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Cullman County EMA launching crisis communication team

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A small collection of agencies representing news sources, first responders, local schools and city leaders – as well as some of the largest social media followings in the Cullman area – met Thursday, July 13, 2023, at the Cullman County Sheriff's Office with Cullman County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director Tim Sartin. Sartin presented an idea that might seem radical in this age of misinformation – harnessing the power of social media influence to spread factual, informative news that impacts the daily lives of stakeholders in the community through a new taskforce called the Cullman County Crisis Communications Team.

The idea is not a new one in the scope of EMA in other counties, Sartin shared, saying that the idea came from another director in the state at an annual » PAGE 10



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Cullman County Emergency Management Agency Director Tim Sartin, at a meeting on Thursday, July 13, 2023, presents a brief PowerPoint on the importance of communication during community crises.

City school board presents strategic plan, recognizes artist



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Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff with Arleigh Pearson and Cullman City Primary School Principal Elizabeth Shaddix

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City School Board at its meeting on Thursday, July 13, recognized upcoming second-grader Arleigh Pearson, who won third place in the Two-Dimensional Art category at the 2023 State Superintendent's Visual Arts Show as a first-grade student at Cullman City Primary School.

Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff presented the 2023 Pillars of Commitment and Strategic Plan for the Future to the board. The plan was released to the public this week. According to Kallhoff, the presentation was put together to ensure the community was in alignment with the system's strategic plan. He said community meetings were conducted throughout the area with input from more than 130 stakeholders including students, employees, parents and other community members. Surveys were also conducted to determine what the system does well and what can be improved.

Get more information about the system's 2023 Pillars of Commitment and Strategic Plan for the Future at www.cullmantribune.com/2023/07/14/cullman-city-schools-mapping-strategic-plan-for-future.

The following agenda items were approved:

- Summer stipends for attending Neuhaus Training for the following teachers: Tracie Kirkwood, Hannah Hunt, Kassey Cox, Amanda Tanner, Tera Thomas, Kristi Jackson and Kristina Kallhoff
- Job Description for Preschool and Referral Specialist/SLP
- Stipend for professional development training for Jenna Bates
- Stipend for professional development training for Stephanie Childers
- Stipend for professional development training for Leslie Dawson
- Contract with Danielle Shelton to provide coaching duties from July 5, 2023-Aug. 1, 2023

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Rock the South set to welcome Chris Stapleton, Zach Bryan, Riley Green, Cody Johnson

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Hanceville council authorizes demolition of home



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This photo of the previously condemned Curvin property was submitted to the Hanceville City Council at its meeting Thursday, July 13.

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CCBOE: Whaley, Chamblee, Hardman named principals



CULLMAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Left to right are Dr. Johnny Whaley, Kyle Chamblee and Trett Hardman.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported July 14

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 14, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

July 10

- possession of controlled substance; possession of prescription drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 437
- possession of marijuana; CR 1147
- domestic violence; CR 1147
- domestic violence; CR 813
- burglary; CR 1371
- theft of property; Short Rd.
- assault; CR 735
- harassment; 1518
- theft of property; CR 2020
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1763
- assault; CR 1302
- harassment; CR 933

July 11

- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of prescription medication; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69 S
- burglary; unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 282
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1243
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 468
- domestic violence; CR 1682
- burglary; CR 1301
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 941
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 1718
- shoplifting; CR 437
- theft of property; CR 532
- burglary; CR 1555
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 231
- theft of property; CR 520
- harassment; trespassing; CR 805

July 12

- assault; School House Rd.
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1568
- criminal mischief; CR 335
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 852
- trespassing; assault; School House Rd.
- harassment; CR 1435
- harassment; Hwy. 69 S
- theft of property; Industrial Park Rd.
- theft of property; Pan Creek Rd.
- possession of drug paraphernalia; giving false name to police officer; CR 222
- home repair fraud; Hwy. 278 E

ARRESTS

July 10 – 12

Andrews, Stephanie R.; 32
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Armstrong, Justin D.; 34
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Bellar, Travis W.; 45
- Violation of Release Order-sex offense-sexual abuse of a child less than 12-years-old
- Violation of Release Order-sex offense-enticing child immoral purpose

Bevington, Brian A.; 56
- FTA- failure to immunize dog/cat for rabies
- FTA- conservation-permitting dogs to run large

Blackwood, Ron F.; 56
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Blackwood, William K.; 28
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Brown, Heather R.; 35
- sell/furnish controlled substance to minor

Casimiro, Jose P.; 24
- assault-harassment

Clements, Rachel G.; 29
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Corbin, Sarah K.; 27
- giving false identification to law enforcement
- promote prison contraband (drugs)
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (3 counts)
- FTA- using false identity to avoid arrest/hinder prosecution
- FTA- burglary-residence-no force
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- giving false identification to law enforcement

Creel, Patrick S.; 47
- FTA- possession of prescription drugs

Foster, David R.; 65
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of methamphetamine

Graham, Asia R.; 32
- Probation Violation- drug trafficking (2 counts)
- Probation Violation- promote prison contraband

Gregory, Kayla M.; 28
- FTA- damaged property-criminal mischief

Hankins, Jody L.; 42
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Holland Jr., Glennon W.; 40
- Violation of Release Order- stolen vehicles-auto theft

Hollis Jr., Ronald K.; 47
- Violation of Release Order- assault-domestic violence-2nd degree
- Violation of Release Order- assault-terrorism- assault-2nd degree

Hudson, Bryon K.; 49
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- Probation Violation- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft $500 less than $1,500

Jones, James E.; 53
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Jones, Kenneth W.; 46
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Keasler, Christopher D.; 50
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

King, Cornelius T.; 32
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

Marshall, Adrian S.; 45
- FTA- larceny/theft-shoplifting

Meyer, Damon P.; 27
- stolen vehicles-auto theft

Powell, Joseph D.; 26
- FTA- domestic violence-3rd degree

Speegle, Julia A.; 58
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of prescription drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Stricklin, Martin W.; 55
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Swann, Terry W.; 59
- FTA- criminal littering

Thompson, Steven R.; 46
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Tompkins, Daniel R.
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Turner, David F.; 47
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

Wisener, Phillip M.; 45
- possession of drug paraphernalia

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

July 12
- harassing communications; person
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; St. Joseph St. NW
- menacing; person; Ash Ave. NE

July 13
- theft of property-1st degree; Utility Line Construction Services; Hwy. 157; 2015 Ford F750; $70,000
- criminal trespass-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Main Ave. SW
- menacing; person; Old Bolte Rd. SE
- harassment; person
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; Hwy.157; band-saw; $450

ARRESTS

July 12 – 13

Corbin, Sarah K.; 27
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree

Melvin, Jeffrey H.; 24
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- expired tag

Erickson, Corey E.; 51
- domestic violence-3rd degree

Turner, Dustin J.; 27
- theft of property-1st degree

McWaters, Taylor Z.; 30
- criminal trespass-2nd degree

Aderholt, Kandi L.; 31
- theft of property-4th degree

Washburn, Jodie R.; 42
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

General surgeon Bailey Meherg joins Cullman Regional Medical Group

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Bailey Meherg, DO recently joined the Cullman Regional Medical Group.

Meherg specializes in a variety of surgical procedures, including minimally invasive robotic surgery, colorectal surgery, breast surgery, hernia repair, endoscopy, neuromodulation for bladder incontinence, neuromodulation for bowel incontinence and foregut surgery.

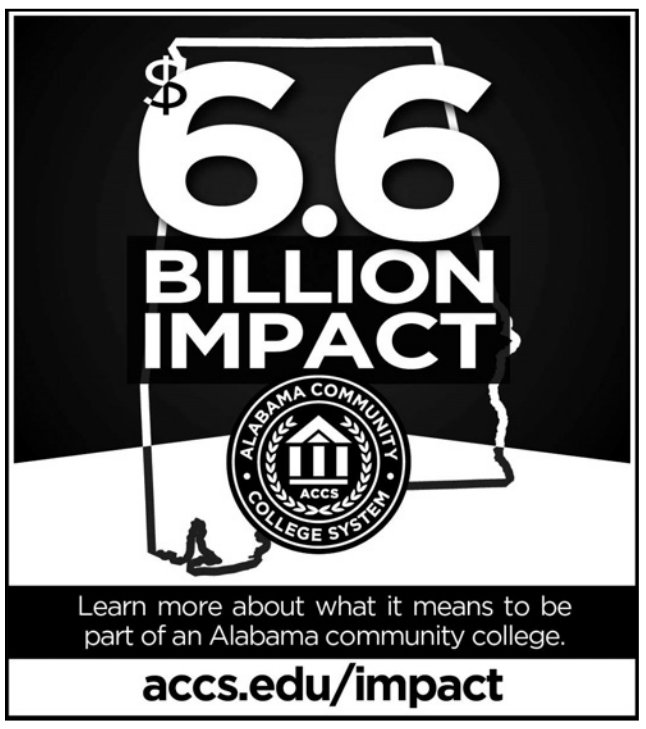
Meherg completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Alabama, followed by her medical degree at William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. She completed her general surgery residency at Brookwood Baptist Health in Birmingham, Alabama, where she served as chief resident from 2022-2023.

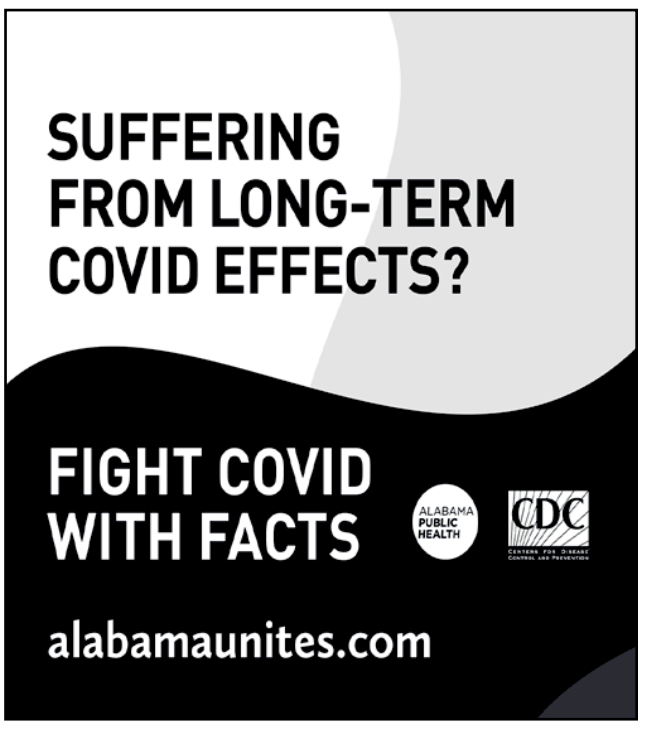
Starting Aug. 1, Meherg will care for patients at Cullman Regional Medical Group Surgical Arts at 1930 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman, AL 35058. Schedule an appointment by calling 256-734- 7850. For more information, visit www.CullmanRegionalMedicalGroup.com.



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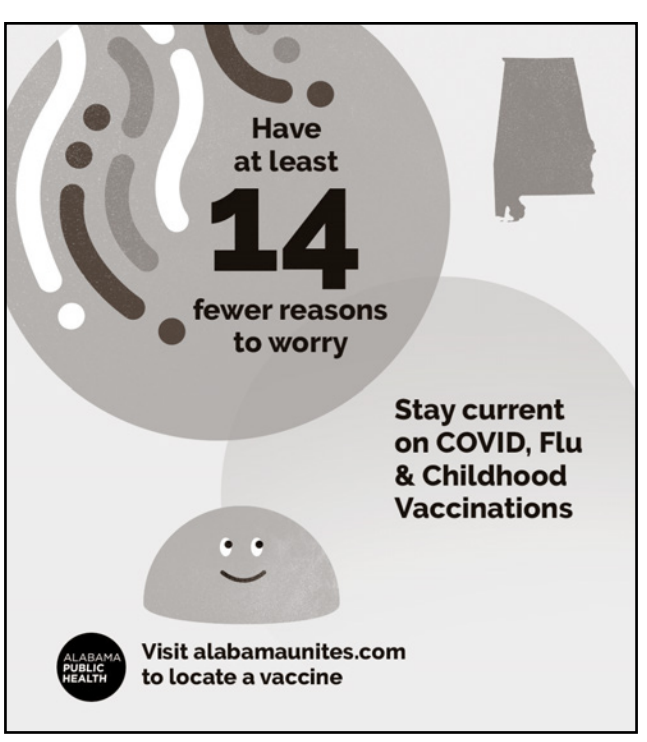
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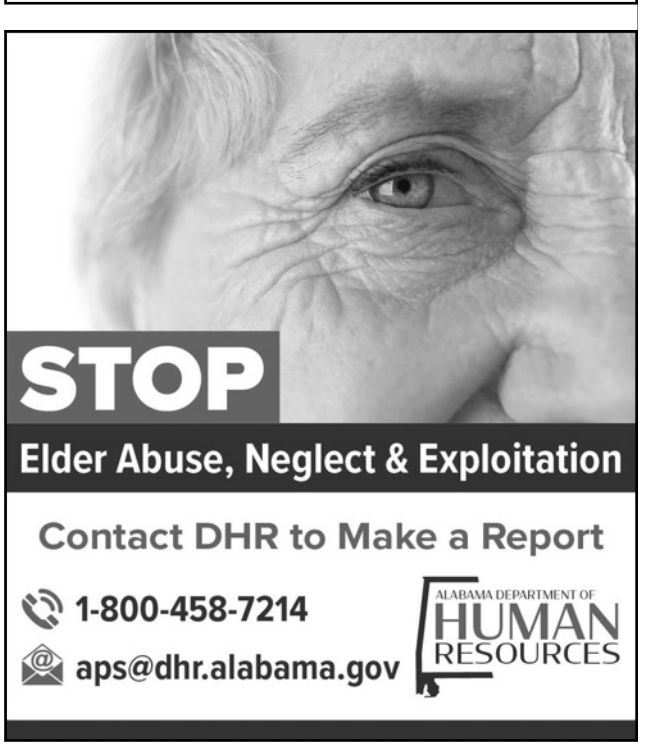












COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m.-noon. Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry and Spirit Life Church.
• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthdays. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pickup is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper, AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• Saturday, July 15 – 9-11 a.m. Drive-through food bank
• Sunday, July 16 - 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 16 - 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.

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.

Cullman Serenity AlAnon Meetings
The Cullman Serenity AlAnon group meets each Monday at noon at 1519 St. Joseph Dr. NE. There is also a zoom meeting each Tuesday at noon. The AlAnon family groups are a fellowship of friends and family whose lives have been affected by alcoholism. For more information, call 256-708-6645, 850-323-0490 or 256-734-2231.

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.

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.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Summer Revival
Begins with a singing Sunday night, July 16, at 5. The Kellys from Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, will be the featured guests. Services will run day and night, Monday-Friday, July 17-21. Morning services will begin at 10:30 and evening services at 7. Brother Dustin Smith is the evangelist. Lunch will be served each day after the morning service. Prayer band will be at 6:45 p.m. before each evening service. All are invited. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information call 256-796-5986.

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.

Calvert Reunion
The descendants of Thomas and Hannah Calvert Reunion will be held on Saturday, July 22, at the Trimble Community Center, beginning at 10 a.m., 7802 County Road 813, Cullman. Covered dish lunch at noon. For more information, call Daphna Freeman at 256-734-4962.

Davidson Homes Block Party
Saturday, July 22, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. 2 communities, 1 event. North Ridge – The Reserve at North Ridge, 2074 Austin Dr., NE, Cullman. Food truck, waterslide, great door prizes. Free to public and everyone is welcome. For more information call Sonya Green at 256-200-4548.

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.

West Point Class of 1967 Reunion
Saturday, July 22, at 4 p.m. at West Point Brandin Iron. Please try to attend and catch up on what's been happening.

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 – Grandfather Pine and Grandmother Magnolia

Ben Johnson South
Tribune Columnist

BRING YOUR GRANDMA to SEE "THE GRANDMOTHER MAGNOLIA" and BRING YOUR GRANDPA to see "THE GRANDFATHER PINE" at the Sportsman Lake Park TREE MUSEUM—FREE and open to all, 365 days each year. (Directions: Go to Sportsman Lake Park and take the road to the picnic pavilions, look for the bright red "Welcome Arbor" of the Wildflower Garden, enjoy your shaded walk and look for the tree signs for "The Grandfather Pine" and "The Grandmother Magnolia"—take lots of photos for your family album). The signs for these trees are small (5 inches by 4 inches) and temporary. A clue for you: "The Grandmother Magnolia" and "The Grandfather Pine" have a circle raked in the soil around each tree trunk.

"Mature survivors" is a way to think of "The Grandmother Magnolia" and "The Grandfather Pine." They have grown in the forest at Sportsman Lake Park for decades. They each have produced offspring. And their offspring have produced offspring. You can think of them as your "family trees."

THE TALE OF THE GRANDMOTHER MAGNOLIA AND THE GRANDFATHER PINE

Once upon a time, there were two trees born in the same part of the forest.

They looked very different from each other. One was a tiny pine sapling that grew from a seed a woodpecker pulled from a pinecone. The other was a young, glossy-leaf magnolia which came from a seed pod miles away.

The pine tree and the magnolia tree admired each other from some distance. They grew close over the years but each stood strong on its own. They allowed spaces in their togetherness.

The two trees wished each other to grow and thrive. They did not cast shadows on each other.

Together, in the silent memory of the forest where they grow, they co-wrote a lovely poem and the winds which danced between them carried their wishes and hopes up to the heavens.

The tall pine and the shining magnolia love each other but do not hold each other too tightly intertwined.

They grow old together, this Grandmother Magnolia and Grandfather Pine. The two are meant to be together and live happily ever after—at least through the stories told by the rustling leaves and whispering pine needles as they sing a song for the ages throughout the earth.

GRANDPARENTS DAY 2023 is SUNDAY, SEPT. 10. This salute to grandparents is always the first Sunday after Labor Day. We're thinking forward, here in July. Cullman County Master Gardeners with Cullman County Parks and Recreation welcome you for a special salute to "The Grandmother Magnolia" and "The Grandfather Pine" and all the trees in the arboretum this Grandparents Day.

"WUNDERGARTEN," the folktale set in 1870s Colonial Cullman County, AL was inspired by the enchanting, pine-studded forest at Sportsman Lake Park. The heroine is Fraulein Ruehl, a loving, hard-working, strawberry farming widow and caregiver to her ailing daughter, ZeeBeth.

A grand celebration comes at the end of the tale. We see the revived ZeeBeth with the gardener hero of "WUNDERGARTEN," Fritz, strolling a wildflower meadow. A wedding, and future grandchildren are likely for Fraulein Ruehl as the story continues. Fraulein Ruehl is a thriving survivor like "THE GRANDMOTHER MAGNOLIA."

OTHER FAVORITE FICTIONAL GRANDMOTHERS AND GRANDFATHERS INCLUDE:

1. HEIDI'S GRANDFATHER—the gruff hermit who initially resents having to take care of Heidi becomes nurturing, protective, and loving.

2. LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD'S GRANDMOTHER—is from one of the centuries-old folktales collected by the Brothers Grimm. The original title was "Little Red Cap." Red's dear grannie is eaten by a wolf. Depending on the version one reads, Grannie meets a ghastly end or is merely side-tracked as a notable victim of identity theft.

3. SOPHIA PETRILLO of "THE GOLDEN GIRLS"—as played in the popular, television sit-com by Estelle Getty is a quick-witted, straight talker and great cook. Here are some of her best one-liners:

"Your heart is in the right place, but I don't know where the hell your brain is."

"Get to the part where they steal the brain out of the dead body and sew it into your head."

"May you put your dentures in upside down and chew your head off."

"You drink out of a brown paper bag and suddenly everybody's your friend."

4. GRANDPA EDWIN in "LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE"—was played by Oscar-winning actor, Alan Arkin, who died last week. The foul-mouthed but kind, Grandpa Edwin, spends hours helping his granddaughter, Olive, practice her dance routine so she can fulfill her dream of competing in a kid's beauty pageant. This crusty-yet-warm character has many hilarious lines to share but most are not for this family newspaper. My advice is: put this newspaper aside for an hour or so and laugh your hiney off streaming Grandpa Edwin and Olive in "Little Miss Sunshine." Here's one printable, Grandpa Edwin Hoover quote:

"Do you know what a loser is? A real loser is somebody who is so afraid of not winning they don't even try."

5. GRANDMA FA in "MULAN"—is a wise and supportive figure. She is kind and has a strong spirit. Grandma Fa offers Mulan the wisdom of the elders as the heroine embarks on her journey to save her dad and defend her country.

"Would you like to stay for dinner? Would you like to stay forever?"—Grandma Fa

6. JAY PRITCHETT on "MODERN FAMILY"—is played by Ed O'Neill through the many laugh-giving years of this tv sit-com. Jay is also known as: Grump-pa, Old Timer, Jay-Lo, Smarty Pants, Bucket List, High Pockets and Jay-sus. This quote from the "The Jaybird" tells you basically all you need to know about this cranky, adoring grandfather:

"When you're young and dreaming of your family, you think the perfect family--perfect wife, perfect kids. Look at me, I got this sorry bunch. But you know, I wouldn't trade them for anything."

7. DOWAGER COUNTESS VIOLET CRAWLEY—from the posh, BBC television dramedy, "Downton Abbey." Played with a "wink and a sneer" by Maggie Smith, Violet is what happens when a fierce, imperious "Tiger Mom" is deliciously condescending and veddy, veddy, "stiff upper lip" British. The most-quotable of a large and quote-rich cast of characters, these quips from her are legend:

"At my age, one must ration one's excitement."

"The presence of strangers is our only guarantee of good behaviour."

"There's nothing simpler than avoiding people you don't like. Avoiding one's friends, that's the real test.

8. AZZURI of "BLACK PANTHER"—was the film's wise leader of the nation of Wakanda. Azzuri epitomizes the protective patriarch grandfather of not only his blood kin but of all his people.

9. EDITH BUNKER of "ALL IN THE FAMILY"—was a happy, loving character played by veteran actress, Jean Stapleton. Edith was a long-lived survivor like a "Grandmother Tree." She suffered through menopause, concerning lumps in her breast, was nearly raped on her 50th birthday, and develops phlebitis in the show's final episode. No matter what challenges she faced personally, relying on grit and optimism, she kept her family intact.

10. GRANDPA JOE from "CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY"—is a 96-year old, anti-authoritarian rebel. This is from the film buffs at Zimbio—"YOUR GRANDPA SHOULD BE GRANDPA JOE—With Grandpa Joe you get a true classic. Unconditional love? He's got it. A joy for life even in his declining years? That's Joe. Sage advice for days? Yup. Above all, he'll teach you that you don't need a lot of material things to be happy. Just surround yourself with the people you love and those who love you, and life will be complete."

Here's a little poem to share when you visit "THE GRANDMOTHER MAGNOLIA" and "THE GRANDFATHER PINE" at the Sportsman Lake Park Arboretum:

"Grandmas and Grandpas are like strong trees
standing with pride.

They lead us through a
thicket like a trusty guide.

They remind us to look
up to the heavens above.

Grandmas and Grandpas, give us shelter,
hope and love."



CELEBRATING IN THE WUNDERGARTEN includes culinary storytelling. Here is a dessert to enjoy sharing at one of the many picnic tables in the Sportsman Lake Park Tree Museum when you visit "THE GRANDMOTHER MAGNOLIA" and "THE GRANDFATHER PINE." Once you're back at home many would enjoy this Old Grand-Dad bourbon cocktail to salute our beloved grandparents.

GRANDMOTHER'S BANANA PUDDING
(Source: foodnetwork.com)

INGREDIENTS
- One 14-oz. can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 1/2 cups ice cold water
- One 3.4-oz. package Jell-O instant vanilla pudding mix
- 3 cups heavy cream
- One 11-oz. box Nilla wafers
- 4 to 5 ripe bananas, sliced

INSTRUCTIONS
1. In a stand mixer with the whisk, beat the condensed milk and water on medium speed until well combined, about 1 minute.
2. Add the pudding mix and beat until there are no lumps and the mixture is smooth, about 2 minutes.
3. Transfer the mixture to a medium bowl, cover and refrigerate until firm, at least 1 hour or overnight.

GRANDFATHER'S OLD GRAND-DAD BOURBON MILK PUNCH
(Source: nytimes.com)

INGREDIENTS
- 1 1/4-oz. Old Grand-Dad bourbon
- 1/2-oz. dark rum
- 2 oz. Half-and-Half
- 1/8-oz. vanilla extract
- 1/2-oz. simple syrup
- Dash of grated nutmeg

INSTRUCTIONS
1. In a mixing glass three-quarters filled with ice, pour the bourbon, rum, milk or cream, vanilla and simple syrup.
2. Shake vigorously until chilled, about 30 seconds.
3. Strain into a rocks glass. Dust with nutmeg.

THANK YOU "GRANDMOTHER MAGNOLIA" AND "GRANDFATHER PINE!" AUF WIEDERSEHEN Y'ALL!

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Cullman County Republican Women host annual cookout

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Republican Women (CCRW) on Tuesday, July 11, hosted the group's annual cookout with the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO). Members of the CCRW, along with Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry and members of his staff, served food at the CCSO training facility.

Also in attendance were Cullman County Commission Chairman Jeff Clemons, Cullman County Commissioner Kelly Duke and Cullman County Attorney Emily Johnston.

"It's a great event; look at it this, it's packed," Clemons said while looking over the crowd.

"We thank the lady Republicans for putting on this event and the sheriff for allowing it to be here in his building."

Said Johnston, "I'm glad we are able to gather and have fellowship over food and have a good evening with each other."

According to CCRW President Charlotte Campbell-Covert the cookout was about getting members together for food and games, without discussing politics. The games focused on teambuilding and getting to know the other members.



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Members of the Cullman County Republican Women serve food at the group's annual cookout on Tuesday, July 11.

Hanceville (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Hanceville City Council at its meeting on Thursday, July 13, authorized the demolition of a local home. Referred to as the Curvin property, and described as a "snake and rat den" at a previous meeting, the structure has already been condemned.

"The owner of the property signed yesterday a release order for us to enter her property for the purpose of demolishing that building," said Hanceville Mayor Kenneth Nail.

The mayor said the owner's sons expressed the desire to salvage some of the lumber from the home before demolition. The council agreed to issue a 30-day notice to the family.

"We're going to let them get out what they want, but in 30 days we're going to be there," said Nail.

According to the council the home was damaged by a fire, making it unsafe to occupy.

Other business

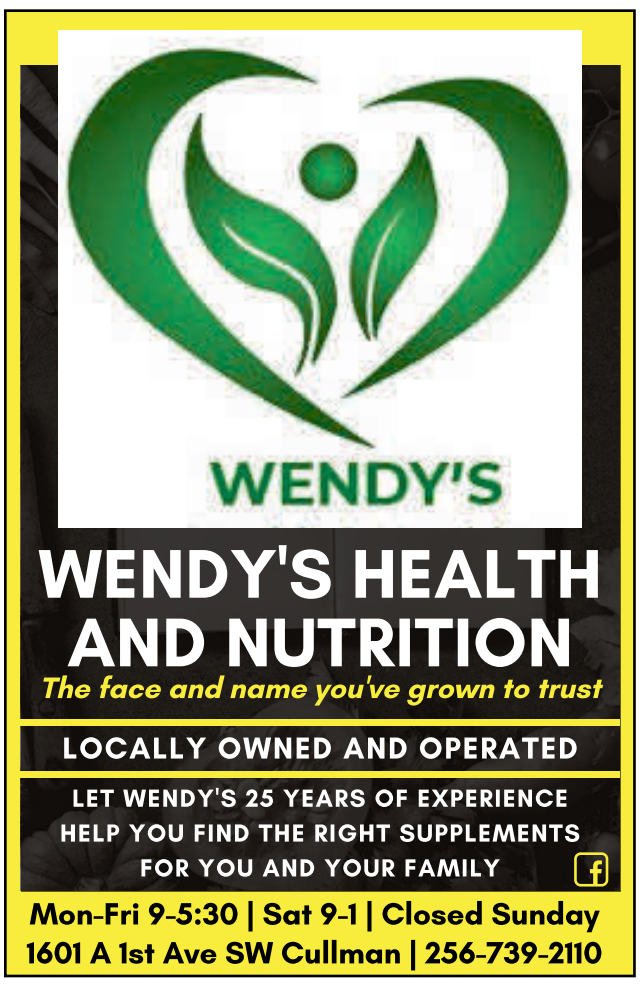
The council approved the surplus various office furniture, such as desks, for a minimum of $50 per piece.

The council approved the erection of a traffic gate on Stadium Drive.

The council voted to allow City employees who are covered under other insurances to receive a small stipend upon declination of the City health insurance coverage benefit, under the stipulation that they provide proof of insurance every six months after declination. Employees will be notified by memo.

A derelict property on Thrasher Road is up for condemnation; a public notice will be published, and City Attorney Dan Willingham was granted permission to initiate proceedings.

The council received the City's 2020 financial audit, which it said will be made available to the public.

















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PREP SPORTS

‘Play with intensity day in and day out’: West Point’s Cade Welborn recaps sophomore season

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WEST POINT, Ala. — In this interview, I talked to West Point’s Cade Welborn about his sophomore seasons on the basketball court and on the baseball field.

“I felt like at the JV level, we were a pretty solid squad. Losing in the county finals hurt a lot, but it made us better and gave us more motivation to work harder. I learned to be a leader last year on the team. Being on varsity and getting minutes was helpful to get an understanding of what to expect and how to play at that level,” Welborn said. “Coach Lee is a great coach and an even better person. I loved playing for him. He’s very basketball-minded and has a great knowledge of the game. He’s taught me to have more confidence when I’m playing. I feel like he’s showed me how to become a much better offensive player than I was before.”

He added, “Coach Voce wants to win games and he’s going to put us in the right direction to win. I’ve known him for a while. He married into my family and he’s a great guy. He’s a very energetic and passionate coach who wants the best for us. He’s taught me how to be successful in basketball and in life. He’s pushed me in practice to be a better player and have confidence in taking shots. He has also taught me how to be a smarter player as well.”

Welborn took away so much from last year’s seniors and will deeply miss playing with them. He has enjoyed his time with this year’s seniors and has learned some things from them as well.

“Last year’s seniors laid the foundation for us coming up. They showed up every day to practice and showed us how to be the best we could be. I loved the senior group and I’m going to miss playing with them. They were all great teammates. They taught me how to play with intensity day in and day out,” Welborn said. “This year’s seniors have a great work ethic and they push themselves in practice. They’ve showed me how to be a great teammate and they’ve helped me with my basketball knowledge on the court. I’ve always had a close relationship with these seniors, so the transition was easy for me. I feel like we have good chemistry.”

Welborn talked about what he worked on in the offseason and what he will continue to work on to get ready for next season, plus the goals for this upcoming season.

“I’ve worked on my shot and being able to handle the ball with pressure. Going into this season, I need to continue to shoot the ball well and keep working with the team to play to our ability,” he said. “The team goals are to win a county championship, area championship, and go as far as possible. Two of my individual goals are to make it to Regionals and play at Wallace. Growing up and going to Regionals at Wallace, I’ve always wanted to play there in that atmosphere.”

Welborn thinks this year’s team will be one to watch this upcoming season.

“This team has great chemistry and we all get along great. We got a lot of length on our team, which makes us a defensive threat. We have some shooters on this team too. Jay Lamar can shoot it really well and Kolten Perry can score pretty much all over the court. This team has a lot of depth as well.”

Welborn learned so much from being on the JV and varsity baseball team last season and feels blessed to get to play alongside a great group of teammates.

“I learned to push myself in and day out. Everyone in the program works to be successful. Our coaches push us to be the best we can be and that’s why we’ve had success,” he said. “The guys all work for the same goal. Every single one of the guys push themselves and work hard. Seeing the guys’ work ethic at practice and in their own time shows what kind of person and player that they are. Being a great program and having success comes from the coaches and the guys buying in. We’re all working toward the same goals.”

Welborn has soaked up as much as he can from coach Drew Bryson and the other coaches as well.

“Coach Bryson is a great coach. He’s developed a great program at his time at West Point. He was a great player and now coach. He shares his knowledge of the game with us and pushes us to be our best. Whether it’s the practices or the morning workouts, he points us to success. Our infield coach, Tyler Morgan, he gives up countless hours in the field to make us better. Some of the other coaches also give up a lot of time to make us the best players we can be,” he said. “The baseball things they’ve taught me are countless. They’ve taught me many life lessons and how to be mentally tough. They’ve taught me to not give up and always give 100% of what I have on the field.”

Welborn played with some great seniors last season and learned some things from them. He will continue to put in the work in the offseason as he is preparing for next season. He has some goals set for next season.

“The senior class was great, and they taught me a lot being around them. They taught me how to be a great teammate and to have success on the field,” he said. “ I need to continue to hit the baseball well and put in the work defensively going into the season. The team goal is to win state. It’s something we’ve all worked for and we’re wanting to make that deep playoff run. I think we’re very capable of making that run. Individually, I want to play at the next level.”



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

West Point’s Cade Welborn

Welborn thinks this will be a very special season for the Warriors.

“This team is working toward the same goals. Ever since middle school, when we first started playing for coach Bryson, we’ve all had the same goal. This team has lots of talent. Offensively, I’ve seen every single one of these guys be a threat in the box. Defensively, we make the routine plays. This team has a special bond, because we’ve played together all our lives. Whether it was little league, travel ball, or school ball, part of this team has always been together. I think that us playing together all our lives, having that bond, and the same goals, makes us a dangerous team.”

Welborn talked about some role models that he looked up to and the best advice that he was ever given.

“For basketball, it was Ashton Rodgers. He had a good work ethic in practice and was a pretty good point guard. For baseball, it was Kanaan Sutter. He always had a great attitude about everything and gave everything he had on the field,” he said. “The best advice that someone ever gave me was don’t let other people ruin your love for the game.”

PREP VOLLEYBALL

‘You can always overcome tough challenges’: Fairview’s Ava Calvarese talks junior season

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — Last year’s volleyball season was another solid one for the Lady Aggies and junior Ava Calvarese recapped the year and talked about what she learned. Ava feels blessed to be playing alongside a great group of teammates.

“I think it went pretty good, considering all the challenges we had to overcome. I learned that the most important thing is to support your teammates and always be positive about any situation you are put in. I also learned how to become a leader and to always be supportive and positive,” Calvarese said. “It was amazing to play with such talented teammates and even when we don’t agree with something, we always work through our differences. She always had a powerful personality and attitude. What I learned from her is that you can always overcome tough challenges.”

Ava feels blessed to be playing for coach Katie Ball and has learned a lot from her so far. She has seen a lot of improvement in her game and plans to continue working on her skills in the offseason to get ready for next season.

“She is a great coach. She is dedicated to our team and always pushes us to do our best. I’ve learned to be confident and always give 100% effort, no matter what,” Calvarese said. “My game has improved immensely over the years from experience and putting in effort to be better. I will continue to help build up our team’s attitude, effort, and commitment as a whole and making sure we are to our full potential for my senior year.”

Ava has some goals set for herself and for the team. She thinks next season’s team will be one to watch.

“My individual goals are to be someone who my teammates look up to and to be more consistent with my actions on the court. My team goals are to have a good supportive mentality throughout the season and go farther than we’ve ever gone before,” she said. “What will make us special to watch is the intense and competitive energy of our team and our work ethic.”

Ava’s role model is a player that she currently plays with, and she shared some of the best advice she’s received.

“I have always looked up to Reagan Dunkin because she always gives her best effort, no matter what, and does what’s best for the team with the best attitude,” she said. “The best advice someone ever gave me was to leave everything else off the court and focus on the game.”



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Fairview’s Ava Calvarese

Auburn's Foster, Ware selected on day 2 of MLB Draft

George Nunnelley
AU Athletics

SEATTLE — Auburn players Cole Foster and Bryson Ware were selected on the second day of the 2023 Major League Baseball Draft Monday.

Foster was drafted by the San Francisco Giants with the 85th overall pick in the third round, while Ware went to the Philadelphia Phillies with the 253rd overall pick in the eighth round. The duo is the highest-drafted pair of Auburn infielders since 1979.

This year's draft marks the 49th consecutive season dating back to 1975 Auburn has had at least one player selected in the MLB Draft – tied for the longest streak in the Southeastern Conference.

It also marks the fifth straight season multiple players have been selected in the top 10 rounds, marking the longest such streak in program history.

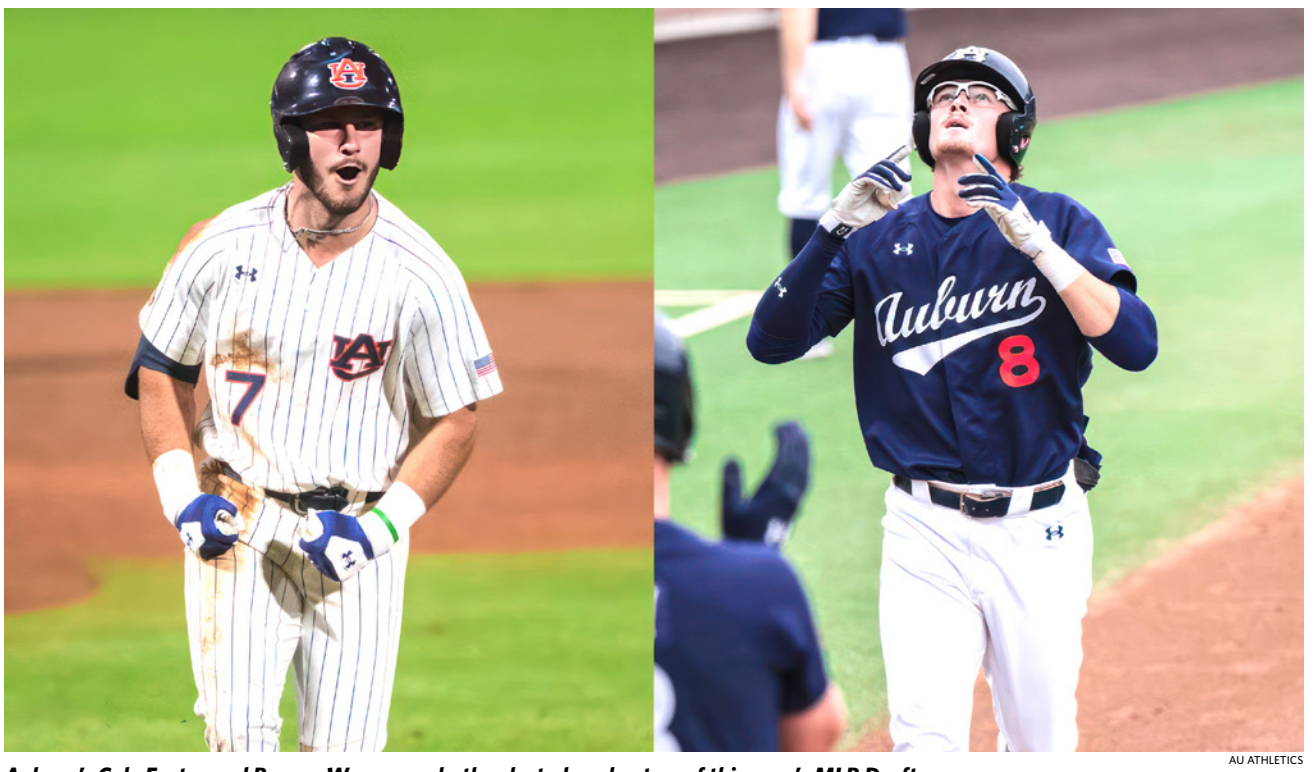
Foster is the eighth Auburn player taken in the top three rounds in head coach Butch Thompson's tenure and is the program's second-highest drafted infielder since 2000 (Ryan Bliss – 42nd overall in 2021). Prior to Thompson's arrival, the Tigers did not have a player selected in the top three rounds from 2008-15. The Tigers have now had 18 players selected in the top 10 rounds under Thompson.

The Plano, Texas native turned in a career-best season with a .336 average to go along with 57 runs, 75 hits, 13 doubles, 13 home runs and 49 RBI en route to earned Second Team All-Region honors from the American Baseball Coaches Association.

His run total was good for second on the team while he ranked third in hits doubles and homers and tied for third in RBI.

In 123 career games in an Auburn uniform, Foster turned in a .305 career average with 128 hits, 27 doubles, 22 homers and 97 RBI.

Foster played shortstop in 55 of 58 games this season and turned in a .976 fielding percentage, committing just five errors in 212 chances. Foster was named a semifinalist for the Brooks Wallace Award and was twice named the Brooks Wallace Award Shortstop of the Week.



AU ATHLETICS

Auburn's Cole Foster and Bryson Ware were both selected on day two of this year's MLB Draft.

Similar to Foster, Ware exploded for a career-best year during which he set the program record for home runs in a single season with 24.

A native of Madison, Mississippi, he led the Tigers and ranked top 10 in the SEC in runs (66), home runs, RBI (63), slugging percentage (.731) and total bases (163) while hitting at a career-best .350 clip en route to being named Second Team All-SEC and ABCA First Team All-Region.

His 66 runs scored were tied for the most in a season since 2000 and his 163 total bases were the most since 2010.

Ware, who was also named a semifinalist for the NCBWA Dick Howser Trophy and to the Golden Spikes Award midseason watch list, started the year on a career-best 34-game on base streak and went on an 18-game hit streak from Mar. 14-Apr. 14, the longest by an Auburn player since 2015-16. He reached safely in all but two games this season.

In three seasons and 150 career games at Auburn, Ware hit .297 with 125 hits, 25 doubles, 31 home runs and 110 RBI while also stealing 14 bases.

4 Crimson Tide players selected on day 2 of 2023 MLB Draft

Alex Thompson
UA Athletics

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Alabama had four student-athletes selected on day two of the 2023 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft.

Andrew Pinckney (102nd Overall | Washington Nationals) and Grayson Hitt (112th Overall | Arizona Diamondbacks) each went in the fourth round to start the afternoon. Hunter Furtado (167th Overall | Pittsburgh Pirates) followed in the sixth round, while Caden Rose (208th Overall | Boston Red Sox) capped off the day, hearing his name called in round seven.

In addition to the current players, signee Bryce Eldridge was selected in the first round at pick No. 16 Sunday night by the San Francisco Giants. Day two saw signee A.J. Ewing (4th Round – Competitive Balance | 134th Overall | New York Mets) also get drafted.

Alabama in the MLB Draft

• With the four selections, the Crimson Tide's all-time draft pick total moved to 168 (158 players) since the event's inception in 1966

• The Tide's four picks through the first 10 rounds of the 2023 MLB Draft tie the 2021 and 1983 teams for the most selections through the first 10 rounds of any draft in program history

• Alabama has had at least one player drafted for 45 consecutive years dating back to 1979

• The Tide has had one-or-more players selected in 52 of the 58 MLB Drafts overall

• UA has seen 63 players drafted in the last 13 years

• A total of 98 players have been taken out of The University of Alabama in the last 23 drafts dating back to 2000

• Excluding the abbreviated 2020 MLB Draft, Alabama has had 14 pitchers taken in the last five drafts, including three-or-more three separate times

The 2023 MLB First-Year Player Draft began on Sunday, July 9 and will continue through Tuesday, July 11. The three-day event will be featured on MLB.com. Fans can also follow along with each pick at the site.

All players that have remaining eligibility are able to return to the University to continue their careers at Alabama if they elect to not sign a professional contract.

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.

Andrew Pinckney (4th Round | 102nd Overall | Washington Nationals)

Outfielder, Redshirt Junior

• Grown into one of the Tide's top performers across three seasons at Alabama

• Has played in 167 games with 144 starts after redshirting his first year at the Capstone

• Batting .308 (167-543) for his career with 32 doubles, six triples and 26 home runs

• Added 101 RBI and 119 runs scored while drawing 60 walks and stealing 17 bases in three years

• Totaled 13 outfield assists to tie for the seventh on the Alabama career list

• Capitalized on a breakout sophomore campaign to put together an even more impressive 2023 effort, earning ABCA/Rawlings All-Southeast Region First Team honors to go with second team All-SEC recognition

• Also tabbed to the NCAA Tuscaloosa Regional All-Tournament Team and SEC Baseball All-Tournament Team this past season

• Batted .339 (79-233) with a team-high 12 doubles to go with three triples and 18 homers for 151 total bases as a junior

• Also contributed 58 RBI, 55 runs, 40 walks, seven hit-by-pitch and eight stolen bases

• Led UA and tied for ninth in the SEC for total bases while his team-leading 79 hits finished 15th in the league

• Ranked 13th in the conference for slugging at .648, a total that was second on UA

• Also ranked second for the Tide in home runs, RBI, runs, walks and on-base percentage (.442) while tying for second on the team in stolen bases

• Made 56 starts while playing in all 58 games during the 2022 campaign

• Batted .303 (63-208) with 14 doubles, three triples and seven home runs as a sophomore



UA ATHLETICS

Alabama's Andrew Pinckney was selected 102nd overall by the Washington Nationals in this year's MLB Draft.

• Paced the 2022 roster in doubles, runs, hit-by-pitch (10) and slugging (.500) while tying for the team lead and tying for eighth in the SEC for triples (3)

• Finished his first full season at UA with 45 games played and 24 starts in 2021

• Did not see action in 2020

• Earned his undergraduate degree in May 2023 and was named to the College Sports Communicators' Academic All-District 4 Team this spring

• Selected as the SEC Co-Scholar Athlete of the Year in 2023

• Named to the SEC Spring Academic Honor Roll three times (2021-23)

Grayson Hitt (4th Round | 112th Overall | Arizona Diamondbacks)

Pitcher, Junior

• A highly recruited arm that has grown each season with the Crimson Tide

• Began his career in the bullpen before earning a weekend starter role each of the last two years

• Totaled 33 appearances with 25 starts and owns a 9-7 record with a 5.81 ERA (76 ER/117.2 IP) for his career

• Earned preseason All-America honors in 2023 but saw his season cut short due to injury

• Went 3-1 with a 4.19 ERA (18 ER/38.2 IP) across eight weekend starts prior to his exit

• Led Alabama with 49 strikeouts and was limiting opposing hitters to a .206 average that ranked ninth in the SEC at the time he was shut down

• Served as the Tide's Sunday starter in 2022, finishing 4-3 with a 5.34 ERA (36 ER/60.2 IP) across 14 starts

• Ranked second on UA for strikeouts with 68, recording five-plus Ks in seven starts on the year

• The Tide's most called-upon freshman in 2021, totaling 11 appearances, three of which were starts

• Contributed 18.1 innings of work and 16 strikeouts while finishing with a 2-3 record as a freshman

• Also performed in the classroom, earning a spot on the College Sports Communicators' Academic All-District 4 Team in 2023 to go with SEC Spring Academic Honor Roll recognition

Hunter Furtado (6th Round | 167th Overall | Pittsburgh Pirates)

Pitcher, Junior

• A power arm out the Tide bullpen each of the last two years

• Has appeared in 34 total games while making two starts for the Crimson Tide

• Owns a 4-3 record with a 5.56 ERA (42 ER/68.0 IP) and 71 strikeouts compared to 33 walks

• Saw time in 17 games with two starts during the 2023 slate, owning a 1-1 record with a 4.75 ERA (19 ER/36.0 IP)

• Went 3-2 with a 6.47 ERA (23 ER/32.0 IP) in his first season at the Capstone

• Ranked third for appearances with 17 as a sophomore, all of which came in relief

• Recorded 33 strikeouts in 2022 to tie for the second-most by a reliever and sixth overall among UA's pitching staff

• Began his collegiate career at Wake Forest in 2021, appearing in 22 games for the Demon Deacons

Caden Rose (7th Round | 208th Overall | Boston Red Sox)

Outfielder, Junior

• An elite defender for the Crimson Tide the past three years

• Seen time in 150 games with 130 starts across three seasons, starting mostly in center while also contributing on the infield

• Batting .260 (112-431) with 28 doubles, two triples and 14 home runs for his career

• Also accumulated 61 RBI, 93 runs, 64 walks and 13 stolen bases in three seasons

• Finished 2023 with a .261 (40-153) average that included 10 doubles and nine home runs

• Added 26 RBI and 45 runs while drawing 26 walks, being hit by four pitches and swiping a team-high tying nine bases

• Led the Tide in average as a sophomore with a .326 (46-141) mark while also pacing the team in on-base percentage at .435

• Called into duty for 54 games of action as a freshman, including 42 starts in center field

• Earned a spot on the College Sports Communicators' Academic All-District 4 Team in 2023 and was named to the SEC Spring Academic Honor Roll twice (2022-23)





Cullman City Schools mapping strategic plan for future

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — With the district growing and Cullman City Schools among the most decorated systems in the state when it comes to academic achievements, system leaders are starting to look ahead at what's next.

With expansive input from the community, leaders are assembling an ambitious strategic plan that will guide the system into the next decade and beyond, focused on curriculum and assessment, facilities, employees, technology, and finances and resources.

To ensure the community was in alignment with the strategic plan, community meetings were conducted throughout the area with input from more than 130 stakeholders, including students, employees, parents and other community members.

Surveys were also conducted to determine what the system does well and areas that can be improved.

"We want to work in concert with the community as we map out the next phase of Cullman City Schools, which is why we've conducted numerous public meetings and surveys to develop a plan the people of Cullman can feel comfortable with, while also knowing these steps will greatly benefit our students," Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff said. "It's an exciting time to be a Bearcat, and we couldn't be more excited about where we're heading next."

Facilities

The facilities plan notes the eventual creation of a comprehensive Cullman Intermediate School, which would serve all students in grades 3-5, to best meet the needs of students and families in the Cullman area.

Currently, those intermediate grades are split across East Elementary School and West Elementary School, while all students are already together at Cullman Primary School, Cullman Middle School and Cullman High School.

By establishing a comprehensive intermediate school, Cullman City Schools aims to fully align all grade levels equally at every level.

A facilities study is being conducted to determine the most prudent course of action, along with early work to secure funding sources.

The facilities plan also calls for expanded opportunities and programs to serve pre-school children and families in the Cullman area. Currently, Cullman City Primary School hosts some pre-K school classrooms, but demand has frequently outpaced capacity for pre-K learners.

At every campus, leaders are drafting the most efficient plans to maintain clean learning environments on all campuses.

Curriculum and assessment

Cullman City Schools is already among the most successful school systems in the state when it comes to standardized tests and ranking criteria, but school leaders do not intend to rest on their laurels in the future.

The strategic plan calls for ensuring rigorous lessons that allow students to think critically, strategically and creatively are implemented.

The plan also notes assessments will closely align with intended outcomes, and an overall commitment to increasing academic and extra-curricular opportunities. The strategic plan is also developing expansion for arts, career technical programs and STEM opportunities across every school.

Student support and safety

The strategic plan will map out the most efficient ways to continue providing safe learning environments for students and employees; ensure identified students have access to related services for necessary learning, behavioral, and social/emotional support and accommodations; and increase modes of communication between the district and community.

The plan also includes frequent reviews of emergency drills, internal and external support for student mental health prevention and crisis, as well as continued support for school resource officers across every campus.

Employees

To support employees in the future, the strategic plan focuses on establishing consistent expectations from campus to campus for employees, as well as continuous training on teaching 21st century transferable skills.

As always, the district will also continue to seek out the best and most qualified educators for any and all positions.



CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff presents the system's strategic plan to the Cullman City School Board this week.

Technology

Cullman City Schools has always stayed on the cutting edge of technology, with programs like its 1:1 laptop initiative and in-classroom technology leading the charge over the past decade.

Leaders are looking to build on that momentum, mapping out plans to empower, engage and enhance learning through devices and connected resources to promote district alignment of academics and achievement.

The district will also continue to provide a safe, secure and reliable network and digital infrastructure, while incorporating professional development and support to enhance the system's digital footprint.

Finance and resources

The Cullman City Schools system already operates from a strong and stable fiscal position, with several months of operating reserve in the general fund, and the board is making it a priority to remain fiscally prudent while budgeting for the future and aligning spending with the board's vision.

The board also will continue to ensure financial transparency and community and industry partnerships remain key priorities.

Principals (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Board of Education (CCBOE) at its July 13, 2023, meeting approved Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette's recommendation to hire three new principals.

Dr. Johnny Whaley was named the new principal of Fairview High School. Whaley has 21 years of experience as a classroom teacher, guidance counselor and instructional leader at both the middle and high school levels. Whaley most recently served as principal of Vinemont Middle School.

"I am excited to join the Fairview family," said Whaley. "Fairview is a special place with great tradition, and I am blessed with the opportunity to serve this great community."

"I am really excited about the experience that Dr. Whaley brings to the Fairview community," said Barnette. "He is eager to work along with the other administration, faculty, staff and parents to continue the rich tradition of excellence that makes Fairview a special place."

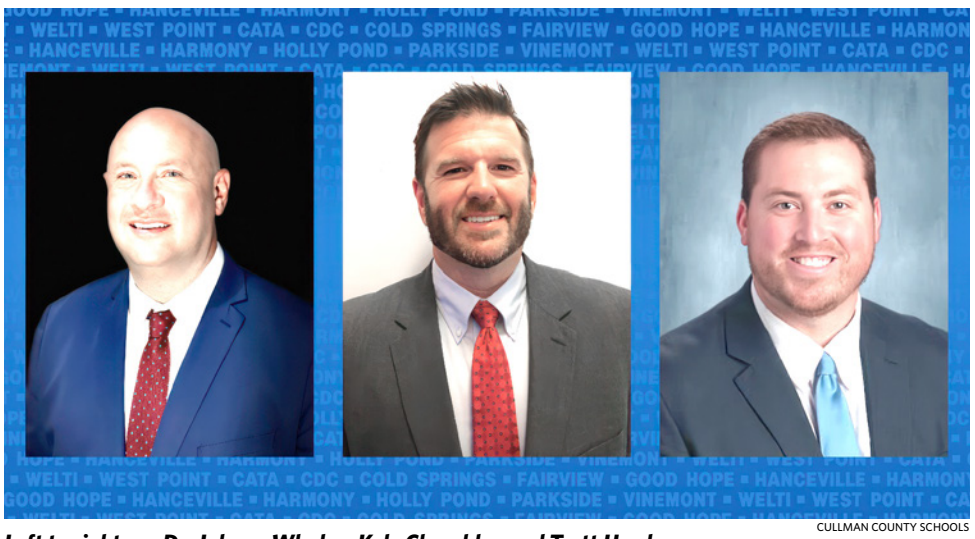
Kyle Chamblee was named the new principal of Vinemont Middle School. Chamblee previously served as assistant principal of Vinemont Middle and Elementary. He has also served in administrative roles at Hanceville and West Point over the past eight years.

"Two years ago, I came to the Vinemont community as an assistant principal for the elementary and middle school and I was immediately welcomed by the staff and community," said Chamblee. "I look forward to continuing the work with the VMS staff and Vinemont community as principal. Dr. Whaley has left huge shoes for me to try to fill and he will be missed. I would like to thank Dr. Barnette, Mr. (Mike) Graves and the rest of the board members for this opportunity. I will give Vinemont my all each day to make it the best it can be."

"I know the Vinemont family hates to see Dr. Whaley leave the middle school, but his replacement is a familiar face. Mr. Chamblee has been serving the elementary and middle school as their assistant principal and is now ready for this next step," said Barnette. "He is a well-respected leader that will continue to embrace the entire Vinemont community while leading the middle school to great things."

Trett Hardman was named the new principal of the Cullman County Child Development Center. Hardman previously served as assistant principal of West Point High School. He has several years of experience in special education, previously serving as special education preschool coordinator for the district as well as teaching at the CDC and Fairview High.

"I am beyond excited to serve as principal of the Cullman County Child Development Center," said Hardman. "The CDC family is a special group of students, staff and stakeholders and I look forward to all of the great things that we are going to accomplish throughout this upcoming school year and in the future. I am excited about all of the opportunities that will be made available for the students at the CDC."



CULLMAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Left to right are Dr. Johnny Whaley, Kyle Chamblee and Trett Hardman.

"Trett Hardman is passionate about leading and supporting students with special needs, and his experience working at the Child Development Center in the past helps him to understand the challenges and rewards that the faculty and staff face there," said Barnette. "I am confident he is going to hit the ground running. I am thankful to have this caliber of leadership coming from within our school system."

All July 13 agenda items were approved.

View the full agenda in the online version of this article at www.cullmantribune.com.

The next CCBOE meeting will take place Thursday, Aug. 17 at the central office. A work session will begin at 3:30 p.m., and the meeting will follow immediately.

ACES: Choosing safe plants for pets

Cole Sikes
ACES

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. — For some people pets are like family. They provide love and support that is important for a family bond. The same way parents protect their children, furry, four-legged family members require some of the same precautions. To keep them safe, make sure to choose home décor that won't make them sick.

There are several plants that have the potential to be harmful to pets. Although these plants can be toxic to pets, there are no known cases of these plants causing harm to dogs or cats. The best way to avoid a tragic pet accident is to ensure pets are not left unattended in new environments.

The basics

According to Alabama Cooperative Extension System Master Gardener Program Coordinator Kerry Smith, everyone needs to learn some plant basics.

"Every plant is different, some need more sun, some need more shade," Smith said. "Their water, soil, space and temperature requirements differ too. A plant grown in the right place will provide longer enjoyment for the gardener."

She adds that plants are not only beneficial to the eye, but also to human health. Plants can help keep people mentally and physically healthy by providing better air quality, increasing ambient humidity and helping people relax.

The idea that every plant is different also relates to our canine or feline friends. Depending on which species is chosen, they can be harmful to pets.

"If you enjoy gardening indoors and have pets, it's also important to consider your pet's natural curiosity for their surroundings," Smith said. "Learn more about each plant's toxicity or safety before bringing home new indoor plants."

Dangerous plants

- **Dumb Cane**

Dumb cane, scientifically known as Dieffenbachia spp., is a plant with large, variegated leaves. It is known to cause mouth and throat irritation, difficulty swallowing, nausea, vomiting and upset stomach. It can even be fatal if ingested in large quantities.

- **English Ivy**

A plant often used in hanging baskets, English ivy (Hedera spp.), is a trailing plant known for having long, free-hanging stems. This species causes severe vomiting or diarrhea if ingested. If you are hunting a decorative plant for hanging baskets, see Swedish Ivy below.

- **Jade Plant**

A miniature tree-like species, Jade plant (Crassula argentea) has fleshy, succulent leaves. Skin contact with this plant may cause rash or burning sensation and ingestion often causes gastrointestinal issues.

- **Snake Plant**

Famous for being nearly foolproof to grow, snake plant (Sansevieria trifasciata), can also cause a burning sensation or rash if in contact with skin. Vomiting and diarrhea are caused by ingestion of this species.

Safe plants

- **Prayer Plant**

Also known as the peacock plant, the prayer plant (Calathea picturata) has many varieties. Its leaf colors range from silver to rose to deep purple.

- **Swedish Ivy**

This species can be deceiving because of its common name similarity with English ivy. Several other plant species are called Swedish ivy, but only Plectranthus australis and P. forteri are the safe plants for pets. Be sure to look for these names when purchasing a Swedish ivy plant. These grow well in multiple container types and are a pet-safe substitute in hanging baskets.

- **Peperomia**

Even though this plant sounds like it belongs on a pizza, it is, in fact, a popular indoor plant. Peperomia (Peperomia spp.) has many varieties with different leaf types, colors, textures and sizes. Each of them is safe should pets take a nibble.

- **Spider Plant**

Don't worry, this plant will not spawn spiders, nor will it attract them to your home. The spider plant (Chlorophytum comosum) is an easy plant to propagate. It produces specialized stems, or stolons, that grow plantlets. By cutting off the plantlets and potting them, anyone can grow their own spider plants to share with



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Making the best choice

These plants are just a few examples of how commonly planted ornamentals and shrubs can potentially be toxic for furry friends. Be sure to reach out to your local Extension expert to make sure a plant will not harm a pet before planting or potting.

More information

For more information on plant species, visit the Alabama Extension website at www.aces.edu.

Rock the South (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The "Biggest Party in the South " is back July 20-22, 2023, in Cullman, with an incredible lineup of musicians.

Headlining this year's festival is Chris Stapleton, whose Grammy-winning albums and captivating live performances have earned him fans worldwide. Joining him on the main stage will be Riley Green, the dynamic young artist with a knack for storytelling, and Zach Bryan and his distinctive raspy voice and mix of classic folk melody and outlaw country with a raw edge that cuts to the bone.

Iconic country music star Travis Tritt will also take the stage and perform his classic hits like "Here's a Quarter (Call Someone Who Cares)" and "It's a Great Day to Be Alive." Other talented artists like Jo Dee Messina, Tristan Baugh, Drake Milligan, Mackenzie Carpenter, Bailey Zimmerman and Madeline Edwards will also perform.

"We are thrilled to unveil our artist lineup and schedule for this year's festival," said Rock the South Organizer Shane Quick. "We have carefully selected a lineup that represents the best of country music, ensuring an unforgettable experience for all attendees. Get ready for three days of non-stop excitement, incredible music and unforgettable memories."

Country Club Skydeck

For those who truly enjoy the finer things in life, exclusive Rock the South Country Club Skydeck tickets will make the largest country music festival in the Southeast luxurious. For under $2,000, the Country Club Skydeck provides access to an elevated world of exclusivity.

Country Club Skydeck ticket holders will enjoy a dedicated concierge who will cater to every need from the moment you arrive until the last note is played. Enjoy reserved, hassle-free parking close to the festival grounds, allowing you to arrive in style and convenience. Say good-bye to long lines with a private entry that ensures you can immerse yourself in the festival without any delays.

Once inside, the Country Club Skydeck will be a haven of luxury. Relax in comfortable lounge seating and mingle with friends and fellow VIP guests. Indulge in an open bar, savor delectable dishes from an oyster bar and delight your taste buds with upscale food options crafted by renowned chef David Bancroft.

Bancroft is a chef and owner of both Acre and Bow & Arrow in Auburn, Alabama. Born in Alabama and raised in San Antonio, Texas, his passion for food began at an early age, heavily influenced by his grandparents cooking and farming. Bancroft is a 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 semifinalist for the James Beard Foundation's "Best Chef: South" award and winner of Food Network's "Iron Chef Showdown" competition in 2017.

Bancroft's delectable appetizers, specially curated for Rock the South, will tantalize Country Club ticket holders' taste buds. Guests will have the pleasure of savoring the bold flavors of the spicy yellowfin tuna nachos, complemented by a tantalizing Korean BBQ sauce and an oyster bar featuring freshly shucked delicacies. Experience the pinnacle of the southern-inspired menu by indulging in extraordinary grilled oysters with guajillo chili butter and candied brisket bark. Acre pimento cheese and chips will be a crunchy fan favorite. Iron Chef ribs with honey hot sauce and fried chicken skin streusel will tempt all music lovers' taste buds.

A delicious Southern buffet will entice all Country Club Skydeck attendees with butter bean-orzo salad, potlikker peas and greens, pepper jack mac n cheese, burnt ends baked beans, jalapeno cheddar sausage, a smoked brisket carving station and smoked turkey breasts.

As music fills the night sky, the Country Club Skydeck feast will continue into the late evening hours with offerings including Alabama tamales with white BBQ sauce, gas station boudin balls with spicy mustard and Conecuh sausage corn dogs with goat island beer mustard.

Forget sweating in the hot, July, Alabama sun and stay refreshed in air-conditioned spaces equipped with phone charging stations and Wi-Fi access, ensuring you stay connected throughout the festival. Private restrooms with attendants provide an added level of comfort and convenience.

The true highlight of the Country Club Skydeck experience lies in its unparalleled view of the stage. Positioned at the perfect vantage point, ticket holders will have an unobstructed sightline to witness the magic of Chris Stapleton and all the incredible artists on the lineup. It's a front-row experience that will create memories that will last a lifetime.

"We are excited to introduce the Country Club Skydeck at this year's Pepsi Rock the South," said Rock the South Organizer Nathan Baugh. "This exclusive experience goes beyond expectations, offering guests the finest in music, breathtaking views, gourmet food and the legendary Rock the South atmosphere. Escape the heat and bypass the long lines as you indulge in luxurious comfort. It's an investment that delivers priceless memories and an unrivaled festival experience."

More

For those who prefer the traditional experience, three-day general admission tickets provide access to all the amazing amenities and experiences that Rock the South has to offer. Enjoy the misting forest and water filling stations to keep cool under the Southern sun and indulge in a wide array of food and drink options available for purchase on-site.

Rock the South 2023 schedule

Thursday, July 20

- 3 p.m. Parking opens
- 5 p.m. Festival gates open
- 5:45 p.m. Ella Langley
- 6:50 p.m. J.R. Carroll
- 8 p.m. Travis Tritt
- 9:30 p.m. Zach Bryan

Friday, July 21

- 1 p.m. Parking opens
- 3 p.m. Festival gates open
- 4:50 p.m. Tristan Baugh
- 6 p.m. Mackenzie Carpenter
- 7 p.m. Chase Matthew
- 8:15 p.m. Bailey Zimmerman
- 9:45 p.m. Riley Green

Saturday, July 22

- 1 p.m. Parking opens
- 3 p.m. Festival gates open
- 3:40 p.m. Red Clay Strays
- 4:45 p.m. Madeline Edwards
- 5:50 p.m. Drake Milligan
- 7 p.m. Jo Dee Messina
- 8:10 p.m. Cody Johnson
- 10 p.m. Chris Stapleton

Buy tickets, get more information and review updated policies and procedures at www.rockthesouth.com. The festival will take place at 1872 County Road 469 in Cullman.

LEGALS

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
PHYLLIS DEJONG,
Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC2023-200

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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 be barred.

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Kesa M. Johnston
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CULLMAN COUNTY, 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
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Cullman, Alabama 35055

Done this the 29th day of June, 2023.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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EMA (from Front)

meeting. "In her county, they started one," he said, "and she said the response from the community and different agencies, and getting the information out in times of need was phenomenal!"

Sartin said the idea isn't intended to be a "follow-train," or to amass more likes and engagement; the goal is simply to spread applicable information to residents in a timely manner.

"We want to bridge the gaps and help to reach more people with helpful and useful information," he said. "We want to build a team that will reach across any social media."

Sartin noted the difference between the existing alert system that EMA already utilizes and this task force, which is hoping to home in on those needing the information most. "Something major happens, yes I can do a mass notification and hit everybody in the county," he said. "But, say you have a road closed, and you want to send that to everybody in the county? It wouldn't affect anybody in Vinemont (if) the road is closed in Hanceville."

Sartin also noted the impact that social media communication has on the younger population, a population that many agencies struggle to reach. Social media is typically where those aged 18-29 receive their information, regardless if it is real news or simply unverified posts.

"If you think about it, a lot of kids don't watch the news now," he said. "That (social media) is where they get their information – whether it's true or not – that's how they get it. And there's people out there who just try to put out stuff falsely."

To learn more about becoming involved in the Cullman County Crisis Communications Team, contact Tim Sartin at tsartin@co.cullman.al.us.



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: July 11, 2023
- Reviewer: Heather Allen
- Title: "Devolution"
- Author: Max Brooks
- Rating: 5 out of 5 stars

Thoughts about the book: I can read this book again and again! There are so many layers. A very modern "Bigfoot" story that comments on our modern day lifestyle.

Submission date: July 6, 2023
- Reviewer: Laura Benton
- Title: "Weyward"
- Author: Emilia Hart
- Rating: 3 out of 5 stars

Thoughts about the book: I have mixed feelings about this book. While the cover art and the world-building is beautiful, the characters were dull. As you read, you switch perspectives between three related women. They are all branded as "weird," and all end up being very in tune with the natural world. I liked the relationship and love these women had for plants, animals, and insects. I did not, however, love them.

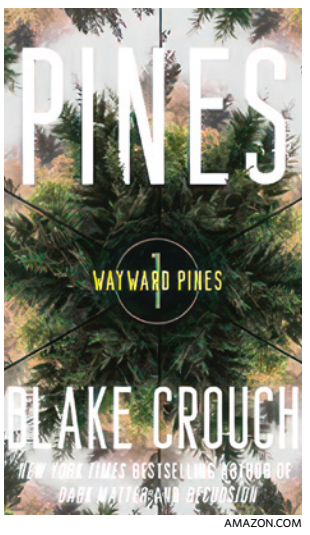
Unfortunately, each of these women have a run-in with terrible men. There is one (arguably two) men who are worth their mettle. While each woman feels empowered by her "gift" (eventually) there is nothing else that really bolsters their self-confidence. Their best efforts are directed toward revenge.

Submission date: July 3, 2023
- Reviewer: Karli Duncan
- Title: "A Court of Mist and Fury"
- Author: Sarah J. Maas
- Rating: 5 out of 5 stars

Thoughts about the book: This book has truly been one of my favorites; if not my favorite of the series. It's sad, beautiful, crushing, hopeful and magical. It had me experiencing every emotion under the sun and falling absolutely in love with the characters. It is dark and sexy and romantic, and the world is captivating. LOVED this one.

Submission date: July 11, 2023
- Reviewer: Heather Allen
- Title: "Pines"
- Author: Blake Crouch
- Rating: 4 out of 5 stars

Thoughts about the book: Detective story that takes a man to a small town in a very wooded region. The mysterious town has many secrets and the main character finds himself the center of the mystery.



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Wallace State hosting open house for Oneonta Nursing classes

Gail Crutchfield
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Wallace State Community College's Oneonta center announces it will hold an open house for those interested in seeing where Nursing classes will be held at the Academic Center and those wishing to know more about the program. The open house will be held on Tuesday, July 25, from 4-6 p.m. The Oneonta Academic Center is located at 101 First Ave. W.

The WSCC Department of Nursing Education announced earlier this year it would be offering several nursing classes at the Oneonta center starting this fall.

A maximum of 25 students will make up the first cohort. As applications for the Oneonta Nursing classes are accepted once a year, the cohort will be able to complete their three semesters together as one group.

At the Oneonta site, students will be able to attend lectures and labs outlined in the first three semesters of the traditional Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) pathway.

Completing those first three semesters allows students to earn the Practical Nursing certificate and sit for the licensure exam to become a Licensed Practical Nurse. They can seamlessly transfer to the Hanceville campus to complete the next two semesters, which allows students to sit for the licensure exam to become a registered nurse.

"We are excited to show the nursing classroom to our community, our local healthcare providers, and our future nursing students," said Lauren Wilson, director of the Oneonta Center. "The Nursing staff has been working hard to create a quality learning environment for our students with the most up-to-date technology."

One classroom at the Academic Center has been dedicated to the Nursing program.

Along with seating for lectures, the room includes four hospital beds with monitoring systems the students will use during labs and simulations, mannequins and supplies.

The Nursing students will also be able to utilize a science lab and computer lab for classes and testing.

At times, the students may travel to the Hanceville campus to take part in simulations at the state-of-the-art Simulation Center located in the School of Nursing and Center for Science with other Nursing and Wallace State Health Science students.

The next cohort of students for the Oneonta Center will be accepted in fall 2024, with applications accepted from March 15 to May 15.

Students interested in applying at that time can work ahead on core classes in mathematics, biology and English, etc.

Nursing applications are currently being accepted for the spring 2024 semester through Oct. 1 for classes at the main campus. Visit www.wallacestate.edu/nursing for more information.

The Wallace State Nursing Department also offers RN options through a mobility program for individuals who are interested in moving into nursing from other healthcare programs, as well as a joint admission with UAB in an ADN and BSN partnership program, and new nursing apprenticeships.

Wallace State's Department of Nursing Education has twice been recognized as a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education by the National League for Nursing.

Obituary Announcements: July 13-14

Kathy Ann Williams, 73
Kathy Ann Williams, age 73, of Double Springs, passed away Monday, July 10, 2023, at Walker Baptist Medical Center. She was born on Nov. 11, 1949, in Haleyville, Alabama. Kathy loved flowers, humming birds, chickens, and most of all her grandkids and family. Visitation will be held on Saturday, July 15, 2023, from 10 a.m. until noon at Nichols Funeral Home in Double Springs, where the service will be held at noon Brother Mickey Millican will officiate. Burial will follow at Williams Cemetery in Double Springs. Kathy is survived by her son, Robbie Williams (Tammy), and Timmy Williams; grandchildren, Kali Gilbert (Dylan), Tucker Speer, Colton Williams, Jaxxon Williams; great grandchildren, Aurora Gilbert, and Magnolia Gilbert; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other family. She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Williams; daughter, Paula Lyons; son, Paul Williams Jr.; parents, John and Leoma Ergle; brothers, Oliver Ergle, Edgar Ergle, Quinton Bunk Ergle, Ted Ergle; grandparents, Zander and Alice Ergle, and Mckinnley and Ida Hood; daughter-in-law, Denise Williams; and stepson, Jerry Williams.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

What on earth is that sound?

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



It was almost bedtime. Jean had headed back to our bedroom. I was in the kitchen getting coffee ready for the next Monday. We have this wonderful machine that we call the coffee maker. It's probably like the one you have, but it is a marvelous contraption. It allows us to add the extremely complicated combination of water and coffee grounds, press a preprogrammed timer, and have coffee waiting when we get up the next morning. I know you are thinking there is nothing complicated about that recipe, but I've tasted enough coffee that tasted like motor oil mixed with turpentine to cause me to differ with you!

I hear Jean call out from the other room, "Do you hear that?" I replied, "I hear you, but I don't hear that, whatever that is." I listened intently to my coffee machine, but it was silent. I listened for any unusual sound as I walked back toward Jean, but I didn't hear anything. Then Jean said, "There it is." I didn't know where it was, what it was, or what she was talking about. I didn't hear anything. Then she said walk on back this way, so I walked deeper into the bedroom expecting something to jump out and get me and quite possibly eat me alive...bones and all! Then I heard it. It was faint. It was brief. It was a high-pitched sound like that of a bird chirping. Since we don't keep birds inside the house, we figured it must be right outside our window. Before I heading outside to see if I could locate this night caller, visions of booger bears, creepy crawlers, and catch-a-bodies quickly took a jog through my brain. I grabbed my cell phone so I could see what might be about to eat me...right before it ate me. My phone has that handy-dandy flashlight app. When I walked out on the back porch, all I heard was the local-choir of crickets and frogs. I asked them to hush for a minute so I could hear our mysterious tweeter. They complied much like I used to when my mother asked me to please turn down my electric guitar. I came back in, proud to still be alive and not eaten, and told Jean I couldn't hear it out there.

By this time, she had done what you do when you don't know what to do...Googled it. She even found an audio recording that sounded exactly like our soloist in the night. It was a hawk. It had to be a night hawk. But, to be sure, Jean decided to check the bird's nest on the front porch. Maybe a baby bird had fallen from the nest and was in distress. That wasn't it, but that was a good rhyme I just made. You should always check the smoke alarms for strange sounds. I recently replaced all our alarms with new ones, so I thought that couldn't be it and it wasn't.

Finally, I tracked the sound down to the back side of the house, and specifically to the master bathroom. Surely something was hiding behind the commode! I've read those urban myths about snakes coming up through the sewer and into your commode. I slowly drew closer while humming "I'll Fly Away" just in case it was a snake in the potty. Thankfully, it wasn't.

Tomorrow morning, I'm going to Home Depot to buy a brand-new flush valve for our master-bathroom commode. Do you know those things can make a whistling sound exactly like a red-tail night hawk? Often, there is a simple explanation to those frightening things in life.

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HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1900, 1930

From the files of 1900

Arthur and Walter Oden are at the bedside of their father, Captain E.J. Oden.

Reverend Anson West has about recovered from an illness.

D.L. Aldredge of Holly Pond was in Cullman on Tuesday.

Miss Minnie Braasch and Edgar Stoll of Vinemont have entered the Polytechnic College, during this week.

Doctor P.M. Musgrove will preach at East Baptist Church next Sunday at 11 o'clock.

T.C. King is the new superintendent of education.

John Robinson's big show will exhibit in Cullman on October 26.

German Day was celebrated here on Monday. In the forenoon there was a street parade and in the afternoon some very fine speeches made at Mayer- Dinckelberg Park. A ball, at Kullman Hall, closed the amusements of the day.

John Reinhardt was thrown from a hand car on the L and N Monday and was injured. He is recovering nicely.

Marriage licenses have been issued to John Morgan and Miss Preuve Campbell; J.T. Abercrombie and Miss Margaret E. Walker; Joseph L. Lovvorn and Miss Hattie E. Goodwin; Robert S. Howard and Miss Effie Quattlebaum; Frank J. Orr and Miss Myrtle S. Jordan; James T. Burgess and Miss Nannie Ross and William H. Myers and Miss Mary James.

From the files of 1930

W.W. Wells of Route Six, Cullman sold a crate of strawberries to E. Wooten and Weeks and Howard on October 6. The two firms bought them jointly and paid Mr. Wells $4.80.

The Cullman City Library is now located in the new County Education Building. The library is sponsored by the Coterie, federated club.

Married last week were Miss Edythe Glasscock and J.D. Gorham.

Robert M. Clark, father of Mrs. P.G. Hartung died in Brookhaven, Mississippi, following a stroke of paralysis on Saturday night.

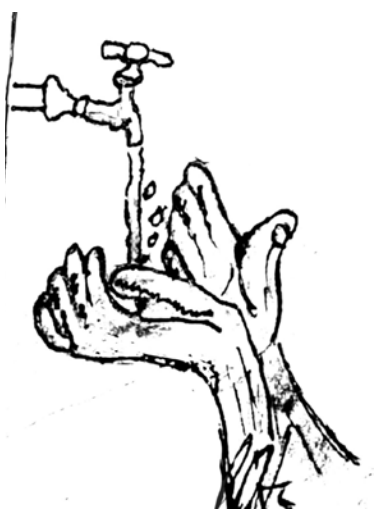
POET'S CORNER

Soap | By: Randy C. Hale

In this modern time, many, pump
their liquid soap onto their hands,
but I still like the cake bar turning
like a slippery rock in my palms,
aromas released in air.

Memories at my mother's basin,
following instruction to wash
for supper.
Today, I look for jungle
gardenia bars,

her favorite fragrance, awakening
emotions of when she was near.
A few brief seconds, turning, turning,
the soap, counterclockwise as I wish
in time.



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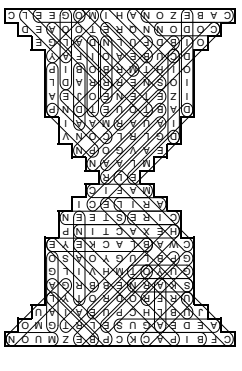
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...In that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

REFRESHMENTS SERVED EVERY SATURDAY

Board (from Front)

• Joint Purchasing Agreement with Sand Mountain CNP Cooperative for the 2023-2024 school year
• 2023 Pillars of Commitment and Strategic Plan for the Future
• Head Start contract Erika Lee, PFCE Manager, for a workday to prepare for the 2023-2024

The following consent agenda items were approved:
• Salvage Listed Items from CHS Under Separate Cover
• Out of state travel for CHS Fishing Team to Lake Hartwell, South Carolina on July 27-30
• Out of state travel for CHS Football to Ducktown, Tennessee on July 28, 2023

The next Cullman City School Board meeting will be held Aug. 15 at 5 p.m. at West Elementary School.

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