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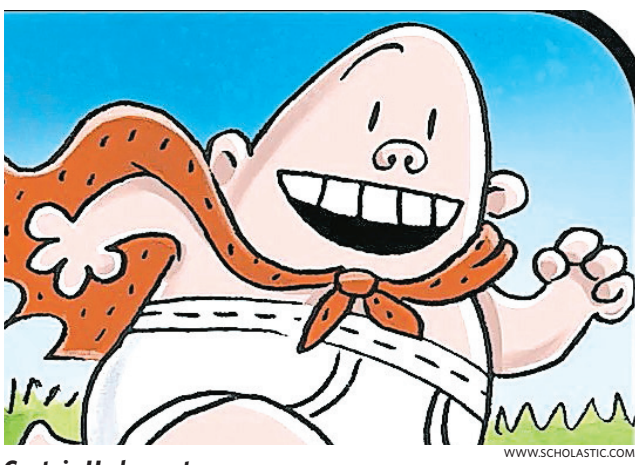
'Captain Underpants' joins Curt's Closet

Schools invited to join underwear drive

Amy Leonard
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Curt's Closet Founder Ashley Wilson announced that the nonprofit is teaming up with popular children's character "Captain Underpants" to host an underwear drive on March 6-17. All schools throughout the city and county are invited to participate to provide much needed undergarments for children of all ages in the community.

Inspired by her precious son Curt's infectious giving spirit, Wilson formed Curt's Closet as a manner to cope with the unimag- » PAGE 7



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Captain Underpants

CHS pageants set for Feb. 25



BARBARA HENDRIX/CHS

Miss Southerner: Left to right are (back row) Kaidence Hanback, Ivaleigh Peppers, Avery Orr, Kloe Burton, Elianna Hollis, Emree Dean and Reese Waters; (middle row) Caroline Tomlin, Lane McLeod, Anna Sandlin, Lexi McCormick, Natalie Myrex, Nicole Lindsey, Ashton Henderson and Adrianne Lynn; (front row) Maddie Files, Sadie Wood, Ella Abbott, Bella Wolfe, Maddison Barnett, Rozetta Armstrong and Jessie Godbee.



BARBARA HENDRIX/CHS

Miss Southerner: Left to right are Kylee Brooks, Maddie Witcher, Siddalee Drake, Lexie Anderson and Karalynn Kallhoff. (Not pictured: Natalie Lindsey)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — On Saturday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m., Cullman High School will host the 2022-2023 Miss Southerner Pageant and 2023 Fair Queen Representative Pageant.

Pageants will be held in the CHS auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at https://gofan.co ($13 for adults, $9 for students, no cash at the door).



BARBARA HENDRIX/CHS

Fair Queen: Left to right are Lexie Anderson, Siddalee Drake and Adrianne Lynn.

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CRIME

Arrests and Incidents reported Feb. 17

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Feb. 17, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Feb. 13
- domestic violence; menacing; CR 1635
- Violation of Protection Order; CR 463
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 31
- trespassing; CR 1490
- theft of property; CR 222
- attempted murder; Hwy. 278 E
- domestic violence; menacing; CR 106
- domestic violence; CR 1224
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278 W
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 437
- domestic violence; CR 1558
- theft of property; CR 1352

Feb. 14
- domestic violence; CR 1668
- Violation of Protection Order; CR 463

Feb. 15
- harassment; CR 1524
- harassment; Day Gap Rd.
- harassment; CR 536
- theft of property; CR 940
- burglary; receiving stolen property; US Hwy. 31
- assault; CR 1815
- domestic violence; Chad Dr.
- harassment; CR 1371

ARRESTS

Feb. 13 – 15

Anderson, Mallory J.; 21
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)

Barnett, Cecil B.; 45
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of dangerous drugs

Dingler, Erica L.; 36
- Bail Jumping-2nd degree-larceny/theft-shoplifting $500 less than $1,500
- Bail jumping-2nd degree-criminal trespass

Fell, Jack V.; 29
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Glover, James B.; 42
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Harrison Jr., David C.; 28
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

McDearmond, Orie S.; 33
- assault-aggravated assault family-gun (2 counts)
- assault-aggravated- A to M AggraAssault (attempted murder) (2 counts)

Oliver, John E.; 54
- burglary-residence-force
- larceny/theft-miscellaneous

Velarde, Sean M.; 31
- receiving stolen property vehicle

Atchley, Christan C.; 37
- Probation Violation- larceny/theft-miscellaneous

Barton, Jeffery; 51
- Grand Jury- larceny/theft-shoplifting $500 less than $1,500

Duncan, Micah A.; 27
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Hale, Draven K.; 24
- forgery-counterfeiting

Loveless, Steven T.; 34
- assault-harassment

Malcom, Rodney; 55
- assault-harassment

Marsh Jr., Myron C.; 58
- assault-harassment

Nickens, Shannon D.; 36
- Grand Jury- robbery-street-strong arm

Odom Jr., Michael D.; 37
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Smith, Rodney L.; 33
- Grand Jury- drug trafficking

Whitehead, Heath D.; 49
- failing to register as ex-felon

Ballard, Tina M.; 40
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Burks, Kenneth A.; 21
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Fairbanks, Jeffrey D.; 57
- Bail Jumping-2nd degree- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- Bail Jumping-2nd degree- possession of dangerous drugs

Gatlin, Joshua A.; 26
- assault-domestic violence-3rd degree- harassing communications

Graveman, Amy M.; 45
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Griffin, Heather N.; 31
- public intoxication

Johnson, Jonathan S.; 42
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Lawson, Christopher L.; 41
- FTA- assault-harassment

Murray Sr., Tevin O.; 26
- FTA- license to hunt on wildlife management areas; fees; violations
- FTA- resident license-hunting
- FTA- taking, etc., of protected birds or animals by means of bait

Pate, Bobby L.; 41
- receiving stolen vehicle
- burglary-non residence-force

Taimi Jr., Tei T.; 40
- burglary-non residence-force
- receiving stolen property
- FTA- operating vehicle without insurance

Weatherford, Jason D.; 23
- Grand Jury- homicide-criminally negligent homicide-vehicular (DUI)
- Grand Jury- homicide-manslaughter
- Grand Jury- DUI (alcohol)
- Grand Jury- improper lane usage
- Grand Jury- reckless driving

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Feb. 11
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $37
- theft of property-4th degree; criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $64

Feb. 14
- theft of property-2nd degree; person; medication

Feb. 15
- theft of property-4th degree; Carquest Auto Parts; Loring St. NW; tag; $125

Feb. 16
- forgery; Easy Money; 2nd Ave. NW; forged checks
- forgery; Easy Money; 2nd Ave. NW; forged check
- theft of property-4th degree; person; Ann St. NW; miscellaneous; $80
- criminal trespass; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157
- theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $510

ARRESTS

Feb. 15 – 16

Fairbanks, Jeffrey D.; 57
- FTA- switched tag
- FTA- insurance violation (4 counts)
- FTA- driving while revoked (4 counts)

Bagwell, Dachery D.; 30
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)
- FTA- driving while revoked (6 counts)
- FTA- insurance violation (3 counts)
- FTA- driving without license (3 counts)
- FTA- fail to register vehicle

McIntyre Jr., Bryan D.; 38
- criminal trespass

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

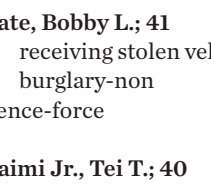
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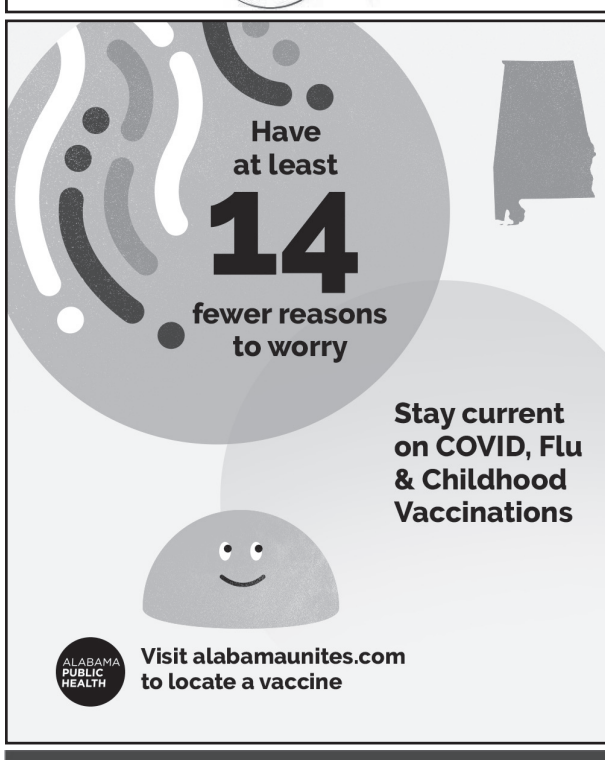
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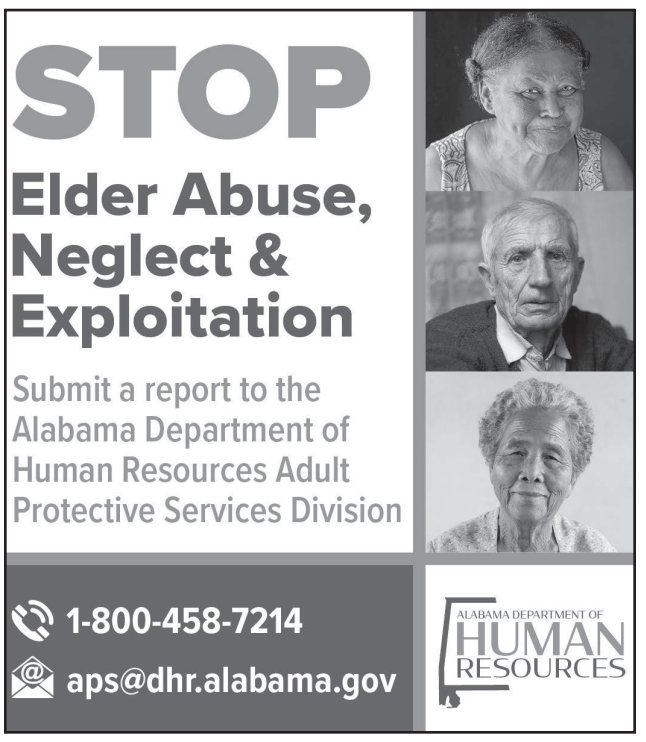
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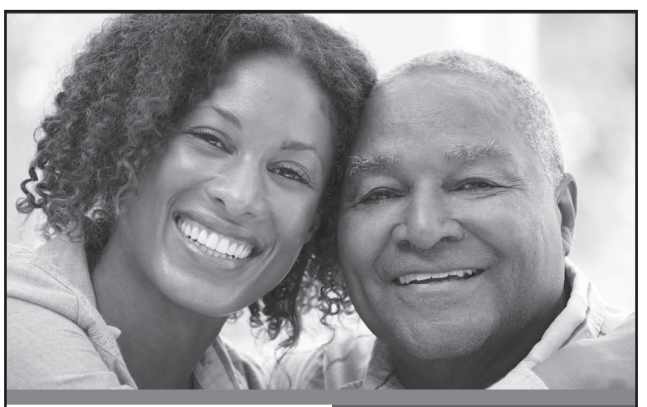


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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Public Notice
The Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation District (CCSWCD) is now accepting applications for a $750 scholarship sponsored by the Alabama Conservation District Employees Association. An applicant must be a U.S. citizen, a high school senior and live in Alabama. Applications may be picked up at the District office located 501-B Fourth St. SW, Cullman, AL 35055. You can also contact Kathy Holmes at kholmes@cullmanswcd.com or 256-734-1431. The deadline to receive completed applications in the District office is 4 p.m., March 4, 2023.

Calling All Young Singers!
Cullman Community Young Singers (CCYS) is looking for YOU! All young singers (ages 8-15) are invited to join us on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-4:45 at the Little House at Art Park, 1031 Second St. SW in Cullman. No auditions, just come for a fun afternoon of learning music from pop to classical styles. We will rehearse and prepare to perform at a variety of events in and around the Cullman community. Bring your friends- we will have music and everything you need to get started! For more information, text or email Miss Cindy at 256-338-4404, cindypass22@gmail.com. CCYS is sponsored by Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism.

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 Dr. NW, Cullman
• 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! Pickup 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, Feb. 18 - Drive through Food Bank 9-11 a.m.!
• Sunday, Feb. 19 - 8-9 a.m. Prayer Group - Join Kevin and Pastor Bobby Sunday to pray for our church, nation, and for those who need Salvation and deliverance.
• Sunday, Feb. 19 - 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. 11 a.m. message by Pastor Bobby Dodd. The prayer meeting with Bonnie Barrett will be after the morning service. Community Lunch following church service! All are welcome and invited!

Alcoholics Anonymous
Sundays, 3 p.m. at Cullman First Church of the Nazarene, 5415 Alabama Highway 157. CLOSED literature study. Handicap accessible.

TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings
Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., at Cullman Housing Authority Community Center (1545 Vine Circle SW, Cullman, AL 35055). The 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.

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.

Fairview Lions Club Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, Feb. 18, from 7-10 a.m. at Fairview Town Hall, 7525 Alabama Highway 69 N. Plates are $8 and are available eat-in or carry-out. All proceeds will go to the Fairview Lions Club project fund. For more information call Kita Chambers at 256-385-8805 or William Criscoe at 256-385-5596.

Cullman EMS 6th Annual 911 Chili Supper & Cook-Off
Saturday, Feb. 18, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Cullman VFW, 112 Veterans Dr. SW. All proceeds will benefit PTSD treatments for veterans. Competition open to law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMA and EMS personnel and dispatchers. Chili supper open to the public for a $5 donation per person. Awards determined by popular vote. Door prizes and live music. For more information or to register a team, contact James Curtis at 205-903-4486 or james.curtis@cullmanregional.com.

Cana-based Wine Pouring with Food Pairing
Saturday, Feb. 18 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Church Family Life Center. Hosted by the Altar Society of Sacred Heart of Jesus. All women are invited to share in this event, as four church members recount their personal experiences as they journey with Christ through their lives. Their service to others, their leadership and fellowships will be topics of conversation during this special gathering. There is a $10 fee at the door. All are invited to this morning of prayer.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Singing
Sunday, Feb. 19, at 5 p.m. 2nd Mile from Dekalb, Mississippi, will be featured guests. 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.

Empty Bowls of Cullman County
Monday, Feb. 20, from 4-6 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Cullman. Enjoy a delicious dinner of Three Guys chili and grilled cheese, music by local performers and a silent auction. Benefits Cullman Caring for Kids. Only one thing will be different this year. For 17 years, potters made bowls for attendees to take home after their meals. The potters are no longer able to produce the number of bowls needed for everyone. Drive-through and carry-out options will be available. Tickets are $10 each and available at Cullman Caring for Kids or First United Methodist Church. Monetary donations or donations to the silent auction can be made at Cullman Caring for Kids, 402 Arnold St. NE #W1, Cullman, AL 35055. Monetary donations can also be made online at www.cullmancaringforkids.com.

Veteran and Beginning Farmer Series: So You Want To Keep Bees For Fun and Profit?
Tuesday, Feb. 21, 6 p.m. at the North Alabama Agriplex. In its second class of the year, the free Veteran and Beginning Farmer Series will explore beekeeping as a hobby and as a moneymaker with local beekeepers participating in a panel discussion with exhibits to study. Register with Tony Glover at gloveta@aces.edu or 205-568-0005.

Lenten Fish Fries
Fridays (Feb. 24, March 3, March 10), from 5-7 p.m. at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church Family Life Center. Fried or baked fish, fries, coleslaw, hushpuppies, desserts and drinks. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, with proceeds going toward their church work. $12 each for up to four dinners, with additional plates costing only $10 each. Guests can eat inside the gym or obtain meals through a drive-thru line (drinks only available for eat-in meals). Everyone is invited and are encouraged to attend Stations of the Cross in the church at 7 p.m.

Holly Pond Lions Club Beans and Greens Meal
Saturday, Feb. 25, from 4-7 p.m. at the Holly Pond Lion's Club Building. All you can eat, with cornbread. Don't cook that night; join us for your meal. Eat in or take out. Donations accepted. Proceeds will benefit Lions Club programs. Also, we will accept any and all unused eyeglasses for donation.

Cullman Lions Club Fish & Ham Dinner
Saturday, March 4, from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. in the Cullman Middle School cafeteria. Tickets are $15, and include a choice of catfish or ham, plus hushpuppies, slaw, baked potato, dessert and a drink. Eat in or get it to go. Drive-through available.

Veteran and Beginning Farmer Series: How to Sell Your Farm, Garden or Kitchen Products to the Public
Tuesday, March 14, 6 p.m. at the North Alabama Agriplex. Free. Helpful input and advice from experienced farmers and market sellers will be provided for the attendees to make the most out of their produce. Contact Tony Glover to register by email at gloveta@aces.edu or by calling 205-568-0005.

Inaugural Gospel Music Jubilee
Friday, March 17, 5 p.m. Northbrook Baptist Church. The first cancer awareness event of its kind will benefit the Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides financial support to Cullman County residents battling all types of cancer. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the entertainment begins at 6 p.m. St. Bernard Jazz Band and Unity 4 Quartet are scheduled to perform and the evening will feature the Living Faith Quartet. Advance tickets are $15 or $20 at the door. A limited number of VIP tickets with parking are available for $25. Tickets can be purchased at www.CullmanBosomBuddies.com or by visiting Options at 2201 Second Ave. NW or Yates Christian Bookstore at 1650 Second Ave. SW.

Cullman Women's League Auction
Friday, March 17, 6-9 p.m. Steele Building. The fundraising auction will benefit Brooks' Place, the Cullman Regional Foundation, Curt's Closet, the Wallace State Future Foundation, Good Samaritan Health Clinic, Hope Horses, Knapsacks for Kids, The Link of Cullman County, Pilot Light House, Restoring Women Outreach and the Cullman Women's League Scholarship Fund. Live music will be provided by local favorite The Overtones and silent and live auctions will take place. Tickets are available for $30 and will include dinner and two drinks. They can be purchased at Three Pears, Southern Accents, White Willow and TheraPlay. They may also be purchased from any active members of the Cullman Women's League.

Hanceville Irish Festival
Saturday, March 18, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Commercial Street in downtown Hanceville. This fun, free annual festival celebrates Hanceville's Irish heritage and music, dancing, craft vendors and food will be on-hand. www.facebook.com/hancevilleirishfest

Kaleb's 5K Run
Saturday, April 8, 8-11 a.m. Depot Park. At 1 year old, Kaleb Phillips is a special little fighter who, due to a medical condition, had both feet amputated. The victorious tot now has prostheses and through hard work in physical therapy is taking steps to a full and energetic childhood with his cheerleaders by his side. Funds raised will go toward not only Kaleb's medical expenses, but also to another family facing similar obstacles. Registration is due by March 31 and found at www.runsignup.com/race/AL/Cullman/Kalebs5KRunwalk. The 5K run begins at 8 a.m. and the 1-mile fun run will start at 9.

39th Annual Bloomin' Festival Arts and Craft Fair
Saturday, April 22 and Sunday, April 23, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The two-day art festival welcomes 150 artists who exhibit their work to over 20,000 visitors on the picturesque campus of St. Bernard Prep School. Recognized throughout the Southeast as a must-visit festival, Bloomin' Fest is a favorite among locals as well. All proceeds benefit the operational support of St. Bernard Preparatory School. Admission is a donation of $10; children 12 and younger get in free. For more information visit www.bloominfestival.com or call 256-739-6682.

Relay For Life of Cullman County's Party in the Park
Saturday, April 29, 5-10 p.m. Depot Park. Honoring cancer survivors, the Party in the Park will also remember those who lost their battle with the disease. Relay For Life benefits the American Cancer Society's research and services. Enjoy children's activities, food trucks and live music. Visit www.relayforlife.org/cullmanal to register or join a team.

Strawberry Festival
Saturday, May 6, 9 a.m. Depot Park. Hosting over 24,000 visitors in one day, the Strawberry Festival was first celebrated in 1939. The festival features live music, a large craft show, fun and games for the whole family and Cullman's famous locally grown strawberries. This year's festival will be headlined by Blues Traveler.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Feb. 15, 2023 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 Wednesdays)
• Positivity in tests in Alabama: 10.4%
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 387,822
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2021): 538,459
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2022): 642,220
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2023): 44,601
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,189
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2021): 9,558
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2022) 3,981
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2023): 17
• Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.: 5.9%
• 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): 12,797
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2023): 868
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 128
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 188
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2022): 74
• Death in Cullman Co. (2023): 0
• Total tested in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 1,063
• Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 63
• Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 33,921
• Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 3,540

Vaccine details
• Doses delivered to Alabama: 10,910,595
• Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 5,467,565
• Doses administered: 6,728,050
• Additional doses administered: 995,555
• Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,958,924
• Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 2,453,080
• Doses delivered to federal programs: 5,443,030

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Registration underway for Mini Term II classes at Wallace State

Gail Crutchfield
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College announces registration for Mini Term II classes for the Spring 2023 semester. Mini Term II classes will begin March 8 and continue through the end of the spring semester on May 9.

Mini Term classes are available for essential core classes such as Art Appreciation, Microcomputer Applications, English Composition I, Introduction to Geology II, Western Civilization II, United States History II, Intermediate College Algebra, Orientation, Psychology, Spanish and Speech, as well as courses specific to certain programs. Mini terms allow students to complete a course in half the time of a regular term. View pages 42 and 43 of the Spring 2023 schedule (www.wallacestate.edu/schedule) to view the list of Mini Term classes available or contact a success advisor.

Priority registration for summer and fall 2023 classes will begin April 3, with registration open to all students on April 6. Visit www.wallacestate.edu to view the schedule, apply and register to Wallace State Community College or call 256-352-8000.

Vinemont's Black earns PhD from Ole Miss

Jacob Batte
Contributor

UNIVERSITY, Miss. — Mellissa Black, of Vinemont, is among the more than 600 students who graduated from the University of Mississippi in December 2022.

Black, who majored in English, received a Doctor of Philosophy degree in the Graduate School.

"Congratulations to our December 2022 graduates who are distinguished by their dedication to academic success," said UM Chancellor Glenn Boyce. "They accomplished so much during their years at the university. I applaud them and can't wait to see all the ways they will continue building their legacies that began here."

December 2022 graduates are invited to walk across the stage at the University of Mississippi 2023 Commencement exercises, which will be held May 10-14. Morning Convocation will be held on Saturday, May 13 at 8 a.m. in the Grove. In the case of inclement weather, Morning Convocation will be held at 8:30 a.m. in the Sandy and John Black Pavilion at Ole Miss.

For additional details and a complete 2023 Commencement schedule, visit https://commencement.olemiss.edu.

The University of Mississippi, affectionately known as Ole Miss, is the state's flagship university. Included in the elite group of R1: Doctoral Universities - Highest Research Activity by the Carnegie Classification, it has a long history of producing leaders in public service, academics and business. Its 16 academic divisions include a major medical school, nationally recognized schools of accountancy, law and pharmacy, and an Honors College acclaimed for a blend of academic rigor, experiential learning and opportunities for community action. Recognized among the nation's most beautiful, Ole Miss' main campus is in Oxford, which is routinely acknowledged as one of the country's best college towns.



UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

AL students can apply to colleges for free Feb. 20-24

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Next week, Feb. 20-24, 2023, high school students will have the opportunity to participate in the Spring 2023 Alabama College Application Campaign (ALCAC). This is an extension of the event that was held in October 2022 for thousands of high school seniors. Several colleges have waived application fees for this year's event.

"During our college application campaign held in October, we had over 26,000 seniors across the state apply to colleges and universities. Due to the success of this campaign, colleges and universities have agreed to host another event for students" said ALCAC Coordinator Dr. Monica P. Mack. "Students that did not apply to a college or university during the initial campaign are encouraged to participate in this event."

The following colleges and universities have officially waived their application fees for the week to allow Alabama students participating in the Spring 2023 ALCAC to submit their applications at no cost:

- Alabama State University – Alabama
- Alabama A&M University - Alabama
- Allen University - South Carolina
- Andrew College – Georgia
- Auburn University at Montgomery – Alabama
- Birmingham Southern College – Alabama
- Brenau University – Georgia
- Cumberland University - Tennessee
- Faulkner University – Alabama
- Georgia Gwinnett College – Georgia
- Georgia Southwestern State University - Georgia
- Huntingdon College - Alabama
- Jacksonville State University - Alabama
- Lander University – South Carolina
- Lincoln Tech - Tennessee
- Maryville College – Tennessee
- Mercer University – Georgia
- Miles College - Alabama
- Mississippi College – Mississippi
- South University - Alabama
- Spring Hill College – Alabama
- Stillman College – Alabama
- Talladega College - Alabama
- Troy University – Alabama
- Tuskegee University – Alabama
- Union University - Tennessee
- University of Alabama – Alabama
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- University of Montevallo – Alabama
- University of New Orleans - Louisiana
- University of North Alabama - Alabama
- University of South Alabama – Alabama
- University of Tampa - Florida
- University of Tennessee Southern - Tennessee
- University of West Alabama – Alabama
- University of West Florida - Florida
- University of West Georgia - Georgia
- Alabama Community College System – Alabama
- Bevill State Community College - Alabama
- Bishop State Community College – Alabama
- Calhoun Community College – Alabama
- Central Alabama Community College – Alabama
- Coastal Alabama Community College – Alabama
- Enterprise State Community College – Alabama
- Gadsden State Community College – Alabama
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- Lurleen B. Wallace Community College - Alabama
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- Trenholm State Community College - Alabama
- Wallace Community College-Dothan – Alabama
- Wallace Community College Selma - Alabama
- Wallace State Community College Hanceville - Alabama

*See the list of required application codes and information for each participating college. This information is important because it helps to ensure submitted applications from Alabama students are FREE during the ALCAC: https://tinyurl.com/ALCAC2023

The ALCAC was started 10 years ago to increase the number of students in our state applying to, and ultimately enrolling in, postsecondary education.

The Cash for College FAFSA initiative and ALCAC were combined into a single campaign (Alabama Goes to College) to help more K-12 students apply to college early and complete their FAFSA applications.

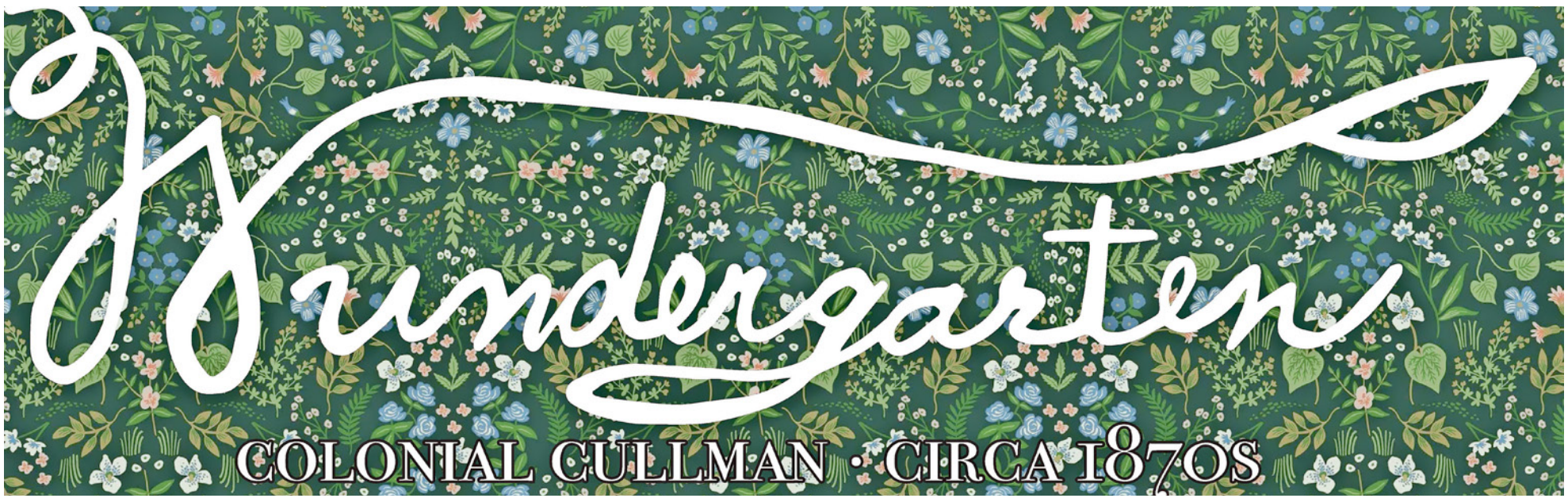
A key goal is to increase the number of young people, especially first-generation and low-income students, pursuing college degrees.

Students and parents can also get tips on college scholarships and much more at the Alabama Possible-Cash for College website: https://alabamapossible.org/programs/alabamagoestocollege/students-and-familes.

Learn more about the ALCAC by contacting your local school counselor or ALCAC Coordinator Dr. Monica P. Mack at 334-694-4768 or monica.mack@ALSDE.edu.







COLUMN

Celebrating in the Wundergarten – rabbit stew

Ben South
Tribune Columnist

"If you were a real rabbit, I'd skin you and make rabbit stew!"

This line is yelled in frustration by our hero, Fritz, in the new folktale "WUNDERGARTEN," which is set in 1870s Cullman County, Alabama. Fritz has struggled to clip a rabbit-shaped topiary out of an Alabama thicket and wishes the shrub would cooperate and remain like the hare pictured in his favorite Brothers Grimm tale, "The Hare and the Hedgehog."

The stubborn "Wundergarten" rabbit topiary refuses to stay trimmed and teaches readers to "grow where your branches go."

In this storytelling culinary series, "Celebrating in the Wundergarten," we are imagining German dishes from the recipe box of our heroine, Frau Ruehl (pronounced "real"). As we brave another blast of wintry cold in her snug Alabama cabin, let's savor this hardy, heart-warming medley of rabbit, bacon, red wine and dried herbs.

WUNDERGARTEN HASENPFEFFER (GERMAN RABBIT STEW)
(Source: allrecipes.com)

INGREDIENTS
- 1/2 lb. bacon, diced
- 3 lbs. rabbit meat, skinned and cut into pieces
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup finely chopped shallots
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- 1 cup dry red wine
- 1 cup water
- 1 tbsp. chicken bouillon granules
- 1 tbsp. currant jelly
- 10 black peppercorns, crushed
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/4 tsp. dried rosemary, crushed

GRAVY
- 2 tsp. lemon juice
- 3 tbsp. water
- 2 tbsp. all-purpose flour
- 1/8 tsp. dried thyme, crushed

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Place bacon in a large skillet; cook and stir over medium heat until evenly browned, about 10 minutes. Use a slotted spoon to transfer bacon to a paper towel-lined plate.

2. Sprinkle rabbit with salt and coat with flour; shake off excess. Cook rabbit in bacon fat in the skillet over medium heat until browned. Transfer rabbit to a plate and set aside. Drain excess grease, leaving 2 tbsp. fat in skillet.

3. Sauté shallots and garlic in fat in the skillet until tender, about 4 minutes. Add wine, water and bouillon. Bring to a boil, then stir in jelly, peppercorns, bay leaf and rosemary.

4. Return rabbit and bacon to the skillet. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to low. Cover and simmer until rabbit is tender, about 1.5 hours.

5. Remove bay leaf and discard. Place rabbit on a warm platter; cover to keep warm while preparing gravy.

6. Make gravy: Stir lemon juice into cooking liquid in the skillet. Mix together water and flour in a small bowl; stir mixture into the skillet over low heat and simmer until thickened. Stir in thyme.

7. Pour gravy over rabbit or serve in a gravy boat on the side.

AUF WIEDERSEHEN, YOU WASCALLY WABBITS!

Find all columns in this series at www.cullmantribune.com/tag/celebrating-in-the-wundergarten.

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Walker Scores 22 in UAB's 79-66 win at UTEP

Paul McCaw
UAB Athletics

EL PASO, Texas — UAB men's basketball (19-8, 10-6 C-USA) overcame 21 turnovers with a strong shooting effort to sink UTEP (12-14, 5-10 C-USA) on a frigid night in El Paso, 79-66. Jordan Walker added 22 points as five Blazers finished in double figures for the third time in four games.

The Blazers did not trail for the final 34 minutes of the contest. Despite leading at the half, UAB limped into the break.

Leading by 10 with under four minutes to go in the half, UTEP went on a 10-2 run to cut the Blazers' lead to just two points at 36-34 before heading into the locker room. Calvin Solomon scored eight of the Miner's 10 points during the run.

UAB shot 62 percent (13-21) from the field in the first half, including a 5-for-8 mark from three, but the Blazers turned the ball over 10 times and were outrebounded 20-13.

In the second half, the Blazers began to play to their strengths, outrebounding the Miners 24-10 and shooting 11-for-14 from the free throw line. UAB ranks among the top teams in the country in rebounding and free throws made per game.

Jordan Walker continued his scoring pace from the first half, scoring eight points over three minutes to help UAB take an 11-point lead.

UTEP would not go away after they continued to force turnovers. The Miners scored 34 points off turnovers on the night.

The Blazers maintained a double-digit advantage over the last three minutes to take the 79-66 win.



UAB ATHLETICS

Jordan Walker led the Blazers with 22 points in their 79-66 win at UTEP.

Notes

• Five UAB players finished in double figures for the third time in four games.

• The Blazers picked up their second win of the season when turning the ball over more than 20 times.

• UAB shot over 50 percent for the sixth time this season.

• The Blazers have grabbed at least 10 offensive rebounds in every game this season.

• Jelly Walker has scored at least 20 points in three straight games and 15 times this season.

• Ty Brewer scored 11 points to reach double figures in three-straight games for the first time this season.

• Ledarrius Brewer finished with 13 points while shooting 5-for-6 from the field.

Up next

The Blazers will travel to San Antonio to face UTSA on Saturday at 3 p.m.

No. 1 Alabama upended by No. 10 Tennessee, 68-59

Steven Gonzalez
UA Athletics

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — The No. 1/1 Alabama men's basketball team dropped a 68-59 decision at No. 10/11 Tennessee Saturday night inside Thompson-Boling Arena. The loss gives the Crimson Tide its first defeat in Southeastern Conference play this season, falling to 22-4 overall and 12-1 in the league.

The Volunteers, which entered the game leading the nation in defensive efficiency, forced the Tide into 19 miscues which resulted in a 26-2 advantage in points off turnovers. As a result, Alabama, which entered the game averaging 83.5 points per game on the year, was held to its lowest point total of the season.

Brandon Miller recorded his sixth double-double of the season, leading the Tide with 15 points to go along with 10 rebounds.

Jaden Bradley scored 14 points and had team highs in assists (4) and steals (2), while Nimari Burnett came off the bench to collect 11 points.

Noah Clowney finished with seven points and a team-leading 11 boards in the defeat.

Tennessee (19-6, 9-4 SEC) Zakai Zeigler and Santia Vescovi's 15 points apiece, while Jonas Aidoo had 12 points, 11 rebounds and three blocked shots.

Head Coach Nate Oats postgame comments

"Tennessee proved why they have the No. 1 defense in the country. They did a great job on us, and we turned the ball over way too much. They had nine turnovers, we had 19 turnovers; we scored two points off their turnovers, and they scored 26 points off our 19 turnovers, to me that is the biggest area of the game and to me it was their physicality.

"They got into our guards, and we did not handle it well and we obviously didn't do a good job of preparing our guys to go against the physicality that was going to come with this game. The underneath out-of-bounds where we turned it over, I have to do a better job of getting us ready to play a game like this.

"We only get them once and if we get them again it will be in the SEC Tournament so hopefully, we are better prepared to play against a defense like this because we have seen it.

"That is the reason why these guys are good, and I know their record isn't what everyone thought it was going to be in conference but maybe they have been the unluckiest team I have seen with the last two losses. I don't think I have ever seen a team lose back-to-back games like that, but this is a really good team and they showed it tonight."



UA ATHLETICS

Alabama Forward Brandon Miller (24) led the Crimson Tide with 15 points in their 68-59 loss at Tennessee.

Team stats

• With the defeat, the Tide falls to 1-2 all-time as the No. 1-ranked team in the nation (1-1 in 2002-03)

• Alabama outrebounded Tennessee 43-39, but the Vols owned a 13-8 edge on the offensive glass which helped result in a 14-4 edge in points in the paint

• Of the Tide's 19 turnovers, 12 came in the opening 20 minutes

• In addition to being held to a season low point total, UA finished with additional low marks in field goals made (17) and attempted (48), points off turnovers (2) and second chance points (4, tied)

• Alabama is now 14-13 when playing AP Top-25 teams during Nate Oats' tenure

• The loss snaps UA's three-game winning streak in the series vs. UT and was the Vols' first win over the Tide on its home floor since Jan. 19, 2019 (UT won, 71-68)

First half

• Alabama shot 49 percent from the field while holding UT to 31 percent

• Tennessee used a mini 7-0 spurt to take its largest lead of the half at 26-18 with 4:11 left, however, Alabama did not allow UT to score a field goal the rest of the half

• The Tide finished the opening stanza on an 11-3 run to draw even at 29-all at the half

• Brandon Miller led UA with nine points along with three rebounds

• The Tide outrebounded Tennessee 25-19

• Tennessee attempted 36 shots while the Tide attempted just 21 shots

Second half

• Tennessee began the half by scoring seven of the first nine points to take a 36-31 edge and used its defense to keep the lead the rest of the way

• The Vols shot 46 percent in the final stanza and limited the Tide to just 30 percent

• Of Alabama's eight made field goals in the half, six came from beyond the arc (6-of-14)

• Burnett scored nine points to lead the Tide, hitting all three of his three-pointers

• Both Burnett and Brandon Miller recorded four fouls to result in both player fouling out

Up next

• Alabama will return home to face the Georgia Bulldogs Saturday afternoon

• The contest will tipoff at 5 p.m. and air live on the SEC Network

For all the latest information on the team, follow AlabamaMBB on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. General athletic news can be found @UA_Athletics on Twitter and Instagram and Alabama Athletics on Facebook.

Lent (from Front)

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While many Christians celebrate the holidays of Christmas and Easter where something material is gained in the form of presents, brightly adorned baskets and meticulously prepared feasts, far fewer choose to commit to the solemnness necessary for the Lenten season, which begins this year on Wednesday, Feb. 22.

The Lenten season requires self-sacrifice and the commitment to give of our time, our thoughts and our wants opposed to the effervescence of the jovial holidays. Lent is a time where Christians' rubber meets the road. Lent asks us to exercise delayed gratification, which is becoming more foreign in modern times.

Lent is a time of observance of the 40 days and nights that Jesus spent in the Judean Desert fasting and facing temptations after he was baptized by John the Baptist. Worldwide, Christians honor this period with surrender, reflection and fasting as a symbol of remembrance and reverence of Jesus' sacrifice leading to his crucifixion and resurrection. It is a 40-day period of prayer, fasting and reflection in the Christian calendar that starts on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter Sunday.

During Lent, many Christians practice self-discipline like fasting, almsgiving (charitable acts) and prayer to prepare themselves spiritually for the celebration of Easter. Prior to the first day of Lent, Shrovetide is a time for Christians to reflect on the sacrifices they are willing to make during the Lenten season.

Shrovetide ends on Shrove Tuesday, also known as Fat Tuesday or Mardi Gras, the day before Ash Wednesday. This day is celebrated in different parts of the world with various traditions. The most famous celebration takes place in New Orleans where thousands of people come together to enjoy music and food.

Fat Tuesday is a popular time for indulging in sweets, treats and drinking, since it marks the beginning of abstaining from such activities during Lenten season.

The first day of Lent is Ash Wednesday, when ashes are placed on worshippers' foreheads as a sign of repentance for sins with a blessing of "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." A profound reminder of our mortality and that we, as Christians, are not deities, thus invoking humility.

It is a time for self-reflection, prayer and rededicating oneself to God. Lent is also a time for charitable works and acts of kindness. In many places, churches organize activities for the community, such as volunteering for the less fortunate. Celebrating Fat Tuesday and Ash Wednesday serves as an important reminder of our faith journey and relationship with God.

Though traditions may vary by location, it's important to remember why we celebrate them: to recognize Jesus' ultimate sacrifice and prepare our own hearts for the season of Lent. No matter how one celebrates Fat Tuesday – with food, drink or festivities – it is a day to rejoice in all that God has given us. Likewise, Ash Wednesday is a solemn reminder of our journey to Easter Sunday and an opportunity to make a spiritual renewal. We can take this time to remember Jesus' love for us and reflect his love toward others in our treatment of our friends, neighbors and even enemies. May we use this time to soften our hearts and allow room for grace, both received and given.

PREP BASKETBALL

Cullman's postseason run ends with 64-44 loss to Buckhorn

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Bearcats returned to Wallace State's Tom Drake Coliseum Friday to face Buckhorn in this year's Northwest Regional semifinal and the defending 6A State Champions had their hands full with the Bucks. The 'Cats trailed 26-21 at the half and trimmed the lead to two at one point in the third but couldn't keep pace with Buckhorn down the stretch and Cullman's postseason run ended with a 64-44 loss in the Sweet 16.

Bearcats Head Coach Stu Stuedeman knows the season didn't end the way he or his team would've liked but he wants to make sure this team and its seniors are remembered and celebrated for what they've done.

"I'm so proud of our team and our program for what they've accomplished. We won 26 games this year, the third-most in school history, we won the area championship and made it back to the Sweet 16. So, following up a state championship season, these guys have really made their mark on this program and the community of Cullman, and they should be celebrated," Stuedeman said. "I know we didn't get it done today, but they should be celebrated for the history that they've made and what they've brought to their community, their school and this basketball program. I'm really upset, not because we lost, but because I don't get to coach these guys anymore."

Senior Forward Tucker Cagle is grateful for his time playing for the Bearcats and he's grateful for the relationship he's built with his head coach in that time too.

"That's my best friend right there," Cagle said. "It's been a fantastic two years playing for this team and this community. What we did last year, and this year means a lot, but I think the lives we touched means more than anything. Giving people hope that things like this can be done. It always hurts when you put so much into something you love and it's going to be hard to put away this jersey and these shoes, but these memories are going to last a lifetime."

Senior Guard Garrison Sharpe echoed some of Cagle's sentiments, thanking his coaches and teammates for helping make his time at Cullman special.

"You can't put into words what Coach Stu means to us and this team and what all he's done for us," Sharpe said. "I'm going to miss coming to the locker room every day and getting ready for practice or film or weights. It just means so much to us and we're sad to have it end like this but I'm grateful for the past two years, it's been a blessing."

Sam Duskin scored in transition to give the Bearcats a 2-0 start and after Buckhorn responded on the other end, Garrison Sharpe laid one in to tie the game at 4. A 5-0 run by the Bucks made it a 9-4 game but Tucker Cagle scored inside to trim the lead to 9-6. However, Buckhorn closed out the opening period with another 5-0 run to build a 14-6 lead going into the second.

Baskets by Colton Echols and Cagle held the Bucks lead to 19-10 early in the second quarter and that's when the 'Cats were able to chip away. Jake Dorough scored inside to make it a 19-12 game and followed it with a three-pointer on the next possession to make it 19-15. Cagle drilled a three of his own to make it a 1-point game with just over three minutes remaining in the first half but another scoring run from Buckhorn put Cullman behind 26-18 with one minute on the clock. The Bearcats were able to get a few more points on the board when Echols buried a three from the left corner with 20 seconds remaining and the 'Cats went into the locker room trailing 26-21 at the break.

Sharpe knocked down a three to cut the lead to 26-24 at the start of the third quarter and after a 5-0 response from the Bucks, Landon Tweedie laid one in to make it a 31-26 game.

Sharpe split a pair of free throws to make it a 4-point game with five minutes to play in third but Buckhorn continued to answer Cullman's baskets on the other end and pulled ahead 38-29 with a little over a minute remaining in the period. Zills scored inside with less than a minute on the clock but the Bucks drained a pair of three-pointers in the final 20 seconds of the quarter to take a 48-31 lead into the final frame.

Duskin and Sharpe buried back to back three-pointers to start the fourth quarter and trim the lead to 48-37 but Buckhorn was able to move ahead 54-37 with just over five minutes to play.

Another Cagle basket made it a 54-39 game midway through the fourth quarter, but the Bearcats couldn't close the gap any more that and the Bucks were able to pull away with a 64-44 win.

Cagle led the way for Cullman with 11 points in the loss. Sharpe finished with nine, Duskin scored eight and Dorough added seven.



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Tucker Cagle led the Bearcats with 11 points in their 64-44 loss to Buckhorn Friday.



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Garrison Sharpe finished with nine points in the Bearcats' 64-44 loss to Buckhorn Friday.

Underpants (from Front)

inable grief after losing Curt in a tragic automobile accident almost six years ago. The unique nonprofit provides clothing and accessories to those in need. Wilson, an inspiring woman with a heart of gold, established Curt's Closet after seeing the need for assistance in her community and wanting to do something about it.

With the help of local donations, Curt's Closet has been able to provide coats, shoes and other garments to families that may not be able to afford them otherwise. This drive is specific to underwear, so teaming with Captain Underpants is a good fit.

Captain Underpants, a beloved character created by author Dav Pilkey, has been a favorite among young readers around the world for over two decades. The humor-filled stories follow George Beard and Harold Hutchins, two pranksters who create an alter-ego superhero, Captain Underpants. Through their adventures with Captain Underpants, George and Harold learn valuable lessons about friendship, imagination and responsibility.

The Captain Underpants series has now become a global phenomenon with more than 80 million copies sold worldwide in more than 30 languages. In addition to his accomplishments as an author, Pilkey is a philanthropist and champion of children's literature. He established the "Laugh Out Loud Fund" to help promote literacy and creativity among kids who may not have access to books or writing materials.

The success of Curt's Closet has been due in large part to the overwhelming generosity of volunteers and donors alike.

From businesses that donate their time and resources to individuals who give clothing items, many have come together to help Wilson realize her dream of helping those in need. Wilson is grateful for all the assistance she has received and continues to be inspired by the kindness and hard work of everyone involved in making Curt's Closet a reality.

Although Wilson could not do this alone, she remains at the heart of it all — dedicated to making sure that no one goes without basic necessities like clothing and shoes. Thanks to her hard work and the support of many others, she has been able to create a place of warmth, hope and kindness for those in need.

With the help of Captain Underpants, Wilson and Curt's Closet are hoping to spread awareness of the underwear drive to as many people in Cullman as possible. Donations can be made by dropping off new, unopened packs of underwear to Curt's Closet or schools that are participating in the drive. Monetary donations will go directly toward purchasing undergarments for those in need within the community.

If you are a teacher or administrator at a school and wish to participate, visit www.curtscloset.org to sign up. Classes with the most donations will win super top secret prizes that might have something to do with Captain Underpants!

Bid Number 09-23

We are taking bids on lawn care services for Good Hope Elementary, Middle and High School campuses. All bids must be sealed and submitted by March 8th to Dr. John Hood, Good Hope High School, 210 Good Hope School Road, Cullman, AL 35057. The sealed bids will be opened on March 9th at 8:30 am. If you are interested in bidding and have questions, please contact Dr. Hood at 256-734-3807 or jhood@ccboe.org for more information. Your bid will be for mowing two times per month and billed at once per month from April 1 until October 31, 2023.

Bookkeeping/Payroll Clerk – Accounting support staff

Full-time, career minded, accounting support staff, including some or all of the following - administrative support, payroll preparation and tax filing, sales tax, bookkeeping and the ability to professionally interact with clients and coworkers, while maintaining confidentiality of all aspects of the job.

Please send resumes to lcaoffice17@gmail.com.

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COLUMN

The 57-year-old grudge

Joe Hobby
Contributor

Well, the Super Bowl is history, which means football season is finally over, and husbands are talking to their wives for the first time in months. It also means we've seen the last of the office betting pools until September. Everyone knows that football and office pools go together like peanut butter and Ritz Crackers. Even Baptists know how they work: you buy a square with a random number for each team. If your numbers match the last two digits of both teams' final score, you win the cash.

I can't think about office pools without thinking about my dad and laughing.

My father hated the University of Nebraska. Everything about that school revulsed him, even the "N" on their helmet, which became a joke he told all the time. "Do you know what the N on Nebraska's helmet stands for? Knowledge!"

His favorite two teams were Alabama, and whoever was playing Nebraska. It was unnatural for an Alabama fan to have such loathing for any team not named Auburn, but he did.

It all began on Jan. 1, 1966. Alabama was playing Nebraska in the Orange Bowl for the National Championship. But that wasn't the only reason the game was so important. My dad was participating in a huge office betting pool.

Since this was such a big game, the price of the office squares was $25 each - an unheard of number back then. This made the total winnings worth $2,500.

Adjusted for inflation, that is almost $23,000 today. My dad didn't draw very good numbers: Alabama 9, and Nebraska 7. Since the money pot looked to be a long shot, it wasn't on his mind as kickoff approached.

The game was a thing of beauty if you wore crimson and white. Bear Bryant's game plan kept Nebraska dizzy. Alabama kicked onsides kicks.

They tossed long passes out of the end zone. They were even throwing the ball to their linemen! Nebraska was ill prepared for such an aerial onslaught. Consequently, the Tide took a comfy 24-7 halftime lead.

As the bands played, my dad was doing some math. If Nebraska went scoreless in the second half, or if they finished with a total of 17, 27 or 37 points, he was halfway there.

Alabama was more difficult. They would need to score 5, 15 or 25 points to come up with a total ending in 9 - Dad's winning number. Highly unlikely.

The third quarter began with Nebraska scoring a touchdown and missing on a 2-point conversion, making the score 24-13. Alabama answered with a steady drive - scoring 6 points and making their 2-point conversion. Now the lead was 32-13, and my dad began moving to the edge of his seat.

One of his legs started shaking nervously because the planets had begun to align. All he needed was another touchdown by Alabama, and two more by Nebraska, to hit the jackpot.

The fourth quarter started, and Nebraska moved down the field. Within a few minutes, they scored another touchdown and PAT, making it 32-20.

Dad began pacing. Once again, Bama shredded Nebraska's defense through the air. Another easy TD and the score was 39-20. Time was running out. The game was essentially over for everyone but my dad.

The tension in our den rose when Alabama kicked off. My father began cheering for Nebraska like an alumnus from Omaha. It seemed to work. The Cornhuskers drove into Alabama territory, and with time winding down, scored a touchdown!

Dad leaped, did a pirouette, landed on his feet and began doing a little jig. Our den was a happy, joyous place. It's 39-26! Dad began singing, "Kick the PAT and it's cash for me! A PAT and cash for me!" Then my father glanced at the TV and saw Nebraska Coach Bob Devaney holding up two fingers. They weren't going to kick. They were going for two points!

The dancing and singing stopped. Darkness fell over the room. Instantly, my father became the Spawn of Satan. His face turned red. His eyes bulged. Veins popped out. He began stomping and cursing loudly. My dog ran out of the room.

This was not stuck-in-traffic, gonna-be-late-for-the-movie, kind of cursing. What came out of my dad's mouth was something I had never heard before. He was using words that I still don't know today.

A few years later I went to see "The Exorcist," and was struck by the similarity between the possessed girl and my father. Except he wasn't acting. I was terrified - but strangely, found myself admiring this tantrum. If anger and rage were art, then my dad was Michelangelo.

Nonetheless, I was torn between staying in the den with Beelzebub, or hiding under my bed with my dog. I kept my seat.

Mother walked in from the kitchen with her arms folded and watched in silence.

She rarely swore, so she did not approve of this insanity - but allowed it to go on for a few minutes. Wisely, mom knew this was like letting the steam out of a pressure cooker.

Finally, she spoke calmly. "James, that's enough."

He wasn't ready to give it up. "That stupid, ignorant Devaney! He didn't even have to go for two! That's $2,500! I was going to use some of that money to buy Joe a car in a couple of years!"

Whaaat? It just got personal. My head snapped around, and I joined in. "That low-life piece of crap, fat excuse of a football coach, Bob Devaney!"

For the record, the game ended 39-28. Alabama won the title, Dad didn't get the money, and I didn't get the car - but I got a story to tell for the rest of my life.

And also for the record, I still don't like Nebraska either.

Joe Hobby is a comedian from Alabama who wrote for Jay Leno for many years. Find more of Joe's stories on his blog: https://mylifeasahobby.blogspot.com. Follow him on Facebook at Joe Hobby Comedian-Writer.

WFF's goal: Make public fishing lakes even better

David Rainer
Ala. Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Alabama State Public Fishing Lakes (PFLs) program is adapting to better serve the citizens of the state who depend on these lakes for recreational angling opportunities.

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' (ADCNR) Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) Division manages 23 PFLs in 20 counties throughout the state to serve areas without easy access to the numerous larger lakes, rivers and reservoirs.

The WFF-run lakes range in size from 13 to 184 acres for a total of 1,912 surface acres. Each lake is intensively managed to provide sustainable, quality fishing for numerous species, including largemouth bass, bluegill and redear sunfish (shellcracker). Catchable-size channel catfish are stocked in each lake during the winter. Many lakes have opportunities to catch crappie, and a few are stocked with hybrid striped bass.

During the COVID pandemic, Alabamians were flocking to the PFLs as a way to get outside when other activities were limited. That bump has now dissipated to usage lower than pre-Covid, and WFF is trying to boost the use of the PFLs.

"We're making changes to draw people back to our lakes," said Jonathan Brown, WFF's Public Fishing Lakes Manager. "We're changing some management plans. Hopefully that will keep people coming. We have a lot of lakes in transition right now. Normally we have about one lake we are renovating every year or year and a half. Right now, we're the busiest we've been in a long time.

"We're changing the model of how some of our PFLs are run. We're looking at several lake renovations in the next couple of years that will provide great fishing opportunities. The way they were run when they were first started in the 1950s is just not working the same for a lot of our lakes. We're changing the management model and how we manage the fish populations."

Additional outdoor recreational opportunities are being developed at several of the state fishing lakes. The Pike County Lake in Troy and the Walker County Lake in Jasper both have archery parks at the lakes as well as walking trails.

"I love the partnerships with local communities at our state lakes and the added recreational benefits that are being added," said Conservation Commissioner Chris Blankenship.

"The use of these lakes is so important to the quality of life in these areas. The more people we can get out to the lakes to fish, boat, hike, practice archery or enjoy just being outdoors at the lake the better it is for the health and well-being of the community residents."

One of the challenges recently is finding lake managers who are willing to make a significant commitment to the property. Lake managers are not state employees and operate the lakes as contractors for the state. Their income is derived from the sale of fishing permits and concession sales from the bait shop. When managers leave, WFF has had difficulty finding replacements.

Chris Greene, WFF's Chief of Fisheries, said the Department is looking at new approaches to keep the PFLs open.

"We're having a difficult time finding lake managers," Greene said. "Do we look for partnerships with local governments? Do we keep the lakes open with no manager on site? We're looking at different approaches because we're being forced into it.

"In society as a whole, it's becoming increasingly difficult to find people for certain positions in the workforce. I think that's what we're dealing with. It takes a special type of person to run these lakes. You want somebody who interacts well with the public and has a good work ethic.

"You want somebody with the skills to repair things around the lake property. You have to find somebody who doesn't mind being confined to working long hours at a lake environment. It takes a special kind of person to be open to that, who enjoys that, enjoys serving customers at the lake. Those people are becoming harder and harder to find.

"And we've had to close a few of our lakes because of infrastructure issues. Some of these lakes are beyond the useful life of the standpipes or drain tower or whatever it may be. It's not what we want to do, but repairs have to be made. We've probably got more lakes right now that are closed than we've ever had because of those two problems – finding a lake manager and/or infrastructure repair. The budget only goes so far."



ADCNR

Washington County Public Fishing Lake evidently holds a nice population of big bass.

Greene said access to the PFLs is important to those with limited resources and limited mobility.

"The lakes are located in more rural areas where fishing opportunities were limited," he said.

"These lakes were put there for those folks who had been driving two or three hours to find a good place to fish. The PFLs were put in those counties to serve those constituents.

"And the fishing is good. It's business as usual at the lakes that are open, and we're hoping to get the ones offline open as soon as possible."

Brown said WFF is working toward finalizing plans on some of these lakes. Barbour County Lake is drained right now because of infrastructure issues. Chambers County Lake has been drained and restocked. Brown hopes that lake will be reopen in the spring of next year. Escambia County Lake, once known for its 10-pound-plus bass, has an unbalanced fish population and is in need of attention.

New managers have been hired at Lee County Lake, Walker County Lake, Dallas County Lake and Geneva County Lake. Brown hopes those lakes will be open in the next few weeks. WFF is looking for a new manager for Clay County Lake.

Brown said the diversity in lake sizes and habitat qualities gives anglers a wide variety of fishing opportunities, and he couldn't say which lake is favored over another.

"It depends on what the public likes to fish for," Brown said.

"Each lake has its own unique perks. You can go to one lake and catch more bluegills than others.

If you're looking for double-digit bass, every year they're pulling big bass out of DeKalb County Lake, which had an 11-pounder caught there recently. We renovated Washington County Lake a couple of years ago, and there's some good bass fishing there.

"But I wouldn't say one stands out in all areas over another. People who like to catch bream will like one lake over another one, and the same goes for bass, catfish or crappie."

WFF does stock two fish-out ponds at two lakes, Madison and Walker, for a different species – rainbow trout. Unfortunately, trout were not stocked this year at Walker because of a lack of a manager, but the trout fishing at Madison has been extremely popular this year.

"Our PFLs offer great opportunities to catch a variety of different fish species," Brown said. "In the near future, after we renovate our PFLs, anglers will have a higher quality fishing experience for several years. That's our plan."

Visit www.outdooralabama.com/where-fish-alabama/alabama-public-fishing-lakes-pfls for more information and an interactive map of the locations of the lakes. Go to www.outdooralabama.com/public-fishing-lakes/pfl-rules-and-regulations for lake regulations.

Contact Brown at Jonathan.brown@dcnr.alabama.gov to find out which lake manager positions are open and how to apply.

Can you really experience a broken heart?

Ann Marie Stephens
Contributed

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — It is possible to have a broken heart, though not in the way people typically think. While many people think of a broken heart on an emotional level, Gregory Chapman, M.D., a cardiologist in the University of Alabama at Birmingham Cardiovascular Institute, says a broken heart can impact the body on a physical level, causing temporary cardiac episodes or, in rare cases, even death.

Broken heart syndrome is a common name for stress-induced cardiomyopathy, or takotsubo cardiomyopathy, a disease that causes severe swelling of the left ventricle. Because the swollen ventricle looks so much like a clay pot used by Japanese fishermen to trap octopi, Japanese researchers named the condition in 1990 after a tako-tsubo pot.

What causes it

Although the exact cause of stress-induced cardiomyopathy is unknown, it is known that stress triggers its symptoms. Situations such as the sudden loss of a loved one, being fired from a job, an automobile accident, sudden extreme illness, domestic violence, or experiencing immediate danger, loss, and/or injuries from a natural disaster such as a tornado or hurricane might prompt this condition.

According to a study published in 2020, the coronavirus pandemic's beginning also saw broken heart syndrome cases rise substantially. Chapman says this is most likely due to the stress communities went through during this time.

What to look for

Signs and symptoms of the condition are almost identical to those of a heart attack and may include sudden chest pain, shortness of breath and an irregular heartbeat. People who have broken heart syndrome usually do not have any heart disease symptoms before they are diagnosed.

The current data strongly suggest that broken heart syndrome occurs when stress hormones, such as adrenaline, surge into the heart, triggering changes in muscle cells and blood vessels. Those changes prevent the left ventricle from properly contracting.

As cardiomyopathy worsens, the weakened heart becomes less able to pump blood or maintain a normal electrical rhythm. The result can be heart failure or irregular heartbeats, known as arrhythmias. A weakened heart also can cause other complications, such as heart valve problems.

How it is diagnosed

Chapman says diagnosing broken heart syndrome can be a challenge.

"Takotsubo looks like a heart attack," Chapman said. "It presents all the typical symptoms, and you could argue that, in a way, it is a kind of heart attack. The only way to know that it's not a typical one is through examination and tests in a catheter lab, where we can determine by angiogram if the arteries are blocked. Once we see that the arteries are normal, but the left ventricle has severely ballooned out, we may diagnose stress-induced, or takotsubo, cardiomyopathy."

Who is at risk

Chapman says those with mental health conditions such as depression, as well as those who have already had this type of cardiomyopathy, are more likely to develop broken heart syndrome. A 2021 study by the Smidt Heart Institute reported that over 80 percent of broken heart syndrome cases recorded occurred in women. The study also reported that women 50 years old and older are particularly at risk for this condition. Middle-aged women have the highest risk. Hormones are the reason behind this, according to Chapman.

How to treat it

Procedures that are often used to treat a heart attack are not effective treatments for broken heart syndrome. The standard treatment of this cardiomyopathy involves the use of medications that manage its symptoms and effects. Initial recovery takes place with a hospital stay. For about 90 days after the hospital stay, patients will take the same medications used to treat congestive heart failure to support and strengthen the heart. Most affected people quickly recover with no permanent damage to the heart muscle, with most patients recovering within 30 to 90 days. Stress-induced cardiomyopathy is seldom fatal but causes heart failure in about 20 percent of patients. Rarely reported complications include arrhythmias, or abnormal heart rhythms, obstruction of blood flow from the left ventricle and rupture of the ventricle wall.

How to prevent it

Staying relaxed is the best way to prevent broken heart syndrome, according to Chapman. "As hard as it is, try to avoid stressful situations," Chapman said. "Since this kind of cardiomyopathy is stress-induced, keeping your stress levels as low as possible can help prevent this syndrome."

Stress management techniques such as physical activity, setting boundaries and more may help. For these and more stress management tips, go to www.uab.edu/news/youcanuse/item/12792-five-tips-to-help-manage-stress.



LEGALS

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 – 17
TO VACATE AND SURPLUS A PORTION OF A PUBLIC STREET

WHEREAS, the City of Cullman is the owner of portions of Twelfth Way NW and Twelfth Street NW;
WHEREAS, the Cullman City Council finds that this property is not needed for public or municipal purposes and has determined that it is in the interest of the public that such street or portion thereof be vacated;
BE IT RESOLVED by the Cullman City Council that the portions of Twelfth Way NW and Twelfth Street NW are hereby declared vacant and the Mayor is authorized to surplus and sell this property for its fair market value.
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, this the 13th day of February, 2023. /s/Jenny Folsom - President of City Council
ATTESTED BY: /s/Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk
APPROVED this the 13th day of February, 2023. /s/Woody Jacobs – Mayor

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
LAURA JAMES BOWNES, * CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
DECEASED. * CASE NO: PC 2023-048

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY EXECUTOR

Letters Testamentary of said Deceased having been granted to MICHAEL ANTHONY BOWNES and ALBERT DEAN JOHNSON on the 16th day of February, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present same within time required by law or same will be barred.

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * CASE NO.: PC2023-038
BILLY MONCRIEF, *
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to CECILIA F. MITCHELL, as Personal Representative of the Estate of BILLY MONCRIEF, deceased, on the 16th day of February, 2023, 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.

Ceclia F. Mitchell
Personal Representative

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

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

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

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CASE NO.: PC2023-054
GLADYS MARIE KNOPP,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to ADRIAN SCOTT PRIDMORE, as Administrator of the Estate of GLADYS MARIE KNOPP, deceased, on the 16th day of February, 2023, 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.

GLADYS MARIE KNOP
Administrator

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

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2023-010

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF KENNETH MICHAEL WAY and SAMANTHA GAIL WAY TO ADOPT C.B., a minor child.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: UNKNOWN FATHER OF C.B.
WHOSE IDENTITY, ADDRESS AND/OR WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of C.B., a minor child born on September 8, 2008, to Alison Marie O'Shields Holden, was filed on the 13th day of February, 2023, in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Kenneth Michael Way and Samantha Gail Way. Please be advised should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama, 35055.

DONE this 16th day of February, 2023.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR SUCCESSIVE WEEKS.

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by Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE

JOHN ROBERT PATTERSON AND CASE NO: AD2022-104
MELISSA EVELYN PATTERSON
FOR THE ADOPTION OF

K.A.S. A MINOR.
D.O.B. 6/15/2021

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: HAILEE ANDREE FRANCIS LACKEY, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER, BRAIDEN REEFER ROBERT STANLEY, ALLEGED FATHER AND ANY UNKNOWN FATHER OF THE MINOR CHILD, K.A.S. WHOSE IDENTITY, ADDRESS AND/OR WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED

The Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by John Robert Patterson and Melissa Evelyn Patterson, Petitioners. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said 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 2nd DAY OF February, 2023.

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

Jerry L. Kilgo
Attorney for Petitioners
105 1st Avenue NE, Ste. G
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION PETITION OF
CHRISTOPHER ERIC ENGLAND CASE NO: AD 2023-002
FOR THE ADOPTION OF

B.M.G. A MINOR.
D.O.B. 6/15/2021

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: CHRISTOPHER PATRICK GROVES, BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE MINOR CHILD, B.M.G. WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED

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

DONE THIS 2nd DAY OF February, 2023.

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

JODIE NICHOLE WEAVER,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2021-900337.00**

BONFILIO ALARCON GARCIA,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Jodie Nichole Weaver, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Jodie Nichole Weaver's Complaint for Divorce by April 11, 2023 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2021-900337.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 9th day of February, 2023.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
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Obituary Announcements: Feb. 16-17

Clara Parker Smith, 81
Clara Parker Smith, 81, of Cullman, passed away Feb. 12, 2023, at her residence. Funeral Arrangements are incomplete at this time. She was born July 1, 1941, to Robert Wesley and Lovie Hogan Parker. Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her son, Danny gobble; daughter, Sandra Harbison; brother, Bill Rigby; sisters, Sharon (Larry) Hamilton, Joyce Gaskill; grandchild, Daniel Harbison. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy can be posted to www.cullmanfuneralhome.com for the Smith family. Cullman funeral Home is honored to serve the Smith family.

Joseph David Boyd, 34
It is with tremendous sadness that the family of Joseph David Boyd, 34, announces his passing which occurred Feb. 14, 2023. Visitation and funeral service will be held Friday, Feb. 17, 2023 at Hopewell Baptist Church in Hanceville, Alabama. Visitation begins at 11 a.m. followed by the funeral service at 1 p.m. Youth Minister Jarrod Jackson and Bro. Howard Wolf, Jr. will officiate. Graveside service to follow at Hopewell Cemetery. Joseph was a loving and compassionate son, brother and uncle. He loved people and never met a stranger. He had a generous spirit and loving heart, which he showed to many he helped during his life. He particularly enjoyed working with the youth at Hopewell Baptist Church and getting to know many of the members there. Joseph is preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Brenda Davidson. Joseph is survived by his parents, David Boyd and his wife Baley, Rene Godfrey and her husband Jimmy; his brother, Jordan Boyd and his wife Kaci; his sisters, Maddox and Macie, stepbrothers Jimmy Godfrey, Jr. and Adam Godfrey; his niece, Delilah, his paternal grandparents, Tom and Linda Boyd, his maternal grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Rudolph Davidson, his aunts, uncles and many cousins. Pallbearers will be Brent Boyd, Robert Garrard, Jimmy Godfrey, Jordan Boyd, Brent Duffner and Adam Godfrey. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations are made in Joseph's memory to Hopewell Baptist Church at 600 Hopewell Drive NE, Hanceville, AL 35007.

Katie Bell, 25
Katie Bell, 25, of Double Springs, passed away Feb. 15, 2023, at her residence. She was born Dec. 1, 1997, in Jasper, Alabama. Katie was a free spirit who was happy and full of life. She was independent and did things her way and succeeded in everything she did. She also loved her family, friends and all animals. A visitation will be held Friday, Feb. 17, 2023, from noon until 2 p.m. at Houston Church of God where a service will be held at 2 p.m. Burial will take place at Houston Community Cemetery. Brother Steve Wakefield will officiate. Katie is survived by her mother, Kelly Estill (Shane); father, Robby Garrison; brother, Austin Bell (Trac); grandparents, JD Bell, Raymond and Jenny Burnett and Earl and Dianne Estill; great grandparents, Billy and Virginia Goodwin; aunts, Lindsey Hood (Heath), Jessica Garrison, and Ashley Estill; uncle, Judd Skinner; niece, Olivia Hill; and a host of other family and friends. She was preceded in death by her grandmothers, Debbie Taylor and Ruby Garrison; and grandfather, Rick Garrison.

James Wendell West II, 57 (updated)
James Wendell West II, 57, of Cullman went to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2023, at his residence. Jim "Scooter" was born Jan. 5, 1966, to James Wendell West and Pat Spradlin Kirkpatrick. Jim was a kind, loving husband, dad and son who loved to hunt and enjoyed being with family and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, James Wendell West; grandparents, J.C. and Alma West and James H. "Poke" and Doris Spradlin and two uncles, Jerry and Dennis Spradlin. Jim is survived by his wife, Donna "Puddin" West; daughter, Katelyn Elizabeth "Katiebug" West; mother, Pat Kirkpatrick; stepfather, John Kirkpatrick; stepmother, Rosie West; two sisters, Kimberly West Johnston and Kelly West (Bradley) Askew; nieces and nephews, Chase Askew, Erin Askew (Kyle) Hester and Bethany Baker and a host of hunting buddies, childhood friends and work friends; too many to mention by name. A celebration of life service will be held by Ron Foust at Stonebridge Farms at a later date.

James Rudolph Cook, 82 (updated)
Funeral service for James Rudolph Cook, 82, of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Nesmith Cemetery, Bro. Kevin Rutherford officiating. The family will receive friends from noon until 2 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Cook family. Mr. Cook passed away Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2023 at his residence. He was born Sept. 5, 1940, to William Coleman and Sarah Cleo Robinson Cook. He was a lifelong faithful member of the Cullman congregation of Jehovah's Witness. He was married to the love of his life, Thelma Dean Cook for over 58 years. He loved his family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Thelma Dean Cook. Survivors include his son, Jimmy Cook; daughters, Deana Holloway, Regenia Cook, Rena (Dean) Johnson, Chrissie (Mark) Jacobs; grandchildren, Christen (Austin) Flanagan, Justin Holloway, Melia Jude (Tyler) Hestla, Krystal (Mike) Hardin, Nathanael Cook, Jesse Whaley, Audrie Cook, Tyler Whaley; great-grandchildren, Amber Hardin, Samuel Ohsner, Lila Hestla; family and friends. Pallbearers will be Austin Flanagan, Tyler Hestla, Jesse Whaley, Tyler Whaley, Mike Hardin, Justin Holloway, Paul Whaley, Nathanael Cook.

Miriam Huddleston Jones, 86
Miriam Huddleston Jones, of Baileyton, passed away Feb. 16, 2023, at the age of 86. She was born Feb. 7, 1937, in Baileyton Alabama to Charles Gross and Agnes Herring Huddleston. She is preceded in death by: parents, husband: James L. "Bud" Jones, brother: Jerry Huddleston, brother-in-law: Ronald Payne, sister-in-law: Doris Jones. Funeral Services will be Tuesday Feb. 21, 2023, at 1 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. John Garrison officiating. Interment will follow services in Lystra Baptist Cemetery in Baileyton Alabama. Survivors are: daughters: Rebecca (Edward) Meherg, Susan Blackwood, sons: Jimmy (Kristi) Jones, David (Pam) Jones, Edwin (Stacie) Jones, sister: Charlsie Payne, sister-in-law: June Huddleston, 15 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Visitation will be Monday Feb. 20, 2023, at Moss Service Funeral Home from 5:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. Please share condolences and memories with the family at www.mossservicefh.com Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Billie Grant Gobble, 83
Funeral service for Billie Grant Gobble, 83, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m., Monday, Feb. 20, 2023, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Corinth West Cemetery, Bro. Danny Drinkard officiating. The family will receive friends for one hour prior to the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Gobble family. Mr. Gobble passed away Feb. 16, 2023, at his residence. He was born April 21, 1939, to Hubert Franklin and Ruby Eunice Angle Gobble. He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Debra Jacobs; brother, Dick Gobble; sisters, Olga Rehbein, Shirley Fuller, Edna Whisenant, Ima Rhea Chunn. Survivors include his brother, Larry (Velda) Gobble; sister, Joan (Jack) Rehbein; grandchildren, Lara Jacobs, Lacee Jacobs, Paul Medina, Jr., Vivian Medina; great-grandchildren, Jaylin Seawood, Jaycee Sparrow, Jordyn Sparrow, Knox Barnett, Lennox Barnett, Ellie Brumbaugh; son-in-law, Paul Medina, Sr.; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com

Robert Lawton Cheatwood Jr., 94
Graveside Service for Robert Lawton Cheatwood Jr., age 94, of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 20, 2023, at Missionary Grove Cemetery with Tim Aires officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Cheatwood passed away Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023, at his residence. He was born July 28, 1928, to Robert Lawton Cheatwood Sr. and Stella Grace Gertrude Cheatwood. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Carolyn Joann Cheatwood; and brothers, Wallace Cheatwood and Jack Cheatwood. Survivors include his daughters, Lynn Williams, Grace (Keith) Campbell, Laura (Richard) Pate and Robin Durham-Straw (Steve Straw); grandchildren, Adam (Heather) Williams, Lyndsey Williams, Sarah (Richard) Hart, Anna (Ricky) Woods, Jarod Durham and Hannah (Kyle) Huckeba; great-grandchildren, Brayden Hankey, Sawyer Hankey, Stella Grace Woods and Abbi Huckeba; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Elizabeth Jane "Betty" Lowry, 93
Elizabeth Jane "Betty" Lowry, of Cullman, passed away Feb. 16, 2023, at the age of 93. She was born in Cullman on June 25, 1929, to Ervin and Florence Dean Calvert. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband: P.E. (Jack) Lowry. Funeral services are Monday, Feb. 20, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Sardis Baptist Church with Rev. Jonathan Reid officiating. Interment will follow services in Bethsadia Cemetery. Betty will lie-in-state at the church for one hour prior to the service. Survivors are: sisters: Mary Nell Crook, Glenda (Dennis) Shinn, brother: Sim Calvert, a host of loving nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews and other family. Visitation is Sunday, Feb. 19, 2023, at Moss Funeral Home from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Please share condolences and memories with the family at www.mossservicefh.com.

Clyde Vernon Johnson, 93
Memorial service for Clyde Vernon Johnson, age 93, of Vinemont, will be at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 26, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Vladimir Climaco officiating; interment in Ebenezer Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 26, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Johnson passed away Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023, at his residence. He was born Jan. 31, 1930, in Missouri to George Ernest Johnson and Nettie Mae Johnson. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Dalbert Johnson, Adolf Johnson, Jeroud Johnson, Charles Johnson and Owen Johnson; and sister, Ana Catherine Johnson. Survivors include his sister, Joyce Smith and host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Sometimes, somethings come with an extra bonus

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



That Thursday morning, I awakened with excitement, and I had no idea that I would have Cracker Jacks that day. Thursdays are among my top-7 favorite days of the week. Tuesdays and Thursdays are extra special because those are Dinker Days, but last Tuesday and Thursday was even more special. Now in case you don't know, The Dinkers is the name of our pickleball group. While that may sound like a derogatory term, a dink is actually a soft, skilled shot that barely goes over the net and lands in the kitchen. No, not the kitchen in a house, but I do like that one too.

I love playing pickleball with The Dinkers for several reasons. Of course, there is simply the pleasure of playing the game, but it comes with extra bonuses too. For one, we have a good group of good people.

Most everyone enjoys winning, but I've never seen anyone throw themselves down on the court and throw a temper tantrum when they lose.

The fact that we might not be able to get back up may be partly why we don't. Did I mention that this is a senior adult group? By that age, hopefully, most have learned how to behave properly when we don't win...or even when we do.

Another thing I love is the goodies. Quite often, some of the ladies bring goodies for us to eat. No, they don't serve them in the court's kitchen, but on a table beside the courts.

Once a month we have a pot-luck lunch after we play for the players who have birthdays that month.

As an extra bonus, those of us who don't even have birthdays anymore, can still come and eat!

An extra-extra bonus is the cake. Ms. Tomi bakes the cakes and they are too good. The last one was red velvet. I sure am glad I had played for a couple of hours. I gained 2 pounds before I took a bite by just sniffing the frosting!

Then, on Thursday, our friend Starr brought Cracker Jacks. I have loved Cracker Jacks since I was a little kid, but Cracker Jacks are not just for kids. I still love them! When I was a kid, Dad sold all kinds of goodies in his store, including Cracker Jacks. You do know what makes them so special, don't you?

Well, that caramel-coated popcorn and peanuts is the main attraction, but each box comes with an extra bonus.

Each box has a surprise prize. Cracker Jacks began back in 1896, but the prizes were not added until 1912. In the early years, some boxes contained baseball cards.

Some of the toy prizes included rings, plastic figurines, tiny booklets, stickers, temporary tattoos, and decoder rings. In the early 1960s, the toys included plastic snap-together trophies.

There were all kinds of trophies for all kinds of things like Champion Eater, Champion Talker, Champion TV Watcher, Best Player, etc. There was no Champion Pickleball Player, because no one had ever heard of pickleball back then. Since my dad had a store, I had a huge collection of Cracker Jack trophies.

Adults often came in and ate the snack but gave me the prize. I wish I had kept them. Some of the vintage ones are one eBay for nice prices.

Isn't life grand? Life is full of prizes and surprises. Some of the surprises are not so great, but there are plenty of good ones too. I especially love life as a Christian, but when this one is finished there will be an extra bonus. Please make your plans now for the prize.

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HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1930, 1936

From the files of 1930

The County Board of Education has moved into its newly remodeled building, which is one of the finest in the state.

Mrs. T.A. Smith had charge of the P.T.A. program on Tuesday. A book week program was given and Mrs. M.H. Killingsworth and Mrs. Henry Meyer gave a report from the recent P.T.A. meeting.

From the files of 1936

The beloved preacher, Reverend B.E. Fulmer is pastor at Ebenezer this year.

School opened on Monday. Mr. Chaney and Misses Winn and Speegle are the teachers.

Miss Clyde Crider has accepted a position as secretary in the office of Clarence Keller, register of equity in the courthouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Gunn left on Monday for Tampa, Florida, where Mr. Gunn has been transferred.

Miss Mozelle Nunnelly is teaching at Walter this year. She lives at Welcome.

Reverend Hunt of Holly Pond was Saturday guest of Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Nunnelly.

C.T. Bailey, County Agent, is urging farmers to plant long staple cotton, far a better price at the selling place.

Mr. W.A. Nail of Bolte has a new pair of mules.

There is going to be a box supper at Bolte on Friday night for the benefit of the school.

Jerry Shafer and Glenna Eubanks were married on Saturday night.

A shower was given for Mrs. John Brown, at her home, on Saturday afternoon.

Miss Melba Bradford, of Baldwin, was the Sunday afternoon visitor of Miss Christine Styles.

There will be jobs available for 1,800 young men in the United States Army. There will be many ways to advance.

The Dwight Fullers are building a new home.

The Hanceville Lutheran Church was organized in the fall of 1885.

Western Auto has opened a new store in Cullman. The store is owned and operated by C.H. Grob, at First Avenue East.

Professor and Mrs. Joe Ray of Hanceville were in Cullman on Saturday.

Mrs. William Lessman is critically ill at her home on the Bremen Pike.

Colonel Thomas Millican, Ezra Williamson and Roy Ingle spent Monday in Scottsboro.

Mrs. Conrad Howard and Miss Trischel Cordes spent Tuesday in Birmingham.

POET'S CORNER

Puddles

Puddles after the rain upon
the earth.
Isolated pools, cupped
beneath them a hollowed place
as a hand would hold.

Almost still with minute ripples
moving at a slight of wind.
Children can't resist them,
stomping with a splash,
air filled mirth ascends.

I see my reflection
in this little world,
giving birds drink, or worm a swim.
Puddles, a short life lived,
as the sun comes, drying them.



CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

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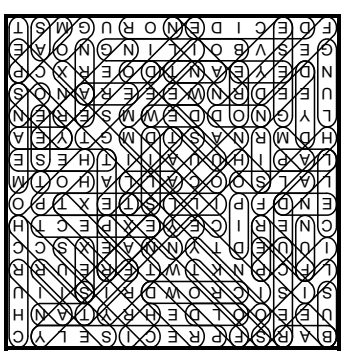
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Class (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism will offer its Healthy Food Foundations classes in March. The classes will teach skills needed to make smart food choices for a healthy lifestyle. Classes include Eating Healthy on a Budget, Instant Pot Recipes, Mason Jar Meals and Smoothie Recipes. Each class will provide valuable information that can be used immediately in the kitchen.

The Eating Healthy on a Budget class is based on the idea of eating healthier without breaking the bank. It helps participants learn how to shop for healthy food items at low prices and how to use ingredients for multiple meals throughout the week.

For those who love to cook, the Instant Pot Recipes class is a great way to learn more about this popular kitchen appliance. Participants learn how to use their Instant Pots and create delicious meals in no time. They also receive tips on creating one-pot healthy meals and recipes that can be cooked quickly with minimal effort.

The Mason Jar Meals class teaches participants how to make healthy and tasty meals that are easy to transport. Whether you're bringing lunch to work or packing snacks for a picnic, these mason jar creations can make it easier than ever before. The class covers different recipes and dishes that can be made in advance and store easily in jars.

For those looking for quick and healthy snacks or meal replacements, the Smoothie Recipes class offers a variety of recipes for delicious drinks that are both tasty and nutritious. Participants learn how to create flavorful combinations with fruits and vegetables as well as tricks on getting the most nutrients from each ingredient.

Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism's Healthy Food Foundations classes provide valuable knowledge on eating better without spending too much money or time in the kitchen. Participants have access to creative recipes that can fit into their busy lifestyles while still making sure they stay healthy and eat right.

Each class will be held at The Little House at Art Park, located at 1031 Second St. SW, at 6 p.m. The cost is $10 each, or you can sign up for all four for $40. Registration links are provided below.

March 9: Eating Healthy on a Budget
https://register.cullmanrecreation.org/register-3526-9316

March 16: Instant Pot Recipes
https://register.cullmanrecreation.org/register-3526-3929

March 23: Mason Jar Meals
https://register.cullmanrecreation.org/register-3526-1091

March 30: Smoothie Recipes
https://register.cullmanrecreation.org/register-3526-5378

Or sign up for all four classes at https://register.cullmanrecreation.org/register-3526.

