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# Symbols of their sacrifices

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — Volunteers and members of Cullman VFW Post 2214 on Friday, May 26, placed American flags along U.S. Highway 31, as they do every year for not only Memorial Day, but also the 4th of July and Veterans Day.

The flags flying in the median of the highway are a beloved tradition for the Cullman County community, serving as symbols of the sacrifices local members of the armed forces have made through the years. This year, flags were also placed in the median of Hwy. 31 in Vinemont. In all, there are approximately 300 flags.

The day prior, on Thursday, the group placed small American flags – more than 1,000 of them – on the graves of veterans at Cullman City Cemetery and Memory Gardens, according to the VFW's Mike Schendale. He said many community members also showed up to help.

On Saturday, May 27, at 10, there will be an event at Sportsman Lake Park, where a new memorial will be unveiled.



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***Members of Cullman VFW Post 2214 and volunteers place American flags along U.S. Highway 31 for Memorial Day.***

# East Elementary receives Exemplary Reading Program Award



DAVID WIGGINS

***Representatives of the Alabama Literacy Association and International Literacy Association visit a dyslexia intervention class led by Blakeley Burns on March 22, at East Elementary School.***

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — East Elementary School recently received the prestigious Exemplary Reading Program Award issued by the International Literacy Association (ILA). The intent of the Exemplary Reading Program Award is to award institutions that have implemented outstanding reading and language arts programs at all grade levels. Its purpose is to call the public's attention to outstanding programs in schools throughout North America.

East Elementary Principal David Wiggins said the motivation for putting the school up for consideration was a year of great strides to improve students' reading comprehension skills. "We were coming off a year of exceptional reading data," Wiggins explained, noting high scores from DIBELS literacy assessments as well as the Alabama Comprehensive Assessment Program.

Encouraged by this data, reading coach Lindsey Howard submitted an application accompanied by an essay and presentation.

News came in March that East Elementary had been selected as a finalist for the award. As part of the selection process, on March 22, five members of the Alabama Literacy Association (ALA) and ILA came to East Elementary to conduct a site visit.

"They went to classrooms, they observed literacy instruction, they talked to students. They also met with teachers and mentioned they would let us know in May... we found out mid-April that we were chosen!" smiled Wiggins, who talked about the exclusivity of the award and how East El-

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## Several local standouts earn All-State honors

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## Melanie Harris hired as new East Elementary School principal



CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

***New East Elementary School Principal Melanie Harris***

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## Brent Patterson retires from teaching at CHS



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***Longtime CHS teacher and baseball coach Brent Patterson is retiring from CHS as a teacher.***

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## PET OF THE WEEK Leo seeks a new kingdom



CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

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CRIME

# Arrests and incidents reported May 26

**Cullman Tribune staff**
Contributor

**CULLMAN, Ala.** — Below are the arrests and incidents reported May 26. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

**CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**INCIDENTS**

**May 22**

- resisting arrest; public intoxication; I-65 NB at MM 291
- domestic violence; CR 1856
- domestic violence; CR 649
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 1485
- trespassing; harassment; CR 1518
- harassment; CR 1422
- receiving stolen property; attempt to elude law enforcement; Hwy. 69 S
- domestic violence; CR 1245
- trespassing; harassment; CR 1177
- menacing; Sportsman Lake Rd. NW

**May 23**

- trespassing; CR 1043
- theft of property; CR 216
- assault; CR 747
- domestic violence; CR 1101
- criminal mischief; CR 490
- assault; Chad Dr.
- burglary; Hwy. 278 W
- domestic violence; menacing; CR 1685
- criminal mischief; CR 8
- burglary; Hwy. 278 E

**May 24**

- violation of protection order; CR 1234
- permitting dogs to run at large; Hwy. 278 W
- theft of property; CR 569
- harassment; CR 437
- theft of property; CR 451
- domestic violence; CR 1112
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 1635
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 157

**ARRESTS**

**May 22 – 24**

**Akins, Wendy H.; 52**
- permitting dogs to run at large

**Averill, Charles R.; 44**
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

**Baldwin, Adam Nicholas R.; 36**
- Probation Violation-flight/escape
- Probation Violation-stolen vehicles-auto theft

**Burnham Jr., Frankie D.; 46**
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

**Cashman, Felicia M.; 35**
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

**Chandler, Joseph R.; 41**
- public intoxication
- resisting arrest

**Cole, Erica Ann S.; 35**
- Probation Violation- assault-aggravated assault-A to M

**Cooper, Tabitha S.; 48**
- FTA- driving while license suspended

**Corry, Jonathan L.; 36**
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

**Cruce, Caleb E.; 20**
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- assault-domestic-simple assault-family
- FTA- possession drug paraphernalia
- using false identity to avoid arrest/hinder prosecution

**Curvin, Meshach J.; 27**
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (3 counts)

**Doss, Andy M.; 64**
- Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs

**Doyle, Kenneth W.; 37**
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Garrett, Christopher J.; 47**
- DUI (alcohol)

**Hale, Donna L.; 51**
- Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs

**Henderson, William Joseph P.; 40**
- GJ- assault-aggravated assault non family-other weapon

**Herndon Jr., Bobby J.; 39**
- non-support-child

**Jividen, James L.; 56**
- GJ- insurance fraud (2 counts)

**Jude, Timothy D.; 35**
- Probation Violation- obstructing justice using false identity

**Kelley, Brandon J.; 27**
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- tampering with physical evidence

**King, Shunta Annesia A.; 37**
- FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft

**Lindley, Phillip J.; 27**
- FTA- DUI (alcohol)

**Mann, Jacob C.; 27**
- FTA- assault-domestic violence-3rd degree-harassing communications

**Martin, Ricky D.; 51**
- negotiating worthless instrument

**McAbee, Adam L.; 20**
- GJ- assault-aggravated assault non family-other weapon

**McCravy, Wesley W.; 33**
- criminal littering

**McIntyre Jr., Bryan D.; 38**
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- criminal trespass

**Nunn, Steven H.; 34**
- FTA- failure/refusal to display insurance

**Patterson, Zachary T.; 31**
- burglary-residence-force
- possession of burglary tools
- larceny/theft of property-2nd degree $500 less than $1,500
- criminal mischief

**Pierce, Ryan S.; 31**
- obstruction governmental operations
- failure to obey police officer

**Snow, Cynthia D.; 62**
- Probation Violation-stolen vehicles-auto theft

**Sweaza, Michael J.; 44**
- FTA- driving while suspended

**Villa Jr., Antonio; 43**
- criminal trespass

**CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**INCIDENTS**

**May 25**

- theft of property-4th degree; Dollar General; 4th St. SW; general merchandise; $3
- duty upon striking fixtures on highway; person; Main Ave. SW; damaged fence; $1,500

**ARRESTS**

**May 24 – 25**

**Sachs Jr., James E.; 43**
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- run stop sign
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- attempt to elude

**Doss, April D.; 39**
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Stearns, Viktor W.; 40**
- DUI

**Richards, Jenna M.; 36**
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree

**Gandy, Melissa G.; 39**
- FTA- fail to register vehicle

**HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

# Simulator benefits WSCC Radiation Therapy students

**Gail Crutchfield**
Wallace State

**HANCEVILLE, Ala.** — Students in Wallace State Community College's Diagnostic Imaging program are benefitting from a new tool that allows them to become familiar with an important piece of equipment they will use when they are working in the field as radiation therapists.

The program introduced the Radiation Therapy option last fall, and students in the first year of the program were provided with the Virtual Environment for Radiation Therapy or VERT simulator to become knowledgeable about the machines they will control in clinical training and treatments for their patients.

"This VERT provides an invaluable tool for the students," said Leesa Cordell, instructor for the Radiation Therapy program.

Before, students would not be introduced to the equipment until they were in the clinical setting.

"Now we have the VERT and they actually get hands-on inside the lab in the radiation therapy classroom.

"It makes it safer for them, safer for the patients, and it makes patient through-put quicker for the clinical sites, because the students already have experience holding on to the pendant and working with that machine," Cordell said.

"The more comfortable they are when they get there, then the more confident they are, and the patients really pick up on that," she added. "If you're not comfortable in the room with a patient, they sense it first."

The VERT provides the student with 3-D imagery of the room in which they which they will treat patients and the machine they use to administer external radiation treatments to cancer patients.

"The student can (virtually) walk in, get the hand pendant that we use with the machine in the room, and they can actually rotate (the machine]) around a patient that is simulated on the table."

The simulations cover many different types of patients and types of cancers and are loaded with specific treatments for each scenario.

"We can look at the beams, we can look at internal organs over the patient, we can even place MRIs or CAT scans that are actual treatment plans and look at those while the patient is on the table," Cordell said.

The beams that show where radiation is delivered can be charted, showing the exact amount of radiation delivered to a certain part of the patient's body.

And just like in the machines they will use in clinics alarms will sound for technicians if the parameters set are not correct or if the machinery gets too close to the patient.

Student Madison Tidmore is grateful she had the opportunity to use the VERT before going to clinicals and as a refresher after holiday breaks.

"It's very in depth, so to be able to have that knowledge before you go into clinic, it definitely ties everything together," Tidmore said.

"This actually gives us that confidence to go into that room and pick up that pendant and actually move the patient and align them on the first try," she added. "I think it definitely builds confidence."

Along with the associate degree in Radiation Therapy, the Diagnostic Imaging program offers its traditional associate degree in Diagnostic Imaging, preparing students to work as radiologic technologists, with cross-training for CT scans, MRIs, mammography and cardiac intervention. Both are four semester programs with two semesters of prerequisites to be completed before applying.

Applications for entry this fall are being accepted through June 1. Visit www.wallacestate.edu/Diagnostic-Imaging or contact Mindie Sandlin at 256-352-8334 or mindie.sandlin@wallacestate.edu.

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Rabies Clinic
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To protect humans and domesticated animals against Rabies, Alabama state law requires vaccination of all dogs and cats 3 months of age and older. Failure to have your pets vaccinated may result in fines and court costs. For your convenience, rabies clinics will be held at the following locations to vaccinate your pets. The clinic will be under the supervision of Cullman County veterinarians. Cost is $12.00 per vaccine.
*Please have all pets on a leash or in a carrier.*

***PLEASE NOTE SOME LOCATIONS HAVE CHANGED TIMES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS***

***9:00 AM - 10:00 AM***
*Mt. Hope Baptist Church - Crane Hill*
*Battleground School*

***11:00 AM-12:00 Noon***
*Dodge City - Heritage Pharmacy*
*Enon Church - Eva Road*



***1:00 PM- 2:00 PM***
*Hanceville High School*
*Etha Baptist Church*
*Springhill Church, Hwy 278 West*
*Holly Pond High School*



***2:30 PM- 3:30 PM***
*Garden City School*
*Fairview High School*
*Jones Chapel School*
*Welti School*

***4:00 PM- 5:00 PM***
*Arkadelphia Fire Station*
*Parkside School*
*West Point High School*
*South Walter*

***5:30 PM-6:30 PM***
*Whitlocks's Cafe & Store-Trimble*
*White City Community Center*
*Simcoe Baptist Church*
*West Elementary School*

***SATURDAY, JUNE 10***
*Good Hope High School 9:00-10:00*
*Logan Methodist Church 11:00-12:00*
*Valley Grove Grocery 1:00-2:00*
*Calvert's Store - Brushy Pond 2:30-3:30*
*Cold Springs High School 4:00-5:00*

-RAIN OR SHINE-

# 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 28 - Prayer Groups - Join Kevin and Pastor Bobby @ 8 a.m. or join Teresa at 9 a.m. in the prayer room to pray for our church, nation and those who need healing, salvation or deliverance.
• Sunday, May 28 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast @ 9:30 a.m. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults @ 10 a.m. 11 a.m. Praise & Worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd "Invite HIM In."
• Friday and Saturday, June 2-3 - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Yard Sale to benefit our children's ministry. Outdoors under the pavilion. Rain or shine. Dishes, furniture, clothes and more!
• Nonperishable Food Bank drive-please donate canned goods, boxed goods, etc. to help our foodbank. Our foodbank supplier has not had these items for purchase for the last two months. Please leave your donations under the carport on the left side of the church by 6 p.m. this Thursday night. Thank you!

**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.

**Cullman County Cattlemen's, Cattlewomen's Association Ribeye Steak Sandwich Sale**
Saturday, May 27, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the theater parking lot near Wal-Mart. Steaks are charcoal grilled using Kingsford charcoal. Sandwiches are $10 donation. Add chips and a drink for $1 each.

**West Point Class of '59 Reunion**
Saturday, May 27, at 11 a.m. at the Brandin' Iron in West Point. For information call Doyle or Carolyn Kilgo Jones at 256-734-3078 or 901-482-5500 or email doylebama@charter.net.

**Yard Sale**
Friday, June 2, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. and Saturday, June 3, 8 a.m.-noon, Mt. Zion Church, U.S. Highway 31 North, (next to the Cullman County Technology Academy in Vinemont). For more information, please call 256-338-1959.

**"Red Book" Hymnal Singing**
Saturday, June 3, at 6 p.m. at Baldwin Heights Baptist Church, 2489 U.S. Highway 278 W, Cullman, AL 35057, about 2.6 miles west of Interstate 65. Special guest song leader will be Dylan Feezell. Bro. Steve Rodgers is the pastor. Everyone is invited! www.facebook.com/dylan.feezell

**Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting**
Thursday, June 8, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church, 1310 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman. Special program will be "Scrapology" by the Franklin Quilt Co. Guests (non-members) are welcome to attend; cost will be $5. Hope to see you there.

**Fairview High School Class of 1963 60th Reunion**
• Friday, June 16, at 1 p.m. at the Golden Corral in Cullman. For more information call Joyce Marie Williams Rodgers at 256-339-3451.
• 7th Annual Bernard Blues and BBQ Arts & Crafts Festival
• September 9-10, 2023
• Contact: Joyce Nix – 256-255-5860; jnix@stbernardprep.com

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

# Aderholt: Check passports before booking travel

**Staff Reports**
Contributor

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — Back in February, Rep. Robert Aderholt, R-Alabama, issued a reminder to make sure your passport is still valid before booking international travel. Also, he said, applying for a new passport or a passport renewal is currently taking two months or longer.

**On Thursday, May 25, Aderholt's communications director Carson Clark issued the following statement:**

Good afternoon everyone. I know that I have sent multiple emails on this topic in the past few months, but I really can't overstate the importance and the impact we are seeing from the current passport backlog. Our office is currently handling dozens of emergency passport situations. We are able to help some people by getting them appointments in Atlanta or New Orleans to drive and get a passport. However, we have had some people who have had to cancel/postpone trips. So, I'm hoping you can help spread the word again with the bullet points below.

• If you have a trip between now and Labor Day and you don't have a valid passport, you need to immediately apply and pay for expedited service.
• Best practice is DO NOT book a trip out of the country if you do not have a passport already in hand.
• Do not book a trip thinking, "I can handle the passport issue later."
• The U.S. State Department advises us that if you think you might go on an international trip within the next year, go ahead and apply for/or renew your passport now.
• Adult passports are valid for 10 years. Passports for minors are valid for 5 years. So, make sure you or your child's passport has not expired.
• Your member of Congress can attempt to help you in an emergency situation, but we cannot make any guarantees. Congressman Aderholt's considers an emergency to be for travel within the next two weeks.

**Back in February, Aderholt said:**
"As we head toward the spring and summer travel season, many people are booking trips that take them out of the country. My office is already receiving many calls from people who have booked these types of trips and don't realize until the last minute that they either don't have a passport or their passport has expired. In passport emergencies, my office will be glad to assist in these situations.

"As a reminder, any travel by U.S. citizens that will take place outside of the borders of the United States requires a valid passport, even to Mexico or Canada. Also, many countries require a passport to have at least six months of validity left on it past the dates of travel."

For more information, go to www.usa.gov/passport.

# City school board announces new EES principal hire

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — The Cullman City School Board, at a special called meeting on Friday, May 26, announced it hired Melanie Harris as the new principal of East Elementary School. Harris replaces longtime, beloved principal David Wiggins, who retired at the end of this school year.

"I look forward to bringing my passion for teaching and learning along with my love and appreciation for teachers and students to the school," Harris said. "It is my heartfelt belief and passion that when dedicated educators, supportive families and a passionate community come together, extraordinary things happen."

**The board also approved the following items (as written from agenda):**

• Contract with the following employees for the Summer Feeding Program
o Misty Lang and Sabrina Yarbrough
o Substitutes: Delores Clark and Tina Holmes

• Contract with Abigail Bennett to provide Special Education Services from June 1, 2023 - July 31, 2023

• Contract with Lois Bice to provided extended day services from June 1, 2023 - July 31, 2023

• Contract with Kenneth Gleaton to provide Summer School Instructional services at Cullman High School from June 5, 2023 - July 20, 2023

• Contract with Michael Kilpatrick to provide Grass Cutting/Landscape services at Cullman City School from August 1, 2023 - July 31, 2024

• Contract with Kevin Wilson to provide Truancy Officer services at Cullman City Schools from August 1, 2023 - May 26, 2024

• Contract with Mary "Cindy" Stidham to provide Custodial services at Cullman City Schools from July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

• Contract with Sharon Wilson to provide clerical services as needed from July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

• Contract with Roman Shields to provide Maintenance Helper services at Cullman City Schools from June 1, 2023 - July 31, 2023

• Contract with Brooke Desnoes to provide Dance Team Coaching Responsibilities for Cullman City Schools from June 1, 2023-August 31, 2024

• Contract with Kristen Gragg to provide Summer Work services at Cullman Middle School from May 30, 2023 - July 31, 2023

• Contract with Kalysha Whittle to provide nursing services for Cullman City Schools from June 28, 2023 - July 31, 2023

**Personnel report:**

• **Principal**
o Melanie Harris - Principal at East Elementary School, effective July 1, 2023
o Supplemental Summer Contract as Probationary Principal at East Elementary School from May 27, 2023 - June 30, 2023

• **Retirements**
o Oscar Glasscock - Physical Education Teacher/Head Football Coach at Cullman High School, effective June 1, 2023
o Michael Wilhite - Career Tech Education Teacher at Cullman High School, effective July 1, 2023
o Brent Patterson - Driver's Education Teacher at Cullman High School, effective July 1, 2023

• **Resignations**
o Amber Hembree - School Counselor at East Elementary School, effective July 1, 2023
o Mitchell Maddox - Part-time Special Education Instructional Assistant at Cullman Middle School, effective May 19, 2023
o Jana Thrasher - General Education Teacher at Cullman City Primary School, effective May 26, 2023
o Rylee Baker - Special Education Instructional Assistant at Cullman Middle School, effective May 23, 2023
o Molly Gambrill - English Teacher at Cullman High School, effective May 27, 2023
o Caitlin Bowling - Family and Consumer Science Career Tech Teacher at Cullman High School, effective May 27, 2023
o Meagan Cagle - Mathematics Teacher at Cullman High School, effective June 1, 2023
o Jamie Burgess - Computer Teacher at Cullman Middle School, effective May 26,2023
o Dori Long - Special Education Teacher at Cullman City Primary School, effective May 26, 2023
o Maddie Quick - Child Nutrition Program Worker at East Elementary School, effective May 25, 2023
o Ivy Loosier - Extended Day Instructional Assistant at Cullman City Primary School, May 24, 2023
o Kaidence Murphree - Extended Day Instructional Assistant at Cullman City
o Primary School, May 24, 2023
o Jorie Johnson - Extended Day Instructional Assistant at Cullman City Primary School, May 24, 2023

• **Contract terminations**
o Nick Gentry - Community Football Coach (Contract), effective May 13, 2023
• Contract extensions
o Tera Thomas - Reading Intervention Teacher at Cullman City Primary School, extension through May 24, 2024
o Kylie Bates - AMSTI Math Coach at Cullman Middle School and Cullman High School, extension through May 24, 2024
o Sashari Caretti - AMSTI Math Coach at West Elementary School, extension through May 24, 2024
o Courtney Speciale - AMSTI Math Coach at East Elementary School, extension through May 24, 2024
o Krista Johnson -AMSTI Math Coach at Cullman City Primary School, extension through May 24, 2024
o Tara Richard - Part-time Adjunct Health Science Teacher at Cullman City Schools, extension through May 24, 2024
o Katelyn Bowling - Mental Health Specialist at Cullman City Schools, extension through May 24, 2024
o Rachel Fondren - Mental Health Specialist at Cullman City Schools, extension through May 24, 2024

• **Conditional employment- Under the terms of the Child Protection Act of 1999, Act No. 2022-457, pending certification and paraprofessional requirements as applicable:**
o William Stidham - Summer worker at Cullman City Primary School from June 1, 2023 - July 31, 2023 (NTE 12 hours per week) (JV23-042)
o April Borden - Special Education Teacher at Cullman High School, effective August 2, 2023 (JV23-026)
o John Bullen - School-based In School Suspension Teacher at Cullman City Schools (Itinerant), effective August 2, 2023 (JV23-040)
o Dianne Phillips - Special Education Teacher at Cullman City Primary School (at East Elementary School until 2nd Grade moves to Cullman City Primary School), effective August 2, 2023
o Kellan McCoy - General Education Teacher at Cullman City Primary School, effective August 2, 2023
o Cassidy Elliff - English Language Arts Teacher at Cullman High School, effective August 2, 2023
o Bradley Pounds - Teacher at Cullman High School, effective August 2, 2023

• **Community Coach - (Under the terms of the Child Protection Act of 1999, Act No. 2022-457):**
o Justin Esmann - Football community coach
o Justin Little - Football community coach
o Morgan Smith - Girls' basketball community coach
• Miscellaneous
o Mandy Anderson - unpaid leave from May 26, 2023 - June 9, 2023

• **Informational**
o Heather Brooks - FMLA from September 11, 2023 - December 11, 2023. Subject to change per physician's certification.
o Kristen Lang - FMLA from October 20, 2023 - February 1, 2024. Subject to change per physician's certification.
o Nicole Robinson - FMLA from May 22, 2023 - July 3, 2023. Subject to change per physician's certification.

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# Leo (from Front)

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — Leo, an approximately 3-year-old male pit bull terrier mix with a short dark coat, is available for adoption at Cullman County Animal Shelter.

Leo, as his name suggests, is a regal and statuesque canine, and the current king of the shelter. Leo is intelligent and quick to learn commands and will look to you for encouragement. He enjoys his recreation time with the many toys the shelter has to offer.

His signature wide pit bull terrier smile shows his good-natured personality; he has a medium-energy level which would make him the perfect cuddle buddy and walking partner.

Ready to make Leo the king of your home? Head over to Cullman County Animal Shelter at 935 Convent Road NE, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. for a meet and greet.

His adoption fee includes neuter, DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet and microchip.

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# Patterson (from Front)

**Staff Reports**
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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — Longtime Cullman High School teacher and varsity baseball coach Brent Patterson is retiring from the school as a teacher. Though he is retiring from teaching, it is still possible for Patterson to continue coaching baseball at Cullman High in the future.

"Coach Patterson is a huge part of five state championships and several deep runs into the AHSAA baseball postseason," Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff said. "Just as important, he loves kids, forms relationships with his students and student athletes and is a great teacher. We are going to let Coach Patterson enjoy retirement for a few weeks, then Athletic Director Coach (Mark) Stephens and I are going to begin working with him on ways he can still contribute to the ongoing success of the Cullman High School baseball program."

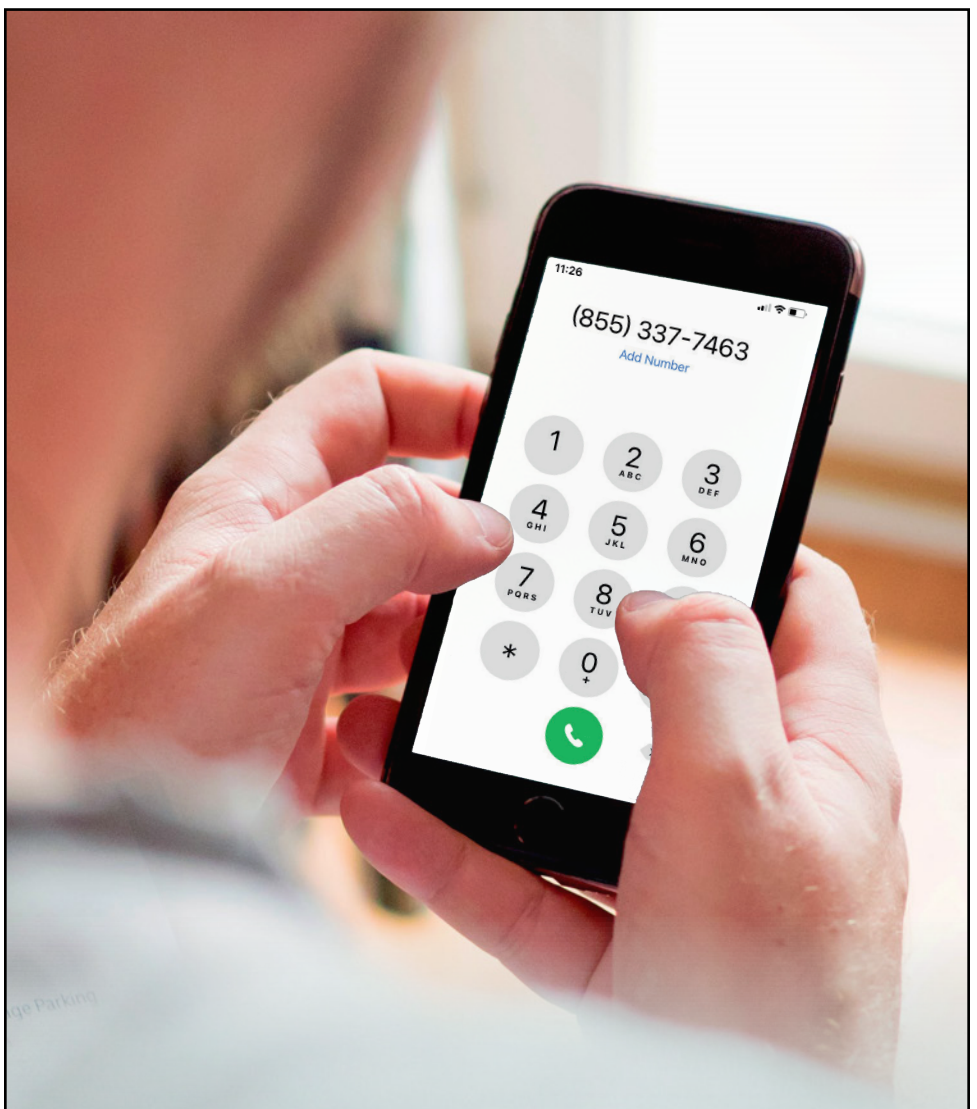
Patterson noted he and his wife Kristy have made a lot of memories at Cullman High the past several years, taking the Bearcats to playoff runs and titles, while also watching their own kids grow up in black and gold.

"Walking behind Coach (Bryan) Bowen as he built Cullman Baseball into a perennial contender, watching the facilities upgrade throughout the years, sharing a state championship with my son, Brady; watching our daughter, Reese, play volleyball; and spending countless hours with the other coaches who are my best friends are times that I will always cherish. God has poured out his blessings on us for sure," Patterson said. "Working for administrations and alongside so many teachers who have dedicated so much of their lives to serving the students of our community has been inspiring."

Patterson went on to thank the administration, fellow teachers, students, parents and community members who have supported and continue to support the Bearcats.

"I am very thankful that I was given the opportunity to work and coach here many years ago. I'll forever cherish the relationships formed with my coworkers, whose hard work oftentimes goes unnoticed by the public, but their daily diligence and dedication to our students are the reasons why CHS is so special," he said. "I personally cannot thank the countless parents and supporters of Cullman Baseball for helping make our program special. Thousands of hands have worked to give our players an experience that's second to none, and I am thankful for their time, hard work and support. Most of all, I'm grateful to the players and the assistant coaches who have sacrificed so much to make Cullman Baseball what it is today. They have shared their lives with me, and it's those relationships that will truly last a lifetime. It is an honor to lead such a fine group of individuals like we have had over the years."

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PREP SOFTBALL

# ‘You will always be enough’: Fairview’s Kylie Kovar recaps sophomore season

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**FAIRVIEW, Ala.** — Last season was one of the best seasons that Fairview has had in the past few years, and they were one game away from qualifying for Regionals. Fairview sophomore Kylie Kovar talked about that season, plus what she learned, and some advice to younger players who are going through a tough time on the field.

“This season was one of the best seasons that Fairview softball has had in the last few years. What I learned this year was mental toughness. It’s super important because players are going to hit slumps, suffer bad luck, ups-and-downs, and injuries. My advice to them is to never give up. Work harder mentally and physically to improve. Always think confidently before stepping into a high-pressured situation.”

Kovar feels blessed to play alongside a great group of girls. She talked about when she first played on the varsity level in ninth grade, plus how that has helped her become the player that she is today.

“We had a great group of girls. We were always laughing, learning from one another, and building each other up. There was never a dull moment,” Kovar said. “I officially started playing in ninth grade. I went through some frustrating times then, but I decided to regroup, work harder, and make things happen. I’m working during the offseason with no down time. I’m always trying to find a way to get better at the game.”

Kovar got to play with some great coaches, and she learned something important from them. She will continue to work to get ready for next season, plus she talked about her goals and the team goals for 2024.

“My coaches always had a positive attitude. They always pushed us to be the people we are today. They always told us you have more than what you think you have,” she said. “I will be working on the game: hitting, fielding, all of it. My personal goal is getting my batting average to .500 or close to it. My fielding goal is to turn more double plays and just improve overall. My team goals are to have a deeper run in the county tournament and in the postseason.”

Kovar talked about what will make this team special to watch next season. She was super happy to get to play alongside senior Jaycee Aleman and got some great advice from her in the process.

“There are a lot of returning girls and we are going to work well together for each other to become a better team and better teammates for each other,” she said. “Jaycee always worked hard for what she wanted. There was never a dull moment with her. I loved playing on the field with her. We were always talking to one another, joking about something always. We will miss her very much and I learned to keep pushing, even when things get hard.”

Kovar has seen her game grow more and more the past couple of seasons and she looked up to a college softball player when she was younger. She also talked about the best advice that someone ever gave her.

“I work a lot in the off-season and every game I play, I feel like I get better and better. You learn from your mistakes at this game,” she said.

“The person I always looked up to was Skylar Wallace. She played at Alabama and she’s now currently playing for Florida. I love the effort she gives at everything she does. My best advice is you will always be enough. Keep going and be the person you want to be.”




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*Fairview’s Kylie Kovar*

PREP BASKETBALL

# ‘Succeed on and off the court’: Good Hope’s Jacob Haynes talks sophomore season

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**GOOD HOPE, Ala.** — Last season was another successful one for the Good Hope Raiders as they collected 20 more wins and sophomore Jacob Haynes shared what he learned and talked about his experience on the varsity level so far.

“It was definitely a fun season for sure. I was disappointed about how it ended and I’m going to miss the seniors. I learned that if we’re going to make it far next year, we are going to have to rely on each other, work as a team, and really focus on having those same goals that we’ve had the previous years, but do even better,” Haynes said. “My ninth-grade year was a humbling experience. The game is way faster on the varsity level than I thought it was going to be, but I’m getting used to it. It’s also been really fun going to the mountains, the beach, and going to team camps. We’ve played one of the hardest schedules I’ve played through my years of playing ball. I’ve also enjoyed playing with my teammates. We crack up and have fun, but also get serious when we need to.”

Haynes has had a blast playing with a great group of guys and has soaked up as much as he could from them and his coaches.

“It’s been great for sure. I’ve learned a lot from the older guys, and it’s made me better playing beside them. I like how competitive we are and how we want to compete, no matter what teams we’re playing. Coach Drew Adams and assistant coaches Scott Adams and Griffin Morris has helped me improve on my game and become a smarter player,” Haynes said. “The coaches are tough on us, but they let us know when we do good, and they aren’t scared to tell us when we’re wrong. I’ve learned how to shoot better and just have better vision on the court, but that’s not the only thing. They speak the Gospel more than everyone I know, and they just want us to succeed on and off the court.”

Haynes has learned so much from the seniors the past two years and will get to work to prepare for this upcoming season.

“What I’ve learned from Tanner, Charlie, Colton, Jed, and Noah is that you can be a leader on and off the court. They showed me that these past two years and they are some of the best leaders I know. I can definitely take what they taught me and pass that on to the younger group. They also pushed me when I do something wrong. I’m going to miss the seniors graduating this year,” he said. “I will definitely work on my shooting and my play making. I also need to mature on and off the court too, so I’m always prepared for the game.”

Haynes has seen his game improved from his first year on varsity to now and will look to improve even more next season. He talked about his goals and the team goals, plus what will make this team special to watch.

“From ninth to 10th grade, I improved some, but not as much as I should have. This off-season, though, I’ve been gaining weight and hitting the gym almost every day. So, this summer and next year, I definitely think I will have a great season,” he said. “Individually, I hope to shoot over 35% from behind the three-point line and I want my assist-turnover ratio to be good. I just want to be a leader on the floor, and I want to always be in the right spot. Team goals, I want to win county, area, Regionals, and hopefully making the Final Four, but we can’t just talk about it until we do it. I feel like this team will be special to watch because we all have high motors and high energy in every game we enter. We have all improved tremendously on our game and I’m excited for the season.

Haynes looked up to a very special NBA player when he was younger, and talked about the best advice that he was ever given.

“I really looked up to Isaiah Thomas during the 2016-2017 season, when he almost won MVP. That was the same season that his sister passed away. All of the adversity that he’s overcome showed me I could do anything. Also at 5’9”, he made it look easy,” he said. “My dad has always told me that you have to out-work everyone because I’ve always been smaller than everyone else and he’s my biggest supporter.”




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*Good Hope’s Jacob Haynes*

# Honors (from Front)

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — Alabama’s high school soccer coaches have voted on this year’s All-State selections and the teams were announced this week. Several local players earned All-State honors and Cullman standout Abby Morrow led the way, landing on this year’s Super All-State (1A-7A) First Team.

Morrow also earned a spot on the 6A All-State First Team along with fellow Bearcat Mimi Lunsford.

Anna Beth Mauldin and Elley Atchinson each earned a 6A Honorable Mention as well after outstanding seasons. On the 6A boys’ side, Cullman’s Ramses Martinez, Zinedin Viviesca and Wyatt Harris were all voted onto the All-State Second Team.

In Class 5A, West Point’s Josh Shannon and Omar Segundo were both named to the All-State First Team and Joel Guzman earned a place on the Second Team.

Fairview’s Theo Odoux was also recognized after a stellar season with the Aggies, earning a 5A Honorable Mention.

In Class 1A-3A, St. Bernard had several representatives on this year’s All-State teams. Emmanuel Santiago, Jiovany Aguilar-Arriaga, Cole Bissot and Pelayo Gallego all landed on the 1A-3A All-State Second Team and Reid Bissot and Charles Gil each earned a 1A-3A Honorable Mention.



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*Cullman’s Abby Morrow (4) earned First Team Super All-State honors after an outstanding 2023 season.*




– COLUMN –

# Celebrating in the Wundergarten – FEED 'EM@TheArboretum

**Ben Johnson South**
Tribune Columnist

FEED 'EM@TheArboretum became a thing when my fun friend, Felicia Roberts, invited five pals for a picnic this spring. The fine dining setting was the woodlands area of Sportsman Lake Park, which surrounds the Wildflower Garden and is soon to become an accredited arboretum, aka "living tree museum."

Giving huge credit where due, it was Felicia who had the truly inspired idea for the Cullman County Master Gardeners to revitalize the Wildflower Garden begun decades prior by Alabama gardening legend Nona Moon. From tiny petals to tall pines, plants thrive in the mild climate and heritage-enriched soils of our part of the world.

(Dear Reader: We gardeners know that flowers and trees are on a continuum and always come full circle. Soon after my friend Felicia, who I've known since the earth cooled, proposed awakening the Wildflower Garden, she had a serious health emergency. Fortunately, four of her fellow Cullman County Master Gardener interns stepped forward and offered to share the project leadership while Felicia herself was revitalized. The happy ending of this tale is that Felicia is reviving and when she's not in her Esther Williams-wannabe role, swanning in therapeutic water aerobics, she is regularly back at Sportsman Lake Park helping us imagine the arboretum.)

FEED 'EM@TheArboretum is a delightful suggestion for celebrating this Memorial Day Weekend in the great American outdoors. My friend Felicia's frou-frou picnic had her all la-dee-dah with a linen tablecloth and her finest botanical-patterned Melamine, but your holiday menu could be Johnny's B-B-Q with a jug of Alabama sweet tea and be perfectly grand.

Memorial Day is both a solemn holiday to honor the thousands of Americans who have died in military service, and the unofficial start of happy summertime. In north Alabama, you can celebrate both at Sportsman Lake Park in Cullman County.

Saturday, May 27, the Veterans Memorial Park at Sportsman Lake is unveiling a new monument to commemorate the lives of those fallen in airborne conflict during the Vietnam War. The solemn presentation is set for 10 a.m.

The first Memorial Day was held nationally on May 30, 1868, just after the American Civil War. It was a peaceful day when one was encouraged to strew flowers on the graves of those who had died, both Confederate and Union, during the conflict. This was a very few years before the founding of Cullman County. From the beginning of our community's historical roots, 150-plus years, this national holiday has been treasured.

FEED 'EM@TheArboretum is a way to enjoy a Memorial Day Weekend breakfast/brunch/lunch/lupper under the stately oaks and Alabama pines in the work-in-progress arboretum. This oasis is FREE and OPEN TO ALL every day of the year. There is even a FREE, welcome-to-summertime splash pad for the kids at Sportsman Lake Park, and the large, glistening lake for grown-ups to promenade.

The site of Felicia's FEED 'EM@TheArboretum gathering was the "Family Circle Picnic Plaza" just inside the bright red, "Welcome Arbor" to the Wildflower Garden which has four picnic tables. Also, there are many other shaded picnicking spots beckoning up beyond the flowering beds and the "stumpery" near the potting shed.

Pardon the rain-soaked soil and the evidence of toil of Cullman County Master Gardeners. Bring a tarp to put under that pretty picnic blanket you brought, and consider some of these delish, arboretum-inspired recipes for Memorial Day Weekend, 2023:

**FEED 'EM@ TheArboretum DEVILED EGGS**
(Source: thespruceeats.com)

**INGREDIENTS**
- 6 large eggs
- 2 tbsp. mayonnaise
- 1 1/2 tsp. Dijon mustard
- 1 green onion, very thinly sliced, greens reserved
- 3 to 4 leaves fresh parsley, finely chopped
- Kosher salt, to taste
- Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- Paprika, optional

**INSTRUCTIONS**
**1.** Put eggs in a saucepan and cover with water about 1 inch above eggs. Bring water to full boil over medium-high heat. Remove saucepan from heat and cover pan.

**2.** Let stand for 15 minutes. Drain and cool eggs with cold water. Eggs are generally easiest to peel right after they are cooled.

**3.** Cut peeled eggs in halves and scoop yolks into a small bowl.

**4.** Mash yolks and add mayo and Dijon mustard until desired consistency is reached.

**5.** Stir in white and light green part of sliced green onion and most of the chopped parsley. Add salt and pepper to taste.

**6.** Using a small teaspoon or pastry bag, fill egg white halves with yolk mixture. Sprinkle reserved sliced green onion and remaining parsley. Sprinkle lightly with paprika, if desired.

**FEED 'EM@ TheArboretum TRIPLE DIPPED FRIED CHICKEN**
(Source: allrecipes.com)

**INGREDIENTS**
- 1 quart vegetable oil for frying
- 4 1/2 cups all-purpose flour, divided
- 1 1/2 tbsp. garlic salt
- 1 tbsp. ground black pepper
- 1 tbsp. paprika
- 1/2 tsp. poultry seasoning
- 1 1/2 cups beer, or as needed
- 2 egg yolks, beaten
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. ground black pepper
- 1 (3-pound) whole chicken, cut into pieces

**INSTRUCTIONS**
**1.** Heat oil in a deep fryer to 350F

**2.** Mix 3 cups flour, garlic salt, 1 tbsp. pepper, paprika, and poultry seasoning together in a medium bowl.

**3.** Stir 1 1/2 cups beer, remaining 1 1/3 cups flour, egg yolks, salt, and 1/4 tsp. pepper together in a separate bowl; thin with more beer if batter is too thick.

4. Moisten chicken pieces with a little water, then dip in seasoned flour mixture. Shake off excess and dip in beer batter, then dip in the seasoned flour mixture once more.

**5.** Lower chicken pieces carefully into the hot oil in batches. Fry until crispy and well-browned, about 15-18 minutes. An instant-read thermometer inserted near the bone should read 165F. Transfer to a paper towel-lined plate to drain.

**FEED 'EM @ TheArboretum GRILLED CORN**
(Source: delish.com)

**INGREDIENTS**
- 4 ears corn, shucked
- Butter, for serving
- Kosher salt

**INSTRUCTIONS**
**1.** Preheat grill to high and heat for 10 minutes. Add corn and cook, turning often, until charred all over about 10 minutes.

**2.** Spread butter over warm corn and season with salt.

**FEED 'EM @ TheArboretum RED, WHITE and BLUE QUINOA FRUIT SALAD DESSERT**
(Source: wellplated.com)

**INGREDIENTS**
- 3/4 cup dry quinoa
- 16 oz. fresh strawberries
- 9 oz. fresh blueberries
- 1/2 cup toasted sliced almonds
- 1/4 cup fresh mint leaves, chopped

**For the dressing:**
- 2 tbsp. honey
- 2 tbsp. lime juice
- 1/4 tsp. kosher salt

**INSTRUCTIONS**
**1.** Prepare quinoa according to package directions. Fluff and place in a large serving bowl, then let cool slightly. In a small bowl or measuring cup, stir together the dressing ingredients: honey, lime juice and salt.

**2.** Trim and quarter the strawberries, then add them to the bowl along with the blueberries, almonds and mint. Pour the dressing over the top, then toss gently to combine. Place in the refrigerator until ready to serve.

**HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AND AUF WIEDERSEHEN Y'ALL!**

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

# Harris (from Front)

**Staff Reports**
Contributor

**CULLMAN, Ala.** — East Elementary School has found its next principal.

Melanie Harris, who most recently served as the assistant principal at Hibbett Intermediate School in Florence City Schools, will be the new principal at East Elementary in Cullman. She was officially hired Friday morning, May 27, 2023, by the Cullman City School Board.

"Cullman is known for its academic excellence, and I am eager to be a part of this prestigious system. I am humbled by the trust of Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff and the board in my abilities and belief in the vision and passion I have for students," Harris said. "With my experience in grades K-8, I was drawn to the East job because of the grade levels present at the school and the wonderful school climate showcased throughout their report card, social media and more."

Harris has served as an assistant principal in Florence for the past three years. Before that, she spent four years as an instructional partner at Harlan Elementary School and six years as a teacher at Florence Middle School. She was most recently named the assistant principal of the year by the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP).

"I am excited about Melanie Harris and how she will have an immediate impact on the students, faculty and parents of East Elementary School," Kallhoff said. "Ms. Harris brings quality experience in the classroom as an instructional coach, and as an assistant principal, to the Cullman City School System."

Kallhoff went on to note that Harris brings a diverse skillset he believes will serve her well leading East Elementary into the future.

"From my conversations with her and her previous supervisors, it is clear she understands the importance of relationships from the principal's seat as well as the task of balancing student safety, school structure, communication and instructional leadership," he said.

Harris takes over for outgoing principal David Wiggins, who retired at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

As for her approach to leadership, Harris said she truly aims to make a difference in the lives of students and teachers.

"I believe the principal sets the culture and climate for the school and it is vital that the principal model those expectations. I believe the crucial elements of a positive climate and culture are effective communication, trust and learning, building and nurturing relationships," she said. "It should be a shared responsibility between the principal, parents and community to create an environment that empowers every student to develop their full potential, not only academically, but also socially and emotionally. Together, we will foster an inclusive and nurturing environment where each child feels valued, supported and inspired to reach for (his or her) dreams. My aim is to equip our students with the skills they need to thrive in an ever-changing world and to encourage them to be excellent every day in every way!"

Parents will soon have a chance to meet and get to know Harris, as the school system and East Elementary PTO have scheduled a meet and greet at the board of education central office on Thursday, June 8, from 4:30-5:30 p.m.



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**REPORTS TO: DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS**

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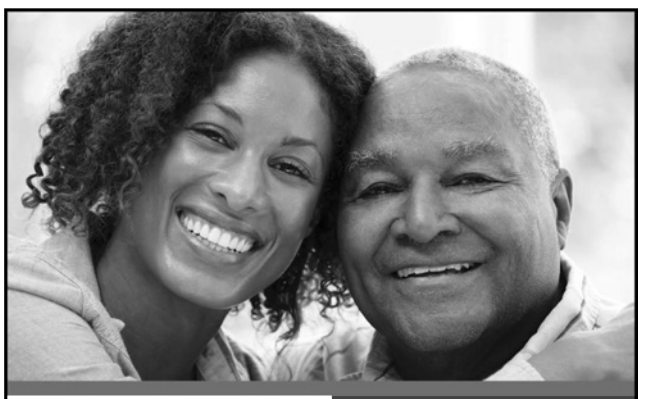
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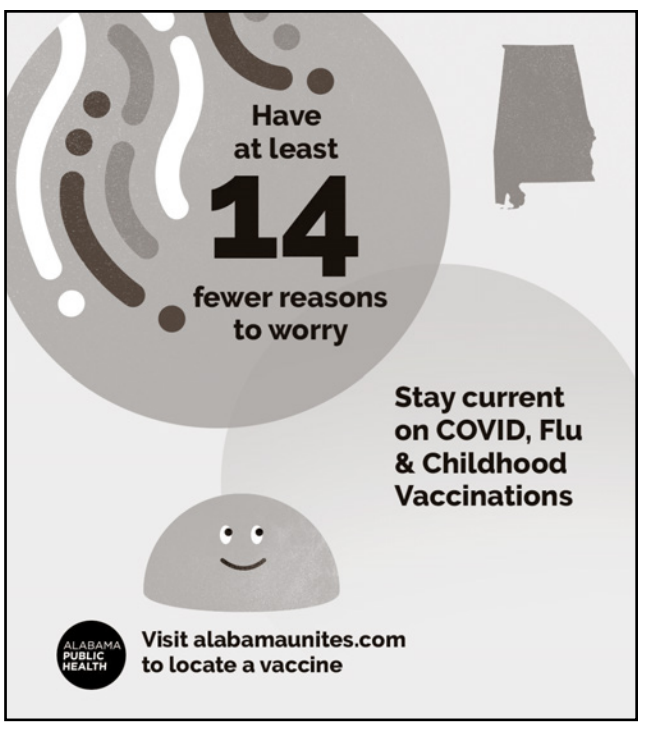
**ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 22**
**TO ANNEX CERTAIN PROPERTIES INTO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA**
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:
SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Cullman finds that the following property owner, Christopher Green and Allison Green, have petitioned the City under the provisions of Section 11-42-21 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, that the following described property, owned by the petitioner, be annexed into the City of Cullman:
PPIN: 49544. Parcel No. 17-01-12-0-001-027.000. Property Address: 447 County Road 1466, Cullman, Alabama.
Legal Description: All of Lot No. 37 of the A. A. Walker Subdivision. Source of Title: Deed Book 539, Page 754.
SECTION 2. That the Council has before it a map showing the relationship of the property proposed to be annexed to the corporate limits of the City of Cullman, and that said map is on file in the office of the City Clerk along with an acknowledgment by the property owners that they want it to be annexed into the City of Cullman.
SECTION 3. That the City of Cullman does hereby annex as a part of its corporate limits the above described tracts or parcels of land as R-1 Residential District.
SECTION 4. That a copy of this ordinance after its adoption, which ordinance includes a description of the properties annexed to the City of Cullman, be filed in the office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, the county in which the municipality is located.
SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as required by law.
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 15th day of May, 2023. /s/ Jenny Folsom, President of the City Council
ATTEST: /s/ Wesley Moore, City Clerk
APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 15th day of May, 2023. /s/Mayor Woody Jacobs

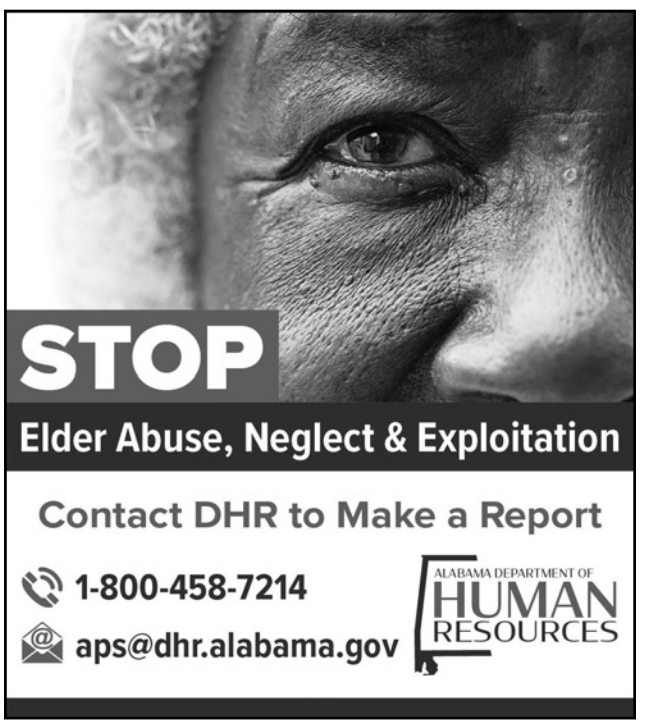
**ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 23**
**TO ANNEX CERTAIN PROPERTIES INTO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA**
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:
SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Cullman finds that the following property owner, Grady Pope and Janet Pope, have petitioned the City under the provisions of Section 11-42-21 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, that the following described property, owned by the petitioner, be annexed into the City of Cullman:
PPIN: 13239. Parcel No. 17-01-12-0-001-014.000. Property Address: 332 County Road 1467, Cullman, Alabama.
Legal Description: Part of Lot No. 26 of the A. A. Walker Subdivision as shown and known on the recorded plat or map in the office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama in Map Book 4 Page 3, described as follows: Begin at the Northwest corner of said Lot No. 26, thence Southeasterly along the lot line 120 feet thence East along the lot line 45 feet to a stake; thence due North 160 feet, more or less, to a stake on the North line of said lot; thence Southwesterly along said lot line (Reese Drive) 155 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. Source of Title: Deed Book 606, Page 527.
SECTION 2. That the Council has before it a map showing the relationship of the property proposed to be annexed to the corporate limits of the City of Cullman, and that said map is on file in the office of the City Clerk along with an acknowledgment by the property owners that they want it to be annexed into the City of Cullman.
SECTION 3. That the City of Cullman does hereby annex as a part of its corporate limits the above described tracts or parcels of land as R-1 Residential District.
SECTION 4. That a copy of this ordinance after its adoption, which ordinance includes a description of the properties annexed to the City of Cullman, be filed in the office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, the county in which the municipality is located.

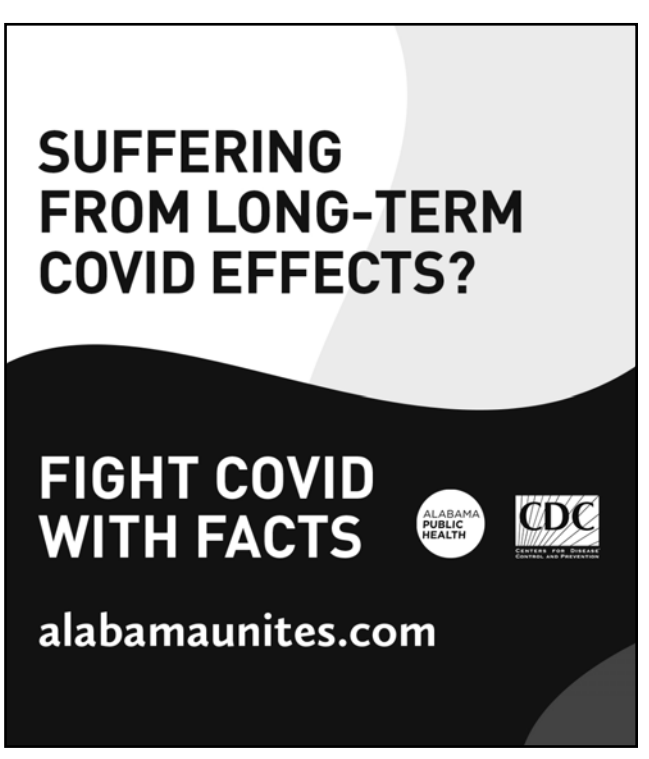
SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as required by law.
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 15th day of May, 2023. /s/ Jenny Folsom, President of the City Council
ATTEST: /s/ Wesley Moore, City Clerk
APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 15th day of May, 2023. /s/Mayor Woody Jacobs

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 24**
**TO ANNEX CERTAIN PROPERTIES INTO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA**
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:
SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Cullman finds that the following property owner, Joshua Frank Bell and Kara McCain Bell, have petitioned the City under the provisions of Section 11-42-21 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, that the following described properties, owned by the petitioner, be annexed into the City of Cullman:
PPIN: 88354. Parcel No. 17-07-25-0-001-011.061. Property Address: County Road 700, Cullman, Alabama.
Legal Description: A tract or parcel of land containing 4.00 acres of land, more or less and being a part of the East half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 10 South, Range 3 West, Cullman County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northwest Corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 25 and run South 89°23'21" East and run along the North line, a distance of 662.42 feet to the Northwest Corner of said East half; thence run South 00°24'44" East and run along the accepted West line of the East half, a distance of 737.30 feet; thence run South 89°21'34"East, a distance of 76.34 feet to a set rebar marking the point of beginning; thence continue South 89°21'34" East, a distance of 417.42 feet to a set rebar; thence South 00°24'44" East, a distance of 417.42 feet to a set rebar; thence North 89°21'34" West, a distance of 417.42 feet to a set rebar; thence North 00°24'44"West, a distance of 417.42 feet to the point of beginning.
Source of Title: Deed Book 592, Page 81.
PPIN: 74921. Parcel No. 17-01-12-0-001-011.004. Property Address: 60 County Road 700, Cullman, Alabama.
Legal Description: A tract or parcel of land being a part of the East half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 10 South, Range 3 West, Cullman County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of the said Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and run S 89°23'31"E and run along the North line a distance of 662.42 feet to the Northwest corner of said East half; thence run S 0°24'44"E and run along the accepted West line of said East half, a distance of 737.30 feet to the point of beginning; thence from said point of beginning, run S 89°21'34"E, a distance of 76.34 feet to a set rebar; thence run S 0°24'44"E a distance of 417.42 feet to a set rebar; thence run N 89°21'34"W to a point on the West line of the East half of said quarter-quarter; thence run N 0°24'44"W along the said West line back to the point of beginning.
Source of Title: Deed Book 592 Page 81.
SECTION 2. That the Council has before it a map showing the relationship of the property proposed to be annexed to the corporate limits of the City of Cullman, and that said map is on file in the office of the City Clerk along with an acknowledgment by the property owners that they want it to be annexed into the City of Cullman.
SECTION 3. That the City of Cullman does hereby annex as a part of its corporate limits the above described tracts or parcels of land as R-1 Residential District.
SECTION 4. That a copy of this ordinance after its adoption, which ordinance includes a description of the properties annexed to the City of Cullman, be filed in the office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, the county in which the municipality is located.
SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as required by law.
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 15th day of May, 2023. /s/ Jenny Folsom, President of the City Council
ATTEST: /s/ Wesley Moore, City Clerk
APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 15th day of May, 2023. /s/Mayor Woody Jacobs












# 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 *
PAUL EUGENE RESSLER, * CASE NO PC 2022-211
Deceased *

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to **PAULA POWELL**, as Personal Representative of the Estate of **PAUL EUGENE RESSLER**, deceased, on the 25th day of May, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Paula Powell
Personal Representative

Seth B. Thompson
Attorney for Petitioner
200 First Avenue, SE
Cullman, Alabama, 35055
(256)-734-4591

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

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

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

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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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P. O. Box 398
Cullman, Alabama 35056-0398
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e-mail: steve@smithandsmithllp.com

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: * CASE NO. JU-2023-97.01
STRAITLYN GRAY, *
A Minor Child. *
*

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

**BRADLEY GRAY**, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Verified Petition to Terminate Parental Rights filed by Chelsey Gray and/or other relief by July 3, 2023, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against him in regard to case number JU-2023-97.01, Juvenile Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 24 day of May, 2023.

CLERK OF JUVENILE COURT

JERRY L. KILGO
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER
421 3rd AVE SE, SUITE 250
CULLMAN, AL. 35055

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF )
)
JIMMIE TRUSSELL, ) CASE NO.: PC-2023-106
An alleged incapacitated person. )

**NOTICE OF HEARING**
**PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF A LIMITED GUARDIAN AND/OR CONSERVATOR**

**TO: DONNIE DODGEN**
**ROGER TRUSSELL**
**ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN OR INTERESTED PARTIES**

Please take notice that a *Petition for Appointment of a Limited Guardian and/or Conservator* have been filed by Cullman County Department of Human Resources, Petitioner, by and through Attorney, Diane L. Dunning. A hearing on said *Petition for Appointment of a Limited Guardian and/or Conservator* has been **SET FOR THE 27th day of JULY, 2023, AT 10:00 A.M.**, Cullman County Courthouse, Probate Office Room 101, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this 24th day of May, 2023.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

**Diane L. Dunning**
Assistant Attorney General
State of Alabama
Department of Human Resources
P.O. Box 13248
Birmingham, AL 35202-3248

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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: )
PAULA RENEE WALTHER, ) CASE NO.: PC-~~2022~~ 2021-414
Deceased. )

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

Letters of Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to John Michael Walther, Personal Representative on the 18th day of May, 2023 by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred.

Kimberly H. Drake ASB DRA 0108
419 Second Ave SW Suite A
Cullman, Alabama 35055
256-739-9445 (phone)
256-734-7121 (fax)
tomdrake@bellsouth.net

To _____ Publisher of The Cullman Tribune.
Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks in said newspaper.

DONE this the 18 day of May, 2023.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
Probate Judge

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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 *
CHARLES A. SCHAFER * CASE NO PC 2023-149
Deceased *

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary have been granted to **Charles Casper Schafer**, as Personal Representative of the Estate Charles A. Schafer , deceased, on the 24th day of May, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Charles Casper Schafer
Personal Representative

Alex J. Chaney
Attorney for Petitioner
PO Box 1056
Cullman, Alabama 35056

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

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

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

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: * CASE NO. JU-2023-98.01
DIERKS GRAY, *
A Minor Child. *
*

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

**BRADLEY GRAY**, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Verified Petition to Terminate Parental Rights filed by Chelsey Gray and/or other relief by July 3, 2023, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against him in regard to case number JU-2023-98.01, Juvenile Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 24 day of May, 2023.

CLERK OF JUVENILE COURT

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421 3rd AVE SE, SUITE 250
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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: * CASE NO. JU-2022-530.01
SOPHIA DANIELLE WEPES, *
A Minor Child. *
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**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

**JULIAN WEPES**, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Verified Petition for Adoption filed by Justin Aaron and/or other relief by July 3, 2023, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against him in regard to case number JU-2022-530.01, Juvenile Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 24 day of May, 2023.

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: * CASE NO. JU-2023-99.01
DAXTON GRAY, *
A Minor Child. *
*

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

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# BOOK REVIEW: 'Small Mercies' by Dennis Lahane

**Cathy Lay Mayor**
Tribune Contributor

Dennis Lahane's latest book "Small Mercies" is set in Boston in 1974, just weeks away from court-ordered school desegregation. The novel is set in a time of anger, hatred and bigotry, and the language reflects that. I will not be quoting any passages. The story is gripping, but brace yourself for the vulgarity.

There is a tremendous amount of racism in the novel. It is hard to have sympathy for the racist characters. And almost every character is racist. The comments and jokes detract from the book. This novel has received stellar reviews; however, I cannot give it high praise.

The novel closely follows the history of Boston in the 1970s. Opposition to the court-ordered bussing started with peaceful protests but grew more and more violent with the passage of time. On the opening day of school, the buses carrying African American children were hit by eggs, bricks and bottles. Police in combat gear fought to control the angry protesters. The protests were worse in South Boston, the city's mainly Irish-Catholic neighborhood

Lead character Mary Pat Hennessy is of Irish descent, a single mother working two jobs to support herself and her teenaged daughter, Jules. One Saturday night, Jules goes out with her best friend and their boyfriends. On Sunday morning, Mary Pat wakes up early to go to her second job as a nursing home assistant. She realizes Jules has not come home, but assumes she is spending the night with her friend. At work, the only Black assistant does not show up. As the shift continues, the staff learns that the assistant's son (Augie) has been found dead on the railroad tracks.

When Mary Pat returns from work, Jules is still not home, and her friends claim they have not seen her. Their stories of the night before are identical. When Mary Pat calls the police, they refuse to look for Jules until 72 hours have passed.

Meanwhile, the police are focusing their resources on solving Augie's murder. More and more connections between the missing Jules and Augie's death are coming to light. Soon, there are rumors about organized crime being involved. Also, more witnesses are speaking up about seeing four white teenagers with a Black man at the train station around midnight. What seemed like two separate events appear to be connected. Still, the police are not providing much assistance to find Jules.

Mary Pat is hurt, angry and helpless. She realizes if Jules is going to be found, she will have to be the one who finds her. She becomes part detective, part vigilante and part stalker. She hounds the police, demanding answers. She follows the friends who were with Jules the night of her disappearance. And she even follows some of the organized crime members who have been mentioned as having a possible connection to Jules.

Even though the novel was hard to read, I learned a lot about the history of Boston. And like Dennis LaHane's other novels, "Small Mercies" is a best seller.

Dennis Lahane grew up in Boston. His first novel, "Drink Before War" won the Shamus Award (an award for best detective fiction). Four of his novels have been adapted into films. He adapted his fifth book himself. He has written for the HBO series "The Wire" and "Boardwalk Empire," as well as the Netflix series "Bloodline."

**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.**

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# Obituary Announcements: May 25-26

**Donna Lee Speegle-Freeman, 82**
Funeral services for Donna Lee Speegle-Freeman, of Bremen, Alabama will be 11 a.m. Friday, May 26, 2023, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Bowman's Chapel Cemetery. Reverend Malcolm Carter will be officiating. Visitation for family and friends will begin at 5 p.m. Thursday, May 25, 2023, at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Freeman was born on April 11, 1941, in Cullman, Alabama to the late Herman C. and Mary Speegle. She passed away at the age of 82 at her residence on May 23, 2023, in Bremen, Alabama. Donna was a beautiful loving woman and was known by many throughout Cullman County. She will be remembered as a caring soul that leaves with her children, family and those close to her with peace of seeing her again in Heaven. She was a lover of all things flowers and sunshine. She loved springtime and the freshness of new life and sounds of birds. She was also a lover of others, especially her family. Her smile and laughter will be remembered as contagious and uplifting. Mrs. Freeman is survived by her children, Denise (Danny) Strickland, Kelton Ray "Kerry" (Debra) Freeman, and Cindy (Rick) Myrex; grandchildren, Jennifer Knight, Chad Curtis, Kailon Freeman, Georgia Myrex and Abby Myrex-Lee; 10 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; brother, Harry Dean (Linda) Speegle; sister, Dora Bea (The Late Jude) Johnson; and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews who are all loved. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Freeman Family.

**Sheila Cook-Sterling, 69**
Funeral services for Sheila Cook-Sterling of Hanceville will be 3 p.m. Saturday, May 27, 2023, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation for family and friends will be from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday, May 26, 2023, at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Sterling was born on July 13, 1953, to the late Albert and Julia (Dunman) Cook in Cullman, Alabama. She passed away at the age of 69 on May 24, 2023, in Hanceville, Alabama. Survivors include her children, Jackie Dale (Tammie) Miller, Windy (Phillip Hitt) Reynolds, Tina (Jeff) Flanigan, Rickey Miller and Renita Cook; grandchildren, Tiffany Matthews, Jeffrey Miller, Joseph Miller, Raenon Rider and Deanna Rider; great grandchildren, Cayden Thomas, Roman Matthews, Magnolia Matthews and Kylie McNeely; sister, Wanda (Johnny) Jones; brothers, Kerry Cook, Eunice Cook and Rickey (Gail) Cook; a host of many loving nieces and nephews; best friend, Sisue Rouse; and beloved pets, Zipper, Hot-Rod, Yellow Belle and Socks. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Sterling was preceded in death by her grandson, Roman Smith. The family would like to give a special 'Thank You" to Eric Jackson with Enhabit Hospice for the love, care and support shown to Mrs. Sterling and her family.

**Kathy Marie Morton, 66**
Kathy Marie Morton, age 66, of Cullman, passed away on Thursday, May 25, 2023, at Cullman Regional. She was born July 19, 1956, in Cullman, Alabama, to Sanford and Mary Sue Eubanks. She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her husband, Rex Morton; daughter, Susan (James) Chapman; son, Joshua Morton; grandchildren, Sarah Chapman, Brady Chapman, and K. C. Morton; sister, Martha (Paul) Chambers; brother, Donnie Eubanks; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

**Steven "Stevie" Sudduth, 60**
Steven "Stevie" Sudduth, 60, of Addison, passed away May 24, 2023, at Princeton Baptist Medical Center in Birmingham, Alabama. He was born Jan. 24, 1963, in Haleyville, Alabama to Hershel Keith Sudduth and Ruby Jean Lane. Stevie was a good hunter and fisherman, and a fine figure of a man. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and brother. A visitation will be held on Sunday, May 28, 2023, from 12:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison. Stevie is survived by his wife, Robin Sudduth; sons, Keith Sudduth (Alison), and Trenton Sudduth; daughters, Tiffany (Matt) Smothers, and Iva Louise Sudduth (Josh); stepson, Lucus (Sarah) Jacobs; stepdaughters, Jerricca (Eddie) Pratt, and Jessicca (Jay) Carter; 32 grandchildren; one great grandchild; mother, Ruby Everett; brothers, Rodney (Leslie) Sudduth, and Dinky Pratt; and a host of extended family. He was preceded in death by his father, Hershel Sudduth; grandparents, Charles and Ella Sudduth, and Ray and Myrtie Lane; and great niece, Dallas Nicole Adams.

**Hon. H. Frank Brunner Jr., 72**
Funeral service for Hon. H. Frank Brunner Jr., age 72, of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at St. John's Evangelical Church; burial at Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 30, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Brunner served 18 faithful years as a Judge in Circuit Court. Mr. Brunner passed away on Friday, May 26, 2023, at the Folsom Center. He was born April 17, 1951, to Harry Franklin and Leedell Brunner. He was preceded in death by his parents; aunt and uncle, Earl and Evell Cornelius; aunt, Wilma "Toots" Brunner. Survivors include his wife, Stacy Brunner; son, Jon Patrick Brunner; daughters, Lauren (Jeff) Blake Brunner and Holly (Chase) Brunner Letson; grandchildren, Rowan Brunner, Blakelyn Waple, Cooper Letson, Novaleigh Waple, and Lainey Waple; host of cousins and beloved extended Family.

**Hannah Leah Powell, 26**
A memorial service for Hannah Leah Powell, 26, of Hanceville, will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, May 30, 2023, at Sardis Baptist Church in Trimble, Jonathan Reid officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Powell family. Hannah passed away May 26, 2023, at her residence. She was born Dec. 1, 1996. She was a loving mother to Ally and Cash Martin. She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Glenn Dale Lee. Survivors include her grandparents, Gary and Roxie Graham; mother, Christy Lee; son, Cash Martin; daughter, Ally Martin; brothers, Dale Powell, Matthew Dixon; sister, Ella Lee; uncle and aunt, Matthew and Roxi Lee; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

**Ginger Kay Chrietzberg, 68**
Funeral services for Ginger Kay Chrietzberg of Hanceville will be 3 p.m. Sunday, May 28, 2023, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Hopewell Cemetery. Reverend James Fields will be officiating. Visitation for the public will be from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. on Sunday prior to the service at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Chrietzberg was born on Dec. 7, 1954 to the late Edwin Redofrd and Dorothy (Thompson) DeLorme in Cullman, Alabama. She passed away at the age of 68 at her home on May 26, 2023, in Hanceville, Alabama. Survivors include her daughter, Baranda Nicole (Andy Mankin) Kincaid; grandchildren, Alyvia and Auston Kincaid; brother, Eddie Howard (Beth) DeLorme; nieces, Michelle (Matt) Bible and Tracie Tolentino; nephew, Rodney Freeman; brother-in-law, Ralph Freeman; and a host of great nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Chrietzberg was preceded in death by her husband, Jonas Chrietzberg; sister, Phyllia Freeman; and nephew, Courtney DeLorme. Serving as pallbearers will be Auston Kincaid, Andy Mankin, Matt Bible, Rodney Freeman, Jordan Thompson and Mike Patton. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Chrietzberg Family.

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## BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

# I can't remember all the things I've forgotten

**Bill King**
Tribune
Contributor



As much as I hate to admit it, I have come to the time in life when my memory does not work quite as well as it once did. The strange thing is that I can remember details about things that happened when I was growing up, but I can't remember what I went to buy at the grocery store.

Billy Bob and Thelma Lou Jean were sitting at home one night trying to find something to watch on television. All they found bored them. Suddenly, Thelma Lou Jean said, "You know what I want?" Before Billy Bob could answer, she said, "I want some ice cream." Billy Bob said, "That sounds like a good idea. You want me to run down to the grocery store and buy ourselves a carton?" She said, "Please, and get us some goodies to go on it." Billy Bob asked, "What all do you want?" She said, "Write this down. I want vanilla ice cream. Get some fudge syrup to go on top, and some salted walnuts too. We could make it like a banana split, so get us a couple of bananas. Make sure they are ripe...I hate green bananas with ice cream. Get a can of that squirt-on Readi-Wip topping. That's easier than scooping Cool Whip from a tub. And see if you can find a jar of those little red cherries to go on top." As ole Billy Bob headed out the door, she asked, "Can you remember all that? You had better write it down...make a list on your phone, so you don't forget anything." Billy Bob insisted that he did not need a list, and that he would bring back every single item she had asked him to get. Thelma Lou Jean was surprised when he returned so soon. She wondered if he forgotten his wallet and had returned to grab it and go back, but then she saw the grocery bag in his hand. He set the one-lonely bag on the kitchen counter. Thelma Lou Jean looked inside, and then pulled out the biggest jar of peanut butter she had ever seen. She looked back in the bag only to find nothing else there. He had forgotten to bring back any of the toppings she had asked for and had not even gotten any ice cream. She put her hands on her hips, rolled her eyes and said, "You beat everything I have ever seen in my life." When he asked why, she muttered, "I told you to write it down. You forgot the loaf bread and the jelly!"

Some of us really do need something, like a grocery list, to help us remember things. I have to write things on my calendar, so I will remember where I'm supposed to be, and when I'm supposed to be there. Something is written on my calendar for next Monday. I am not scheduled to be anywhere, but I do need to do something. Next Monday, of course, is Memorial Day, and I need to remember those who died for our country. Why do we need a special day, a national holiday, to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice? Because we can't remember what we went to store to buy without writing it down. This holiday is so much more than the unofficial beginning of summer or the end of the school year. It is more than a day to grill hamburgers or go to the beach. It is a day to remember all those Americans who paid for our freedom and the privileges that brings. Happy Memorial Day!

**Bill King can be reached at bkpreach@yahoo.com or 334-745-0588 (office).**

## HISTORY

# Files from yesteryear: 1937

**From the files of 1937**

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**Oak Grove** – Leonard York, Principal and Marie Smith.

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**Trimble** – Curtis Lovvorn, Principal, Mrs. Gladys H. Jordan and Mrs. Vadua Lovorn.

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**Marriages**

**October 27** – Buford Carl Jones, 21, to Earline Carton, 18 and James J. Moore, 31, to Theresa Leva Graveman, 26.

**October 28** – William E. Sullivan, 22, to Mamie Treadaway, 17.

**October 29** – Odell Best, 22, to Dora Harper, 21 and Louis Lay, 23, to Zella Moore, 22.

**October 30** – Milford Hardon, 21, to Lavern Butler, 19; Hugh D. Banks, 21, to Opal Banks, 18; Deward Rainey, 22, to Vida Lee Medlock, 20; Harrison F. Reeves, 26, to Sibyl Glasscock, 18; William Harvey Turner, 27, to Ruby Bryant, 18 and Pherson Edward Vaughn, 28, to Beulah Perkins, 31.

**October 31** – A.S. Johnson, 32, to Sarah F. Wood, 29.

**November 1** – Robert W. Holeman, 24, to Essie Mae Winkle, 16.

**November 2** – Coleman Glasscock, 20, to Willie Mae Smith, 21.

## POET'S CORNER

### Spring Tree | By: Ann Coberley, Texas

I watch the tree,
how newborn leaves dance
against the cloudless sky.

Every leaf stirs,
but not one
exactly like another.

And yet they move in
harmony,
interpreting the wind.

## CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

MAY 27

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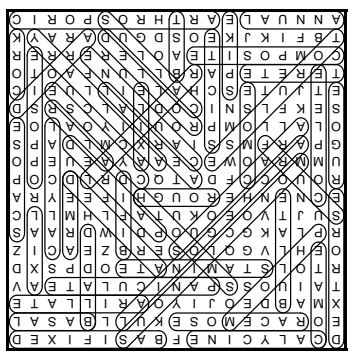
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