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West Elementary to host Rapid-Deploy Safe Room System demo

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A school safety demonstration event will be held Monday, March 13, at 11:30 a.m. at West Elementary School, located at 303 Rosemont Ave. SW. The event will showcase a new Rapid-Deploy Safe Room System designed to protect students in the event of a school shooting.

According to a press release from Cullman City Schools, "This is a pilot program, so these are the first safe rooms installed in any school anywhere.

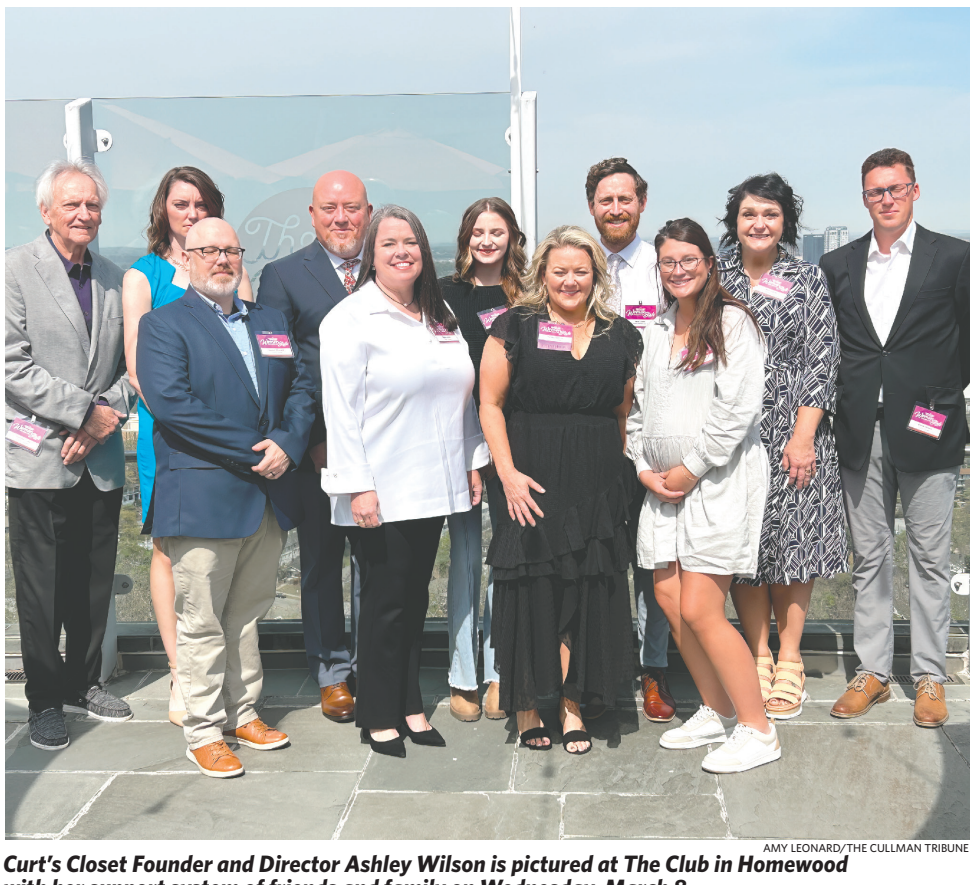
"This is a concept KT Security Solutions developed, it was then coordinated with the school system. They are completed and installed in two classrooms."

The system will be piloted at Cullman's West Elementary School, and the event will feature panelists » PAGE 8


KT OUTDOORS USA YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Wilson honored as state leader on International Women's Day

Women Who Shape the State held March 8


AMY LEONARD/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Curt's Closet Founder and Director Ashley Wilson is pictured at The Club in Homewood with her support system of friends and family on Wednesday, March 8.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman's Ashley Wilson, founder and director of Curt's Closet, was honored as one of This is Alabama's 25 Women Who Shape the State at an awards ceremony and luncheon at The Club in Homewood on Wednesday, March 8, International Women's Day. In its 10th year, the award is given to women throughout the state who influence positive changes in their communities in big ways.

The ever-humble Wilson was shocked to have even been nominated for the award as she still has difficulty recognizing the reach and impact of her compassion and love manifested in her work with Curt's Closet.

"I still have no idea who even nominated me for the award," said Wilson at the luncheon. "To have been nominated and then honored as one of the 25 Women Who Shape the State feels so strange almost. We're just trying to do our best for the children and people in our community so being honored at a state level is just awesome."

The luncheon, celebrating the 2023 honorees, featured keynote speaker Eries L.G. Mentzer, director, Air Commando Development - HQ Air Force Special Operations Command, who was the first Black woman commander of Maxwell Air Force Base. At Maxwell, Mentzer led all base operations, infrastructure and support services for over 42,000 personnel.

Romay Catherine Johnson Davis, 103, was awarded the 2023 Lifetime Achievement Award for over 100 years of paving the way for women in Alabama, the country and all over the world. The Montgomery » PAGE 12

What's in our water: Register for Alabama Water Watch Monitoring Training

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Thompson Rents opening in Hanceville

Construction rental equipment available March 20



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Thompson Rents is located at 6307 County Road 490 in Hanceville.

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EMS telecommunicators: Unsung heroes behind the scenes


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EMS telecommunicator Alyson Moody is pictured with a gift basket recognizing the team for its diligent work keeping Cullman County safe.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported March 10

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported March 9, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

March 6

- dog bite; CR 422
- trespassing; criminal mischief; 10 St. SE Hanceville
- domestic violence; criminal mischief; CR 702
- trespassing; Hwy. 69 S
- theft of property; CR 490
- harassment; CR 1234
- criminal mischief; CR 2201
- assault; CR 437
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 1269

March 7

- theft of property; CR 222
- domestic violence; CR 1101
- harassment; CR 1564
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 421
- theft of property; CR 386
- harassment; CR 1718
- criminal mischief; CR 1809
- theft of property; CR 386
- theft of property; CR 437

March 8

- criminal mischief; CR 1240
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 542
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; County Side Acres Rd.
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 625

ARRESTS

March 6 – 8

Donaldson, Lindsey L.; 44
- FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous

Hedden, Lisa B.; 52
- drug trafficking
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Raymond, Rhonda J.; 35
- causing delinquency, dependency or need of supervision

Sellers, Van T.; 37
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Stanford, Jeffrey R.; 56
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Thomas, Merlin E.; 40
- Probation Violation- receiving stolen property

Williams, Walter A.; 35
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- FTA- illegal possession prescription drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA- public intoxication (3 counts)

Brown, Carl G.; 20
- FTA- driver's license not in possession
- FTA- operating vehicle without insurance
- FTA- reckless driving

Doherty, Kyler E.; 28
- permitting dogs to run at large

Gilland, Jennifer S.; 37
- non-support-child

Guerrero, Adalberto; 61
- Grand Jury- sexual abuse of a child less than 12 years old-forcible fondling

Lawrence, Raymond D.; 34
- FTA- operating vehicle without insurance

Lindsey, Kevin C.; 39
- FTA- DUI (other substances)
- FTA- Probation Violation-possession of controlled substance

Smith, Rodney L.; 33
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment
- FTA- larceny/theft-theft from banking institution

Stillwell, Jimmy R.; 32
- Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs

Thomas, Tammy W.; 52
- FTA- giving false identification to law enforcement
- FTA- public intoxication (2 counts)
- FTA- criminal trespass (2 counts)

Boyles, James C.; 38
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- interference with a domestic violence emergency call

Calvo, Kathryn M.; 20
- FTA- permitting dogs to run at large

Cook, Sasha; 34
- causing delinquency, dependency or need of supervision

Cook, Timothy; 37
- causing delinquency, dependency or need of supervision

Green, Willie J.; 39
- Bail Jumping- 2nd degree-burglary-residence-no force
- Bail Jumping- 2nd degree-possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- Bail Jumping-2nd degree-possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Hamby, Justin D.; 30
- Violation of Release Order- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- Violation of Release Order- possession of dangerous drugs
- Violation of Release Order- resisting arrest

Hollingsworth, John K.; 43
- FTA- possession of methamphetamine

Hudson, Michael S.; 48
- Violation of Release Order- receiving stolen property

Jackson, Michael L.; 64
- FTA –unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle (no theft)
- FTA- possession of methamphetamine (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

McClendon, Lisa M.; 33
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Owens, Glenda M.; 43
- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft less than $500

Pate, Cody W.; 36
- FTA- public intoxication

Ramsey, Byron C.; 41
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Sams, Eric S.; 45
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Villa, Patricia D.; 41
- Probation Violation- assault-child abuse-simple-family (2 counts)
- Probation Violation- illegal possession/use of credit card

Williams, Daniel S.; 36
- Probation Violation- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft (2 counts)

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

March 8

- theft of property-4th degree; person; 6th Ave. SE; miscellaneous
- theft by deception-4th degree; person; cash
- forgery; person; forged title
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157

March 9

- theft of property-4th degree; forgery-3rd; Rusken Packaging, Inc.; forged checks
- theft of property-3rd degree; person; Jackson St. SW; miscellaneous
- theft of property-4th degree; Loyal Order of the Moose 1861
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $233

ARRESTS

March 8 – 9

Watson, Andrea D.; 33
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- driving without license
- FTA- expired tag

Ramsey, Byron C.; 41
- FTA- resisting arrest
- FTA- attempt to elude police officer
- FTA- DUI

Sams, Eric S.; 45
- FTA- driving while suspended

Lindsey, Kevin C.; 39
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

McBrayer, Shaun M.; 40
- FTA- insurance violation

Villa, Patricia D.; 41
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree

Goggins, Kerry L.; 45
- criminal trespass-3rd degree
- theft of property-4th degree

McCollough, Jonathan J.; 38
- robbery-3rd degree
- theft of property-4th degree
- resisting arrest
- obstructing governmental operations

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

CCSO arrest roundup

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) made multiple arrests over the last several days, including:

MONDAY, MARCH 6

Investigators responded to a residence in the Fairview area to serve a search warrant. Lisa Banamassa Hedden, 52, of Baileyton, and Jeffrey Ray Stanford, 56, of Hanceville, were located at the residence.

A subsequent search of the residence allegedly yielded narcotics and paraphernalia.

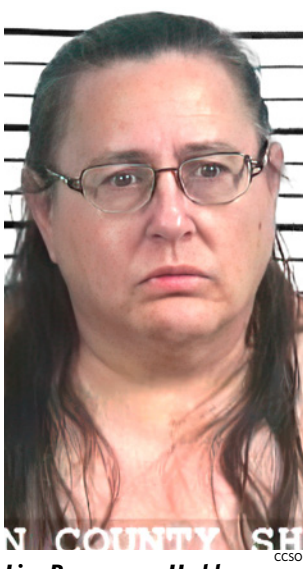
Hedden was charged with drug trafficking and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

Stanford was charged with unlawful possession of methamphetamine and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

Hedden is currently being held on a $750,000 bond at the Cullman County Detention Center. Stanford was released March 8 on a $4,300 bond.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

Deputies arrested John Kyle Hollingsworth, 43, of Meridianville, Alabama, on a failure to appear warrant for unlawful possession of methamphetamine.


CCSO
Lisa Banamassa Hedden


CCSO
Jeffrey Ray Stanford


CCSO
John Kyle Hollingsworth

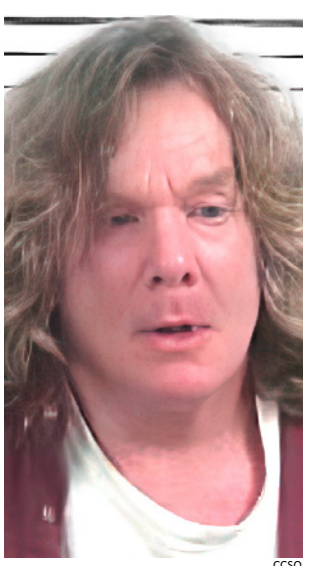
Hollingsworth is currently being held in the Cullman County Detention Center on a $2,500 bond.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

Deputies arrested Michael Lee Jackson, 64, of Cullman, on multiple failure to appear warrants, including unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, unlawful possession of methamphetamine (two counts), second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia (two counts).

Jackson is currently confined to the Cullman County Detention Center on a $19,000 bond.

Deputies arrested Adalberto

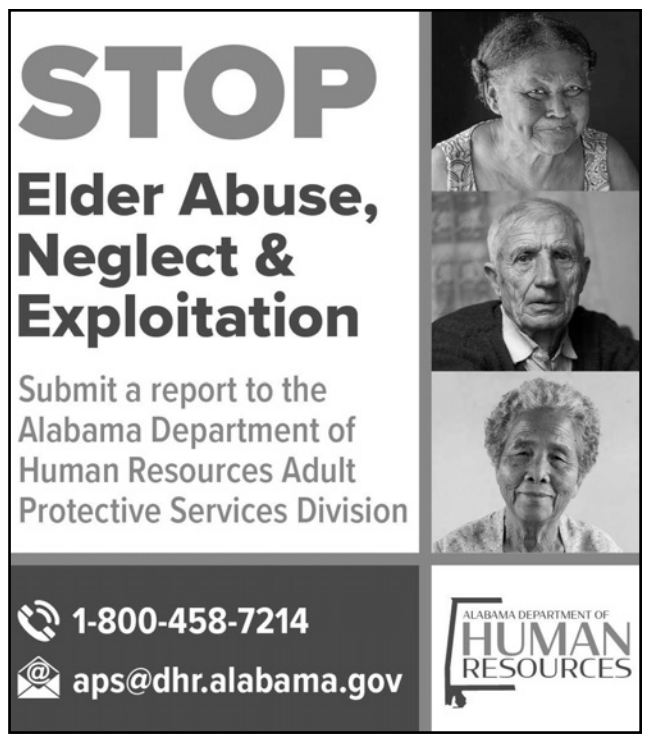

CCSO
Michael Lee Jackson



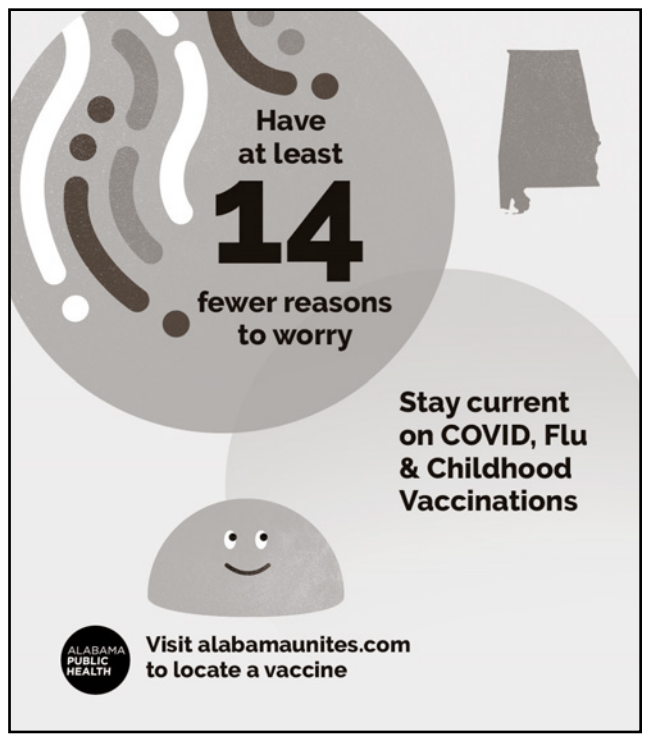
CCSO
Adalberto Guerrero

Guerrero, 61, of Cullman, on a grand jury warrant for sexual abuse of a child less than 12 years old.

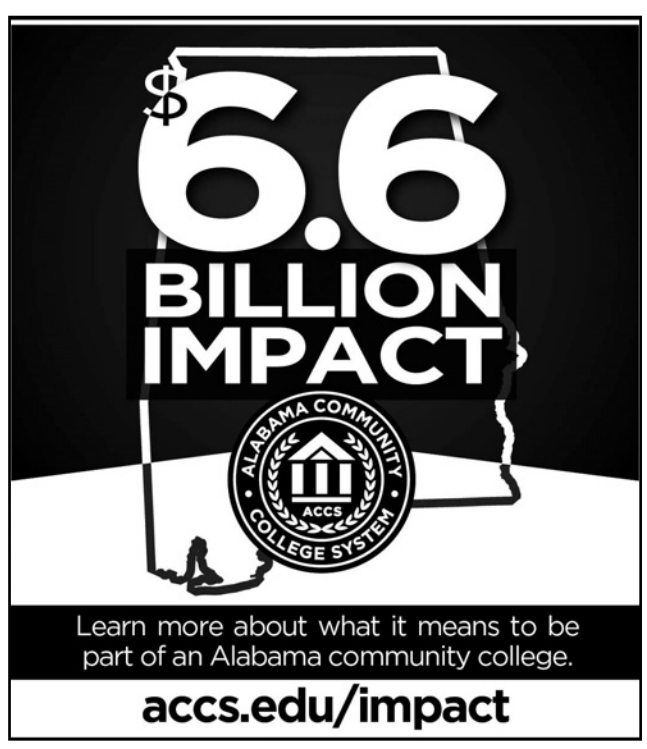
Guerrero is currently being held at the Cullman County Detention Center on a $30,000 bond.











COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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.

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.

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

Cullman Educator Retirees Association Meeting
Thursday, March 16, at 11 a.m. at Stone Bridge Farms. Our program will be to remember and honor Cullman educators who passed during 2022, followed by lunch and fellowship. We invite educators and family members of the honorees to join us. Questions? Email mjcjcera@gmail.com.

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.

HUGE Book Sale
Saturday, March 18, at 9 a.m. at the Hanceville Public Library. All books are 25 cents or 50 cents.

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

Fairview Lions Club Soup and Chili Supper
Friday, March 18, from 4-7 p.m. at Fairview Town Hall, 7525 Alabama Highway 69 N. Your choice of several kinds of soup or chili, cornbread or crackers and a drink for $8. All proceeds will go to the Fairview Lions Club project fund. For more information call Kita at 256-385-8805 or William at 256-385-5596.

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.

Pastor Appreciation Meal
Thursday, March 23, at 6 p.m. at Northbrook Baptist Church

Swamp John's Dinner
Friday, March 31, from 4-7 p.m. at the Simcoe Lodge, 2659 County Road 1545 (Gold Ridge Road), Cullman. Plates are $14. For more information call C.H. Loyd at 205-706-2556.

Fairview Lions Club Car, Truck, Tractor and Motorcycle Show: Food Vendors Wanted
Saturday, April 1 at Randall Shedd Community Park on Wesley Avenue in Fairview. We are currently seeking food vendors to come be with us. If anyone is interested, please call Kita at 256-385-8805 before March 25. Booth rent will be $50.

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.

2023 Family Expo
Saturday, April 15, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center. Benefits the Cullman County Child Development Center.

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 8, 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: 5.4%
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 387,822
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2021): 538,459
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2022): 642,220
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2023): 55,265
• 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): 148
• Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.: 2.4%
• 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): 1,024
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 128
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 188
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2022): 74
• Death in Cullman Co. (2023): 3
• Total tested in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 656
• Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 16
• Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 27,183
• Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 1,481

Vaccine details
• Doses delivered to Alabama: 10,910,595
• Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 5,467,565
• Doses administered: 6,737,014
• Additional doses administered: 997,183
• Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,960,471
• Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 2,454,355
• 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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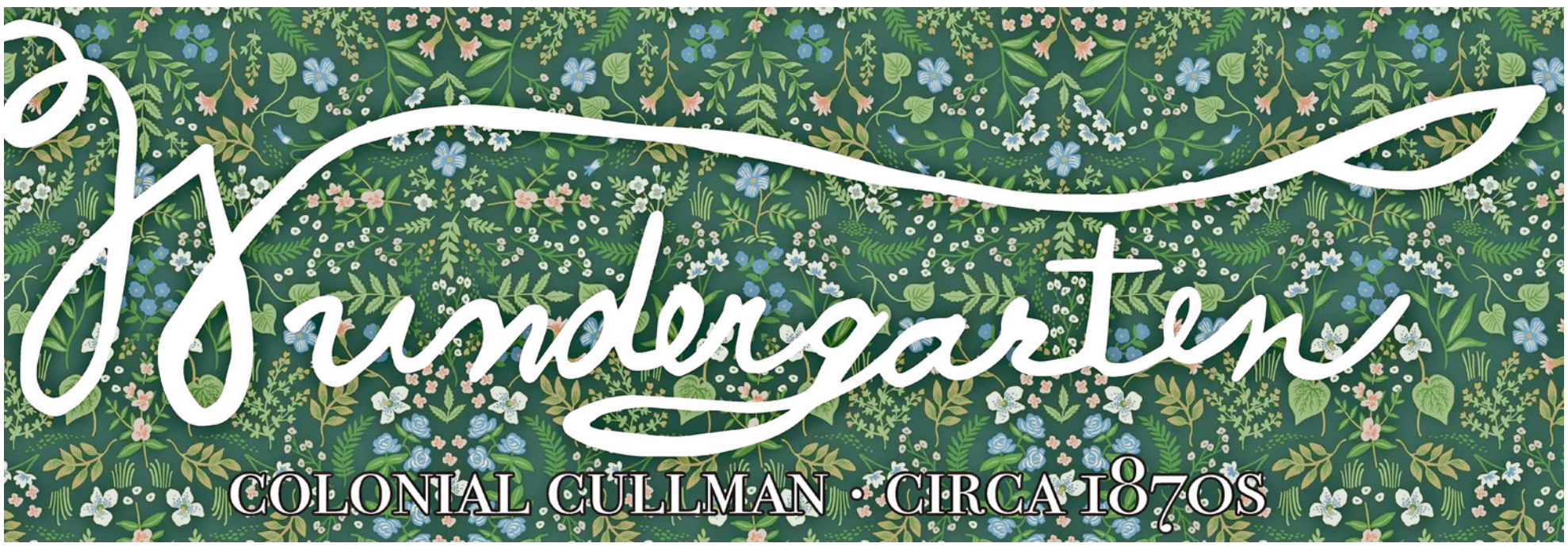
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COLUMN

Celebrating in the Wundergarten – Real lavender cookies

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Tribune Columnist

CULLMAN GARDENS inspired the magical-but-real setting for the folktale, "WUNDERGARTEN." Let me guide you to the specific spot up a gentle path through the Wildflower Garden at Sportsman Lake in Cullman County, Alabama. This is where I rested a moment last August and the entire story was handed to me out of a cloudless, cerulean blue sky.

I was engulfed in a spellbinding, enchanted forest. Spread before me was a magic carpet of wildflowers. It was easy to imagine a healing tree with silver branches bearing golden fruit. A soft breeze carried the earthy scent of pine and sun-warmed herbs.

That sauna-humid day, we members of the Cullman County Master Gardeners had been respectfully revitalizing botanical beauty and wildflower gardening grandeur. The Eden-like Wildflower Garden was begun long ago by the pioneering, local Native Plant Society, who worked it faithfully through the years.

"Time-weaving is the most distinctive trait of those of us from the American South ," I wrote in a book titled, "The Seven Signs of Southernness." Most parts of America wholesale accept that moving forward is progress. Rebelliously, traditionally, we Alabamians believe there are some things in the past we want to preserve. Gracious manners is one example of this. Many of us Alabama time-weavers are comfortable with one foot in pre-Columbus Moundville and the other on a NASA launching pad to the moon.

The Wildflower Garden at Sportsman Lake is another, exquisite example of time-weaving. The beginning of the story, "WUNDERGARTEN," reads like a Brothers Grimm tale--"Once upon a time, up in the pine forest hills of Alabama," but this very real place was a German American homestead. During the Colonial Cullman era between 1870 and 1895, this large farm spanned the acreage between the present-day Cullman County Fairgrounds to the Belk's shopping center. With the help of some hired, seasonal workers the place was worked by the men, women and children of the Max Schmidt family.

CULLMAN GARDENS and parks are the envy of many places, and THE GRANDEST PARK IN CULLMAN COUNTY is SPORTSMAN LAKE. We locals sometimes call it "FREEDOMS PARK," both because of the tribute garden to those in the military who fought to preserve our freedoms, and, also because most of the amenities are FREE to the everyday parks-goer. Sportsman Lake is 178 acres grand, with a 28-acre reflecting pond surrounded by a lakeside promenade and rolling, tree-studded hills. There are 5 miles of bike and walking trails, which is like a FREE gym membership. Because much of the park is allowed to grow naturally, relying on time-honored conservationist values and limited environmental poisons, this is a place of grand biodiversity.

The Wildflower Garden at Sportsman Lake grew organically over time. Two, beautiful, new bridges built this academic year and installed by the Building Science students from the Cullman Area Technology Academy, a public school, guided by their instructor, Mike Burkett, are "bridging" the past work of many garden volunteers with visions for the future. Here are:

10 HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WILDFLOWER GARDEN AS WE CELEBRATE THE 150TH BIRTHDAY OF CULLMAN

1. BRIGHT RED, WELCOME ARBOR—The future is so bright and welcoming and RED, you need to wear shades. No longer can anyone ignore the Wildflower Garden at Sportsman Lake—it's Cullman County Strawberry Red or Cullman County Tomato Red...it's RED! Like Governor "Big Jim" Folsom and his Strawberry Picker band would sing, "Y'all Come!" Btw, thanks to the community service volunteer painters at Wal-Mart Distribution.

2. FAMILY CIRCLE PICNIC TABLES—Park your vehicle across the street and come bring your lunch just inside the entrance. If you forget the "Wundergarten Real Lavender Cookies" in the car (see recipe below), it's just a short trip to retrieve that batch you baked.

3. BUTTERFLY TRAIL—One day last summer, there must have been 150 butterflies, one for every birthday Cullman is celebrating, along the path of numerous nectar plants. "Dancing butterflies" flit throughout the "WUNDERGARTEN," folktale. This trail through the Wildflower Garden was my inspiration for that plot point.

4. MUSHROOM STUMPERY—Besides the spirit-lifting, sculptural beauty







of the upturned tree stumps and fallen logs, imagine the invitation this is to the fungus among us. This week, Alicia Millican, Alabama's brilliant "mushroom guru," guided me to a vast variety of mushrooms in this biodiverse garden. King Charles III, a world-class gardener, has a "stumpery" at his rural home, Highgrove. The Wildflower Garden "Stumpery" at Sportsman Lake is not yet as posh as Highgrove, but you can bring your imagination, a Thermos of Earl Grey tea and some homemade scones.

5. TIME-SPANNING BRIDGES (1 and 2)—The impressive, 2023-installed structures are "bridging" the impressive past of the Wildflower Garden and the promising future. Under one of these bridges is where "The Frog Prince" of the "WUNDERGARTEN" holds the golden ball.

6. ALABAMA STORYTELLERS' CIRCLE—This space welcomes the storytelling genius of Alabama greats like Harper Lee, Rick Bragg, Zora Neale Hurston and Daniel Wallace. Also, it welcomes the stories of your grandpaw, your grandmaw and you.

7. NATIVE AZALEAS—These plants are indigenous, ideal for the Woodlands and Wildflower Garden and resilient. Alabama Native Azaleas are BEAUTIFUL and LOW-MAINTENANCE, which are two words one doesn't hear often in the same sentence. (See poster for Cullman's first Native Azaleas and Wildflowers Sale coming March 25)

8. BIRDER'S PERCH—Bring some binoculars and we will point you to some favorite spots for you to spot lots of specimens artistically saluted in John James Audubon's "Birds of America." The Alabama Ornithological Society rosters 420 bird species in our state. At least 158 of those bird species nest and have babies in Alabama.

9. AN ARBORETUM-WORTHY WOODLAND GARDEN—To be designated as an official arboretum, an area needs at least 25 species of trees and woody plants. With guidance from Alabama forester, Mary Clair Smith, we are labeling tree species this coming Monday, March 13, beginning at 10 a.m. in the Wildflower Garden at Sportsman Lake. FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC in this "Freedoms Park," please consider this your invitation to come learn where these treasured trees are: American Beech, Hickory, Hemlock, Oaks, Pines, River Birch and many more.

10. THE FOUR SEASONS SANCTUARY GARDEN—Spring is a favorite time for many to celebrate "rebirth" in gardens. (This peaceful garden was where I rested and the sweet inspiration for the folktale, "WUNDERGARTEN," came. I was looking toward the south and sketched an outline for the story, but the inspiration came from above. When I returned there this week, I felt the welcoming presence of the tale's heroine, Frau Ruehl, and the orphaned gardener hero, Fritz. Seeing the trees beginning to bud, recalled this line from "WUNDERGARTEN": "Hard winter branches promise soft spring blossoms."

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.

WUNDERGARTEN REAL LAVENDER COOKIES
(source: southernliving.com)

INGREDIENTS

- 2 1/4 cups flour
- 1/2 tsp. kosher salt
- 2 1/2 tsp. food-grade lavender (German=lavendel)
- 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Heat oven to 350F and line bottom of a 9-inch tart pan with parchment paper. In a small bowl, stir together flour, salt and lavender (available at your grocer or online).

2. In the bowl of a stand mixer with a paddle attachment, cream the butter and sugar at medium speed. Blend in the vanilla. Add the flour mixture in thirds, blending until incorporated after each addition. The dough should be moist, but crumbly.

3. Break dough into pieces and press it into the prepared tart pan. Lay a small sheet of parchment atop the dough and use your fingers to gently smooth the surface and spread the dough evenly in the pan. Poke several holes into the dough with the tines of a fork.

4. Bake until set and golden around the edges, about 30 minutes. Let cool in the pan five minutes, then transfer to a cutting board and use a sharp knife to slice the cookies into wedges. Place on a rack to cool completely.

YOU'RE INVITED! Cullman County Master Gardeners Plant Sales at Sportsman Lake will be Saturday, March 18, during the hours of the Cullman County Spring Yard Sale, and the first Native Azaleas and Wildflowers Sale will be Saturday, March 25, from 8 a.m.-3p.m. Look for the RED WELCOME ARBOR. Both sales support the revitalization of the Wildflower Garden at Sportsman Lake. FREE, ALL WELCOMED.

HAPPY SPRINGTIME IN THE WILDFLOWER GARDEN AND AUF WIEDERSEHEN!

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















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PREP BASEBALL

Hanceville rolls past Oakman 10-3

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Hanceville Bulldogs hosted the Oakman Wildcats for a varsity matchup Tuesday night and the Bulldogs jumped out to a quick lead on their way to a 10-3 win over the Wildcats.

Hunter Black got the start for Hanceville and gave up a one-out single, but he was able to induce a double-play ball to the next batter to end the inning. The Bulldogs didn't waste any time getting on the scoreboard in their half. Jake Cornelius drew a leadoff walk, then he stole second and third. Nelson Arteaga would drive him in on an RBI double that hit off the center field padding, then Les Fischer followed that up with an RBI double of his own to left field to give Hanceville a 2-0 lead. A Cody Belcher single put runners on the corners with two outs, then Fischer crossed the plate on a wild pitch to make it a 3-0 lead for the Bulldogs going into the top of the second.

Oakman quickly loaded the bases with one out on a pair of Hanceville error and a walk, then one out later, another walk forced home a Wildcat run to cut it to 3-1. But Black was able to strike out the next batter to get out of the inning with only limited damage being done on the scoreboard. The Bulldogs added to their lead in their half. Black drew a one-out walk, then Cornelius got hit by the pitch to put runners on first and second. One out later, Arteaga launched a full-count pitch over the left field fence for a three-run home run to give Hanceville a 6-1 lead.

Both pitchers settled down after that as the score stayed at 6-1 until the sixth inning. A leadoff triple by Oakman, followed by an RBI groundout, made it a 6-2 game, but the Bulldogs would put up their final runs of the game in their half of the sixth. Tripp Lewis hit a leadoff single, then Cornelius got hit by the pitch once again. Gabriel Ognilla reached on a bunt single to load the bases with no outs. Arteaga drew a walk to force home a run, then Cornelius later scored on a passed ball to make it an 8-2 game.

An RBI groundout by Belcher brought home Ognilla, then Damien McKinney scored on a passed ball as well and Hanceville's lead was now 10-2. Oakman put up one final run on an RBI single in the seventh, but Ognilla got the final two outs of the game and Hanceville would end up defeating Oakman, 10-3.

Arteaga finished with two hits and five RBIs for Hanceville (3-5). Belcher added three hits and an RBI. Fischer ended up with a hit and an RBI, while Ognilla and Lewis each chipped in with a hit of their own. The trio of Black, Arteaga, and Ognilla held Oakman to just five combined hits and two earned runs while striking out nine.

Hanceville will travel to take on Fairview Thursday.

OTHER TUESDAY SCORES

Holly Pond 16 - Cold Springs 5 (Softball)
Holly Pond traveled to take on Cold Springs Tuesday afternoon; they got off to a quick lead and would never relinquish it as they rolled to a huge road win over the Lady Eagles. A single by Maycie Black and a one-out double by Madysen Rickman put runners on second and third. Samantha Giles hit a two-run double to right field to give the Lady Broncos an early 2-0 lead. Later on, a Cold Springs error allowed Molly Neal to score to give Holly Pond a 3-0 lead. The Lady Broncos added another run in the second with two outs as a Giles RBI single by Giles made it 4-0, then they would break it open in the third. Aaliyah Ryan got the scoring started for Holly Pond with an RBI single, then with two outs, Bai Widner hit a two-run triple. She would later score on a passed ball, then Giles would continue her red-hot start to the game as she hit an RBI single. Neal got in on the act as well with an RBI double and Ellie Burks hit an RBI single. The Lady Broncos held an 11-0 lead going into the bottom of the third.

Cold Springs would get on the scoreboard in their half as Dixie Light scored on a Holly Pond error, then an RBI groundout by Brooklyn Ingram brought home Ella Bruer to make it an 11-2 game. The Lady Broncos added their final runs of the game in the fifth as RBI singles by Neal and Ryan and RBI doubles by Lexie Smith and Black made it 16-2. Cold Springs got a solo home run from Ciara Calvert in their half, then Ingram and Sadie Smith each scored on back-to-back Holly Pond errors. The deficit was just too much to overcome for the Lady Eagles, though, as Holly Pond would end up knocking off Cold Springs 16-5.

Giles finished with three hits and four RBIs for Holly Pond (2-2). Neal added three hits and a pair of RBIs. Ryan and Widner each ended up with a pair of hits and two RBIs. Black added a pair of hits and an RBI. Burks and Smith each collected a hit and an RBI, while Rickman chipped in with a pair of hits of her own. For Cold Springs (0-2), Calvert finished with a pair of hits and an RBI. Kennedy and Ingram each added an RBI, while Kortnie Williams collected a hit in the game. Holly Pond will travel to take on Southeastern, while Cold Springs will host Addison on Thursday.



SAMMY CONFER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Hanceville's Nelson Arteaga finished with five RBIs in the Bulldogs' 10-3 win over Oakman.

West Point 9 - Hayden 3 (Softball)
West Point hosted Hayden on Tuesday afternoon and behind a solid pitching performance from Kara Jones, the Lady Warriors gave her more than enough run support in their win over the Lady Wildcats.

Jones worked around a pair of singles in the opening inning to get out of it unscathed. The Lady Warriors didn't waste any time giving her run support. Macayla Wilkins hit a leadoff single, then Macie Brown hit a double to center field. Wilkins scored on a Hayden error, then Brinlee Phillips hit an RBI single and Bethany Minck stole home to give West Point an early 3-0 lead.

Hayden got on the scoreboard in the top of the fifth inning on a one-out RBI double, but the Lady Warriors would counter in their half. Phillips and Lexi Kimbril each reached on a Lady Wildcat error with one out, then another Hayden error allowed Phillips to score and Jones helped her own cause with a sacrifice fly to push the West Point lead to 5-1.

Katie Beth Yovino lined an RBI single to center field as that brought home Ella Minck and the Lady Warrior lead was now 6-1.

The Lady Wildcats trimmed the deficit to three at 6-3 on a two-run double in the sixth, but West Point added to their lead in their half. Brown hit a one-out double, then Bethany Minck drove her in with one of her own to make it 7-3. Phillips hit an RBI triple to right field, then she ended up scoring on a Hayden error on the same play to stretch the Lady Warrior lead to 9-3.

Jones retired Hayden in order in the seventh to end the game and West Point picked up a 9-3 win over the Lady Wildcats.

Phillips finished with two hits and a pair of RBIs for West Point (7-2). Bethany Minck added a pair of hits and an RBI. Yovino ended up with a hit and an RBI. Jones collected an RBI in the game. Kimbril added a hit, while Wilkins and Brown each chipped in with a pair of hits of their own.

West Point will travel to Hayden in a rematch next Thursday.

PREP SOFTBALL

'Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard': Good Hope's Campbell Koch excited for freshman season

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — The 2023 softball season has arrived for the Good Hope Lady Raiders and even though they will be fielding a young team this year, they have quickly matured and gotten better over the past two seasons. Freshman Campbell Koch talked about last season, what all she learned, and what it's been like playing with this great group of girls.

"I feel that as a young team, last season went fairly well. We had some great wins and some tough losses, but overall, we definitely grew as players and as a team. We learned how to communicate with each other and to play more maturely together," Koch said. "It's been great. We are a very tight group, and we all have similar goals. This is our third year together, so even though we are still considered to be a young team, we don't play as young as we are. I love these girls and am so excited to spend the rest of my high school softball career with them."

Campbell's been on the varsity team since 7th grade and has definitely taken away so much during her time on varsity. She's played for coaches Tim Tucker, Phillip Keef, and Skylar Tucker so far in her career and has soaked up as much as she can from them.

"As a varsity player, I've learned that expectations are definitely higher, which has taught me to play every game like it's my last and give it 110% every time I step on the field," Koch said.

"Our coaches love us very much and are very passionate. They strive to make us the best player we can be, and I wouldn't be where I am right now without them. I still have a long way to go, but they have taught me all things softball-related and have gave me many life lessons that I will forever appreciate. They have taught me to play every game like it's my last, discipline, and to not take anything for granted."

Campbell has played with senior Bailey Keef during her time on varsity and has learned a lot from her so far. She worked on a lot of things in the off-season to get ready for the upcoming softball season and has some goals for herself and the team.

"I love Bailey Keef. She is a great role model and teammate. She took us all under her wing and taught us all how to be a great leader. I hope the younger girls will look up to me as I look up to Bailey," she said.

"I've worked on hitting, pitch selection, speed, and agility. My individual goals are to make all-county and all-area. The team goals are to be county champions, make it to Regionals again, and to advance past Regionals."

Campbell talked about what will make this team special to watch this season, the growth of this team and her game from two years ago until now, one of her role models growing up, and the best advice that she's been given.

"Achieving our goals will definitely make it special, but to see how much we've grown and matured since last year is going to make this a great year. Although we still have a long way to go, we have all grown tremendously as softball players and as teammates. I am so excited to start another season with them. We want to play more competitively and maturely. I still have much more improving to do in all aspects of the game, but I have seen major improvements in my speed, as well as in my range when fielding ground balls."

She added,

"I've always looked up to Amanda Lorenz and have always admired how good a hitter she was, not only hitting home runs, but getting timely hits when it really mattered. The best advice I've ever been given was to outwork everybody. You don't have to be the most talented person on the team, but always be the one that works the hardest. 'Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard' is a quote that I try to live by and play by."



CAMPBELL KOCH

Good Hope's Campbell Koch



ACADEMY OF CRAFT TRAINING - BIRMINGHAM/FACEBOOK

Cullman County Schools announces partnership with Academy of Craft Training

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County Schools recently announced a new partnership with the Academy of Craft Training (ACT). Cullman Area Technology Academy (CATA) Assistant Director/ WBL Coordinator Haynes Riddle was selected to lead the initiative in north Alabama.

Beginning this August, students enrolled in the 11th and 12th grades can participate in the ACT.

It is free to students, and transportation to the site in south Decatur will be provided.

Paid internships will be available during the summer, winter and fall breaks.

Students can participate in five areas: Building Construction, Electrical, HVAC, Interior & Exterior Finishes and Welding & Piping.

The ACT is "a public/ private partnership between the commercial construction industry and the State of Alabama's K-12 Career and Technical Education System.

"Our mission is to recruit, educate and guide high school students for educational and employment opportunities in the construction industry.

"Our goal is to help these students get the education and skills they need to be entry-level, skilled workers in the construction industry. Students have the opportunity to learn directly from construction industry professionals in a workplace-style environment, work as interns with local construction companies and receive job offers upon graduation."

When asked if this program will be a better option than college for some students, Riddle said, "Absolutely. Much of our workforce is approaching retirement age, which means unbelievable opportunities for our graduates.

"Our ACT students will graduate with multiple internship opportunities, at least one job offer and are ready to enter the workforce. We encourage all students who are serious about starting a career after graduation to apply."

This program will not compete with CATA, as CATA focuses primarily on residential carpentry. The ACT will only teach commercial construction trades.

Parents and students can learn more and apply at www.academyofcrafttraining.org.

Sign up now for spring 2023 CCSO Citizens' Academy

Chad Whaley
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Applications are now being accepted for the Cullman County Sheriff's Office Citizens' Academy - spring 2023 session. The Citizens' Academy is an opportunity for all residents of Cullman County to learn about the role of law enforcement in our community.

"We realize that everyone's time is extremely valuable. Because of this, we are streamlining our Citizens' Academy.

By condensing it, we hope to allow more of our citizens the ability to make the commitment and enjoy the experience," said Sheriff Matt Gentry.

This will be a five-session program, beginning March 14, with classes meeting Tuesday evenings from 6-9 at . There is no fee to attend.

Highlights will include a SWAT team demo, a tour of the Cullman County Detention Center, a morning at the shooting range and CCSO speakers sharing scenario-based experiences.

Applications may be obtained at the Cullman County Sheriff's Office at 1910 Beech Ave. SE in Cullman.

Class size may be limited. For more for details or to request an application, contact Lt. Chad Whaley at cwhaley@cullmansheriff.org.

'All Creatures Great and Small' Art Show Saturday, March 11

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Students from East and West Elementary Schools will showcase their artistic talents when the schools present the All Creatures Great and Small Art Show in the East Elementary gym Saturday, March 11, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Judith McBrayer, who teaches art at both schools, said, "I feel all my students are winners, so this is just an exhibit of their work. I tell them it is like going to a museum and seeing their artwork on display."

When asked about the artwork the students have been preparing and what they've learned, McBrayer said, "We have been talking about animals and their habitats, so this year the students drew animals chosen for their classes. This was a way of incorporating science and art."

The community is welcome, and admission is free.

Noah Galilee contributed to this article.

Health Science Career Fair connects students to future employers

Gail Crutchfield
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Hundreds of Wallace State students visited with dozens of potential employers Thursday during the Health Science Career Fair. This was the second of two career fairs held this week, with the first held Tuesday and geared toward students in Academic and Applied Technology programs. Both were hosted by the Wallace State Center for Career and Workforce Development.

More than 40 employers filled the Peinhardt Conference Center in the School of Nursing and Center for Science where they met with students and shared information about their facilities, employment opportunities, hiring incentives and more.

"It's good to get all the information so you can know what you can do and what employers are offering," said Desiree Pogue, a fifth semester Nursing student nearing graduation. "You can get tuition reimbursement; some will help you go back to college. You just really find what you're worth here and find your home." Jamie Blackmon, director of the WSCC Center for Career and Workforce Development, said these career fairs are beneficial to students in several ways, and to employers needing to fill positions at their facilities. "This gives students a good time to network with employers they may have never considered," she said. "It's a really good time to practice those professional speaking skills. And the employers get access to students who are actively seeking employment. So, it's a win-win. I'm proud of this team for putting this even together. Every year we see growth."

Most Wallace State Health Science programs are accepting applications for Fall 2023 entry. Dental Assisting, Dental Hygiene, Diagnostic Imaging/Radiation Therapy, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Emergency Medical Services, Medical Assistant, Medical Lab Technology, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Physical Therapist Assistant, Polysomnographic (Sleep Lab) Technology and Respiratory Therapy are accepting applications through June 1. EMS is also accepting applications for its Paramedic program for this summer and Medical Lab Technology for its Medical Lab Assistant certificate program. Wallace State Nursing will accept applications from March 15 to May 15 for fall 2023. The Child Development program accepts new students each spring, with applications accepted Aug. 1 to Nov. 1. 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.

LEGALS

SPECIAL NOTICE RE LOCAL LAWS

NO SPECIAL, PRIVATE, OR LOCAL LAW CAN BE PASSED, except in reference to fixing the time of holding courts, unless notice of the intention to apply therefor shall have been published, without cost to the State, in the county or counties where the matter or thing to be affected may be situated. The notice must state the substance of the proposed law and be published at least once a week for four consecutive weeks in some newspaper published in such county or counties. Such publication must have been completed prior to the day on which the bill is introduced.

Proof by affidavit (proof of publication) which verifies that notice has been properly published must be exhibited to the House of Representatives and the Senate, and one copy of such proof must be attached to the original copy of the bill which is offered for introduction.

The county or municipality affected by a local law introduced by a legislator must pay for advertising the notice, if the notice is signed by the Legislator, even though the bill is not passed. (Section 11-13-6, Code of Alabama 1975)

LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY

NOTICE is hereby given that a bill substantially as follows will be introduced in the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature of Alabama and application for its passage and enactment will be made:

A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

Relating to Cullman County; to provide for the creation, funding, and operation of the Cullman County Legislative Delegation Fund; to provide for the distribution of the net proceeds of the state beer tax payable to Cullman County and the additional three percent of TVA in-lieu-of taxes payments received by Cullman County; to abolish the Cullman County Community Development Commission; and to repeal Section 45-22-90, Code of Alabama 1975.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) The Cullman County Commission shall create the Cullman County Legislative Delegation Fund.

(b) The fund shall be comprised of the following monies received by the county:

(1) The additional three percent of TVA in-lieu-of-taxes payments received pursuant to Section 40-28-2, Code of Alabama 1975.

(2) Any other monies provided for by law.

(b) The commission shall immediately pay amounts from the fund as the Cullman County Legislative Delegation may request.

(c) The legislative delegation shall expend the monies on

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allowable public purposes at the discretion and direction of the legislative delegation.

(d) All decisions concerning the Cullman County Legislative Delegation Fund shall be made by resolutions adopted by the members of the Cullman County Legislative Delegation.

(e) Any funds allocated but not spent at the end of the fiscal year shall not be applied for any other purpose, but shall be carried forward and shall remain available year to year for expenditure as provided in this section.

(f) The revenue and expenditures of the legislative office shall be audited on an annual basis.

Section 2. The net proceeds of the state beer tax payable to Cullman County pursuant to Section 28-3-184, Code of Alabama 1975, shall be distributed as follows:

(1) Fifty percent to the Cullman County Legislative Delegation Fund.

(2) Fifty percent to the municipalities in Cullman County to be divided pro-rata based on the population of each municipality to be used at the discretion of the governing body receiving the funds.

Section 3. (a) The Cullman County Community Development Commission is abolished.

(b)(1) The Community Development Fund within the Cullman County Treasury is abolished.

(2) Any remaining monies in the Community Development Fund shall be transferred to the Cullman County Legislative Delegation Fund.

Section 4. Section 45-22-90, Code of Alabama 1975,

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establishing the Cullman County Community Development Commission, is repealed.

Section 5. This act shall become effective immediately following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Heroes (from Front)

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CULLMAN COUNTY, Ala. — The men and women and who make up Cullman's first responder community are tasked with keeping the county and its residents safe and protected. Emergency calls come in at all hours of the day and night from people in desperate need of assistance. Within minutes of making the 911 call, help arrives in the form of law enforcement, fire and/or emergency personnel. Key to getting help to where it is needed are emergency telecommunicators, often referred to as dispatchers.

Just over a week ago, on Friday, March 3, Cullman County prepared for a potentially dangerous storm front and its accompanying strong winds, which were predicted to be in excess of 60 mph.

Trees and power lines were downed, leaving many roads blocked and homes in disrepair.

"On that day, first responders from around Cullman County prepared for the possibility of a large scale wind damage," said Hanceville Fire and Rescue Assistant Chief Bart Absher.

"Another group of first responders prepared in a different way.

"Cullman County Fire/EMS telecommunicators prepared for an extremely busy afternoon with only two personnel and two trainees to dispatch 26 Cullman County fire departments and seven ambulances."

With only two staff members aided by two trainees on that day, almost 150 emergency calls were taken and mitigated in only hours.

Over 110 of the calls required fire departments from around the county to be dispatched.

Absher and the team of dedicated first responders at Hanceville Fire and Rescue "would like to commend this wonderful group of telecommunicators for all of their hard work and dedication to the citizens of Cullman County with a gift basket courtesy of Treasures by HEA."

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Demo (from Front)

such as Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman; Congressman Robert Aderholt, R-Alabama; Alabama State Department of Education Superintendent Dr. Eric Mackey; Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff; Cullman Police Chief David Nassetta; West Elementary Principal Dr. Jay Page; and KT Security Solutions Owner Kevin Thomas.

The Rapid-Deploy Safe Room System, developed by KT Security Solutions, is a functional whiteboard that can be customized to fit any classroom and expands into a fold-out room in under 10 seconds.

It serves as a protective shield against ballistic threats and severe weather, such as storm damage or debris.

Additionally, it provides an additional meeting space for teachers to use for small groups, sensory rooms or breakout sessions.

The Rapid-Deploy Safe Room System was designed to be easily customized to fit inside any classroom, only takes up 5 inches of wall space and locks from the inside, controlled by a teacher or administrator.

Classroom cameras that activate once the door lock is engaged to survey the room and surroundings are also available. The system offers NIJ level III Protection (up to a .308).

"We are excited to showcase this new system that will provide an additional layer of safety and security for our students and staff," said the release,

"The safety of our students and staff is our top priority, and this system will provide peace of mind to parents and educators alike."

Water (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman residents have the opportunity to participate in researching Alabama's abundant biodiversity and water resources at the Alabama Cooperative Extension System's (ACES) upcoming Alabama Water Watch (AWW) Monitoring Training Wednesday, April 5, from 12:30-6:30 p.m. at Camp Meadowbrook. The hybrid online/in-person class allows volunteers to participate in monitoring local water chemistry, bacteria and more to protect Cullman's water health. The deadline to register is March 21.

"Alabama Water Watch is a great opportunity for citizens in and around Cullman County to help monitor the water resources we have that flow through our county – and we have many of them," Cullman County Extension Coordinator Kira Sims shared.

Alabama is home to over 130,000 miles of streams and rivers, making up a vast water network that supports our freshwater biodiversity, which is ranked first in the country. Our 3.6 million acres of wetland companied with over 550,000 acres of lakes make protecting Alabama's aquatic life and their homes a priority.

"For comparison purposes, consider that Alabama contains 332 species of freshwater species while California, a much larger state, has 41," AWW Program Director Mona Dominguez said.

It is reported pollution and the demise of habitat has put 19% of Alabama freshwater fish species at risk. Locating and monitoring polluted water is of critical importance, and the AWW training empowers volunteers to help in the solution.

Once training is complete, volunteers will choose a water site to visit regularly to collect samples and submit to AWW; the results will be uploaded to the database on the AWW website. In doing so, the information gleaned from the samples will be available for everyone in the local community and statewide to see.

AWW has trained and certified more than 8,700 volunteers since its inception, and over 100,000 water records are already available from 2,500 water sites in the AWW database. Every collection was obtained by volunteers certified through this training.

Local students will be joining in as well in April as 4-H youth in Cullman will participate in their AWW training and field days to become certified in monitoring the waterways.

To register for AWW, visit www.aces.edu/event/alabama-water-watch-monitoring-training-5. Registration is due by March 21 to allow for online coursework to be completed before the in-person class on April 5. Camp Meadowbrook is located at 2344 County Road 747, Cullman, AL 35058.

LEGAL

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 15
TO ANNEX CERTAIN PROPERTIES INTO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:
SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Cullman finds that the following property owner, North Alabama Agriplex, has petitioned the City under the provisions of Section 11-42-21 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, that the following described property, owned by the petitioner, be annexed into the City of Cullman:
PPIN: 48795. Parcel No.17-04-17-0-000-023.010. Property Address: 1711 Talley Ho Road, Cullman, Alabama.
Legal Description: Lot Numbered Thirty-two (32) of the West Industrial Center Park Subdivision as shown and known on the recorded map or plat of said Subdivision, recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama in Map Book 6, Pages 57 and 58, filed for record on December 22, 1975.
SECTION 2. That the Council has before it a map showing the relationship of the property proposed to be annexed to the corporate limits of the City of Cullman, and that said map is on file in the office of the City Clerk along with an acknowledgment by the property owners that they want it to be annexed into the City of Cullman.
SECTION 3. That the City of Cullman does hereby annex as a part of its corporate limits the above described tracts or parcels of land as AG-1 Agricultural District contingent upon the owner granting an easement up to but not exceeding an additional fifty (50) feet in width less any width of existing public road contiguous to said easement for a public road right-of-way including utilities for water, sewer, surface water, natural gas, electric, internet, cable or other public services provided by the City or its franchises.
SECTION 4. That a copy of this ordinance after its adoption, which ordinance includes a description of the properties annexed to the City of Cullman, be filed in the office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, the county in which the municipality is located.
SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as required by law.
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 20th day of February, 2023.
/s/Jenny Folsom - President of City Council
ATTESTED BY: /s/Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk
APPROVED this the 20th day of February, 2023. /s/Woody Jacobs – Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 16
TO ANNEX CERTAIN PROPERTIES INTO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:
SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Cullman finds that the following property owner, K & P Land, LLC, has petitioned the City under the provisions of Section 11-42-21 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, that the following described property, owned by the petitioner, be annexed into the City of Cullman:
PPIN: 76542. Parcel No.17-01-02-0-001-002.005. Property Address: 272 County Road 1402, Cullman, Alabama.
Legal Description: A tract or parcel of land containing 1.01 acres of land, more or less, and being a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 2, Township 10 South, Range 3 West, Cullman County, Alabama and being a part of that certain tract as conveyed to Charles and Nancy Schnur, as recorded in Deed Book 626, Page 303 in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama being more particularly described as follows: Being at a found 2 inch pipe marking the accepted Northwest Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 2, having an Alabama State Plane, West Zone, NAD83, grid coordinate value of N. 1530738.06", E. 2175122.31, and run thence South 89°38'47" East (bearing based on AL State Plane, West Zone, NAD83 grid), and run along the accepted North line, distance of 159.80 feet to a set rebar; thence South 00°21'11" West, a distance of 150.78 feet to a set rebar; thence South 52°10'14" West a distance of 41.27 feet to a set rebar; thence South 15°30'03" West, a distance of 65.18 feet to a set rebar; thence South 04°23'49" East, a distance of 44.28 feet to a set rebar; thence South 43°24'35" West, a distance of 103.15 feet to a set rebar on the Northeast right-of-line of Cullman County Road No. 1402 and being in a curve to the left having a central angle of 32°06'13", a radius of 155.00 feet, a chord bearing of North 29°33'59" West and a chord length of 85.72 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve an arc distance of 86.85 feet to a found capped corner (Conn - 17831) marking the accepted West line of said quarter-quarter; thence North 00°11'18" East, a distance of 284.41 feet to the point of beginning.

PPIN: 15219. Parcel No. 09-07-35-0-001-091.001. Property Address: 726 County Road 1402, Cullman, Alabama.
Legal Description: A one acre tract of land situated in the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 35, T9, R3W, which lies on the South line of said forty and is surrounded by the shoreline of Lake Catoma on the other three sides. Said land is that portion of an 8 acre tract described in Deed Book 222 Page 429 which was not deed to the City of Cullman to be used as Lake Catoma and remains on the shore line of Lake Catoma, as an isolated one acre tract of land. A small parcel of the 8 acre tract which lies in the SW corner of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 was sold to James B. Hutchens in Deed Book 274, Page 883. The one acre tract lies SW of the Heiber Branch.
SECTION 2. That the Council has before it a map showing the relationship of the property proposed to be annexed to the corporate limits of the City of Cullman, and that said map is on file in the office of the City Clerk along with an acknowledgment by the property owner that they want it to be annexed into the City of Cullman.
SECTION 3. That the City of Cullman does hereby annex as a part of its corporate limits the above described tracts or parcels of land as R-1 Residential District contingent upon the owner granting an easement up to but not exceeding an additional fifty (50) feet in width less any width of existing public road contiguous to said easement for a public road right-of-way including utilities for water, sewer, surface water, natural gas, electric, internet, cable or other public services provided by the City or its franchises.
SECTION 4. That a copy of this ordinance after its adoption, which ordinance includes a description of the properties annexed to the City of Cullman, be filed in the office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, the county in which the municipality is located.
SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as required by law.
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 20th day of February, 2023.
/s/Jenny Folsom - President of City Council
ATTESTED BY: /s/Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk
APPROVED this the 20th day of February, 2023. /s/Woody Jacobs – Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 17
TO ANNEX CERTAIN PROPERTIES INTO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:
SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Cullman finds that the following property owners, Judy Gail Broadstreet and Lynn Sharon Sullivan, have petitioned the City under the provisions of Section 11-42-21 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, that the following described property, owned by the petitioner, be annexed into the City of Cullman:
PPIN: 20377. Parcel No.10-09-30-0-001-020.000. Property Address: 48 County Road 1474, Cullman, Alabama
Legal Description: A portion of the South half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 9, Range 2 West, beginning at the Northwest corner running South 1,010 feet, more or less; then run Southeast 422 feet, more or less, to a point; then run Northeast 345 feet, more or less, to a point; then run Southeast 454.39 feet, more or less, to the center of the road of County Road 1466; then run North 700 feet, more or less, along the center line of County Road 1466; then run West 420 feet, more or less, to a point; then run Northeast 210 feet, more or less, to the center line of County Road 1484; then run West along County Road 1484 to the point of beginning.
SECTION 2. That the Council has before it a map showing the relationship of the property proposed to be annexed to the corporate limits of the City of Cullman, and that said map is on file in the office of the City Clerk along with an acknowledgment by the property owners that they want it to be annexed into the City of Cullman.
SECTION 3. That the City of Cullman does hereby annex as a part of its corporate limits the above described tracts or parcels of land as AG-1 Agricultural District contingent upon the owner granting an easement up to but not exceeding an additional fifty (50) feet in width less any width of existing public road contiguous to said easement for a public road right-of-way including utilities for water, sewer, surface water, natural gas, electric, internet, cable or other public services provided by the City or its franchises.
SECTION 4. That a copy of this ordinance after its adoption, which ordinance includes a description of the properties annexed to the City of Cullman, be filed in the office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, the county in which the municipality is located.
SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as required by law.
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 20th day of February, 2023.
/s/Jenny Folsom - President of City Council
ATTESTED BY: /s/Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk
APPROVED this the 20th day of February, 2023. /s/Woody Jacobs – Mayor

COLUMN

Beware! It's Fake Spring!

Joe Hobby
Contributor

It struck me when I was driving on a little back road near my house. There in a small, well-kept yard were several forsythias, aka yellow bells, in full bloom. Right in the middle of some unraked leaves the shrubs stood proudly, flanking a straw-colored carpet of dormant Bermuda grass. Their bright yellow flowers were in sharp contrast to the muted colors all around them. I've seen this before and I knew what it meant. Fake Spring is here.

Fake Spring is a season that most Southerners are aware of, but don't pay much attention to. All we have to do is look around because the signs are everywhere. It's not just forsythia. Lots of plants are fooled by Fake Spring. They start blooming, only to be frozen during the sure to come "cold snap." Look around. Check the blooms! I've already seen tulip trees, red buds, purple thrift and last and certainly least, Bradford pear trees.

By the way, I'm not a fan of the Bradford pear. Honestly, I hate them. They're not natural looking, they're not pretty, they stink and they bloom too early. But they're cheap. As a result, it seems every front yard in the South has one. Of course, as most homeowners with a chainsaw will tell you, a good strong wind will rip the limbs right off the trunk.

And be careful! These so-called trees have thorns sharper than a wolverine's claws. South Carolina has outlawed these landscaping horrors, and every other self-respecting state should, too. Get rid of them - along with snakes, spiders and alligators.

Sorry, I digress. Fake Spring fools lots of people, too. Well-meaning men and women will go to Lowe's and buy $537 worth of flowers, dig 175 holes and lovingly place their new plants in the ground. Then the cold snap strikes again, and they are deader than a possum on the side of the highway.

The lure of a 70-degree weekend is so irresistible to some of our brethren that they will actually plant their tomato plants! They know better. I suppose it's like looking at a car wreck; you know you shouldn't, but you can't help yourselves. Fight the urge. Don't plant those tomato plants yet.

Everyone should know about Fake Spring by now. But I think people are so tired of winter that they just lose their minds. There are folks wanting to make homemade ice cream on a 78-degree March day, only to be huddled around a bowl of chili 24 hours later when the high is 31. I've seen golfers in late February begin their rounds in short sleeve shirts. Four hours later, they're walking up the 18th hole dressed like Admiral Byrd on an expedition to Antarctica.

And now it's here. That sneaky, put on your shorts, but have your winter coat handy, season is upon all of us. Think I'm kidding? Today the high is 66. Tomorrow snow flurries are in the forecast. Beware! There is one good thing about Fake Spring though. It means Real Spring's not far behind it. As for me, I'm gonna put on my shorts and T-shirt and head to the nearest grocery store to buy some milk and bread. After all, snow flurries are in the forecast.

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



LEGALS

PB MIN BK 214 PG 791 - 03/10/2023 10:49 AM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO.: PC2023-008

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BETTY DEBORAH SEAGROVES, an alleged incapacitated person.

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: NATHON D. CAMMON and JONATHAN F. CAMMON

Notice is hereby given that a Petition to appoint a Guardian and Conservator of Betty Deborah Seagroves, has been filed in Probate Court of Cullman County. A hearing shall be held at 10:00 a.m. on the 4th day of May, 2023, to consider said petition.

Nathan D. Cammon and Jonathan F. Cammon and all interested parties are hereby given notice of said hearing.

DONE this 10th day of March, 2023.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

TO: PUBLISHER OF *The Cullman Tribune*:

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

Steven C. Smith
SMITH & SMITH, LLP
P.O. Box 398
Cullman, AL 35056-0398
256-734-4721 telephone

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO.: PC 2023-079

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BETTIE JOYCE HORTON, DECEASED

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that a verified Petition for Summary Distribution has been filed by Jessica Lauren Murray on March 2, 2023.

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

Dated this the 9th day of March, 2023.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Probate Judge

TO: PUBLISHER OF *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for Petitioner
Smith & Smith, LLP
P.O. Box 398
Cullman, Alabama 35056-0398
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PB ADT BK 65 PG 302 - 02/16/2023 09:08 AM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

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

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

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

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

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

DONE this 16th day of February, 2023.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR SUCCESSIVE WEEKS.

Sharon H. Barrett
SMITH & SMITH, LLP
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P.O. Box 398
Cullman, AL 35056-0398
256-734-4721 (telephone)

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: *
A.T. *
a minor child, DOB: 04-30-2022 * CASE NO: JU-2022-469.00, 01, 02, .03

NOTICE

The Petitioners having made a Motion for Service by Publication on the Biological Father in the above styled action, it is therefore:

ORDERED and **ADJUDGED** that the Biological Father, Devin Henry, of A.T., born on 04-30-2022, respond to the Petition by the 17th day of April, 2023, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioners.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioners: Andria Sims, 300 1st Ave SE, Ste 104, Cullman, Alabama 35055, 256-775-7757 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this the 13th day of March, 2023.

WELLS R. TURNER, III
JUVENILE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
I, Lisa McSwain, Clerk of Circuit Court in and for said County and State, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy as the same appears of record in this office.
Witness my hand and official seal, this 8th day of March, 2023.
Lisa McSwain
Clerk of Circuit Court

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LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY

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
105 1st AV NE
SUITE G
CULLMAN, AL 35055

PB WIL BK 115 PG 67 - 03/02/2023 10:07 AM
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
Attorney for Personal Representative
610 Mynatt Street, SW
Hartselle, AL 35640

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

Please publish the above Notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

PB WIL BK 115 PG 87 - 03/02/2023 11:13 AM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County,

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.

Attorney for Petitioner:
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BAGGETT & WILSON, LLC
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Cullman, AL 35055
256/737-0740

PB MIN BK 214 PG 539 - 03/02/2023 04:09 PM
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
SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC
700 Second Avenue SW
Cullman AL 35055
(256) 841-7800

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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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

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
105 1st Ave. NE, Ste. G
Cullman, AL 35055

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

Cullman County Schools announces partnership with Academy of Craft Training

Tiffany McKoy
tsmckoy@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County Schools recently announced a new partnership with the Academy of Craft Training (ACT). Cullman Area Technology Academy (CATA) Assistant Director/WBL Coordinator Haynes Riddle was selected to lead the initiative in north Alabama.

Beginning this August, students enrolled in the 11th and 12th grades can participate in the ACT. It is free to students, and transportation to the site in south Decatur will be provided.

Paid internships will be available during the summer, winter and fall breaks. Students can participate in five areas: Building Construction, Electrical, HVAC, Interior & Exterior Finishes and Welding & Piping.

The ACT is "a public/private partnership between the commercial construction industry and the State of Alabama's K-12 Career and Technical Education System. Our mission is to recruit, educate and guide high school students for educational and employment opportunities in the construction industry.

"Our goal is to help these students get the education and skills they need to be entry-level, skilled workers in the construction industry.

"Students have the opportunity to learn directly from construction industry professionals in a workplace-style environment, work as interns with local construction companies and receive job offers upon graduation."

When asked if this program will be a better option than college for some students, Riddle said, "Absolutely. Much of our workforce is approaching retirement age, which means unbelievable opportunities for our graduates.

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This program will not compete with CATA, as CATA focuses primarily on residential carpentry. The ACT will only teach commercial construction trades.

Parents and students can learn more and apply at www.academyofcrafttraining.org.



Obituary Announcements: March 9-10

Liddie Bee Bryan, 90
Funeral service for Liddie Bee Bryan, age 90, of Baileyton, will be at 1 p.m. Monday, March 13, 2023, at Eidson Chapel Cumberland Presbytarian Church with Floyd Bradford officiating; interment in Eidson Chapel Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon until 1 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Bryan passed away Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at her residence. She was born April 17, 1932, to John T. Miller and Minnie Lee Miller. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Donald Bryan; daughter, Kay McCubbin; and son-in-law, Bobby Cryer. Survivors include her daughters, Debbie (Dennis) Tarpley, Linda (Charles) Hyde, Cindy (Tim) Mooney, Donna Faye Cryer and Mary (David) Johnson and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, family and friends. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Hospice of Cullman County.

Teresa Kay Jones Wooten, 49
Funeral service for Teresa Kay Jones Wooten, 49, of Cullman, will be at 3 p.m., Sunday, March 12, 2023, at Springhill Baptist Church with interment in the adjoining cemetery. Rev. Tim Aris, Rev. Terry Blankenship and Arby Chandler will officiate. The family will receive friends at the church from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m., on Sunday. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Wooten family. Mrs. Wooten passed away Thursday, March 9, 2023, at CRMC. She was born Nov. 25, 1973, to Watson and Myra Robinson Jones. Teresa exceeded every doctor's expectations, because she was determined to do so. After days of being surrounded by family and friends, Teresa peacefully passed away. She is no longer in pain and enjoying the many rewards of Heaven surrounded by family that has gone on before. She will be missed by so many, but we are thankful she is now healed. Please continue to pray for her family. She was preceded in death by her father, Watson Jones; mother-in-law, Manzie Wooten; grandparents, Ila and Verlie Jones, Myrtle and Dick Sterling, Clyde Robinson. Survivors include her husband, Tommy Dwayne Wooten; daughter, Sadie Wooten; mother, Myra Robinson Jones; father-in-law, Tommy N. Wooten; sister, Tina (Anthony) Jones; niece, nephews, family and friends. Pallbearers will be John Hall, Jay Hall, Ryan Reynolds, Paul Silvers, Shane Conn, Adam Shelton. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cull-manfuneralhome.com.

Freda Pauline Freeman, 75
A graveside service was held for Mrs. Freda Pauline Freeman on March 6, 2023, at Cullman Memory Gardens. Mrs. Freeman passed away March 3, 2023, at her residence in Cullman. She was born Oct. 12, 1947, to Vernice Alton and Essie Myrtle Russell Calvert. Mrs. Freeman was preceded in death by her parents, Vernice Alton and Essie Myrtle Russell Calvert; sister, Geraldine; step-father, Troy; nieces, Paula and Jerry. She is survived by her husband, Bobby Freeman; step-daughters, Tracey Beck and Sharon Patrick; three sisters, Edna, Juanita and Olida; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy can be posted to www.cull-manfuneralhome.com for the Freeman family. Cullman Funeral Home was honored to serve the Freeman family.

Robert L. Findlay, Jr., 65
Robert L. Findlay, Jr., 65, of Peoria, Illinois, passed away Friday, Feb. 24, 2023, in Cullman, Alabama. He was born May 13, 1957, to Robert and Betty Findlay. He is survived by his wife, Sharon (Godbee) Findlay of 42 years and a daughter, Nikki Findlay. He was preceded in in beath by two sons, Jason and Matthew Findlay. Rob worked for the News Gazette for 42 years as a pressman. He enjoyed riding and building motorcycles and buying and selling toys. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Findlay family. A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy can be posted to www.cullmanfuneralhome.com for the Findlay family.

Jerry "Wormy" Wayne Covington, 72, of Haleyville
Jerry "Wormy" Wayne Covington was born Feb. 18, 1951, in Haleyville, Alabama. His parents were C.D. and Lois Covington. He graduated from Winston County High in 1969. He served as Chief of police in Double Springs before he moved with his family to Florida, where he founded Plastics U.S.A. He moved back to Double Springs when he retired and worked as deputy sheriff. He is predeceased by his parents C.D. and Lois Covington, and by his wife Charlotte Covington. He is survived, by his daughters April Fideli and Amber Lewis; his 3 grandchildren; Savannah, Ethan and Jaxon. Also by his brothers: Dale and Eddie Covington. Memories and condolences may be shared at www.nicholsfuneralhomes.com.

Leo Junior Anders, 58
Leo Junior Anders, age 58, of Addison, passed away March 8, 2023, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. He was born Jan. 18, 1965, in Cullman, Alabama to Henry Bud Anders and Christine Trussell Anders. Visitation will be held Tuesday, March 14, 2023, from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison with funeral services to follow. Interment will follow in Addison Church of God Cemetery. Michael Turner will officiate. Leo is survived by his sons, Lucas Anders and wife Kandi and Landon Anders; daughter, Lexi Anders; brothers, Cleo Anders and wife Melanie and Darrell Anders and wife Debra; sister Judy Elam and husband Randy; grandson, Knox Anders; and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Christine Anders; sister, Imogene Anders; and brothers, Hoyt Anders, Gary Anders and Mark Anders.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

We have come full circle...and then some

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



My favorite grandson, Drew, is playing soccer. Jean (Gigi) and I went to his game last Saturday to watch him play. Now to honest with you, I can't say that I fully understand soccer, but that was not the only thing I saw at his game Saturday that I didn't understand.

I saw a lady there who wore a pair of pants with both knees torn out. Her knee caps were shining through the holes. That style strikes me as strange, but it also takes me back to my childhood. I wore jeans like that when I was growing up. I'm quite certain, there was a slight difference between her reason and mine. The knees of mine were worn out.

That was because when I was a kid, I didn't play games while sitting on my seat, in front of a computer. I played games kneeling on my knees, on the dirt, out in my yard. I had an entire fleet of dump trucks, road graders, front-end loaders, and other such Tonka Toys. They didn't run on gasoline, or diesel fuel, they ran on knee-and-elbow power...my knees and elbows! I must have pushed those things enough miles to have gone to Hong Kong and back, without ever leaving my front yard. It takes a long time, even with all that hard playing, to wear the knees right out of a pair of jeans. I was perfectly content to wear my air-conditioned jeans, but Mama wasn't.

It would have been okay with me to have gotten some new ones, but Mama didn't believe in that. She was really hung up on something about money not growing on trees. I already knew that, but she wanted to make sure I didn't forget. She reminded me each time I tore up another pair of jeans, or whatever else I might have torn up. Mama's solution was to patch the knees in my jeans. Sometimes she sewed a piece from another pair of jeans (not from the knee area, of course) behind the hole.

When I ran or bent my knees, that patch rubbed my knees. I still have bald spots around my knee caps to this day! Then, Mama found these iron-on patches. She ironed those ugly things on my jeans, right over the knee holes, and on the outside.

She never made me wear those that had been patched from the inside to school, but she said those iron-on patches looked good enough to wear to school. I asked, "What school?" I said, "If I'm going to have to go to school looking like that, I'm going to put in for a transfer...out of state!" Mama said I could either wear those patched jeans or go naked. I knew she didn't mean that because we were Southern Baptists, and Southern Baptist don't go anywhere naked....except maybe the shower!

Most likely, the lady at Drew's game had not worn her knees out playing trucks in the dirt. Believe it or not, she bought them like that. She paid good money for them. She was proud to wear them and be in vogue. I muttered to myself, "If my Mama was still alive, she could fix those for her!"

Isn't it funny how some things that one generation wants to fix, or even throw away, another generation embraces and even pays good money to have them? If I had kept a pair of those old worn-out jeans, I could proudly wear them today, that is if I could still squeeze into them without bursting out more than the knees!

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HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1939

From the files of 1939

Mount Pisgah News

Mr. John Ivey visited Mr. Hiram Ivey, of Joppa, on Sunday evening.

Misses Jennie Miller and Ruth and Ruby Johnson were the Saturday evening callers of Miss Marjorie Jackson.

Among the number represented at the reunion at Mr. and Mrs. Joy Lackey's, on Sunday, were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mints, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Hafer, Reverend R.H. Ridgeway, Mr. Jesse Dye, Eloise Mints and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Joy Lackey and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mints, on Tuesday.

Mrs. Nealie Reesie Whitaker, age 58, died on February 4th, at Steppville, Route One and was buried on February 5th, at the Center Cemetery with Reverend R. McKibbins officiating and Drinkard in charge. Mrs. Whitaker is survived by her husband, Mr. Tom Whitaker, four sons, Hughes, Luther, Guy and Curtis and one daughter, Mrs. Lola Brannon.

It will take Martha Anne, the nine month old daughter, of Mr. and Mrs. Leldon Singleton, quite a time to become acquainted with her relatives. Beside her parents, she has two grandfathers, two grandmothers, two great-grandfathers, three great-grandmothers and two great- great-grandmothers.

The Crosley Radio Station, WLW in Cincinnati, is telling the world about Cullman on a nationwide hookup on Wednesday night, February 22nd, at 10:30 p.m., Cullman time. Letters are going out of Cullman daily by local residents and especially business firms, telling persons in other cities and states to listen to this broadcast. Cullman will receive more publicity on this one night than ever before and it is believed practically every citizen of Cullman and Cullman County will be at a radio on the night of February 22nd, to hear the "Salute to Cullman."

Freda Joyce Wooten, daughter of Mrs. Cora Wooten, died at 4:00 o'clock, on Thursday afternoon, February 2nd, at the Protestant Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee. She was stricken with flu and pneumonia in December. Following this serious illness, a head ailment resulted from which the deceased never recovered. Two operations were performed prior to her passing.

Freda Joyce was well-liked by members of the younger set in Cullman. She was a graduate of the class of '34 at the Cullman County High School. Recently she graduated as a registered nurse at the Protestant Hospital in Nashville.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Cora Wooten, two sisters, Madeline and Norma and one brother, Jimmy.

Funeral services were conducted from the First Methodist Church, the past Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, by Reverend R.B. Lavender, assisted by Reverend J.S. Blackburn. Interment followed in the Protestant Cemetery.

The Cullman Bearcats, of County High, trounced the Phillips Crimsons, of Birmingham, last Friday. They were led, as usual, by Cullman center, "Papa Tree Tops" Seals and by stellar guard, Maxie Blalock, who put on a show. Other Bearcat scorers were Strickland, 5, Brittain, 4 and Basenburg, 4.

The following were drawn to serve on the Grand Jury for Cullman County: J. Irvin Tucker, farmer, of Crane Hill; Luther H. Tucker, farmer, of Cullman Route One; P.H. Graves, farmer, of Cullman Route One; Ramon Harbison, farmer, of Bremen Route One; Woodrow McPhearson, farmer, of Arkadelphia; Ralph Hawkins, farmer, of Arkadelphia; Paul Jackson, farmer, of Steppville; W.E. Bannister, farmer, of Steppville Route One; Claude Weeks, farmer, of Hanceville Route One; J.I. Livingston, farmer, of Cullman Route One; W.M. Woodall, farmer, of Cullman Route Six; O.S. Livingston, farmer, of Cullman Route Six; Robert Speere, farmer, of Cullman Route Two; Euell R. Bain, of Cullman; Charles W. Dorough, merchant, of Cullman Route Two; C. Thurman Alldredge, farmer, of Cullman Route Four and C.J. Mize, farmer, of Cullman Route One.

Marriage Licenses

February 3rd

James Mize, 19, to Gladys Wilkins, 18 and Archie Bradley, 20, to Geneva Green, 23

February 4th

C.M. Hall, 28, to Fannie Vest, 31

POET'S CORNER

The Distance | By: Randy C. Hale

In my beginning
the distance
was not far.

Attached to you,
I could not see,
Yet you were there for me.

Then the days
of birth and toddler,
you were never far away.

And time expired, and
teenage years came and
our space widened.

Leaving home
it left you saddened,
a further space away.

Yet, there were times
we still embraced
the joy of life together.

But now you're gone
and my heart aches from
the distance.



CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

MARCH 11

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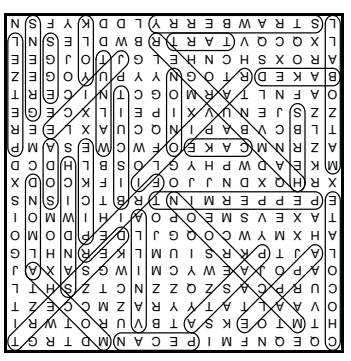
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Wilson (from Front)

woman was a member of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion (nicknamed the Six Triple Eight) during World War II. The unit was the only all-female, predominantly Black unit to serve overseas in WWII. Davis was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2022 for her service during the war.

On the day following the luncheon, the Cullman City Schools Foundation announced that Wilson is the winner of the 2023 Distinguished Service Award which will be presented Thursday, April 6, at Cullman High School's Tillman Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at https://sites.google.com/view/cullmancityschoolsfoundation/distinguished-alumni.

While Wilson is appreciative of her many recognitions, the awards and fuss made over her are bittersweet. Curt's Closet was born out of unimaginable tragedy after she lost her precious 15-year-old son Curt in a drunk driving crash. Curt Wilson was the passenger in his mom's vehicle when they were hit head on by a drunk driver on May 7, 2017.



AMY LEONARD/THE CULLMAN TRIBUN

Curt's Closet Founder and Director Ashley Wilson was named one of the 25 Women Who Shape the State on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at a luncheon in Homewood.

While Wilson's heart of service is beloved in Cullman County and now known throughout the state, she would trade it all for just one more blessed moment with her boy. As Wilson continues to keep Curt's legacy alive, may we all remember in prayer the mother who still aches for her baby.



Thompson Rents (from Front)

Amy Leonard
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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Thompson Tractor announced the upcoming opening of its newest Thompson Rents location at 6307 County Road 490 in Hanceville just east of the Dodge City exit off Interstate 65. Set to open on Monday, March 20, the store will be open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. The ribbon cutting and grand opening are scheduled for Thursday, April 20. The time is not yet available.

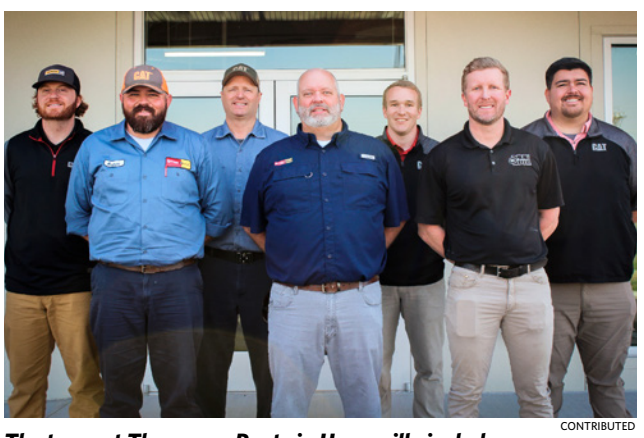
"We are excited to be a part of this vibrant industrial area and are glad to be closer to our great customers in Cullman County," shared Thompson Tractor President and CEO Lucy Thompson Marsh.

With construction completed this month, the 7,500-square-foot building situated on 3 acres will offer construction equipment, pumps, generators, aerial equipment and concrete equipment in addition to a full-service hydraulic hose shop.

The company will learn from customers which hose fittings are most commonly used in the area and stock the most highly used fittings to enable a quick turnaround on hydraulic hose needs.

Staff from the Thompson Tractor home office were quick to praise Cullman's city and county officials for their diligent work and hospitality during the construction of the new facility.

"I'd like to personally thank Stanley Kennedy of the Cullman Economic Development Agency for being great to work with and all of the county commissioners we had the pleasure of doing business with during this process," said Thompson Tractor Vice President of Earthmoving Sales and Rental Charlie Stevens. "They were extremely helpful and professional. Bailey Harris and all of their subcontractors and suppliers did a great job from start to finish. Finally, I want to specifically thank Scotty Hooper (of MyWay Transportation). We wouldn't have gotten here without him."



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The team at Thompson Rents in Hanceville includes Quentin Killian, Andrew Talley, Andy Whitworth, David Dunagan, Chris Teer, Josh Godfrey and JJ Duarte.

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