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Cullman County case to be featured on '48 Hours' Saturday

'The Mysterious Death of Tiffiney Crawford' will air at 9 p.m. on CBS

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CULLMAN, Ala. — When Tiffiney Joy Crawford, the founder of the popular online group Mothers Helping Mothers, was found dead at her family's residence on May 3, 2017, it stunned the Cullman County community. The investigation into her death resulted in the arrest, trial and, ultimately, the conviction of her husband, Jason Crawford. Jason Crawford was found guilty of murder in November 2022 and on March 10, 2023, was sentenced to 99 years in prison for the crime.

Jason Crawford maintains that his wife committed suicide, shooting » PAGE 10



CBS

Jason Crawford, left, with "48 Hours" journalist David Begnaud

Leeth honored with quilt of valor



JANET CHANDLER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Former Colony Mayor Donnis A. Leeth on Friday, March 24, 2023, was presented with a quilt of valor from members of the community. The quilt was pieced together by Patricia Dean Ponder and quilted by Joyce Davis. The duo worked on the quilt for many years and said they were happy to present it to Leeth on Friday. Leeth, who joined the Army at 27, spent more than 20 years in the service.



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City telecommunicators getting new dispatch software

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'Just show up'

Cullman woman to compete in 2023 World Deaf Jiu-Jitsu Championship



CAYLA GRACE MURPHY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Melissa Haynes, a deaf and partially blind Brazilian jiu-jitsu fighter from Cullman County, will compete in the 2023 World Deaf Jiu-Jitsu Championship in Texas in July. » PAGE 12

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported March 24

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported March 24, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS
March 20
- possession of controlled substance; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; I-65 SB at Exit 304
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 91
- harassment; CR 1422
- possession of dangerous drugs; Lee Rd.
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1719
- domestic violence; Weeks Cir.
- harassment; CR 1204
- burglary; CR 158
- harassment; CR 1101
- drug trafficking; attempt to elude police officer; I-65 NB at MM 292
- Violation of Protection Order; 2nd Ave. SW
- possession of marijuana; I-65 NB at Exit 304
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 843

March 21
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 702
- criminal mischief; I-65 NB at MM 295
- burglary; CR 702
- theft of property; CR 752
- theft of property; CR 707
- theft of property; criminal mischief; CR 421
- failure to deliver title; CR 1352
- theft of property; criminal mischief; trespassing; Hwy. 157
- theft of property; Shedd Rd.

March 22
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; Fairview Rd.
- criminal mischief; CR 1763
- theft of property; CR 1101
- theft of property; CR 1866
- harassment; Logan St. SW
- harassment; CR 1302

ARRESTS
March 20 – 22
Baird, Michael S.; 40
- unauthorized possession, sale, delivery, use, etc., of wine or alcohol

Brady, Brianna D.; 28
- FTA- public intoxication

Bryant, Sarah R.; 36
- criminal trespass

Horton, Michael R.; 44
- FTA- burglary-residence-no force
- negotiating worthless instrument (2 counts)

Hudson, Michael S.; 48
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Hudson, Sindy L.; 41
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Jones, Clinton M.; 34
- FTA- negotiating worthless instrument

Lackey, Christopher G.; 44
- Probation Violation- possession of methamphetamine
- Probation Violation- auto theft

Lynn, Alexis T.; 24
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Morris, William M.; 37
- FTA- driving while license suspended
- FTA- no plainly visible tag
- FTA- operating vehicle without insurance
- FTA- speeding-no workers-construction zone

Rasnake, Stevie O.; 65
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Rice, Marcus C.; 40
- drug trafficking
- attempting to elude police officer
- DUI (alcohol)

Sickler, Michael S.; 34
- possession of dangerous drugs

Cole, Nicholas J.; 39
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree (2 count)
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked (4 counts)

Creel, Misty B.; 45
- burglary-residence-force
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Jones, Clinton M.; 34
- FTA- burglary-residence-force

Levi, Jacqueline D.; 44
- Probation Violation- burglary-residence-no force

Murphy Jr., James R.; 54
- FTA- attempt to commit a crime-Class B felony
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Patterson, Dawson J.; 25
- Probation Violation- assault-aggravated assault-non family-other weapon
- FTA- under age purchase/consumption/possession of alcohol
- FTA- public intoxication

Bailey, Nathan P.; 48
- FTA- negotiating worthless instrument (6 counts)
- FTA- resisting arrest
- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- disorderly conduct/disturbing peace/affray

Boone, John T.; 38
- FTA- destruction of property by prisoner

Cofield, Colyn L.; 21
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (3 counts)

Cole, Nicholas J.; 39
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Eason, Gary J. S.; 28
- Bail Jumping-2nd degree-larceny/theft-$500 less than $1,500 (2 counts)

Gibson, Jaden D.; 18
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Goodlett, Jennifer N.; 44
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Haney, Savannah B.; 35
- FTA- assault-child abuse-simple-family (2 counts)
- FTA- drug trafficking
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Isbell, Sarina L.; 32
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Johnson, Michael Lee T.; 28
- FTA- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense (2 degree)
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)

Sandridge, Thomas C.; 43
- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft $500 less than $1,500
- illegal possession/use of credit/debit card

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS
March 19
- leaving scene of accident; person; St. Joseph Dr. SW; damage to 2013 Ford Edge; $1,000

March 21
- harassment; person

March 22
- domestic violence-criminal mischief-3rd degree; person; damaged property

March 23
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; 1st St. NE
- forgery-3rd degree; American Classics Apparel, Inc.; forgery-3rd degree; forged check
- domestic violence-harassment; person; 2nd Ave. NE
- theft of property-4th degree; person; wallet and contents

ARRESTS
March 22 – 23
Cofield, Colyn N.; 21
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree
- FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Johns, Katie M.; 30
- FTA- public intoxication

Woods II, Anthony B.; 23
- harassment

Alexander, Jaquira N.; 23
- domestic violence-harassment

Watts, Eric M.; 59
- public intoxication

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Decatur man arrested on fentanyl trafficking charge in Cullman Co.

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Deputies from the Cullman County Sheriff's Office responded to a call about a reckless driver on Interstate 65 near Dodge City on Monday, March 20.

Deputies located the suspect's vehicle and initiated a traffic stop.

Once stopped, the driver of the vehicle pulled over but then allegedly attempted to flee. After a short pursuit, the vehicle was once again stopped and the driver was taken into custody.

Marcus Cole Rice, 40, of Decatur, was identified as the driver. A subsequent search of the vehicle allegedly yielded a significant amount of fentanyl.

Rice was arrested and charged with trafficking in illegal drugs, driving under the influence and attempting to elude.

Rice was released on a $505,000 property bond on Wednesday, March 22.



CCSO

Marcus Cole Rice

ADMH receives $1M grant to develop criteria for CCBHCs

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA) has awarded the Alabama Department of Mental Health (ADMH) a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Planning Grant in the amount of $1 million to develop statewide certification criteria for CCBHCs. A CCBHC is a specially designated clinic that receives flexible funding to expand the scope of mental health and substance use services available in the community to ensure health equity and high-quality care for underserved populations.

Alabama's Community Mental Health Centers and the ADMH have completed assessments to determine their preparedness for the development and implementation of the CCBHC integrated behavioral health care business model with high quality care, practices, and reporting measures. This model will ensure improved access to and delivery of coordinated, comprehensive behavioral health care to all Alabamians.

The Alabama Crisis System of Care will be a foundational component of the CCBHC model, as the state has established six state-funded Crisis Centers, which will be operational in 2023.

The CCBHC model is designed to increase access to behavioral health services, including crisis services, that respond to local community needs, incorporate evidence-based practices, and establish care coordination to help people navigate behavioral health care, physical health care, and social services.

Within the year-long period of the grant, the ADMH will work with Alabama's Community Mental Health Centers to plan a comprehensive behavioral health care business model to reduce disparities; improve access to care for marginalized communities; and develop a payment system that will reward quality over volume.

The CCBHC model will also improve integration, reduce siloes and support a sustainable and well-trained behavioral health workforce. A transition to the CCBHC business model will ensure statewide expansion of and access to mental health care for all Alabamians.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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PUBLIC NOTICE: Holly Pond Cemetery
The Holly Pond Homemakers Club asks that all old flowers be removed from graves no later than April 1, 2023. Mowers will begin mowing then.

PUBLIC NOTICE: Clean-up at Duck River Cemetery
All decorations need to be removed by April 1.

PUBLIC NOTICE: Mt. Zion Cemetery
Remove all ground flowers and decorations from graves by Sunday, March 26, for cemetery spring cleaning and mowing.

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.
• Sunday, March 26 - 8-9 a.m. Prayer Group - Join Kevin and Pastor Bobby Sunday to pray for our church, nation and for those who need Salvation and deliverance at 8, and also join Teresa Pritchard at 9 in the prayer room to pray for our church, nation and for those who need Salvation and deliverance
• Sunday, March 26 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Adult class at 11. Healing service, message by Tommy Combs!

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.

Christ First Ministries Church 2nd Annual Car and Truck Show
Saturday, March 25, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the church, 1017 Alabama Highway 69 N, Cullman. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. Admission to the event is free, while the cost to enter a vehicle is $20. Attendees can expect to see a variety of vehicles, from classic cars to hot rods, and enjoy prizes for the top three in each category (pastor's and people's choice), door prizes, gifts for registration, food, music, preaching and fun activities for kids. For more information or to register your vehicle contact Greg Fulmer at fulmerg.@bellsouth.net.

First Presbyterian Church Free Food Boxes
Thursday, March 30, starting at 2 p.m.at First Presbyterian Church of Cullman, 615 Third. Ave. SE. We'll be handing out food boxes until the boxes are all gone. One food box per car only. Follow us on Facebook or online at cullmanfpc.org.

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 Spring Fling and Car, Truck, Tractor and Motorcycle Show
Saturday, April 1, at Randall Shedd Community Park on Wesley Avenue in Fairview. Show, vendors, games, music and bouncy houses. Registration is $20 and will begin at 8 a.m. with awards to be given out at 1 p.m. Vendor spots are $10 a spot, payable the day of the event. Must be set up by 9 a.m. Food vendors are encouraged to join us. Please register by March 28. Price is $50. For more information, please contact Kita Chambers at 256-385-8805 or William Criscoe at 256-385-5596.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Revival
Monday, April 3-Saturday, 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.

Senior Egg Hunt
Wednesday, April 5, beginning at 10 a.m. at Sportsman Lake Park. For ages 55-plus. Food, fun and fellowship. Ory Hampton of Daystar Church in Good Hope will be speaking.

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.

Links for Literacy Golf Tournament
Monday, April 10, beginning at 8 a.m. at Terri Pines Country Club. Tournament sponsorships and team fees benefit The Link of Cullman County's education initiatives. For more information, call The Link of Cullman County at 256-775-0028.

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.

50th Annual Arley Day Festival
• Saturday, May 20, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at Hamner Memorial Park, Helicon Road, Arley, AL 35541. The 50th annual Arley Day Festival, Car Show and Parade is a family friendly, free event for young and old alike. Arts and crafts vendors, children's games, water slides, horseback rides, food vendors, musical entertainment, rock wall climbing, FREE hotdogs for kids and more. The parade lines up at 7:30 in the Arley Dollar General parking lot, proceeds down Highway 41, ending at Hamner Park where the car show starts. Pickleball demonstration at 10 on the park's new courts, followed by four 15-minute mini-lessons.
• Pancake breakfast at the Arley Fire Station, hosted by Arley First Baptist Church. Community breakfast at Meek Baptist Church in the fellowship hall. Both meals are open 7-8:30. Donations are appreciated and all proceeds goes to the Arley Volunteer Fire Department. The festival is presented by the nonprofit Arley Women's Club, Inc.; all proceeds remain in the communities served. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/Arley-WomensClub. To register as a vendor, or to be in the parade or car show and for schedule details, visit www.arleywomensclub.org/arley-day. Please send any questions to arleydayfestival@arleywomensclub.org.

Library hosting Spring Break Camp March 27-29

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Public Library will host Spring Break Camp Monday-Wednesday, March 27-29 at 10 a.m. for kids ages 8-18.

On Monday, kids will participate in the "Nailed It Challenge" to decorate cupcakes like Minions from "Despicable Me." The library will provide one plain cupcake per participant and all the supplies, including Twinkies, icing and googly eyes.

Cullman County Library Circulation Manager Laura Benton said, "This will be a fun activity that will sharpen their listening and observational skills."

Participants can take their decorated cupcakes home after the contest.

The second day of the program will feature a ladybug mandala craft. The library will have prepped and painted smooth stones black, and it will have special tools for creating different sized dots with paint. Paint, tools and instructions for creating the ladybug mandalas will be provided. According to Benton this will be a fun crafting experience that will take concentration and creativity.

On the last day of Spring Break Camp, the library will host a STEM challenge. Participants will be provided LEGOS, cardboard tubes, cardboard, tape, etc. to create their own HEXBUG mazes. HEXBUGS are battery-operated "bugs" that vibrate and move around.

In order to keep them contained and going on a straight path, participants will need to create an environment that will not only contain the HEXBUGS, but also help propel them forward. This will be a challenge in engineering and planning.

"We will allow the kids/teens to build for about 15-20 minutes and then let them test run the bugs. They will then be given an additional 15 minutes to make changes and revamp their designs, after which we will see whose design works best and with what materials, etc.," Benton explained.

Programs will start at 10 a.m. each day and will take less than an hour to complete. Kids ages 8-18 are welcome to participate. The main branch of the Cullman County Public Library is located at 200 Clark St. NE in Cullman.

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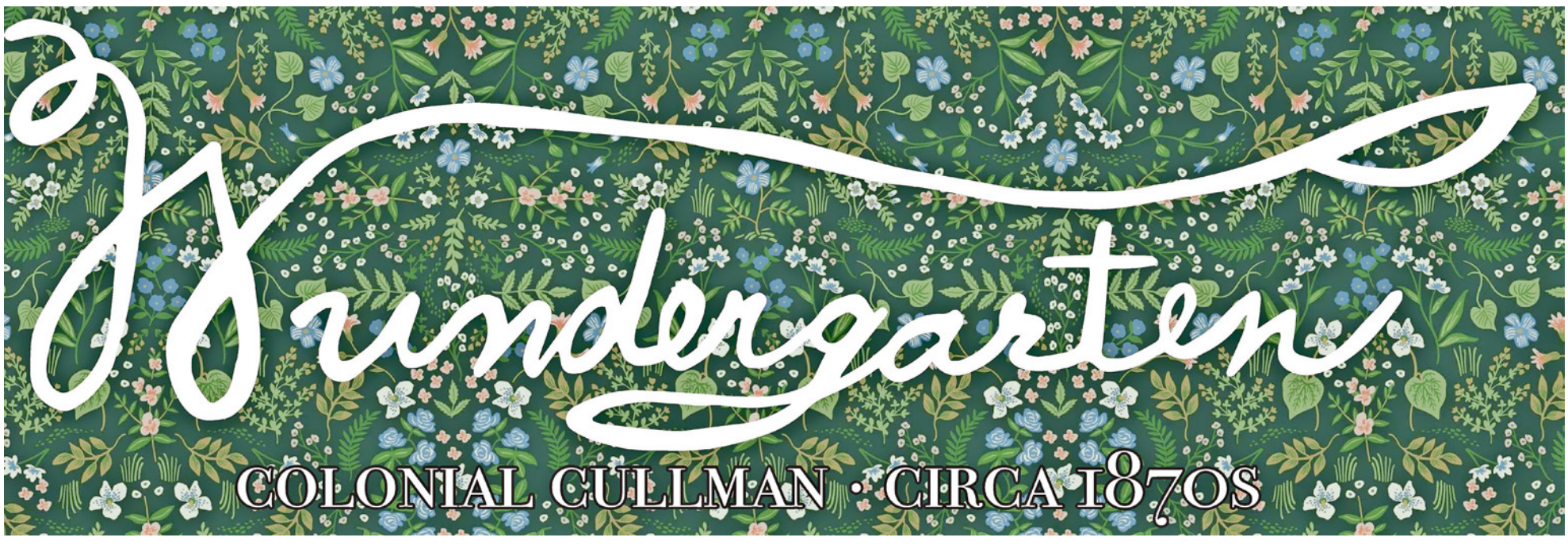
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– COLUMN –

Celebrating in the Wundergarten – Kuchengarten

Ben Johnson South
Tribune Columnist

KITCHEN GARDENS are a timely topic to explore as we move toward Easter Sunday and traditional Good Friday plowing and planting. In 1870s, Colonial Cullman, Alabama, the "kuchengartens" of the German American settlers were often shaped like a cross. This four-square design originated from the garden courtyards of German monasteries.

Frau Ruehl, the fictional heroine of the folktale "WUNDERGARTEN," had four equal-sized raised beds separated by narrow pathways in her "kuchengarten." The arrangement allowed her to plant, weed and work to her left and right without rising as she knelt on a hand-braided kneeler.

Her raised garden beds allowed for drainage and accelerated warming of the soil to produce earlier harvests. Frau Ruehl's kuchengarten was surrounded by woodland forest and it was protected by a picket or slat fence that would allow for a free flow of air but keep out munching deer, rabbits and other north Alabama wildlife. Imagine the German version of Beatrix Potter's rascally Peter Rabbit—Peter Kaninchen.

KITCHEN GARDENS are the heart of a garden, just as a kitchen is the heart of the house. Frau Ruehl's kuchengarten was the dearest of her planted plots; secondary to that were the German strawberries she grew to sell commercially, and the grains she and her farm boy, Fritz, cultivated to feed the livestock.

KITCHEN GARDEN crops (peas, onions, lettuces, cucumbers, peppers, tomatoes, radishes) were separate from Frau Ruehl's field vegetables (cabbages, potatoes and turnips) and would be harvested at least twice a year.

"WUNDERGARTEN," describes Frau Ruehl as a devoted mother, desperate to heal her depressed, listless daughter, ZeeBeth. The worried mom grew medicinal herbs in her KITCHEN GARDEN as well as culinary seasonings like dill, parsley and sage.

KITCHEN GARDENS in 1870s Colonial Cullman, occasionally had space for edible flowers such as nasturtiums, which would have been pickled. Though she was a practical and frugal homesteader, Frau Ruehl was a woman who appreciated the soul-lifting beauty of ornamental flowers. She had climbing roses on the arbor gate of the garden, and a small mound of Edelweiss that she had transplanted from her family garden in Germany.

Here are some tips my fellow Master Gardeners shared when I told them I was writing about KITCHEN GARDENS:

1. DON'T OVERLY FRET THE FIRST YEAR—Gardens are about change and yours will as you learn what thrives and doesn't in your soil and climate.

2. DIVIDE AND CONQUER—Whether your design is four-square like traditional German vegetable gardens or fan-shaped like my own hard-gardening mom, your task will be more manageable if you're not back-stepping into the muskmelons.

3. DO FENCE IT IN—Deer are beautiful to watch and venison is delicious to devour but you don't want deer in your vegetable patch. This can be as simple as re-purposed wooden pallets or even a demarcating hedge.

4. GROW A FEW, SHONUFF WINNERS—Even my "brown thumbs" can grow a tasty basket of tomatoes. Basil and most herbs aren't too challenging for rookies.

5. EVERY HOMEOWNER IN ALABAMA NEEDS A FIG TREE—Just do it.

6. SAVE VALUABLE GARDEN SPACE—You can plant squash directly atop your compost heap and be the envy of your neighbors by training fruit trees to grow on espalier supports.

7. WATER LIKE YOU OUGHTER—Frau Ruehl's kuchengarten had a well with a wooden bucket nearby. You could consider a water collection source like a rain barrel and water tools like sprinklers and soaker hoses.

CELEBRATING IN THE WUNDERGARTEN -This storytelling culinary series imagines tasty, traditional foods from the recipe box Frau Ruehl brought with her from Germany when she relocated to Colonial Cullman in the 1870s.

This easy bake casserole, or German "kasserole," would have been prepared directly from KITCHEN GARDEN to dinner table and has the added pleasure of crunch with crushed breadcrumbs like those strewn by Hansel and Gretel in the Brothers Grimm folktale.

KUCHENGARTEN BROCCOLI CAULIFLOWER KASSEROLE
(Source: allrecipes.com)

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups broccoli
- 2 cups cauliflower
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese, divided
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 1 (15 oz.) package seasoned croutons, crushed

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 350F.

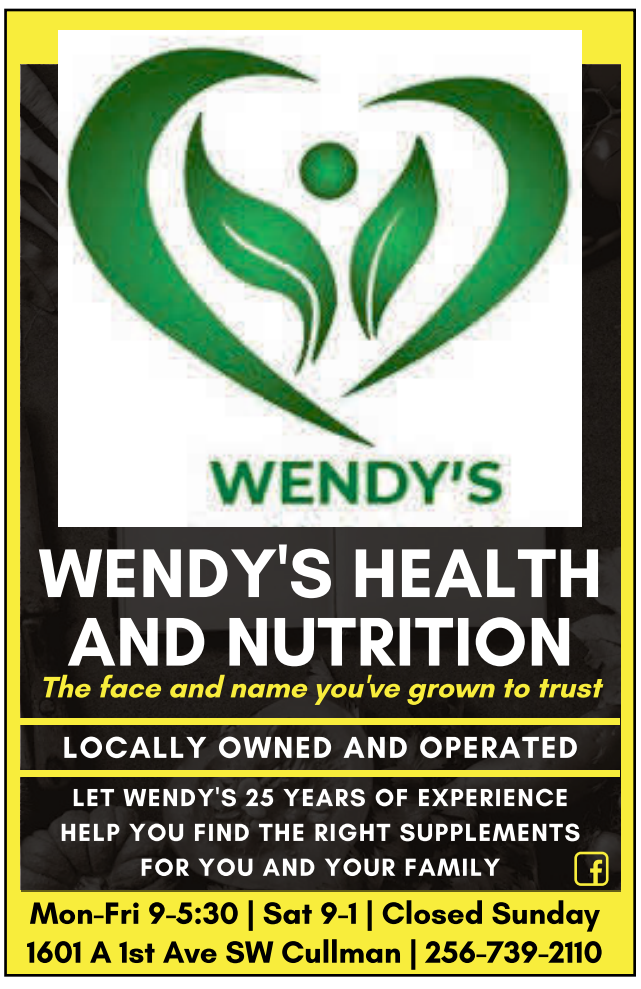
2. Place broccoli and cauliflower in separate saucepans, cover with water and bring to a boil; cook until tender, 3 to 4 minutes. Drain and arrange in an 11 x 7-inch baking dish.

3. Beat eggs in a bowl until creamy; stir in 1/2 cup cheddar cheese, mayonnaise and onion and pour over vegetables. Pour melted butter on top and sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup cheddar cheese. Scatter crushed croutons evenly on top.

4. Bake in the preheated oven until browned and bubbling, about 40 minutes.

HAPPY SPRINGTIME IN YOUR KUCHENGARTEN AND AUF WEIDERSEHEN Y'ALL!

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







TheraPlay hosts inaugural sensory-friendly Easter event

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Field of Miracles was dotted with pastel eggs and stations were set up with temporary tattoos, ring toss and bounce houses Wednesday evening for TheraPlay's inaugural sensory-friendly Easter event.

TheraPlay, a pediatric sensory gym with speech and occupational therapists, hoped to minister not only to its clients, but also to the community at large.

Certified occupational therapy assistant and TheraPlay Clinic Manager Abby Jones said, "Really, the heart behind this was to minister to our community and serve those kids and families that have special needs and varying abilities."

Speech language pathologist and TheraPlay Owner Janelle Britt was excited to share that Wednesday's event was the first one outside of the clinic directed toward clients, saying, "We've done resource events directed toward parents, but nothing directed towards children before."

When asked about TheraPlay's motivation for hosting a sensory-friendly Easter event, Britt acknowledged that other sensory-friendly events are hosted seasonally, but nothing she knew of for Easter. "Our goal behind this was to be a ministry, and with Easter coming up it made perfect sense," she said, adding that there were many children and siblings of those with disabilities in attendance. "We filled over 2,000 eggs."

To learn more about TheraPlay and the services it offers, call 256-841-5185 or visit www.theraplayal.com.



CAYLA GRACE MURPHY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

TheraPlay speech and occupational therapists pose for a photo Wednesday, March 22, at Field of Miracles in Cullman. Left to right are Savannah Mahaffey, Abby Jones, Hannah Fabian, Brianna Hill, Tara Weaver, Kaitlin Cook, Lacey Calvert, Janelle Britt, Abigail Herring and Tess Morris.

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PREP SOFTBALL

Lady Warriors outrace Fairview 18-7; Thursday scoring recap

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — The West Point Lady Warriors made the trip over to Fairview to take on the Lady Aggies in a county game Thursday afternoon and a huge second inning for the Lady Warriors was key as they ended up rolling past Fairview 18-7.

West Point didn't waste any time getting on the scoreboard first in their opening at-bats. Macie Brown hit a one-out single to center field and moved up to third on a Fairview error, then Bethany Minck hit an RBI double to left field to give West Point the early lead.

The next batter, Brinlee Phillips, hit a two-run home run over the center field fence to make it a 3-0 game.

The Lady Aggies got in the run column in their half. Jaycee Aleman hit a one-out single, then she stole second. Kylie Kovar hit an infield single, and Minck threw out Aleman trying to score.

During the play, Kovar was able to take second and third and later scored on a passed ball to cut it to 3-1.

West Point's bats got red-hot in the second inning as they ended up batting around.

Three straight singles loaded the bases with no outs, then Macayla Wilkins hit a two-run single to center field and Brown followed that up with an RBI single of her own to make it 6-1.

Bethany Minck launched a three-run home run over the center field wall, then after back-to-back walks, Phillips stole home and Katie Beth Yovino connected on a two-run home run to push their lead to 12-1.

Liberty Shadix and Brown each added RBI singles, then Bethany Minck hit a sacrifice fly to give the Lady Warriors a 15-1 lead.

Emily Benson and Aleman each scored on a West Point error in the bottom of the third, then Ayda Payne added an RBI single to cut it to 15-4.

The Lady Aggies trimmed into the deficit a little bit more in the fourth as a pair of Lady Warrior errors would lead to Kovar hitting an RBI fielder's choice to make it 15-5.

Payne and Addison Phillips each added a sacrifice fly to trim the deficit to eight at 15-7. West Point added to their lead in the sixth as Ella Minck scored on a wild pitch, then the Lady Warriors put up two more runs in the seventh on a pair of RBI singles by Bailey Brock and Liberty Shadix. West Point would go on to defeat Fairview 18-7.

Minck finished with two hits and five RBIs for West Point (9-3). Shadix added four hits and a pair of RBIs. Wilkins and Phillips each ended up with a pair of hits and two RBIs.

Yovino finished with a hit and two RBIs. Brown and Brock each added three hits and an RBI. Lexi Kimbril and Ella Minck each collected a pair of hits in the contest as well.

For Fairview (10-9), Payne finished with a pair of hits and two RBIs. Kovar added a hit and an RBI. Phillips ended up with an RBI. Aleman collected a pair of hits, while Ralie Gaines and Allison Davis each chipped in with a hit of their own.

Both teams will now start preparing for the upcoming county tournament.

Fairview 13 - Falkville 6 (Baseball)
Fairview got off to a quick lead on the road against Falkville. Crimson Wright got hit by the pitch to lead off the game, then he stole second and third.

Lucas West brought him in on an RBI groundout, then the Aggies ended up loading the bases with one out.

Hayden Griffin and Carson Jones scored on a pair of wild pitches to give the Aggies a 3-0 lead.

Falkville got in the run column in the bottom of the third on a two-run single with one out as that made it a 3-2 game.

Fairview loaded the bases once again in the fourth and Devyn Ellis scored on another wild pitch to give the Aggies a 4-2 lead.

The Blue Devils got a two-out rally started in their half as they ended up taking a 5-4 lead on a two-run single and an RBI single.

Fairview quickly got the bats going again in the fifth. Jones hit a leadoff double, then Connor Scott drew a walk.

A wild pitch moved them up to second and third, then a Gannon Black RBI single with one out tied the game up at five.

Barrett York came in as a pinch hitter and hit a two-run double to give Fairview a 7-5 lead.

Later on, Caden Jennings hit an RBI infield single and Wright scored on a Falkville error to push their lead to 9-5.

Jones added a two-run single to left field to make it an 11-5 game. An Aggie error in the bottom of the sixth allowed Falkville to push across a run to cut it to 11-6, but Fairview added a pair of runs in the seventh on a pair of RBI groundouts by Griffin and Jones.

The Aggies would end up defeating the Blue Devils 13-6.

Jones led the way for Fairview (6-9) with two hits and three RBIs. York added a hit and a pair of RBIs.

West and Jennings each ended up with two hits and an RBI. Griffin and Black each added a hit and an RBI, while Scott collected a hit of his own.

The Aggies will play a pair of games at home on Saturday against Dora and Danville.

Cold Springs 10 - Carbon Hill 9 (Baseball) (Game One)
Both teams lit up the scoreboard in their opening at-bats. All of Carbon Hill's runs came with two outs as a trio of RBI singles and a two-run single gave them a quick 5-0 lead, but Cold Springs answered right back in their half.

A trio of walks loaded the bases with one out, then Cole Bales scored on a passed ball and Brodee Bartlett scored on a wild pitch to cut it to 5-2.

Brady Phillips followed that up with an RBI single, then Cody Smith crossed the plate on a passed ball and Ethan Nabors added an RBI single to tie the game up at five.

The game remained deadlocked at five until the top of the fifth inning, as the Bulldogs put up four runs on a trio of RBI singles and a Cold Springs error as that gave them a 9-5 lead.

The Eagles trimmed into the deficit in the bottom of the sixth inning as Nabors hit a one-out single, then Mason Gable drew a walk.

Bales hit an RBI single to right field, then with two outs, a two-run single by Josh Winfrey cut it to 9-8. Winfrey retired Carbon Hill in order in the seventh and the Eagles looked for some late-game heroics.

A trio of singles by Phillips, Matt Williams, and Nabors loaded the bases with one out, then Kaiden Graves hit a sacrifice fly to tie the game up at nine.

Unfortunately, they weren't able to break the tie as the game would go into extra innings.

After keeping the Bulldogs scoreless in the top of the eighth, the Eagles looked to win it in their half.

Winfrey hit a one-out single, then he stole second. Tucker Philbeck played the part of hero in this game as he lined the game-winning RBI single to right field to give Cold Springs a 10-9 win in game one of the doubleheader.

Winfrey finished with two hits and a pair of RBIs for Cold Springs. Nabors finished four-for-four with an RBI.

Phillips added a pair of hits and an RBI. Bales and Philbeck each ended up with a hit and an RBI.

Graves collected an RBI in the game, while Bartlett and Williams each chipped in with a hit of their own.

Carbon Hill 12 - Cold Springs 3 (Baseball) (Game Two)
Carbon Hill jumped out to a quick lead in game two as a passed ball, an error, an RBI double, and an RBI groundout gave them a quick 4-0 lead.

Cold Springs got on the scoreboard first as Bartlett hit a one-out double, then Winfrey hit one of his own to cut it to 4-1.

Winfrey later stole home to make it a 4-2 game, but the Bulldogs added to their lead in the second as a two-run single, an Eagle error, and an RBI groundout pushed their lead to 8-2.

Three straight bases-loaded walks in the top of the third increased Carbon Hill's lead to 11-2.

An RBI single by Smith in their half cut it to 11-3, but they weren't able to get much going after that as the Bulldogs scored on a passed ball to make it a 12-3 game.

The Eagles ended up dropping the second game to Carbon Hill 12-3.

Winfrey and Smith each finished with a pair of hits and an RBI for Cold Springs (6-9).

Phillips added a pair of hits, while Bales, Bartlett, and Philbeck each ended up with a hit.

Cold Springs will travel to take on Holly Pond Monday.

Ashville 9 - Good Hope 1 (Baseball) (Game One)
Ashville got in the run column first in game one on an RBI single, but Good Hope tied the game up at one as Tucker Keef scored on a Bulldog wild pitch in the top of the second.

Ashville broke the tie in the bottom of the third on an RBI double, then they quickly added to their lead after that as a pair of RBI singles and a sacrifice fly pushed their lead to 5-1.

The Bulldogs added four more runs in the bottom of the fifth on an RBI single and a trio of bases-loaded walks.

Good Hope couldn't get anything going after that as Ashville ended up taking game one over the Raiders 9-1.

Ayden Black finished with a pair of hits and Caden Drake added a hit for Good Hope.

Good Hope 10 - Ashville 3 (Baseball) (Game Two)
Good Hope got in the run column first in game two. Black hit a leadoff single and later scored on an RBI single by Caden Drake to give the Raiders the early lead, but Ashville tied the game up at one on an RBI single of their own.

The score remained the same until the fifth inning, as the Raiders quickly got something going offensively. Caden Drake drew a one-out walk, then Mason Drake hit a single to left field.

After a walk loaded the bases, Eli Clements hit a two-run single to right field and that was followed by a Brady Stripling RBI single as that gave Good Hope a 4-1 lead. Clements later stole home to make it a 5-1 game.

A Raider error and a sacrifice fly by Ashville in their half cut it to 5-3, but Good Hope broke the game wide open in their next at-bats.

They loaded the bases on a walk, a single, and a hit by pitch, then Mason Drake hit a two-run double to left field to give the Raiders a 7-3 lead.

Caden Drake later scored on a Bulldog error, then an RBI fielder's choice by Stripling made it 9-3.

Russell Wooten scored on another Ashville error to push the Good Hope lead to 10-3 and the Raiders would go on to defeat the Bulldogs in game two 10-3.

Clements finished with a hit and three RBIs for Good Hope (6-8).

Mason Drake added three hits and a pair of RBIs. Stripling ended up with a hit and two RBIs. Caden Drake added a hit and an RBI.

Dakota Overton ended up with a pair of hits, while Black and Carter Naramore each chipped in with a hit of their own.

Good Hope will travel to take on Oakman Monday.

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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.
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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
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PREP SOFTBALL

Lady Broncos top Cold Springs at home 6-3

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — The Lady Broncos returned home Thursday night to host a county battle with Cold Springs and after falling behind early, Holly Pond rallied to take the lead and eventually pulled away with a 6-3 win over the Lady Eagles. Maggie Nail picked up the win in the circle after tossing all seven innings for the Lady Broncos, allowing three runs (one earned) on just three hits and striking out four batters.

After a scoreless opening frame, Cold Springs took an early lead in the top of the second. Brooklyn Ingram lead off the inning with a single and Hope Speegle and Ella Bruer each drew walks to load the bases. Ciara Calvert drew another walk later in the inning and the Lady Eagles went into the third leading 1-0. An error allowed Cold Springs to put another run on the board in the top of the third, making it a 2-0 game. However, Holly Pond responded in the bottom half of third.

Samantha Giles led things off with a double into left field and Bai Widner drove her home to score with an RBI single up the middle. A few pitches later, Madyson Rickman blasted a 2-run homer over the center field wall and the Lady Broncos went into the fourth with a 3-2 advantage.

Following a scoreless fourth inning, Holly Pond stretched its lead to 4-2 in the bottom of the fifth with a solo homerun off the bat of Molly Neal. Peyton Kennedy drew a walk with the bases loaded in the top of the sixth to trim the lead to 4-3 at one point but the Lady Broncos answered with two more runs in their half of the inning.

Back to back RBI doubles by Rickman and Maycie Black extended the lead to 6-3 going into the final frame and Holly Pond collected the final three outs in the seventh to wrap up a 6-3 win over Cold Springs.

Rickman (three RBIs) and Black (one RBI) each posted three hits for the Lady Broncos. Neal (one hit) and Widner (one hit) each drove in a run in the win as well. Ingram, Bruer and Adriana Young posted three hits for the Lady Eagles in the loss and Calvert and Kennedy each finished with an RBI.

Both Holly Pond and Cold Springs will now shift their focus to next week's county tournament.



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Holly Pond's Molly Neal (15) connects with a solo homerun during the Lady Broncos' 6-3 win over Cold Springs Thursday night.

PREP BASKETBALL

'We came together as a family': Cold Springs' Maci Brown recaps junior season

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BREMEN, Ala. — The 2022-2023 basketball season was another special one for the Cold Springs Lady Eagles. They finished with a 31-3 record, an area championship a 2A Central Regional Championship and advanced it all the way to the 2A State Finals. Junior Maci Brown earned MVP honors at the Central Regional tournament and talked about the amazing season she went through with her Lady Eagle teammates.

"Playing in Birmingham in the Final Four has always been a dream of mine. To be down there playing not only in the Final Four, but also playing in the state championship game my first year at Cold Springs was a feeling like no other. We came together as a family. Each of us used our special skills to make our team complete and successful. Being led by an experienced coach was a key part in our success," Brown said. "When you get to Birmingham, only the best of the best teams in the state remain. You have to bring your best game each time you step onto the floor. Every single game and practice we had leading to playing in Birmingham helped prepare us for the challenges we would face."

She added, "The physicality in those games did not compare to the physicality we had faced all year. Being physical was something we all learned we had to have to be successful. It is something we will have to work on during the off-season and all games leading to the postseason."

Brown played with a very special group of girls last season and talked about her experience in her first year as a Lady Eagle.

"This team was definitely something special. Not everyone gets to be on a team that's a family. We all held each other to high standards and held each other accountable. They always put the team first. They showed selflessness all year long. That is definitely something this team taught me," Brown said. "One thing I have learned in my time at Cold Springs is how to be a leader. I don't mean by most points scored, most rebounds, or any of the things you see in a stat book. I mean by how I carry myself, how I hustle, how I learn from the coaches, how I respond to things. The importance of leadership is huge. We can all choose to be leaders and when we do, we will see how many people jump on board. It's really about buying into the program."

Brown took away so much from playing for head coach Tammy West and will work on some things in the off-season to get ready for next season.

"Playing for coach West is special. She creates a bond with each of us like we are her children. She pushes us to be the best we can be, and she doesn't let us fall short of that. She had us prepared every time we stepped on the floor," Brown said. "Something I have learned from her is that when you do something you love, it isn't going to feel like a burden. She has helped me grow my confidence in myself. Coach West has led by example to buying into this program, which leads us to success."

She added, "I plan to work on getting stronger, faster, and more physical. I have to work on getting to the goal, drawing fouls, and finishing through contact. I also need to be more consistent with my outside shot."

Brown talked about the goals she has for herself and for the team, which pretty much remained the same as last season. She also talked about what makes this team so special to watch, plus what it will take to get back to state and in the championship game.

"For myself, I want to be a leader for my team. I hope to improve my shooting percentage. As a team, we have a lot of the same goals as this year, but we expect to finish the job. We would like to win area, regionals, and of course, state. It is something we have all dreamed of since we were young," she said. "This team is so special to watch because we do not care who gets the credit for the win. It isn't about who the leading scorer is; it is about winning as a team. Having a team that is so selfless is special, and it will take you far just as it did this year. For us to go back to state next year, we will have to work. We will have to work on our game individually and as a whole. As coach West has told us, we each have a puzzle piece we have to put together to make the puzzle whole. All of us have to work on our game and give that to the team so we can see success as we did this past season."



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Cold Springs' Maci Brown

Brown talked about the role models that she looked up to and the best advice that she has ever given.

"Some of my role models growing up and now, basketball-wise, are A.K. Eastman (Cullman), Bellah Machen (Mortimer Jordan) and Kelly Pickett (Hanceville). They each show leadership on and off the court. They have all helped me better my game," she said. "One piece of advice that has stuck with me is always believe in yourself and the talents God has given you."

Lunch (from Front)

Cayla Grace Murphy
caylagrace@cullmantribune.com

HOLLY POND, Ala. — Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry and the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) provided lunch for senior citizens at the Brooklyn Community Center in Holly Pond Thursday, March 23. The event included displaced members of the Baileyton Senior Center, the future of which is still uncertain following the Town of Baileyton's decision to ask the seniors to vacate the center last week.

Said Gentry, "We weren't going to miss this for nothing."

Also in attendance were Cullman County Probate Judge Tammy Brown, Cullman County Circuit Clerk Lisa McSwain, representatives from the Cullman County Commission on Aging and Cullman County Commissioner Kerry Watson.

With the future of Baileyton Senior Center still up in the air, and several fired-up seniors in attendance, Gentry didn't shy away from the fact that Thursday's lunch could be seen by some as controversial. He maintained, however, that his team hosted the lunch for the same reason it has for the last eight years.

"I know there's a lot of controversy going on now out in this community with the seniors. For us, it really has nothing to do with that controversy. For us it has to do with the same thing we've done for the last eight years – come out, be with the seniors, find out what's going on in their community – so we can help make this community better and safer for the citizens of Cullman County."

Gentry said his team has been hosting community lunches and meetings just like Thursday's since he took office.

"When we took office in 2015, we started having community meetings around the county. A lot of times they're at senior centers," he said. "The seniors are really the heartbeat of our community because we wouldn't have the community we have today without our senior citizens, so this is a very important mission for us because it engrossed law enforcement and the citizens of Cullman County working together for the good of the community."



CAYLA GRACE MURPHY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Seniors grab lunch, provided by Cullman County Sheriff's Office, at the Brooklyn Community Center in Holly Pond on Thursday, March 23.

The sheriff explained that when people are comfortable, they're more willing to share their experiences and concerns, leading to better resolutions for the whole community.

Gentry thanked the leaders of Brooklyn Community Center and addressed the seniors in attendance, assuring them, "We just want y'all to know how much we appreciate you and love you, how much we enjoy getting together and fellowshipping. Thank you for allowing us to do it."

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

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,

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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ORDINANCE NO. 005-2023
ANNEXATION OF GREENING PROPERTY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOOD HOPE, ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:

Section One. Jeffrey J and Connie Greening, being the lawful owners of the below described real property, have filed a petition under the provisions of Section 11-14-21 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, requesting their property to be annexed into the City of Good Hope and has attached to the petition a map showing the relationship of the property proposed to be annexed into the corporate limits and that map is on file at Good Hope City Hall.

Section Two. Said property is contiguous to the present corporate limits of the City of Good Hope, Alabama and is not within police jurisdiction of any other municipality.

Section Three. The petition meets all requirements of law and it is determined that the annexation would be beneficial to the City of Good Hope, Alabama.

Section Four. The Good Hope City Council hereby assents to and by this ordinance does hereby annex the following property into the corporate limits of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, to wit:

3.6 Acres – Parcel A A parcel of land located in the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter and the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 31, township 10 south, range 3 west, Huntsville Meridian, Cullman County, Alabama and being more particularly described as commencing and beginning at a found angle iron purported to be and being used as the as the northeast corner of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of said Section 31 thence south 01º41'16" west a distance of 376.77 feet to a capped iron pin set and the point of beginning

Thence from the point of beginning south 01º41'16" west a distance of 1814.08 feet to a capped iron pin found; thence north 89º59'53" west a distance of 10.00 feet to a capped iron pin set; thence north 01º41'16" east a distance of 1516.16 feet to a capped iron pin set; thence north 89º59'53" west a distance of 391.33 feet to a capped iron pin set; thence north 25º37'59" west a distance of 330.31 feet to a capped iron pin set; thence south 89º59'53" east a distance of 553.00 feet to the point of beginning and containing 3.60 acres more or less.

Also conveyed an easement for ingress-egress and utilities being 20 feet in width either side of the following described centerline further commencing and beginning where the centerline of an existing gravel driveway meets the eastern right of way of county road 222 thence along said driveway centerline south 21º48'42" east a distance of 80.54 feet'; thence departing said centerline of gravel driveway south 89º59'53" east a distance of 105.06 feet to the point of ending of said easement centerline.

Subject to any, recorded or unrecorded, right of way or easements

Property Address: 1775 County Road 222 Cullman, AL 35055
Parcel No: 17-09-31-0-000-019.003 Parcel B Acres: 3.6
Recorded Deed Book 704 (R-1) Pg 976 Parcel B
Submitted for Annexation into the city limits of Good Hope

Section Five. This ordinance is enacted pursuant to the Act and the city's general jurisdictional power and land use authority, it is therefore, provided: additional purpose of zoning the below parcel of property to B2 located in the corporate limits.

This ordinance shall become effective following its passage, approval and publication as required by law and the City Clerk is directed to file a description of the property annexed in the Office of the Probate Judge of Cullman County, Alabama.

ADOPTED THIS THE ____ DAY OF _____, 2023.

_____
Jerry Bartlett, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
City Clerk

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY

I, the undersigned, Jerry Bartlett, Mayor of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, hereby certify that the foregoing copy of Ordinance No: 005-2023 by the City Council of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, is a full, true and correct copy of an ordinance duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Good Hope, Alabama at a regular meeting of said council held on the _____day of _____, 2023, as the same appears and remains on record in the minutes of the proceedings of said Council in the City Clerk's office. **IN WITNESS WEREOF**, I have affixed my signature as Mayor of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, and have caused the official seal of the City to be hereunto affixed and this certificate to be attested by Christie Chamblee as City Clerk of the City of Good Hope, Alabama. On this _____ day of _____, 2023.

_____
Jerry Bartlett, Mayor of City of Good Hope

ATTEST:

_____
City Clerk

COLUMN

Southern stereotypes - I'm fed up, y'all!

Joe Hobby
Contributor

This is for anyone who's said fixin' to, tumped over a glass or rurnt something. This is for the person who agrees with a statement by saying, "I heard that!", calls every soft drink a coke and eats grits without sugar. This is for married couples who think dinner at Waffle House is a perfect date night. For guys who call their friends "Bubba.". For parents who pick up their kids from school at noon because a half-inch of snow is forecast. This is for grandmothers who make tea so sweet that it's almost brown glucose, and for her grandkids who wear a Panama City Beach T-shirt to school on picture day. A word to the rest of the country: these are not stereotypes. These are just things that Southerners do - and we have no problem with them.

I've been all over the country, so I know that every region has its own peculiarities. But we seem to get hammered especially hard in the South for ours. And I've personally experienced that, y'all. When I travel, and people find out I'm from Alabama, some of them look at me with pity, or start with the same tired jokes. It gets old. I'm amazed that so many people in other parts of America believe most Southerners resemble Ernest T. Bass and behave like the Clampetts.

I recall one particular incident that happened to me in San Francisco. I had just finished a nice standup showcase at a comedy club, and when I came off stage, a drunk patron shook my hand, congratulated me on my jokes and then asked me a question.

"So, dude, like uh, I've never been to Alabama. Do most of you guys have electricity down there?"

He was serious.

I kept a straight face and responded, "Sure. You don't think we walk to the outhouse in the dark do ya?"

And to show I wasn't upset about his blatant show of ignorance, I got his name and address, and when I got back home, I sent him a nice potted plant.

It was kudzu.

I enclosed a note that told him it was a Southern ground cover, and he should plant it in his yard and water and fertilize weekly. I can only hope by now his house looks like a giant chia pet. Like uh, put that in your stereotype file, dude.

Over the years, lots of television shows have shown the South in a bad light. "Here Comes Honey Boo Boo," "Hee Haw," "The Beverly Hillbillies," Gomer and Goober on "The Andy Griffith Show" – none of that helps. Message to America: these are just TV shows. Hello!

Of course, the accent is some of our problem. We speak slowly, and I guess that makes us sound dumb. When I open my mouth outside of the South, it feels like my IQ drops about 50 points.

However, some people find it charming. When I was just out of college, I found myself in a small town in upstate New York for sales training. The first morning I was there, I ordered breakfast in a diner. The waitress looked over her glasses, smiled at me and then said, "Could you say that again?"

"I'm sorry. Didn't you hear me?"

"Yeah, I did. But I just want to hear you say it again. I love the way you talk!"

I recall when a smug northerner said to me, "You guys in the South have so many words that we've never even heard up here."

I fired back, "You mean like please and thank you, yessir, no sir, yes ma'am and no ma'am?

Of course, the South is rural, and it's full of contree people – I know, I've met a bunch of them at my family reunions. The South has a lot of issues it needs to work on, but so does the rest of America. Rural is not stupid, it's just another way to live your life. So cut it out!

And here's a final word to the rest of y'all: the busiest airport in the world is in the South. Pick-up trucks are the most popular vehicles in America. Country music is a dominant force in entertainment. And there is a James Beard Award winning restaurant in Alabama.

So, get in your BMW that's made in South Carolina, go home and sip some Tennessee bourbon with a little Coke (you know where that was invented), then think about that vacation you're booking on the sugar white beaches of northwest Florida (yes, we claim it as the South). And please don't forget that in the dead of winter when your days are colder than a stare from a study hall teacher, we'll be deciding what short-sleeved shirt we're gonna wear to the golf course.

Bless your hearts.

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.

Month (from Front)

Leanne West
City of Cullman

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs on Wednesday, March 22, proclaimed April Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month in the city of Cullman. The proclamation was presented to Cullman Caring for Kids (CCK) Executive Director Steven Sutter and Senior Director Javon Daniel. CCK is a local nonprofit whose mission is to see that "no child will ever be abused, no child will go to bed hungry, no infants will ever be shaken in anger, and the cycle of abuse will be stopped."

"We are thankful for all that Cullman Caring for Kids does to bring awareness to the issue of child abuse and neglect," said Jacobs. "We also appreciate the work they do, along with other local agencies, to help families in crisis."

What is child abuse and neglect?
Alabama law defines child abuse and neglect (also referred to as child maltreatment) as follows:

• Child abuse: "...harm or threatened harm to a child's health or welfare which can occur through nonaccidental physical or mental injury, sexual abuse or attempted sexual abuse, sexual exploitation or attempted sexual exploitation."

• Child neglect: "...negligent treatment or maltreatment of a child, including the failure to provide adequate food, medical treatment, clothing or shelter."

The Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) defines child abuse and neglect as "any recent act or failure to act on the part of the parent or caretaker which results in death, serious physical or emotional harm, sexual abuse or exploitation ... or an act or failure to act which presents an imminent risk of serious harm."

More specifically, definitions include (from www.childwelfare.gov):
• Physical abuse: Nonaccidental physical injury to a child caused by a parent or caregiver including punching, beating, kicking, biting, shaking, throwing, stabbing, choking, hitting, burning or otherwise causing physical harm

• Neglect: Failure of a parent or caregiver to provide for basic needs such as food or shelter, medical treatment, education needs, or emotional needs

• Sexual abuse: Activities by a parent or caregiver such as fondling a child's genitals, penetration, incest, rape, sodomy, indecent exposure or exploitation through prostitution or production of pornographic materials

• Emotional (psychological) abuse: Pattern of behavior that impairs a child's emotional development or sense of self-worth. This can include constant criticism, threats, rejection or the withholding of love, support or guidance.

• Abandonment: A child is considered abandoned when the parent's identity or whereabouts are unknown, the child has been left alone in circumstances where the child suffers serious harm, the child has been deserted with no regard for his or her health or safety or the parent has failed to maintain contact with the child or provide reasonable support for a specified period of time.

• Parental substance use: Related circumstances include exposing a child to harm prenatally due to the mother's use of legal or illegal drugs or other substances; manufacturing methamphetamine in the presence of a child; selling, distributing or giving illegal drugs or alcohol to a child; or using a controlled substance that impairs the caregiver's ability to adequately care for the child

• Human trafficking: Recruiting, harboring, transporting, providing or obtaining someone for a commercial sex act such as prostitution, pornography or stripping

How many children are maltreated each year?
The Children's Bureau (CB) – an Office of the Administration for Children & Families (ACYF) administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) – reports that in FFY 2021:

• 588,229 children were maltreated (estimated total, to include missing data from one non-reporting state, is 600,000)

• 1,820 children died due to maltreatment

Of those cases:
• 76% involved neglect

• 16% involved physical abuse

• 10.1% involved sexual abuse

• 0.2% involved sex trafficking

Data also shows:
• Children 2 years of age and younger have the highest victimization rate, with 15.1% of all victims being 1 year of age or younger

• Girls (52.2%) have higher rates of maltreatment than boys (47.5%)

• 42.8% of victims are White, 24.0% are Hispanic and 21.5% are African American

• American Indian or Alaska Native children have the highest rate of victimization at 15.2 per 1,000 children of the same race/nationality. African American children have the second highest rate at 13.1 per 1,000 children of the same race/nationality.

In Alabama, the Department of Public Health lists child abuse and neglect as the no. 9 health concern. Rates have been increasing in recent years. In 2021, there were 26,116 cases of child abuse or neglect investigated in Alabama. However, many cases are never reported.

How do I know if a child is being maltreated?
Signs that a child may be being abused or neglected may include:

General maltreatment
• Exhibiting a sudden change in behavior or school performance

• Having difficulty concentrating not attributed to physical or psychological causes

• Lacking adult supervision

• Being watchful, as though preparing for something bad to happen

• Being overly compliant, passive or withdrawn

• Seeming reluctant to be around a particular person

• Coming to school or other activities early, staying late and not wanting to go home

• Telling someone he/she is being maltreated

Physical abuse
• Having unexplained injuries (burns, bites, bruises, broken bones, black eyes, etc.)

• Having fading bruises or other noticeable marks after an absence from school

• Seeming scared, anxious, depressed, withdrawn or aggressive

• Seeming frightened of parents and protesting or crying when it's time to go home

• Showing changes in eating and sleeping habits

• Abusing animals or pets

• Shrinking at the approach of adults

• Reporting injuries by a parent or other adult caregiver

Neglect
• Being frequently absent from school

• Begging or stealing food or money

• Being consistently dirty or having severe body odor

• Not receiving help for known physical or medical problems or lacking medical care (i.e.: immunizations, dental care, glasses, etc.)

• Lacking sufficient clothing for the weather

• Abusing alcohol or other drugs

• Stating that there is no one at home to provide care

Sexual abuse
• Having difficulty walking or sitting

• Experiencing bleeding, bruising or swelling in the genitals

• Suddenly refusing to go to school

• Reporting nighttime bedwetting

• Experiencing a sudden change in appetite

• Demonstrating bizarre, sophisticated, or unusual sexual knowledge or behavior

• Becoming pregnant or contracting a sexually transmitted disease (especially if younger than 14)

• Running away from home

• Attaching very quickly to strangers or new adults

• Reporting sexual abuse by a parent or another adult caregiver

Emotional abuse
• Showing extremes in behavior (overly compliant or demanding, extremely passive or aggressive, etc.)

• Being either inappropriately adult (parenting other children, etc.) or inappropriately infantile (rocking, head-banging, etc.)

• Exhibiting delays in physical or emotional development

• Showing signs of depression or suicidal thoughts

• Reporting an inability to develop emotional bonds with others

Signs that a parent or caregiver may be abusive or neglectful include:
• Showing little concern for, or indifference towards, the child and refusing to consider offers of help for the child's problems

• Denying the existence of problems at school or home, or blaming the child for those problems

• Asking teachers or caregivers to use harsh physical discipline if the child misbehaves

• Seeing the child as entirely bad, worthless or burdensome

• Demanding a level of physical or academic performance the child cannot achieve

• Looking primarily to the child for care, attention and satisfaction of emotional needs

• Constantly blaming, belittling, or berating the child

• Overtly rejecting the child

• Seeming apathetic or depressed

• Behaving irrationally or in a bizarre manner

• Abusing alcohol or other drugs

• Being unduly protective of the child or severely limiting the child's contact with other children, especially if the child is of the opposite sex

• Being secretive and isolated

• Being jealous or controlling with family members

How do I report suspected child abuse or neglect?
If you suspect a child is being harmed, reporting your suspicions may protect the child and get help for the family. If you suspect a child is being maltreated, contact your local Department of Human Resources or law enforcement agency. In Cullman County those numbers include:

• Cullman County DHR (256-737-5300)

• Cullman Police Department (256-734-1434)

• Cullman County Sheriff's Office (256-775-4700)

• Hanceville Police Department (256-352-9811)

What can be done to prevent child maltreatment?
The Childhelp Hotline 1-800-4ACHILD (1-800-422-4452) – is staffed with professional crisis counselors with access to a huge database of emergency, social service and support resources. They are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to children who are confused, parents who are in despair and need help and adults (including mandatory reports) who are uncertain about the next best step when faced with questions related to child maltreatment. All calls to this hotline are anonymous.

Supportive communities can help build strong families which, in turn, can help lower the risk of child abuse and neglect. In Cullman we help build strong families by providing or supporting:
• Parks and recreational facilities that are safe, accessible and inviting places for families

• Resources to help families in need access food, jobs, medical care and other resources

• Early education programs that are easily accessible and welcoming

• Safe, affordable housing available to all families

• Clean air and water

And the main thing that everyone can do – and the true purpose of Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month – is to help parents obtain the knowledge, skills and resources they need to properly love and care for their children.

"Cullman is fortunate to have people and organizations who help children and families dealing with abuse and neglect," said Jacobs. "Cullman Caring for Kids, Brooks' Place - Child Advocacy Center of Cullman, AL, Inc., Cullman County CASA, DHR and others provide these services in Cullman and throughout Cullman County, and we appreciate them all!"

For more information on these agencies, you can visit:
• Cullman Caring for Kids: www.cullmancaringforkids.com

• Child Advocacy Center (Brooks' Place): www.cullmancac.com

• Cullman County CASA: www.cullmancaringforkids.com/casa.html

• Cullman County DHR: https://dhr.alabama.gov

• For more information about National Child Abuse Awareness Month visit www.childwelfare.gov/topics/preventing/preventionmonth.

Case (from Front)

herself in the head twice. On Saturday, March 25, the case will be featured on "48 Hours" on CBS.

"The Mysterious Death of Tiffiney Crawford" will feature Jason Crawford's only media interview about the case and be hosted by journalist David Begnaud.

In a preview of Saturday's episode, Jason Crawford stated, "My family and friends ... they never questioned that I wouldn't kill my wife."

When Begnaud asked him if there was anything about his relationship with his wife that led him to believe she was suicidal, he responded, "Not at the time. Looking back, just seeing how depressed she actually was and reading some of her journal makes me think she was hiding a lot of stuff."

The Tribune spoke to Begnaud and asked why the case caught the interest of "48 Hours."

"When we were researching this story, I listened to Jason Crawford's 911 call to report that his wife had been shot. The operator repeatedly asks him, 'Who's she been shot by?' He never responds," Begnaud said.

"I thought this was so intriguing, and I had a chance to ask him about this in my interview with Crawford."

As Begnaud and his team researched the case further, he said, they had the chance to interview Megan Brock, a juror from the trial.

She told Begnaud that the jury deliberated for several hours without reaching a verdict. Eventually, they asked to listen to the 911 recording.

"Megan Brock told me that 911 call sealed the deal. 'That was it," she said,' said Begnaud.

"The Mysterious Death of Tiffiney Crawford" will premiere Saturday, March 25 at 9 p.m. CDT on CBS. It will also stream on Paramount+.

See a preview of the episode at https://tinyurl.com/jasoncrawford.

For background information on the case, see www.cullmantribune.com/tag/jason-crawford.


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Obituary Announcements: March 23-24

Emma Lee Crook, 78
Funeral service for Emma Lee Crook, age 78, of Bremen, will be 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 25, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Mike Lauderdale officiating; interment in Corinth Church of Christ Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Friday, March 24, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Crook passed away on Wednesday, March 22, at Brookwood Medical Center. She was born Dec. 13, 1944, to Otis and Bertha Self. She was a member of Cold Springs Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers and sisters, Mable Graves, Edna Adamson, Susan Self, Johnny Self, Albert Self, Matthew Self, and Sherman Self; and brother-in-law, Charles Crook. Survivors include her husband, Jerrell Crook; brother, Lindsey (Faynell) Self; and brother-in-law, Roger (Janice) Crook; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Glenda Beth Barton Andrews, 76
The funeral service for Glenda Beth Barton Andrews, 76, of Bremen, will be 2 p.m., Saturday, March 25, at Cullman Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from noon until 2 p.m. prior to the service. The interment will be 2 p.m., Monday, March 27, 2023, in the Freemont Church of Christ Cemetery, in Union City, Tennessee. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Andrews family. Mrs. Andrews passed away on March 23, 2023 at her residence in Bremen. She was born Oct. 12, 1946, to Glenn William and Mary Ruth Guest Barton. She loved reading her Bible and teaching about the Bible. She would talk to anyone about the Lord. She was preceded in death by her parents, Glenn William and Mary Ruth Guest Barton; brother, Dickie Guess Barton. Mrs. Andrews is survived by her husband of 58 years, Larry Charles Andrews; sons, Charles Glenn Andrews, William Mac (Camille) Andrews; daughter, Stephanie Lynn (Brandon) Andrews Blair; grandchildren, Brandon Andrew (Alicia) Blair, Matthew Isaac Blair, and William Noah Andrews. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy can be posted to www.cullmanfuneralhome.com for the Andrews family.

Harold Travis Lambert, 67
Funeral services for Harold Travis Lambert, of Hanceville, will be 2 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Hopewell Cemetery. Visitation for the public will be from 5:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. on Friday, March 24, at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Lambert was born on July 18, 1955, to Clinon and Doris (Saint) Lambert in Guntersville, Alabama. At the age of 67 he passed away on March 22, 2023 at his residence in Hanceville. Survivors include his wife, Janice Lambert; children, Eric Lambert and Jared (Ericka) Lambert; grandchildren, Tyler (Rebecca) Lambert, Elaina Lambert, Jalen Lambert and Mary Alysa Lambert; brother, Darrell (Sheree) Lambert; niece, Misty (Micky) Shelton; nephew, Tony Lambert; and his beloved fur baby, Jasper.

Gerald Raynard Smith Sr., 90
Gerald Raynard Smith Sr., 90, of Vinemont, passed away on Thursday, March 23, 2023 at Parkridge Medical Center in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He was born in Cullman, Alabama on Jan. 27, 1933, and was a Korean War Veteran. Mr. Smith is survived by his wife, Lois Smith; son, Wesley D. Smith; daughters, Patti Herring, Tammy Sprouse and Tina Arms; brothers, John Mac Smith, Kenneth Ray Smith and Keith Smith; sister, Brenda Drake; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, John Raynard Smith and Alma Grace Smith; son, Gerald Raynard Smith, Jr.; brother, Larry Earl Smith and sister, Joyce Faulker. The graveside service will be held on Sunday, March 26, at 2 p.m. at Ebenezer Cemetery. Moss Service Funeral Home directing. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Smith family.

Thomas W. Oden, 77
Thomas W. Oden, age 77, retired logger, passed away in his home, on March 24, surrounded by loved ones, who will continue to honor his legacy by living their lives to the fullest. Thomas is a veteran of the Vietnam War, serving in the 2nd Infantry division of the United States Army. He frequently pointed out that the Army and logging taught him the value of discipline, teamwork, and investing in a cause larger than himself by always helping others. Thomas was a faithful man who loved the Lord. Thomas was preceded in death by his father, Ira C. Oden, Sr., and his mother, Virginia D. Oden. Mr. Oden is survived by his children, Marsha Summerford (Hank), Scott Oden (Becky), Miranda Skinner (Josh), Amber Blocker (Jason), Honi Smith (Patrick). He also had 12 loving grandchildren, one great-grandchild; and a host of siblings, family, and friends. He was a kind, thoughtful soul and will be missed and remembered by many lives he touched. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Oden family. Funeral service with military honors for Mr. Oden will be Wednesday, March 29, at noon at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until noon prior to the funeral.

Priscilla Sue White, 78
Priscilla Sue White, of Holly Pond, Alabama, passed away on March 23, at the age of 78. Mrs. White was born in Cullman County, Alabama, on Jan. 4, 1945, to Claude Allen and Margaret Helen James Easterwood. Sue grew up in Holly Pond and graduated from Holly Pond High School. Mrs. White worked at Parker Hannifin, in Huntsville, for 42 years before retiring. She was a member of Zion Grove Baptist Church. Sue enjoyed reading, taking family vacations, and working in her yard. She loved interior decorating, and she enjoyed updating and redecorating her home. Mrs. White loved her family more than anything. She was a loving and dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Sue was loved dearly, and she will be missed greatly. Mrs. White is preceded in death by her parents. Those surviving Sue are her beloved husband, Edwin White; son, Ronnie White (Felisha); daughter, Sandy Flack (Donnie); grandchildren, Savana Flack (Justin Chandler), Shyan Flack, Noah White (Jordan), Anna Rhea White, Kacie Gann, Kaigen Gann; great-grandchildren, Paisley White, Sadie White; brothers, Tom Easterwood (Rae), Charlie Easterwood, Jim Easterwood (Carol); and sisters, Cecilia McBrayer (Donnie), Iva Patterson (Ronnie). Funeral services for Mrs. White will be held in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel on Sunday, March 26, at 3 p.m. A time of visitation will be held two hours prior to funeral services, beginning at 1 p.m. Burial will follow services in Union Grove Cemetery. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the White family.

Michael Paul Hammock, 62
Funeral services for Michael Paul Hammock, of Hayden, will be 2 p.m. Sunday, March 26, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Bangor Cemetery. Reverend Harlan Haynes will be officiating the service. Visitation for the public will be from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 25, at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Hammock was born on Aug. 11, 1960, to Willis Hammock and Violet (Mercer) Hammock in Shreveport, Louisiana. He passed away at the age of 62 on March 23, 2023 at his residence in Hayden, Alabama. Survivors include his wife, Jennie Hammock; children, Cammella Morgan (Brian Burns) and Robert Morgan; grandchildren, Tommy White, Bethany Morgan, Victor Morgan, Christopher Morgan Jr. and Nichole (Patrick) Russell; great grandson, Christopher Morgan III; brothers, Danny Hammock and David Webb; uncle, Wayne (Diane) Hammock; and a host of nieces and nephews. Mr. Hammock was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Dewayne Hammock.

Johnnie Winford Tolbert III, 33
Visitation for Johnnie Winford Tolbert III, age 33, of Vinemont, will be from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Tolbert passed away Thursday, March 23. He was born June 7, 1989, to Johnnie Winford Tolbert Jr. and Emma Jean Tolbert. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Harvey Smith. Survivors include his parents, Johnnie Winford Tolbert Jr. and Emma Jean Tolbert; sisters, Shelly (Jason) Wilson, Natasha Alexander, and Melissa Chambers; brother, Jason (Kathy) Tolbert; nephews, Austin (Hannah) Bailey and Caleb Slain; nieces, Elizabeth Wilson, and Amanda (Tanner) Waldrop; great-nieces, Juniper Bailey and Scarlette Waldrop; great-nephew, Boyer Waldrop; aunt, Lola; and a host of family and friends.

Franklin Dee Miller, 86
The funeral service for Franklin Dee Miller, 86, of Vinemont, will be 3 p.m., Sunday, March 26, at Cullman Funeral Home. The body will lie in state from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. on Sunday at Cullman Funeral Home. A visitation will be held Saturday, March 25, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. The interment will be in Macedonia Baptist Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Miller family. Mr. Miller passed away March 23, at his residence, surrounded by his family. He was born Jan. 13, 1937, to Guy T. and Mamie Wright Miller. For 22 years he worked for the Vinemont Postal Service. He was a faithful member of Macedonia Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents, Guy T. and Mamie Wright Miller; brothers, Othal, G.T., Melvin, Bobby, and Fred Miller; sisters, Mildred, Hilda and Wilodean. Mr. Miller is survived by his wife of nearly 65 years, Mattie Oldacre Miller; son, Barry (Maria) Miller; daughters, Phyllis (Keith) Brown, Tonya (Tim) Sapp; sister, Frances (Rev. Delwin) Kilgo; grandchildren, Erica (Roy) Bates, Jessica (Jose) Flores, Kailey (Joel) Mendoza, Naomi Miller, Barry Miller, Jr., Josh (Tabitha) Brown, Nathan (Natalie) Brown, Morgan (Jacob) Sandlin, Kaitlyn (Aaron) Burchell, Kolton Sapp; a host of great grandchildren, family and friends. The grandsons will serve as pallbearers. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy can be posted to www.cullmanfuneralhome.com for the Miller family.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Lewis is dead and sprayberry's has closed

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



I have a confession to make. I love barbecue. I can't go much longer than a few days without a dose of that smokey-smelling pork slathered in sweet-red sauce with a touch of tabasco to add tingle to my tongue. Here in the South, we have 5 major food groups which includes fruits, vegetables, grains, dairy, and hickory- smoked pork. In some places a fried apple- or-peach pie might even slip in there as a sixth! I enjoy all kinds of barbecued meats including chicken, brisket, or ribs, but a crispy slice of outside pork is my all-time favorite. I can't remember when I first learned to love slowly-smoked meat, but it couldn't have too long after I stopped drinking milk from a bottle!

I have eaten in some famous barbecue places and wondered why. I have also eaten in some unknown hole-in-the-wall barbecue joints and wondered why not.

In the 80s, when I lived in Georgia, I discovered a newspaper columnist/humorist named Lewis Grizzard and Sprayberry's Barbecue. I subscribed to The Atlanta-Journal and Constitution Newspaper in those days. The Sunday edition of that thing was so big you needed a forklift to pick it up off your driveway! One of the things I loved about that newspaper was Lewis Grizzard's columns. While I did not agree with all of his views, his southern sense of humor usually had me laughing out loud...sometimes until I cried.

Grizzard grew up in Moreland, Georgia, just down the road from Newnan. In Newnan was a barbecue place named Sprayberry's. Sprayberry's barbecue was Grizzard's favorite.

I don't know how often he ate there, but enough that they have a Lewis Grizzard special on the menu. His special included a barbecue pork sandwich, onion rings, Brunswick stew, and sweet tea. For at least the last 35 years, when I passed through Newnan, Georgia, I rarely passed through without stopping at Sprayberry's.

A couple of Saturdays ago, I decided it was time for a Lewis Grizzard Special, but much to my major disappointment, I couldn't find Sprayberry's.

I got off Interstate 85 at Exit 47, just as I always had. I had been there so many times that I knew exactly where it was, until it wasn't where it was.

I drove up and down the street several times but could not find it. I thought my eyes were playing a trick on my barbecued-starved stomach when I realized that a convenience store was setting where Sprayberry's had been. The new convenience store had no smokestack.

Never buy barbecue from a place that doesn't have a smokestack.

My mind instantly went back to the title of one of Grizzard's books. He published 25 of them in his lifetime. I own a copy of most of them. One was titled, "Elvis is Dead, and I Don't Feel So Good Myself." In 1994, at the age of 47, Lewis Grizzard himself died. Certainly, with no disrespect intended, I thought about writing a book and calling it, "Lewis is Dead and Sprayberry's Has Closed." Then I decided it would be much less work to just write this column.

Fortunately, there were 2 locations of the famous barbecue restaurant in Newnan, and the old original one is still open. I have often heard it said, "When God closes one door, He opens another one." I do believe that is true. Sprayberry's closed one great barbecue place, but they didn't have to open another one...it had been there all the time. Sometimes, the truly important things in our life (and not even barbecue) have been there all along, we just don't always know it!

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HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1937, 1954

From the files of 1937

October is here -the month of witches, black cats and spooks. Already at Fairview High we are looking forward to the big event of the year, "The Fall Carnival." There is much talk and speculation about who the juniors and seniors will run for the "Queen of the Carnival." Already there is controversy between the juniors and seniors as to whose candidate will be elected. The seniors say that the seniors will win, but the juniors disagree and are firm in their belief that the seniors can be beat. Anyway, it should be a "Whale of a scrap."

From the files of 1954

Finis Saint John, III has been elected Vice-President of the Junior Class at the University of Alabama Law School.

Mrs. Melissa Weeks Bates, age 56 was killed on Wednesday evening when she fell from a pickup truck. Mrs. Bates son- in-law, Grady Morris, age 43, lost control of the truck. Funeral services will be held on Friday afternoon at Hopewell.

A fire at Eddleman's Tin Shop, on Saturday, about 7:00 p.m. did a great deal of damage.

Herbert O. Cordes has announced his candidacy for Tax Assessor.

Hanceville and Moulton tied 13-13 in the Homecoming game. Johnson and David Nelson scored the Hanceville touchdowns. Joe Abercrombie kicked the extra point. Bert Simpson and Dan Harris were both injured.

Mr. and Mrs. Cortez Peeler, Peggy and Sergeant and Mrs. Cal Peeler visited Birmingham relatives on Sunday.

Ritz Theatre – "Gone With The Wind" starts Thursday. Ad.

Athens defeated Cullman, 34 to 8. Dale Cook blocked a punt in the third quarter to set up the only Bearcat score.

Eight Calvert Sisters Have Get-Together

The eight daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joe Calvert and their families had a "get-together" on Sunday, October 17th, at the old school house at Brushy Pond. Those present, besides the eight daughters were their 38 children, 66 grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

There were 151 members of the family, as well as many friends present.

They enjoyed a wonderful dinner and great fellowship of being together for the first time. All the grandchildren could not be there because some were in military service and others lived too far away.

The daughters present were: Mrs. Manila Harbison, Mrs. G.W. Goodwin, Mrs. C.A. Cruce, Mrs. Emily Bates, Mrs. Annie Allred, Mrs. Arthur Lott, Mrs. Delta Goodwin and Mrs. Alvin Davis.

Also present was the family of the deceased daughter, Mrs. Bertha Goodwin. Mrs. Trimble was the first saleslady employed by C.A. Stiefelmeyer. She also taught several years in the county schools. She has been an active member of the Church of Christ for 66 years.

In 1911, Miss King and James M. Trimble were married. They have seven children, 15 grandchildren and 13 great- grandchildren.

Mrs. Trimble's hobbies are reading, writing and listening to seven or eight sermons over the radio each day. She writes down the Bible references the ministers quote and then reads these herself. She also loves flowers.

A large group of friends joined Mrs. Trimble for her birthday on Monday.

POET'S CORNER

The Things That Haunt Me

There are things in my life
that haunt me,
that define me as much
as my successes.

Passed opportunities for visits
with my great grandmother
her last summer.
Not doing more for a young girl
crying on the school bus.

Declining an old man's invitation
for lunch after guest speaking
in a near town.
There was also a turned down trip
and a turned down kiss.

Funny, the things that walk through
the memories of your life rattling chains.



ART BY GREG HAMLIN

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

MARCH 25

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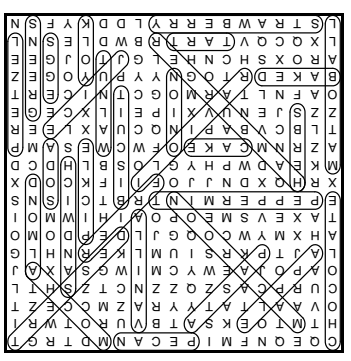
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THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
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WSCC hosting author Phyllis Biffle Elmore, Heartland Quilt Guild April 6

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College will host "Quilt of Souls" author

Phyllis Biffle Elmore Thursday, April 6, at 11 a.m. in the James C. Bailey Center auditorium.

Elmore will speak about her book, a memoir documenting her experience growing up in Alabama as a Black woman.

In conjunction with Elmore's appearance, the Heartland Quilt Guild will display its quilts, including a Quilts of Valor exhibit, from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the same area.

This event is open to the public.



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Author Phyllis Biffle Elmore



Championship (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — She's no stranger to competition. Melissa Haynes, a deaf and partially blind Brazilian jiu-jitsu (BJJ) fighter from Cullman, has a black belt in karate and two years of competitive jiu-jitsu grappling experience. She could take on a match blindfolded – which is exactly what she plans to do.

Haynes said her decision to grapple blindfolded was actually encouraged by her coach, Daniel O'Brien, owner of Triad Martial Arts.

"I started incorporating blindfolded grappling into my game the last couple of months.

"In my last competition, where I was looking was giving away what moves I was going for," she said.

"Coach has competed in a high-level competition blindfolded; you can focus on your feelings a lot more."

When asked what she's doing to prepare for her next match, Haynes said she makes it a point to train often, sometimes five or six days a week, and attributes that to the success she has experienced in a professional grappling setting.

She made sure to note that being challenged is what keeps her motivated.

"I try to keep my training regular so I don't have to stress about a plan," she said. "Competition grappling is a lot different than training. I try to just go with the flow."

After a match in Memphis next month, Haynes will be grappling with other deaf fighters for the first time this summer.

"I will be competing in the World Deaf Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Championship in Texas in July.

"Fighters from all around the world come to compete," she said, but as competitive as she is, when it comes to winning, she's not really worried about the medals.

"It's really just showing that the deaf can do this... and jiu-jitsu is a better match for people with disabilities because it's a more tactile sport. You depend on feeling more than seeing or hearing."

Haynes' advice for competitors who may be feeling discouraged?

"Just keep going. Everyone has their own weaknesses. Just show up."

The 2023 World Deaf Jiu-Jitsu Championship will take place July 8-9 in Allen, Texas.





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Cullman Fire Rescue Station no. 3

Software (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The City of Cullman's emergency dispatch center will be using new software in order to better assist the residents of Cullman. According to Cullman Fire Rescue EMS Officer Danny Cain the new technology is called ProQA Dispatch Software and was purchased from Priority Dispatch Corp. this month.

According to the product's website, "The ProQA Dispatch Software integrates the power of the International Academies of Emergency Dispatch's protocols with today's critical computer technologies. It helps emergency dispatchers move smoothly through call entry and key questioning.

"It assists dispatchers in quickly identifying the appropriate response code. The response configuration is specifically assigned to the code by local agency authorities. ProQA then guides dispatchers in providing all relevant Post-Dispatch and Pre-Arrival Instructions, as well as important case completion information."

Cain said that right now, dispatchers use standalone computer aided dispatch (CAD) software that requires them to memorize key questions and instructions.

"There will be a three- to five-month implementation period until it is fully operational. During this period, the new protocols will be written, our telecommunicators will complete their training on the new program and the new software will be integrated with the existing computer-aided dispatch software," he said.

Included in the purchase of the program was 24-hour training for all City of Cullman telecommunicators.

Cain said what prompted the change was the need for standardized operations.

"Our department does extensive new hire training along with continuing education. Cullman city telecommunicators do a phenomenal job dispatching for police and fire and also directing medical calls to (Cullman) EMS," he said. "I felt like this program will help improve the service and safety that our telecommunicators will provide to our community and first responders."

This change will coincide with the move to a new dispatch center. Currently housed in Cullman City Hall, the City's emergency dispatch center will move to Cullman Fire Rescue Station no. 3 along Alabama Highway 157 soon.

Said Cain, "We hope to be in the new dispatch center by May. According to the Priority Dispatch timeline, we should be in the new center before implementation is completed.

"This will give us time to make sure everything is up and running and to hopefully fix any issues that may arise before starting a new program."

Cullman EMS and Cullman County Fire use the program now, and have had great success with it according to Cain.

"I believe this will help with resource allocation, along with first responder safety," he said.

