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Cullman Savings Bank to open new drive-through location with retail space, boutique hotel

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A new Cullman Savings Bank building will open later this year, and it will have some unique features. Not only will it serve as the bank's new drive-through location, the building will also have three retail spaces, along with a second-floor, seven-room boutique hotel. The building is being built near Rumor's Deli on the corner of Main Avenue Southwest and U.S. Highway 278. It is expected to open in October.

Cullman Savings Bank President and CEO John Riley said he is excited about the new project. Initially, he just wanted to give customers a drive-through location that would make the exit process easier, but in the » PAGE 12



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The new Cullman Savings Bank building is taking shape.

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Darrell Haynes nominated for Southeastern Farmer of the Year



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Lydia and Darrell Haynes pose for a photo in front of one of the shops on their farm in Cullman County.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Every year the Sunbelt Ag Expo selects a Farmer of the Year from each Southeastern state and recognizes them at the Sunbelt Ag Expo, where the overall winner is announced. Cullman County's Darrell Haynes was named the 2023 Alabama Farmer of the Year, and he is now in the running for the South- » PAGE 2

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Aug. 18

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Aug. 18, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Aug. 14

- theft of property; Red Hill Rd.
- criminal mischief; theft of property; Colony Rd.
- permitting dogs to run at large; Mauldin St.
- harassment; CR 689
- harassment; CR 702
- theft of property; CR 508
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 827
- possession of controlled substance; CR 1101

Aug. 15

- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; Hwy. 69 N
- theft of property; CR 1059
- attempt to elude police officer; CR 57
- assault; CR 567
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 623
- theft of property; CR 1215

Aug. 16

- shooting into occupied dwelling; CR 1625
- attempt to elude police officer; CR 810 and CR 813
- trespassing; CR 810
- theft of property; Hwy. 278 W
- theft of property; CR 2010

ARRESTS

Aug. 14 – 16

Baker, Tyler W.; 31
- Probation Violation-family offense-financial exploitation of the elderly

Bates, Jeremy C.; 51
- Probation Violation-burglary-burglary-3rd degree-domestic violence (2 counts)

Buchanan, Brad L.; 54
- public intoxication

Creamer Jr., John L.; 46
- criminal trespass

Davis, Maria Christina T.; 38
- damaged property-criminal mischief

Drake, Antonio L.; 37
- FTA- burglary-residence-force
- FTA- stolen vehicles-auto theft
- FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous
- FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft $1,500 to $2,500

Dye, Garrett D.; 28
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Elliott, Jordan E.; 31
- Probation Violation- larceny/theft-miscellaneous

Etheredge, Cody P.; 30
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- altering firearm identification or possession

Farr, Larry D.; 62
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Fuller, Sidney A.; 23
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- FTA- possession of prescription drugs
- FTA- possession of concealed weapon without permit

Harbison, Johnny L.; 71
- attempt to elude police officer

Hopper, Cody R.; 33
- public intoxication (2 counts)

Hudson, Joshua D.; 40
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

Johnsey, John C.; 51
- Violation of Release- assault-domestic violence-3rd degree-harassment
- Violation of Release-public intoxication
- Violation of Release- attempt to elude police officer

Kerby, Heather N.; 29
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

King, Hayley M.; 30
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Little, Lyles S.; 24
- FTA- assault-domestic violence-strangulation or suffocation
- FTA- assault-domestic violence-3rd degree-criminal mischief-2nd degree

Mann, Justin C.; 34
- FTA- sex offense-sodomy-with a boy-strong arm

Martinez, Bryann L.; 25
- FTA- criminal trespass
- FTA- harassing communications

Odom Jr., Michael D.; 38
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Panter, Ryan D.; 37
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)

Phillips, Patrick E.; 25
- FTA- sale of stolen property $1,500 or more
- FTA- attempt to elude police officer (3 counts)
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- resisting arrest

Smith, Brittany M.; 34
- public intoxication

Smith, Jonathan K.; 49
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)

Spain, Dalton L.; 20
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Swafford, Jeffery S.; 44
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle-no theft or damage (3 counts)
- larceny/theft-vehicle parts $1,500 to $2,500

Twilley, Allyson Claire R.; 25
- possession of amphetamine
- possession of hallucinogen
- possession of dangerous drugs
- ex-felon in possession of a firearm
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Woods, Ashely D.; 38
- forgery-forged instrument (2 counts)
- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft less than $500 (2 counts)

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Aug. 16

- theft of property-1st degree; Heath Attaway Auto Sales; 2nd Ave. SW; 2015 Dodge Challenger; $60,000
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Warnke Rd. NW
- theft of property-4th degree; person; Hwy. 157; tag; $250
- assault-3rd degree; person; Childhave Rd. NE

Aug. 17

- harassment; person; Warnke Rd.
- identity theft; person

ARRESTS

Aug. 16 – 17

Aderholt, Kandi L.; 31
- possession/receiving controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Mann, Justin C.; 34
- public intoxication

Beaird, Larry D.; 57
- theft of property-4th degree

Pratt, Crystal N.; 43
- theft of property-4th degree

Brown, David O.; 36
- FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree (2 counts)
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree (3 counts)

Collier, Christopher D.; 40
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Hope Horses (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Local nonprofit Hope Horses, Inc. is known for benefiting individuals with special physical, social, cognitive and emotional needs through adaptive therapeutic riding, building core strength, fine and gross motor skills, socialization and confidence. The group is hosting a barbecue fundraiser on Thursday, Sept. 14, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. to support its mission.

Executive Director Kelsey Scott said the BBQ and Chicken Plate Fundraiser will be catered by Luna's BBQ. For $15, you get your choice of barbecue or chicken with a side of coleslaw and baked beans, chips and a cookie.

Plates can be picked up at the Hope Horses facility at 1301 Convent Road NE in Cullman. To place your order, call 256-507-4088 or email krice@hopehorsesinc.com.

"All proceeds raised will go towards the Hope Horses adaptive therapeutic riding program. There's nothing like the power of a horse, giving students the opportunity to have fun and have a place of hope," Scott said.

"Hope strictly runs on fundraising events and general donations. Our goal is to sell 500 plates."

Scott said community members can help support Hope Horses if they are so inclined.

"You can help by volunteering, sending in donations off our Amazon list found on our website, monetary donations, simply pray for us or host a supply drive for the program," Scott said.

"You can email volunteer@hopehorsesinc.com to set up a tour today to learn more about how you can be involved with the Hope Horses mission."

Check out www.hopehorsesinc.com for more information on volunteering and the therapeutic riding program.

Haynes (from Front)

eastern Famer of the Year.

According to the Sunbelt Ag Expo, "Since its inception in 1990, the Sunbelt Expo's Southeastern Farmer of the Year award program has evolved into the most prestigious honor in the Southeast and nation with 286 outstanding agribusiness leaders being honored for excellence in agriculture.

"The goals and objectives for the award are to reward a commitment to excellence in the agriculture industry; to reward efficiency in farming practices; to reward participation and leadership in community, state and national services; to reward sound management and financial practices; to reward plans for future development and changes; to reward sound environmental practices; and, to reward sound marketing and promotional practices. States that participate in the program include Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. In the previous 32 years of the award, over $1,284,000 has been awarded to state and overall winners."

Haynes was nominated by Alabama Farmers Federation Area II Organization Director Tyler Monday, who said, "The Haynes family has great enthusiasm for being stewards of the land and take immense pride in continuing their long-term farming legacy. Darrell and Lydia are always eager to share their knowledge and experiences with the many groups of people who have visited the farm over the past 50 years."

"My first thought was that I don't deserve any sort of recognition for anything," Haynes said of being nominated. "There is certainly nothing distinguished about me except my mustache," he joked.

"I'm humbled and I'm proud of what we do, and I love what we do," he continued. "The good Lord has chosen to let me touch a lot of his stuff. I make mistakes just like everyone in things that I do, but I try to learn from the bad. My motivation is just to do a good job, whether it's dealing with people or working with production agriculture, because that's what this is about."

The Hayneses credit some of their success to being able to adapt and grow with new technology. Lydia Haynes emphasized their commitment to embracing innovation, sharing how they've incorporated GPS and auto-steer systems into their equipment.

"We've always tried to be diversified, and we have embraced technology. Precision farming, GPS, drone technology – it all helps us work more efficiently and sustainably," she said.

The couple reflected on how farming has become increasingly efficient over the years. "Fewer farmers can do more now, with technology and better practices," Lydia Haynes noted. She said selling cattle and sourcing equipment through internet auctions has streamlined their farm's operations and connected them to a broader network of fellow farmers.

The Hayneses said its important to them to be involved in the local community. "We try to do little things that enhance our relationship with neighbors, the community, our church, local organizations and the (Cullman County) Cattlemen's Association," Lydia Haynes elaborated. "Being involved is essential. You don't want to be isolated because that's not going to help agriculture."

Darrell Haynes shared his advice for anyone who has an interest in becoming a farmer: "Education is something no one can take away from you," he said.

Numerous opportunities exist within the field, Lydia Haynes said. Agriculture extends beyond traditional farming, encompassing animal husbandry, soil science and management.

Both highly recommend attending college – not just for the educational benefits, but also for the networking opportunities.

Darrell Haynes also pointed out that entering the world of production agriculture can be challenging without generational help.

His final advice? "You need a partner, a teammate. You need some form of support and encouragement. It's not always rosy."

The Hayneses said they would like to thank the community for all the support they have received over the years.

The Sunbelt Expo's 2023 Southeastern Farmer of the Year will be announced during the 2023 Sunbelt Ag Expo Oct. 17-19, 2023, in Moultrie, Georgia.

Find out more at www.sunbeltexpo.com.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m.-noon. Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry and Spirit Life Church.
• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthdays. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pickup is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper, AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• Saturday, Aug. 19 - Drive-through food bank 9-11 a.m.
• Sunday, Aug. 20 - Prayer Groups - Join Kevin and Pastor Bobby at 8 a.m. or join Teresa at 9:15 in the prayer room to pray for our church, nation and those who need healing, salvation or deliverance.
• Sunday, Aug. 20 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11.
• Sunday, Aug. 20 - 5 p.m. Healing Service: Miracles, Signs and Wonders. If you need healing, please come.

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.

Fairview Lions Club Movie at the Park
Saturday, Aug. 19, at Randall Shedd Community Park on Wesley Avenue in Fairview. We will be showing "The Super Mario Brothers Movie" and will start around 8 p.m. The movie is free. We will have concessions and drinks. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets. Bring the kids out, enjoy the movie. Proceeds will go to the Lions Club project fund. For more information call Kita at 256-385-8805 or William at 256-385-5596.

Pleasant View Singing Missionary Baptist Singing
Sunday, Aug. 20, at 5 p.m. The Singing Ambassadors will be the featured guests. 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 or 256-338-9202.

Ladies Night Out Bunco at Sacred Heart Church's family life center on
Friday, Aug. 25, 6-8 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Church Family Life Center. Refreshments throughout the evening. The $20 fee for each gamer goes toward the church work of the Altar Society, which sponsors these events. Bring a friend and share in the laughter and hoots and hollers that go along with this fun and fast dice game. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Southern Gospel Singing
Saturday, Aug. 26, at 6 p.m. at Baldwin Heights Baptist Church on U.S. Highway 278 West. The Churchmen will be singing.

Cullman County Cattlemen's, Cattlewomen's Association Ribeye Steak Sandwich Sale
Friday, Sept. 1, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 2, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in south Cullman in the theater parking lot near Walmart. Steaks are charcoal grilled using Kingsford charcoal. Sandwiches are $10 donation. Add chips and drink $1 each. Employers are invited and encouraged to treat their employees to a great sandwich. Call Edwin Calvert at 256-595-7608 or Jesse Crumbly at 256-709-5077. Contact number in the parking lot is 256-595-7608. We accept credit/debit cards and will have a drive-thru.

Sweet Tater Festival
Sunday and Monday, Sept. 3-4, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at Smith Lake Park. This is the perfect experience to expand your tater-tastin' palate. Arts and crafts vendors, live music, car show and a variety of sweet tater treats round out the two-day experience.

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.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church Oktoberfest German Dinner
Wednesday, Sept.27, from 4-7 p.m. $15 per plate. Menu includes grilled bratwurst from Brickyard Meats, sauerkraut, German potato salad, green beans, apple sauce and dessert. Drinks dine-in only. EAT-IN from 5-7 p.m. in the Family Life Center; DRIVE-THRU 4-6 p.m. (follow signs off Second Street Southeast). Tickets at event - cash or check only. Sponsored by Altar Society. Funds go to support the organization's church work.

Oktoberfest
Thursday- Saturday Sept. 28-30, in downtown Cullman. Oktoberfest is a three-day celebration of all things German with a quaint Southern spin. Complete with authentic German food and Biergarten, stein hoisting, 5K, pageant and even wiener dog races, there's something for every age.

Monster Truck Wars
Saturday, Sept. 30, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center. You'd be hard-pressed to find something more entertaining and classically rowdy than monster trucks. Featuring well-known trucks Outlaw, Equalizer, Shark Attack and Sheriff, it'll be pedal-to-the-metal action.

Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation Little Pink Dress Benefit
Tuesday, Oct. 3, from 6-9 p.m. at Loft 212. Doors will open at 5:30. Guests are encouraged to dress in pink for the event! The Alabama Cattleman's Association will be grilling steaks onsite, supplied by The Butcher, and there will be live and silent auctions and live entertainment. Tickets are on sale now for $60 per individual or $400 for a table seating eight. To purchase tickets, visit www.cullmanbosombuddies.com/little-pink-dress. Tickets are also available from Stefani Nelson at 256-708-3191 or snelson@alfains.com and Judy Grissom at Options at 256-347-5993 or options5993@gmail.com.

Cullman County Fair
Oct. 5-14, at the Cullman County Fairgrounds. The county fair is a classic rural sight to see, with exhibitions, livestock showings, pageants, classic carnie food and rides for even the most seasoned thrill seeker. People from all around have been coming to this fair since 1954, come see why for yourself!

Smith Lake Bass Fest
Saturday, Oct. 7, at Smith Lake Park. Fishing aficionados from all across the Southeast will gather at Smith Lake Park for a chance to win bragging rights. Oh, and that $15,000 guaranteed first-prize winnings won't be too shabby, either. Do you have what it takes to be the big fish in the pond?

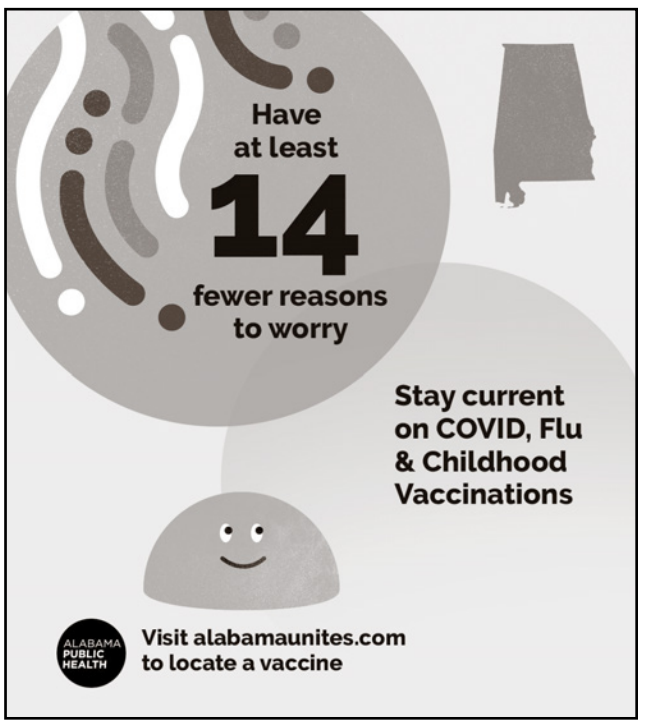
Peinhardt Living History Farm Day
Saturday, Oct. 14, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and Sunday Oct. 15, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Peinhardt Living History Farm. Come experience the history and learn how some of the first settlers of Cullman made this land home. With a petting zoo, antique tractor show, mule and wagon rides and demonstrations of all kinds, it's a must-visit for any history buff.

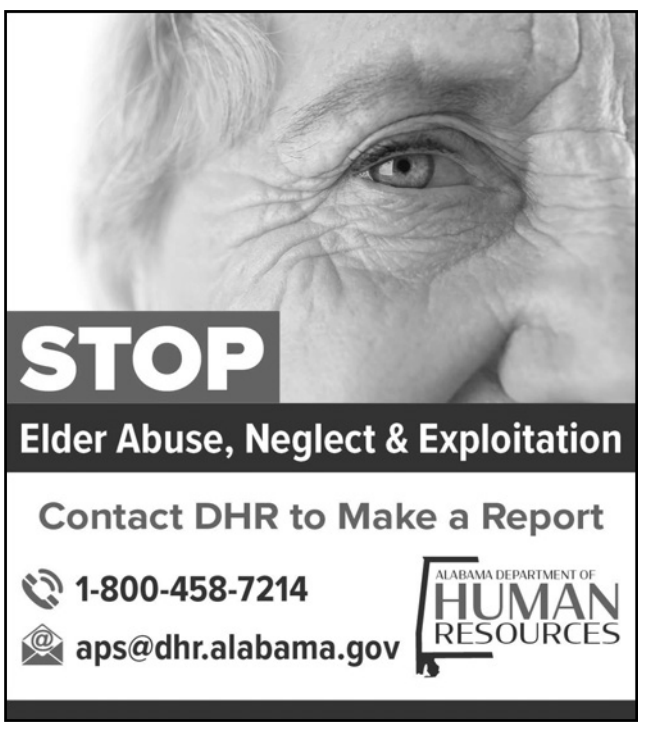
7th Annual Caring for Cullman Concert
Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 6 p.m. at Northbrook Baptist Church. The award-winning Triumphant Quartet will be belting to the pines of Northbrook Baptist Church at Good Samaritan Health Clinic's annual concert fundraiser. For those fans of clean Christian vocals that stand alone, you're sure to be pleased.

'Planted': The Link of Cullman County's 2nd Annual Gala
Thursday, Nov. 2, at 6 p.m. at The Venue at Cotton Creek. Tickets go on sale Friday, Aug. 11. For more information or to inquire about a sponsorship, contact Tiffany Wright at tiffanywright@linkingcullman.com.









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Cullman Swim & Dive Team celebrates record-breaking season

Sara Hughes
Cullman Swim & Dive Team



CULLMAN SWIM & DIVE

The Cullman Swim and Dive Team celebrated its record-breaking season at its end of the year banquet Sunday.

CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman Swim and Dive Team held its end of the season banquet at Loft 212 Sunday Aug. 13 and at the banquet, each swimmer and diver was recognized with a trophy for how many years they have competed in the program. State meet medals, century club trophies, high point awards, and record breaker plaques were also awarded. The team had a lot to celebrate! During the month of June, the team defeated Ft. Payne, Scottsboro, Albertville, Decatur, Arab, Jasper, Guntersville and Florence in their regular season meets. Their only loss of the regular season was to Madison. In July, the team placed second at both district and state, for the third consecutive year.

- Charis Peek, Head Swim Coach
- Logan Holley, Assistant Swim Coach
- Reagan Martin, Head Dive Coach

Junior Swim Coaches
Ella Cupp, Madeline Dowdy, Ruby Hudson, Mika Lackey and Camp Smith

2023 RECORD BREAKERS

Lauren Hughes (8&U female)
- 25 back: 18.51 (June 29, 2023; CST at Madison)
- 25 breast: 19.74 (July 20, 2023; ARPA State Championship)
- 25 fly: 16.66 (June 20, 2023; Cullman Challenge)
- 100 IM: 1:24.83 (July 7, 2023; ARPA District II Championship)
- 100 breast: 1:39.82 (June 17, 2023; Madison Medal Meet)
- CWAC Pool Record - 25 breast: 19.91 (June 13, 2023; CST vs. Decatur & Albertville)

Griffin Berryhill (9-10 year old male)
- 50 back: 35.20 (July 21, 2023; ARPA State Championship)
- 100 back: 1:18.28 (June 17, 2023; Madison Medal Meet)
- 100 breast: 1:36.60 (June 17, 2023; Madison Medal Meet)
- 100 fly: 1:21.75 (June 17, 2023; Madison Medal Meet)

Mason Fuller (13-14 year old male)
- 50 breast: 31.07 (July 7, 2023; ARPA District II Championship)

Magnus Mann (13-14 year old male)
- 100 breast: 1:10.82 (June 17, 2023; Madison Medal Meet)
- 100 fly: 1:04.31 (June 17, 2023; Madison Medal Meet)
- 200 IM: 2:21.48 (June 17, 2023; Madison Medal Meet)

13-14 year old girls
- 200 Free Relay: 1:47.13 (July 21, 2023; ARPA State Championship)
- Caitlyn Long, Madeline Dowdy, Ella Cupp and Mika Lackey
- 200 Medley Relay: 1:58.44 (July 20, 2023; ARPA State Championship)
- Ella Cupp, Mika Lackey, Caitlin Long and Madeline Dowdy

Ella Cupp (13-14 year old female)
- 100 back: 1:03.79 (June 17, 2023; Madison Medal Meet)
- 200 IM: 2:22.33 (June 17, 2023; Madison Medal Meet)

Mika Lackey (13-14 year old female)
- 50 breast: 32.01 (July 20, 2023; ARPA State Championship)
- 100 breast: 1:13.70 (June 17, 2023; Madison Medal Meet)

Ruby Hudson (15-18 year old female)
- 100 breast: 1:13.40 (June 17, 2023; Madison Medal Meet)
- 100 fly: 1:05.19 (June 17, 2023; Madison Medal Meet)
- 200 IM: 2:23.94 (June 17, 2023; Madison Medal Meet)

Century Club (those swimmers scoring 100 points or more for the season)

- Sophia Aaron, Griffin Berryhill, Ezra Basch, Luke Bonds, Guy Caffey V, Paisley Caldwell, Griffin Cole, Hilson Cole, Ella Cupp, Jaxon Curry, C.J. Curry, Georgia Dowdy, Madeline Dowdy, Chase Duncan, Jesslyn Davis, Mason Fuller, Morgan Fuller, Dallas Hammons, Edie Hudson, Ruby Hudson, Catherine Hughes , Elizabeth Hughes, Lauren Hughes, Abram Lackey, Briar Lackey, Emri Lackey, Mika Lackey, Caitlin Long, Magnus Mann, Clara Peek, Anakin Powell, Grayson Randall, Brody Schaefer, Camp Smith and Tate Tysinger.

High Point Winners
- Boy Winner: Griffin Berryhill and Boy Runner-up: Abram Lackey
- Girl Winner: Lauren Hughes and Girl Runner-up: Georgia Dowdy

Cullman Swim Team Members
- 6 & Unders: Savannah Aaron, Mary Doss Amuso, Brittan Bentley, Nora Burns, Audrey Caffey, Frank Cox, CJ Curry, Connor Goforth, Emri Lackey, Amellia Powell, Magnolia Randall, Audrey Smith and Skylan Trussell.
- 7 & 8 year olds: Will Amuso, Linley Bagwell, Ezra Basch, Finleigh Bates, Oakleigh Bates Rhodes Bentley, Stephen Bissot, Samuel Branscomb, Blakely Bush, Guy Caffey V, Paisley Caldwell, Ellie Cox, Jesslyn Davis, Stephen Hagewood, Maci Hays, Lauren Hughes, Abram Lackey, Gabe Lance, Lincoln LaRue, Lyric LaRue, Dyson McPhillips, Harley Miller, Paislee Miner, Willa Miner, Clara Peek, Ryker Ristine, Keith Swidecki, Hannah Thigpen, Emma Tidwell, Scout Trussell and Henry Tucker
- 9 & 10 year olds: Sophia Aaron, William Apel, Lilah Barber, Liam Bardill, Tanner Bell, Brooks Bentley, Griffin Berryhill, Luke Bonds, Skylar Burns, Charlie Cox, Jaxon Curry, Georgia Dowdy Nolan Ferrara, Lili Garcia, Audrey Gargan, Oliver Gibbs, Zoe Gleaton, Charlie Goforth, Elena Hagewood, Bennett Hancock, Catherine Hughes, Hayden Johnson, Kya Johnson, Cade McAlpin, Emma Millican, Cross Miner, Faith Peek, Sam Penner, Penelope Randall, Rileigh Reese, Ashley Rodriguez, Harper Rodriguez, Michelle Rodriguez, Andrew Shaddix, Gemma Swidecki, Oakley Turner, Remi VanMaanen, Tiffany Wilbanks and Owen Winstead.
- 11 & 12 year olds: Preslie Basch, Kathleen Bissot, Kennedi Bonds, Griffin Cole, Karson Corliss, Lucy Cox, Vivian Gargan, Carver Goforth, Edie Hudson, Elizabeth Hughes, Ayden Johnson, Briar Lackey, Ryleigh McPhillips, Anakin Powell, Seth Reese, Tytus Stracener, Reese Swidecki and Tate Tysinger.
- 13 & 14 year olds: Carter Barnett, Brayden Bell, Ella Cupp, Madeline Dowdy, Mason Fuller, Kieran Gargan, Ellie Gleaton, Dallas Hammons, Anastasia Hazard, Mika Lackey, Caitlin Long, Charlie Long, Magnus Mann, Camp Smith, Gunner Stracener and Karly Waddle.
- 15-18 year olds: Hilson Cole, Chase Duncan, Morgan Fuller, Karli Guthrie, Caroline Haigh, Ruby Hudson, Frankie-Kate Kruger, Emory Nichols, Anna Page, Grayson Randall, Brody Schaefer and Rhett Tysinger.



CULLMAN SWIM & DIVE

PREP SPORTS

'We play for each other': West Point's Laklin Shadix recaps 8th grade seasons

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WEST POINT, Ala. – In this interview, I talked to West Point freshman Laklin Shadix about last year's volleyball and basketball seasons. She learned a lot playing alongside some great teammates and coaches.

"I feel last season was tough, considering we were a young team and had a new coach. I learned how to place my hits and I have also learned how important it is to be a positive teammate," Shadix said. "It was so much fun. I have great teammates, who are very talented. They make me want to improve every day. All my teammates have a good attitude and I learned that attitudes can determine the outcome of the game."

Shadix has taken away some things from head coach Kate Kent and from last year's senior, Brooklynn Wells. She has seen her game improve so much from her first season on varsity until now, but still sees room for improvement.

"She is very determined and expects a lot from her players. She pushes us to be the absolute best we can be. I've learned to always push myself and that there is always room for improvement," Shadix said. "I learned from Brooklynn that you can still have fun and be serious. I feel like I have definitely matured, and I've had to learn many new skills. I feel I have improved since my first year. I will work on placing my hits and pressing on a block."

Shadix talked about the goals for this upcoming season and what will make this team special to watch.

"My individual goals are to win All-County and All-Area. My team goals are to get better throughout the season, win county, and make it to state," she said. "We have great chemistry and are really good friends on and off the field, so it makes us play that much better. We also don't play just for ourselves; we play for each other."

The Lady Warriors had another successful basketball season as they won yet another area championship and made another trip to Sub-Regionals. Shadix saw a lot of improvement from last year's team and learned some things from that year. She looks up to a lot of the players on the team and they have helped her a lot along the way and learned a very important thing from head coach John Welborn.

"I think we definitely improved a lot last season. I learned to push through adversity and it's not about how you start a season; it's how you finish," she said. "I am the youngest, but I have a lot of players on the team that I look up to and they have always encouraged me to play my best. Coach Welborn has high expectations for his players and pushes us to be our best, because he knows our potential as a team and individually. I have learned that you should never have an off day on defense, because defense is all about effort."

Shadix has seen so much improvement from her first year on varsity until now, but she will continue to work on her game in the offseason as she gets ready for next season. She has some goals set for herself and for the team this upcoming season.

"I think I have improved a lot, in all different aspects. I have improved in my confidence in the ways I see the court and in shooting. I will continue to work on my ball-handling, shooting, and becoming a more efficient player," she said. "My individual goals are to get All-County, All-Area, get on the All-State team, and to grow stronger as a player. My team goals are to communicate more, win area, and make it to Wallace this year."

West Point will bring everyone back from last year's team and Shadix thinks that this season will be a very special one for the Lady Warriors. She talked about a role model she has looked up to growing up and the best advice that someone ever gave her.

"We didn't have any seniors last year, so we have the exact same team. We all have improved tremendously since last year, so we should have a really good season," she said. "My role model has always been Dennis Shadix, my poppa. He is the most positive person I know, and always makes the best out of any situation. Someone once told me, 'Dreams remain dreams until you take action. Without action, a dream is just an idea'.



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West Point's Laklin Shadix

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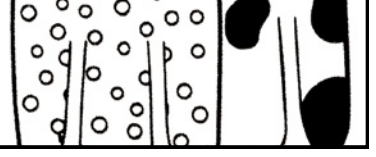


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‘Moana Jr.’ coming to Cullman in October

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CULLMAN, Ala. — While temperatures may be finally cooling off come autumn, Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism (CPRST), along with Cullman Community Theatre (CCT) and local schools will be bringing a tropical feeling with “Moana Jr.,” set to hit the stage in mid-October.

More than 50 students from city, county and private schools recently descended on Technology Village in hopes of being awarded a spot in the cast of the show, set to be directed by Wayne Cook, with musical direction by Cindy Pass.

Said CPRST Program Liaison Noah Carpenter, ″We were flooded with talent this year, both returning and some all-new students who will join us on stage for the first time this year! Even with so many incredibly talented students, our directors and creative team have already fully cast the show and will begin rehearsing almost immediately.″

Though the show may be fully cast, there are still roles to be played through volunteering. Carpenter noted that volunteer opportunities vary from sponsorships, CCT membership and more typical theater opportunities.

″We are always looking for new volunteers, members and sponsors to help us with multiple different avenues of each and every show we do with Cullman Community Theatre,″ Carpenter explained.

“Anyone interested or with any questions about any of these opportunities please feel free to reach out to Cullman Community Theatre’s Facebook or to Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism!″

“Moana Jr.” show dates are Oct. 12-15, 2023; show times will be announced soon. Performances will take place in the Cullman High School auditorium.

Confederate group donates $800 to Cullman Caring for Kids

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — On Aug. 17, members of the local camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (Thomas Jefferson Denney Camp #1442) presented two checks to Steven Sutter, director of Cullman Caring for Kids.

The camp won a community service award at the SCV’s Division Reunion earlier this year.

As a result of that award, the Alabama Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans donated $500 in the name of Thomas Jefferson Denney Camp #1442 to Cullman Caring for Kids. The camp added an additional $300 check from the funds members raised, for a combined total of $800.

The camp appreciates the support it has received from the community throughout the years and plans to continue contributions to Cullman County charities.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans is a heritage organization, and membership is open to descendants of Confederate veterans. The local camp meets on the last Tuesday of every month at the Cullman VFW at 7 p.m.



NATHAN LAMAR

Pictured left to right are Camp Adjutant Bert Jones, Camp 1st Lt. Commander Nathan Lamar, Cullman Caring for Kids Director Steven Sutter and Camp Commander Wayne Willingham.

Schools (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Board of Education (CCBOE) at its regular board meeting Thursday afternoon, talked about the system’s new school buses and recognized the Cold Springs High School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA).

The system purchased 51 new school buses with air conditioning. Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette said half of the new buses are in Birmingham, getting finishing touches; 26 will be on the road within two weeks and the remaining 25 will be delivered this fall.

According to Barnette, the decision to buy the new school buses was made because it was more cost efficient to buy new ones than to retrofit the system’s current ones with air conditioning.

The board recognized the achievements of the Cold Springs High School FCCLA, which competed at the 2023 National Leadership Conference held in Denver, Colorado, July 2-6. Ellanora Slusser won gold in Fashion Design, level 3; Savannah Bischoff competed in level 2 and won second place overall. Sophia Slusser won silver in Chapter Project Review. The group also won several state awards back in March. (See www.cullmantribune.com/2023/03/12/cold-springs-high-fccla-brings-home-state-awards)

Of the beginning of the new school year this month, Barnette said, “We have had a really smooth start.”

The board approved the following agenda items:

• Request from Fairview High School to pay the following coaches for summer workouts, paid by FHS Quarterback Club: Logan Baird - $320, Clay Morrison - $300, Brian Simmons - $1,000, David Carrell - $200, Cody Rasco - $200 and Jonathan Steadman - $280

• Request from Fairview High School to pay George Redding $2,200 for maintenance and mowing fields, paid by FHS Quarterback Club

• Request from Hanceville High School to pay Ryan Brewer $1,500 for 2023-2024 Athletic Director, paid by local school funds

• Request from Hanceville High School to pay Michael Chandler $1,200 for baseball field maintenance, paid by local school funds

• Request from Vinemont High School to pay James Brown $450 for refinishing the gym floor, paid by local school funds

• Request from Vinemont Middle School to pay Michael Williams $1,500 for 2023-2024 Athletic Director, paid by local school funds

• Request from Parkside to sell a 2001 GMC 1500 (Model #1GTEC19T51Z169525) and a cub cadet super z mower

• Change order no. 4 for West Point Cafeteria Project: Existing conditions have existing roof girt attached to tectum deck with nothing solid to support new deck. Contractor to add light-gauge studs between existing retrofit roof framing members to support a continuous bent plate. The continuous bent plate is to support the deck - Increase $5,531.15

• 2023-2024 Afterhours Programs and Personnel (personnel paid by local school funds):
o Cold Springs Elementary (Teachers $20 per hour/ Subs $15 per hour) Teachers: Carrie Bookout, Kimberly Bookout and Judy Isbell Subs – Any CSE Teacher
o Fairview Elementary - Lead Teacher $25 per hour: Allison Gregory- Teachers $20 per hour: Savanna Dutton, Christina Lindsey, and Michele Robertson - Subs $20 per hours: Dana Bailey, Felicia Chambers, Pamela Draper, Regina Hallmark, Angela Kee, Tamatha McCutcheon, Bryant Roberts, Samantha Walker and any CCBOE Substitute Teacher
o Holly Pond K-8 (Teachers $20 per hour/Subs $15 per hour) Teachers – Joella Link, Abbey Wren or any HP K-8 Teacher Subs – Any CCBOE Substitute Teacher
o Parkside - Lead Teacher $25 per hour: Kristy Salazar - Teachers $20 per hour: Kendra Dowski, Kathy Gorham and Jeffrey Greer
o Welti Elementary - Lead Teacher $25 per hour: Krystal Ayers - Teachers $22 per hour: Stefanie Bagwell, Margaret Barnett, Elizabeth Brock, Katara Davidson, Hollie Gutierrez, Averie Harris, Jennifer Hays, Lauren Mahler, Denise Manord, Ginger Moore, Meaghen Oakley, Brian O’Rear, Anna Parker, Chassidy Pennington, Teri Pitts, Kimberleigh Sherrell and Hannah Tolbert
o West Point Elementary ($25 per hour) - Wanda Bennefield, Nora Campbell, Freda Coleman and Julie Thrower / Subs: Jacklyn Keller and Hannah Shaddix



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FCCLA Advisor Stephanie Blair, Savannah Bischoff, Ellanora Slusser, Sophia Slusser and Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette

EDITORIAL

The great debate...back to the basics for the 2024 Primary Election

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Ah, yes it's the time of year when politicians and those with political aspirations fill out paperwork as they prepare for the upcoming election cycle. It's also a perfect opportunity to bring those candidates and elected officials together for traditional debates to find out where they truly stand and what promises they make can truly be fulfilled.

The Tribune will be hosting a series of debates heading into the upcoming 2024 Primary Election, slated for March 5, 2024. Candidates have until November 2023 to declare and file the proper paperwork.

The debates are open to all qualified candidates and incumbents. If you're running for an elected position, please take this as your open invitation to attend the debates.

These debates will be similar in format to those we have held in recent years – simple and straightforward.

A lot of preparation goes into the debates as our crew researches the issues at hand, queries the public for questions and looks over all possible information and documentation at its disposal before ever penning the first question to ensure all candidates have the same platform.

There's not much I can say about the upcoming format other than it will have a single moderator, the list of questions will have been thoroughly vetted and no one person is responsible for developing the questions.

We had an excellent reception from the public following our first debate series and look to improve by offering the debate forums on multiple digital platforms and in print in The Tribune.

The debates will be broadcast across myriad platforms via social media, YouTube, The Tribune's new podcast through Cullman Today and through the upcoming audio thread, DINC.

Local offices that will appear on the 2024 Primary Election ballot include:

- Circuit Court Judge, 32nd Judicial Circuit, Place No. 1
- Circuit Court Judge, 32nd Judicial Circuit, Place No. 2
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- Cullman County Board of Education, West Point/District No. 1
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- Cullman County Board of Education, Cold Springs/District No. 5

We'd like to encourage all candidates to take advantage of these free debate forums. Again, this is an open invitation to all candidates. Can't wait to see you all there!

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

Ozark Striping Company, LLC hereby gives notice of completion of contract with the State of Alabama for construction of Project No. HRRR-2221 (250) in Cullman County. This notice will appear for four consecutive weeks beginning on **August 19** and ending on **September 9.** All claims should be filed at P.O. Box 847, Ozark, AL 36361 during this period.

Ozark Striping Company, LLC

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
LINDA FRANKLIN SMITH,
Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC2023-258

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to RUBEN DOUGLAS SMITH as Personal Representative of the Estate of LINDA FRANKLIN SMITH, deceased, on the 9th day of August, 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.

RUBEN DOUGLAS SMITH
Personal Representative

Adam S. Gober
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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

In Re the Estate of
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Case No. PC 2023-180

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Patsy Young
Personal Representative
Patsy Young

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Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate, Tammy Brown
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

In Re the Estate of
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Deceased

Case No. PC 2023-260

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Elton Graves
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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CASE NO.: PC2023-226

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ROSE NABORS
Personal Representative

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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CASE NO.: PC2023-246

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Personal Representative

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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Deceased

Case No.: PC-2023-268

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Samuel Paul Murphy, Jr. of the Estate of Susan Marguerite Detterbeck, deceased, on the 17th day of August, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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Samuel Paul Murphy, Jr.
Samuel Paul Murphy, Jr.
Administrator of the Estate of
Susan Marguerite Detterbeck, deceased

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Beverly Paschal Poston,
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CULLMAN COUNTY

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JACQULINE I. QUATTLEBAUM, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Larry U. Quattlebaum on the 17th day of August, 2023, by the Hon. 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.

Larry U. Quattlebaum
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

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CULLMAN COUNTY

IN THE PROBATE COURT
CASE NO. PC 2023-135

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF THERESA FRANCES KANE, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Margaret McCloskey, Helen Walker (Kane) and Steven Kane on the 17th day of August, 2023, by the Hon. 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.

Margaret McCloskey, Helen Walker (Kane) and Steven Kane
Co-Personal Representatives

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THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
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– COLUMN –

Celebrating in the Wundergarten: 10 treks through the Tree Museum

Ben Johnson South
Tribune Columnist

Whether you are moseying around the "mirror lake," waddling with the ducks, rumbling with the train, power walking or pussyfooting, here are:

10 TERRIFIC TREKS THROUGH THE SPORTSMAN LAKE TREE MUSEUM

1. YAPPY HOUR HIKE with your mutt, also your dog—Sportsman Lake Park has a doggone great "dog park" and it's perfect for many dog owners and some dogs. Just last week, I read an eye-opening essay by Julie V. Iovine titled, "Dog Parks Are Great for People, Too Bad They're Terrible for Dogs" (New York Times, Aug. 6, 2023). Hallmark Movies would have you believe "dog parks" are catnip for romance-seeking humans and their hounds, but many veterinarians report how stressed and anxious many dogs become confronted with a pack of strangers and alpha-barkers in a "dog park." Mostly, YOUR DOG WANTS TO BE WITH YOU. You and your dog can enjoy all 168 acres of outdoor beauty at this FREE, public park, which is open 365 days a year, from sun-up to sun-down. Please be kind to others and keep your dogs on a leash and clean up after them. (Leave No Trace)

"My dog's name is
'5 Miles,' so I can
tell people I walk '5
Miles' every day."

"The best thing to get you to walk more has four legs and your whole heart."

2. LEG STRETCHING LUMBERING I'm not as long-limbed as my friend, Jim Folsom, Jr., but I've enjoyed trying to keep up with him as he sauntered around the Sportsman Lake promenade. After some day trips, Jim would limber up around the peaceful pond. The Folsom family has some of the best storytellers in Alabama and a stretch-limo full of tall tales. On one loop around the lake, Jim, told how it was his dad, former Alabama Governor James "Big Jim" Folsom, who paved the way to create Sportsman Lake Park back in 1952. Mr. Big Jim's Cullman friends wanted a closer place to enjoy fishing rather than driving to Lake Guntersville. When you've been too long on I-65 or the busy by-ways of Cullman County, stretch your legs at the Tree Museum like Ex-Governor James E. Folsom, Jr.

3. NATIVE WOODLANDS "ELDERS WALK" My paternal grandmother was Creek Indian. During President Jimmy Carter's administration, I served on a National Committee for Minority Affairs and was in a period of my life where I was more connected to Native American traditions. Today, when I am at the Sportsman Lake Park Tree Museum, I feel closest to my Native American ancestors when I am in the woodlands on the western ridge of the "power line meadow." As I hike the paths, I can imagine my Creek and Cherokee elders using similar routes for trade, communication, hunting and connecting their own "vision quest" with nature and with others. The sounds you hear are birdsong, woodland creatures adventuring through the underbrush and the relaxing sighs of yourself decompressing.

"The elders were wise. They knew that man's heart, away from nature, becomes hard; they knew that lack of respect for growing, living things, soon led to lack of respect for humans, too."—Chief Luther Standing Bear

4. BEGINNERS' STROLL Park your vehicle near the "dog park" entrance which is open 365 days a year. Take your own sweet time as you loop through the tall trees to the east below the dam. This is a smooth, paved walkway with no hills.

5. "POLLINATOR RISE with the BUTTERFLIES" PARADE From the entrance of the red arbor which welcomes you to the Tree Museum/Wildflower Garden, head up the rise to the sun-blessed meadow beneath the line of power poles. There is a steeper grade mountain bikers share with power walkers, and a lazier stretch for those meandering through the woods and meadow. Sportsman Lake Park is on the National Butterfly Trail thanks to all the nectar plants for butterflies and caterpillars. The "Pollinator Rise Meadow" adds to the pleasure for winged creatures and people who visit.

6. BIRD SANCTUARY to BIRD MARSH "BIRD WALK" In this "Celebrating in the Wundergarten" series last week, I wrote about an ever-curious resident of the "Tree Museum," a Barred Owl constantly asking "Whooo?" "An Owl Called David Hockney" stays mostly in the "Bird and Wildlife Sanctuary" bog area across from the Wildflower Garden. As you circle this densely planted nature reserve, you'll also hear Red-headed Woodpeckers, Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers, hawks, doves, Carolina chickadees, swallows, mockingbirds, wrens, and finches. Then, for a second chorus of birdsong, head to the lakeside to enjoy Muscovy ducks, Canada geese, mallards, Snowy egrets and both Great Blue Herons and Little Blue Herons. Songbirds have inspired Mozart, and modern-day composers, and they will inspire you.

7. HOPE FROM THE UpSLOPE HIKE provides a bit more challenge up the hillsides around the "tree museum," but once you reach the crest your outlook will be a positive one. Along this route, one can often find bits of painted rock motivation and stacked "cairns" left by fellow wanderers. You just might find a gilded, repurposed Altoids tin with a message of hope like these:

"Learn from yesterday,
live for today, hope
for tomorrow."—
Albert Einstein

"Hope is a renewable option: If you run out of it at the end of the day, you get to start over in the morning."—Barbara Kingsolver

8. "SMOKEY THE BEAR" FORESTRY FITNESS HIKE Wind your way through the hardwoods and evergreens on the popular pathway of the tree museum to the station of the Alabama Forestry Service. We are grateful to our foresters and for this picture perfect, protected, public park. Here's the chorus of the "Smokey the Bear" song for you to hum whilst you hike:

"Smokey the Bear,
Smokey the Bear.
Prowlin' and a growlin',
and a sniffin' the air.
He can find a fire, before
it starts to flame.
That's why they call
him Smokey,
That was how he
got his name."

9. FIVE MILE FITNESS HIKE This isn't for Sunday strollers or lakeside lollygaggers. Park across from the "Tree Museum" entrance. Go through the red "Welcome Arbor" and over the little, red bridge. Follow the base of the sloping hill until you are near the "potting shed." Then, cross over the walking bridge and back down with the "potting shed" near on your left. Take a left on the stone walk when you see the "Four Seasons Garden." Cross the service road and see the Grandfather Pine at the "trail head." Follow the trail with the "Bird and Wildlife Sanctuary" on your left and follow up the mountain. Come back down the hill to the sanctuary and turn right. Cross back over the service road and head on the path around the park and up the hills. Keep walking for 4 miles on the paths that circumscribe the entire park and lake. Eventually, you will return to your parked vehicle and starting place. Treat yourself to a soft serve ice cream at the concession stand. You deserve a sweet reward. (Note: The trails will be better marked soon, thanks to guidance from hiking expert, Jared Carter, who walked the Sportsman Lake Park trails with the Tree Museum Project Team just last week. Jared is the programs manager for Alabama's Mountains, Rivers, and Valleys RC&D, based in Hartselle.)

10. WINTER WONDERLAND HOLIDAY LIGHTS HIKE Plan to walk where you can gawk in child-like amazement at the Christmastime lights around the "Mirror Lake." Time it for at least one December day near dusk to see the thousands of brilliant lights flicker on and the peaceful water as they double your holiday happiness.

"I'm making an evergreen
Christmas decoration
for the Sportsman
Lake Tree Museum
and weaving a $100 bill
into it, so it will be—A-
wreath-a Franklin."

CELEBRATING IN THE WUNDERGARTEN

Each week in this culinary storytelling series, we share a delish, Alabama-grown recipe. Here's an easy, healthy, energizing treat to enjoy on THE 10 TERRIFIC TREKS THROUGH THE SPORTSMAN LAKE TREE MUSEUM.

ALABAMA TREE MUSEUM TRAIL SNACK

(Source: kingarthurbaking.com)

INGREDIENTS

- 1 1/2 cups old-fashioned, rolled oats
- 1/2 cup cooked quinoa, cooled
- 1/4 cup flax meal
- 3 tbsp. chia seeds
- 1/4 cup dried, Alabama peach
- 1/4 cup Alabama pecans, chopped
- 1 large, Cullman County egg white
- 1/2 cup Cullman County bee honey
- 1/2 cup Alabama peanut butter
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. cinnamon

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 325F. Grease an 8" x 8" pan or line it with parchment.

2. Toss together the oats, quinoa, flaxseed meal, chia seeds, dried peach, chopped pecans and egg white in a medium-mixing bowl until thoroughly combined.

3. Warm the honey, peanut butter, salt and cinnamon in a small saucepan over medium heat, stirring constantly until well blended. Don't let it boil; just let it get warm and fluid enough to blend easily with the dry ingredients, 2-3 minutes.

4. Pour the honey mixture over the dry ingredients and mix until everything is coated.

5. Press the mixture into the prepared pan.

6. Bake the bars for 23-25 minutes, or until the oats on the edges start to turn golden brown. Remove them from the oven and let them cool completely before serving.

7. To serve, cut into squares.

(Baking tips: www.KingArthurBaking.com is a top-notch website for bakers whether you are a beginner or a county fair ribbon winner. For this "Chia Energy Bar" recipe, you can find a suggestion for reducing the amount of salt, and simple adjustments to delight vegan snackers.)

KEEP ON TREKKING AND AUF WIEDERSEHEN Y'ALL!

Find all columns in this series at www.cullmantribune.com/tag/celebrating-in-the-wundergarten.

‘It just kind of felt right to come back to my community’

Perspective Eye Care and Eye Wear hosts grand opening brunch

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Dr. Kelsie Graffagnino is offering Cullman a new perspective on optometry – and stylish eyewear – at her recently opened practice, Perspective Eye Care and Eye Wear. Perspective hosted its grand opening on Friday, Aug. 18, with a delicious brunch spread from all the local favorites, and even included a mid-day mimosa bar.

The space, located in the recently renovated Klein Building, is sleek and stylish, with trending styles dotting the displays.

The retail area is bright and airy, invoking a feeling of luxury, and provides modern silhouettes and styles for those who wear glasses.

Graffagnino, a Cullman native, shared that after a brief career in Birmingham, she felt a call to return to her roots and continue her passion in a more close-knit setting.

"It just kind of felt right to come back to my community," she said.

"I love this side of town, the historic district. I love being able to repurpose a part of the history of our city, and continue that on!"

Perspective Eye Care and Eye Wear is located at 421 Third Ave. SE Suite 140. Find out more at www.facebook.com/perspectivecullman.



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Perspective Eye Care and Eye Wear Owner and Optometrist Dr. Kelsie Graffagnino, right, chats with Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce President Joey Orr, left, at the grand opening brunch hosted Friday, Aug. 18, 2023. Perspective Eye Care and Eye Wear is located at 421 Third. Ave. SE Suite 140.

Wallace State to host grand opening of Centers for Welding and Innovation

Gail Crutchfield
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College will host a grand opening for its Center for Welding Technology and Innovation Center on Monday, Aug. 21, at 10 a.m. Several capital investment projects will also be announced as part of the festivities.

"We are excited to share with everyone the new Center for Welding Technology and Innovation Center," said Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Karolewics. "We will also provide updates on three capital investment projects that the college has planned over the next several years.

Wallace State broke ground on the new building in 2018 and students began taking classes there in October 2022. The 30,000-square-foot building is the largest welding training facility in the Southeast.

It includes four robotic welding stations, with three new stations expected soon; nine virtual welding simulators; 81 welding booths; 20 grinding booths; a fabrication area with two welders, a plasma CNC table and pipe welding equipment; and three state-of-the-art classrooms with built-in cameras, microphones and speakers to allow hosting online classes.

The building also houses the Innovation Center, which will act as an incubator for new and expanding businesses.

The center will facilitate connections between faculty and entrepreneurs and improve survival for small and medium-sized startups in their initial years of work. Wallace State has previously provided space to businesses such as Zero RPM, Sequence Health and DB Technologies.

Wallace State estimates that the Center for Welding Technology and Innovation Center will create approximately 98 new jobs and invest approximately $25 million in payroll revenue into the community in the first eight years.

"Wallace State is committed to learning that transforms lives and communities," Karolewics said.

"This building is an illustration of that mission. The new welding facility allows us to impact more lives by providing more opportunities for students to receive training that leads to high-demand, high-wage jobs. And the innovation center provides more spaces for up-and-coming businesses to grow and prosper.

"I am thankful to be able to teach in such an outstanding facility," said Randy Hammond, Wallace State Welding program director.

"This gives us the ability to train welders for the state of Alabama at a whole new level."

"We are thankful to everyone who had a part in this achievement," Karolewics added.

"We wouldn't be here without the support of so many - from our faculty and staff and the Alabama Community College System to legislators to community and business partners.

"They all played a major part in this building project. Just as welding joins elements together to create a strong bond, we have done the same to open the door to more opportunities for our students and the community."

The grand opening program for the Center for Welding Technology and Innovation Center will begin at 10 a.m. with a ribbon cutting at 11.

A reception will follow with tours of the building. The public is invited to attend.

Wallace State's Welding program offers associate degrees in welding and robotic welding. Wallace State is the first community college in the state to offer the latter.

The program also offers various welding certificates and has three American Welding Society Certified Welding Inspectors on staff at its campuses in Hanceville and Oneonta.

Registration for the Fall 2023 semester in underway. Regular and Mini Term I classes begin Aug.18. Flex Start terms begin Aug. 25 and Sept. 1. Mini Term II classes begin Oct. 19. For more information, visit www.wallacestate.edu, call the main campus at 256-352-8000 or come by Lion Central in the lobby of the James C. Bailey Center Monday-Wednesday 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Thursdays 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or Fridays 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.



WALLACE STATE

WSCC: Grants have supplied much needed support to college, students

Gail Crutchfield
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — When Wallace State Community College conducts its grand opening of the Center for Welding Technology and Innovation Center on Monday, Aug. 21, college officials will have many people to thank for helping make it a reality.

"We are extremely grateful for everyone who has invested in the education of our students and the future of our community," said Wallace State President Vicki Karolewics. "We have been blessed to be the recipients of a number of grants not only for welding but for other established and new programs."

At the 2018 groundbreaking, Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Karolewics noted the college had sought funding for the project for eight years before Congressman Robert Aderholt, R-Alabama, was able to secure $2 million from the U.S. Economic Development Administration for the $8.5 million project. Wallace State is hopeful it will receive a second congressional appropriation in the coming year.

In 2020, the college received an additional $200,000 from a grant provided by the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) for the purchase of workforce training equipment. Industry partners Lincoln Electric, Holston Gases and Fastenal have each helped in a number of ways throughout the building process.

Another $25,000 has been provided by the Cullman County Industrial Development Board, also to purchase equipment.

At the time the ARC grant was awarded, it was noted the welding program would be able to expand its highly successful reach and provide an estimated 110 workers in the Southern Appalachian region each year with more opportunities for training in the high-skill, high-wage and high-demand welding trade and help meet the employment needs of some 40 new and current manufacturing businesses in North Alabama.

In October 2022, an ARC POWER Initiative grant provided $1.17 million to Wallace State for the Supporting Electric Vehicle Manufacturing and Maintenance in North Alabama project.

Wallace State will partner with the American Trucking Association, Freightliner, Kenworth and Mercedes-Benz to bring their Mechatronics, Automotive Services and Diesel Technician programs into alignment with electric vehicle (EV) needs.

Nissan has recently joined the ranks of Wallace State EV partners. These needs include technicians ready for smart manufacturing and the servicing of electric vehicles and electric heavy-duty trucks.

This award followed a 2021 ARC POWER grant for the college's Prepping the Talent Pipeline for Economic Growth and Diversification Planning Project that provided $23,191 to assess the current and projected state of automotive manufacturing in Appalachia.

The resulting strategic plan helped inform WSCC's educational and capital plan to meet the evolving employment needs of the industry, as demand for autonomous and electric vehicle manufacturing increases.

It is also expected to guide the program development of WSCC's automotive manufacturing-related programs for the next 10 years.

This fall, the college will begin offering an electric vehicle program for new automotive technologies, and an electrical technology program for the training of industrial, commercial and residential electricians.

Wallace State has also been successful in securing awards from the National Science Foundation, Altec and the Women's Fund of Greater Alabama to bolster the recruitment and training of women in traditionally male dominated fields.

Capital investment totaling $48 million impacting three facilities includes a combination of legislative appropriations, federal grant funds, Alabama Community College System grants and local funds.

Alabama Extension expert: Learn how to make kombucha from the comfort of home

Katie Nichols
ACES

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. – What is all the hype about making kombucha? While this fermented drink is available at many retail locations, Alabama Cooperative Extension System experts say it can be less expensive and more convenient to make your favorite drink at home.

What is kombucha?

Kombucha is a bubbly drink, with both sweet and sour flavors, that has been around for thousands of years. The drink was first brewed in China. Its popularity then spread to Japan and Russia, eventually becoming popular in Europe in the early 20th century. Kombucha has become more popular in the United States during the last five years. The U.S. rise in popularity is because of the belief that the drink offers many health benefits. Many users believe the drink aids in gut health. Research to back this claim is ongoing, but other civilizations have believed in the health benefits of this drink for many centuries.

Angela Treadaway, an Alabama Extension food safety and quality regional agent, said from her own experience, kombucha with a symbiotic colony of bacteria and yeast (SCOBY) is a good way to help balance the gut, increase energy and ease joint aches.

Kombucha is available at health food stores and at many larger grocery stores. Treadaway said it generally runs anywhere from $2.50 to $4 per 16-ounce bottle, which can be expensive if you drink it every day. She said it is a good replacement for sugary sodas that most people drink.

Make kombucha at home

The Alabama Extension food safety and quality team wants to help you make kombucha safely and correctly from the comfort of home. Join them for an online class Sept. 12 from 2 to 4 p.m.

This class will discuss finding a SCOBY and taking care of it. It will also highlight fermenting vessels and help viewers decide which types of sugar and tea to use. Registration for the event is available online, and there is a nonrefundable $5 registration fee. Visit www.aces.edu/go/3562 to register. Registered attendees will receive a recording of the presentation for viewing at home. Learn more about the event on the food safety team's Facebook page. The online event and more information is available through that page.

"We are excited to offer this online class because anyone who is interested can attend," Treadaway said. "This popular drink is not difficult to make if you have the right ingredients and follow the step-by-step process."

More information

There is an upcoming Food Preservation Camp in Lincoln, Alabama on Aug. 29 and 30. Learn more about this upcoming camp and register online at www.aces.edu/go/preservationcamp23.

Contact the food safety and quality team with other questions, or check out their upcoming events on the Alabama Extension calendar at www.aces.edu to find one near you.



Obituary Announcements: Aug. 17-18

Roy Patterson, 88

Roy Patterson, 88, of Hanceville, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2023, at his residence. He was born April 18, 1935. He is survived by his wife, Betty Patterson; daughter, Denise (Randy) Graves; grandson, Kaleb (Nikki) Graves; great grandson, Kooper Graves; sister, Lucille West and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence Patterson and Ressie Segars Patterson; son, Ronald Duel Langley; five brothers and two sisters. A graveside service will be Saturday, Aug. 19, 2023, at 10 a.m. at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Cemetery in NeSmith.

Franklin Luther Brock, 80

Funeral Service for Franklin Luther Brock, age 80, of Hanceville, will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, August 20, 2023, at Bethsadia Baptist Church with Bro. Trueman Davis officiating; interment in Bethsadia Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon until 2 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Brock passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2023, at Cullman Regional. He was born April 11, 1943, in Cullman, Alabama, to Hayse Brock and Sylvia Brock. He was a firefighter for 35 years at Lockhead Martin after serving four years in the Air Force. Also, he served as the Fire Marshall in Westworth Village, Texas, for 10 years. He was a 32nd degree Mason and member of Cullman Blue Lodge and Scottish Rite. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Howard Brock and Kenny Brock; and sisters, Gaynell Latham and Janice Laney. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Janet Aker Brock; son, David (Jamie) Brock; daughter, Twana (Kevin) Jones; grandchildren, Taylor Brock, Haley (Alex) Ramirez, Dalton Jones, and Garrett Jones; sister, Jane Ann Aultz; brothers, Larry Brock and Roger Howard; and sisters, Patsy Powell and Shirley Hulsey.

Scharlene Mabrey, 78

Funeral Service for Scharlene Mabrey, age 78, of Baileyton, will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 19, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Michael Lackey and Kenneth Puttman officiating; interment in Welcome Baptist Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 18, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Mabrey passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2023, at Cullman Health Care Center. She was born Dec. 31, 1944, in Cullman, Alabama, to James R. Waldrop and Nora Waldrop. She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Mabrey, and her parents. Survivors include her sisters, Betty (Bob) Schlink and Myra (Mark) Bland; brother, James T. Waldrop; and a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and one great-great-nephew.

Douglas Dwain Goodlett, Jr., 66

Visitation for Douglas Dwain Goodlett, Jr., age 66, of Cullman, will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 18, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. A private graveside service will be held. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Goodlett passed away on Thursday, Aug. 17, 2023, at Cullman Regional. He was born Sept. 5, 1956, to the late Douglas Goodlett Sr. and Catherine Goodlett. Survivors include his son, Cory (Olivia) Goodlett; granddaughter, Gatlin Goodlett; brother, Dennis Goodlett; sister, Debbie Goodlett (David) Harbison; nephew Branden (Jennifer) Harbison; great-nephew, B.D. Harbison; cousins, Cheri (George) Blankenship, Jimbo (Patti) Waldrop, and Tommy (Terri) Waldrop; and a host of other family and friends.

Margaret Elizabeth McDugald, 88

Margaret Elizabeth McDugald, 88, of Hanceville, Alabama died Aug. 1, 2023. She was born April 26, 1935 in Hollywood, Florida to Louie and Minnie Lee (Smith) Parker. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, 2023, at Bethlehem East Baptist Church in Hanceville, Alabama. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Bonner Jones; second husband, Charles McDugald; and several brothers and sisters. She is survived by her children, Jessie Jones (Karen), Tom Jones (Charlene), Scott McDugald, Craig McDugald, Clark McDugald, Stacey Barber, and Charles Edward McDugald; sister, Mary Duke (Oliver); sisters-in-law, Linda Parker and Dora Jean Parker; grandchildren, Thomas Matthew Jones, Ashley Simmons, Lynn Rimes (Chester), Jill Jones, Chad Jones (Nikki), Cortney Hightower (Nick), Colby McDugald, Cayla Mauldin (Travis), Thad Barber, Tayna Lowe (Bryan), Tyler Barber, David McDugald (Linda), Landon Lowman, and Addison Lowman; great grandchildren, Case Simmons, Taylor Simmons, Meaghan Burnell (Dalton), Abby Jones, Savannah Jones, Reed Jones, Reese Rimes, Zacchaeus Kruske, Jonah Kruske, Rae Lynn Mauldin, Ashley Burns (Evan); great-great-granddaughter, Anna Beth; great-great-grandson, Bo; and a host of nieces and nephews. Bethlehem East Baptist Church is located at 775 County Road 541, Hanceville, AL 35077.

Jonell Russell Anders, 88

Funeral service for Jonell Russell Anders, 88, of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m., Sunday, August 20, 2023, at Mission Grove Baptist Church with interment in the adjoining cemetery. Revs. Hollis Gardner and Shane Hicks will officiate. Visitation will be Saturday evening at the church from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Anders passed away Thursday, Aug. 17, 2023, at CRMC. She was born April 18, 1935, to James Roy and Annie Ruby Wilson Russell. She was a charter member of Mission Grove Baptist Church. She was one very loved lady and she loved everyone. Her prayers got many through their lives. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ollis H. Anders; daughters, Debbie Herron, Anna Denise Anders; sister, Odell Thomas. Survivors include her daughter, Rhonda (Jay) Merrill; grandchildren, Ray (Amanda) Brown, Brandy (Josh) Early, Justin (Nicole) Brown, Daniel Merrill; great-grandchildren, Allyssa, Thomas, Michael, Mackenzie, Katelyn, James, Riley; great-great grandchildren, Colton, Levi, Andrew, Bo; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Billy James "Bill" Wilson, 92

Billy James "Bill" Wilson, 92, of Cullman, passed away on Friday, Aug. 18, 2023, at his residence. He was born Aug. 1, 1931, in Birmingham. He was preceded in death by his parents, Hobert Wilson and Eva Bridges Wilson and a grandson, Curtis James Wilson. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Jo Helen Wilson; sons, Jim (Bonnie) Wilson and Mark (Tobi) Wilson; four grandchildren, Kayla (Mike) Zagorsky, Hobie (Jaimi) Wilson, Luke Wilson and Jessica King and one great grandchild, Briggs Wilson. Funeral services will be Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2023, at 1 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home; burial will follow in Cullman Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends on Tuesday from noon until 1 p.m.

Arvel Richard Pruitt, Jr., 49

Arvel Richard Pruitt, Jr., of Joppa, Alabama, passed away on Aug. 15, 2023, at the age of 49. Mr. Pruitt was born in Indiana, on Aug. 24, 1973, to Arvel Richard Pruitt, Sr., and Terri Pruitt (Szpakowski). Richie was a sweetheart. He would give the shirt off his back to anyone who might appear to need it more than he did. He was willing to sacrifice of himself in order to help others. Richie spent his life striving to be the kindest person possible, and he achieved that goal. He was a special man, and he will be greatly missed. Mr. Pruitt is preceded in death by his grandmother, Polly Shelby, father-in-law, Clifford Ronk, Jr., and aunt, Charlotte Shanks and uncle, Roger Shanks. Those surviving Richie include his wife, Bernadette Pruitt; parents, Arvel Richard Pruitt, Sr., and Terri (Szpakowski) Pruitt; children, Timothy, Josephine, Stella Westmoreland, Brianna Lobins; sisters, Crystal Risner (Jack), Angelina Jaime (Bobby); grandparents, Shelba and Dean Weiler; nieces and nephews, Veronica and Ryan Bedwell and Alina, Bobby, Anaya and Aislynn Jaime; numerous aunts and uncles; mother-in-law, Carole Ronk; and three friends who were like brothers to him, Dave Davey, Gerald Baskin, and William Campbell. A celebration of life will be held by the Pruitt family at a later time. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation towards the funeral expenses of Mr. Pruitt. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Pruitt family.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Traveling the world's longest yard sale

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Last week, I shared with you a little about our visit to The Ark Encounter in Kentucky. I was awestruck by several things about this replica of Noah's ark, but first, and perhaps most of all, was the sheer size of that thing. That is a big boat!

The day after we toured the ark, we set out on a big journey to see something even bigger than the ark. It was certainly much longer. We headed toward home, but we didn't do what Mama used to tell us to do. She used to say, "Now come straight home."

The trip up to the ark took us one day, but our return trip home took three. No, we didn't get lost, but we did stop a lot. Sometimes we only traveled a mile or less between stops. We set out on a three-day, stop-and-go journey to see The World's Longest Yard Sale. It stretched out for 690 miles and across parts of six states. South to North, The World's Longest Yard Sale runs from Gadsen, Alabama, to Addison, Michigan. In some places it is called the 127 Yard Sale, because most of it runs along U.S. Highway 127. It runs through Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama.

No, it is not one continuous yard sale down that stretch of highway, but you won't travel far until you come to the next one. There are so many, we quickly realized we had to pick and choose which ones to see. If you like shopping yard sales, this is the place for you. It happens once a year, and has done so since 1987. It begins on the first Thursday of August and ends the following Sunday. This year was our first venture down the yard sale trail. Jean and I picked up the trail on Thursday, in Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, and stayed with it southward through the remaining four states.

We discovered along the way that the yard sale offers two things. I'll give you the first this week and the second next time. First, there is the opportunity to look at more stuff than any antique store or Buckee's could ever have. Did you just ask, "What kind of stuff?" If you can name it, they probably had it. There was old stuff, new stuff, nice stuff, and junk stuff. Jean was looking for a large crock, like your mama made pickles or sour kraut in. She found a six-gallon one that is setting in our kitchen as I'm writing. She also found a white enamel dishpan with black edging. It had a hole in the bottom, so she can't wash dishes in it. I'm really not convinced that she ever intended to wash dishes in it, especially since we have a dishwasher. It already has flowers planted in it and is setting on our back porch.

She also bought a bunch of books for the book walk at our church's fall festival. I was looking for wooden furniture I could rebuild or repurpose. I found one-small table which sets in my booth wearing a fresh coat of bay breeze blue mineral paint. I scanned through a multitude of vinyl LPs, but walked away with none. I either already had what they had, or used to have them. I paid $5.00 for the ones I had, and they wanted $40.

Those old things we saw and bought reminded me of past times in my life. Those times were special, not because of those things, but because they were spent with special people. Things are just things, but people are a gift from God.

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HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1920, 1930

From the files of 1920

The new sheriff of Cullman County appointed by Governor Thomas E. Kilby is Mr. J.W. Lambert of the Welti Community. Mr. Lambert is 37 years old, was born and reared in Carroll County, Georgia. Mr. Lambert's family is composed of himself, Mrs. Lambert and two daughters.

Reverend Z.A. Dowling, a widely known minister of the Methodist Church, died on Saturday. Mr. Dowling was the father of Herndon G. Dowling, the popular principal of the Cullman County High School. The funeral was conducted by Reverend E.M. Glenn, a brother of Mrs. Dowling.

Successful applicants for teachers license for life – Mariglen Cornelius, R.P. Johnston, James Albert Keller, Marvin Killingsworth, Oron Patrick South and Mary Wigley. First – Joseph G. Martin, Second – Hester Bailey, Ara Leona Bailey, Beauford A. Bradford, Sister Mary Donahue, Mrs. Ruth D. Edwards, Agnes Guthery, Alice Hicks, Mattie Mae James, Mrs. Ethel Leak, Nellie Livingston, Mrs. B.H. Nunnelley, LuElla Oden, Bessie Pate, Ella Rice, Hattie Elizabeth Robertson, Hettie Scroggins, Annie Wigley, Alma Yarborough, Third – Mrs. Effie Clark, Alice Edwards, Bessie Holmes, Augusta Keller, Lillie Box, Lula Mae Taylor, Henry M. Tillery, Clara Tomerlin and Gertrude Mary Tomerlin.

From the files of 1930

The Good Hope 4-H Club met January 20 at the school. Mrs. Rounds called the meeting to order. A demonstration was given on making bound buttonholes and inset pockets. Each member made a bound buttonhole at the meeting.

Officers were elected for the year as follows: President – Bertie Young, Vice-President – Estelle Methvin, Secretary – Morris Hendrix, Treasurer – Mullie Phillips, Yell Leader – Vondalie Tillmon, Song Leader – Ella Calvert, Local Club Leader – Bertie Yount and Sub-Leader – Ella Calvert. The club has 24 members.

Mayor M.L. Robertson was elected President of Parker Bank and Trust Company for the ninth time. He has been connected with the bank for 30 years.

J.H. Edwards was candidate for sheriff of Cullman County in 1930. He moved to Cullman in 1921, from Georgia. Mr. Edwards is 45 years old. He has a wife and six children and has served as Chief Deputy Sheriff with A.A. Rollo for three years.

POET'S CORNER

Psalm 23 KJV

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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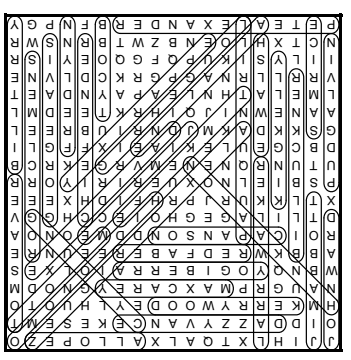
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end, he said, he decided he wanted to do more with the building. "Everything the bank does tries to benefit Cullman. Rather than just build the drive through here, we wanted to build something that would add to the Cullman experience," he said. "An upscale retail and boutique hotel is what we thought would be popular and what people would want." Each of the seven hotel rooms will have a Cullman-related theme. One example Riley gave is the Wilderness Room, featuring locations like Sportsman Lake Park and Bankhead National Forest. Another is a room called the Steeple Room, which features some of the unique churches around town. "I want to showcase Cullman's history," said Riley, who explained he wants to highlight Cullman to anyone visiting from out of town and give them locations to check out while they are here.

Each room will be equipped with a kitchenette. The second floor will have a wraparound balcony every room will have access to. There will also be a boardroom on the second floor and a fireplace in the living room/lobby area. "Cullman has been good to me, and I want to give back in a positive way," Riley said.

Riley said he expects the building to open in October.

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