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The sky's the limit

Exponential ROI opportunity for city, county at Cullman Regional Airport

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VINEMONT, Ala. — With both the State of Alabama and federal government investing millions of dollars in the Cullman Regional Airport by way of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), specifically the Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG), plans are in the works to update the Vinemont airport and make it a contender for high-dollar contracts. Those contracts could bring an increased quality of life for the community, tax revenue for both the city and county and better paying job options.

"The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is a once-in-a-generation investment in America's transportation network. It will modernize infra-» PAGE 12



CULLMAN TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

Cullman Regional Airport General Manager Ben Harrison (center) gives a tour of the airport in 2017.

More than 60K turn out to Rock the South



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Concertgoers pose for a photo Friday afternoon at Rock the South.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Temperatures were in the low 90s and the heat index was near 100 when the gates opened at this year's Rock the South Friday. Thousands of country music fans of all ages descended on the venue, and the general admission area steadily filled throughout the afternoon, reaching capacity near dusk.

As of 6 p.m., the headcount was more than 60,000, with more on their way. Many were delayed due to a multiple-vehicle crash on Interstate 65 northbound just south of Exit 299, the Dodge City/Alabama Highway 69 exit.

Also as of 6 p.m., two arrests had been made by the Cullman Police Department for unlawful possession of marijuana, and two people had been transported by emergency personnel for treatment for heat exhaustion.

Check online at www.CullmanTribune.com for an updated story on Friday night's festivities.

See photo galleries, including shots of Friday night's headliner, Alabama, at www.facebook.com/CullmanTribune.

Registration open for CCSO Citizens' Academy

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'The landscape is starting to breathe'

Master Gardeners revitalizing Sportsman Lake Wildflower Garden



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Left to right are Cullman County Master Gardeners Gail Tidwell, Holly Hirsbrunner, Richard Carpenter, Lions Club Member Brad Mitchell, Robin Pruett and Bill Grimmett. (Several members involved in the project not pictured.) » PAGE 9

Cullman's Imagination Library celebrates 1 year



OAKLEIGH CALAHAN

Tyler Weir, Carla Weir, John Luke Allcorn and Anna Kate Allcorn celebrate with cupcakes. » PAGE 2

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Aug. 4-5

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Aug. 4-5, 2022. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Aug. 1

- unlawful possession of controlled substances, unlawful possession of dangerous drugs, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy 69N
- unlawful possession of controlled substances; Beech Ave. S.E.
- unlawful possession of marijuana; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy 69S
- trespassing; Co. Rd. 1492
- harassment; Co. Rd. 1343
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 682
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 1162
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 222
- domestic violence; Ratliff St. N.E.
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1320

Aug. 2

- unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy 278W
- criminal mischief; Co. Rd. 262
- assault; Co. Rd. 826
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 647
- burglary; Co. Rd. 535
- criminal mischief; Co. Rd. 420
- assault; Co. Rd. 1203
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle, assault; Co. Rd. 1530
- forgery-3rd degree; Loanmaster; forged check

Aug. 3

- unlawful possession of dangerous drugs, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; U.S. 231
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1247
- assault; Co. Rd. 791
- unlawful possession of controlled substances, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 438
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 654
- gas drive off; Co. Rd. 437
- permitting dogs to run at large; Co. Rd. 702
- unlawful possession of marijuana; Co. Rd. 222
- harassment; Co. Rd. 1214
- trespassing; Co. Rd. 222
- criminal trespassing-3rd degree; West End Laundromat; 4th St. S.W.
- domestic violence-3rd degree-harassment; 4th St. S.W.
- theft of property-4th degree; Walmart; Olive St. S.W; general merchandise; $206

ARRESTS

Aug. 1

Calvo, Kathryn M; 19
- minor in possession of alcohol

Canady, Antonio L; 23
- FTA-speeding

Christian, Billy J; 40
- possession of marijuana
- possession of dangerous drugs

Cook, Sarah J; 45
- FTA-obstruction of governmental operations

Drane, Anthony F; 36
- possession of methamphetamine

Garnett, Alton K; 66
- possession of dangerous drugs

Griffin, Heather N; 31
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Hand, Keith W; 48
- causing delinquency, dependency or need of supervision of children

Harbin, Jason L; 42
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Heflin, Jonathan D; 33
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Hicks, Justin T; 28
- public intoxication

Mason, Mitchell L; 34
- FTA-driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled
- FTA-operating vehicle without insurance

Myrick, Brandi M; 45
- FTA-obstructed windshied

Palmer, Christy M; 48
- negotiating worthless instrument (3 counts)

Parker, Brandon R; 49
- public intoxication

Ponder, Christina M; 40
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Swann, Ethan J; 19
- DUI

Aug. 2

Clay, Cody L; 34
- Violation of release order-promoting prison contraband

Elliott, Sonya M; 38
- Probation Violation-possession of dangerous drugs

Hooper, Steven D; 40
- Bail Jumping-possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offence
- Bail Jumping-possession of dangerous drugs
- Bail Jumping-driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled
- Bail Jumping-no seat belt

Kelso, James G; 29
- Probation Violation-possession of dangerous drugs

McBrayer, Shaun M; 39
- FTA-attempting to elude police officer
- FTA-freshwater fishing

Perkins, Rusty L; 44
- FTA-negotiating worthless instrument

Rouse, Ricky G; 44
- Probation Violation-burglary

Tennison, Candace R; 39
- FTA-DUI (controlled substances)

Terrell, Pashinz D; 21
- public intoxication

Veal, Joshua S; 38
- FTA-receiving stolen vehicle

Aug. 3

Baldwin, Richard B; 48
- FTA-attempting to elude police officer

Ballard, Austin T; 25
- Bail Jumping-theft-shoplifting
- Bail Jumping-theft-miscellaneous
- Bail Jumping-robbery

Bellar, Travis W; 44
- enticing a child for immoral purpose
- sexual abuse of child less than 12-years-old

Combs, Bradley R; 38
- FTA-unlawful breaking and entering vehicles (4 counts)

Denney, Jeremy W; 39
- FTA-assault-domestic-harassment-family

Drummond, Jason N; 30
- permitting dogs to run at large

Duncan, Micah A; 27
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana

Fanning, Ricky D; 30
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA-public intoxication
- FTA-auto theft

Hargrave, Kyle A; 28
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of dangerous drugs

Johnson, James L; 47
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Linn, Rachel A; 38
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- public intoxication

Mann, Jerry L; 62
- harassment

Patterson, Dawson J; 25
- liquor law violation

Patterson, Zachary T; 30
- FTA-driving while suspended

Reed, Sandra K; 66
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Shelton, Savannah R; 29
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Shikle, William C; 35
- FTA-burglary
- FTA-criminal mischief
- FTA-possession of drugs paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA-theft

Strange, Jeffrey D; 38
- possession of marijuana

Wagner, Jessie W; 42
- non-support of child

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Aug. 3
- unlawful breaking and entering a motor vehicle; 2nd Ave. S.E; tools; $1,645
- forgery-3rd degree; forged checks
- unlawful breaking and entering a motor vehicle; 8th St. S.E
- forgery-3rd degree; forged checks
- identity theft
- criminal mischief-1st degree; Industrial Dr. S.W; damage to 2022 Kawasaki; $3,925

ARRESTS

Aug. 3

Baldwin, Richard B; 48
- FTA-theft of services

Cofield, Caleb C; 37
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-improper lane usage

Culpepper, Carrie D; 24
- FTA-theft of property-4th degree

Oliver, Michael A; 44
- unlawful possession and receiving controlled substance
- criminal trespassing-3rd degree
- FTA-public intoxication
- FTA-providing false information to law enforcement
- FTA-criminal trespassing-3rd degree
- FTA-driving without license
- FTA-insurance violation

Aug. 4

Ballard, Austin T; 25
- FTA-unlawful possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-expired tag
- FTA-driving without a license
- FTA-DUI
- FTA-insurance violation
- FTA-driving while revoked

Dover, Joshua A; 40
- FTA-driving while revoked

Graves, Kevin D; 36
- criminal trespassing-3rd degree

Griffin, Jonathan B; 38
- FTA-domestic violence-3rd degree
- FTA-violation of protection order

Shikle, William C; 35
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Smith, Kenneth W; 46
- ignition interlock

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Library (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Friends of the Public Libraries of Cullman County (TFPLCC) on Friday celebrated its one-year anniversary of encouraging children's literacy through its partnership with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

Kids who visited were treated to cupcakes and colored birthday cards for the library.

They also had a chance to sign up to receive free monthly books if they weren't already on the list.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library delivers books into the hands of children across the world. Each book is mailed to the child's home and personalized with his or her name.

The Cullman County Imagination Library has seen great success in its first year. Thanks to local sponsors, all residents need to do to receive free monthly books for their children is sign up.

All children younger than 5 are eligible, as long as they are residents of Cullman County.

Work on the local program started last fall when the Cullman Electric Cooperative volunteered to be the TFPLCC's primary sponsor.

Local businesses and organizations that have since joined as sponsors are Cullman County Schools, R.E. Garrison Trucking, Peoples Bank of Alabama, Apel Steel, McCaw Hydraulics, the United Way of Cullman County, Listerhill Credit Union, Lazarus, LLC and the Cullman Rotary Club.

"We have given over 22,000 books in this 12-month period. We have reached 2,000 kids," said TFPLCC President Tanya Allcorn.

The Cullman County Imagination Library has already surpassed goals that are generally not reached until year three of becoming a partner.

Said Allcorn, "We are doing a great sponsorship through the month of August where you can give online to sponsor a child individually if someone wants to just pay it forward."

The cost of the Imagination Library is $25 per year per child, or $2.10 per book. Donations from corporations, community groups and individuals make the program possible.

Any business or community group that would like to be a corporate sponsor can contact Allcorn at friendsofcullmanlibraries@gmail.com or Oakleigh Calahan at oakleighc@cullmanec.com.

Individual sponsorships can be made by visiting www.ccimaginationlibrary.com/give/.

For $25, you can sponsor one child for one year in the program.

For $125, you can sponsor one child through the program from birth until his or her 5th birthday.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous
The Grace of God group of Alcoholics Anonymous has open AA meetings (all are welcome) 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.
• Saturday, Aug. 6 - 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast and Community Outreach - Join our men for a free breakfast; help prepare and distribute sack lunches in the 5 Points area. All men are welcome!
• Sunday, Aug. 7 - 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 by Pastor Bobby Dodd.

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.

Rock the South
Saturday, Aug. 6 at 1872 County Road 469, Cullman. Get more information and purchase tickets at www.rockthesouth.com.

Heartland Quilters Yard Sale
Saturday, Aug. 6, 8 a.m.-noon, at Christ Covenant Church, 1310 Saint Joseph Dr., Cullman

Food Box and School Supplies Giveaway
Saturday, Aug. 6, from 9 a.m.-noon, those in need can go by The Link of Cullman County's drive-through for food and school supplies. Five-hundred food boxes will be given away, and the school supplies will be available by request while supplies last. 708 Ninth St. SE in Cullman

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

Bingo and Bunco at Sacred Heart during 2nd Fridays
Friday, Aug. 12, at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Family Life Center. Bingo, 50 cents per card, 5-9 p.m. Bunco, $20 for one player and $35 for two players, 6-8 p.m. Food and drink available for purchase in the air-conditioned FLC behind the church. Funds raised benefit both the school and the church. All welcome- y'all come!

Sinyard Family Reunion
Join us for good fellowship and good food at 10 a.m., Aug. 13, 2022, at the Moody Center in Hanceville.

West Point Movie Night
• 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.

GriefShare Grief Support Group
• Sundays, 3-5 p.m., Aug. 21-Nov. 20 at First Baptist Church Cullman, 501 Second. Ave. SW
• Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend- GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead. We know it hurts, and we want to help. Call 256-734-5632 for more information.

Pleasant View Singing
Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church will have its regular third Sunday night singing Aug. 21 at 5 p.m. with "New Ground" from Scottsboro. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information, call 256-796-5986.

Swamp John's Dinner
Monday, Aug. 22, from 4-7 p.m. at 2659 County Road 1545 (Gold Ridge Road). Eat in or carry out. $13 a plate. Call C.H. Loyd at 205-706-2556 for more information.

Holly Pond Lions Club Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, Aug. 27 from 6-9 a.m. at the Lions Club building at Holly Pond Lions Club Park. All-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage and bacon. Admission is a donation. The proceeds benefit local sight projects. We hope to see you there!

Cullman Downtown Merchants Association Bluegrass Festival
Saturday, Sept. 9 from 5-10 p.m. at Depot Park. Featured guests are Cotton Pickin' Kids, Barefoot Nellie and Cottonmouth Creek. Food, fun, music for all. For more information, email atog218@aol.com.

Hanceville Kids' Night Out
Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022, from 6-8 p.m. at C.W. Day Park. This yearly event provides the community's children a chance to get to know local police officers, fire personnel and community leaders while enjoying family fun.

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.

Peinhardt Farm Day(s)
The Peinhardt Living History Farm Foundation will host Peinhardt Living History Farm Day over an unprecedented two-day span this year: Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 15-16, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. This hands-on fall festival teaches all ages what farm life was like in the 1930s and 1940s in north Alabama. Free for ages 2 and younger and $10 for all others. The farm is located at 1711 Talley Ho St., Cullman.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Aug. 4, 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 Thursdays)
• Positivity in tests in Alabama: 29%
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 387,822
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2021): 538,459
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2022): 510,249 (increase of 12,048)
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,189
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2021): 9,558
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2022) 3224 (increase of 83)
• Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.: 10.3%
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2020): 7,567
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2021): 9,754
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2022): 9,748 (increase of 213)
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 128
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 188
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2022): 55 (no change)
• Total tested in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 1,337
• Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 138
• Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 32,681
• Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 9,481

Vaccine details (updated Thursdays)
• Doses delivered to Alabama: 10,145,595
• Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 5,122,565
• Doses administered: 6,267,057 (increase of 18,321)
• Additional doses administered: 919,700 (increase of 4,539)
• Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,903,080 (increase of 3,656)
• Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 2,401,261 (increase of 3,285)
• Doses delivered to federal programs: 5,023,030

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 want to be the teammate that everyone can count on’: Good Hope’s Colton Lindsey preparing for senior season

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — The 2021-2022 season saw the Good Hope Raiders finish with a 20-11 record, a Cullman County Championship, a runner-up finish in the area and another appearance at Sub-Regionals. One of two returning seniors on this year’s team, Colton Lindsey has played a lot of travel ball this summer to help his game even more after coming off back-to-back surgeries on his right knee. He’s had a blast with some amazing teammates the past few years and is looking forward to hitting the court with them this season.

“Travel ball helps so much, especially coming off an injury. It has really helped me get back to game speed and back into shape for school ball,” he said.

“Playing with this group of guys has been great the last few years. I’m definitely going to miss the leadership and guidance the seniors had on me last year. We definitely have big shoes to fill. Tanner was not only a good leader, but he also knew when we needed him to go get us a bucket. Noah brought a tough edge on defense that we’ll definitely miss, and he had the ability to knock down tough jumpers.

“Canaan brought the energy and the vocal part of being a leader. He was always talking on the bench and letting us know what he saw and what we could do to adjust.”

Lindsey is coming off multiple knee surgeries and has had the full support of his team, his coaches and all of his loved ones.

“It’s been tough returning from both surgeries. It’s been tougher mentally than physically, but God has blessed me with a great support system,” Lindsey said.

“Without my family, coaches, teammates, and the great therapist at Encore, I wouldn’t have been able to recover from either of the knee surgeries.”

Lindsey feels blessed to play for head coach Drew Adams and assistant coach Scott Adams and has soaked up so much from them so far.

“They are both great people who care about their players on and off the court. Both men are great role models. They both make sure that basketball is not who we are, but what we do. They make sure that we know Jesus Christ as our savior, and that we know that is more important than any basketball game we’ll ever play. I’ve definitely learned a lot from both coaches on and off the court.”

Good Hope will have a lot of experience coming back this upcoming season despite losing three key seniors to graduation. Lindsey will be one of the leaders on this team and has learned so much from the upperclassmen before him that has helped him become the player that he is today.

“I think experience will be key for us this season. Our end goal is to always end our season in Birmingham.

“This year is just like any other. We play good competition in the summer and in the regular season to prepare us for the tough teams we may play in the postseason,” he said.

“I definitely want to be a leader for the younger guys. It’s important to keep positive after a tough practice or a tough game. Confidence in yourself and your game is definitely one of the most important parts of basketball.”

He added, “The upperclassmen have definitely helped me become the player I am today. The past three or four senior classes have really set the example of what it takes to accomplish your goals. I’m lucky and thankful to be a part of a school and community that supports their athletes.”

Lindsey has been working on his game a lot in the summer and has set some goals for himself. He feels honored to be a part of a special team and talked about what makes them special to watch.

“I’ve definitely been working on getting up and down the court a little bit better, as well as working on finishing at a higher percentage around the rim. My goal this year is to step into more of a leadership role. I want to be the teammate that everyone can count on anytime, not just on the court. This team is definitely fun to watch. Almost any player can lead us in scoring any night. You never know which player is going to have the hot hand. I don’t think we’ll have a problem scoring the ball. This team is definitely one to keep an eye on in February.”



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Good Hope’s Colton Lindsey

‘Meek allowed me to be myself’: Ephram Milne remembers his time as a Tiger

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ARLEY, Ala. — In this interview, I talked to former basketball and baseball player at Meek High School, Ephram Milne. He had some amazing memories in his years at Meek both on and off the playing field.

“My favorite basketball memories were winning area and getting on the All-Area team; also, going to Wallace to play in the Sweet 16. The environment and community in Arley is just completely amazing.

“They all came out to all the games no matter what the sport was, and they didn’t even have to have a kid playing. It’s a small town with a strong backbone and I’m blessed to say that I graduated from Meek High School,” he said.

He added, “While most of my memories at Meek revolved around sports, we had a teammate’s parents take the whole team to watch the Alabama-LSU basketball game at Alabama during the season.”

Milne feels lucky to have played for a great Head Basketball Coach Bryan Woods and soaked up so much from him during his playing days at Meek.

“Bryan Woods is one of the realest people you will ever meet. He held us accountable, and he helped lead by example. If he was at practice, he expected us to be there. He went out of his way to get us speakers and made sure we were prepared for whatever life threw at us. It wasn’t just about winning games, his goal was to make us better men,” he said.

Milne learned a lot during his time at Meek and feels very blessed to have been a Tiger during his high school career.

“I learned a lot at Meek. Meek allowed me to be myself. They didn’t care what my last name was or how much money I had. Meek is a small community with a big heart.

“Everyone knows everyone and was welcoming with open arms. Meek taught me that with grit and hard work, anything is possible. We had some tough times in basketball, but with the help of my coaches and teammates, they taught me how to lead. During my time at Meek, being taught and being held accountable is one thing I will forever be thankful for.”

He added, “What makes Meek special is how the community is. They are amazing; the teachers and coaches play huge roles for every single student that goes to that school.

“The kids at the school are also a huge bonus. It was never a dull moment at Meek; they will always keep us on our toes.”

Milne will not only miss being a Tiger next season, but he will also miss being a leader to the younger players on the team.

“I will miss my coaches, the community, sports, and most importantly, my teammates. In every sport that I played, me and my teammates were like brothers. We hung out and we basically did everything together,” he said.

“Being a leader to the younger players played a huge role in my senior year. I started out the year going well and staying on the right track to getting comfortable and losing it, but coach Woods talked me through it, and I got on the right track. I appreciate everything coach Woods has done for me. I hope that I helped lead the younger players half as much as he led me.”

Milne gave some advice to the students that will be starting high school in a few days.

“Enjoy it, get your schoolwork done and most importantly, just have fun. Go support your school no matter if it’s sports-related or the county math tournament. A good crowd and knowing you have supporters is beneficial in every step of life,” he said.

“Don’t just concentrate on your small friend circle. Go make friends with the new kid and ask that person to eat lunch together. Just make the best out of everything and live in the moment. It’s not a bad thing to have some goals, but don’t let them limit you on how you’re going to take on this school year.”



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Meek’s Ephram Milne







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The Vinemont Eagle Band drumline performs for friends and family July 29.

'A Journey for Love'

Vinemont Eagle Band halftime show packed with familiar love songs

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VINEMONT, Ala. — The Vinemont Eagle Band finished up two weeks of band camp July 29, preparing a love song-packed halftime show for this fall.

The 43-member group has its opener down, and Band Director Skylar King said that with the band's current pace, a new song will be finished every one to two weeks.

"We kind of take our time learning the process of setting a show and doing it correctly with the goal of adding a song every week or every two weeks just depending on how long the song is, how difficult the moves are," he said.

The show title is "A Journey for Love." Each song will have a love theme. The band will open with Queen's "Don't Stop Me Now," followed by Soulja Boy's "Kiss Me Through the Phone," Vanessa Carlton's "A Thousand Miles," Olivia Rodrigo's "Driver's License" and ending with Marvin Gaye's "Ain't No Mountain High Enough."

King picked the musical selections with the aim of having something everyone listening will be able to identify. "I definitely try and get everybody," he said. "I have a wide range of musical tastes, and so I try and ensure that I'm keeping my interest through the year a little bit as well, and definitely getting all of our audience members we play for on Fridays and Saturdays."

The Vinemont High School Band program begins inviting in new students when they start eighth grade. The band has about nine new rookies that get to be tutored by a predominantly senior-led program.

"We actually have 20 seniors, so we have a really great opportunity that our seniors get to make a big impact on the younger students," said King.

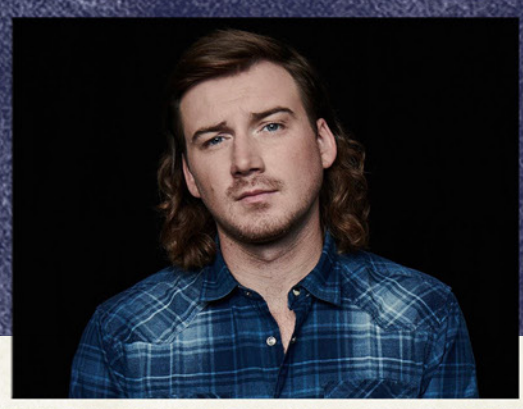
"Our younger students are really learning and doing well, and I think (they will) take what the senior example has been so far at camp and continue that for hopefully the rest of the season.

"Especially at Vinemont, we've had a really good band culture for a long time, and that's really always come from our seniors and our section leaders really maintaining the importance of doing things the right way and pushing through those more challenging rehearsals and expectations. We definitely rely on our seniors to set that pace and to be the example."

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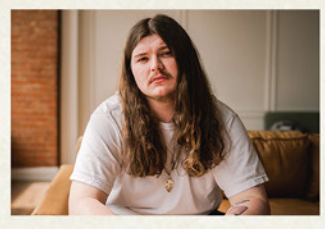




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Applications open for WSCC Child Development, EMS, Nursing programs

Gail Crutchfield
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Wallace State Community College (WSCC) Child Development, Emergency Medical Services and Nursing programs are currently accepting applications for the Spring 2023 semester.

The Nursing program is accepting applications for its traditional associate degree and certificate option and the UAB/WSCC Joint Enrollment option through Sept. 1. The traditional option is a five-semester program, with a certificate for practical nursing awarded after successful completion of the third semester and an associate in applied science at the end of the fifth semester.

The joint enrollment option is a nine-semester program, with four semesters of prerequisites required before applying to the colleges and completing five semesters of nursing classes through WSCC and UAB, leading to concurrent associate and bachelor's degrees from each college.

Minimum requirements to apply for the traditional option include an ACT composite score of 18, a C or better on all general required courses, a 2.0 GPA at current or last institution attended and a minimum 2.5 GPA on nursing required academics.

For the UAB/WSCC Joint Enrollment option, the ACT minimum requirement is 20 and minimum GPA at current or previous institution is 2.5, plus the 2.5 GPA requirement on nursing required academics.

A Nursing Information Session will be held Aug. 22 from 2-4 p.m.in the School of Nursing building. Register for the free session at www.wallacesetate.edu/nursing.

For more information, contact Mechelle Baker at 256-352-8199 or mechelle.baker@wallacestate.edu or visit www.wallacestate.edu/nursing.

Applications for the Child Development and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) programs will open on Aug. 1 and will be accepted through Nov. 1.

The Child Development program offers several certificates that can be stacked toward earning an associate degree.

There is also a transfer option for those seeking to earn a bachelor's degree. Minimum requirements to apply include a GPA of 2.0. An ACT score is not required. There are no prerequisite courses to take in advance of applying. All classes for the program can be completed online.

Contact program director Dr. Marcie Robinson at 256-352-8383 or marcie.robinson@wallacestate.edu or visit www.wallacestate.edu/Child-Development.

The EMS program is accepting applications for EMT and Advanced EMT. Minimum requirements to apply for EMT include being eligible for ENG 101 or have completed ENG 101 with a grade of 75 or better.

Minimum requirements for Advanced EMT are to be eligible to enroll in both ENG 101 and MTH 100 or have completed both with a grade of 75 or better. No ACT is required for either option.

For more information, contact program director Gregory Lawrence at 256-352-8335 or gregory.lawrence@wallacestate.edu or visit www.wallacestate.edu/EMS.

Registration for Fall 2022 semester is currently underway, with Regular and Mini Term I classes starting August 18. Registration for those terms will continue through Aug. 24.

Mini Term II classes will begin Oct. 14. Online Flex Start terms will be offered, with classes starting Aug. 25 for Flex Start I and Sept. 1 for Flex Start II Registration for Flex Start I is Aug. 25-31 and Sept. 1-7 for Flex Start II.

Priority registration for Spring 2023 will begin Oct. 24, with classes beginning Jan. 9.

Visit www.wallacestate.edu to apply today or contact Lion Central at 256-352-8238.

Cullman's Sybil Tubbs graduates from SUNY Oneonta

Contributed
Contributor

ONEONTA, N.Y. — Sybil Tubbs of Cullman, Alabama, is among the students who graduated from SUNY Oneonta following the spring 2022 semester. The college's commencement ceremony was held Saturday, May 21. Sybil earned a Master of Arts degree in Museum Studies .

SUNY Oneonta consistently gains recognition for delivering excellence and value. The college sits at No. 20 on the 2022 U.S. News and World Report list of the best public institutions in the region and is ranked No. 114 on Money magazine's "Best Colleges 2022" list.

SUNY Oneonta has also been recognized as a 2022-2023 College of Distinction for excelling in student engagement, teaching, community, and successful outcomes, as well as for its use of experiential learning to prepare students for their future careers.

Established as a state normal school in 1889 and incorporated as a founding member of the state university system in 1948, the college is well known for its outstanding faculty, strong academic programs, educational technology, community service and character-building activities, and scenic campus.

SUNY Oneonta is a public, four-year college in Central New York, enrolling about 6,000 students in a wide variety of bachelor's degree programs and several graduate certificate and degree programs. The college is an exemplary residential campus that values inclusion, service, and sustainability and a nurturing community where students grow intellectually, thrive socially, and live purposefully. Visit https://suny.oneonta.edu.



FILE PHOTO

A prior class of the Cullman County Sheriff's Office Citizens' Academy was joined by now-Sen. Tommy Tuberville, R-Alabama, at its graduation ceremony.

Registration (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Applications are being accepted now for the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) Citizens' Academy fall 2022 session.

The Citizens' Academy is an opportunity for Cullman County community members to learn about the role of law enforcement in the area.

The nine-week course begins Aug. 23, 2022, with classes Tuesday evenings from 6-9 p.m.

There is no fee to attend; however, class size may be limited.

Activities will include a SWAT team demonstration, tour of the Cullman County Detention Center and speakers from the CCSO and state and federal agencies.

There will also be a morning visit to the shooting range.

Applications for the Citizens' Academy can be picked up at the CCSO, located at 1910 Beech Ave. SE in Cullman.

For more for details or get an application via email, contact Deputy Chad Whaley at cwhaley@cullmansheriff.org.

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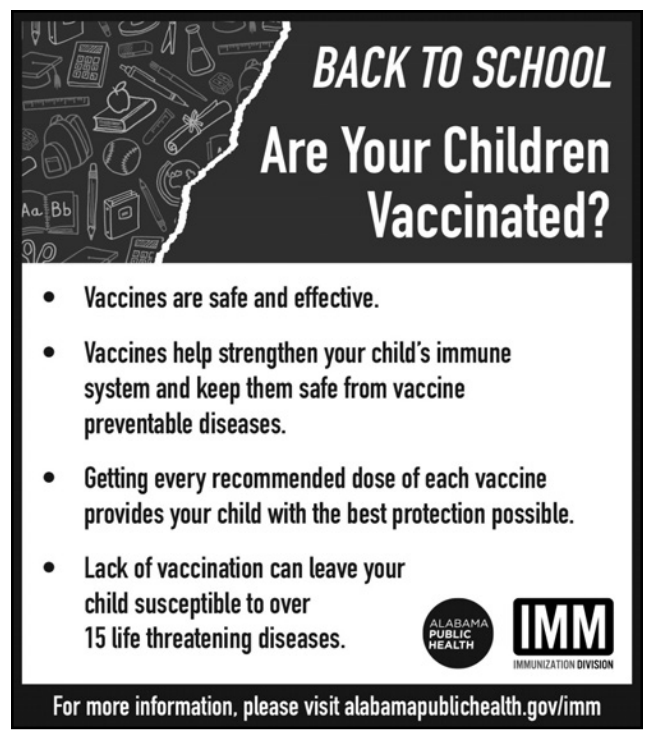
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WSCC launching Robotic Welding Technician degree

Russell Moore
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College's (WSCC) welding program is preparing for a noteworthy fall 2022 semester. The department is launching a new Robotic Welding Technician degree and moving into a new space on campus – the state-of-the-art Center for Robotic Welding, Fabrication and Engineering.

The Robotic Welding Technician associate of applied science option is a four-semester degree pathway, or a certificate can be earned with 52 credit hours.

"We're excited to be the first community college in the state to offer a Robotic Welding Technician associate degree for its students. This option has been a goal of mine for a long time," said program chair Randy Hammond.

"The welding industry desperately needs robotic welders, and I'm positive most students will have a job in this field before the complete their fourth semester."

Specific welding courses for the new degree include Gas Metal Arc/Flux Core Arc Welding (WDT 126); Consumable Welding Applications (WDT 162); Industrial Blueprint Reading (WDT 110); Blueprint Reading for Fabrication (WDT 223); Robotics Lab 1 (WDT 160); Weld Inspection and Testing (WDT 219); Carbon Steel Fabrication (WDT 131); Robotic Welding 2 (WDT 275); Sensor Technology and Applications (ILT 240); Robotic Welding 3 (WDT 276); a Welding/Industrial Elective; and a Welding Certification Lab (WDT 258).

WSCC's program has multiple robotic welders among its equipment fleet, allowing students to operate and control the robots to perform specific welding tasks. Robotic welders are widely used in the automotive industry.

According to Allied Market Research, the global robotic welding market is expected to reach $10.7 million by 2026.

"Robotic welding gives us another pathway to offer our students.

"If a student is interested in welding, but they don't like the idea of manually welding all day, this is a great option.

"You're still working with your hands.

"The human conducts the programming, and the robot does the welding," Hammond said.

Hammond added companies like Blue Origin, among others, have expressed interest in WSCC students specializing in robotic welding.

WSCC's welding program is debuting the robotic welding degree as it transitions next semester to a new facility – one that features 87 welding booths, multiple classrooms, virtual welding simulators, pipe-fitting stations and plasma cutting, fiber laser cutting and wet jet cutting stations.

"Wallace State is laser focused on workforce development and providing programs and services that align with the needs of business and industry," said Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Karolewics.

"With this new facility, Wallace State will be one of the largest fabrication training facilities in the Southeast," said Wes Rakestraw, WSCC's dean of applied technologies.

"The addition of robotic welding is a sign of things to come in the next few years as we add more degree options in automation, artificial intelligence, and the internet of things.

"The options we have for students interested in welding or other technical fields are expanding and will lead to incredible opportunities."

WSCC welding students earn National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3) credentials upon completing degree work, and the equipment is provided by Lincoln Electric – the world's largest manufacturer of welding equipment, welding consumables and automation.

"This facility should be a game-changer for our program. It gives us the ability to provide more training.

"We'll have more room for equipment and the opportunity to serve more students," Hammond said.

"It's the largest welding facility in Alabama. A Lincoln Electric representative was on campus recently and compared our facility to the new Lincoln Electric facility in Ohio. He was amazed."

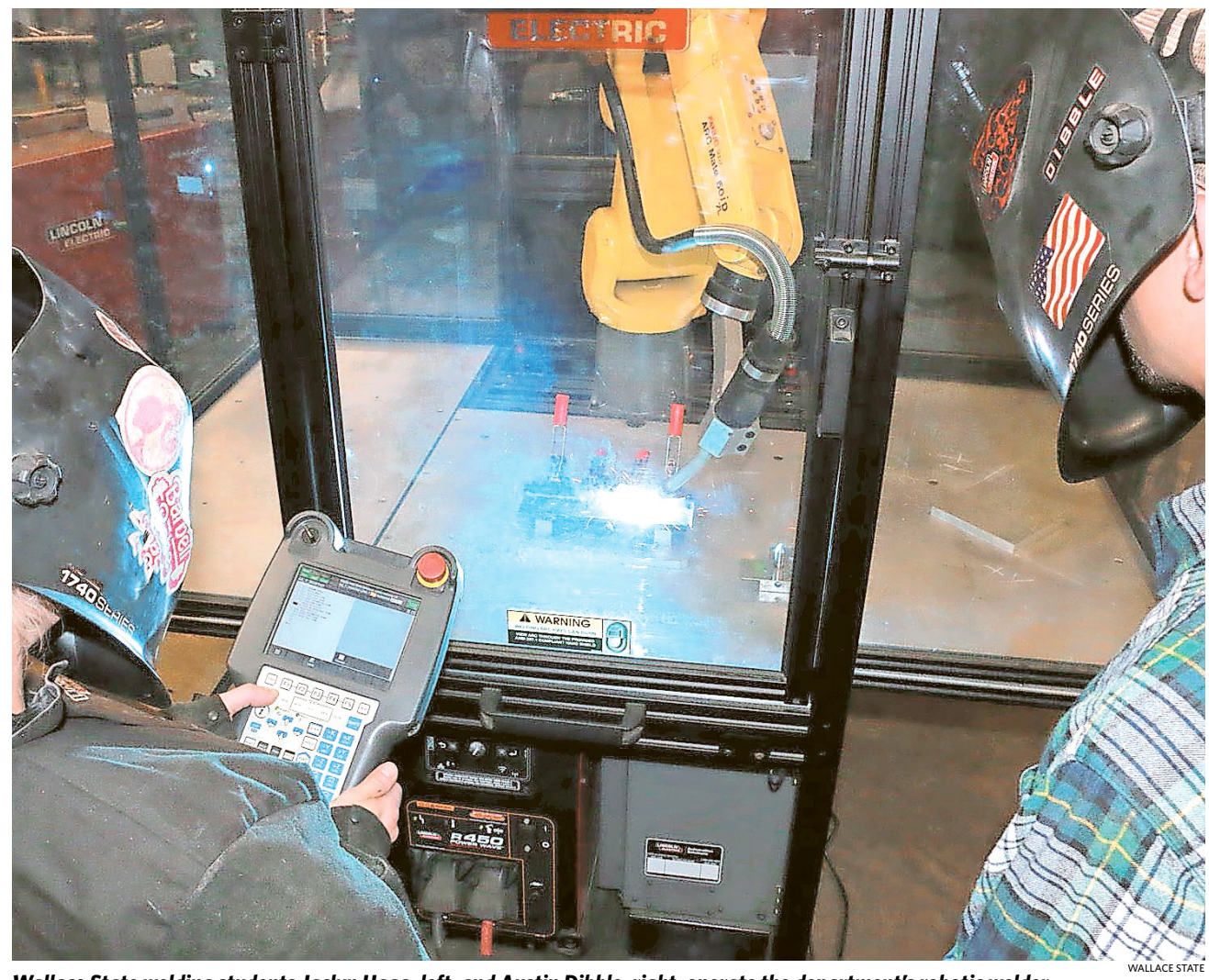
As a result of the transition, welding students can expect to see an increase in night-course offerings. Night courses available for the Fall 2022 semester consist of SMAW Fillet/PAC/CAC (WDT 104) and Shielded Metal Arc Weld Groove (WDT 106).

The new welding facility will also host a business incubator, containing seven incubation pods, an ideation station, along with shared conference and workspace areas.

Watch one of the Wallace State Robotic Welders at www.facebook.com/wallacestatecommunitycollege/videos/1263231457495349.

Fall semester classes begin Thursday, Aug. 18. Register at www.wallacestate.edu/register-now/index.html.

For more information about WSCC welding, contact Hammond at 256-352-8272 or randy.hammond@wallacestate.edu.



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Wallace State welding students Jaclyn Haga, left, and Austin Dibble, right, operate the department's robotic welder.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE

M.D.T., JR.
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NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE OF MINOR

TO: UNKNOWN FATHER OF A MINOR CHILD, M.D.T., JR., BORN TO DASHA LATRICE ROBERSON NUAL

The Petition to Change Name was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Dasha Latrice Roberson Nual, Biological Mother. If you should contest, 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 28th DAY OF July, 2022.

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

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
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NOTICE OF STATUS HEARING

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ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTEREST PARTIES

Please take notice that a status hearing is set on the **13th day of October, 2022, at 10:30 a.m.**. Before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

Done this the 4th day of August, 2022.

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

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CHANDI NETHERTON
ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Please take notice that a Petition for Letters of Guardianship and Conservatorship has been filed by Angela Netherton, Petitioner, by and through Attorney, Alex J. Chaney. A hearing on said Petition for Letters of Guardianship and Conservatorship has been **SET FOR THE 18th day of October, 2022, AT 10:00 A.M.**, Cullman County Courthouse, Probate Office Room 101, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this 5th day of August, 2022.

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF LUCILLE BERTIE DAVIS, DECEASED

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that a verified Petition for Summary Distribution has been filed by David Davis on July 22, 2022.

Thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to the law of the Alabama, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent.

Dated this the 4 day of August, 2022.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Probate Judge

TO: PUBLISHER OF *The Cullman Tribune:*

Please publish the above notice **one time** in said newspaper, and thereafter file with the Court a copy of the notice so published and an affidavit of publication.

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
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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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
ANN DAVIS DEERMAN, * CASE NO.: PC2022-075
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to STACEY SMITH, as Personal Representative of the Estate of ANN DAVIS DEERMAN, deceased, on the 29th 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.

Stacey Smith
Personal Representative

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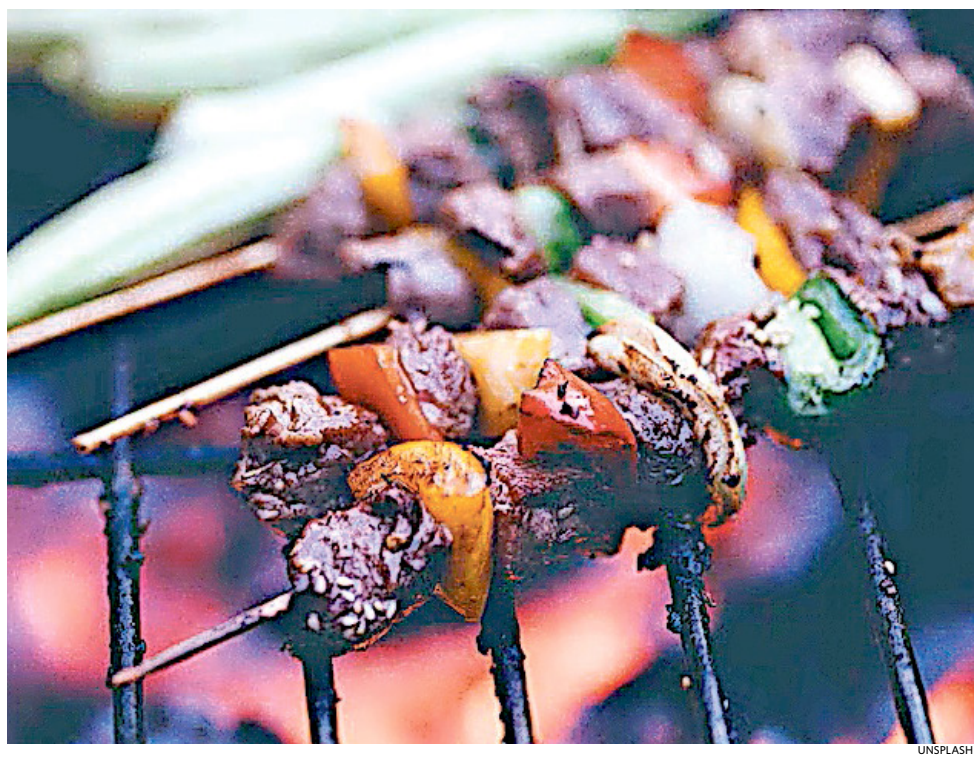
Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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

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

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THE S.U.N.S. JOY QUEST is a set of questions I have compiled over the decades to create a self-guided exploration intended to increase an individual's likelihood for "joyous aging." My experience as a gerontologist has been that people 50-plus who examine their lives to recall joys of the past and of the present find personal insights equipping them to make choices that add joy to their future years.

Quests are journeys with specific missions. Launching a hero or heroine on a quest is a common plot device found in ancient mythology and also in modern day, inspirational storytelling.

We still enjoy the bold quests of Sir Galahad for the Holy Grail, pull for Aeneas to return to his homeland in Virgil's "Aeneid," and cheer for Frodo Baggins to destroy the "One Ring" in "The Lord of the Rings." In "The Wizard of Oz," Dorothy is on a quest to find a way back to Kansas, the Scarecrow for a brain, the Tin Woodman for a heart, and the Cowardly Lion ultimately "cats up" for some courage.

S.U.N.S. QUEST reflects the four, basic elements of "The S.U.N.S. (Smile-Making, Uniting, Neighboring, Spellbinding) System." Feel free to add your own twists, turns and tangents as you traverse your journey of self-discovery.

Here are 100-plus questions from "The JOYrontologist" to guide your "JOY QUEST":

SMILE-MAKING QUEST

• When in life were you most joyful? When in life have you been most joy-challenged?

• What is a joyful day for you? What is a joyless day for you?

• Where in the world do you think you could readily find joy? Where are places you might avoid in order to experience greater joy?

• What are some things you think positively about which give you joy?

• What are some things you do which give you joy?

• What are some memories of meals which make you smile with delight?

• What are sounds/music that have given you joy through the years? What was the genre of music you heard when you first became aware of sexual feelings? What is a music concert or event you would find almost embarrassingly rapturous?

• What were the happiest five, consecutive years of your life?

• Are you currently on anti-depressants? What would need to happen in order for you to not be drugged yet be calm and even joyful?

• If you had a camera and could take five photographs of things that make you smile, what are you visually recording?

• What did you find joy in doing when you were a child? A teen? In your 20s? In your 30s? In your 40s? Other decades? The last five years?

• What is something you purchased that really gave you joy?

• What is something you enjoy about aging?

• What is a joyful memory you have of sunlight? Moonlight? Dawn? Dusk? Darkness?

• What is a great vista or landscape you remember with boundless joy?

• Are there things you could change about the way you look, dress, present yourself which could give you more joy?

• Are there places you could walk and possibly connect with others rather than driving in a "bubble" from your "house bubble" to your "work/church/club bubble" which could possibly set up new "joy encounters" for you?

• What are complements you've received that make you smile to recall?

• Do you have enough money to feel positively secure or should you consider ways to bolster your income?

• Do you LAFF EVRY DAY? What makes you laugh? How could you add more laughter to your life?

• As a sensualist, what are your most joyful memories of: Taste? Touch? Sight? Sound? Smell?

UNITING QUEST

• Who do you connect with and regularly experience joy?

• Who are people you perceive as joyful? How could you spend more time with these joyful people?

• Who are people that regularly make you less joyful and what are ways you might change that?

• Who are famous people in history or "popular culture" that make you feel joy?

• How about the joy of being single? Could you remain uncoupled but connect deeply with friends/family/pets and not deny yourself joy?

• Do you feel joyfully connected to "the man/woman in the mirror?"

• Is your "communication style" allowing you optimal joy? Could you alter it for greater positivity yet remain "authentic?"

• Is your joy-laced "love language" about hearing "I love you?" Observing being loved? Feeling a loving touch?

• What is a compatible "joy chemistry" you feel with someone else?

• What has been your most painful "break-up" or estrangement from another? What did you learn from that experience that can be useful going forward?

• Do you have any enemies or "frenemies?" Is there something about this dynamic that you are enjoying? If not, how could you eliminate it?

• What was your favorite children's book and why? This is the book you begged your parents to read to you over-and-over or the book you read until you wore the book covers off. What was it about the main character that you connected with so deeply? What sort of people would that character choose to be with to find joy?

• What would a joyful, three-hour interaction with another person be for you?

• What is your most joyful time with your family of origin? Your family you created?

• What letter or message in life do you most treasure?

• What was a ceremony celebrating a union that you remember joyfully? A wedding? An anniversary? An adoption? A reunion? A homecoming?

• What is a joyful memory you have of being touched? Hugged? Caressed?

• Who are your people, your tribe?

• Could you connect meaningfully, joyfully with others online?

• Is there someone who enjoys something you do not (cooking? Shopping? housecleaning? Vehicle upkeep? Pet care? Lawn care?) with whom you might barter/exchange tasks?

• Do you squander opportunities for joy because of comparing your life to others or being competitive? How might you change this to experience greater joy?

NEIGHBORING QUEST

• What do you do for others that seems to bring joy to them?

• What do you do for others that brings you joy?

• How might the fellowship of spiritual groups add joy to your life? Traditional? New age?

• What are examples of "joyful gatherings" in your community? Where do you "fit in" with these?

• If you could help others learn something positive for their life, what would that lesson/course of study be?

• What are things in your community that you wish were better? How can you help improve these things?

• Does the leadership in your community reflect the citizenry? How could you help government leaders do a better job?

• The arts often need community support to thrive; what more could you do to support the arts in your area?

• What are your favorite places to see in your community? What are your favorite physical perspectives (vistas) in your part of the world?

• Everyone can feel the joy of being philanthropic, remember the "widow's mite?" What do you give time or money to that makes you feel joy? Could you give more?

SPELLBINDING QUEST

• What are things you get so caught up in that "time flies" and you reflect on it with joy?

• What are movies or other entertainments that totally engage you in joy?

• What could you continue studying that could fully engage you?

• If you were hypnotized, what candor would you worry about expressing?

• Have you ever tried yoga? Meditation? A day of "happy silence?" Tai Chi?

• What is a goal you've achieved that brings you joy to recall?

• What are expressions of congratulations that made you feel proud and joyful?

• Who are your heroes and heroines of impressive achievement?

• Which biographies in books/films/theatre have you most enjoyed?

• What is an "immersive experience" in which you might find joy? Museums/art shows? Spectator sports passion? Travel? Foreign culture?

• What might you do daily as a joyous lifestyle to optimize your diet? Your exercise? Your sleep?

• If you were sailing on a cruise ship, where would you most like to go? Who would you most like to go with you or meet? What do you think would bring you the most joy on this voyage?

• What are joyful daydreams for you?

• Is your home a captivating "vessel of joy" for you to live in? How might you increase your joy at home through design changes? Should you relocate?

• Would intentionally "slowing" the pace of your life make you feel more joy, or do you more enjoy going fast?

S.U.N.S. JOY QUEST might not have been the term Miguel de Cervantes was exploring when he created the legendary fictional character, Don Quixote. However, the 17th century Spanish author sends Quixote, a sort of foolish gent, on a grand quest which ultimately transforms him into a hero of chivalry.

"Man of La Mancha," one of Broadway's most-enduring works, is based on Cervantes' even more enduring tale of the quest, "Don Quixote," written in 1605. The beloved musical premiered in 1965, ran for 2,328 performances and has enjoyed four revivals on Broadway.

"This is my quest, to follow that star, no matter how hopeless, no matter how far," could be your theme song as you explore your own "S.U.N.S. QUEST." If that is not quite enough to propel you forward on your "joy journey," here are more lyrics from "La Mancha's" show-stopping ballad, "The Impossible Dream." After you read this "fist to the sky, windmill-tilting" charge to action, I encourage you to YouTube a few rousing renditions of this spirit-lifting anthem and get going on your own "joy quest."

THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM

To dream the
impossible dream
To fight the unbeatable foe
To bear with
unbearable sorrow,
And to run where the
brave dare not go.
To right the
unrightable wrong,
And to love pure and
chaste from afar,
To try when your arms
are too weary,
To reach the
unreachable star.

This is my quest
To follow that star
No matter how hopeless
No matter how far.

To fight for the right
Without question or pause
To be willing to march,
march into Hell
For that heavenly cause.

And I know if I only be true
To this glorious quest
That my heart will lie
peaceful and calm
When I'm laid to my rest.

QUEST ODES FROM OTHERS:

"I suppose everyone continues to be interested in the quest for the self, but what you feel when you're older is that you really must make the self."—Mary McCarthy

"The longest journey is the journey inwards."—Dag Hammarskjold

"I feel the older I get, the more I'm learning to handle life. Being on this quest for a long time, it's all about finding yourself."—Ringo Starr

"The eternal quest of the individual human being is to shatter his loneliness."—Norman Cousins

"I think much of my own quest in life is to figure out how best to cope with my own uncertainties."—Chloe Benjamin

"Science is a quest for understanding."—Jocelyn Bell Burnell

"I'm on a perpetual quest for air-conditioning."—Bebe Buell

JOY-GIVERS CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

Aug. 6—Lucille Ball

Aug. 7—Garrison Keillor

Aug. 8—Esther Williams

Aug. 9—Betty Boop

Aug. 10—Jimmy Dean

Aug. 11—Chris Hemsworth

Aug. 12—Sir Mix-a-Lot

DON QUIXOTE'S LEAN BEEF SKEWERS—NEBRASKA
(Source: Discover.Grasslandbeef.com)

ODE TO A WORLD-CLASS QUEST

Today, I'm on a world-class quest
for the ultimate food fest.
I started off so Hungary and thought
to Czech my kitchen first.
Then, I was Russian to the fridge but
only found a Greece-y Turkey.
Iran to the grocery to get some salt,
pepper, Chile and Korea-ander,
Because I was in the mood for Sweden sour.
I found Iraq of lamb chops but there
was Norway I could eat 'em all.
The Romanian ingredients were
some Belgium pepper and
A Canada best soup I ever tasted.
Can you Bolivia it?
I Cyprus the urge of buying some Fiji water
Because I Haiti that it leaves Denmark
on the environment.
My friend, Sergeant Tina, decided to join my quest.
She suggested Japan-seared tuna but that Kuwait a while.
Our friend, Chad, also came and brought his Qatar.
We Singapore song after another
While we Polish the silverware and clean the China.
We mix some Cuba Libre cocktails and Malta whiskey.
This was our best Croatian, yet!
When we Finnish our quest, this was the best food fest.
We're Ghana repeat this since we've
gotten tired of just Seoul food.
I'm Peru-sing my food choices Angola
search for new recipes.
Israel hard to find great food.
I Congo days looking Bhutan no avail.
Kenya'll understand me?
Syria-sly, I'm still on my world-class
quest for the best food fest.
I'm sure you have a Brazil-ian suggestions.
Thanks for being so India-ring.
Quest questions? I know I've got some Spain-ing to do.
Maybe we can go on Samoa quests together soon.

(My thanks to Anonymous and to Crowd-Sourcing for noodling this ode.)

Each week, "The JOYrontologist" shares a recipe saluting a healthy food produced in America. This 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

Lean beef stew meat
- Marinade
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 4 tablespoons coconut aminos
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon hot sauce
- 1 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper

Vegetable and fruit chunks (of your choosing):
- Whole mushrooms
- Zucchini
- Red bell pepper
- Red onion
- Pineapple

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Whisk together all marinade ingredients.

2. Add stew meat to the marinade and mix until well combined. Refrigerate 4-24 hours, giving the meat time to soak in the juices.

3. Take the meat out of the refrigerator and begin assembling the kabobs on skewers—layering meat, fruit and veggies. Consider starting with a whole mushroom at the base that acts as a stopper for the rest.

4. Grill the kabobs over medium heat for 12-15 minutes, rotating occasionally and drizzling the remaining marinade throughout the cooking process.

5. Enjoy fresh off the grill.

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

708. The quest for a good night's sleep to conquer lifelong insomnia

709. "The Adventures of Jonny Quest"

710. Annual quest for New Year predictions with a fortune teller

711. The quest for a teenage acne cure

712. The quest for solitude and the quest for companionship

713. A Tribe Called Quest

714. The eternal spiritual quest after living in a house well-known for having a ghost

715. My quest in Paris and in Nice for my "art father," Henri Matisse

716. Quests for great food and quests for great circus

717. The quest for truisms and aphorisms

718. My continued quests for invented lives

719. The continued quest for improvement with self-help books and lectures

720. My ragtop quests for "The Best BBQ in The South"

721. The endless quest for more smiles and laughter

722. Quests using personal ads

723. The quest for understanding others through Enneagrams and horoscopes

724. The quest to explore "grand design" through microscopes

725. "The Proust Questionnaire"

726. My long, long Rumspringa

727. The quest of being a runaway teen in New Orleans

728. The "Think Up" quest for ideation

729. The region-wide quest that led to "The Seven Signs of Southernness"

HAPPY NEW WEEK AND JOY QUEST!

Gardeners (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Wildflower Garden at Sportsman Lake was first started in 1991 by the Cullman Native Plant Society, which had an average of 30 members at the time. In recent years, because of a lack of tending, the Wildflower Garden has grown out of control. Membership in the Native Plant Society has dwindled, and most remaining members have aged out. One of the few remaining members, Nona Moon, was recently commended by the Cullman County Commission for her 31 years of service tending the Wildflower Garden and given a plaque placed at the entrance of the garden.

The Cullman County Master Gardeners got involved because the 2022 class of gardeners needed a community volunteer project to work on so each gardener could complete his or her 50 required hours of volunteer work.

The 2022 class, along with previous classes, and the remaining members of the Native Plant Society will be working at the Wildflower Garden every Tuesday morning cleaning out invasive plants and revitalizing the area.

Master Gardener President Holly Hirsbrunner was the one who suggested the gardeners work at the Sportsman Lake Wildflower Garden.

She said Cullman County Extension Office Coordinator Kira Sims has been pushing an initiative to start a mentoring program in which seasoned Master Gardeners mentor the new classes during community projects.

"I knew that this was looking worse and worse every single day," said Hirsbrunner.

"I got here to Cullman in '89, and it was just glorious to walk through.

"They had the little signs, and you could tell it was well tended, but over the years the climate has changed, the temperament of this whole area has changed."

The area is full of walking trails that have been crowded with overgrown plants.

A sign donated from Birmingham Botanical Gardens landscape architect Jane Reed Ross shows the original designs for the garden, which covers 3 acres.

"The bones are still there, but as time went by, the club didn't enlarge; it shrank.

"So they lost control of it, but they did a fantastic job for the few people that they had. The landscape is starting to breathe.

"We came alongside because we knew they needed help and we needed something to do with this talented group," said Hirsbrunner.

Hirsbrunner is a Master Gardener from the class of '04 when the group only had a few members.

Now the Master Gardeners club has grown exponentially.

She hopes for another good group of gardeners to join the next class, so that after the current class learns the ropes, they will be able to mentor the new gardeners.

"We can get them involved in the volunteerism like this – taking care of something.

"This class will do this for a year under our mentoring, then they will mentor the next class and get them involved."

The Wildflower Garden project will be an 18-month to two-year commitment and then will have to be regularly kept up.

The Master Gardeners welcome any volunteers who would like to join them Tuesdays at Sportsman Lake.

Anyone interested can message the group on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Cullman-County-Master-Gardeners-190326854386185.

"We can tell you what to do if you don't recognize the plants, but if you do recognize the plants, you can help us," Hirsbrunner laughed.

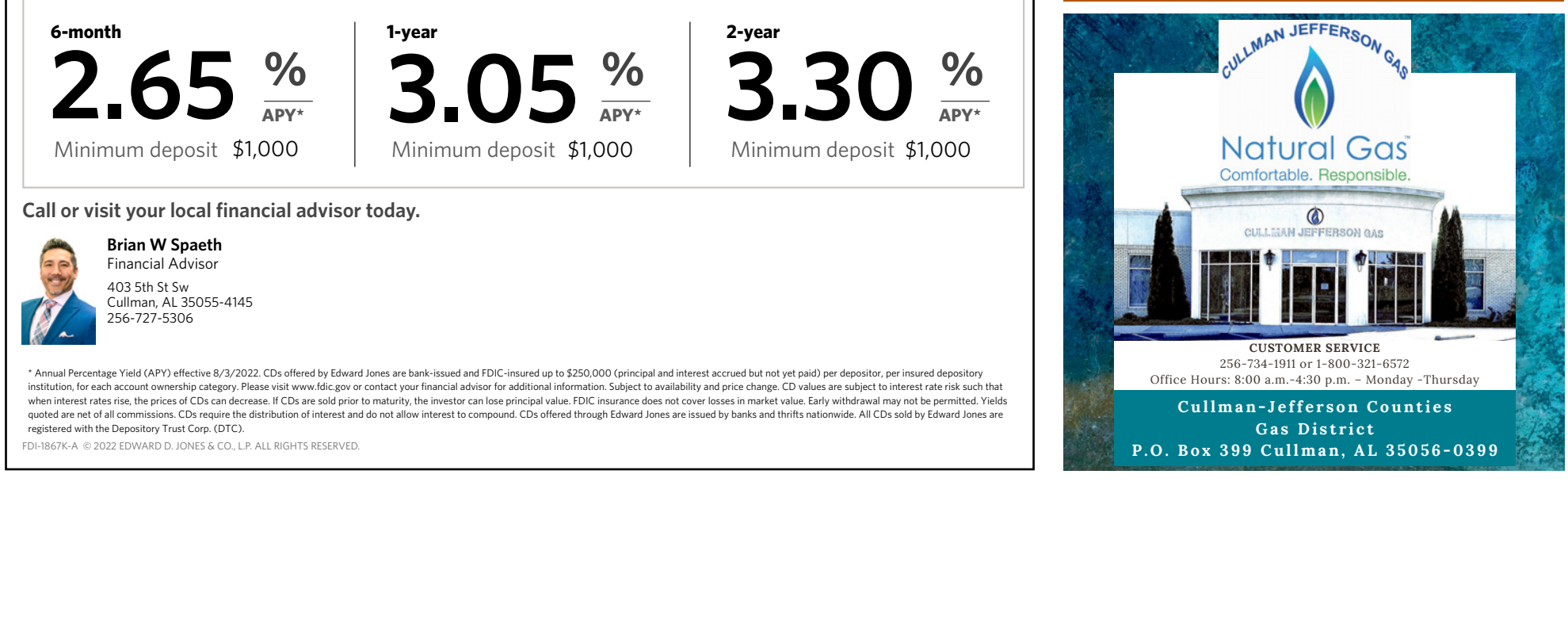












Obituary Announcements: Aug. 4-5

Wanda Jean Holcombe Hodge, 88
Funeral Service for Wanda Jean Holcombe Hodge, age 88, of Cullman, will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 7, 2022, at First Baptist Church of Cullman with Dale Moore officiating; interment in Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1-3 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Hodge passed away on Friday, Aug. 5, 2022, at Hanceville Nursing Home. She was born June 25, 1934, in Cullman, Alabama, to William Martin Holcombe and Lorene Holcombe. She was preceded in death by her parents; and sister: Edna Earle Holcombe Hicks. Survivors include her husband: John Ellis Hodge; son: John Timothy (Glenda) Hodge; daughter: Allison Lynn Hodge (Eddie) Rice; grandchildren: Kevin Michael Rice, Kelsey Brooke Rice-Scott (Adam Scott), William Holcomb (Lydia Wise) Hodge, Hayden Posey Hodge, and Hunter Reid Hodge (fiancee, Cassidy Shrader); great-grandchildren: Harlowe Kate Rice, John Paul Scott, and Greyson James Hodge. Pallbearers are Geoff McGukin, Courtney McGukin, Phillip Hicks, Gary Hicks, Kenny Hicks, and Keith Hicks. Honorary pallbearers are Greg Tankersley, Mark Hodge, Larry Wright, Tracy Baker, and Phillip Jeffers. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Hope Horses, 1301 Convent Road NE, Cullman, AL 35055. The family would like to thank Westminster Memory Care and Hanceville Nursing Home for the care of their mother.

Mary Jean Ponder, 87
Graveside Service for Mary Jean Ponder, age 87, of Vinemont, will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 7, 2022, at Ebenezer Cemetery with Rev. Dennis Trimble and Rev. Terry Blankenship officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Ponder passed away Friday, Aug. 5, 2022, at her residence. She was born April 23, 1935, in Cullman, Alabama, to Kilmer and Era Giles. She was preceded in death by her parents; and husband: Jerry Ponder. Survivors include her daughters: Rhonda (LeWayne) Brock and Teresa (Robert) Bailey; grandchildren: Tony (Mandy) Hamm and Jessi (David) Fricks; great-grandchildren: Dakota Fricks, Shelby Hamm, and Colby Hamm; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Charles William Smith, 86
Charles William "Smitty" Smith, age 86, of Cullman passed away Thursday, Aug. 4, 2022. He was born Feb. 21, 1936, in Falkville, Alabama. Visitation will be held Sunday, Aug. 7, 2022, from 1-3 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, AL 35055. The funeral service will be Sunday, Aug. 7, 2022, at 3 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Oak Level Cemetery, 1272 County Road 1635, Cullman, AL 35058. He is survived by his sons: Perry (Tammy) Smith and Josh (Katie) Smith; grandchildren: Steven (Joni) Smith, Christy (Charlie) Cheatam, Daquari (Danny) Bishop, Summer Smith, Will (Emily) Stutts and Kismet (Dakota) Lowery; great grandchildren: Elizabeth Mae Smith, Dane Smith, A.J. Frezza, Greta Bishop, Jonathan Bishop, David Bishop, Aleena Amaro, Olivia Smith and Satchel Smith; siblings, Dewey (Shirley) Gardner, Roy (Shirley) Gardner, Damon (Connie) Gardner, Tim (Cindy) Gardner, Betty (Jerry) Teichmiller, Ruby (Riley) Sellers, Judy (Tip) Tipton, Wayne (Donna) Maze, Linda (J.C.) Hopper, Joyce (Larry) Bogle, Kathy Maze, Betty Patterson and Patty (John) Sandy; and host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents: Max Smith and Mamie Gardner; his wife: Opal Louise Smith and his son: Charles Steven Smith.

Justin Scott Philyaw, 39
Funeral Service for Justin Scott "Dossey" Philyaw, 39, of Cullman will be 1p.m., Friday, Aug. 5, 2022, in the Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Malcolm Carter, II will officiate the service. The interment will follow in the Crossroads Cemetery. Family will receive friends from 11a.m. - 1p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Philyaw family. Mr. Philyaw was a great mechanic, a hard worker, had a kind heart and helped everyone. He was preceded in death by his grandparents. Mr. Philyaw is survived by his parents: Billy Joe and Becky Philyaw; his wife: Laura Philyaw; daughter: Tori Brooke Philyaw; brothers: Shane (Tara) Philyaw, Billy (Heavin) Philyaw, Jr.; sister: Kayla (Justin) Bennett; and a host of family and friends. Pallbearers will be Shane Philyaw, Sylar Philyaw, Scott Nail, Justin Bennett, Jarden Philyaw, Matt Knight, Eric Knight, Yone Holt.

Kenneth Wayne Smith Sr., 82
Funeral service for Kenneth Wayne Smith, Sr., 82, of Cullman will be at 11 a.m., Monday, Aug. 8, 2022, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with entombment in Cullman Memory Gardens Mausoleum. Rev. Craig Johnson will officiate. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 9-11 a.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Smith family. Mr. Smith passed away Aug. 3, 2022, at his residence. He was born April 28, 1940, to Joseph Duell and Hazel Reynolds Smith. He managed the Cullman Flea Market for 20 years. He and Nedra adopted their son when he was 11 months old and loved him like his own. He gave him a great life and was a great father. He was preceded in death by his father; and a brother-in-law: Pete Powers. Survivors include his 102-year-old mother: Hazel Smith; his wife of 62 years: Nedra Smith; son: Kenneth 'Kenny' Smith, Jr.; sister: Doan Powers; family and friends.

Caden Allen Rodgers, 19
Caden Allen Rodgers, 19, of Holly Pond, Alabama, passed away Aug. 1, 2022. He was born in Cullman, Alabama, on Dec. 11, 2002, to David Allen Marler and Amanda Rodgers Ford. Caden was a young man with a heart for Jesus. He was compassionate toward others and never held a grudge. He loved to camp, hike, kayak, bike, and enjoyed being in nature. Caden had an adventurous spirit, and he knew no fear. Caden was employed with Rock and Roll Sushi in Cullman and attended Holly Pond School from kindergarten. Caden loved his family and friends with a passionate and fierce kind of love. His absence leaves an emptiness in the lives of his family and friends, and he will be forever remembered for his beautiful free spirit. Caden is preceded in death by his grandparents: Reda Rodgers, Ronnie Marler; and his brother: Colby Ford. He is survived by his father: David Marler; mother: Amanda Ford (Chuck McDonald); grandparents: Donald Rodgers (Violene Kelley), Sandra Brokus (Robert); sister: Karli Marler; brother at heart: Ethan Burnham; aunts and uncles: Dana Edwards (Lee), James Chapman (Susan), Tracy Chapman, Kerry Canaday (Bryan); cousins: Camerin Otto Canaday, Kevin Giadrosich, Serra Giadrosich, Garrett Henry, Lydia Chrietzberg (Nick), Sarah Chapman, Brady Chapman, Kenya Crandle, Kayla Crandle, Katie Susskin, Briley Chapman, Jayden Chapman, Memphis Chapman , Reda Kretschmar; and a host of family and friends. Funeral services for Caden are 5 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 6, 2022, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel, Pastor Joe Comer officiating. Burial will follow in Holly Pond Cemetery where Ethan Burnham, Parker Kelsoe, Axil Billings, Ben Heatherly, Eli Ray, and Anthony Knopp will serve as pallbearers for Caden. Friends are invited to visit with the family from 1 p.m., Saturday until services begin at 5 p.m. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to care for Caden and his family at this time.

Colby Aaron Ford, 14
Colby Aaron Ford, 14, of Holly Pond, Alabama, passed away on Aug. 1, 2022. Colby was born in Cullman, Alabama, on Oct. 17, 2007, to Amanda Rodgers Ford and David Leon Ford. Colby was a sweet hearted young man. He loved to play video games with his friends online. Colby was artistic and creative, and he enjoyed listening to music. He excelled in everything he did. Colby would have been a freshman at Holly Pond High School this fall. He had a bond with his siblings and cousin that was unbreakable, and he will be missed by his friends as well. Colby touched many lives in his 14 years and the hearts of his parents, family, and friends will always carry the memory of the sweet young man they love so dearly. Colby is preceded in death by his grandparents: Patsy Ford, Charles Ford, Reda Rodgers; uncle: Tim Ford; and brother: Caden Rodgers. He is survived by his father: David Ford; mother: Amanda Ford (Chuck McDonald); grandparents: Donald Rodgers (Violene Kelley); brothers and sisters: Heath Ford, Shayla Ford, Karli Marler (Derek Robertson); best friend, cousin, and brother at heart: Camrin Otto Canaday; girlfriend: Kinsley Skinner; aunts and uncles: Tony Ford (Myra), Brad Ford (Lindsay), Kerry Canaday (Bryan), Rhonda Kretschmar (Fionna), Cynthia Wood, Teresa Cobbs; cousins: Kevin Giadrosich, Serra Giadrosich, Camerin Otto Canaday, Reda Kretschmar, Lauren Breshears (Matthew), Lindsey Wood, Leah Wood, Dusty Cobbs, Ashley Cobbs, Alex Ford, Mitch Ford (Katie), Logan Ford, Lucas Ford, Maddie Ford; and a host of other family and friends. Funeral services for Colby are 5 p.m., Saturday, August 6, 2022, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel, Pastor Joe Comer officiating. Burial will follow in Holly Pond Cemetery where Aiden Motsinger, Jordan Smith, Carter Brewis, Levi Murphree, Kayden Crigger, and Bradley Woods will serve as pallbearers for Colby. Friends are invited to visit with the family from 1 p.m., Saturday until services begin at 5 p.m. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to care for Colby and his family at this time.

Nathaniel Riley Thomas, 38
Graveside Service for Nathaniel Riley Thomas, age 38, of Cullman, will be at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 8, 2022, at Simcoe Methodist Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2-3 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 8, 2022, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Thomas passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2022, at his residence. He was born to Jeff Thomas and Teresa Eubanks. Nathan was born Dec. 20, 1983, and came home in a Christmas stocking. He could light up a room with his smile. Although his life took a rocky path, he was brilliant, and he did everything he did passionately. He served seven years in the Navy. He was proud of his son Kadin, and he loved gaming with him. He had a soft heart for any animal whether it was a dog, cat or a snake. He loved fishing, kayaking, rap music, and nature photography. Nathan had an uncommon spirit to which people were naturally drawn, and he left his imprint on this life. He will not be forgotten. He was preceded in death by his brother: Eli Thomas; grandfather: W. J. Thomas; and cousin: Isaac Thomas. Survivors include his son: Kadin Thomas; father: Jeff (Shearld) Thomas; mother: Teresa Eubanks; sister: Destani (Dalton) Robison; grandmother: Elouise Cutcher; niece: Saige Robison; nephew: Parker Robison; and a host of family and friends.

Henry Hardie Cornett, 99
Funeral services for Henry Hardie Cornett, 99, of Cullman, Alabama will be Saturday, Aug. 6, 2022, at Mount Zion Methodist Church with the Reverend Wally Armstrong officiating. Visitation will be 12:30-2:30 p.m. at Mount Zion Methodist Church with the celebration of life service beginning at 2:30p.m. Mr. Cornett passed away Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2022. He was born May 31, 1923, in Cullman County to James Monroe and Vola Cornett.Mr. Cornett was a World War II veteran serving in the Army Air Force. He was an Assistant Engineer and tail gunner on a B-24, and had completed 11 missions, five over the main islands of Japan when V.J. Day came. He participated in the bombing and sinking of the Yamato, the last of the Japanese super battleships. His flight crew was credited with a direct hit on the Yamato. He was a Staff Sergeant and was based in Okinawa. He joined the Army Air Force October 1942. When he left the service, he farmed for a year, and then began teaching Veterans-On-The-Job-Farming at Fairview High School. He then transferred to Auburn University in agriculture. He taught math and agri-business at Cullman Middle School. He taught driver education, business law, math and science at Hanceville High School. He was a Realtor for 30 years and cattle farmer most of his life. Mr. Cornett was preceded in death by his wife: Lillie Doris Walton Cornett; his sister: Elouise Huffstutler; and brother: Jack Cornett. Survivors include two sons: James Walton (Sarah) Cornett and Dr. John Hardie (Robin) Cornett; a daughter: Cindy Lu (Lynn) Calhoun; five grandchildren: Evan Marie Cornett Hill, Laura Lynn (Clay) Taber, Joshua Thomas (Tasha) Calhoun, Lillie Walton Cornett and Anna Foret Cornett; three great-grandchildren: Thea Jayde Calhoun, Oliver Thomas Calhoun and Henry Calhoun Taber; two sisters: Faye Glover, Dorothea Waters; one brother: Ronnie (Nancy) Cornett; and a host of nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Mount Zion United Methodist Church.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

A boyhood dream came true for two

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



Grandson Drew and I celebrated our birthdays this past week. Drew's birthday is 2 days after mine, but mine is more than a few years before his! Drew is now officially a teenager, and I am now officially glad-to-still-be-here!

We spent most of the week in St. Augustine, Florida. Since I am the oldest in our little family, celebrating in the oldest city in America seemed fitting. They also have The Fountain of Youth there, but I don't think it worked. I love St. Augustine, but I wasn't sure if I could show my face there again. If you've been reading my ramblings for a good while, you may remember our last visit there. I embarrassed myself quite well. I asked the host at our B&B for a restaurant recommendation.

He said, "There is a nice little tapas bar right across the street here." Since I don't speak much Spanish, wasn't terribly familiar with tapas, and don't hear as well as I did in younger years, I misunderstood what he said. He looked quite puzzled when I answered, "Oh no, my wife and I don't go for those kinds of places." Once Jean educated me that he was not saying "topless," we decided to give the place a try! We decided not to stay at that same B&B this time. I was afraid he might remember me, and that he might still be laughing!

This time, we rented a little house, just outside the historic district. We were close enough to walk into town, and get a little exercise doing so.

Unbelievably, we didn't even go to the beach this time. Ever since I watched Jaws, when I get in an ocean, I hear that music. We did, however, get on the water. Since I was a boy, I've wanted to go deep-sea fishing. Dad had gone with a group of guys and had promised to take me the next year. Unfortunately, he died before the next year arrived. It took me over 50 years to get there. I thought about Dad as Drew and I, and the rest of our crew, floated on the Atlantic.

I've never had more fun in my life. We chartered a small boat, captained by Captain A.J. We had the entire boat all to ourselves for four-and-a-half hours. Yes, Gilligan crossed my mind, but there wasn't a cloud in the sky. We caught enough for our supper, and yours too, but you never showed up. We caught gray snappers, redfish, lady fish, catfish, sting rays, and oysters. Captain A.J. cleaned and filleted the snappers and redfish for our supper. All we had to do was take them back to the house and fry them up.

We had little potatoes, hush puppies, squash and zucchini, and homemade tartar sauce. We ate as much as we could without exploding! We had met the older gentleman who lives next door, so we asked him if would like to have some. He didn't even take them inside, but devoured them right there in his yard.

The highlight of the day was Drew's catch. He landed a huge redfish that was 31-inches long. It took him forever to bring that big boy in! Drew and his fish were both worn out! We had to release the fish because he too big.

Even though Drew has gotten bigger too, we kept him! I couldn't have enjoyed myself anymore even if I had been the one who landed the catch-of-the-day! What a birthday, for both of us, on the day between the two!

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HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1904, 1934

From the Files of 1904

Nathan Kelley will leave next week for the West. Get your schoolbooks at C.A. Stiefelmeyer's. Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reese have been visiting relatives in Blount County.

C.C. Davis is visiting his mother at Walter.

J.H. Brandes had gone to Birmingham to tend the bar for his brother for several weeks.

Miss Emma Adkins has been in charge of the telephone exchange central this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Slason have moved to town and are occupying the Baptist parsonage.

Miss Mattie Wade and Carl Martin are visiting in South Alabama.

Miss Lillian and Herbert Fowler are visiting relatives in Walnut Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Day have returned from a visit with relatives in Hartselle.

The North Alabama Singing Convention will meet the second Sunday at Holly Pond.

S.H. Johnson spent a couple of weeks in Flint this week.

From the Files of 1934

The first bale of 1934 cotton was brought to Cullman by L.J. Earwood of Route Four, Cullman. It weighed 505 pounds and was sold to G.W. Ponder, who paid Mr. Earwood 13 cents per pound for it.

Cullman High School has enrolled 366 students, the largest enrollment since 1930. There are 105 freshmen, 128 sophomores, 76 juniors and 57 seniors.

Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Yeager had as their guests last week, Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Lamphear and daughter, Rhen of Grand Rapids, Michigan. The families became friends by correspondence, after Irene Yeager put her name and address in the bottom of a crate of strawberries five years ago and Rhea Lamphear wrote to her after her father purchased the crate.

POET'S CORNER

Evening Tide | By: Randy C. Hale

A
young boy runs toward
the
ocean, his kite sailing
behind him.
A mother lightly splashes
water into her small child's
face who in shock slings
her arms experiencing
the first of things.
Friends gather,
some quiet mouses,
some loud macaws.
A family goes by,
with matching lights
strapped to their head,
sand crabs scamper.
The sun sets into
a watery grave, as sea
breezes whisk through
the
air this beach evening.



ERICA SELF

Jace Self, age 6

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

AUG. 6

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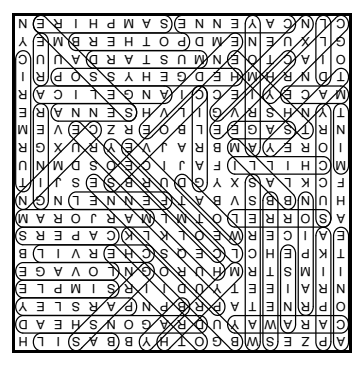
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AUG. 6

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Airport (from Front)

structure, increase equity in transportation, help fight climate change, strengthen the supply chain and create jobs," according to the Federal Aviation Administration.

The $25 billion federal grant will be divvied up with $15 billion going to airport infrastructure and $5 billion each allocated to air traffic facilities and airport terminals.

For Alabama specifically, the law affords about $142 million for airport infrastructure development over a five-year period.

Airport needs including runway improvements, terminal development and revamped taxiways and towers are eligible for grant money disbursement.

With a population boom of 23.9% in the city of Cullman since our previous census and county's 9% population increase in the same time frame, Cullman was one of only a handful of counties in Alabama to see an increase in residents.

As the fourth fastest growing county in the state, Cullman's unemployment is at a mere 1.9% compared to Alabama's 2.6% and the nation's 3.6%.

According to Cullman Economic Development Agency Director Dale Greer, "Our goal is to now provide better paying jobs for Cullman residents.

"The airport is a key factor in supplying those jobs. If everyone is working and making $40,000, then you bring in better jobs so that everyone is making $70,000, $80,000, $90,000 or $100,000 a year. With these potential contracts that we're missing out on, we could do that."

Greer explained, "This airport has not capitalized on the potential that exists in Huntsville, particularly military contracts.

"We've had an opportunity to land several maintenance repair facilities, but we don't have the building that is required.

"They come in and love our community and tour our town. They recognize and appreciate our location in regard to Birmingham and Huntsville.

"Then they say, 'Hang on. What hangar space have you got?' When we tell them none, they say that for us to have a defense contract you've got to have a physical address to bid on all of those. As a result, we don't get those contracts. We're not even in the race to contend because we don't qualify."

The potential $10 million-plus project at the Cullman Regional Airport would require less than a 3% investment, or $60,000 over five years, from both the City of Cullman and Cullman County Commission for a total of $300,000 each.

"The significance is that both the state and the federal government believe that this is worth putting a lot of money into.

"They're committed to helping us grow and committed to doing things to help us get it all done," said Greer.

Cullman Regional Airport General Manager Ben Harrison spoke about the difference between commercial and general aviation and how improving Cullman's general aviation airport can lead to more revenue.

"Commercial jets move people. General aviation, which is what we are, moves businesses. We're able to do things that commercial service can't do," Harrison said.

"Commercial service is scheduled. Every day that aircraft takes off at the same time. They have their scheduled slot times.

"People don't take a corporate jet into a hub like Atlanta because those slots are filled by commercial airlines like Delta or American Airlines. So, the business jets go to an outlier airport like, potentially, us."

He continued, "If we do not have a strong, viable airport that can accommodate corporate jets, business jets and cargo, we will not be able to grow our community."

The impression of some residents is that the airport caters to the affluent, but Harrison disputes that misconception.

"Those are the people who determine jobs. They might be rich, but they employ hundreds or thousands of people," he said.

"They want to bring jobs here, but they can't get their planes in at our airport. Private planes are their mode of transportation because it's faster and more efficient.

"They don't want to fly into Birmingham, Atlanta or Huntsville and drive here. That's a waste of time for corporate executives.

"In 2014, we made a plan for fundamental changes for the future of our airport, and those projects are complete. Now, it's time to implement the next plan."

The 2014 plan's roadmap was the Airport Layout Plan (ALP), a meticulous map with a legend accounting for every square inch of the property.

Harrison explained the intricacies of the ALP, saying, "Everything has to be in place. This will tell us exactly what the runway data is, such as, 'Did the magnetic variation change?' 'Is our compass alignment still correct with the earth's changes and shifts?' 'Are our object-free areas still correct?' 'What about our runway safety areas?' All of that has to be surveyed out: medium-intensity lots, high-intensity lots, non-precision, precision, etc.

"This will tell us what we can and cannot do. All that is surveyed.

"Every bit of that must be in place. The ALP is a seven-year guideline on what we can do. We did this in 2014."

The forward-thinking Harrison keeps his eyes on the future and keeping the airport's progress in on track. By doing so, the long-term costs are kept to a minimum, much like maintaining one's vehicles with routine maintenance like oil and filter changes.

"My goal is, as long as I'm here, is I don't want to touch the same project twice. That's accomplished by doing a project, building it and maintaining it properly.

"Without the maintenance plan, the infrastructure falls apart. If the infrastructure falls apart, no one comes here to land their planes," Harrison said.

"All the taxiways will be rehabbed in less than 10 years of new.

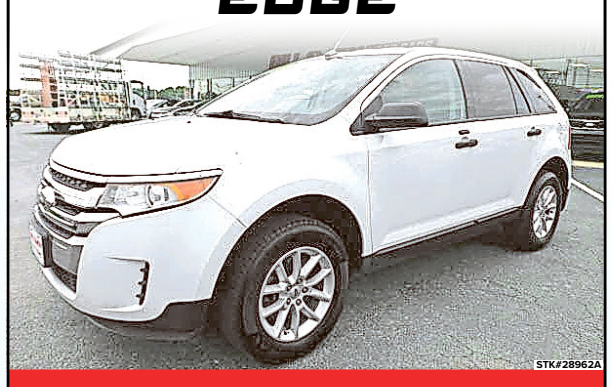
"We had to completely rebuild them at the tune of about $3.8 million. For a $300,000 investment, we're going to preserve them.

"That preservation will take a 20-year pavement maintenance and kick it up to a 30-year maintenance, and, if we keep at it, we can get maybe 40 years out of it."

With Harrison's long-range vision coupled with Greer's experience and expertise, Cullman Regional Airport has the potential to become a pin in the hat of both the City of Cullman and Cullman County as a whole, as long as the community's leaders agree to it.

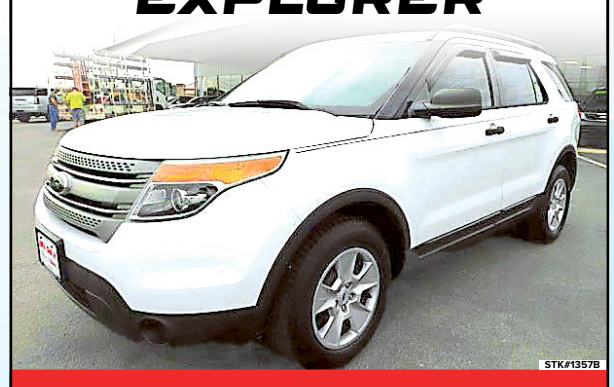
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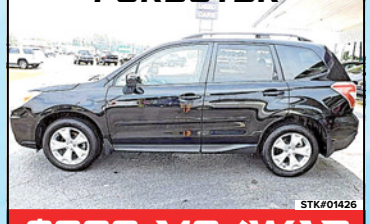
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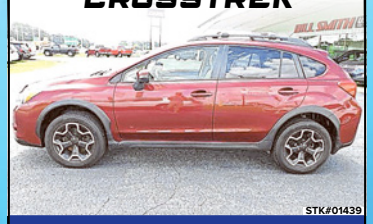
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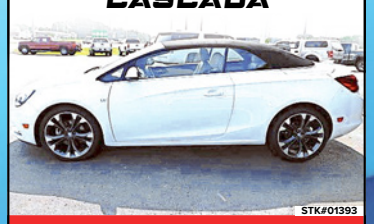
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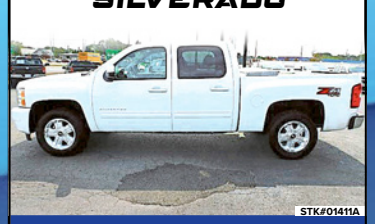
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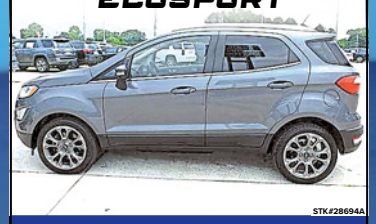
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