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RTS day 1: 'Country music people are happy people!'

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Rock the South started with a bang Thursday, July 21, as thousands of concertgoers ran to get the best spots to see their favorite artists. The lineup was stacked, with Ella Langley and JR Carroll opening for renown Class of '89er Travis Tritt and new gritty country favorite Zach Bryan.

Attendees from all 50 states and several different counties donned their favorite white outfits to "white out" the crowd. Instagram girlies brought out a mixture of upscale western boutique apparel with men bringing in vintage cut-out tees and a few pearl snaps; all were, of course, accompanied by cowboy hats or boots.

A couple of attendees stopped by The Cullman Tribune office. Friends Isabelle Lecour and Ariel » PAGE 10



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Rock the South opener Ella Langley hits a hard note on Thursday, July 21.

Wallace State unveils portrait of Garlan E. Gudger Sr.



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Son Garlan Gudger Jr., daughter Jill Howell, wife Dot Gudger and daughter Joy Barker pose in front of a photo of Dr. Garlan E. Gudger Sr. that was unveiled Thursday, July 20, 2023, at Wallace State Community College in Hanceville, Alabama.

Tiffany McKoy
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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College hosted the unveiling of a portrait of Dr. Garlan E. Gudger Sr., on Thursday, July 20, in the student center that bears his name on the campus in Hanceville.

Gudger served as the first dean of students at Wallace State from 1976 to 1996, where he was instrumental in the college's growth. His wife, Dot Gudger, was the college's first business education instructor.

According to Wallace State Community College President Dr. Vicki Karolewics, the student center itself was built under Dr. Gudger's supervision, capturing his vision for student life at Wallace State. The decision to name the student center in his honor was made to recognize his hard work and commitment to the college and the community. The student center was officially named in October 2020.

Cullman City Council President Dr. Jenny Folsom was on-hand for the unveiling. She mentioned Dr. Gudger's emphasis on student discipline and the positive impact he had on students. According to Folsom, through Dr. Gudger's dedication and guidance, many students learned valuable lessons and were motivated to avoid repeating their mistakes.

His son, Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, spoke about his fa- » PAGE 12

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Coolin' off at Rock the South



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Singer Chase Matthew delivers water to some hot and thirsty fans during day two of Rock the South.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported July 20

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 20, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

July 17

- domestic violence; CR 1145
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1763
- domestic violence; CR 1564
- domestic violence; CR 1435
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1635
- trespassing; harassment; CR 712
- harassment; CR 1507
- criminal mischief; CR 404
- possession of marijuana; CR 222
- burglary; CR 248
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 1564
- distribute-sell drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia

July 18

- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1230
- theft of property; Hwy. 69 S
- assault; CR 1145

July 19

- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1568
- burglary; CR 365
- domestic violence; CR 1683
- trespassing; harassment; CR 643
- theft of property; CR 109
- theft of property; CR 1127
- possession of marijuana; giving false name to police officer

ARRESTS

July 17 – 19

Baker, Jarrett G.; 28
- FTA- DUI (alcohol)

Brown Jr., Michael W.; 52
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Eubanks, Laura S.; 45
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

George, Kevin T.; 32
- assault-child abuse-simple-family
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Gordon, Erica Sharee O.; 33
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- giving false identification to law enforcement
- FTA- possession of marijuana
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (3 counts)
- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- giving false identification to law enforcement
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hale, Joshua S.; 29
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- promote prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA- insanitary sewage facilities menacing public health
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Harris, Christopher P.; 32
- FTA- operating vehicle without insurance

Hook, Kodi J.; 28
- Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- Probation Violation-IPCC

Jenkins, Jerry R.; 53
- FTA- open container-alcohol in vehicle
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Johnson, Jason M.; 44
- public intoxication

Lay, Jonathan K.; 32
- FTA- non-support-child

Lovell, James M.; 29
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Mays, Kenneth T.; 35
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

McAnear, Brooke N.; 27
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Raymond, Robert A.; 43
- assault-harassment

Reeves, Johnny; 63
- harassing communications

Russell, Angela N.; 50
- FTA- driving while license suspended (2 counts)

Steele Jr., Timothy G.; 26
- sell/distribution of dangerous drugs
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Sutton, Felicia L.; 36
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- non-support-child
- FTA- possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance

Tinoco, Kesha N.; 39
- FTA- no seat belt
- causing of delinquency, dependency, or need of supervision
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled
- FTA- improper lane usage

Warner, Sabrina L.; 27
- assault-child abuse-simple-family (2 counts)

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

July 19
- theft of services-4th degree; person; cash; $236
- theft of services-4th degree; person; cash; $372
- counterfeit $100; State of Alabama; CR 1435
- theft of services-4th degree; person; cash; $440
- theft of services-4th degree; person; cash; $227
- theft of services-4th degree; person; cash; $220
- theft of services-4th degree; person; cash; $305
- theft of property-2nd degree; person; East Hanceville Rd. SE; medication

ARRESTS

July 19

Mann, Timothy M.; 34
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hand, Dustin C.; 31
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree

Harris, Christopher P.; 32
- FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Graham, Asia R.; 32
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree
- FTA- insurance violation

Jenkins, Jerry R.; 53
- FTA- driving without license

Russell, Angela N.; 50
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- driving while suspended

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Eva's J & J Fiber Contracting awarded $100K grant

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Gov. Kay Ivey has announced a $100,000 grant to help an Eva business expand and provide new jobs while also providing improvements for existing and future businesses. The grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) will be combined with a $100,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) awarded earlier by Ivey. The grants will improve sewer service in the Eva Industrial Park.

The improved service will enable J & J Fiber Contracting to expand its fiber installation business.

The company, which has 20 employees, plans to construct a new building and hire 10 additional people.

"These grants are an investment in the future and will provide new jobs and opportunities for the community," Ivey said.

"I am pleased to announce these funds."

The project will involve the installation of 1,100 feet of low-pressure sewer line along with individual pump stations to serve the businesses in the industrial park, which includes the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs' (ADECA) Surplus Property Division's north Alabama warehouse.

ADECA administers the ARC program in Alabama.

"For more than 50 years the Appalachian Regional Commission has been providing invaluable assistance to Alabama towns and communities within its region," ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell said.

"ADECA joins Gov. Ivey in appreciation of the ARC program and the improvements it has made in our state."

Ivey notified Eva Mayor Gary Livingston that the grant had been approved.

Alabama's unemployment rate unchanged at 2.2%

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Alabama Department of Labor Secretary Fitzgerald Washington on Friday announced that Alabama's preliminary, seasonally adjusted June unemployment rate held steady at a record low 2.2%. June's rate is well below June 2022's rate of 2.6%. The rate represents 50,427 unemployed persons, a new record low, compared to 51,419 in May and 58,505 in June 2022.

In Cullman County, the rate is also 2.2%.

The number of people counted as employed increased by 20,928 over the year to a new record high of 2,253,490.

The civilian labor force also reached a new record high of 2,303,917, with 12,850 more people joining over the year.

"I am proud to continue to celebrate the gains we are making month after month with our economic metrics," said Washington.

"The number of jobs our economy is supporting also rose to its highest level ever. This is certainly great news. Employers are continuing to add jobs and more and more people are joining the labor force each month."

Over the year, wage and salary employment increased by 55,700, reaching a new record high of 2,163,600, with gains in the leisure and hospitality sector (+11,400), the private education and health services sector (+10,000), and the trade, transportation, and utilities sector (+8,400), among others.

Over the month, wage and salary employment grew by 16,900.

Monthly gains were seen in the leisure and hospitality sector (+8,300), the trade, transportation, and utilities sector (+2,800), and the manufacturing sector (+2,700), among others.

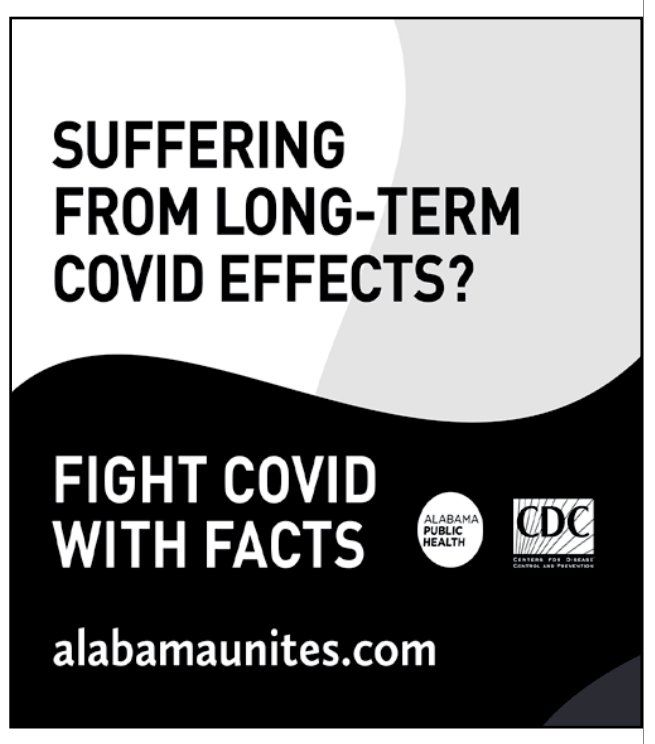
Counties with the lowest unemployment rates are Shelby County at 2.0%, Morgan County at 2.1% and Madison and Cullman counties at 2.2%.

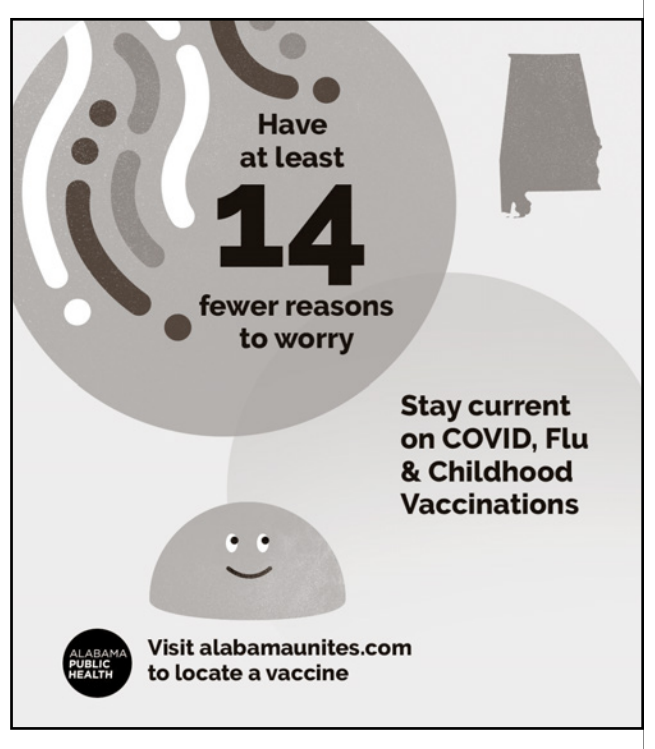
Counties with the highest unemployment rates are Wilcox County at 7.5%, Perry County at 6.2% and Dallas County at 5.7%.

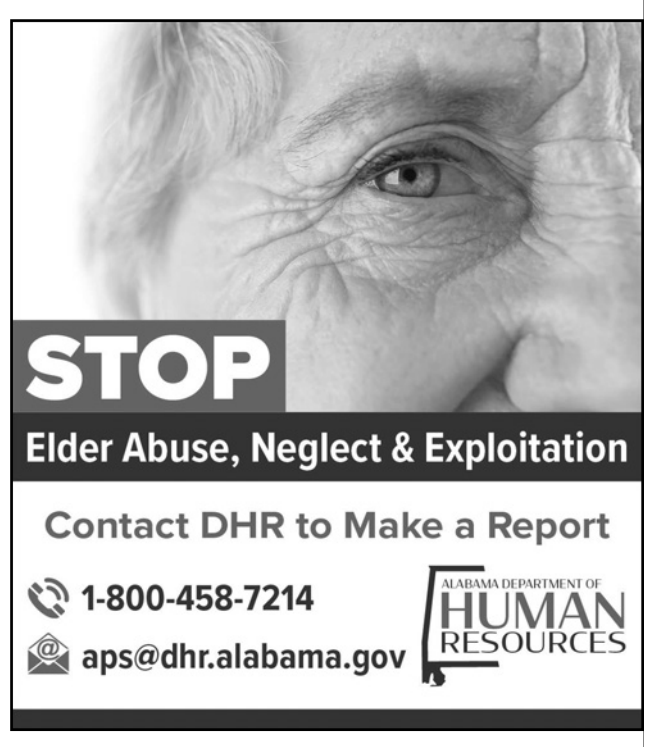
Major cities with the lowest unemployment rates are Trussville and Vestavia Hills at 1.8%, Madison at 1.9% and Alabaster, Homewood and Hoover at 2.0%.

Major cities with the highest unemployment rates are Selma at 6.7%, Prichard at 5.6% and Bessemer at 3.9%.











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 22 - Kids Adventure Day from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.! All welcome!
• Sunday, July 23 - 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 23 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11.

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.

Rock the South
Continues Saturday, July 22, 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.

2 Quilters Yard Sale
Saturday, July 22, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., rain or shine. It will be held in the barn/shed, 1703 Convent Road, NE. Lots of fabric and lots of other stuff.

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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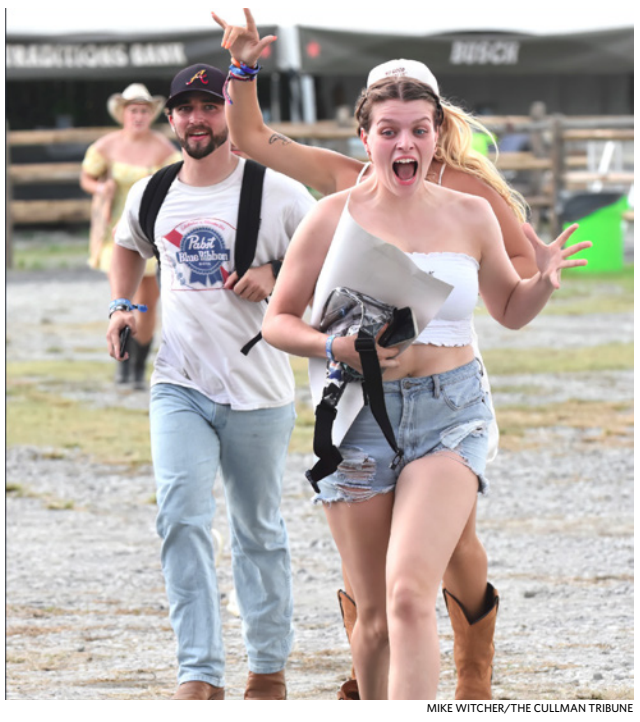
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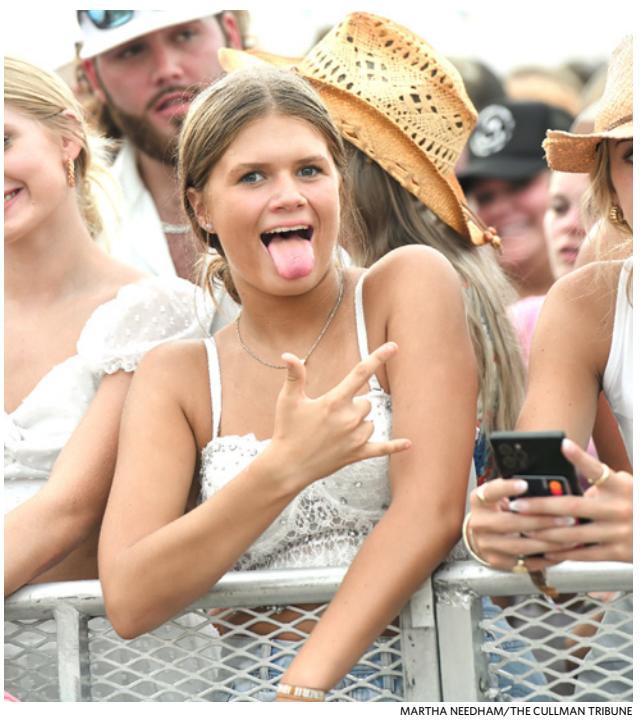
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Sweet Grown Alabama Day (from Front)

Katie Nichols
ACES

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. — There is something special about home-grown tomatoes, freshly picked okra and local honey. Add to that dairy products from just down the road or self-care items made by your neighbor and you have a winning combination. At first glance, these products may not appear to have anything in common. However, in Alabama, these products—grown or made with care—wear the name Sweet Grown Alabama.

Sweet Grown Alabama is a nonprofit foundation that enriches marketing opportunities for Alabama farmers by connecting retailers and consumers to Alabama-grown foods and other agricultural products. How do you find Sweet Grown products? Just look for the red and green label that sets Alabama grown and raised products apart from the rest.

Extension supports Alabama growers

While the Alabama Cooperative Extension System is not a supplier of Sweet Grown Alabama products, Extension offices in every county provide support for Sweet Grown Alabama farmers.

Calen Monroe, an Alabama Extension farm and agribusiness agent, conducts farmers market training programs to help growers plan for the markets they attend.

"It is very important that we support local farmers markets as well as local producers within the state of Alabama," Monroe said.

"We help local growers in many different ways. Our agents specialize in different aspects of the agricultural industry and provide support through programs, one-to-one assistance and general support."

Growers who sell at farmers markets must obtain a growers permit through the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries (ADAI).

These permits are available through the ADAI main offices, but many growers visit local Extension offices to obtain permits.

In addition to providing a location to obtain growers permits, Alabama Extension county offices serve as hubs for information dissemination.

Extension personnel assist growers as they troubleshoot a particular crop, but they also provide marketing and business support.

"As a farm and agribusiness management Extension agent, I strive to assist producers at farmers markets with improving their business functions," Monroe said.

"These include sales, marketing, planning, goals and any other things they may need assistance with."

Sweet Grown Alabama

Ellie Watson, director of Sweet Grown Alabama, said the partnership with Alabama Extension is vital to the success of the program statewide.

"As a nonprofit, Sweet Grown Alabama relies on the support of our industry partners like the Alabama Cooperative Extension System to serve our state," Watson said.

"By speaking at our events, performing economic studies, hosting meetings and assisting our farmers with technical growing needs, Alabama Extension team members are critical to supporting Sweet Grown and ensuring Alabamians have access to fresh, locally grown goodness statewide."

Sweet Grown Alabama's searchable database allows consumers to easily connect with local farmers in their area and find specific Alabama-grown products.

Watson said farmers, product makers, restaurants, retailers and others are encouraged to join the program and use the Sweet Grown logo.

Find more information about the program at www.SweetGrownAlabama.org

More information

Monroe is hosting a farmers market program for producers in southeast Alabama Aug. 24 at the Enterprise Farmers Market Building at 12:30 p.m.

This program is open to everyone. Interested individuals should contact Monroe at 334-752-1767.

Learn more about the work Alabama Extension is doing in your community by visiting www.aces.edu/calendar.



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‘Spread positivity wherever you go’: West Point’s Jossie Fortenberry talks junior year

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WEST POINT, Ala. — Senior color guard member Jossie Fortenberry will be going into her sixth year in the West Point band. She has learned some things during her time in the band so far and from being a member of the color guard.

“Being a part of the West Point band has been an amazing experience so far. I’ve learned how to be a leader and learning how to come together to make something beautiful,” Fortenberry said. “It’s been a wild and amazing experience in color guard so far. I was co-captain my sophomore year and learned how fast how much responsibility comes with a leadership role. Now that I’m captain, I’m ready for this year and to have lots of success.”

Fortenberry has learned so much from some amazing band directors so far.

“I started my beginner band year under Ty Parker in sixth grade. He was amazing and believed in everyone. He was the instructor when I tried out for color guard and is the reason I’m on the line. When Mr. Patrick was our director, he could get anyone in a better mood by just smiling. We all loved him and whenever the phrase, ‘one more again’ comes up, we always think of him saying it over and over. Mr. Walker is amazing to be around. He’ll understand some kids on their level and isn’t afraid to be friends with them during the band year. These past two years with him and Mrs. Peak have been one of the best in my band part of high school.”

She added, “I’ve learned that not everything will be absolutely perfect, but if you put time and effort into it, then it can be pretty close. I’ve also learned to not be afraid of standing up and saying something, and to be at least 10 minutes early.”

Fortenberry soaked up as much as she could from last year’s seniors.

“Sydney was the most outgoing and fun person anyone will ever meet. We both made the team the same year and have been ‘bus buddies’ since then. Going through band with her was the best experience I could’ve gotten, and it was devastating at senior night knowing it would be the last. Lily Hallmark was brought in by Sydney my eighth-grade year and me and her have gotten so close over the past four years. They were like family to me. Between both of them, I learned to keep trying, even if you fail the first couple of times. When it gets rough, do something easy and lift yourself up. Heidi and Jasmine were the sparks of the band and they always tried to cheer people up. I learned that you need to spread positivity wherever you go, just in case that one person needs it. The rest of the seniors taught me to be myself. Even if you don’t think it’s going by fast, it is, and to enjoy it while it lasts.”

Fortenberry will continue to work on some things during the offseason as she gets prepared for band season. She talked about the goals for this upcoming season and what will make this band special to watch.

“I will work on my leadership and making the team come together as one,” she said. “My individual goals are to be the best leader I can and help anyone if they need it. My team goals are to make all three lines feel like a family. What will make us special to watch this season is the engagement of the crowd. They will be able to see the reflection of ourselves back in our school.”

Fortenberry talked about her role models growing up and the best advice that someone ever gave her.

“I looked up to the some of the seniors that left, like Sydney,” she said. “The best advice that someone ever gave me is early is on time, on time is late, and late is inexcusable.”



JOSSIE FORTENBERRY

Jossie Fortenberry

PREP FOOTBALL

‘Represent my community in a good way’: Good Hope’s Colten Whatley recaps junior year

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — The Good Hope Raiders qualified for the playoffs last year after a strong finish to the regular season and quarterback Colten Whatley talked about what he learned during that stretch and what it was like playing alongside a great group of teammates.

“Last season, our goal going into that season was to ‘prove them wrong’. I feel we did that, but part of me also feels we underachieved.

“This year, I feel like we can reach our full potential. I learned a lot about reading defenses and how I need to deliver the football in certain situations,” Whatley said.

“It was fun getting to play with the kids I’ve grown up playing with. Each of them taught me something different.

“I also have to give credit to my wide receivers and offensive line. I couldn’t do what I do if it wasn’t for them.”

Whatley got to back up Tanner Malin last season and got tons of help from him.

He talked about his first year starting, plus he gave his thoughts on the spring game and how he feels it went.

“He really helped me get comfortable with the playbook and understand the offense,” Whatley said.

“I felt like I made good progress throughout the season. As the games went on, I gained more and more confidence. I was really happy with how the spring game went. We still have room to improve, but I was overall impressed with our performance.”

Whatley has been blessed to get the chance to play under head coach Alan Scott and with some great seniors as well. He has seen his game improve throughout the years but is still working on some things in the offseason to help himself get ready for next season.

“Coach Scott is a great coach and role model. The biggest thing I’ve learned from him so far is how to be a leader, while having honor and integrity,” he said.

“They showed me how to lead a team and how to keep everyone on board with our program. I feel like I have improved in most aspects of my game, especially my awareness.

“I’ve been working on my agility and footwork in the pocket. I’ve also been working on my arm strength.”

Whatley talked about his goals for the upcoming season, what will make this team special to watch, his role model growing up, and the best advice that someone ever gave him.

“I want to be the best leader possible and represent my community in a good way. Our team goal is simple and it’s to make it to a state championship,” he said.



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Good Hope’s Colten Whatley

“We plan on bringing a lot of energy to the field. I’ve always looked up to Aaron Rodgers because I like his style of play.

“The best advice that someone ever gave me was to do everything in life as if I was doing it for the Lord.”

PREP CHEER

‘We are all in this together’: Vinemont’s Ashton Kelley recaps junior year

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VINEMONT, Ala. — Vinemont senior cheerleader Ashton Kelley has been cheering on the varsity squad for her entire high school career. She talked about last season and what all she learned and why she feels blessed to get to cheer alongside some great girls.

“I think last season went amazing. We won our regional competition and placed fourth at state. We all learned that is worth putting in the hard work and long hours to achieve your goals. We also learned when you constantly believe in each other, it makes everything 10 times better,” Kelley said. “My experience has been amazing. Some of my closest friends have been a part of the cheer team. I would not be the person I am right now without all the relationships I have made with my teammates. It has been the best. I will forever cherish all the laughs and memories my teammates and I have made together during practices, games, and competitions. I will also always remember all the lessons we have taught each other. I have learned that building friendships in high school is going to be one of the most beneficial things you can do. I have also learned that no matter what, the people I cheer with will always be by my side.”

Kelley has got to cheer under some great coaches and has soaked up as much as she could from them. She got to cheer with some great seniors and learned some things from them as well.

“My first two years cheering, I was coached by Shannon Bridges. Last year, Madison Ballard was our coach. Both of them were amazing. They are both so loving and caring and they will always be there for their cheerleaders. Both of them taught me that if I put my mind to it, nothing is impossible. They also taught me to never give up and to always believe in myself,” Kelley said. “They were all really great leaders and they taught me to always support my team and be positive, even when things aren’t going our way.”

Kelley talked about the experience competing at state last season and what all she has learned from competing there the past few years.

“It was a very memorable experience. I loved being able to compete with my team and watching them push themselves to be the greatest they can be. We all worked super hard, and it was so amazing, watching all of our hard work pay off,” Kelley said. “I have learned that it is always worth it to fight through the anxiety of competing in front of people. I have also learned that your team is your biggest supporters during competitions and that you can never do anything alone. You always need to work as a team.”

Kelley will continue to work on some things in the offseason as she is preparing for next season. She has some very important goals for this upcoming season.

“I will continue to work on always being positive and always encouraging my team. To me, having an optimistic view on situations is always the answer. This year, my motto for myself is, ‘We are all in this together; teamwork is key’. I am also striving to work together with my team,” she said. “My team goal is for all of us to become close and to be like sisters. My personal goal is to center my decisions and actions on what God wants me to do.”

Kelley talked what will make this cheer squad special to watch, a cheerleader that she looked up to, and the best advice that someone ever gave her.

“I think we will be special to watch because we are all very dedicated and will always know the material we are given. We are also very encouraging to each other throughout our routines, and we also push ourselves to our limits with everything we do. Lastly, we are also very enthusiastic when it comes to hitting our stunts. We all start hugging and cheering each other on when we hit a difficult skill or stunt,” she said. “My freshman year, the cheer captain was Emily Cheatwood. She was such an amazing role model. She always made sure that her team knew what was going on and made sure we were all prepared. She was always willing to go over anything and help us at any time of the day. She also always made sure that we were always having fun.”

She added, “The best advice someone ever gave me is to always put God at the center of your life and to give everything to Him. He is everything you will ever need in life.”



ASHTON KELLEY
Vinemont’s Ashton Kelley

Crimson Tide earns 16 spots on Preseason All-SEC Football Teams

Josh Maxson
UA Athletics

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The University of Alabama football team earned 16 spots on the Preseason All-SEC Team, the league office announced on Friday morning. In addition, the Crimson Tide was selected to win the Western Division and finish second overall in the league, according to media members in attendance at SEC Media Days this past week.

Alabama represented six spots across the first teams, including one on offense, two on defense and three specialists.

The Tide had seven players earn a spot on the second team with four on offense and three on defense, while three players were tabbed as third-teamers including one on offense and two defenders.

FIRST TEAM

Offense
- OL – JC Latham

Defense
- LB – Dallas Turner
- DB – Kool-Aid McKinstry

Special Teams
- PK – Will Reichard
- LS – Kneeland Hibbett
- RS – Kool-Aid McKinstry

SECOND TEAM

Offense
- RB – Jase McClellan
- WR – Ja’Corey Brooks
- OL – Tyler Booker
- C – Seth McLaughlin

Defense
- DL – Jaheim Oatis | Justin Eboigbe
- DB – Malachi Moore

THIRD TEAM

Offense
- WR – Jermaine Burton

Defense
- DL – Tim Smith
- LB – Chris Braswell

Alabama was selected to win the Western Division with 1,899 total points and received the second-most votes to finish as SEC champions at 165.

Only nine times since 1992 (31 years) has the predicted champion prior to the season at SEC Media Days proceeded to win the SEC Championship Game.



UA ATHLETICS

The Crimson Tide enters the 2023 campaign having won a league-leading 29 SEC Championships in program history, including seven of the last 11 conference titles.

Alabama is scheduled to open the 2023 campaign with Middle Tennessee on Sept. 2 at Bryant-Denny Stadium.

The game is set for a 6:30 p.m. kickoff and will air on the SEC Network.

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

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– COLUMN –

Celebrating in the Wundergarten – The Rock the South Rock Garden

Ben Johnson South
Tribune Columnist

Shane Quick is a "Home County Hero" of mine. The modern-day trinity of Frank Stitt, the James Beard Award-winning, celebrity chef/founder of Highlands Bar and Grill; Mother Angelica, the nun who founded the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament; and Shane Quick, the visionary founder of the star-studded and throng-delighting, "Rock the South" outdoor concerts, has greatly helped CULTIVATE CULLMAN.

Shane has Hanceville, Alabama roots, and he's a woodsman. He worked many years in Cullman County at the Louisiana Pacific Sawmill, transforming mature trees into useful lumber. During this time, the hard-working gent clocked 12-hour shifts at the mill. After hours, he pursued his dream of becoming a music impresario.

Rock the South concerts grew from Shane's vision of a "gratitude celebration" that Cullman County survived the brutal tornado of April 27, 2011. Shane, a promoter of Christian music, was quoted in this newspaper about creating his first successful concerts: "God showed me he wanted to use me, if I would work hard and do things with passion for a reason." Shane puts his compassion into action.

THE ROCK THE SOUTH ROCK GARDEN is an idea inspired by Shane that could be readily developed at the Sportsman Lake Park Tree Museum, which became an accredited arboretum just this week. Like the music-loving arts fans that Shane "connects" to the joy of being outdoors in nature, the rock garden would also CULTIVATE CULLMAN.

A beautifully imagined rock garden could add visitor engagement at Sportsman Lake Park without spending scads of money on plantings and maintenance. This 70-year-old legacy park, FREE and open 365 days each year, is part of the Cullman County Parks and Recreation collection.

Like magically transforming a pasture into a theatrical entertainment venue, we could apply imagination to morph a mundane, under-appreciated space in the 168 acres of Sportsman Lake Park into a rockery of beauty and delight. Our visitor numbers to the newly accredited arboretum are growing, and the addition of a well-designed and imaginatively cultivated rock garden will bring more smiles and inspiration to locals and tourists.

The rugged appearance of rocks would "connect" people with God's earth. It will take some gardening visionaries, but THE ROCK THE SOUTH ROCK GARDEN could be a low-maintenance substitute for mown grass while beautifully adding colorful wildflowers.

THE ROCK THE SOUTH ROCK GARDEN could rely on expert volunteer support from Cullman County Master Gardeners who partner with the Cullman County Parks and Recreation at the Sportsman Lake Park Tree Museum.

Here are some things to consider when creating a rock garden/rockery:

1. SITE SELECTION Like situating a concert stage and an audience, where would the rock garden be most enjoyed? Would this be in a sun-blessed part of Sportsman Lake Park or in a shaded, wooded area?

2. CREATE AN "IDEA BOARD" Most people can best imagine a garden by seeing photographs of similar ones which have been cultivated and have grown. There are hundreds of rock garden images available on the internet. Some of the photos show the transformation of a slope and others capture a re-imagined flatland. An "Idea Board" will help us choose rocks, plants, and also that elusive element of garden design—the "tone."

3. SKETCH A DESIGN This could be where we realize exploring the hiring of a landscape architect would be wise.

4. SCALE Is our rock garden going to be more of a Garth Brooks stadium extravaganza or more of an intimate, smaller-sized thing?

5. WE CAN DO THIS NICE or WE CAN DO THIS ROUGH is how Tina Turner introduced her immortal, and richly rough rendition of the hit song, "Proud Mary." The stones chosen for a rock garden can have rugged appeal or they can be formal and smooth like a Japanese Zen garden. THE ROCK THE SOUTH ROCK GARDEN could have some smooth, river stones, however, rough limestone and sandstone from local quarries also seem like the right rock in the right place.

6. TOOLS and MATERIALS needed besides the rocks, could be landscape cloth to tamp down the weeds, plants and shrubs, tools for finessing small plants into wedges and larger tools like shovels and even automated cranes.

7. THINK GLOBAL, PLANT LOCAL could be a good reminder for your rock garden. When you see photos of rock gardens you love and they happen to be in the Swiss Alps or in Asian mountains, think about plants with similar appeal which are native to the American South. Ask your Extension agent about what plants grow well in our latitude. (Note: Native plants have survived for centuries. They have a greater likelihood of thriving in their new placement.)

8. ROCK CONCERTS and ROCK GARDENS NEED VARIETY Rock the South shows have offered Sara Evans' soulful sweetness, Hank, Jr. rowdiness, Kid Rock punch, Greg Allman Southern rock, Alan Jackson comfortable folk and even Dierks Bentley and "Duck Dynasty" comedy. Have a variety of rock sizes, shapes and colors. Surprise is the essence of entertainment in music and in gardening.

9. HONEY, WHERE SHOULD I PUT THIS ROCK? OK, don't ask anything you don't want an answer to. Return to your best garden sketch time and again. Bigger rocks are likely going to remain in place a good, long time. Placement in a painting is called composition. As you compose your rock garden design, imagine various places you want a viewer's vision to rest. Placement for a Rock the South concert regularly means the hottest star ends the festival. This year that is Chris Stapleton. A big hit for Stapleton is "You Should Probably Leave," but unless that is his very last song, you should probably stay.

10. ROCK YOUR GARDEN WITH COLOR If you asked a kid, "What color are rocks?" they would likely answer, "Brown." True, lots of rocks are brown. That said, the range of browns is endless from creamy tan to deep chocolate. And, what about red rocks? Grey rocks? Black rocks?

THE ROCK THE SOUTH ROCK GARDEN would be an ideal and enjoyable place to learn how to plant for a warming climate. Ornamental grasses and drought-resistant plants could thrive in a full-sun rockery. Year-round dwarf evergreens and creeping conifers would soften some of the rocky hardscape.

Shane Quick's concerts continue to bring lots of visitors to Cullman County and so could the artful rock garden we are imagining at the Sportsman Lake Park Tree Museum. Both things would ROCK THE SOUTH.

CELEBRATING IN THE WUNDERGARTEN
This culinary storytelling series imagines recipes from Frau Ruehl, the fictional heroine of the "WUNDERGARTEN" folktale inspired by the pine-studded woods at what today is The Sportsman Lake Park Tree Museum. The seafood entrée shared in this week's installment is one Frau Ruehl might have enjoyed on the Atlantic coast of America when she immigrated from Germany on a ship chartered by Cullman founder, Colonel John G. Cullmann. The second recipe is for a fun, 21st century cocktail and salutes the fun-loving, forward-thinking founder of ROCK THE SOUTH.

SOUTHERN ROCK SHRIMP with SPICY CREAM SAUCE
(Source: foodnetwork.com)

INGREDIENTS
- Vegetable oil for cooking
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup plus 1 tbsp. heavy whipping cream
- 2 tsp. Szechuan seasoning
- 2 cups tempura batter mix
- 1 1/2 cups ice water
- 1 lb. rock shrimp
- Endives, for garnish
- Crispy onions for garnish

INSTRUCTIONS
1. Add enough oil in skillet to come to 2 inches up the side of the pan. Heat oil to 375F.

2. In a small mixing bowl, whisk together mayonnaise, heavy cream and Szechuan seasoning.

3. Once oil is heated, in a large bowl combine tempura mix and ice water. The mixture is thick and lumpy. Working in batches, dip rock shrimp in batter (shaking off any excess) and add to the oil. Fry for 2 to 4 minutes or until golden brown. Remove shrimp from oil and drain with a slotted spoon. Make sure the oil temperature does not fall below 350F. Skim oil between batches.

4. In a large bowl, toss cooked shrimp in sauce until lightly coated. Serve warm on endive leaves. Top with French-fried onion.

SHANE QUICK POP ROCKS SUMMERTIME COOLER
(Source: snappygourmet.com)

INGREDIENTS
- 2 cups fresh, seedless, Cullman County watermelon (cut into 1/2-inch cubes)
- 1/4 cup watermelon vodka
- 2 tbsp. Cullman County honey + more for glass rim
- 1 fresh lime, juiced
- 2 small packages of watermelon Pop Rocks

INSTRUCTIONS
1. Place watermelon, vodka, 2 tbsp. honey, and lime juice in blender. Process until smooth. (Tip: Strain if any seeds remain.)

2. Rub a little honey on the edge of martini glasses then dip into Pop Rocks.

3. Shake drink with ice, then strain into martini glasses. Makes 2 summer cooler cocktails.

HAPPY ROCK THE SOUTH WEEKEND AND AUF WIEDERSEHEN Y'ALL!

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Cullman City Schools awarded $400K for STEM initiatives

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman City Schools is set to expand its Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) offerings in the coming years with dedicated staff and resources, thanks to new federal grant funds.

The $400,000 grant is being awarded as part of the federal Safer Communities Act, a bipartisan effort to prioritize foundational wellness outcomes for students, parents, families and community members.

The grant funds in Cullman City Schools will be used to fund several initiatives, including hiring a STEM Lab teacher, organizing summer STEM camps, book studies, parent workshops, family STEM nights and providing instructional supplies for college and career fairs. The district also plans to integrate Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) principles into STEM learning environments to improve mental and physical health, stress management, creativity, social skills and cognitive skills.

The initiative is aiming to create STEM Labs at both East Elementary and West Elementary, which will be equipped with Vex Robots, circuits, drones, 3-D printers and a Maker's Space wall, where students can practice SEL principles, critical thinking, problem-solving, collaboration, effective communication and other cognitive regulation and emotional processes. A sensory section will also be included for students to de-escalate and practice emotional regulation.

"Our district places an emphasis on the importance of partnering with students, families, community members and businesses to develop essential social and emotional skills that will aid students in moving forward in their lives," Cullman City Schools Secondary Curriculum and CTE Coordinator Lindsay Brannon said.

Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff credited Brannon for spearheading the effort to pursue the Safer Communities Act grant, noting these initiatives will make a substantial impact for students.

"The district aims to implement a Foundational Wellness System of Supports that will develop social, emotional, and academic skills of our students," Kallhoff said. "The district is committed to creating a safe environment for children's growth and learning by addressing their foundational wellness needs. You want to have a school where kids feel safe. When you do that and they're safe, not just physically but emotionally safe, that's when you open up the gates for learning."



CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

Cullman City Schools students work on STEM activities earlier this year. Thanks to the Safer Communities Act grant funds, these programs will be expanded even more.

BOOK REVIEW: 'The Lost Summers of Newport' by Beatriz Williams, Lauren Willig and Karen White

Cathy Lay Mayor
Tribune Contributor

The summer mansions of Newport, Rhode Island, are the setting for this book, which is about three women in three different eras written by three different authors. Money, old and new, and secrets held in the boathouse dominate the story.

The first storyline is set in present-day Newport with Andie Figuero, who has just gotten her dream job in reality TV show as producer of "Makeover Mansions." The latest house up for renovation is Sprague Hall. Andie realizes that this mansion has been neglected for years. Also, the owners are difficult with many restrictions for the project.

The Sprague family insists the film crew be off the property by 4:30, no one is allowed the speak to the heiress, Lucia (Lucky) Sprague, and no one is allowed near the boathouse.

In 1899, Ellen Daniels arrives at Sprague Manor to give singing lessons to Maybelle Sprague so she can make a good impression on a visiting Italian prince. Maybelle is a young woman who has inherited money form a relative's copper mines in Colorado.

Her stepbrother John Sprague has spent part of Maybelle's fortune buying a house in Newport. John is hoping to arrange a marriage for Maybelle to the money-hunting prince. Ellen is supposed to improve Maybelle's singing for her launch into society.

But Ellen has secrets of her own. She is hiding at Sprague Hall to escape her past.

Lucky and her grandmother, an American-born princess, have fled Mussolini's Italy. They decide to go back to the house in Newport that she owns but has not seen since she left in 1899.

By 1958, Lucky has made a place for herself in Newport society by marrying Stuyvesant Sprague. Unfortunately, Stuyvesant is an alcoholic and very unpleasant. Soon the boathouse's secrets cannot be kept much longer.

"The Lost Summers of Newport" was written by Team W, a group of three authors – Beatriz Williams, Lauren Willig and Karen White – who were friends before they started writing together. They have had several bestsellers, including "The Forgotten Room," "The Glass Ocean" and "All the Ways We Said Goodbye." This is their first book I have read. While I did want to find out what happened, I did not think that the characters were likable and some of the plot was not fully explained. Many readers have found this a good "beach read," and I did keep reading to learn the secrets of the family and the boathouse.

Cathy Lay Mayor grew up in Cullman and graduated from Cullman High School in 1976. She says when she writes book reviews, she tries to remember what Mrs. Gilbert taught her in 11th-grade English. She lived in Dothan for more than 30 years and is married with three adult children and six grandchildren. She retired to Panama City, but still calls Alabama home.

LEGALS

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ELLIS BAKER, Deceased. * **CASE NO.: PC2023-037**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to ROBERT BAKER and KATHY BAKER, as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of ELLIS BAKER, deceased, on the 13th day of July, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF PHYLLIS DEJONG, Deceased. CASE NO.: PC2023-200

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to KESA M. JOHNSTON as Personal Representative of the Estate of PHYLLIS DEJONG, deceased, on the 13th day of July, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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.

KESA M. JOHNSTON
Personal Representative

Kesa M. Johnston
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

SHELIA JO FRENCH, DECEASED CASE NO. PC 2023-228

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF SHELIA JO FRENCH, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Randall Edward French and Gregory Wayne French on the 20th day of July, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Randall Edward French and Gregory Wayne French
Co-Personal Representatives (Administrator),
and
Steven C. Smith, Attorney for the Estate

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It's tax-free weekend: What school essentials to purchase

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — If you haven't ordered school supplies already, Alabama's 18th annual Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday (now through Sunday night, July 23, at midnight) is a great time to check with your child's school and/or teacher for the exact list of school supplies you'll need. It's also a good chance to get any basic supplies like paper or pencils that can be used at home for homework or studying.

Additionally, it's an excellent opportunity to take care of back-to-school clothes shopping, and it's never a bad idea to plan ahead for the fall and winter essentials and pick up things like a new jacket, etc. that you know your child will need later in the year.

Computers are also tax free this weekend, and if you need a new computer for student use at home this can be a great time to make that purchase.

If your child has any summer reading to do ahead of the new school year, books are also tax free this weekend.

Each school has posted its school supply lists on its websites and/or social media pages.

Be sure to check those out before you go shopping.

Rock the South (from Front)

Patry traveled all the way from Quebec, Canada – 1,300 miles and over 20 hours. They said they chose Rock the South for their first road trip together.

They shared, "There are such nice, welcoming people here in the community, much over our expectations.

"People at the festival have such a good vibe. The country music people are happy people!"

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The festival continued Friday, delayed by weather, and will close out Saturday night with headliner Chris Stapleton. Go to www.RocktheSouth.com for more details.

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Obituary Announcements: July 20-21

Karen Melissa Eason Watson, 57
Karen Melissa Eason Watson, known to most as Lisa, passed away on July 20, 2023, at the age of 57. Lisa was born July 25, 1965, in Cullman County, Alabama, to Richard Jean and Helen Dorothy Burgess Eason. Lisa loved watching the Andy Griffith Show and was a master of puzzles. It did not matter what kind of puzzle – jigsaw, crossword, word search – she enjoyed the challenge and was incredibly good at conquering them. While her dog Woofie held a special place in her heart, she loved her family beyond words. Her children and grandson were her life, and the love she poured into them will forever remain in their hearts and memories. Lisa will be missed greatly. Those preceding Ms. Watson in death are her parents; husband, Greg Watson; brother, Ronnie Eason; and lifelong friend, Marvin Trussell. Lisa is survived by her son, Lukas Ely Watson (Kaele); daughter, Karissa Thomas (Matt); grandson, "LJ"; brother, Jimmy Eason (Donna); and sisters, Peggy Black (Rickey), Diane Alldredge (Rodney). Friends are invited to join the family for visitation on Saturday afternoon, July 22, 2023, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel, from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. A funeral service for Lisa will follow visitation beginning at 4 p.m., with Brother Tim Collier officiating. Lisa will be laid to rest following services in Holly Pond Cemetery. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Watson family.

Carl Michael "Pop" Jackson, 77
Memorial Service for Carl Michael "Pop" Jackson, age 77, of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 22, 2023, at Cullman First Baptist Church with Tom Richter officiating. Visitation will be 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. prior to the service. Mr. Jackson passed away on July 6, 2023. He was born on March 30, 1946, to James and Lillie Jackson. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Charlsie Davis. Survivors include his wife, Joan Jackson; son, Michael (Kristi) Jackson; daughter, Melissa (Matt) Munger; grandchildren, Kelsey Riendeau, Raegan (Seth) Wiley, Kara Jackson, Tanner (Amelia) Jackson, Jackson Shaw, and Scott Whitfield; great-grandchildren, Greyson Whitfield, Axel Whitfield, Nash Whitfield, Kreed Whitfield, and Lennon Wiley; sisters, Charlotte (Willie) Rodreiguez and Carol (Steve) McCloskey; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Faye Carol Dye, 89
Faye Carol Dye, 89, of Blountsville, Alabama, passed away on July 19, 2023. Ms. Dye was born in Mississippi, on May 15, 1934, to Henry Martin and Elsie Bernice Wilkins Killian. Faye was lovingly referred to as "Miss Fix It." There wasn't anything she couldn't do or fix. She operated a ham radio as well as maintained her home. Ms. Dye was a member of Lynnwood Church of God, and she loved her Lord and Savior. She was also a loving wife and mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, aunt, and friend to many. She will be missed greatly. Ms. Dye is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Monroe Benjamin Dye; angel child, Sharon; and sisters, Tootsie Goodwin and Sandra Surrett. She is survived by her son, Benny (Amalene) Dye; daughter, Karen Dumont, Lorrie (Mark) Green; brother, Tommy (Jean Ann) Baswell; grandchildren, Amy Peterson, Barton (Ashley) Dye, Daniel (Julie) Dye, Cindy (Jason) Barton, John (Amber) Barnett, Stephanie Peeples, Jessica (James) Peeples, Jesse Peeples; a multitude of great-grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews; and too many friends to count. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Dye family.

Betty Jean Chandler, 88
Betty Jean Chandler, 88, of Huntsville, Alabama passed away peacefully in her home the morning of Wednesday, July 19, 2023, surrounded by family. Born in Cullman, Alabama, she was the youngest and longest surviving of nine children. On Aug. 9, 1952, she married the love of her life, Burl B. Chandler. Then in 1961, they moved to Huntsville. She took pride in being a homemaker for many years. Betty loved caring for others by crocheting baby blankets, cooking pies and treats, and celebrating special moments. She was a faithful and loving Wife, Mother, Grandmommie, Aunt, and Friend to many. She is survived by her three sons, Keith Chandler (Sue), Kenneth Chandler (Lee), and Chris Chandler (Debra); her four grandchildren, Jason Chandler (Alexis), Allison Komara (Greg), Laura Ann Mayer (Bryan), and Sara House (Michael); her ten great-grandchildren; her beloved sister-in-law, Jean Stisher; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Burl Buel Chandler; her parents, Lula Ann and Arthur Finley Ballew; and her eight siblings. Visitation was held Friday, July 21, 2023, at Laughlin Service Funeral Home. The funeral followed in the chapel with Stephen Hampton officiating. Burial will be in Maple Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice Family Care, or the Huntsville Madison County Builders Foundation – Burl and Betty Chandler Scholarship (https://hmcba.org/foundation/).

Nancy Gail Brooks, 83
Nancy Gail Brooks, 83, of Cullman, passed away on Thursday, July 20, 2023, at St. Vincent's Hospital. She was born in Grassey, Alabama on Feb. 18, 1940. Gail loved cooking, gardening, and spending time with her family. She was a longtime member of Mt. Vernon Primitive Baptist Church and Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents, James Madison Starling and Lois Camp Starling; brothers and sisters: James Starling, Virginia Cook, Joyce McKenzie, Johnny Starling, Vickie McElroy; and an infant brother, Roy Donald Starling. She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Donald W. Brooks; daughters, Cindy (Jacob) Knight and Kim (Scott) Roberts; grandchildren, Britton Knight, Morgan (Daniel) White, Garrett (Kaitlin) Roberts and Ally (Luke Johnson) Knight; great grandchildren, Hadley Roberts and Haydon Roberts; sister, Faye (Martin) Rutledge and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends. Funeral services will be Monday, July 24, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home; burial will follow in Valley Springs Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Monday from noon until 2 p.m. at the funeral Home.

Clark Morgan Keller, Jr., 79
Clark Morgan Keller, Jr., 79, of Cullman, passed away Friday, July 21, 2023, at his residence. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Keller family. Mr. Keller was born Jan. 7, 1944, to Clark Morgan Keller, Sr. and Mavis Land Keller. Clark knew how to love his family. He was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. He loved to fish, golf and visit the Cigar Box with his friends. He served his country in the United States Army. The family would like to especially thank Enhabit Hospice for their care. Clark was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Janie Keller; son, John Clark (Misty) Keller; daughters, Lila (Steve) Schwaiger, Sally (Keith) Gilyard; brother, Don (Donna) Keller; sisters, Kay (Johnny) Nesmith, Beth (Jim) Glasscock; grandchildren, Jordan Schwaiger Campbell, Shelby Schwaiger (Jordan Harbison), Braden Teague, Olivia Schwaiger, Evan (Alexis) Keller, Flax Gilyard, Roan Gilyard; great-grandchildren, Cooper Harison, Miela Schwaiger, and a host of family and friends. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to The Steve Griffith Memorial Fund, Big Oak Ranch, St. Jude or to your favorite charity. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

My swimming holes are not like they once were

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



This is most definitely swimming season. I have never lived where they measure snow in winter by the foot, but I have spent my life in the South where we might measure summer sweat by the gallons! With the actual temperatures soaring slightly below triple digits, and the "feels like" temperatures beyond that, it is most definitely time to take a few dips. No, I'm not talking about snuff like my granny used to dip. I've never taken a dip of that stuff in my life, but I have taken more dips in swimming holes than I can count. Now grant it, I don't do that as often as I did in my days of youth, and I don't do it in the same places, but I do still get in the water once in a while. In my younger days, it didn't take much urging to get me in the water. These days, my grandson Drew sometimes has to shame me into getting in with him. I usually only get in two-or-three times a year and usually not until the Fourth of July. This year, I've already gotten wet at least three times, and I suspect more will come.

My swimming holes have changed since my boyhood days. The one I swim in these days doesn't even have snakes in it...at least not most of the time. I've seen a few in there, but they had usually choked on chlorine. I think Jean almost walked on water once when she saw a live one in there!

It was not the kind that would have hurt her, but we did have to do CPR on the snake after Jean scared it half to death! I'm sure we swam with more slithering sliders and swimmers than we realized when I was young. The water was usually so brown or green we couldn't see them anyway, so we didn't know the difference. Back then, we shared one swimming hole with cows. We just mo-o-oved them out of the way, or tried to climb on their backs and dive off. They were seldom stationary participants for the diving competition. The hole I swim in these days has enough chlorine and shock in it to kill off snakes, frogs, lizards, and maybe even a rash from poison ivy.

I don't have to travel far to swim these days, but then, I really never have. Growing up, I had a pond practically in my front yard and a branch called Ivy Creek that ran across our property. Now, I have a pool in my backyard and a good-sized spring that runs across our property. About the only things I did with that pond and the creek were to fish, swim, and throw rocks in them. I never had to put chlorine or salt in them. My spring is too shallow for swimming. It has minnows in it, but they are too small to catch or eat. My pool has all kinds of living creatures that make use of it but no fish. For some reason, Jean doesn't like for me to throw rocks in the pool. I have discovered if I go many days without adding chemicals to my pool water, it quickly begins to resemble the old pond. I'm considering just letting it go and adding a few catfish!

Swimming doesn't thrill me like it once did, but seeing my family have fun does. Fortunately for me, I have a yard swing beside the pool. I can swim a little and swing a lot while everyone else swims until their skin looks like prunes.

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

HISTORY

Files from yesteryear 1930

From the files of 1930

Presidents of the various organizations on the Cullman County High School campus are Boys Council – Juel Lee, Girls Council – Myrtle Wise, Senior Class – Carl Peinhardt, Junior Class – Nelle Hurston, Sophomore Class – Bruce Wallace, Freshman Class – Goline Allen, Jefferson Literacy Society – Grace Martin, Websterian Literary Society – Carl Stiefelmeyer, Literary Society A – William Henry Ziegler, Literary Society B – Ila Lee, Debating Club – Evelyn Blackburn, Hi-Y Club – Fred Buchmann, Girl Reserves – Grace Martin, Honor Society – Juel Lee, Boy's C Club – Carl Peinhardt, Girls C Club – Cyril Edwards, Tennis Club – Carl Stiefelmeyer and French Club – June Oldacre.

Mrs. Max Oeser was honored at a party on her 74th birthday on Sunday.

Enrolled at Jacksonville Teacher's College from Cullman are Howard Corbin, Gladys Alldredge, Venerable Graves, Homer Haynes, Marshall Denson Jones, Herman Livingston, Merle Trammell, Larkin Yates, Mary Keaton and Marjorie Thompson.

Mrs. W.J. Cottingham spent Tuesday in Birmingham.

Cullman defeated Hartselle, 13 to 6, on Saturday here.

Gold Ridge School had an enrollment of 171 students in 1930. Among new citizens at Gold Ridge were the A.L. Sanders family, a helpful neighbor and good farmer who bought the Miss Lula Golden farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Johnson announce the arrival of a baby boy at their home.

The quilting given by Mrs. Etta Dunlap on Monday afternoon was greatly enjoyed by the ladies at Hamby's Chapel.

Mrs. John H. Holmes entertained the Ladies Aid last Wednesday afternoon with a large social.

Fred E. James was Chairman of the Cullman County Board of Registrars in 1930. This was the last time voters would be given a change to register for two years.

W.E. James and Jerman Stewart formed a law partnership for the practice of a law in civil matters.

Miss Freda Steindorff, Mrs. Margaret Ziegler and Doctor S.B. Beiker were death victims on January 16, 1930.

Harvey Hendrix and Miss Holt, a teacher at Simcoe, were riding Sunday afternoon. The weather at Simcoe was nine degrees on January 20, 1930. Hearty souls weren't they?

POET'S CORNER

The Sluggard | By: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

'Tis the voice of the Sluggard: I heard him complain,
"You have wak'd me too soon, I must slumber again;"
As the door on its hinges, so he on his bed,
Turns his sides, and his shoulders, and his heavy head.

"A little more sleep, a little more slumber,"
Thus he wastes half his days and his hours without number;
And when he gets up he sits folding his hands,
Or walks about saunt'ring, or trifling he stands.

I pass'd by his garden, and saw the wild brier,
The thorn and the thistle, grow broader and higher.
The clothes that hang on him are turning to rags:
And his money still wastes, till he starves or he begs.

I made him a visit still hoping to find
He had took better care for improving his mind:
He told me his dreams, talk'd of eating and drinking;
But he scarce reads his Bible, and never loves thinking.

Said I then to my heart, "Here's lesson for me;
That man's but a picture of what I might be:
But thanks to my friends for their care in my breeding,
Who taught me betimes to love working and reading.

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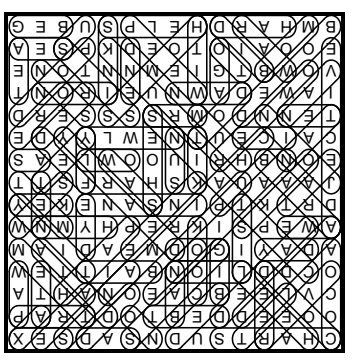
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Gudger (from Front)

ther's legacy of perseverance and compassion.

He emphasized his father's belief in everyone's potential and the importance of striving to be the best version of oneself.

He said his father, despite facing hardships, worked tirelessly to provide for his family and pursued education alongside his passion for sports. Gudger Jr. acknowledged that the impact his father made on people's lives continues, and he expressed his gratitude for having been his son.

Mark your calendars so you don't miss a thing!

2023

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July 28, 6:00 PM

Movie at Art Park-FREE
July 28, Sunset

Storytime at Art Park-FREE
August 25, 4:00 PM

Splash In Movie-WildWater
September 1, 7:00 PM

Storytime at Art Park-FREE
September 22, 4:00 PM

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September 28-30, 2023

Storytime at Art Park-FREE
October 20, 4:00 PM

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Goat Island
October 28, 2023

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November 24-December 24, 2023

Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting
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