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'They are our heroes'

Local veterans receive Quilts of Valor

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman's VFW Post 2214 on Thursday saw six of its own members honored with quilts from the Quilts of Valor Foundation. Veterans Neville James Franks, Wendell Thomas Copeland, Charles Ernest Irvin, Robert Rayburn Turner, Terrilynn Seanard and Christopher Ray Dutton received their quilts from QOVF Alabama State Coordinator Mary Harris.

"We have awarded over 351,000 quilts," said Harris. "Our quilts are not gifts; they are awarded. We don't just hand them out like a magazine or brochure.

"We wrap the veteran in their quilt and thank them for their service. Each quilt is handmade; they don't come from Walmart or China. They're all handmade right here in Alabama." » PAGE 5



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Veteran Robert Turner receives his Quilt of Valor from QOVF Alabama State Coordinator Mary Harris.

Xtreme Speed RC Hobbies cuts ribbon on new location in Cullman



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Representatives from the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce joined the Marsh family to cut the ribbon on the new Xtreme Speed RC Hobbies location in Cullman.

Nick Griffin
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Marsh family welcomed friends and representatives from the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce Friday to help celebrate the opening of its new business. Store owners Freddy and Laura Marsh, along with their children Garrett, Meghan and Noah, are thrilled to open up Xtreme Speed RC Hobbies in downtown Cullman and when they cut the ribbon on the new location Friday, Laura talked about how excited they are to bring something to the community it hasn't had in several years.

"We enjoy this, it's a nice hobby to get into. (Freddy) and I met each other about 10 years ago through the hobby so this is kind of what brought us together and hopefully one day one of the kids will wind up getting into it too," Laura said.

"We're excited. Cullman hasn't had a hobby shop like this in around 10 or 15 years."

Xtreme Speed RC Hobbies is located at 117 4th Street SE Suite A next door to Cullman Florist and you can find them on Facebook as well.

Their website, www.xtremespeedrc.com, says that "Xtreme Speed RC Hobbies is your one stop shop for all your online and track side RC needs. We are located in the heart of Cullman, Alabama. We ship to anywhere in the US. If local to the Cullman area, we are happy to do delivery or pickup."

Xtreme Speed RC Hobbies is open Monday – Friday from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. (10 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Wednesday) and from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Saturday. For more information or to place an order, visit www.xtremespeedrc.com or call them at 256-736-4582.

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The Link hosts 'Cookout with Cloverdale'



TIFFANY WRIGHT

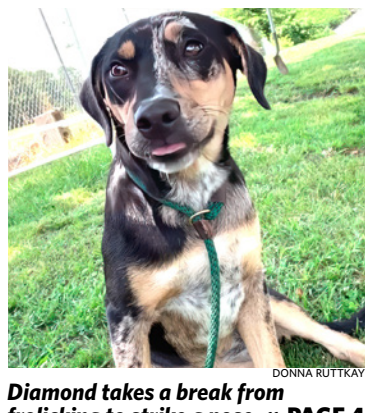
Left to right bottom row: Employees of The Link: Sharon Adams, Family Case Manager; Julie Hall, Director of Programs; Cody Canaday, 180 Case Manager; Dakota Trammell, Literacy Coordinator Left to right top row: Owners of Chat & Chew, Cherrie Verhoff and Leann Boatright
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PET OF THE WEEK

Diamond is a girl's best friend



DONNA RUTTKAY

Diamond takes a break from frolicking to strike a pose
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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported July 7

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 7, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

July 3

- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; possession of prescription drugs; Hwy. 278 W
- domestic violence; Wesley Ave. N
- attempt to elude police officer; Hwy. 278 W
- harassment; CR 1840
- theft of property; Hwy. 278 W
- theft of property; CR 216
- theft of property; CR 747
- harassment; CR 1634

July 4

- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; Welcome Rd.
- assault; CR 1082
- possession of controlled substance; CR 1108
- dog bite; CR 1162
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1036
- possession of controlled substance; CR 437
- assault; CR 5401

July 5

- burglary; Hwy. 278 E
- harassment; CR 1605
- burglary; CR 1101
- domestic violence; Hwy. 278 E
- harassment; CR 940
- theft of property; Willow Springs Dr.
- harassment; CR 1422
- theft of property; Hwy. 69 S
- theft of property; Meadow Dr.
- burglary; CR 1570
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69
- criminal mischief; trespassing; CR 1371
- burglary; CR 1371
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278 W
- assault; CR 1082
- assault; CR 1507
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; Beech Ave. SE
- attempt to elude police officer; CR 1355

ARRESTS

July 3 – 5

Baker, Robert N.; 38
- FTA- leaving scene of accident

Barnett, Cecil B.; 45
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Boner, Alexis A.; 22
- public intoxication
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Byer, Jason A.; 46
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Cooper, Austin V.; 24
- attempting to elude police officer
- reckless driving
- DUI (alcohol)

Cooper, Joseph D.; 40
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of prescription drugs
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

Criscoe, James Michael T.; 35
- FTA- public intoxication

Ehr, Emery D.; 67
- sex offense- statutory rape
- sex offense- sodomy-with a girl-strong arm

Eidson III, Roger D.; 40
- larceny/theft-miscellaneous
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle (no theft or damage)

Estell, Johnathan I.; 20
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Franks, Kristean B.; 23
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Griffin, Brandon M.; 25
- public intoxication

Hunt Jr., Jimmie R.; 47
- assault-domestic violence-3rd degree – criminal trespass-3rd degree

Jarrett, Timothy R.; 51
- public intoxication

Kizzire, Joshua R.; 41
- FTA- possessing stolen property less than $500

Little, Benjamin J.; 43
- possession of methamphetamine
- DUI (other substance)

Looney, Kallie Jordan S.; 32
- FTA- cruelty to dog/cat

Lynn, Alexis T.; 24
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Marks, Jamie D.; 57
- FTA- open container-alcohol in vehicle
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

McClellan, Sarah F.; 31
- public intoxication

Moore Jr., Ted F.; 31
- public intoxication

Oakes, Justin P.; 29
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- attempt to elude police officer

Ragsdale, James D.; 36
- attempt to elude police officer

Ramey, Shelton W.; 47
- possession of methamphetamine

Rouse, Sarah A.; 33
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family
- larceny/theft-shoplifting less than $500

Stapleton, Justin K.; 34
- Probation Violation- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft $1,500 - $2,500 (2 counts)

Swann, Joshua K.; 39
- FTA- driving while suspended

Trotter, Damien D.; 18
- public intoxication

Trull, Nicholas E.; 35
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Ursery, Jordan L.; 18
- attempt to elude police officer (2 counts)
- reckless driving
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- minor in possession of alcohol

Wimbs, Avery N.; 25
- FTA- driving while suspended

Wright, Randy L.; 26
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

July 5
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; miscellaneous

July 6
- theft by deception-1st degree; person; cash; $12,500
- theft of services-4th degree; person; cash; $275

ARRESTS

July 5 – 6

Wimbs, Avery N.; 25
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree
- FTA- driving while suspended

Rouse, Sarah A.; 33
- theft of property-4th degree

Bradford, Kelsey N.; 30
- FTA- driving without license
- FTA- fail to signal

Dingler, Erica L.; 36
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree (3 counts)
- FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree
- FTA- expired tag (2 counts)

McClure, Jeffrey S.; 42
- FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Esch, Denise L.; 54
- theft of property-4th degree

Ross, Jamie B.; 25
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- driving while suspended

Durham, David J.; 47
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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



Hearings (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council on Friday held public hearings regarding rezoning properties.

James Nearen was in attendance to give his support that the Nearen Property be rezoned from Entertainment District to Business District.

Speaking on behalf of himself and his sister, who co-owns the property, Nearen stated, "We have reviewed the proposed ordinance and we have no objection to it. We strongly support it."

There will be another public hearing on Aug. 14, at 7 p.m. for Ordinance No. 2023-29 to amend, modify or delete portions of the City of Cullman Zoning ordinance, which received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission.

The following public hearings were held:

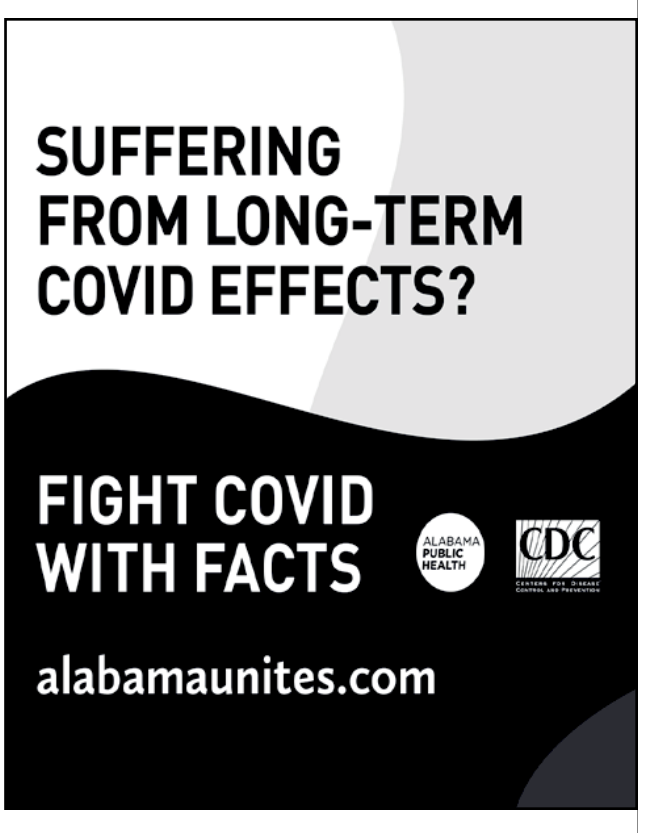
- Ordinance No. 2023-26 to rezone the Nearen Property located on U.S. Highway 278 West from E-1 Entertainment District to B-3 Business District which received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission.
- Ordinance No. 2023-27 to rezone the Ergle Property located on Beech Avenue Southeast from M-1 Manufacturing District to B-2 Business District which received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission.

The following special event requests were approved:

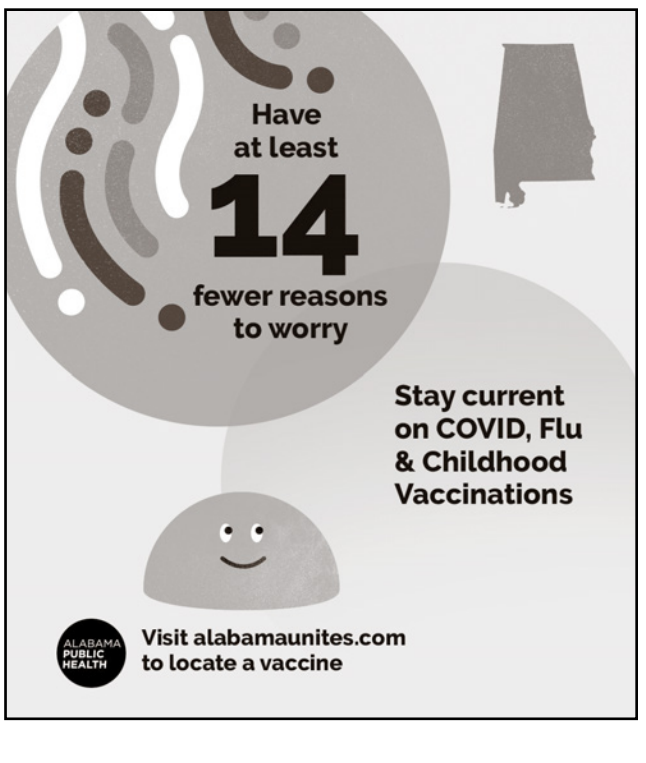
- A special event request from Jim Miller of St. Bernard, for the annual Bernard Blues and BBQ festival held on Sept. 9-10, 2023
- A special event request from Karen Speegle of Seventh Street Baptist Church for a Fall Fest on Oct. 29, 2023
- A special event request from Jackie Cook of Finders Keepers for a street sale on First Avenue Southwest on July 14, 2023, from 3-10 p.m.

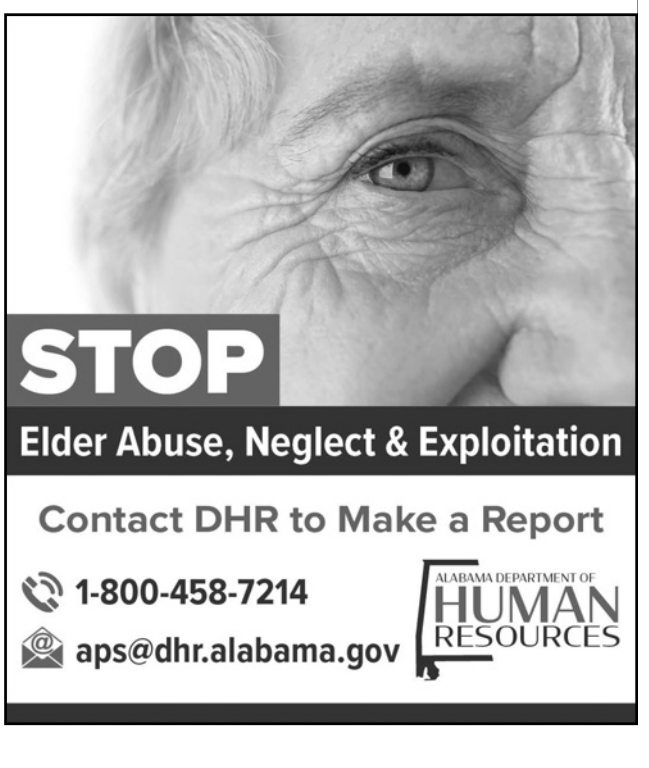
The following resolutions were approved:

- Resolution No. 2023-52 to apply for CDBG funds for a Neighborhood Improvement Project on Logan Street Southwest
- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-26 to rezone the Nearen Property located on U.S. Highway 278 W from E-1 Entertainment District to B-3 Business District which received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission
- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-27 to rezone the Ergle Property located on Beech Avenue Southeast from M-1 Manufacturing District to B-2 Business District which received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission
- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-28 to annex the Cason property at 1804 Lake David Drive NW as R-1 Residential District which received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission









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.
• Saturday, July 8 - 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast followed by trip to Foundry Farm to grill hamburgers and hotdogs four our community outreach.
• Sunday, July 9 - 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 9 - 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 and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11.

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.

Holly Pond Homemakers Club
Tuesday, July 11, at the Baptist church in Holly Pond. We will then travel to the Brandin' Iron at Fairview for lunch. We will leave Holly Pond about 11 a.m. Please come and bring someone.

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.

West Point Class of 1962 Reunion
Saturday, July 22, at 1 p.m. at the Brandin Iron Steakhouse. For more information call Linda Jordan at 256-747-6883.

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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Diamond (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Diamond, an approximately one-year-old female Catahoula mix with a calicocoat is available for adoption at Cullman County Animal Shelter.

Diamond lives up to her name, enjoying the quiet luxuries the shelter has to offer, treasuring her toys and especially time in the kiddie pool. She is low-to-medium energy, but does enjoy a good frolic through the grounds.

Diamond is patient and understanding, heeding leash etiquette quickly despite her age, and would make an ideal therapy or companion dog.

Ready to invest in Diamond? Head over to Cullman County Animal Shelter at 935 Convent Road NE, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for a meet and greet.

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

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullmananimalshelter@co.cullman.al.us

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WSCC announces new applied technologies programs for fall

Kristen Holmes
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College recently announced the start of new programs in applied technologies this fall. It also plans to close of one of its older programs.

Significant new offerings include an electric vehicle program for new automotive technologies and an electrical technology program for the training of industrial, commercial and residential electricians. Collision repair will be phased out.

"Wallace State continually assess workforce demands and we place priority on investing limited taxpayer dollars into programs and training opportunities that our area business and industry and our state demand most," said Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Karolewics.

Alignment with workforce demands is part of the college's strategic plan.

The new electric vehicle program will complement the college's growing diesel technology and automotive service technology programs. Wallace State recently received a $1.17 million ARC POWER grant along with additional funding to support the launch of this program. Students in this program will focus closely on smart manufacturing, servicing electric vehicles and electric heavy-duty trucks, and other automotive and skills certifications for emerging industry needs. The project will partner with renowned organizations such as the American Trucking Association, Freightliner, Kenworth, Nissan and Mercedes-Benz to ensure students are both equipped for potential employers and connected to high-wage opportunities.

The college is also adding an electrical technology program for the training of industrial, commercial and residential electricians. This program, part of the Mechatronics Department, will allow students to earn several stackable credentials and an associate in applied science degree. The curriculum includes classroom and hands-on instruction in AC, DC, digital and solid-state fundamentals, blueprint reading, material handling, motor controls, circuit fabrication, hydraulics and pneumatics, construction wiring, environmental controls, motors and transformers, networking, robotics and related topics.

Apprenticeships will also be available to students in these areas of study.

New programs in marine technology, to support the growing marine industry on Smith Lake and Lake Guntersville, which are high traffic tourist and bass fishing destinations, and plumbing, to support the areas growth in construction, will also begin soon.

"We don't currently have a sufficient supply of plumbers available to meet the growth in demand, especially with the high growth in housing and commercial properties in our region, and the same is true for electrical technology," said Jerry Murcks, associate dean of applied technologies at Wallace State.

New STEM programs, like Systems Engineering Technology and Artificial Intelligence Programming, along with additional opportunities in the field of health care have also been announced. Recently added programs include those in robotic welding, radiation therapy, health informatics, and medical scribe, among others, along with the expansion of the Wallace State nursing program to Oneonta.

The Systems Engineering Technology program is a new start up that is designed to support the growing defense industry in the region.

These additions come as Wallace State makes plans to close an older collision repair program due to declining interest and consistently low outcomes.

"The evolution of programs in the applied technologies field, which is so closely aligned with industry and workforce demands, is not new. In fact, it is expected that we allocate limited dollars in a responsible way," Karolewics said.

Wallace State has excellent K-12 partners offering collision repair programs at their respective technical centers, such as the Cullman Area Technology Academy and the Blount County Career Technical Center. These programs currently meet workforce demand.

Students currently enrolled in the collision repair program will be allowed to complete the program. However, no new students will be admitted to the program.

Wallace State plans to share its collision repair equipment with its K-12 partners and may offer college-level night classes at those locations in the future according to demand.

"This positively impacts the budget of our critical secondary partners and improves the learning opportunities for our K-12 students who are prepared for the workforce upon completing those programs," she said.



WALLACE STATE

Wallace State offers more than 200 degree and certificate options in academic, health, applied technologies and STEM fields, along with guaranteed transfer of credit to colleges and universities. Classes are available on campus and online, day and evening. Dual enrollment opportunities for high school students are also available.

Students interested in enrolling at Wallace State this fall are encouraged to meet with a success advisor this summer. Visit www.wallacestate.edu/advising to schedule an appointment, or call Lion Central 256-352-8236.

Registration for fall semester is currently underway at Wallace State. Classes begin Aug. 18.

Heroes (from Front)

When receiving their quilts, according to Harris, "So many say, 'I don't deserve this.' I'll argue with them on that point! I'm honored to be able to present them to our veterans. They are our heroes."

Thursday's recipients were:

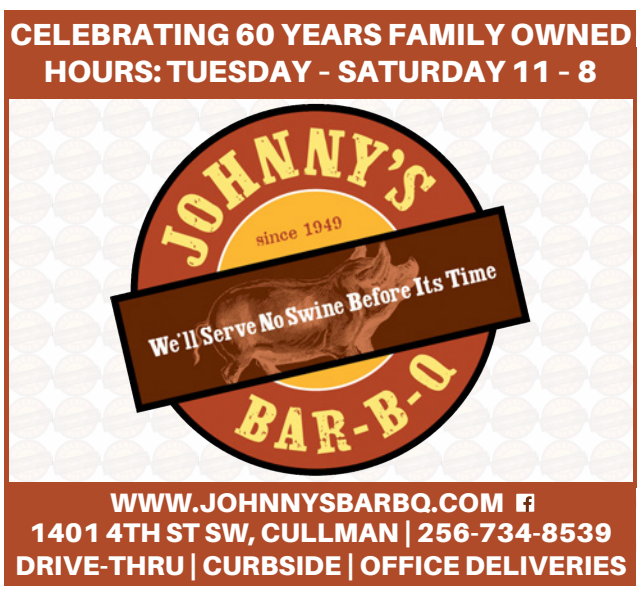
- Neville James Franks – Lance Corporal E3, U.S. Marine Corps
- Wendell Thomas Copeland – Airman First Class, U.S. Air Force
- Charles Ernest Irvin – Specialist Third Class E4, U.S. Army
- Robert Rayburn Turner – Sergeant E5, U.S. Marine Corps
- Terrilynn Seanard – Sergeant E5, U.S. Army
- Christopher Ray Dutton – Chief Gunner's mate E7, U.S. Navy

The QOVF's stated mission is "to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor." The group presents quilts to veterans and certain civilians who served in various capacities to support the U.S. military or veterans.

Look for an event photo gallery on The Tribune's Facebook page.













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PREP BASKETBALL

‘Cherish every moment’: Fairview’s Sadie Smith talks junior season

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — Fairview junior basketball player Sadie Smith missed last season with an injury but was still able to make plenty of memories and learn several great lessons alongside her teammates and coaches.

“Last season, we faced a lot of adversity with many of our players sustaining various injuries. Despite not having a successful season and considering the unexpected obstacles we faced, I felt like we stuck together and pushed through,” Smith said.

“The injury has changed my perspective, not only in basketball, but in life. This is a tough injury, mentally and physically, but I am so thankful for the support from my coaches, teammates, and family. It has taught me to be thankful every time I step on the court and always give 100% in everything I do, because you never know what life might throw at you. I have grown and gained knowledge from a player standpoint and also as a person from supporting my team from the sideline.”

Smith is hopeful to get cleared to play basketball at the end of July and when that time comes, it’ll be one of the best days of her life. She talked about her experience playing for coach Justin Billings and what she learned from him.

“The thought of playing with my teammates again is something that pushes me every day. I know the second I step on the court with them, I will be filled with excitement and happiness to finally be doing what I’ve been working towards,” Smith said. “I played for coach Billings for four years. He is an amazing person who truly loves coaching, the game of basketball, and his players. He helped shape me as a person and as a player; he has always been there for me whenever I needed something. He poured in countless hours to our program and our community and brought a sense of family that we will continue to uphold. I will miss his competitive spirit and his will to win, as well as how he never gave up on his team or his players. He always tried to encourage us and help us take away something positive, even after a loss.”

Smith has been so blessed to play alongside some great seniors and took away so much from them, including Emma Garcia and Jaycee Aleman. Smith is one of five seniors on this team and will look to make next season very memorable for not only the seniors, but for the younger players as well.

“I’m very thankful I have had the opportunity to play alongside and create friendships with many great seniors. They have taught me many things on and off the court, including how to be a good teammate, no matter what your role on the team is. Emma and Jaycee were amazing players and people. I am very thankful for all the times I was able to spend with them. Our team will miss them greatly this season,” she said.



KATIE DRUMMOND/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Fairview’s Sadie Smith

“All five of the seniors on our team have played together since the second grade. We are all looking forward to this upcoming season and hope we can help the other girls on the team have one of the most memorable and enjoyable seasons.”

Smith will work on some things once she gets cleared to practice and has some goals set for this upcoming season. She thinks the 2024-25 season will be a very special one for the Lady Aggies.

“When I get cleared, I am going to put in a lot of extra time outside of practice into conditioning, building strength, and skill work,” she said. “My individual goals are to just be able to compete again and be the best that I can be, while helping my team in any way so that we can be successful. Our team hopes to have a successful season and compete at a high level. We have great team chemistry, and we are very balanced with a lot of interchangeable pieces. We will always play hard and fight to win, no matter the challenge. Each and every player is an important piece that will help us to be a successful team.”

Smith talked about one of her role models that she looks up to, plus the best advice that someone ever gave her.

“I have several role models, but Daisy Manasco is one that comes to mind. She made me feel welcome as an underclassman and was always there for me. She always had a positive attitude, no matter what happened, and played as hard as she could, no matter what,” she said. “Some of the best advice that I was ever given was from my parents. They told me to cherish every moment and to give it my all, because you will never get that time back.”

PREP SPORTS

‘Always give 110%’: Holly Pond’s Carson Ryan recaps sophomore year

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — In this interview, I talked to Broncos basketball and baseball standout Carson Ryan. Carson shared his thoughts on his sophomore seasons, and he gained a lot from playing with both teams.

“I had a lot of fun last year. I felt that we had a successful season. I’m very grateful I got to be a part of that. We had a great group of seniors. I felt that they were the type of leaders we needed. We accomplished a lot of the goals that we set, with one of those being able to win a tough area. I learned a lot from coach Cory Glasscock, one of the things that I learned from him is being focused on your job. I’m looking forward to this upcoming season and what all I can learn from coach Tim Willoughby,” Ryan said. “It felt great being back on the winning side of things, especially with the great group of guys we had. We worked hard during the offseason and during the season. Our team chemistry grew through those hard times, which I feel like that’s why we were successful.”

Ryan took away so much from coach Glasscock and will miss playing for him but at the same time, he can’t wait to start playing for Coach Willoughby.

“He was a great coach, motivator, mentor, and even better person. He really taught me the importance of giving 100% all the time, knowing your role, and the team is more important than yourself. He worked us hard but allowed us to also have fun and enjoy the game. He was very passionate about the game, which carried over to us as a team. He always joked around with us, but he knew, and we knew when it was time to get serious. I really enjoyed the time we spent around him,” Ryan said. “Coach Willoughby is very knowledgeable about the game and conveys the same passion as coach Glasscock. Coach Willoughby already has us working hard and getting us used to his play style. I’m looking forward to this upcoming season with him as our head coach. We were surprised about coach Glasscock leaving, but we understood once he told us he was going back home to coach. As any team would be, we were sad about him leaving. We were excited when we found out that coach Willoughby was going to be our new coach. I wish coach Glasscock the best of luck.”

Ryan got to play alongside some great seniors and learned some things from them. He has seen his overall game improve throughout the past couple of seasons, but still sees room for improvement.

“I felt like they pushed me to do my best. They showed me that size doesn’t matter. Our guards, Diego and Gunnar, were probably two of the toughest defenders we had because of their hustle. Our bigs, Christian and Levi, it was like, when they were in the game, no one else was getting rebounds. One of them would always come down with it. We were all like one big family that pushed each other to do our best. I learned not to dwell on any mistakes I made, always give 110%, you’re going to have good nights and bad nights, and at the end, it’s all about having fun,” Ryan said. “I felt like I became a more consistent shooter and on the defensive end, I became more aggressive. My confidence was better, and I started looking to shoot the ball more. I will continue to work on my shooting and ball-handling, but the main focus is on getting bigger and stronger.”

Ryan talked about his goals and the team goals for next season, and he thinks next season will be another special one for the Broncos.

“My individual goals are to be the best teammate I can be and always improve. Our team goals are to have a season like last year and make it to Birmingham,” he said.



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Holly Pond’s Carson Ryan

“I feel like we’re going to be a team that plays at a fast pace. We have a bunch of talent coming back and we have got a bunch of guys that can make things happen. Between Kollin, Sawyer, Blake, and a few others, our desire to compete and play well, and coach Willoughby’s passion, we should be a fun and entertaining team to watch.”

Ryan did learned a lot on the diamond last season as well and he feels lucky to play alongside some great teammates and coaches.

“We were a better team than our record indicated. With this being coach Destry Stone’s first year with us, it was kind of a transition with everyone getting used to things. This was the first year I’ve really played third at the varsity level. I learned a few things that made me better throughout the season. Most of all, I learned not to get down when things aren’t going our way and stay positive,” he said. “Most of us have played together since the Park and Recreation days and a lot of the seniors believed in positivity and they play team baseball. What I learned from the seniors is to keep working. Baseball takes a lot of work to be good at hitting and fielding. Fundamentals are important and the mental approach is important as well. Coach Mark Bell was all about the fundamentals and mentally being prepared for practices and games. Coach Stone stresses the importance of positivity and being fundamentally sound. I’ve been blessed to play for several great coaches and assistant coaches.”

Ryan has gotten better over the past couple of seasons but will continue to put in the work in the offseason as he prepares for next season.

“I feel like I’ve developed a few more pitches than I had two years ago that helped me out on the mound. My reaction time on the field has gotten a lot better and I feel like I’ve improved on my situational hitting. The biggest thing that I have improved in is in my mental strength,” he said. “I feel like my hitting could improve and I’m working to get stronger, and gain velocity on my pitches. I’ll also work on my strength and agility.”

Ryan talks about the goals for himself and for the team and he believes next season will be a lot better than last season.

“Individually, I would like to have a .300 batting average or above, and as a team, win area and advance to the state playoffs,” he said. “We have a lot of talent coming back and some back and some guys that didn’t play last year are coming out and should contribute. With this being coach Stone’s second year, I believe things will go more smoothly because everyone will be on the same page.”

Ryan talked about his role models growing up in both sports and the best advice that he was ever given.

“Two of the basketball players from the Final Four team, coach Griffin Morris and Matt Cahoon, taught us how to play hard and win, as well as lose with class. On the baseball side of things, I like watching videos of Chipper Jones and the way he plays third. I want to try to be a better third baseman,” he said. “The best advice that someone ever gave me was to believe in myself and work hard at everything I do. Nothing worth having is given to you for free.”

Everett Teaford named Auburn baseball's pitching coach

George Nunnelley
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. — Former big leaguer Everett Teaford has been named Auburn baseball's pitching coach, Butch Thompson announced Friday. Teaford steps into the role vacated by Daron Schoenrock.

"Let me first sincerely thank Daron Schoenrock for the commitment to Auburn and our student-athletes this year," Thompson said. "His experience and steady mentality helped us win the most regular season conference games in our tenure, which led us to hosting back-to-back regionals for the first time in program history. Rock has been there for me every stage of my career, and I will forever cherish this past season with one of my greatest mentors. Godspeed to Rock and his wife, Carol."

Teaford, who pitched in the big leagues with the Kansas City Royals from 2011-13 and Tampa Bay Rays in 2015, has spent the last six seasons with the Chicago White Sox, including the last four years as the minor league pitching coordinator.

Prior to assuming his most recent role, Teaford served as a minor league quality control coach for the White Sox in 2018 and assistant pitching coordinator in 2019. He also served as a scout for the Houston Astros from 2016-17.

"I absolutely believe Everett Teaford will be a gamechanger at the college level. He checks so many boxes and will help us continue to enhance our program," Thompson said.

"He has pitched at the highest level, helped develop professional pitchers, served as a scout, had an exceptional college career, and hails from an important section of Auburn's recruiting footprint in Georgia.

"Teaford's acumen, drive, personality, and ability to understand and implement programs and strategies will make a positive impact on our current and future student-athletes," Thompson added.

"I'm thankful that Everett, Natalie and their beautiful family believe this is the perfect time to invest in this amazing university. Auburn Family, help me welcome the Teaford family."

During his time with the White Sox, Teaford most notably worked with top pitching prospects Dylan Cease, who finished second in Cy Young Award voting in 2022, Michael Kopech, Dane Dunning and Garrett Crochet, among others. The quartet has made a combined 346 MLB appearances, including 227 starts, since 2019.

"I'm extremely grateful to Coach Thompson for this opportunity, and I'm excited to get back into the college game," Teaford said.

"Auburn competes at the highest level in the SEC, and I love the momentum the program has created in recent seasons. I want to thank the White Sox for getting me started in the coaching profession, and I can't wait to continue to help develop these young, talented pitchers on the Plains."

Teaford pitched collegiately at Georgia Southern from 2004-06. A two-time All-Southern Conference performer, he turned in a 26-13 career record with a 4.00 ERA and struck out 353 batters in 348.1.



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Everett Teaford

Teaford's 353 career strikeouts are the second most in Georgia Southern history and fifth most in the history of the SoCon. He led the league with 122 strikeouts in 2006 and logged the most innings pitched in back-to-back seasons in 2005 and 2006.

Following his college career in Statesboro, Georgia, Teaford was selected by the Kansas City Royals in the 12th round of the 2006 Major League Baseball Draft and spent eight seasons with the organization. He made his MLB debut on May 17, 2011, and ultimately made 49 career appearances with the Royals and Rays in four seasons from 2011-15. Teaford also played for the LG Twins of the Korean Baseball League in 2014.

Originally from Atlanta, Georgia, Teaford and his wife, Natalie, have two daughters, Hailey (six) and Harper (five), and one son, Nolan (one).

Alabama adds Mike Morrison to baseball coaching staff

Alex Thompson
UA Athletics

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — University of Alabama head baseball coach Rob Vaughn officially announced the hiring of Mike Morrison on Saturday morning. Morrison, who spent the last two seasons at Maryland, is the third addition to Vaughn's Crimson Tide coaching staff, joining associate head coach Jason Jackson and assistant coach Anthony Papio.

"I'm thrilled to welcome Mike Morrison and his family to Alabama," said Vaughn. "Mo won a national championship at Coastal Carolina and brings a wealth of knowledge to Tuscaloosa from both the pitching and recruiting standpoint. He's as relentless as it gets, and I couldn't be more excited to have Mike, his wife, Jordan, and their son, Miles, join the Alabama Baseball Family."

Serving as both recruiting coordinator and an assistant coach, Morrison will focus primarily on the Crimson Tide's recruiting efforts while also supporting Vaughn in all aspects of on-field instruction. He arrived in Tuscaloosa after a two-year stint as the pitching coach at Maryland from 2022-23, helping the Terps to a combined 90 wins during that stretch. Prior to his time in College Park, he was the pitching coach at his alma mater, Coastal Carolina, in 2021 and served as the Chanticleers' director of player development and scouting during the 2020 campaign.

Morrison's guidance on the mound helped Maryland post a 42-21 record and earn an NCAA Regional bid in 2023. The Terps' pitching staff was led by Jason Savacool, who paced the Big Ten in wins (9) while ranking second in innings pitched (96.0) and fourth in strikeouts (95).

The junior earned second team All-Big Ten honors and was joined by Nick Dean (third team) and Kyle McCoy (freshman) on the all-conference rosters.

In his first year in College Park, Morrison's pitching staff contributed in a big way to one of the best seasons in program history with Maryland recording a school-record 48 wins while claiming the Big Ten regular season title and earning an NCAA Regional host bid. His weekend rotation of Dean, Savacool and Ryan Ramsey excelled, with each of the three pitchers earning postseason honors.

Ramsey, who was selected in the 13th round of the 2022 MLB Draft, was named a second team All-American and first team All-Big Ten selection for his standout junior campaign.

He finished with 11 wins, the second-most in Maryland single-season history, while limiting opposing hitters to a .193 mark that was the lowest on the '22 staff. He also tossed a perfect game in that 2022 campaign, one of only 36 in NCAA Division I history and just the 21st nine-inning perfect game in history up to that point.

Additionally in 2022, Savacool garnered All-America recognition from multiple outlets while also being tabbed to the All-Big Ten first team. He finished his sophomore season ranked in the top-five on Maryland's single-season lists for innings pitched, strikeouts and wins. Dean's year wrapped up with third team All-Big Ten honors.

Morrison's coaching career began at Coastal Carolina, where he was named the Director of Player Development and Scouting in 2020.



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Mike Morrison

He took over as pitching coach in 2021 before joining Vaughn's staff at Maryland.

He played collegiately at CCU from 2013-16 and was a key part of the Chanticleers' 2016 national championship team. Morrison was selected as a first team All-American by three separate outlets and named a team captain during his senior season.

He finished his collegiate career with an 11-4 record and 15 saves to go with a 2.93 ERA. Morrison was then selected in the 27th round of the 2016 MLB Draft by the Chicago White Sox and spent three seasons in professional baseball.

Morrison graduated in 2016 with a degree in interdisciplinary studies while minoring in communications at Coastal Carolina. He also earned a pair of master's degrees in business administration and education from Coastal when he returned from pro ball. A native of Boca Raton, Fla., Morrison grew up in Gilbert, S.C. He is married to the former Jordan Lindler and the couple has one son, Miles.

Get all the latest information on the team by following AlabamaBSB on Twitter and Instagram and on Facebook at Alabama Baseball. General athletic news can be found at UA_Athletics on Twitter on Instagram and AlabamaAthletics on Facebook.

Alabama's Jim Wells Selected to ABCA Hall of Fame Class for 2024

Alex Thompson
UA Athletics

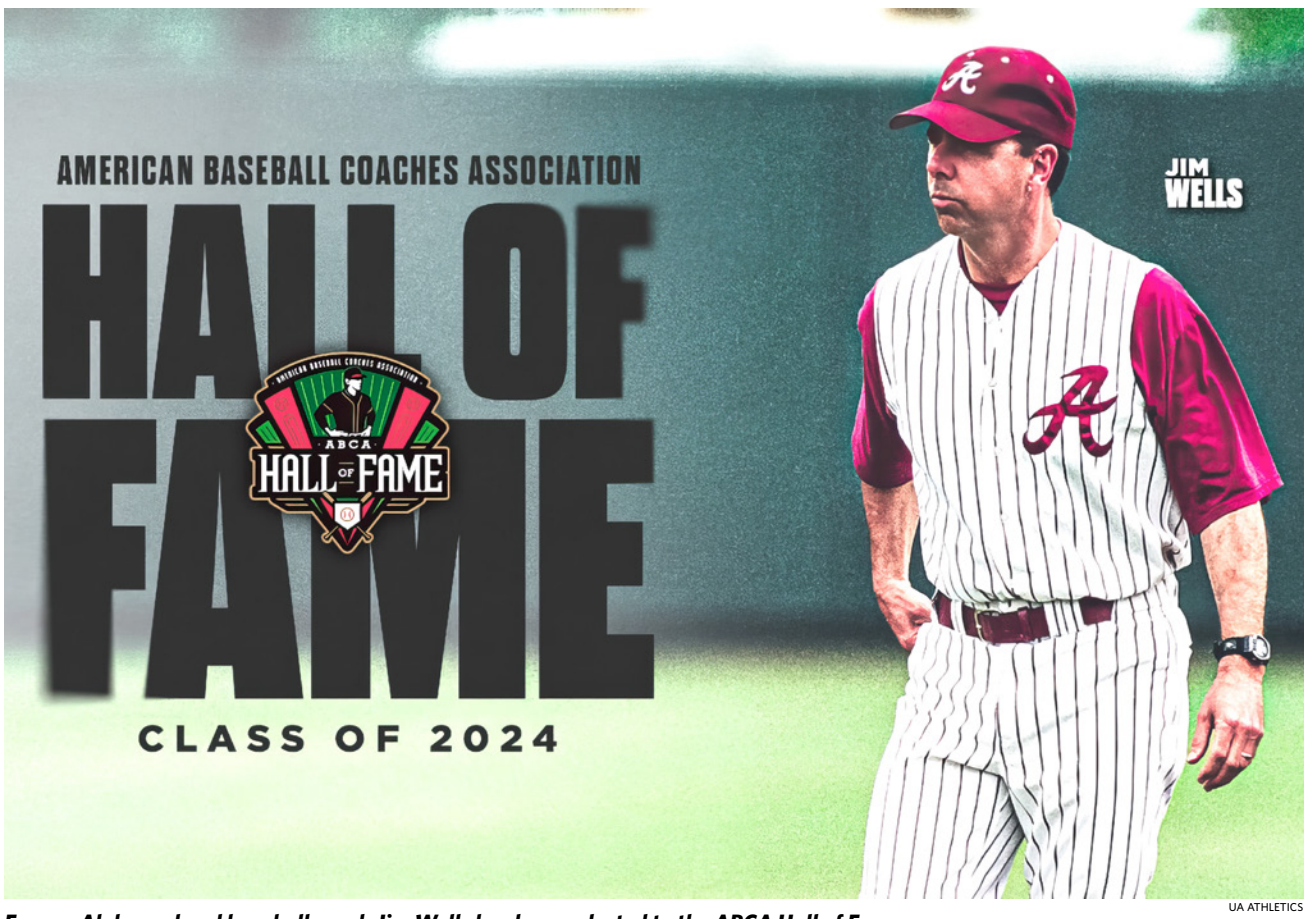
TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Former Alabama head baseball coach Jim Wells was selected to the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame as part of the 2024 Class, the ABCA announced on Wednesday morning.

Wells, who is the first ABCA Hall of Fame inductee in Alabama program history, is part of 10 former head coaches that make up the 2024 class. He is joined by Cal Bailey (West Virginia State), Danny Hall (Georgia Tech), Pat McQuaid (Nova High School), Jim Morris (University of Miami), Brian O'Connor (Virginia), Tim Pettorini (The College of Wooster), John Vodenlich (Wisconsin-Whitewater), Wayne Welton (Chelsea High School) and Jeff Willis (LSU Eunice).

Induction to the ABCA Hall of Fame is the highest honor bestowed by the organization. The ABCA was founded in 1945 with the Hall of Fame beginning in 1966. The 2024 ABCA Hall of Fame Banquet induction ceremony will be held during the 80th annual ABCA Convention on Friday, Jan. 5, 2024, at the Gaylord Texan in Grapevine, Texas.

JIM WELLS
Alabama Head Coach, 1995-2009

- Compiled a career 625-322 record across 15 seasons at the Capstone
- The all-time winningest coach in Alabama history with 625 victories, including a program-best 259 in Southeastern Conference play
- Guided the Crimson Tide to three of the program's five College World Series appearances, making it to Omaha in 1996, 1997 and 1999, and totaled 12 NCAA Regional berths
- Led Alabama to three SEC Western Division titles (1996, 2002, 2006), two SEC regular season titles (1996, 2006) and six SEC Tournament championships (1995-97, 1999, 2002-03)
- His six SEC Tournament titles are tied with Skip Bertman and Paul Mainieri of LSU for the most in the history of the event
- Named SEC Coach of the Year in both 1996 and 2002
- Began his collegiate head coaching career at Northwestern State from 1990-94



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Former Alabama head baseball coach Jim Wells has been selected to the ABCA Hall of Fame.

Get all the latest information on the team by following @AlabamaBSB on Twitter and Instagram and on Facebook at Alabama Baseball. General athletic news can be found at UA_Athletics on Twitter and Instagram and AlabamaAthletics on Facebook.







– COLUMN –

Celebrating in the Wundergarten – Forest bathing

Ben Johnson South
Tribune Columnist

SAVE YOUR WATER, SHOWER WITH A FRIEND and SAVE YOUR SANITY WITH FOREST BATHING!

"Contrary to its name, Japanese FOREST BATHING, or 'Shinrin-yoku,' has nothing to do with wallowing in water surrounded by trees. In reality, it's the act of being among trees, absorbing the ambience of a forest...Escaping to the outdoors is the natural antidote to our busy lives, and forest bathing offers the ideal activity to get us back to our roots and redress the balance." (THE LITTLE BOOK OF FOREST BATHING (Andrews McMeel Publishing))

FOREST BATHING IS LEGAL THROUGHOUT CULLMAN COUNTY — and encouraged. We spend a lot of our lives going 90-to-nothing like non-stop Energizer bunnies ™. We keep going and going and going — until we don't. FOREST BATHING is about "not doing." Find yourself in a Cullman County forest — literally and spiritually. Find time to quiet your mind and ease into a relaxed, calm mode.

FOREST BATHING research shows that after spending just a brief amount of time among the trees, stress levels are reduced. FOREST BATHING is FREE, effective mental health therapy that is also good for your physical health.

FOREST BATHING can boost your immune system, lower your heart rate and reduce blood pressure. Trees naturally enhance our health. Every medical doctor in Cullman is known for the mantra, "You need to lose some weight." They should add, "and go for a regular walk in the woods."

FOREST BATHING is good for your spiritual well-being. Trees link us earthbound humans to the heavens. The peace and serenity of the woods offer the solace of deep reflection within.

"CULTIVATE CULLMAN: The Countywide Arts and Gardening Celebration" suggests these tree-blessed places are THE BEST FOREST BATHING PLACES IN CULLMAN COUNTY:

COLD SPRINGS — SMITH LAKE is the deepest lake in Alabama and along the many miles of natural shoreline are ideal places for deep thoughts, pleasant reflection and calming FOREST BATHING. Although internet service is available, Cold Springs is a splendid spot for a "digital detox." Except for all the tempting vistas to photograph, leave your smartphone in your pocket and soak up nature with all of your senses as you interact with the surroundings.

"Look deep, deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better." — Albert Einstein

CULLMAN —THE SPORTSMAN LAKE PARK ARBORETUM welcomes you to 5 miles of wooded hiking through 168 acres. It is FREE and Open to All, 365 days a year. FOREST BATHING at its best begins as you stroll through the bright red "Welcome Arbor" of the Wildflower Garden. Turn left just as you go under the arbor, stroll across the bridge, and you will immediately feel the peaceful relaxation under the tall trees. I like to head up to the area with the slow-swaying swings. I stay a while and then enter the woods, which are filled with birdsong near the wetlands bog. The trails and trees invite you to wander and unwind.

"If you would know strength and patience, welcome the company of trees." — Hal Borland

FAIRVIEW — RANDALL SHEDD COMMUNITY PARK has lots of open space used for playgrounds and ballfields but there are still lovely groves of trees at the periphery and some of the most-stately oaks in the county. You will also find considerable shade and solace at the Baileyton Community Park.

"Keep close to nature's heart...climb a mountain or spend a week in the woods. Wash your spirit clean." — John Muir

GOOD HOPE — SMITH LAKE PARK, only 7 miles from I-65, feels like a hundred miles from the hurly-burly hustle of modern life. This park is popular for fishing, boating and swimming but also camping under the trees year-round. There are lots of quiet spots for FOREST BATHING in relaxed solitude.

REPEAT: "I am as grounded as the trees that surround me."

HANCEVILLE — THE MULBERRY FORK of the BLACK WARRIOR RIVER in aptly named, Garden City, offers miles of FOREST BATHING at its finest. Once bustling Highway 31, now much-eclipsed in speed by I-65, is even better for tree-loving, natural beauty-craving travelers. Just a drive through this mesmerizing beauty is soul-lifting. Stop for a hickory-smoked barbecue at Top Hat, a delicious Alabama tradition. Then, walk it off creekside under the trees.

"There is a serene and settled majesty to woodland scenery that enters into the soul and delights and elevates it." — Washington Irving

HOLLY POND — DUCK RIVER RESERVOIR has 21 miles of hiking and biking trails designed in harmony with the 640-acre man-made lake. There are two boat launches, and the water is nicely stocked for fishing, but one of the most enjoyable offerings at this beautiful, wooded "must-do experience in Alabama," are the many acres under the tree canopy, quietly FOREST BATHING.

"I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach." — Henry David Thoreau

VINEMONT — HURRICANE CREEK PARK is 70 acres with four seasons of forested beauty. You can enjoy the views at a distance, and for folks fit enough to climb the steep trails, there are many opportunities for FOREST BATHING alone with your thoughts and reflections. Pack your fortifying "trail mix" and enjoy the soothing sounds of the waterfall.

"I firmly believe that nature brings solace in all troubles." — Anne Frank

WEST POINT — STEELE ORCHARD has 20 varieties of apples and lovely fruit trees row after row. The apples and the fresh, apple pies are a delicious way to indulge in nature. Apple trees come in all shapes and branch formations. There is beauty in this natural diversity. FOREST BATHING leads one to this sort of positive thinking.

"In nature, nothing is perfect, and everything is perfect. Trees can be contorted, bent in weird ways, and they're still beautiful." — Alice Walker

CELEBRATING IN THE WUNDERGARTEN includes culinary storytelling connected to "CULTIVATE CULLMAN: The Countywide Arts and Gardening Celebration." This recipe salutes the pine forests in these North Alabama hills:

FOREST BATHING PINE NUT BALLS
(Source: tasteofhome.com)

INGREDIENTS

- 2 logs (4 oz. each) fresh goat cheese
- 1 carton (8 oz.) mascarpone cheese
- 6 tbsp. grated Parmesan cheese
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 1/2 tsp. olive oil
- 1 1/2 tsp. white balsamic vinegar
- 3/4 tsp. grated lemon zest
- 3 oz. (6 tbsp.) chopped prosciutto
- 3 oz. (6 tbsp.) finely chopped dried figs
- 3 tbsp. minced fresh parsley
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 1 cup pine nuts, toasted and chopped

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Combine the first 11 ingredients until well blended.

2. Shape into 36 balls; roll in pine nuts.

3. Refrigerate, covered, until serving.

HAPPY FOREST BATHING AND AUF WIEDERSEHEN Y'ALL!

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Summer animal safety: What the law says, what vets recommend

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Alabama is no stranger to heat or humidity. With a high heat advisory nearly every day last week as well as next week's temps staying around the 90s, the Tribune investigated the hot topic of preventing heatstroke in pets during a heat wave: a comparison between what the law says, and what vets actually recommend.

Heatstroke occurs when a pet's body temperature rises too high and can occur rather quickly. Symptoms of heatstroke include panting, excessive thirst, lethargy, vomiting, diarrhea and seizures; if you think your pet may have heatstroke, it is important to seek medical attention for them immediately. East Point Animal Hospital Veterinarian Dr. Dennis Haynes has been caring for animals since 1974. He said that often when he sees pets for heatstroke, it's too late.

"Oftentimes, the dog is DOA. Mucus membranes are dry, color is a fiery red," Haynes said, shaking his head. Haynes noted the issue is typically due to a captive dog and a lack of shade or cool water, explaining, "A dog captive to a pen, or a fenced backyard, they're at your mercy. If there's a dry water bowl, no shade, they're going to be in trouble."

He said that for pets that don't have the option to come inside, shade and cool water are not only recommended, but also crucial for survival; he suggested checking on those pets often, refreshing water bowls with ice cubes, making sure shade is adequate at all times and introducing airflow if possible through outdoor fans. Haynes noted a stark difference between the nature of outdoor cats and dogs, saying that since cats aren't usually fenced in or on tethers, they tend to fair a bit better in harsh conditions like a heat wave- provided that water and shade are still easily available."Cats are going to find places to shade up in the heat of the day. It's just part of their nature to pile up and sleep during the day, and then they'll get up and hunt in the cool of the night," he stated.

According to Cameron Berryhill of Cullman County Animal Control, what Haynes said is not only right – it is the law. According to Alabama Criminal Code 13a-11-241, depriving an animal of necessary sustenance and shelter is a Class A misdemeanor, and you can be prosecuted.

Addressing animals in cars, Berryhill was very blunt: "If an animal is found to be left in a car unattended the individual could be prosecuted. Leave your dog at home!"

He continued, "Even with the windows cracked open, the temperature inside a car can quickly rise to dangerous levels. Regardless of the temperature outside, a car's internal temperature can rise up to 20-30 degrees in minutes. Just an additional 2 degrees in a dog's body temperature can cause heatstroke; 15 minutes is all it takes for a dog to die of heatstroke."

TIPS TO PREVENT HEATSTROKE:

- Avoid walking your pet during the hottest parts of the day. Early morning and late evening walks are best to keep your pet cool and comfortable.
- Hot pavement can burn your pet's paws. To test the sidewalk temperature, use the back of your hand. If it's too hot to hold your hand down, then it's too hot for their paw pads.
- Make sure your pet has access to fresh, clean water at all times. Consider adding a few ice cubes to their outside water bowl and keep it under the shade so it could keep cool and refreshed.
- Provide frozen pet-friendly treats to keep them entertained.
- Make sure your pet has access to shade at all times, whether it's under a tree or an umbrella. This will help keep them cool and protected from the sun's harmful rays.

Tiffany McKoy contributed to this article.

Books reviews from CCPLS readers

Staff Reports
Contributor

Readers who frequent the Cullman County Public Library System share reviews of some of their recently read books.

Submission date: June 29, 2003

- Reviewer: Elaine Clayton
- Title: "Identity"
- Author: Nora Roberts
- Rating: 5 out of 5 stars

Thoughts about the book: A truly fabulous book! A psychopath targets blond, slim women with money- he steals their identity- their assets, and then kills them. He changes his looks frequently and stays ahead of the law.

Submission date: June 29, 2003

- Reviewer: Lisa Hullett
- Title: "Glad You're Here: Two Unlikely Friends Breaking Bread and Fences"
- Author: Walker Hayes, Craig Allen Cooper
- Rating: 5 out of 5 stars

Thoughts about the book: Two men, total opposites in almost every way, become fast friends. One is trying to break into the Nashville music scene, the other establishing a church there. Walker is an alcoholic atheist, but they bond as do their families. It is, in fact, the song he writes about Craig that gives his career a boost. It's told by both men in alternating narratives.

Submission date: June 29, 2003

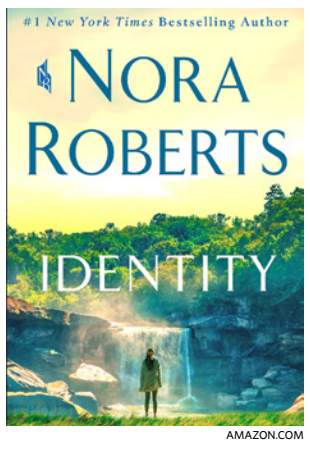
- Reviewer: Sharon Clayton
- Title: "The White Lady"
- Author: Jacqueline Winspear
- Rating: 5 out of 5 stars

Thoughts about the book: Really great historical fiction. Tribute to the women who fought WWI and WWII from the shadows.

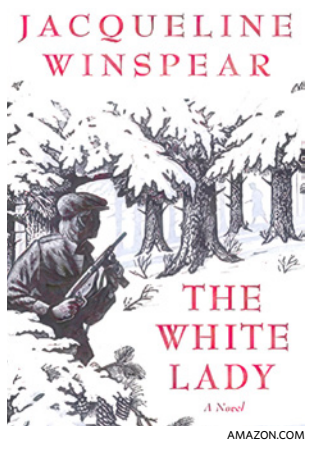
Submission date: June 29, 2003

- Reviewer: Sharon Clayton
- Title: "The Final Girl Support Group"
- Author: Grady Hendrix
- Rating: 4 out of 5 stars

Thoughts about the book: Excellent horror/thriller with twists I didn't predict. Both a tribute to and a scathing commentary on 80s/90s "slasher flicks" and the culture of violence as entertainment.



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Cookout (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — It was the perfect day for an intimate block party at The Villas at Cloverdale on

Friday, July 7, 2023. The Link of Cullman, who works closely with the The Villas through its own housing and rental assistance programs, was happy to host Chat & Chew at the main office as a fun treat for the residents.

The summer sun was thick as residents munched on a classic lunch of hot dogs, chips and cold drinks while learning more about all the programs

The Link has to offer. Employees at The Link are no strangers to their neighbors at The Villas, with Housing Case Manager Jonathan Creekmore sharing that a recent partnership to host financial classes made them even more motivated to give back to their clients.

"We're happy to provide food and fun for our neighbors, and to continue caring through financial classes at Cloverdale!" smiled Creekmore.

Owners of Chat & Chew Cherrie Verhoff and Leann Boatright shared that this isn't the first time they've partnered with The Link, and it certainly won't be the last.

"You know, anything we can do to help the community," said Boatright, with Verhoff confirming that "Anytime we can get involved with giving back to the community, we love that.

"We'll be doing the August community meal also!"

To learn more about The Link of Cullman County and the services it provide, visit their website at https://linkingcullman.org/.

Library (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Public Library is hosting various events throughout the month of July.

DIY Programs in July:

- Monday, July 10 - Create Your Own Comic Strip
- Thursday, July 13 - Bad Art Day
- Monday, July 17 - Paper Bag STEM Challenge
- Thursday, July 20 - Chalk the Walk (Sidewalk Art)
- Monday, July 24 - Origami Art
- Thursday, July 27 - Shark Week Craft

From July 10-Aug. 4, the library will host its Buzzy Bee Social Media Hunt. Participants can pick up a Buzzy Bee cutout at the library (instructions will be included) and then take photos of Buzzy Bee around town.

On Thursday, July 13, at 3 p.m. the library will host 3Doodlers: 3-D Pens.

Jean's Nifty Knitters takes place on Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. and is open to everyone 7 and older. All levels of experience are welcomed and all materials are supplied.

On Friday, July 28, at 10 a.m. the library will celebrate Harry Potter's birthday with crafts, games and treats.

Summer Movie at Art Park, hosted by Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism, will take place Friday, July 28, at 6 p.m.

It's a free event featuring the movie "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood."

The movie will begin around sundown. Participants can arrive early at Art Park to join the library staff before the movie for crafts and fun.

LEGALS

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, Alabama ("Board"), at the Wesley A. James Operations Center, 4725 Moffett Road, Suite A, Mobile, AL 36618-0249 until **12:00 p.m., Local Time, August 7, 2027**, and then publicly opened and read aloud at **1:00 p.m.**, for furnishing all labor, materials, and performing all work for the following project: Contract No.: D3424000, Project Name: **NORTONS LANE SWAT AND LIFT STATION**.

The project is funded by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program. The selected bidder shall comply with all conditions and requirements of the program as they pertain to this Project.

Plans and Specifications may be inspected at the Board's offices at 4725 Moffett Road, Suite A, Mobile, AL, or at the offices of Jacobs, Consulting Engineers, 25 W. Cedar Street, Suite 350, Pensacola FL. 32502 (by appointment)., Telephone: (850) 396-4938.

A complete set of electronic contract documents including Drawings, Specifications, referenced documents and a model bid package may be obtained from Kara St. Myer of Jacobs via e-mail from Kara St. Myer at Kara.StMyer@jacobs.com. No Contract Documents will be issued later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to bid submission time.

Questions regarding the Contract Documents must be submitted in writing or electronically to Jacobs no later than **July 28, 2023** in order for responses to be provided via addendum prior to the bid date.

A MANDATORY Pre-Bid Conference will be held at Wesley A. James Operations Center, 4725 Moffett Road, Board Room, Mobile, AL 36618-0249 on **July 18, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.**, Local Time, to discuss bidding and project requirements. Prospective bidders must attend. Subcontractors should attend.

Bids must be submitted on the standard forms included with the Contract Documents in the tabbed and color-coded format as indicated.

Envelopes containing bids must be sealed and delivered to the Director, Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, Alabama, 4725A Moffett Road, Mobile, Alabama 36618-0249: "Bid for constructing Project # D3424000 - **NORTONS LANE SWAT AND LIFT STATION**, to be opened at **1:00 p.m., Local Time, August 7, 2027**". The Bidder's Alabama State Contractor's License Number and discipline shall be on the envelope. Hand-delivered bid packages shall be delivered to the receptionist at the main entrance of the MAWSS office complex, 4725A Moffett Road, Mobile AL 36618.

Bid guarantee in the form of certified check, bid bond, or Irrevocable Letter of Credit acceptable to the Board will be required for at least 5 percent of the bid amount, **not to exceed $10,000**.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in bids received.

THIS INVITATION FOR BIDS IS CONDENSED FOR ADVERTISING PURPOSES. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/REQUIREMENTS FOR BIDDERS CAN BE FOUND IN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

THE BOARD OF WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS
OF THE CITY OF MOBILE, ALABAMA

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
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Done this the 29th 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 is said newspaper

Annette Irons-Parker
Attorney for Petitioner
215 Main Avenue, Southwest
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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
Attorney for Personal Representative
PARKER AND PARKER, P.C. ATTORNEYS
215 Main Avenue, SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055
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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

Obituary Announcements: July 6-7

Charles Edward Coggins, 82
Charles Edward Coggins, 82, of Birmingham, passed away Sunday, July 2, 2023, at Fair Haven Skilled Nursing Facility following an extended illness. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 8, 2023, at First Baptist Church Dothan with Pastor Scott Davis officiating. A private burial will follow in Gardens of Memory Cemetery with Glover Funeral Home directing. The family will receive friends at the church immediately prior to the service from 12:30 p.m. until 1:45 p.m. Charles was born Dec. 14, 1940, in Clanton, Alabama to Royal Joseph and Maggie O'dell Driver Coggins. He graduated from Chilton County High School in 1959 and joined the Army, serving as a Military Policeman, before going to college with the help of the GI Bill. He was a proud graduate of the University of Alabama with a degree in Commerce and Business Administration. Charles worked as a certified public accountant for the national firm Deloitte, Haskins, and Sells for several years after graduating from college. Following his career as a CPA, he was employed as the Vice President of Administration and Finance for AAA Cooper Transportation based in Dothan until he retired in 2004. While in Dothan, Charles immersed himself in the community and became a role model for volunteerism and selfless giving in support of the city he loved. He served as President of the Dothan Rotary Club, Assistant District Governor District 6880 of Rotary International, Board member of the Houston County Healthcare Authority, Chairman of the Wallace Community College Foundation Board of Trustees, Chairman of Dothan By Design, Board member of South Trust Bank and Wachovia Bank, Wiregrass United Way Board of Trustees and Chairman, Chairman of the Education Foundation for Dothan's Future, Community Foundation of Southeast Alabama, AL-FL Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Dothan Area Convention and Visitor's Bureau, Troy University Dothan's Continuing Education Advisory Council and Community Advisory Board, the Board of the National Accounting and Finance Council of the American Trucking Association, the Board of the Association of the United States Army and Chairman of the 1996 Olympic Torch Relay in Dothan. Charles served in several roles for the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce including Chairman of the Board of Directors, Director of Governmental Affairs and Chairman of the Air Service Task Force and Workforce Development Committee, Treasurer and Vice Chair for Economic Development, Vice Chair for Community Affairs, the Health Care Task Force, the Surface Transportation Committee, and the Legislative Affairs Committee. Charles was the recipient of numerous awards including the first Rotary Centennial Service Award for Professional Excellence, Rotary Paul Harris Fellow, the first Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award, and the Troy State University Dothan Community Service Award. The Charles E. Coggins Leadership Scholarship was established in his honor at Wallace Community College. While his family was his first love, a close second was his passion for cycling, which he began in 1986 riding almost daily for the next 30 years. He developed a close-knit group of friends in the cycling community in Dothan and Cullman where he retired on Smith Lake in 2009. At age 65, Charles was the oldest in a group of cyclists in the America Bicycle Fast America South 2006 program. The group biked 2,901 miles from Costa Mesa, California to Savannah, Georgia in 27 days. Charles was inducted into the Alabama Sports and Adventure Hall of Fame in 2022. And if that is not enough, Charles was also a licensed pilot (taught by his wife) and a scuba diver. Charles is predeceased by his wife, Minnie Wade Coggins, and daughter, Christie Coggins Dover, as well as his parents and seven siblings. Survivors include his daughter, Carla Coggins Gilroy (Mike), grandson, Joseph Gilroy, granddaughters Caroline Gilroy and Sarah Frances Gilroy all of Vestavia Hills, Alabama; granddaughter, Crimsynn Dover, and grandson Forrest Dover (Christina) both of Birmingham; granddaughter Courtney Smith (Nick) of Ypsilanti, Michigan; and two beautiful great-granddaughters, Ella Grey Smith, and Stella Kate Dover. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Dothan Rotary Club or Alzheimer's Association of Alabama. Or continue Charles' legacy of service by getting involved with an organization that inspires you in your community. Glover Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements. Please sign the guestbook online at www.gloverfuneral.com.

Tony Randle Lee, 58
A memorial service is incomplete at this time for Tony Randle Lee, 58, of Baileyton. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Lee passed away July 3, 2023, at CRMC. He was born Aug. 11, 1964, to Euel Louis and Helen Ruth Davidson New. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Junior New and Ricky Lee. Survivors include his brothers, Robert (Melba) New, James (Patricia) New, Curtis New; sisters, Billie Sue Lennox, Dorothy (William) Carpenter, Janie Riddle; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Dennis Allen Hood, 65
Dennis Allen Hood, 65, of Double Springs, passed away July 5, 2023, at his residence. He was born Jan. 11, 1958, in Chicago, Illinois. Everyone that met Dennis loved him and called him dad or pawpaw, so the survivors needed to be a lot more people and children than what is listed. The family will be holding a Celebration of Life on Friday, July 7, 2023, at 6 p.m. at Sandra Crowes Building, 10 County Road 91 Double Springs, Alabama 35553. Dennis is survived by his wife, Pauline Hood; children, Kevin (Rita) Beasley, Brian (Amanda) Beasley, and Terry (Heather) Lewis; grandchildren, Brianna (Chris) Froman, Savanna (Justin) Moore, Katie (James) Mason, Ryan Tittle, Loren Tittle (Riley), Dominic Lewis, and Lexis Lewis; great grandchildren, Kylee Neuheisel, Rylee Neuheisel, Kenslee Neuheisel, Rylee Froman, Braxton Neuheisel, Berkley Neuheisel, Briggs Neuheisel, Austin Mueller, Jamyson Watson, Alex Watson, Ashton Walden, Josie Watson, Samuel Tittle, Karson Lee Garcia, Fisher Moore, and Rider Moore; brothers, Ronny (Genevieve) Hood, and Lavaughn (Amanda) Hood; sisters, Diann Sizemore, Lydia Godsey, Lisa Simpson, Malissa (Charles) Elliott, and Renea (Mike) Adair; sisters-in-law, Carolyn Hood, and Tracy Lauderdale; brother-in-law, James Allen Bennett; and his beloved pets, Buddy and Little Bit. He was preceded in death by his father, Howard Lavaughn Hood; and mother, Dorothy Bell Smith Hood Vickery; stepdad, William "Frog" Vickery; brothers, Danny Hood, Pete Lauderdale; brother-in-law, L.D. Sizemore; father-in-law, James Howard Bennett; mother-in-law, Maxine Bennett; great-grandson, Bryson Walden; and his beloved dogs, Cindy and Samson.

Jerome Anthony Flanigan, 41
A Celebration of Life service for Jerome Anthony Flanigan, 41, of Colony, Alabama, will be 2 p.m. Saturday, July 8, 2023, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation for the public will be from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home on Saturday prior to the service. Jerome Anthony Flanigan was born to Sylvia Flanigan Turner and his late father Jerome Ferrington Mitchell on Nov. 16, 1981, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Jerome relocated to Colony, Alabama, with his family in 1990. He loved working, spending time with his family, and making people laugh. Jerome confessed his relationship with Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age. Jerome leaves to cherish his mother Sylvia Turner, step-father Albert Turner whom he loved as his very own father, grandmother Mary Flanigan, his children: Devon (Samantha) Hodges, Dezmond Rickman, a beautiful daughter Mila Rose Puckett, expected new arrival "Livia", Bonus children: Destiny Rickman, Logan Puckett, and Keyonna Puckett, and granddaughter Amauri. Siblings: Tumeka (Jason) Henry, Charles (Temeka) Flanigan, George Lamar Flanigan, step-brother Tavoris (Mandy), Turner, step-sister Aleaka Turner. A special uncle Anthony Jerome Flanigan, and Aunt's Vanessa (Rick) Hunt, whom he looked up to as a second mother, and Gladys Hammond. A very special friend Carli Puckett, and a host of aunt's, nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

Geroland Smith, 78
Funeral Service for Geroland Smith, age 78, of Vinemont, will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 8, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Bruce Farr and Tim Aris officiating; interment in Bethlehem West Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Smith passed away on Wednesday, July 5, 2023, at her residence. She was born Jan. 17, 1945, to Elmer Lee Little and Virginia Little. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edwin Boyd Smith; son, Jimmy Dale Smith; parents, Elmer Lee Little and Virginia Little; brothers, Bobby Little and Donald Little; and sister, Tina Little. Survivors include her daughter, Lorie Smith (Clellon) Marks; granddaughter, Karley Ann Garrison; sister, Barbara Lawrence; brothers, Wayne Little and Kenneth Little; sisters, Anita Pirkle, Joyce Little, and Jenise Jones; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Barbara Joan Brasher, 77
Funeral services for Barbara Joan Brasher age 77, of Cullman, Alabama, will be on Sunday, July 9, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home with Rev. Perry Knight officiating; interment will follow the service in Valley Springs Cemetery. Visitation will be from 12:30 p.m. until 2 p.m. prior to the service. Moss Service Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Ms. Brasher passed away on July 5, 2023, at Woodland Nursing Home. She was born on November 20, 1945. She was preceded in death by parents: Jacob and Adelia Knight; husband, Doug Brasher; son, Richard Brasher; grandson, Cade Brasher; and daughter-in-law, Beverly Brasher. Survivors include: son, Marty Brasher; brother, Perry Knight (Doreen); granddaughter, Shacara Hollingsworth (Matthew); great-grandchildren: Drakelyn Hollingsworth and Parker Hollingsworth; and a host of nephews and nieces, and other family and friends. The family of Ms. Brasher would like to send a special thank you to Kelsey Carter, Samantha Murphree and the Woodland Nursing Home Staff for their kindness and love and care for Barbara. To leave condolences please visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Betty Rose Wells, 78
Betty Rose Wells, age 78, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Friday, June 30, 2023. Betty is survived by her sons Jeffrey (Debra) Wells, Mark (Darla) Wells, and Jason (Dana) Wells; and her grandchildren Coree Jade Wells and Houston Wells. Betty was preceded in death by her husband Eulon Aubry Wells and her parents James Earvin and Florrace Vernell Anderson Hunt. A celebration of life visitation for Betty will be held Wednesday, July 12, 2023, from noon until 2 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055. A celebration of life funeral service will occur Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at 2 p.m., 1901 Second Avenue, NW, Cullman, AL 35055. An interment will occur Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at Cullman City Cemetery, 812 Ninth Avenue SW, Cullman, AL 35055. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Wells family. Moss Service Funeral Home Directing.

Jacqueline I. Quattlebaum, 93
It is with profound sadness that the family of Jacqueline I. Quattlebaum announces her passing on July 6, 2023, at the age of 93 years. Jackie was married to her loving husband, Ulen, for 75 years. She and Ulen raised two outstanding sons, Larry (Melody) and Terry. Her pride and joy were her grandsons and great-granddaughters. Jackie loved and cared for Christopher, Chad (Betsy), and Nathan (Janay). The great-granddaughters are Caroline, Ellie, and Sarah. There is one remaining sister, Gaynelle Marty. Jackie was preceded in death by her husband, Ulen, and her parents, William and Effie Powe; siblings, Ruby "Buddy", Jeanette "Dettie", Savola "BoBo", Teddy, Walter, Dean, and Clarence. A visitation/prayer service for the celebration of Jackie's life will be held at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home on Saturday, July 8, 2023, at 1 p.m. with visitation from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. prior to the service. Jackie will be missed and mourned by many nieces, nephews, and friends. Her family wishes to send a special thank you to the staff of Legacy Woods for their care and compassion. In lieu of flowers, plant a tree or grow a garden of flowers. Jackie would appreciate this above everything. Pallbearers are Jackie's nephews: Gary Quattlebaum, Perry Johnson, Tim Johnson, Keith Marty, Randy Powe, and Jacob Daniels.

James Douglas Smith, 77
Funeral service for James Douglas Smith, 77, of Cullman, will be at 3 p.m., Sunday, July 9, 2023 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. prior to the service. Rev. Steve Rodgers will officiate. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Smith passed away Friday, July 7, 2023, at his residence. He was born Oct. 9, 1945, to Rosco and Bannie Lee Hornsby Smith. He was a truck driver for American Protein for many years. He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Lessie McClendon, Willodean Smith, Velmer Todd, Thelma Todd, Elizabeth Burns; brothers, Benjamin Smith, Edward Smith; son, James Lamar Smith; daughter, Lucinda Brown. Survivors include his wife of 27 years, Angie Smith; step-daughter, Angela (Tracy) Hulsey; step-son, Kevin Everett; brother, J.D. (Sue) Smith; sister, Vonda "Nellie" McGriff; grandchildren, Kayla Clowers (Patrick), Zach Hancock (Kelsey), Robyn Roberts (Justin), Cody Smith, Daquari Bishop (Danny), Josh Smith (Katie), Jessica Rutherford (Scott); family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Vacation Bible School

Bill King
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What is the longest holiday of them all? Most holidays last at least one day, or at most for an extended weekend. There is, however, one holiday that last all summer. It's called summer! Yes, I know summer is a season, but for many it is also a holiday. Well, no, not officially, but school's out for summer. Alice Cooper said so. And while school is out for summer, so many other fun things are going on. Summertime is a special time, especially for children and youth.

Summertime is beach time, swim time, stay in bed until you can't stay in bed time, travel and vacation time, and more. What summer is not is school time, right? Well, not entirely. While schools may not be having school in the summer, churches are. There is a special school that happens in many churches during the summer. It's called Vacation Bible School. I have never actually listed that I attended Vacation Bible School on my resume, but I have been well educated there. Every summer when I was a growing up, I spent not just a week in Bible School but two. That's right, back in those days we went for two full weeks. I remember with great fondness all those cookies and Kool-Aid. Back in those days we lived a little wilder than today's kids. We even rode bikes, without wearing helmets, to VBS. That's because we not only drank Kool-Aid at VBS, but it was red Kool-Aid. Our teachers even drank red Kool-Aid...they had to so they could keep up with us! That stuff has since been outlawed during VBS in 38 states, including Alabama.

The summer after I completed Miss Armstrong's fifth-grade class, I was the hit of VBS at Broadway Baptist Church. That was because between school letting out for the summer and VBS beginning, I was attacked by a dog that partially bite off my right ear. I went to VBS wearing a huge white bandage on the side of my head. I retold that story to everyone who asked, some who didn't ask, and a few who didn't want to hear. For a nickel, or two-chocolate-chip cookies, I would lift the bandage for a quick peep. I was a hero to the boys, but the girls were grossed out and asked for at least one of their cookies back after they had looked.

We made all kinds of neat stuff in VBS. This included miniature Bible-verse books, Purex-bottle pigs, a man with a plastic soap bottle for a body and coat hangers running through soft-drink caps for legs and arms, bird houses, and crosses made by gluing match sticks together. Our teachers learned that summer that it was best to use matches that had already been lit. That was the year the firetruck came to VBS twice... once to lead our VBS parade and once because the matches used in the crosses had not already been struck!

I don't still have those wonderful items we made during VBS, but I do still have great memories of them. More importantly, I also still remember some of the many Bible verses, Bible stories, songs, and stories about missionaries we heard. I've taken many of those through life with me and have thought about them often.

Some churches have already had their VBS this summer, but some are still to come. Make this summer special for your children and youth by sending them to VBS. If they've already been, send them again! They'll love it, and you'll love the quiet time! If you live near Lanett, our VBS at Lanier Baptist Church begins July 10th.

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HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1900, 1936

From the files of 1900

George Patrick of Ryan's Cross Roads was here yesterday.

C.N. Peek, of Eddy, was in Cullman on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Sanders and baby are visiting in Scottsboro.

J.A. McMinn left Tuesday for New York.

Sidney Dunn, of Birmingham, visited relatives here on Sunday.

The tax collector and assessor can be found in the sheriff's office.

David and Ernest Tipton, of Joppa, were in Cullman, on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Weigand left Monday for a visit in Birmingham.

W.H. Harris, a prosperous merchant of Crane Hill, was here on Friday.

John Huey of the L and N visited at Simcoe this week.

Walker King has accepted a position with the American Newspaper Union in Birmingham.

Uncle Buck Nesmith, of Logan, was in the city this week.

A Thanksgiving luncheon, given at the "Palace" Thursday, surpassed anything that this city has ever seen.

Ben Timpe went to Birmingham, on Wednesday, for the purpose of buying furniture for his barber shop, which he will open on First Avenue East, in a few days.

Charlie Norman reports that his father, C.R. Norman, formerly of this county, now of Collin County, Texas, has gathered and sold 43 bales of cotton this season.

From the files of 1936

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Todd, of Hanceville, visited Beech Grove relatives on Sunday.

Mrs. Race Lowery spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert McHan at North Vinemont.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ray, of Hanceville, spent Sunday with his father at Beech Grove.

In 1916, R.E. Lee, John Beyer and Andy Kelhoffer, spent Monday in Bremen.

Doctor G.W. Bledsoe attended the Vandy-Auburn game, in Birmingham on Saturday.

Mrs. J.F. Weeks and Mr. and Mrs. J. Oldacre motored to Birmingham on Saturday.

We all admire the wisdom of people who come to us for advice.

POET'S CORNER

The Old Tin Roof | By: Randy C. Hale

Who could forget
the sound of the rain
plummeting the old tin roof?

So loud in downpours,
you stopped talking
and just listened.

The individual drops,
millions together
in nature's symphony.

Sometimes lying in the bed,
drifting to sleep
to the pinging consistence.

The sound of the showers

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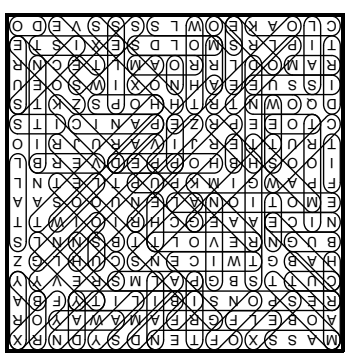
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