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2 Hanceville women sentenced to multiple years in prison in separate cases

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Two Hanceville women were sentenced Wednesday in Cullman County Circuit Court, including one woman sentenced to 20 years in prison in chemical endangerment cases and another sentenced to 42 years in connection with a 2022 armed robbery.

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Camila Maria Moctezuma and Deja Bryana Miller

'Lions caring for Lions'

CDC students host food drive for WSCC Lions' Kitchen



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Cullman County Child Development Center students deliver food to the Lions' Kitchen at Wallace State Community College.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Students from the Cullman County Child Development Center teamed up with Wallace State Community College to organize a food drive for the college's on-campus pantry, the Lions' Kitchen. The project gave CDC students a chance to serve their community in a hands-on way.

Summer Walker, peer helper coordinator and a life skills teacher, explained that student peer helpers led the effort. The students are chosen for their leadership, work ethic and attitude and are responsible for completing a service project. Walker said the group decided to help others by running a food drive with the theme "Lions caring for Lions."

"They wanted to do a food drive and they launched it. They did everything," Walker said, pointing out that students managed the project from start to finish. She said working with Wallace State made the project stronger and gave students a chance to earn college credit.

Elizabeth Hunt from the college's Care Team said the project gave younger students a valuable first experience with service and making a difference in their community.

"I believe they've had an awesome experience of serving others, giving back to people in their community," Hunt said. She explained the college's food pantry helps current WSCC students by letting them get food each week through a credit system, which is meant to meet basic needs and ease financial stress.



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Bringing CDC students to campus to deliver donations and tour the facility helped them see directly how their work would help others. It also gave them a look at college life and possible future opportunities.

The community has responded strongly to the food drive, with local groups and individuals donating and even starting more drives to support the pantry.

"It has been overwhelming," Hunt said. "People are so interested to hear about our food pantry on a college campus."

Learn more about the Lions' Kitchen at www.wallacestate.edu/student-resources/lionskitchen.html.

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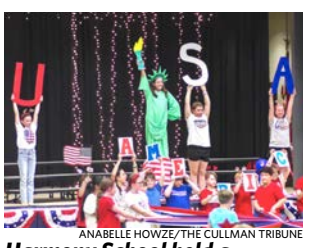


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Harmony students celebrate America 250



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Arrests and incidents reported May 1

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported May 1, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

GJ = grand jury; FTA = failure to appear

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

April 27

- possession of dangerous drugs; CR 1435
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 29S
- possession of dangerous drugs; Arkadelphia Rd. NE
- harassing communications; CR 222
- possession of dangerous drugs; CR 1435
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of controlled substance; CR 222
- criminal mischief; Hwy. 91
- theft of property; Hwy. 91

April 28

- domestic violence; CR 771
- criminal mischief; Midfield Dr.
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; CR 1403
- interference with public safety communications; harassing communications; obstructing governmental operations; Beech Ave. SE
- domestic violence; CR 1207

April 29

- assault; CR 641
- harassing communications; Hwy. 278E
- domestic violence; CR 1329
- trespassing; CR 205
- possession of marijuana; Hwy. 278E
- domestic violence; CR 1332
- criminal mischief; Hwy. 278E
- domestic violence; CR 321
- trespassing; CR 437

ARRESTS

April 27-29

Bailey, Bruce W.; 56
- FTA – illegal possession of prescription drugs

Bailey, Johnny L.; 57
- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – failure to immunize dog/cat for rabies

Barger, Lisa K.; 38
- FTA – public intoxication
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Brubaker, Kristin C.; 37
- drug trafficking

Campbell, Jessica A.; 42
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – DUI (combined substance)
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)

Couch, Thomas D.; 30
- FTA – switched tag

Fanning, Johnathan A.; 46
- FTA – public intoxication
- FTA – DUI (alcohol)

Fields, Terry J.; 47
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Freeman, Dennis A.; 52
- possession of opium or derivative
- possession of methamphetamine

Gaddis, Jennifer A.; 41
- GJ – making a terrorist threat-1st degree
- GJ – assault with bodily fluids
- GJ – assault-2nd degree

Hilleland, Jonathan R.; 31
- GJ – sodomy-1st degree

Keller, Chase E.; 27
- GJ – theft from banking institution

Manous, Travis W.; 54
- possession of dangerous drugs

Melton, Amber A.; 43
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Odeneal, Barbara C.; 58
- criminal trespass

Richards, Heather L.; 51
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Richards, Jacob C.; 22
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Riggs, Devon; 25
- DUI (alcohol)

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April 26

- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $35; Olive St. SW

April 27

- criminal mischief-2nd degree; person; damaged tires; $600; Main Ave. SW

April 29

- harassing communications; person
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to '21 Mercedes; Cullman Shopping Center
- criminal mischief-3rd degree; person; damaged pipe; $300; Interbitzen St.

ARRESTS

April 29-30

Hill, Jonathan C.; 62
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – public intoxication

Haggard, Latavia A.; 35
- GJ – organized retail theft

Ayers, Jacklyn E.; 37
- GJ – theft of property-2nd degree

Shelton, Wyatt T.; 26
- GJ – theft of property-2nd degree

Richter, Morgan B.; 23
- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree (3 counts)

Nethery, Jr., Auburn Z.; 34
- obstructing justice using false ID

Summersill, Carl D.; 66
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Prates, Kevin J.; 21
- possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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



Cases (from Front)

County District Attorney Champ Crocker said the sentencing hearings were held Wednesday, April 29, before Circuit Court Judge Chad Floyd.

Camila Maria Moctezuma, 29, was sentenced to 20 years in prison for two chemical endangerment cases from 2021 and 2023, according to Crocker.

Court records separately reviewed by The Tribune show Moctezuma was also indicted earlier this year on charges of reckless murder and chemical endangerment of a child resulting in death.

That indictment, filed Feb. 13, 2026, identifies the child only by initials, K.H.M., and alleges Moctezuma caused or permitted the child to be exposed to methamphetamine and amphetamine, resulting in the child's death.

The indictment further alleges Moctezuma recklessly engaged in conduct that created a grave risk of death to the child and caused the child's death. The records list both charges as Class A felonies.

Because that indictment appears separate from the 2021 and 2023 sentencing cases referenced by Crocker on April 29, The Tribune is seeking additional clarification on the status of that case and whether it is connected to Wednesday's sentence.

In a separate case, Deja Bryana Miller, 23, was sentenced to 42 years in prison for the Oct. 8, 2022, armed robbery of the 291 Shell, Crocker said.

According to the district attorney's office, Miller was on bond in two felony cases at the time of the robbery.

Crocker said both defendants had previously entered blind pleas. A blind plea is a guilty plea entered without a negotiated plea agreement with the district attorney's office, leaving sentencing to the court.

"My staff and I worked very hard on these cases, along with the Cullman County Sheriff's deputies and investigators who brought them to us," Crocker said. "We are keeping our word to reduce the backlog, seek justice and make this community safer. I hope the message is clear that violent crime will not be tolerated in this circuit."

Publisher's note: The PDF indictment lists the separate death-related allegations against Moctezuma, including the reckless murder and chemical endangerment child death charges, and shows the warrant was issued in February 2026.

Wallace State Future Foundation Scholarship Brunch celebrates more than 350 students

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Wallace State Community College Future Foundation recently hosted its 14th annual Scholarship Celebration Brunch, recognizing the generosity of its donors and celebrating the achievement of Wallace State's students. The event included the announcement of more than $500,000 in scholarships for the 2026–2027 academic year.

During the event, held in the Traditions Bank Arena of the Tom Drake Coliseum, it was announced that scholarships would benefit more than 270 students. Scholarship recipients were seated alongside the donors, Wallace State faculty and staff, and members of the Future Foundation Board of Directors, whose support helped make their educational goals possible.

"Each student recognized today represents a unique journey, one that begins or continues here at Wallace State because someone believed in them enough to invest in their future," said Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Karolewics. "This celebration is as much about student success as it is about expressing gratitude to the donors, partners and advocates who make that success possible."

Established in 2004, the Wallace State Future Foundation has grown steadily in both reach and impact. From awarding fewer than 50 scholarships of $500 each in its early years, the Foundation now awards scholarships averaging $2,000 or more to over 350 students annually.

Suzanne Harbin, vice president for advancement & innovation, highlighted the program's growth and the life-changing role scholarships play in student persistence and completion.

"For many of our students, a scholarship isn't simply helpful; it's the difference between continuing and stopping," Harbin said. "It represents opportunity, encouragement and the knowledge that someone believes in them."

This year's celebration included the announcement of 17 new scholarships established this year, including both annual and endowed funds.

Several of the new endowments were established in memory of loved ones, ensuring their legacies will continue through educational opportunity for generations to come.

As part of the brunch program, attendees heard personal reflections from both scholarship recipients and donors, a longstanding tradition of the event.

Pamela Tidmore, a Future Foundation scholar and May graduate of Wallace State's Nursing program, shared her powerful journey of perseverance. A first-generation college student, Tidmore described balancing family responsibilities, returning to school after multiple life challenges and how scholarship support allowed her to complete her nearly 30-year journey toward becoming a registered nurse.

"The weight of worry was lifted the moment I learned I had received a scholarship," Tidmore said. "Because of the generosity of our donors, the trajectory of my life and my family's future has been forever changed."

Jayleigh Tawbush, a Wallace State alumna, former Lion Leader and current Coordinator with University Programs at The University of Alabama, also shared remarks during the celebration.

"For students in this room, this is an incredible time to be at Wallace State," Tawbush said. "And for our donors, you are investing in students that will be directly impacted by the amazing work that is being done here at Wallace State. It is so exciting to see all the amazing things happening here and to see the hard work come into fruition."

The donor message was delivered by Lauren Wilson, director of the Oneonta Instructional Site & Dual Enrollment, who shared the deeply personal story behind an endowed scholarship established in memory of her daughter, Kylie Wilson, a Wallace State student and Future Foundation scholar who passed away in 2023.

"Out of profound loss, our family wanted to create something lasting, something that would help students pursue their dreams," Wilson said. "This scholarship is a way to honor Kylie's life while giving hope to others."

The event concluded with expressions of appreciation for the Wallace State faculty, staff, Alumni Association Lion Leaders and Foundation Board members whose efforts support the scholarship program throughout the year.

"To our donors, your generosity truly changes lives," Harbin said. "And to our students, we cannot wait to see all that you will accomplish."

For more information about the Wallace State Future Foundation, available scholarships or giving opportunities, visit www.wsccfuturefoundation.org or call 256-352-8144.









Good Hope (from Front)

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — The Good Hope City Council on Monday, April 27, heard from local advocates and state leaders who spoke about child welfare issues and funding for city infrastructure.

Alyson Miley, representing Cullman Caring for Kids and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), shared details about services for vulnerable children and families, explaining that the groups help children in the court system find safe homes and get essentials like school supplies, clothing and other necessities.

The Cullman Caring for Kids food bank helps between 850 and 900 families each month in Cullman County, and thousands have signed up this year. While donations help, the food bank still needs to buy much of the food to keep up with demand. The group also supports elderly residents and grandparents raising children, showing that needs are increasing for people of all ages.

Miley said the need for child abuse awareness is great. She said state data shows Alabama is often among the highest in reported cases, with early numbers indicating thousands of reports each year, and a significant portion involving confirmed neglect.

The council recognized and approved a proclamation declaring April Child Abuse Awareness Month in Good Hope.

Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, spoke to the council regarding state support for local projects. He announced $1 million in funding for upgrades to the city's wastewater treatment plant, saying it came from ongoing collaboration between local and state leaders.

Gudger said that keeping good relationships with state officials is important for getting funding, and he encouraged city leaders to keep sharing their needs. He added that the funding will help pay for infrastructure upgrades and support growth in the area.

The City of Good Hope said in statement on social media: "The Good Hope Mayor and Council would like to thank our state delegation, Senator Garlan Gudger Jr., Representative Cindy Myrex, Representative Heath Allbright, and Representative Tim Wadsworth.

"Senator Gudger attended our council meeting on Monday, April 27th and announced that they had secured a million dollars to help pay for upgrades to the sewer system.

"These funds are much appreciated and will be a tremendous help to the city as we continue to work on improving infrastructure for the citizens. Thank you all for your hard work, commitment, and continued support of our community."

Improvements (from Front)

ALDOT
Contributor

An upcoming project to improve U.S. Highway 31 at Lacon in Morgan County will divert traffic to I-65.

The $1.9 million project includes safety widening, concrete slab repairs and replacements, and paving an asphalt overlay. The project extends from the Cullman County line to Lacon Road.

The two-lane segment of U.S. Highway 31 north of I-65 Exit 318 to south of Lacon Trade Day will close to traffic Monday, May 4.

The contractor, Wiregrass Construction, plans to begin work that day, weather permitting. A subcontractor will begin installing project signs this week.

Road closures and detour

Northbound traffic will detour to I-65 at Exit 318 and southbound traffic will detour to I-65 at Exit 322 (County Road 55) in Falkville. Message boards and other signs will advise drivers of the closure and direct them to the detour route.

Additionally, Higdon Road, a local road will close at its intersection with U.S. Highway 31. On its other end, at Old Highway 31, it will remain open to local traffic but closed to through traffic.

The project will widen U.S. Highway 31 from the Cullman County line to Lacon Road and repair or replace concrete slabs. This two-lane segment, between Lacon Road and I-65, will be closed for the project's duration. (ALDOT)

Lane closures

Also, expect single-lane closures and lane shifts in the divided highway segments of the work zone north and south of the road closure. Please expect delays and plan additional travel time.

For real-time traffic and road condition information, visit ALGOtraffic.com or download the ALGO Traffic app.

ALDOT anticipates completion of the project in mid- to late summer.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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The Poetry of Recovery: Recovery Support Group
Every Saturday at 10 a.m. at 514 Cleveland Ave. SW in Cullman. Facebook/The Poetry of Recovery. Contact Jeff at 727-542-6413 or John at 256-636-0612.

Cullman County Historical Society Meetings
We meet the fourth Sunday of the month from 2-4 p.m. at the Cullman County Museum. Each meeting features a specific program or speaker. Join us!

Attention Senior Citizens
• If you are 60 or over, please come to the Cullman Senior Center at 1539 Sportsman Lake Road NW and have some fun with us and eat lunch. Good fun, good friends and good food. Different things going on Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-noon.
• Volunteers needed to deliver meals to homebound. Call Commission on Aging for info. 256-734-1241.

Cullman County Republican Women Monthly Meetings
Second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Cullman VFW. President Cathi Bradford: "We are going to begin training to track legislation in Montgomery. If you need information, you can directly message me on Facebook." Full meals at 5:30. Meetings start at 6.

The Crossing Food Bank
The Crossing is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m. We are located at 1503 Second St. SW, Cullman (in the Housing Authority).

Cullman Low Vision Support Group Meetings
Third Tuesday of every month, from 10-11:30 a.m., at the Alabama Career Center, 1201 Katherine St. NW in Cullman. Contact Olivia Wade, case manager, at 256-389-2502.

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

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 the Donald E. Green Adult Active Center, 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW. 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.

The 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.

Church Services: Spirit Life Church of GOD
• 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• 256-739-3326
• spiritlifechurchcullman@gmail.com
• FB-Spirit Life Church Cullman
• Saturday, May 2 – 8 a.m. Men's breakfast. 10:30 Cook and serve lunch at The Foundry Farm.
• Sunday, May 3 – 8:15 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 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. Prayer service at 2 p.m.

Shirley Burden Public Library in Hanceville
• The library is open Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (closed from noon-1 p.m.) and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Join us on Facebook for weekly details or please feel free to call us at 256-352-0685. Follow Facebook/Hanceville Public Library for event details.
• In April we continue the Poetry Contest! Please look at Facebook for contest details. We thank the Hanceville community for their book donations in helping us raise money for the children's programs. We also thank Jennifer and Tonya, owners of Southern Party Specialists LLC, for the $300 donation for a June presenter! We thank HanceVegas Coffee for sponsoring the Adult Book Club. We also thank the many library volunteers who help service the community.
• May 23, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Grilled Cheese Festival and Library BOOK SALE
• May 27, Start of Summer program!

Vinemont Christian Church Revival
Sunday-Wednesday, May 3-6. Ric Huxford will be the guest speaker. Sunday services will be 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., and Monday-Wednesday services will be at 6:30 p.m. The church is located at 449 Patton Dr. in Vinemont. The church's minister, Nathan Thomas, says all are welcome!

Large Community Yard Sale
Friday, May 8, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday, May 9, from 8 a.m.-noon, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 505 Commercial St. in Hanceville. Proceeds go to the (CCC) Committee on Church Cooperation and First Source for Women.

2026 Women's Conference: Joy in the Journey
Saturday, May 9, from 9 a.m.-noon at Seventh Street Baptist Church, 708 Seventh. St. SW in Cullman. Ladies, you're invited to a special morning of encouragement, connection and worship at Seventh Street Baptist Church! Join us as we hear from Martha Pullen, Kelly Garner and Suzanne Crocker – three incredible speakers who will inspire and challenge you in your walk with Christ. Pastries and coffee provided. No matter where you are in your journey, this is a space for you to be refreshed and reminded of the joy God has for you. Register now at www.7thstreetbaptist.com/event-registration. Invite a friend and come – we'd love to see you there!

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, May 14, at 6 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church, 1310 Saint Joseph Dr NW, Cullman. Quilters of all experience levels are welcome.

Holly Pond Lions Club Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, May 16, from 6-9 a.m. at the Holly Pond Lions Club Building. Enjoy pancakes, bacon, sausage and coffee, eat in or take out, for a donation. The proceeds will benefit the Holly Pond Cemetery project fund. Come join us! Thank you in advance for your support.

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PREP BASEBALL

Addison collects second round sweep of South Lamar to move on to 1A quarterfinals

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SOUTH LAMAR, Ala. — After sweeping Hackleburg to start out their 2026 postseason, the Addison Bulldogs made the trip over to South Lamar to take on the Stallions in the second round of the Class 1A state baseball playoffs. It was close in game one, as Addison held a slim one-run lead after two innings, but the Bulldogs collected a pair of runs in the fifth and broke the game wide open in the seventh inning with four more runs. That was more than enough run support for Kiah Lake, as they ended up defeating the Stallions, 9-2, in game one. Game Two was a pitcher's duel from start to finish. A pair of runs in the second was more than enough for Bulldog starter Tucker Thompson, as he struck out seven and gave up just one hit in Addison's 2-1 win over South Lamar, and they will move on to the quarterfinals.

Addison 9, South Lamar 2
(Game One)

South Lamar starter Kye Crimm struck out the side to start out the game, and the Stallions struck first in the run column in their half. Kenton Allbritton hit a one-out single, then Max Wright reached on catcher's interference. One out later, Crimm helped out his own cause by lining an RBI single to center field to give South Lamar the early lead. Addison responded in the top of the second. Conner Lane led off the inning with a single to center field, and Kiah Lake drew a walk to put runners at first and second with nobody out. One out later, Jaxson Williams' RBI single drove in Lane to tie it up at one. Ben Bridges got hit by the pitch to load the bases, then Preuitt Woods got hit by the pitch to force home a run. A strikeout kept the bases loaded with two outs, but Tucker Thompson hit an RBI single of his own to put the Bulldogs up, 3-1.

South Lamar got one of the runs back in their half. Levi Foster hit a single to lead off the bottom of the second and later scored on a ground ball by Jonah Newman to cut it to 3-2. Addison looked to add onto their lead in the top of the third. They put a pair of runners on with two outs, but Crimm struck out Bridges to end the inning. It turned into a pitcher's duel between Crimm and Lake, as the score remained the same until the top of the fifth.

Talley led off the inning with a triple to center field, and Lane lined an RBI double to left field to give Addison a 4-2 lead. Lane moved up to third on a wild pitch and scored on a sacrifice fly by Lake to make it 5-2. South Lamar threatened to cut into the Bulldog lead in the bottom of the fifth. Mason Hardin led off the inning with a single to center field, then he stole second.

After a strikeout, Wright hit a single to center field, but a strong throw from Canaan Speegle to third baseman Stone Talley, who was covering home, nailed Hardin at the plate to keep it at a three-run game. A fly out quickly put an end to the inning.

After a scoreless sixth inning, the Bulldogs broke the game wide open in the top of the seventh. Talley hit a leadoff single, then three pitches later, Lane hit an RBI double to widen their lead to 6-2.

A hit by pitch put runners at first and second with nobody out, and a passed ball allowed Lane and Casen Hill (Lake's pinch-runner) to move up to third and second. A ground ball by Scout Flynn brought home Lane to make it 7-2, then later that inning, Hill scored on an error, and Woods drove in another run on a ground ball to give Addison a 9-2 lead. Lake retired the Stallions in order in the bottom of the seventh to help seal their 9-2 win in game one over South Lamar.

Lane (three hits) and Woods each finished with two RBIs in the game for Addison. Flynn (two hits), Thompson (one hit), Williams (one hit) and Lake all drove in a run in the win. Lake gave up seven hits and two unearned runs and struck out five in his complete game effort.

Addison 2, South Lamar 1
(Game Two)

Game Two saw Addison starter Tucker Thompson and South Lamar starter Thacker Richards pitch a scoreless first inning. Thompson retired the Stallions in order in the top of the second, and his teammates gave him some run support in their half. Lake, Flynn, and Williams all drew walks to load the bases with nobody out, and Lake scored on a wild pitch four pitches later to give the Bulldogs the early lead. A line out kept the bases loaded with one out, but Speegle's sacrifice fly brought home Flynn to put Addison up, 2-0.

South Lamar took advantage of some sloppy Bulldog defense in the top of the third inning, as back-to-back errors allowed them to cut it to 2-1. Addison loaded the bases once again in the bottom of the third, but new pitcher Levi Foster got the final two outs of the inning to get out of the bases-loaded jam. Thompson and Foster allowed just a combined two batters to reach base the next two innings.

Thompson continued to stifle the Stallion bats, as he collected a pair of strikeouts in a scoreless sixth inning, and he retired them in order in the top of the seventh on 11 pitches to help put the finishing touches on a series-winning 2-1 win for the Bulldogs.

Speegle drove in a run, and Lake scored a run for Addison. Thompson put on a pitching performance that no one will ever forget, as he gave up just one hit, one unearned run, and struck out seven in a complete game masterpierce.

Addison will take on the Ider/Appalachian winner next week in the quarterfinals.

Additional playoff series scores

- Lindsay Lane 4, Cold Springs 0 – Batting: B. Chasteen 2-3 (2B) Pitching: C. Johnson 6.0 IP, 5 H, 4 ER, 4 K
- Lindsay Lane 13, Cold Springs 0 – Batting: A. Black 1-4 (2B), 2 RBI Pitching: B. Chasteen 6.0 IP, 7 H, 6 R, 5 ER, 4 K
- Hartselle 5, Cullman 4 – Batting: C. Stancil 2-4 (HR), 3 RBI Pitching: M. Shadeck 4.2 IP, 4 H, 3 ER, 1 K
- Hartselle 8, Cullman 1 – Batting: T. Brock 1-1, 1 RBI Pitching: L. Henry 4.0 IP, 5 H, 3 ER, 3 K

PREP SOFTBALL

Brackets and schedule for this weekend's area tournament matchups

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CULLMAN, Ala. — With baseball well into the playoffs, softball joins them this weekend, kicking off the postseason with area tournaments. Meek (21-9), Hanceville (16-16) and Cullman (39-11) are all set to host. All area matchups as well as dates and times can be found below.

1A, Area 14 Tournament @ Meek HS

- Championship – Meek vs. Addison, May 1 @ 11 am
- 2A, Area 10 Tournament @ Sumiton Christian HS
- Semifinal – Winston Co. vs. Cold Springs, May 4 @ 12 p.m.
- Championship – Sumiton Christian vs. Semifinal Winner, May 4 @ 1:30 p.m.

3A, Area 12 Tournament @ Hanceville HS

- Quarterfinal – Pennington vs. Holly Pond, May 1 @ 11 a.m.
- Semifinal Game One – Locust Fork vs. Vinemont, May 1 @ 1 p.m.
- Semifinal Game Two – Hanceville vs. Quarterfinal Winner, May 1 @ 3 p.m.
- Championship – Semifinal Game One Winner vs. Semifinal Game Two Winner, May 1 @ 7 p.m.

4A, Area 13 Tournament @ East Lawrence HS

- Semifinal Game One – East Lawrence vs. Danville, May 4 @ 11 a.m.
- Semifinal Game Two – Good Hope vs. West Morgan, May 4 @ 12:45 p.m.
- Championship – Game One Winner vs. Game Two Winner, May 4 @ 5 p.m.

5A, Area 14 Tournament @ Lawrence County HS

- Semifinal – West Point vs. Russellville, May 4 @ 4:30 p.m.
- Championship – Lawrence County vs. Semifinal Winner, May 4 @ 7 p.m.

5A, Area 15 Tournament @ Scottsboro HS

- Semifinal Game One – Scottsboro vs. Guntersville, May 2 @ 12 p.m.
- Semifinal Game Two – Fairview vs. Arab, May 2 @ 2 p.m.
- Championship – Game One Winner vs. Game Two Winner, May 2 @ 4 p.m.

6A, Area 13 Tournament @ Cullman HS

Semifinal – Mortimer Jordan vs. Jasper, May 4 @ 4 p.m.
Championship – Cullman vs. Semifinal Winner, May 4 @ 6:30 p.m.

PREP SOCCER

Saturday night Elite Eight matchups set for both Cullman soccer clubs

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CULLMAN, Ala. — After Cullman's boys took a 1-0 shootout victory over Randolph and the girls defeated Decatur 2-1 last night, the stage is set for both teams to host Elite Eight matchups on Saturday night at Cullman High School.

GIRLS ELITE EIGHT: Athens (17-5-2) @ Cullman (19-3), 5 p.m.

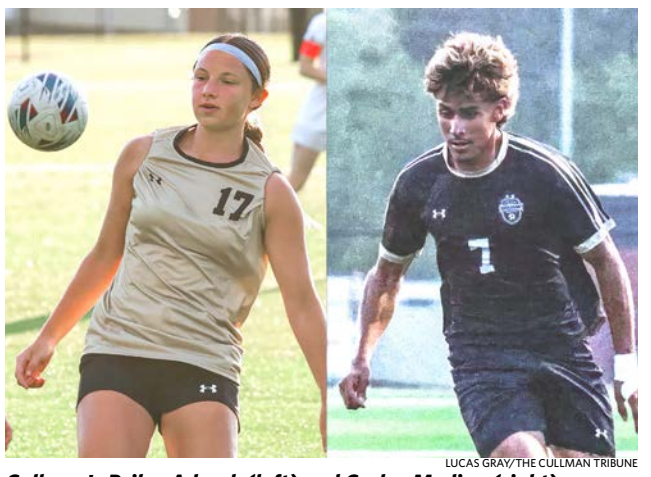
Since a 4-0 loss to Homewood on April 7, the Lady Bearcats have outscored opponents 25-2 through their five game winning streak. They find themselves matched up with Athens, an offense equally as hot and averaging over five goals a game in their last five.

On the matchup, girls head coach Luke Hackbarth said: "Athens is a well-coached, talented team that plays with speed, physicality, and constant pressure. We know this matchup will demand our best effort, and our girls understand the importance of capitalizing on our chances when we get them. Our girls are confident, hungry, and fully aware of the focus and grit it will take to play our best soccer on Saturday."

BOYS ELITE EIGHT: Gadsden City (17-5) @ Cullman (13-3-3), 7:30 p.m.

Cullman's boys will enter Saturday riding a six-game winning streak (including playoffs), with their last loss coming in late March. The Bearcats' defense has been a force as of late, shutting out three of their last five opponents going into Saturday night.

Coach Will Drake had this to say on the matchup with Gadsden City: "Gadsden City is a strong program. Coach Corker has her boys playing well, and their area is difficult to win. Every team that makes it to the quarterfinals is good. We've studied the way they play, how they want to get their fullbacks forward and attack the wings and drop their striker in to progress, and we feel prepared for that. We've seen the places and situations we're stronger, and we'll take advantage of those the best we can. We have several guys in great form, playing the best soccer they've ever played. The boys know that about themselves. That's where you want them to be in May. When you have a student section like ours and fans and families as supportive as ours, teams find it hard to come here and win. We live on that energy because we want to give them something to celebrate. We want to fight for them, and everything we do becomes important. Saturday will be an incredible atmosphere."



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Cullman's Briley Adcock (left) and Carlos Medina (right)







Students (from Front)

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LOGAN, Ala. — Harmony School held a program Thursday, April 30, to celebrate the 250th anniversary of America. Students, faculty, staff, families and community members gathered for an evening of charming performances.

Event organizer Heather Lynn said the program was meant to showcase what students learned and to create a special experience for everyone.

"Tonight we celebrated a year of history," Lynn said. "We were so excited to have such a huge audience here to support our school and celebrate the occasion."

Students from different grade levels performed, with each class adding something to the program. They sang songs like "Yankee Doodle," "God Bless America," "You're a Grand Old Flag" and "The Stars and Stripes Forever." The fifth graders closed the show with "God Bless the USA."

Lynn said the whole school helped prepare, with teachers first working with their own classes and then coming together for the final performance.

"All of our teachers were involved. They each taught their own class part, and then we brought it all together into one big program." Besides showing off student talent, the program also helped remind students about American history and values.

"We have to teach them about how we fought for our freedom," Lynn said. "I think it's very important that they realize that America is free and not all countries are."

Many families and community members came to the event, which Lynn said made the evening even more special.

"I'm just very happy with how it turned out," she said. "We appreciate the crowd and everyone who came out to support us."

After the performances, guests enjoyed outdoor activities and food trucks, keeping the celebration going.

Lynn said events like this help bring students, families and the community closer together and give students a chance to feel proud of what they have learned.

"On July 4, 2026, our nation will commemorate and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The journey toward this historic milestone is an opportunity to pause and reflect on our nation's past, honor the contributions of all Americans, and look ahead toward the future we want to create for the next generation and beyond." (www.america250.org)



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CATA holds innaugural Career Fair

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Area Technology Academy (CATA) held its innaugural Career Fair on April 30, inviting students, employers and community members to learn about different career options.

Jeff Johnson, assistant principal and work-based learning coordinator at CATA, explained that the event aimed to connect students with potential employers from many fields.

"We wanted to give our seniors, not just here at CATA but throughout Cullman County, an opportunity to meet possible employers and explore different career paths all in one location," Johnson said.

Over 30 vendors took part, representing fields like healthcare, technical trades, manufacturing and the armed forces.

There were also post-secondary options, including Wallace State Community College.

Organizers started planning in the first semester, teaming up with CATA teachers and their contacts to bring in employers. Johnson said they wanted students to see a wide variety of career paths in one place.

Before the event, Johnson and other educators visited seniors at schools across Cullman County to encourage them to attend, especially those still unsure about their plans after graduation.

The event was meant to serve students and the community, not to raise money.

"We did it solely to give our kids opportunities and put them in a position where they can have conversations with the right people," Johnson said.

More than 300 people attended the Career Fair. After the first half, the event opened to the public so community members looking for jobs could join. Johnson said organizers will review feedback and look for ways to make the event better next time.

Early talks suggest even more people might take part as teachers and community partners learn more about what the event offers.

"I think this is something we can do every year," Johnson said.

Clothed in Cullman (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Curt's Closet hosted its annual Clothed in Cullman event at Cotton Creek Warehouse on Thursday night.

Executive Director and Founder Ashley Wilson said the event was a beautiful reminder of what can happen when a community comes together with compassion, generosity and their hearts.

"From the sponsors and donors to every guest who attended, we are overwhelmed with gratitude for the incredible support shown to our mission," Wilson said. "Because of this community, we are able to continue making sure children feel confident, cared for and valued."

Wilson said the night was filled with laughter, meaningful conversations and so much joy. There were 325 people in attendance. A fundraising total will be available next week. "Seeing friends, families, businesses and supporters gathered together for such an important cause was truly unforgettable," she said. "Every sponsorship, donation, auction item, volunteer hour and ticket purchased will directly help provide clothing and essentials to children in need throughout our community."

Events Clothed in Cullman are about so much more than fundraising — they are about hope, community and showing children they matter, Wilson added.

"Last night was a celebration of love, resilience and the lasting impact one community can make when people choose to care for one another," she said on Friday. "From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for helping us honor Curt's legacy in such a meaningful way. We are beyond grateful for each and every person who made the evening such a success. Together, we are changing lives — one child, one outfit and one act of kindness at a time."

Learn more about the mission of Curt's Closet at curtscloset.org.

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Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicle, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned vehicle law,statutes, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80.
1994 GMC Yukon 1GKEK18K1RJ732970
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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF:)
)
ROWAN LUKE BURNS,) CASE NO. 25-JU-2026-000096.01
)
A MINOR CHILD.)
)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

REBECCA BURNS, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Verified Petition to Terminate Parental Rights filed by John Burns and/or other relief by May 18, 2026, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against her in regard to case number JU-2026-96.01, Juvenile Court of Cullman County.

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Done this the 8 day of April, 2026.

CLERK OF JUVENILE COURT

JERRY L. KILGO
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER
421 Third Avenue SE,
Post Office Box 156
CULLMAN, AL. 35056

Case No. PC 2026-160
Cullman County, AL
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The State of Alabama
Cullman County

Probate Court

Estate of Anthony Brandon Harbison
Deceased

Letters of Administration upon the Estate of said decedent, having been granted to the undersigned, William Brady Harbison, on the 21st day of April, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

William Brady Harbison
c/o Chamblee & Malone, LLC
Attorneys at Law
Personal Representative
111 Watterson Parkway
Trussville, Alabama 35173

TO: 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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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE THE ESTATE OF: *
DAVID LYONELL BROWN, * **CASE NO. PC2026-136**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to TAMI BROWN MYER, as Administrator of the Estate of DAVID LYONELL BROWN, deceased, on the 24th day of April, 2026, 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.

DONE this the 24th day of April, 2026.

Tami Brown Myers
Administrator

Franklin D. Posey
Attorney at Law
131 East Laurel Street
Cullman, AL 35768
(256) 912-0360

TO: Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three (3) successive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
JO ANN WOODS, * CASE NO.: PC 2026 - 159
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE: Ancillary Letters Testamentary having been granted to Charles Reece Woods, Jr. as Executor of the Estate of Jo Ann Woods, deceased, on the 23rd day of April, 2026, 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.

Charles Reece Woods, Jr.
Executor

Shay Persall
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Attorney for Executor

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TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD 2026-001

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF MARIAH WATSON EDGE and ROBERT NATHAN EDGE
TO ADOPT J.D.D.W. a minor child.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: UNKNOWN FATHER OF J.D.D.W. BORN APRIL 21, 2017

Please take notice that a *Petition for Adoption* to adopt J.D.D.W. a minor child (born on April 21, 2017, to Andrea Danielle Watson) was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Mariah Watson Edge and Robert Nathan Edge, Petitioners. 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 Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 23rd DAY OF April, 2026.

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

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

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Beverly Paschal Poston
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Cullman, Alabama 35055

STATE OF ALABAMA * **IN THE PROBATE COURT OF**
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * **CASE NO.:** PC 2026-093

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF SANDRA KAY ABBOTT DECEASED,

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to MICHAEL COFER, as Administrator of the Estate of SANDRA KAY ABBOTT Deceased, on the 21st day of April, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown.

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.

MICHAEL COFER
Administrator of the
Estate of SANDRA KAY ABBOTT,
Deceased

PERRY D. KNIGHT
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TO: The Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of)
MANZIE C. WOOTEN,) CASE NO. PC 2026 - 158
Deceased.)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have been granted to Tommy Dwayne Wooten, as Administrator of the Estate of Manzie C. Wooten, deceased, on the 24th day of April, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, and 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.

Tommy Dwayne Wooten

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Attorney for Administrator

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Marbella by morning

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



I know the song says, "Amarillo by morning, up from San Antone," but on our tour across the South of Spain, I found myself singing "Marbella by morning, up from Fuengirola."

It was a Friday morning, to be exact, when we boarded the big red bus for a ride to Marbella by the Mediterranean. The city is a seacoast town about halfway between Malaga and the Strait of Gibraltar. It is known as the Spanish playground of the rich and famous. When I saw the whitewashed Andalusian buildings, the trees dripping with Velencia oranges and the giant white letters that spelled out "Marbella" hanging above the cobblestone street, I somehow knew that good things lay beyond those letters. I was correct.

The city is said to have the most charming old-town distinct in Costa del Sol. Above the cobblestone streets were white plastered city walls with clusters of 60-70 bright blue flower pots attached to the sides of the walls. Each pot contained green plants with the brightest red geraniums I had ever seen.

Following those clusters of color led us to Plaza Square. Most of the ladies looked inside the numerous shoppes while we guys found an outdoor café serving coffee and churros. Churros might be the Spanish equivalent of our doughnut, but they are not round. They reminded me of crab legs, but they are actually oblong fried-dough pastries.

They were about a foot long and served in a brown paper bag with the oil fighting to seep through the paper. They came with a cup of chocolate dipping sauce. They wash down well with a hot cup of cappuccino. You can't eat more than a half dozen of the things, unless you order another bag full... which we might have.

As we waddled down the cobblestone, fully stuffed with churros and chocolate sauce, I thought our tour guide asked if we would like to see some "flamingo." This poor little Alabama man thought he was talking about the long-legged pink birds that stand on one leg. He explained that it is a Spanish dance. I knew that (or maybe not). He said some of us could learn how to flamingo. I knew with all that fried dough inside me, if I was going have to dance, it certainly wouldn't be on one leg. My sweet wife educated me, once again, that it was "flamenco," not flamingo.

Flamenco is song, music and dance that originated in Southern Spain. It is often associated with the Roma Gypsies of Spain. The dancers often play tambourines, bells or castanets. Castanets are percussion instruments in the clapper family that look like hollowed out clam shells to me.

They are actually two pieces of hard wood that the dancer attaches to her fingers and claps together as she dances. They are loud. I decided then and there if she asked for volunteers that I would volunteer...someone else.

About a dozen of our group volunteered, all on their own, to learn how to flamenco. Unbelievable, not one single guy was among that group. I worked off my churros just watching Jean and those ladies dancing.

I was ready for the next outdoor café. I was delighted to see empanadas on the menu. I had discovered those pies that contain an entire meal inside many years ago while on a mission trip in Paraguay. This place called theirs Empanadas Argentinos, but I figured that was close enough to Paraguay to be about the same.

After eating all that fried and baked dough that day, I was sure glad they had flamencoed. Is that even a word? It was indeed a great day!

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HISTORY

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HANCEVILLE NEWS
KATHLEEN MALLORY CIRCLE
The Kathleen Mallory Circle met in the home of Mrs. J. J. Dunlap on Monday, April 22. Mrs. Lora Perry, the chairman, was in charge of the meeting. Mrs. Bernice Hines led the opening prayer and gave the devotion in connection with the program on "Enlistment of Missions." A very interesting program was given in a panel discussion. Those taking part were Mrs. Beulah Linton, Mrs. Winnie Duren, Mrs. Ruby Bland and Mrs. Clare Barnett. The meeting was closed with prayer. Refreshments were served to Mesdames Bernice Hines, A. P. Warren, Lora Perry, W. A. Butler, Lossie Bland, James Chappell, Beulah Linton and the hostess, Mrs. J. J. Dunlap.

CULTURE CLUB
Mrs. R. J. Rice was hostess to the Culture Club this week when it met at her home. Mrs. David B. Lamont gave the devotional. The program was presented by Mrs. Wallace Green on Alabama State Parks. Delicious refreshments were served to Mesdames A. Burkart, J. D. Plunkett, David B. Lamont, L. B. Cagle, Barry Anderson, G. H. Wiggins and Wallace Green; also visitors Mrs. Cleve Hovington and Mrs. Bullard.

"Art In The Park" Scheduled For Cullman On May 25th
On Saturday, May 25, the people of Cullman County, as well as the people throughout the state, are invited to enjoy the third annual "Art in the Park." This art show, sponsored by the members of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, will be held in the park one block north of Home Economy Market if the weather permits. In case of rain, the exhibits will be displayed in the St. John's Church Educational Building, 508 Second Avenue East.

Artists from all over the state are invited to participate in the show. Anyone who paints or creates hand work of any type should contact Mrs. Austin Dean, 406 Fifth Avenue East, H.S.A., Cullman, telephone 734-5821, if he wishes to enter an exhibit. There will be a $3 entrance fee for all who wish to enter their work, and a 10% collection will be made on anything sold, sketched, or painted at the show.

Judges will award three prizes for the best works on display. The first prize will be $10, the second prize $5, and the third prize $3. Admission to the show is free for everyone attending, and there will be a booth where hot dogs, cold drinks, and popsicles may be purchased.

Mariglen Prickett is general chairman for the show, and Marlene Dean is co-chairman.

Members of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority serving on the various committees are: food — Anna Mae Bowles, Rosa Blocher, Sara Glass and Joyce Drake; properties — Camilla Drake, Frances Nearen, Evelyn Harbison, Myron McClendon, Marie Woodard, Wynnelle Creel, Gwen Hart, and I. V. Matthews; publicity — Alice Simpson, Sara Glass and Camilla Drake; paper work — Inez Ruehl, Marlene Dean, Frances Kirk and Marie Woodard.

St. Paul's School To Present Operetta
Pupils of St. Paul's Lutheran School will present an operetta, "Cabbage-Patch Magic," on Friday evening, May 10 at 7:30 p.m. in St. Paul's auditorium. Charles Bruner is directing the performance, and Mrs. Wm. Arnold will serve as accompanist.

Main characters in the operetta are: Scarecrow, Charles Buettner; Fairy Queen, Susie Below; North Wind, Dexter Leigeber; Naughty Gnome King, Eddie Burkart.

Other characters include:

Icebergs: Nancy Graham, Barbara Nuss, Cathy Apel, Mary Blankenship, Mary MacAnnally.

Fairies: Debbie Corgill, Luanne Graf, Kathy Rich, Shawn Freeman, Dianne Corgill, Lisa Goings, Elizabeth Eddleman.



Fireflies: Lynne Lovelady, Lydia Lovelady, Debbie Glascock, Susan Oliver, Claire Mitchell, Melba Jean Sherrill, Larry Harris, Fred Frank, Jimmy Cornett.

Sunset Sisters: Lisa Owens, Glenda Hammer, Ruth Leigeber, Linda Hammer, Virginia Messersmith, Debbie Gorff, Dianne Bowling, Lucy Underwood, Brenda Bonds, Kathy Buettner.

Naughty Gnomes: Terry Denson, Randy Welch, Al Peinhardt, Richard York, John Smith, John Phillips, Mark Lovelady, Tut Underwood, John Isom, Mike Clem, John McMeans, Ricky Anderson.

The following members of the faculty are assisting with production: Miss Jane Unverzadt and Mrs. Esther Kidd, costumes; Miss Tracy Meyer, scenery; Miss Judy Schwerman, music; Miss Marcy Riemer, properties; Miss Freda Fox, publicity.

POET'S CORNER

Jonah and the Whale

By: Randy C. Hale

I would love to hear from you if you enjoy Poet's Corner. Email me at randyhale62@yahoo.com.

Jonah was a prophet
who disobeyed God.
Where God said to go,
Jonah said no.

He went the opposite way;
running away was his plan.
He would never go to Nineveh
to such a wicked land.

So he boarded a ship to Tarsus,
paid his fare, and off he went.
But you can't run from God;
a prophet must go where he is sent.

So the Lord sent a violent storm.
Tossed the ship from side to side.
The captain and his men feared
they all would surely die.

So they woke up Jonah,
fast asleep down below.
We're all about to die,
and we thought that you should know.

Don't you care about our deaths?
Don't you think that you should pray?
Do you not fear the judgment
that we all could face today.

Then Jonah told them
he was the reason why;
throw him overboard,
there's no need for you to die.

I am a man of God
that won't listen to my orders.
I have no desire to go
to Nineveh's sinful borders.

But the men tried other things,
tried to make the ship much lighter.
But nothing that they did
made the future any brighter.

Until they finally threw Jonah
off and overboard.
Then the ship had smooth sailing,
and the sea was calm once more.

Jonah went down like a rock
and to die as he had wished.
But God had other plans;
He prepared a giant fish.
To swallow Jonah up,
ate him whole like God said.
And Jonah was in his belly.
In a trap, but wasn't dead.

Seaweed wrapped around his head;
in the stomach, fish's food.
And Jonah lay there,
Couldn't die and couldn't move.

For three days he was
so miserable in this hell.
Until he cried out to God
and repented very well.

I'll do what you ask, pay my vows,
or anything.
Just take me on to heaven
or get me out of this smelly thing.

So, God spoke to that big fish and
had him spit him on the ground.
And Jonah took off preaching
and toward Nineveh, bound.

And the folks there, they listened;
pray to God to please forgive.
And it became some more revival,
and God let Nineveh live.

And old Jonah learned a lesson
that we all should not forget.
When the Lord says to go,
don't say no or not yet.

And what about that fish
that some say was a whale?
Well, when his friends saw him,
they knew he wasn't well.

What did you ever eat
to make you turn so pale?
He said he ate a preacher,
and it's a long, long tale.

God told me to eat him,
and in my stomach I
could not digest.
And in three long days,
he soured on me, I guess.

I heard the voice of God
say, It's time for you, my friend,
to toss up this Jonah
and return to sea again.

Now there's more to the story,
and if you want to know.
Then read it in the Bible,
for it will tell you so.

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

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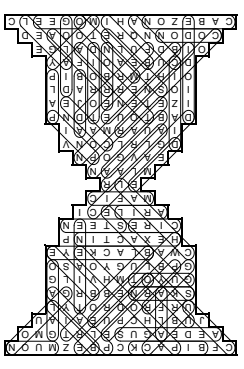
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OP-ED

My first car

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My first car was a 1990 Honda Accord that cost me a whopping $500. It easily overheated and was a sparkly turquoise, but it was mine. I had it for two weeks.

I remember driving it home to Cullman for the first time on Highway 157. I put my last $10 in it for gas to make it back from Florence and then some. This was in 2017 when $10 was gas money.

It was a gloomy, rainy day. The rain wasn't heavy. Only a light mist from endless gray clouds. The wheel in my grasp, the slight hum of the road and the pedal underneath my sneaker made me grin the whole way home.

It was mine. Something was finally mine. There was freedom in it. The sunshine didn't need to come out to congratulate me. The yellow car key was the light to guide me.

The CD player didn't work so I plugged up my phone to play music. Though for some reason my connection was lost and I never regained it.

For the entire hour drive, the last song I had played was the only song that would load. It was "I'm on Fire" by Bruce Springsteen, which will forever remind me of rainy days and that new car smell. New to me, anyways.

I drove it to school for the first time and all I could think about was leaving so I could get in it again.

After finishing homework I detail cleaned the entire interior and just sat there when I was done. I grabbed the wheel and watched the sun fade behind the tree line of my apartment complex.

"IT" (2017) was in theaters and a bunch of girls from school and I went to see it later that week. I drove myself and parked at the movie theater beside the "old" Walmart.

One quirky thing about my car is that you had to manually lock and unlock it. Though sometimes when you unlocked it, the handle would jam and you had no choice but to climb out the window or go to the passenger door.

As much as I felt like pretending to star in "Dukes of Hazzard" I opted for the passenger door. Though as I did a group of teens was walking in front of my car just as my knee hit the car horn.

It blared and I heard a quick cacophony of gasps and squeals. I looked up just as startled as they were and saw that they had Pennywise shirts on and other references to the movie. I waved a single hand and did my best to mouth, "Sorry."

"IT" was the best horror movie I had seen in a long while.

The way Stephen King created a character that fed off of fears and manipulated its victims was both fascinating and horrific to me. I never cared much for reading horror, but decided to pick up a copy of this book after.

My Honda had an indented spot on the dash that fit the book perfectly.

A week later I was driving home on Hwy. 157 from my grandparents' house. It was a warm spring day and my car was overheating.

As I was driving I noticed a semi-truck behind me when all of a sudden the acceleration stopped. I heard something snap and my speed began to rapidly decrease.

The truck behind me grew closer and no amount of stepping on the gas worked.

I put my hazards on and thankfully the semi was able to get into the left lane and pass me as I came to a stop on the right shoulder of the road. I turned the car off and went to lift the hood and underneath it all I saw flames.

Thankfully a volunteer fire department worked close by. They put out the flames rather quickly and someone passing by stood with me until they arrived.

While they put it out as quickly as they could, I knew that fixing it would cost me way more than what I had given for it.

To this day when I watch "IT" or listen to Bruce Springsteen I go back to my junior year of high school and remember the small taste of freedom that Honda gave me.

FAWN returns next week for Cullman 6th graders

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Sixth-grade students across Cullman will have the chance to step outside the classroom and interact with nature during the upcoming FAWN program, set for May 6-7 and May 14 at Sportsman Lake Park.

Hosted by the Cullman County Natural Resources Planning Committee, Forestry Awareness Week Now (FAWN), serves as an educational program designed to teach students about Alabama's natural resources and environmental conservation through hands-on learning.

The May 6-7 sessions will be for Cullman County Schools, while May 14 will welcome Cullman City Schools, private schools and homeschool students. Each day will run from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Sportsman Lake Park.

Mary Claire Gamble, Cullman County forester with the Alabama Forestry Commission and president of the planning committee, said the program gives students a chance to experience the outdoors in a way they may not often get.

"All of the sixth graders in the county come out to Sportsman's Lake and learn all about Alabama's natural resources, from our trees to animals to water," Gamble said. "In a world where video games are king and kids are getting outside less and less, I think it's important that these kids realize how cool and fun it is outside their back door, right here in Alabama."

Students will rotate through four interactive stations throughout the day, each focused on a different aspect of the environment. The hands-on stations include "Build a Tree," where students will learn about tree structure and life cycles; "Skins and Skulls," where they will examine animal pelts and skulls with local game wardens; and "Water Watch," where they will test water quality in a nearby stream and search for aquatic life within it. Students will also have the opportunity to walk through the woods to identify trees and learn about forest management practices.

Gamble shared that this hands-on approach is what has made the FAWN program effective.

"It's always fun because the kids are so excited to be out of a classroom, and they are just happy to be there with us," she said.

"We always have a few kids that are genuinely intrigued or already know a lot about our natural resources, so that's always exciting for us. Most of these kids have learned in a classroom about a lot of this information, but doing a hands-on activity out in nature really makes it all click for them, which is always exciting too."

With Alabama ranking among the most biodiverse states in the country, top five overall and number one in freshwater biodiversity, Gamble said she hopes FAWN helps students better understand and appreciate the natural resources around them.

"Realistically, we don't want them to be able to recite everything we talked to them about during FAWN, although very good if they do," Gamble said.

"We just want them to have fun outside and show them that the world outside their back door is teeming with so much life and excitement."

She added, "We're really just trying to plant the seed in their mind that Alabama really is a special state when it comes to our natural resources. We want them to have fun outside and learn to be good stewards of those resources as they grow up."

For more information on FAWN, contact project coordinator Milli Keel at 256-734-1431 or via email at projectcoordinator@cullmanswcd.com.

Sportsman Lake Park is located at 1544 Sportsman Lake Road NW, in Cullman.



