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Gentry, others visits Texas border

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Last week Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry was part of a delegation from Alabama that traveled to the U.S.-Mexico border in Texas to get an up-close look and learn more about the drug and humanitarian crises happening there.

Gentry saw first hand the crises our nation is facing, especially with Title 42 ending this week. "Title 42 is the name of an emergency health authority. It was a holdover from President Donald Trump's administration and began in March 2020. The authority allowed U.S. officials to turn away migrants who came» PAGE 16

CCBOE hosts armed forces signing day



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Left to right are Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette, U.S. Army recruiter Hew Churchill, Travis Egnor, Austin Hayes, Ella Crider, Hailee Steadman, Malcom Isidoro-Delgado and Col. Harvey Jones III.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Board of Education (CCBOE) on Friday, May 12, hosted high school juniors and seniors at the central office for an armed forces signing day. This was the third year for the event.

Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette opened the ceremony offering words of support and encouragement to the students.

"I do appreciate you guys very much. I appreciate the families, the sacrifice that you're going to be making being separated from your family members, and I know they're going to represent us well," he said.

Retired Col. Harvey B. Jones III was the guest speaker for the event, which was catered by the Cullman Veterans of Foreign Wars post.

"This is one of the most humbling and honoring programs that we do all year long." Barnett stated.

"I'm so excited that these young people see how important it is because we have so many role models in Cullman County that they can look to who have served in the military.

"These young people are going and they're going to serve and represent us and we are so excited.

Students who have enlisted include:

U.S. Army
- Malcom Isidoro-Delgado – Hanceville High
- Callum Smith – Holly Pond High

U.S. Army National Guard
- Hailee Steadman – Cold Springs High School
- Octavio Resendiz – Good Hope High School
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Beggars & Thieves pays it forward for those in need



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Baileyton 'Good Time' Drag Strip under new management



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Adam Davis with his family at the "Good Time" drag strip

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported May 12

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported May 12, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INCIDENTS
May 8
- domestic violence; CR 532
- criminal littering; CR 1121
- burglary; US Hwy. 31
- theft of property; Hwy. 278 E
- harassment; CR 1598
- harassment; CR 222
- harassment; CR 557

May 9
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69 S
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; 4th St. SW
- theft of property; CR 1555
- violation of protection order; CR 866
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 234
- theft of property; CR 469
- domestic violence; CR 1185
- harassment; CR 490

May 10
- harassment; CR 508
- domestic violence; CR 1352
- domestic violence; CR 5000
- possession of marijuana; Hwy. 69 S
- domestic violence; criminal mischief; CR 1693
- theft of property; Hwy. 157
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1117

ARRESTS
May 8 – 10
Allred, Dustyn H.; 28
- burglary-residence-force
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of dangerous drugs

Ball, Wendall C.; 23
- Grand Jury- assault-aggravated assault family-other weapon
- Grand Jury- insurance fraud

Bellamy, Xzavier M.; 41
- FTA- forgery-counterfeiting
- FTA- forgery-forged instrument

Billings, David S.; 58
- assault-harassment

Dover, Janissa C.; 30
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Edwards, Roy L.; 61
- Grand Jury- sexual abuse of child less than 12 years old-forcible fondling
- Grand Jury- sodomy-1st degree-being 16 years or older engaging with a person less than 12

Ford, Shayla M.; 27
- Probation Violation- illegal distribution of controlled substance

Freeman, Shonda Ann L.; 39
- Probation Violation- obstructing justice using false identity

Haney, Savannah B.; 35
- Grand Jury- flight/escape-escape

Herrera, Juan; 43
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Hudson, Coy R.; 51
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hunter Jr., Courtez L.; 21
- Grand Jury- promote prison contraband (drugs)
- Grand Jury- possession of dangerous drugs
- Grand Jury- buying/receiving stolen property
- Grand Jury- buying/receiving stolen property $1,500 or more
- Grand Jury- possession of concealed weapon without permit

Johnson, Kendrick J.; 20
- damaged property-criminal mischief

Jones, Charles C.; 40
- Grand Jury- burglary-non residence-force
- Grand Jury- damaged property-criminal mischief
- Grand Jury- larceny/theft-grand jury arrest warrant

McAnear, Taylor A.; 27
- Probation Violation- dangerous drugs-prescription for a controlled substance

Nabors, Bethany E.; 34
- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Perkins, Rusty L.; 45
- FTA- negotiating worthless instrument

Reid, Cherry B.; 59
- public intoxication

Rodriguez, Rebecca B.; 42
- Grand Jury- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Sanford, Christopher L.; 38
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Screws, Michael A.; 38
- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Swafford, Cutessa G.; 40
- FTA- contributing to delinquency of minor

Swann, Terry W.; 59
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Tanner, Steven R.; 32
- negotiating worthless instrument

Thursby, Jessica L.; 33
- burglary-residence-force
- possession of dangerous drugs

Watley, Claude F.; 24
- FTA- possessing stolen property

Watley, Damon K.; 53
- FTA- possessing stolen property

Weeks, Christopher J.; 45
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs
- negotiating worthless instrument

Woods II, Anthony B.; 24
- Grand Jury- assault-aggravated assault non family-strong arm

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
May 9
- unauthorized use of vehicle; person

May 10
- harassment; person; Lee Ave. SW
- harassment; person
- harassment; person; 3rd Ave. SW

May 11
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Drinkard Development; Ambassador Dr.
- failure to redeliver hired vehicle; Enterprise Rent-A-Car; 2nd Ave. NW

ARRESTS
May 10 – 11
Hodge, Michael K.; 33
- theft of property-4th degree
- criminal trespass-3rd degree (3 counts)

Dodd, Dennis J.; 51
- theft of property-4th degree

Swann, Terry W.; 59
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Copeland, Cameron K.; 24
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Lamey, Angel K.; 22
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Parker, Angela D.; 37
- Grand Jury- possession forged instrument-1st degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Depot Park (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – The City of Cullman on Thursday announced it will be making infrastructure changes to Depot Park. This will occur immediately to prepare for upcoming events this fall.

Depot Park is known as a nice little oasis just north of the city's Warehouse District, and its proximity to Festhalle has made it a popular park for community events. During Christmas, it is the centerpiece of the city's holiday festivities with the highly anticipated annual tree lighting. It also hosts numerous other growing events including Oktoberfest, the Strawberry Festival, 2nd Fridays and Relay For Life. "These new upgrades will help improve the layout and heavy foot traffic within the park during events," said Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism Executive Director Nathan Anderson. "Cullman events in Depot Park draw hundreds of thousands to Cullman and have a tremendous impact on our community."

Anderson said that this will also better support local businesses when events occur at the park, keeping their parking and storefronts more accessible during festival setups. It will also provide the opportunity to host more vendors at events, as the park is limited in power and water supply in its current state.

"Citizens, as well as visitors to our city, will have the opportunity to enjoy the park even more with better ADA compliance assets that will be added," said Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs.

"This will also allow our city to expand events comfortably and efficiently."

The new design also includes sidewalk improvements that will support easier access and traffic flow during crowded events.

This will provide improved pathways for heavy equipment when involved.

The City will be relocating the Depot Park fountain to the historic pocket park next to Cullman's oldest cottage, Weiss Cottage, and Richter Chapel, the iconic charming chapel located at 401 First Ave. SW.

Renderings of the new Depot Park design will be available soon.

Beggars & Thieves (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – You've likely seen Beggars & Thieves around town. The large black and gold mobile barbering unit, owned and operated by Jon Shiflett, is a decked-out man cave on wheels, featuring sage green boards and batten, a faux fireplace with a large flat screen and sprinkled with vintage pieces that portray a feeling of classic Americana. Men gather not only for cuts and shaves, but also for the sense of fellowship between gentlemen of all walks of life that traditional barbershops have always provided- all for the low cost of $15 cash.

Shiflett said that after nearly a decade in the coal mining industry, he has taken himself out of the rat race of keeping up with the Joneses, which prompted him to keep prices low, and spirits high, when men are in his chair. Yet, even at a lower price point than most of Cullman as far as a quality cut goes, some clients still struggle to pay with the rising cost of living since Beggars & Thieves' inception in 2021.

When you walk into the unit, amidst the vintage barbering gear and classic decor, you'll see a tin cup clipped to a rail at Shifflett's workstation. That cup is stuffed with cash, "probably $500 or so" in his own estimate, to "pay it forward" to clients in need, ensuring that families with multiple kids, men living paycheck to paycheck and those getting back on their feet can still look and feel good about themselves.

Shiflett said the cash cup was started by one of his dedicated clients and has been added to randomly by various other clients. He mentioned the honor he felt to be a steward of the funds and his hesitancy about being spotlighted for "just doing the right thing."

He maintained throughout the interview, "I'm just a blue-collar man. I don't do this for clout!"

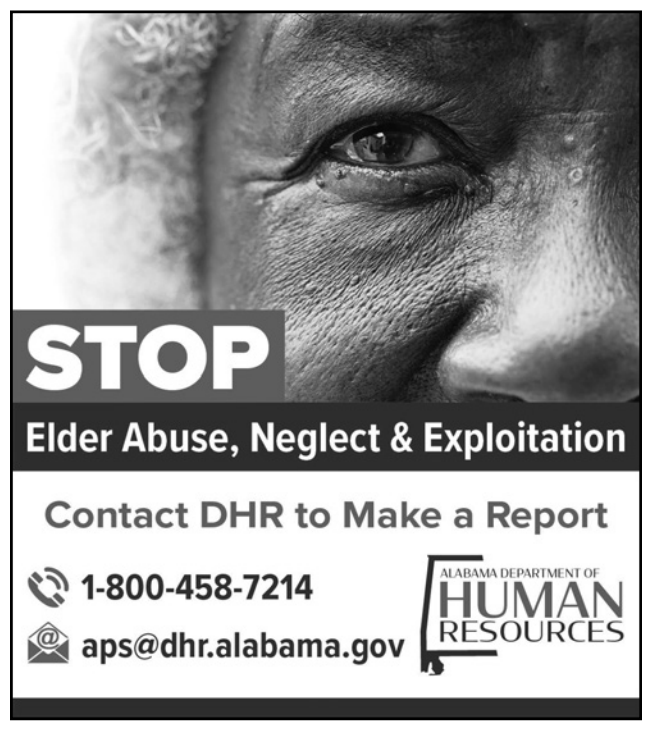
He said, "So many people these days are living paycheck to paycheck, and you never know who needs a little help."

Shiflett knows that his vision for his shop may not be everyone's cup of tea. When discussing his regular clientele, Shiflett made sure to note, "EVERY single person is welcome in here. Religious, non-religious, gay, straight, black, white. If you're chill, I'm chill. It's a place for everybody."

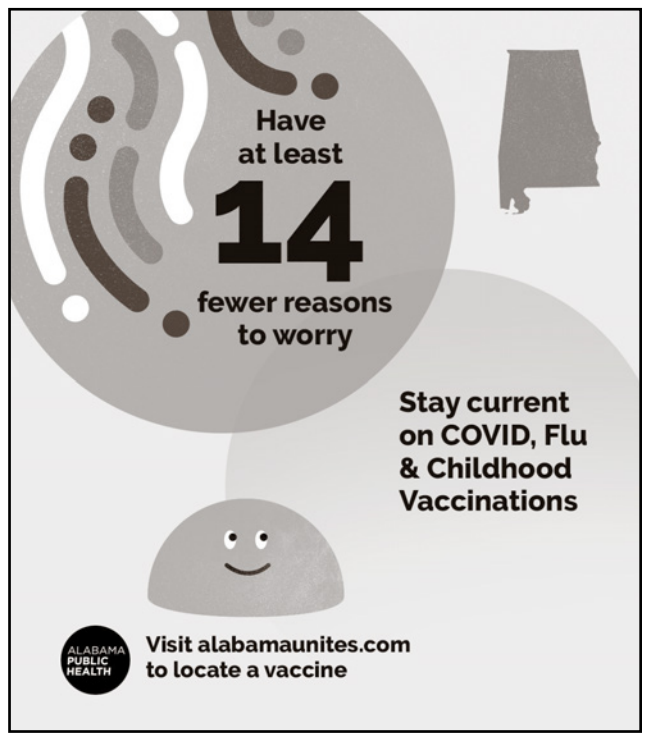
Shiflett also took a moment to recognize that the barbershop can be a sacred place for many men, especially these days where mental health struggles seem to be at an all-time high.

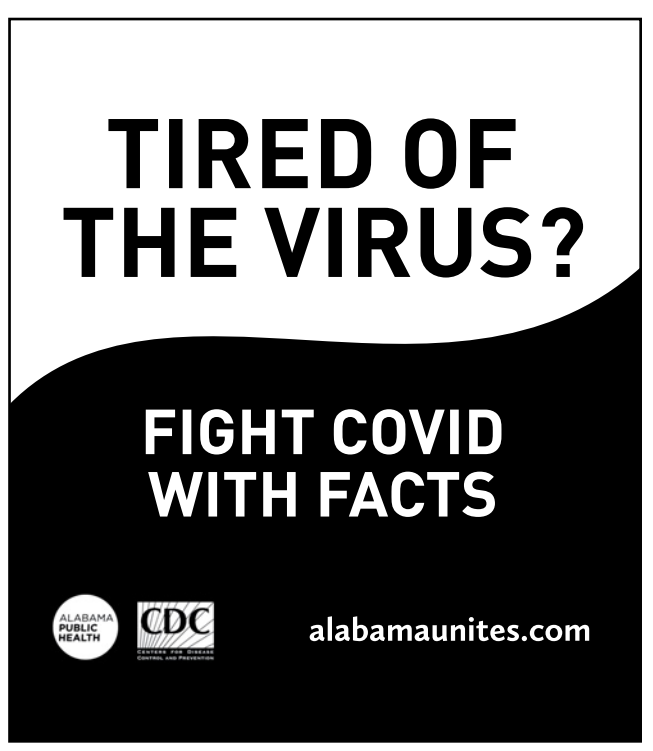
"If anyone is having a hard time, come in here and talk. No one is going to look down on you. And if they do, well..." as he pointed to an art piece that declares, "If you don't belong, don't be long."











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, May 14 - 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 14 - 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 @ 11. Praise and worship and message by Pam 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.

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.

Arts in the Garden Art Show
Saturday, May 13, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Woodlands & Wildflowers Garden at Sportsman Lake. This event is free and open to everyone.

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.

Holly Pond Lions Club Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, May 20, from 6-9 a.m. Join us for good food and fellowship in the Lions Club Building at 220 Lion's Park Road in Holly Pond. All-you-can-eat pancakes, bacon and sausage for a donation. Proceeds will go toward the upkeep of Holly Pond Cemetery.

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.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Singing
Sunday, May 21, at 5 p.m. Sonlife Quartet from Chattanooga, Tennessee will be featured guests. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information call 256-796-5986.

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
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CLASS OF 2023

Graduation is Friday, May 19, at 1 p.m. in the gym

"The CDC Family would like to congratulate the graduates and their families plus the support systems for each on the celebration of accomplishment. This celebration comes after years of consistent support from many different entities. For each graduate to realize their potential to reach this point took collaboration and relationships based on balance. Many people will lose sight of the significance of certain accomplishments relative to each student's needs. The balance of words, actions, and emotions brought about change that led to this moment. The CDC Family recognizes the importance of each and their contribution to bring us to this day and wish the graduates all the best as they entered the CDC as a cub but graduating as a LION."

Chris Chambers, Principal, Child Development Center

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***Back row, left to right:** Nathan McBrayer, Alivia Bencze, Jaiden Colwell; **Front row, left to right:** Brooke Bussey, Christian Woodard*

CULLMAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

CLASS OF 2023

Graduation is Thursday, May 25, at 7 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church

To the Senior Class of 2023:

"On the behalf of Cullman Christian School, we would like to congratulate you on your upcoming graduation. This is a monumental achievement that you will never forget. The hard work and dedication that you have put in will only propel you to greater heights. Never forget to thank the ones that helped you reach this point in life. Our community is blessed with great teachers, parents and friends. I hope and pray that the values and skills that you have gained during your time at Cullman Christian School will serve you in your walk with Christ and future endeavors. Many graduates think that money and fame will make them happy, but in the end, true happiness comes from making a difference in the lives of others and impacting the world for Jesus Christ. As you continue on through your educational journey or in the workplace, never forget where your blessings come from. Matthew 6:33 says, "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Our prayers are with you and may God richly bless your future!"

Heith Yearwood, Head of Schools
Cullman Christian School

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COLD SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2023

Graduation is Saturday, May 20, at noon at Wallace State Coliseum

Not pictured: Camel Messina and Kristian Strickland

"I would like to extend my congratulations to the Cold Springs High Class of 2023. As a school, we are proud of everything that you have achieved both collectively and as individuals. Your hard work, personal sacrifice, and individual efforts displayed in order to achieve this milestone are well recognized. Across the board, your accomplishments signify exactly what a dedicated and remarkable class you have been. As your new journey begins, please know that you are leaving an indelible mark of excellence on the lives of the CSH family, and for that we are thankful. We wish you continued success and nothing but the best in your future endeavors."

Eric Dickerson, Principal, Cold Springs High School

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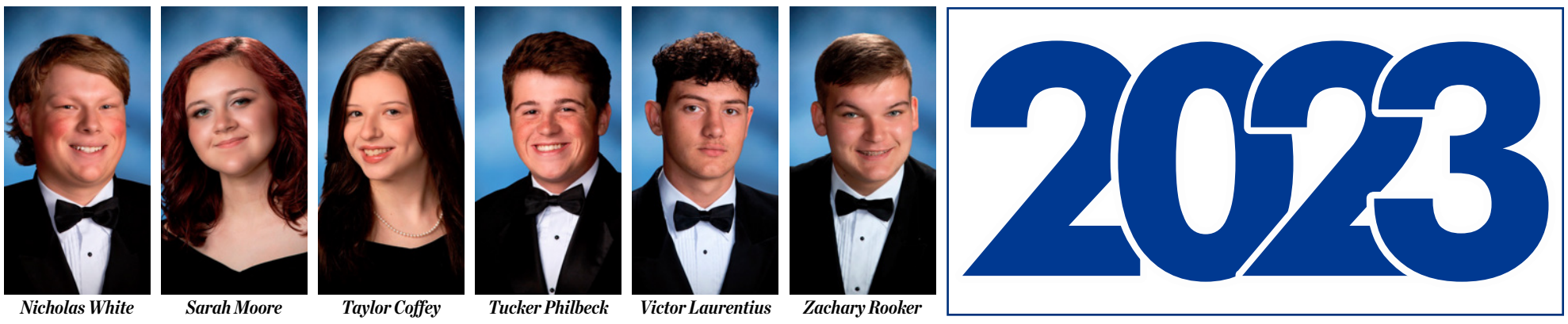
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HOLLY POND HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 2023

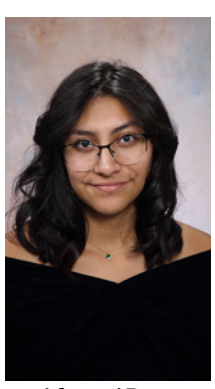
Graduation is Saturday, May 20, at 4 p.m. at Wallace State Coliseum

Not pictured: Alyssa Marcum, Victor Orona Diaz, Cody Thomas and Nathaniel York

"Holly Pond High School will graduate sixty-two seniors on Saturday, May 20 in a ceremony conducted at WSCC at 4:00 p.m. Even though this class is small in number, they have the distinction of earning over $1 million dollars in scholarships and were accepted into 24 colleges and universities. Two of these classmates will also be serving their country by joining the Army and National Guard. This graduating class also has the distinction of receiving numerous job offers to begin employment right after graduation, showing that entering into the workforce is an achievable endeavor for skilled, graduating seniors. Some of them will continue their athletic careers across Alabama as they earn their college degrees. Holly Pond High School is very proud of the Class of 2023 and believe they are more than ready to face the challenges they will meet upon graduating, especially as they learn to exercise their freedoms as young adults. We believe they will represent the values of our school very well as they leave HPHS to make a difference. We wish all of them the very best in the path that they have chosen!"

Dr. Janet M. Turner, Principal, Holly Pond High School

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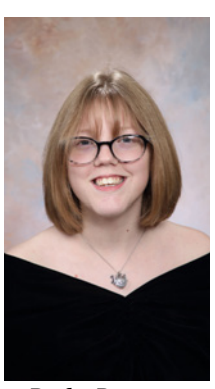

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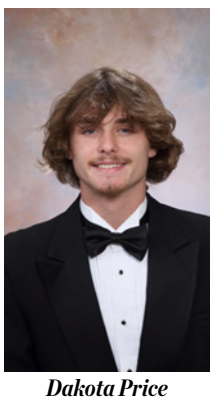

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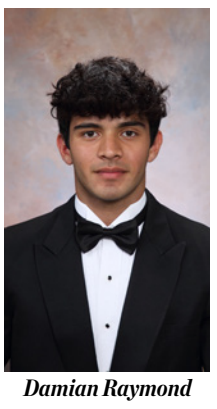

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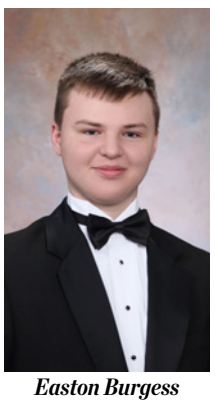

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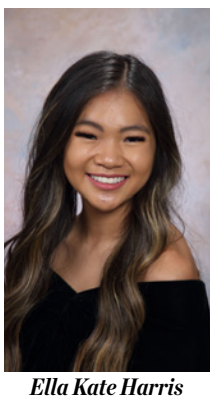

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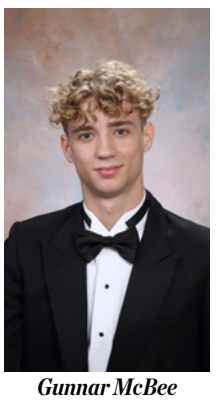

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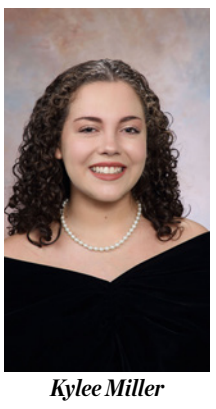

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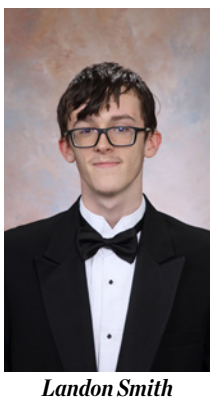

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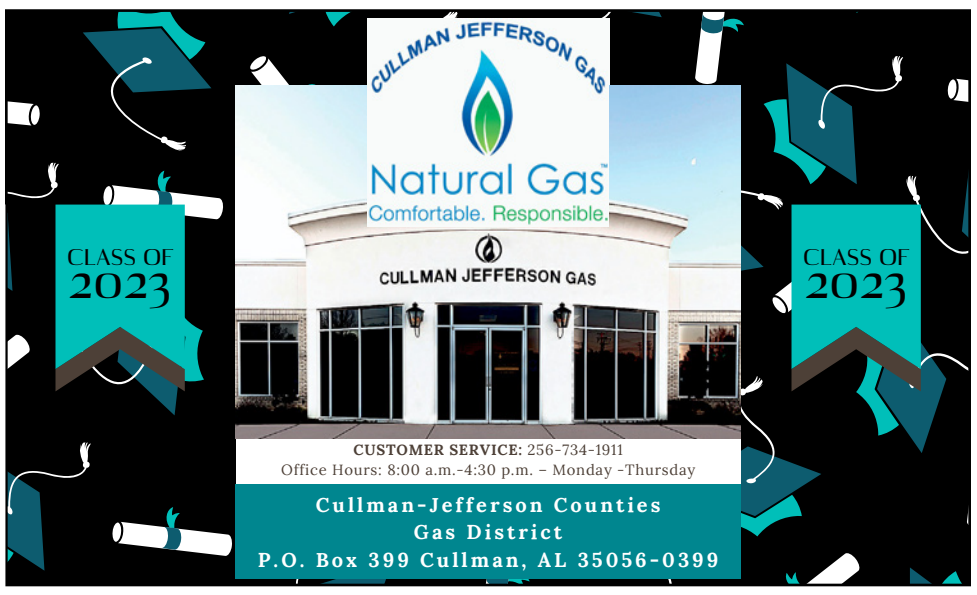
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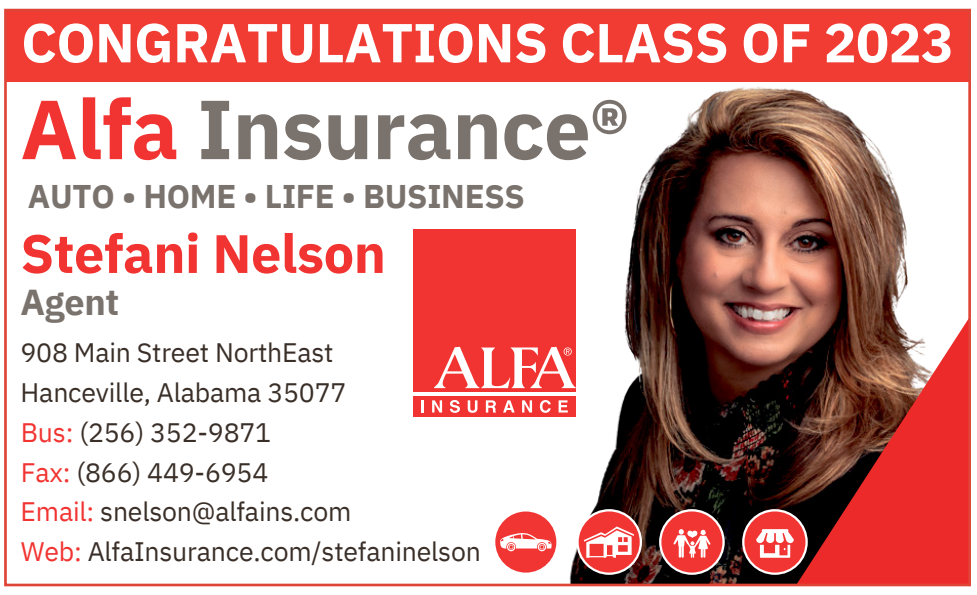
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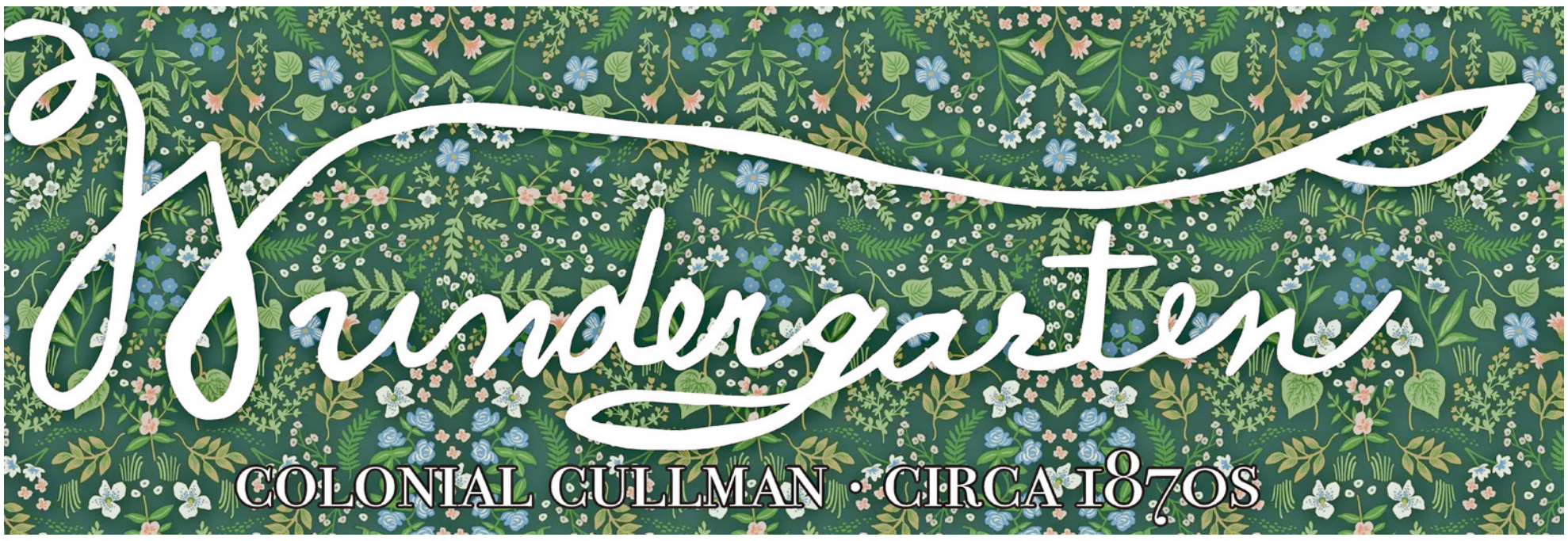
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– COLUMN –

Celebrating in the Wundergarten – Legendary mothers

Ben Johnson South
Tribune Columnist

While creating the mother character, Frau Ruehl, in the folktale "WUNDERGARTEN," I didn't have to look far for stellar examples. I was lucky to have a "storybook wonderful" mom and so are most of us. Mothers, though rarely flawless, are regularly, magically wunderbar.

Frau Ruehl isn't perfect but she's perfect for the patient, hard-working, life-affirming, positive role model of motherhood she embodies. She is brave, nurturing and unconditionally loving.

As I imagined Frau Ruehl, I recalled the sweetly sentimental words of this classic Mother's Day song that is credited to several devoted, songwriting sons, but was most popularly recorded by actor/folksinger Burl Ives.

M-O-T-H-E-R
(A Word That Means the World to Me)

When I was but a baby, long
before I learned to walk

While I was lying in
my cradle, I would
try my best to talk

It wasn't long before I spoke
and all the neighbors heard

My folks were very proud
of me for "Mother"
was the word

Although I'll never
lay a claim to fame

I'm satisfied to sing
her lovely name:

"M" is for the million
things she gave me

"O" means only that
she's growing old

"T" is for the tears she
shed to save me

"H" is for her heart
of purest gold

"E" is for her eyes with
love-light shining

"R" means right and
right she'll always be

Put them all together
they spell MOTHER

A world that means
the world to me.

Brothers Grimm folktales were a major inspiration for "WUNDERGARTEN." In their 200-plus stories, I found numerous, selfless moms like Frau Ruehl. That said, the centuries-old stories collected by Jacob and Wilheim Grimm were not so admiring of stepmothers, who were often portrayed as wicked and bullying. Modern versions of the Grimm tales have eased up some on step-parents.

LEGENDARY MOTHERS abound in children's books, classic literature, films and Broadway musical storytelling. Here are some of "THE BEST 'MAKE BELIEVE' MOMS EVER:"

THE LITTLE RED HEN—a superb role model for being a team player, responsible and self-reliant; The LRH wasn't a goofy, BFF for her little chicks, but she was a good and loving teacher and superb MOTHER—she put the "coop" in "COOPeration"

MARMEE (Margaret March) from LITTLE WOMEN by Louisa May Alcott—kept the home fires burning while her husband was far from home, soldiering in the war; she lovingly, steadfastly corralled and uplifted her spirited daughters—as Marmee warmly beams, "The love, respect and confidence of my children was the sweetest reward I could receive for my efforts to be the woman I would have them copy."

MAME DENNIS from AUNTIE MAME by Patrick Dennis is a sort of a fairytale, magical mix of free spirit and fortitude—Dennis based the character on his outrageously over-the-top aunt; ever-encouraging, through the rousing song by Broadway legend, Jerry Herman, Mame taught young Patrick and the rest of us to:

Open a new window

Open a new door

Travel a new highway

That's never been
tried before

Before you find you're
a dull fellow

Punching the same clock

Walking the same tightrope

As everyone on the block.

The fellow you ought to
be is three dimensional

Soaking up life

Down to your toes

Whenever they say you're
slightly unconventional

Just put your thumb

Up to your nose

And show 'em how to

Dance to a new rhythm

Whistle a new song

Toast with a new vintag

The fizz doesn't fizz too long

There's only one way to
make the bubbles sta

Simply travel a new highway

Dance to a new rhythm

Open a new window

Ev'ry day!

LULU NANAPUSH from LOVE MEDICINE by Louise Erdrich is no demure, prim heroine—she is lusty and adventurous; the author shows us that desire both enriches life and also complicates it; this Ojibwe mother fiercely defends her family and her tribe—Erdrich has said, "You have to love. You have to feel. It is the reason you are here on earth. You are here to risk your heart."

MISS HONEY from MATILDA by Roald Dahl is Matilda's school teacher and "mother figure" who is kind, respectful and admiring of Matilda's giftedness; Miss Honey nurtures Matilda's brilliance and in the final act, teacher and student form a "new family," one which is positive and healthy for both characters

SUYUAN WOO from THE JOY LUCK CLUB by Amy Tan reminds me of an Asian version of Frau Ruehl in WUNDERGARTEN—challenges befall Suyuan Woo but she refuses to focus on the negative and strives to sow seeds of happiness for a successful future—Suyuan Woo would embrace this line from WUNDERGARTEN, "Plow toward sunshine and shadows fade behind you."

MRS. MURRY from A WRINKLE IN TIME by Madeleine L'Engle is a beautiful, brilliant scientist who lovingly takes care of her family while her husband mysteriously disappeared on government business. This novel has many life lessons, among them—"Life, with its rules, its obligations, and its freedoms, is

CLAIR OLIVIA HUXTABLE (nee Hanks) was the elegant, eloquent sit-com wife of Cliff and mother of five children, so, including Cliff, six. She was a dedicated lawyer with a playful sense of humor and considerable "my mouth to God's ears" assertiveness. Try this quote from one of television's favorite moms: "Don't you dare open your mouth when I'm asking you a question!" Uh, yes, I mean, "YES MA'AM!"





like a sonnet: You're given the form, but you have to write the sonnet yourself."

"MA" from LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE by Laura Ingalls Wilder reminds me so much of my own, calm and loving mom, also a mother of five spirited children; "Ma" was a woman of faith who studied and valued nature, hard work and education; "Ma" taught these lessons: "We'll cross that bridge when we come to it" and "This earthly life is a battle. If it isn't one thing to contend with, it's another. It always has been so, and it always will be. The sooner you make up your mind to that, the better off you ae, and the more thankful for your pleasures."

Create your own "Mothers Hall of Fame," and I hope like me, you are able to kindly and honestly include your own, tireless, dear, beloved mom right at the top of your roster. This Mother's Day holiday salute is to fictional mothers like Frau Ruehl of WUNDERGARTEN but it's also a good time to reflect on "real life" mom models like: Candy Lightner, a woman who turned her grief over the death of her child, into the life-saving cause, MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers); Wilma Mankiller, a modern day, Native American tribal leader; Melinda Gates, visionary philanthropist; Mother Teresa, Sojourner Truth, Lou Xiaoying, Nancy Edison, Maria von Trapp, Ann Jarvis, Josephine Baker, Lillian Carter, Barbara Bush and Erma Bombeck. These mothers and millions of others, taught us to LIVE, LAUGH and LOVE.

LEGENDARY MOTHERS, real and fantastical like Frau Ruehl, have a heart of purest gold and keep the lovelight shining.

CELEBRATING IN THE WUNDERGARTEN

This storytelling culinary series mostly imagines tasty foods from the recipe box our fictional mom, Frau Ruehl, brought with her from Germany to present-day Cullman County, Alabama. This week in the WUNDERGARTEN, we have a dish from prairie pioneer, "Ma," a heroine of THE LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE.

MA'S "LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE" RHUBARB PIE

(Source: delish.com)

INGREDIENTS

- 2 lb. rhubarb cut into 1" pieces (about 7 cups)
- 1 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup cornstarch
- 1 tbsp. lemon juice
- 1/4 tsp. kosher salt
- 2 pieces pie dough
- All-purpose flour, for rolling
- 2 tbsp. butter, cold and cubed
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten with 1/2 tsp. water
- Sanding sugar, for sprinkling

INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a large bowl, combine rhubarb, sugar, cornstarch, lemon juice and salt. On a lightly floured surface, roll each piece of dough out into two 12" rounds.

2. Fit one round into a 9" glass pie plate and fill with rhubarb mixture. Dot evenly with butter, then cover pie with remaining round and trim overhang to 1". Fold edges of top dough under and crimp together.

3. Using a sharp knife, make five 1" slits in a circle in the center of the top crust. Freeze pie for 30 minutes.

4. Preheat oven to 375F with a rack in the middle and the bottom third. Brush top crust all over with egg wash and sprinkle generously with sanding sugar.

5. Bake pie on middle rack, with a foil-lined baking sheet on bottom rack to catch juices, about 1 hour. Check to see if top crust is browning too quickly and tent with foil if necessary. Continue to cook, checking every 10 minutes to see if top crust needs to be tented, for about 30 minutes more, until bubbling in center and bottom crust is golden.

6. Transfer pie to a rack to cool completely.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND AND AUF WIEDERSEHEN Y'ALL!

MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND TREAT Saturday, May 13, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. is a FREE and OPEN TO ALL "Arts in the Garden" event at the WOODLANDS & WILDFLOWER GARDEN, "Cullman County's Arts Garden" at Sportsman Lake Park.

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

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PREP BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

Bearcats fall in 6A semifinals at No. 1 Oxford

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NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Cullman Bearcats fell to No. 1 Oxford on the road Thursday night, ending their postseason run in the 6A semifinals.

OXFORD, Ala. — Rain postponed the Class 6A semifinals matchup between Cullman and Oxford Wednesday night, but the Bearcats and the Jackets were able to get things underway Thursday. Unfortunately for the Cullman faithful that made the trip back, Oxford jumped out to an early lead in game one on its way to an 11-0 win and in game two, the Yellow Jackets held off a late rally from the Bearcats to take game two 5-3, ending Cullman's season in round four.

Oxford 11 - Cullman 0 (Game One)

Riley Jackson knocked a double into left field to give the 'Cats a runner in scoring position in the top of the first but a strikeout ended the inning and kept Cullman off the board. A 4-6-3 double play and a strikeout by Bearcats starter Easton Peed ended the bottom of the first but Oxford was able to get some runs on the board in the second. A bases-loaded walk, an error and three RBI singles allowed the Yellow Jackets to build a 6-0 lead after two innings and in the bottom of the third, a 2-run double put Oxford in front 8-0.

The Yellow Jackets tacked on three more runs in the fourth to make it an 11-0 game and Cullman was unable to respond in the top of the fifth, giving Oxford an 11-0 win in game one.

Jackson recorded the lone hit for the Bearcats in the loss.

Oxford 5 – Cullman 3 (Game Two)

An RBI double into right field gave the Yellow Jackets a 1-0 lead in the top of the first. Paxton Ponder and Tucker Cagle each drew walks and Riley Jackson reached on an error to load up the bases in the bottom of the first, but a strikeout cut the scoring opportunity short. After a scoreless second inning, Oxford was able to add to its lead in the third, plating a pair of runs to stretch the lead to 3-0 going into the fourth.

An RBI single made it a 4-0 game in the top of the fourth, but the Bearcats responded in the bottom half of the inning. Hunter Howell led things off with a single and Easton Peed drew a walk to give the 'Cats a pair of runners. Cole Floyd laid down a sacrifice bunt to move them over and Cody Jones ripped an RBI single into left field to drive in Howell and cut the lead to 4-1. Jackson drew a walk to keep the inning going and Peed scored on a wild pitch a few pitches later to make it a 4-2 game going into the fifth.

Zane Watwood kept the rally going in the bottom of the fifth when he smoked a solo home run over the left field fence to trim the lead to 4-3. The Yellow Jackets got one of the runs back in the top of the sixth with a sacrifice fly, making it a 5-3 game going into the final frame. Down to their last out, the Bearcats were able to get a pair of runners on base in the bottom of the seventh but couldn't bring them around to score and Oxford held on to win game two 5-3.

Jones (one RBI) led Cullman with a pair of hits in the loss and Watwood (HR), Howell and Floyd each posted hits as well.

PREP CHEER

'Be a Christ-like example for my teammates': Good Hope's Melanie talks sophomore season

Sammy Confer
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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — Good Hope sophomore Cori Melanie has been on the varsity cheer team for three years and the varsity competition team for four years. She talked about her experience on varsity so far and what's it been like cheering alongside a great group of teammates.

"I have learned during my time on varsity that every minute matters, in practice, performances, and even games. There's only so much time you get in cheer, and you have to always be prepared going in. Two minutes and 30 seconds is one big routine and there's only one chance. The team gives it their all in practice and makes every minute count," Melanie said. "I love cheering with the girls I have cheered with. When my life has difficulties, they are always there for me, no matter what, even the graduates that have already moved on. Being on varsity has given me friendships that I cherish so much. They are always just so good to me."

Melanie has soaked up as much as she can from the past cheerleaders and from her coaches as well.

"The graduates from the Class of 2022 taught me how to be the cheerleader I am today. They shaped me into being the best I could be. My team from this past year taught me and showed me that when someone is faced with an injury, they would step it up even higher and do it for them.

"From personal experience this past year, with me breaking my wrist and being sick, I was out for some big competitions, but they stepped in and showed me how they would face adversity. They have taught me and showed me some great character traits they have. I'm grateful for the girls."

She added, "My coaches are amazing. Coach Brandy Lowe has taught me how to be a leader and stand up for girls that need to be stood up for. She's impacted and still impacts my life daily. She's always there, checking up on me. She's always pushing me and the team to the max because she wants us to be a good, strong, and well-built team. She's a great coach. I'm thankful for her. Coach Josh and Lacy Stancil mean the world to me.

"They were my first coaches, and they were the ones who first got me into cheer. They taught me how to be an All-Star cheerleader, which led me into being a school cheerleader. They are always there for me, no matter what. They both are so kind-hearted and love Jesus and it shows."

"Coach Sydney Chappell is always so encouraging, no matter the circumstances. She's a great woman and she was my coach on my first ever All-Star team. Six years later, she was coaching me in varsity. I'm thankful to have her in my life. Overall, all four of them are amazing people, but even better coaches. I couldn't make it without them. They teach me and encourage me every day. I'm thankful and blessed to get to cheer under them."

Melanie has taken away so much from the past senior cheerleaders and she talked about some of her role models growing up, plus about Good Hope's performance this past season at state.

"My eighth grade and freshman year, I had the privilege to get to cheer with five amazing leaders. Allie Sartin was a great leader to me. She was truly a light to me. Her smile and laugh could always make my days better. Audri Patrick was always trying to keep things positive, no matter the circumstances.

"She also could make me laugh in any situation. Kayla Quick was a great cheerleader who I will always love. Growing up, when I was a little girl, Paris Stricklin and Raven Adams always amazed me when they were middle school cheerleaders. I always told my mom that I wanted to cheer with them and have the skills they had one day. I worked hard and not only got one year to be their teammate, but two years. It was two amazing years. We accomplished so much during those years."

She added, "All five of them were great to me and showed me how to be a leader. They truly made me the cheerleader I am today. They are some of my best friends and I will always be grateful and thankful for them. Ashlin Hamm is the graduating senior this year. She always had great spirit on the mat. She just made the Wallace State cheer squad and I'm so excited to see where that takes her. I have definitely had some great girls to look up to."

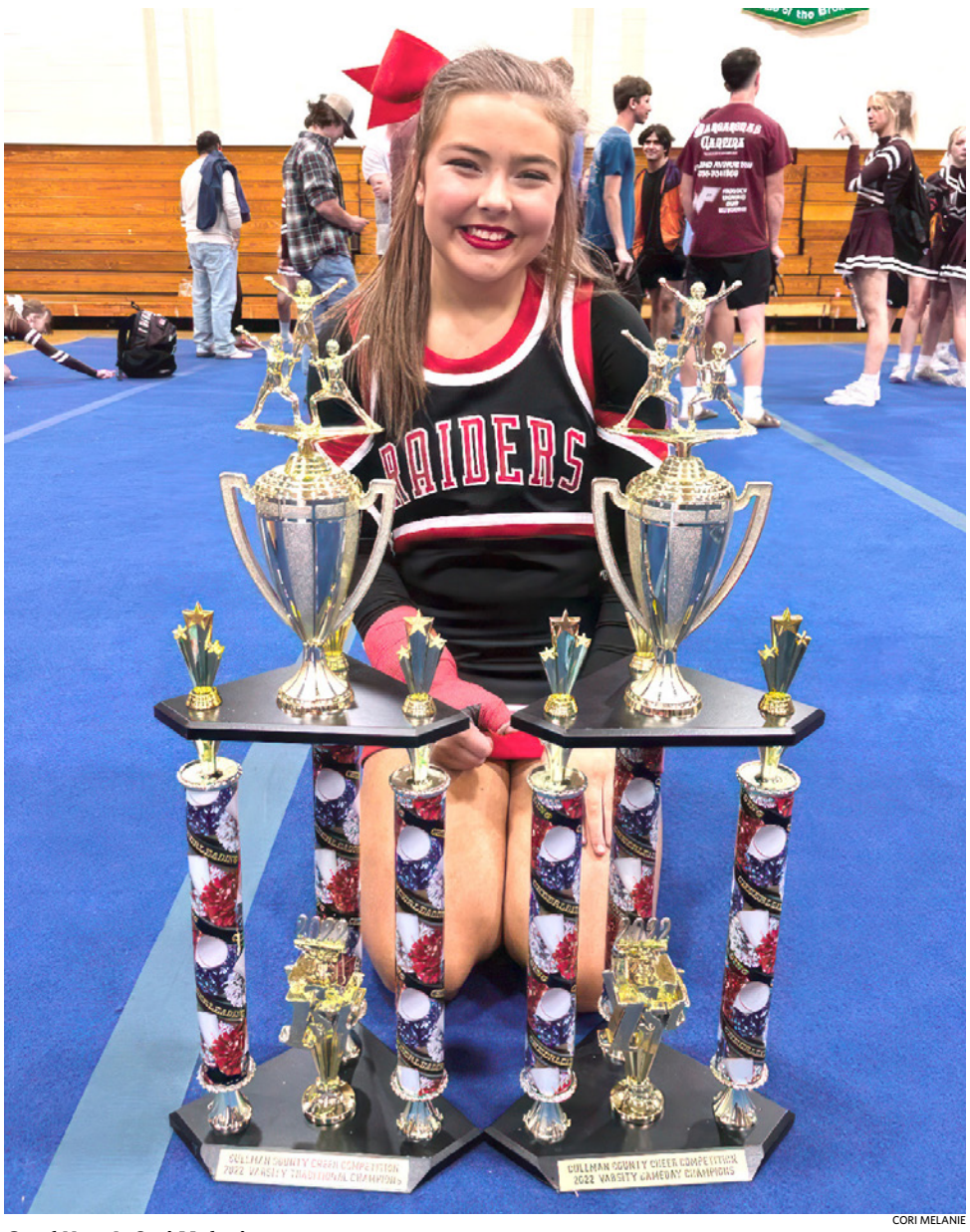
"The experience of state is great. The adrenaline you get at state is like no other, especially getting state runners-up this past season. It was a great feeling. Making it from Regionals to state in both gameday and traditional is very hard.

"However, we put in the work to make it to state. Our goal this year is to win state. I know we can achieve it. We just have to work hard and get better every day. We have already started to put in the work this year. I think we will achieve our goal."

Melanie has definitely improved a lot on some things over her time as a varsity cheerleader and will definitely continue working hard to get ready for next season.

"From eighth grade to now, I think my stunting skills have improved the most. I have learned how to backspot, main and side base. I have really improved and keep improving with my ability of stunting techniques.

"I'm grateful to have learned from great girls and coaches. I was awarded best stunter at this year's banquet. I just knew I wanted to be better and continued to put in the work," she said. "I am going to put in the work, to build my tumbling. I'm going to have a standing tuck consist this year. That's my goal and to also have a hand tuck again. My jumps will also be something I will try to improve on. Overall, though, I want to improve my relationship with Jesus and be a Christ-like example for my teammates."



CORI MELANIE

Good Hope's Cori Melanie

Melanie talked about her individual and team goals for next season and what will make this cheer squad special to watch.

"Our team goals are to win county, win regionals, win state, and to also have a national appearance. My personal goals are to have a standing tuck consistently and have a running hand tuck on the hard floor again," she said. "This upcoming season is going to be special. We will have five great upcoming seniors and getting to cheer with them one more time will be great. We all have our mind set on winning state and getting to watch the girls already putting in the work is just such a special feeling."

Melanie talked about some of her best memories so far, the best advice that she was ever given, and how much she and the rest of the cheer squad will take going to state the previous years into this upcoming season.

"Some of my best memories cheering was hitting zero deduction routines at Nationals on all four performances my eighth-grade year and coming out with a third-place finish in gameday and a fifth-place finish in traditional. We also won county for a third straight time. I also loved getting to go to All-Star competitions when I was a little girl with some great friends," she said.

"The best advice I have been given is in good situations and bad situations, lean on Jesus. Going to state the previous years will definitely be beneficial for this upcoming year. Every girl will know the feeling of being on the state mat, so hopefully, the nerves won't be as high. Also, knowing some of the things we have to fix skills-wise from previous years will also be a key factor."

Space: Cullman students learn planets with creative projects

Staff Reports
Contributor

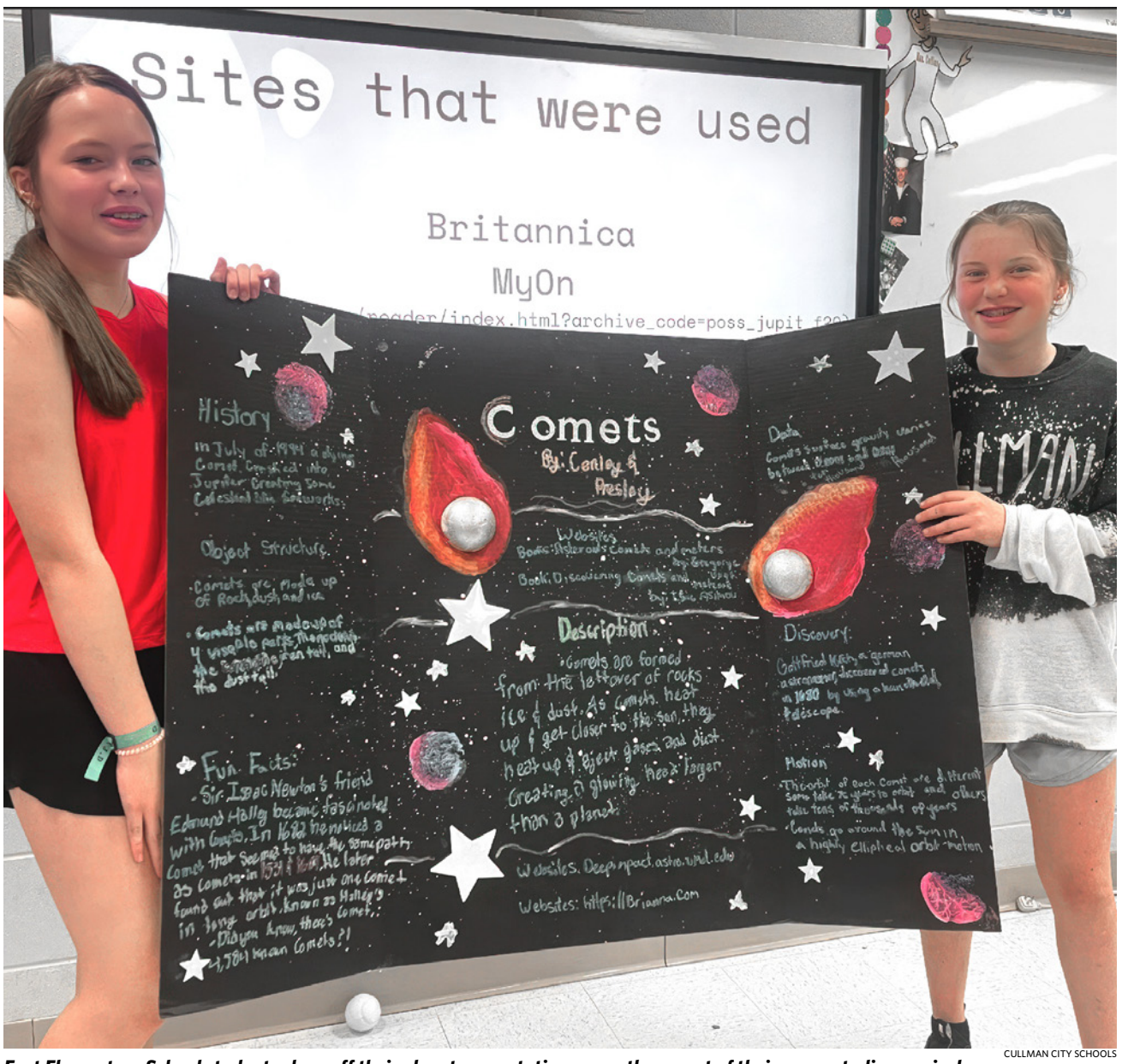
CULLMAN, Ala. — Elementary students in Cullman City Schools spent recent weeks learning about space and the planets that make up our solar system by going hands on and making a few planets themselves.

Sixth graders at East Elementary spent the past week making presentations and showing off their hands-on projects going deep on everything you might want to know about Earth's celestial neighbors in the sky. The project was part of the planetary systems unit, and East Elementary science teacher Beth Collins said it provided a unique way for students to relax and have fun with their classmates, while still learning the unit as part of their science curriculum.

The projects cover Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, comets, the asteroid belt, asteroids and meteors. Students used their craft skills to create 3D visual models of their assigned planet or celestial body, along with a digital presentation with facts and details.

"One group that was assigned Mars created a tiny rover that rested on their model Mars, out of modeling clay and painted it. Another group suspended their model planet and placed small LED lights inside a box to resemble stars," Collins said. "To represent the rings of Saturn, a group used a CD and glued two half-Styrofoam balls on either side to complete their planet. Another creative example was a group used a baseball for Mercury, with the seams of the baseball representing the mountains."

She noted several groups incorporated short video clips within their Google Slides presentation, and went into detail on their models with craters present on the surface of their planet, moons, and the interior of their planets. "The students had a blast working together researching, designing, and creating their projects. Each day the students were excited to get to class and begin working towards completion of their project," Collins said. "After all of the presentations were completed, the students completed a comment card for each group, with other groups writing a positive comment about another group's presentation or model. The students enjoyed reading kind comments from their classmates and it made all the hard work seem worth it, even before they saw their final grade."



CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

East Elementary School students show off their planet presentations recently as part of their space studies curriculum.

BOOK REVIEW: 'Simple Lies' by David Baldacci

Cathy Lay Mayor
Contributor

"Simply Lies" is David Baldacci's latest book. It is a psychological thriller set in Virginia about two women in a cat and mouse race to solve a murder and find a treasure stolen from an organized crime family.

Mickey Gibson is single mother of two and a former police detective. She works from home for ProEye, a global investigation company that hunts down wealthy tax and credit cheats. Mickey receives a phone call from Arlene Robinson, who claims to work for ProEye as well. She gives Mickey an assignment to go to a vacant mansion to inventory the contents.

Mickey, who usually works from home, welcomes the change of scene. The mansion is owned by an arms dealer who cheated ProEye and vanished. When Mickey arrives at the mansion, she finds the body of a dead man in a secret room. After reporting the crime to the police, Mickey finds out Arlene is not an employee of ProEye, and she doesn't even exist. Neither does the arms dealer – he's a man in witness protection who was formerly in organized crime.

Mickey becomes the prime suspect in the murder. She must prove she has been framed.

While Mickey is trying to prove her innocence, the mystery women calls her again. Arlene encourages Mickey to use her investigative skills to find the killer and the lost money. After listening to the story, Mickey feels it would be beneficial to join forces with Arlene to keep her family safe.

The mystery woman is a con artist who uses many aliases. She tells Mickey her real name is Clarissa.

She is a blackmailer, is very cunning and morally corrupt. Clarissa is jealous of Mickey. She thinks Mickey has had every advantage and squandered it. Clarissa knows every detail of Mickey's life. It seems that they have a shared past.

We learn more about Arlene/Clarissa's past. The pair somehow reach a truce to solve the crimes. The two sometimes work in opposition and sometimes work in tandem. The novel is a complex story with many subplots.

As the novel progresses they find some of the missing money is in cryptocurrency, NFTs, blockchains and metaverses. Which I must admit, I do not understand! This novel will keep you guessing until the end. I can usually figure out how a book will end. But not this one!

David Baldacci has written 47 books for adults; all have been best sellers and several have been adapted for film and television. He and his wife created the Wish You Well Foundation to promote family and adult literacy.

Cathy Lay Mayor grew up in Cullman and graduated from Cullman High School in 1976. She says when she writes book reviews, she tries to remember what Mrs. Gilbert taught her in 11th-grade English. She lived in Dothan for more than 30 years and is married with three adult children and six grandchildren. She retired to Panama City, but still calls Alabama home.

ALEA: 2 wheels, 4 wheels, we all must share the road

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — This May, the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) is teaming up with the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to remind all motorists that motorcyclist and cyclist safety is everyone's responsibility. Each year, May marks both National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month and Bicycle Safety Month ahead of the unofficial start of the summer travel season.

ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor said, "With Alabama's scenic roadways and warmer weather fast approaching, both motorcyclists and cyclists increasingly take to the road to enjoy a relaxing ride. However, these riders are some of the most vulnerable users on the road and are exposed to dangers those driving vehicles do not experience. All too often, we take for granted how fast a crash can occur. If everyone is vigilant and respectful to other riders and drivers when we are on the roadway, we can all do our part to keep all of our roadways safe."

Even as ALEA prepared to launch Motorcycle and Bicycle Safety Month, ALEA Troopers responded to and are currently investigating fatal traffic crashes involving one bicyclist and one motorcyclist. According to statistics from the Center for Advanced Public Safety (CAPS) at the University of Alabama, 44 individuals on bicycles have been fatally injured and 207 individuals were seriously injured in traffic crashes between 2018 and 2022. Fourteen of the 44 individuals were killed in 2022. During the same reporting period, 417 motorcycle occupants were killed, 95 of whom were killed in 2022; and a total of 2,248 individuals were seriously injured.

Primary contributing factors in those crashes involving bicycles included "unseen object/person/vehicle," improper crossing, improper lane change/use and being on wrong side of the road. In crashes involving motorcycles, primary contributing factors included aggressive operation, being followed too closely, traveling over the speed limit, "unseen object/person/vehicle," defective equipment, DUI, traveling too fast for conditions and swerving to avoid an animal.

ALEA's Department of Public Safety (DPS) Director, Colonel Jon Archer said, "Throughout the month of May the Agency will be sharing safety tips and spreading awareness of bicycle and motorcycle safety for all drivers and cyclists. We ask motorists to be especially aware of conditions around them, maintain a safe distance when following motorcycles, check their mirrors and blind spots before changing lanes and pay particular attention when making left turns across traffic."

Before leaving home, ALEA urges adults to review with everyone in the family the following safety points:

Bicyclists/motorcyclists

• Pre-ride inspection: Check tires and other equipment prior to leaving home to ensure your vehicle (a bicycle is considered a vehicle when it is operated on a roadway) is in good working condition.

• No helmet, no riding: Like seat belts, helmets are a simple and effective way to reduce the likelihood of injury or death during a traffic crash.

• Safety in numbers: Studies show drivers are more likely to see bicyclists when they ride in groups.

• Bicyclists should look for their lanes: Does your city or neighborhood have lanes designated for bicycles? Be sure you and your family are familiar with the area and are prepared to ride safely even when there are no bike lanes.

• Follow the rules of the road: Even bicyclists and motorcyclists are responsible for riding safely and obeying the laws.

• Pay attention: Even on bikes, a distraction is anything that takes one's focus off the task of riding. Put away phones and anything else that can be distracting.

• Watch for others on the roadway: Watch for other vehicles and expect the unexpected. They may not see you.

• Look out for grass clippings on roadways: It may be slippery and cause crashes.

• Small animals, particularly in neighborhoods, can be a hazard: A small dog or other small animal may jump out into the roadway, either in front of the bike or try to grab at a biker's legs or feet.

• Be seen to be safe: Wear high-visibility gear, including reflective clothing or other items to ensure you are as visible as possible – particularly at night.

Other motorists

• Pay attention: Put down the phone, leave the stereo and/or navigation system to a passenger, and avoid eating or drinking while driving. Focus on the task of driving.

• Expect bicycles and motorcycles: It is springtime in Alabama, with lots of warm and sunny days, perfect for riding. Assume you will encounter individuals riding a bike or operating a motorcycle and give them space.

• Don't forget the 3-Foot Rule: It is illegal not to give bicyclists at least 3 feet of space as you pass them whether there is a designated bike lane. And it wouldn't hurt to slow down when passing. That includes city streets and country roads.

• Watch – and listen out – for motorcycles: This is especially important at intersections when motorcyclists may be preparing to make a left turn.

• Not too close: Never tailgate a cyclist or motorcyclist. Create a buffer between your vehicle and theirs.

Day (from Front)

az-Orona – Holly Pond High School
• Richard Kline – Vinemont High School
• Chayce Sandlin – Vinemont High School
• Nancy Davis – West Point High School
• Eric Gilbreath – West Point High School
• William Jacobs – West Point High School
• Lachlan Ward – West Point High School

U.S. Marines

• Ramses Garcia – Hanceville High School
• Koehler Marlowe - Hanceville High School

U.S. Navy

• Jackson Teer – Good Hope High School

Hanceville (from Front)

Cayla Grace Murphy
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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — It was a victorious day in Hanceville for community members into the "tiny house" way of life, as the Hanceville City Council on Thursday voted to approve Ordinance no. 653.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Sawyer motioned to adopt the zoning ordinance, which was months in the making. Councilwoman Patty Dean seconded, and after a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously and will become law in the city of Hanceville.

In other business:

• Roofing Services of Cullman LLC won the bid for the library roofing project
• One barrel of surplus hygiene supplies from the Hanceville Police Department was given to the Bulldog Care Closet
• $150 approved for Disabled American Veterans Chapter 101
• $250 was approved for the Bulldog Care Closet
• Applied Masonry Inc. won the bid for the jail rebricking project; City Attorney Dan Willingham recommended submission of the bid to the ethics committee in accordance with statute 11-43-12.1(b)

The next Hanceville Council meeting will be held Thursday, May 25, with work session beginning at 5 p.m. at 5:30.

THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
MAY 13, 2023

Editorial: What is motherhood?

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I have been tasked with the insurmountable feat of summing up motherhood, in honor of

Mother's Day. For reference, I like to call myself an "amateur" mom. My journey of motherhood began in February 2021 when I found out I was pregnant, and I have considered myself a mother ever since. I would be remiss if I didn't mention that motherhood looks different for everyone. Some mother children, some mother animals, some mother plants. Some are boy moms, some are girl moms, some are moms of multiples. Some are moms of many, some are moms of none, for now. The following is my humble observations through my own experience and discussion with other local moms.

Motherhood is a club that some never saw themselves joining and some long to be in. It is a club in which the dues are paid through labor pains, sleepless nights, countless shirts splattered by spit up. It is an unspoken sisterhood to every woman before you and after you who has found themselves holding a wondrously tiny thing that was co-created by them. It is the feeling of reaching into that place of life and existence on another plane and bringing it into this one. The warm feeling of matrescence, of a mother being born just as her child is born. It is a mutual exchange of life: one new life just beginning, and one old life ending.

Motherhood is the wonderful gift of being able to experience the simple joys of childhood again. It is witnessing how proud they are when they learn to roll over- and how exhausted you'll be when they do it over and over during a diaper change. It is watching your toddler's eyes light up as they try a swipe of their grandma's homemade frosting for the first time. It is seeing how joyfully and off-rhythm they dance when they hear a song in a store, and how for just a minute, you drop your inhibitions and join them.

Motherhood is long days and short years. It is longing for naptime, and then missing them once the house is quiet. It is the prayers and wishes to just survive teething, potty training, puberty. It is witnessing the inevitable march of time. It is 18 summers, birthday parties and Christmases before your children are grown and leave the nest you so lovingly curated for them. It is saying goodbye to each version of your child you meet as a new one takes their place.

Motherhood is the chance we get to leave a lasting impression on the generation that comes behind us. It is the responsibility to raise a person to be a light for others, to not only serve as a leader, but to lead as a servant. It is the challenge to be softened in a hardened world where hands that rock cradles may not be as valued as they should be. It is the opportunity to create a legacy, to speak life and blessings into the world long after we're gone through the tiny hands and feet that we created ourselves.

Motherhood is the offering of a small part of ourselves that we bestow to the world, saying, "Here I am, here is my heart outside of my own body, here is proof that I existed."



CAYLA GRACE MURPHY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Me with my daughter River Jane Murphy-Burns

Letter to the Editor: Tribute to my mother, Grace McDowell Stewart

Rita Stewart Birdsong
Contributor

As we all get ready to remember or celebrate Mother's Day May 14, my memories of my mother will always remain special to me. I will never forget the moment she passed away and how green her eyes were as she lay still in death.

She always told me she would always be with me and that is true because she left me notes to read after her death and sometimes I feel her presence as I touch the many articles made by her, during the years.

I thought she was so old when she was 37 years old and I was just a young girl, but at the time, I thought all mothers and fathers were old and now I am in the winter of my life.

Mother's Day is a time to honor mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers for their contribution to family and society. Some countries celebrate Mother's Day on different dates.

Mother's Day is not a day stores are closed or offices close, but an important day we never can forget. It is a time to reflect on the things your mother has done for you. A time to remember her and give thanks to the way your life has turned out and to share memories with friends and loved ones.

My mother was the disciplinary one in our family. You didn't say no and you never said can't. "Can't ever do anything," she would say and we children learned to do the job correctly no matter what the task was. We knew better than to talk back to our parents. They would have knocked us into the world of never-never land.

She taught us love, respect, and to walk the straight and narrow and we knew exactly where she stood. She was responsible for us going to church every Sunday morning and she taught Sunday school about Jesus.

There were normally other children at our house on Sunday afternoons and we pulled taffy candy on our large wrap-around porch. Sometimes we would all load up in my father's old Chevrolet with sideboards, and off to the forest we would go. We climbed the forest tower and walked scarily across the swinging bridge. Often we went to the movies when a group of us were together.

If we got to rowdy at home, she made us children go out and cut grass with a hoe and if we behaved badly, it was a peach tree switch. I can hear her saying, "I'm going to whip you so hard, your shirt will fly up like a window shade."

A friend and student of my mother's, Jonathan Parker, told me that my mother, as a second grade teacher, was ahead of her time. He said, "You know your mother was so smart. We were coloring and drawing with colored pencils long before they became so popular." She drew a beautiful Indian Chief with colored pencils and it hung over her kitchen table for years. We would call her "Amazin Grace." She taught second grade at West Point for many years.

Remembering the protection of a mother reminds me of the mean old Billy-goat in our neighborhood. She had reminded neighbors who owned the Billy-goat to keep it penned but they didn't. She told them if they didn't, she was going to kill it. Being out in the yard was a no-no because here would come the old Billy-goat and he would charge and butt you down. Everyone was scared of that Billy-goat.

Finally she had enough of the old Billy-goat, as it came upon our front porch and she was holding it off us with a potato fork. She told my brother to get on his bicycle and go next door and borrow their rifle. After he returned, she shot at that old goat and she missed, but he seemed to know his days were numbered because he got off the front porch. She shot two more times and hit him. He lay down in the middle of the road and died. The preacher came by and asked what happened to the old Billy-goat and mom said, "I shot him." Later the neighbor came by and hauled the goat home.

When I was in the 7th grade at West Point, my mother took my sister and I to Doc Barnes office and had our ear pierced. Doc Barnes placed strings in our ears and we had to keep the strings turned so they wouldn't grow together. She took Doc Barnes a bunch of turnip greens for his pay. The boys at school made fun of us big time. The fad was started by my mother. Later, many girls had their ears pierced. Where did my mother hear in the 50s about ear piercing? I don't know.

My mother started to work at Ponder's Department Store in Cullman when I was around eleven years old and was in charge of the shoe department for over 25 years. After we 4 children were grown, she borrowed money from Leeth National Bank and started to college. How she ever convinced the banker to lend her money in the late 60s, I will never know.

She never went past the seventh grade, but that didn't stop her. She took her GED and passed with flying colors. She received her degree from St. Bernard and started teaching second grade at West Point until she retired. She taught children of our own classmates. She would say "Where there is a will, there is a way."

Teachers at West Point would brag about our dresses our mother made with the ruffles, sashes and tucks. She spent a lot of time on our dresses sewing from her Singer Sewing machine, she paid $5 a month till she paid it off. Most of our clothes were made out of chicken feed sacks. She bought a few white Leghorn chickens and sold eggs to the peddler, who traveled by our house once a week.



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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1974

Mrs. Grace Stewart displays a hand made table cloth it took her an estimated 300 hours to make. It will be on sale at the First United Methodist Church Bazaar November 21st. (Tribune photo by Shai Miller)

CONTRIBUTED

No task or achievement was too large for my mother. In her 80s she went to a class and learned how to make ladies' bags out of paper bags from the Dollar Store and Wal-Mart. She made everyone bags and lined them with cotton material and put a zipper in them. She created all kind of fancy designs with the letters from paper bags.

She never sat down without a crochet needle in her hands, always making potholders, tablecloths, table runners, doilies, Afghans with fancy designs. She also made numerous quilts, and was also making either quilts or tablecloths for the Bazaar at the Methodist Church. The picture that was in the Cullman Tribune in 1974 shows a tablecloth she had made to sell.

When she was close to 90 years of age she wanted a computer, so I got her one and she learned it so well, that she wiped out the hard drive and then accused the cat of locking it up.

I will never forget the kind gentle doctor at the hospital, telling me. "Keep telling your mother you love her, because her hearing is the last thing to go." At age 90, she passed peacefully away, and I thank God I had her in my life that long.

I know as the poet says, "GOD COULDN'T BE EVERYWHERE, SO HE MADE MOTHERS."

Rita Stewart Birdsong
Decatur, AL
May 3, 2023





LEGALS

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
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

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

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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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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

LINDA GAIL MARLOW, DECEASED CASE NO. PC 2023-136

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF LINDA GAIL MARLOW, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to James Marlow on the 11th day of May, 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.

James Marlow, 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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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, Al 35055
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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Tammy Brown
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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
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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 *
GREGORY LEVON SANDLIN, * CASE NO.: PC2023-021
*
Deceased.

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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.

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PAMELA BURDESHAW SANDLIN
Personal Representative

Thomas E. Drake, II
Attorney for Personal Representative
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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 691 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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Drag Strip (from Front)

Tiffany McKoy
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BAILEYTON, Ala. — The Baileyton "Good Time" Drag Strip is under new management. As of Friday, May 12, Adam Davis has taken over management of the site.

According to Davis, the track was built in 1966 by Jack Walker. The drag strip is important to Davis because he grew up with Walker's grandson, Russ, who is the current owner. Davis said he and Russ raced together as kids.

The track is used for all types of drag racing. Every Saturday night from March to November it hosts bracket racing. Friday nights are set up for "test and tune" and anyone can go out and run any car down the track.

"My promise to the racers is to run a fair, efficient and timely program. The entries and purses will be racer friendly.

"The track will be prepped well, and safe in both lanes," Davis said. "The facility will be clean, and the concession stand will be stocked and ready to serve you. The staff will always work hard to ensure that you will get everything you pay for and more."

Davis said it's important to him that the fans get the most for their money. "My promise to the fans is to build a program that you can enjoy and see the final round at a decent hour. The best way to make sure you get what you pay for is to run a race that you can watch until the end. We want you to leave feeling satisfied with how you spent your hard-earned money, and we won't rest until we know we're doing just that."

Future events include the Jet Car, a jet-powered dragster that runs over 200 mph in 660 feet, scheduled for June 24.

The Baileyton "Good Time" Drag Strip is currently seeking sponsorships. Find out more by calling 256-709-9700.



Obituary Announcements: May 11-12

Patricia Ann Ross, 91
Patricia Ann Ross, age 91, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Tuesday, May 9, 2023. A visitation for Patricia will be held Sunday, May 14, 2023, from 5 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, AL 35055. A rosary will occur Sunday, May 14, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel, 1901 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, AL 35055. A funeral mass will occur Monday, May 15, 2023, at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, 217 Second St. SE, Cullman, AL 35055. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Ross family.

Carole Jones Sellers, 85
A Graveside Service for Carole Jones Sellers will be noon, Monday, May 15, 2023, at Hopewell Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., Monday, May 15, 2023, at the Cullman Funeral Home Chapel prior to the graveside service. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy can be posted to www.cullmanfuneralhome.com for the Sellers family. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Sellers family.

Cynthia Dianne Burnham-Yahn, 66
Cynthia Dianne Burnham-Yahn, 66, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on May 11, 2023. She was born in Cullman County, Alabama, on April 4, 1957, to Don Grimmett and Opal Janelle Bright. Ms. Burnham-Yahn enjoyed attending worship at both North Brook Baptist Church as well as Daystar Church. She was crafty and enjoyed yard sales. In the event you were her passenger on yard sale day, it was very possible that when the car was loaded with new treasures and out of room, you might just end up walking home. Ms. Burnham-Yahn was always up for a good chat with her family and friends. Cynthia also had a heart for others and chose to become a social worker. She helped many people though her chosen field at UAB. She loved her dogs, Baxter and Snuks, and absolutely adored her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She will be missed greatly by many. Ms. Burnham-Yahn is preceded in death by her parents; grandfather, Johnny Burnham; and brothers, James Bright and Jimmy Bright. Cynthia is survived by her children, Jason Price (Dawn), Joshua Price, Nikki Terry (Brian), Rebecca Isbell, Mackenzie Isbell, Jacqueline Isbell; brothers, Wesley Bright (Alecia), Timothy Bright; a host of grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; best friends, Rhonda Johnston, Julie Childers, Cindy Zak; and several nieces and nephews. Friends are invited to join the family at 1 p.m., on Sunday afternoon, May 14, 2023, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel for a time of visitation. Funeral services will begin at 2 p.m. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Burnham-Yahn family.

Gail Rogers Goodwin, 84
Gail Rogers Goodwin, age 84, of Hanceville, Alabama passed away on Friday, May 12, 2023. Gail is survived by her son Bobby Michael Goodwin; her daughters Rebecca Lynn Jennings, Teresa Darlene Nichols, Lisa Starr Overton(Kenny). Three sisters, Five brothers, Eight grandchildren and Eight great-grandchildren Gail was preceded in death by her husband Bobby Gene Goodwin; her parents James H.& Malone Page Rogers. A visitation for Gail will be held Monday, May 15, 2023, from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, AL 35055. A graveside service will occur Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Beech Grove Cemetery, Hanceville, AL. Gail will be laid to rest in Beech Grove Cemetery. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Goodwin family.

Wilma Lee Corkren Self, 63
Wilma Lee Corkren Self, age 63 of Haleyville, Alabama, formerly of Brilliant, passed away Thursday, May 11, 2023, at North Alabama Medical Center in Florence, Alabama. She was born on February 2, 1960 in Haleyville, Alabama to Lomax "Boone" and Lorene Jobe Corkren. She was a member of Ephesus Baptist Church. A visitation will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2023, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where the service will be held at 1 p.m. Burial will follow in Ephesus Baptist Church Cemetery. Pastor Dwayne Satterwhite will officiate. Wilma is survived by her son, Shane (Terry Lynn) Davis; daughter, Nita Hubbard; grandchildren, Briana Hubbard (Austin Ingle), Jamaal Hubbard, Jada Hubbard, Jason Heath (Kaitlyn Grace) Self, Cassandra Holder, and Aaron Holder; great grandkids, Bryson Self, Finnick Ingle, Jason Self, Stetson Ingle, Ari Ingle, Destiny, Krisslyn, Caroline, Addi, and Garrett; and one sister, Linda Corkren Brown. She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister, Sandra Corkren Washburn; and niece, Amy Fell Hobbs.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Mama may have been a Baptist/Puritan

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



This week we pause to remember and honor our mothers. Let me begin by saying that I loved and appreciated my mother greatly. Well, I always loved her, but I may not have always appreciated her as much as I should have. Now, having set that record straight, I do have suspicions that my mother was the last surviving Puritan in America. To say my mother was strict would be like saying Jaws was a minnow.

The Puritans were English Protestants in the 16th and 17th centuries.

They protested against the Church of England and sought to purify the church. Some of the earliest American settlers from England were Puritans. They had a long and strict list of things their church members could and could not do. So did my mama! If they/we did or did not do those things, disciplinary action was taken.

Mama attended the Baptist church most of her life, as have I. Mama said that on Sundays, each and every Sunday, we would go to church unless we were dead or somewhere in the neighborhood of it. If we were somewhere in the neighborhood of it, we had to stay there all day long. No miraculous recoveries were allowed after church.

As far back as I can remember, Mama told us we were Baptist, but I do believe she may have been a closet Puritan. Now, don't get me wrong,

I do believe that Sunday is a holy day of rest and worship, but Mama had some ideas that went beyond simply going to worship.

Her interpretation of rest and mine didn't always agree. She strictly didn't believe we should drown worms on Sunday, even if we had already been to church. I mean no fishing was allowed whatsoever on The Lord's Day. That was especially difficult for a young boy who loved to fish and had a fish pond directly in front of his house. I'm talking about I could sit on my front porch and throw a rock in the water.

Rock throwing was allowed, as long as that rock wasn't attached to a line, float, hook, and worn!

Mama had other strange ideas about all that water. Mama didn't swim at all... couldn't and didn't. She never learned the fine art of gliding through water.

She didn't mind if we swam, but not on Sundays. She also didn't appreciate "mixed bathing." In case your mama was not a Puritan, and you don't know what that means. It means no boys and girls swimming together. Once, in protest, I said, "We're not bathing together, we're just swimming together." She said, "You aren't doing either!"

Strangely enough, we were allowed to play on Sunday afternoons. I asked once why we could play football, basketball, shoot marbles or a BB gun on Sundays but couldn't fish or swim. She asked, "Do you want to continue playing on Sundays?" I got the point and hushed my mouth!

My mother may have gone a little far with some of her rules and regulations, but I am thankful that she did not allow us to run amuck and do whatever we wished. Children can be much like an automobile; they must be steered in the right direction or they can easily get off track and end up in the ditch.

As an adult, I now appreciate the loving guidance she gave. If I still had my mom with me, I would give her a big ole hug and tell her thank you! Thanks to all you good mothers and have a happy Mother's Day!

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: 1904, 1934

From the files of 1904

Arthur Sanderman is behind the counter at Vinemont Grocery Company.

Indications point to a victory for the Democratic presidential candidate, Judge Alton B. Parker.

The Republican rally held at Kullman Hall last night drew a good crowd.

H. Nuss and son, at Walter have bought a new cotton press.

Doctor L.F. Lee, of Jones Chapel, was in the city on Wednesday.

A.A. Griffith and John Shannon are candidates for Justices of the Peace.

Miss Eva Fuller has returned from an extended visit in Birmingham.

Lee Cochran is attending business college in Birmingham.

C.C. Scheuing and Lonnie York returned this week with two car loads of Nebraska horses.

Leroy McEntire and Jay Townsend left Wednesday for Saint Louis to buy a car load of mules.

Doctor C.E. Herrin will move to Cullman soon.

Captain J.J. Dye, of Baileyton, was in the city on Tuesday.

Doctor F.B. Burnham has moved his office to his residence.

S.P. Baxley has gone to Georgia for a visit.

Circuit Clerk, O.S. Roden spent Monday in Birmingham.

S.R. Edwards, of Garden City, was in Cullman on Monday.

Doctor P.M. Allison is in Saint Louis seeing the sights.

From the files of 1934

Cullman High defeated Decatur, 14-7 here on Friday. This was the first game Decatur had lost in four years.

The Fairview Alumni Association held its annual banquet last week with the president, R.C. Lipscomb presiding. The program was presented by Shelly McClendon, Gladys Causey, Willie Lee Spencer, Helen Moses, the Fairview Quartet and Junior High Glee Club. New officers elected were Albert Seibenheiner, president; Mrs. Louis Graf, vice- president; Colfax Christian, secretary- treasurer; Maude Hesterley, reporter; Herman Pruett, Clyde Lynn and Maude Hesterley, philanthropic committee.

Mrs. J.N. McNutt, county council president, represented the county P.T.A. at the teachers institute held last week.

Sophomores at C.C.H.S. have elected Loring Trimble, president; Dwight Fuller, vice-president; Evelyn Martin, secretary and Harry Fuller, treasurer.

Mrs. W.B. Monroe and Mrs. Arthur Lee, of Anniston, were guests of the Henry Ruehls, last weekend.

Little Dorothy Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Schlosser, underwent a tonsillectomy, on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gibson (Juanita Dorrough) announce the birth of a daughter, on October 23rd.

Miss Elsa Kempson, a student at Florence State Teachers College, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Kempson.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith, of Hanceville, spend Friday in Birmingham.

Clarence Parker, of Texas, is the guest of his brother, Will Parker.

Miss Maude Phillips, of Birmingham, spent the weekend with Miss Eula Phillips.

POET'S CORNER

Butterfly at the Garbage Dump | By: Randy C. Hale

Your yellow wings and onyx streams
fluttering forth on broken things.
Why are you here, among this dirt,
the nasty litter of the earth?

I said a shame, and such a waste,
upon such grounds of such distaste.
That you should be near flower pots
not here among the soured rot.

But this is your home, I thought you said,
the place that you were born and bred.
You know no garden or other field
or any place that you have lived.

And needed here I guess you are
your silent wings to flutter
and yellow brightens up the way
among this dismal clutter.



CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

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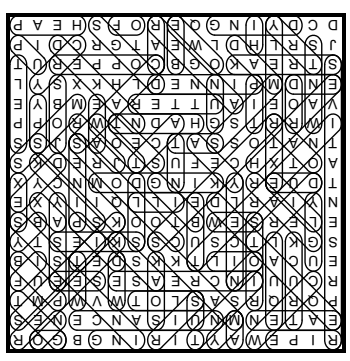
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Border (from Front)

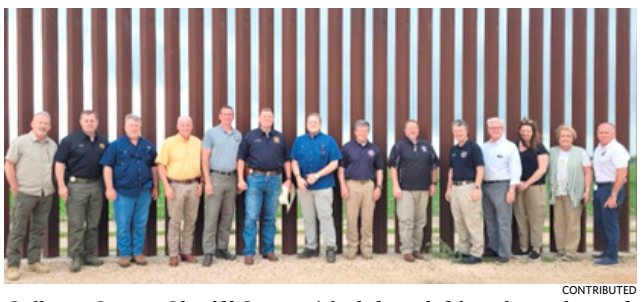
to the U.S.-Mexico border on the grounds of preventing the spread of COVID-19," reported the Associated Press.

"One of the first things I learned is the perception that we have of how bad the border is... times it by 10 and that's the reality," Gentry said.

Of people attempting to cross the border illegally, he said, "The reality is, what they are facing more on the border is the 18- to 24-year-old single males; that's the problem that they are facing."

Claimed Gentry, "The biggest issue is there the state and locals are getting zero assistance from the current leadership in Washington."

Gentry said seeing what law enforcement officers at the border are dealing with first hand helped him get the full picture of the seriousness of the issue. He believes that depite the Texas border being far away from Cullman, the issue could overflow to affect the community. Gentry said he is taking action to keep the Cullman community protected.



CONTRIBUTED

Cullman County Sheriff Gentry (sixth from left) and members of the Alabama delegation that visited the Texas border recently

"No. 1, we are educating the community," he said. "I think educating the community to the issues at hand is the first thing that you have to do."

The second thing Gentry said he is focused on is educating his deputies about what they are seeing, how to combat it and educating them on what to look for when it comes illegal immigration and drugs, especially fentanyl.

"One of the things I'm very proud of is our law enforcement here. Our deputies are very proactive. They're out on the roads, they're paying attention to what's happening," he said. "That's a good thing for our community because we're very observant and frankly we're not going to put up with the nonsense. I've always been blessed and proud as we have a good base of support of our citizens here."









