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Commission approves $814K tax abatement for NAFCO

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Commission on Thursday approved a tax abatement for the expansion of North Alabama Fabricating Company (NAFCO) in the amount of $814,178.

Cullman Economic Development Agency Project Manager and Finance Stanley Kennedy said, "We expect this project to have a $14.35 million capital investment total. From that money we're going to create almost half a million dollars in funds for our schools."

He continued, "And from the salaries of the jobs we are creating we expect the additional tax revenue in our community to be $24,000 a year, and local businesses should expect about a quarter million-plus a year additional from those monies."

The commission also recognized Dr. Robert Montague, his wife Amber and their organiza- » PAGE 9



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The Cullman County Commission is seen at its meeting on Thursday, June 22.

Cullman welcomes Hello Sunshine Boutique



CAYLA GRACE MURPHY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Hello Sunshine Boutique Owners Amanda Martin (left) and Anne Freeman (right) smile in front of the children's rack at the storefront.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Anne Freeman and Amanda Martin have joined forces to offer unique, affordable customized boutique pieces to Cullman at Hello Sunshine Boutique. Hello Sunshine Boutique offers children and adult clothing and customizable collectibles like sublimated shirts and tumblers, special drink syrups and more.

Martin shared that while Freeman had been selling customized items for years through booths and market sales, the idea for a joint brick-and-mortar venture came to them on a road trip to restock.

"On a car trip to Atlanta to get bows I shot the idea, and she said, 'Well I haven't found anywhere.' Less than a week later we found this location!" Martin smiled.

Freeman and Martin have made it a point to keep their pieces accessible, noting that cost is sometimes a barrier to women having access to clothes that make them feel confident.

Both children and adult clothing pieces at Hello Sunshine Boutique are around $15-$20 or less.

The boutique also notably carries a robust plus-size section with current designs, making trendy pieces not just accessible price-wise but size-wise as well.

"I know what it's like to buy clothes and cry, so I tend to honestly have more curvy sizes than regular," noted Freeman.

Hello Sunshine Boutique is located at 1724 Second Ave. SW Cullman, AL 35055. The boutique is open from 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported June 23

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 23, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

June 20

- possessing of marijuana; carrying brass knuckles; Hwy. 278 W
- menacing; CR 601
- possession of drug paraphernalia; 4th St. SW
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 490
- theft of property; CR 1059
- harassment; CR 695
- domestic violence; I-65 SB at Exit 310
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 1120
- criminal mischief; theft of property; CR 431
- theft of property; CR 82
- harassment; Hwy. 31
- possession of controlled substance; CR 565

June 21

- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 437
- criminal littering; CR 723
- reckless endangerment; CR 709
- trespassing; CR 617
- domestic violence; CR 709
- harassment; CR 1700
- possession of marijuana; Hwy. 91
- theft of property; CR 321
- theft of property; Schwaiger Rd.
- impersonating a peace officer; CR 813
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1269
- theft of property; Hwy. 67
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 1059
- domestic violence; CR 747

ARRESTS

June 19 – 21

Adams, Christopher L.; 42
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Baker, Joshua C.; 38
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of methamphetamine
- tempering with physical evidence

Barnett, Stephen D.; 59
- violation of domestic violence protection order

Bass, Joseph A.; 37
- Probation Violation- promote prison contraband

Couch, Tomi Sue H.; 43
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

Farr, Christopher R.; 47
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- attempting to elude police officer

Godwin, Brittany C.; 40
- FTA- buying/receiving stolen property
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- DUI (other substances)

Holcomb, Nathan J.; 45
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hulsey, Buddy A.; 40
- unlawful possession with intent to distribute controlled substance
- FTA- public intoxication

Johnson, Troy D. J.; 21
- FTA- assault-child abuse-simple-family (4 counts)

Lawrence, John R.; 31
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- violation of domestic violence protection order

Lindley, Phillip J.; 27
- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Looney, Blake S.; 22
- FTA- public intoxication
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Mathis, Brad D.; 57
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Nabors, James S.; 46
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- carrying brass knuckles/sling shot

Roach, William L.; 46
- FTA- DUI (alcohol)

Smith, Buffy D.; 47
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Tanner, Rebecca L.; 47
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- possession of methamphetamine (5 counts)
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (4 counts)
- FTA- possession of prescription drugs

Widner, Tina M.; 43
- attempting to elude police officer

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

June 19
- criminal trespass-1st degree
- domestic violence-3rd degree

June 21
- domestic violence-3rd degree-harassment

June 22
- theft of property-3rd degree; person; miscellaneous; $626

ARRESTS

June 21 – 22

Dolliole, Michael T.; 41
- theft of property-2nd degree
- forgery-3rd degree

Lee, William C.; 25
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Mathis, Brad D.; 57
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- driving without license
- FTA- insurance violation

McCay, Hannah M.; 23
- theft of property-4th degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

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

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

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m.- noon, Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m.-noon. Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry and Spirit Life Church.
• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthdays. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pickup is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper, AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• Sunday, June 25 - 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 25 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise & Worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11. Leadership meeting following morning service.`
• Sunday, June 25 - Baptism, Youth trip to TopGolf in Huntsville at 1:30, and meeting right after church with Robyn Helms for everyone that helped with KLK last year to discuss and upcoming event in September.
• 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.

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. For more information, please call Judy Hyde Waldrep at 256-347-0361.

West Point Class of 1988 Reunion
Saturday, June 24, at 6 p.m. at the Brandin Iron at West Point. Buy your own meal. For more information, contact Chatty Martin Freeman at 256-338-6569.

Guy Hunt Library Summer Program: Snead's Farmhouse
Tuesday, June 27, at 1030 a.m. at Guy Hunt Library in Holly Pond. Children ages preschool to 12 years old will enjoy the activities. Call 256-796-5226 for additional information. Follow us on Facebook at Guy Hunt Library.

Free Food Boxes at First Presbyterian Church
Thursday, June 29, starting at 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Cullman, 615 Third Ave. SE. We will be handing out food boxes until the boxes are all gone. One food box per car, please. Follow us on Facebook or online at www.cullmanfpc.org.

Speegle Family Reunion
• The annual reunion of the David Speegle family will be held on Sunday, July 9, 2023, at Speegle Family Point (334 County Road 321, Crane Hill, Alabama 35053), beginning around 10:30 a.m.
• Please join us and bring a covered dish for lunch at noon. Contact Judy Shannon at 256-734-3460 or Norman Calvert at 256-734-0389. Come eat and enjoy the day with us.

Vacation Bible School
A Royally Fun Time awaits at Vacation Bible School at Calvary Baptist Church, 227 Dripping Springs Road, Cullman, July 10-14, from 6-8:30 p.m. Ages 3-12. Call 256-620-3680 or register online at calvarybaptist2023@myanswers.com.

Heartland Quilt Guild
Thursday, July 13, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church, 1310 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman. All are welcome. We love to meet new friends.

Circle of Hope Cullman Shoot for a Cure 3D Archery Tournament
Saturday and Sunday, July 15-16. Featuring 20 3D targets on a marked wooded trail throughout the beautiful Camp David in Jones Chapel. All proceeds benefit Bruno Cancer Center at St. Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham. Awards will be given and we have lots of great door prizes! Get more information at www.facebook.com/circleofhopecullman/events.

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 (~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.

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Celebrating in the Wundergarten – Cultivate Cullman

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CULTIVATE CULLMAN
Countywide Arts & Gardening Celebration

CULTIVATE CULLMAN: The Countywide Arts & Gardening Celebration, which includes "Culinary Cullman" and musicians with Cullman County roots, grew from a seed of an idea to a big, beautiful, flowering thing faster than kudzu after an Alabama summer rainstorm. (Date for the 2024 CULTIVATE CULLMAN Arts & Gardening Show will be announced in August 2023)

Last month, Cullman County Master Gardeners hosted the first "Arts in Bloom" show—NOT SALE—at the Sportsman Lake Park Arboretum/Wildflower Garden. This FREE, OPEN TO ALL event was well-received and sprouted the idea for a bigger celebration of "arts & gardening."

CULTIVATE CULLMAN highlights arts and gardening throughout Cullman County in all nine major communities. This ongoing celebration and annual show could include all the arts with selections such as these: BERLIN farmers, COLD SPRINGS potters, CULLMAN writers/storytellers, FAIRVIEW painters, GOOD HOPE wood artisans, HANCEVILLE quilters, HOLLY POND bakers, VINEMONT musicians and WEST POINT photographer/filmmakers.

CULTIVATE CULLMAN will showcase great gardening in every part of Cullman County, "Alabama's no. 1 Agriculture County:" BERLIN Farmers' Market, COLD SPRINGS lakeside plantings, CULLMAN urban oasis, FAIRVIEW wildflowers at Randall Shedd Park, GOOD HOPE container gardening at city hall, HANCEVILLE hanging baskets at picturesque shops, HOLLY POND gardening for birders in the nature trails, VINEMONT grape vineyard, and WEST POINT apple trees (Steele Orchard).

Cultivating gardens and cultivating art was the theme of two separate conversations I had recently with Cullman retailers. Both businesses sell works by Cullman-area artists and artisans.

Wayne Cook is the owner of Finders Keepers "antiques, gifts and treasures." Leldon Maxcy is the owner of Leldon's "locally curated goods." The "cultivating plants" part came up when I was sharing my enthusiasm for Cullman County Master Gardeners working with Cullman County Parks and Recreation to create a "living tree museum" arboretum at Sportsman Lake Park.

Just this week, Cullman County "arboretum ambassadors," led by popular plantsman Arnold Caylor and B.J. Morgan of the Cullman Tree Commission, identified 67 unique trees and woody plants at Sportsman Lake Park in the Wildflower Garden area. You don't have to wait for the 2024 "CULTIVATE CULLMAN" Arts & Gardening Show to stroll the arboretum in cool shade. This popular public park is open 365 days a year, from dawn until dusk.

Here are some of the trees and woody plants we proudly rostered this week as we prepare to file for "accredited arboretum" status: Flowering Dogwood, Native American Filbert, Tulip Poplar, Southern Red Oak, Florida Anise, Red Maple, Persimmon, Black Cherry, Shagbark Hickory, Yellowwood Ash, Big Leaf Magnolia, Loblolly Pine, Hawthorn, Autumn Olive, Eastern Hemlock, Hornbeam, Southern Magnolia, Black Walnut and scores more.

The winner for the Cullman County arboretum's "Most Beautiful Tree of This Week (June 2023)," is the Bottlebrush Buckeye. (Let me lead you directly to this gorgeous plant which is loaded with white plumes that look like long brushes one uses to swab tall bottles. DIRECTIONS: When you enter Sportsman Lake Park, turn right so the children's playground and putt-putt golf are on your left. Look for the bright red "Welcome Arbor" of the Wildflower Garden. Before you enter the arbor, look for the "service road" on your right next to the wildflower bed. About 30 feet northward up the "service road" is the Bottlebrush Buckeye. Whether it grew wild or was cultivated is irrelevant, it's as pretty as a Monet painting.

This arboretum is a cooperative effort of Cullman County Parks and Recreation with Cullman County Master Gardeners. This spring, all five Cullman County commissioners voted to support establishing this "living tree museum."

CULTIVATE CULLMAN salutes all kinds of trees and plants grown in Cullman County—both the natives and those cultivated by gardeners. The artistry of woody plants can be excruciatingly intentional like bonsai and topiary, or it can be the wild, admirable determination of small, understudy performers in a supporting role like Alabama's "official state wildflower," the Oakleaf Hydrangea, and honeysuckle-scented Alabama azalea.

FINDERS KEEPERS shopkeeper Wayne Cook sells lots of things which come from trees, be it an antique, primitive pine cupboard, or a vintage walnut salad bowl. Finders Keepers also has wagonloads of things antiques emporiums call "smalls," which people purchase as wedding, birthday, Christmas, "thinking of you" gifts.

LELDON'S inventory focuses more on crafts, art and gifts. The artists and artisans Leldon's represents are woven across Cullman County: COLD SPRINGS (Cotton Pickin' Pottery), CULLMAN (Emily Bussman), FAIRVIEW (painter, Krell Buckalew, grew up in Baileyton), GOOD HOPE (Howard King), HANCEVILLE (Gladys Veigl), HOLLY POND (Bo Johnson), VINEMONT (Renee Hoffman), and WEST POINT (mother-and-daughter artists Pam Willingham and Laura Willingham Walker).

"CULTIVATE CULLMAN," the arts and gardening initiative, underscores the creativity that thrives in our, north Alabama county. The two shopkeepers I've cited are both high-profile creatives. Wayne Cook creates "must-see" musicals and theatre, and Leldon Maxcy creates and sells hundreds of laser-engraved things.

Arts and gardens and people, naturally go and grow together as we—CULTIVATE CULLMAN.

CELEBRATING IN THE WUNDERGARTEN This culinary storytelling series, imagines recipes Frau Ruehl, the gardening heroine of the folktale, "WUNDERGARTEN," would have created in 1870s Cullman County. This easy entrée salutes the bounty from gardeners across Cullman County.

CULTIVATE CULLMAN CAST IRON SKILLET FRITTATA
(Source: "Alabama Small Towns & Downtowns" 2023 Magazine)

INGREDIENTS

- 6-7 HOLLY POND eggs (the number of eggs depends on the size of your skillet)
- 2 tbsp. olive oil
- 1/2 cup COLD SPRINGS onion, diced small
- 1/2cup VINEMONT red bell pepper, diced
- 1/2 cup BERLIN green bell pepper, diced
- 1 medium GOOD HOPE potato
- 1 FAIRVIEW tomato diced or cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1/2 cup WEST POINT cheese, grated (with a bit more grated for the top)
- HANCEVILLE pork sausage (cooked)
- 1 tsp. kosher salt
- 1 tsp. fresh CULLMAN thyme, chopped fine
- 1/4 tsp. ground black pepper

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to broil

2. Beat the eggs until frothy. Set aside. Heat up the oil over medium-high heat in a cast iron or oven-proof skillet. (Check out the semi-annual Cullman countywide yard sales at Sportsman Lake Park for a used skillet. Locally owned Mary Carter Store in downtown Cullman carries Lodge brand cast iron skillets.) Add the onion, veggies, and sauté until golden brown. Add the potatoes if you've roasted them or had leftovers. Add the eggs. Swirl the eggs around the pan to make sure they evenly cover the other ingredients.

3. As the edges start to cook, loosen them with a spatula or butter knife to disperse the liquid In the center. After the eggs start to firm, put the pan into the oven and broil 3 minutes or so until the eggs are almost completely set. Remove the frittata and add a bit of cheese on top. Return to the oven until it's golden brown, about 1 minute or less.

4. Remove and slice into wedges. Garnish with bacon crumbles or scallion.

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Haynes (from Front)

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The sixth class of the Agricultural Leaders for Alabama (A.L.F.A. Leaders) program was recently announced after a rigorous application and interview process. Eighteen participants will join the ranks of Alabama Farmers Federation county presidents, board members, legislators and other leaders at the local, state and national level whose involvement and personal development grew through the premier leadership experience.

A.L.F.A. Leaders is sponsored by the Federation and sharpens the skills of already-proven agricultural community leaders by focusing on personal development, political involvement, effective communication and understanding of the Federation.

The program begins in September and will conclude with a capstone project presentation and graduation at the 2025 Farm & Land Expo. Participants will train in agricultural policy, industry leadership, productive communication and organizational involvement at six seminars in Alabama, Washington, D.C. and a to-be- determined international location.

"We're proud to offer a program that strengthens the abilities of young agricultural leaders in our state," said Federation President Jimmy Parnell, a graduate of the Alabama Agriculture and Forestry Leadership Development Program, a forerunner to A.L.F.A. Leaders. "We want to continue developing leaders who not only serve in important Federation roles but in positions to help our state and nation, as well."

Participants were chosen by an independent selection committee comprised of former class members, Alabama Agriculture and Forestry Leadership Development Program graduates and stakeholders with a vested interest in agriculture leadership development.

Selection is based on criteria related to community involvement and personal ability and characteristics. The program is designed for participants ages 25 to 45 who demonstrate leadership qualities and potential, in addition to strong character, reputation and a sound personal life.

Those chosen for the program are, alphabetical by county:

- Ellie Watson, Autauga County, Sweet Grown Alabama director
- Destry Hopper, Baldwin County, row crop, vegetable and cattle farmer
- Joe Corcoran, Barbour County, row crop and cattle farmer
- Josh McCutcheon, Blount County, poultry farmer
- Isaac Jones, Cherokee County, poultry farmer and veterinarian
- Ali Gotcher, Colbert County, cattle farmer and Extension agent
- Sidney McKathan, Covington County, beekeeper
- Whitney Haynes, Cullman County, row crop and cattle farmer
- Rejeana Gvillo, Hale County, senior commodity analyst
- Nic Cornelison, Jackson County, managing partner at Lake Majestik Cattle Company and construction company president
- Evan Nelson, Jefferson County, cattle and hay producer
- Trevor Collier, Lauderdale County, Poultry and cattle farmer
- Daniel Mullenix, Lee County, cattle farmer and precision ag specialist
- Laura Beth Gamache, Lee County, ag sales representative
- Cara Cornutt, Marshall County, row crop, cattle and agritourism farmer
- Noel Welch, Pike County, poultry farmer and loan officer
- Matt Smith, St. Clair County, sod and cattle farmer
- Sid Phelps, Tallapoosa County, cotton marketing specialist

"This class is a testament to the strong agricultural leadership found in Alabama," said Federation Young Farmers Director Hunter McBrayer, who is a class IV graduate and helps coordinate the A.L.F.A. Leaders program. "We're excited to help them on their paths to becoming stronger leaders and servants in their communities and Alabama as a whole."

Drive (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Five years in, Cullman's Curt's Closet, a clothing ministry that offers children of families in need a chance to "shop" in a boutique setting without any cost to the customer, is now one of the biggest charitable organizations in the area. Donations are up, but so is the need.

"God has blessed Curt's Closet beyond measures," said founder Ashley Wilson. "We have grown tremendously since moving to our new location at 1101 Third Ave. SE. Curt's Closet's donation volume has increased, along with the number of families we serve. I believe with the help of this community to spread the word on Curt's Closet mission.

"And along with the increase of living expenses, more families are coming to Curt's Closet for our services. We are so thankful for the continued support from everyone, so we are able to meet these needs."

Relocating to a new and larger facility two years ago allowed Curt's Closet to expand its reach with a bigger showroom and a freestanding warehouse to store donated items. The result has been an ability to serve more clients, and the ability to make new offerings like Christmas program Curt's Christmas. Plans are in the works to offer even more.

Wilson told The Tribune, "We are in the stages of hopefully expanding to provide an area to store the needed increase of clothing and shoes to keep in stock, along with having ample room to allow multiple volunteers at one time. This is exciting news for Curt's Closet and the community."

Get involved

On July 1, 2023, Curt's Closet will kick off "Bless Your Sole," a month-and-a-half-long shoe drive with a goal of providing 2,000 pairs of new tennis shoes to local kids for the start of the 2023-24 school year. Wilson and her staff have set up wish lists on Amazon and Walmart.com, and can accept monetary donations through PayPal. If you like the hands-on approach, Curt's Closet has multiple drop-off sites around town. To get involved or find more information, visit https://sites.google.com/view/curtscloset or find Curt's Closet on Facebook.

Not just shoes

"As we gear up for back-to-school rush," said Wilson, "our greatest needs are blue jeans, new tennis shoes and backpacks. Curt's Closet does accept new and used items, but we believe every child deserves to know the feeling of new tennis shoes for back to school."



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Ashley Wilson outside Curt's Closet

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PREP SPORTS

‘Be the best player for God’: Fairview’s Allison Davis talks junior year

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — The Fairview Lady Aggies put together great seasons on both the basketball court and softball field last year and in this interview, I talked to Allison Davis about some of her favorite memories from both seasons and what it was like playing alongside an amazing group of teammates.

“I feel like it did not start how we wanted it to because we lost two great players to injury, but we did not let that stop us. We had our ups and downs, but we pushed through it together as a team. Even though it didn’t end the way we wanted it to end, we are going to bounce back this upcoming season,” Davis said. “I learned that even when you’re going through a tough time, you need to stick together and push through. We faced a lot of adversity this past year, but I feel like we handled it good and pushed through, even if it was tough. We had a lot of injuries, so we had to adjust, and we had people step up when we needed them to. I loved playing with the girls because it’s a group that has your back, no matter what, and pushes you to be the best version of yourself.”

Senior Sadie Smith missed last season due to an injury, but she will be back this upcoming season and Davis can’t wait to share the court with her again. She has learned so much from head coach Justin Billings and took away so much from last year’s seniors, Jaycee Aleman and Emma Garcia.

“Getting Sadie back is great because she is a big part of the team, and she is a great leader. She’s a great teammate. She pushes you to get better every day and she picks you up when you get down. I learned that to not take being on the court for granted and I didn’t just learn from her on the court, but off the court as well. I’m ready to get back on the court with her,” Davis said. “Playing for coach Billings has been really great. He’s pushed me to become a better version of myself and he’s taught me to be confident when I play, and to have fun. I have learned a lot from him. He taught me to push myself and to never give up.”

She added, “I loved playing with them. Emma pushed me and motivated me every time I stepped on the court. She was such a great leader and a great friend. Jaycee is one of my best friends. She has a great work ethic and is just a great player all-around. I learned to keep fighting and pushing, and never quit or give up. I learned that anything is possible if you put your mind to it. I’m really going to miss being on the court with them.”

Davis had surgery on her ankle not too long ago and will have help from her team and coaches to help her get back to 100%. She has some goals set for herself and for the team, plus she talked about what will make this team special to watch next season.

“I’m going to have to work hard for the upcoming season. I just recently had ankle surgery, so I’m going to have to get back in the groove once I get the okay to come back. It’s going to be hard to come back, but I have some great coaches and teammates that are going to be behind me, pushing me, and helping me get back on the court. I just have to have faith and trust in God,” she said.

“My individual goals are to become a better leader, focus on my weaknesses this year, and to lay it all out on the court. Team goals are to win county, make it out of area, and to make it to the Final Four, but we got to do it before we can talk about it.”

She added, “We’ll be special to watch because every one of us gives 110%; we fight and never give up. We stick together when things get tough and overcome it.”

Fairview had another solid season in softball and came just one game short of making it to Regionals. Davis saw a lot of good things and learned some things during that season, plus she was blessed to get to play alongside some great girls.

“I feel like we came together as a team, and we gave it our all every game. We always bounced back after a bad game. We had some ups and downs, but we came together at the end, and we didn’t let each other get down,” she said.

“I learned that anything is possible if you have faith, play through God, and never give up. One of the main things I learned is to never let people get you down and never let their bad energy get to you. There are a lot of great young players, and I loved playing with all of them. We competed every day and pushed each other to be better than we were the day before.”

Davis soaked up as much as she could from her coaches last season and from Jaycee as well.

“Playing under coach Annie King and coach Ball was a great experience. Coach King gave me a chance and opportunity to show her what I got after not playing softball for five years. I learned a whole lot from them. They taught me that even when you feel like you’re doing bad, you’re down, and you want to give up, remember why we love the game and why we started in the first place. Coach King has pushed me the past three years and I’m always going to be grateful for that. Coach Ball helped me throughout the years she helped coach, and I won’t ever forget that,” she said. “Jaycee was a great leader and she stepped up and did what she needed to do for the team. I learned a lot from her, but one big thing I have learned is that when the team needs you, you have to step up and do what the team needs from you and do what’s best for the team.”


ALLISON DAVIS

Fairview’s Allison Davis

Davis has seen her game grow a lot from her freshman year, but she’ll continue to improve on some things to help get ready for next season. She talked about her goals and the team goals, plus what will make this team special to watch.

“It’s grown a lot since my freshman year,” she said. “I’m going to work on my hitting, get better at reading the pitch from the hip, and see the ball to the bat. I’m also going to work on improving my outfield skills. My individual goals are to be a leader, encourage and push the younger girls to get better every single day. I also want to have better at-bats this upcoming season. For the team goals, I want to win county and make it out of area.”

She added, “When you are watching this team, everyone has their doubts because of what our record has been, but we stepped up, blocked out all the negativity, focused on us, and we got better. You can see how every girl puts their all out onto the field.”

Davis talked about a couple of role models that she looked up to, plus the best advice that she was ever given.

“I had a couple of role models: Deavan Fulmer and Kaitlyn Benson. They always gave it their all and they encouraged me. They were great leaders. I have had a lot of great advice, but I’ll always remember my grandma saying to always trust God, have faith, play through Him, be the best teammate I can be for my team, be the best player for God, and to always give all the glory to Him.”

PREP SOFTBALL

‘If you are going to do something, do it 100%’: Cullman’s Haley Shannon recaps Bearcat years

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CULLMAN, Ala. — In this interview, I talked to former Cullman softball standout Haley Shannon, and she had a lot of great memories to share from her years playing for the Bearcats. More than anything, she feels blessed to have played alongside some great teammates and learned so much from all of her coaches.

“I have a lot of special memories during my time at Cullman, but I would have to say my favorite would definitely have to be beating Hartselle in Regionals my junior year,” Shannon said.

“Playing alongside my Cullman girls was very rewarding. They would do anything for me as I would for them.

“We have created such a strong bond that has only grown stronger with the help of coach Lawayne Morton. He has really built the program on ‘loving, serving, and caring’ for each other.”

She added, “I have very special bonds with all of the coaches. Coach Morton has taught me how to show people unconditional love. He has and never will leave a huddle without telling us how much he cares for us.

“Coach Heath Hopper has taught me how to always want more. He always proved to me that I had more to give when I thought I was done. Coach Kevin Wilson has taught me how to keep things light. He has always kept a smile on my face, no matter what.

“Coach Tiffani Schwaiger has taught me to be confident. She has always been by my side and would give me pep talks when I needed them the most. Coach Chad Shannon has taught me how to have a good work ethic. He has seen my potential since I was little and has spent countless hours at the field and at home to help me achieve my goals. I’m very thankful for all of them.”

Shannon was also blessed to play alongside some great seniors as well in Emma-Claire Wilson and Olivia Britton and learned some things from them. The younger players took away a lot from watching them play as well.

“Playing alongside Emma-Claire and Olivia was amazing. They both have very bright personalities, so they were always fun to be around. We would just go out and play with all of our hearts. I am so happy to have known them,” she said.

“There are multiple lessons that they taught me. I knew they were committed into making me a better person and player, so I wanted to do the same for them. I knew they were consistent in the reps I took at home, so I wanted to do the same for them.

“The one thing I hope they learned from me is to be persistent and never give up. Every ball you touch, every base you steal, and every swing could be your last. I hope that I taught them to not take anything for granted and to leave everything out on the field.”

Shannon was also in some great clubs as well and talked about that experience, plus her favorite high school memories.

“I was the FTA president. I was also in the National Honors Society, Spanish Club, and the Spanish National Honors Society.

“Being in those clubs at the high school really got me involved at school and has helped me pick a career path. I was so thankful to be around people that wanted to influence young children’s lives as much as I do in FTA,” she said.

“My favorite high school memories were the senior breakfast, the pep rallies, being in Key Club, softball, and graduation.”

Shannon received a pretty good bit of scholarships and talked about that experience, plus what made Cullman a special place to go to, and what she will miss the most.

“I received the Julia Tutwiler School of Education scholarship, the UWA Directors Academic Award, the UWA Leadership and softball scholarships. It was very rewarding, because it showed me that hard work pays off,” she said. “Both my grandmother and father went to Cullman, so it was special to see a little bit of what they experienced. I will miss the teachers the most. They have impacted me more than they will ever know.”


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Cullman’s Haley Shannon

Shannon gave some advice to the upcoming freshman. She also talked about her role models growing up, and the best advice that she was ever given.

“My biggest advice for students that will be starting high school in August is to stay involved at the school, if that’s a sport or a club. Just have fun,” she said. “My biggest role models during my time at Cullman were Mrs. Putman, Coach Pitzing, and Coach Cagle. The best advice someone has ever given me has probably been if you are going to do something, do it 100%.”

Auburn finalizes renovation plans for Plainsman Park

George Nunnelley
AU Athletics



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Auburn's Plainsman Park

AUBURN, Ala. — Auburn Athletics has finalized plans for the previously approved $30 million Plainsman Park renovation project that will begin this summer.

Scheduled to start in July and be fully completed prior to the 2025 season, the project will be spearheaded by CDFL Architects + Engineers out of Jackson, Mississippi.

"This renovation is a vital part of enhancing the Auburn baseball experience at Plainsman Park for our donors, fans, students and most importantly our student-athletes," Auburn Athletics Director John Cohen said. "The scope of these enhancements will touch all areas and help make the gameday experience uniquely Auburn. Coach Thompson has led the program to unprecedented heights, and this renovation is possible because of his stewardship. Without the support of the Board of Trustees and our incredible donors and loyal fan base, this project would not be possible. We are extremely appreciative of their commitment to the future of Auburn baseball."

The renovations are highlighted by the additions of three new premium experiences – the Hall of Fame Club, First Base Club, and Home Plate Club – as well as a unique general admission space atop the War Eagle Wall in left field.

The project will also enhance the popular student experience in right center field through the addition of new elevated and tiered standing room spaces, while also further expanding in-stadium concourse spaces to provide expanded standing room and fan capacity. Additionally, new and improved team spaces such as the Tim Hudson Locker Room, bullpen, weight room, team meeting room, and coaches' offices will help provide a premier student-athlete experience.

"Made possible by the contributions and efforts of many, this project couldn't come at a better time for our program," head coach Butch Thompson said. "We've been to five of the last six regionals, three of the four super regionals in our program's history, two College World Series, had a No. 1 overall draft pick, built a statue for the only Hall of Famer in the history of our great league, hosted back-to-back regionals for the first time ever, set consecutive attendance records, and the list goes on. This project is a major brick in the wall and continues the momentum all parties of our program, including our coaches, staff, players, donors and fan base, have helped create the last few years."

Hall of Fame Club

A tribute to Auburn, Southeastern Conference and Major League Baseball great Frank Thomas, who remains the only player from the SEC enshrined in the National Baseball Hall of Fame, the Hall of Fame Club will add 113 premium seats at field level and is scheduled to be completed for the upcoming 2024 season. Divided between two tiered rows, these high-end leather seats will offer a dynamic field-level view behind home plate. Club members will have access to a 3,000-square foot climate-controlled club space featuring food, drinks, televisions, restrooms, and indoor seating. This space will be accessible via a new private entrance to Plainsman Park or via the main concourse.

In addition to the 113 reserved seats, season ticket holders throughout Plainsman Park will have the opportunity to enjoy the Hall of Fame Club experience as a season ticket add-on. Those ticket holders who opt into this add-on will gain access to a standing room drink rail located directly behind the two rows of reserved seating, while being able to enjoy all of the other premier perks of the Hall of Fame Club.

Expanded Plainsman Patio and First Base Club

A new three-story structure that will complement Plainsman Park's classic ballpark architecture, the expanded Plainsman Patio and First Base Club will provide a variety of new fan experience offerings, including indoor and outdoor viewing areas, new concession offerings, expanded restrooms, and more. The space will be completed for the 2025 season.

At inner-concourse level, the new covered Plainsman Patio space will provide expanded standing room space, while offering access to an all-new walk-in concession market.

The third level will feature an all-new upscale ballpark experience with the First Base Club. This area is expected to include approximately 200 new seats ranging in type from cushioned chairback seats to outdoor loge seating options, and will offer elevated food and beverage options, a climate-controlled indoor space, as well as private restrooms.

The space will also provide a premier viewing experience for Auburn football's Tiger Walk during football gamedays.

Home Plate Club

By relocating the existing press box to a new location on the third level of the First Base Club structure, a new high-end club experience will be developed atop the home plate grandstands. With one of the best views in the ballpark, this area is expected to include approximately 50 high-end seats and a climate-controlled environment with access to food, drinks, restrooms, and more premium amenities.

This space will be completed prior to the 2025 season.

War Eagle Wall

The experience Auburn fans love within the Tiger Terrace along the third base line will soon be expanded to provide access to a unique experience atop the War Eagle Wall in left field. A general admission space that will be completed for the 2025 season, this project will add a two-tiered terrace atop the wall to provide a one-of-a-kind experience in college baseball.

Enhanced right field student experience

As Auburn University students continue to pack Plainsman Park, the first phase of renovations prior to the 2024 season will provide an enhancement to the current standing room area beyond the right-center field fence. This portion of the project will provide a multi-tiered, elevated platform to bring students closer to the action while providing expanded standing room capacity.

Expanded and renovated team spaces

The third phase of the project will include upgrades to the student athlete experience through renovated and expanded team spaces. These upgrades include a renovation and expansion of the Tim Hudson Locker Room, a new bullpen and pitching lab, new weight room and nutrition area, new team meeting room, and new coaches' offices. This phase of the project is scheduled to be completed throughout 2025-26.

While pricing for each seating location is still being finalized, fans and Tigers Unlimited members interested in learning more about the new seating concepts and premium options at Plainsman Park may request more information by completing this form: https://aub.ie/PlainsmanParkPremium.

Alabama's Brandon Miller and Noah Clowney selected in 2023 NBA Draft 1st Round Thursday night

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BROOKLYN, N.Y. — It was a historical night for the Alabama men's basketball program as two players were selected in the first round of the 2023 NBA Draft, which was held Thursday night at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, N.Y. Brandon Miller matched the program's highest selection at No. 2 overall to the Charlotte Hornets, while Noah Clowney went to the Brooklyn Nets with the No. 21 overall selection.

Miller and Clowney were the first Crimson Tide teammates in 28 years to be selected in the first round of the same NBA Draft, dating back to 1995 when Antonio McDyess (No. 2 overall to the LA Clippers) and Jason Caffey (No. 20 overall to Chicago Bulls) achieved the feat

It marks the second time in the past three seasons under head coach Nate Oats that Alabama had two players selected in the same NBA Draft (Joshua Primo and Herbert Jones in 2021). Oats has now coached a total of six NBA Draft picks (JD Davison, 2nd Round in 2022 and Kira Lewis Jr., 1st Round in 2020) during his time at Alabama, including four first round selections during that span.

Alabama in The NBA Draft

- Brandon Miller and Noah Clowney became the 47th and 48th Alabama players to hear their name called on draft night, while marking the 12th time the Tide has had two or more players selected in the same draft
- The duo also became the 18th and 19th First Round selections in program history
- Miller is the Tide's fourth NBA Draft Lottery pick in the last six years (Collin Sexton, No. 8 overall Cleveland Cavaliers)
- The Crimson Tide has had a player selected in the NBA Draft Lottery in the last four NBA Drafts (Kira Lewis Jr. No. 13 overall to the New Orleans Pelicans in 2020, Joshua Primo No. 12 overall to the San Antonio Spurs in 2021, Herbert Jones No. 35 to the New Orleans Pelicans and JD Davison No. 53 to the Boston Celtics in 2022)
- Miller matches former great Antonio McDyess, who went No. 2 overall to the LA Clippers in the 1995 NBA Draft
- Alabama's six players selected in the last four NBA Drafts matches the program record for most during a four-year span
- During the Oats era, Alabama has produced three NBA Draft Lottery Picks (Miller, Primo, Lewis)
- Miller became the 18th UA player to be selected in the first round and the ninth who was drafted inside the top 15
- It was the 12th time Alabama has had two players selected in the same draft in program history

Brandon Miller Draft facts

- Selected No. 2 overall to the Charlotte Hornets
- Miller's No. 2 overall selection ties the program record for the highest drafted Alabama player (Antonio McDyess, 1995, L.A. Clippers)
- NABC Freshman of the Year
- USBWA Wayman Tisdale National Freshman of the Year
- AP First Team All-America
- John R. Wooden All-American
- Became the first SEC player to win SEC Player of the Year, Freshman of the Year and Tournament MVP in the same season
- First Team All-SEC and All-SEC Freshman Team
- Naismith Player of the Year Semifinalist
- Oscar Robertson Award late Season Watch List
- Julius Erving Award Top 5 Finalist
- The only Division I player in the last 30 years to score 696 points, record 305 rebounds and make 106 three-pointers in a single season
- Scored 696 points, setting the program record for most points scored in a single season by a freshman
- Led all Division I freshman in scoring and ranked No. 50 among all players

Noah Clowney Draft facts

- Selected No. 21 overall to the Brooklyn Nets
- SEC All-Freshman Team honoree
- Played and started in 36 of the 37 games this season for the Tide
- Averaged 9.8 points, 7.9 rebounds and 0.9 blocks per game
- Scored in double figures 14 times and led UA in scoring in four games
- Let the Tide in rebounding 14 times and in blocks eight times
- Scored a season-high 22 points in UA's win over South Dakota State
- Posted three double-doubles and contributed eight double-digit rebounding games
- Scored in double-figures 17 times during 2022-23
- Grabbed 280 rebounds by season's end
- Blocked 33 shots in his freshman season
- Registered a season's-best 15 boards in a road victory against South Alabama (11/15)



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Alabama's Brandon Miller and Noah Clowney were both selected in the first round of this year's NBA Draft Thursday night.

For all the latest information on the team, follow AlabamaMBB on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

General athletic news can be found @UA_Athletics on Twitter and Instagram and Alabama Athletics on Facebook.





Fairview's Green, Cullman's Troutman earn Alfa Foundation Scholarships

Brooke Foster
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Two Cullman County students – Landon Green of Fairview and Luke Troutman of Cullman – were recently selected as two of 100 recipients of the 2023-24 Alfa Foundation Scholarship Program.

Green is an upcoming freshman at The University of Alabama, and Troutman is a sophomore at Auburn University majoring in geospatial and environmental informatics. Each received $1,000 to use toward tuition, fees, books or supplies.

Since 2014, the Alfa Foundation has awarded $950,000 to deserving students through its scholarship program, which is administered by Kaleidoscope. This year's recipients hail from 44 counties and will attend 23 institutions.

"We are proud to support this outstanding group of students as they further their education within the state of Alabama," said Alfa Insurance President Jimmy Parnell. "It's important to us as an organization to invest in our young people, and we are happy to do so through the Alfa Foundation Scholarship Program."

Scholarships were awarded based on grade point average, participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience and future goals. To qualify, students must be enrolled – or planning to enroll – in a full-time accredited program at a two-year or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school located in Alabama.

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Landon Green of Fairview (left) and Luke Troutman of Cullman (right) recently received $1,000 scholarships from the Alfa Foundation.

Abigail Sosa of Cullman 1 of 11 UA students competing for Miss Alabama

Jennifer Brady
Contributor

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Eleven University of Alabama students are among a field of 42 contestants set to compete for the title of Miss Alabama June 28-July 1 at Samford University in Birmingham.

The UA students competing include:

• Hannah Adams: Miss Birmingham; Hometown: Birmingham; Talent: Ballet en Pointe; Community Service Initiative: Hannah's Hope: Finding a Cure for Pediatric Cancer

• Ibby Dickson: Miss University of Alabama; Hometown: Sylacauga; Talent: Vocal; Community Service Initiative: Mentoring Matters

• Rylie Dewley: Miss Centennial; Hometown: Grand Blanc, Michigan; Talent: Baton; Community Service Initiative: Start Heart Smart

• Mary Catherine Dulaney - Miss Shelby County; Hometown: Ozark; Talent: Ballet en Pointe; Community Service Initiative: The Giving Well (Encouraging younger generations to live a healthy lifestyle by choosing water over other less healthy options)

• Lydia Fisher: Miss Covered Bridge; Hometown: Wapello, Iowa; Talent: Tap Dance; Community Service Initiative: Educating the Voters of Tomorrow

• Ashley Gattis: Miss Marshall County; Hometown: Arab; Talent: Tap Dance; Community Service Initiative: Giver of Blood, Giver of Life

• Marissa Luna: Miss Cahaba Valley; Hometown: Birmingham; Talent: Vocal; Community Service Initiative: More Than Meets the Eye (Advocating for those with hidden struggles and brings awareness to the importance of inclusivity and diversity)

• Olivia Smith: Miss Heart of Dixie; Hometown: Birmingham; Talent: Baton Twirling; Community Service Initiative: The Adoption Option

• Abby Sosa: Miss Southern Hospitality; Hometown: Cullman; Talent: Dance; Community Service Initiative: Bridging the Gap (Encourages collaboration between communities and a wide range of nonprofits and to create a positive, sustainable impact on the world by connecting to Hispanic/Latino communities)

• Lindsey Wood: Miss Appalachian Valley; Hometown: Thorsby; Talent: Musical Theatre Vocal; Community Service Initiative: Bows that Bless (A self-sustaining organization that helps foster care agencies and foster families by making and selling hair bows)

• Chloe Yates: Miss Tuscaloosa; Hometown: Prospect, Kentucky; Talent: Gymnastics; Community Service Initiative: Special Olympics: Deleting the DIS in Disabled

Contestants are evaluated in the categories of interview, talent, evening gown, health and fitness and on-stage question.

The winner will represent Alabama at the Miss America pageant later this year.

The mission of the Miss Alabama organization, part of the Miss America organization, is to help educate young women of Alabama by providing scholarships to further their college education.

Lindsay Fincher, Miss University of Alabama 2022, is the reigning Miss Alabama.

According to the Miss Alabama organization, the state title comes with a $15,000 cash scholarship along with several sponsor gifts and services made available to the winner.



UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

Abigail Sosa

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Local students named to UA President's, Dean's Lists

Stephanie Pettis
Contributor

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — A total of 12,487 students enrolled during Spring Semester 2023 at The University of Alabama were named to the Dean's List with an academic record of 3.5 (or above) or the President's List with an academic record of 4.0 (all As). These driven students are making waves across UA's more than 70 undergraduate programs and 12 colleges and schools.

Local students named to the President's List include:

• Kate Collins of Arab
• Ashley Gibbs of Arab
• Bailey Maze of Arab
• Delaney Maze of Arab
• Lindsey Stewart of Arab
• Austin Bowling of Arley
• Alison Burleson of Bremen
• Brooklyn Crider of Bremen
• Alyssa Wooten of Crane Hill
• Lauren Agnello of Cullman
• Mya Agnello of Cullman
• Rachael Agnello of Cullman
• James Berry of Cullman
• Morgan Bowman of Cullman
• Nicholas Braswell of Cullman
• Max Dueland of Cullman
• Jacob Dye of Cullman
• Noah Haynes of Cullman
• Grant Holland of Cullman
• Leslie Pruitt of Cullman
• Shelby Tancredi of Cullman
• Carmen Tizapa-Zamora of Cullman
• Kayrie Weldon of Cullman
• Samuel Wood of Cullman
• James Garner of Falkville
• Jacob Brooks of Hanceville
• Kallie Cook of Hanceville
• Joseph Keith of Hanceville
• Seth Self of Hanceville
• Daniel Roberts of Vinemont

Local students named to the Dean's List include:

• Madeline Bunch of Arab
• John Isbell of Arab
• Darian Lusk of Arab
• Reagan Saylor of Arab
• Breanna Bell of Bremen
• James Sherrer of Bremen
• Cameron Baker of Cullman
• William Brown of Cullman
• Brianna Carroll of Cullman
• Sara Caves of Cullman
• Jake Dueland of Cullman
• Niklas Fondren of Cullman
• Tucker Gambrill of Cullman
• Matthew Gossett of Cullman
• Madison Heatherly of Cullman
• Eliza Hollingsworth of Cullman
• Elizabeth Jones of Cullman
• Samuel Jones of Cullman
• Millennia LaGanke of Cullman
• Matthew Lai Hing of Cullman
• Preston Lawrence of Cullman
• Jathon Meank of Cullman
• Jaden Orr of Cullman
• Sara Reeves of Cullman
• Taylor Simmons of Cullman
• Abigail Sosa of Cullman
• Kelsey Crow of Falkville
• Laney Hulsey of Falkville
• Townley Cornelius of Hanceville
• Aubrey Guess of Vinemont
• Emma Seidel of Vinemont

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Howell (from Front)

Cayla Grace Murphy
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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Hanceville Police Chief Joshua Howell was sworn in on April 13, 2023. At the June 22, 2023, Hanceville City Council meeting, he presented a one-year plan for the department. The plan outlines key strategies to improve community relations, be proactive about crime prevention, build on the training officers have already receive, and increase transparency and accountability.

Through Howell's 16 years of experience in law enforcement in varying capacities and communities, he said, he has cultivated a "strong belief in the power of collaborative partnerships between the police and the community."

The overall tone of the one-year plan and address to the council continued that sentiment, as Howell shared, "I am deeply committed to serving the residents of Hanceville and working collaboratively with the city council to achieve our shared vision of a safe, inclusive and thriving community."

If you are a resident of Hanceville, Howell wants to hear from you! Please send your questions and suggestions to jhowell@cityofhanceville.net.

Commission (from Front)

tion United States Veterans Service Help Operations.

The commission approved the following agenda items:

- Resolution 2023-30: Tax Abatement for the expansion of North Alabama Fabricating Company, Inc in the amount of $814,178
- Ratify City of Cullman Abatement for Wal-Mart Stores East LP in the amount of $20,065,500
- Recognition: Lavon Hudgins retiring after 13 years with the Sanitation Department
- Recognition: Randall Campbell retiring after 11 years with the Cullman County Parks
- Recognition: United States Veterans Service Help Operations Corps
- Public Hearing: Employee Recognition and Appreciation Program
- Resolution 2023-27: Creating an Employee Recognition and Appreciation Program under Alabama Constitutional Amendment 909
- Resolution 2023-28: Change speed limit to 15 mph on County Road 319
- Resolution 2023-29: Submit grant application to the ADEM County Storm Water Project to replace bridges on County Road 1763 and County Road 1162 and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork
- Resolution 2023-31: Participate in the joint application for the Bridge Investment Program grant funding opportunity as part of the Federal Bridge Investment Program
- Consider Commissioner Watson and Commissioner Duke's nominee, Rodney Whittle, for appointment to the Healthcare Authority Board for a six (6) year term to expire 6/30/2029 to replace Beth Anderson
- Consider Adoption of FY 2024 County Rebuild Alabama Transportation Plan
- Consider approval of the previous access plan for County Roads associated with Rock the South Event pending agreement with the County to cover any potential damage to the roads and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork
- Authorize the purchase of 70 Express Poll Flip Stands from ES&S in the amount of $92,500
- Authorize Chairman Clemons and Revenue Commissioner Barry Willingham to sign Vendor Service Agreement with American Financial Credit Services, Inc
- Authorize Chairman to sign notice of listing for 2022 unpaid taxes
- Ratify insolvents, errors, and taxes in litigation for 2022 and uncollected insolvents and taxes in litigation for previous years for the Cullman County Revenue Office and authorize Chairman to sign
- Consider the surplus of eight vehicles to be donated to the Cullman County Fire Association from the Cullman County Sheriff's Office
- 2004 Ford Crown Victoria (Vin# 2FAFP71W74X152278)
- 2007 Ford F-150 Extended Cab Pick-up (Vin# 1FTRX14W27NA46112)
- 2008 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4X4 (Vin# 2GCEK133481254953)
- 2008 Ford Crown Victoria (Vin# 2FAHP71V88X128619)
- 2011 Ford Crown Victoria (Vin# 2FABP7BV7BX110804)
- 2011 Ford Crown Victoria (Vin# 2FAB7BV5BX110803)
- 2011 Ford Crown Victoria (Vin# 2FABP7BV3BX171466)
- 2011 Ford Crown Victoria (Vin# 2FABP7BV9BX110805)
- Consider the surplus of three items from the Road Department to be disposed of by any means necessary
- Road Stripping Machine (Serial# 1195131PS)
- Water Pump (Serial# 897716)
- Stewart Stevenson 5-ton Military (Vin# T-000582B-DC)
- Consider proposed road acceptance of 893 feet of County Road 1700. Beginning at County Road 1616 and ends 35 feet past mailbox 171 County Road 1700. All work on this section has been completed and has passed final inspection
- Proposed road acceptance of 1,045 feet of County Road 1702. Beginning at County Road 1700 and ending at County Road 1616. All work on this section has been completed and has passed final inspection
- Proposed road acceptance of 1,311feet of County Road 1701. Beginning at County Road 1700 and ends 105 feet past mailbox 250 County Road 1701. All work on this section has been completed and has passed final inspection
- Proposed Resurvey of Serenity Pointe Subdivision. A major subdivision containing 8 Lots is being resurveyed to only contain 5 lots located off County Road 338

The next commission work session will be Tuesday, July 18, at 4 p.m. in the commission meeting room. A meeting will follow at 6.

Circle of Hope Shoot For A Cure

16th Annual 3D Archery Shoot

at Camp David located in Jones Chapel, AL

3775 County Road 940
Cullman, AL 35057

Saturday, July 15th 8 AM – 4 PM
Sunday, July 16th 9 AM – 4 PM

Sunday - Breakfast Followed by Devotion beginning at 8 AM with guest speaker Steton Hayes

A Range of 20 3D targets are set up with stakes to mark your distance according to divisions.

ALL SCORE CARDS MUST BE TURNED IN BY 4 PM SUNDAY!

- ALL age groups are welcome
- ALL levels of competition
- Fun Rounds are available if you choose not to compete
- Concessions are available both days
- Great Door Prizes and Raffles

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO BRUNO CANCER CENTER LOCATED AT ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL IN BIRMINGHAM, AL

Tournament Rounds - ADULTS - $15 YOUTH - $10
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For more information, call (256)338-6652, (256)339-0786, or (256)338-6650.

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LEGALS

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NUMBER CV 2018-21

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HATTIE BELLE COLE, DECEASED.

ORDER

This day came Scotty Cole, the Personal Representative of the Estate of said decedent, and filed his account, verified by affidavit, vouchers and evidence, and statement upon oath, for a final settlement of his administration.

It is therefore, ordered that the **31st day of August, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.**, be appointed a day for said settlement, and that notice of the same, stating the name of the Personal Representative, the name of the deceased, and the time and nature of the settlement be given by publication for three consecutive weeks in the Cullman Tribune, a Newspaper published in said County.

It is further ordered that Sonny James Jones and Kandy Jones Sanders be given notice of said appointment.

DONE this 8th day of June, 2023.

/s/ MARTHA E. WILLIAMS
Circuit Judge

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of)
)
HILDA JEANETTE TODD,) Case No. PC-2020-367
)
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: SHANE FLANAGAN
MALEIA YVETTE CLARK
ANY KNOWN OR UNKOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES.

Please note that a Final Hearing for the Estate of Hilda Todd has been set for the 3rd of August 2023 at 9:30 a.m., before this Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman, Alabama.

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

Done this 15th of June 2023.

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

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
ELLIS BAKER * CASE NO PC 2023-037
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION TO ADMIT WILL FOR PROBATE AND PETITION FOR LETTERS TESTAMENTARY

TO: PAUL BAKER, JOSH BAKER, SAMUEL BAKER, RACHEL MCALISTER, RILLA BAKER AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

The *Petition to Admit Will for Probate and Petition for Letters Testamentary*, filed by Robert Baker and Kathy Baker, Petitioners, by and through their Attorney, Melvin Hasting, bas been scheduled for the **13th day of July, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.**, before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman, Alabama.

All persons having interest, residing or being without state are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

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

DONE this the 15th day of June, 2023.

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

To the Publisher: The *Cullman Tribune*

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

Melvin Hasting
Attorney for Petitioners
PO Box 517
Cullman, Alabama 35056

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

BARRY WANE DEMONIA, DECEASED CASE NO. PC 2023-137

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF BARRY WANE DEMONIA, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Regina Gay DeMonia on the 15th day of June, 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.

Regina Gay DeMonia, 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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Tips (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — With an increased number of incidents on the water this summer the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) wants the community to be aware of their surroundings while on the water.

"I want to encourage everyone that comes to the lake to follow these safety tips. It's our goal for citizens to come to the lake, enjoy the time with their friends and family. We at the Cullman County Sheriff's Office want everyone to have a safe and blessed summer," said Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry.

The CCSO asks everyone to use good judgement this summer on the lake and follow the following safety tips:

• Obtain the proper boating license and be familiar with proper operation of boating vessels.

• Avoid alcohol while boating. Drinking and driving is obviously dangerous; swimming while intoxicated is equally as hazardous.

• Always wear a life jacket. Regardless of one's swimming ability, life jackets are a must.

• Boating or swimming alone are not recommended.

• Be aware of other boaters, swimmers and children.

• Ensure all members of your family learn to swim.

• Plan ahead and prepare for emergencies. Learn how to help someone who is in trouble in the water. This includes learning CPR.

• Have a detailed plan in place when children are involved. Establish multiple barriers to prevent access to the water, a life jacket protocol and constant supervision. Never assume someone else is watching them.



Obituary Announcements: June 22-23

Marshall Steele Clarke, 63
Funeral service for Marshall Steele Clarke, 63, of Cullman will be at 11 a.m., Friday, June 23, 2023, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Enon Cemetery, Douglas Phillips and Costa Marinakis officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. prior to the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Clarke family. Mr. Clarke passed away Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at his residence. He was born Nov. 20, 1959, to Edward Stiles Clark, III and Margaret Irene Steele Clarke. He loved spending time with his sons and granddaughters. He loved anything outdoors, fishing, hunting and taking care of his peacocks and turkeys. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Edward Stiles Clarke, IV. Survivors include his wife of 35 years, Dana Clarke; sons, Marcus (Anna) Clarke, Lucas (Paula) Clarke; brother, Robert Clarke; granddaughters, Blakely and Aubrey Clarke; aunt, Frances Ballard; and a host of family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullman-funeralhome.com.

Randall Shawn Gunter, 41
Funeral service for Randall Shawn Gunter, 41, will be at 3 p.m., Sunday, June 25, 2023, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. at the funeral home. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Gunter family. Mr. Gunter passed away June 21, 2023. He was born Aug. 18, 1981, to Kenneth Randall Gunter and Pamela Sue Price Gunter. He loved his kids, the kids' sports, and cars. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Kenneth and Ann Gunter; grandmother, Nancy Price; mother, Pam Price; uncle, Pat Gunter. Survivors include his grandfather, Russell Price; father, Randy (Pamela) Gunter; children, Aubrey, Aiden, Adrianna, Avery, Abel; sister, Kimberly Adams; nephew and niece, Myka and Ella Adams; aunt, Becca; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullman-funeralhome.com.

Myra Kaye Weems, 64
Myra Kaye Weems, 64, of Haleyville, passed away June 20, 2023, at Helen Keller Hospital. She was born Dec. 11, 1958, in Haleyville, Alabama. Myra is survived by her husband, Vann Weems; daughters, Selena Glover (Jessy) and Felicia Johnson (Joel); mother, Christine Scogin; sister, Sandy Evans (Mark); grandchildren, Lydia Sparks, Owen Sparks, Skylar Johnson, and Preston Johnson; and a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her son, Erik Weems; father, Travis Scogin; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Scogin and Mr. and Mrs. Rube Johnson. Services will be announced at a later date.

Fran Brindley, 88
Funeral services for Fran Brindley, 88, will be Tuesday, June 27, at noon at Moss Service Funeral Home with burial following at Cullman City Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. until noon at the funeral home. Fran passed away Thursday, June 15, at her home in Pensacola, Florida. She was born in Cullman, Alabama on Jan. 8, 1935, to Louis and Lois Wamp. She graduated from Cullman High School and obtained a degree in music education from Birmingham Southern College. After college, Fran enjoyed a short career as a music teacher in Cullman and Fairfield, Alabama, and in DeLand, Florida. She also traveled to south Florida and Nassau as a synchronized swimmer. In 1961, Fran married Joe Yeager Brindley, Sr. and they were married 57 years prior to Joe's death in 2019. Fran was an avid volunteer and promoter of music in her community. Her services included choir director, piano teacher, community volunteer and housewife. She was very active in Community Concert and Junior Women's League. Fran served on the Board of Directors for Cullman Parks and Recreation for over 20 years. She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Ron; brother, Donald Louis Wamp (Beth Meadows); sisters, June (Ed) Skipper, and Barbara (George) Cope. Survivors include her sister, Glenda (Joe) Culver; children, Joy Brindley and Jay Brindley; granddaughter, Bella Brindley; great-grandson, Malakai Brindley-Welch. Donations in memory of Fran can be made to Cullman Parks and Recreation and Emerald Coast Hospice.

Evelyn Louise Pigg, 75
Evelyn Louise Pigg, age 75, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Friday, June 23, 2023. Evelyn was born in Addison, Alabama on Aug. 1, 1947, to Ralph and Ellie Maddox Pigg. Funeral services are Monday June 26, 2023, at 1 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home Chapel with interment following services in East Point Cumberland Presbyterian Cemetery. Survivors are: sisters: Bobbie Holmes, Mary Pigg, brother: Cecil Pigg and a host of nieces and nephews. Visitation is Sunday June 25, 2023, from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Pigg family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

A destination worth the lo-o-o-o-ng trip

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



I was beginning to wonder if we would ever get there. In fact, I was doubting that we were ever going to leave the airport. I was much like an impatient child that continually asks, "Are we there yet," except I was asking, "Have we left yet?" Delta had a slogan back in the 80s and 90s that said, "Ready When You Are." Well, it turned out we were well ready long before they were. Our big-ole-jet airliner wasn't even at the gate at departure time. That was indeed a long day. We left our house in Opelika at 4:30 a.m. and arrived in Honolulu at 7:00 pm Hawaiian Time. That's 12:00 a.m. in Alabama. We still had to catch a connecting flight to Kauai, and guess what. Yes, we had missed it! There was another flight at 8:15, but we didn't have boarding passes for it. Finally, we arrived, got our bags, picked up our rental car, and found our rental house just in time for a quick nap before breakfast.

After a couple of hours of screened-in porch time, I forgot all about all those problems. I watched the waves of the Pacific as they lapped against the sand, and I lapped up my first cup of Kauai Coffee.

The next day we visited Kauai Coffee Groves and Company, where we sipped free samples and bought a half-dozen bags to have shipped home. We toured the coffee museum, saw an enormous rooster statue, and a giant coffee bean with arms that held a cup of coffee. That night we went to Luau Kalamaku. We ate so much from the buffet it was hard to stay awake (especially after our short night) to watch the show with hula dancers and singers.

We spent much of the next day touring The Grand Canyon. No, not that Grand Canyon, but Waimea Canyon State Park. It reminded me of The Grand Canyon, but with greenery. I have now seen all three great American Canyons: Grand Canyon, Waimea Canyon, and Little River Canyon! One day we drove the beautiful Eastern Coastline all the way up to the North Shore. There we visited the picturesque town of Hanalei, where Puff the Magic Dragon lives down by the sea. We didn't see the dragon, but we did see the gorgeous mountains by the sea with fog rising above them. We drank coconut milk from a coconut shell, and washed down home-baked-banana bread with it. Yum!

One of the most beautiful spots we saw was Queen's Bath, near Princeville. This was once a Pacific bathing spot for the royals. Since our name is King, we figured we had the go there, but we didn't bathe.

The shimmering blue pools of water there are surrounding by giant black lava rocks. The downhill hike across red clay and then slippery lava rocks was challenging for we older kids, especially Jean with her titanium knees. The payoff of amazing scenery, including waterfalls on the trail and water spouts at the beach, was well worth the treacherous hike.

Perhaps the highlight of the week was the giant-sea turtles. We were given the location where they come ashore each evening at dusk to lay their eggs in the sand. Finally, we saw three turtles swimming toward the shore. After about 30-minutes, one of them came on up. What an amazing thing to witness such beauty in action!

I have been blessed to see much of God's created beauty in this world. Some of his best work of nature is to be seen in Kauai, Hawaii. Even with all the hassle of getting there, it was definitely worth the trip.

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HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1904, 1934

From the files of 1904

C.F.J. Hartung, M.D., came home from Chattanooga this week.

Louis Owen, Esquire and Frank Johnson, of Bremen, were in town this week.

R.E. Ryan has resigned his position at Stiefelmeyer's because of his health.

Doctor B.M. Kinney has gone to Lawrence County on a hunting expedition.

"Rail Road," Charley Brown was in town to vote on Tuesday.

R.I. Burke and Doctor Hoeppner had the largest majorities in Tuesday's election.

3,032 votes were cast in the Probate Judge race on Tuesday.

Following is a list of prize winners in the Tribune's contest (guessing how many votes would be cast).

C.S. Couch of Vinemont (3,033 votes and first to send his guess in), first prize, a sewing machine; W.H. Smith of Route Four, Cullman (3,033 votes, sent in after Mr. Couch's), second prize, a phonograph and records; F.F. Hosey of Route Two, Cullman (3,030 votes), third prize, scholarship; C.M. Nichols of Route Three, Cullman (3,030 votes), fourth prize, shotgun; Ira Childers of Cullman, fifth prize a rifle (each guessed 3,029); S.R. Edwards of Garden City, 3,035 votes; N.M. Parsons, 3,027 votes; S.J. Calvert, 3,025 votes and were each awarded Tribune subscriptions as seventh, eighth and ninth prizes.

Mrs. Bertha Boschung has been appointed agent for Charles A. Stevens and Brothers, Women's Outfitters of Chicago.

Major M.C. Burke, father of R.I. Burke, died in Montgomery, on Tuesday.

From the files of 1934

19,974 bales of cotton were ginned in Cullman County this year, prior to October 8th as compared to 26,276 by that date in 1933.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Bailey and Gurtis Thompson were seriously hurt in an automobile accident on Sunday morning.

Sidney Morrow, a senior at Atlanta – Southern Dental College, was recently elected Associate Business Manager of "The Asodecoan" School annual.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Glasscock, of Welti, announce the marriage of their daughter, Mildred, to Ralph Aldridge, on November 12, 1933 in Ashville, Alabama.

Married this week were Miss Bess Alvis and John Schlosser, Miss Avis Shults and Ralph G. Oaks and Miss Opal Gilley and Kermit Gorham.

Homer Spradlin is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Farmer in Austell, Georgia.

Miss Harwell Wall won the award for the best costume at the Hanceville Halloween Carnival. Miss Blanche Price was crowned queen, with Miss Kathleen Henderson and Miss Hartwell Wall runner-ups in that contest.

Mrs. C.A. Camp was hostess to members of the BPW Club this week.

J.D. Lott, of Trade, underwent an appendectomy at the local hospital this week.

The Saint Bernard Dramatic Club will present "Who's Dumb" on Sunday at 8:00 p.m.

Allen Hyatt and Earney Shaw attended the ballgame in Birmingham on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Dodson, of Holly Pond, announce the birth of a daughter.

Miss Elizabeth Martin entertained on Tuesday afternoon, honoring members of the senior class of Sacred Heart Academy.

POET'S CORNER

No longer in Service | By: Randy C. Hale

We had to remember them, to call
home, you needed a ride or help.
They belong to someone important
to you. Someone you cared for and
who cared for you.

Telephone numbers that you've never forgotten because they were dialed
with faithful repetition.
Home, grandparents, uncles, aunts,
best friends and cousins,
your first love.

Today we put them on speed dial,
touch a familiar name. Numbers
are not remembered or thought of
the same.
But, in my day, they were a part of
who we were, etched into the
makeup of our life and how we
lived and survived.

You might call them now and here
the words, "Sorry, this number is no
longer in service."

But, it will probably break
your heart.

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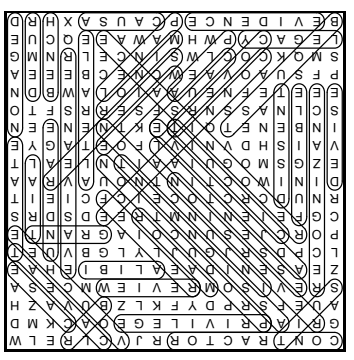
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Holly Pond High's Simmons named to UA Early College Director's List

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Contributor



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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — A total of 516 students enrolled in UA Early College during spring semester 2023 at The University of Alabama were named to the Director's List with an academic record of 3.6 (or higher).

Local students include:

- Dawson Simmons of Cullman, who attends Holly Pond High School

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