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Local 4th of July celebrations

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CULLMAN, Ala. — With a four-day weekend upon us, here are some 4th of July events for the whole family!

Star Spangled Day will be held Saturday, July 1, at 7:30 p.m. at Falkville's South Park. Fireworks begin at sundown and the event is free to attend.

Fireworks at the Park will be held Saturday, July 1, 4:30 p.m. at 535 Park Drive in Blountsville. The swimming pool is open for $5 admission along with concessions, arcade bus and bounce houses. Fireworks begin at 9.

Prayer and Patriotism will be held Sunday, July 2, at 8 p.m. in Looney's parking lot. There will be singers from all over the county and pastors leading prayers. Fireworks after the show. Bring a lawn chair. Looney's Amphitheater Complex and Cultural Center is located at, 22400 U.S. Highway 278, Double Springs, AL 35553.

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Pentastar South Car Club donates nearly $4K to Secret Meals for Hungry Children



CAYLA GRACE MURPHY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Left to right are Alabama Credit Union employees Laurie Legg and Caroline Ochoa; Cullman Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM General Manager Scott Spitzer; and Pentastar South Car Club member Brenda Allison. Allison presented a check for $3,800 to Alabama Credit Union for its Secret Meals for Hungry Children initiative.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Pentastar South Car Club has a passion not only for Mopar builds, but also for giving back to the community. For over five years, the club has been organizing "Mopars by the Lake," a gathering of Mopar-powered vehicles with all funds raised going back to Alabama Credit Union's Secret Meals for Hungry Children initiative. This year, the club was able to give $3,800 to the initiative, helping make a sizable impact in the fight against food insecurity.

Club member Brenda Allison said that in her time as an educator she realized just how severe the local food insecurity crisis is, and how crucial Secret Meals is for those children.

"Secret Meals packs backpacks for those students that have been identified as needing something to eat on the weekend," she said. "The reality is, there are » PAGE 7

INDEPENDENCE DAY CLOSINGS

JULY 4
Baileyton Town Hall
Cullman City offices
Cullman County Courthouse
Cullman County offices
Hanceville Town Hall

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Good Hope City Hall

Cullman County Schools students to receive free breakfasts, lunches
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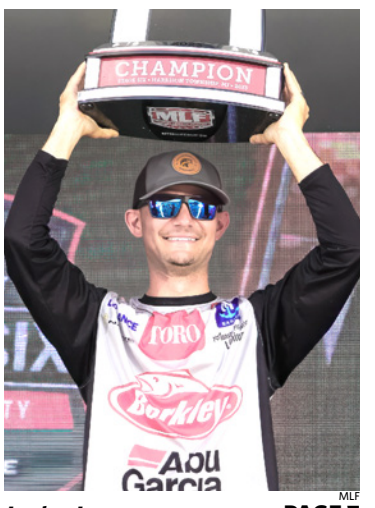
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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported June 30

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 30, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

June 26

- domestic violence; CR 698
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 632
- possession of drug paraphernalia; attempt to elude police officer; CR 38
- theft of property; CR 1303
- drug trafficking; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1838
- harassment; CR 627
- domestic violence; CR 1621
- harassment; CR 796

June 27

- possession of controlled substance; CR 1117
- obstructing justice; using false identity; CR 702
- reckless endangerment; possession of drug paraphernalia; Logan Ave. SW
- theft of property; CR 818
- burglary; Beech Grove Rd.
- burglary; Hwy. 157
- theft of property; CR 594

June 28

- domestic violence; criminal mischief; CR 1695
- domestic violence; Mayfair Ln.
- criminal mischief; CR 1352

ARRESTS

June 26 – 28

Adcock, Sarah R.; 31
- Probation Revoked- distribution of controlled substance (2 counts)

Arnold, Christopher C.; 28
- stolen vehicles-auto theft
- Violation of Release- sex offense-victim under 12-offender over 16
- Violation of Release- sodomy-1st degree being 16 years or older engaging with a child (2 counts)
- Violation of Release- sex offense-incest with minor

Arnold, Trent K.; 35
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Bentley, William B.; 56
- possession of methamphetamine

Burns, Kinsey N.; 19
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Cooper, David A.; 53
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- drug trafficking

Cornelison, Ivey D.; 28
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)

Creel, Tyler L.; 32
- fraud-swindle/home repair

Dannemiller, Jennifer N.; 32
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Freeman, Breanna R.; 32
- Probation Revoked- promote prison contraband
- Probation Revoked- damaged property-criminal mischief (2 counts)

Grant, Jonica B.; 27
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- DUI (controlled substances)
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Grantland, Dylan L.; 23
- burglary-burglary-2nd degree-domestic violence

Hill, Ray A.; 31
- Probation Revoked- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle
- Probation Revoked- using false name/identity

Holt, Brittany L.; 36
- FTA- driving while license suspended
- FTA- speeding-no workers-construction zone
- FTA- driving while license suspended

James, Joseph M.; 41
- FTA- no seat belt

Jernigan, Coby D.; 22
- obstructing justice using false identity-fictitious person
- FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft

Jones, Braxton C.; 22
- larceny/theft-theft of property-2nd degree between $1,500 - $2,500

Kitchens, Timothy J.; 32
- Violation of Release-stolen vehicles-auto theft
- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Ledford, Catherine S.; 58
- assault-harassment

Lenz, John L.; 51
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled
- theft of services $500 less than $1,500
- damaged property-criminal mischief

Miller, Holli D.; 29
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs

Owens, Mona M.; 44
- using false identity to avoid arrest/hinder prosecution
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Prater, Rebecca A.; 44
- FTA- illegal possession/use of credit/debit card (2 counts)

Quinn, Kendra L.; 44
- Bail Jumping-2nd degree- possession of prescription drugs

Rockwell Jr., Vinton E.; 35
- FTA- buying/receiving stolen property
- FTA- possessing stolen property
- FTA- homicide-manslaughter

Schonberger, Holland N.; 25
- Probation Violation- endangering welfare of child

Smith, Benjamin C.; 39
- assault-domestic-reckless endangerment

Smith, Buffy D.; 47
- Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs

Taylor, Marlon F.; 38
- FTA- open container-alcohol in vehicle

Thomas, Jasmine N.; 33
- assault-harassment

Vandegriff, Tanya R.; 44
- FTA- speeding-no workers-construction zone

Wray, Gregory D.; 49
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

June 25
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; 13th St. SW

June 28
- forgery-3rd degree; person; forged check
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; 3rd Ave. NE; miscellaneous

June 29
- theft of property-1st degree; Bill Smith Used Cars; Hwy. 157; 2019 Dodge Charger; $36,741
- harassing communications; person
- theft of property-4th degree; person; cash
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; miscellaneous charges

ARRESTS

June 28 – 29

Owens, Chad M.; 38
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)
- FTA- driving without license (2 counts)
- FTA- switched tag
- FTA- insurance violation

Burton, Jonathan K.; 29
- FTA- insurance violation

Vavrik Jr., Joseph J.; 24
- Grand Jury- forgery-3rd degree (2 counts)
- Grand Jury- possession forged instrument (2 counts)

Burns, Jonathan S.; 42
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession/receiving controlled substance
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree
- FTA- littering
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- switched tag (2 counts)
- FTA- driving while revoked

Jernigan, Coby D.; 22
- unauthorized use of vehicle

Villa, Alexis B.; 20
- FTA- receiving stolen property-4th degree

Fanning, Nathan D.; 39
- public intoxication

Jones, Jeffery D.; 52
- theft by deception-1st degree
- home repair fraud

Swafford, Andrew C; 22
- criminal mischief-2nd degree

Woods, Zachary T.; 29
- domestic violence-criminal trespass-1st degree

Coite, William D.; 46
- DUI

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Vinemont man killed in 2-vehicle crash

Staff Reports
Contributor

MORGAN COUNTY, Ala. — A Vinemont man died after being involved in a two-vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 4:23 p.m. Wednesday, June 28. Alabama State Troopers identified the victim as Johnny D. McDonald, 83.

Troopers said McDonald was fatally injured when the 2017 Cadillac XT5 in which he was a passenger was struck by a 2007 Toyota Tundra driven by Bertin P. Ortiz, 38, of Birmingham.

McDonald and the driver of the Cadillac, Cynthia D. Goodwin, 57, of Cullman, were both injured and transported by helicopter to Huntsville Hospital for treatment. McDonald succumbed to his injuries while being transported to the hospital.

Ortiz was also injured and transported to Cullman Regional for treatment.

The crash occurred on Alabama Highway 157 near South Johnson Chapel Road, approximately 4 miles south of Danville, in Morgan County. Nothing further is available as Troopers with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Highway Patrol Division continue to investigate.

North Alabama Agriplex makes progress with Community Hub capital campaign

Rachel Dawsey
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The North Alabama Agriplex recently raised $2,400 with its Grub for the Hub local burger night at Goat Island Brewing, benefiting the community hub capital campaign, "A New Home for the Harvest." The leadership of the Agriplex is also celebrating many donations from corporate and community partners.

"We appreciate the support our community has given us to date and hope more will contribute toward our efforts to expand," noted North Alabama Agriplex Foundation Chair Amanda Stanton.

Donations given toward the project in May and June 2023 include:

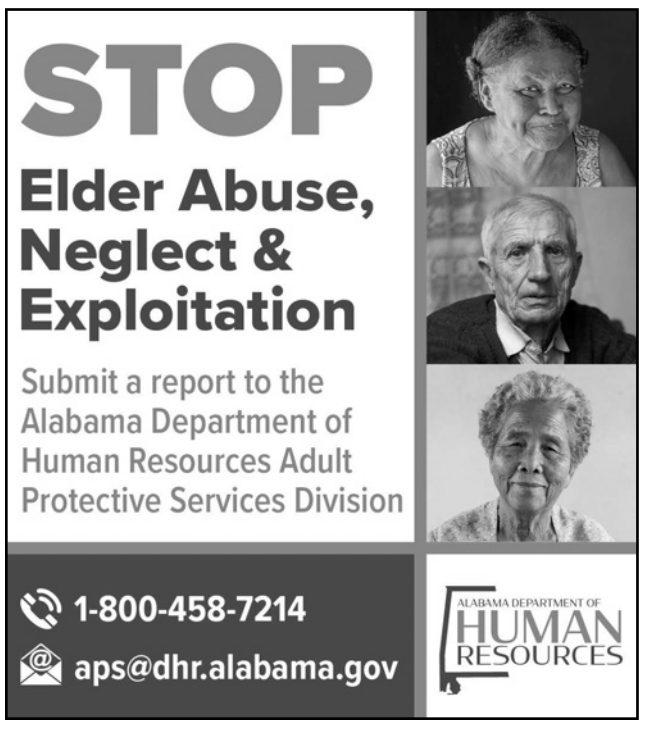
- Lora and Jerry Raley - $1,000
- Spring Auction - $3,634.18
- Cullman Education Retirees - $500
- Cullman Jefferson Gas - $1,000
- Jane Ellison - $1,000
- Walmart DC Patricia Maze - $350
- Live Haul - $5,000
- Michael Graham DMD - $1,000
- Apel Machine & Supply - $1,000
- Cullman County Farmers Federation - $5,000
- Todd Eddleman - $1,000
- Goat Island Fundraising Dinner - $2,636.58
- Terry Lowry - $500
- Nancy and Hans Corser - $200
- Adams Dentistry - $1000
- Dr. and Mrs. William Peinhardt - $10,000

The Agriplex will continue its fundraising efforts on Thursday, Sept. 14 at its "Harvest to Home" event at Wallace State Community College. From 5-6 p.m., a silent auction featuring unique, local items will run the length of the Dr. William F. Peinhardt Conference Center. Chef Aaron Nichols and his Wallace State Culinary Pride will provide a delicious local foods dinner. The evening will be emceed by television sportscaster Christina Chambers and entertainment will be provided by Paige Clabo. The evening will culminate in a live auction with Auctioneer Kent Stanford. All funds raised will go toward the New Home for the Harvest capital campaign. For tickets, see www.agriplex.org in August.

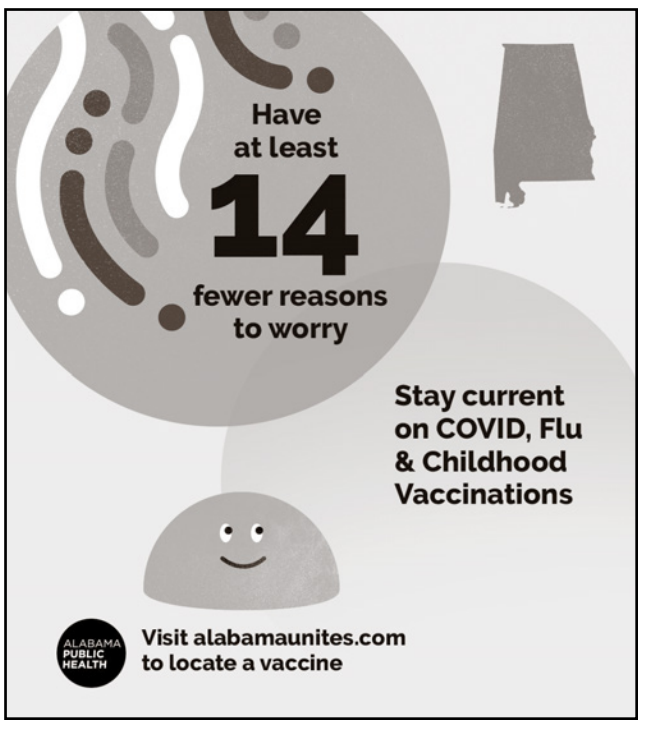
If you or your business would like to contribute toward the capital campaign for the new Agriplex community hub, visit www.agriplex.org or call 256-297-1044.

To better serve north Alabama and continue the work of Food for Life, the Agriplex is raising $2.3 million to construct a community hub. To be located on its current property in Cullman just off U.S. Highway 278 and I-65, the 8,525 square-foot facility will feature a fully equipped demonstration and teaching kitchen and workspace shared with the Cullman County Extension Office. The Alabama Cooperative Extension System has a county office in all 67 counties across the state. The Extension System relies on cooperation from local county commissions to provide office space from which Extension agents can serve their counties. The support of the Cullman County Commission for the expansion at the Agriplex is also a commitment to provide a home for the Cullman County Extension Office. The Agriplex plans to break ground in late 2023.

Founded in 2000, the North Alabama Agriplex works to preserve agricultural heritage, educate and feed their neighbors and grow a sustainable future.







COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submit your calendar items or public notices to wendy@cullmantribune.com

Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame Banquet Tickets
On sale now at First Southern Financial, 1622 Second Ave. SW in Cullman. Sale ends July 15. Tickets are $20 each. For more information call 256-736-4445. Event date is July 22, 2023.

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, July 2 - Prayer Groups - Join Kevin and Pastor Bobby at 8 a.m. or join Teresa at 9 in the prayer room to pray for our church, nation and those who need healing, salvation or deliverance.
• Sunday, July 2 - 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.`
• 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.

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.

1963 Fairview High School Class Meeting/ Luncheon
Friday, July 21, at 1 p.m. at Golden Corral in Cullman. Call Joyce Williams Rodgers at 256-339-3451 for more information.

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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– COLUMN –

Celebrating in the Wundergarten – Col. Cullmann's 200th birthday party

Ben Johnson South
Tribune Columnist

CULTIVATE CULLMAN: The Countywide Arts and Gardening Celebration is joining with the "sister city" group, "Friends of Frankweiler," to salute Cullman County's founder, Colonel John G. Cullmann, on the anniversary of his 200th birthday this Sunday, July 2, 2023.

Colonel Cullmann was born 200 years ago in the charming village of Frankweiler, Germany. Today, Frankweiler has about 800 residents, and all are celebrating the Colonel's 200th birthday this weekend.

The Friends of Frankweiler is a fun-loving group of Cullman County folks who keep cultural links strong between the place of the colonel's birth and the place he founded as a German colony in Alabama.

"FREE CUPCAKES with a little German flag for the first 200 people, and FREE PRIZES in the Festhalle Farmers Market" announces the Friends of Frankweiler party invitation. The festivities start at 2 p.m. this Sunday, July 2, with a special presentation at 2:30 to the Cullman County Master Gardeners. The event is FREE and OPEN TO ALL.

Colonel Cullmann loved to party. Many Sunday afternoons, at his grand home where Berkeley Bob's Coffee Shop continues the warm hospitality in downtown Cullman today, our fun-loving, founding partier welcomed friends to come enjoy local musicians and treats. Guests would explore the latest plants the colonel was cultivating in his home greenhouse, and for hours games of horseshoes and croquet entertained the hard-working and hard-playing German community.

CULTIVATE CULLMAN is celebrating Colonel Cullman's special birthday with this array of delicious summertime sweets to savor from communities in Cullman County.

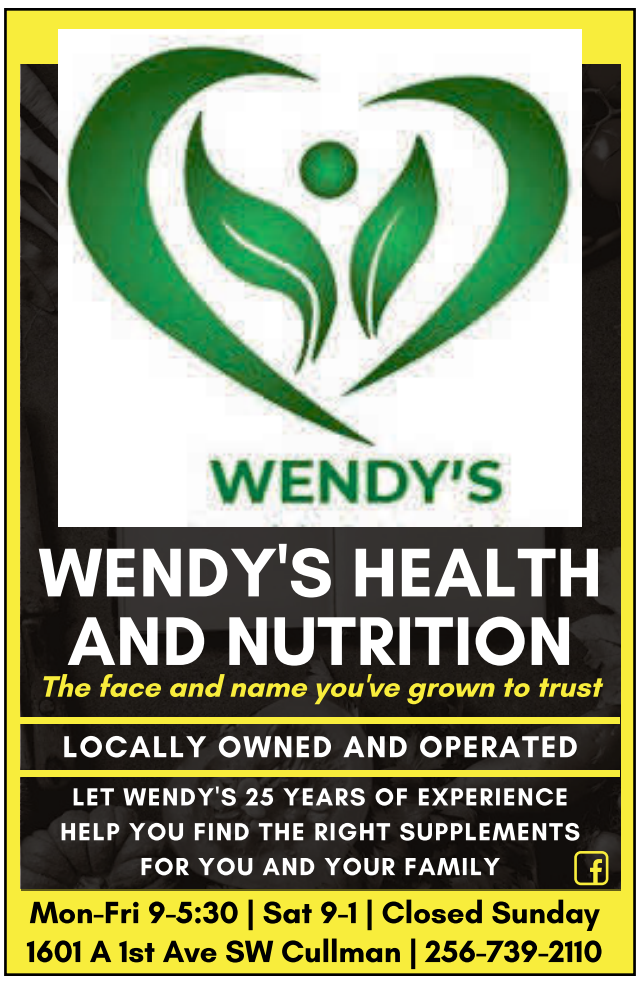
COLD SPRINGS PEACH PECAN COBBLER
(Source: southernliving.com)
This juicy, nutty combination of flavors has been a popular, fresh peach summer culinary tradition since the early days of Cullman County.

INGREDIENTS
- 12-15 fresh COLD SPRINGS peaches, peeled, and sliced
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp. nutmeg
- 3 cups sugar
- 2/3 cup butter
- 1 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 2 packages (14.1-oz.) refrigerated pie crusts
- 1/2 cup chopped COLD SPRINGS pecans, toasted and divided
- 5 tbsp. sugar, divided
- Sweetened whipped cream

INSTRUCTIONS
1. Preheat oven to 475F. Stir together peaches, flour, nutmeg and 3 cups sugar in a Dutch oven. Bring to a boil over medium; reduce heat to low, simmer 10 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in butter and vanilla. Spoon half of peach mixture into a lightly greased 13" x 9" baking dish.

2. Unroll 2 pie crusts. Sprinkle 1/4 cup pecans and 2 tablespoons sugar over 1 pie crust, top with other pie crust. Roll to a 14" x 10" rectangle. Trim sides to fit dish. Place pastry over peach mixture.

3. Bake at 475F for 20 to 25 minutes or until lightly browned. Unroll remaining, 2 pie crusts. Sprinkle 2 tbsp. sugar and remaining 1/4 cup pecans over 1 pie crust;









top with remaining pie crust. Roll into a 12" circle. Cut into 1" strips, using a fluted pastry wheel. Spoon remaining peach mixture over baked pastry. Arrange pastry strips over peach mixture; sprinkle with remaining 1 tbsp. sugar. Bake 15 to 18 minutes or until lightly browned. Serve warm or cold with whipped cream.

CULLMAN STRAWBERRY FOOL

(Source: foodnetwork.com)

"Fools," pudding-y treats akin to trifles, became popular desserts during the Victorian era which coincides with the Colonial Cullman period of 1870-1890. Fresh fruit fools are especially flavorful with Cullman County's famous German heritage strawberries.

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups sliced CULLMAN strawberries
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 tbsp. fresh lemon juice
- 2 cups heavy cream
- Mint leaves for garnish

INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a blender, combine the strawberries (reserve a few slices for garnish), sugar and lemon juice. Puree until smooth. Push the berry mixture through a sieve and discard the seeds.

2. Using an electric mixer, whip the cream just until stiff peaks form. Take a large spoonful of the whipped cream and stir it into the strawberry puree to lighten the mix. Fold the strawberry mixture gently into the whipped cream. Gently spoon the fool into a chilled serving bowl and garnish with the reserved strawberries and with mint leaves. Refrigerate before serving, at least 1 hour and up to 4 hours.

FAIRVIEW BAKED FIGS WITH GOAT CHEESE AND LOCAL BEE HONEY

(Source: nytimes.com)

Dessert doesn't have to be complicated to concoct, nor need it be overly rich. The natural sweetness of figs thriving in Alabama sunshine, a helping of goat cheese and a drizzle of Cullman County bee honey prove this, deliciously.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 8-o. goat cheese log
- 4 fresh fig leaves, optional
- 10 ripe, FAIRVIEW figs, stems on, halved lengthwise
- Salt and pepper
- 1 tsp. chopped fresh thyme or rosemary
- 3 tbsp. olive oil
- CULLMAN COUNTY honey to drizzle

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Heat oven to 400F. Cut goat cheese into 6 thick slices. Line an 8" x 12" baking dish with fig leaves (if using). Arrange goat cheese in center of dish and surround with fig halves. Season lightly with salt and pepper, then sprinkle with thyme. Drizzle with olive oil.

2. Bake uncovered for 15 minutes, until both cheese and figs are softened. Run under broiler for 1 minute to brown. Let cool slightly and drizzle with Cullman County honey before serving.

GOOD HOPE SINGLE MAN'S SWEET POTATOES

Colonel Cullmann, an engineer and lawyer by training, was perpetually curious to embrace innovations in business and in his personal life. For the decades he lived in America, including twice crossing the Atlantic to lead, two large boats of German immigrants to the U.S., his wife never visited. He had a cook, but being a single man, he would have loved a microwave oven and this recipe:

- Scrub clean a GOOD HOPE sweet potato. Punch holes across it a half-dozen places with the tines of a fork. Zap it in a microwave oven for 5 minutes.
- Slice. Butter. Eat. Repeat.

HANCEVILLE BENNE SEED SNAPS

(Source: kingarthurbaking.com)

This is a classic, 1800s sesame seed snapping cracker with a nutty, sweet flavor.

INGREDIENTS

- 8 tbsp. unsalted butter, room temperature
- 1 cup light brown sugar, firmly packed
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. pure vanilla extract
- 1 large egg
- 1 cup unbleached, all-purpose flour
- 1 cup HANCEVILLE sesame seeds, toasted

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 350F. Line two baking sheets with parchment.

2. In a large mixing bowl, cream together the butter, sugar, salt, vanilla, baking soda and egg.

3. Add the flour and mix until smooth. Stir in the sesame seeds.

4. Drop the dough by Tablespoonfuls onto the baking sheets.

5. Bake the wafers for 8 to 9 minutes, or until they are golden brown.

6. Remove them from the oven, allow them to cool for 1 minute on the pan, then transfer the wafers to a wire rack to cool completely.

7. Store in a closed container for up to a week. Freeze for up to a month.

HOLLY POND SORGHUM MOLASSES AND YEAST ROLLS

(Source: sandmountainsorghum.com)

Sorghum molasses, made from a grain, is the perfect marriage with hot buttered biscuits, yeast rolls and with pork sausages. This is true today and sorghum certainly sweetened life for the hard-working folks in the early days of Cullman County. When a farm mule wasn't pulling a plow, or hauling a wagonload of harvest, the cherished farmers' friend could rest a bit and then help grind cane into sweet sorghum.

VINEMONT DESSERT WINE

The rolling hills of Vinemont reminded Colonel Cullmann of the Rhine Valley vineyards of his native Germany. During the colonel's lifetime, Vinemont farmers grew grapes for Eiswein, German dessert wine. Eiswein is typically made from Riesling grapes and has a luscious flavor of fruits, honey and caramel—without being cloying. Chill a bottle of Riesling from a Cullman County grocer and toast the forward-thinking Colonel's birthday this week.

WEST POINT APPLE UPSIDE DOWN CAKE

(Source: tasteofhome.com)

Apples have been cultivated in the west part of Cullman County since the early days. Steele Orchards continues this heritage fruit goodness in the 21st century.

INGREDIENTS

- 1/3 cup butter, melted
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 3 medium tart, West Point apples, peeled and sliced
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Cake:

- 3 tbsp. butter, softened
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 3/4 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 3 tbsp. sour cream
- 1 tsp. apple brandy or rum, optional

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Pour butter into an ungreased 9-inch, round baking pan; sprinkle with 1/2 cup brown sugar. Arrange apples in a single layer over brown sugar; layer with walnuts and remaining brown sugar.

2. In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Combine the flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and cinnamon; add to the creamed mixture alternately with buttermilk and sour cream, beating well after each addition. Beat in brandy if desired.

3. Spoon batter over brown sugar layer. Bake at 350F for 30-35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before inverting onto a serving plate. Serve warm.

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PREP SOFTBALL

‘Handle tough situations with Jesus and class’: Cullman’s Olivia Britton looks back on Bearcat years

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CULLMAN, Ala. — In this interview, I talked to Cullman senior softball player, Olivia Britton. Britton made a lot of great memories during her playing days with the Bearcats and feels lucky to have played alongside some amazing teammates at Cullman.

“My favorite softball memories all revolve the friendships I made. One of those friendships started when I was in seventh grade about to play in my first varsity tournament. I remember being shy and scared, so I would distance myself from the group. On the way to breakfast, Savannah Davis simply reached out and put her arm around me and told me to come hang out with the rest of the team. That small gesture stayed with me forever, and so did Savannah’s friendship. Beating Hartselle in Regionals my junior year was awesome. Hitting a walk-off home run in Regionals to ensure we didn’t go home felt amazing, and is for sure, one of my favorite memories.”

She added, “When you have good teammates, you have a good team. I learned a lot of what to do, and a lot of what not to do from my teammates.

“I think one of the most important things I learned, whether it be indirectly or not, was respect. Respect should be given and reciprocated. I think the seniors before me showed the importance of staying in your own lane and not worrying about anything besides the thing we are all there for: softball.”

Britton will remember so much about playing at Cullman and she taught the younger players a lot.

“I think one thing that I will remember most about playing at Cullman was just the experience and the opportunity that we had to grow as a player and a person,” Britton said.

“One thing I pride myself in knowing that I taught the younger players was to stand up for themselves. I wanted those girls younger than me to know that their opinion matters, and that their feelings are valid, no matter what happens on the field. I hope that I taught somebody confidence, because confidence is something that if you use it every day, it will truly change your mindset and the way that you look at the world. Confidence is crucial in softball, especially at Cullman.”

Britton was in a lot of clubs at Cullman, and she enjoyed every minute of it. She talked about her favorite high school memories and what made Cullman a special place to go to.

“It was exhausting being in so many clubs, but it was worth it. Cullman High School has so many opportunities for everybody, if you’re willing to get involved. Going into high school, I felt pressured to choose a career path instantly. I felt like I didn’t know what I wanted to do with my life and that was my problem as a 15-year-old (laughs).

“After four years at Cullman High School, and getting heavily involved with various clubs and events, I can confidently say that I’m choosing a degree in journalism and broadcasting, because it is my passion. I’m so thankful for my experience at Cullman High School and I would not have done it any other way. Not only the friendships that I’ve made these past four years that will be with me for a lifetime, but the things that I’ve learned in my career field, puts me ahead of a lot of people and I’m very thankful for that,” Britton said.

“I learned how to be a professional in a workplace and I also learned how to work a variety of different cameras, microphones, and editing software.”

She added, “Despite only having two normal years of high school due to COVID, my high school experience was very memorable. I think that my class made the most of the situation that we were put in. Some of my favorite high school memories include: homecoming my senior year, the Mars Hill football game (Garrett Hall’s amazing last-minute save), the Bearcat Nation episodes and all the fun things we were able to do in there, the pep rallies, Billy Barnett’s class, Hilight (school newspaper), all of our fun parties, and so much more. Cullman was a very special place to go to because both of my parents went there and graduated from Cullman High School, so I think it was kind of like a family thing.”

Britton will remember a very important thing about being at Cullman and she’ll deeply miss being a Bearcat this upcoming year. She gave some advice to the upcoming freshman.

“I will definitely remember taking pictures on the sidelines of football games,” she said. “I will probably miss everyone that I knew. Being a senior, you feel like a big fish in a small pond, where as after graduation, you become a small fish in a big pond. My advice to people entering high school next year is to soak it all in. Always remember that you are in control of your life, your decisions, and how you react to things that happen to you, join all the clubs that you can, go to every event that your schedule allows, and enjoy every moment of high school because it doesn’t last forever, even if you want it to. If you’re ready to get out before you even enter, it’s okay. You’ll survive.”



OLIVIA BRITTON

Cullman’s Olivia Britton

Britton had so many amazing role models growing up and she talked about the best advice that they gave her, plus the scholarships that she received, and what she learned the most about being at Cullman.

“My role models were definitely the women in my family, especially my mom and both of my grandmothers. The best advice they ever gave me was to handle tough situations with Jesus and class. They taught me to put others first, no matter what,” she said.

“I received an academic scholarship, a leadership scholarship, the Tennessee Valley scholarship, and the Leadership Housing School from UNA, plus a lot more. It was amazing receiving all of those scholarships.

“It made all of my hard work worth something. What I learned the most about being at Cullman was that no matter what, as long as you stay true to yourself and put God first, the world is your oyster.”

PREP SPORTS

‘Leave everything on the court’: Fairview’s Laci Segrest recaps junior year

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. – In this interview I talked to Fairview junior Laci Segrest about her junior season on the volleyball court and competing in track & field. Segrest shared some of what she learned and talked about what it was like playing alongside some great teammates in both sports.

“Even though we still have a lot of work to do when it comes to our relationships on and off the court, I felt like we did a lot better with that aspect towards the end of the season and I intend for us to be even closer this year as our team is made up of seniors. What I learned from this past season is how to not try to fix things that are out of my control and play the game that I love. I also learned to not be so hard on myself and the only thing that can make me better as an athlete is my mental game, which is the most important part in my opinion,” Segrest said. “It took a while to get along with a lot of these girls and be the best teammate I can be. Even though we don’t have the closest relationship off the court, I try my best to have a strong and honest relationship when it comes to the game that we all love. The chemistry has definitely gotten a little better as we’ve played on the team for three years. I’ve learned to create a different bond with each and every one of these girls and I hope to achieve great things with them during my last high school season.”

Segrest has learned so much during her time on varsity so far and from head coach Katie Ball.

“I learned that varsity volleyball is very different than JV volleyball in many different ways. When it comes to varsity, I think you have to hold yourself to a higher standard than others. You are representing yourself, your coaches, and your school as a whole. And in my last few years, I have learned to cherish every moment I can when it comes to the world of volleyball and so much more. Not many people get the opportunity to further their athletic career in college. I have learned, in order to make that dream happen, I have to work on my skills mentally and athletically. It has been hard saying goodbye to the past seniors that I have made a strong bond with. With this being my final year, I am the one to say goodbye, so I will cherish this year and work my hardest.”

She added, “Coach Ball has taught me so much. She mostly taught me how to deal with the game mentally. She would also help me with my problems off the court if needed. She also taught me to leave everything on the court. She stresses that there are many people who are willing to work harder than you to earn that top spot.

“That is what pushes me every game/practice. I have learned to be the person that works the hardest on my team, no matter what. She has a very friendly relationship with us, but when it’s crunch time, she is just as focused as us, if not more. She pushes the team to the limit and teaches us that we have so much talent within our team, and we just have to learn what to do with it. I love coach Ball and I am super excited for my last season.”

Segrest had a blast playing with some great seniors in the past and soaked up as much as she could from them, including Jaycee Aleman.

“As I watched them play, I learned how hard they worked to get to where they are. The person I looked up to the most was Daisy Manasco. No matter where she was playing volleyball, whether it was in practice or in an important game, she always worked her hardest and was the best teammate. But not just her, the whole senior class of 2021. They taught me a lot and I held myself at a higher expectation, because I wanted to be like them when it came time for my senior year,” Segrest said.

“Jaycee had many mental challenges and the whole team tried to keep her up through the time she was on the court. She definitely got a lot better throughout the season and brought something different to the table. What I learned from her is to cherish my moment as a senior.”

Segrest will work on some things to get ready for next season. She talked about her goals and the team goals, plus what will make this team special to watch.

“I will continue to work on my mental game and my relationships with my teammates,” she said. “My individual goals are to put in the hard work and get a full athletic scholarship. My team goal is to make it to state this year. We have a few newcomers to the varsity team, but I think it’ll be interesting because the whole team is pretty much made up of seniors. Each and every one of us have our own special talent and we communicate on the court in very interesting ways.”

Segrest achieved a lot during track-and-field season and she talked about what she learned. She was around some great people on the team and soaked up as much as she could from them, including this year’s senior, Jacob Hankins.

“I achieved many things last year. I won county, sectionals, and placed third at state for shot put. I learned that if you put in the work while you are able to, great things will come of it,” she said. “The track team is made up of people I would’ve never thought I would become friends with. I have made many great relationships with these people that I cherish. Our only senior, Jacob Hankins, worked his hardest every chance he had. He became one of my closest friends over a short period of time.”



LACI SEGREST

Fairview’s Laci Segrest

She added, “I learned that the last year of doing something you love can be hard, but that just means you have to work even harder than the last year to make everything worth it. Being around this team this year made me realize who is willing to work the hardest. I spend my time with the people who value these moments and are willing to work just as hard as I do to achieve great things.”

Segrest took away so much from head coach Whitney Haynes and she’ll continue to work in the offseason to get ready for next season. She has some goals set for herself and the team.

“My head coach, Whitney Haynes, is the best track coach I could ask for. She pushes her kids to their limits and reassures us of our greatness. She helps us learn what to do with our talent. She never lets us slack off at practice and she is always there to help,” she said. “I will continue to push my teammates along with myself. My individual goal is to win state for shot put next season. And for the team goal, I hope to work hard enough to win county.”

Segrest thinks next season will be a very special one for the track-and-field team. She talked about her role models growing up, plus the best advice that she was ever given.

“What will make us so special to watch this upcoming season is this team is filled with so much talent and we will look to achieve great things next season,” she said. “My track role model is Chasey Poosp. She is a female shot putter and she continues to set records for herself. As for volleyball, I mostly look up to Asjia O’Neal. She works hard every day, and she now plays for the USA women’s volleyball team after playing for the Texas Longhorns, who went on to win the national championship.”

She added, “The only person that is going to put in the work is you. I get told this every day and it helped me realize that if I don’t put in the effort, I will not achieve my dreams.”

Cook Ministries to host suicide prevention training July 28

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Local nonprofit Cook Ministries is teaming up with Alabama Suicide Prevention & Resources Coalition (ASPARC) to bring suicide prevention education and training to the community. The training will take place Friday, July 28, 2023, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce.

Karen Cook Thomas, director of Cook Ministries and no stranger to death as she also works as a funeral director, shared that her passion for suicide prevention was born out of a suicide that hit close to home.

"Through everything I've experienced in life, including working in the funeral industry for over 20 years, nothing ever prepared me for the death of my brother on Nov. 8, 2015," she said. "I only made it through because of my relationship with Christ and the strong, grounded Christians who surrounded me. I cried out to God that I had to find something good to come from his death, and that is how Cook Ministries was birthed."

Thomas also mentioned that according to the most recent data, 12 deaths in Cullman County have been attributed to suicide in 2023 alone.

"That is 12 too many," she stated, "For each one of those deaths, can you think of how their family was affected? Their co-workers? Their friends? There is a rippling effect with any death that goes out and affects those around us, and suicide is no different."

Thomas has high hopes for the training, sharing that being informed is key in addressing and advocating for individuals experiencing suicidal thoughts or ideation.

"My personal goal is that this suicide awareness training is going to enable those in our communities with the knowledge of what signs to look for and where to get help," she said. "The best way to help is to be informed. If we don't know the signs, we may not realize there were signs until it's too late."

To learn more about Cook Ministries, visit www.cook-ministries.com. To register for the training, go to www.cook-ministries.com/hello.

Secret Meals (from Front)

kids who come to school just to eat."

Allison also noted that the Mopars event certainly isn't a one-woman show; local businesses, car enthusiasts and volunteers as far as New Orleans team up to continue to make an impact every year.

Allison gave a special shoutout to longtime show sponsor Cullman Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM. She said General Manager Scott Spitzer stays ready to answer the call. "When it comes to the show, my sponsors are always ready," she said. "I call Scott at Cullman Dodge and ask if he is going to sponsor again, and he never hesitates to say yes. It's people like him that make the show successful!"

Allison also praised Alabama Credit Union, saying its representatives don't just show up to collect the check; they truly put in the work at the event.

"Laurie Legg and her team, they come set up at the show each year to educate people about the program, and are there to help in any way that I need help," she said.

To learn more about Secret Meals for Hungry Children and how you can help, check out www.secretmeals.org.

Lee (from Front)

Charity Muehlenweg
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HARRISON TOWNSHIP, Mich. — Championship Thursday on Lake St. Clair started off with a bang, with Berkley pro Jordan Lee of Cullman, Alabama , taking advantage of the early morning bite to put together a five-bass limit weighing 23 pounds, 4 ounces to earn his third Bass Pro Tour win and the top award of $100,000 at the Major League Fishing (MLF) Bass Pro Tour General Tire Stage Six at Lake St. Clair Presented by John Deere Utility Vehicles . Lee's two-day Knockout and Championship Round total of 10 bass weighing 47-13 earned him the win by a 1-pound, 3-ounce margin over second-place finisher Alton Jones Jr. of Waco, Texas, who weighed in 23 pounds, 8 ounces Thursday to finish the event with a two-day total of 46-10, his second runner-up finish this season.

Lee also went wire-to-wire on Berkley Big Bass Awards, claiming the award each day he competed throughout the event and winning $1,000 both days of the Qualifying Round, $1,000 during both the Knockout and Championship Rounds and the $3,000 Berkley Big Bass award for the overall largest bass of the event, with his 6-pound, 7-ounce smallmouth that was weighed Wednesday during the Knockout Round.

The Alabama pro whipped up his 23-4 limit on Championship Thursday within the first two hours of competition yet was able to maintain the top position throughout the day despite never upgrading his fish in the second or third period.

"Before I came up here, I knew I wanted to fish on the Canadian side of Lake St. Clair, primarily around the Bell River Hump area," said Lee.

"Tournaments have been won over there, historically, so I felt like it was worth the risk to commit to that for the week, despite not being able to practice over there.

"I bounced around a bit during the first part of the event, but not so much the last two days," Lee continued. "In practice I was looking for grass clumps and grass lines, but once I started actually fishing, that didn't seem to be the deal.

"My main area just had a smooth bottom, and the fish were just hanging out there. There wasn't anything on the map that pointed out fish might be there, but I spent some time scoping around with my Lowrance ActiveTarget and started seeing some fish that clued me in. It just happened to be the winning area.

"I found a couple places that didn't pay off and others where I didn't catch anything, but my first fish of the tournament was almost 6 pounds, and that just started me off on the right path," Lee continued.

"I pulled up to my main spot this morning, and the fish weren't in the area where I had been catching them. They're notorious for moving out here, so I was a bit worried, but they'd only moved about 200 yards away.

"Once I found them it was game on. I caught a couple over five pounds early on and those two fish were really the difference makers."

Lee's limit of 23-4 included a pair of 5-pounders weighing 5-4 and 5-10.

"Those big bites were definitely key throughout this entire week," said Lee.

"I was getting a couple of them per day, and they were all in different places, so it was just meant to be."

Lee caught most of his fish throwing a 5-inch Berkley PowerBait MaxScent Flatnose Jerk Shad on a drop-shot rig.

"I did well here during a tournament in 2017, throwing a big, fluke-style bait, so I always think about that when I come here," said Lee.

"That 5-inch Berkley Jerk Shad is a little bit bigger than a flatworm or other typical smallmouth baits; but smallmouth on Lake St. Clair eat big stuff, and I saw the giant perch they were spitting up all week, so I knew I wouldn't scare them off with a bigger bait."

This victory marks Lee's first Bass Pro Tour win since 2020, when he went on a season flurry to win Stage One, the Heavy Hitters all-star event and the 2020 Bass Pro Tour Angler of the Year (AOY) title.

"St. Clair is an awesome fishery, and I was looking forward to fishing it, but I never would have dreamed I'd win this event coming into it," finished an emotional Lee.

"You always hope for the win, every tournament, but I sure wasn't expecting it. God has really blessed me and my family and this has just been a really special week."

The top 10 pros from the General Tire Stage Six on Lake St. Clair Presented by John Deere Utility Vehicles finished:

1st: Jordan Lee, Cullman, Ala., 10 bass, 47-13, $100,000

2nd: Alton Jones Jr., Waco, Texas, 10 bass, 46-10, $45,000

3rd: Jacob Wheeler, Harrison, Tenn., 10 bass, 43-12, $38,000

4th: Jesse Wiggins, Addison, Ala., 10 bass, 43-4, $32,000

5th: Terry Scroggins, San Mateo, Fla., 10 bass, 42-14, $30,000

6th: Mark Daniels Jr., Tuskegee, Ala., 10 bass, 42-8, $26,000

7th: Mark Rose, Wynne, Ark., 10 bass, 42-2, $23,000

8th: Gary Klein, Mingus, Texas, 10 bass, 41-1, $21,000

9th: John Hunter, Shelbyville, Ky., 10 bass, 39-9, $19,000

10th: Josh Bertrand, Queen Creek, Ariz., 10 bass, 37-11, $16,000

A complete list of results can be found at MajorLeagueFishing.com.

The General Tire Stage Six at Lake St. Clair Presented by John Deere Utility Vehicles features anglers competing using the MLF catch, weigh, immediate-release format, with each angler's five (5) heaviest bass per day tallied as their day's weight.

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The six-day event, hosted by the Detroit Sports Commission, Macomb County and Lake St. Clair Metroparks, showcases 80 of the top professional anglers in the world, competing for a purse of more than $805,000, including a top payout of $100,000 and valuable Angler of the Year (AOY) points in hopes of qualifying for the General Tire Heavy Hitters All-Star event and REDCREST 2024, the Bass Pro Tour championship.

Television coverage of the General Tire Stage Six at Lake St. Clair Presented by John Deere Utility Vehicles Championship Round will air as a two-hour episode starting at 6 a.m., on Saturday, November 4 on the Discovery Channel.

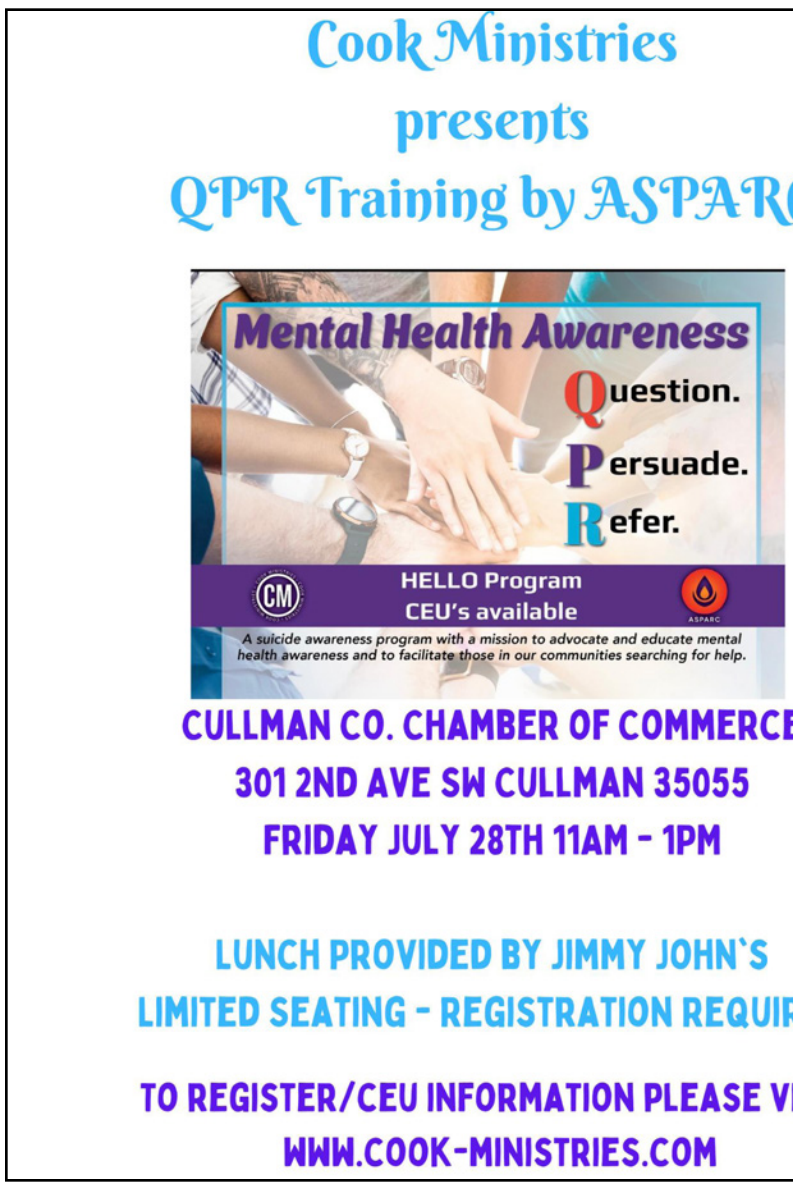
New MLF episodes premiere each Saturday morning on Discovery, with re-airings on the Outdoor Channel.

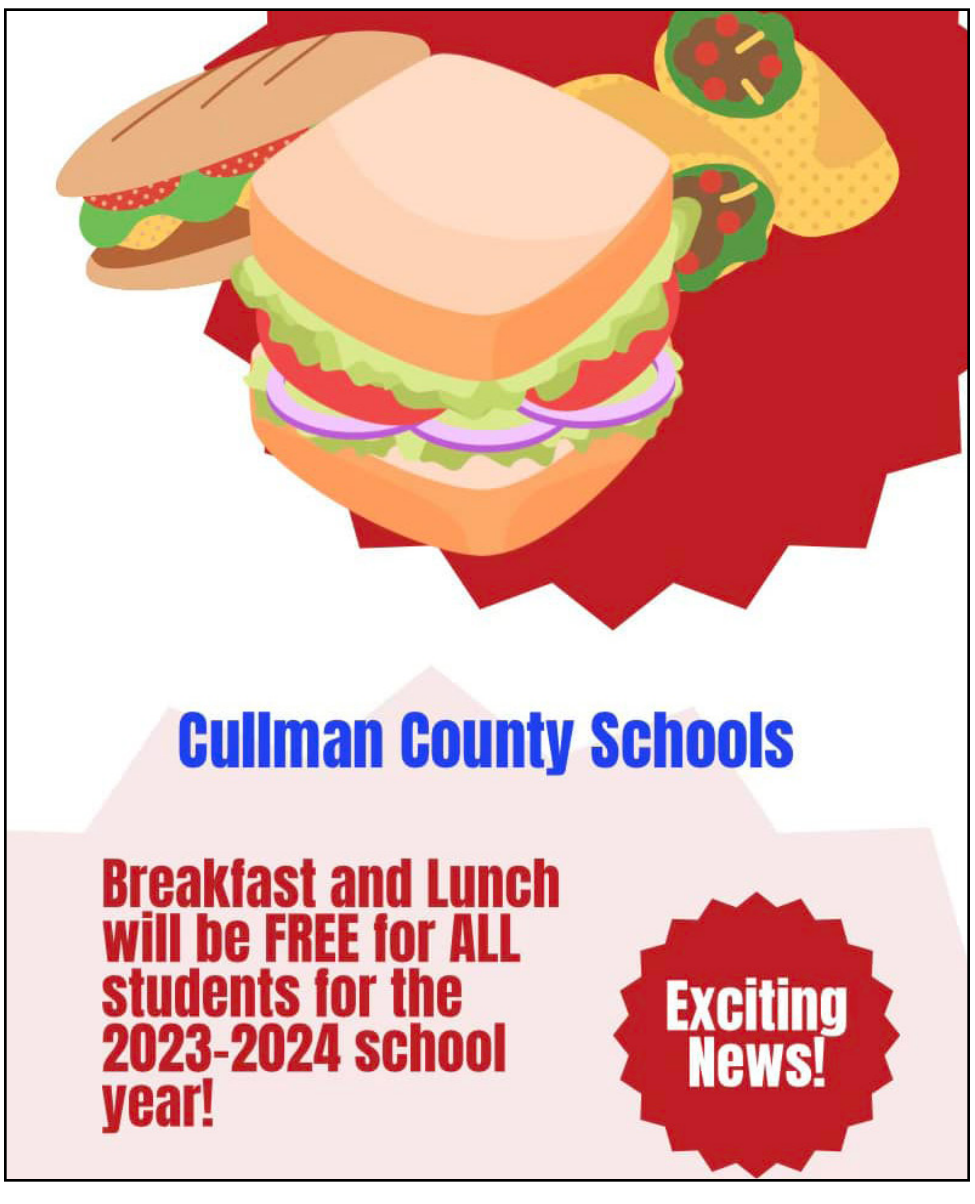
The 2023 MLF Bass Pro Tour features a field of 80 of the top professional anglers in the world competing across seven regular-season tournaments around the country, fishing for millions of dollars and valuable points to qualify for the annual General Tire Heavy Hitters all-star event and REDCREST 2024, the Bass Pro Tour championship, held March 13-17, 2024, on Lay Lake in Birmingham, Alabama.

Proud sponsors of the 2023 MLF Bass Pro Tour include: 13 Fishing, Abu Garcia, Ark Fishing, ATG by Wrangler, B&W Trailer Hitches, Bally Bet, Bass Cat Boats, Bass Pro Shops, Berkley, Black Rifle Coffee, Daiwa, Epic Baits, Favorite Fishing, Ferguson, Fox Rent A Car, General Tire, Grundéns, Humminbird, Lowrance, Minn Kota, Mercury, Mossy Oak, Onyx, Power-Pole, Rapala, Star tron, T-H Marine, TORO, Toyota, U.S. Air Force, Yellowstone Bourbon, Yo-Zuri and Zoom Baits.

For complete details and updated information on Major League Fishing and the Bass Pro Tour, visit MajorLeagueFishing.com.

For regular updates, photos, tournament news and more, follow MLF's social media outlets at Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.









Elizabeth St. John exhibition on display through July 10

Gail Crutchfield
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Evelyn Burrow Museum at Wallace State Community College has extended the exhibition featuring paintings by local artist Elizabeth St. John through July 10.

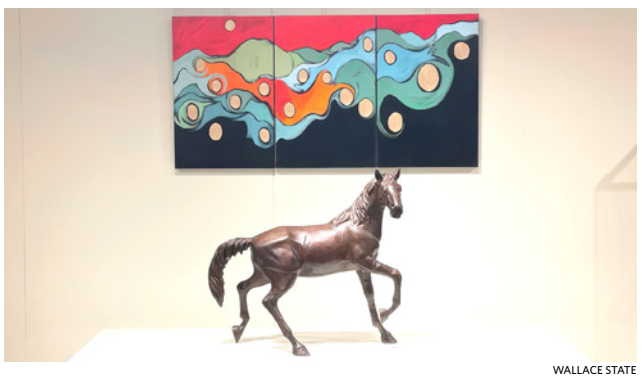
The works in the current exhibition are a joyful introduction to spring, perfectly suited to the space, museum staff say.

They are bold and colorful, some abstract and some representational, taking their inspiration in large part from nature. While best known as an accomplished equestrian, who serves as a Master of the Mooreland Hunt and Hope Horses board member, St. John has mostly kept quiet the fact that she is also a talented artist.

St. John has decided to donate the proceeds from the sale of her work in this exhibition to charity.

She and husband Bill St. John, of St. John & Associates, are longtime supporters of the Wallace State Future Foundation. Funds generated from this exhibition will go entirely to the Future Foundation to support scholarships. Works can be purchased via https://auctria.events/elizabethstjohn.

The Burrow Museum is regularly open to the public Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and select Saturdays. Admission is always free. For more information about the Burrow Museum visit www.burrowmuseum.org or call 256-352-8457.


WALLACE STATE

Applications opening for WSCC Nursing, EMS and Child Development programs

Gail Crutchfield
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The application process for several Health Science programs at Wallace State Community College is opening for admission in the Spring 2024 semester. Spring 2024 classes are scheduled to begin Jan. 8, 2024.

Nursing
The Wallace State Department of Nursing Education will accept applications from July 1-Oct. 1 for entry into the traditional associate degree or certificate program as well as the joint enrollment option with the University of Alabama at Birmingham, which allows students to concurrently complete both an associate degree and bachelor's degree in Nursing.

The department is hosting information sessions July 24, Aug. 28 and Sept. 18 for anyone interested in applying to the program. Students can visit www.wallacestate.edu/nursing to register to attend an information session, access application instructions and other information.

Emergency Medical Services
The Emergency Medical Services program will accept applications for its Basic EMT and Advanced EMT options starting Aug. 1. The Basic EMT short-term certificate option can be completed in one semester. Those completing the Basic EMT and earning certification or those who currently have certification can complete one more semester for the Advanced EMT certificate. Students who complete the Advanced EMT certificate are then eligible to apply for the Paramedic certificate option, which begins classes in the summer semester and utilizes shift-based scheduling providing EMTs currently working in the field access to classes without losing time from work. An associate degree option is also available through the EMS program. Openings for both the Basic EMT and Advanced options also remain for the Fall 2023 semester, with classes beginning Aug. 18. For more information, contact Greg Lawrence at 256-352-8835 or gregory.lawrence@wallacestate.edu or by visiting www.wallacestate.edu/EMS.

Child Development
The Child Development program accepts applications from Aug. 1-Nov. 1 for students wishing to earn credentials and/or a degree required to work with children in state-funded education programs. The program offers four short-term certificates in Child Development, Infant/Toddler, Preschool/Family Child Care and Early Childhood Education, each of which can be earned in one semester, and each can be used toward an associate degree.Funding assistance is available through scholarships for those currently working in the childcare field and through apprenticeship opportunities. The program also has a transfer agreement with Athens State University for students interested in continuing their education to work on a bachelor's degree.

Students can start taking Child Development courses during any semester, with classes available this fall starting Aug. 18.

For more information, contact Dr. Marcie Robinson at 256-352-8383 or marcie.robinson@wallacestate.edu and visit www.wallacestate.edu/childdevelopment.


WALLACE STATE

Cullman County HOSA students play with modeling clay at the Child Development program display during a tour of Health Science programs at Wallace State Community College.

Cullman City Schools launching 3 new career tech programs for 2023-2024 school year

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman City Schools is expanding its career and technical education (CTE) programs for the upcoming school year. New programs focused on cybersecurity, engineering and marketing will ramp up in the 2023-2024 school year.

"With the addition of three new CTE programs at Cullman High School, we are equipping learners with the foundational, transferable skills they will need for future jobs and the shifting work opportunities ahead," Lindsay Brannon, secondary curriculum and CTE coordinator at Cullman City Schools, said.

"I am thankful for the vision our board, superintendent and administration have to prepare students for post-secondary opportunities."

Advancing career and technical education has been a focus and priority in recent years, and with the development of these three new programs, Cullman High School now offers eight different career tech pathways including computer science; food, wellness and dietetics; health science; general agriculture; engineering; educators in training; marketing; and cybersecurity.

"We are excited to announce the launch of our groundbreaking Career Technical Programs designed to meet the growing demand for skilled professionals in the field of STEM," Cullman High School Principal Allison Tuggle said.

"The Marketing, Cybersecurity and Engineering Programs will aim to equip students with the necessary knowledge and skills to contribute to this rapidly evolving field."

In addition to course options at the high school level, the school system has also been implementing an intentional plan to build introductory career tech into the middle school curriculum with the goal of exposing students to various potential career paths.

The middle school courses aim to develop foundational, technical and employability skills that they can continue to build in high school.

The cybersecurity and engineering programs will help develop Cullman City Schools' K-12 STEM Initiative by expanding secondary course offerings in STEM education.

The mission of the STEM initiative is to immerse students in collaboration, problem-solving, reasoning and higher-order thinking skills. In Cullman City Schools' Career Technical Education programs, instructors intentionally introduce STEM competencies that industry and workforce development identify as critical competencies students must possess.

"It is evident that CTE programs strengthen students' technical skills, academic skills, and employability skills needed to succeed in life," Brannon said.

"The meaningful, hands-on educational experiences that CTE offers will help students pursue a career passion that was fueled in a classroom in the Cullman City School system."

Lunches (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Schools Child Nutrition Program recently announced that for the 2023-2024 school year, breakfasts and lunches will be free for all students who attend Cullman County Schools.

Child Nutrition Program Director Emily Blankenship said this is possible because of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).

She said Cullman County Schools qualified for the program, "a non-pricing meal service option for schools and school districts in low-income areas. CEP allows the nation's highest poverty schools and districts to serve breakfast and lunch at no cost to all enrolled students without collecting household applications." (www.fns.usda.gov/cn/community-eligibility-provision)

"We can stay on this program for four years.

"As long as we stay within a certain percentage, we can stay on the program for as long as possible," said Blankenship.

"The CEP gives students equal access to free meals and it removes the stigma."

Blankenship said she believes students will greatly benefit from the program. Her excitement is shared by Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette.

"We are very excited to be able to offer free breakfast and lunch to all of our Cullman County Students once again.

"We were allowed to do this during the pandemic, and when we had the opportunity to apply for this again we felt it was great for our families," he said.

ACES: Heat safety important as summer temperatures rise

Katie Nichols
ACES

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. — Outdoor work and recreation are difficult to enjoy when temperatures are hotter than a black cat on a tin roof in the middle of July. While summer is a popular time to be outside, Alabama heat and humidity are a brutal combination. With temperatures forecasted to reach the triple digits this week, many parts of Alabama are currently under an excessive heat warning. When spending time outdoors this week and throughout the rest of the summer, pay attention to the temperature and practice sun safety.

Tamara Warren, an Alabama Cooperative Extension System urban health and nutrition specialist, said sun safety is important year-round, but especially in the heat of the summer.

"Safety precautions are important, but individuals who are experiencing any signs of heat distress should seek medical attention immediately," Warren said.

The sun's rays can have both beneficial and detrimental impacts on human health. Sunlight's benefits include vitamin D, which strengthens bones.

On the other hand, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) warns of the dangers of overexposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation.

Prolonged exposure to UV rays can cause skin cancers, as well as lead to heat stress-related illnesses. These illnesses can include heat strokes, exhaustion, cramps, sunburns and heat rashes.

Warren said it is important to note that each of these illnesses are preventable with the proper sun protection.

Protection protocols for workers

While heat-related illnesses are preventable, there are many individuals whose work keeps them outdoors during the summer. The CDC provides strong guidance for sun safety when working as well as during play. Consider the following tips to avoid overexposure to harmful UV rays while working:

• Minimize sun exposure. Create a work schedule that minimize sun exposure. For example, schedule outdoor tasks–such as mowing the lawn–for early morning instead of Noon. Also, rotate workers to reduce their UV exposure.

• Wear the proper clothing. If you cannot avoid being out in the hottest portion of the day, then wear clothing–such as wide-brimmed hats, dark and tightly woven, long-sleeved shirts and long pants–for added protection.

• Sunglasses. Purchase sunglasses that provide 100% protection from UV rays.

• Sunscreen. Apply sunscreen products with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher to avoid sunburns and potential cancer threats.

• Take cover. Use tents, shelters and cooling stations to provide shade at worksites.

• Stay hydrated. Drink a lot of water in order to stay hydrated, but avoid alcohol or sugary drinks.

Protection protocols for recreation

Outdoor recreation is a great way to reduce stress and get some needed physical activity.

All of the protection protocols for outdoor workers listed above are equally important in recreational situations.

Work hours cannot usually be altered, but timing for recreational activities is typically more flexible.

When planning outdoor activities for fun, take care to plan events prior to 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m. in order to avoid the UV rays when they are at their strongest.

It is important to note that UV rays can still affect humans on cloudy, cool days.

They also reflect off surfaces like water, cement and sand. Dressing properly and using sunscreen are two important deterrents for heat stress-related illnesses.

More information

Learn more about sun safety by reading the Extension Brief, Sun Safety Tips. For information on heat safety, read the Excessive Heat portion of the Alabama Extension Emergency Handbook. Both of these resources are available at www.aces.edu. More detailed information is also available from the CDC.

Celebrations (from Front)

Faith, Freedom, Family and Fireworks Extravaganza will be held Sunday, July 2, at 7:30 p.m. at Good Hope Municipal Park.

Vinemont's second annual 4th of July Celebration is Sunday, July 2, at the Vinemont Sports Complex. Gates open at 6 p.m. and the firework show starts at 9. This is a free event.

The Smith Lake Park 4th of July Festival is Tuesday, July 4. It's $5 per person and gates will be open from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. The fireworks show begins at 9 p.m.

Changes (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City School Board on Thursday approved several personnel changes.

Three new hires were in attendance: Carson Aaron and Jarrod Helms, who will be teaching social studies in the fall, and Mike Gay, who will be the Career and Technical Education Engineer Program instructor. All three will be at Cullman High School.

The following agenda items were approved:

• Contract with Burke Enterprises, LLC/Burke Education to provide mentoring services for novice principals and assistant principals from August 1, 2023 - May 24, 2024

• Approval of Job Description for PreK Teacher (OSR)

• Approval of Job Description and Salary Schedule for PreK Auxiliary Teacher (OSR)

The following personnel changes were approved:

Resignations:

• Kristen Brown - Teacher at East Elementary School, effective July 1, 2023.

• Janie Davis - Special Education Instructional Assistant at West Elementary School, effective June 20, 2023

• Samuel Dingler - Social Studies Teacher at Cullman High School, effective July 19, 2023

Transfers:

• Melissa Wright - Transfer from a Secretary/Bookkeeper of Student Services at Cullman City Schools to Bookkeeper at East Elementary School, effective July 19, 2023 (JV23-062)

• Jade Fitzgerald - Transfer from Pre-K Teacher at Cullman City Head Start to Teacher at Cullman City Head Start, effective August 2, 2023 (JV23-050)

• Tiffany Johnson - Transfer from Special Education Instructional Assistant at Cullman City Schools to Teacher at Cullman City Head Start, beginning August 2, 2023 (23-050)

• Jessica McBrayer- Transfer from School-based In-School Suspension Teacher at Cullman City Schools to Career and Technical Education Marketing Instructor at Cullman High School, effective July 1, 2023 (JV23-065)

• Ashley Morris - Transfer from Business Teacher at Cullman High School to Technical Education Marking Instructor at Cullman Middle and Cullman High Schools, effective July 1, 2023 (JV23-066)

Conditional employment - Under the terms of the Child Protection Act of 1999, Act No. 2022-457, pending certification and paraprofessional requirements as applicable:

• Danielle Shelton - ARI Local Reading Specialist at Cullman City Schools (Itinerant), beginning August 2, 2023 (JV23-043)

• Kelly Barron - Dyslexia Intervention Teacher at East and West Elementary Schools, beginning August 2, 2023 (JV23-045)

• Rebecca Hickman - General Education Teacher at Cullman City Primary School, beginning August 2, 2023 (JV23-020)

• Lydia Hunt- General Education Teacher at Cullman City Primary School (at East Elementary School until 2nd Grade moves to Cullman City Primary School), beginning August 2, 2023 (JV23-020)

• Jill Wright - PreK Auxiliary Teacher at Cullman City Head Start, beginning August 2, 2023 (JV23-049)

• Rochelle Hopper- Long-term substitute PreK Auxiliary Teacher to fill FMLA at Cullman City Head Start, beginning tentatively August 2,2023 - September 22, 2023 (JV23-057)

• Jada Golden - Special Education Instructional Assistant at Cullman City Schools (Itinerant), beginning August 2, 2023 (JV23-50-068)

• Jarrod Helms - Social Studies Teacher at Cullman High School, beginning August 2, 2023 (JV23-025)

• Carson Aaron - Social Studies Teacher at Cullman High School, beginning August 2, 2023 (JV23-025)

• Mike Gay - Career and Technical Education Engineer Program Instructor at Cullman High School, beginning July 1, 2023 (JV23-056)

• Allison Greene - Special Education Instructional Assistant at Cullman City Schools (Itinerant), beginning August 2, 2023 (JV23-50-068)

• Lydia Burgess - Physical Education Teacher at Cullman City Schools (Itinerant), beginning August 2, 2023 (JV23-10-064)

• Justin Esmann - Physical Education Teacher at Cullman City Schools (Itinerant), beginning August 2, 2023 (JV23-10-064)

• Kristy Liverett - Special Education Teacher at Cullman City Schools, beginning August 2, 2023 (JV23-044)

Supplemental resignations:

• Samuel Dingler - Football Coach and Soccer Field Groundskeeper at Cullman High School, effective July 19, 2023



IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
DANIEL WESTLY CAMPBELL, * CASE NO.: PC2023-211
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to ROSE NABORS, as Personal Representative of the Estate of DANIEL WESTLY CAMPBELL, deceased, on the 29th day of June, 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.

ROSE NABORS
Personal Representative

Annette Irons-Parker
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

Please publish the above Notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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

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*

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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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
LETHA S. HEATHERLY, * CASE NO.: PC2023-167
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION OF JESSICA H. MCHAN FOR THE PROBATE OF THE WILL OF LETHA S. HEATHERLY, DECEASED.

TO: SETH EDWARD HEATHERLY, AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

The Petition of Jessica H. McHan for the Probate of the Will of Letha S. Heatherly, Deceased, filed by Jessica H. McHan, Petitioner, by and through her Attorney, Annette Irons-Parker, has been scheduled for the **20th day of September, 2023, at 9:30 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
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Cullman, Alabama 35055

Done this the 29th day of June, 2023.

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

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Annette Irons-Parker
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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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Farm (from Front)

Mary Johns Wilson
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Hayneses of Cullman County who run Haynes Farm will receive statewide and national exposure with a feature on Simply Southern TV.

The feature details how and why Haynes Farm earned the title of Alabama's 2023 Farm of Distinction. As Alabama's honoree, Darrell and Lydia Haynes will compete against 10 other farmers in the Southeastern Farmer of the Year Contest sponsored by the Sunbelt Ag Expo based in Moultrie, Georgia. The winner will be announced in October during the expo.

Family members include Darrell and Lydia Haynes who farm with their sons, Bart and Ben. Additionally, Ben and his wife, Whitney, are raising the next generation on the farm in their six children.

The show will premiere locally on Sunday, July 2, at 6:30 a.m. on WBMA-TV 33/40 out of Birmingham and will be rebroadcast on national cable network RFD-TV on Wednesday, July 5, at 3 p.m. Central time.

Simply Southern TV airs regularly on six broadcast stations covering the majority of Alabama and on a national cable network:

- WLTZ-TV 38 in Columbus, Georgia, on Saturdays at 5 p.m.
- WPMI-TV 15 in Mobile on Sundays at 6 a.m.
- WBMA-TV 33/40 in Birmingham on Sundays at 6:30 a.m.
- WAFF-TV 48 in Huntsville on Sundays at 9 a.m. *This particular episode will air Saturday, July 9 at 10:30 a.m.
- WAKA-TV 8 in Montgomery on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
- WTVY-TV 4 in Dothan on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
- RFD-TV cable network on Wednesdays at 3 p.m.

Simply Southern TV is a 30-minute show that celebrates Alabama's farmers, gardeners, makers, rural communities and one-of-a-kind destinations. Episodes are also available on the show's website at www.SimplySouthernTV.net.

Simply Southern TV is presented by the Alabama Farmers Federation, but it's made possible through sponsorships. Those include major sponsor Alabama Farmers Cooperative; supporting sponsor Alfa Insurance; sustaining sponsors Alabama Catfish Producers, Alabama Soybean Producers; and Alabama Wheat & Feed Grain Producers; and contributing sponsors Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Alabama Farm Credit, Alabama Farmers Agriculture Foundation, and Sweet Grown Alabama.

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St. Bernard releases 3D ornament of Abbey Church for 2023 holiday season

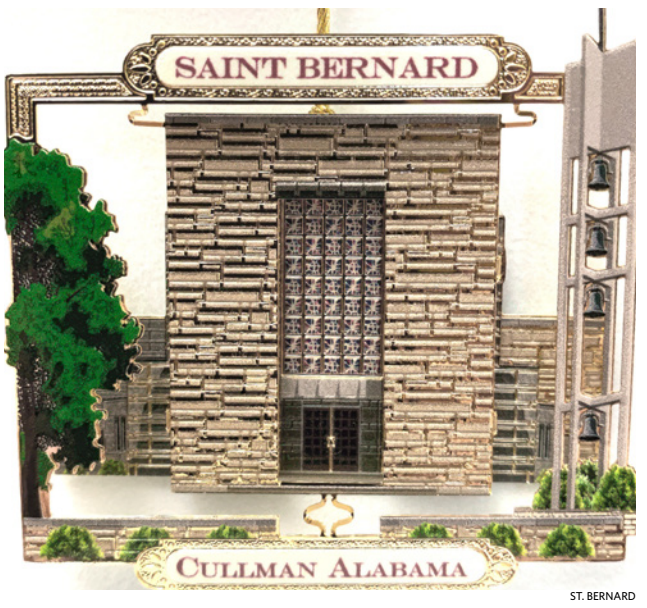
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St. Bernard

CULLMAN, Ala. — St. Bernard is proud to announce the launch of a new 3D ornament of the Abbey Church, the first in a series of Christmas ornaments that will be available for the 2023 holiday season. The ornament is a gold-toned replica of the Abbey Church, featuring the bell tower and cross that adorn the historic building. The ornament was created by Beacon Designs, a family owned business that makes 100% American-made products.

The Abbey Church is the heart of St. Bernard Abbey, where the Benedictine monks gather at least four times daily to pray and worship God. The church was built in 1964 and has been a place of spiritual nourishment and inspiration for many visitors and pilgrims over the years. The church is open to the public and welcomes anyone who wishes to join the monks in their liturgical services.

The ornament is a beautiful and unique way to celebrate the Abbey Church and its significance for St. Bernard Abbey and the community. It is also a great gift idea for anyone who loves St. Bernard Abbey or appreciates its history and architecture. The ornament is available for $25 at Ave Maria Grotto, a 4-acre park that showcases miniature replicas of famous religious sites from around the world, or by contacting the school at 256-739-6682.

There is a limited quantity of 250 ornaments, so don't miss this opportunity to own a piece of St. Bernard Abbey's heritage and support its mission. Order yours today and enjoy this festive and elegant addition to your Christmas tree or home decor. All proceeds benefit St. Bernard Preparatory School.



ST. BERNARD

Ornament

Obituary Announcements: June 29-30

Rickey Lynn Cloud, 67

Rickey Lynn Cloud, 67, of Blountsville, Alabama, passed from this life on June 26, 2023, at his residence. He was born Sept. 22, 1955, to Herbert and Helen Haynes Cloud. No services are planned currently for Mr. Cloud. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Cloud family. Mr. Cloud was preceded in death by his parents, Herbert and Helen Cloud; four brothers, Ray, Joe Jack and Bill Cloud. He is survived by two sons, Jason Cloud and Tyler (Sabrina) Cloud; daughter, Kristy Hooper; two brothers, George Cloud and Jerry (Jacki) Cloud; sister, Jean Kennedy; four grandchildren, Daniel Cloud, Brayden Cloud, Madeline Hooper, Flynn Cloud; and two great-grandchildren. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy can be posted to www.cullman-funeralhome.com for the Cloud family.

Dean Drake Green, 87

Dean Drake Green, 87, passed away on June 28, 2023. Dean was born in Decatur, Alabama to Bill and Vera Cole Drake. When she was 12 years old, she was joined by her favorite, red-headed sister, Diane. Dean graduated from Decatur High School in 1952 then attended Alabama College (Montevallo). In 1959, Dean married her sweetheart, Donald Green. They began their family the next year with Drew, followed by Jonathan, and later, while attending graduate school at Texas A&M, they got their "Texas Surprise', Donna. Dean's marriage to Don ended just shy of 63 years with his death in July 2022.Dean was an educator for over 40 years. She taught at Fairview, Cullman College, and retired from Cullman Middle School. Highlights of her teaching career include: many student trips to Washington DC, conducting the annual CMS Veterans' Day Program, and an unparalleled passion for Scholars Bowl. Her last Scholars Bowl team earned State and National honors! The family would like to thank the dedicated caregivers who made Dean's final days comfortable, especially Sheila Scott, Jainnie Free, and the staff at Hanceville Nursing Home who cared for Dean during her final days. Dean was preceded in death by her parents, Vera and Bill; her husband, Donald; and her daughter, Donna. She is survived by her sons, Drew Green and Jonathan (Sherry) Green; sister, Diane (David) Hembree; grandsons, Thomas (Samantha) Green and Cole (Leslie) Kelley; granddaughters, Anna Green and Madison Drew; great-grandson, Eliot Kelley; and great-granddaughter, Quinn Green. The funeral service will be held at Moss Service Funeral Home on Sunday, July 2, 2023. Visitation will begin at 1 p.m. followed by the service at 2 p.m. There will be a graveside service for the family. Donations in Dean's memory can be made to her Alma Mater, Montevallo, the Cullman Child Development Center, or your favorite charity.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

The Fourth of July is Independence Day

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



Much to the surprise of many, and especially our second president, July 2nd has never had much fanfare or brought about much of a celebration. Now, July 4th, that is entirely a different story. The Fourth of July is a national holiday. Don't expect to receive any mail that day. While the postman's motto may say, "Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet, nor hail shall keep the postman from their appointed rounds," a national holiday, such as the Fourth of July, will. It's okay if you don't receive your check in the mail on the Fourth, because the banks are all closed and you couldn't deposit it until the fifth anyway. Now if it comes early, say on the second, you are good to run on up to the bank and make that deposit, however, if John Adams had had his way, that would all be the opposite way.

John Adams was our nation's first Vice President, as well as our second President. Adams was one of the first to sign the declaration, and did so at least two days before many of the others. All 56 signers did not assemble at one time or on the same day. Before John Adams died, supposedly, he saw the now famous painting of the signing and stated, "It never happened that way."

In a letter Adams wrote to his wife, Abigail, on July 3rd, he said, "The Second Day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable Epocha in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival.

"It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illumination from one end of this continent to the other from this time forward forever more."

Well, not quite so fast, Mr. President. Many signed the document two days after Mr. Adams did, and possibly some even later.

The point is not the date, but the action. The exact date is not as important as exactly what happened. What happened was 56 brave men declared our independence.

Their signatures on that document cost some of them dearly. Some ended up losing everything they had, even their lives. That document declared our independence, but it took a seven-year war, which actually began before the declaration, to win our independence.

An estimated 6,800 Americans were killed in action.

When I was younger, I always referred to this holiday as The Fourth of July. Sometimes I still do, but more often I call it Independence Day.

We aren't celebrating a date on the calendar, but the process of our freedom that eventually came about as a result of that declaration.

We are celebrating the lives of those who gave so much to gain so much, not to mention those who have given ever since then in order to protect our freedom. This year, Independence Day falls on a Tuesday. Since we like to celebrate our holidays on the weekends, many will celebrate the weekend before the Fourth. On that Sunday, we are having a cookout at our church.

After the morning worship time, we will head back to our fellowship hall and grill hamburgers and hot dogs and have all those scrumptious sides and desserts that have absolutely no fat or carbs in them on holidays.

John Adams would be so proud, because that Sunday is July the 2nd! Whatever date you celebrate, please have a happy Fourth of July...excuse me, I mean Independence Day!

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HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1936

From the files of 1936

The Vinemont 4-H Club elected officers at the school on Wednesday. President-Marie Drake, Vice-President- Dorothy Lawrence, Secretary-Daisy Edge, Cheer Leader-Myron Nesmith and Song Leader-Naomi DeMonia. They made baking powder biscuits and ended the meeting doing a cheer.

Leroy Box died in Texas. He leaves a wife and four children. His three sisters here are Daisy, Lillie and Sardis Box. Daisy attended the funeral in Plains, Texas.

The Women's Missionary Society of Good Hope Baptist Church met at the church for a spend the day, Friday November 13. Mrs. Bessie (John) Christian is President and Mrs. B.H. Reid is Vice-President. Mrs. Stella Weeks is Secretary. They had a very good meeting and will observe the day of prayer next week.

Doctor and Mrs. C.M. Gross are the proud parents of a baby girl, in October 1936.

Mr. Tone Tubbs, of Mount Joy, has been very ill, with asthma, this past week.

The preacher, J.E. Creel has moved to the George Johnson place, near Bremen, to live this year.

Preacher J.L. Carlisle preached at Mount Joy on Saturday and Sunday and at the home of Mr. McKinney on Sunday afternoon, for those unable to attend church.

Reverend H.R. Edwards was at his church (Shelton Grove) on Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Otto Scott has moved to Hanceville, Route One.

At Welti School, officers have been elected and committees have been appointed for this school year. Student body president is Drennon Talley, vice- president is Ida Helton, secretary- treasurer is Mildred Guess. Class officers are Rachel Nuss, Elbert Glasscock, Harold Boyd, Roberta Harris, Dudley Reid and Deuell Talley. Mildred Guess has the highest grade in school.

Herman Ryan has moved from Ryan's Cross Roads to Beech Grove. He will live in the house, formerly owned by A.C. Gaither.

Jesse Johnson is recovering from a badly mashed foot. Two logs fell from a truck on it.

POET'S CORNER

ACQUAINTED WITH THE NIGHT | By: Robert Frost, 1874-1963

I have been one acquainted with the night.

I have walked out in rain—and back in rain.

I have outwalked the furthest city light.

I have looked down the saddest city lane.

I have passed by the watchman on his beat

And dropped my eyes, unwilling to explain.

I have stood still and stopped the sound of feet

When far away an interrupted cry

Came over houses from another street,

But not to call me back or say good-bye;

And further still at an unearthly height,

One luminary clock against the sky

Proclaimed the time was neither wrong nor right.

I have been one acquainted with the night.

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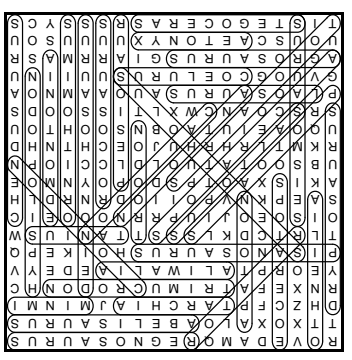
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