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Cullman recognized for thriving tourism industry

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CULLMAN, Ala. — It is no question that Cullman has steadily risen to a prime spot in the must-travel list of the Southeast for day trips, festivals, restaurants and of course, all the natural beauty dotted throughout the county. The community presents some of the best experiences and hospitality the South has to offer, and the State of Alabama is taking notice.

During the Alabama Governors Conference on Tourism in Point Clear Aug. 26-29, Cullman walked away with two more accolades to add to its resume, as Rock the South won the "Event of the Year" award and Sen. Garlan Gudger Jr., R-Cullman, brought home the "Tourism Advocate-Government" award.

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Sen. Garlan Gudger Jr., R-Cullman, right, poses with Alabama State Tourism Director Lee Sentell, left, earlier this week.

The gift of music

Living Water Services donates 12 keyboards to Good Hope schools



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Good Hope Elementary School Principal Beverly Jenkins, Living Water Services President Grady Parsons and Amanda McKenney (back, center), students from Good Hope Primary and Good Hope Elementary, Living Water Services General Manager Tyler McKeller and Good Hope Primary School Principal Shanda Garner (far right)

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — In a heartwarming gesture of community support, Living Water Services made a substantial contribution to the music program at Good Hope Primary and Elementary Schools: 12 keyboards.

The initiative was spearheaded by Amanda McKenney, the music teacher for both schools, who reached out to Living Water Services to inquire about potential assistance for the music program. The company's president, Grady Parsons, was more than happy to assist and brought the 12 keyboards to Good Hope Primary School Friday morning.

"It's hard to describe how excited I am. I couldn't believe they were coming this soon," said McKenney. "Mr. Parsons and his company genuinely want to help."

The donation of these keyboards will not only introduce students to the joy of playing a musical instrument, but also provide them with a unique opportunity for growth and self-expression. McKenney said she believes that music has the power to positively impact students' lives in ways they might not even anticipate.

McKenney brings her own experience to her role as the school's music teacher. With over 17 years of teaching experience, she understands the profound influence music can have on young minds and their development.

Speaking about the keyboard donation, McKenney shared her passion for nurturing students' creativity and potential.

"I am very musical. I came from a musical background, so when this opportunity came open, it was like the best of both worlds. I get to teach kids that I love so much, and then I get to teach what I love to do personally," she said. "I'm just excited that I get to share my passions with my kids and hopefully create some passions of their own.

"Music can open doors they never thought possible. These kids may not know where their musical journey will lead them, but they might discover something they're truly passionate about. Music can change them, open doors they never thought possible and provide an outlet for their emotions."

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Sept. 1

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Sept. 1, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Aug. 28

- theft of property; CR 1809
- theft of property; CR 1568
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 616
- theft of property; Megan Ln.
- possession of dangerous drugs; Pan Creek Rd.
- theft of property; CR 35
- theft of property; Pan Creek Rd.
- assault; Willow Springs Rd.
- trespassing; Hwy. 67
- assault; Welcome Rd.
- harassment; CR 1098
- theft of property; CR 490

Aug. 29

- theft of property; CR 1727
- permitting dogs to run at large; Johnson Ave. NE, Garden City
- possession of prescription drugs; possession of dangerous drugs; CR 1030
- possession of dangerous drugs; CR 1098
- domestic violence; CR 852

Aug. 30

- harassment; Hwy. 31
- domestic violence; CR 591
- criminal mischief; trespassing; Chad Dr.
- criminal mischief; Hwy. 231

ARRESTS

Aug. 28 – 30

Brewer, John P.; 36
- Family Offense- causing delinquency, dependency or need of supervision (2 counts)

Burbage, George R.; 49
- Probation Violation- forgery-counterfeiting
- Probation Violation- unlawful possession with intent to distribute (3 counts)
- Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs

Cheatham, Matthew S.; 34
- Probation Violation- chemical endangerment of child

England, Gaberalle Lee A.; 30
- Violation of Release- possession of dangerous drugs (4 counts)
- Violation of Release- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- Violation of Release- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- Violation of Release- promote prison contraband

Gerst, Levi J.; 41
- FTA- switched tag
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Gillian, Gabriel R.; 36
- Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs
- Probation Violation- sex offense-failure of adult sex offender to contact local law enforcement

Golladay, Lydia Cheyenna C.; 26
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Handley, Nicholas B.; 37
- FTA- improper lights
- FTA- operating vehicles without insurance
- FTA- operating vehicle with expired tag

Hernandez, Armondo C.; 57
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Hester, Bradley D.; 41
- possession of dangerous drugs

Jones, Patrick E.; 37
- Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs

Letson, Justin S.; 34
- FTA- DUI (alcohol)
- FTA- no plainly visible tag

McAnear, Taylor A.; 28
- Probation Violation- manufacture of controlled substance

McLeod, Randy I.; 40
- cruelty to animals

Mullennix, Joshua C.; 35
- FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft $500 less than $1,500
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Owens, Chad M.; 38
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of prescription drugs
- FTA- unlawful distribution of controlled substance (2 counts)

Parker, Angela M.; 39
- FTA- obstructing justice using false identity-fictitious person

Sears, Bridget N.; 37
- Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs
- Probation Violation- cruelty to animals
- Probation Violation- stolen vehicles-auto theft

Smith, Roger D.; 41
- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- operating vehicle without insurance

Stephens, Wendy M.; 45
- assault-harassment

Teer, James A.; 28
- public intoxication
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of methamphetamine

Tubbs, Corey L.; 33
- attempting to elude police officer

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Aug. 26
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; Cherokee Ave. SW; damage to 2015 Ford Explorer; $500

Aug. 29
- theft of property-4th degree; criminal trespass-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $66

Aug. 30
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157
- harassment; person; Olive St. SW
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157
- theft of property-1st degree; America's First Credit Union; cash
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $31

Aug. 31
- burglary-3rd degree; person; 13th St. NE
- identity theft; Integrated Transportation Solutions, LLC
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Brunner St. NW

ARRESTS

Aug. 30 – 31

Karr Jr., Gary A.; 38
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- certain persons forbidden to possess firearm

Baird, Dawn M.; 49
- Grand Jury- fraudulent use of credit/debit card
- Grand Jury- theft of property-3rd degree
- Grand Jury- receiving stolen property-4th degree
- Grand Jury- possession of drug paraphernalia

Sears, Bridget N.; 37
- possession/receiving controlled substance
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- attempt to elude police officer
- FTA- disorderly conduct
- FTA- domestic violence-3rd degree
- FTA- resisting arrest
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Cowley-Davis, Tamara E.; 49
- public intoxication

Mullennix, Joshua C.; 35
- theft of property-4th degree

Wren, Daniel R.; 27
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Parsons, Christy L.; 46
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Farley, Hannah A.; 26
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree
- FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Elliott, Brian D.; 46
- receiving stolen property-1st degree

Montgomery, Shaniece S.; 37
- receiving stolen property-1st degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

ADMH: September is National Suicide Prevention Month

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Every one of us has a role to play in preventing suicide. September is National Suicide Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness about suicide. The Alabama Department of Mental Health (ADMH), its community partners and other mental health organizations collaborate each year to provide hope, encouragement and vital information to individuals and families affected by suicide.

Suicidal thoughts can arise in anyone, regardless of age, gender or social condition. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), suicide is the 10th leading cause of death among all ages in the U.S. and the second most common cause of death among young adults ages 10-34. Alabama had 821 reported suicides in 2021.

Help is available, and you are not alone in your emotional distress.

For free confidential support 24/7, call or text 988 to be connected to a trained counselor. There are four 988 call centers now located in Alabama. Learn more at https://mh.alabama.gov/988-2.

Additionally, to promote and educate about suicide prevention, ADMH developed the "No Shame" suicide prevention campaign, which addresses the stigma associated with suicide and mental illness.

Suicide is preventable, and we can help minimize suicide in our communities and society by recognizing the warning signs, discussing our thoughts, encouraging prevention and resilience, eliminating stigma and committing to social change.

As a part of the Alabama Crisis System of Care, Crisis Centers are tailored to the specific needs of each community they serve. Crisis services are available to meet the needs of individuals, including emotional distress and suicide. There are currently four crisis centers: WellStone (Huntsville, Alabama); AltaPointe Health (Mobile, Alabama); Carastar (Montgomery, Alabama); and JBS Craig Crisis Center (Birmingham, Alabama). Two additional crisis centers are scheduled to open later in the year, SpectraCare (Dothan, Alabama); Indian Rivers (Tuscaloosa, Alabama).

Suicide rates among veterans are particularly high. Compared to Americans who have never served in the armed forces, veterans are at 1.5 times the risk of dying by suicide.

Female veterans are at an even higher risk, with a risk factor of 2.2 times higher than male veterans. In 2021 alone, 143 Alabama veterans died by suicide.

The Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs (ADVA) provides resources and services in collaboration with ADMH to Veterans in Crisis.

As a part of its outreach efforts, "Operation We Remember" honors and remembers the veterans in Alabama who lost their lives to suicide, and "Alabama's Challenge: Veteran Suicide Prevention" is long-term effort to reduce the stigma associated with mental illnesses across the state. It also promotes suicide prevention and awareness through monthly town hall sessions for veterans and their families.

Veterans for Hope provides support for veterans, friends, and family members by offering mental health resources and warning signs to help identify a Veteran in crisis. If you're a veteran or service member and in crisis, please press 1 after calling 988 or call the Veterans Crisis Line for help.

During Suicide Prevention Month, please join the Alabama Department of Mental Health and our community partners in spreading hope and encouraging prevention.

Ball (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The time has come to bring out your most daring mask and dazzling formalwear to go incognito for an evening at Victim Services' third annual Masquerade Ball, scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 19, 2023, at Loft 212. Doors open at 6 p.m.

The festivities of the evening will include live music by local favorite BREZ, silent and live auctions and of course, dancing. Accompanied by drinks and a delicious dinner, it's an evening cloaked in anonymity that you won't want to miss! Tickets are $50, or $400 for a table of eight. Tickets can be purchased at www.tickettailor.com/events/victimservicescullman/976914. All proceeds will benefit Victim Services; Victim Services of Cullman came into existence in 1991 when a group of concerned residents wanted to create a safe shelter in Cullman County for victims/survivors of domestic violence. Victim Services offers a variety of comprehensive services ranging from education and advocacy to emergency and transition shelters.

For more information, visit www.victimservices.online.

Accident (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A man was killed in an industrial accident at Cullman Casting Corporation late Thursday night, Aug. 31. Cullman County Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick said the body of Michael Thompson, 38, of Guntersville, was discovered by a coworker near a machine.

A 911 call about an industrial accident was received by local dispatchers just before 11 p.m. According to reports, Thompson sufferedwsignificant injuries.

"He was pronounced deceased on the scene," Kilpatrick said.

The reports stated the coworker rushed over to another part of the facility in a panic after discovering Thompson.

The two were working in separate locations at the time of the accident according to the initial call at 10:45 p.m.

According to Cullman Casting Corporation's website, "CCC is a newly constructed, state-of-the-art gray iron foundry located in Cullman, Alabama. A wholly owned subsidiary of North Vernon Industry Corporation, Cullman Casting utilizes V-Process molding for counterbalance products.

"We have received numerous supplier awards for Quality, Cost and Delivery."

Cullman Casting Corporation is located at 251 County Road 490.

More details will be released when made available.

In 2019, a 15-year-old Guatemalan roofing worker fell to his death from the roof of the same business.

That victim was not an employee of Cullman Casting Corporation. (www.cullmantribune.com/2019/07/01/underage-roofer-falls-to-death-at-cullman-casting)



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Wanted! Food Vendors
The Fairview Lions Club is looking for food vendors to come set up at the annual Labor Day car show on Sept. 4 at the Randall Shedd Community Park in Fairview. Vendors need to be set up by 9 a.m. to be ready to sell. For more info call Kita at 256-385-8805.

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

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

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

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

Cullman County Cattlemen's, Cattlewomen's Association Ribeye Steak Sandwich Sale
• 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.

Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, Sept. 2, at 6:30 a.m. at the Baileyton Masonic Lodge. Donations only, which will be used to benefit local charities.

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.

Fairview Lions Club Car, Truck, Motorcycle Show and Parade
Monday, Labor Day, Sept. 4, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at Randall Shedd Community Park on Wesley Avenue in Fairview. Lineup for the parade starts at 10 at Clinton Barbee Field (old pool field). The parade will start at 11. Anyone wanting to be in the parade is welcome, just be there at 10. Registration for the car show will start at 8, is $20 a vehicle and awards will be given out at 1. We encourage vendors to come and join us. Booths are on a first come, first served basis for $10. Food vendors are welcome this year at $50 a spot. We will have activities and a bouncy house for the kids. The Cullman Police Department will be there with its helicopter. All proceeds will go to the Fairview Lions Club project fund. Please everyone plan to come and join us! Thank you for all your support. For more info call Kita at 256-385-8805.

Estate Yard Sale
Friday and Saturday, Sept. 8-9, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. each day, at East Point Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 1441 U.S. Highway 278 E in Cullman. Lots of furniture and household items will be available.

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.

Holly Pond Homemakers Club
Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 1 p.m. in The Event Center. Hostesses will be Amelia Wisener and Carol Hollander. Please come and bring a friend and the book you're reading.

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 on-site, 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?

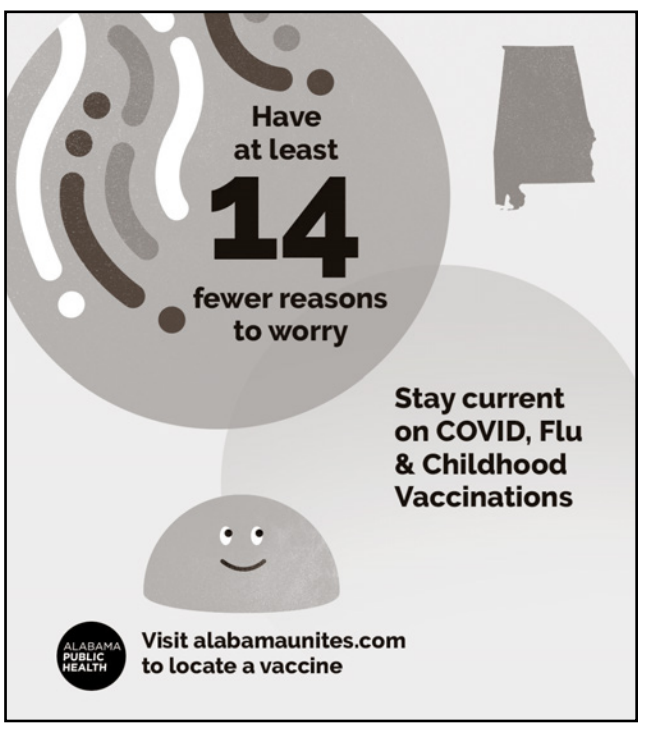
Peinhardt Living History Farm Day
Saturday, Oct. 14, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and Sunday Oct. 15, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Peinhardt Living History Farm. Come experience the history and learn how some of the first settlers of Cullman made this land home. With a petting zoo, antique tractor show, mule and wagon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

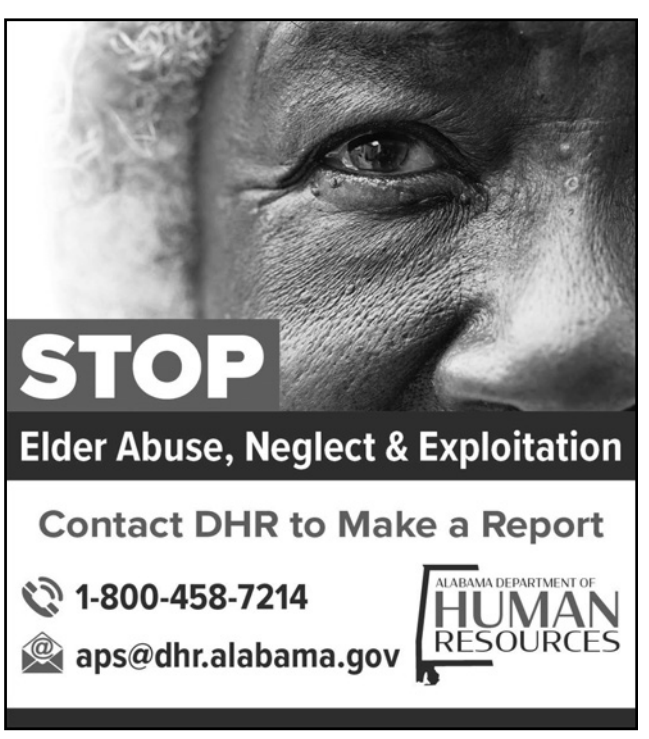
7th Annual Caring for Cullman Concert
Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 6 p.m. at Northbrook Baptist Church. The award-winning Triumphant Quartet will be belting to the pines of Northbrook Baptist Church at Good Samaritan Health Clinic's annual concert fundraiser. For those fans of clean Christian vocals that stand 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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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — For Najee Davis, his time at Wallace State Community College represents a lot of firsts. He is the first in his family to graduate college. He read his first book as a student at Wallace State. It was during this time that he also experienced his first Easter.

Davis was born in Brooklyn, New York, and raised in Newport News, Virginia. He is the fourth of five children – four boys and one girl - raised by his mom after his father's death when Davis was just 6 years old.

"Life was hard," Davis said. "My mom was a superhero growing up. She was raising all five us by herself."

He said with four growing boys, all of whom grew to be at least 6' 2", his mom struggled feeding all five of her children.

"It was like trying feed the horses in the field," he laughed. With hindsight he said he came to realize how hard his mom worked and knows he has no reason to complain about any job he's ever had.

"She set the pace. She set the tone," Davis said. "Watching her work, I never thought any of this was hard. I've been through some of the worst things you can go through, but this is nothing.

"If you're telling me I have to show up and work hard, I can do that."

That wasn't always the case when he was younger, he admitted. "I made good grades. I was smart, but my brain wasn't connecting certain things, and I wasn't disciplined to sit down and do it. As I got to college...then I put energy and effort into and overcame those hurdles."

Starting with the basics

Davis came to Wallace State in 2012 where he played one year on the Wallace State Lions basketball team before choosing to devote his time to his studies. When he arrived at Wallace State, Davis said, he couldn't read or write past the third-grade level. So, he took all the intermediate level classes first.

"I truly learned through failure," Davis said. "It was incredible. It's the best way to learn. I didn't shy away from it. I embraced that."

He said his instructors were wonderful. "Those teachers took the time to teach me English," Davis said. "I was fully ready for UAB when I got there and graduated UAB with a B average." Davis earned a bachelor's degree in psychology.

The teachers weren't the only ones who supported him while he was at Wallace State. Through a program called Adopt a Player that paired players with local families, Davis was introduced to Pastor Jerry Lawson at Daystar Church and the Posey family.

They were the largest part of why Davis came back to Wallace State after that first year after ending his basketball career at the college.

"Those families came to the games and supported us and invited us to church," Davis said. "My family was the Poseys, Trish and Howard Posey, and they just brought me into their family, invited me to cookouts and to church."

Trish Posey remembers first meeting Davis in the fall of 2012. "When he came here to Alabama, he was a very angry young man," she said. "He just had a lot of anger built up."

Lawson recalled how Davis was a bit arrogant when he first met him. "He didn't want to listen to anyone," he said.

"He's still super confident," Lawson added. "The difference is the humility in knowing that it's God who has got me to where I am, and my faith is God is what's going to take me forward."

Posey said she also saw the changes in Davis.

"We watched a miracle," she said. "We watched God take a heart of stone and make it a heart of flesh. He just started changing Najee's heart toward God and toward people, and he started growing in the Lord and connecting with the church and being a part of the community."

That change came after Davis attended his first Easter celebration.

"It was the first time I heard the story of Jesus and literally got saved and baptized," he said.

"That forever changed my life. I started prioritizing things differently, thinking about things differently. It was no longer, 'Do whatever it takes to be successful in basketball.' It was, 'How do I grow as a new follower in Christ and how does Najee start growing.'"

A new outlook

During the summer break after his first year at Wallace, Davis went to Brooklyn and worked for a cousin's demolition company.

"I was working sun-up to sun-down seven days a week and I was like, 'I'm going back to college,'" he said.

He called Pastor Lawson.

"Something he said to me that I'll remember forever, he said, 'Show me your top five friends and I'll show you your future,'" Davis said.

"That perspective changed my life, and I called the Poseys and said, 'Hey, can I come stay with you guys and finish school at Wallace State' and they said yes."

After his time at Wallace State, Davis worked with Daystar as an assistant to Pastor Lawson.

"That job was incredible," Davis said. "We got to plant different campuses and international ministries. He coached churches all around the country and the world and I got to be a part of and assisted all of those things."

Davis knew that he wasn't meant to be a pastor, but he did love leading and helping people. He found the right fit with Chick-fil-A.

He started what he calls his Chick-fil-A journey in 2018, working at the Cullman store from 2018 to 2020. At the beginning of 2021, Davis began working for the corporate office, traveling the country leading different teams.

A new opportunity

Late last month Davis, who is newly engaged, learned he was chosen to be an owner/operator of a Chick-fil-A restaurant in Virginia.

"That's an incredible opportunity," Davis said, adding that out of around 100,000 owner/operator applicants each year, the company usually selects only around 100.

Davis said he truly appreciates the success he's had and knows it could have gone in another direction.

"Not getting to where I wanted to be in basketball, I truly understand where I took shortcuts," he said.

"We have a phrase in basketball – touch the line. That's where you're running drills and you're supposed to touch the line. There are a lot of times I didn't touch the line.

"Going through this process and journey, from working with Pastor Jerry Lawson and Daystar Church and then going to work for Randy Earnest at Chick-fil-A Cullman and then going to work with the Cathy family at Chick-fil-A corporate, and now going to be an owner/operator, I'm going to touch the line. I don't want to look back 10 years from now and say coulda, woulda, shoulda."

Posey said she knew Davis would be a success.

"He's always been very driven, and he definitely is a called-out leader," she said. "He's got an amazing personality that draws people around him. No matter where he goes or who he's around, he's a bright light."

"I couldn't be more proud of him and where he's going," Lawson said.

"I don't feel like he's arrived anywhere. I feel like he's just taking his next steps and he's continuing to build and grow,"

Davis said he doesn't know what his dad, who taught him how to do layups shortly before he passed away, would say about how far he's come. "I know what he would feel," Davis said. "He would be really, really proud," he said.

His mother, he said, is ecstatic. He said she never had any doubts he would be selected as an owner/operator.

Both he and his mother work in the food industry. She is the lead chef for the Newport News Behavioral Detention Center, where she's worked for more than 15 years.

"We love for people to rave about their food experience," Davis said.

"For me particularly, I love leading people. It's like being part of a team, and being part of a team saved my life."

His team now is Chick-fil-A, where they practice what's called the second-mile service.

"That's where you see people jumping out of a window to chase people down with Chick-fil-A sauce," he said. "It's an incredible community to be a part of."

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Checking in with Josie Harrington, new library director

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Public Library System has a new director. Following the retirement of Sharon Townson, who was with the library for 27 years, the library board selected Josie Harrington to assume the role. Harrington, who started her career with the library in 2018, was named assistant director in January 2020.

"I actually have a bachelor's degree in theater, but during my four years at the University of Montevallo I worked at the library on campus," Harrington said.

"During that time, I discovered that it was possible to get a degree in Library and Information Studies."

Once she graduated from Montevallo, she pursued a MLIS (Master of Library and Information Studies) degree at the University of Alabama and graduated in August 2019.

As Harrington steps into her new role, she said, she envisions expanding the library's impact on the community.

"I'd love to offer more programming, more educational activities."

She highlighted the need for more space to accommodate concurrent programs for different age groups, addressing a common challenge faced by libraries.

Her emphasis on providing hands-on, exploratory programs for both children and adults is a testament to her commitment to making the library a vibrant hub of learning and discovery.

Harrington acknowledged the mixture of excitement and responsibility that comes with the position. "It's overwhelming, but it's exciting," she said.

Harrington is no stranger to challenges, having navigated the library's closure during COVID-19 shortly after taking on the role of assistant director.

"Ironically, I started my career in the midst of a certain kind of catastrophe," she reflected.

The main branch of the library is slated to reopen Tuesday, Sept. 5.

The other four branches in Cullman County are in Hanceville, Garden City, Colony and Holly Pond. The library also provides cardholders access to e-books and audiobooks with the online apps Hoopla and Libby.

For branch hours and locations, visit www.ccpls.com/branches.html.



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Josie Harrington

Op-Ed: Alabama's historic grocery tax cut goes into effect, but more work remains to finish the job

Lt. Gov. Will Ainsworth
Contributor

Alabamians are feeling a bit of relief at the grocery store checkout lines as a result of the tax cut on food that a coalition of conservative lawmakers and I pushed through the Legislature during the 2023 regular session.

Beginning on Sept. 1, the state's 4% sales tax on grocery items was reduced to 3%, and if growth in the Education Trust Fund continues at the same pace as recent years, another $150 million tax cut will automatically go into effect as soon as 2024.

My goal is to continue chipping away at the tax until it is eliminated altogether in the near future.

Alabama was one of only three states that taxed groceries at the full rate - South Dakota and Mississippi are the others - and we are one of only 13 states in the nation that levy any tax on food.

The newly-implemented tax cut applies to any food that falls under the definitions of the federal food stamp program, known as SNAP in D.C. circles, which means all groceries are covered except for pre-prepared, hot food from in-store delis.

A clause in the law that is now in effect blocks cities and counties from raising their sales taxes on groceries so Alabamians can be assured of the intended savings, but mayors, council members and commissions do have the option of following our lead and cutting the local sales taxes on groceries if they choose.

For several decades, advocacy groups pushed to remove the grocery tax, but their plans always required new taxes to be shifted onto the backs of the middle class in order to offset revenue losses.

As a conservative Republican who believes in cutting taxes, not simply moving them around like a rigged shell game, such proposals were considered non-starters in my eyes and those of my GOP colleagues.

During my term in the Alabama House and now, as lieutenant governor, it became obvious that the commonsense budgeting practices put in place after Republicans gained control of the Legislature in 2010 were creating surpluses and comfortable fiscal cushions that did not previously exist.

The pro-business measures we enacted were also creating an economic atmosphere that attracted both new and expanding industries and encouraged employers ranging from the largest companies to the smallest mom-and-pop storefronts to create new jobs and opportunities for Alabamians who were willing to work.

Soon enough, the unprecedented revenues flowing into the state treasury meant we could afford to begin eliminating the grocery tax without burdening any Alabamians with new or offsetting levies.

I worked closely with Sen. Andrew Jones, R-Centre; House Education Budget Chair Danny Garrett, R-Trussville; and Senate Education Budget Chair Arthur Orr, R-Decatur, to create a workable plan that also offered full protection to public education funding for K-12 schools, community colleges and four-year universities.

I personally met with countless experts, advisors, and associations, including the grocers who collect the tax at the point of sale, and rallied them to join us in taking action.

Once the bill was drafted, my office recruited all 35 members of the Alabama Senate and 100 of the 105 House members to sign on as sponsors, which was considered by many pundits to be a political miracle in the highly partisan and philosophically contentious times in which we live.

The legislation eventually passed both chambers with unanimous, bipartisan support.

It is estimated that our dinner table tax cut will save the average Alabama family the cost of two weeks of groceries, which is essential when Bidenomics is causing inflation to skyrocket along with the price of gas and other everyday essentials.

Between 2022 and 2023, the cost of food rose by an average of 7.7% according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Eggs alone cost a third more than they did last year, bread and cereal are up by 25%, and meat, fish, and chicken are substantially higher.

Our success in cutting the grocery tax demonstrates what can be accomplished if we stay true to our conservative beliefs, build consensus and have the courage to attempt to accomplish what many say can't be done.

But the job is only half-complete.

We must eliminate the second half of the grocery tax, and a legislative study group we empaneled is already running the numbers, making plans and putting together a blueprint to accomplish that goal.

In the meantime, Alabamians will find their wallets are just a bit fatter and their bank accounts are just a bit fuller as savings at the checkout continue to accrue, but rest assured that my colleagues and I are working hard to finish our mission of providing you with full relief from taxes on the groceries you purchase.

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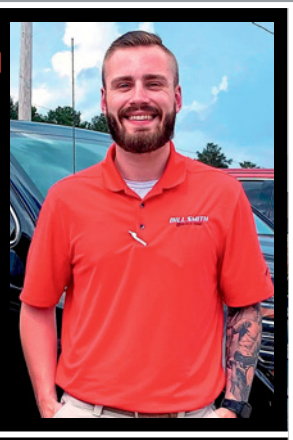


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Celebrating in the Wundergarten: Cultivate Cullman ice cream

Ben Johnson South
Tribune Columnist

"Never ask a woman who is eating ice cream straight from the carton how she's doing."

I LOVE WOMEN and one reason is because they invented ice cream freezers so commoners like me could enjoy homemade, frozen custard concoctions. Nancy Johnson in America and Agnes Marshall in England were the mothers of invention for hand-cranked ice cream freezers in the 1840s.

CULTIVATE CULLMAN ICE CREAM has been a summer Sunday afternoon tradition since the county's founding in the 1870s. Colonel Cullmann would invite churchgoers to his home after the services, the Hauk Family Band would entertain, some would fan themselves and others would ice down the custard and crank until it was sweet and solidified.

Jesus Christ of Nazareth may have eaten ice cream. Persians in the Middle East have culinary records from 550 BC describing the use of ice houses and ice pools to produce frozen fruit sorbets.

Yesterday, a Sunday, my friend Tina and I were in Hanceville and it was hotter than the hinges of Hell. So, we looped through the Dairy Queen drive-thru and enjoyed a Blizzard. (Food tip: It's not posted on their ordering kiosk, but ask for the Tropical Blizzard. It's like a trip to the islands during a snowstorm.)

CULTIVATE CULLMAN ICE CREAM suggests hand-cranking these eight bowls of blizzard-y delight as you span the countryside:



BEN JOHNSON SOUTH

Cullman Banana Supply in the downtown Warehouse District was a place to buy a case of bananas to make pudding, banana nut muffins and ice cream.

COLD SPRINGS PUMPKIN ICE CREAM

Great pumpkins need water to grow big and sweet. Pumpkins have been harvested in the Cold Springs community since at least the 1880s, but have gotten even greater since Smith Lake was created. (Source: delish.com)

INGREDIENTS

- 1 (15 oz.) can pumpkin puree
- 2 cups whole milk
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 6 large egg yolks
- 1 tsp. pure vanilla extract
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. ginger
- 1/2 tsp. nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp. kosher salt

INSTRUCTIONS

1. The day before you plan to churn, freeze the bowl of your ice cream maker. Since your ice cream base will need to chill as well, we suggest making it the night before, too.

2. In a medium saucepan over medium heat, whisk together pumpkin puree, milk, and cream. When mixture begins to boil, remove from heat and set aside.

3. In a large bowl, whisk brown sugar and egg yolks until pale and thick ribbons form, 3 to 4 minutes. (You could also use a hand mixer.) Whisking constantly, gradually add about half of hot pumpkin mixture to eggs, one ladle at a time, to warm mixture through. Pour mixture back into saucepan with remaining pumpkin mixture.

4. Return pan over low heat and cook, stirring frequently with a wooden spoon, until mixture thickens, making sure the mixture never comes up to a simmer, about 4 to 5 minutes. To check if the mixture is done, coat the back of your wooden spoon with the mixture and swipe your finger through the mixture. If your finger leaves a clean line, your mixture is good to go—this will be at around 170°, if you're using a candy thermometer.

5. When the custard is adequately thickened, stir in vanilla and spices. Strain into a large bowl and place over an ice bath. Let cool to room temperature, then cover and chill at least 3 hours, up to overnight.

6. When your custard is chilled and your ice cream maker bowl is frozen, churn ice cream according to manufacturer's instructions, about 15 minutes, scraping sides occasionally. When ice cream is soft-serve consistency, transfer to another container and freeze until hardened, 2 to 3 hours, up to overnight.

CULLMAN BANANA PUDDING ICE CREAM

Cullman Banana Supply provided local links to banana trees and coconut palm fruits for decades. When I stroll through the charming shops of the Warehouse District, I still think of enticing aromas and peddlers loading up for deliveries they would make throughout the countryside. Today, Johnny's BBQ is a great "go-to" for fresh, delicious banana pudding. (Source: allrecipes.com)

INGREDIENTS

- 1 1/2 cups half-and-half
- 1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1 pinch salt
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 2 medium very ripe bananas, mashed
- 1 cup crushed vanilla wafers

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Combine half-and-half, both sugars, and salt in a saucepan over medium-low heat; cook and stir until sugars are dissolved, about 5 minutes.

2. Remove from the heat and transfer 1/2 of the hot mixture to a large bowl. Add eggs to the bowl and whisk until well combined. Pour mixture back into the saucepan. Stir in cream.

3. Cook and stir over medium-low heat until mixture is thickened and coats the back of a spoon, 5 to 10 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in vanilla.

4. Pour cream mixture over a fine mesh sieve into a bowl; cool to room temperature.

5. Stir mashed bananas into cooled cream mixture, then pour into an ice maker and freeze according to manufacturer's instructions. Fold crushed wafers into ice cream during the last 5 to 10 minutes of freezing.

FAIRVIEW ROSE ICE CREAM

I started elementary school in the Baileyton community. The banks along the winding country roads in that part of Cullman County have sweeping arcs of fragrant wild roses. The views are indeed beautifully fair and the scents are sweetly swoon inducing. This ice cream reminds me of the scent of roses at a Baileyton School graduation ceremony. (Source: food52.com)

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups whole milk
- 3 cups heavy cream, divided
- 1 1/2 cups sugar, divided
- 4 egg yolks
- 1 pinch salt
- 1/4 cup dried roses, or
- 1 1/2 cups fresh rose petals
- 1 tbsp. cornstarch
- 2-4 tbsp. rosewater

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Heat the milk, 2 cups heavy cream, roses (if using), 1 cup sugar, and salt in a saucepan over medium heat, stirring occasionally.

2. Just before the milk bubbles, remove from heat, cover, and let steep for 1 hour

3. Whisk the egg yolks, remaining sugar, and cornstarch together until pale and thick

4. Reheat the milk until just before it boils, then temper the egg mixture by adding 1/2 a cup of the milk while whisking. Repeat the tempering process, then pour the yolks into the rest of the milk and combine.

5. Set a sieve over a bowl with the remaining cold cream in it. (I like to place a nut milk bag over the sieve to catch the small bits of egg and rose)

6. Cook over a medium-low heat for a couple minutes until thickened and almost boiling, then lower the heat down and cook for an additional 4-5 minutes until thickened. Pour through the sieve, and push through any remaining liquid, then stir it together with the rose water. If you steeped the milk with the roses, add 2 tbsp. rose water. If you didn't, add 4.

7. Chill the mixture for 4 hours or overnight, then churn according to your manufacturer's instructions. If desired, freeze for 2 hours to harden.

8. If you don't have an ice cream maker, just put the custard into a container and freeze for 4-6 hours, stirring every 15-30 minutes. The texture won't be the same, but it will taste great!

GOOD HOPE STRAWBERRY ICE CREAM

The Good Hope area is a very good source for fresh strawberries. Cullman County has a rich heritage of strawberry farming. In the folktale, "WUNDERGARTEN," which is set in the 1870s in these pine-studded hills, the heroine, Frau Ruehl, plants and plucks the German strawberries from seeds she brought from her homeland. (Source: thespruceeats.com)

INGREDIENTS

- 3 cups strawberries, hulled and sliced and diced
- 4 tbsp. lemon juice
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 1 1/2 cups whole milk
- 2 3/4 cups heavy cream
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract

INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a medium bowl combine the strawberries with the lemon juice and 1/2 cup of the sugar. Gently stir. Let stand at room temperature to allow the strawberries to release their juices, about 2 hours.

2. Strain the berries, reserving the accumulated juices.

3. Divide the berries in



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half. Mash or puree half of the berries and set aside. Refrigerate the remaining cut berries—they will be added later.

4. In a medium bowl, combine the milk and the remaining 1 cup of sugar. Stir until the sugar dissolves.

5. Stir in the heavy cream, the reserved strawberry juice, the mashed strawberries, and the vanilla extract. This ice cream will have a natural appearance of a very pale pink. If a deeper pink hue is desired, add a few drops of red food coloring.

6. Churn the ice cream according to the manufacturer's directions, about 20 to 25 minutes.

7. 5 minutes before churning time ends, add the reserved sliced strawberries and mix until well combined. If using a small ice cream maker, add the reserved berries to an airtight, freezer-safe container with the churned ice cream. Gently stir until well combined.

8. Freeze for at least 2 hours to firm before scooping and serving.

HANCEVILLE BLACK WALNUT ICE CREAM

I'm not sure why anyone in driving distance of the Hanceville Drugstore would want to crank their own Black Walnut ice cream when the hand-dipped cones at the shop are scrumptious, but here is a recipe that can approximate the delicious taste. (Source: themidwestkitchenblog.com)

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups heavy cream
- 1 cup whole milk
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 1/2 tsp. pure vanilla extract
- 5 egg yolks
- 3/4 cup cane sugar
- 3/4 cup black walnuts, chopped

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Chill your ice cream bowl for at least 24 hours before starting.

2. In a medium-sized pot add the heavy cream, whole milk, salt and vanilla extract. Mix together. Heat the milk/cream mixture until it starts to steam, but not boiling or simmering. This will take about 10 minutes.

3. While you are waiting for the milk/cream mixture to warm up, start separating your eggs. The easiest way to separate the egg yolks from the whites is to crack the whole egg into one bowl. Using your hands, gently scoop out the yolk. Allow the egg whites to fall down into the bowl through your fingers. Then add the egg yolk into a large mixing bowl. Repeat with the other 4 eggs.

4. Next, add the sugar. Whisk until the egg mixture becomes pale yellow in color and light and fluffy in texture with a silky ribbon consistency (3 -5 minutes). This mixture will be chunky at first but keep whisking until smooth.

Temper the eggs:

1. Pour 2 cups of your warm milk mixture into a measuring cup. Add a few tbsp. of the milk to the egg mixture, then whisk to combine. Slowly add milk while whisking until you've added 1/2 cup then pour the rest into the bowl.

2. Next, pour your egg/milk/cream mixture back into the pot, whisking in the remaining milk in the pot. Cook this mixture on low heat until the ice cream base has thickened a little and has reached a temperature between 170F and 175F degrees, mixing occasionally. You don't want this mixture to boil. The ice cream base will look creamy and will start to steam. This will take about 20 minutes.

3. Once your mixture is up to temperature, strain it through a fine-mesh sieve or strainer into a large mixing bowl, to remove any egg chunks.

4. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap. Allow the ice cream mixture to cool on the counter for 2 hours, then transfer it to the refrigerator to cool completely for another 2-4 hours.

Churning:

1. Churn your ice cream base according to your ice cream machine's instructions. Your ice cream should look soft, fluffy, and incredibly creamy, like soft-serve ice cream. This usually takes about 20 minutes. Add in the chopped black walnuts. Allow the machine to mix everything together for 1-2 minutes.

2. Transfer your homemade black walnut ice cream into freezer-safe containers to freeze completely (6-8 hours).

3. Serve with homemade whipped cream or topped with chopped black walnuts. Enjoy!

HOLLY POND EGG CUSTARD GELATO

Cullman County is #1 in poultry and egg farming in Alabama, a great state for agriculture. Holly Pond has more chickens than it does either holly or ponds. This is one of the most popular flavors in the legendary "gelateries" of Italy. It is a rich, frozen custard, simply conjured without any flavorings. (Source: foodnetwork.com)

INGREDIENTS

- 2 /4 cups whole milk
- Pinch of salt
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 6 egg yolks
- 2/3 cup heavy cream

INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a medium saucepan, combine the milk and salt. Heat the milk over medium heat until bubbles form around the edges of the pan. Set aside and cover to keep hot.

2. In a blender or food processor, blend the sugar and egg yolks together until very thick and smooth. With the machine running, gradually add the hot milk. Return the mixture to the saucepan and cook over medium heat, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon, for 6 to 8 minutes, or until the mixture thickens slightly and coats the back of the spoon. Remove the pan from heat and set it in a bowl of ice water. Stir for 2 minutes to cool the mixture. Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours, or until thoroughly chilled.

3. In a deep bowl, beat the cream until soft peaks form. Fold the whipped cream into the custard mixture. Transfer to an ice cream maker and freeze according to the manufacturer's instructions.

VINEMONT WINE SLUSHY

The Vinemont community during the days of the "WUNDERGARTEN" folktale, the 1870s, had many, rolling acres of wine-producing grapes. This recipe, which has no dairy ingredients, is not technically an "ice cream." It's more like German, ice wine, Eiswein. However, these last days of summer are hot and this is one of the easiest cooling indulgences ever. (Source: tastyever-after.com)

INGREDIENTS

- 12 ounces of the wine of your choice
- 2 wine glasses

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Pour wine in ice cube trays. Freeze until firm, at least 4 hours.

2. Take wine cubes out of tray and place in a blender. Pulse a few times until wine cubes are crushed up and of a slushie-like consistency.

3. Divide slushy between 2 wine glasses and cheers!

WEST POINT CARAMEL APPLE ICE CREAM

This recipe would be divine with Steele Orchard apple chunks cooked in butter with a drizzle of apple cider and blended with apple pie spice. (Source: allrecipes.com)

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups finely chopped, peeled cooking apples (ask the experts at Steele Orchard)
- 2 tbsp. butter
- 1 cup apple cider
- 3/4 tsp. apple pie spice or ground cinnamon
- 1 (14 ounce) can Eagle Brand sweetened, condensed milk
- 1 1/2 cups half-and-half cream
- 1/3 cup Smucker's Caramel Flavored Topping

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cook apple in melted butter in a large skillet over medium heat until tender, about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in apple cider and apple pie spice; cover and simmer 5 minutes.

2. Whisk sweetened condensed milk and cream in a medium bowl until well blended. Stir in apple mixture. Fill a large bowl about halfway with ice cubes and very cold water. Set the medium bowl containing ice cream mixture inside the large bowl. Stir until very cold, about 5 to 10 minutes.

3. Freeze in an ice cream maker according to manufacturer's instructions. Spread in an 8- or 9-inch square pan. Cover and freeze until firm, about 3 hours. Scoop ice cream and mound in pan. Drizzle caramel topping over entire surface, allowing caramel to seep into ice cream. Pack ice cream back into the pan. Cover and freeze until ready to serve.

"THE ONE-LINER DO-GOODER DINER" ICE CREAM LAFFS

- I've already had one ice cream today, so this is my secondairy.

- I love all types of ice cream. I don't play flavorites.

- I know a lot about ice cream. I've spent years in sundae school.

HAPPY LABOR DAY WEEKEND AND AUF WIEDERSEHEN Y'ALL!

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PREP BASKETBALL

'Play to the speed of the game': West Point's Jay Lamar recaps sophomore season

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WEST POINT, Ala. – In this interview, West Point junior Jay Lamar recapped his sophomore season on the hardwood, sharing what he learned and what it was like to play with a great group of teammates.

"Last year didn't go as we would have hoped. I learned a lot as far as how to become a better player and how to trust my teammates," Lamar said. "I really enjoyed playing with last year's group. The most important thing I learned from them was how to be a part of a team."

Lamar has soaked up as much as he can from head coach Mason Voce and from last year's seniors as well.

"Coach Voce is a really nice guy and coach. He always puts his players first and gives us the very best opportunity to succeed. He pushes each one of us to be the very best we can. He puts a ton of time into us by studying the game and providing us with the new information that he learns. I have learned a lot from him," Lamar said. "He has taught me a lot of little stuff about the game, such as closing out with my left hand and he has helped me tremendously since I was a freshman. He has also taught me how to be a man and how to carry myself around others."

He added, "They were amazing teammates. I loved what each one of them brought to the team. Kanaan was a really great defensive player and always brought the energy to the team. Ashton was our starting point guard and he really controlled the offense well, passed the ball well, and could get a bucket when he needed to. Aiden was always the life of the party and always kept our energy up. When we had a matchup with another big guy, he was always up for the challenge and he will be really hard to replace next year. Caleb was a really hard-working guy for us and was always ready when his number was called. He always showed up to practice every day and pushed us to be the best and truly loved the game of basketball."

"I learned from them to take advantage of my high school years as a basketball player. The guys always said I wished I would've done this or that, so everything that I want to accomplish, I make sure to do them, because those guys told me to not regret anything and put the work in to get better. They also taught me to keep my head up when I was in a slump and shake it off, just have fun, and play ball. They were always very uplifting, which will really help me help the younger guys with that this year."

Lamar has learned so much during his time on varsity so far and he has seen tremendous improvement in his game so far, but he will still continue to put in the work in the offseason as he gets ready for next season.

"I have learned how hard you have to work. To be better than other guys, you have to put the work in. There are no off days. There are so many phases of the game that has to be worked on. A normal day for me is about four hours of basketball training and weights. I have also learned how to play to the speed of the game, when to attack and be aggressive, and when not to," Lamar said.

"My game has grown a tremendous amount from when I was a freshman. When I was a freshman, I was a catch-and-shoot three-point kind of guy. Now, I have developed my ball handling, worked on scoring at all three levels, and taking my opponent off the dribble. Defensively, I'm just working on getting quicker feet and becoming more explosive. I'm still not where I want to be, but I just have to keep working every day and adding to my game. I will continue to work on my ball-handling and being a dominant scorer at all three levels of the game."

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

"As a team, we have a lot of young guys this year and a really good group. As a competitor, my goal is to never lose a game. We want to bring home a county championship and area championship to West Point, something that hasn't been done in a while. The ultimate goal is to win a state championship.



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West Point's Jay Lamar (23)

I feel like we have the depth and guys to go really far this year. My individual goals are to just do anything it takes to help the team win and most importantly, have fun and make memories by helping my team achieve all of our goals."

He added, "This team will be special for a few reasons. We have great chemistry and all of us truly love the game. We all have put in the work to get better. We also have a lot of length and size, which will help on defense and rebounding. A lot of the younger guys can really space the floor too, such as Jackson Shelton, Maddox Chapman, Brier Taylor, and Cade Welborn."

Lamar has a couple of role models that he looks up to and talked about the best advice that someone ever gave him.

"My two role models for basketball is my dad, because he was a great basketball player and athlete. He truly knows what it takes to be great and he pushes me to my absolute max and gets the best out of me, and Lebron James. I grew up watching him and I just love how he takes care of his body and is always ready to go play ball," he said.

"The best advice that someone ever gave me is to always know that someone is always working as hard as you are, so always make yourself work harder. I don't know how hard people are working, so I always have to work even harder than I think I can."

'Good Hope is special, because you'll always have a friend': Good Hope's Raigan Easterwood talks Raider years

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. – Good Hope senior Raigan Easterwood had a great time being involved in so many different clubs and learned so much during that time.

"Being a part of so many clubs prepared me for college in so many different ways. The Youth Leadership Development Program taught me how to be a humble and efficient leader, and using these skills, I plan to lead many clubs in college. Being involved in clubs also helped me meet so many other people in my age group, and we all worked together as a team to work on speeches, projects, and fundraisers," Easterwood said. "Jugging multiple clubs also taught me time management so that I can apply that skill in both school and my occupation. Overall, being involved in my school and community improved my experience in school and everyday life. It taught me skills that I will need in the real world and the workforce, and I can't wait to be involved in many clubs and organizations when I attend Wallace State this fall."

Easterwood also ran track-and-field since the seventh grade and soaked up as much as she could from head coach Matthew McCulloch.

"Even though I didn't win any special awards or get any honorable mentions, never quitting was one of the lessons I learned. I know I worked hard and liked the sport. I had the resilience to finish out the sport through my senior year. I met some incredible athletes with inspiring stories, and I've made lifelong friends through track," Easterwood said. "He never once doubted my abilities. Even when I feel like I have failed him sometimes, he was always proud of me and always encouraged me to put my best foot forward. He taught me that even when we fall short, quitting is never an option. He would always give us new and challenging workouts to make sure we could handle whatever was thrown at us, so he pushed me past what I thought were my limits. He never let us quit, so I feel that he taught me an important lesson that I can apply in all areas of life. He was also very personable, and he cared about all of us, so he was also a person we could come and talk to about anything. Whenever we had a problem about school or anything else, he always had that same philosophy: don't quit."

Easterwood had so many great track-and-field memories, and she will deeply miss doing that this year.

"I have a lot of favorite memories, because we are all like family. One of them was when coach McCulloch made a 'Big Man's Relay', and he put four throwers on a 4x1 team at a meet. We all had a lot of fun watching the throwers sprint.

"Another good memory would be the little races against each other after track practice; we had our own winner's bracket and everything. Sometimes, instead of practice, we would play kickball or soccer the whole time," she said.

"The thing I'll miss the most is getting ready for a meet. I love the bus rides there, because we would play music and we would all sing together. We would also play songs over the speaker, and everyone loved it. We would just enjoy each other's company, and I know that's something from high school that I'll cherish for a while."

She had so many great high school memories as well and Good Hope will forever hold a special place in her heart.

"The memories I made at Good Hope were endless, but the things that stuck out to me the most were the random activities that we did. I remember at the beginning of my senior year, our assembly consisted of standing up in front of everybody and dancing for a prize. I also loved all the talent shows and other fun assemblies that the administrators set up for us. Not only did we have wonderful teachers, but they were also wonderful friends to us. Mrs. Ellis's class will always be a fond memory of mine, as we would choreograph our own plays and have fun field trips with her. Not only was high school fun, but they provided me with tools about things I wanted to learn. I loved dissecting animal brains, eyes, and kidneys. Not only was it fun, but I learned a lot from those labs."

She added, "Good Hope is special, because you'll always have a friend. We've always been a welcoming school, and even though high school has their groups and cliques, I feel as though, anyone can talk to anyone else at Good Hope.

"The teachers at Good Hope have unique personalities, so connecting to them on a personal level is super easy to do. At Good Hope, it is so easy to have a good relationship with both teachers and your classmates. It is truly like a tight-knit family."

She will remember a special teacher and her class, and she will deeply miss being a Raider.

"I will always remember Mrs. Ellis's class. She was the most understanding and big-hearted teacher I've ever had. She would always have meaningful conversations with all of her students, and she made English class fun by letting us put our own work and ideas into projects, plays, and other work. She truly cared about her students and their mental health, and she always went above and beyond for us," she said. "The one thing I'll miss about Good Hope was socializing with so many different people. It seemed like every time I talked to my different classmates, something new and exciting was going on with them."



RAIGAN EASTERWOOD

Good Hope's Raigan Easterwood

Easterwood gave the upcoming freshmen some advice and she talked about her role models that she looked up to.

"My advice to students who are starting back school in August, never underestimate yourself. Always go the extra mile, even when you think you can't. Hard work always pays off, and it never goes unnoticed by the teachers. Speaking of teachers, my advice would be to have a good relationship with them. You can never go wrong with being extra nice to them and always turning in your work on time. It really does come in handy sometimes."

She added, "My role models in high school were Mrs. Ellis and Mrs. Aby. They were so easy to open up to, and they had just the right amount of both toughness and gentleness. They knew how to teach a class and keep students out of trouble, but they also knew how to talk to students and how to comfort them through rough times. I admired them for having an uplifting attitude, while doing their job at the same time."

She talked about the best advice that someone ever gave her and the scholarships that she received from Wallace State.

"The best piece of advice given to me was during a YLDP meeting my senior year. Lisa Warren was giving advice about leadership, and she said, 'Model the behavior you desire to be around'. This advice was very helpful to me, as I know exactly what I want out of a leader. Using that knowledge, I can better myself so that I can be a great leader at work and in school. She also said to 'be better tomorrow than you are today'. It reminds me that tomorrow is always another chance to better myself."

She added, "At Good Hope High School's senior awards, I received a few scholarships from Wallace State. I was awarded the Presidental Scholarship (a full ride), the McKenna Grace Sharpton Memorial Scholarship in the amount of $2,000, and the Cullman Savings Bank Scholarship in the amount of $1,000. I am so thankful to have received these scholarships, and I know it is the result of hard work and never underestimating myself."

Easterwood talked about her college plans as well.

"This Fall, I will be completing my prerequisites for a Nursing degree. After I complete that, I will be in the Joint Degree Nursing Program, where I will be completing my Associates Degree in Nursing with WSCC and my Bachelor's Degree in Nursing with UAB. I plan to eventually attend Midwifery School at UAB, where I will become a Midwife."

Child (from Front)

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JONES CHAPEL, Ala. — A 6-year-old child was struck and injured by a vehicle on Thursday, Aug. 31. The incident occurred at approximately 6:55 a.m. along County Road 946 near County Road 969, according to Alabama Law Enforcement Agency Senior Trooper Brandon Bailey.

Bailey said the child was struck by a 2012 Honda CR-V. He said the juvenile was injured and transported to an area hospital for treatment.

According to Cullman County Schools Media and Communications Specialist Ty Watwood, the child is a student in the Cullman County Schools system and rides the bus to school; however, the incident occurred before the school bus arrived.

There is no further information available at this time.

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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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2023-064

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF RICHARD ALAN BARRETT and SHARON H. BARRETT TO ADOPT T.G.C., a minor child.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: UNKNOWN FATHER OF T.G.C.
WHOSE IDENTITY, ADDRESS AND/OR WHEREABOUTS
ARE UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of T.G.C., a minor child born on September 10, 2021, to Courtney Allison Collins, was filed on the 22nd day of August, 2023, in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Richard Alan Barrett and Sharon H. Barrett. Please be advised should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama, 35055.

DONE this 23rd day of August, 2023.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR SUCCESSIVE WEEKS.

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2023-264

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.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
FRED WILBURN BUSSEY * CASE NO PC 2023-266
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary have been granted to **Frederick Bussey,** as Personal Representative of the Estate Fred Wilburn Bussey, deceased, on the 24th day of August, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claim against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

FREDERICK BUSSEY
Personal Representative of the Estate of
Fred Wilburn Bussey, deceased

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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
PATRICIA J. SILVEY, * CASE NO.: PC2023-281
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to STEVEN O. KNIGHT, as Personal Representative of the Estate of PATRICIA J. SILVEY, deceased, on the 31st 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.

Steven O. Knight
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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * 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

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
ALMOND RAY WOODS, * CASE NO.: PC2023-259
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to JEFFREY M. GRAY, as Personal Representative of the Estate of ALMOND RAY WOODS, deceased, on the 24th 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.

Jeffrey M. Gray
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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
GLENDA STEIPP, * **CASE NO.: PC2023-238**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to GAIL MEDDERS, as Personal Representative of the Estate of GLENDA STEIPP deceased, on the 31st day of August, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

GAIL MEDDERS
Personal Representative

Pamela E. Nail
Attorney for Personal Representative
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Cullman, Alabama 35055

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
LAMARR GORDON MOORE, * CASE NO PC 2023-272
Deceased *

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to **SHIRLEY SCOTT,** as Personal Representative of the Estate of **LAMARR GORDON MOORE**, deceased, on the 31st day of August, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, Judge of Probate

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of)
)
SUSAN MARGUERITE DETTERBECK,) Case No.: PC-2023-268
also known as SUSAN M. DETTERBECK)
Deceased)

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.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

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

TO: The Publisher of *The Cullman Tribune*

Please publish the foregoing notice one a week for 3 consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Beverly Paschal Poston,
Attorney for the Estate of
Susan Marguerite Detterbeck, deceased.
200 1st Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
GLENDA FAYE KILGO, * CASE NO.: PC2023-166
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: GREGORY DALE KILGO, AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

The Petition for Probate of Will filed by Meagan Kilgo, Petitioner, by and through her Attorney, Michael R. Burleson, has been scheduled for the **24th day of October, 2023, at 10:30 a.m**, before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman, Alabama.

All persons having interest, residing or being without state are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Done this the 31st day of August, 2023.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune:

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Michael R. Burleson
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Tourism (from Front)

Baugh of 46 Logistics and Entertainment and figurehead of the Rock the South team, shared that he was blown away at the reach and impact that Rock the South has had over the years.

"Twelve years ago, I don't think we ever could have dreamed that Rock the South would reach as many people as it has," he said, referencing the origins of the festival, which began as a way to bring the community together after the devastating tornadoes of 2011.

"The level of community support combined with the amount of people that come has surpassed all of our dreams," Baugh said.

Baugh offered a humble perspective on receiving the award and statewide recognition, stating, "We don't do it for the attention; we do it because we love it, but it is always nice to be recognized for the impact our events have on our great state.

"As three Alabama boys, it is special to be recognized by your state!"

Gudger said his passion for local tourism was realized after taking over the family business, Southern Accents Architectural Antiques.

Gudger noted that many of his customers were coming from outside of Cullman; in fact, from all reaches of the country, making Cullman a hotspot for tourism.

Through the creation of the Cullman County Tourism Bureau - largely spearheaded by Gudger -tourism has continued to thrive as more and more visitors pile into the community to experience agricultural festivals, historic churches and abbeys and all the lake life north Alabama has to offer.

Upon receiving the award, Gudger beamed with pride, sharing, "It is an honor to receive the award for Tourism Government Advocate for the 2023 legislative session from the Alabama Tourism Department," while noting the strength of Alabama's tourism industry, and the propensity of growth for the state as a whole.

"As one of the state's strongest economic drivers, tourism plays a major role in the future of Alabama!" he said.



Obituary Announcements: Aug. 31 - Sept. 1

Donna Sue Jordan, 77
A memorial service for Donna Sue Jordan, 77, of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, Pastor Rodney Thompson officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Jordan family. Mrs. Jordan passed away Thursday, Aug. 31, 2023, at her residence. She was born Oct. 21, 1945, to H.A. and Ethel Robertson Reeves. She worked her whole life taking care of her family. She and her husband served in Everyday Ministry On Wheels and touched a lot of lives traveling all over the country. She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her husband, Jerry Jordan; sons, Jeff (Danita) Quattlebaum, Timothy Quattlebaum; brothers, Dennis (Dot) Reeves, Kenneth (Sandy) Reeves, sister, Juanita Goens; grandchildren, Zeb (Brit) Quattlebaum, Zachary (Angela) Quattlebaum, Bonnie (Andrew) Martin, Tiffany Self, Anthony (Breanna) Tressler; nine great-grandchildren; family and friends Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

James Michael Anthony Reaid, 72, of Cullman
James Michael Anthony Reaid, age 72, of Cullman, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 31, 2023, at Floyd E. "Tut" Fann State Veterans Home. He was born Nov. 29, 1950, to James Reaid and Ovadie Reaid. He was preceded in death by his son, Ben Reaid, and parents. Survivors include his daughter, Jennifer Goodman; grandchildren, Elizabeth Goodman and Jace Reaid; and sister, Charlotte Brandon. A memorial service at Sportsman Lake will be held at a later date.

John Gary Denton, 69
John Gary Denton, age 69, of Addison, passed away peacefully at home Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2023, with his wife, Donna by his side. He was born Dec. 26, 1953, in Hartselle, Alabama to John and Naythene Denton. Gary retired from Nucor Steel after over 20 years of service. Those who knew Gary, knew him to be a friendly person who never met a stranger. He could speak on almost any subject. Gary was a devoted husband and a wonderful father to his adopted son, Adam. He was a man of great patience and spent many hours reading to Adam. Gary enjoyed a well-kept lawn, but his passion in life was bass fishing. He was a modest man who believed in self-discipline and hard work. His shoes cannot be filled and he will be desperately missed by those who loved him. Gary trusted Christ as his Savior and was ready for Heaven. Visitation will be Sunday, Sept. 3, 2023, from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. at Friendship Baptist Church in the Upshaw Community, where the service will begin at 2 p.m. Burial will be in the adjoining cemetery. Brother Donnie Carroll will officiate. Gary is survived by his wife of 23 years, Donna Denton; son, Adam Denton; sisters, Charlene (Ray) Nix and Tammy (Vic) Banks; and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, John Travis Denton; mother, Naythene Meigs Denton; and baby sister, Sharon Denton. Memories and condolences may be shared at www.nicholsfuneralhomes.com.

Velvie Jane Perry, 75
Graveside Service for Velvie Jane Perry, age 75, of Cherokee Ridge, will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 2, 2023, at Simcoe Baptist Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Perry passed away on Thursday, Aug. 31, 2023, at Marshall Medical Center North. She was born June 6, 1948, to Emmett McIntosh and Inez McIntosh. She was preceded in death by her husband, Glen Perry; son, Shane Perry; parents; and brother, Eugene McIntosh. Survivors include her daughter, Nette (Scott) Finnegan; grandchildren, Haley (Ray) Rivera, Zak Smith, Blasie Finnegan, Madeline Finnegan, Trinity Finnegan, and Jess Perry-Wallis (Drew Wallis); sister, Sarah Polly (Larry) Parker; and a host of nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Hospice of the Valley, 240 Johnston St. SE, Decatur, AL 35601.

Mitch BeShears, 64
Celebration of Life service for Mitch BeShears, age 64 of Cullman, will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 3, 2023 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 3, 2023 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. BeShears passed away on Friday, Sept. 1, 2023 at University of Alabama Hospital. He was born, May 23, 1959, to Howard BeShears and Ruth BeShears. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Shirley BeShears; brothers-in-law, Dwight Johns and Donald Faulkner; sisters-in-law, Annette Brooks and Carol Striker. Survivors include his daughter, Candy Byrd Miller, grandson, Grant Roland; brother, Mike BeShears; brother and best friend, Craig (Sara) Jackson; sister-in-law, Doris Faulkner and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Cheryl Lynn "Penny" Moody, 66
Cheryl Lynn "Penny" Moody, 66, of Cullman, passed away Thursday, Aug. 31, 2023 at her residence. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2023, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Bethsadia Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Wednesday from noon until 2 p.m.

Randy Paul Calloway, 74
Celebration of Life visitation for Randy Paul Calloway, age 74, of Vinemont, will be from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023 at Sammy and Tina Calloway's home at 111 County Road 1138 Cullman, AL, 35058. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Calloway passed away on Thursday, Aug. 31, 2023. He was born, Nov. 21, 1948, to Herbert Aubrey Calloway and Lois Faye Calloway. He was preceded in death by his, parents and brother, Dan Calloway. Survivors include his wife, Tess Calloway; son, Robert Calloway; grandchildren, Turner Calloway, Gage Calloway and Chase Calloway; brother, Sammy (Tina) Calloway; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Ricky Jason Waldrop, 40
Funeral services for Ricky Jason Waldrop, 40, of Hanceville, will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Garden City Cemetery. Reverend Rick Vinson will be officiating. Visitation for the public will be from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, prior to the service at the funeral home. Mr. Waldrop was born on Oct. 16, 1982, to Ricky Waldrop and Jerri Burns in Birmingham, Alabama. He passed away on Aug. 31, 2023, in Hanceville, Alabama. Survivors include his four children, Colton, Tucker, Axel, and Bodhi; mother, Jerri (Bobby) Tankersley; father, Ricky Waldrop; aunts, Jane (Bricen) Blalock, Amelia (Charles) Hunt; and Robin (James) Pike; grandmother, Susie Waldrop; mother of his children, Kayla Weaver; and a host of nieces and nephews, and cousins Mr. Waldrop was preceded in death by his grandparents, Doris Warden, James Waldrop, and Jerry Burns. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Waldrop Family.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Homecoming season in the South

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



It has been said, "You can't go home again." I beg to disagree. Oh, I know the deeper meaning from Thomas Wolfe's book is that home is never the same as we remember. There is a certain truth to that. The house I grew up in Rainsville, Alabama, was so much larger than the one I visited there a few years ago, before it was torn down. That may well have been because I was so much smaller back then. It may also be because we don't always remember things exactly as they were.

All that being said, it can still be a mighty enjoyable experience to return to the places we have once lived, worked, gone to school or church. Even though things may have changed from how we remember them, we can still go home.

When we think about homecoming here in the South, the first thing that may come to mind is that mid-season or later football game. It is football season, and here in the South everyone is excited, except that half-a-dozen people who can't stand football.

On opening weekend, we football fanatics will even stay up too late to watch a rain-delayed game between Vandy and Hawaii.

After a long winter's nap, and a scorching-hot summer, we would probably tune in to watch the Sagehens of Pomona College play the Anteaters of California Irvine, if that's all we could find!

This weekend, almost everyone will tee it up and kick it off, as it is officially the first weekend of college football. If you need me for something Saturday, don't call. Just leave a message and I'll get back with you after the season has ended! Hey, I'm joking. I'll call you Sunday, after church.

Homecoming is that special game for alumni to go home to the school that educated them, or at least awarded them a degree. The host school usually schedules a much weaker opponent, so they can win by at least 134 points and everyone leaves happy...except the visiting team and fans.

Last Sunday, I attended my first homecoming for this season. No, it wasn't a football homecoming, it was a church homecoming. Lanier Baptist Church, where I now have the privilege of serving as pastor, had our annual homecoming day. (Yes, you are correct, I did retire, but what are you going to do?) We had a great day. There were former members there, present members there, and hopefully future members there.

A dear friend and former staff member of mine at another church, Vince Helms, came to do our music for the day.

Our new Mission's Strategist for East Liberty Baptist Association, Don Downs, came to bring the message. They both did wonderful jobs. Then, we did what we always do at any homecoming.

Whether it's hot dogs from the stadium-concession stand, burgers grilled at a tailgate party in the parking lot, or buckets of the Colonel's fried chicken in the fellowship hall, we eat!

We don't go to any of those events just to eat, but since we have gathered together...we eat. Have you ever noticed around this time each year and on into the fall there seems to be a shortage of eggs and pears at your store? That's because of all those pear salads and deviled eggs we take to church homecomings!

We should never forget where we've been or from where we came.

We should never forget the people who have been special in our lives, and those who still are. Go home, see those people and remember those special times. Things may have changed, but go anyway.

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HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1930, 1936

From the files of 1930

The County Board of Education has moved into its newly remodeled building, which is one of the finest in the state.

Mrs. T.A. Smith had charge of the P.T.A. program on Tuesday.

A book week program was given and Mrs. M.H. Killingsworth and Mrs. Henry Meyer gave a report from the recent P.T.A. meeting.

From the files of 1936

The beloved preacher, Reverend B.E. Fulmer is pastor at Ebenezer this year.

School opened on Monday. Mr. Chaney and Misses Winn and Speegle are the teachers.

Miss Clyde Crider has accepted a position as secretary in the office of Clarence Keller, register of equity in the courthouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Gunn left on Monday for Tampa, Florida, where Mr. Gunn has been transferred.

Miss Mozelle Nunnelly is teaching at Walter this year. She lives at Welcome.

Reverend Hunt of Holly Pond was Saturday guest of Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Nunnelly.

C.T. Bailey, County Agent, is urging farmers to plant long staple cotton, far a better price at the selling place.

Mr. W.A. Nail of Bolte has a new pair of mules.

There is going to be a box supper at Bolte on Friday night for the benefit of the school.

Jerry Shafer and Glenna Eubanks were married on Saturday night.

A shower was given for Mrs. John Brown, at her home, on Saturday afternoon.

Miss Melba Bradford, of Baldwin, was the Sunday afternoon visitor of Miss Christine Styles.

There will be jobs available for 1,800 young men in the United States Army. There will be many ways to advance.

The Hanceville Lutheran Church was organized in the fall of 1885.

Western Auto has opened a new store in Cullman. The store is owned and operated by C.H. Grob, at First Avenue East.

Professor and Mrs. Joe Ray of Hanceville were in Cullman on Saturday.

Mrs. William Lessman is critically ill at her home on the Bremen Pike.

Colonel Thomas Millican, Ezra Williamson and Roy Ingle spent Monday in Scottsboro.

Mrs. Conrad Howard and Miss Trischel Cordes spent Tuesday in Birmingham.

POET'S CORNER

What Will Be | By: Randy C. Hale

We struggle to enter this world,
our baby breath beneath our screams.
With childhood love comes fear,
a mother, father near.

One day, we walk away from home
to have new lives to live.
We always think, things will be right.
So much we have to give.

Night comes with sorrow, and
what we gain, there's rain.
Life is lived with doubts
and dreams fulfilled with pain.

We reminisce of past success,
shadows in sunbeams.
We're toughened by our falls,
and learn a lot, it seems.

All good things come from up above,
a white dove brings a leaf.
There is an ending to every star
and wonders never cease.

God never wastes our pain,
His presence we hold dear.
Our faith in all we cannot see,
and what will be, will be.

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

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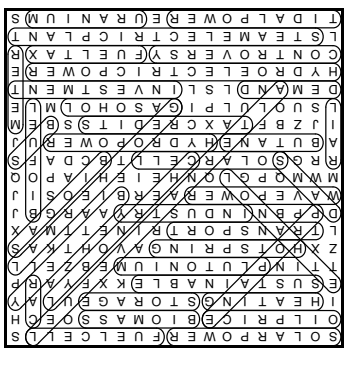
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Saturday, September 2 | 10 AM - 7 PM;
Contests and Prizes, Live Band, and Splash In Movie @ 7 PM
Sunday, September 3 | 12 PM - 6 PM
Contests and Prizes and Live Band
Monday, September 4 | 10 AM - 6 PM
Contests and Prizes and Live Band

END OF SEASON HOURS

PARK IS CLOSED AUGUST 9-11
OPEN WEEKENDS IN AUGUST
Saturday, August 12 | 10 AM-6 PM
Sunday, August 13 | 1 PM - 6 PM
Saturday, August 19 | 10 AM-6 PM
Sunday, August 20 | 1 PM - 6 PM
Saturday, August 26 | 10 AM-6 PM
Sunday, August 27 | 1 PM - 6 PM

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Oktoberfest-Depot Park
September 28-30, 2023

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

Pups & Pints "Howloween"
Goat Island
October 28, 2023

Pyramid Lighting-Depot Park
November 24, 2023

Christkindlmarkt-Depot Park
November 24-26, 2023
November 30-December 3, 2023
December 7-10, 2023
December 14-17, 2023
December 21-24, 2023

Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting
December 1, 2023