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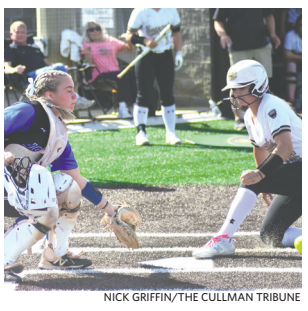
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7th graders conquer drone race

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Cullman County Schools seventh graders on Friday took part in the second annual Cullman County Drone Race at Wallace State Community College, where they navigated their drones through various obstacle courses built by Wallace State's Engineering department.

"We decided that seventh grade is a great time to introduce drone operation because everyone doesn't have this technology at home.

"Every seventh grader has access to these drones at their local school," explained Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette, who said the program began last year after he spoke to different businesses and realized the growing need for drone operators.

The students participate in a curriculum that teaches them about drones and careers for drone operators.

Their piloting and navigation skills were on display as they weaved their drones through the obstacle courses.

What made this course
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TY WATWOOD/CULLMAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

First-place team winners Eli Drake (left) and Rodger Miller (right) pose for a photo with Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette.

CCCDD unveils renovations to 1st group home



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Cullman County Center for the Developmentally Disabled Assistant Residential Coordinator Tiffany Wilson, left, with group home residents (left to right) Lonnie Latch, Billy Abt, Willard Hudson, Richard Bland and Kenny Ray, and Direct Support Professionals Shannon Calhoun and Penny Brock.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County Center for the Developmentally Disabled (CCCDD) Executive Director Charese Morris on Thursday afternoon was thrilled to unveil finished renovations six months in the making on the organization's first ever group home.

Board members, Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce ambassadors, representatives from nonprofits like the United Way of Cullman County and Flourish of Cullman, and several community members were welcomed in on a sunny afternoon to check out the refurbished kitchen, lounge and sleeping areas, as well as a completely renovated back patio space.

"Everything has turned out so beautiful, and we are so glad the community has come out to see our home!" shared Morris.

While community members were of course excited to see the newly decorated and refurbished space, none were as thrilled as the residents of the group home themselves. One by one they filed in and checked out their new rooms, uniquely curated to their own abilities and interests.

Shannon Calhoun, direct support professional for the group home, said he was so excited for the
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Taziki's to open soon; job fair May 11
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STATE TRACK MEET

Cold Springs' Edgeworth, Vinemont's Lemons set state 1600-meter records



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Cold Springs' Ethan Edgeworth (left) and Vinemont's Ethan Lemons (right) both set new state 1600-meter records in their respective classifications at this year's AHSAA State Track Meet Friday. Edgeworth recorded a time of 4:11.69, shattering the previous 2A state record time of 4:28.89 and Lemons bested his own previous 3A record time of 4:15.80 by running a 4:12.24 Friday.

ALL-COUNTY BASEBALL

Cold Springs' Bartlett named MVP; Freeman, West, Sutter, Voce earn top honors
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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported May 5

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported May 5, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

May 1

- violation of protection order; Beech Ave. SE
- possession of marijuana; Hwy. 31
- burglary; CR 1382
- possession of controlled substance; possession of marijuana; CR 158
- assault; CR 160
- theft of property; CR 1502
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 307
- theft of property; Hwy. 31
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 641
- harassment; CR 1141
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1663
- possession of controlled substance; Hwy. 157
- theft of property; CR 25
- theft of property; CR 1759
- theft of property; Hwy. 69 S

May 2

- sell/distribute dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 831
- theft of property; CR 222
- theft of property; Hwy. 91
- theft of property; CR 396
- domestic violence; CR 695
- harassment; Ada Ln.
- theft of property; CR 216
- trespassing; CR 599

May 3

- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69 S
- harassment; CR 58
- theft of property; CR 941
- domestic violence; CR 437
- domestic violence; CR 1378
- theft of property; CR 406
- possession of marijuana; Hwy. 31

ARRESTS

May 1 – 3

Anders, Jeremy K.; 30

- FTA- unlawful breaking entering vehicle (no theft)
- FTA- criminal mischief
- FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous

Beckman, Tonya M.; 47

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st degree
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

Brady, Brianna D.; 28

- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Brown, Jennifer N.; 34

- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Cater, Darrell B.; 46

- FTA- public intoxication

Coleman, Jennifer K.; 42

- FTA- drug trafficking
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- flight/escape-escape

Cutino, John J.; 51

- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Dingler, Jimmy P.; 75

- criminal trespass

Dusang, Corey M.; 30

- illegal obtaining credit/debit card
- illegal possession/use of a credit/debit card

Feezell, Sherri L.; 49

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Grantland, Jake A.; 26

- criminal mischief-damage to private property

Hammond, Jeffrey S.; 39

- possession of methamphetamine
- Parole Violation/Revocation- possession of drug paraphernalia
- Probation Violation- buying/receiving stolen property
- Probation Violation- prescription for a controlled substance
- buying/receiving stolen property less than $500

Hill, Christopher S.; 47

- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- criminal trespass

Hogeland, Evelyn G.; 18

- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Kilpatrick, Justin K.; 35

- FTA- failure to immunize dog/cat for rabies
- sell/distribute methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Knight, Cornelis; 39

- FTA- burglary-residence-no force

Nolasco-Medel, Michele D.; 51

- Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs

Pilgrim, Danielle M.; 27

- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Purcell, Stephen R.; 56

- Probation Revoked- larceny/theft-shoplifting

Rhodes, Mark A.; 53

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- HWOP DAY

Sanford, Christopher L.; 38

- FTA- assault-aggravated assault family-strong arm
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- FTA- assault-domestic-reckless endangerment
- FTA- burglary-residence-force
- FTA- attempting to elude police officer

Shemwell Jr., Michael D.; 33

- FTA- driving while license suspended
- FTA- no seat belt
- FTA- no headlights when raining
- FTA- operating vehicle without insurance
- FTA- switched tag

Smith, Daniel S. ;28

- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Smith, Jonathan L.; 20

- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Surrett, Skyler R.; 27

- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- promote prison contraband (drugs)

Tamulevicz, Robin L.; 44

- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Vonhieber, Crystal M.; 33

- possession of methamphetamine

West Jr., William E.; 51

- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

April 28

- harassing communications; person

April 30

- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $409

May 2

- assault-3rd degree; person; 2nd Ave. NE

May 3

- theft of property-1st degree; unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; White Oak Transportation; Walnut St. NW; 2022 Mack Truck; miscellaneous
- theft of lost property; person; Olive St. SW; Wallet and contents
- domestic violence-3rd degree-harassment; person; Main Ave. NE

May 4

- assault; person; Hwy. 157

ARRESTS

May 3 – 4

Hudson, Michael S.; 48

- FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree

White, Laura J.; 52

- DUI

Mullennix, Joshua C.; 34

- possession/receiving controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Woodard, James A.; 63

- FTA- insurance violation

Scruggs, Richard; 32

- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Reid, James W.; 29

- FTA- driving without license
- FTA- insurance violation (2 counts)
- FTA- fail to register vehicle
- FTA- leaving scene of accident
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree
- FTA- receiving stolen property-4th degree

Wise, Lisa D.; 51

- FTA- driving while revoked
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (3 counts)
- FTA- harassment

Imler, Sheyenne M.; 23

- FTA- public intoxication

Pruett, Joseph M.; 36

- FTA- driving while revoked (3 counts)
- FTA- insurance violation (2 counts)
- FTA- expired tag

Selvage, Holli R.; 27

- endangering welfare of child (2 counts)

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

3rd annual Grilled Cheese Festival coming to Hanceville May 27

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — You'd be hard-pressed to find a more classic, comforting sandwich than a grilled cheese. Whether a simple white bread and American single combo has your heart or you're more into "designer" grilled cheeses with sourdough and sharp cheddar, there will be something for all at the third annual Grilled Cheese Festival on Saturday, May 27, starting at 9 a.m. in downtown Hanceville.

Festival organizer Valerie Hitt said the inspiration hit her when she wasn't able to attend a similar festival in Tennessee, and she considered the economic impact something like that could have on her community.

"I had a business in Hanceville and thought an event like this would be something new to the community that everyone would enjoy, and would also help bring new people in to see what all was offered in downtown Hanceville!" she shared.

Festivalgoers this year will have tons of activities to choose from. A car and bike show will be going on, dozens of local artisans and makers will have their wares for sale and several food trucks will be on-site. For the thrill seekers among us, you can also throw axes or ride a mechanical bull.

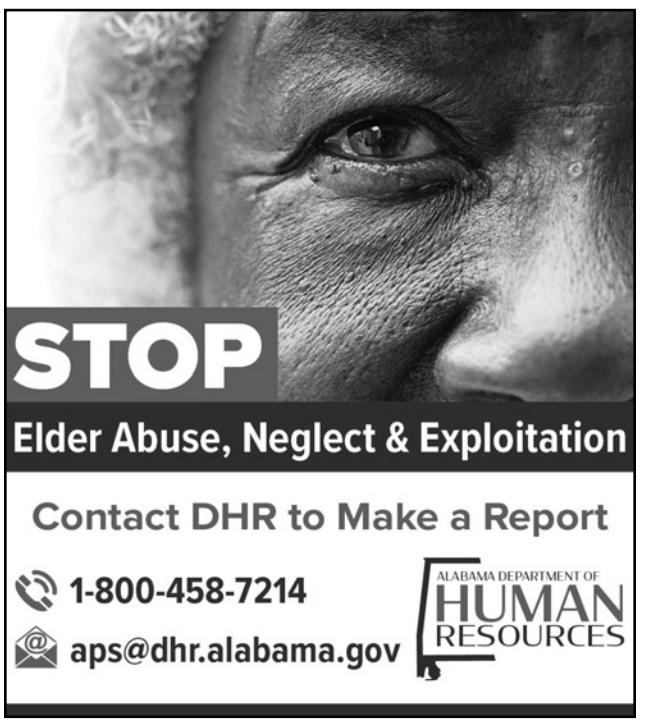
Children are included in the fun as well, with a grilled cheese cook-off specifically for kids aged 10-15. Younger tots can enjoy face painting, balloon twisting, inflatables and games.

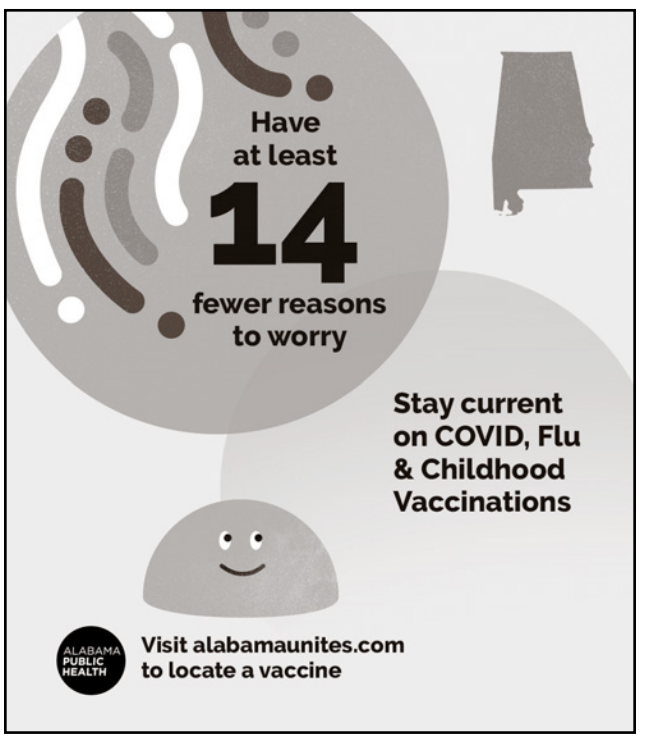
Junction 231 and Don't Think Twice will provide the music, covering all your 90s acoustic favorites.

Hitt said she's excited to see how the festival grows over the next few years, sharing, "We hope to see you all there, and let's try to make this year even better than the last!"

For more information on the festival, check out www.facebook.com/events/889576982356431.

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

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

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

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m.- noon, Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m.-noon. Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry and Spirit Life Church.
• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthdays. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pickup is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper, AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• Saturday, May 6- 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast
• Sunday, May 7 - 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, May 7 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast @ 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults @ 10. Adult class at 11. Praise and 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.

Book Sale
Saturday, May 6, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Cullman County Public Library, 200 Clark St. NE

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.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, May 11, at 6:30 p.m. We will meet at St. Andrews Methodist Church on 615 Main Ave. SW., Cullman, Al 35055. All are welcome.

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.

Cullman Memory Gardens Decoration
Saturday, May 13 and Sunday (Mother's Day), May 14. Great effort has been put into Cullman Memory Gardens and it is being restored to its original serenity and beauty. This has taken much effort and expense and we need those of you that have relatives buried there to help us out. We have a committee consisting of Amy Walker, Ron Foust, Neil Culpepper, Austin Hall and Jerry Smith who will be there at various times Saturday and Sunday and we would greatly appreciate your financial help in the projects that we have to restore the cemetery. Gifts to the cemetery fund are tax deductible and a receipt will be given. (Cullman Memory Gardens Cemetery Foundation)

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.

Cullman Educator Retirees Association Meeting
Thursday, May 18, at 11 a.m. at Stone Bridge Farms. Our program will be presented by the North Alabama Agriplex, followed by lunch and fellowship for those who wish to stay. We welcome new members and visiting retirees. Info: mjcjcera@gmail.com

Cullman High School Class of 1956 Meeting Luncheon
Thursday, May 18, at noon at the Brandin Iron restaurant in West Point in the private dining room. All class of 1956 are invited 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/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.

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.
• 7th Annual Bernard Blues and BBQ Arts & Crafts Festival
• September 9-10, 2023
• Contact: Joyce Nix – 256-255-5860; jnix@stbernardprep.com

7th Annual Bernard Blues and BBQ
Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 9-10, at St. Bernard. Featuring pottery, quilts, brooms, leather art, cypress furniture, paintings, jewelry, plants and more. Visit Ave Maria Grotto for a reduced price admission of only $5. Admission donation to the festival is $10 per person; children 5 and younger free. Proceeds benefit St. Bernard Prep School. Rain or shine 9 a.m.-4 p.m. each day. Visit www.stbernardprep.com for more information.

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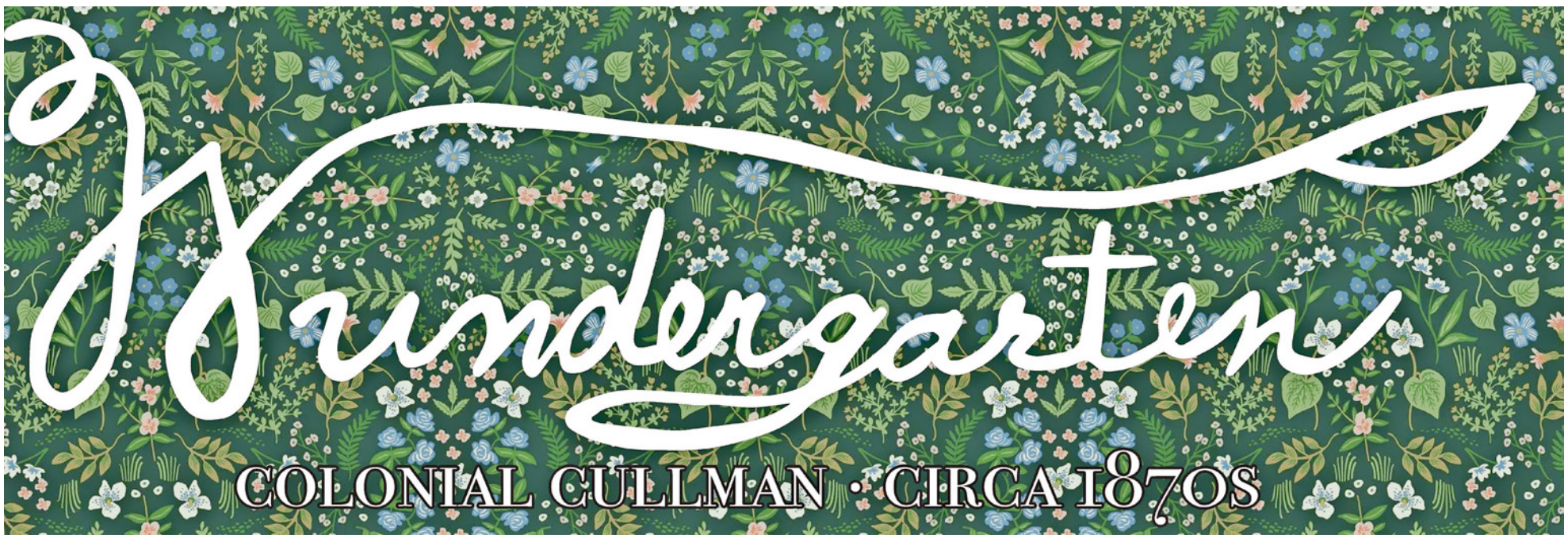
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– COLUMN –

Celebrating in the Wundergarten – Arts in the Garden

Ben Johnson South
Tribune Columnist

ARTS IN THE GARDEN is a new way to enjoy the natural beauty of Sportsman Lake, the 70-year old, Cullman County Parks and Recreation, multiuse, fresh air refuge. The Woodlands & Wildflower Garden of the park will be an outdoor arts center, FREE and OPEN TO ALL on Saturday, May 13, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

The inaugural public arts event, created by community volunteers working with direction from the Cullman County Master Gardeners, is an awareness effort to share the newly revitalizing Woodlands & Wildflower Garden. The site is proposed for an accredited arboretum, a fancy name for a living tree museum.

"A huge classroom without walls" is what a Cullman-area homeschooling mom called the Woodlands & Wildflower Garden, as a local group was being led by Alabama forester Mary Claire Smith on a March 13, 2023, tree identification exercise. This exploration with students ranging in ages 5-75 was a step in achieving accredited arboretum status. The goal was to identify 25 tree species, and the group surpassed that with 32, even in early March prior to the trees leafing.

ARTS IN THE GARDEN underscores that the Woodlands & Wildflower Garden is also a huge museum without walls. In the glorious space this spring, even before enhancements, Vincent van Gogh could carry his canvases to paint fruit trees with white and pink blossoms against an azure sky, and Claude Monet could paint the water streams and swaying stands of lilies.

"Plein air" painting is "art speak" for an artist, escaping the four walls of a studio and painting in nature. Eventgoers at ARTS IN THE GARDEN on May 13 will find local artist JOHN LAMBERT capturing the charming landscape vista of a bright red, Asian-inspired bridge, giant trees and blue (fingers crossed) skies.

ARTS IN THE GARDEN is a relaxed expression of various kinds of creativity, an "arts happening," NOT AN ARTS SALE. Nothing in the Woodlands & Wildflowers Garden is on sale Saturday, May 13—well, the parks volunteers do hope you'll get sold on returning time and again to this beautiful, FREE, OPEN TO ALL outdoor museum. You will be on a self-guided exploration of the garden, the area planned for the accredited arboretum, and encouraged to chat with the artists and learn more about their artistic vision and creative process.

ARTS IN THE GARDEN
(May 13, 2023) roster
of arts and artists

• **PAINTING—JOHN LAMBERT** (see above)

• **SCULPTURE (wood assemblage) DAKOTA McDANIEL** and Cullman Area Technology Academy have created a large "bas relief" wood sculpture titled "WELCOME TO CULLMAN COUNTY." This art is destined to be a crowd favorite. McDaniel and the CATA applied arts collective have carved the world "WELCOME" on wooden blocks in many languages. Event goers will be invited to add to the work by placing "WILLKOMMEN" or "BIENVENUE" and many other "WELCOME TO CULLMAN COUNTY" wood pieces directly onto the sculpture.

• **DANCE (with butterflies) SANDY SMITH,** Cullman County's passionate enthusiast for protecting Monarch butterflies and other wildlife found in the Woodlands & Wildflower Garden, will engage all with how you can make simple changes in your home or public environment to enhance the environment and add beauty. (NOTE: Last month, the Woodlands & Wildflower Garden was officially added to the Rosalynn Carter National Butterfly Trail)

• **NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY—JAKE CALLOWAY** Expect to be "WOW-ed!" This young fellow's photographs, many taken at Sportsman Lake and in the Woodlands & Wildflower Garden illustrate how "painterly" photography can be. Jake will set up in the potting shed at the top of the garden. If you enjoy photographing birds and blooms with the camera in your smartphone, Jake will share some of his tips for better images. Here are some questions for you to explore with this talented artist: How can I best focus on a central image while keeping some of the context of the background? Your nature photography almost has a "tactile quality one can touch," how do you capture the textures? Do you come to gardens and woods with an idea of what you want to photograph, or is it more spontaneous? Any advice on lens and equipment for better nature photography? What is the best time of day to photograph outdoors? How do you manage sunlight and moonlight in your work? I can tell you appreciate birds and wildlife, what are ways to photograph them while respecting their need to feel safe and not threatened?

• **CHILDREN'S BOOK WALK—DELLA BRAMLEY** To highlight literature for the "IN THE GARDEN ARTS SHOW," we asked this gifted educator with the Cullman County office of Alabama Cooperative Extension System, for an outdoor experience of storytelling. We were thinking of sitting in a circle hearing a folktale, but Della has made this a more "moving experience." She has created a perfect way for young learners to enjoy words, gorgeous illustrations and use their active energy.

• **MOSAIC ART—FELICIA ROBERTS** Cullman County creatives have repurposed shards of broken pottery and other "found objects" into fine art since the early days of the European founders. Felicia visited the Woodlands & Wildflowers Garden this spring for inspiration from sunshine, trees, water and plants. Children of all ages will enjoy adding pieces to create a fresh, new work of art.

POETRY & MUSIC will be fine arts elements of future ARTS IN THE GARDEN events. A Sunday afternoon of hymns and sweet tea is proposed for summer 2023. As we look forward to such an event in the Woodlands & Wildflowers Garden, please ponder some beautiful, poetic lyrics from Christian songwriter C. Austin Miles.

The song was written in 1912, yet through the magic of art, we are transported to a garden fragranced with dewy roses. The lyrical poetry was inspired by scripture from John 20:14 in one of the best-selling works of literary art of all time, "The Holy Bible."

IN THE GARDEN

I come to the garden alone
While the dew is
still on the roses
And the voice I hear,
falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses

And He walks with me
And He talks with me
And He tells me I
am His own
And the joy we share
as we tarry there
None other has ever known.

He speaks and the
sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds
hush their singing
And the melody that
He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing.

CHORUS
I stayed in the
garden with Him
Though the night
around me is falling
But He bids me go,
through the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling.

CHORUS
And the joy we share
as we tarry there
None other has ever known.

ARTS IN THE GARDEN reminds us the purpose of art is to view and experience things from new perspectives. This is an ARTS SHOW—NOT AN ARTS SALE. Save your money for the popular $4 Sportsman Lake hot dog/chips/soft drink lunch.

ARTS IN THE GARDEN SHOW: Saturday, May 13, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Woodlands & Wildflowers Garden at Sportsman Lake (look for the bright red "Welcome Arbor" on the road to the picnic pavilions).

DIG ART? The Cullman County Master Gardeners welcome you to come enjoy and help create works of natural art with the WEEKLY WEEDERS group in the Woodlands & Wildflowers Garden, EVERY TUESDAY 10 a.m.-noon. No special skill or training needed to join. You will be guided by a Master Gardener. Just bring your garden gloves, hand tools, a bottle of water and a joyful, spirit of community.

CELEBRATING IN THE WUNDERGARTEN combines two arts: culinary and storytelling. This week, Frau Ruehl, the heroine of the folktale, "WUNDERGARTEN," creates an artistic dessert from the flourishing fruits on her Cullman County strawberry farm.

ARTIST CLAUDE MONET'S STRAWBERRY MOUSSE
(Source: vogue.com)

Artist Claude Monet was a devoted gardener. If you hanker to be transported to Heaven on Earth, I encourage you to consider adding a visit to Monet's garden in Giverny, France, to your bucket list. At this house museum and garden, you'll thrill to see the waterlilies and irises in the family garden, and also thrill to be in his home kitchen, where he loved to cook and entertain.

Oscar-Claude Monet lived from 1840 to 1926. His long, creative life overlaps with the time setting of our folktale, "WUNDERGARTEN." During his lifetime, Monet was world famous as the creator of French Impressionism. Colonel Cullman, the worldly and well-read German American founder of Cullman County, Alabama, would have been familiar with Monet's art and must have admired the fellow innovator. They were two "bon vivant" changing the world for the better.

INGREDIENTS
- 1 1/2 cups strawberries
- 1 1/2 tbsp. superfine sugar
- 4 egg whites
- 1 tbsp. butter for greasing the dish
- Salt

(Serves 4)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 300F.

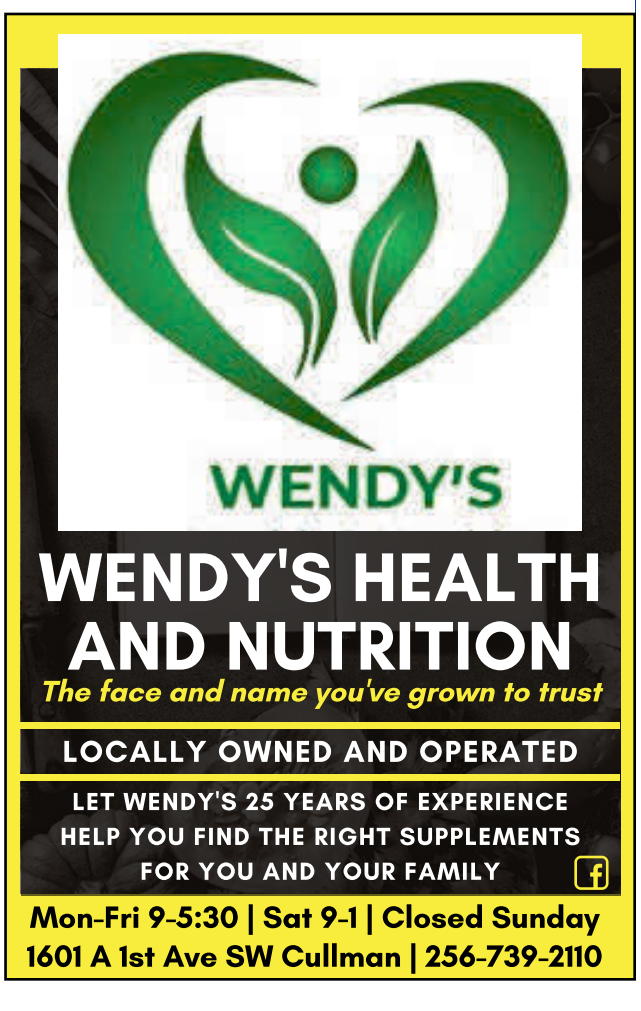
2. Mash strawberries into a puree and pass through sieve. Sweeten strained puree to taste: You will need more, or less, sugar depending on the sweetness of the strawberries.

3. Whip the egg whites into stiff peaks with a pinch of salt, then carefully fold in the strawberry puree.

4. Pour the mixture into a greased dish and bake for 10 minutes. Serve immediately.

HAPPY STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL AND AUF WIEDERSEHEN Y'ALL!

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



Taziki's to open soon; job fair May 11

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Taziki's Mediterranean Café is gearing up for its much-anticipated arrival in the community, with a soft opening slated for May 30, followed by a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 13.

The popular 25-year-old brand is not only set to serve delectable Mediterranean dishes, but also to create local job opportunities and foster community engagement.

Founder Keith Richards shared his excitement about the upcoming opening saying, "As of now, we are hoping to open on May 30, with the grand opening on June 13.

"We're looking forward to being a part of the community and sharing our love for good food and family-oriented values."

Taziki's is currently seeking to fill several positions, including kitchen staff, front of house personnel (cashiers and food runners), shift leaders and a part-time local school marketer. Richards emphasized that the company values a good attitude, strong work ethic, customer service skills and cultural fit.

Applicants must be at least 16 years old, and the positions offer competitive pay.

Apply online at www.tazikis.com/careers.

Richards encouraged potential applicants to consider joining the Taziki's family, where there is always an opportunity for growth and a welcoming atmosphere: "Once you're in, you're family! #livethegoodlife."

Taziki's will host a job fair Thursday, May 11, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The restaurant is located at 421 Third Ave. SE, Ste. 110.

6 local students join Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

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Contributor

BATON ROUGE, La. — The following local students were recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

- Cal Allen of Cullman at University of Alabama at Birmingham
- Colton Millwood of Vinemont at University of Alabama at Birmingham
- Lainey Moses of Vinemont at University of Alabama at Birmingham
- Brooks Stephenson of Bremen at Troy University
- BreAnna Turner of Cullman at University of Alabama at Birmingham
- Grant Wideman of Vinemont at Samford University

They are among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10% of seniors and 7.5% of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10% of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction. Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 325 campuses in the United States, its territories and the Philippines. Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others." For more information, visit www.PhiKappaPhi.org.

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AREA SOFTBALL TOURNAMENTS

Lady Bearcats split with Mortimer Jordan, advance to North Regional

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Lady Bearcats were back in action at the 6A, Area 13 Tournament Thursday night and after punching their ticket to the North Regional Tuesday, the 'Cats split a pair of area finals games with Mortimer Jordan to finish as area runners-up.

Cullman 4 - Mortimer Jordan 2 (Game One) (6A, Area 13)

Cullman got in the run column in the bottom of the first. Haley Shannon reached on an infield single and later stole and third. She ended up scoring with two outs to give the Lady Bearcats the early 1-0 lead. Cullman would add to their lead in the bottom of the third. Shannon lined a single to left field to lead off the inning, then Kylie Stracener reached on a Mortimer Jordan error. Olivia Britton was intentionally walked to load the bases. With one out, Reese Hopper lined an RBI single to center field to make it 2-0. A Lady Blue Devil error during the play allowed Britton to score as that made it 3-0. Taylor Au later scored on a wild pitch to push the Lady Bearcat lead to 4-0.

The fifth inning saw Mortimer Jordan get on the scoreboard as they loaded the bases to start out the inning. A passed ball and an error cut it to 4-2, but the Lady Bearcats wouldn't allow them to get any closer after that. Brie Voss gave up just two hits over the final two innings and Cullman kept their chances of winning the Class 6A, Area 13 title alive as they defeated Mortimer Jordan, 4-2.

Hopper finished with a hit and an RBI for Cullman. Shannon added a pair of hits, while Au and Brooklyn Morton each collected a hit in the contest as well. Voss went the distance for the Lady Bearcats in the win as she gave up just six hits and one earned run, walked none, and struck out one.

Mortimer Jordan 13 – Cullman 3 (Game Two) (6A, Area 13)

Mortimer Jordan struck first in the bottom of the first as they hit a two-run home run with one out to give them an early 2-0 lead. Cullman answered right back in the top of the second.

Hopper drew a leadoff walk, then with one out, Morton lined a double to center field to put runners on second and third. Hattie Graham lined a two-run double to left field on the first pitch as that tied things up at two.

The Lady Blue Devils, though, broke the tie in their half on a one-out RBI double as that gave them a 3-2 lead. They later added an RBI single and an RBI fielder's choice to make it 5-2. A bases-loaded walk pushed their lead to 6-2.

The Lady Bearcats cut into the deficit in the top of the fourth as Shannon hit an RBI groundout to make it a 6-3 game.

Mortimer Jordan, though, quickly broke the game wide open after that as they hit a pair of RBI singles in their half to increase their lead to 8-3 and they added to their lead in the fifth as a suicide squeeze play made it 9-3. The Lady Blue Devils put up four more runs in the sixth to end the game and Cullman ended up finishing as the Class 6A, Area 13 runner-up after their 13-3 loss to Mortimer Jordan.

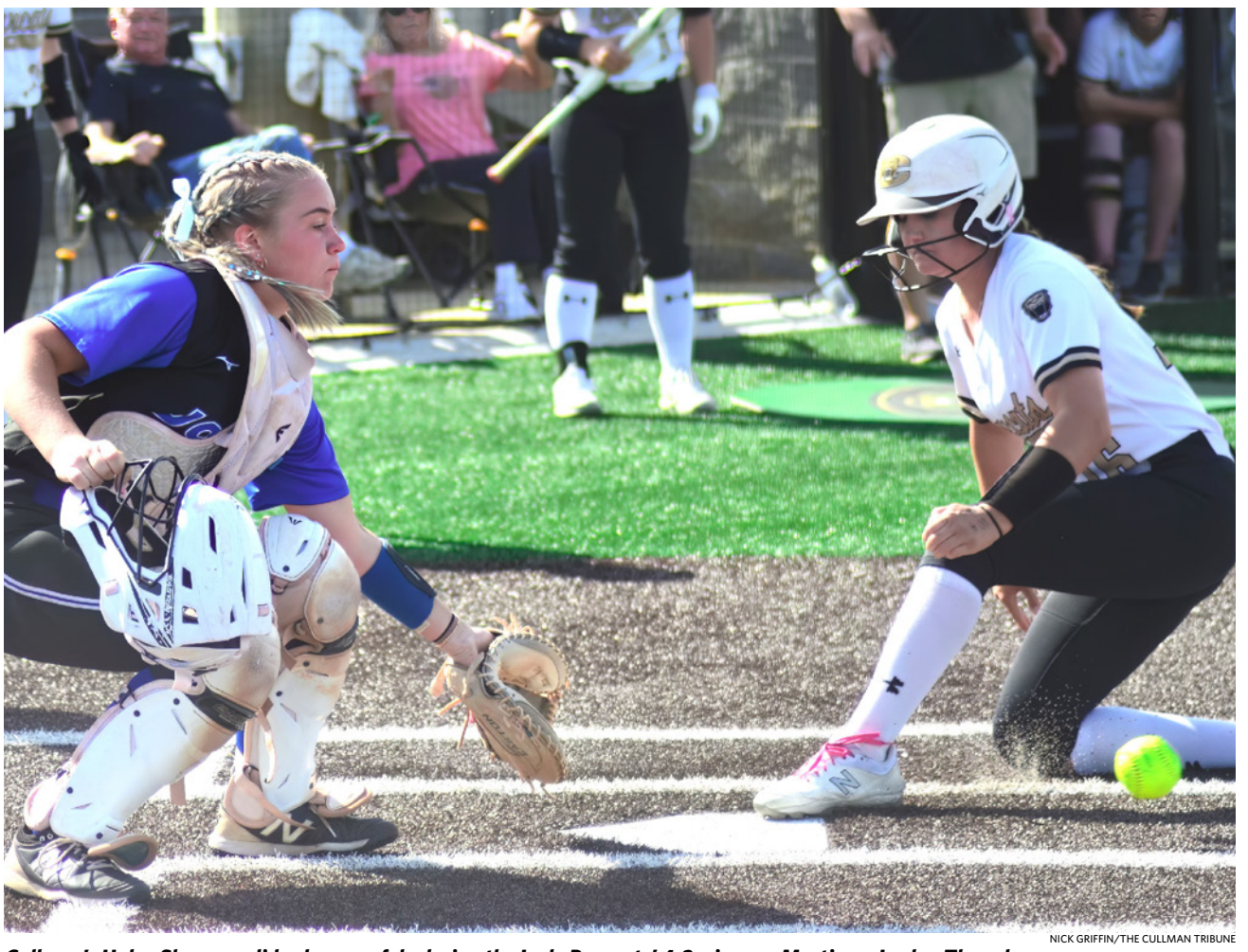
Hattie Graham finished with a pair of hits and two RBIs for Cullman. Shannon added an RBI in the contest. Morton ended up with three hits, while Au and Abby Maples each chipped in with a hit of their own.

Cullman will travel to Florence next week to face Hartselle in its first North Regional game.

Hayden 12 - Fairview 0 (5A, Area 12)

Hayden broke a scoreless tie in the second inning as they scored three runs to take a 3-0 lead. They added three more runs in the third, one in the fourth, two in the fifth, and three more in the sixth to take a 12-0 lead. Fairview was held to just one hit through six innings: an Emily Benson double, and the Lady Aggies' season ended with a 12-0 loss to Hayden.

Jaycee Aleman will be graduating later this month but the Lady Aggies will be looking to make an even deeper run in the postseason next year.



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Cullman's Haley Shannon slides home safely during the Lady Bearcats' 4-2 win over Mortimer Jordan Thursday.

PREP BASEBALL

'If you put the work in, the results will come': Cold Springs senior Brodee Bartlett recaps Eagles career

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BREMEN, Ala. — In this interview, I talked to Cold Springs senior baseball player Brodee Bartlett. Brodee shared some of the baseball and high school memories he's made during his time at Cold Springs.

"Every single day with the guys here was amazing. The game of baseball is such a wonderful thing. So many things at Cold Springs have brought me to where I am today. The most memorable moments have to be the everyday practices grinding to get better and just always having one another's back. I'll never forget us having a chip on our shoulder, going from a one-win season the year before, to the next year winning an area championship and competing in the first round of the playoffs. I know we came up short this year, but I couldn't be prouder of every single guy on our team. We held that chip on our shoulder and never forgot. That's how every team should be and for us to do this was amazing and I couldn't be prouder of us," Bartlett said. "My favorite high school memories have to be the everyday talks with my friends and the laughs in class. Nothing will ever beat the memories with all my friends at school."

Brodee learned so much about this team and his coaches during his baseball career.

"I will always remember to never give up and to always get right back up, no matter the circumstance. You never know what's going to take place in a few moments, so live in the moment. This team taught me how to enjoy the game and enjoy life. Baseball is the greatest sport ever invented and I believe that. So, playing with guys and having the coaches that I did is such an amazing feeling. It's a great feeling knowing that everyone out there will always have your back, no matter the outcome," Bartlett said. "One of the best coaches I ever had was Todd Mason. He coached me from 10u to 12u and he showed me everything I know about how to play shortstop. He helped me in ways that I never knew were possible. For that, I will always be grateful."

He added, "Another coach that really changed my game for me was Justin Chaffin. He was always there for me; he was a mentor and a coach you could always rely on. I couldn't of got through my high school career without him. Coach Wesley McSwain was another one that really helped me from the eighth grade until my junior year.

"He trusted my skills and gave me a chance while I was young and always gave me the confidence I needed. My senior year, we got a new head coach: Brendan Voce.

"He really changed my outlook on life and made me look at the game from a different perspective. He helped me more this year than I could've ever imagined. From the daily speeches to the confidence boosters, he was amazing."

Brodee was blessed to play alongside some great guys during his career and talked about what he will remember the most about playing at Cold Springs.

"The guys I played with; they always helped me stay relaxed and enjoy the game. They made high school baseball fun like it was supposed to be. I will definitely miss playing alongside my best friend, Josh Winfrey. All good things must come to an end, though. I'm just excited for the next step in my journey. Playing alongside some great seniors was fun and memorable. It had so many fun memories and exciting ones at that. They made the game fun, and it was always a work of art. I wouldn't trade the last five years of high school baseball at Cold Springs for the world," he said.

"The thing I will remember the most about playing at Cold Springs will be the ability to overcome the negativity that everyone has towards Cold Springs and always thinking you can't make it out of a smaller school.

"It was always a goal to show younger kids that anyone can make it from anywhere and it doesn't matter where you're from. If you put the work in, the results will come."

Brodee talked about what made Cold Springs a special school to go to, plus what he will remember the most about going there, and what he will miss the most.

"The community of Cold Springs is like no other. Such a small community like ours shows you how many people have your back and will always be there for you. The love and support you get from the community is like no other," he said.

"I will always remember the support you have from each and every individual in the community. I will never forget the number of supporters you have at each and every single game, while also having the same amount of support from the faculty and staff in class.

"I will definitely miss being able to have the great talks with the mentors from the school and just having them there when you need them."

Brodee gave some advice to the students that will be starting high school in August.

"I would tell them to always go out of your comfort zone. If you want to stick out, you have to be different and that's in anything you do, whether it be class work, sports, or whatever else in life, give it your all and do what others don't.

"You're not guaranteed tomorrow, so give it your all and strive to get better one day at a time."



BRODEE BARTLETT

Cold Springs' Brodee Bartlett

Wallace State Men's and Women's Golf preparing for national tournaments

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Wallace State's Men's Golf Team

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Men's and Women's Golf teams are gearing up for appearances at their respective national tournaments in the coming weeks.

Coming off conference and regional victories, the women's team will compete in the 2023 NJCAA Division 1 Women's Golf Championship May 9-12 in Garden City, Kansas. Led by freshman Aidan Haithcock, the team earned its sixth consecutive Alabama Community College Conference title and a National Junior College Athletic Association District titles leading up to the nationals.

Statistically, the team is ranked 12th in the nation, with Haithcock, of Hoover, ranked 31st in the nation.

Coach J.J. Adams was named South District Coach of the Year in Women's Golf District I and ACCC Women's Golf Coach of the Year for the fifth time, titles he has held every year since he started at Wallace State.

He guided the Lions to their sixth consecutive conference tournament title in 2023. Under Adams, Wallace State won all 2023 spring tournaments prior to nationals. At the ACCC Tournament, the Lady Lions won the event by 13 strokes.

Adams is looking forward to the nationals in Kansas.

"We've never played there, so it will be interesting," he said. "I think it's going to be good competition."

Adams was an assistant coach for Wallace State's men's and women's teams for one season, prior to inheriting the women's program. Adams previously owned Pro Golf of Cullman for nearly 20 years, and is himself a Wallace State golf alum, having played for the Lions and NJCAA Hall of Fame coach Dan York from 1988-1990. He serves as a golf pro at Cross Creek Golf Course in Cullman. Adams finished his collegiate career, lettering at UNA.

Men's Golf heading to nationals in Kansas

Ranked 13th nationally, the men's team finished third at the NJCAA Southern District tournament at Viera East Golf Club in Melbourne, Fla. Sophomore Zackery Coker of Gulf Shores finished runner-up for the Southeast District Championship

They will head to the NJCAA National Tournament May 16-19 at Sand Creek Station in Newton, Kansas. This will mark their 27th appearance in the national tournament.

"Our fall season was great. We had three wins out of five events," said Coach Sylas Elliott.

"Our spring got off to a slow start, but we have started to find ourselves back in contention to win in the last few events.

"I think if the guys can put it all together one last time to end the year, we might shock some people."

In his fourth year as head coach, Elliott has directed Wallace State to consecutive NJCAA Division I National Championship appearances. Elliott, who was interim coach during the 2018-2019 season and learned and played under the late Dan York, has already produced a pair of NJCAA Division I All-Americans (Connor Bruce and Carter Goodwin) at Wallace State.

A former Lion, Elliott earned 1st-team NJCAA PING All-American honors as a sophomore at WSCC and was a 2016 Jack Nicklaus National Player of the Year semifinalist. He went on to play at South Alabama, graduating with a degree in interdisciplinary studies.

PREP FOOTBALL

Cold Springs' Harrison signs with Birmingham-Southern



COLD SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

Cold Springs football standout Hank Harrison signed to continue his playing career at Birmingham-Southern College Thursday.

PREP BASEBALL

Holly Pond's Martin signs with Wallace Community College Selma



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Holly Pond standout John Martin signed to continue his playing career with the Wallace Community College Selma Patriots Thursday.

Letter to the Editor: In honor of my father

Shane Wilkerson
Contributor

My beloved father Randy Wilkerson died March 22, 2010, 13 years ago at the age of 61.

My father's love was unconditional, and he always wanted the best for me. He encouraged my dreams, my passions, and when I would suffer through the darkest nights of my soul in the grips of my mental illness, that the doctors diagnosed in my childhood, there was never a time where he gave up on me.

Others (and myself) would give up on me. Dad never did, not once.

I would never have made it as a professional dancer and enjoyed all the wonderful opportunities he provided me with without his love and belief in me. Even though I did not believe in myself, even though I went through full blown episodes with psychotic and psychosis features which required hospitalization. He was there 100%. His main concern for me was always for me to take my medications and relieve the suffering in my mind.

I only saw my father cry only two times in my entire life. My father did not cry. Both times he did it were over me and my noncompliance with my medications leading me to suffer with what I call "brilliant madness." My mental illness was so severe at times he would have to argue with me to go to the emergency room to get the help I needed. He knew over time that my medications would help, but I did not want to come down from my full-blown manic state.

I detested the medications that made me feel like a zombie and I did not want to go back to the hospital. He cried and felt hopeless with despair. When I refused to go to the hospital, he said he could not bear the fact that I was suffering so very much.

He always waited me out and eventually when things hit rock bottom I would go to the hospital when it came to a life-or-death situation. The sacrifices that he made to keep me well were immeasurable.

My dad's last words to me when he was dying were, "Shane, keep taking your medications and don't hurt yourself."

My worst nightmare had come true, my dad had passed.

My dad touched so many lives and was a brilliant man at anything he did. There was nothing he could not accomplish.

My dad understood the dangers of mental illness because he lived with my grandfather who was a paranoid schizophrenic.

I would like to share the lyrics of a song by Elton John that makes me think of my dad when I hear it. Dad, I love and miss you every single day of my life. Christ so blessed me to have you in my life. I try every day to live my life as best I can in memory of you. I hope I can be half the man that you were to me. I look forward to the time we meet again.

[Verse 1]
Yesterday you came to lift me up As light as straw and brittle as a bird
Today I weigh less than a shadow on the wall Just one more whisper of a voice unheard Tomorrow leave the windows open As fear grows please hold me in your arms
Won't you help me if you can to shake this anger I need your gentle hands to keep me calm

[Chorus]
Because I never thought I'd lose I only thought I'd win
I never dreamed I'd feel This fire beneath my skin I can't believe you love me I never thought you'd come
I guess I misjudged love between a father and his son

[Verse 2]
Things we never said come together The hidden truth no longer haunting me
Tonight we touched on the things that were never spoken That kind of understanding sets me free

[Chorus]
Because I never thought I'd lose I only thought I'd win
I never dreamed I'd feel This fire beneath my skin I can't believe you love me I never thought you'd come
I guess I misjudged love between a father and his son

May is Mental Health Awareness Month
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Katie Nichols
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AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. — The Alabama 4-H Foundation is helping 35 Alabama 4-H members achieve their dreams of higher education. This year, the foundation will award 33 $1,000 scholarships to graduating 4-H members in 23 Alabama counties. The foundation is also awarding two $1,500 endowment scholarships. Members can use these scholarships for any post-secondary education during the 2023–2024 academic year—including colleges, universities, community colleges or trade schools.

"The Alabama 4-H Foundation is committed to seeing young people succeed, and there is no better way to display this kind of dedication than through scholarship support," said Seth Tuttle, development officer for the Alabama 4-H Foundation. "We're honored to have awarded 35 scholarships to 4-H'ers from all across our great state. It is our goal to help these young people continue on their life journey and represent the values of Alabama 4-H."

As part of the application process, students were required to submit a resume, a letter of recommendation and their 4-H story.

4-H makes an impact
Luke Stephens of Clarke County and Abby Burgess of Blount County are the recipients of the Alabama 4-H Foundation's two $1,500 endowment scholarships. Stephens received the Barbara D. Thorne 4-H Endowment, and Abby Burgess received the Beth and Dr. Thomas Elliott 4-H Endowed Scholarship.

Abby Burgess, a Blount County 4-H member and scholarship recipient, said 4-H means the world to her.

"4-H has allowed me so many opportunities and brought me so many friends and connections that I will cherish forever," Burgess said.

"I have been doing 4-H projects since I was 9 years old but have been involved in 4-H since I was 5. The thing that I love the most about the 4-H projects are the diversity that they have and the fact that there is something for everyone. They are interactive, fun and–most of all—they are unique."

Amy Burgess, the Blount County Extension Coordinator, said as a 4-H parent, the 4-H Foundation Scholarships are a completed circle.

"With the awarding of the scholarship, my daughter's career-long 4-H project comes to completion," Amy Burgess said.

"She now has a tangible reminder of the heartbreaks and successes, as well as all of the life lessons learned while being a 4-H member. Because of this acknowledgement, she will be better equipped to meet the requirements of college life as well as become even more grateful to an organization that has been–and hopefully will continue to be–such a large part of her life."

Scholarship recipients
Thomas Elliott, part of the namesake of the Beth and Dr. Thomas Elliott 4-H Endowed Scholarship, served for many years as the secretary/treasurer of the Alabama 4-H Foundation. He believes in the mission of Alabama 4-H.

"All of us have been assisted by different individuals during our life's journey," Elliott said.

"Beth and I wanted to assist young Alabama 4-H Club members in their quest for a college education at Auburn University. Our vehicle to accomplish that desire was to endow a scholarship specifically for that purpose."

In addition to the two endowment scholarships, the following 4-H members were awarded a $1,000 Alabama 4-H Foundation scholarship:

- Abbeigh Jo Gibson, Washington County
- Abbie Tomlinson, Monroe County
- Aiden MacKenzie, Limestone County
- Alexia Dockery, Tuscaloosa County
- Angelica Joy Vercher, Shelby County
- Breanna Black, Marshall County
- BreeAnna Centers, Etowah County
- Carrington Mariyah Robertson, Montgomery County
- Cecil Perry, Choctaw County
- Corey Jack Naylor, Lawrence County
- Courtney M. Thomas, Lee County
- Dalton Boykin, Clarke County
- Danielle Chapman, Calhoun County
- Elizabeth Kirkland, Henry County
- Emma Foster, Crenshaw County
- Emma Wiggins, Mobile County
- Heather Sinclair, DeKalb County
- Isaac Wilson, Talladega County
- James Quinlivan, Henry County
- Jensen Fallin, Blount County
- Kalen Alexander, Russell County
- Karlee Kirkland, Houston County
- Mack Hollis, Houston County
- Macee New, Etowah County
- Maggie McAbee, Lawrence County
- Makena New, Etowah County
- Matthew Padgett, Clarke County
- Naomi Claire Huckabee, Clarke County
- Rachel Webb, Barbour County
- Sarah Short, Jefferson County
- Stanley Stoutamire Jr., Shelby County
- Tyler Crim, Tuscaloosa County
- Wheeler Allen, Lauderdale County



ALABAMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SYSTEM

Receiving Scholarship Recognition
"The youth that receive foundation scholarships represent the breadth and scope of the skills, passions and possibilities of our state's young people," said Molly Gregg, the Alabama Cooperative Extension System assistant director for Alabama 4-H. "Investment in our young people with time, finances and care sets the stage for a better and stronger Alabama that is ready to adapt to meet the challenges and opportunities of our collective future."

4-H invites scholarship winners and their parents/guardians to attend the 4-H Competitive Events Day June 23 at the 4-H Center to receive formal recognition. Alabama 4-H is also recognizing scholarship recipients on social media. Visit the Alabama 4-H Facebook page to see daily posts recognizing high school seniors receiving scholarships. The scholarship winners will also be highlighted on the Alabama 4-H Foundation website at www.Alabama4HFoundation.org.

"These young people represent the best of Alabama and 4-H," Gregg said. "They are positive forces for their communities and our world."

About Alabama 4-H
For more than 100 years, Alabama 4-H has been helping young people develop into resourceful citizens and responsible leaders. Alabama 4-H is part of Alabama Extension and uses regional Extension agents as well as community volunteers, corporate partners, alumni and parents to deliver youth development programs in all 67 counties.

Alabama 4-H engages with more than 109,000 youth each year. It seeks to empower them with the skills to lead their communities and grow into future leaders. For more information, visit www.Alabama4H.com.

Baseball (from Front)

Nick Griffin
nick@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — Another baseball season is in the books in Cullman County and that means there are plenty of postseason honors to be awarded. The county's seven head coaches voted on this year's awards and All-County teams and have selected Cold Springs' standout shortstop and pitcher Brodee Bartlett as this year's Most Valuable Player after helping lead the Eagles back to the playoffs.

Cold Springs Head Coach Brendan Voce was also recognized as the Coach of the Year after guiding the Eagles to the postseason.

West Point's Brody Freeman earned Offensive Player of the Year honors after a great season at the plate and his teammate Kanaan Sutter was selected as the Pitcher of the Year after an outstanding season on the mound.

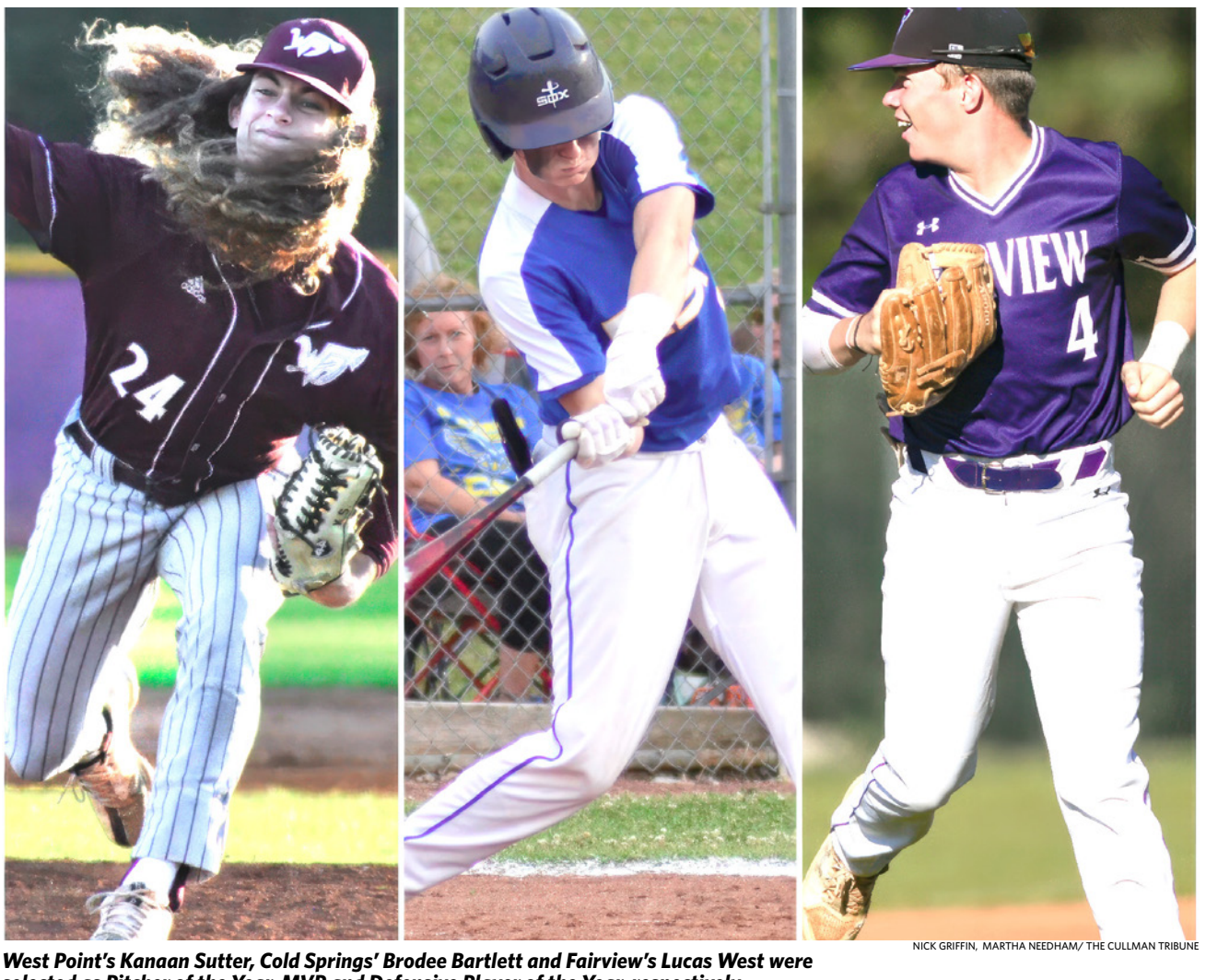
Fairview's Lucas West put together a stellar season behind the plate as well, earning him Defensive Player of the Year honors.

ALL-COUNTY
FIRST TEAM

- JD Cochran, West Point
- Michael Foust, Vinemont
- Crimson Wright, Fairview
- Nelson Arteaga, Fairview
- John Martin, Holly Pond
- Andrew Putman, West Point
- Connor Scott, Fairview
- Jake Hale, Vinemont
- Josh Winfrey, Cold Springs
- Colton McCoy, West Point

ALL-COUNTY
SECOND TEAM

- Colton Whatley, Good Hope
- Cole Bales, Cold Springs
- Ayden Black, Good Hope
- Ayden Thomason, Vinemont
- Jake Cornelius, Hanceville
- Hayden Robinson, Vinemont
- Jackson Cleveland, Hanceville
- Gabe Ognilla, Hanceville
- Nic Gregory, Fairview
- Sylar Philyaw, West Point
- Boston Gibbs, Holly Pond
- Sawyer Olinger, Holly Pond


NICK GRIFFIN, MARTHA NEEDHAM/ THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

West Point's Kanaan Sutter, Cold Springs' Brodee Bartlett and Fairview's Lucas West were selected as Pitcher of the Year, MVP and Defensive Player of the Year, respectively.



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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
GREGORY LEVON SANDLIN, * CASE NO.: PC2023-021
*
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to PAMELA BURDESHAW SANDLIN, as Personal Representative of the Estate of GREGORY LEVON SANDLIN, deceased, on the 5th day of May, 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 BURDESHAW SANDLIN
Personal Representative

Thomas E. Drake, II
Attorney for Personal Representative
419 Second Ave. SW, Suite BA
Cullman, AL 35055
256-739-9445

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

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

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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
Attorney for the Estate
Smith & Smith, LLP
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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
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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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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
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

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Neil Taylor, Jr.
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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*:

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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.) CASE NO: 25-CV-2021-900262
)
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.)

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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Home (from Front)

residents he serves to have a freshly updated space. "It really makes a difference for them to have something that was tailor-made just for them," he said. Tiffany Wilson, assistant residential coordinator, said the transformation was especially touching for her since she and her oldest son used to live in the apartment below the main house during her time as a house parent for the residents."This house has my heart," she shared.

"My eldest son actually grew up with these guys, and he was blown away at how different it looks when he came and did a little sneak peek the other day."

The group home, known in the CCCDD realm as the Nail House, was the organization's first, established in 1995. Over the years a few renovations here and there were done, but the six-month project saw remodeled the walls, ceiling, electrical, plumbing, flooring, bathrooms and kitchen, resulting in a major facelift.



Obituary Announcements: May 4-5

Christine Hodge, 90
Christine Hodge, 90, of Cullman, passed away on Wednesday, May 3, 2023. She was born Jan. 27, 1933, to Homer Huffstutler and Elma Wilson Huffstutler. She is survived by her daughters, DeNeal (Larry) Wright and Terri (Archie) Screws; siblings, Helen Schaffer, Homer Huffstutler Jr. and Joy Maddox; grandchildren, Chad Wright and Jesse Willis; great-grandchildren, Crimson Wright, Lincoln Wright and Tatum Wright and Jace Willis. She was preceded in death by her parents, Homer and Elma Huffstutler and her husband, Billy James Hodge. A graveside service will be held on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 1 p.m. at Cullman City Cemetery. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Hodge family.

Richard Lawrence 'Rooster' Quisenberry, 52
Memorial service for Richard Lawrence 'Rooster' Quisenberry, 52, of Vinemont, will be from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, May 6, 2023, at Corinth Baptist Church, Bro. Glen Miller officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Quisenberry family. Mr. Quisenberry passed away Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at his residence. He was born May 5, 1970, to David Morgan and Patricia Ann Denton Quisenberry. He loved his livestock, chickens and goats. Richard was a member of Corinth Baptist Church. He was a truck driver. Richard was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his sons, Andrew Quisenberry, Trent Miller; daughters, Ashley (Geoffrey) Hall, Jill Linton; sisters, Melinda (Craig) Tuttle, Crystal Logsdon; grandchildren, Kingsten, Marlee, Tyelinn, Major, Maverick, Avery, Jacob; friends, Charity Hembree, Melinda Page; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Dorothy "Dot" Louise Nelson, 80
Dorothy "Dot" Louise Nelson, age 80, of Haleyville, passed away Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at Lakeland Community Hospital. She was born April 26, 1943, to Everett and Yvetta Strobel in Advance, Missouri. She loved playing Bingo, card games, and most of all being surrounded by her family. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2023, from noon until 2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where the service will begin at 2 p.m. Sister Debbie Martin will officiate. Interment will follow in Winston Memorial Cemetery. Dorothy is survived by her sisters, Norma Baker and Mary (Lee) Simpson; children, Linda Hunt, Rose Nelson (Chris Hyde), Betty (Gary) Taylor, Terrie (Frank) Garcia, Jerry Nelson, and Carrie Cabello; and multiple grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, Everett and Yvetta Strobel; former husband, Marion "Gene" Nelson; children, Ricky Jo Nelson, Eugene E. Nelson, Mary Nelson, Raymond Lane, Lecia Seaton; and grandson, Lil Ricky Jo Taylor.

Edna Faye Elrod, 90
Edna Faye Elrod passed away on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, in Pell City, Alabama. She was born June 17, 1932, in Cullman, Alabama to the late Joseph C. Pearson and Emma Lou Harper Pearson. She graduated from Fairview High School in 1951. Later that year, she married her high school sweetheart, Kenneth Elrod. She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph C. Pearson and Emma Harper Pearson; son, Michael S. Elrod and sister, Annetta Pearson Parker. She is survived by her husband of over 71 years, Kenneth Elrod; daughter, Sharon (David) Wilson of Lincoln, Alabama; grandchildren, Autumn Wilson, Jeremy (Lindsey) Wilson, Virginia Elrod-Mangham, Michael (Kim) Elrod, and Andrea Elrod; nine great grandchildren; sisters, Earlene Love, Barbara Hyatt, and Sue Burke; and several nieces, nephews, family and friends. She is called Grandmother by her grandchildren and GG by her great-grandchildren. She loved her family fiercely and often showed that through food. Among her many specialties, her fried chicken, homemade biscuits and chocolate cake with buttermilk icing were family favorite standouts. Candy and Dr. Pepper were always stocked for anyone who dropped by. She was well known for her magical purse that always had exactly what you needed. She was loved by many and will be deeply missed. A graveside service will be Saturday, May 6, 2023, at 11 a.m. at New Hope #2 Cemetery, Lee Witherington will be officiating.

Michael Ray Butler, 41
Funeral service for Michael Ray Butler, 41, of Hanceville, will be at 1 p.m., Monday, May 8, 2023, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in McKinney's Chapel Cemetery, Pastor Dewayne Harbison officiating. Visitation will be Sunday evening at the funeral home from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Michael passed away Thursday, May 4, 2023, at CRMC. He was born July 20, 1981 to James Butler and Cheri Grace Ortiz. He loved Alabama football "Roll Tide!" He loved country music, playing his X-Box and talking on the phone. He was always happy and smiling. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Warden Grace, Janis Simmons; father, James Ray Butler; sister, Michelle Butler; uncle, Barry Joe Grace. Survivors include his mother, Cheri (Augustin) Ortiz; brothers, Jeffrey (Sabrina) Butler, Angelo Ortiz; sisters, Tiffany Butler, Hali Ortiz, Laura (Dennis) Gupton; uncles, Vaughn Grace, Warren Grace (Carmen), Teddy Grace; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Charles "Shorty" Michael Milstead, 66
Charles "Shorty" Michael Milstead, age 66, of Addison, passed away on Thursday, May 4, 2023, peacefully surrounded by family. He was born August 3, 1956, in Texas to Arthur Kenneth Milstead and Annie Oneida Milstead. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his daughter, Amanda Lee Lawson; son, Michael Milstead; grandchildren, Shawn Forbs, Destiny Forbs, Alexxes Forbs, and Hailey Milstead; great-grandchild, Delilah Davidson; sisters, Tricia Ballard and Kerri Thompson; and best friend, Robin Calbert.

Norman L. Wright, 76
Funeral service for Norman L. Wright, age 76, of Baileyton, will be at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2023. He will lie in state from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. at Welcome Baptist Church; interment in Welcome Baptist Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Sunday, May 7, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Wright passed away on Thursday, May 4, 2023, at his residence. He was born Feb. 27, 1947, in Alabama to Elmer Lee and Esther Mildred Wright. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Peggy Sherlene Wright; son, Hal (Melissa) Wright; grandchildren, Ashley (Kyle) Morris, Kody (Katie) Wright, and Ariel (Daniel) Powell; great-grandchildren, Avery Morris, Luke Morris, Kaleb Wright, Kade Wright, Lindy Kate Wright, Wyatt Powell, and Alba-Grace Powell.

Freeda Idella Hawkins Hudson, 98
Freeda Idella Hawkins Hudson, age 98, of Cullman, AL. died Friday, May 5, 2023. She was preceded in death by her parents: John Homer and Erie Cobbs Hawkins; 5 brothers, 4 sisters, and her daughter-in-law, Sherri Hudson. Mrs. Hudson is survived by her sons: David Hudson and Wayne Hudson; grandchildren: Jacob Hudson (Jackie), Joey Hudson, James Hudson, Zach Hudson, Alex Hudson, Serah Hudson, and Isaiah Hudson; great granddaughter, Kaydence Hudson; and a host of other family members and friends. The family will receive friends at Moss Service Funeral Home on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. The Celebration of Mrs. Hudson's life will be Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 2 p.m. at 7th Street Baptist Church with burial to follow in Cullman Memory Gardens. Please visit mossservicefh.com to leave condolences for the family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Terry Wayne Thomason, 48
Terry Wayne Thomason, age 48, of Falkville, Alabama passed away on Wednesday, May 3, 2023. Terry was born in Stuttgart, Germany on Oct. 21, 1974, to Roy and Robbie Allbritten Thomason. Terry is preceded in death by: sister: Melora Michele Thomason, nephew: Seth Burdette. Funeral services are Tuesday May 9, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel with interment following services in Bethel Church Cemetery in Morgan County. Survivors are: son: Jesse Wayne Thomason, mother: Robbie Allbritten Thomason, father: Roy Thomason, sister: Melanie (William) Burdette, nephew: Sam Burdette. Visitation is Tuesday May 9, 2023, from 11 a.m. until service time at Moss Service Funeral Home. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Thomason family.

Hershell Eugene Downs, 82
Graveside service for Hershell Eugene Downs, 82, of Hanceville, will be at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at Cullman City Cemetery. Mr. Downs passed away on Thursday, May 4, 2023, at Woodland Village Health Care. He was born May 19, 1940, to Roy E. Downs and Bertie Mae Downs. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, and sisters. Survivors include his sons, Wayne Downs and Rickey Downs, and several family members and friends.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

College graduation day finally arrived

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She attended her first class at Jacksonville State University when she was only 3-year's old! No, she was not a child prodigy. She was a child whose mother was a college student without a babysitter. The mother was my wife, Jean, and the child was our daughter, Sara Ashley.

It so happened that Ashley's regular babysitter was unavailable that day. Jean had a test that day, which she didn't need to miss, so Ashley went to college with her mother. When Jean asked permission for our daughter to stay, the professor not only allowed her to stay, but she graciously sat in the hall with her. The professor peeped in on her students as they took their tests, while she read a book to her newest and youngest student!

None of us imagined back then how history would one day repeat itself. Fast forward some 30 years after she attended her first class at Jacksonville State, and we find Ashley actually enrolled in classes at that same school.

Have you ever heard the expression, "Like mother, like daughter?" After Jean's first year of college, she married yours truly and put her higher education on the back burner. It was not until she was in her 30s and with a husband and a child, that she went back to get her undergraduate degree. With all the demands of a family, she went on to be a cum laude graduate with a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Jacksonville State University.

Immediately after high school, Sara Ashley began her college education as an art major.

She also put her higher education on hold after her first year of college. Many years later, when she began again, she changed her studies to nursing. Two years ago, she completed her RN degree from Southern Union Community College. She decided to continue on and get her bachelor's degree. So, she was accepted to attend the first college she had ever attended, but this time she was slightly older than 3. Working as a full-time nurse in a hospital intensive care unit, with a husband and a young-teenage son, she went back to the same school she had attended for one day with her mother, 30-something years earlier. She is now the same age as her mother when she went there.

Last Saturday, we attended the commencement exercises at Jacksonville State University. We sat in the football stadium the entire morning as we waited for that one-shining moment to arrive. The University Band played Pomp and

Circumstance until their lips and fingers almost fell off, while the graduating class of 2023 filed in to take their seats. Nancy Grace delivered the graduation address. Then, after all the fanfare, 1000 names were called out and awarded their degrees. Ashley's last name is now Wood.

Alphabetically, she was almost the last name called. I did not know approximately 999 of them, but I gladly waited to hear the name called for the one I do know and love so much. I was so proud of our one-and-only child that I strutted, just a little, while sitting right there on the concrete stadium bleachers!

Finally, Ashley has not only graduated from college, but she finished Summa Cum Laude, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. The 2-most important ladies in my life have now graduated from the same university. They even bought matching JSU alumni sweatshirts immediately after graduation! Ashley is a fine example to us all to have a dream, and to work hard and pray much, to see it come true. Congratulations, Sara Ashley King Wood!

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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

Before the Deadline | By: April McCay

Dazed before my deadline
As my pen taps my head,
Words waiting to be written
Or as I like to call it...the
invisible dread.

Pushing the laptop aside
My feet meet the floor,
My hand grips the door knob
Exiting outside to explore.

Imagination now igniting
senses are engaged,
The colors, the smells, the sounds
I rush back in to my last page.

There's something about distraction
That welcomes fresh words,
It's like a mental muscle memory
Revealing a gift to be heard.

All is coming together now
Minutes before I submit,
One last look over
Now, the return key I hit.

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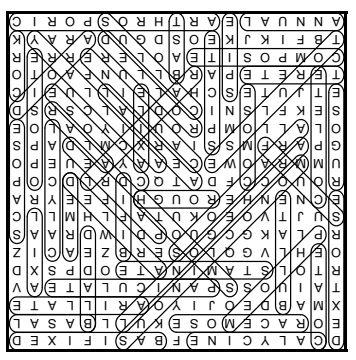
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Seniors twist, twirl and dip at Strawberry Festival Senior Day

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A little drizzle and unseasonably chilly temps weren't going to stop hundreds of Cullman area seniors from celebrating Senior Day at the Cullman Strawberry Festival Friday morning at the Festhalle.

Seniors from Vinemont to Colony gathered for fellowship, lunch, live music and dancing.

The morning was fun and jam-packed with friendly competition, with Elizabeth Hayes winning a "Twist" dance-off, Pam Scott winning a bucket of strawberries by guessing the number of berries correctly and of course, several bingo winners.

Music was provided by The Cadillac Band, which played all the old hits from crooners like Roy Orbison and Elvis, and more upbeat classics from Little Richard and Chubby Checker.

The energy was infectious, with seniors lining up in the Festhalle to twist, twirl and slow dancing.

Cullman County Commission on Aging Director Stephanie Lawson said, "We were hoping for better weather, but that didn't stop them from coming!

"We are so blessed for any opportunities we get to love on our seniors."



Below: Seniors gather to slow dance to a rendition of "Blue Bayou" performed by The Cadillac Band Friday, May 5, 2023, at Senior Day at the Cullman Strawberry Festival.

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Drone Wars (from Front)

different from last year's was a blind area added to make it more challenging. The two fastest times came down to a sixth of a second difference.

Individual winners

- Kamikaze Pilot: Xavior Bentley from Holly Pond
- Fastest Time: Rodger Miller (pilot) and Eli Drake (navigator) with a time of 1:15.1 from Good Hope
- Ace Pilot (fewest mistakes): James Kilpatrick from Harmony

Team winners

- First place: Eli Drake and Rodger Miller (Good Hope)
- Second place: Luke Morris and Troup Bridges (Harmony)
- Third place: Camden Kilgo and Eli Moore (Cold Springs)



