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2 arrested after dog found shot, burned and dumped

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WEST POINT, Ala. — Two Cullman County men were arrested in connection to the alleged shooting and killing of a dog owned by one of the men. The canine's body was set on fire before being dumped at a separate location, according to local law enforcement.

In April 2023, officers responded to a call in the West Point community regarding a dog that had been killed, burned and dumped on the property of a private resident, according to Cullman County Animal Control Director Rodney Banister.

"On April 28, we received a call that a deceased canine had been dumped out onto private property," he said.

Officials did not give a reason as to why the dog's body was dumped at that location, but said it » PAGE 3





CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Wesley Wayne McCravy, left, and Joshua Lummie Speakman, right

Zip in for some fun!

Smith Lake Ziplines celebrates grand opening



TIFFANY MCKOY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The ribbon was cut on the grand opening of Smith Lake Ziplines Friday, June 2.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The ribbon was cut on the grand opening of Smith Lake Ziplines Friday, June 2, with representatives from the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce, Cullman County Commission and more on-hand to celebrate with owners Craig Chapman and Brian Waldrep.

Smith Lake Ziplines, built by American Adventure Park Systems, boasts the longest zipline in the state of Alabama at approximately 3,000 feet.

It has an automatic brake system along with two automatic brakes as backup. Instructors are available for anyone who needs help, and all gear is provided.

"We have three different zipline levels here," said Waldrop.

"We have a beginner's level, intermediate and then advanced; we do work through all three levels."

Smith Lake Ziplines is located at 1177 County Road 385, Cullman, AL 35057, south of Smith Lake Park.

For more info and pricing, go to www.smithlakezipline.com or www.facebook.com/SmithLakeZipLine.

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Saints MC 7th annual Miracle League Ride coming June 10



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Brian Evans (left), also known as Saint BR, and his stepson Jacob Carden, right, are the driving force and inspiration behind the Saints MC annual Miracle League Ride, according to coordinator Brandi Evans. » PAGE 12

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported June 2

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 2, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

May 30

- assault; CR 1490
- reckless endangerment; CR 838
- harassment; CR 1212
- possession of dangerous drugs; CR 1490
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278 E
- assault; CR 1753
- domestic violence; CR 1212
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 831
- possession of forged instrument; Hwy. 157
- breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 1551

May 31

- harassment; Hwy. 91
- domestic violence; CR 1352
- domestic violence; CR 143
- theft of property; CR 1564

ARRESTS

May 29 – 31

Bailey, Bruce W.; 53
- FTA- possession of prescription drugs

Beatty, Leonard S.; 21
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Burns, Timothy J.; 30
- FTA- domestic violence-3rd degree-harassing communications

Cammon, Michael E.; 58
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

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

Flanigan Jr., Edsal E.; 43
- FTA- possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Godfrey, Tiffany L.; 27
- public intoxication

Henderson, Christi C.; 50
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family
- FTA- failure to immunize dog/cat for rabies

Howse, Kevin L.; 40
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hudson, Cindy D.; 47
- negotiating worthless instrument (2 counts)

Hughes, Tamala J.; 51
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of dangerous drugs

Keasler, Christopher D.; 50
- FTA- driver's license not in possession

Lackey, Shanna M.; 36
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Lege, Kaitlyn M.; 22
- possession of dangerous drugs

Little, Tommy L.; 50
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

McLaughlin, Ronald J.; 47
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Miles, Jeffery R.; 44
- FTA- open container-alcohol in vehicle
- FTA- switched tag
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- run red light
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Pesina, Natanael; 35
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Robbins, Anthony W.; 41
- forgery-possessing forged instrument

Sivley, Christopher R.; 46
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Speakman, Joshua L.; 41
- criminal littering

Stafford, Lauren C.; 22
- public intoxication

Stephens, David L.; 44
- FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft less than $500
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of burglary tools
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- criminal mischief
- FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft less than $500

Stillwell, Jimmy R.; 33
- Probation Violation- possession of methamphetamine

Twilley, Sharlene Whitney L.; 27
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Williams, Tobias T.; 30
- public intoxication

Witcher, Billy K.; 57
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

May 26
- theft of property-4th degree; Books-A-Million; Cullman Shopping Center; miscellaneous; $87

May 28
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; 2nd Ave. NW; damage to 2014 Chevy 1500; $200

May 31
- theft of property-1st degree; person; cash
- theft of property-3rd degree; Lowe's; Cherokee Ave. SW; miscellaneous; $1,258
- harassment; person

June 1
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; 7th St. SW; miscellaneous
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; 10th St. SW; miscellaneous
- theft of property-1st degree; Tony Serra Nissan; cash
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; 5th Ave. SW; miscellaneous
- theft of property-4th degree; person; 10th St. SW; miscellaneous
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; 1st Ave.
- theft of property-1st degree; person; 4th St. SW; 2022 BMW Motorcycle; $22,000

ARRESTS

May 31 – June 1

Ramirez, Teofilo D.; 25
- public intoxication

Oneal, Jessica L.; 40
- DUI

Kirby, Donald W.; 34
- FTA- disorderly conduct
- FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree (2 counts)

King, Emily R.; 33
- public intoxication

Perez, Elmer D.; 38
- DUI

Beasley, Anthony R.; 51
- theft of property-4th degree

Whitaker, Kathy L.; 56
- harassment

Harris, Justin L.; 27
- FTA- speeding
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- running red light

Schmale, Wade R.; 26
- soliciting prostitution

Maddox, William C.; 30
- obstructing governmental operations
- attempt to elude police officer

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

CPD: Multiple arrests in string of car break-ins

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Multiple people were arrested Friday, June 2, 2023, after a series of car break-ins occurred across the city of Cullman. According to Cullman Police Department Sgt. Adam Clark, the break-ins occurred in various areas.

A statement posted on the CPD's Facebook page Friday said:

Early this morning Officer Hunter Riddlesperger located a suspicious vehicle on the west side of Cullman. He noticed two male subjects in hoodies carrying a backpack, walking toward the vehicle. After investigating the area where the vehicle was located, Officer Riddlesperger and Officer Zane Pounders found vehicles that had been burglarized. The subjects were detained, and after a more thorough investigation, all five occupants were arrested on drug charges and Breaking and Enter a motor vehicle. One of the subjects was from Huntsville and all the others were from Tennessee.



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sarah Bertucco



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jade Brown



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Caleb Whitaker



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Michael Rentz



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Carson Ownby

The Cullman Police Department would like to commend Officer Riddlesperger actively patrolling these neighborhoods and solving multiple B&Es

The individuals were located on Logan Street and Denson Avenue, according to Clark.

The five suspects are Sarah Bertucco, 18, of Huntsville; Jade Brown, 28, of Tennessee; Caleb Whitaker, 22, of Tennessee; Carson Ownby, 27, of Tennessee; and Michael Rentz, 21, of Tennessee.

They face charges of unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle and unspecified drug charges.

One of the victims of the break-ins, Dakota Brown, who lives in Kensington Station apartments, stated that when he went to walk his dog at 4:30 a.m., he noticed his wife's car door was open and the interior lights were on.

He said he then noticed her purse strap hanging out of the back hatch of her vehicle.

"I knew something was wrong so I went to our Ring (camera) footage and saw four subjects walk from left to right into frame and walk to her car, so I ran inside and woke my wife up and had her call the Cullman City Police," Brown recounted.

"We would just like to remind people to make sure their vehicles are locked every night," Clark stated.

CCSO hosts community meeting at Sacred Heart

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Members of the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) along with Sheriff Matt Gentry on Thursday, June 1, hosted a community meeting at the Sacred Heart Church Family Life Center.

The goal of these meetings, held at various locations throughout the county, is to give people a chance to talk to their local law enforcement officers.

"Most importantly, this gives the community an opportunity to talk to their deputies, answer the questions about what's going on, what we are doing, and address any issues or problems that we see," Gentry stated.

The deputies talk about some of the projects and programs the CCSO offers, such as Project LifeSaver and the Yellow Dot Program, and are also available for one-on-one conversations.

According to Gentry, a benefit is that this gives people a chance to ask questions that they may be apprehensive about asking in a group setting.



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Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry, center, joins in at the community meeting held at the Sacred Heart Church Family Life Center on Thursday, June 1.

And, food is always provided by the CCSO.

"I've found that if you have food, people will come," Gentry joked.

Community meetings are held at various times and locations during the year.

For more information, contact the CCSO at 256-734-0342.

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.
• Saturday, June 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!
• Saturday, June 3 - 10 a.m. Men meet for Church Brunch at Foundry Farm.
• Sunday, June 4 - Prayer Groups - Join Kevin and Pastor Bobby at 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, June 4 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11. Leadership meeting following morning service.`
• 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.

Baileyton Masonic Lodge Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, June 3, from 6:30-9:30 a.m. Donations only, to benefit local charities

"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.

Wrestling Fundraiser at J.C Arena for 2023 Christmas Bike/Toy Giveaway
Saturday, June 10, at the J.C. Arena on U.S. Highway 31 in Hanceville. Meet and greet at 5:30 p.m. Bell time at 7. Fun for the whole family! No vulgarity. Master T Memorial Cup honoring Granny Needum. ACW Reunion Show. Midget Match WWE Midget TV Stars. Ladies' Match. Latino Luchadore Match. Tickets $5; ringside reserved, $7; kids 11 and younger, $2; kids 6 and younger, free. For reserved seats or VIP seats call 256-515-3108.

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.

Bates Reunion
Saturday, June 17, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Trimble Community Center.

West Point Class of 1966 Reunion
Saturday, June 24, from 3-5 p.m. at the Brandin' Iron at West Point. This will be the 57-year reunion. Everyone pays for their own meal. Dress is casual.

Rock the South
Thursday-Saturday, July 21-23, at York Farms, 1872 County Road 469, Cullman. This year's headliner is Chris Stapleton. To buy tickets and to get more information, go to www.rockthesouth.com.

87th Annual Sandlin Reunion
• Saturday, Aug. 12, from 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Cold Springs Community Center, 8821 County Road 109, Bremen, AL 35033. Bring a covered dish and drinks. Plates, cups, napkins, forks and ice provided. Invite your Sandlin relatives.
• Chairman: Dr. Randall Sandlin; Secretary: Patsy Sandlin Medlock; 1283 Highland Lakes Trail, Birmingham, AL 35242. patsymedlock@bellsouth.net. 205-915-1870 (cell). Anita Sandlin Glover (205-903-1756). Let's conserve postage! Please email me your EMAIL address. If you don't have email address, invitations will be sent via U.S. mail. Thanks!
• Directions: Interstate 65, Exit 299 toward Dodge City/Jasper, take AL-69 South (approx 14 miles). Turn RIGHT on CR-54. At first STOP sign, turn RIGHT on CR-109. At the STOP Sign at Cold Springs High School, turn RIGHT. Less than 1/4 mile, Cold Springs Community Center is on the RIGHT! Sandlin Chapel & Cemetery are off AL-69S.

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.

Arrests (from Front)

is believed to have been killed on the owner's property before being transported to the private residence.

Banister said that following a long and intense investigation, officers were able to identify the deceased canine's owner, whose home was not far from the dump site.

On May 23, 2023, an arrest warrant was issued for West Point resident Wesley Wayne McCravy, 33, for charges of criminal littering. He was taken into custody on May 24.

According to Banister, McCravy was the owner of the deceased dog, and he contacted Joshua Lummie Speakman, 41, of West Point, to help him dispose of the carcass.

"We obtained warrants on both the owner (McCravy) and Speakman for criminal littering," he said.

Speakman was arrested on May 31 and charged with criminal littering for his role in the dumping of the charred carcass.

The dog's body was sent to Auburn University to be examined to determine if the dog had died before or after being set on fire, as charges could have been elevated to animal cruelty.

"A necropsy was performed on the animal and no further charges are expected. The dog was deceased prior to anything else," Banister said.

According to reports, the owner, McCravy, allegedly returned home to find that his pit bull had killed a puppy. Reports substantiated by Banister and others within Cullman County government stated the pit bull was shot and killed by the owner, McCravy, before it was set on fire and ultimately loaded into a vehicle and driven to a dump location with Speakman.

McCravy and Speakman have both made bond.

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– COLUMN –

Celebrating in the Wundergarten – READ 'EM@TheArboretum

Ben Johnson South
Tribune Columnist

READ 'EM@TheArboretum became a regular thing for me just last summer. I was working with a large group of community volunteers, including many of my fellow Cullman County Master Gardeners, to revitalize the lovely Wildflower Garden at Sportsman Lake Park.

This heavily wooded area is perfect for cooling off with a good read in hot-as-the-hinges-of-Hell Alabama summertime. There are places to sit and enjoy reading sprinkled throughout the area. As we transition the forested surroundings to become an accredited arboretum, or "living tree museum," we plan to add more benches and tree-canopied reading nooks.

READ 'EM@TheArboretum encourages you to head to a library, bookstore or Kindle and find something that is fun or particularly interesting for you, and then head out to the great Alabama outdoors. Over many years, I've found Sportsman Lake to be a huge and welcoming reading room. And, for a cooler spot where sun is not glaring on the page, get thee to the arboretum. (Look for the bright red "Welcome Arbor" leading to the Wildflower Garden.)

Some days each season, I sit blissfully at Sportsman Lake and read. And some days there, I just sit blissfully and smile.

THE LIBRARY AT THE GARDENS, Alabama's finest public library for plant-lovers, is only an hour away from Cullman County at the 67-acre Birmingham Botanical Gardens. I drive there at least once a month and can attest this readers' haven superbly promotes a passion for plants, gardens and the natural world. The gardens are FREE and open to all, from dawn 'til dusk, 365 days a year. The Library at the Gardens is FREE to enjoy at your leisure and open 9-4 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Hope Long, the dedicated and delightful director of library services at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens, and I schmoozed when I popped in this week. She asked me to encourage Cullman County folks to come enjoy The Library at the Gardens this summer.

I asked Hope for her suggestions of two or three new-ish books on trees and gardening that people of varying reading levels would enjoy. A day later, the an enthusiastic "ambassador of Alabama arboreta" sent me an email suggesting these 32 titles for your summer reading pleasure in 2023:

- **THE HEARTBEAT OF TREES** by Peter Wohlleben
- **TO SPEAK FOR THE TREES** by Diana Beresford-Kroeger
- **HERB GARDENING FOR BEGINNERS** by Marc Thomas
- **ATTRACTING GARDEN POLLINATORS** b Jean Vernon
- **NATIVE PLANT GARDENING FOR BIRDS, BEES & BUTTERFLIES** by Jaret C. Daniels
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- **TEA GARDENING FOR BEGINNERS** by Julia Dimakos
- **CONTAINER FOOD GARDENING:** All the Know-How You Need by Pam Farley
- **SOUTHERN GARDENING ALL YEAR LONG** by Gary R. Bachman
- **THE VERTICAL VEG GUIDE** by Mark Ridsdill Smith
- **SECRETS OF MOUND GARDENING** by Darryl Whitham
- **CLAY SUCCULENT GARDEN** by Kitanoko
- **CREATING A GARDEN RETREAT** by Virginia Johnson
- **THE GARDEN APOTHECARY** by Becky Cole
- **NOW IS THE TIME FOR TREES** by Dan Lambe
- **BRINGING NATURE HOME** by Douglas W. Tallamy
- **NATURE'S BEST HOPE** by Douglas W. Tallamy
- **(For Kids) A WHIFF OF PINE, A HINT OF SKUNK:** A Forest of Poems by Deborah Ruddell
- **(For Kids) THE BEST EVER STEP-BY-STEP KID'S FIRST GARDENING** by Jenny Hendy
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READ 'EM@TheArboretum will thrive as the Cullman County Public Libraries add more tree and garden-centric materials to their circulating collections.

Our public libraries support the cooperative work of Cullman County Parks and Recreation and the Cullman County Master Gardeners in establishing the pine-studded accredited arboretum at Sportsman Lake Park. This will mean more gardening books for adults and children, more horticulture-themed DVDs and related teacher resources.

READ 'EM@TheArboretum selections for me in this summer include many from Hope's suggestions above, and these for your consideration:

THIS IS YOUR MIND ON PLANTS by Michael Pollan has your brain leaping toward thoughts of marijuana and opium and then reminds us of our everyday mind-expanding plant jolts—"Some plants offer bees a shot of caffeine as they collect nectar, which makes them an even more efficient pollinator."

THE HEIRLOOM GARDEN by Viola Shipman (cue the violins) explores an unlikely relationship of two women, very different from each other, who are gathered like a bouquet because of the shared pain of war, yet bound by positivity, a sense of purpose and by... daylilies and roses.

BEATRIX POTTER, A LIFE IN NATURE by Linda Lear shows us the beloved author and illustrator as a product of uptight, Victorian upbringing bursting free as a lifeforce once she moves closer to nature in the English countryside. Blogger, Knitgirl 111, calls this doorstop, "585 pages of bliss."

THE GROWING SEASON: How I Built a New Life—and Saved an American Farm by Sarah Frey is perfect for Cullman County, Alabama readers who live in the #1 area for farming in a very agricultural state. At age 16, the author started a fresh produce delivery business out of the back of an old pickup truck. Now, that's a good reason to consider buying your teen the vehicle they've been bugging you to purchase. "The New York Times Book Review" calls THE GROWING SEASON, "A gutsy success story." When we READ 'EM@TheArboretum, we call it thinking up like the trees giving us hope on the upslope.

THE FORGOTTEN GARDEN by Kate Morton is a sweeping, historical mystery which begins with a four-year old girl being abandoned on a shipping dock in Australia. The novel was inspired by the author's own family history.

UNEARTHING THE SECRET GARDEN: The Plants and Places That Inspired Frances Hodgson Burnett by Martha McDowell is "not unlike a garden itself," says "The Wall Street Journal" review, "with its smooth lawns of prose and striking shows of illustration and photography."

LINNEA in MONET'S GARDEN by Christina Bjork & Lena Alexander is an innovative art book for children. The story is so engaging, it has been re-imagined as an animated movie and there are Linnea dolls.

This week, when Cullman gardener Becky Zeibel, gifted the arboretum with a charming waterlily for the little pond in "The Four Seasons Garden," I thought how the Impressionist artist, Claude Monet, would love painting in the Sportsman Lake woodlands. One could imagine Monsieur Monet capturing the change of the light on the lake from daybreak to dusk while glorifying the marsh lilies swaying along the banks.

So, there for your reading pleasure is READ 'EM@TheArboretum, and here's more FEED 'EM@TheArboretum.

CELEBRATING IN THE WUNDERGARTEN This culinary storytelling series imagines foods made by Frau Ruehl, gardener heroine of the folktale, "WUNDERGARTEN," set in 1870s Cullman County, Alabama. Frau Ruehl would have been a contemporary of Monet. They both shared a passion for trees and gardening. Monet's famous house in Giverny, France (about an hour out from Paris) was originally called "The Cider-Press House" because of the apple orchard. Monet also had several peach trees to paint and pluck. This summer salad salutes the delicious bounty from Monet's plantings in the French countryside.

MONET'S FRESH PEACH SALAD in the GARDEN

(Source: foodnetwork.com)

INGREDIENTS

- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tbsp. red wine vinegar
- 1 tbsp. honey
- 1 tbsp. Dijon mustard
- 1 shallot, thinly sliced
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1-2 large ripe peaches, pitted and sliced into thin wedges
- 1/2 cup candied pecans
- 4 oz. smoked Gouda, crumbled into small pieces
- 5 oz. baby arugula

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please, it's a salad; even I could slice and dice and sprinkle this to summertime perfection.

HAPPY READ 'EM@THEARBORETUM SUMMERTIME AND AUF WIEDERSEHEN Y'ALL!

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













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PREP TRACK & FIELD

Cold Springs runner Ethan Edgeworth breaks state 3,200-meter record

Josh Bean
AHSAA

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Cold Springs High School rising senior Ethan Edgeworth saved his best performance for the last track and field meet of the 2022-2023 school year. Edgeworth clocked 8:53.56 in the 3,200 meters at the recent RunningLane Track Championships held at Huntsville's Milton Frank Stadium. Edgeworth recorded the best 3,200-meter time in AHSAA history, according to AHSAA records.

Edgeworth, who competed as an independent, told www.alabamarunners.com after the race that he'd been working throughout the spring season to break the 9-minute barrier. His time ranks 38th nationally this year, according to MileSplit.

"I knew when I did, I'd break it big," he said. "I've got a lot more work to go and hope to do big things next year."

The previous AHSAA outdoor 3,200-meter record of 9:01.74 set by Scottsboro's Evan Hill in 2022 was broken by another Cullman County student-athlete Ethan Lemons of Vinemont in the AHSAA Class 3A state track championships in May. Lemons had the fastest time in state meet history with a winning with a time of 8:56.50 in the state meet race at Cullman High School. Edgeworth won the AHSAA Class 2A state championship that same day with a time of 9:18.47 to set a new 2A state meet record. The indoor 3,200-meter record of 9:04.09 was set in 2021 by Scottsboro's Cooper Atkins.

Edgeworth won four events at the Class 2A Outdoor Championships in Cullman in early May. He won the 800 meters in a personal-best 1:54.76, won the 1,600 meters in a personal-best 4:11.96, won the 3,200 meters with his 2A record-setting time.

He also ran on the Cold Springs' winning 4x800-meter relay team with a final leg timed at just over 1:53. He took the baton with his team behind by 25 yards and won by 12 yards at the finish line.

Edgeworth finished fourth in the 3,200-meter run at the RunningLane Track Championships, as Herriman (Utah)'s Noah Jenkins won in 8:49.68, followed by Stillwater (Okla.)'s Keegan Thomas in 8:50.14 and Valor Christian (Colo.)'s Dane Eike in 8:52.51.

The performance in Huntsville capped a successful junior year of high school for Edgeworth.

He also won the 2022 Class 1A-2A cross country title in 15:53.26, helping Cold Springs win the team title while winning his third straight individual championship.

Then, at the AHSAA Indoor Track and Field Championships in February, Edgeworth won the 1,600 meters in 4:14.55, a new 1A-3A record, and won the 3,200 meters in 9:22.31.

Vestavia Hills' Henry Strand and UMS-Wright's Charles Perry also ran well at the RunningLane Track Championships in Huntsville, as Strand clocked the state's fastest 1-mile time of the outdoor season with a time of 4:10.31. He was just ahead of Perry, who clocked 4:10.91.



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Cold Springs' Ethan Edgeworth

PREP SPORTS

'Be someone's safe place': West Point's Sydney Carpentier reflects on Warrior years

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WEST POINT, Ala. — In this interview, I talked to West Point senior soccer player and color guard band member, Sydney Carpentier. She made so many great memories during her time playing soccer and being in the band and learned as much as she could from everyone around her.

"In band, I was honored to lead my team to best-in-class for the first time in years as a freshman. In my last competition, my line earned the best-in-class score of a 98 out of 100. The amount of time I put in to work for my band to have that final result was one of the best feelings. I didn't know it was possible and to see it through was truly rewarding. In soccer, I started as a sophomore, not knowing a single thing about soccer, and had to work hard to earn my keep on the team. By the first game, I was in the starting lineup. We were working towards the playoffs and sadly, dropped the playoff ticket game by just two points. My junior year, I was given the opportunity to move up to mid-field and our goal was there again. We made it to the playoffs. We had to beat Brewer in the final regular season game by two points and we did exactly that."

She added, "The feeling of being the first West Point soccer team to make the playoffs is one I'll forever cherish. I remember the final minutes of our win over Brewer and all I could do was smile. I was given the opportunity to chaos coordinate and multi-task.

"I was actually captain on my color guard line for three years and captain my final year of soccer. I've come to find out that being a leader is to have more responsibilities than the rest of the group you're in. Another thing I learned is to be patient and I have also learned to be the person people can come to."

Carpentier learned so much from head coach Rob Whitesell and from one of the band directors.

"Coach Whitesell was one of the best adults in my life. He was dedicated to the girls and worked hard to help us succeed. He pushed us to get better and tried his best to make sure we enjoyed what we were doing.

"He tried to make sure everyone was inclusive and his goal for soccer wasn't like other coaches; he scheduled us for playing time, not solely just to win. He knew parents didn't care about the final score as much as they cared about seeing their kid grow and play the game. He cared about us doing well, but he knew what was more important at the end of the day," Carpentier said. "He taught me to find the joy in all the things you do. You can always find something good to take away from the experiences you have."

She added, "The majority of my time in band, I was under Robert Patrick. He helped get our band and Auxiliary to Best-in-Class. I feel like he cared about our success and what we did after high school. He pushed us to do everything and enjoy what we did. He taught me the phrase, 'Early is on time', and I use that to this day."

Carpentier had some great high school memories during her time as a Warrior and she talked about what made West Point a special place to go to, plus what she will remember the most about going there, and what she'll miss the most.

"My favorite high school memories were when I spent time with my friends and my teams. I loved school and all the activities that we did together," she said.

"Everyone at West Point got along. It's a school that almost felt like family. I will always remember my teachers who felt like extra parents, like my Ag. teacher, Ethan Lake, and my auxiliary sponsor, Brittany Peak. I'll miss the busy feeling the most.

"With football in the fall and soccer in the spring, I have been on West Point's campus more than I have at my own house. Extracurriculars have been my entire life for the past five years and I already miss being at practices and games."

Carpentier was in a few clubs in high school and had a great time being a part of some great clubs.

"I was in the FFA, Wallace State Talent Search, SGA, and the National Beta Club. It was really fun, but challenging. It forced me to build relationships and grow my socializing abilities. I think clubs help kids prepare for real jobs and the real world. I learned how to time manage, mostly, but all of these clubs play a big role in building leadership and socialization. National Beta Club specifically pushes you into the community through service.

"The Wallace State Talent Search helps prepare you for your future. They do ACT Prep, resumes, and career placement. They help prepare students for post high school with career and college prep.

"The clubs that I was in helped pushed me out of my comfort zone in the best way possible. They helped me to lead with patience and to do the most with the time I had. I'm grateful to have been fortunate to participate in all that I was able to participate in."

Carpentier gave some advice to the students that will be starting high school in August, and she was blessed to go to school with some great seniors. She will take away so much about being a Warrior.

"I would tell the kids that are starting in August to be someone's safe place. Be the person someone could trust to tell anything to without judgment. High school is hard, but building relationships is more valuable than anything you'll learn in a physical class," she said.

"I am very proud of my fellow seniors for making it to graduation and even going on to the next level with their sports on the collegiate level. My class is one I can say are really close, almost like family. We all are supportive of each other."

She added, "What I would take away during my time at West Point is the community is always one I could come back to. They want you to succeed and they're the type you could come visit anytime, even when you've already graduated. They always seem to be so proud of their students."



SYDNEY CARPENTIER

West Point's Sydney Carpentier

ACES: Controlling horn flies in cattle: Is garlic's pungent power the answer?

Justin Miller
ACES

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. — Horn flies can become a major issue for cattle during the summer. Commonly used fly control methods include sprays, drenches and dusts. However, a recent trend within the livestock industry is the search for alternative fly control methods. Among the methods gaining national attention is the use of garlic, cinnamon and other essential oil-based extracts in livestock feeds or minerals. The thought behind feeding livestock these aromatics is that their strong scents will deter flies. However, are these fragrant control methods effective, or are they all show? Alabama Cooperative Extension System experts are here to help unravel this aromatic mystery.

Limited research available

Kim Mullenix, an Alabama Extension beef systems specialist, said while these alternative fly control additives are of popular interest, research on their effectiveness is relatively limited.

"Most of the available research on supplementing garlic as a fly control method was done in dairy cattle diets," Mullenix said. "While some reduction in fly numbers was observed, this is because garlic was supplemented in larger quantities in their daily total mixed ration than what producers can provide through a mineral supplement." Dave Boxler and T.L. Meyer, both educators with Nebraska Extension, recently published information about their research with using garlic as a means of horn fly control. In their two studies, they used garlic mixed with minerals and salt and offered it to the cattle free choice. To gage effectiveness, the researchers used a control group of untreated cattle. According to their findings, horn fly numbers on cattle in both studies exceeded the economic threshold of 200 flies. An economic threshold is when there are enough flies present that the economic loss is equal to the producer's management costs. In one of the studies, a rescue treatment had to be performed to reduce the number or horn flies. Read more about Nebraska Extension's research at beef.unl.edu.

Proven alternative control methods

While the effectiveness of garlic and other scent-powered control methods is not fully known, there are some alternative fly control methods that producers can implement in their operations. Mullenix said there are many mineral supplements that include additives for management items such as fly control.

"Producers may consider using components of their nutrition program as carriers for feed-through fly control methods," Mullenix said. "Some of the most common fly control additives in minerals include S-methoprene. This passes through the digestive tract of the animal and prevents the development of fly eggs in manure, which is where flies most often lay their eggs."

Because this control method involves the reproductive cycle of flies, Mullenix said these mineral products containing S-methoprene need to be available to cattle before the onset of flies for the season occurs.

Traditional control methods

While proven alternative methods do have their place and time for use, they generally cannot be solely depended upon for proper fly control. To achieve full-level control, producers should use multiple product types and modes of action.

Kelly Palmer, an Alabama Extension animal science and forages regional agent, said there are several products labeled for horn fly control that come in a variety of delivery methods.



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"These control methods include sprays, drenches, dusts, ear tags and feed throughs," Palmer said. "No matter what method a producer chooses, they must do something so these flies don't bite off too much of their profits."

For the more traditional control options–such as sprays, drenches and dusts–Palmer said these will only provide temporary relief to cattle. Producers must make multiple applications throughout the season to effectively control flies.

While not as traditional as some methods, the use of fly ear tags has become widely popular. However, Palmer said producers need to use them correctly to achieve the desired level of control.

"Wait to apply tags until the herd has reached 200 flies per animal," Palmer said. "Applying tags too early will decrease their effectiveness during the peak of horn-fly season. Also, be sure to follow the label rates, remove the tags at the end of the season or when they stop being effective and rotate between classes of insecticide. Not following these steps can increase resistance in the horn fly population."

Involve the neighbors

Just like raising a child, properly controlling horn flies in cattle takes a village. It is important that beef producers talk with other producers at neighboring farms about what fly control strategies they use.

"If you are being proactive in terms of fly control but your neighbor doesn't use any fly control, this may not help the situation on your farm," Mullenix said. "Work together to discuss an integrated fly control plan."

More information

For more information on horn fly control, read Palmer's Extension Brief Controlling Horn Flies In Beef Cattle, available at www.aces.edu. You can also call your county's Extension office to speak with an animal science and forages agent.

Budgets (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Gov. Kay Ivey on Thursday signed the state's budgets, including the General Fund and the supplemental and the Education Trust Fund and its supplemental.

"I am proud to officially put my signature on yet another historic investment in our students, teachers and schools. Alabama is serious about changing the trajectory of student outcomes, and our steady progress in the classroom and this record-setting education budget prove that to be the Gospel Truth," Ivey said after signing the Education Trust Fund and its supplemental.

"We are expanding our award-winning pre-K program into some of our highest poverty areas. We are supporting the implementation of the critical Literacy and Numeracy Acts. We are, once again, increasing teacher pay, giving us even more of a competitive edge to recruit and retain the educators of today and tomorrow. We are investing in our two-year and four-year colleges. And thanks to the work of the Alabama Legislature, we continue making these wise investments while paying down debts, adding to our savings and returning the working people of Alabama's money back to them through tax rebates."

She added, "I have said it before, and I will say it again: Our students' education is the single-most important issue facing our state, and Alabamians can rest assured that it will continue to be my top priority."

After signing the General Fund and the General Fund supplemental, Ivey said, "As I said in my State of State address, we can be proud of that fact that during my time as governor, we have not once used the word proration, nor have we spent beyond our means. I am equally proud to announce today that with my signature on the 2024 General Fund that positive trend will continue. Alabama's record-setting $3 billion General Fund is generational money which makes possible greater investments in vital public services while also significantly paying down debt to reduce the impact of future economic downturns.

"This landmark budget is historic for Alabama. It will positively affect many agency operations from State Troopers protecting our highways to mental health professionals. It expands support for their important missions while rewarding their hard work with a much-needed pay raise. This budget's robust commitment to our citizens is equally matched by our legislators' strong bipartisanship to swiftly deliver it to my desk. I am pleased to sign it into law."

CORRECTION

In the May 30 edition of The Cullman Tribune, the story "4 local students named to Mississippi College President's List" contained an error reported by Mississippi College. The story said that Camilla Chambers of Cullman, Joshua Plunkett of Arab, Jordan Moore of Crane Hill and Laura Lane of Cullman were named to the President's List. In a correction sent to The Tribune on May 31, the college amended that list to: Camilla Chambers of Cullman, Laura Lane of Cullman and Joshua Plunkett of Arab.







COLUMN: HGTV is BS

Joe Hobby
Contributor

I'm not a handyman. I truly wish I was, but it's just not in my DNA. I can't make a straight cut on a 2x4 to save my dog's life. If you give me a hammer and a handful of nails, all you're probably gonna get are bent nails. And I'm probably gonna get a smashed thumb. Then everyone within a three-block radius is probably gonna get to hear a combination of words they've never heard before. That's about the only thing I can do as well as a construction worker.

What's so frustrating is that I have friends who are handy. They can do things like build decks, install windows, repair faucets, replace light fixtures and such.

I'm so jealous. I'm doing good if I put in a new furnace filter with the arrow pointing in the right direction.

My best friend Richard wired his house - his whole house! It passed inspection with flying colors. I have trouble putting batteries in a channel changer.

I got this ineptness from my father. He couldn't tell a flat-head screwdriver from a xylophone.

Furthermore, he had no interest in learning. About the only way he would use a screwdriver is if it had a golf grip on the end of it.

At least I have a desire to learn. When Richard is doing some type of project, I'm usually his assistant.

That means I watch what he was doing, hold a flashlight and fetch tools. A grown-up gopher.

It seems that the home repair gods rarely smile on me. I think they even like pulling practical jokes.

For example, once when one of my boy's baseball jerseys was behind our washer and dryer, I made a hook with a coat hanger to retrieve it. I reached back, hooked the shirt, and began pulling it within reach.

Things were going great until the wire grazed a tiny gap in the 220 outlet. I was slammed against the wall and thought I saw Jesus.

With my lack of carpentry, plumbing and electrical skills, I'm surprised my wife allows me to work on our little lake house.

But she does. I think I know why. It's old. It's rustic. So, any mistake I make somehow adds to the cabin's quirky ambiance.

Every now and then I'll get lucky and do a decent job. When I built a small deck that led to our front steps, my wife looked at it, nodded appreciatively, and said, "Wow! It's so good it doesn't look like you did it."

That's a self-esteem builder. It ranks right up there with, "You don't sweat much for a fat woman."

These home improvement shows don't help either. HGTV is BS, IMO.

They make it look so easy. Just speed up the camera, play some peppy music, and in 30 minutes you have a new addition to your house.

And it's so much fun! The husband and wife building teams are always laughing, hugging and high fiving. They're so happy to be building something together.

Not in my world. In my world, when you pair a sarcastic, micromanaging wife with an impatient, no-skill husband, that's like pairing nitro with glycerin. It's volatile, and there's probably gonna be an explosion.

Let me elaborate. Not too long ago I was attempting to replace a light switch at the lake house. Obviously, I didn't learn my lesson with the dryer.

Richard told me it would be easy-peasy; just undo a few screws, bend a couple of wires, redo a few screws and voila! Just like that you have a brand-new wall switch.

I suppose my first mistake was attempting this repair. The second one was having my wife Carol come along, although in the back of my mind I thought she might be useful because she could call the paramedics if I was shocked into unconsciousness.

So, I began to work. And from the get-go I could see that easy-peasy was not for measy. I could not get the wire to wrap around the screws properly, and when I finally did, I couldn't get the screws in.

I tried over and over with no success. Then I began to lose patience. I could feel the Hulk welling up inside me.

As if on cue, Carol began peppering me with questions designed not so much to help, but to drive me out of my ever-loving mind.

"Do you have the right kind of screwdriver?"

"Are you turning it the right way?"

"Is the power cut off?"

"Where's the TV remote?"

"Do we have any frozen French fries?"

The nitro was mixing with the glycerin. I kept pushing harder and harder with the screwdriver and listening to more and more inflammatory questions. Finally, the balloon burst. I lost it.

In one violent motion, I spiked that light switch on the floor like an NFL running back who scored a touchdown. Then I stomped that sucker flat. Plastic and metal bits went everywhere.

Carol looked at me in disbelief.

I yelled, "Why is it you don't do anything but ask me stupid questions? You don't help! Make yourself useful - go to my car and get me another light switch!"

She walked out the front door.

While she was gone, my anger deflated. I began to feel bad. Questions aside, there was no need for me to act like that.

Carol walked back in with another switch.

I snatched it from her hand and growled, "You know what?"

"What?"

I smiled and said, "You will never, ever see that on HGTV!"

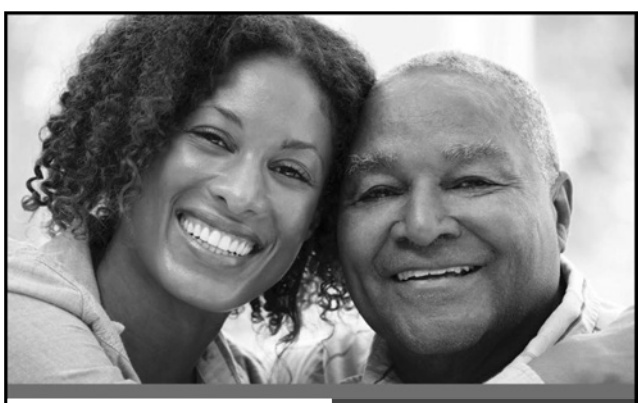
We both laughed. Then I called Richard and he told me exactly what I was doing wrong. I put the switch in, without incident, good as new.

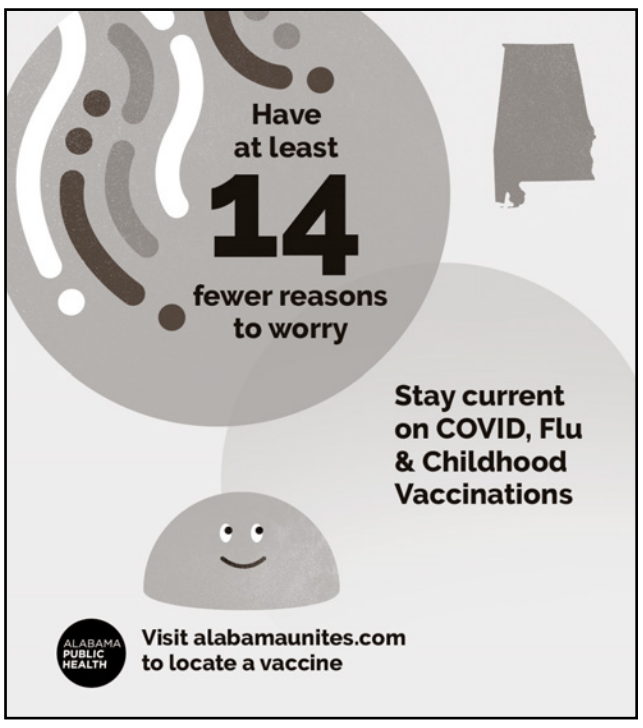
It was easy-peasy.

Joe Hobby is a comedian from Alabama who wrote for Jay Leno for many years. Find more of Joe's stories on his blog: https://mylifeasahobby.blogspot.com. Follow him on Facebook at Joe Hobby Comedian-Writer.


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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.

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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.

Lisa McSwain
CLERK OF JUVENILE COURT

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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.

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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
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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
CHARLES A. SHAFER, * **CASE NO.: PC2023-149**
Deceased. *

AMENDED
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to CHARLES CASPER SHAFER, as Personal Representative of the Estate of CHARLES A. SHAFER, deceased, on the 24th day of May, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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 will be barred.

Amended due to typographical error of spelling of decedent's name.

CHARLES CASPER SHAFER
Personal Representative

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

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

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2023-175

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA ANN ROSS, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Kathy M. Leiter on the 1st day of June, 2023, by the Hon. 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.

Kathy M. Leiter
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for the Estate
Smith & Smith, LLP
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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: *
*
JOYCE MARIE COGGIN, * **CASE NUMBER:** PC2023-052
*
DECEASED. *

Letters Testamentary of said decedent having been granted to the undersigned on the 1st day of June, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 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.

DONALD DAVID COLLETTE

ANNETTE IRONS-PARKER
Attorney for Personal Representative
PARKER AND PARKER, P.C.
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The Cullman Tribune

Honorable Tammy Brown
Probate Judge

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

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

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 MATTER OF: * **CASE NO. JU-2023-99.01**
DAXTON 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-2023-99.01, Juvenile Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 24 day of May, 2023.

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‘Sweet Home Alabama just got a little sweeter!’

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Governor Kay Ivey made it official Friday, June 2, 2023: the Yellowhammer Cookie is Alabama’s official state cookie.

On Friday, Montgomery fourth grader and recipe creator Mary Claire Cook brought a batch of the cookies to Ivey in her office. As the governor reviewed the legislation, she taste-tested the cookie for herself, gave it the stamp of approval and put her signature on the bill to officially name the Yellowhammer Cookie the official state cookie.

“Sweet Home Alabama just got a little sweeter!” said Ivey.



OFFICE OF GOV. KAY IVEY

Gov. Ivey signs HB421, making the Yellowhammer Cookie the state’s official cookie.

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Obituary Announcements: June 1-2

Glenda Faye Grund, 79
Funeral services for Glenda Faye Grund, 79, of Hanceville, will be 2 p.m. Saturday, June 3, 2023, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Fairview West Cemetery. Reverend Tony Thomas will be officiating. Visitation for the public will be from noon until 2 p.m. on Saturday at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Grund was born on Aug. 12, 1943, to the late Theodore R. and Nellie (Vincent) Jenkins in Blount County, Alabama. She passed away on June 1, 2023, at her residence in Hanceville. Just to name a few of the many things she enjoyed doing was working on her farm and keeping up her garden every year. She also enjoyed sewing and quilting. In times of reflection; Mrs. Grund loved everything waterfalls. Survivors include her children, A.J. Grund, Cathy Silcox and Donna Dean; grandchildren, Monica Swann, Stacie Shaddrix, Heath Dean and Lindsie Yeager; great-grandchild, Raylee Yeager; sisters, Ollie Tankersley, Shirley Curl and Gail Skillman; and a host of nieces and nephews. Mrs. Grund was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Lee Grund; parents; and son-in-law, Tony Silcox.

Joe Alan Mead, 67
Funeral service for Joe Alan Mead, age 67, of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 3, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Jason Vinson officiating; burial at Center Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. prior to the service. Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Mead passed away on Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at Cullman Regional. He was born Sept. 11, 1955, to Johnny and Melrovie Mead. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Johnny Mead Jr.; grandparents, Fred and Elva Graham; grandmother, Dixie Mead; and step-grandson, Tucker Evans. Survivors include his wife, Daphne Mead; son, Jody Mead; stepchildren, Ashlie (Cory) Evans and Jon Kuykendall; brother, Jackie (Doris) Mead; nieces, Katrina (Eddie) Tankersley and Kristi (Chad) Spradlins; step-grandchildren, Jesse Kuykendall and Liam Evans; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Michael (Butch) Schaefers, 72
With heartfelt sorrow we announce the passing of Michael (Butch) Schaefers on Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at UAB hospital in Birmingham at the age of 72. Butch was born Aug. 21, 1950, to Willie and Elenor Schaefers in Cullman, Al who preceded him in death. He owned and operated Schaefers Tire and Oil Company with his wife Linda until their retirement. Family left to mourn this loss is his beloved wife Linda Schaefers; son and daughter-in-law Chris and Ginny Schaefers and daughter Cindi Schaefers Burns. Also, grandchildren Kie Burns and Zayden Schaefers, Step grandchildren, Kaylea James, Sarah Schaefers and Rose Fish; Step great grandchild, Katarina James and fur baby, Charlie. Sister-in-law, Diana Cagle and brothers-in-law, Fred Blackmon and Kelvin (Ann) Blackmon. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 3, 2023, at Cullman City Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Friday evening beginning at 6 p.m. A rosary will be held at 7 p.m.

Randle “Happy” Hal Johnson, 73
Funeral service for Hal Johnson, age 73, of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Shane Hicks officiating; burial at Cullman Heritage Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Johnson passed away on Thursday, June 1, 2023. He was born April 11, 1950, to Claude Clarence Johnson and Emma Katherine Johnson. He was preceded in death by his parents, Claude Clarence Johnson; brother, Dennis Johnson; sisters, Shirley Frost and Ina Jo Beck; brother, J. R. Johnson; and sister, Beverly Sue Durand. Survivors include his daughter, Tammy (Harley) Hughes; son, Eric (Cindy) Johnson; grandchildren, Mackenzie Hughes, Chance Hughes, Kaylee Johnson, Samantha Johnson, Jeremy Hughes, Taylor (Kaci) Hughes, Chris Hughes, Justin Hughes, Savannah Hughes, and Matthew Hughes; great-grandchildren, Greyson, Colt, Lilian, and Raylee; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends. The family would like to give a special thank you to Angel Love for the care she gave their father.

Jennifer Marie Summerford, 53
Memorial services are incomplete at this time for Jennifer Marie Summerford, 53, of Cullman. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Summerford passed away May 31, 2023 at her residence. She was born May 19, 1970 to Jerry Thomas Davis and Judith Ann Lenzykz Davis. She was preceded in death by her mother; father, John J. Halik and her son, Andrew Halik. Survivors include her son, Timothy Hutcherson, Jr. (Reynaldo Valentino Chapa); daughters, Lacie (Rodney) Buckelew, Samantha Combs; sister, Catherine (Anthony) Silvers; grandchildren, J.C. and Grayson Combs; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Eunice Lorrine Kimbrough, 86
Eunice Lorrine Kimbrough, age 86, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Friday, June 2, 2023. Funeral Services will be held on Sunday, June 4, 2023 at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Good Hope Cemetery. The family will be receiving friends at the funeral home on Sunday from noon until 2 p.m. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Kimbrough family.

Helen Anita Bowen, 71
Funeral service for Helen Anita Bowen, age 71, of Cullman, will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 4, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rev. Tommy Graves officiating; burial at Flint Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 4, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Bowen passed away on Thursday, June 1, 2023, at Cullman Regional. She was born Nov. 6, 1951, to Robert and Eunice Ralph. She was preceded in death by her parents; grandchild, Patrick Hall; husbands, Robert Cargal and Bobby Brown. Survivors include her son, Michael (Kristy) Cargal; daughters, Melissa (Bill) Hall, Melody (Terry) Bates, and Melinda (Tim) Roberts; grandchildren, Amber (Jason) Woodard, Cody Whitehead, Emily (Zach) Erskine, Michael Bates, Alyssa (Cory) Bradley, Savana Waldrop, and Eli Hall; a host of great-grandchildren, other family, and friends.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

An entertaining ball game like none other

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



Jean and I had the joy of watching the KC Royals play ball recently. I must say, I can't remember many sporting events that I have enjoyed more. We laughed until our lips ached! I've heard the expression that something was a comedy of errors, and that game was definitely that, mixed with cuteness. It was the end of their season and a young friend of ours, who plays on one of the teams, had asked us to come watch him play. I think he plays second base, but then so did several others. It seemed that around half the team played second base, or at least in a position somewhere between the pitcher's mound and first base...all at the same time. I guess that was because most of the hits seemed to come that way. All 6-or-so second basemen, or base-girls, converged on the rolling balls like a brood of chickens descending on a grounded June bug.

Yes, there were 2 girls on the team. One of them wore pink shoes to match her pink fielder's glove. To add to our entertainment pleasure, one of the ladies turned a cartwheel as she took the field. Not many of the players played in the outfield, because not many hits made it out that far. Actually, those who played in the outfield literally "played" in the outfield but not necessarily ball.

As for the pitcher, there wasn't one. No, I don't mean the pitchers weren't any good, I mean they literally didn't have one.

Every batter that went to the plate made a hit...eventually. No one struck out. Most of them reached first base, except for one young fellow who hit the ball and took off straight for the dugout. Actually, he did eventually reach first base, because one of the coaches took him by the hand and led him to first base.

A few of the batters lined up facing the wrong way. A couple of times the umpire, or perhaps he was the coach, anyway, he stood behind the plate, physically picked up a player and set him back down facing the in the right direction. Since the average age of the players was only about four-or-five years, lifting them wasn't any problem. Oh, you didn't think I meant "the" KC Royals, did you? They did have the proper uniforms. They wore powder-blue jerseys with "Royals" written across the chest. Their uniforms were at least a dozen-or-two sizes smaller than the ones the big boys in the major leagues wear. They also were not from Kansas City. They were from LaGrange, Georgia, or somewhere in that general area.

Did I mention that they hit the ball off a tee? It was much like golf, except the ball sat about waste high to the batters. It was much like my first-golfing experience in that most of them swung at the ball several times before they actually made contact. One batter, with bat in hand, circled the tee several times, dragging his bat on the ground behind him, before the umpire/coach finally landed him on the correct side of the tee. Some of the players were the most-polite athletes I've ever seen. A couple of them, after making a hit, turned around and handed the umpire/coach the bat before taking off the first base, or third base, or the dugout, according to whichever direction they decided to run.

Everyone who ever learns to do anything has to begin somewhere. Those beginnings always include making errors. The real error would be to never let them play, make errors, and therefore learn.

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

HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1904, 1934

From the files of 1904

Warm, dry weather continues.

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.

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, spent 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

Beginnings and Ends | By: Phillip Whited - Ebell, Alabama

The sun will rise
The sun will lie
A child is born
An old man dies

The morn is new
The evening is old
The child is warm
The old man cold

The child crys out
The old man silence
One life begins
The other ends

Old earth each day
He gives to you
lifes anew
To replace the ones
he takes from you.

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

JUNE 3

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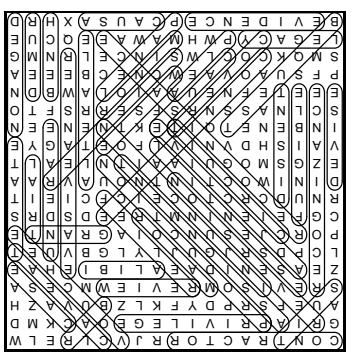
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Gail Crutchfield
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Wallace State Intramural Sports Department held it's Wallyball Championship Tournament near the end of the Spring 2023 semester, in the Dan York Practice Facility within the College Wellness Center. In the championship match, team "H & B's" defeated team "Cross Country Crushers" in three sets to claim the Intramural Title. The Cross Country Crushers won the first set 21-16 while H & B's won the second set by a score of 21-15.

The deciding set was not as close though, with H & B's winning 15-4 to take the match and championship.

H & B's team consisted of WSCC students Mason Reed, Kaiya Butler, Dustin Speak, Hadlee Freeman, and Andrew Braden.

They made it through the season without losing a match.

The Cross Country Crushers team consisted of Joseph Arriaga, Luke Holcombe, Jonathan Phillips, and Andrew Wrenn; all are members of the college's men's cross country team.

Wallyball is a sport created in 1979 that is also known as Rebound Volleyball.

It's essentially volleyball played inside a racquetball court where you can spike, serve, and hit the rubber ball off the walls.

It is played with four players on the court for each team.

Occupational Therapy Assistant student Kaiya Butler said, "I played volleyball in high school, so I love this!

"It's a little different though when you have the ball coming at you quickly from different angles off the walls."

"We had a good turnout for the spring mini-season and all participants enjoyed learning and playing the sport," said Wallace State Intramural Organizer Dakota Nichols.

"Hopefully word will spread about the sport, and we'll have even more Intramural Teams participate in the league next year."

A new year of various Intramural Sports Seasons will begin in the Fall 2023 semester at Wallace State.

For more information on how to participate in those, contact Dakota Nichols at 256-352-8047 or dakota.nichols@wallacestate.edu.



Saints MC 7th annual Miracle League Ride coming June 10

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CULLMAN, Ala. — It will be kickstands up for the Saints Motorcycle Club (MC) seventh annual Miracle League Ride Saturday, June 10. The yearly event, which also features a raffle, T-shirts, food and refreshments, raises funds for the Miracle League of Cullman.

Ride coordinator and founder of Friends of the Miracle League Brandi Evans said her inspiration for the event came from close ties to the Miracle League and Saints MC, with her son, Jacob, playing in the league for 15 years and her husband, Brian, being a dedicated Saints member.

Evans said so many individuals with special needs could really benefit from what the Miracle League offers, but often, the cost of registration fees is a barrier to those with fixed incomes or large medical bills.

"It was at that time that I realized that if you wanted to raise money to help someone, there's no community better than the biker community," she smiled. "And boy, did they step up!"

Evans noted that funds raised from the ride go directly to Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism, which oversees the Field of Miracles, where Miracle League games are held. This ensures that any individual- regardless of ability to pay - can enjoy the opportunity of being a team player.

Evans said this annual fundraiser would not be the same without the participation of local bike enthusiasts, specifically the Saints MC for its dedication and donation of its clubhouse as a starting point. "This is the seventh annual Saints MC Miracle League Ride. Year after year, we continue to raise funds for our Miracle League Superstars," she said. "I cannot thank the Saints MC (enough) for being the driving force behind the Miracle League Ride, and the biker community for continuing to support Cullman's special needs community."

The ride will take place on Saturday, June 10, 2023. It will start and end at the Saints MC Clubhouse at 141 Doc Clemmons Road, Cullman. The cost is $20 per bike, $5 per passenger. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m., with kickstands up at 10:45.

For more information, go to www.facebook.com/MLR-SUPERSTARS.



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Brian Evans (left), also known as Saint BR, and his stepson Jacob Carden, right, are the driving force and inspiration behind the Saints MC annual Miracle League Ride, according to coordinator Brandi Evans.

3 local students named to Mississippi College President's List

Hannah Wallace
Mississippi College

CLINTON, Miss. — The Mississippi College Office of Academic Affairs releases the President's List after the close of fall and spring semesters each academic year. To be eligible for the President's List, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average, based on a 4.0 system. The student must take a full course load of at least 12 semester hours of undergraduate credit with all academic courses impacting their grade point average.

Three local students were named to the list for spring 2023:

- Camilla Chambers of Cullman
- Laura Lane of Cullman
- Joshua Plunkett of Arab

Crane Hill's Moore named to Mississippi College Dean's List

Hannah Wallace
Mississippi College

CLINTON, Miss. — The Mississippi College Office of Academic Affairs releases the Dean's List after the close of fall and spring semesters each academic year. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average, based on a 4.0 system. The student must take a full course load of at least 12 semester hours of undergraduate credit with all academic courses impacting their grade point average.

One local student was named to the list for spring 2023:

- Jordan Moore of Crane Hill

About Mississippi College
Mississippi College, affiliated with the Mississippi Baptist Convention, is a private, co-educational, Christian university of liberal arts and sciences serving more than 4,100 students from approximately 35 states and more than three dozen countries. Founded in 1826, MC is the oldest institution of higher learning in Mississippi, one of the largest private universities in the state, and America's second-oldest Baptist college. MC offers 84 areas of undergraduate study, 45 degree programs in graduate studies, more than 10 certificate programs, two educational doctoral degrees, a doctor of jurisprudence, and a doctor of professional counseling. MC seeks to be a university recognized for academic excellence and commitment to the cause of Christ.

Vinemont's Duckett named to Troy University Provost's List

Matt Clower
Troy University

TROY, Ala. — TROY is pleased to announce students who have been named to the Provost's List for the Spring Semester and Term 4 of the 2022-2023 academic year. Full-time undergraduate students who are registered for at least 12 semester hours and who have a grade point average of at least 3.65 qualify for the Provost's List. The Spring Semester includes students at the Troy, Alabama, campus. Term 4 includes students at TROY's campuses in Dothan, Phenix City and Montgomery, along with locations outside of Alabama and online.

Local students who made the list include:

- Janna Duckett of Vinemont

About Troy University
Troy University is a public, historic, international university with 22,500 students and 154,000 alumni. Students choose TROY for its quality academic programs, reasonable costs and availability of financial aid, outstanding faculty, and flexible in-class and online class offerings. Students on the Troy, Ala. campus enjoy a traditional college experience, while adult students are the centers of attention at campuses in Dothan, Montgomery and Phenix City, Ala., as well as at locations around the world and online.