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‘It’s been an honor’

Hanceville Police Chief Bob Long retiring

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Hanceville Police Chief Bob Long announced his retirement, effective Sept. 1, 2023, at the Hanceville City Council meeting on Wednesday, March 1.

Despite raising their children on family land in Blount County, Long said he and his wife, “liked this city (Hanceville) so much that we bought land here and are in the process of building our retirement home.”

After noting he will always be available when the city is in need, Long, who has served as chief since 2011, concluded, “It’s been an honor.”

“I appreciate Bob,” shared Hanceville Mayor Kenneth Nail. “I appreciate his service. I appreciate his loyalty to the city. Me and Bob didn’t always agree, but I could always count on one thing with Bob: Bob was always going to tell the truth. It doesn’t matter if it’s good, bad or ugly. He would tell you the truth, and I appreciate that.”

In other business, a public hearing was held for the condemnation of an abandoned dwelling located at 6629 U.S. Highway 31, owned by Peter Dube. The coun- » PAGE 2



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Hanceville Police Chief Bob Long

‘It was very emotional’

Dale Greer receives 2023 Emma Marie Eddleman Citizenship Award



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Cullman Economic Development Agency Director Dale Greer, center, with, from left, coworkers Susan Eller, Belinda Hyatt and Jamie Troutman, and Cullman Industrial Board Chairman Jeff Hill.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Economic Development Agency Director Dale Greer on Thursday evening received the 2023 Emma Marie Eddleman Citizenship Award at the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce Gala. The award, sponsored by O.F. Richter and Sons, is presented annually to individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the community.

Named after Emma Marie Eddleman, the only woman witness to the incorporation of the Chamber of Commerce in 1947, the award recognizes outstanding dedication to community service and significant achievements in the community. The Chamber Board of Directors named the award after Eddleman in 1983 to honor her longtime service to the Chamber and the community.

Paige Clabo, who presented the award, spoke about Greer’s exceptional qualities, saying, “It is my pleasure to present the 2023 Emma Marie Eddleman Award to Mr. Dale Greer. He is a mentor to many, a public servant to all and generally the funniest guy in the room.”

“You just listen to start with to learn who it is. There have been some great honorees over the years, and I usually try to guess who it is before they reveal the name,” said Greer when asked about his thoughts as Clabo slowly revealed information regarding the award recipient. “Within a few words, I knew Paige was describing me. I honestly was » PAGE 8

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CRIME

Arrests and Incidents reported March 3

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported March 3, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Feb. 27

- possession of controlled substance; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 222
- theft of property; CR 463
- possession of marijuana; CR 1518
- assault; CR 1224
- theft of property; CR 490

Feb. 28

- assault; CR 702
- criminal mischief; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1291
- criminal mischief; theft of property; CR 1339
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 246
- domestic violence; Hwy. 69 S
- domestic violence; CR 641
- assault; attempt to elude law enforcement; Hwy. 31

March 1

- theft of property; CR 38
- theft of property; CR 756
- theft of property; CR 627
- domestic violence; CR 1210
- theft of property; CR 1092
- trespassing; CR 1107
- theft of property; CR 813
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 431
- burglary; CR 1625
- trespassing; CR 1490
- arson; Chad Dr.

ARRESTS

Feb. 27 – March 1

Elrod, David A.; 56
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Graves, Hunter T.; 22
- FTA- assault-aggravated assault family-other weapon

Haynes, Benjamin M.; 37
- Bail Jumping-2nd degree- assault-aggravated assault family-strong arm
- Bail Jumping-2nd degree- assault-domestic violence-1st degree
- Bail Jumping-2nd degree- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- Bail Jumping-2nd degree- DUI (alcohol)

Hudson, Michael S.; 48
- drug trafficking

Johnsey, John C.; 50
- burglary-3rd degree-domestic violence
- violation of domestic violence protection order

Maddox Jr., James D.; 42
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Needham, Robie W.; 53
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

Burney, Bradford S.; 27
- Probation Violation-theft of property-1st degree

Cantrell, Steven C.; 27
- FTA- expired license
- FTA- improper lights

Farr, Monica L.; 27
- FTA- follow too close

Harbison, Johnny L.; 70
- Motion to Revoke Bond-stolen vehicles-auto theft

Hester, James M.; 53
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Howse, James M.; 53
- FTA- assault-aggravated assault non-family-other weapon

Lucky, Jerry
- assault-aggravated assault police officer-other weapon
- attempting to elude police officer

Moore, David L.; 59
- FTA- failure of adult sex offender to register with local law enforcement

Roberts, Tyler D.; 30
- FTA- larceny/theft of property-2nd degree, $1,500 - $2,500

Shaffer, Dameon S.; 26
- FTA- operating vehicle without insurance

Shoemake, Robert G.; 37
- forgery-counterfeiting
- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft $500 less than $1,500 (2 counts)
- stolen property-credit card/automatic teller machine fraud

Terry, Ricky L.; 64
- assault-domestic violence-3rd degree – criminal mischief-3rd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Thompson, Johnnie; 59
- FTA- open container-alcohol in vehicle

Vinston, Justin D.; 33
- public intoxication

Weaver, Aaron R.; 37
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- no seat belt

Whatley, Anthony A.; 33
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

White, Phillip J.; 62
- Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs

Eason, Gary J. S.; 28
- FTA- larceny/theft-shoplifting less than $500

Farr, Larry D.; 62
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of dangerous drugs

Hamby, Justin D.; 30
- arson-residence

Horton, Jessica M.; 37
- Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs
- Probation Violation- possessing forged instrument

King, Heath A.; 22
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Martin, Dakota J.; 22
- assault-domestic violence-3rd degree-harassing communications

Sharpton, Richard R.; 24
- FTA- improper lights

West, Nicholas W.; 33
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Williams, Sebastian W.; 27
- FTA- driver's license not in possession

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

March 1
- leaving scene of accident; person; 3rd Ave. SW/3rd St. SW; 2017 Hyundai; $300
- leaving scene of accident; person; St. Joseph St. NW; damage to 1989 Mazda; $550
- harassment; person; 12th Way SW
- theft of property-1st degree; forgery-3rd degree; Klein Properties LLC; forged checks
- theft of property-4th degree; Dollar General; 4th St. SW; cash

ARRESTS

March 1

Pugh, Jamie B.; 42
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Doss, April D.; 39
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Williams, Sebastian W.; 27
- FTA- fail to register vehicle

Hernandez-Gomez, Brayan U.0; 22
- DUI

Allen, Jennifer R.; 47
- FTA- driving without license

Eason, Hope N.; 31
- theft of property-4th degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Resignation (from Front)

cil said the home has been in disrepair on the inside and unkempt on the outside for some time, leading the City to contact Dube on numerous occasions.

After work was not completed on the home, with the exception of mowing a small circumference around the house, the hearing was held. After 30 minutes of discussion between the council and Dube, the council decided to give Dube until the first council meeting in April to have the yard mowed and/or bushhogged, broken windows replaced and more.

The council approved the closure of a small portion of Church Avenue on Saturday, April 1, for an event hosted by Redline Leather & Cycle Workz. The Motorcycle Swap Meet will feature Moonshiners Master Distillers' Alabama Homegrown Moonshine Crew Jimbo Bray, Johnny Griffis and K-Bug Burd and music by Jesse Priest, Daniel Harbison and more. More information is available by calling 205-514-3981.

The Tiny House Pocket Neighborhood Ordinance 653 will be discussed at a later date after a public notice is posted by the Hanceville Planning Commission.

The next council meeting will be held at City Hall on Thursday, March 23. The work session begins at 5 p.m. and regular meeting at 5:30.

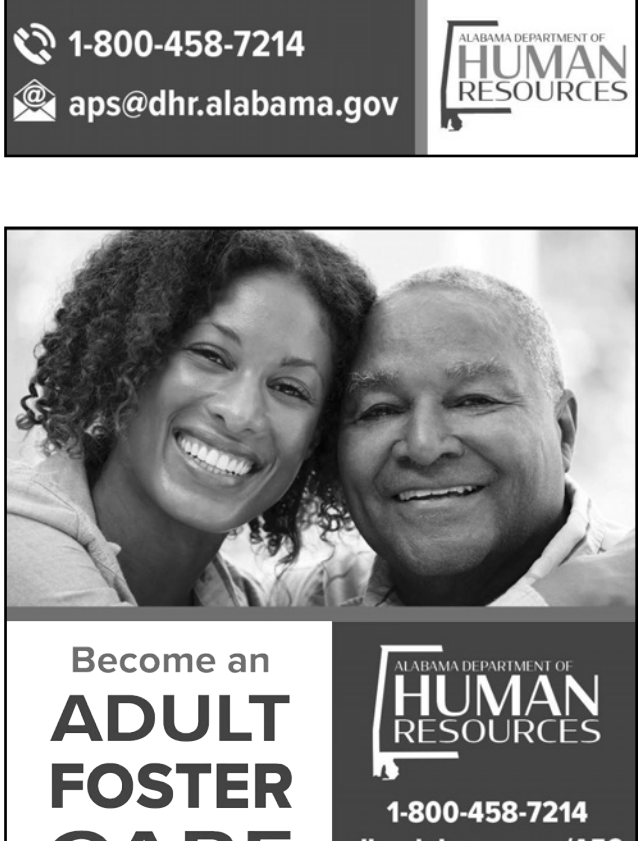



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Public Notice
The Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation District (CCSWCD) is now accepting applications for a $750 scholarship sponsored by the Alabama Conservation District Employees Association. An applicant must be a U.S. citizen, a high school 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, March 4 - Women's Conference - doors open at 8 a.m., conference from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., free admission, donations are greatly appreciated and accepted, breakfast and lunch will be served, guest speakers, door prizes and childcare will be provided!
• Sunday, March 5 - 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 at 8 a.m. and also join Teresa Pritchard at 9 a.m. in the prayer room to pray for our church, nation and for those who need Salvation and deliverance
• Sunday, March 5 - 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.

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.

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.

Lenten Fish Fry
Friday, 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.

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 glovet a@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

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Singing
Sunday, March 20 at 5 p.m. The Williamsons from Wetumpka, Oklahoma, 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.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Revival
Monday, April 3-Friday, April 8. Services will begin at 7 p.m. Prayer Band will be at 6:45. The evangelist will be Brother Jack Thomason. 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.

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

March 1, 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: 7.1%
• 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): 52,849
• 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): 117
• Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.: 2.1%
• 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): 992
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 128
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 188
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2022): 74
• Death in Cullman Co. (2023): 1
• Total tested in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 941
• Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 20
• Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 30,498
• Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 2,153

Vaccine details
• Doses delivered to Alabama: 10,910,595
• Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 5,467,565
• Doses administered: 6,734,154
• Additional doses administered: 996,675
• Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,959,952
• Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 2,453,935
• Doses delivered to federal programs: 5,443,030

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

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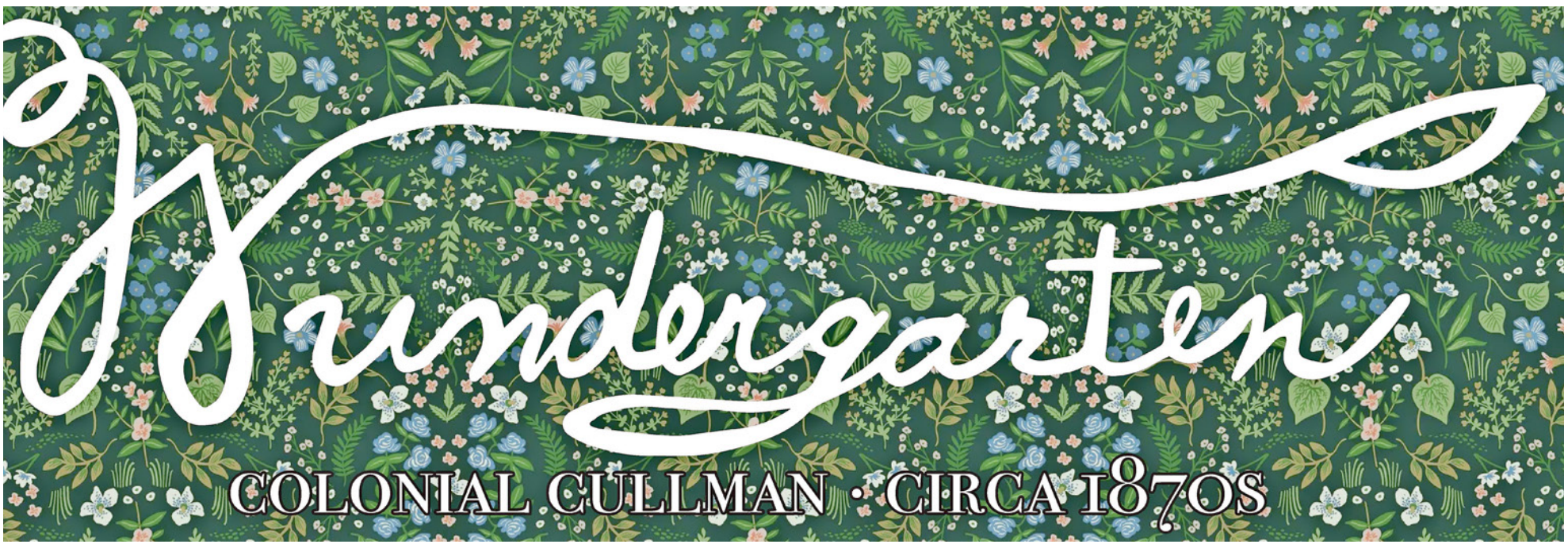
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COLUMN

Celebrating in the Wundergarten – Quilted pan-roasted vegetables

Ben Johnson South
Tribune Columnist

CULLMAN QUILTS inspired the art style I used to illustrate the folktale, "WUNDERGARTEN" (see the Cullman Quilts poster, available at Leldon's in the Warehouse District). My very earliest memory is being a 3-year-old playing under a quilt frame in the Cullman County community of Grandview. A group of warm, welcoming ladies invited my young mom to join them catching up on the local news and stitching a colorful quilt top.

This was in the 1950s, but the heritage sewing techniques were the same ones used by the heroine of "WUNDERGARTEN," Frau Ruehl, in the 1870s. During the early days of Cullman County, quilts with "foundation piecing" were popular.

Frau Ruehl would have cut paper into shapes and used that template as a pattern for her quilts. Each individual piece of cut fabric was basted around the paper shapes.

Paper was scarce in Colonial Cullman, that period between 1870 and 1895, so Frau Ruehl saved letters she received from her relatives in Germany, postcards and newspaper and train station posters to use as her quilt patterns.

The cabin at Frau Ruehl's strawberry farm and the garden shed where our young hero, Fritz, slept had warm, multi-layered quilts for winter. During spring and autumn months, they had quilts with no inner batting that they slept under to ward off a chill in the cool, cool, cool of the evenings.

CULLMAN QUILTS have stitched together the community from the beginning of the county's history. Last Sunday, Tammy White and Frances Cooper of the Cullman Historical Society welcomed me to share the early readers', seven-minute version of the "WUNDERGARTEN" folktale and give some insider details about the local inspirations for the story set in Cullman County, circa 1870s.

Eighty people gathered at the Cullman County Museum to share our Cullman-centric memories. Mehayley Peinhardt Laney loaned us two "Sunbonnet Sue" quilts her grandmother Nell Norris created. There was an audible chorus of "oohs and aahs" as the packed room saw how the traditional quilt patterns and beautiful needlecraft of Norris, now deceased, had informed the 2023 illustrations for "WUNDERGARTEN." (Side note: A gifted seamstress, Norris was the very first artisan hired by Jerry Wootten when he founded the now thriving textile company HomTex.)

Joining us at the Cullman County Museum was Hazel Ruehl (Bill), who is acknowledged as one of the most accomplished quilters in present-day Cullman County. It was an honor to have Hazel and Bill Ruehl at the free, open-to-the-public event. They said relatives around the county and even some as far as Texas had asked how the fictional Frau Ruehl (pronounced "real") became the heroine of "WUNDERGARTEN."

Someone in the audience at the museum asked Hazel Ruehl if some Cullman quilters like her might take one or some of the 12 illustrations from "WUNDERGARTEN" and transform them into "real, or Ruehl" quilts. Not missing a bit and with characteristic, "CAN-DO CULLMAN" positive attitude, Mrs. Ruehl said, "Sure, I can get with some others and make that happen." I hope that does happen. Cullman quilters would bring their own artistry and skill to the many other creatives working together on all the diverse, "WUNDERGARTEN" crafts.

Bill Ruehl shared some photos of the Cullman-based wagon factory his family created in our county. The long-ago advertisements for the wagons showed elegant, unpretentious wagons like those Frau Ruehl would have used to transport her cherished German strawberries to the Cullman train depot to ship them for a profit to appreciative customers in far-flung places like Cincinnati and Montgomery.

The big, red-bricked building where the Ruehl wagons were hand-built is not only still standing, but also, in true, German and Cullman fashion, has been repurposed for another century of usefulness.

It is an extension of St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church, where the county's founder, Colonel Cullman, was a member. This could be a lovely hall to have a show of Cullman County-made quilts and perhaps some St. John's member sharing the story and "quilt images" of the folktale.

CULLMAN QUILTS are not just quaint, antique, museum objets d' art. Quilting in our county remains a popular craft and artistic expression. My friends Sondra Waters Nassetta and Concetta Lavoy Kreps are just two of many residents in the area who keep quilting popular and contemporary. In fact, just a few months ago, Kreps won the first-place ribbon in the 31st annual quilt show held by the Decatur Public Library in Morgan County.

In this storytelling culinary series, "Celebrating in the Wundergarten," we are imagining German dishes from the recipe box of Fraulein Ruehl, the heroine of the folktale "Wundergarten."

In 2023, both the City of Cullman and The Cullman Tribune, Alabama's oldest continuously published weekly newspaper and Cullman County's oldest business, are celebrating their 150th birthdays.

But, for 21st century cooks, our celebratory recipes embrace modern ease and have a greater array of ingredients than Frau Ruehl would have had in her pantry.

CULLMAN QUILTS inspire this fun and healthy recipe. We reached back into The Cullman Tribune's archives to share a creation that was part of the award-winning series, "The 67-County Alabama Garden Party." Yours truly, Ben Johnson South, with recipes engineered by my talented sister-in-law, Laurie Johnson, brought home the 2019 "Best Feature Series" for The Cullman Tribune, awarded by the Alabama Press Association.

WUNDERGARTEN QUILTED PAN-ROASTED VEGETABLES

(Source: Laurie Johnson)

INGREDIENTS

- Fresh, colorful vegetables, chosen by the colors in your favorite quilt, such as: carrot sticks, multi-colored bell peppers (green, red, yellow and orange), red onions, green onions, yellow squash, zucchini, purple small potatoes, cauliflower, asparagus spears, green beans and cherry tomatoes
- Cooking spray and/or olive oil
- Salt and black pepper
- Optional – minced fresh herbs such as parsley, thyme, basil, oregano, etc.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Preheat oven to 425 F.
- Prep vegetables – Slice carrots, multi-colored peppers, onions, squash and zucchini into thin strips. Cut potatoes in half or quarters depending on size, cut cauliflower into small florets and snap off the tough ends of the asparagus. Leave the green beans and cherry tomatoes whole. If any of the veggies are wet, blot them with a paper towel as moisture is an enemy to roasting.
- Make your quilt – Spray a non-stick sheet pan lightly with cooking spray. Arrange the vegetables, by colors, into the pattern of the quilt, blanketing the whole pan. Brush tops lightly with olive oil (or spray with cooking spray) and season with salt and black pepper. You will likely have raw vegetables left, so have fun creating your own quilt art with a second pan!
- Roast for about 25-30 minutes or until vegetables are softening, maybe even browning a little, and tomatoes are just starting to pop open. Sprinkle with (optional) herbs and rotate the pans in the oven halfway through.
- Let cool a bit and transfer to table still warm.

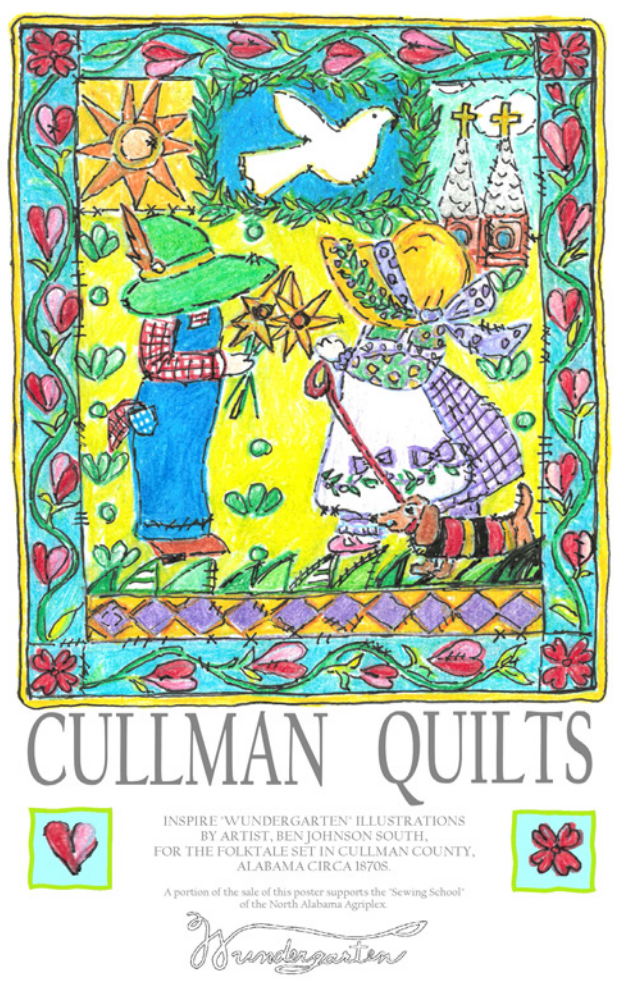
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Find all columns in this series at www.cullmantribune.com/tag/celebrating-in-the-wundergarten.



LAURIE JOHNSON

Quilted pan-roasted vegetable







LOCAL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Family-owned Jones Brother's Services

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ARLEY, Ala. — Jones Brother's Services, LLC is a small, family-owned business that provides dump truck hauling of non-hazardous materials in Winston, Cullman and Walker counties. The company, owned and operated by Tommy Jones and his sons Blake and Dylan Jones, offers hauling services for a variety of materials, including gravel and rock of all sizes, dirt, topsoil, sand, mulch and more.

"Our mission is to provide premier dump truck hauling services while honoring God, family and community," said Tommy Jones.

"My father, Elwin Jones, taught me everything I know about business and instilled in me the importance of integrity.

"I passed my work ethic and business mentality down to my boys, Blake and Dylan."

Blake Jones, who has served in the Army National Guard for 11 years, has experience running heavy equipment and haul trucks. Meanwhile, Dylan Jones has a background in haul truck driving and maintenance on anything with wheels and is also a volunteer firefighter.

The family's strong work ethic and commitment to their community are reflected in their company's mission, which centers around serving God while providing high-quality dump truck hauling services.

"Our goal is to stand out and above the rest," said Dylan Jones. "We want to prove to our clients that we are the best in the business."

Jones Brother's Services prides itself on offering excellent customer service and reliability.

Contact the company at 256-339-4025 or visit www.jonesbroserv.com to learn more.

Dump truck hauling is a crucial part of the construction and building industry in Alabama. The state is home to many small, family-owned businesses like Jones Brother's Services, LLC, that play a vital role in the local economy.



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PREP BASKETBALL

No. 1 Cold Springs falls to No. 2 Mars Hill in 2A State Finals 69-47

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The top-ranked Cold Springs Lady Eagles were back at Legacy Arena Friday morning to battle No. 2 Mars Hill and despite getting off to a fast start, Cold Springs was unable to keep pace with the Lady Panthers in the second half and Mars Hill claimed this year's 2A State Title with a 69-47 win over the Lady Eagles.

Cold Springs (31-3) Head Coach Tammy West has made her fair share of trips to the Final Four and brought home four blue maps in her tenure with the Lady Eagles. Cold Springs Basketball is a familiar brand to everyone in the state after so many years of success and West is proud to be able to represent the program and her community on the biggest stage.

"It's special, it's very special. We wear it with a lot of pride. We take a lot of pride in our blue and all of our fans that were here today with the big blue nation shirts and all the support we've had all year long," West said. "There is absolutely nothing like Cold Springs, nothing. Come to a game on a Tuesday or a Friday night and you'll see what I'm talking about. It's a special place."

Lady Eagles standouts Ella Dickerson, Maci Brown and Ciara Calvert were each proud of what they were able to accomplish this season. With a lot of new names and faces coming together this season, they knew building chemistry would be critical and they were able to do that on their way to 31 wins and a 2A State Runner-up finish.

"Going into this year, this was our dream," Dickerson said. "We wanted to be here for this moment, and we worked as hard as we could to get to this point."

"We just knew coming in that a lot of us had never played together and we knew we had to create a bond on and off the court," Brown said. "We worked on that and on each of our skills so we could put that together to get to this point."

"At the beginning of the season Mrs. West told us all to bring our puzzle pieces and put them together and we finally did that," Calvert said. "We just worked hard in the mornings and at practices and just gave it all we had, especially these last few weeks. I wish we could've won but I'm proud of how we ended it."

The Lady Eagles built an early lead in the first quarter, fueled largely by their performance on the defensive end. Ciara Calvert and Maci Brown both took steals the other way for easy baskets to put Cold Springs up 4-0 and Ella Dickerson buried a three-pointer on the next possession to make it a 7-1 game. Calvert followed with another three to stretch the lead to 10-2 midway through the opening period and Brown laid one in to make it 12-2. Calvert scored off another Mars Hill turnover to keep the Lady Eagles ahead by 10 with two minutes remaining in the first and Dickerson sank a pair of free throws with 40 seconds on the clock to maintain a 16-6 advantage. A Malaya Taylor basket added to the lead with just 12 seconds left in the first quarter and Cold Springs went into the second leading 18-9.

The momentum began to flip in the second quarter, and Mars Hill used an 11-2 run to tie the game at 20 with five minutes remaining in the first half. Dickerson knocked down a pair of free throws to keep the score knotted at 22 midway through the period but a 12-2 run by the Lady Panthers put the Lady Eagles behind 34-24 in the final minute of the second. Cold Springs got a little momentum on its side when Dickerson drilled a jumper at the buzzer and trimmed the lead to 34-26 at the halftime break.



COLD SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

The Cold Springs Lady Eagles fell to Mars Hill in Friday morning's 2A State Finals 69-47 to finish the season as the Class 2A State Runner-up.

A three-pointer from Ella Bruer and a basket by Brown cut the lead to 37-31 early in the third and Dickerson laid one in to make it a 39-33 game midway through the period. Brown drained a three to hold the lead to 43-36 with less than two minutes to play in the third quarter but a 7-0 finish by the Lady Panthers gave them a 50-36 lead going into the final frame.

Bruer knocked down another three to start the fourth quarter and trim the lead to 50-39 but Mars Hill continued adding to its lead and pulled ahead 62-39 with a little over four minutes remaining. Dickerson and Brown both converted and-one plays to make it a 62-45 game with just under two minutes on the clock but the Lady Eagles couldn't chip away any more of the lead than that. The final points of the game came on a jumper by Baylee Perdue and Cold Springs fell to the Lady Panthers 69-47 to finish the season as the Class 2A State Runner-up.

Dickerson led the Lady Eagles with 16 points in the loss and Brown finished just behind her with 14. Calvert added seven, Bruer finished with six and Perdue and Taylor each posted two. Dickerson and Brown also earned 2A All-State Tournament Team honors.

West admits that when the season started she thought her team was a year away from making a run at a state title but she was more than happy to be proven wrong. With nearly everyone set to return for the Lady Eagles next season, West is excited to see what they can do with another year together under their belts.

"I'm so excited that we had the opportunity to play here today," West said. "We won 10 games last year and if you had told me at the start of this season that we would be in this position I would've told you that we're probably a year away. These girls proved me wrong. They worked extremely hard, fought all year long and they won all year long. You'll see them again next year."

PREP BASKETBALL

Arab punches ticket to 5A State Finals with 52-49 win over Brewbaker Tech

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Arab made its way to Legacy Arena at the BJCC Wednesday night for a 5A Girls Semifinal clash with Brewbaker Tech and the Arabian Knights advanced to the state finals in dramatic fashion. The Rams knocked down a three with 10 seconds remaining in regulation to tie the game at 49 but Maggie Chastain buried three free throws with 2.2 seconds on the clock to seal a 52-49 victory for Arab.

Baskets by Bryleigh Bodine and Bennett Elrod put Arab in front 4-2 early in the opening period but Brewbaker responded and pulled ahead to a take a 7-4 around the four-minute mark. Maggie Chastain knocked down a three-pointer to tie the score at 7 but the Rams continued to answer on the other end and put together an 8-0 run to take a 15-7 lead with less than two minutes to play in the first. Neither team got any more points on the board in the final minutes of the quarter and Arab went into the second trailing by eight.

Sydney Ferguson split a pair of free throws to make it a 16-8 game early in the second quarter and Elrod buried a three to cut the lead to 16-11. Ferguson laid one in to make it 16-13 midway through the second and she followed it up with a three-pointer later in the period trim Brewbaker's lead to 18-16. Elrod scored back to back baskets to hold the lead to 21-20 with just over a minute remaining in the first half. The Rams got one more shot to fall in the final minute of the quarter and the Arabian Knights went into the locker room trailing 23-20 at halftime.

Ferguson drilled a three to start the third quarter and tie things up at 23 and on the next Arab possession, Laney Kelley laid one in to give the Knights a 25-23 lead, their first since the start of the game. Chastain kept the momentum going with back to back three-pointers and moved Arab out in front 31-25 midway through the third. A Ferguson free throw made it a 32-27 game and Lexi Mann scored inside with a little over a minute to play in the period to keep the Knights in front 34-29. Bodine drove to the basket and scored in the final moments of the third and Arab went into the final frame with a 36-31 lead.

Ferguson laid one in to start the fourth and make it a 38-33 game but Brewbaker wouldn't go away and was able to tie the game at 38 midway through the period. Ferguson sank a pair of free throws to put the Knights back in front 40-38 and another Bodine basket kept them ahead 42-20 with three minutes to play. Chastain drained a three make it 45-40 and Ferguson tacked on two more free throws to give Arab a 47-42 lead with two minutes on the clock. Elrod got a jumper to fall with 40 seconds remaining to keep the Knights ahead by five but once again, the Rams responded and rallied to the game at 49 with 10 seconds to play in the fourth. It looked like we were headed to overtime but Arab broke the Brewbaker press to get the ball up the floor and Chastain was fouled on a three-point attempt with just 2.2 seconds on the clock. Chastain stepped up to the line and buried all three free throws to give the Arabian Knights a 52-49 win and punch their ticket to the 5A State Finals.



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Arab defeated Brewbaker Tech 52-49 Wednesday night to advance to this year's 5A Girls State Finals.

Ferguson led Arab with 16 points in the win, followed by Chastain with 15. Elrod added 11 points and Bodine finished with six points and a team-high eight rebounds.

The Arabian Knights will return to Legacy Arena Saturday morning at 9 a.m. to face Pleasant Grove in the 5A Girls State Championship Game.

Simulations help Wallace State Health Science students experience working as a team

Gail Crutchfield
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Students in Health Science programs at Wallace State Community College were dealing with patients suffering chest pains, asthma attacks, overdoses and more during simulations this week. Luckily, the patients were either mannequins or other students playing the role of patients.

The Simulation-Enhanced Interprofessional Education (Sim-IPE) sessions presented a variety of scenarios for students to work through in terms of diagnosing and treating each patient, including working with other departments to provide care and even dealing with family members anxious for information about their loved one.

The rooms of the Simulation Center inside the School of Nursing and Center for Science were a hive of activity as students from multiple health science programs put their training to work in simulated scenarios ranging from motor vehicle accidents to pediatric asthmas attacks.

Students from Emergency Medical Services transported a patient to the ER, where students from Nursing, Respiratory Therapy, Diagnostic Imaging, Medical Assisting, Medical Laboratory Technology and Health Information Technology were on hand or on stand-by to aid in the patient's care.

Dental students were even involved in a scenario where their patient suffered a health emergency and required medical care.

Behind the scenes were Wallace State Health Science faculty, who ran the scenarios from the Simulation Center control rooms, speaking through the mannequins used in the simulation or acting as doctors taking the information the students provided and placing orders for care as needed.

The scenarios are held twice a year to give students in multiple programs the experience of working as a team with students from other programs to provide care.

"It benefits the students because they actually know now what everyone does," said Tiffanie Doyle, simulation coordinator for the Department of Nursing Education.

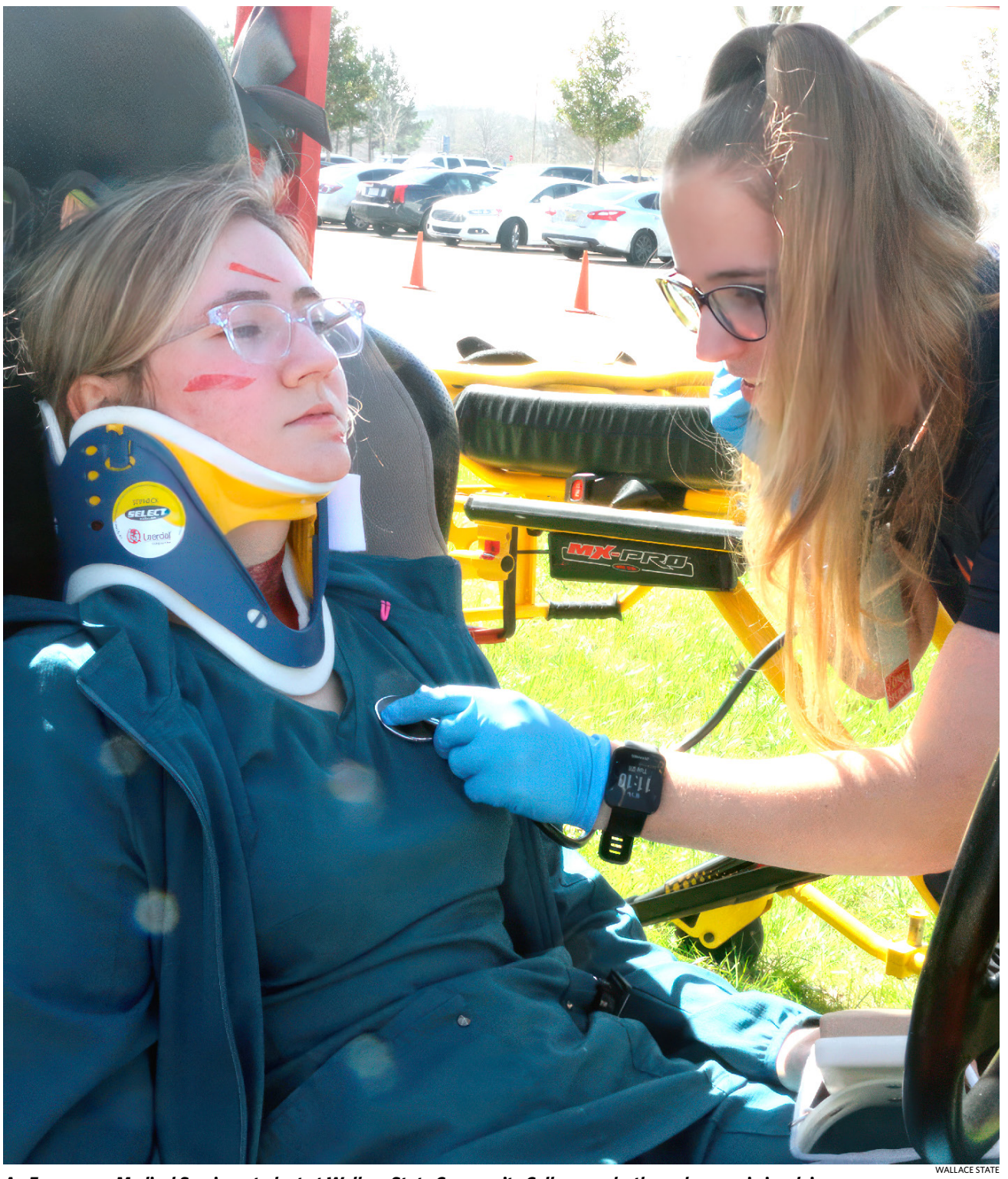
"A lot of times when you start working in a hospital, you all work in your own world of how you're going to do things to take care of your patient, but you may not understand on the other side what the other department has to do or what they need to do to take care of their patient.

"It shows them that everyone can work together and utilize each other to take care of our patients out in the hospital the best way that they know how."

"It's very helpful the fact that I get to work hand-in-hand with other disciplines," said Wallace State Nursing student Jordan Campbell.

"I get to do my assessment and do my job while also taking a step back and being able to watch and get a good, firm understanding of what the other departments are responsible for and what they do and how that all together, in a beautiful little map, helps the patient."

Most Wallace State Health Science programs are currently accepting applications for admission in Fall 2023. To review Health Science Division programs, visit www.wallacestate.edu and click on the Programs link.



WALLACE STATE

An Emergency Medical Services student at Wallace State Community College works through scenario involving a simulated motor vehicle accident during simulations held at Wallace State Community College this week.

Priority registration for Summer 2023 semester will begin April 3, with registration for all students on April 6. Summer 2023 classes begin May 24.

For more information, visit www.wallacestate.edu, call 256-352-8000 or come by Lion Central in the lobby of the James C. Bailey Center Monday-Wednesday 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Thursday 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., or Friday 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Career fairs March 7 and March 9 at Wallace State

Gail Crutchfield
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College is hosting two career fairs March 7 and 9 that are open to students and the public. Presented by the college's Center for Career and Workforce Development, the career fairs will bring dozens of employers to the college, all looking to fill positions open at their places of business.

"We are thrilled to host these career fairs," said Jamie Blackmon, director of the Center for Career and Workforce Development. "We have more than 100 employers scheduled to attend the career fairs. Every student from Wallace State is welcome to visit each day, as well as anyone from the community who may be looking for employment."

On March 7, the Academic & Technical Career Fair is a general career fair with employers from many businesses and industries.

The Academic & Technical Career Fair will be held from 9 a.m. -1 p.m. in Tom Drake Coliseum.

Employers planning to attend include: Adtran, AES Incorporated, Alabama Credit Union , Alabama Department of Corrections, Alabama Law Enforcement Agency, Altec Ind., American Cast Iron Pipe Company, Ascension St. Vincent's, Birmingham Police Department, Blount County Sheriff's Office, Brasfield & Gorrie, CAPNA, Cerrowire, LLC., Cullman County Sheriff's Office, DCH Health System, Decatur Police Department, Dixie Grinders, Inc., ERC, Federal Bureau of Prisons, First Federal Mortgage, Frogg Toggs, H&R Agri-Power, HH Technologies, Huntsville Police Department, Inland Buildings, Inline Electric Supply, Jupiter CNC Systems, KAMTEK, INC., My-Way Transportation Inc., Nextran Truck Center, Northwestern Mutual of Alabama , Nucor Steel, Orchid Orthopedic Solutions Alabama, Peach State Truck Center / Birmingham Freightliner , Penske Truck Leasing , Personnel Board of Jefferson County, Prince Metal Stampings, USA Inc., Progress Rail, RE Garrison Trucking, REHAU Inc., Revere Control Systems, RGNext, Royal Technologeis, Rusken Packaging, Samuel Associated Tube Group, Schwarze Industries , Scott's Orchard, Southern Haulers, Southland Transportation Group, Inc., Steward Machine Company, Sybridge Technologies, Thompson Tractor, Truckworx, Inc., UAB Talent Acquisition, United Rentals Inc, United States Air Force, United States Army, University of North Alabama, Velocity Truck Center, Walmart Distribution Center , Webb Wheel Products Inc., Westrock, Wholesalecars.com, Wolverine Industries, Yorozu Automotive Alabama and Y-tec Keylex Toyotetsu Alabama (YKTA).

On March 9, the Health Science Career Fair will be held from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Peinhardt Conference Center at the School of Nursing and Center for Science.

Employers planning to attend include Ascension St. Vincent's, Barfield Health Care, BlueFish Medical, Bradford Health Services, Children's of Alabama, Cooper Green Mercy Health Services Authority, an Affiliate of UAB Health System, Crestwood Medical Center, Cullman Regional, DCH Health System, East Alabama Health, Encompass Health and Rehabilitation Hospital of North Alabama, Encompass Health, Lakeshore Rehabilitation Hospital, Federal Bureau of Prisons, First Federal Mortgage, Hanceville, Nursing & Rehab Center, Huntsville Fire & Rescue , Huntsville Hospital, Lakeland Community Hospital, Lawrence Medical Center , Marshall Medical Centers, McGuffey Healthcare and Rehab First, ProHealth Home Health and Hospice, Riverview Regional Medical Center, Select Specialty Hospital-Birmingham, Singing River Dentistry, Smile Partners USA, South Hampton Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, LLC, Southern Tennessee Regional Health System, The University of Alabama Capstone College of Nursing, UAB Callahan Eye, UAB Medicine, UAH - College of Nursing, United States Army, Wellstone, Inc. and Woodland Village Healthcare.

For more information about the career fairs or about the Center for Career and Workforce Development, call 256-352-8356

Registration for Spring 2023 Mini Term II classes is ongoing, with classes beginning March 8.

Priority registration for summer and fall semesters will begin April 3, with registration for all students on April 6. Summer 2023 classes begin May 24.

Fall 2023 classes begin Aug. 18. For more information, visit www.wallacestate.edu, call 256-352-8000 or come by Lion Central in the lobby of the James C. Bailey Center Monday-Wednesday 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Thursday 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., or Friday 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Local students named to Ole Miss Chancellor's Honor Roll, Dean's Honor Roll

Jacob Batte
Contributor

UNIVERSITY, Miss. — Alexander Brooks, of Arab, was named to the University of Mississippi's Fall 2022 Chancellor's Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.75-4.00. "The remarkable students achieving Chancellor's Honor Roll are among the best and brightest at the University of Mississippi," said Chancellor Glenn Boyce. "I commend them for their hard work and dedication resulting in their outstanding academic achievements and this well-deserved recognition."

The following local students were named to the Fall 2022 Dean's Honor Roll:

- Tanner Kilgo of Bremen
- Kylie Wright of Crane Hill

The Dean's Honor Roll is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.50-3.74. In order to be eligible for honor roll designation, a student must have completed at least 12 graded hours for the semester and may not be on academic probation during the semester.

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.

Cullman's Creel named to Abilene Christian University's Fall 2022 Dean's Honor Roll

Wendy Kilmer
Contributor

ABILENE, Texas — Kaci Creel of Cullman was named to the Abilene Christian University Fall 2022 Dean's Honor Roll. Creel is a junior majoring in Art.

Creel was among more than 1,500 students named to the Fall 2022 Dean's Honor Roll.

To qualify for the Dean's Honor Roll, students must be registered for 12 or more credit hours and earn a GPA of 3.6 or higher.

Founded in 1906, Abilene Christian University enrolls more than 5,700 students in robust online and residential undergraduate and graduate programs. Students choose from 87 baccalaureate majors that include more than 171 areas of study, 71 areas of study in master's degree and specialist programs, and four doctoral programs. ACU's mission is to educate students for Christian service and leadership throughout the world. Abilene Christian is one of only 19 universities to be ranked in the top 50 nationally for both Undergraduate Teaching and Undergraduate Research/Creative Projects in the 2022-23 U.S. News & World Report rankings. Learn more at acu.edu.

Greer (from Front)

shocked. I had no clue I was or would be the recipient. I have always viewed the Emma Marie Eddleman Citizenship Award as the Chamber's top honor. I just went, 'Wow.' It was very emotional."

Clabo, director of programs at the Chamber, said Greer is the director of one of the most successful programs in the Southeast for recruitment of new industry and growth of expanding industries and played a large role in the very important Duck River Project. Last year, under Greer's leadership, Cullman ranked fourth out of 550 towns across the country (with a population less than 50,000) for the total number of industrial projects.

"He has also served as a president for the Economic Development Association of Alabama, was a former Alabama delegate to the Southern Economic Development Council serving 17 southeastern states and was appointed by the governor for two terms on the Alabama Workforce Council," Clabo continued.

Greer is one of only a dozen Cullman Countians who have graduated from the Leadership Alabama program. He also worked to create the Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program that many members have participated in over the years.

"I worked with Emma Marie over the years and always admired her work at the Chamber. She was a strong, influential woman at a time when that was not the norm for women.

"She guided a lot of the direction at the Chamber. It is appropriate the award bears her name. Winning the award is an honor. I know or have known every previous winner, and it is a list of some of the most benevolent people in our community. I am thrilled to be included among the winners," said Greer when asked what the Emma Marie Eddleman Citizenship Award means to him.

Among his many honors and achievements in the community and at the state level, Greer was recognized as Distinguished Citizen of the Year, is a past president of the Wallace State Future Foundation, Cullman Parks and Recreation Foundation, President of the Rotary Club and Rotarian of the Year.

The Emma Marie Eddleman Citizenship Award is presented to show gratitude to those who work tirelessly to make Cullman County a better place.

"Awards recognize individuals, and often that is tied to successes or accomplishments that occur with a lot of support from coworkers and friends.

"I have been blessed to live in a community where people work together toward common goals. Many people share in this award," said Greer.



Archer named director of ALEA Dept. of Public Safety

Staff Reports
Contributed

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) Secretary Hal Taylor on Thursday announced the appointment of Colonel Jonathan Archer as director of ALEA's Department of Public Safety (DPS), effective March 1.

The appointment follows the retirement announcement of former DPS Director Colonel Jimmy Helms earlier this year.

A native of Mobile, Archer graduated from the University of South Alabama in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a master's degree in public administration.

He is also a graduate of the FBI's National Academy. His career in law enforcement began in 2005, when he joined the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Marine Police Division and was assigned to the Baldwin County/Orange Beach Search and Rescue Unit.

Archer has been a valued member of ALEA since consolidation in 2015 and previously served as chief of the agency's Driver License Division.

Prior to his role as chief of driver license, he served in a variety of capacities throughout the agency including Marine Patrol training coordinator, Law Enforcement Special Response Unit commander and commander of both Central and Southern Districts of the Marine Patrol Division.

During his time in the Driver License Division, he led his staff through the demanding challenges of COVID-19 to continuously provide public services and safely serve a record number of residents via email, telephone and online.

In 2022, ALEA's Driver License Division worked diligently at the direction of Archer to improve technology and driver license processes, ultimately unveiling the new Law Enforcement Agency's Driver License System (LEADS). LEADS was a monumental accomplishment that replaced the previous system, which had been in place for nearly two decades.

Said Taylor, "Throughout his years with ALEA, Colonel Archer has proven his unwavering commitment and dedication to public service, not only for this agency, but for all Alabamians.

"Time after time, he has taken on monumental tasks and difficult challenges, while providing safe and effective solutions and raising the agency's Driver License Division to a new level of excellence.

"Based upon his proven work ethic and successful track record, I am extremely confident in Colonel Archer's leadership abilities and his vision for the department. I look forward to working with him in this new capacity."

Archer said, "I am honored that Governor Kay Ivey and Secretary Taylor have entrusted me to lead ALEA's Department of Public Safety. I have thoroughly enjoyed working alongside employees within the agency's Marine Patrol and Driver License Divisions, and I look forward to continuing the agency's mission of providing the highest level of quality service and protection for all in this new position."



ALEA
Col. Jonathan Archer

BOOK REVIEW

'Lessons in Chemistry' by Bonnie Garmus

Cathy Mayor
Contributed

"Lessons in Chemistry," a New York Times best-seller, one of NPR's Books We Love for 2022 and a selection of the "Good Morning America" Book Club, is author Bonnie Garmus' first novel. She said she wrote it as "a love letter to the scientist and the scientific brain."

The main character, Elizabeth Zott, is a chemist in the 1960s, a time when many jobs were limited by gender, when men were supposed to do "a man's job" and women were expected to do "women's work." Professional women were normally secretaries, teachers or nurses.

Surprisingly, "Lessons in Chemistry" is very funny in spite of Elizabeth's circumstances. She works in a research lab, where the majority of her colleagues do not welcome her; the only other female employee is a secretary. She struggles to obtain basic lab supplies and receives no funding for her projects. She deals with discrimination, sexual assault and theft of her ideas (intellectual property).

But Elizabeth finds a kindred spirit in Calvin Evans, a Nobel Prize winner and senior laboratory employee. He tries to help improve her working conditions. But, when he can no longer help, they worsen.

She is pregnant, unmarried, and is fired from her job. But Elizabeth does not give up. She turns her kitchen into a research laboratory, where she cooks with her beakers, test tubes and centrifuge while working on her scientific theory of abiogenesis (the theory that life comes from simplistic non-life forms).

After her daughter, Madeline (nicknamed Mad) is born, Elizabeth is overwhelmed and exhausted.

Her neighbor, Harriet, steps in to help, becoming a dear friend and great support system. Also in the mix is Elizabeth's dog, Six-Thirty. In fact, much of the story is told from Six-Thirty's perspective.

Elizabeth inadvertently starts a cooking show, called "Supper at Six," for a local television network.

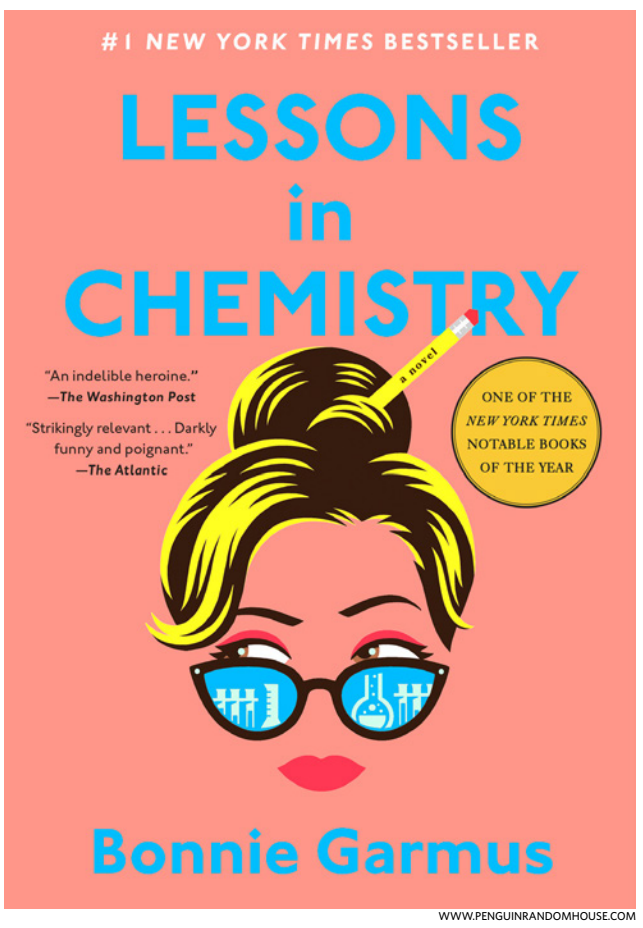
From the beginning she has her own idea of how the show should be run. She refuses to dress in the clothes the producer picks or endorse the advertiser's products. With the show being shot live, she goes completely off script, often using chemistry terms to teach cooking. For example, "This dish needs some acetic acid and sodium chloride (vinegar and salt)."

Described Publisher Penguin Random House, "But as her following grows, not everyone is happy. Because as it turns out, Elizabeth Zott isn't just teaching women to cook. She's daring them to change the status quo."

Elizabeth ends each show with this phrase: "Set the table children, your mother needs a moment to herself."

And yes, we do.

It took me a few chapters to fall in love with this book, but I am so glad I did!



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Newspapers (from Front)

Felicia Mason, Darrell Sandlin

Recent changes in the newspaper landscape in Alabama have us wanting to share some good news about newspapers. Alabama newspapers are alive and printing.

Like most every industry in the world, our industry is experiencing changes that some have characterized as the end of newspapers.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Alabama has 109 paid circulation newspapers that have a print edition at least every week.

Newspapers have evolved in how they deliver news to their readers, but not in their mission to provide quality journalism in their communities.

Their print products are now complemented with various platforms, including websites, electronic editions, social media and video. Online-only newspapers, in their new frontier, still continue to provide a valuable service in their communities for local news.

This multimedia combination delivers the greatest exposure of news, entertainment and public notices available in any community in our state.

And our newspapers remain a reliable and important news source.

A recent market study, conducted by the independent research firm Coda Ventures, reports that 3.2 million, or 81%, Alabama adults rely on newspapers every month for local news and advertising. That is strong.

The study also found that among consumers who plan to shop for specific products and services, the targeted reach of newspapers is unrivaled.

Our newspapers are an unmatched source of information because they help people know what's going on in their communities, and this promotes a sense of social engagement. The news you receive in your community newspaper is news you cannot get from any other news source.

Local newspapers keep residents up to date on births and deaths; updates from local schools and stories about students who are making a difference; information on civic clubs, fundraisers and community events; in-depth coverage on local sports teams; openings of new businesses and industries; and updates on arts and entertainment events.

A local newspaper's focus is to make your community stronger and safer, and to encourage its readership to be more involved.

These days, we hear a lot about transparency. Your local newspapers play an important role in making sure relevant information citizens need to make informed decisions is disclosed. They act as a form of communication between governments and the citizens they serve.

They hold local governments accountable to the taxpayers. They are there to cover city council, county commission and school board meetings where decisions are made that affect your everyday life.

Lastly, a good newspaper is the record of a public voice. Articles on key issues affecting communities, letters to editors and guest columns offer citizens and elected officials alike the opportunity to share their views, their demands and grievances, their criticisms and their appreciation of governmental activities.

By offering a place to air complaints and discuss problems, newspapers help strengthen the bonds of their communities and facilitate the exchange of ideas.

So, don't believe everything you hear about newspapers going away. There are 109 voices in Alabama that disagree.

Felicia Mason, Alabama Press Association executive director

Darrell Sandlin, Alabama Press Association president

Miss Beans (from Front)

Amy Leonard
amy@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — This week's Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week is Miss Beans!

Miss Beans is a 1-1.5-year-old mini yellow lab and hound mix who is ready to find her forever home. Miss Beans is an athletic girl and loves to play and be a silly girl. She would appreciate a new home where she has the opportunity to get out every day for some exercise.

Given that Miss Beans is still young, she has plenty of time to learn new tricks as well as gain obedience training skills. She is already a champ on her leash and is quick to learn.

When it comes to Miss Beans' personality, she's a typical pup who loves playing with her toys and exploring the world around her. When trying to get you to understand what she is feeling and thinking, Miss Beans will tell you "whoo whoo!" She's a happy girl when she has plenty of love and attention.

Miss Beans' adoption fee includes DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet and microchip. All animals are spayed or neutered prior to adoption.

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or www.cullmananimalshelter@co.cullman.al.us or visit the shelter at 935 Convent Road NE.



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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 RE: THE ESTATE OF * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
TRUMAN ELBERT MORGAN, * CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
deceased. * CASE NO. PC2022-431

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Mitch Witcher, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Mitch Witcher, deceased, on the 2nd day of March, 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 will be barred.

DONE this the 2nd day of March, 2023

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

TO: Publisher
The Cullman Tribune

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

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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
DANNY FRANKLIN REYNOLDS, CASE NO. PC 2023 - 071
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have been granted to Daniel Christopher Reynolds, as Administrator of the Estate of DANNY FRANKLIN REYNOLDS, deceased, on the 2nd day of March, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, and that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Daniel Christopher Reynolds

Shay Persall
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Attorney for Administrator

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of publication.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * CASE NO. PC2023-025
TONY L. FREEMAN, *
DECEASED *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have been granted to KRISTINA ANDREWS as Personal Representative of the Estate of TONY L. FREEMAN, deceased, on this the 2nd day of March, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman Count.

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

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

THE KILGO LAW FIRM
Jerry L. Kilgo
Attorney for the Personal Representative
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To: THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Cullman, AL 35055

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE
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 *
JAMES MICHAEL NOLES * **CASE NO.: PC 2023-072**
Deceased *

NOTICE
PETITION FOR SUMMARY ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that a *Petition for Summary Administration* filed the 27th day of February, 2023, made court record the 1st day of March, 2023, by James Robby Noles, Petitioner; and that thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to the law of the State of Alabama, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent.

James Robby Noles
Petitioner

Tonya C. Palmer
Palmer Law Firm, LLC
1939 Main Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

To: PUBLISHER OF ***The Cullman Tribune***

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

DONE this the 2nd day of March, 2023.

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

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:
JERRY L. KILGO
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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County,

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
BOBBY RAY COOPER, * **CASE NO.: PC2022-401**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to JAMES TERRY, as Personal Representative of the Estate of BOBBY RAY COOPER deceased, on the 2nd day of March, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

JAMES TERRY
Personal Representative

Christy M. Miller
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
BILLY MONCRIEF, * CASE NO.: PC2023-038
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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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
GLADYS MARIE KNOPP, CASE NO.: PC2023-054

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. AD2023-018

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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Nominations open for 2023 Senior Citizens Hall of Fame

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Alabama Department of Senior Services is seeking nominations for outstanding individuals to be considered for induction into the 2023 Alabama Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. Married couples who have celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary or more, and individuals who are 100 years old or older are also honored by the Alabama Senior Citizens Hall of Fame each year.

"This is the one major event in Alabama each year where individuals are formally honored and recognized for their selfless work and dedication to serving citizens in their community," said Department of Senior Services Commissioner Jean Brown. "It is truly an honor to recognize a group of seniors who have contributed so much to improving the lives of older Alabamians."

Individuals and organizations interested in nominating someone can visit AlabamaAgeline.gov to complete a nomination form. The deadline for nominations is May 1, 2023. Inductees and award winners will be announced in August 2023.

The Alabama Senior Citizens Hall of Fame has honored and recognized Alabamians aged 60 or older for their outstanding contributions to the lives of older Alabamians in their local communities since 1983.

ADSS is a cabinet-level state agency that administers programs for senior citizens, people with disabilities, and caregivers. Gov. Kay Ivey appointed Brown to serve as the Commissioner of the Department of Senior Services in 2019.

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Obituary Announcements: March 2-3

Elwood Allen Rogers, 62
Elwood Allen Rogers, age 62, of Cullman, Alabama passed away Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2023. Elwood was born in Louisiana. Elwood is survived by his wife, Karen Cassandra Rogers; his daughter, Lauren Banks (Kelien); and his sons, Joshua Akers, Patrick A Rogers (Autumn); his sister, Helen Brooks, Frankie Marlow and his brother, Eugene Rogers (Kathy); 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A celebration of life memorial service for Elwood will be held Saturday, March 4, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Destiny Church, 566 County Road 1339, Cullman, AL 35058. The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers the family will accept donations to offset funeral cost. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Rogers family.

Betty Carol Graves, 77
Now, a beautiful soul is at peace; hardworking hands are at rest. Our own earthly angel, Betty Carol Graves, 77, answered her Father when he whispered her name. Carol shared her life with her beloved husband, Elton Graves, for 56 years. Together, they shared a wonderful life spanning almost six decades of love and laughter; celebrating good times and enduring the hard ones. Their lives revolved around God, family and friends. Carol raised two daughters; Vickie Carol Graves Clopton and Rita Graves Kent. Not only was Carol the sweetest mother to her girls, she was their corrector, sounding board, best friend and biggest supporter. She was preceded in death by her parents, James O. and Lillie Mae Turner; son-in-law, Mac Kent; father-in-law, Olvin Graves; brothers-in-law, Lendin Stricklin and Travis Quick. Carol is survived by her husband, Elton Graves; daughters, Vickie (David) Clopton and Rita Graves Kent; grandchildren, Tiffany Clopton, Nicole (Hayden) Loggins, Carmon (Jonathan) McCrary and Michael Brett (Kaley) Manning; great grandchildren, Karlie McCrary, Austin McCrary and Keegan Clopton; sister, Charlotte Boone; brother, Jerry (Kathy) Turner; mother-in-law, Ruth Graves; brother-in-law, Lendel (Sharron) Graves; and sister-in-law, Sheila Stricklin; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. Serving as pallbearers will be Jonathan McCrary, Hayden Loggins, Brett Manning, Chad Turner, Brad Turner and Mickey Stricklin. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 4, 2023, at Ryan's Creek Baptist Church in Bremen. Burial will follow in the adjoining cemetery. Reverends Tommy Graves and Brian Calvert will be officiating. Visitation will be Saturday at Ryan's Creek Baptist Church from noon until 2 p.m. The family of Mrs. Graves would like to thank Enhabit Hospice, Hanceville Funeral Home, Ryan's Creek Baptist Church and Stouts Mountain Baptist Church for their wonderful care and support during this time of loss and transition. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Graves Family.

Tommy Wayne Cole, 74
Funeral service for Tommy Wayne Cole, 74, of Vinemont, will be at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 5, 2023, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Bethlehem West Baptist Cemetery, Rev. Delbert Freeman officiating. Visitation will be Sunday at the funeral home from noon until 2 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Cole passed away Thursday, March 2, 2023, at his residence. He was born March 23, 1948, to Tony O. and Dramer Cole. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Tony Cole. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Curtis Ray Nix, 74
Curtis Ray Nix, 74, of Haleyville, entered into rest Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at his home surrounded by his loving family. Curtis was born March 25, 1948, in Jasper to Troy Curtis and Millie Decie Blackwell Nix. Prior to his retirement, Curtis worked for many years in the cabinet shop at Southern Homes in Addison. He loved being outside, whether he was working, mowing the grass or just enjoying the outdoors. He was a loving husband, father and paw paw. Visitation will be held Sunday, March 5, 2023, from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where services will be at 3 p.m. Burial will be in New Flatwoods Cemetery at Liberty Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Nauvoo, Alabama. Officiating will be Brother Jerry Key and Brother Stan Galloway. The family will gather following the service at Pebble Community Center located at 100 County Road 3423, Haleyville, Alabama 35565 for a time of food and fellowship. The building will be unlocked beginning at 1 p.m. for convenience in dropping off food. Curtis is survived by his wife, Lovinnia Jane Nix; daughters, Deanna Maria (Larry) Whisenhunt and Candace Diona (Stan) Kimbrell; son, Jeremy Keith (Monica) Vines; 3 grandchildren, Whitney Lee (Zach) McNutt, Khloe McKell Kimbrell and Kashlyn Rae Whisenhunt; great grandchild, Zander Lee McNutt; and a host of nieces and nephews and other loving family and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Troy Curtis Nix; mother, Millie Decie Blackwell Nix; brother, James William Nix; sisters, Dolly "Dot" Mae Sides, Violet "Vernie" Lovenia Barnes and Ester Norene Pair. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Joy and Kenny Aaron, Kim Oswalt, Leigh and Gary Sutliff, Tara Carroll, and to the host of family and friends that have come by to fellowship. Memories and condolences may be shared at www.nicholsfuneralhomes.com.

Hazel Lorene Glover Powell, 84
Funeral service for Hazel Lorene Glover Powell, 84, of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at Living Faith Baptist Church, Bro. Larry Brown and Bro. Garry Couch officiating. Visitation will be Monday evening at the church from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Powell family. Mrs. Powell passed away Thursday, March 2, 2023, at CRMC. She was born March 3, 1938, to Ira and Geda James Glover. She was a member of Living Faith Baptist Church. Lorene was a precious sister, wife, mother and grandmother and friend to many. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Billy Powell; sisters, Mavis Loretta Tyree and her husband, Robert Tyree, Margaret Sterling and her husband, Benny Sterling. Survivors include her daughters, Kathy (Randall) Blackmon and Sandra (David) Hicks; grandchildren, Kris (Gig) Price, Braxton (Coley) Hicks, Davida (Brantley) Owens; special granddaughter, Lindsey Couch; great-grandchildren, Jay (Stacy) Price, Izzie LoRae Price, Colton, Caylyn, Brynlee, Tucker Joe, Hazely, Hagen; siblings, Allen (Von) Glover, Buddy (Ann) Glover, Doris (Avery) Calvert, Margie (Ronald) Hale; a host of nephews, nieces, relatives, friends and church family. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

It was all downhill from there

Bill King
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Last Saturday, in Childersburg, Alabama, in the far recesses of a booth, on the back side of a picker's paradise, I spotted an antique Flexoplane. No, that is not something you fly in, or something you might use in a woodshop to smooth out a rough piece of wood. It is something you might ride to slide down the side of a sloping hill that is preferably covered with snow, sleet, or ice. A Flexoplane is a store-bought snow sled. When I was a kid, each year, I drew a circle around one in the Sear's catalogue. Now that I am far from being a kid anymore, I'm staring straight at one and it is for sale. Believe it or not, I walked right out of there without buying it, but for several good reasons. I'll get to them, as soon as I get finished reminiscing, or rambling, whichever word you prefer to use.

In my days of youthfulness, I slid down slick-covered hills on just about everything one could imagine, except a real, genuine, snow sled. I grew up in the North, where it snowed more than down in the South where I now live. No, not as far North as you are thinking, but in northern Alabama. We had hills, even mountains, and snow up there. I had everything a young'un needed to go sledding, except a sled, especially a Flexoplane. Now that never stopped us from sledding and sliding. Some of our makeshift sleds worked fairly well, while others were dumb ideas. We tried sledding in cardboard boxes, #2 washtubs, truck-tire inner tubes, trashcan lids, or anything else we thought might slide. During my college days at Samford University, we used "borrowed" food trays from the cafeteria.

One of my best ones was an old Coca-Cola sign that had been in front of my dad's business. It was one of those large red signs, with two bowl-shaped metal sides mounted back-to-back. It was painted Coke red with white cursive letters that said "Coca-Cola." Below that, was a white rectangular sign that said "King's Coal and Building Supply." The entire thing had fallen down, or been knocked down, by something or someone. For the record, I am not denying or confessing anything, but just setting up the story. Since it had been on the ground for quite some time, I figured its days of usefulness as a sign had come to an end. I also figured its days as a sled were about to begin. My buddies and I disassembled that thing, attached a piece of inner-tube rubber to each side for a handle, and had ourselves a pair of Coca-Cola sleds. It was all downhill from there! We slid down the big slope on the backside of Patton's Pond until we almost wore off the logo, as well as the red paint. I'm not sure whatever became of our make-do sled, but when I see the price of those things in antique stores now, I wish I still had mine!

Now, I didn't buy that Flexoplane for several reasons. I don't live in northern Alabama anymore, and even up there it doesn't snow like it once did. I now live in the plains of Alabama and plains have no mountains and few hills. I am not a boy anymore, and I could do bodily damage by acting like I still am. Besides all that, the price on that thing was $125.00. If I could find my old Coca-Cola sign, I could sell it and buy that Flexoplane...but now days, I'd rather just have my old sign back! Isn't life funny?

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HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1957

From the files of 1957

Hanceville Happenings

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clate Hamrick were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hamrick, Mr. and Mrs. Quinnon Holmes and son and Mrs. Jack Waldrop and children, all of Birmingham and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hamrick and children, of Selma.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Chappell last week were Reverend and Mrs. Robert Webb and Danny, of Chattanooga and Mrs. Gertrude Wheeler, of Nashville.

Mrs. L.M. Bland has as her dinner guests on Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. E.J. McGlawn, of Birmingham, Reverend and Mrs. William Curl, of Cullman, Mr. and Mrs. Plez Curl, of Blount County and Mr. and Mrs. Bert McGlawn.

Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Chappell and boys and Mrs. J. Nesmith were the Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Nesmith and Randy, in Hartselle.

Sergeant and Mrs. Paul Meadows announce the birth of a daughter at the Cullman Hospital, on December 28th, whom they have named Nancy Kay.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Johnston, of Birmingham, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. James Johnston.

Mrs. Pichelmeyer and son, John Pichelmeyer, of Birmingham, were the guests of Mrs. W.H. Clapp, Senior, on Thursday night and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dean and Mr. and Mrs. William Dean, of Birmingham, were the guests on Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. S.M. Casey.

Mrs. Frank Ballard and Larry and Sergeant and Mrs. Earnest McNabb and Eddie are the weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Whitfield and family in Atlanta, Georgia.

Mrs. Cynthia Cook visited Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Cagle, at Center Hill, on Saturday.

Master Sergeant Clifford Pike, son, of Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Pike, of Route Seven, Cullman, was recently featured in an article in Stars and Stripes by Nick Raymond from Maison Fort, France, where the sergeant is stationed.

Mrs. T.S. Morrow, age 48, wife of the director of the Cullman Experiment Station, died at her home on Route Seven, Cullman, on Saturday morning.

A native of Cullman County, Mrs. Morrow, the former Clara Morris, was reared at West Point.

Surviving are her husband, one daughter, Peggy Morrow, a student at API, Auburn, her mother, Mrs. Lucy Morris, two sisters, Mrs. Ruby Chaney and Mrs. Jewell Bland and two brothers, John and Judge Morris.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church, at 2:00 p.m., on Monday, with the Reverend Andrew Coltharp officiating and Moss Service directing interment in City Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Doctor W.G. Eaton, Troy Thompson, K.P. Morris, Earl Self, U.G. Haynes and L.T. Burleson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Roberson, of Birmingham announce the birth of a daughter on Monday, January 8th. They have named her Karen Lynne. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Camp and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Roberson, all of Cullman.

M.E. Speegle Dies

Milton E. Speegle, age 76, died at his Route Three, Cullman residence and funeral services were held at Bowman Chapel on January 1st.

Surviving are one son, Carl Speegle, one daughter, Mrs. Thelma Adamson and four grandchildren.

POET'S CORNER

Gossip | By: Randy C. Hale

Did you hear or did you know?
Can you believe it's so?
You didn't hear this from me,
so please don't repeat!

Juicy little tidbits about others
we share in confidence.
If it turns out to be in error,
then please don't take offense.

I heard it from my neighbor
who heard it from a friend.
I know that it is possible,
so I'll believe it then.

We never stop and think that
this might not be true.
And as long that it doesn't hurt me
I do not think of you.

The damnable, damaging gossip
trail that causes needless pain.
If even it is so, what advantage
to its claim?

A sin embraced of itself
as harmful as can be
Is really costly in its thrust
of hurting others deep.

Refrain from the temptation
to repeat a lurid tale
And if you know it's so,
be careful just as well.

Give the benefit of the doubt.
Put yourself in other's place.
Know the pain of idle talk
and of gossip's bitter plate.

At the end of your days
Thankful you will ever be
That you never harmed a soul
By repeating what may or
might not be.

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

MARCH 4

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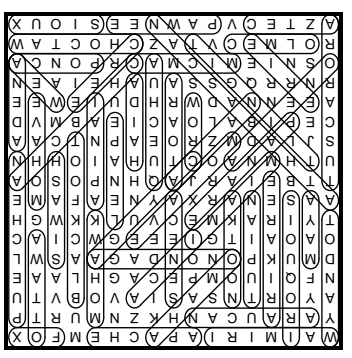
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CULLMAN TRIBUNE SUDOKU

MARCH 4

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Sale (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Master Gardeners and Alabama Cooperative Extension System will host an inaugural Native Azalea and Wildflowers Sale on Saturday, March 25, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Just in time for spring planting, the sale will be held at the Sportsman Lake Wildflower Garden.

Native azaleas are known for their lovely fragrance and are often harder to find in nurseries than the usual evergreen, non-native varieties. In their native habitat, the native azaleas are often indistinguishable until the spring and summer when they bloom brilliantly, standing out from the habitat surrounding them.

Sometimes known as deciduous azaleas or erroneously called wild honeysuckle, native azaleas flourish in the southeastern United States where at least 17 species are found. Unlike the mounding evergreen shrub azalea varieties, natives more closely resemble a small tree form.

Cullman is an ideal area for native azaleas. The mild climate and abundance of natural resources make it possible to create a stunning outdoor environment that can be enjoyed year-round.

Wildflowers are another great way to add color and interest to your landscape. Ferns, butterfly milkweed, cosmos and bee balm are just a few of the wildflowers that will be available at the plant sale. These flowers are incredibly easy to maintain and require very little care or attention. They will bloom seasonally throughout the year with vibrant colors that draw hummingbirds and butterflies right into your yard. Wildflowers are also low maintenance and require no fertilization or special treatments- they simply need sun and regular watering.

Azaleas and wildflowers are both easy to care for and can provide years of beauty and enjoyment. They also require very little maintenance, making them perfect for busy homeowners who don't have a lot of time to dedicate to their outdoor space. By incorporating these native plants into your landscape design, you'll be able to create a unique look that will last for years while also adding value to your property.



