Co. Rd. 625
- unlawful possession of controlled substances; Firestation Rd.
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 1502
- theft of property; Brookside Dr.
- burglary; Hwy 31
- sell/distribute drugs, unlawful possession of controlled substances, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy 69N
- theft of property; Hwy 91

ARRESTS

July 18

Aaron, Benjamin L; 43
- FTA – criminal trespassing

Armstrong, Alex W; 25
- Probation violation – DUI

Checkon, William E; 79
- resisting arrest
- DUI
- aggravated assault of a police officer

Clay, Cody L; 34
- public intoxication
- possessing stolen property
- theft

Cottingham, Keonta D; 24
- burglary

Doss, Andy M; 63
- theft

Herndon, Bobby J. Jr; 38
- failure to appear/pay/comply

Johnson, Christine N; 38
- possession of drug paraphrenia – 1st offense
- possession of dangerous drugs

Light, Jaxon L; 18
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Loggins, Ashley D; 35
- FTA – drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- FTA – possession of methamphetamine (2 counts)
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Willingham, Kayla L; 28
- FTA – illegal possession/use of stolen credit card/debit card

July 19

Anderson, Steven M; 43
- possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- improper lane usage

Brock, Damien A; 30
- possession of marijuana

Coots, Steven D; 32
- burglary

Decker, Erica L; 35
- possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense

Farr, Clayton E; 29
- Probation revocation – indecent exposure

Ford, Shayla M; 26
- Violation of release order – assault-child abuse-simple-family
- possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- Violation of release order – possession of dangerous drug
- Bail jumping – assault – child abuse – simple – family (2 counts)
- Bail jumping – possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- Bail jumping – possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- Bail jumping – driving while suspended

Guimarin, William C; 35
- theft

Holcomb, Crystal J; 40
- theft
- FTA – possessing stolen property

Holcomb, William S; 41
- theft

Hunt, Jimmie Ray Jr; 46
- FTA – possession of marijuana
- public intoxication
- criminal trespassing

Hyde, Bronada F; 46
- possession of dangerous drugs

Martin, Trisha A; 24
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- possession of drug paraphernalia – 2nd offense
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia – 2nd offense
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs (3 counts)
- FTA – sale of stolen property
- FTA - throwing, dropping, etc, of destructive or injurious materials onto highway
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

Masters, James W; 51
- possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- possession of marijuana

Rogers, Jeffery C; 34
- possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- possession of dangerous drug

Sloan, Linda J; 59
- FTA - assault-child abuse-simple-family

Smith, Steven D; 56
- FTA - negotiating worthless instrument
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

Vandegriff, Tanya R; 43
- identity theft

July 20

Ballard, Austin T; 25
- Bail jumping – theft
- Bail jumping – theft, $1,500 - $2,500
- Bail jumping – robbery

Bentley, Simon J; 24
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Burke, Lauren S; 37
- possession of marijuana

Johnson, Albert L; 39
- possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- possession of cocaine
- possession of marijuana

Johnson, Ollie J; 26
- FTA - assault-child abuse-aggravated-family (2 counts)
- FTA – reckless endangerment (2 counts)
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st degree (3 counts)
- FTA - possession of marijuana
- FTA – attempting to elude
- FTA – reckless driving
- FTA – requirements for child passenger restraints

Martin, Trisha A; 24
- Bail jumping – possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- Bail jumping – possession of dangerous drugs
- Bail jumping – transporting stolen property

McClellan, Christel R; 47
- possession of dangerous drugs
- Probation revocation – possession of dangerous drugs (3 counts)

Smith, Roger D; 39
- possession of barbiturates
- sell/distribute methamphetamines
- possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- burglary
- possession of dangerous drugs
- unauthorized use of truck

Stewart, Timothy A; 20
- minor in possession of tobacco
- possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- possession of marijuana

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

July 16
- domestic violence – 3rd degree

July 20
- leaving the scene of an accident; Cherokee Ave. S.W; damage to 2019 Volkswagen
- forgery – 3rd degree
- theft of property – 2nd degree; Dale Ave. N.W; medications, misc.
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; Pine Hill Dr. N.W.

July 21
- domestic violence – Main Ave. S.W.
- counterfeit $20's; State of Alabama; Cherokee Ave. S.W.
- duty upon striking an unattended vehicle; Town Square S.W; damage to 2017 Lincoln; $250
- theft of property – 4th degree; Walmart; Olive St. S.W; general merchandise; $37

ARRESTS

July 20

Williams, Michael A; 54
- FTA – driving without license

Westmoreland, Terena N; 37
- theft of property – 4th degree

July 21

Gann, Evelyn K; 21
- unlawful possession of marijuana – 2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Giles; Gerald G; 63
- FTA – domestic violence – 3rd degree
- FTA – failure to register vehicle
- FTA – insurance violation
- FTA – driving while suspended

Smith, Daniel S; 27
- FTA – theft of property (2 counts)
- FTA – insurance violation

Ward, Linda K; 45
- public intoxication

Williams, Larry A; 34
- FTA – speeding

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

CRIME

CCSO drug roundup

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) made multiple drug-related arrests this week in unrelated incidents across the county.

On July 18, deputies responded to a report of domestic violence in the Johnson's Crossing area.

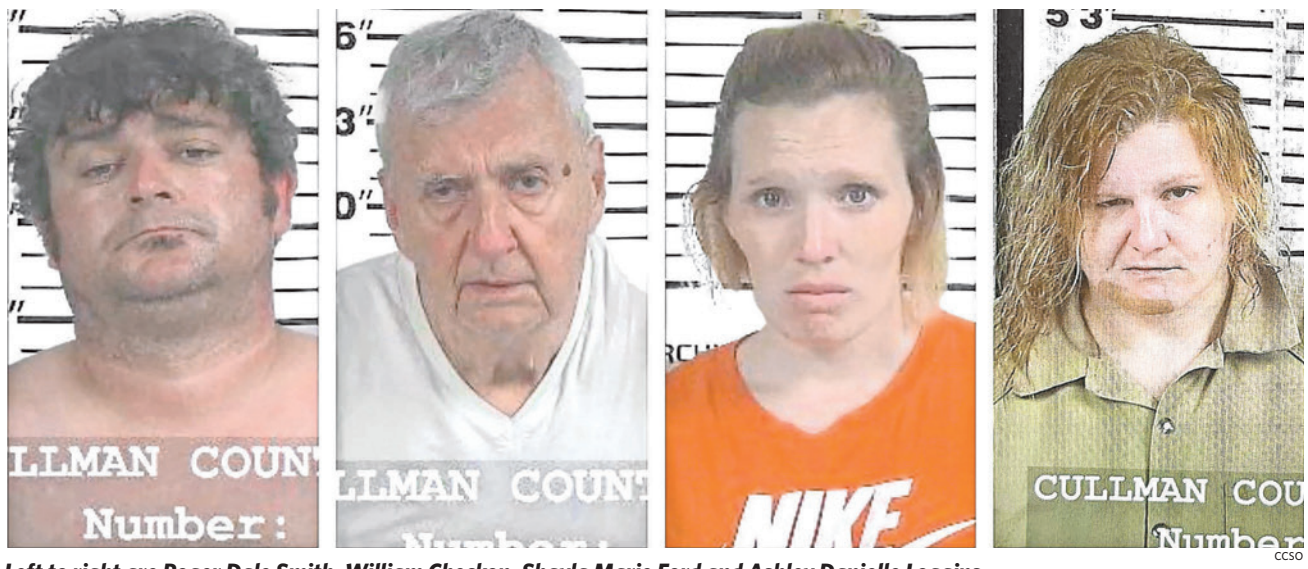
William Checkon, 79, of Hanceville, allegedly left the scene prior to the deputies' arrival. He was located in his vehicle in the Phelan area a short time later.

Checkon was allegedly intoxicated and was non-compliant with the deputies. The CCSO said he became combative during the process, but was arrested.

Checkon was charged with driving under the influence, resisting arrest and assault (of the officers).

Also on July 18, deputies arrested Ashley Danielle Loggins, 35, of Hanceville, on multiple failure to appear warrants, including unlawful possession of methamphetamine (2 counts), and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

On July 19, deputies arrested Shayla Marie Ford, 26, of Cullman, on bond revocation and multiple outstanding warrants for unlawful possession of a controlled substance, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, child abuse and a traffic violation.



CCSO

Left to right are Roger Dale Smith, William Checkon, Shayla Marie Ford and Ashley Danielle Loggins.

On July 20, deputies arrested Roger Dale Smith, 39, of Cullman.

Smith had multiple outstanding warrants stemming from an incident that occurred earlier this month.

He was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance, burglary and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Bouquets (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Florist on Wednesday packed its vans full of more than 400 smiling mugs of vibrant plants, along with staff members eager to spread even more smiles to well-deserving police and fire personnel throughout Cullman.

In its fifth year participating in Teleflora's Make Someone Smile Week, Cullman Florist selected the Cullman Police Department, Cullman County Sheriff's Office and several fire departments as the recipients of this year's surprise bouquets.

Stephanie Cook of Cullman Florist explained, "These men and women should be rewarded more than a plant and a mug, but this is how we can recognize them and let them know that we appreciate all that they do. We hope it will mean a lot to them that we honor what they do every day for our community.

"My dad was a state trooper and a sheriff's deputy, so it means a lot to me personally, because I truly believe that we need to get back to where our police officers are a part of our community."

Cullman Police Chief Kenny Culpepper, with a big smile, was taken aback by the gracious gifts given to him, his officers and the administrative staff at the department, saying, "We are thankful for the recognition and that we were thought of for these flowers."

Last year, Cullman Regional Medical Center was the recipient of the Make Someone Smile Week bouquets, with everyone from housekeeping staff and nursing assistants to nurses and doctors accepting the joyful mugs.

The Teleflora Be Happy Bouquet is expected to be delivered to more than 30,000 individuals this week nationwide.

The company is quick to note that all facets of the floral industry are involved in making the week possible, from growers, wholesalers and flower shops all over the country.

To order a Be Happy Bouquet for someone you love, call Cullman Florist at 256-734-0263 or visit the shop at 119 Fourth St. SE. You can also visit www.cullmanflorist.com.



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Left to right are Cullman Police Sgt. Chuck Shikle, Investigator Max Bartlett, Evidence Tech Michele Turner, Captain Jeff Warnke, Records Manager/Database Administrator Kristyn Pair, Cullman Florist's Stephanie Cook, Lt. Todd Craig, Cullman Florist's Lisa Williams, Cullman Florist's Amy Doss, Chief Kenny Culpepper and Records Clerk Debbie James.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submit your calendar items or public notices to wendy@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) Mondays and Thursdays 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.
• 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 birthdays. 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.
• Sunday, July 24 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults 10 a.m. Adult class by Pam Dodd. 11 a.m. message "DANIEL, A MAN OF FAITH!" by Pastor Bobby Dodd.
• Sunday, July 24 – 8-11 a.m. Bake Sale - All proceeds go to the youth ministries.

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

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.

West Point High School Class of 1967 Reunion
July 23, 4-6 p.m. at the Brandin' Iron Steakhouse in West Point

Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame Banquet
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.

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.

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

Cullman High School Class of 1956 Reunion
The Cullman High School Class of 1956 will be having a class reunion at Brandin' Iron Steakhouse in West Point, July 28 at 11 a.m. Please plan to attend. Call Jerry Smith at 256-734-1797 if you have any questions.

Harry Potter Birthday Party
Friday, July 29 at 10 a.m. at the Cullman County Public Library main branch. Attendees will make their own wands and dragon eggs. All ages are welcome to attend. For the smallest children who may not be able to make the wands, there will be coloring sheets available. Costumes are encouraged.

Cullman Community Theatre "Junie B. Jones the Musical Jr." Auditions
Friday and Saturday, July 29-30 from 9 a.m.-noon at The Little House at Art Park located at 1031 Second St. SW in Cullman. Auditions are open to all kids Cullman County ages 8-15. Those auditioning must be accompanied by a parent and be prepared to sing a song of their choice and read from a script.

Holly Pond Volunteer Fire Department Inaugural Day in the Park
• July 30, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Rain date Aug. 13
• Meet Holly Pond's local volunteer fire department and watch them draft water. This is a great opportunity to try on firemen's gear, see a firetruck work and look at fire engines up close. A smoke trailer will be available for demonstration. There will be bouncy houses. There is something for every age group.
• Sign up for a free smoke detector to be put into your home by professional firemen.
• Weather permitting, there will be appearances by ambulances, the sheriff's office and perhaps even look for a local celebrity. There will be hot dogs and drinks while supplies last.
• A special thanks to Temple Baptist Church, Pepsi Corporation and the Town of Holly Pond for their assistance.

Free Quilt Show at Flat Rock Church
Sunday, July 31, 2022, from 2-4 p.m. Bertha Mae Waldrep is 92 years old and has been sewing since the age of 5. She will have several quilts displayed in the church. If anyone would like to bring a quilt to display, we would love that! We would like to pin a note card with information about the quilts and the owner's name. We would love for you to join us in seeing the beautiful display of quilts! For more information, contact Teresa Mauldin at 256-347-2173 or Jayne Waldrep at 256-339-1713. The address to the church is 1670 County Road 933, Crane Hill, AL 35053.

Freedom Fest
Vinemont Schools will host their annual back-to-school event, the second annual Freedom Fest, on school grounds Friday, Aug. 5 from 5-8 p.m. The free event will include food, school supplies, inflatables, face painting, games, live music and a car show. Teachers, band members, football players and cheerleaders will also be on hand to meet and mingle with students, their families and community members.

Rock the South
Aug. 5-6 at 1872 County Road 469, Cullman. Headliners include Morgan Wallen and Alabama. Get more information and purchase tickets at www.rockthesouth.com.

White City Jr. High School Reunion
Saturday, Aug. 6. It has been moved to the first Saturday in August from now on. Meet at the Johnson's Crossing Fire Dept. at the site of the old school (1542 County Road 617, Hanceville) any time after 9 a.m. We will furnish ice, tea, plates, cups, cutlery, etc. This reunion is for anyone who ever attended the school, not just certain classes. Bring your favorite dish and join us for the fun and fellowship.

86th Annual Sandlin Reunion
• First Sandlin Reunion after two years will be back at the Cold Springs Community Center (8821 County Road 109 in Bremen) 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.

Swamp John's Dinner
Tuesday, Aug. 9, 4-7 p.m. at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, 615 Main Ave. SW, Cullman, eat in or carry out

Oktoberfest German Dinner at Sacred Heart
The annual Oktoberfest German Dinner will be held at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church's Family Life Center on Wednesday, Sept. 28, from 4-7 p.m. Sponsored by the women's Altar Society, the event this year is drive-thru only -follow signs at church. The meal consists of bratwurst and German-style kraut, (meat by Brickyard Meats), German potato salad, green beans, applesauce, bread and dessert for $15. There are NO children's meals this year. All proceeds raised go toward the sponsoring Altar Society's church upkeep projects. Everyone welcome to enjoy this yearly meal celebrating our German heritage!

Harvest to Home Dinner & Silent Auction
Sept. 29 at 5:30 p.m. This will be a locally-sourced dinner starting with a menu curated by Chef Nichols, department chair of the Wallace State Culinary Arts Program. This is the North Alabama Agriplex's largest yearly fundraising effort. More details coming soon.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Friday, July 22, 2022 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: 30.2%
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 387,822
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2021): 538,459
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2022): 481,484 (increase of 5,809)
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,189
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2021): 9,558
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2022) 3,122 (increase of 33)
• Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.: 13%
• 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): 9,204 (increase of 101)
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 128
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 188
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2022): 55 (increase of 1)
• Total tested in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 1,179
• Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 153
• Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 37,539
• Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 11,324

Vaccine details (updated Tuesday and Thursday)
• Doses delivered to Alabama: 9,978,495
• Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 5,053,265
• Doses administered: 6,225,513 (increase of 8,195)
• Additional doses administered: 909,626 (increase of 1,748)
• Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,895,411 (increase of 1,410)
• Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 2,394,338 (increase of 1,145)
• Doses delivered to federal programs: 4,925,230

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

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'I hope to bring energy and positivity': Maci Brown settling in with new team at Cold Springs

Sammy Confer
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BREMEN, Ala. — Moving to a new school can be a difficult challenge for anyone but for junior Maci Brown, who moved from Cullman to Cold Springs back in February, has already started getting comfortable with her new teammates this summer. Maci will always remember the great times she had at Cullman and is looking forward to making even more memories at Cold Springs. Her teammates are happy to have her on the team and know she'll bring a lot to this Lady Eagles squad.

"Everyone here has been very supportive and has accepted me as if I had always been here. Having lots of family in the Cold Springs area has also helped," Brown said.

"My teammates seemed to be excited to have me. It helps that I was friends with most of them already. I hope to bring energy and positivity to the team. Those two things alone can change any team. I will be handling the ball as well as shooting. I also try to find the open player. I personally love playing defense. I feel like defense has become a thing of the past, but I love it."

Maci learned a lot during her time with the Lady Bearcats and thanked all the coaches there that helped her develop as a player and a person along the way.

"At Cullman, I grew and learned as not only a player, but as a person, all thanks to a great coaching staff," Brown said.

"Every coach pushed each of us to be the best player we could be. Coach (Josh) Hembree pushed me beyond my expectations for myself and always encouraged me to be a better player. Coach Hartline, Coach Shelton, Coach Moss, and Coach Hayes were also big encouragers on both sides of the ball. They have all made me the player I am today."

Maci hasn't been playing for Coach Tammy West for very long, but she's already been able to learn a lot from her new Head Coach

"It has been a great summer for us as a team. Coach West has been patient with me while I am learning how to read and work with my new team and learn how she runs things," Brown said. "She and the whole team have been very encouraging, and she has high expectations. She has made summer play dates and practices fun and enjoyable. She pushes us to work hard and put in work on our own time so we can reach our potential."

Maci has very high expectations for herself and her new team this season.

"We expect to be another one of Coach West's successful teams. As each of us continue to put in work, we hope it will pay off during the season. Every game and practice is preparing us for the postseason. We all expect to make it to Birmingham, which is very doable."



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Cold Springs' Maci Brown

Alabama Pitcher Connor Prielipp selected by Minnesota Twins in 2nd round of 2022 MLB Draft

Alex Thompson
UA Athletics

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – Alabama pitcher Connor Prielipp was selected in the second round of the 2022 MLB First-Year Player Draft, going 48th overall to the Minnesota Twins.

Prielipp is the third-highest pitcher drafted in Crimson Tide history by pick selection, behind only Taylor Tankersley (27th overall) and Bobby Sprowl (39th overall). He is also the sixth-highest selection by pick number in Crimson Tide history.

Connor Prielipp (2nd Round | 48th Overall | Minnesota Twins)

Pitcher, Junior

- The sixth-highest player and third-highest pitcher taken in Alabama baseball history
- Has appeared in seven games – all starts – and owns a 4-1 record across two active seasons at the Capstone
- Holds a 0.96 ERA (3 ER/28.0 IP) with 47 strikeouts compared to seven walks while limiting opposing hitters to a .138 average
- Did not allow a run in his first 26.2 innings of college baseball spanning the 2020 and 2021 campaigns
- Finished his first season at UA with a perfect 0.00 ERA (21.0 IP) and a 3-0 record in four starts
- Struck out 35 compared to six walks and held opposing hitters to an SEC-low .077 average in 2020
- Earned National Freshman Player of the Year accolades from Collegiate Baseball News following the pandemic-shortened campaign
- Also garnered first team All-America and Freshman All-America recognition from CBN
- Became Alabama's 16th first team All-American in program history
- Selected as the "Impact Freshman of the Year" by Perfect Game USA and named D1Baseball.com's "Top Freshman Pitcher" following his rookie stint
- Returned for his sophomore season but was limited due to injuries

Alabama in the MLB Draft

- With Prielipp's selection, the Crimson Tide's all-time draft pick total moved to 161 (151 players) since the event's inception in 1966
- Alabama has had at least one player drafted for 44 consecutive years dating back to 1979
- The Tide has had one-or-more players selected in 51 of the 57 MLB Drafts overall
- Prielipp becomes the 17th player taken in the MLB Draft during the Brad Bohannon era
- UA has seen 56 players selected in the last 12 years
- A total of 91 players have been taken out of The University of Alabama in the last 22 drafts dating back to 2000

The 2022 MLB First-Year Player Draft began on Sunday, July 17 and will continue through Tuesday, July 19.

The three-day event will be featured on MLB.com. Fans can also following along with each pick at the site.

All players have remaining eligibility and are able to return to the University to continue their careers at Alabama if they elect to not sign a professional contract.

Get all the latest information on the team by following AlabamaBSB on Twitter and Instagram and on Facebook at Alabama Baseball. General athletic news can be found at UA_Athletics on Twitter and Instagram and AlabamaAthletics on Facebook.



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Alabama's Connor Prielipp



Guide to Alabama's venomous snakes

Cole Sikes
Alabama Cooperative Extension System

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. — Summertime is in full throttle, and outdoor enthusiasts are being extra cautious because of snakes. Most native Alabama snake species are not venomous. However, there are several toxic species that you need to be able to identify.

Venomous snakes in Alabama

According to the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR), Alabama is home to six venomous snake species. A bite from any of them is considered a medical emergency, and a victim must immediately seek treatment.

"Although snakebites are a serious issue around the world, only about five people die each year in the United States after an encounter with a venomous snake," said Wesley Anderson, an Alabama Cooperative Extension System forestry, wildlife and natural resources specialist.

Snake identification

Most of the state's 44 snake species are harmless. The most important tool to safety is the skill to identify the snakes in your area.

"Always use multiple characteristics whenever identifying a snake," Anderson said. "Nonvenomous snakes will often act in ways that mimic venomous snakes."

For example, many harmless snakes will flatten their heads. Just because a snake has a triangular head, doesn't mean its venomous.

Also, many nonvenomous snakes–along with copperheads and cottonmouths–will shake their tails when frightened.

In this case, if you are solely using sound as a factor, this faux movement could lead you to believe you're in the presence of a rattlesnake.

There are also existing color variations and mutations among snake species. So, always use multiple defining characteristics to be more confident in your decision.

To brush up on your venomous snake identification skills, review the list below.

Copperhead

Copperheads are the most common venomous snake throughout Alabama and the primary culprit of reported snakebites.

Like cottonmouths and rattlesnakes, they are vipers. More specifically, they are pit vipers and use their heat-sensing pits on their head to see under low-light situations.

Their name is derived from the copper color of their heads. They aren't large snakes, with most measuring 2 to 3 feet long.

Aside from the copper head, another characteristic to look for are their unique bands. The dark bands have smooth lines along the edges.

From the side, they're compared to a Hershey's Kiss candy. From the top, they look like an hourglass. Young copperheads will also have chartreuse-colored tails.

Cottonmouth

Cottonmouths are a more aquatic relative to the copperhead. The terms cottonmouth and water moccasin for this species are synonymous. They are common but tend to be found less frequently than copperheads since they are primarily near water sources.

Cottonmouths are named for their behavior to gape and expose their light, white mouth lining as a warning when threatened.

Adults tend to be larger than their copperhead cousins.

An average adult measures between 2 and 4 feet. They have a similar banded pattern; however, the edges of the bands tend to have a ragged or pixelated appearance. This pattern is often lost or obscured as they get older.

This banding cannot be relied upon as the sole identifying characteristic. Cottonmouths also have a dark mask that extends from the back of the jaw to the eye. Also, like copperheads, the young will have a chartreuse tail.

"Cottonmouths are frequently confused with water snakes," Anderson said. "One good way to tell them apart is by looking at the mouth. Water snakes have dark vertical bars on their lip scales; cottonmouths do not.

"Cottonmouths also have blocky heads with a sharp angle from the top of the head to the front of the face, preventing someone from seeing their eyes if looking at them from above."

Pygmy rattlesnake

Pygmy rattlesnakes are Alabama's smallest species of rattlesnake. Adults only grow one to one-and-a-half feet long. This species is also known as ground rattlers. They do have a rattle; however, it is so small that it often sounds more like a buzzing insect than a rattlesnake. Identifiers of pygmy rattlesnakes are blotches on both their back and sides and a potential reddish-brown stripe down the spine.

Timber rattlesnake

Timber rattlesnakes are medium-to-large rattlesnakes found throughout much of the state. Average adults measure 3 to 5 feet in length. They can measure up to 6 feet, but that is exceedingly rare.

Their solid black tail is a diagnostic characteristic for this species.

Another characteristic to look for are the chevron markings extending down the middle of their back. Base color varies from light gray to brown. A rusty colored dorsal stripe is sometimes present.

Eastern diamondback rattlesnake

The Eastern diamondback rattlesnake is Alabama's largest species of venomous snake. Adults average 4 to 6 feet long but can reach nearly 8 feet in length.

They are easily identified by the diamond pattern on their back that runs the length of their body. The diamondback and timber rattlesnake can both be found in the southern part of the state, but diamondbacks tend to be in drier, more upland areas – especially longleaf pine forests.



RHONDA WELDON

Copperhead



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Cottonmouth



ERIC SOEHREN

Pygmy rattlesnake



CHRIS FUNK

Timber rattlesnake



ERIC SOEHREN

Eastern diamondback rattlesnake



ROGER BIRKHEAD

Eastern coral snake

Eastern coral snake

In Alabama, Eastern coral snakes are the only snake in the elapid family. This is a group of snakes that include cobras and mambas. Their tricolored (i.e., red, yellow and black) pattern makes them easy to distinguish.

However, there are two nonvenomous snakes – the scarlet snake and scarlet kingsnake – that mimic this species.

For the Eastern coral snake, the red bands touch yellow bands. For the coral snakes' counterparts, red bands touch black bands. Many people have heard the rhyme to differentiate the two, but Anderson no longer encourages teaching it.

"There are a couple reasons for the change in the coral snake rhyme," Anderson said.

"There have been documented cases of people misremembering the rhyme and being bitten by coral snakes. The other reason is that abnormal coral snakes exist that might, for example, have dark, bordering on black, red bands."

Coral snakes have a short, blunt head that starts with a black band. The other species will have longer heads starting with a red band.

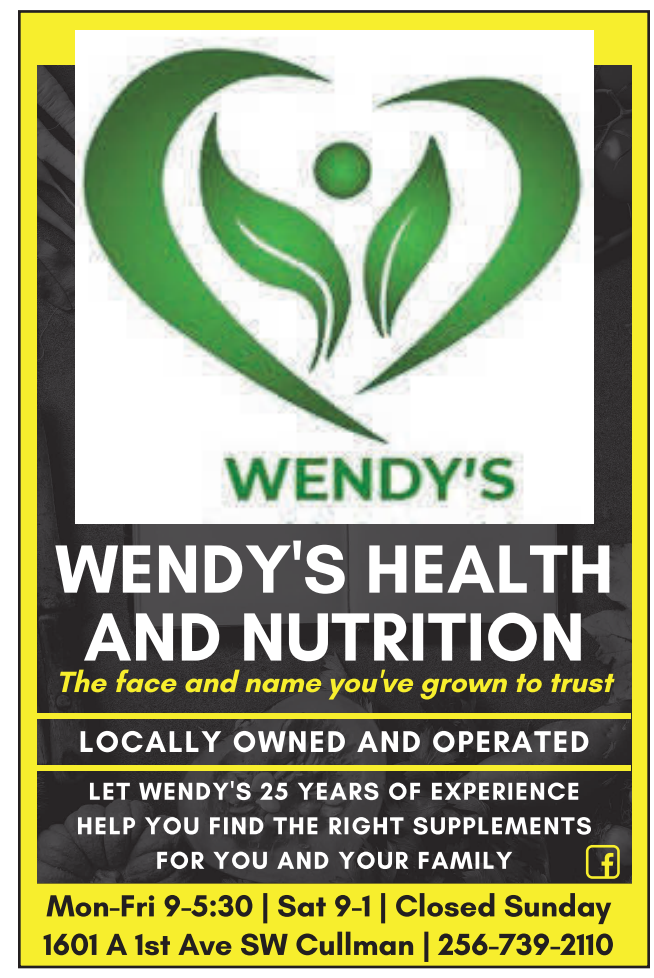
If there is any doubt, do not handle any tricolor snake. The Eastern coral snake averages 20 to 30 inches in length but can reach nearly 4 feet.

They also possess a potent neurotoxic venom that can result in paralysis and asphyxiation.

It is a myth that coral snakes need to chew to inject venom. Remember, they are cousins to cobras.

More information

Remember, it is vital that any venomous snake bite be considered a medical emergency. For the scoop on serpents in Alabama, contact your local Extension agent or specialist to learn about which species are in your area. Also, visit the Alabama Extension website at www.aces.edu to learn more about Alabama's snake species.







Library celebrating Harry Potter's birthday July 29

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Public Library main branch will host its annual Harry Potter Birthday Party Friday, July 29, at 10 a.m. for all book lovers. The party was first held in 2019 and not held again until 2021 due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Assistant Director Josie Harrington said, "During the pandemic we did a Harry Potter birthday parade in which we paraded around this block.

"We were dressed in costumes and had little goodie bags with coloring sheets and little wands.

"This year, now that the pandemic has wound down and because it has been so insanely hot, we are going to do it inside.

"Our plan is to have activities where people can make their own wands and also do a little craft where they can make their own dragon egg."

All ages are welcome to attend.

For the smallest children who may not be able to make the wands, there will be coloring sheets available.

Harrington said people usually come dressed in costume, so many attendees are likely to show up dressed in their Hogwarts robes.

The Harry Potter book series has been influential worldwide since the first book's initial release in 1997, so the library plans to honor the series that has helped many children develop a love of reading.

"They are such popular books," Harrington said. "Pretty much everyone at least knows of Harry Potter if they haven't read it."

Harrington said she is excited to see a big crowd and invited everyone to come out and join her staff in the wizarding world for the day.

She said she hopes to have even more themed parties and learning/ social experiences for children next year.

"We're looking at, in the future, maybe having a more standardized set of programs. We do have the same events annually, so in the future we may have more," she said.

The community is also invited to the Cullman Library's big book sale Saturday, Aug. 13. All books for sale will be 50 cents.

Attack (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — A police officer was injured, and a Hanceville woman arrested after her dog attacked the officer.

Officers with the Hanceville Police Department responded to a call about a vicious dog near the 500 block of County Road 540 Wednesday evening around 7.

According to HPD Assistant Police Chief Adam Hadder, the complainants reported a neighbor's pit bull attacked their dog, severely injuring it, and also attempted to attack them.

"While on scene, officers did find an injured dog at the residence," Hadder said. "Officers began an investigation by attempting to locate the vicious dog and identify the owner. They went to a nearby residence where they observed Shannon Michelle Cooper with a white pit bull on a leash."

Hadder said officers attempted to speak with Cooper and the dog was freed from the leash and immediately attacked one of the officers on scene.

"As the dog bit the officer several times in the lower leg, the officer drew his weapon and discharged one round, killing the dog," Hadder said. "The officer was transported to Cullman Regional Medical Center where he was treated for several bites and puncture wounds and was kept overnight for observation."

Hadder said Cooper had no proof of a rabies vaccination for the dog.

"Its remains were taken to a local veterinarian office where it will be tested for rabies," Hadder said.

Cooper was charged with allowing a vicious dog to run at large, non-control of a dangerous dog, reckless endangerment and third-degree assault.

She was booked into the Hanceville City Jail that evening pending bond.

Hadder said no person or officer ever wants to have to put down an animal, but in this case, he said, the officer's life was threatened, and the need was imminent.

"Emily's Law went into effect in Alabama in 2018 after a dog attack on a 24-year-old woman," Hadder said. "This new law provides a way to humanely euthanize a dangerous dog that has killed or seriously injured someone, provided the dog kills or injures without justification."

The Hanceville Police Department released video of the attack, posting it on its Facebook page.



HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
Shannon Michelle Cooper

Cullman Regional (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Regional's continuous improvement initiatives have earned attention and awards from national institutions such as U.S. News & World Report and the American Heart Association. The hospital recently earned recognitions as well as multiple performance and compliance rankings well above national and state benchmarks, according to a media release.

"To perform this well in multiple healthcare disciplines requires tremendous teamwork and clear sight to the overall goal of high-quality care," said Cullman Regional CEO James Clements.

"We want the communities we serve to know about the work being done here, and to feel confident in their local hospital."

The hospital's awards and rankings indicate its ability to effectively implement quality improvement initiatives, which are frequently prescribed courses of action by regulating agencies.

While the initiatives are typically complex and require a well-coordinated and multi-disciplinary approach, the results are well worth the effort.

One example of a successful coordinated effort is the hospital's sepsis initiative. Based on calculations previously used by the Hospital Improvement Innovation Network to track hospital sepsis management, Cullman Regional's implementation of sepsis protocols since 2017 has resulted in an estimated 194 lives saved.

"The mentality here is a consistent and constant drive to improve," said Cullman Regional Chief Medical Officer William E. Smith.

"It's an approach to our work shared by employees, medical staff and leadership."

A complete list of the hospital's recent rankings and awards:

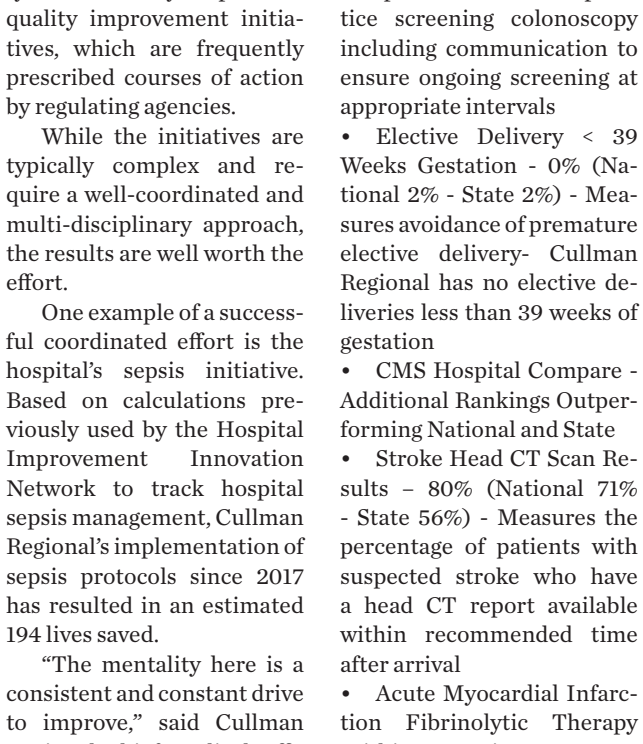
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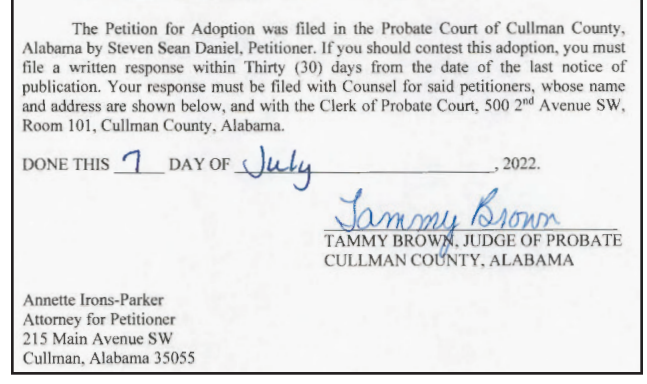
- 2022 U.S. News & World Report "Best Hospitals" American College of Cardiology NCDR Participant
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RANKINGS

- CMS Hospital Compare - Top 10% Performance
- Sepsis Early Management Bundle - 99% (National 57% - State 55%) - Measures compliance with evidence-based management of sepsis and correlates with lives saved
- Outpatient Colonoscopy Screening – 100% (National 90% - State 85%) - Measures compliance with best practice screening colonoscopy including communication to ensure ongoing screening at appropriate intervals
- Elective Delivery < 39 Weeks Gestation - 0% (National 2% - State 2%) - Measures avoidance of premature elective delivery- Cullman Regional has no elective deliveries less than 39 weeks of gestation
- CMS Hospital Compare - Additional Rankings Outperforming National and State
- Stroke Head CT Scan Results – 80% (National 71% - State 56%) - Measures the percentage of patients with suspected stroke who have a head CT report available within recommended time after arrival
- Acute Myocardial Infarction Fibrinolytic Therapy Within 30 minutes - 91% (National 53% -State 60%) - Measures the immediate treatment of heart attack patients- specifically, administering clot buster medication within 30 minutes of arrival
- Acute Myocardial Infarction Median Time to Transfer for Intervention – 49 minutes (National 61 minutes– State 71 minutes) - Measures the time from arrival in the ED with a heart attack to the time transferred out for angioplasty or stent placement
- Median Time from ED arrival to departure – 136 minutes (National 155 minutes – State 144 minutes) - Measures the time a patient spends in the emergency department

Cullman Regional contributed to this article.





Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicle, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title

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This vehicle will be sold on August 26, 2022, at 8:00 a.m., unless all towing, storage and repair fees are paid before sale date. The sale will take place at Ponder's Wrecker Service, 2600 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman, Alabama 35058.

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF STEVEN SEAN DANIEL FOR THE ADOPTION OF — CASE NO AD 2022-052

B.K.E. A MINOR.
D.O.B. 04/11/2013

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: KNOWN OR UNKNOWN FATHER OF A MINOR CHILD B.K.E., BORN TO ASHLEY CHRISTINE EMMERT DANIEL

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

DONE THIS 7 DAY OF July, 2022.

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

Annette Irons-Parker
Attorney for Petitioner
215 Main Avenue SW
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
Lorene Harris Sanford, — **CASE NO.: PC-2022-220**
DECEASED.

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: RONY STEPHENS, TOBY STEPHENS, TINA STEPHENS CHAMBERS AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Please take notice that a hearing on the Petition for Probate of Will of Lorene Harris Sanford, deceased, filed by Walton L. Sanford is set for hearing on the **25th day of August 2022 at 9:30 a.m.** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

Done this the 20th day of July, 2022.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Beverly Paschal Poston
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Cullman, Alabama 35055

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF STEVEN SEAN DANIEL FOR THE ADOPTION OF — CASE NO AD 2022-053

B.T.E. A MINOR.
D.O.B. 10-28-2014

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
DAVID L. BURGIN, — CASE NO PC 2021-122
Deceased.

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

TO: BLAKE BURGIN
CHELSI WALDRON
VIC MALONIE
ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Please take notice that a hearing on the *Petition of Personal Representative for Final Settlement* and *Petition of Personal Representative for Final Discharge* filed by Bruce Burgin, Personal Representative of the Estate of David L. Burgin, deceased, by and through Attorney, Pamela E. Nail, is set for hearing on the **30th day of August, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

Done this the 8th day of July, 20___.

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

Pamela E. Nail
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
LINDA HUDSON, — CASE NO.: PC2022-159
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to LESLIE HUDSON, as Personal Representative of the Estate of LINDA HUDSON, deceased, on the 8th day of July, 2022 by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Leslie Hudson
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three (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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Outdoor Alabama Photo Contest opens Aug. 2

Ala. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The 2023 Outdoor Alabama Photo Contest will begin accepting entries Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2022. This year's contest is a joint project between the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) and the Alabama Tourism Department. The deadline to enter is Oct. 31, 2022.

The 2023 photo contest will focus on traditional photography techniques and the use of handheld cameras.

No cell phone, smartphone, game camera or drone photography will be chosen as winning photos for nine of the 10 categories.

Smartphone and tablet photos will be accepted in the Young Photographers category.

The photo contest is open to state residents and visitors alike, but qualifying photos must have been taken in Alabama in the past two years. Any amateur photographer not employed by ADCNR is encouraged to enter.

A total of eight photos per person may be entered in the following categories.

You may enter all eight in one category or among several categories.

2023 Outdoor Alabama Photo Contest Categories

- Alabama State Parks
- Birds
- Bugs and Butterflies
- Cold-blooded Critters
- Nature-Based Recreation
- Scenic
- Shoots and Roots
- Sweet Home Alabama
- Wildlife
- Young Photographers (ages 17 and younger)

First, second, third and one honorable mention will be awarded in each category. Winning images will be featured online and in a traveling exhibit at various venues across the state during 2023.

Art teachers are encouraged to incorporate participation in the Young Photographers category into their art instruction this fall.

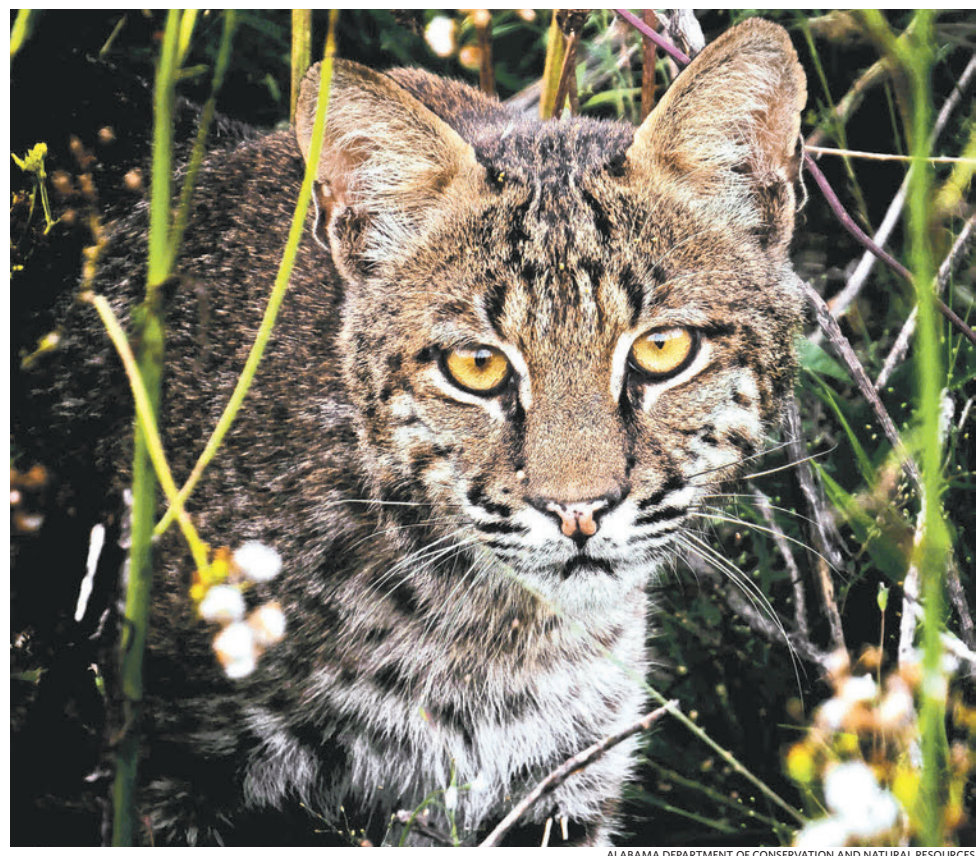
An exhibit of the 2022 winning photos is currently on display at the Downtown Huntsville Public Library until July 31, 2022.

It then moves to the South Huntsville Public Library until Aug. 31.

To view the complete exhibit schedule, visit www.outdooralabama.com/photo-exhibit.

For complete 2023 category descriptions and contest rules, visit www.outdooralabama.com/photocontest.

ADCNR promotes wise stewardship, management and enjoyment of Alabama's natural resources through four divisions: Marine Resources, State Lands, State Parks and Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries.



ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Elijah Lamb took first place in the Wildlife Category of the 2022 Outdoor Alabama Photo Contest with this image of a bobcat in the Tuskegee National Forest.

4 local UA students participate in summer 2022 Cooperative Education Program

Stephanie Pettis
Contributor

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — This summer, 165 University of Alabama students are receiving hands-on, innovative and advanced educational experiences with dozens of companies and organizations across the United States through UA's Cooperative Education Program.

In the Cooperative Education Program, students alternate periods of full-time study with periods of full-time employment. This program offers work related to the academic major or career interests of each student.

While in school, students carry regular course schedules. While on co-op, they work with professionals in their fields who supervise their training and work. At work, co-op students earn competitive salaries and may receive benefit packages in addition to valuable job experience. Participants maintain their full-time student status while at work and have priority registration status each semester through graduation.

Local students include:

- Jonathan Blanks of Arab
- Emily Dyer of Vinemont
- James Garner of Falkville
- Aubrey Guess of Vinemont

The University of Alabama, part of The University of Alabama System, is the state's flagship university. UA shapes a better world through its teaching, research and service.

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Frios (from Front)

currently sell about 40 different flavors that change seasonally.

Frios is a Mobile, Alabama-based frozen dessert franchise specializing in hand-poured gourmet pops made with real fruit and ingredients sourced from Alabama. The franchise has nearly 50 brick-and-mortar and mobile franchise units across the country. Frios calls its franchisees Happiness Hustlers, and its slogan is "Happiness on a stick."

The Kieffers are committed to their roles as Happiness Hustlers and spreading positivity to their neighbors and customers.

"People like to get away. You can look around; we don't have a clock in here, no TV," said Jay Kieffer.

The intentional lack of distractions in their shop allows families to focus on each other.

The next charitable event the Kieffers will have at Frios will be Friday, Aug. 26, National (Cherry) Popsicle Day, on which $1 from every pop will go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Frios Gourmet Pops is open Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m. Find out more, including a list of flavors, at www.facebook.com/frioscullman.

Movie (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman area golden agers, with fresh popcorn in hand, chattered with anticipation before viewing "Big Fish" at Daystar Church Thursday. All seniors were invited, and the event was attended by senior centers throughout the county. Residents from assisted living facilities were also in attendance.

The big screen, venue and popcorn were donated by Daystar, and Pepsi Cola provided drinks.

Said Daystar Cullman Campus Pastor Ory Hampton to the seniors, "I just want to say that, on behalf of me, on behalf of our staff and all of Daystar Church, thank you. You are truly special to us. I want to thank you for making the Cullman area so great. We honor you. We appreciate you and we're excited to get to know you. You're important."

Cullman County Commission on Aging (COA) Director Stephanie Lawson shared from the stage, "We are so very thankful for Ory and Daystar for allowing us to come. Not only did he say, 'You can come and enjoy our beautiful facility' but he also said, 'We'll even pop your popcorn!" We also want to thank Pepsi. They provided our donated drinks today."

Already looking toward the future, COA and Lawson are gearing up for their second movie day for seniors.

"Before we get started, I wanted to let you know that our next movie day we're hoping to host will be around Christmas. If you have a Christmas movie suggestion, we want to hear it. Tell one of the Commission on Aging staff know your favorite Christmas movie on your way out or tell your senior center manager later after you think about it."

While many of the attendees were subdued while awaiting the beginning of the movie, others showed the sassiness reminiscent of their teenaged years at the theater, musing, "When's the movie going to start already?" as they chomped their popcorn with a playful glimmer in their eyes.

Holly Pond (from Front)

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — The Holly Pond Volunteer Fire Department and the Town of Holly Pond will host the inaugural Day in the Park at Governors Park Saturday, July 30, from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Fire Chief Mike Harrison explained, "The idea for the Day in the Park came from one of our members.

"It was a way for our community to meet our members and see some of the things that we do as well as see our equipment. Our town jumped on board and is co-sponsoring the event."

Guests can see equipment up close, get to know their local first responders and more.

"We will have a few of our fire trucks on display. We plan to have demonstrations on truck operations. We plan to let children, or even adults, be able to spray water from fire nozzles," said Harrison. "We will have our firefighting gear available for the community to put their hands on and try it on if they would like to. We will also have a smoke trailer on hand that will demonstrate how quickly a house can fill with smoke, as well as discuss fire safety issues during the demonstration."

Firefighters will be available to answer any questions people have during demonstrations. There will also have a tent for residents to have their blood pressure checked. Residents can also sign up for free smoke detectors with professional installation.

Harrison said they plan to have weather radios on hand for community members to enter a raffle for a chance to win. Members of the Cullman County Sheriff's Office and Cullman EMS are also scheduled to attend.

Temple Baptist church is furnishing a bouncy house, and members will be cooking hotdogs. Pepsi will provide drinks. The event will also provide a chance for interested community members to join the fire department.

"This is our first event of this magnitude, and we hope to make this an annual community event," said Harrison.

Waiting (from Front)

hours spent in line waiting their turn for assistance from one of the only two full-time staff members.

While the employees perform their duties professionally and as efficiently as possible, it is clear they need help.

On Thursday, local officials representing concerned citizens of Cullman introduced Alabama Law Enforcement Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) Driver License Division representatives to the melee and tedium that is the basement waiting room. Cullman County Commissioners Kerry Watson and Garry Marchman and Alabama Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, gave ALEA officials a tour after an arduous many months of work to get them there.

As they say, seeing is believing.

Watson said, "We're trying to get the office improved for the people of Cullman County.

"The commission is working hard with Senator Gudger, and I do believe we presented a good case to ALEA for our need."

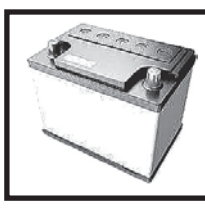
Gudger has been working diligently for months at the state level, petitioning for much needed assistance in Cullman in the driver license office, and, with the help of Alabama Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview, hosted the officials with concerned Cullman resident Kitty Warren by his side.

Gudger was optimistic about the information provided to the state driver license officials and said he feels the presentation was well received.

"Giving the guys the information about Cullman being in the top five fasted growing counties in the state was beneficial," he said. "They were able to pull up our census and see that the city population has grown by almost 25% and the county has grown by almost 10% since our last census data.

"Our local driver license office, with only two full-time employees, doesn't have the capacity to serve our growing population, and I think they saw that. I am pleased with how the meeting went and am very hopeful for the outcome."

While no firm decisions have been made by ALEA, an announcement is expected in the coming months, and, by all accounts, local officials are expecting a positive result.



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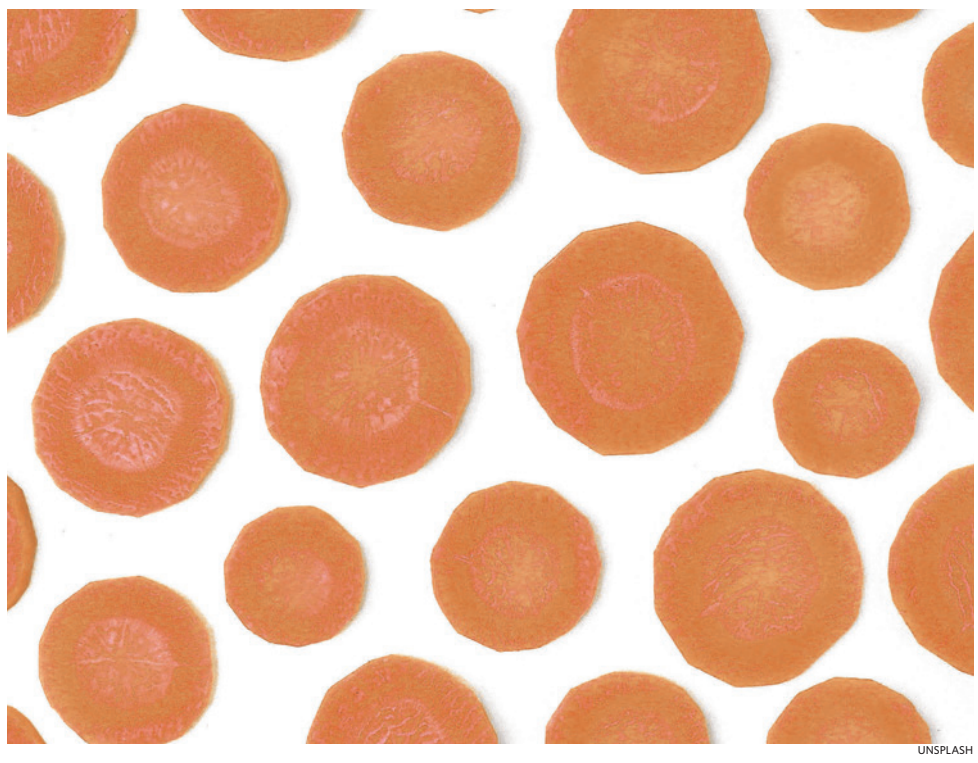
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52 ODES TO JOY: S.U.N.S. GIVING

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"If you have no charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble."
—**Bob Hope**



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HILARITY FOR CHARITY is a perfect example of S.U.N.S. (Smile-Making, Uniting, Neighboring, Spellbinding) GIVING. Now known as, www.WeAreHFC.org, Hilarity for Charity is the brainchild of 21st century comedy legend, Seth Rogen and his wife, Lauren Miller Rogen.

Straight from its website: "HFC is a national non-profit on a mission to care for families impacted by Alzheimer's disease, activate the next generation of Alzheimer's advocates, and be a leader in brain health research and education."

In just a very few years, www.WeAreHFC.org has raised more than $17 million for Alzheimer's initiatives. The impetus? Like most great causes, it was personal. Lauren Miller Rogen's mom had Alzheimer's and the couple was struggling with how to help her and their family cope with the inherent challenges.

HILARITY FOR CHARITY (hence, the HFC) was the original, innovative, off-the-wall concept for Alzheimer's fundraising because Seth Rogen is a comedy writer, film producer and actor. Many of Seth and Lauren's friends are from that SMILE-MAKING cluster of the entertainment industry.

Back to the WeAreHFC.org website: "Let's face it—bringing up Alzheimer's doesn't usually make you the life of the party. Most people don't want to think about dementia until they have to. But, here's the deal: if we can get people talking about Alz early on, and change their behavior, we can actually prevent up to 40% of cases!"

S.U.N.S. GIVING applies the four basic elements of "The S.U.N.S. (Smile-Making, Uniting, Neighboring, Spellbinding) Joyous Aging System" to philanthropy. Unlike traditional charitable giving appeals that predictably feature photos of people in sad situations and marketing copy requesting a handout, S.U.N.S. GIVING is about the joy of being generous and having a bit of fun through whatever crapola life brings one's way.

S.U.N.S GIVING/SMILE-MAKING—The heroes and heroines of philanthropy in earlier times were often presented as solemn-faced, relentlessly grim drones. Yet many of everyone's favorite "do-gooder" times are joyous and punctuated with laughter—the high school marching band car washes; "pie judging" at the county fair for the Lions Club support of the blind; the Empty Bowls events across the U.S. that support food banks and are themselves "vessels of happiness" for each hosting community.

LAFF EVRY DAY, the new brand I launched this year as "The Gerontologist of Joy," is donating 100% of its profits to the SMILE-MAKING efforts of the Hollywood-based, dementia "do-gooders," WeAreHFC.org. That's how much I believe in the positivity and philanthropic thrust of S.U.N.S. GIVING and in the Rogen team's optimism and proven results. Every penny of profit from the LAFF EVRY DAY journals and T-shirts and other merch will help Alzheimer's caregiving and research.

S.U.N.S. GIVING is not just for the media elite or the mega millionaires. It provides many opportunities for each of us, regardless of age or other demographics to become a "modern day" philanthropist.

"CEO and Chief Old Person," is what Nancy Lublin chose as her title at the internet-based nonprofit, DoSomething.org. The target audience for the organization is teenagers and the mission is to create an it's-hip-to-help-the-world vibe. Similar to the joyful tone of "Hilarity for Charity," DoSomething.org , one of the largest teen organizations in America, seeks to make "groovy" and "giving"—even "goofy" and "giving" synonymous.

"We believe in teens, and we think they are awesome and have a ton of power that they can use to make the world a better place," said Lublin.

My work in gerontology and as a senior myself is at the other end of the age spectrum but being activists for positive change is how I think of the 50-plus SMILE-MAKING, S.U.N.S. GIVING crowd. This can be true for every age group.

The DoSomething.org exec adds, "There's nothing condescending about us. We don't preach. We don't judge. We have no political agenda whatsoever. We just believe that young people have the creativity and the passion to affect every social issue out there. And, we don't take sides on anything."

S.U.N.S. GIVING/UNITING is about "giving someone a hand—not a handout." We want to help make social change not just offer social services. When you invest in someone else's joy, you can collect some for yourself.

How about you and "micro-lending?" This can be one person giving a loan of say $100 to a small business owner in a developing country which can blur the lines between the "haves and have-nots." What the lender and the loan recipient create is a UNITING partnership, replacing the traditional donor-beneficiary arrangement. This is a loan which comes with an agreement to be repaid—perhaps without interest.

Encore.org, a great example of S.U.N.S. GIVING, has many success stories to share about UNITING intergenerational partners. Mentoring for "life skills" and tutoring academics and talents are about the charitable giving of time.

S.U.N.S. GIVING/NEIGHBORING involves lots of late-blooming community helpers. We in the 50-plus group who are no longer actively parenting and are oftentimes retired from careers have more unclaimed time each week/month to "do good." Sometimes, I feel I have a devil in one ear saying, "Drive to the beach and lift some spirits" and an angel in the other ear saying, "Drive across town and volunteer with a good cause to lift someone's spirit."

Almost 50 years is what it took to finish law school for Wynona Ward, founder of Have Justice—Will Travel. Now, she spends much of her days defending the rights of battered women in Vermont.

I turned 70 this year, but while it may take me a bit longer to travel the courthouse steps, I find I'm just as passionate combating age discrimination—and with a much deeper understanding—than I was at 30 when I was in the first gerontology certificate program at the University of Alabama.

S.U.N.S. GIVING/SPELLBINDING is about finding a passion, or more likely some passion finding you, and then dedicating your unique approach to that concern. Seth Rogen, the co-founder of HILARITY FOR CHARITY, had the "balls out" bravery to perform stand-up comedy which was a good proving ground for his fearless work in charitable giving.

Stand-up comedy is notoriously scary. I sort of mustered the courage to do "stand up" one night and really didn't understand until I "flamed out" how sweat-drenchingly intimidating it would be to perform without a script in front of a lively group of tomato-wielding, comedy-savvy hooligans.

Being so spellbound that you give yourself to a cause isn't for the overly cautious folks who never wander from a script. It's for people breakdancing to their inner "beat box." It's for the "walk through fire" zealots who are going to change the world or at least their little corners of it.

S.U.N.S. GIVING reminds me of some senior wisdom Og Mandino shared with me. Og, born Augustine Mandino II, was the author of "The Best Salesman in the World," which sold 50 million copies, and other top-selling self-improvement books. I had invited him to speak to a group where he motivated with his message that every person on earth is a "miracle" and we should each choose to live with the confidence that life offers abundance for all.

His rapturous audience that day was packed with ambitious, corporate marketing "go-getters," including me. But it was in a relaxed, laugh-filled chat as I chauffeured him on his return to the airport when he gave me a master class in compassionate charity.

Og had thought about becoming a priest and I told him I had been a "do-gooder" with the American Red Cross before my child was born and I had come to believe our family needed more money. Og's lesson: "Remember, son, there is no happiness in having nor in getting—but only in giving."

Particularly, I want to thank comedy great Seth Rogen for making us LAFF EVRY DAY and for the generosity he inspires through WeAreHGC.org. What he, Lauren Miller Rogen and their team are doing is a wonderful example of S.U.N.S. GIVING.

ODES TO GIVING FROM OTHERS

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."—Winston Churchill

"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into the giving."—Mother Theresa

"The heart that gives, gathers."—Marianne Moore

"The happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more."—H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

"No one has ever become poor by giving."—Anne Frank

"Blessed are those who give without remembering and take without forgetting."—Elizabeth Bibesco

"I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver."—Maya Angelou

LAFFS ABOUT CHARITABLE GIVING

I won a million dollars and donated a quarter of it to charity. Now, I have $999,999.75.

Why is the Salvation Army the best-known charity in the world? The others just don't ring a bell.

Why don't oysters donate to charity? Because they're shellfish.

I raised money for charity by dressing up as Cruella De Ville and got 101 donations.

JOY-GIVERS CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

July 23—Allison Krauss

July 24—Jennifer Lopez

July 25—Maxfield Parrish

July 26—Sandra Bullock

July 27—Bugs Bunny

July 28—Soulja Boy (DeAndre Cortez Way)

July 29—Ken Burns

COPPER PENNIES MARINATED CARROTS—MISSOURI

(Source: food.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. Longevity Cookbook" and highlights vitamin B-3 (niacin), which many gerontologists believe holds the promise for a long, healthy, joyful life.

INGREDIENTS

- 2 pounds carrots, sliced like coins
- 1 small, green pepper, thinly sliced
- 1 medium onion, thinly sliced
- 10 ½ ounces tomato soup (undiluted)
- ½ cup salad oil
- 1 cup sugar
- ¾ cup vinegar
- 1 teaspoon mustard, prepared
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Slice and boil carrots in salted water until tender. Rinse in ice water.

2. Alternate layers of carrot, pepper and onion in a bowl.

3. Make marinade of remaining ingredients.

4. Cover and refrigerate overnight.

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

(continued)

665. "Give me love. Give me peace on earth"

666. Giving dimes to fill a March of Dimes donation card from my weekly allowance

667. Friendsgiving

668. "One pint can save three lives. Give blood. Give life."

669. Giving a blessing

670. Giving "Toys for Tots"

671. Giving the perfect dinner party for the "Arty Party" AIDS benefit

672. Giving your permission for a do-gooder event to have fun

673. "Give me just a little more time"

674. Giving a bus ticket to someone who needed to escape to a better life

675. Giving warm socks to homeless people and also warm cookies

676. Giving someone your seat on a crowded subway

677. All we are saying is: "Give peace a chance"

678. Giving a silent salute to a fallen hero in a funeral procession

679. Giving a child a seat on your shoulders to see a parade

680. Giving some hope

681. Giving hugs

682. Giving your all for a fun, charity fundraiser

683. Comedian Danny Thomas, the St. Jude's Children's Hospital gazillion giver

684. Comedian Jerry Lewis, the multiple dystrophy gazillion giver

685. Comedian Seth Rogen, the "Hilarity for Charity," Alzheimer's gazillion giver

686. "All Mine to Give," the Hollywood classic about family, community, loving and giving

HAPPY SUMMERTIME AND S.U.N.S. GIVING!

West Point Warrior Band welcomes 43 rookies

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West Point Warrior Band wind instrument players practice drills under the direction of Thad Walker.

WEST POINT, Ala. — The West Point High School Warrior Band kicked off band camp recently to get ready for the upcoming fall marching season. Auxiliary members have already learned their routines for the halftime show, and the instrumentalists have a couple weeks of band camp to perfect their music.

Band Director Thad Walker said the theme of this year's halftime show is "Crazy Love."

"We have a lot of different love-titled songs in our show," he said.

Walker said he talks with upperclassmen every year to decide on a theme everyone agrees on.

"I've tried to gauge the skill level when we wrote everything out to be pretty close to where we are – of course a little ahead to challenge them so they keep getting better," he said.

"We have a very supportive football crowd, so we have a lot of people here. I want to make sure our community is taken care of as far as they will enjoy the show, but it's also gonna be competitive.

"I want our judges, when we go to our competitions that we go to in October, to enjoy it just as much. I kind of try to bridge the two ideas together and meet somewhere in the middle.

"Sometimes I might show something that the audience might never have heard, but it's part of the experience of getting to educate your audience as well."

The West Point Warrior Band has 95 students, including 43 seventh-grade rookies. Walker said he'll be relying on his older students to help teach the huge group of new band students.

"The student leadership teams this year are really good. All of them marched for several years. They're all really motivated and energetic, too, to be out there with them," he said.

"This is probably one of the most energetic, enthusiastic groups I've ever had, and I am stoked for it. A lot of students now are excited to be coming off of Covid, being stuck somewhere. Here they get to be a part of something and doing something involved and they're just excited to be here. They come in every day – half of them are here 30-45 minutes early."

Walker said the band has grown in skill over his two short years as band director.

"Covid killed everybody as far as skill and time," he said. "It's one of those things – it's a discipline – you have to be on the horn consistently or it's not gonna happen, especially at a younger age without having direct teaching. That's kind of the cool thing with this group. I think most of them have practiced at home, especially this rookie group."

This week the band practiced with wind instruments and percussion. Next week the whole band will take the field to piece together what's been practiced individually.

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Obituary Announcements: July 21-22

Joyce Wyvon Cavender, 81
Joyce Wyvon Cavender, age 81 of Haleyville, Alabama, passed away Thursday, July 21, 2022, at her residence.Joyce was born Oct. 22, 1940, in Hackleburg, Alabama. A visitation will be held on Monday, July 25, 2022, from 2-3 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where the service will be held at 3 p.m. Burial will follow in Winston Memorial Cemetery. Reverend Joseph Desiderio will officiate. Joyce is survived by her son: Kurt Cavender; daughter-in-law: Tammy (Late, Anthony) Cavender; grandchildren: Kody (Jessie) Cavender, Keysha Woodard, Andy (Sara) Cavender, Somer (Kevin) Waldrep; and great grandchildren: Lana Cavender, Nadalie Woodard, Ashlie Woodard, John Cavender, Colton Cavender, Kelton Cavender, James Waldrep, Christian Waldrep, Jessica Waldrep, and Kayla Waldrep.She was preceded in death by her husband: Johnie Mack Cavender; son: Anthony Cavender; father: Hurbert Samual Whitfield; mother: Alene Whitfield; and brothers: Hurbert Gerald Whitfield, Bobby Jo Whitfield.

Kathy Denise Nichols, 70
Kathy Denise Nichols, 70 of Danville, entered into rest on Friday, July 22, 2022, at Summerford Nursing Home. Kathy was born on July 11, 1952, in Cullman, Alabama. Living life to the fullest, she was carefree and loved to dance and sing. Visitation will be held on July 25, 2022, from 2-4 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home – Addison, where a funeral service will be held at 4 p.m. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery. Brother Jeff Gilbreath will officiate. Kathy is survived by her husband: Billy Hampton; sister: Brenda Gilbreath; brother: Roger Smothers; daughters: Amy Tucker and Dixie Muzzo; son: Wesley Hampton; granddaughter: Macey Jo Nichols; grandsons: Shaun and Elijah Tucker; and a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father: Travis Smothers; mother: Jewell Smothers; brothers: Benny Joe and Terry Smothers; sister: Carol Ergle; son-in-law: Duane Tucker; and mother-in-law: Jewell Hampton.

Betty Jo Strickland, 84
Funeral services for Betty Jo Strickland of Hanceville will be 1 p.m. Monday, July 25 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Duck River Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Sunday, July 24 at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Strickland was born Aug. 5, 1937, in Cullman, Alabama to the late Charles and Lillian (Pesnell) Thomason. She died at the age of 84 on July 21, 2022, at Cullman Regional Medical Center in Cullman, Alabama. Mrs. Strickland loved her family with her whole heart. She raised all five of her children by herself, which also shows what a strong lady she was. She enjoyed hanging her Christmas lights every year and was married to the love of her life for 22 years. At the time of her wedding, she and her husband made a commitment to one another to make sure the coming years would be the best she would ever live. She did just that. Survivors include her husband: Larry Strickland; children: Teresa Holmes (Dennis), Terry Williamson, Tina Hulsey (Richard) Tammy Marino (Lou) and Tonya Williamson (Tim Foco); grandchildren: Amanda Jones, Jodi Simpson, Tonya Burney, Nicholas Williamson, Buddy Williamson, Jared Williamson, Nathaniel Hulsey, Laney Hulsey, Terri Lynn Kelley, Katura Marino and Michael Abbott; numerous great grandchildren; 1 great-great grandchild; sisters: Barbara Phillips, Gwendolyn Roden and Lynette Parrish; a brother: Milton Thomason; and a host of many nieces and nephews.

Flora B. Conarty, 96
Funeral service for Flora B. Conarty, 96, of Cullman will be at 1 p.m., Saturday, July 23, 2022, at Center Grove Baptist Church with interment in the adjoining cemetery, Rev. Jason Vinson officiating. The family will receive friends at the church from noon - 1 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Conarty passed away Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at Cullman Regional Hospital. She was born Jan. 24, 1926, to James Shelton and Mary Ora Lee Oden Smith. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband: Orville Conarty; brothers and sisters; infant son: Joseph Mabry. Survivors include her son: Darrell Conarty; daughters: Brenda Ring, Linda (Jim) Floyd; niece/special daughter: Mary Suhr; grandchildren: Liisa (Scott) Rettedal, Kiira Nylund, Jason (Etienne) Ring, Daniel (Nikki) Ring, Emily (Roli) Grigg, Lydia Ring, Nathan Ring; great-grandchildren: Jareth Nylund, Lucian Fang Ring, Julian Fang Ring, Calvin Grigg, Roman Grigg, Lincoln Grigg; two grand cats: Milo & Shelby; and a host of family and friends.

R.B. Waldrop, 97
R.B. Waldrop, age 97 of Lynn, passed away at his residence July 20, 2022. R.B. was born Feb. 9, 1925, in Winston County, Alabama. A visitation will be held on Friday, July 22, 2022, from 6-9 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where the service will be held on Saturday, July 23 at 4 p.m. Burial will follow in Lynn City Cemetery. Vance Hutton will officiate. R.B. is survived by his daughters: Donna (Charles) Smith, Lavon (James) Pruitt, Vickie Waldrop; grandchildren: Amy (Brian) Lawson, Amanda (Greg) Carusone, April Smith-Spencer, Seth Smith, Chad (Hillary) Smith, Jennifer (Bart) Shannon, Jamie (Jonathan) Layman, Wendy (Lamar) Smith, Zane (Amber) Wideman, great grandchildren: Garrison Mays, Halle Strong, Madeline Smith, Megan (Trey) Dennis, Charlee Spencer, Cailyn, Caralee, and Colton Smith, Parker, and Carter Shannon, Pruitt, and Nella Layman, Luke, and Rachel Smith, Gavin, and Ethan Wideman; great great grandchild: Tripp Dennis; sister: Ruth Farris; and brother: Robert Waldrop. He was preceded in death by his wife: Nell Tittle Waldrop; daughter: Carol Garrison; son-in-law: Hoyt Garrison; parents: Ruben Aaron and Ora Bell Cofield Waldrop; siblings: Russell Waldrop, Aaron Waldrop, and Janice Wright.

David Leon Dempsey, 50
David Leon Dempsey, 50 of Double Springs, entered into rest on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, surrounded by his loving family. David was born July 19, 1972, in Haleyville, Alabama to James Charles and JuaNella Dutton Dempsey. Visitation will be Saturday, July 23, 2022, from 6-8 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Double Springs, where services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. Brother Martin Brown will officiate. Burial will follow in Old Prospect Cemetery in Nauvoo. David is survived by his sons: Logan Dempsey and his wife Haley, and Mason Dempsey; one granddaughter on the way: Olivia Janet Faith Dempsey; sister: Lorenda "Sissy" Flanagin and her husband Danny; brothers: Lynn Dempsey and his wife Jenny, and Robert Dempsey and his wife Michelle; uncle: Don Dutton; aunts: Noma Dempsey, Betty Prescott and Judy Dutton; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other family and friends.He was preceded in death by his parents: Jimmy and JuaNella Dempsey; sister: Deleighua "Delisa" Dempsey; and brothers: Ray, Terrance and Rusty Dempsey.

Robert Preston Calvert, 44
A graveside service for Robert "Robbie" Preston Calvert will be 3 p.m. Monday, July 25 at Bethany Cemetery in Crane Hill, Alabama. Reverend Josh Hogland will officiate. Mr. Calvert was born Thursday, June 22, 1978, in Cullman County. He died at the age of 44 on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, in Florence, Alabama. Mr. Calvert attended Cold Springs High School and was in the Class of 1996. Survivors include his children: Preston (Meagan) Calvert and Madison Calvert; grandchild: Miles Calvert; father: Mike Calvert; sisters: Jennifer (Ryan) Woodard and Stephanie (Bobby) Boyd; grandmother: Margaret Kilgo; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. Mr. Calvert was preceded in death by his mother: Cynthia Calvert; and grandparents: John Kilgo, Margaret Weatherly, Bill Weatherly and Amos Calvert.

Jeanell Tubbs Raney, 85
Funeral Service for Jeanell Tubbs Raney, age 85, of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 24, 2022, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; interment in burial at Bethsadia Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon - 2 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Raney passed away Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at Cullman Regional. She was born Feb. 11, 1937, in Cullman, Alabama, to Cordie and Bertie Tubbs. Mrs. Raney was the District Court Clerk of Cullman County until her retirement in 1992. She and her husband, Othell, enjoyed many years of traveling the country in their motorhome. They loved eagle watching and NASCAR races in Talladega. She was preceded in death by her husband: Bunah Othell Raney; parents: Cordie and Bertie Tubbs; and sister: Jo Burrow. Survivors include her daughter: Melanie and Michael Hagemann; son: Michael and Donna Raney; grandchildren: Kelley Raney, Leslie Raney, and Stephanie and Jason Phillips; great-grandchildren: Camden, Cullen, and Cohen Phillips; brothers-in-law: Gordon Raney and Jerry Burrow; niece: Beth and Julian Tune; niece: Susan and Jim Baker; nephew: Jonathan Burrow; niece: Lyn Knox; and niece: Jill and Roger Clemons.

Janet Marie Mann McKelvy, 72
Janet Marie Mann McKelvy, age 72, of Cullman, Alabama passed away Wednesday, July 20, 2022. Janet was born April 28, 1950, in Cullman, Alabama to Bernard Eli and Lillie Mae Blair Mann. Funeral Services for Janet are Sunday, July 24, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Edwin Hayes officiating. Interment will follow services in Simcoe Methodist Cemetery. Visitation will be Saturday, July 23, 2022, from 6-9 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. Survivors are husband of 22 years: Warner "Tony" McKelvy; sons: Bobby Jr. (Paige) Gilliland, Allen Heath Gilliland; brother: Allen (Kay) Mann; grandchildren: Lili Makenna Gilliland, Graci Claire Gilliland, Abri Rose Gilliland, Lexie Madison (Gage) Willingham, Molly Rae Gilliland and Jakeb Allen Gilliland; great grandchildren: Knox Willingham, Parker Willingham and Thomas Gilliland; a host of nieces, nephews and other family.

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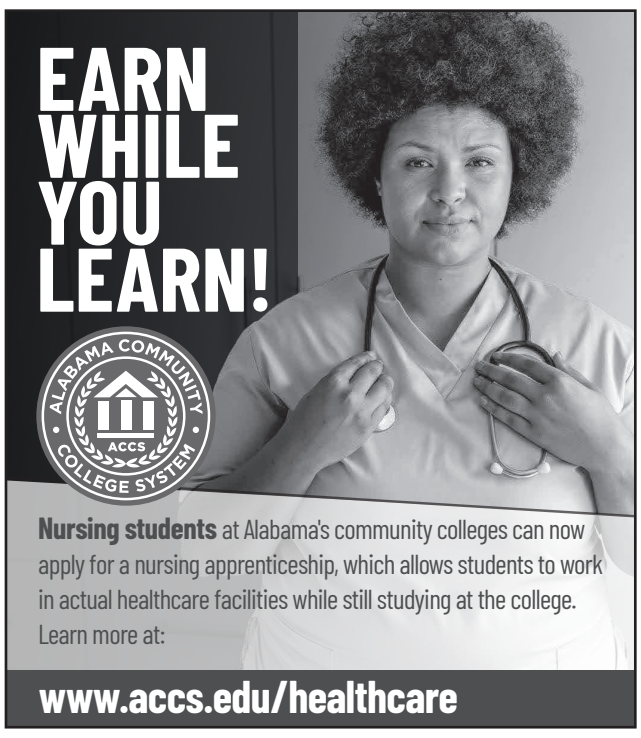
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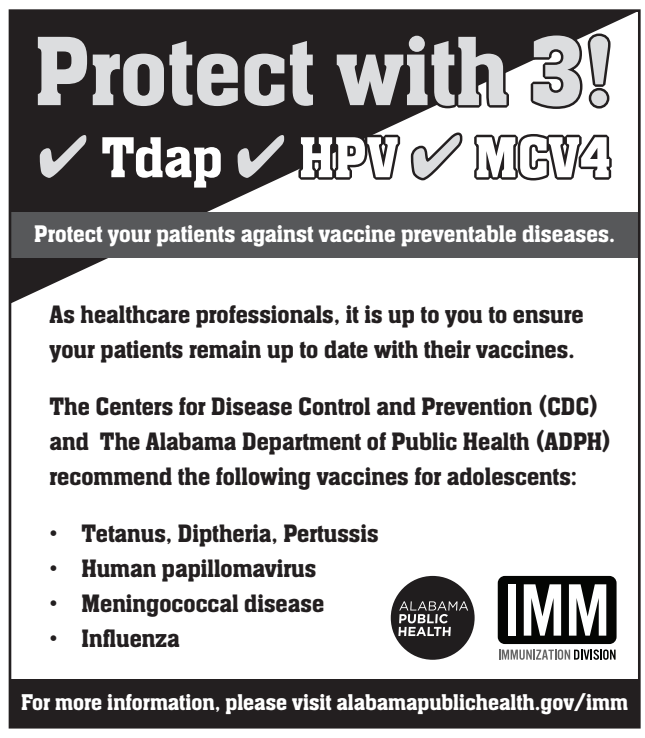
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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

The unfortunate demise of the Big Boy

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



I must admit I loved the big boy. I was 10 or 11 years old when I first saw him. Not only was he bigger than me, he seemed bigger than life. Every time I went to visit, he was always out front to greet us with a welcoming smile. Even though he's been gone for a long time now, since 1977 to be exact, I can still imagine him standing there wearing his signature red-and-white checkered overalls. He never had a hair out of place in his brown pompadour hair do. Of course, that might be explained by the fact that his hair was one solid piece of plastic. His name was written in blue letters right across the front of his white shirt. We simply called him Big Boy, but his full name was Shoney's Big Boy. Then, suddenly one day, he was gone. He didn't die, he just disappeared without explanation. The demise of the Big Boy, may have been by his own doings, but I think mainly it was brought about by the fickle change of our culture. His departure may have been the beginning of the demise of the restaurant too.

I have my own theory about what caused the Big Boy to fall out of favor and be done in, but first, a little more about the restaurant. Shoney's was not the first to use the Big Boy as their mascot. Even though he has been long gone from Shoney's, other restaurants such as Elias Brothers, Frish's, and Bob's still use him. Shoney's was founded in 1947, in Charleston, West Virginia. They francized with the Big Boy organization then. Shoney's quickly became labeled as "Today's All-American Kitchen." The Big Boy held up the All-American hamburger in his right hand. It was called the Double Decker Big Boy Burger. Before long, most cities in the Southeast, of much size, had their own Shoney's. At their peak, there were over 1800 restaurants, in 36 states. They even had their own motels for a while, called Shoney's Inn. In the 1990s, Andy Griffith advertised for them. He touted their shrimp dinner and that fabulous breakfast bar. If Andy ate there, who wouldn't? I certainly did. On Friday evenings they served "All can eat catfish." A college friend of mine and I ate so many catfish one Friday night that the waitress refused to bring us more. I said, "I thought this was all you can eat?" She replied, "It is. And you have had all you can eat!" I loved to finish up with that scrumptious strawberry pie, or a piece of their delicious hot-fudge cake. What is not to love about two-pieces of chocolate cake with a flat square of vanilla ice cream sandwiched between them, drowned in hot fudge?

Sadly, these days you will have a hard time finding a Shoney's. There are only 163 in the nation these days, and only 9 in Alabama. It may have been all those delicious meals, especially that giant breakfast bar, and those wonderful desserts, that was the downfall of the Big Boy. He did, after all, have some chubby cheeks, and a pot belly that would give dear ole Santa a run for his money. Was it simply by coincidence that at about the same time the fitness craze, and workout videos came to town, Big Boy was run out of town? This does give me cause to consider that maybe I need to drop a few pounds myself. Culture can certainly be a fickle unforgiving friend. I'm sure glad God is not that way or we might all be in trouble!

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HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1937, 1954

From the files of 1937

Miss Jeanette Green returned Wednesday from Roswell, New Mexico, where she has been since January. Her many friends are glad to see her again at the George Stiefelmeyer Store.

College student: "Say, what's the idea of wearing my raincoat?" Roommate: "You wouldn't want your new suit wet, would you?"

Visitor: "Want you walk as far as the car with me, Tommy?" (Tommy age seven). "I can't." "Why not?" Tommy: "Cause we are going to have dinner as soon as you leave."

From the files of 1954

Former Hanceville football star, Howell Trimble, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.O. Trimble has been awarded a scholarship to Texas A and M to play under Paul "Bear" Bryant.

Rudolph Edsel Chaney, age 33, died on Saturday from injuries in an automobile accident on Highway 31, near Beauty Rest Tourist Court. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Betty Schofield Chaney, one son, Rodger, three daughters, Barbara, Diana and Deborah, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.L. Chaney, one brother, Dwane Chaney, of Tarrant and one sister, Mrs. Lenora Hardy, of Cullman.

Funeral services were at Seventh Street with interment in City Cemetery. Pallbearers were Ira L. Jones, Sam Barnes, Joe Voss, Bill Allen, C.L. Burke, W.R. Davis, Joe Shears and John Sparks.

Ritz Theatre has reopened with cinemascope and stereophonic sound.

A bolt of lightning killed William Albert Pierce, age 53 ("Little Ab") as he walked between the barn and the house. His son, Lewis was shocked, but received no serious injury. He is survived by his widow, Maude Pierce, two daughters, Mrs. Dan Vogt, of Akron, Ohio and Miss Mavis Pierce, one son, Lewis Pierce, three sisters, Mrs. Lillian Paul, of Akron, Ohio, Mrs. Mary Holcombe, of Miami, Florida and Mrs. Opal Parker, of Cullman; two brothers, J.E. Pierce, of Huntsville and Homer Pierce, of Virginia. Services were held at Nesmith.

W.I. (Lidy) Walker was the first to identify the Mystery Farm last week. He correctly identified it even before its owner, C.W. Harris identified it.

Mr. Harris, owner of the forty-acre farm located near Berlin on Route Three, Cullman, bought the farm two years ago from C.L. Parker.

The Harris farm produces cotton, corn, potatoes, chickens, hogs, etc. with hogs and potatoes being Mr. Harris' favorite.

Mr. Harris was married twenty years ago to the former Geannie Wadell. They have one daughter, Mrs. Dan White, of Birmingham and one grandson, Rickey White. He is a member of the Farm Bureau.

POET'S CORNER

One Blue Egg | By: Randy C. Hale

In a nest now left abandoned,
as a crib in a dusty attic, lies
one lone blue egg.

Evidence of others,
small remnants from hatchlings fed,
coached by their mother to fledglings flown away to other destinies.

What cause this unhatched dream,
now in solitary rest, I do not know?
Nor his parents who have moved on
to other ambitions.

What did the others think of it,
beside them in this close confines,
a blue promise that never
shined?



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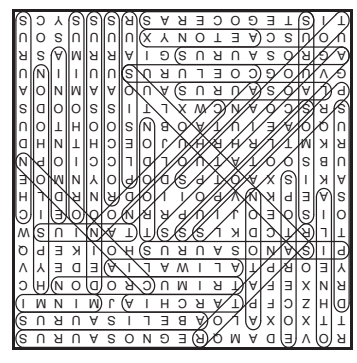
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Bunco winners cash in on fun



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Four happy winners cashed in by playing Bunco at Sacred Heart of Jesus Family Life Center during the recent 2nd Friday celebration in Cullman! As the downtown area of Cullman hosted one of its three annual summer 2nd Fridays events along First Avenue, the Altar Society of the Church offered Bunco games while the Knights of Columbus offered Bingo games in air-conditioned comfort. Delicious food and drink were available during the night. Pictured from left are winners: Joanne Ellard, the "booby" prize of $20; Barbara Ragsdale, $40 for the most Bunco games won; Elaine Key, top finisher with a $75 prize for most Bunco games won; and Shirley Springer, $40 for most games won. More than $700 in prize money was awarded to Bingo participants, as well as a big screen television. The third evening of games, fun, food and fellowship will be the night of Aug. 12, beginning at 6 in the church's Family Life Center. Everyone is invited to attend!

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