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Good Samaritan Health Clinic hosts health expo

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Good Samaritan Health Clinic on Friday, June 28, partnered with staff of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System to host a health expo, offering clinic patients information on nutrition, living with diabetes and simple home fitness routines.

Della Bramley shared examples of proper food portions and meal sizes while guests sampled simple but healthy snacks. Shanetria Orr walked guests through fun exercises that can be done at home, while Meaghanne Thompson shared information about diabetes. At the end of their visits, patients got to take home door prizes, resistance band sets for home exercise and bags of fresh produce grown by Master Gardener Brad Mitchell with the Grow More Give More program.

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Meaghanne Thompson shares information about living with diabetes.

CPD adds dual purpose motorcycles to fleet



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Cullman Police Department Sgt. Chuck Shikle and Motor Officer Don Slocumb

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Police Department recently added two dual purpose motorcycles to be used in and around parks to improve response times in emergency situations.

Sgt. Chuck Shikle and Motor Officer Don Slocumb shared that the ease of deployment with these motorbikes through rough terrain or challenging» PAGE 10



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Maddux found guilty of 2017 murder of stepfather



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported June 28

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 28, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

June 24

- trespassing; CR 1196
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69N
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 1059
- burglary; CR 541
- attempt to elude law enforcement officer; CR 76
- theft of property; Hwy. 278E
- domestic violence; CR 747
- theft of property; CR 1428

June 25

- trespassing; CR 1179
- criminal mischief; CR 386
- theft of property; CR 1711
- domestic violence; CR 623
- theft of property; CR 1408
- theft of property; Hwy. 69S
- harassing communications; CR 359
- criminal mischief; CR 1625
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1179
- violation of protection order; CR 616

June 26

- theft or property; CR 1059
- trespassing; CR 109
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 437
- domestic violence; interference with a domestic violence emergency call; CR 1108
- assault; Beech Ave. SE

ARRESTS

June 24-26

Bennett, Melanie D.; 53
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Calvert, Jamie B.; 50
- assault-domestic violence-3rd degree – harassing communications

Crumbley, Auston S.; 28
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of cocaine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Duckworth, David A.; 45
- FTA – driving while license suspended
- FTA – DUI (controlled substances)
- FTA – improper parking
- FTA – failure to signal

Gardiner, Autumn M.; 27
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Goodwin, Joseph M.; 45
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Hodge, Michael K.; 34
- FTA – criminal mischief-damaged property
- FTA – assault-domestic-harassment-family
- FTA – possession of methamphetamine
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – criminal trespass
- FTA – operating vehicle without insurance

Hughes, James E.; 25
- PROBATION VIOLATION – unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle

James, Carie R.; 44
- FTA – possession of Amphetamine
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – unauthorized use of a vehicle – Failing to return to owner at the agreed upon time

Lewis, Brittiany L.; 33
- possession of dangerous drugs

McGinnis, Barry C.; 61
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked, or cancelled (2 counts)

McKinnon, Roger L.; 60
- PROBATION VIOLATION – receiving stolen property
- PROBATION VIOLATION – attempting to elude a police officer
- PROBATION VIOLATION – unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
- attempting to elude a police officer

Nolasco, Henry R.; 22
- open container – alcohol in a vehicle

Parker, Rufus J.; 59
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Smith, Candy M.; 52
- gambling-cockfighting
- cruelty to animals

Stephens, David L.; 46
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous, less than $500

Stephens, Zachary L.; 28
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Swann, Branden M.; 26
- when dogs permitted in areas; liability of owners of dogs at large in areas (2 counts)
- cruelty to dog/cat (2 counts)

Swann Jr., Johnny G.; 42
- criminal trespass
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – possession of drug paraphernalia
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – possession of methamphetamine
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – public intoxication
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – assault-domestic violence-3rd degree – harassing communications (2 counts)

Swann, Nathaniel B.; 38
- permitting dogs to run at large (2 counts)
- aiding/obstructing rabies violation (2 counts)

Walker, Laklee S.; 30
- auto theft

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

June 21
- theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $625; Olive St. SW

June 26
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; 3rd Ave. SE
- retail theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $327; Hwy. 157
- theft of property-4th degree; Cullman Bowling Center; cash; Tally Ho St. SW
- harassing communications; person
- harassment; person

June 27
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card; Spirit Life Church of God; miscellaneous charges
- domestic violence; person; Main Ave. NE

ARRESTS

June 26-27

Brown, Connie D.; 68
- domestic violence-3rd degree

Brown, Randy B.; 70
- domestic violence-3rd degree

Taylor, Marlon F.; 39
- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Minor, Julie M.; 37
- FTA – public intoxication
- FTA – fail to signal

Owens, Chad M.; 39
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)
- FTA – driving without a license (2 counts)
- FTA – switched tag
- FTA – insurance violation

Harris, Jayme; 26
- public intoxication

Chaney, Christopher L.; 41
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Kilgo, Alia B.; 27
- DUI

Malone, Grady A.; 51
- FTA – driving while suspended

Perry, Justin W.; 32
- aggravated criminal surveillance

Bowers, Phyllis J.; 52
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)
- criminal trespass-2nd degree
- driving without a license

Jones, Johnathan C.; 40
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- retail theft of property-3rd degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Man (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Police Department on Thursday, June 27, announced the arrest of Justin Wade Perry, 32, of Cullman County, for allegedly illegally recording video in the women's restroom in the south Cullman Walmart.

According to a statement issued by the CPD:

"On 06/25/2024, the Cullman Police Department responded to a report of a suspicious male who had entered the women's restroom of Walmart South and had been caught by a customer recording individuals in the restroom.

"The male was confronted and fled the store before law enforcement's arrival. An investigation was launched, and Walmart provided investigators with video of the suspect and the vehicle in which he arrived.

"On 06/26/2024, Sgt. Higginbotham, Investigator Watkins, and Investigator Riddlesperger were able to identify the male as Justin Wade Perry, a registered sex offender, age 32 of West Point. A warrant was issued for Mr. Perry and this morning, 06/27/2024 he was taken into custody during a search warrant at his residence. Mr. Perry was charged with Aggravated Criminal Surveillance, a Class C Felony. This investigation is ongoing, and more charges are expected to follow."

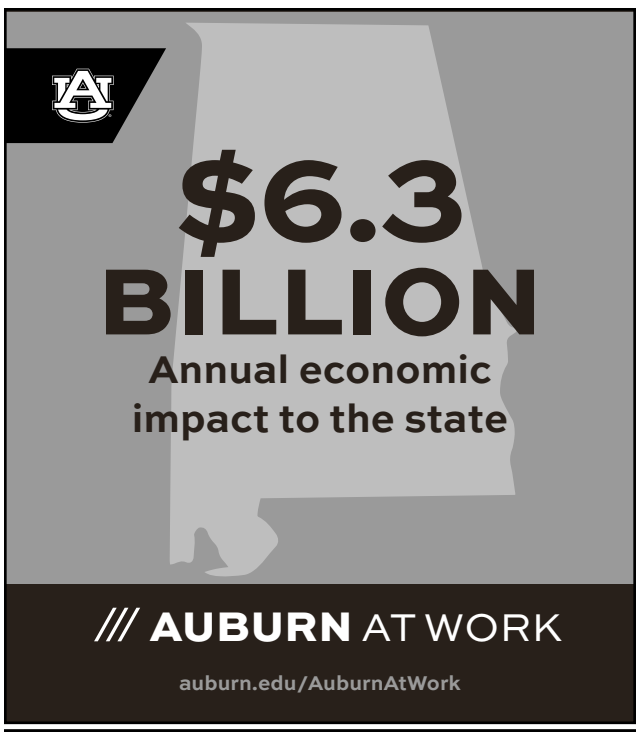
Perry was charged with misdemeanor forms of the same crime in 2019 and twice in 2020. The two later charges were dismissed when he pled guilty to the first.

Court records indicate that Perry was in the county jail Thursday, but he could be released on $10,000 bail.

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Baileyton Bargain Days
First 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, June 30 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call Cedric Davidson at 256-339-5755 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11.

Alcoholics Anonymous
Sundays, 3 p.m. at Cullman First Church of the Nazarene, 5415 Alabama Highway 157. CLOSED literature study. Handicap accessible.

TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings
Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., at Cullman Housing Authority Community Center (1545 Vine Circle SW, Cullman, AL 35055). The first meeting is free. TOPS, a national program, is a hands-on/pounds-off approach to weight loss and management through weekly meetings providing information, accountability, support and encouragement where you make the changes that make sense to you.

Cullman NAR-ANON Group Meetings
The NAR-ANON family group meetings are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. We offer Help by sharing our experiences, strength and hope. We carry the message of hope by letting others know that they are not alone by practicing the 12 Steps of NAR-ANON and changing our own attitudes. We Respect Your Anonymity. Our program is not a religious one, but a spiritual way of life. Meetings will be held at The Ruehl Building (Family Life Center of St. John's Church) Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. Contact Jamie Weathersby Smith 256-708-7122 or Don or Nancy McKenzie 256-736-3327 or 256-736-3470 for more information.

Cullman Al-Anon Meetings
The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of friends and family whose lives have been affected by alcoholism. The Cullman Serenity Al-Anon Group meets each Monday at noon at 1519 St. Joseph Dr. NE. There is also a Zoom meeting each Tuesday at noon. The Courage to Change Al-Anon Family Group meets on Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church at 305 Arnold St. NE in the Carriage House, located between the church and the Arnold House on the corner. For more information call 256-734-2231 or 256-531-4429.

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.

Faith, Family & Freedom Fireworks Extravaganza
Wednesday, July 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the Good Hope Family Park and Recreational Complex. Hosted by Branded by Christ Cowboy Church and the City of Good Hope, this event will begin with a horse flag presentation followed by a dazzling fireworks show after dark. Bring your kids, a blanket and snacks and enjoy the entertainment that commemorates our nation's independence!

Smith Lake Park 4th of July Fireworks Festival
Thursday, July 4, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.! Bring your kids and enjoy a fun-filled day of arts and crafts, delicious food, live music and an amazing fireworks show! You can also indulge in miniature golf, relax at the beach or take a dip in the swimming pool. Don't forget to catch the golf cart parade! www.facebook.com/SmithLakePark

Cullman Chapter of the National Association of Retired and Active Federal Employees Meeting
Monday, July 8, at 11 a.m. Dutch lunch at Golden Corral Buffet. Our guest speaker for meeting, beginning at noon, will be the director of Hospice of Cullman County, Tonya Foster.

Speegle Family Reunion
Sunday, July 14, at the Speegle Family Point (334 County Rd 321, Crane Hill, AL 35053) beginning around 10:30 a.m. Please join us and bring a covered dish for lunch at noon. Contact Judy Shannon (256-338-0676) or Terry Phillips (256-656-3327) if you need additional information. Come eat and enjoy the day with us at the beautiful Speegle Family Point.

Rock the South
July 18-20, at York Farms. Get tickets and more info at www.rockthesouth.com.

Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Banquet
Saturday, July 20, at Stone Bridge Farms. Tickets can be purchased at First Southern Financial, 1622 Second Ave. SW, Cullman, phone 256-737-5120 or call Jackie Satterfield at 256-636-4445. Tickets are $20 each and no tickets will be sold after July 17.

West Point Class of 1962 Reunion
The West Point High School class of 1962 will have their 62nd reunion on Saturday, July 27, at 11:30 a.m. at the Brandin Iron Restaurant in West Point. For more information call Linda at 256-747-6883.

Swamp John's Dinner at the Center Hill Community Center
Friday, Aug. 2, at the Center Hill Community Center, from 4-7 p.m. $15 per plate includes dessert and drink. For directions or more information please call 256-708-2218.

Save the Date: Little Pink Dress Benefit
Tuesday, Oct. 1, from 6-9 p.m. at The Venue at Cotton Creek. Handicapped parking at north entrance. Doors open at 5:30. A night of fun with dinner included, Active Adult Senior Kickers, Wallace State Jazz Band, live and silent auctions, door prizes and much more! Ticket are $60. Tickets available through Stefani Nelson at 256-708-3191 or snelson@alfains.com or Judy Grissom at Options at 256-347-5993 or options5993@gmail.com and www.CullmanBosomBuddies.com.

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EMILEEN P TOLBERT, * CASE NO.: PC2024-112
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Lisa Tolbert Lathan on or about 19th day of June, 2024, 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.

LISA TOLBERT LATHAN
Personal Representative/Executor

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TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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JUDY ANN DOSS, * **CASE NO.: PC2024-226**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to HAROLD VICTOR DOSS, JR., as Personal Representative of the Estate of JUDY ANN DOSS, deceased, on the 27th day of June, 2024, 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 be barred.

HAROLD VICTOR DOSS, JR.
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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: **CASE NO. PC 2024-156**
THE ESTATE OF SHARON KAY SIMS, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have been granted to ZACHARY STARNES as Personal Representative of the Estate of SHARON KAY SIMS, deceased, on the 20th day of June, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge of Cullman County, Alabama.

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.

s/ ZACHARY STARNES
Personal Representative
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THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
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The Link monthly community meal a success despite format change

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Link of Cullman County's monthly community meal on Thursday, June 27, saw a large turnout, despite ongoing construction. The usual communal dining experience was transformed into a drive-through format to accommodate the center's progress.

Volunteers from this month's sponsor organization, Daystar Church, provided, prepared and packaged the take-home meals. This allowed participants to drive up to the center's doors and have their meals brought directly to their vehicles.

"The drive-through meal was a fun way to serve our community. We are so thankful that Daystar Outreach was willing to serve in this way during our remodel," said Julie Hall, director of programs at The Link.

The change in format and threat of showers did little to keep the attendance numbers down, as the group of window runners served 80 hot dog meals to 22 vehicles and three individual walk-ups.

"Eighty meals plus 22 cars plus three walk-ups equals a really good time," beamed Hall. "We can't wait until our next sit-down meal on July 11. Be looking for more information about that event in the next week or so."

The next community meal is July 11, beginning at 6 p.m. at The Link, located at 708 Ninth St. SE in Cullman.



THE LINK OF CULLMAN COUNTY

Children from Daystar Church, which sponsored the June monthly community meal at The Link of Cullman County, hand out prepared meals on June 27, 2024.

Competition (from Front)

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HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — Nicholas Ruse, 19, a 2023 Cullman High School graduate studying electrical engineering at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, helped his team win out over all other U.S. entries to take second place honors in the world at the American Astronautical Society's 2024 CanSat Competition, a contest to see if engineers can design and launch an egg to over 2,000 feet and safely return it to Earth.

Team Shockwave, one of three teams from UAH, produced a vehicle that was entirely student designed and made, with a camera that always focused at the horizon, parachute, sensors for collecting atmospheric data and, most importantly, an egg that would not crack, to simulate a passenger inside the payload.

In all, 82 teams from the U.S., Argentina, Azerbaijan, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Poland, Scotland, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Turkey and more applied to participate at CanSat. Shockwave was one of 31 that made the cut to take part in pre-and post-flight activities in Staunton, Virginia, and launches in the farmland of Monterey, Virginia.

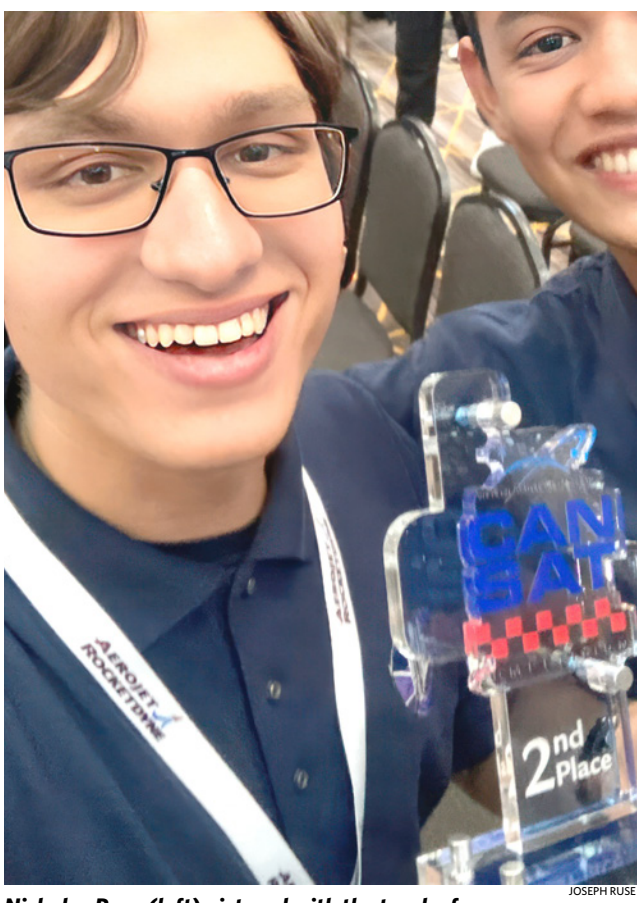
It takes far more than model rocketry to draw such a field.

The event, sponsored by such organizations as NASA, Lockheed-Martin and the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory, provides a platform for students to gain hands-on experience in aerospace engineering, fostering skills in teamwork, problem-solving and technical innovation.

For Ruse and his team, the victory is not just a testament to their hard work but also a stepping stone toward future endeavors in the aerospace industry.

As they celebrated their victory, they were already looking ahead to future projects, inspired by their success and possibilities that lie ahead in their academic and professional careers – including internships with Leidos, a Fortune 500 defense and engineering company with offices in Huntsville.

When asked about what contributed most to his success, Ruse said, "If you have a team that works together, that's always what pulls through in the end."



JOSEPH RUSE

Nicholas Ruse (left) pictured with the trophy for second place from the American Astronautical Society's 2024 CanSat Competition.

Learn more at www.cansatcompetition.com.

Joseph Ruse contributed to this article.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Since the opening day of the season, the Logan and Cleveland Community Garden has been a hive of activity, with community gardeners, volunteers and project managers working to make several improvements and additions. Their efforts have significantly enhanced the space's beauty and functionality. The garden, with its raised concrete planter beds, showcases their dedication and desire to test their green thumbs and see what the earth and elbow grease can produce.

In late April, the group met to do the annual spring clean of the area. Volunteers from Cullman County Master Gardeners and First United Methodist Church tackled the garden's problem zones, pruning shrubs, trees and bushes to perfection and pulling unsightly weeds from the beds to prepare them for the first planting of the year.

On Friday, June 28, the group met again, this time to install a watering system for the raised gardens.

On-Site Project Manager Sonya Nail encouraged attendance and participation, imploring all who attend to "bring whatever tools you have."

The installation of soaker hoses is a game-changer for the garden.

These hoses will ensure the beds are watered evenly and consistently, a crucial factor for growing produce in the Alabama heat.

The next project for the Logan and Cleveland Community Garden has not been revealed.

Still, garden bed holders and community members are welcome to contact Nail at 256-620-2675 with any questions or for more info.

The garden is located at Logan Street Southwest and Cleveland Avenue Southwest.



SONYA NAIL

At the Logan and Cleveland Community Garden, soaker hoses were installed in the raised planter beds to aid in the watering of the flourishing produce. Pictured are EJ and Draken Franks.

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‘I want our program to be the community’s program’: Bearcats host 4th annual Stu Stuedeman Basketball Camp

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman High School hosted the 4th annual Stu Stuedeman Basketball Camp was hosted at Bearcat Arena this week and 75 young players came out to participate. Campers aged from kindergarten to 6th grade spent the week learning from Bearcat varsity coaches and players, competing in drills for different awards each day.

Each camper received a Cullman basketball Jersey T shirt and two players that were selected as co-campers of the week, Paxton Plourd and Wood Miner, went home with a new pair of basketball shoes. Bearcats Head Coach Stu Stuedeman remembers how special it felt to participate in camps like these when he was growing up and he wants to give that same feeling to young players in the community.

“Camp is always a fun week for our program. Getting to see our players interact with the younger generation and future Bearcat athletes is something that brings me immense joy,” Stuedeman said. “I remember when I was a kid all I wanted to be was a Vestavia Basketball player because of camp. Michael Grammas (a former Vestavia Basketball player) was so cool to me, and I thought he was bigger than Michael Jordan at the time, so I wanted to be just like him because of that relationship I forged with him at camp.”

The camp also gives the current Bearcat players an opportunity to connect with some of their biggest fans throughout the week. Stuedeman believes creating those relationships is essential to continue the growth of the program.

“Thats something I’ve always wanted to bring to the Cullman community. I want the youth to see our players as heroes and role models and thankfully we have the best players around that make that happen. They’re servant leaders who know they’re a part of something that’s bigger than any one individual and the pride they take when working with the kids makes me proud to be their coach,” Stuedeman said. “Camp is incredibly important because I want our program to be the community’s program. I want kids to grow up dreaming about one day being a Bearcat Basketball player and camp helps inspire that dream and build that connection with the community.”



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75 campers participated in this year’s Stu Stuedeman Basketball Camp at Cullman High School.

Cullman Swim Team competes at Madison

Sara Hughes
Cullman Swim Team

MADISON, Ala. — The Cullman Swim Team traveled to Madison last Thursday to compete against the defending state champs. Cullman posted several first-place finishes and some personal best times! We are so proud of our swimmers!

Girls 6 & Under
- 25 Free - 1. Emri Lackey (21.99); 2. Audrey Smith (24.60)
- 25 Back - 1. Emri Lackey (24.48); 3. Audrey Smith (32.72)
- 100 Free Relay - 1. Audrey Smith, Malia Swidecki, Savannah Aaron, Emri Lackey (1:46.79)

Boys 6 & Under
- 25 Free - 3. Jack Berryhill (37.08)
- 25 Back - 3. Jack Berryhill (56.26)

Girls 8 & Under
- 25 Free - 3. Amelia Powell (24.01)
- 25 Breast - 3. Hannah Thigpen (29.36)
- 25 Back - 3. Hannah Thigpen (24.51)
- 100 Medley Relay - 3. Emri Lackey, Hannah Thigpen, Audrey Smith, Amelia Powell (1:43.80)

Boys 8 & Under
- 100 IM - 2. Keith Swidecki (2:00.85)
- 25 Free - 1. Ezra Basch (17.60); 3. CJ Curry (19.53)
- 25 Breast - 2. Keith Swidecki (27.85); 3. CJ Curry (30.06)
- 25 Back - 3. Keith Swidecki (24.94)
- 25 Fly - 2. Ezra Basch (22.11); 3. CJ Curry (24.49)
- 50 Free - 3. Caleb Halstead (48.32)
- 100 Free Relay - 2. Keith Swidecki, CJ Curry, Caleb Halstead, Ezra Basch (1:17.16); 3. James Halstead, Collin Hodges, Gabe Lance, Lincoln LaRue (1:42.58)

Girls 9-10
- 100 IM - 1. Lauren Hughes (1:19.27)
- 50 Free - 1. Faith Peek (33.53)
- 50 Breast - 1. Lauren Hughes (40.51)
- 50 Back - 1. Lauren Hughes (37.67); 3. Clara Peek (44.16)
- 50 Fly - 1. Paisley Caldwell (39.86); 3. Faith Peek (42.00)
- 100 Free - 2. Faith Peek (1:16.32)
- 200 Medley Relay - 2. Clara Peek, Lauren Hughes, Paisley Caldwell, Faith Peek (2:33.33)
- 200 Free Relay - 2. Faith Peek, Paisley Caldwell, Gemma Swidecki, Lauren Hughes (2:23.82)

Boys 9-10
- 100 IM - 1. Abram Lackey (1:19.18); 3. Jaxon Curry (1:21.39)
- 50 Breast - 2. Jaxon Curry (45.22); 3. Guy Caffey V (46.92)
- 50 Back - 1. Abram Lackey (38.50)
- 50 Fly - 1. Abram Lackey (37.89)
- 100 Free - 1. Guy Caffey V (1:18.46)
- 200 Medley Relay - 2. Rhodes Bentley, Guy Caffey V, Abram Lackey, Jaxon Curry (2:40.99)
- 200 Free Relay - 1. Abram Lackey, Guy Caffey V, Rhodes Bentley, Jaxon Curry (2:24.84); 3. Asa Powell, Jaden Gray, Stephen Hagewood, Luke Forester (3:32.19)

Girls 11-12
- 50 Free - 1. Preslie Basch (32.67); 2. Catherine Hughes (33.53)
- 50 Breast - 1. Sophia Saho (40.07); 2. Catherine Hughes (40.35); 3. Reese Swidecki (44.14)
- 50 Back - 1. Georgia Dowdy (33.20); 3. Sophia Aaron (38.38)
- 50 Fly - 1. Georgia Dowdy (31.14)
- 100 Free - 1. Georgia Dowdy (1:02.99)
- 200 Medley Relay - 2. Georgia Dowdy, Catherine Hughes, Sophia Saho, Sophia Aaron (2:23.64); 3. Reese Swidecki, Aurellia Powell, Preslie Basch, Ellie Forester (2:40.54)
- 200 Free Relay - 1. Sophia Aaron, Sophia Saho, Catherine Hughes, Georgia Dowdy (2:07.99)

Boys 11-12
- 100 IM - 1. Briar Lackey (1:11.88); 2. Griffin Berryhill (1:13.45)
- 50 Free - 1. Tate Tysinger (28.47); 3. Karson Corliss (32.37)
- 50 Breast - 1. Tate Tysinger (36.49)
- 50 Back - 1. Briar Lackey (34.26); 3. Karson Corliss (37.65)
- 50 Fly - 1. Griffin Berryhill (31.96); 2. Tate Tysinger (33.37)
- 100 Free - 1. Briar Lackey (1:02.37); 2. Griffin Berryhill (1:08.12)
- 200 Medley Relay - 1. Griffin Berryhill, Tate Tysinger, Karson Corliss, Briar Lackey (2:15.40)
- 200 Free Relay - 1. Tate Tysinger, Griffin Berryhill, Karson Corliss, Briar Lackey (2:01.17)

Girls 13-14
- 100 IM - 2. Edie Hudson (1:11.15)
- 50 Free - 3. Edie Hudson (28.80)
- 50 Breast - 1. Edie Hudson (34.35)
- 50 Back - 1. Madeline Dowdy (30.29)
- 50 Fly - 1. Madeline Dowdy (28.90)
- 100 Free - 1. Madeline Dowdy (56.74)

Boys 13-14
- 100 IM - 3. Gunner Stracener (1:09.44)
- 50 Free - 3. Carter Barnett (30.75)
- 50 Breast - 3. Anakin Powell (37.49)
- 50 Back - 1. Gunner Stracener (31.67)
- 100 Free - 2. Anakin Powell (1:01.58)
- 200 Medley Relay - 3. Griffin Cole, Abram Powell, Anakin Powell, Carter Barnett (2:24.38)
- 200 Free Relay - 3. Carter Barnett, Griffin Cole, Tytus Stracener, Anakin Powell (2:14.43)

Girls 15-18
- 100 IM - 3. Ella Cupp (1:11.83)
- 50 Free - 2. Morgan Fuller (26.62)
- 50 Breast - 3. Sofi Velez (37.54)
- 50 Back - 3. Morgan Fuller (30.39)
- 50 Fly - 2. Morgan Fuller (29.05)
- 100 Free - Ella Cupp (1:00.69)
- 200 Medley Relay - 1. Morgan Fuller, Edie Hudson, Madeline Dowdy, Sofi Velez (2:01.92)
- 200 Free Relay - 1. Madeline Dowdy, Sofi Velez, Ella Cupp, Morgan Fuller (1:49.92)

Boys 15-18
- 100 IM - 1. Camp Smith (1:02.63)
- 50 Free - 2. Hilson Cole (25.28)
- 50 Breast - 3. Chase Duncan (32.99)
- 50 Back - 1. Chase Duncan (26.48)
- 50 Fly - 3. Camp Smith (27.23)
- 100 Free - 1. Chase Duncan (51.52); 3. Hilson Cole (58.13)
- 200 Medley Relay - 2. Chase Duncan, Camp Smith, Hilson Cole, Gunner Stracener (1:58.55)
- 200 Free Relay - 2. Hilson Cole, Gunner Stracener, Camp Smith, Chase Duncan (1:41.13)



CULLMAN SWIM TEAM

The Cullman Swim Team posted several first-place finishes in their competition at Madison last Thursday.

Cullman City Schools ramping up Archery program

Cullman City Schools
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman City Schools has one of the most successful archery programs in the nation, and officials are working to make sure that doesn’t change.

Longtime Cullman City Schools archery coach Branch Whitlock stepped down from the position this summer, after leading Cullman’s archery team for several years and leading students to consistent success at the state and national level, growing Cullman into one of the top archery programs in the country.

Whitlock spent the past two years as coordinator for all the archery programs in the city school system, in addition to coaching archery at East Elementary.

“We appreciate Branch Whitlock and what he has done for archers at East Elementary and our school system, and respect his decision to step down from his archery commitments,” Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff said.

“We are committed to archery and fully intend to keep our program thriving and competitive at the county, state and national level.”

Building on the program’s success in recent years, school officials have worked to make archery a higher priority.

This year the Cullman City Schools board has increased its investment in support of the archery program, spending more than $15,000 across four roles (including a coordinator and three additional coaches) to grow and sustain the program.

That investment is up from just $1,000 and one employee just three years ago.

A start-up archery program has also been implemented at West Elementary, joining the already successful, long-running archery team at East Elementary.

Seek AL website showcases Alabama's abundant outdoor recreational opportunities

Davud Rainer
Ala. Dept. of Conservation and Nat. Resources



SHANNON RENEE MCDUFFIE

Those who explore Alabama's outdoors can discover incredible vistas like this at Bald Rock in Cheaha State Park.

Alabama is blessed with an abundance of natural resources and opportunities to enjoy the outdoor lifestyle. However, if you have little to no experience in the outdoors or you are moving to Alabama as an entrepreneur or member of the workforce, you are probably not familiar with the vast number of outdoor recreational opportunities available in the state.

A new website called www.seekalabama.com (Seek AL) is designed to be an endless resource where those aforementioned folks can find out what Alabama's outdoors has to offer, including an interactive map to explore locations for specific activities.

Alabama Governor Kay Ivey established the Alabama Innovation Commission in 2020 to secure Alabama's economic future through the recruitment of businesses, companies and entrepreneurs to our great state. When the Commission issued its final report in 2021, Innovate Alabama assumed the task of fulfilling the recommendations in the report, which included cultivating entrepreneurship, creating jobs, building a talented and diverse workforce and supporting economic development opportunities.

As part of that report, a study by Stanford University's Hoover Institution concluded that Alabama's great outdoors was an underutilized asset that could accomplish the goals of attracting and retaining talent in the workforce as well as convincing new businesses and companies that Alabama would be a great place to build or relocate facilities.

Innovate Alabama then formed the Council on Outdoor Recreation to guide implementation of ways to take advantage of Alabama's diverse natural world to help realize Governor Ivey's goals. Alabama Department of Conservation and National Resources (ADCNR) Commissioner Chris Blankenship chairs the Council.

"Alabama has an abundance of beautiful landscapes and waterways, all featuring numerous outdoor recreation opportunities," said Commissioner Blankenship. "As the Outdoor Recreation Council brainstormed on the most effective way to get the word out about all we have to offer here, it became obvious that an inventory of all our outdoor recreational assets and a comprehensive website pulling all these offerings into one resource was badly needed. Marketing and public relations agency Big Com out of Birmingham recently completed that website and is launching a campaign to help promote Alabama's rich and diverse outdoors experiences."

Big Com's website creation, www.seekalabama.com, went live earlier this month. It gives people who are curious about what Alabama has to offer in outdoor recreation a convenient location to learn about the many features that make Alabama such a special place.

"The (Hoover) study identified several areas where Alabama really has this marketable advantage, and one of the strongest pillars of that was our outdoor recreation landscape," said Big Com's Janey Diuguid.

"We have this unique landscape here. Outside of the usual biodiversity, we have these amazing, sort of other-worldly spaces that people can go and enjoy. And we just have this culture of people who are really passionate about the outdoors. All of that sets the stage to bring in the talent of tomorrow, who really value being able to access spaces where they can kind of catch their breath and be inspired.

"This is where those two points intersect – something Alabama does better than anybody else and what this innovation talent is looking for in their quality of life.

"The Seek AL campaign seeks to meet them there and talk about the outdoor recreation, not only the places they can go to get outside but also the cultural element and the community around that that evidences a place where these entrepreneurs and innovation talent can see themselves thriving."

T.C. McLemore, Innovate Alabama's executive director of the Outdoor Recreation Programs, said providing easy access to information about the abundant natural resources and outdoor recreational activities available in Alabama was high on the priority list for Innovate Alabama.

"Our founding Commission report points out that outdoor recreation and Alabama's natural assets were a big differentiator in the regional and national competition for talent," McLemore said.

"That could mean entrepreneurs. It could mean tech workers or folks who work on innovation. When identifying a place to live, they consider whether they will have access to capital, will they have the talent to scale and can they have the lifestyle they seek out, which is often an outdoor-oriented lifestyle."

McLemore said the seekalabama.com website was established to showcase Alabama's natural assets that many people are unaware of.

"The website addresses that common phrase 'I didn't know that was in Alabama,'" he said. "Now, folks are going to know what is in Alabama, both Alabamians and those who are considering a move to Alabama."

This first rollout of the website is focused on many of the non-consumptive outdoor activities available in the state.

"We were looking for the activities that our core audiences are looking for in the state, like hiking, mountain biking, climbing, trail running and backpacking," McLemore said.

"I think it's an opportunity to diversify how folks view the outdoors in Alabama. We obviously know how good we have it when it comes to fishing or hunting. But we don't really acknowledge that we have thousands of miles of trails or numerous waterways for paddling."

McLemore said the initial website content is focused on areas that don't get the publicity of Alabama's well-known fishing and hunting opportunities, but the traditional outdoor activities are not being neglected.

"Our goal is to have a good blend of both," he said. "While we will still have content on hunting and fishing, we will also focus on that core audience and the outdoor activities they might not be aware of.

"For example, we have fly fishing, which is sort of unique and strikes both sides of that. Our audience does seek that activity out, but it is a little different from the traditional bass fishing that Alabama is so well known for.

"This is very personal for me. I didn't know until I got to college that I could be in the woods without a treestand. It's actually a lot easier to go hiking than climb a treestand. So, this is about changing the perception that Alabama has a lot more to offer than anybody thinks when they talk about the outdoors."

McLemore said the geographic diversity in Alabama from the Appalachian Mountains on one end of the state to the Gulf of Mexico at the other is another huge selling point. He said a recent family excursion is an example of that diversity.

"My family and I were camping at DeSoto State Park," he said. "I'm from Fort Payne, and my wife is from Foley. We got finished with our camping trip, and she felt like going to the beach, so she and my daughter drove to the beach. In what state can you go from camping in the mountains to going to the beach in one day?

"We're just taking advantage of the assets that differentiate Alabama. A lot of states are trying to attract talent, innovators and entrepreneurs. When the Hoover Institution was doing their study, they saw how abundant our natural assets are and how, if we elevated and promoted those, that it would be a compelling aspect in attracting people to Alabama. And it's not just attraction but also retention. We're also focusing on retaining talent and companies that are started and remain in Alabama. We want our entrepreneurs and our students to fall in love with the outdoors in Alabama and stay here."



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Local students named to Mississippi State University's spring 2024 President's, Dean's Lists

MISSISSIPPI STATE, Miss. — Students on the President's List at Mississippi State achieved a 3.80 or better grade-point average, based on a 4.0 scale, while completing at least 12 semester hours of coursework with no incomplete grades or grades lower than a C.

MSU's spring 2024 President's List includes 4,137 students who attained this honor, and the following local students are included:

• Anna Frances Taffar, of Arab

• Shea Eaton, of Cullman

• Lindsey Lowery, of Hanceville

• Mackenzie Gibbs, of Arab

• John Quillin, of Arab

• Isabella Warden, of Hanceville

• Sarah Dockery, of Vinemont

Students named to the Deans' List at Mississippi State must have achieved a grade-point average between 3.5 and 3.79, based on a 4.0 scale, while completing at least 12 semester hours of coursework with no incomplete grades or grades lower than a C.

MSU's spring 2024 Deans' List includes 2,364 students who attained this honor, and the following local students are included:

• Isabel Newby, of Bremen

• James Akin, of Hanceville

• Jackson Lowery, of Cullman

Some names of students may not appear on this list as a result of student requests for privacy from publication through the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

Local students graduate from Mississippi State University

MISSISSIPPI STATE, Miss. — Nearly 3,500 students are on the spring 2024 Graduation List at Mississippi State University.

The following local students are included in this honor:

• Anna Frances Taffar, of Arab, received a Bachelor of Science Magna Cum Laude from MSU's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

• James Akin, of Hanceville, received a Bachelor of Science Magna Cum Laude from MSU's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

• Lindsey Lowery, of Hanceville, received a Bachelor of Business Adm Summa Cum Laude from MSU's College of Business.

Lily Whitesell of Vinemont named to Rhodes College's spring 2024 Honor Roll

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Lily Whitesell of Vinemont, was named to Rhodes College's Spring 2024 Honor Roll.

To qualify for the Honor Roll, a student must be enrolled in at least 16 credits of academic work and achieve a semester grade point average of 3.85 or better. Those students who choose to take a course under the Pass/Fail option must have a minimum of 12 additional graded credits of work to be considered for this honor. Students who are enrolled in the Honors Program or independent Research and receive a grade of IP for that work will have their qualifying grade point average determined on all other graded work.

Local students named to Presidents, Dean's Lists at UWA

LIVINGSTON, Ala. — The University of West Alabama has announced nearly 400 outstanding undergraduate students named to the President's List for the spring 2024 academic semester.

Spring 2024 academic honors recipients represent 62 out of 67 Alabama counties and 83 counties from 19 other states.

The President's List gives recognition to undergraduate students with exceptionally high grades for the semester, those with grade-point averages of 3.80 or higher, completing at least 12 semester credit hours, with no grade lower than a "C."

Local students include:

• Elijah Guyton of Cullman, majoring in Business Management, Class of 2026

• Jordan Miller of Baileyton, majoring in Teacher Leader, Class of 2026

• Sarah Palmisano of Arab, majoring in Elementary Education, Class of 2025

The University of West Alabama has announced nearly 500 outstanding undergraduate students named to the Dean's List for the spring 2024 academic semester.

The Dean's List gives recognition to those undergraduate students those with grade-point averages between 3.25 and 3.79, completing at least 12 semester credit hours, with no grade lower than a "C."

Local students include:

• Joseph Arriaga Aguilar of Cullman, majoring in Mathematics, Class of 2027

• Jessica Simmons of Joppa, majoring in Special Education (K-6), Class of 2028

Raven Haynes named to Kennesaw State's spring 2024 Dean's List

KENNESAW, Ga. — Raven Haynes of Cullman has been named to Kennesaw State University's spring 2024 Dean's List in recognition of academic achievement.

Majoring in Digital Animation, Haynes is among more than 7,600 students named to the Spring 2024 Dean's List. To qualify, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher and complete a minimum of nine credit hours.

Freed-Hardeman University announces spring 2024 President's, Dean's Lists

HENDERSON, Tenn. — Freed-Hardeman University has released the names of students who made the President's and Dean's Lists for the spring 2024 semester. To be on the President's List, a student must be full-time and have a 4.0 grade point average. Students on the Dean's List have earned a minimum 3.4 grade point average for the semester.

Local students who were recognized:

• Gavin Boler, of Joppa, has been named to the President's List. Boler is earning a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science Information Systems.

• Ethan Thomas, of Arab, has been named to the Dean's List. Thomas is earning a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing.

Hornworm: A ferocious garden foe

Katie Nichols
Alabama Cooperative Extension System

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. — Caterpillars come in many shapes, sizes and species. They may also appear harmless to the unfamiliar eye. However, one particular species is a wolf in sheep's clothing for gardeners and farmers: the hornworm.

Hornworm species

Although named as a worm, the hornworm is actually a huge caterpillar. Manduca quinquemaculata, commonly known as the tomato hornworm, is a familiar pest in the Southeast. Another species is the tobacco hornworm, Manduca sexta, which closely resembles the tomato hornworm. The tomato hornworm has green margins on its white stripes, and its horn is blue or green in color. The tobacco hornworm has black margins on its white stripes with a red horn.

Hornworms emerge from eggs on the underside of plant leaves. At this stage, they are yellow or white and contain no markings on their body. Alabama Cooperative Extension System Entomologist Xing Ping Hu said the larvae eat leaves, molt four times and get bigger after each molting.

"Hornworms can grow up to 4 inches in length," Hu said.

As they mature, their bodies molt and simultaneously turn green, giving them their V-shaped markings and iconic horn-like tail. Hornworms will overwinter and emerge as adult moths in the spring. Adult moths are giant and robust bodied, with a wingspread of 4 to 5 inches. They are grayish brown with yellow spots on the sides of their body.

Damage

The hornworm typically feeds on tomatoes. However, this caterpillar is known for feeding on many other crops in the Solanaceae family aside from tomatoes.

"Their favorite plant is the tomato, but they have also been found on pepper, eggplant and potato plants," Hu said. "Additionally, many weeds can serve as alternate hosts, including horsenettle, jimsonweed and nightshade."

Their natural green color serves as the perfect camouflage in row crops and gardens. This worm is a voracious eater and can defoliate an entire plant in a matter of days.

"Young and mature caterpillars blend in with leaves very well and might not be noticed until most of the damage is done," Hu said. "However, as they feed, they create dark green or black droppings that are clearly visible."

Hornworm control

There are multiple ways that gardeners and farmers can prevent damage from hornworms. It is important for gardeners to use the method that is most beneficial to their garden setting.

Environmental adjustment

Removing weeds can reduce the opportunity for hornworm egg sites. Regular garden and crop surveys are encouraged to ensure the insect does not have the necessary hosts to reproduce. Tilling the soil at the beginning and end of each gardening season will also help destroy overwintering larvae and pupae.

Physical removal

Picking hornworms by hand is usually the only necessary management in most cases. Caterpillars are harmless to people and pets. Hu said gardeners can drop them into soapy water or feed them to chickens if they have a backyard flock.

Natural enemies



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Hornworm

Some natural predators of hornworms include lady beetles, green lacewings and paper wasps. The most prominent foe of the worm is the braconid wasp. This species of wasp will lay eggs on the hornworm and parasitize their body. The wasp eggs hatch into larvae that then feed on the caterpillar's body, later creating protruding rice-like cocoons. It appears as if the caterpillar is carrying grains of rice on its back.

Hu said if you see this occurring, it is wise to leave the hornworms in the garden to allow the adult wasps to emerge. At this stage, the parasitized caterpillars lose the ability to eat and will die. Later, the wasp will look for other hornworms to parasitize.

Chemical application

Pesticides are generally not necessary. However, if other options are not effective or practical, you may consider applying a product to kill smaller worms before severe defoliation. The insecticide of choice is Spinosad, a natural product that is approved by the Environmental Protection Agency, or an insecticidal soap, rather than using a residual insecticide in home gardens.

More information

Education of pests is crucial to the success of any garden or crop. To ensure that you are ready to combat garden invaders, gather more information from the Alabama Extension website at www.aces.edu.





Applications open July 1 for Wallace State Nursing

Special to The Cullman Tribune



WALLACE STATE

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Wallace State Community College Department of Nursing Education is accepting applications for admission to the program in the Spring 2025 semester. Applications will be accepted July 1 through Oct. 1 for three different pathway options: Traditional ADN and PN Nursing and joint enrollment options with both the University of Alabama at Birmingham and Athens State University.

The traditional option offers students the opportunity to earn a certificate in Practical Nursing after completing the first three semesters of the program and sit for the NCLEX-PN licensure exam, allowing them to work in the field as a practical nurse. Students completing the final two semesters of the associate degree option can sit for the NCLEX-RN licensure exam to become a registered nurse.

The UAB/WSCC and the Wallace State/Athens State joint enrollment option allows students to simultaneously complete both an associate degree and bachelor's degree in nursing. Four semesters of prerequisite courses are required before applying to both WSCC and either UAB or Athens State nursing programs and begin five semesters of nursing courses at both Wallace State and their chosen university partner. Completion of either of these programs allows the student to sit for the NCLEX-RN licensure exam.

As an added incentive, Wallace State Nursing offers paid apprenticeship opportunities to selected nursing students starting in their second semester, with a number of healthcare facilities in north and central Alabama participating.

Minimum application requirements are:

• Traditional ADN/PN for Nursing require a minimum ACT of 18 to apply, a minimum GPA of 2.0 at native institution or 2.0 cumulative at institution from which the student is transferring and 2.5 GPA for nursing required academic courses. A minimum GPA of 2.5 high school cumulative from high school is required for students without prior college courses (GED will be used if applicable).

• The UAB/WSCC Nursing Joint Enrollment and Joint Enrollment Mobility require a minimum ACT of 20, a minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA on all college work as well as a 2.5 GPA on nursing required academic core courses. All academic courses must be completed before the application deadline. Joint Enrollment and Joint Enrollment Mobility students must be admitted to both UAB and WSCC.

• The WSCC/ATSU Nursing Joint Enrollment requires a minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA for all college course work as well as a minimum GPA of 2.5 for nursing required academic coursework, completion of all required academic courses, and a minimum 20 ACT Composite score or supernumerary score (National or Residual).

For more information about the Wallace State Nursing program, visit www.wallacestate.edu/nursing, call 256-352-8199 or email nursingapplicant@wallacestate.edu.

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





Guthery (from Front)

W.C. Mann, Lauren Estes
The Cullman Tribune

CULLMAN, Ala. — The reckless homicide trial of Tyler Jacob Guthery, 28, of Cullman County, ended early Wednesday evening with not guilty verdicts from the jury for the most serious counts for a 2021 crash that killed one person and injured another.

Guthery faced charges of reckless manslaughter, criminally negligent homicide, second-degree assault, driving under the influence of a controlled substance and failure to yield right of way in a Feb. 20, 2021, vehicle crash that killed Rebecca Young Erby and injured David Helton.

Jurors found Guthery guilty only of failure to yield.

Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker told The Tribune, "My office prosecuted this case based on the tragic events of February 20, 2021, which resulted in the death of Rebecca Young Erby. While I may not agree with the jury's verdict, I must respect it. We will continue to work through the backlog of cases we inherited upon taking office last year. Most importantly, Ms. Erby's family will remain in our prayers."

Expo (from Front)

clinic plans to host to promote wellness and prevention among our patients and community," said Good Samaritan Executive Director Jolanda Hutson.

Big plans in the works

As the clinic approaches its 20th anniversary of service to Cullman County, plans are underway to celebrate the achievement.

Hutson said, "The community is invited to help us celebrate our 20th anniversary by attending one of our Open House events scheduled for August. Participants will learn more about the services we provide, our impact in the community and our vision for the future." That vision includes a new, expanded facility to be built on Veterans Drive in 2025. According to Hutson, the new location "will have a larger waiting room to accommodate after-hours patient education classes and events."

To learn more about the new facility and capital campaign, including how you can help, visit the clinic's website at www.goodsamaritancullman.com.

Motorcycles (from Front)

places will give the CPD better travel capabilities.

"Both of the bikes are Kawasaki KLX 250s and they will bridge the gap between cars and bikes for law enforcement," Shikle said.

"With these bikes you can split lanes very quickly. They are efficient and they will get there faster than someone else when the spaces are tight."

Shikle said Police Chief David Nassetta was instrumental in acquiring the bikes for the department.

"Chief Nassetta is the reason we are able to have these bikes up and going," Shikle said.

"He is always making plans for the future – evolving with equipment, and he knew that having access to tight spaces, wooded areas, parks and other areas that would be limited in travel with cars.

"The bikes are street legal and are lined with police lights and an emergency first aid kit. They will be great rapid response vehicles."

The CPD currently has four motor officers. Since added the new bikes, it said, 23 more have signed up to become certified.

"We have already seen what a conversation starter these bikes are with the community," Shikle said.

"Kids will come up and want to see the bikes and it gives them some leeway to be friendly with officers instead of scared of officers and that's what we want.

"Our mission with these bikes will be to add to the parks and communities and keep the families venturing to and through these parks safe.

"This will be a great addition to the Cullman Police Department and we are so thankful that Chief Nassetta was able to secure and finish this process."

Maddux (from Front)

Lauren Estes
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CULLMAN, Ala. — A Cullman County jury on Friday, June 28, found William Thomas Maddux, 33, of Cullman County, guilty of murder in the Nov. 12, 2017, shooting death of his stepfather, Perry Shoemake.

Following a four-day trial, Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker said he would like to thank the jury for their service and the Cullman Police Department, which he said did a great job on the case, from the first officer on scene to the investigators.

"Our law enforcement was under constant attack in this trial, but their professionalism prevailed," Crocker said. "It was an honor to work with Mr. Shoemake's family to achieve justice. I didn't know Perry Shoemake, but I will never forget him."

Shoemake, 56, of Cullman, was pronounced dead at the scene of 2017's deadly incident, which occurred at 1829 Cottonwood Dr. SE in the Carrol Acres subdivision in Cullman. A day later, Police Chief (then Lead Investigator) David Nassetta told The Tribune, "What we believe is that the suspect, who is also the stepson of the man who is deceased, attempted to come into the house. He was not let in. The suspect ended up coming back and breaking in the back door of the house. He came in and there was an exchange of gunfire. The suspect then attempted to commit suicide. He suffered a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head."

Walker County Circuit Court Judge Greg Williams presided over the trial. Sentencing is scheduled for Thursday, July 25, at 1:30 p.m.

Maddux will be held in the Cullman County Detention Center until then.

"We will continue working to clear the backlog by trying these cases," Crocker said. "This was the fifth murder verdict we have obtained since taking office last year. We are doing what we promised to do, and it's an honor to seek justice for the people of Cullman County."

Obituary Announcements: June 27-28

Imogene Shannon Garrard, 95

Funeral service for Imogene Shannon Garrard, age 95, of Cullman, is Monday, July 1, 2024, at noon at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, with Bro. Richard Roberts officiating. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. - noon at the chapel and interment will be at Valley Springs Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Imogene was born on March 16, 1929, and passed from this life on June 26, 2024, surrounded by family. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Tom Garrard; and her brothers and sisters. She is survived by her son, Robert Duke (Joyce); daughter, Doris Green; sisters, Hazel Self, and Peggy Sue Shackles; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. Imogene will be very missed by all who loved and knew her. Please visit www.cullmanfuneralhome.com to sign the online guestbook.

Katherine Williams Teague, 72

Funeral Service for Katherine Williams Teague, age 72 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 30, 2024, at Holy Ground Baptist Church. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Teague was freed from pain on Friday, June 28, 2024, surrounded by family and friends at her residence. She was born Friday, July 13, 1951, to Aaron Thornton and Velvie Elizabeth Thornton. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother Ricky Thornton; husband Leonard Williams. Survivors include her son, Michael Williams; daughter, Katherine "Gidgett" Conn; grandchildren, Justin Littleton, Zachary (Whitney) Williams, Brandon Williams, Jesse Conn; Courtney Kramer - Williams, Olivia (Tyler) Wyatt, Emma (Jake) Cameron; great grandchildren, Taven, Haven and Rayna Conn; brother, Robert Thornton; sister-in-law, Tracie Cassels Thornton; nephews, Matthew (Ashley) Thornton, Daniel (Kendall) Thornton and Jacob Thornton.

Florence Margaret Szostak, 100

Szostak, Florence Margaret age 100 of Bremen, Alabama, formerly of North Easton, Massachusetts, died Wednesday, June 26, 2024. She was preceded in death by her parents: Huey and Margaret Lavelle McKiernan; husband, Fred Szostak; grandson, Michael Twomsley; and great granddaughter: Rhett Elizabeth Scott. Mrs. Szostak is survived by daughter, Peggy Harbison (James); sons: Colin Twomsley (Linda) and Fred Szostak (Peggy); grandchildren: Lisa Pulliam (Mark), Jimmy Harbison (Kim), Kelly Scott (Roy), and Matthew Twomsley (Jaclyn); seven great grandchildren and a host of other family members and friends. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, July 3, 2024, at 10 a.m. at Farley Funeral Home in Stoughton, Massachusetts. The celebration of Mrs. Szostak's life will be Wednesday, July 3, 2024 at 11 a.m. at Farley Funeral Home with burial to follow in Calvary Cemetery in Brockton, Massachusetts. Please visit mossservicefh.com to leave condolences for the family. Moss Service Funeral Home Directing

Randy Peak, 66

Funeral Service for Randy Lee Peak, age 66 of Cullman, will have a graveside service at South Cemetery in Blountsville, Alabama on Sunday, June 30, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. Visitation will be from 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, June 30, 2024, at Moss Funeral Home Parlor G&H. Mr. Peak passed away peacefully on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. He was born Monday, Nov. 18, 1957, to Dureal and Shirley Peak. He married his wife, Donna, on Nov. 13, 1987. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife: Donna Peak, sisters: Cynthia Peak and Denise Higgins, and brother in law: Terry Edge. Randy is survived by his sons: Christopher (Brittany) Peak and Charlie (Ashley) Yates; daughter: Lisa (Stoney) Jones; sisters: Donna (Neal) McKoy, Sherry (Philip) Blackwood, Shirlene (Curtis) Lindsey, Darlene Edge; grandchildren: Abbi Grace, John David, Olivia, Michael, Carmen, Ryker, Noble, Brooks, Bryce, Katie, Courtney, and Drake, and a host of loving great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Randy loved football, baseball, and the Crimson Tide. He was a sports official for over thirty years in Cullman County and surrounding areas. He loved spending time with his family, collecting baseball cards with his grandson, and telling stories.

Donald L. Cone, 89

Donald L. Cone, age 89 of Nashville, Tennessee, died Thursday, June 27, 2024. He was preceded in death by his parents: Verdie and Bedith Edwards Cone. Donald is survived by his wife of 65 years, Betty Joe Brown Cone; daughters: Cherie Cone and Jacinda Cone and several other family members and friends. The graveside celebration of Mr. Cone's life will be Monday, July 1, 2024, at 1 p.m. at Jones Chapel Cemetery in Cullman County Alabama. Please visit mossservicefh.com to leave condolences for the family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

The third weekend in June

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



I love my wife, and we love to travel. I love to play guitar and other stringed instruments, and I love to build things. A couple of weekends ago, I was blessed to enjoy all of these.

Occasionally, Jean and I have the privilege to travel to places far away, but we have realized that there are great places not so far from home too. Since Jean and I are both retired now, (yeah, right), we have been taking little three-day mini vacations. This year our wedding anniversary and Father's Day fell on the same weekend. To celebrate both, we took a little trip to the big city of Lakemont, Georgia. What? You've never heard of it? Well, it is a great little place and the perfect spot for a mini vacation. Lakemont is an unincorporated community of almost 3000 residents in the North Georgia mountains. They even have their own post office, along with about a half-dozen shops, three very good places to eat, a little park with a bench swing overlooking the river, and Lake Rabun Hotel. Oh, and Lake Rabun. Tallulah Gorge is only a few miles to the south. Foxfire Museum is a few miles to the north.

Last Fall, on our way to eastern Tennessee, we stopped over for a night in Georgia. We toured Foxfire Museum then. Les Barnet, the mountain music man, has a shop there where he plays and sells his hand-built musical instruments. He not only builds cigar-box guitars, but he builds stringed instruments from almost anything you can imagine...even tin cans. He told me he did workshops that I could attend and build my own guitar. I had a conflict with the date for the next one, and the second one fell on our anniversary weekend. We decided to make it a combo weekend, so we booked two nights in the Lake Rabun Hotel. The rustic old hotel is a nostalgic two-story log hotel that was built 102-years ago near the banks of the newly-formed Lake Rabun. The grand-old wooden structure stands nestled among the trees on a hillside. Its grounds are filled with flowers, including the most beautiful hydrangeas, loaded with massive sky-blue blossoms, I had even seen. Breakfast is served each morning in the dining room. You just tell them how you want your eggs, and they take care of the rest!

We celebrated our anniversary on Friday. We began with a three-mile hike on the trails along the top of Tallulah Gorge. God definitely did some of His best work there! The rock cliffs rise as high as 1000-feet above the rambling Tallulah River below. We saw where the great tight-rope-walker Karl Wallenda scaled the canyon on a tight-rope back in 1970. We were not the least bit tempted to try that! From different vantage points along our hike, we gazed at the six-separate waterfalls below. One of the waterfalls is almost 100-feet tall. We even made a new friend on the trail. We nicknamed him Copper...short for Copperhead. He was our friend because we almost stepped on him as he sunbathed in the middle of the trail, but he was kind enough to not bite us! After an afternoon of antiquing, we returned to the hotel just in time to spruce up for our reservation at the delicious award-winning restaurant downstairs. On Saturday, I spent the morning back at Foxfire, where I built my first three-string-cigar-box guitar. I came back home armed with the knowledge, and hopefully the ability, to build more. We made it back home Saturday night in time finish off our weekend in church the next morning. It was a marvelous little weekend!

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HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1964

From the files of 1964

W.F. Looney Dies

Funeral services were held on January 22nd, at the Corinth West Church, for William Frazer Looney, age 73, of Route Three, Vinemont, who died at his residence on January 20th.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Callie Looney; one brother, Pachal Looney and several nieces and nephews.

Army Private Gerard G. Smith, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Artice D. Smith and wife, Patricia, live at 1303 Katherine Street, Cullman and other members of 1 Corps, took part in Exercise Snow Storm, in Korea.

The week-long training maneuver was designed to test the corps' ability to operate in Korean winter conditions and to measure the effect of extreme cold on men and equipment.

Smith, a member of the corps' 547th Engineer Company in Korea, entered the Army in May, 1963, completed basic training at Fort Polk, Louisiana and arrived overseas the following October.

The 23-year-old soldier attended Cullman High School.

E.H. Self Dies

Earsey H. Self, age 68, of Garden City, died on January 19th, at Cullman Hospital and funeral services were held at Mount Carmel, on January 21st, with the Reverend J.T. Farmer officiating and Moss Service directing interment.

Survivors include two sons, Carl and Charles Self and three daughters, Mrs. Ethel Baldwin, Mrs. Wayne Bussey and Mrs. Beatrice Young.

Logan News

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Young were called to the bedside of Mr. Young's seriously ill brother, Edgar Young, on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Sinyard, Milton Sinyard and Opal Couch drove to Birmingham on Thursday, on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Wright, of Eva, spent a few days with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Tucker.

Barbee Rites Held

Alton Barbee, age 19, of Route Five, Cullman, died on January 20th, at East Lake Nursing Home and funeral services were held at Duck River, with the Reverend Joe Hayes and the Reverend Vernon Willey officiating and Moss Service directing interment.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Barbee; one son, Elton Barbee; one brother, Elbert Barbee and four sisters, Mrs. Mildred Walker, Mrs. Meadie Grimmett, Mrs. Rachel Leipert and Mrs. Iona White.

Avery Taylor Honored

Avery Taylor, Decatur Group Manager for Southern Bell Telephone Company was presented a thirty-year gold service pin on January 14th. C.T. Happer, Junior, General Commercial Manager for Southern Bell, made the presentation.

Mr. Taylor began his telephone career on January 8th, 1934, as a salesman in the Commercial Department, at Birmingham. Taylor has served in the position of Decatur Manager, since June 1st, 1948. Mrs. Taylor and C.D. Price, North Alabama Division Commercial Manager and several local company officials attended the luncheon, at the Decatur County Club, honoring Mr. Taylor.

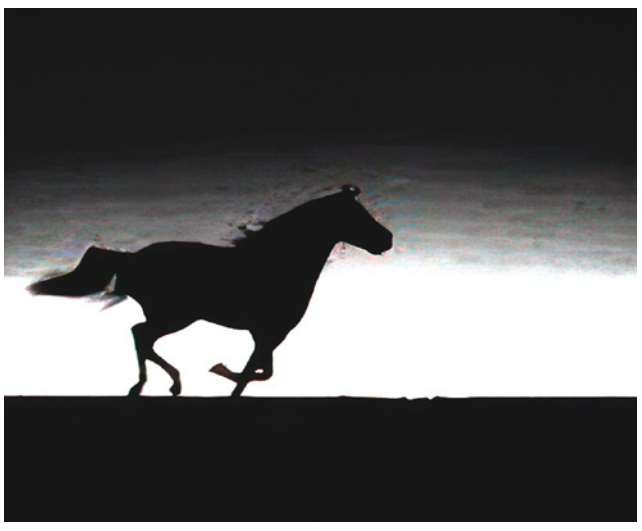
POET'S CORNER

A Love Story | By: Randy C. Hale

I do not want to know the odds
for the dark horse to win.
His chances may be slim.
We've known that for a long time.

You and I have already overcome
so much since we began.
So let's ignore and defy the odds.

We are the brave and courageous
and never give up on our dreams.
We may be the long shot but
sometimes the dark horse wins.



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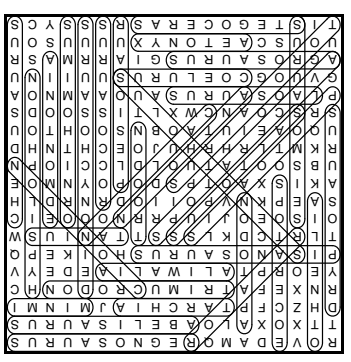
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THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
JUNE 29, 2024

Letter to the editor: You're invited!

Ben Johnson South
Contributor

Several years ago, working on a garden design project at the Governor's Mansion (Montgomery), I discovered the FREE resources of the Library at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens, and the superb, long-time director, Hope Long. For garden design inspiration and "how to," I return to the library and Ms. Long multiple times each year.

YOU'RE INVITED:

WHAT: Director Hope Long will share her favorite garden design books and resources in the Library of the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Then, you will be guided on a special tour of inspiring design highlights in the gardens. You'll want to plan time before or after to browse Leaf & Petal, in my experience, "the best garden design gift shop in Alabama."

WHEN/WHERE: Friday, July 12 beginning at 1 p.m. in the Library of the Birmingham Botanical Gardens--2612 Lane Park Road, Birmingham, AL 35223--I would plan to be at the BBG at least two hours total

DRESS: Comfortable. The library and gift shop are air-conditioned but expect the design tour to be Alabama summertime warm-ish. Sunhats and parasols could be a good idea.

NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED--just show up. I coordinated with CCMG, Programs VP, Helen Dunn, before setting this date and will explore how this garden design day could count toward education/volunteer hours.

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY & prospective CCMG members. This could be a useful and pleasurable event for those who care about church gardens, school gardens, community gardens, cemeteries, and civic gardening.

LUNCH SUGGESTIONS: The BBG is next to Mountain Brook Village where you can find a variety of eateries nearby. Since this is a Cullman County gardening focus, I can suggest two options: Moderate prices at Urban Cookout in Homewood, where I always choose a table under a smiling photo of Cullman farmer, Trent Boyd.. And, though a bit pricier, Cullman's only James Beard Award-winning chef, Frank Stitt, serves lots of seasonal food-- and my favorite, restaurant hamburger--at Chez Fonfon in Five Points South, a 12-minute drive from the BBG.

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