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Stiefelmeyer Building damaged in severe storm

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Stiefelmeyer Building and surrounding area were damaged during an unexpected severe storm in the early morning hours of Friday, April 28, 2023. About one-third of the roof and building debris were blown away, vehicles were damaged and a power pole in the alley between First and Second Avenues Southeast was splintered.

Michael Locascio and Garrett Masters, owners of The National (formerly known as Dreher's), said the damage was mostly caused from flying debris from other areas of the roof and renovation materials, but likely won't affect typical business.

"It was not good, but it could have been much worse for us, so we're very blessed for that. The big » PAGE 8


CAYLA GRACE MURPHY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

A leaning power pole is seen in the alley behind The National (formerly known as Dreher's); the damage occurred during an unexpected storm around 1:50 a.m. Friday, April 28. »

'The contributions they make can't be measured'

CHS, Wallace State baseball teams support Miracle League


CULLMAN THERAPEUTIC RECREATION/FACEBOOK

Cullman High School's Baseball Team visited Field of Miracles Tuesday night to support the Miracle League's players.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — This week was a special one at Field of Miracles. Both the Cullman High School and Wallace State Baseball Teams visited for a game Tuesday night and both the Bearcats and the Lions showing their support always means a great deal to the Miracle League's players.

The Field of Miracles is a multi-use sports complex designed to provide athletes of all abilities with a fun place to compete.

The complex is considered to be the first in the country to combine a miracle field and regular-use softball fields in the same park.

Miracle League Baseball utilizes the Field of Miracles during the spring and fall seasons. A rubberized field surface accommodates athletes of all capacities.

Bearcats Head Coach Brent Patterson is proud to be involved with the Miracle League and looks forward to visiting with his teams each season.

"We love making the trip over to Miracle Field. Every time we go, we are encouraged and blessed by the players who show so much passion and enthusiasm," Patterson said.

"The Miracle League is one of the best things Park & Rec does. Everyone involved put a lot into making sure those players have a fun and memorable season."

Cullman Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism's Therapeutic Recreation Director Kelly Pulliam is always happy to host the Bearcats and was pleased to welcome the Wallace State Lions Baseball Team this week as well.

"We see the participation of the CHS baseball team and the Wallace State baseball team as an amazing thing. These two organizations bring enormous energy with them and the contributions they make can't be measured," Pulliam said.

"The participation level of our players increases. Our players love the interaction with the teams.

"They remember that night for a very long time and the smiles on the faces of our players far outshine the lights shining on the miracle league field.

"We can't begin to thank CHS and Wallace State baseball teams enough for the joy they bring to our program and the hearts of our players."

Hanceville City Council awards bid to Decatur Communications

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PREP BASKETBALL

CHS hires WSCC's Jessica McBrayer as new varsity girls basketball coach


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New Cullman High Schools girls basketball coach Jessica McBrayer, who joins the Bearcats from Wallace State Community College in Hanceville » PAGE 9

Sharpe to head Wallace State Women's Basketball


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Wallace State women's basketball coach Allen Sharpe » PAGE 7

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported April 28

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported April 28, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

April 24

- domestic violence; CR 771
- domestic violence; CR 1269
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 222
- possession of drug paraphernalia; I-65 SB at MM 291
- domestic violence; CR 1098
- harassment; 2nd Ave. NW
- domestic violence; CR 573
- illegal possession of prescription drugs; CR 559

April 25

- resisting arrest; CR 1371
- violation of protection order; CR 222
- theft of property; CR 1233
- criminal mischief; CR 1282
- domestic violence; CR 1376
- criminal surveillance; Leonard Rd.
- robbery; Hwy. 91

April 26

- criminal mischief; CR 1152
- theft of property; CR 1114
- harassment; CR 520
- possession of dangerous drugs; Olive St.
- domestic violence; CR 1776
- harassment; CR 1545

ARRESTS

April 24 – 26

Barbee, Karen J.; 72
- negotiating worthless instrument

Bell, Shontez A.; 36
- FTA- receiving stolen vehicle

Brewer, Rochelle L.; 33
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- promote prison contraband (drugs)
- possession of dangerous drugs

Brewster, Vickie K.; 63
- FTA- failure to immunize dog/cat for rabies
- negotiating worthless instrument
- FTA- failure to obey police officer
- FTA- public intoxication

Clarke, Justin L.; 43
- Probation Revoked- possession of dangerous drugs

Clements, Rachel G.; 29
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- no seat belt

Corrick, Chasity H.; 32
- Diversion Violation-using false identification

Curington, Alexander L.; 19
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Edgil, Billy R.; 60
- FTA- possession of methamphetamine
- FTA- promote prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA- attempting to elude police officer
- FTA- public intoxication

Givens, Paul M.; 29
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Goodwin, Ronald L.; 66
- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft less than $500

Kunze, Cody W.; 30
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- sale of stolen property less than $500

Brewer, Rochelle L.; 33
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Lynn, Cassie L.; 27
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Martinez, Bryann L.; 24
- FTA- criminal trespass
- FTA- harassing communications

Melvin, Mary Christian S.; 39
- assault-child abuse-simple-family
- possession of dangerous drugs

Mosley, Brandon C.; 23
- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Oliver, Amanda E.; 41
- resisting arrest
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked, or cancelled

Owens, Stacy R.; 33
- causing delinquency, dependency, or need or supervision

Ramirez, Eric I.; 26
- FTA- assault-harassment (simple assault)

Rodgers, Robert D.; 61
- FTA- failure/refusal to display insurance

Sanford, Sharon Jo M.; 62
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Wallace, Brandon L.; 38
- non-support-parent

West, Sharon D.; 57
- FTA- assault-child abuse-simple-family
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Wilbanks, Jeremy D.; 37
- FTA- domestic violence-3rd degree
- FTA- kidnapping-exposure to possible physical injury

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

April 23
- theft of property-4th degree; person; Hwy. 157; miscellaneous; $30

April 26
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $106
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; person; 9th Ave. SW

April 27
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Lessman Cir. SW
- harassing communications; person

ARRESTS

April 26 – 27

Lively, Zachary T.; 39
- theft of property-1st degree (11 counts)

Foshee, Jennifer J.; 47
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Tidwell, Hannah E.; 25
- domestic violence-3rd degree

Powell III, James H.; 34
- theft of property-3rd degree

Pickering, Angela A.; 47
- FTA- driving without license
- FTA- fail to register vehicle
- FTA- insurance violation

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Calling all local artists!

Cullman Health & Rehab Center asks for help creating mural

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The staff at Cullman Health & Rehab Center is asking for the community's help creting a mural for their residents.

"We wanted something brightly colored that would liven the wall paint and bring joy to the residents," said Activity Director Mechelle Hodgens.

"The residents sit outside all of the time, and we talk about God and nature. They take in the smells, noises, colors.

"We decided since it was outside to do an outside scene full of beautiful flowers and insects, anything you would see outdoors."

The facility has set Saturday, May 13, as a community day for the public to come out and help paint. Water, brushes, supplies and paint will be provided. There are set times so it will not be overcrowded. The times are 8-10 a.m., 10 a.m.-noon, noon-2 p.m. and 2-4 p.m. Sign up at https://tinyurl.com/cullmanhealthcaremural.

"We are really trying to beautify our outdoor space so it can be enjoyed by our residents," Hodges said.

Don't want to paint, but still want to contribute? Donations can be made to help purchase paint supplies, birdhouses, shepherd hooks and yard art.

Cullman Health & Rehab Center is located at1607 Main Ave. NE. For more information, call 256-734-8748 and ask for Mechelle Hodgens or Dyanna Busby Overton.

Hanceville (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE. Ala. — Hanceville's City Council held its second and final April meeting at Hanceville City Hall Thursday night and in addition to several other new business items, the council awarded a bid to Decatur Communications for $67,801.97 to provide electronic equipment such as radios, chargers and microphones. The city will pay for the equipment initially but will be reimbursed by Homeland Security Grant funds.



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The Hanceville City Council hosted its final April meeting at Hanceville City Hall Thursday night.

According to FEMA's website, "The Homeland Security Grant includes a suite of risk-based grants to assist state, local, tribal and territorial efforts in preventing, protecting against, mitigating, responding to and recovering from acts of terrorism and other threats.

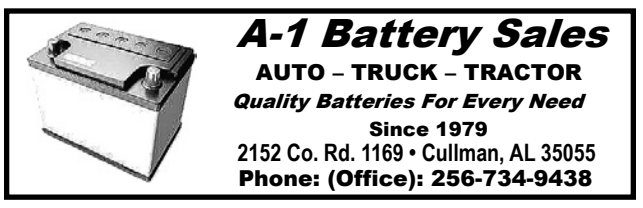
"This grant provides grantees with the resources required for implementation of the National Preparedness System and working toward the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient nation."

Two other bids read by the Council for repairing the library roof and providing brick work on the exterior of the city jail were tabled as they gather more information on those respective projects.

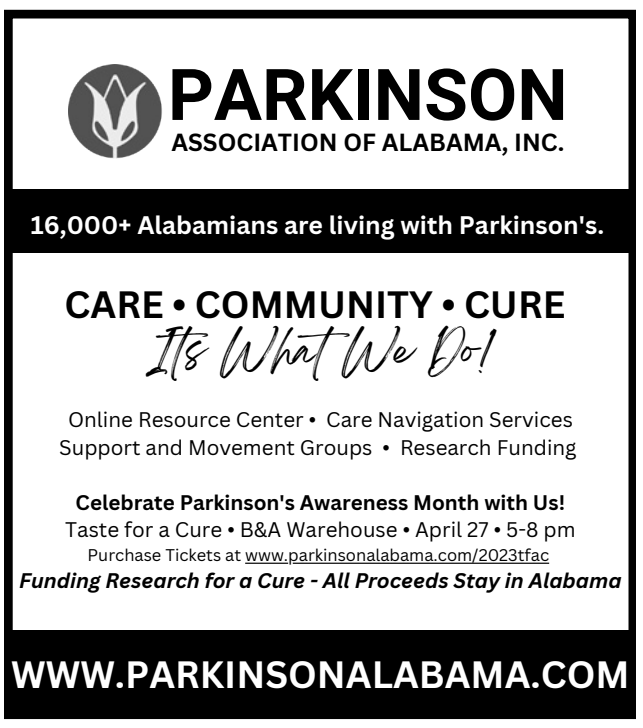
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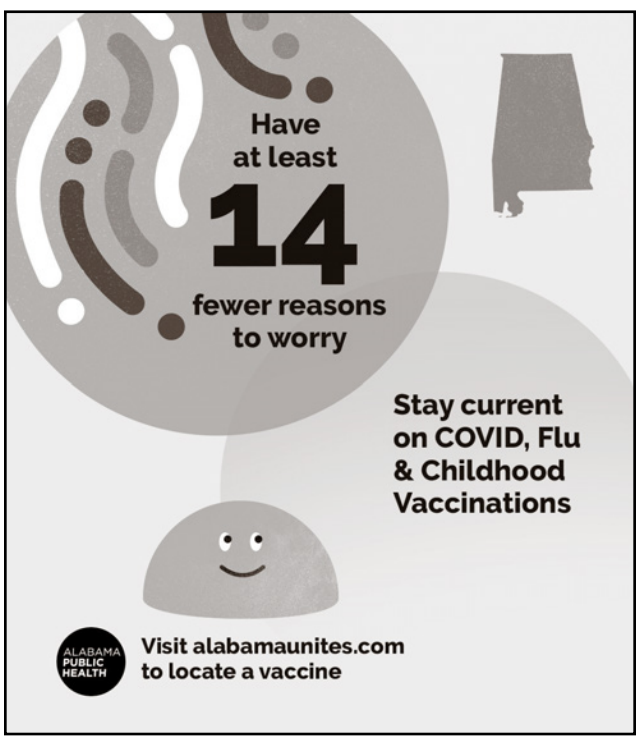
- Approved funds for the Hanceville Fire Department to make repairs on one of its trucks.
- Approved paying an invoice from Herring Heating and Air Conditioning.
- Approved Municipal workers compensation final audit billing ($30,675)
- Approved extension of equity line of credit
- Approved $100 donation to Hanceville High School Cheerleaders
- Approved the surplus of a Kubota Tractor
- Approved Ordinance No. 655

The Hanceville City Council will hold its next meeting Thursday, May 11 at 5:30 p.m. at Hanceville City Hall.











COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous
The Grace of God group of Alcoholics Anonymous has open AA meetings (all are welcome) Mondays and Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. at the Carriage House, located next to Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE Cullman. Contact phone numbers: 256-347-1097, 256-841-2209 or 256-708-1340

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m.- noon, Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m.-noon. Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry and Spirit Life Church.
• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthdays. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pickup is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper, AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• Sunday, April 30 - 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, April 30 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults 10 a.m. Adult class 11 a.m. Praise & Worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd.

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

TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings
Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., at Cullman Housing Authority Community Center (1545 Vine Circle SW, Cullman, AL 35055). The first meeting is free. TOPS, a national program, is a hands-on/pounds-off approach to weight loss and management through weekly meetings providing information, accountability, support and encouragement where you make the changes that make sense to you.

Cullman NAR-ANON Group Meetings
The NAR-ANON family group meetings are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. We offer Help by sharing our experiences, strength and hope. We carry the message of hope by letting others know that they are not alone by practicing the 12 Steps of NAR-ANON and changing our own attitudes. We Respect Your Anonymity. Our program is not a religious one, but a spiritual way of life. Meetings will be held at The Ruehl Building (Family Life Center of St. John's Church) Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. Contact Jamie Weathersby Smith 256-708-7122 or Don or Nancy McKenzie 256-736-3327 or 256-736-3470 for more information.

Master's Hand Food Pantry at The Link
• 708 Ninth St. SE, Cullman, AL 35055
• Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
• Closed for lunch noon-1 p.m.

Holly Pond Fire and Rescue Department Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, April 29, from 6-9 a.m. at the fire department off U.S. Highway 278. Donations will be accepted at the door. Proceeds will go to the Fireman's Fund. Everyone is welcome.

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.

BBB of North Alabama Cullman Shred Day
Saturday, May 13, from 9 a.m.-noon at King Edward Plaza Shopping Center. This event will give area residents and small businesses the opportunity to help protect identities and the environment in a quick and easy drive-thru set up.

The following FREE services will be available onsite:
• Document shredding: Only paper documents will be accepted. All other materials such as cardboard, plastic, metal and binders must be removed. There is a limit of three large trash bags or file storage boxes per vehicle.
• Drug take-back: Cullman Police Department will be collecting prescription and over-the-counter medications. Needles will not be accepted.
• Non-perishable food donations: Benefits Cullman Caring for Kids
• For more information, call 256-533-4804.

Holly Pond Homemakers Club Meeting
Tuesday, May 16, for lunch at Charlie Bea's Restaurant in Oneonta. The group will meet at First Baptist Church of Holly Pond at 10 a.m. to travel to the restaurant for a delightful lunch and good fellowship. Invite prospective members to attend and encourage regular members to attend.

Fairview High School Class of 1963 Meeting/ Luncheon
Friday, May 19, at 1 p.m. at the Golden Corral in Cullman. The group will meet in one of the reserved rooms in the back of the restaurant.

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/ArleyWomensClub. 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.

Hamm Family Reunion
Saturday, May 20, at noon. Hanceville Lions Club. 111 Michelle St. NW, Hanceville. Please bring a covered dish.

Fairview High School Class of 1963 60th Reunion
Friday, June 16, at 1 p.m. at the Golden Corral in Cullman. For more information call Joyce Marie Williams Rodgers at 256-339-3451.

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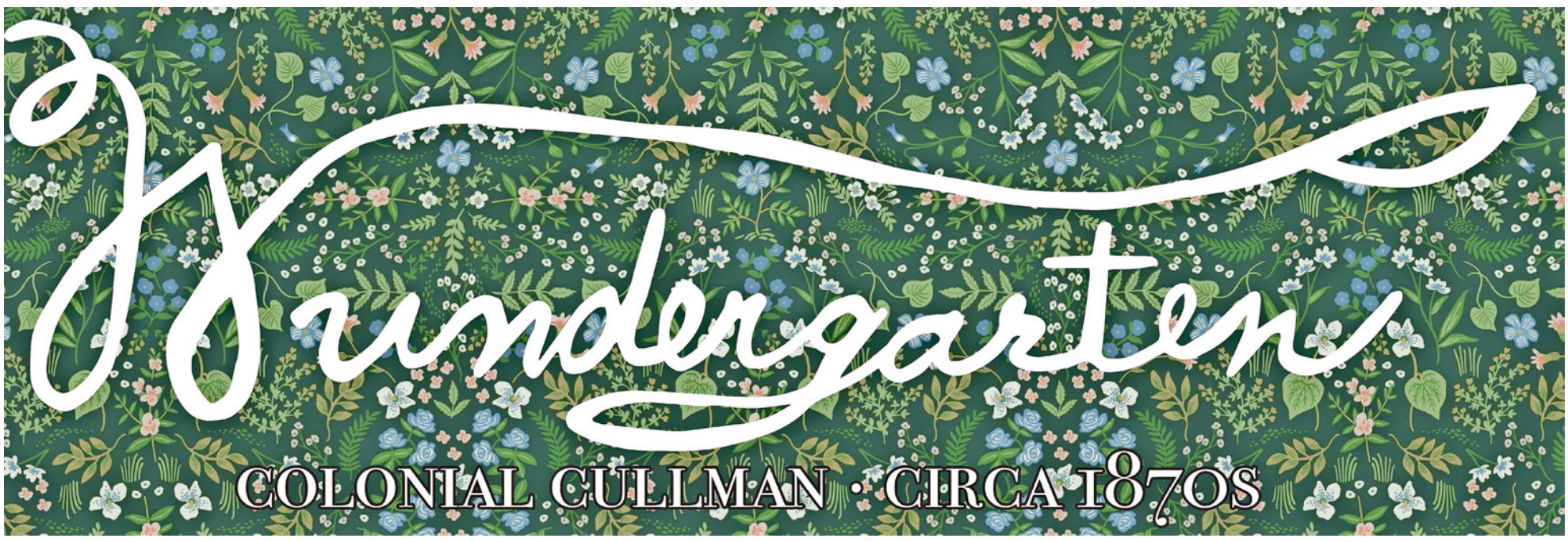
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– COLUMN –

Celebrating in the Wundergarten – Gardener roots

Ben Johnson South
Tribune Columnist

How do we thank those who have taken the raw, sandy soil of the Cullman countryside and turned it into an Eden? One hundred-fifty years ago, the area's visionary founder, Colonel Cullman, aptly predicted the sandy, pine-studded hills would become "The Garden Spot of America."

Yesterday, it was my great honor to walk and work the Woodlands and Wildflower Garden at Sportsman Lake, with real-life gardening legend Nona Moon. When you visit this garden, look for the bright red Welcome Arbor, and through all four seasons, you'll see the generous contribution Ms. Moon and her beautiful bouquet of "flower friends" and volunteers gave to this thriving place where I was inspired to write the folktale "WUNDERGARTEN."

This week in the Woodlands and Wildflower Garden, you'll smell the fragrant Fringe trees, hear the running brook, see trillium and Jack-in-the-Pulpit in the shady woods and lots of butterflies and blooms in the sun-blessed area.

Last year, Cullman County arks and Recreation erected a sign at the entrance which thanks Nona Moon for 31 years of digging-in-the-dirt, big-hearted community volunteer commitment.

Ms. Moon and her potting pals, like gifted gardener Maude Rutledge, planted, cleared pathways, sometimes prayed for rain, and other times prayed for sunshine.

Ms. Rutledge's daughter, Beth Glasscock, is a close friend of mine, and I've heard her talk of the many mornings Maude would join Ms. Moon and a small corps of their friends to magically transform barren plots into blossoming beauty.

Their gardening legacy planted seeds of inspiration which spread beyond Cullman County. Today's active gardeners are building on a glorious past.

In this time-weaving way, we all can transcend history while creating something fresh, vital and new. Nona Moon and her friends cleared a path for present-day gardeners and anyone reading this is invited to help us add joy with future paths.

YOU ARE INVITED: "Weekly Weeders" are welcome in the Woodlands and Wildflower Garden at Sportsman Lake. You will be guided by a Cullman County Master Gardener. Please join us any Tuesday, 10 a.m.-noon. Just bring your garden gloves, a bottle of water, a hand tool and a joyful spirit.

GARDENER ROOTS How do we thank them? Yesterday, two of my fellow, Cullman County Master Gardeners, Sheila Scott and Sue Livingston, greeted Nona Moon back to "her garden," and we were joined by five, adult clients of the Cullman County Center for the Developmentally Disabled, and their "can do" counselor, Shannon Calhoun.

Nona, whom I had invited to come share her thoughts on our revitalization efforts, was hugely appreciative seeing her gardening legacy lovingly moved forward. She arrived donning garden gloves and carrying hand tools. Nona shared her enthusiasm for the many plants she and her friends had planted and fussed over.

She regaled us with stories about the rewards and challenges of working with nature.

As we looked at some tall trees that were felled by strong winds last month, Nona reflected on a lovely Japanese-style bridge her husband, Bud, had created to span a creek.

Like a horror fantasy from a Brothers Grimm story, or crisis in the "WUNDERGARTEN" folktale, Bud's bridge had been destroyed by a giant, uprooted tree. However, "The Unsinkable Nona Moon" quickly moved from this discouraging memory to swooning positivity about the new Korean-style bridges constructed and installed by the building science students from the Cullman Area Technology Academy, ably directed by their terrific instructor, Mike Burkett.

Even though I somehow achieved the certification as an Alabama Master Gardener (a statewide program sponsored by Alabama Cooperative Extension System), I am far from one of the "greats." Nona and all laughed when I told them I feared getting fined for impersonating a gardener, as I showed them my new Wal-Mart gardening gloves, stamped with the braggish branding "Expert Gardener." Yeah, right.

Cullman County Master Gardeners do indeed have a number of great plants people whom we should honor for our deep "GARDENER ROOTS." Fearing risk of omitting some, here are just a few I am sending this "THANK YOU" message of gratitude:

DONNIE and PETE DOUTHIT/PAT and DON NELSON These "gardening stars" deserve a "Lifetime Achievement Award" like the Oscars give to film stars. When you see all the gorgeous daylilies, irises and numerous other blossoms punctuating the Cullman countryside and the honeybees thriving, there's a good chance these four folks have aided that natural beauty.

LINDA SCHAFFNER diplomatically, steadfastly worked with City of Cullman Mayor Don Green and others to create the Master Gardeners Demonstration Garden. Many of us have planted and weeded in the "Demo Garden" (a bit south of the Weiss Cottage next to the railroad tracks), but it was Ms. Schaffner who plowed it forward to reality. This ever-blooming "oasis of color" has already given residents and visitors years of enjoyment and promises many more.

TERESA GOODWIN adds her gardening expertise throughout the county from her proud Garden City roots. Teresa is a "Cullman County Master Gardener of the Year" and has been especially contributing in her efforts to keep the "demonstration garden" vital and thriving.

PHIL GATLIN, now deceased, was my Master Gardener mentor, bless his heart, and he was also such a positive, can-do cheerleader for the group. Cheerful, hard-working Phil left some big, muddy gardening boots to fill.

MAGGIE WALSH, BILLY TATE and MARILYN WILLIAMS have served at separate times to keep Cullman County Master Gardeners operating in an orderly and efficient manner.

PAT SHARPTON has been a peace-making leader during divisive times and is a familiar face of the POP (Power of Produce) fun at the Festhalle Farmers Market. This former school administrator is the teacher you think may be really tough and then is so nurturing she becomes a favorite. IMOGENE HAMILTON has also been an understanding leader with a steady "voice of reason"—and a delightful sense of humor and fun.

VANDA ANTAILLIA and MILLIE EVERS Such skillful and knowledgeable gardening enthusiasts, they both taught parts of the Master Gardening training.

SONYA BOYD, RICHARD CARPENTER, HELEN DUNN, BRAD MITCHELL, SUE LIVINGSTON, TERI MOBLEY and SHEILA SCOTT are "new kids on the block" from the CULLMAN COUNTY MASTER GARDENER class of 2022 but have already been contributing in the transition of the Woodlands and Wildflower Garden which had become a Sleeping Beauty, and with plant sales and other volunteer gardening roles.

SUSAN ROGERS and STEFANIE LIGHT Speaking of plant sales, they just led the group to another super success with last week's "Spring Plant Sale" and the dynamic duo have a great track record of such successes.

MICHELE POWELL, HULON NUNN, SARA GILBREATH, VANESSA JOHNSON, RENEE LAMAR, JOHN LYNCH, LORA RALEY, GAIL TIDWELL and MIKE O'LAIRE can grow about anything and are often key to the success of both plant sales and community planting projects.

ELLEN HALL is a gifted gardener/writer/photographer (published in Birds and Blooms Magazine) who has been the "communications hub" of the organization since Mark Twain was a cub reporter.

HOLLY HIRSBRUNNER, BILL PEINHARDT and RACHEL DAWSEY are what I consider to be the "spirit of the organization." These tireless, talented "do-gooders" keep Cullman County Master Gardeners doing lots of good and adding bushels of beauty throughout the town and countryside.

EVERETT WIER passed away last year, which took some sunshine away. I'm not sure I've ever met someone more genuinely caring about his fellow gardeners and our community. Regardless of who starts our meeting with the Sunshine Report and then the "Master Gardener Prayer," it is still Everett's dear voice we hear deliver these words:

"Like a tree, I must be pruned of a lot of dead branches before I will be ready to bear good fruit. Think of changed people as trees who have been stripped of their old branches; pruned, cut, and bare. But through the dark, seemingly dead branches, flows silently, secretly, the new sap, until with the sun of spring comes new life. There are new leaves, buds, blossoms and fruit, many times better because of

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pruning. Remember, I am in the hands of a Master Gardener, who makes no mistakes in His pruning."

HATS OFF to all these Cullman County "gardening greats" from the long service of Nona Moon to the current group of gung-ho interns in the Extension's Master Gardener class of 2023! HATS OFF and now SLEEVES ROLLED for more gardening greatness as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of Colonel Cullman's vision for this "Garden Spot of America!"

CELEBRATING IN THE WUNDERGARTEN -This storytelling culinary series imagines tasty, traditional foods from the recipe box our heroine, Frau Ruehl, brought with her from Germany when she relocated to present-day Cullman County, Alabama.

The widowed farmer and gardener would have proudly ladled this hearty garden-to-table soup from her cherished, heirloom tureen.

GARDENERS' ROOT VEGETABLE CREAM SOUP
(Source: yummly.com)

INGREDIENTS
- 1 zucchini
- 1 sweet potato
- 1 parsnip root
- 1 parsley root
- 1 onion
- 4 medium carrots
- 1 leek
- 4 potatoes
- 1 red bell pepper
- 1/2 small celery root
- 4 sprigs fresh rosemary
- 4 sprigs fresh thyme
- 3 tbsp. vegetable oil
- 1 garlic clove
- Salt to taste
- Large, non-stick baking sheet

DIRECTIONS
1. Pre-heat oven to 395F.
2. Wash all vegetables and peel the potatoes, parsnip, carrots and onion.
3. Cut veggies into four then dice into big chunks.
4. Layer the veggies on large, non-stick baking tray; add the herbs, drizzle the oil and sprinkle some salt. Mix well using your hands.
5. Bake for about 45 minutes or until veggies are roasted. Meanwhile, bring pot of water to a boil.
6. Remove veggies from oven then remove sprigs.
7. Transfer vegetables to large pot and cover with boiling water.
8. Bring to a boiling again and boil for 10 more minutes.
9. Turn heat off and leave to cool for 5-10 minutes.
10. Use a blender to puree the vegetables in the same pot. Start on low for a couple of minutes, then increase to the highest setting until soup is smooth. Add hot water to get the desired consistency, bit by bit, while continuing to blend.

THANK A GARDENER AND ENJOY THE WOODLANDS AND WILDFLOWERS THIS SPRING – AUF WIEDERSEHEN, Y'ALL!

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PREP BASKETBALL

‘Goals can be achieved through hard work and dedication’: Good Hope’s Lillie McCluskey recaps junior season

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — Last season was another special one for the Good Hope Lady Raiders as they finished with a 31-3 record, added another county and area championship to their trophy case and made their third straight trip to the Sweet 16. This was the first season playing on varsity for junior Lillie McCluskey as she talked about that experience and what she learned from it.

“It is a lot of hard work - almost like a job. Every player has a role to fill. You have some players that start and play most of each game. The substitutes’ roles are to help prepare the starters for the upcoming games and to relieve the starters during games. We had two very good senior leaders this year: Rudi Derrick and Bailey Keef. I hope to emulate their leadership qualities so that I can help my team have a successful season again next year. Having success and winning games always make the experience more enjoyable,”

She added,

“It was exciting to make it to the Sweet 16. At the beginning of the season, we set a goal for ourselves, as a team, to win state. We fell short of that goal. It was pretty upsetting, but I think it has motivated us to work even harder for next year. The girls on this team are a lot of fun to be around. They’re all great teammates and I’m so glad I had the opportunity to experience the run to state with them.”

Lillie is blessed to be playing for coaches Justin Aby, Natasha Holder, and Nina Moss, and has learned some things from them.

“Our coaches work well together. Each coach is knowledgeable about the game. They use that knowledge to plan and prepare for each practice, so there is no time wasted when we’re together. Because of their hard work and planning, our team is ready for each and every opponent we face. They spend a lot of time away from their families to make our season as successful as it can be. By watching their examples, I’ve learned that goals can be achieved through hard work and dedication.”

Lillie got to play with a pair of great seniors in Rudi and Bailey and soaked up as much as she could from them.

“Rudi was a tough, competitive player. Her work ethic was phenomenal. She worked on her skills every single day and sometimes multiple times a day. She never forgot the most important part and that was God. She made sure to lead the team in prayer after every practice and before each game. Bailey was a vocal leader. She never failed to cheer for and support each member of the team. We could always count on her to encourage and build up her teammates. She made sure to take photos of the team as we celebrated our wins. We have lots of photo memories, thanks to her. They were great leaders both on and off the court. I will always have fond memories of playing basketball with them.”

Lillie will work on a few things in the off-season to get ready for next season and she talked about her goals and the team goals as well.

“For the off-season, I am playing travel ball, improving fundamentals, and continuing with strength and conditioning training,” she said. “The goals I have set for myself are to be a better player and teammate. The goals I have for my team are to treat each game as the most important game, to celebrate each and every victory and accomplishment, and to win state because it’s my senior year. I want to cherish every moment.”

Lillie talked about what will make this team special to watch next season, a college player that she started following, and the best advice that she was ever given.

“There are six seniors returning, so that will be a lot of talent and game experience for next year’s team. Good Hope has won county back-to-back. There is a lot of talent on this team. Every player is capable of being productive and is an asset to the team,” she said. “My all-time favorite movie was Hoosiers. I watched it a lot. I follow Shaylee Gonzales. She plays for Texas. She’s a good, all-around player. She plays good defense, is great at attacking the basket, and can shoot from deep. She faced adversity and overcame it by coming back from an ACL tear. Some good advice I’ve received is to always do your best and defense travels with you. Your shots may not always fall, but you can always play good defense.”



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Good Hope’s Lillie McCluskey

3 Alabama players selected on opening night of NFL Draft

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The University of Alabama football program had three former players selected in the first round of the 2023 NFL Draft on Thursday night in Kansas City, Mo., including the first overall pick in quarterback Bryce Young. He was joined by linebacker Will Anderson Jr. (No. 3) and running back Jahmyr Gibbs (No. 12).

With three selections on the opening night of the Draft, head coach Nick Saban has now produced 49 first-rounders in his career, including 44 at Alabama.

Those 44 selections, which have all come in the last 15 years, are as follows:

- 2009 – Andre Smith (No. 6, Cincinnati)
- 2010 - Rolando McClain (No. 8, Oakland), Kareem Jackson (No. 20, Houston)
- 2011 - Marcell Dareus (No. 3, Buffalo), Julio Jones (No. 6, Atlanta), James Carpenter (No. 25, Seattle), Mark Ingram (No. 28, New Orleans)
- 2012 – Trent Richardson (No. 3, Cleveland), Mark Barron (No. 7, Tampa Bay), Dre Kirkpatrick (No. 17, Cincinnati), Dont’a Hightower (No. 25, New England)
- 2013 – Dee Milliner (No. 9, New York Jets), Chance Warmack (No. 10, Tennessee), D.J. Fluker (No. 11, San Diego)
- 2014 – C.J. Mosley (No. 17, Baltimore), Ha Ha Clinton-Dix (No. 21, Green Bay)
- 2015 – Amari Cooper (No. 4, Oakland)
- 2016 – Ryan Kelly (No. 18, Indianapolis)
- 2017 – Marlon Humphrey (No. 16, Baltimore), Jonathan Allen (No. 17, Washington), O.J. Howard (No. 19, Tampa Bay), Reuben Foster (No. 31, San Francisco)
- 2018 – Minkah Fitzpatrick (No. 11, Miami), Da’Ron Payne (No. 13, Washington), Rashaan Evans (No. 22, Tennessee), Calvin Ridley (No. 26, Atlanta)
- 2019 – Quinnen Williams (No. 3, New York Jets), Jonah Williams (No. 11, Cincinnati), Josh Jacobs (Oakland, No. 24)
- 2020 – Tua Tagovailoa (No. 5, Miami Dolphins), Jedrick Wills Jr. (No.10 Cleveland Browns), Henry Ruggs III (No. 12, Las Vegas Raiders), Jerry Jeudy (No. 15, Denver Broncos)
- 2021 – Jaylen Waddle (No. 6, Miami Dolphins), Patrick Surtain II, (No.9 Denver Broncos), DeVonta Smith (No. 10, Philadelphia Eagles), Mac Jones, (No. 15, New England Patriots), Alex Leatherwood, (No. 17, Las Vegas Raiders), Najee Harris, (No. 24, Pittsburgh Steelers)
- 2022 – Evan Neal (No. 7, New York Giants), Jameson Williams (No. 12, Detroit Lions)
- 2023 – Bryce Young (No. 1, Carolina Panthers), Will Anderson Jr. (No. 3, Houston Texans), Jahmyr Gibbs (No. 12, Detroit Lions)

Draft notes

- Alabama has had at least one player selected in the first round of 15 straight drafts (2009 – present), which is the new NCAA record. The Crimson Tide was previously tied with Miami (1995-08), who owned the old mark of 14 consecutive first round draft picks.
- Crimson Tide head coach Nick Saban holds the NCAA record for the most first round draft picks in a career at 49 and for the most first-round picks from a single school at 44. The next closest coach in each of those categories is the late Joe Paterno with 33 first-round picks in both his career and from a single school (Penn State).
- With Alabama’s three selections this evening, the Crimson Tide has produced multiple first-round picks in 12 of the last 15 NFL Drafts. The Crimson Tide had just one first-round pick in 2009, 2015 and 2016.
- Since 2000, the Crimson Tide has produced an NCAA-leading 46 first-rounders, a number that is nine better than the next closest school Ohio State (37).
- Since 2010, the Crimson Tide has had an NCAA-leading 43 players selected in the first round, a number that nearly doubles the next closest school Ohio State (24).
- Bryce Young became the only player in Alabama history to be selected first overall in the Common Draft Era (since 1967). Young is also the only player to go 1-1 during head coach Nick Saban’s career.
- Will Anderson Jr.’s third-overall selection matched Quinnen Williams (2019) and Marcell Dareus (2011) for the highest defensive selection during Saban’s tenure at Alabama.
- With Young at No. 1 and Anderson Jr. at No. 3, the Crimson Tide had the first offensive and defensive players selected in the 2023 Draft.
- Jahmyr Gibbs was taken at No. 12 overall in this year’s Draft to make him the second-highest running back selected during Saban’s tenure. He trails only Trent Richardson’s No. 3 selection in 2012.

The second and third rounds will take place on Friday at 6 p.m. CT. The 2023 NFL Draft concludes with rounds four through seven on Saturday starting at 11 a.m. CT. The remaining rounds will be broadcast on ABC, ESPN and NFL Network.

Alabama First Round Recap

Bryce Young, Quarterback (No. 1 | Carolina Panthers)

A two-time permanent team captain, Young finished his time in Tuscaloosa as one of the most accomplished quarterbacks in program history. He ranked second for career passing yards (8,356) and passing touchdowns (80) and was also the only Tide signal-caller to throw for 3,000-plus yards in two seasons. In his junior campaign, Young amassed 3,328 yards passing on the way to second team All-America accolades from Pro Football Focus and USA Today. He burst onto the scene as a sophomore in 2021, winning the starting job at quarterback after sitting behind eventual first-rounder Mac Jones in 2020. Young took full advantage of his opportunity, setting Alabama’s single-season records for passing yards (4,872) and touchdowns (47) on the way to claiming the 2021 Heisman Trophy. He also claimed the Maxwell Award, recognizing college football’s top player, along with the Davey O’ Brien and Manning awards while being named a consensus first team All-American by the Associated Press, FWAA and The Sporting News. Young was also named the 2021 SEC Offensive Player of the Year by the AP and league coaches after pacing the SEC and ranking second nationally in both passing yards and passing touchdowns.



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Former Alabama QB Bryce Young was selected No. 1 overall by the Carolina Panthers in this year’s NFL Draft.

Will Anderson Jr., Linebacker (No. 3 | Houston Texans)

One of the most decorated defenders to come through Tuscaloosa, Anderson Jr. was named a two-time permanent team captain and left Alabama ranked second in program history for both career sacks (34.5, -201 yards) and tackles for loss with (62, -272 yards), trailing only Derrick Thomas. The Crimson Tide’s lone two-time unanimous All-American, he also earned back-to-back SEC Defensive Player of the Year accolades in 2021 and 2022. Anderson Jr. cleaned up during awards season as a junior, joining Manti Te’o as just the second player ever to win the Bednarik, Lombardi, Lott and Nagurski in the same year. He led the conference with 17 tackles for loss (-72 yards) and totaled a league-best 10 sacks (-54 yards) in 2022, one-year removed from leading the nation in tackles for loss with 34.5 (-148 yards), including 17.5 sacks (-108 yards) to pace all Division I defenders in 2021. In his first season at the Capstone, Anderson Jr. was selected as the Shaun Alexander-FWAA Freshman of the Year after earning the starting job at linebacker. The 2020 campaign saw the Hampton, Ga., native start every contest and pick up Freshman All-America honors while also being named to the SEC All-Freshman Team after contributing 52 tackles alongside seven sacks (-39 yards) and 10.5 tackles for loss (-52 yards) as a rookie.

Jahmyr Gibbs, Running Back (No. 12 | Detroit Lions)

An explosive playmaker on the Tide offense in 2022, Gibbs made an immediate impact after transferring to Alabama from Georgia Tech. He proved his versatility not only as a runner but also as a pass-catcher during his junior campaign. Gibbs finished second in program history for receptions by a running back in a single season while contributing a team-high 926 rushing yards. He earned second team All-America honors at the all-purpose spot by USA Today and third-team accolades from the Associated Press. He was also tabbed a second team All-SEC honoree at running back and in the all-purpose slot by both the AP and the league coaches. He totaled 1,628 all-purpose yards to pace the Tide offense and ranked third in the SEC on the way to being named a Maxwell Award semifinalist and Hornung Award finalist.

Get all the latest information on the team by following @AlabamaFTBL on Twitter and Facebook and AlabamaFBL on Instagram. General athletic news can also be found at UA_Athletics on Twitter and Instagram and AlabamaAthletics on Facebook.

Frank Thomas to be recognized as Auburn's SEC Baseball Legend

George Nunnelley
AU Athletics

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Former Auburn All-American and National Baseball Hall of Famer Frank Thomas will represent Auburn as a member of the 2023 class of the SEC Baseball Legends, the league office announced Wednesday.

Thomas joins Georgia's Derek Lilliquist, Kentucky's Joe Blanton and LSU's Todd Walker in the 2023 class and becomes Auburn's third SEC Baseball Legend along with Hal Baird (2013) and Gabe Gross (2016).

After starting his Auburn baseball career in the spring of 1987, Thomas quickly became one of the most feared hitters in the history of the Southeastern Conference, turning in a .359 average with 21 homers and 68 RBI during his freshman season with the Tigers. He went on to lead the league in hitting in each of his final two seasons and completed his Auburn career (1987-89) with a .382 average, 49 homers and 205 RBI, all of which still stand as top-five marks in program history.

Thomas was a three-time First Team All-SEC honoree and consensus All-American following his junior season. The Columbus, Ga., native is the only player in program history to win the team Triple Crown twice, and he led the team in home runs and RBI in each of his three seasons.

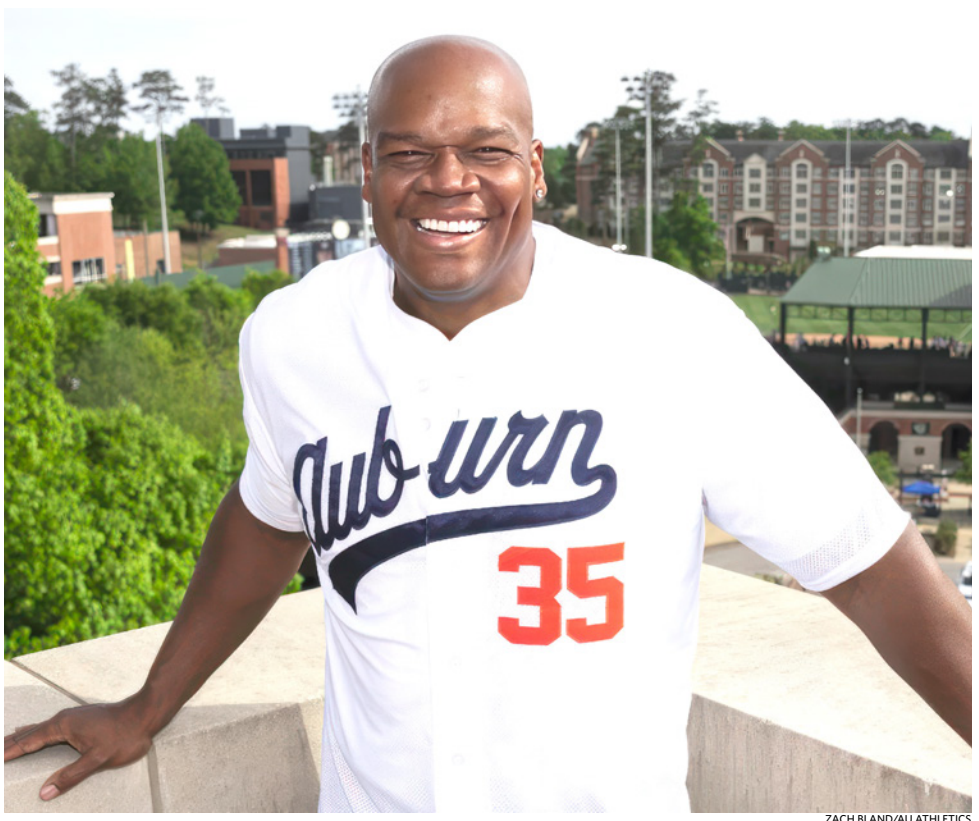
Thomas was selected by the Chicago White Sox with the seventh overall pick in the 1989 MLB Draft and embarked on a 19-year big league career with a White Sox (1990-2005), Oakland Athletics (2006, '08) and Toronto Blue Jays (2007-08). A two-time American League MVP, four-time Silver Slugger and five-time All-Star, Thomas took the MLB by storm in his first full season in 1991, starting a span of seven straight seasons with 20-plus homers, 100 RBI, 100 walks and a .300 average.

No other player in baseball history has accomplished that feat.

After concluding his MLB career with a .301 average, 2,468 hits, 521 home runs, 1,704 RBI, 1,494 runs scored and a .419 on-base percentage, Thomas was elected into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility in 2014.

He still stands as the first and only SEC baseball player in the Hall of Fame.

The legends class will be recognized at the 2023 SEC Baseball Tournament, which will take place May 23-28 at Hoover Metropolitan Stadium in Hoover, Alabama.



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Auburn's Frank Thomas

ACES expert encourages vegetable growers to scout for armyworms

Justin Miller
ACES

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. — As the vegetable crop growing season continues, there is a heightened risk for many insect pests. Currently, Alabama Cooperative Extension System entomologists are seeing a drastic increase in armyworm moth numbers. This makes the need for regular scouting measures that much more important.

There are four armyworm species commonly seen in Alabama: Southern armyworms, beet armyworms, fall armyworms and yellowstriped armyworms. Ayanava Majumdar, an Alabama Extension entomologist, said populations of Southern armyworms are growing, and beet armyworms are more than likely coming soon.

"Recently, I have noticed a sharp increase in Southern armyworm moth numbers," Majumdar said "Beet armyworms are usually not too far behind Southern armyworms on crops this time of year, especially on small specialty crops or transplants."

Damage

Armyworm caterpillars are especially threatening to small and weak outdoor plants. Majumdar said their first method of attack is going after the leaves on a plant.

"In fields, the damage from armyworms feeding on the leaves will start in certain hot spots, but then it seems to increase and spread in a few days," Majumdar said. "In high tunnels, this damage spreads like a wildfire."

After eating the leaves, the caterpillars will also cause damage to unripe and ripe fruits.

"The damage on the fruit will appear as round holes, often on top of the fruit," Majumdar said. "After making these holes, the caterpillars may enter the fruit and feed inside."

The egg-laying moths are big threats to larger plants that are in an enclosed environment, such as a high tunnel or greenhouse.

Scouting

When it comes to scouting, Majumdar said there are several signs to look for.

"Growers should check for armyworm caterpillars underneath the leaves, and check for egg masses on soft leaves and stem terminals," Majumdar said.

When scouting for the caterpillars, it is best to look during the cooler parts of the day. This is when they will be actively feeding. Majumdar also encourages producers to scout after bad weather and storms.

Control and prevention

In the event of an armyworm infestation, there are several chemical control options available for both home gardeners and commercial growers.

Majumdar recommends that home gardeners and small farmers consider using an organic insecticide for control.

"The majority of organic insecticides are easily available through online vendors and farm supply stores scattered around the state, making them a great choice for home gardeners and small farmers," Majumdar said.

Some organic insecticide examples include Bacillus thuringiensis (XenTari and DiPel), natural pyrethrin (PyGanic and Azera), spinosad (Entrust), neem with azadirachtin (Neemix) and Bacillus thuringiensis plus a disease control premix (LEAP). Growers should apply these products at three-to-five-day intervals in high-pest pressure situations.

For conventional farmers, synthetic insecticide options include pyrethroids, chlorantraniliprole (Coragen), insect growth regulators (Intrepid and Rimon), Spinosad (Radiant) and carbaryl (Sevin).

"When applying any chemical product, always make a fresh solution for each application and follow all insecticide labels," Majumdar said.

"Also, develop an integrated pest management plan, record the product's effectiveness and rotate insecticides to protect natural enemies."

While controlling a current infestation is important, it is also important to plan for next year's pests. Majumdar said making plans to implement a pest exclusion system will help with pest control next year.

"Pest exclusion systems–both permanent and temporary types–are extremely effective at blocking moths and reducing the overall number of armyworm caterpillars early in the growing season," Majumdar said.

More information

The Extension Brief Temporary and Permanent Pest Exclusion Systems for Vegetable Production provides an excellent discussion of the benefits of each type of system. Visit www.aces.edu to learn more.



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Beet Armyworm

Sharpe (from Front)

Gail Crutchfield
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College President Vicki Karolewics announced the appointment of Allen Sharpe as head coach for women's basketball. With the departure of Jessica McBrayer to head up women's basketball at Cullman High School, Sharpe will now assume the head coaching role for both Wallace State's men's and women's teams.

"I am pleased to appoint Coach Allen Sharpe into this new expanded role as head of Wallace State basketball and have every confidence with his vision for excellence, record of success, and outstanding reputation, he will provide a seamless transition for our women's team," said Dr. Karolewics. "He is a coach who sets high standards for his players on and off the court and in the classroom, and we are excited about where he can take our teams with this increased role."

Sharpe will begin the transition immediately and plans to waste no time preparing for the upcoming women's season. He will be meeting with the current team right away and pick up with recruiting where Coach McBrayer leaves off. McBrayer will be at Wallace State through May to assist with a smooth transition.

"Coach McBrayer has been a great leader for our women's team, even stepping in as interim men's coach for a time. While we hate to see her go, we are excited she will have the opportunity to coach at one of our area high schools, and especially that she will get to shape her daughter's basketball career as head coach there," said Dr. Karolewics.

In 21 years of coaching, Sharpe has compiled a record of 444-195. Ten of those seasons have now been with Wallace State, where his record is 196-57. Sharpe has previously led the Lions to their only undefeated season and a No. 1 NJCAA poll ranking.

Sharpe said he is looking forward to this new challenge, and the next chapter in his career.

"You never know what direction life might take. This is a great opportunity that wasn't planned but it is an exciting one that I am looking forward to. I have a lot of respect for Dr. Karolewics for placing her trust in me, again."

Both men's and women's teams have always been close at Wallace State. They practice in the same facility, and they travel together. "I'm already there when practices are going on, there at the games," Sharpe said.

"Coaching women is a little different, and that's exciting," he said. "They work hard, but they are sometimes better at checking their egos at the door, being loyal to each other on the court, and getting on board with a team concept."

He has high expectations for continuing the women's success. The Lady Lions have earned six ACCC Championships and made six national tournament appearances.

Sharpe began his coaching career as assistant coach at Piedmont College in Georgia. Prior to his first stint at Wallace State from 2005-2010, he was head coach at Truett-McConnell College, also in Georgia, where he went 70-25 in three years. Before his return to Wallace State in 2020, Sharpe served as head coach at the University of Arkansas-Monticello and the University of West Alabama, where his winning records continued.

Sharpe played collegiate basketball at Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tenn., where he scored 1,431 career points under Coach Don Meyer, the winningest coach in the nation during the 90s.

He earned his Bachelor of Science from Lipscomb in 2000 and a Master of Arts from Piedmont College in 2002.

Sharpe and his wife, Susan, who also played basketball at Lipscomb, are parents to Garrison, Ally and Anderson.





Storm (from Front)

kicker for us is the power pole. It pretty much snapped it in half," said Masters.

Locascio noted that, at the time of our interview, damage assessments were still being done, but he remained hopeful of maintaining the business' soft opening date of Wednesday, May 3, 2023. "We won't know until Monday. The opening is supposed to be Wednesday," he laughed.

Edgar Veigl, whose family resides in the building, said the real shock was how quickly the storm came and passed, and the extent of the damage in such a short time frame, with both the family's vehicles damaged significantly.

"There was no warning; there was no severe weather even forecasted," he said. "It woke us up, we grabbed our daughter, headed to our storm room and then halfway down the stairs, the building felt like it was trembling. By the time we made it to the storm room, it was over.

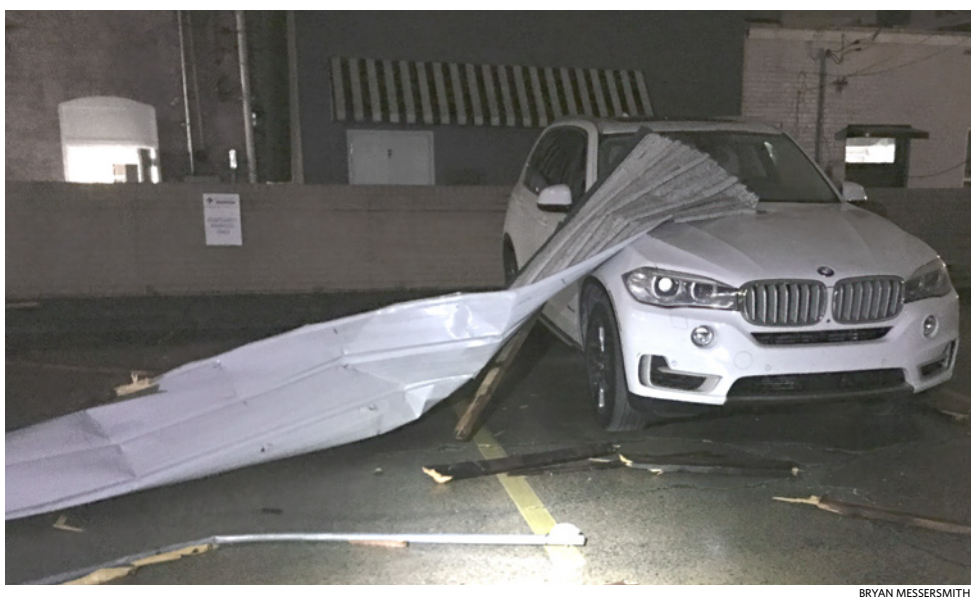
"We've been through much worse, obviously, but no one was hurt and we're just thankful. We can repair the buildings, can repair the cars, we're just fortunate and thankful we're OK."

Margo's Antiques and Gifts seemed to bear the brunt of the damage. Vice President Bryan Messersmith said damage occurred to all three of its buildings. "They'll be able to patch today, but we've gotten the process started with insurance to begin repairs."

Messersmith said that, as a small business owner, it's just one of those things that come with business.

"It's not the first time something like this has happened. It's not easy sometimes, but it's just things you have to deal with and keep going."

Assessments continue, so the total damages in dollars is not yet known. The building, which entered the National Register of Historic Places in 1983, is a significant piece of Cullman history, given that it bears the distinctive characteristics of wood-framed construction and Italianate styling that typified the first generation of nonresidential buildings in Cullman.


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Holly Pond (from Front)

Cayla Grace Murphy
caylagrace@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — Dozens of cancer survivors and their family and friends gathered early Wednesday morning, April 26, for the annual Relay For Life of Cullman County Survivors' Breakfast at Cullman Church of Christ. Survivors shared treatment milestones and memories over a buffet-style breakfast, while Holly Pond Civitans, Junior Civitans and Key Club members worked faithfully in the kitchen and at the buffet line to serve them.

Civitan Walter Floyd Jr. shared how proud they were to be able to host this breakfast every year, and voiced that the endeavor is community based. "I think we started in 2012," he said. "We have a lot of donations for the food, so we gather it all up; we cook it, too."

Civitan Jane Black noted that the inspiration behind the survivor's breakfast every year was showing respect for the battles and hard roads many cancer survivors have walked.

"We wanted to share our respect to them. That's what our club is known for, is our community service," she smiled.

Floyd mentioned that Holly Pond Civitans are seeking new members; community-service minded residents are encouraged to call 256-620-3120.

Relay For Life of Cullman County's Party in the Park will take place Saturday, April 29, from 5-10 p.m. at 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.



CAYLA GRACE MURPHY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Survivors line up Wednesday, April 26, 2023, for a buffet-style breakfast prepared by the Holly Pond Civitans and served by Junior Civitans and Key Club members.

McBrayer (from Front)

Trent Moore
Cullman City Schools

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman High School is adding some college coaching experience to its varsity girls basketball program, with Jessica McBrayer set to take over as head coach of the Lady Bearcats. McBrayer most recently led Wallace State Community College's Lady Lions womens' basketball team for the past several seasons, compiling an impressive record along the way.

"I am honored to accept the position as the Head Coach for Cullman High School Girls Basketball. I would like to thank Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff, Principal Allison Tuggle, Athletic Director Mark Stephens, and the entire school board for trusting me to lead this program," McBrayer said. "It is an opportunity I accept with gratitude and eagerness. There has never been a more exciting time to be involved in girls basketball. I can see the importance Cullman's leadership is placing in that area and that excites me for the future of girls athletics in Cullman. I'm looking forward to cultivating a supportive, enthusiastic culture around girls basketball that will be built on competitiveness, grit, and hard work. Games are won by inches; therefore, we will pride ourselves on all the small details in order to be competitive each and every day. Favor follows hard work and I expect our program to be the hardest working one in the state."

McBrayer continued, "When this opportunity came, it was the easiest 'yes' I think I've had in my career." McBrayer stated. "I'm very excited. I think Cullman should be and can be a powerhouse for girls' basketball and girls athletics in general."

McBrayer will take over for Jonathan Hayes, who coached the Lady Bearcats for the 2022-2023 season.

"Before we discuss Coach McBrayer I would be remiss if I didn't thank Coach Hayes and his willingness to lead the program while it was in a transitional period," Cullman City Schools Athletic Director Mark Stephens said. "He truly represents and captures who we are as Bearcats, and I can't say thank you enough to him."

McBrayer has compiled well over 100 wins during her time at Wallace State, leading the team to a NJCAA Division I National Championship appearance in the 2019-2020 season. Her teams frequently reached and made runs to the Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC) championship game. She was twice named the ACCC Co-North Coach of the Year.

McBrayer became head coach at Wallace State in 2018, and served as an assistant and interim coach before that. McBrayer, who is originally from Hartselle but now resides in Cullman, played at Wallace State from 2007-2009.

"Stepping away from Wallace State was a difficult decision, as they believed in me enough to give me my first opportunity to coach and have continued to have faith and support me for years to coach, lead, and develop young women," McBrayer added. "My president at Wallace State, Dr. Karolewics, has empowered me to be a strong female leader and has given me all the tools needed to be successful. I will forever be grateful for my time as a lion and appreciate their support during this transition."

Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff said he looks forward to seeing what McBrayer brings to the Bearcats, with her wealth of coaching experience at such a high level.

"We are incredibly excited to have someone with Coach McBrayer's experience and pedigree take the helm of our varsity girls basketball program," Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff said. "She's a proven winner and we know she'll bring that mentality to Cullman High School."

Stephens said McBrayer plans to hit the ground running for the Lady Bearcats, meeting with the team later today and planning a parent meeting on Monday at 7 p.m. in Bearcat Arena. Tryouts and evaluations are being planned for mid-May. More information will be disseminated through the school's social media channels.

"Coach McBrayer's body of work at Wallace makes her a candidate to lead any high school program in the country," Stephens said. "Our standard is to pursue the best, and we have done just that. We have some outstanding talent in our girls program, I'm excited to see our players develop under her leadership."



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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2022-444

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JAMES LEWIS HAMILTON, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Anthony James Hamilton on the 20th day of April, 2023, the Hon. Hugh C. Harris, Special Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Anthony James Hamilton
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Hugh C. Harris, Special Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
ROBERT U. PENNINGTON, * CASE NO.: PC2023-105
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to PAMELA E. NAIL, as Administrator of the Estate of ROBERT U. PENNINGTON, deceased, on the 27th day of April, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Pamela E. Nail
Administrator of the Estate

LAW FIRM OF NAIL & SPARKS, LLC.
Pamela E. Nail
200 Second Avenue, Southwest
Cullman, Al 35055
256-734-3342

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

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

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
RONALD LOYLE HOGUE, * CASE NO. PC 2023 - 114
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE: Letters Testamentary having been granted to Scott Absher, as Executor of the Estate of Ronald Loyle Hogue, deceased, on the 12th day of April, 2023, all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Scott Absher
Executor

Shay Persall

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Attorney for Executor

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Probate Judge

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
HOWARD JAMES LYONS, * CASE NO PC 2022-209
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL, AMENDED PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND SECOND AMENDED PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: RANDALL LYONS
HEATHER LYONS
ISABELLA MATEO
ILEANA MATEO
AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTEREST PARTIES

Petition for Probate of Will filed the 1st day of June , 2022, made court record the 2nd day of June, 2022, *Amended Petition for Probate of Will* filed the 24th day of February, 2023, made court record the 27th day of February, 2023, and *Second Amended Petition for Probate of Will* filed and made court record the 26th day of April, 2023, of Velon Jay Brewer to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Howard James Lyons, deceased, by Velon Jay Brewer, by and through Attorney, Neil Taylor, Jr. has been scheduled for the **1st day of JUNE, 2023, at 10:00a.m.**, before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

All persons are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Done this the 28th day of April, 2023

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

CATHERINE ANN CHANEY, DECEASED CASE NO. PC 2023-109

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF CATHERINE ANN CHANEY, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Brandy Thrasher Calvert on the 27th day of April, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Brandy Thrasher Calvert, Personal Representative (Administrator),
and
Steven C. Smith, Attorney for the Estate

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on May 9, 2008 by James Eric Sullins and wife Pamela Jean Sullins, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1565, Page 508 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on May 12, 2023:

Property Address: 290 County Road 1277, Cullman, AL 35058
PARCEL ID# 09-04-19-0-001-09.007
Lot 5 of Briarwood Estates Subdivision as recorded in Book Number 2004 Page 22 in the Probate Records of Cullman, AL.

Property Address 1434 County Road 1127, Vinemont, AL 35179
PARCEL ID# 08-09-29-0-000-003-003
Begin at the point where the North line of the NEE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Sec. 29, T9S R4W intersects the middle of Harvey Millpond Public Road and go South along the center of said road for a distance of 210 feet for the point of beginning for the property herein described and conveyed; thence East for 410 feet to a point; thence South 210 feet to a point; thence West 420 feet to the center of Harvey Millpond Road; thence North along center of said road 201 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 2 acres, more or less.

The following manufactured home to be auctioned separately and together:
One (1) 1995 Buccane Manufactured Home, VIN #ALBUS225856A and ALBUS225856B

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Thomas W. Russell
Attorney for Mortgagee
2915 Clairmont Ave.
Birmingham, Alabama 35205
The Cullman Tribune-April 22, 29, May 6, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

GERARDO TELLO-GONZALEZ and WILLEVALDO TELLO,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DOROTHY BUNT aka DOROTHY CHRISTENSON;

FICTIONAL DEFENDANTS Nos. 1-10, intending hereby to designate any heirs, assigns, personal representatives, executors, and administrators of Dorothy Bunt or her estate;

A PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: Commence at the Northerly right of way line for County Road #91 where the East line for the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 33, Township 12 South, Range 3 West intersect for the Point of Beginning; thence run North on the East Quarter-Quarter line for 830.0 feet; thence turn left 48 degrees 38 minutes 27 seconds for 252.20 feet; thence turn left 41 degrees 21 minutes 33 seconds for 70.12 feet; thence turn left 88 degrees 33 minutes 33 seconds for 1041.18 feet to the said Northerly right of way line; thence turn left 100 degrees 14 minutes 17 seconds and along said right of way line for 289.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Contains 6.00 acres. **Parcel ID: 26-08-33-0-000-010.000**;

FICTIONAL DEFENDANTS Nos. 11-20, intending hereby to designate any other persons, entities, organizations or otherwise claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion or other interest in the above-described property as Defendant Dorothy Bunt.

Defendants.

CASE NO: 25-CV-2021-900262

ORDER OF PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF PENDENCY SUIT

Notice is hereby given that in the Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama there is pending a Verified Bill of Complaint filed by the Plaintiffs, Gerardo Tello-Gonzalez and Willevaldo Tello on October 6, 2021 and amended on April 25, 2023, against the above-described lands lying in Cullman County, Alabama, and against Dorothy Bunt, aka Dorothy Christenson, and any and all persons claiming any title to, interest in, lien or encumbrance on said land, or any part thereof, said bill being filed to establish the right or title to said lands and to clear up all doubts or disputes concerning the same. Plaintiffs in their own right, claim to own all of said land in fee simple absolute, free of all liens and encumbrances.

You are hereby directed to plead, answer or demur to the Complaint within the time required by law, but not later than thirty (30) days from the last date of publication.

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk

To the Editor of The Cullman Tribune:

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Crane Hill's Kylie Wright honored as Who's Who at Ole Miss

Jacob Batte
Contributor

UNIVERSITY, Miss. – Kylie Wright, of Crane Hill, pursuing a B.S.B.E. in Biomedical Engineering, was honored in the 2022-23 class of Who's Who Among Students at the University of Mississippi.

Wright was in the company of 201 Ole Miss students who were recognized with the distinction during a ceremony on April 14 at the Gertrude C. Ford Center for the Performing Arts.

Who's Who Among Students is a respected honor program recognizing seniors who excel academically and demonstrate leadership and community service on and off campus.

"I am extremely proud of this impressive group," said Brent Marsh, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs and dean of students. "As an institution, we're only as strong as our students. This prestigious honor allows us to recognize them for a job well done both in the classroom and in our community."

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

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Obituary Announcements: April 27-28

Jimmie Lynn Carden, 67
Jimmie Lynn Carden, 67, of Baileyton, Alabama, passed away from this life on April 26, 2023, at his residence. He was born Nov. 14, 1955, to James Edward and Ruby Wills Carden. Mr. Carden worked with Richter Painting for many years. He served his country in the US Army. No services are planned at this time. Mr. Carden was preceded in death by his parents, James Edward & Ruby Wills Carden; wife, Laura Stryker; brothers, Ronald and Eddie Carden. He is survived by his daughters, Jamie and Jennifer Carden; sister, Patsy Johns; three grandchildren, Tamara Tundidor, Ayiana Osborne and one on the way. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Carden family. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy can be posted to www.cullmanfuneralhome.com for the Carden family.

Robert Wayne Speegle, 68
Robert Wayne Speegle of Cullman passed away on April 25, 2023, at the age of 68. He was born in Cullman on April 18, 1955 to Auburn and Nellie Sue Knight Speegle. He is preceded in death by his parents, son: Derek Speegle, sisters: Beverly Heatherly and Terry Simmons. Funeral services are Saturday April 29, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Mike Lauderdale officiating. Interment will follow services at Cold Springs Church of Christ Cemetery. Survivors are: daughter: Miranda (Don) Mitchell, son: Daniel (Kimberly) Speegle, love of his life: Sandra Speegle, sister: Nelda (Jerry) Garland, brothers: Junior (June) Speegle, Richard (Brenda) Speegle and 8 grandchildren. Visitation will be on Saturday at Moss Service Funeral Home from 10:30 a.m. until the service time at 2 p.m. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Speegle family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Herman Edward Roland, 80
Herman Edward Roland, 80, of Vinemont, passed away on Thursday, April 27, 2023. Brother Herman Roland pastored McKinley Chapel Methodist Church for 25 years. He is survived by his sons, Mathew (Brenda) Roland and Michael (Gail) Roland; grandchildren, Joshua, Hannah, Jonathan, Kevin, Norman Jr. and Alicia. He was preceded in death by his parents, Marvin Roland and Edna Marie Bright Roland; his wife, Selma Deane Roland and son, Norman Lynn Roland. The family will receive friends on Monday, May 1, 2023, at Moss Service Funeral Home from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Roland family.

Johnny Darian Sears, 57
Funeral service for Johnny Darian Sears, 57, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m., Monday, May 1, 2023, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Mt. Olive Cemetery, Bro. Chris Kitchens officiating. Visitation will be Monday at the funeral home from noon until 2 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Sears family. Mr. Sears passed away Friday, April 28, 2023 at CRMC. He was born May 2, 1965 to Johnny Mack Sears and Eunice Annette Pigg Sears. He was preceded in death by his father. Survivors include his mother, Annette Sears; his wife of 36 years, Donna Baker Sears; daughters, Caitlin (Andy) Chambers, Brianna (Josh) McClure; mother and father-in-law, Rev. Jimmy and Sandra Baker; brother, Jonathan Sears; sister, Amy (David) Wallace; grandchildren, Ella Chambers, Emersyn Chambers, Paxleigh McClure; and a host of family and friends. Pallbearers will be Andy Chambers, Josh McClure, Tom York, Matt Thompson, Dylon Wallace, Alex England. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Kenneth Frederick Quick, 82
Funeral services for Kenneth Frederick Quick of Hanceville will be 3 p.m. Sunday, April 30, 2023 at East Side Baptist Church in Cullman. Burial will follow the service at Hopewell Cemetery in Hanceville. Rev. Tony Tidwell, Rev. Sam Hollis and Rev. Matt Smith will officiate the service. Pete Grund will offer a prayer and words of acknowledgement at the graveside service. Visitation for the public will be from 1:30 p.m. until 3 p.m. at East Side Baptist Church on Sunday. Mr. Quick was born in Cullman County, Alabama on Nov. 18, 1940 to David Chester Quick and Flora Elizabeth (Giles) Quick and passed away at the age of 82 on April 27, 2023 at his residence. He graduated from Hanceville High School and worked at Lanson Industries as a machine operator for 26 years. After Lanson closed he went to America Cold for a short time and then got a job at Webb Wheel; that is where he was at the time of his stroke in October of 2003 that took most of his eye sight. He continued to be as kind and helpful to people as he could be with limited sight. He was a good father, husband, and grandfather. He served as a deacon from March 1969 until he was no longer able. He was a faithful member of the Hanceville Lion's Club for over 14 years and loved every day of serving others which was his passion. He was married to the love of his life from June 5, 1964 to April 27, 2023. Mr. Quick is survived by his wife, Katherine (Simpson) Quick; one son, David Allen Quick and his spouse Carol Quick; one grandson, A.J. Quick; one granddaughter, Elizabeth Ann Quick; sister, Mary Elizabeth Boatright; and a host of very dear friends and loved ones. He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, J.D. Quick. Before his passing he mentioned, "I leave behind many friends, cousins, nieces and nephews and ask that you do not grieve for me for I have gone to meet Jesus and live in my heavenly home." Serving as pallbearers will be, Jeff Boatright, Michael Boatright, Anthony Boatright, Philip Boatright, Tory Boatright and Eli Chambers. Honorary pallbearers will include Larry Cornelius, Sam Guy, Rex Jordan, Charles Pugh, and Ronnie Chamblee. In lieu of flowers the family asks' that donations be made to the Lion's Club of Hanceville or a favorite charity in his memory. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Quick Family.

Linda Carol Pair, 77
Graveside service for Linda Carol Pair, age 77, of Hanceville, will be at 11 a.m. on Sunday, April 30, 2023, at Keith Springs Cemetery with Jimmy Hammock officiating. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 29, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Ms. Pair passed away on Thursday, April 27, 2023, at her residence. She was born Feb. 20, 1946, in Alabama to Andrew Jackson Pair and Estelle Pair. She was preceded in death by her parents and son, Clay Thomas. Survivors include her daughter, Lavonda (Mark) Ashley; sons, Al (Tonya) Thomas, Leon Thomas, and Ray Thomas; 14 grandchildren; brothers, Andrew Jackson Pair Jr. and Danny (Violet) Pair; sisters, Margie Hill and Shirley (Lavern) Richards; and a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

It happens only once in a lifetime

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



I had the opportunity to do something last Saturday that I've never done before and will, no doubt, never do again. The momentous occasion was a reunion to celebrate the 50th graduation anniversary of Plainview High School's Class of 1973. Oh, we've had other reunions, every 5 years, as a matter of fact, but a 50th anniversary only rolls around once in a lifetime. It was a joyous event but with a touch of sadness. Out of our small class of 62 graduates, 29 classmates attended. We were also delighted to have a favorite former teacher, Mrs. Jane Ables, as our special guest. Mrs. Ables served as one of our class sponsors. The sadness was caused by the fact that 13 of our fellow students are no longer with us. We paused for a moment to remember them as their names were called.

Plainview High School is located in the town of Rainsville, in the middle of Sand Mountain. Both the town and the high school are fairly young. The town was incorporated in 1956. The high school's first class graduated in 1959. This made my class only the fifteenth one to graduate from there. When the members of that 15th class walked across the stage to receive our diplomas, it probably never crossed our minds that we would never all be together at the same time again.

We never imagined how quickly the next 50 years would pass when about half of us would come together to celebrate our golden graduation anniversary.

The passing of time is a strange thing. In some ways, it seems like only a few years ago that several of my classmates and I began the first grade together. In other ways, that seems like a lifetime ago. Others classmates joined us along the way as they transferred in from other towns and schools. The wonderful thing about a small class is that everyone knew everyone. We were not simply classmates, we became friends, that now feels more like family.

It seemed like those 12 years of school took 50 years to pass. Now, as we look back, it seems like the last 50 years only took about 12 to pass. Last Saturday, as I looked around the room at my classmates, I wondered where all those old people had come from.

Then I reminded myself that those old people had come from the same place I had, and that after all these years, I am still part of them and they are still part of me.

How could we possibly be this old? How could the kids who listened to the Beatles and wore bangs like them, now be grandparents, and even great-grandparents, to kids that are the age we were? How could the teenagers who wore frayed bell-bottom jeans with peace signs and Woodstock patches on them now be retired? How can it be that those teenagers who used to cruise the parking lot of our local Dari-King on weekends until midnight, now want to be home before dark? Our reunion this year was held at lunch time, rather than in the evening, to accommodate that desire. We may still cruise, but only when we are actually going somewhere, and we don't like to have to turn on our headlights to get there.

Finally, at long last, we know the answer to that question our parents used to continually ask. We finally know what that younger generation was coming too! We have arrived...at senior adulthood, Social Security, a 50-year class reunion! We are now the ones asking, "What's this younger generation coming to?"

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HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1900, 1950

From the files of 1900

We are in receipt of a copy of E.T. Paul's latest and greatest March entitled, "Dawn of the Century March."

The Honorable S.J. Griffin made a professional trip to Moulton this week.

Joe Calvert, of Bremen, was in Cullman on Wednesday.

From the files of 1950

A couple of bootleggers made the mistake of driving with lights too dim. When officers stopped the vehicle to investigate the lights, they smelled a strong odor of "corn whiskey." Officers found 29 gallons of Wildcat whiskey.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Holcomb's house and all the furnishings were completely destroyed by fire on Saturday at New Harmony.

Those attending the White City Home Demonstration meeting on October 5 at Mrs. Herman Jones house were Mesdames: Clyde Kanady, Grover Cook, T. Brooks, Jack Morgan, Senior, Jack Morgan, Junior, Calvin Ryan, C.H. Thigpen, Vesta Hicks, E. Hestla, Roy Grubbs, R.A. Jacobs, Clyde Ryan, R.O. Trimble, J.B. Keller, Max Meyer, M.E. Wamp and Miss Della Harbison.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bishop of Birmingham visited Mr. and Mrs. William J. Daniel and family on Sunday.

Audry Lee Moore of Spring Hill is now employed at Walgreen's.

Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Phillips of Route One, Cullman, celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary on October 8 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cosper Speegle. There were eleven children, forty-three grandchildren and nineteen great- grandchildren present.

Hoover Cobb of Piney Grove was seriously injured in an automobile accident a few days ago.

Fieldon Bell "Bud" Blalock Descendants Enjoy Family Reunion

When kinfolks get together in groups such as they did on Sunday, September 24 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Asa Blalock, you can really call it a reunion. That is just what it was. Descendants of the late F.B. (Bud) Blalock family met to visit and enjoy a day together and the good food that always goes with a gathering of that kind. There were eleven children in the original family. However, only six are living.

POET'S CORNER

Baby Pearls | By: Susie Town Phillips

Tiny little babies who never got
to be.
When I enter heaven's door,
will you open it for me?
No thoughts of whom you might
have been,
I'll see you as you are.
A sweet and perfect little soul,
a shining little star.

Cared for by the saints above,
never touched by fear or shame.
Heaven's so much sweeter, since
the day you came.
My tears once she'd have turned
to Pearls,
you'll put them into my hand.
And the light of God's eternal love
will help me understand.

The pain and grief known here
on earth are seen by God above,
and wiped away from heart and
mind only with His love.
Oh, how I long to know you,
to see that part of me.
My tiny little babies,
who never got to be.

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

APRIL 29

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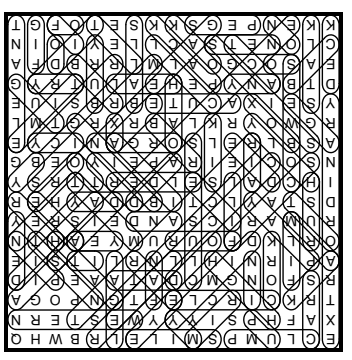
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