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Major League Fishing coming to Cullman, Smith Lake



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Members of area school fishing teams posed for pictures with pro fishermen and representatives of Major League Fishing, along with local officials, after Monday's announcement.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – In front of a standing-room-only crowd Wednesday morning at Cullman City Hall, Major League Fishing (MLF) announced that Cullman and Smith Lake will host Stage Five of the 2019 Major League Fishing Bass Tour from Apr. 30 through May 5. The event will coincide with a "festival-style fan experience" in downtown Cullman's Depot Park and Festhalle.

On hand to celebrate were Cullman's City Council, Mayors Woody Jacobs of Cullman and Jerry Bartlett of Good Hope, Senator Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, Cullman Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism Executive Director Nathan Anderson, Cullman Parks and Recreation Director Doug Davenport, Cullman County Commissioner Kerry Watson, Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette and student anglers from school fishing teams across the county.

Said Jacobs, "First of all, we're excited to partner with Major League Fishing on their new format. We think this will be a great opportunity for the citizens of Cullman to interact with some of the best anglers in the world. We're also looking forward to providing an outdoor entertainment experience for all the parties involved."

Anderson added, "We're excited about the opportunity to partner with Cullman Parks and Recreation Department and Major League Fishing to bring this prestigious fishing tournament to the community. This tournament will bring great exposure to Smith Lake and Cullman area businesses. We're eager to work with (MLF's) Mr. (Michael) Mulone and his team to make this event a success."

MLF Pro and Cullman native Jordan Lee told the crowd, "This is something I've always dreamed of: having a big event come to Cullman, you know, to showcase not only the town but, you know, the great fishing we have around here. This is going to be...it's just a great experience. I think the town of Cullman's going to get to see what Major League Fishing is all about and what it has to offer.

"It's going to be a great fan experience. I mean, I know a lot of the high school anglers are going to be, you know, super excited about this," Lee continued. "Cullman's been in need of this. You know, Smith Lake: it's a great fishery and it never had that big event out of Cullman, out of the park. This is really going to get to showcase it, and I'm just excited to be a part of it. And I'm thankful for the City of Cullman and everybody, you know that's been behind this to get this here. It's going to be, you know, it's going to be a great time and it's going to be very exciting for everybody."

Former Parks and Recreation Board member and avid fisherman Don Hubbard helped recruit MLF, and hosted the organization's staff during its study of cell phone coverage at Smith Lake, necessary for the live streams and real time updates MLF events feature.

Hubbard said, "Major League Fishing is a world class organization with 80 of the best bass anglers in the world and I am excited to show them our great city along with beautiful Smith Lake. This is a great opportunity for all who enjoy fishing to come meet the pros."

On Wednesday, MLF issued this press release

TULSA, Okla. (Feb. 20, 2019) – Major League Fishing® (MLF) announced today that Cullman, Alabama, and nearby popular bass fishery Lewis Smith Lake will serve as the setting for Stage Five of the 2019 MLF Bass Pro Tour, April 30 – May 5.

"We are extremely excited to announce this new partnership and adventure with Major League Fishing," said Woody Jacobs, Mayor of the City of Cullman. "By bringing the 2019 MLF Bass Pro Tour to our community this spring, we will be opening new avenues to sports tourism that were not always an option.

"I want to thank those involved with our Cullman Parks, Recreation, & Sports Tourism, along with Cullman Economic Development Agency for recruiting and securing the event; and also the Cullman County Commission and County Parks and Recreation for providing resources for this all to work. MLF consists of the top bass anglers in the world, and Smith Lake offers one of the best spotted bass fisheries in the entire United States. All of these factors, along with the tourism benefits and the prime coverage will help to make this a successful and fun event."

Neither the state nor Cullman are strangers to the bass fishing scene. Sixteen of the Bass Pro Tour's 80-angler field call Alabama home, and Jesse Wiggins, Matt Lee and Jordan Lee are from Cullman. Jordan Lee won the inaugural Bass Pro Tour opener in Kissimmee, Florida, and he's the reigning Bassmaster Classic champion with back-to-back Classic titles – winning in 2017 and 2018.

The north Alabama reservoir is located on the Sipsey Fork of the Black Warrior River. It is about 21,000 acres in size and reaches depths of more than 250 feet near its dam. The lake's diversity in depth and structure caters to literally every bass fishing » PAGE 8

Visitation, funeral set for West Point Mayor Kenneth Kilgo

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WEST POINT, Ala. – Visitation and funeral service details have been announced for West Point Mayor Kenneth Kilgo. Kilgo passed away Monday morning, Feb. 18 at the age of 61.
Read the full obituary on page 3.

Severe Weather Sales Tax Holiday this Friday through Sunday

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. – From Friday, Feb. 22, to Sunday, Feb. 24, Alabama will observe its eighth annual Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday. The Alabama Retail Association encourages Alabamians to restock emergency supplies in homes, workplaces and vehicles during this three-day tax holiday. Certain emergency preparedness items will be exempt from the state's 4-percent state sales tax, and in some cities and counties, local taxes are waived on those items as well. Cullman County and its municipalities are participating. It means shoppers can save as much as 10 percent on these items in some areas of the state.

From 12:01 a.m. Feb. 22 to midnight Feb. 24, the tax-exempt items include the following priced at $60 or less:

- Flashlights, lanterns
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio
- Batteries
- First-aid kits
- Cell phone charger
- Two-way radios
- Manual can openers
- Tarps and plastic sheeting
- Duct tape
- Fire extinguishers
- Tie-down kits, bungee cords or rope

Other tax-free items include coolers, ice packs, plywood, window film and smoke/fire/carbon monoxide detectors. Portable generators and power cords costing $1,000 or less are also tax free. For a full list of tax-free items, go to www.alabamaretail.org/alabamasalestaxholidays.

Alabama is one of three states with a severe weather preparedness sales tax holiday in 2019; the other states who have similar holidays are Texas and Virginia.

"Severe weather can occur at any time, in any season," said Alabama Retail President Rick Brown. "The tax holiday helps Alabama consumers remember to stock and prepare emergency kits to be ready when storms strike."

Local hardware stores are stocked with emergency preparedness items for the tax holiday, including Mary Carter Store in downtown Cullman. Owner Raymond Young said that preparing for severe weather is personal for him, as Mary Carter Store itself has sustained significant damage from two separate tornados; once in the early 90s and most recently in 2011, which left much of downtown Cullman in disarray.

"That year, we were just giving people tarps and selling supplies, just doing anything in order to help, even though we suffered just as much damage," said Raymond's oldest son, Jeff, who also works at the store. "Now, we make sure we always have plenty of those items, and the tax holiday is a good time for families to stock up," he added.

Alabama Retail recommends having enough supplies in emergency kits to last 72 hours following a disaster. For information on what items to include in emergency kits, as well as steps to take before and after disasters, visit www.ready.gov.

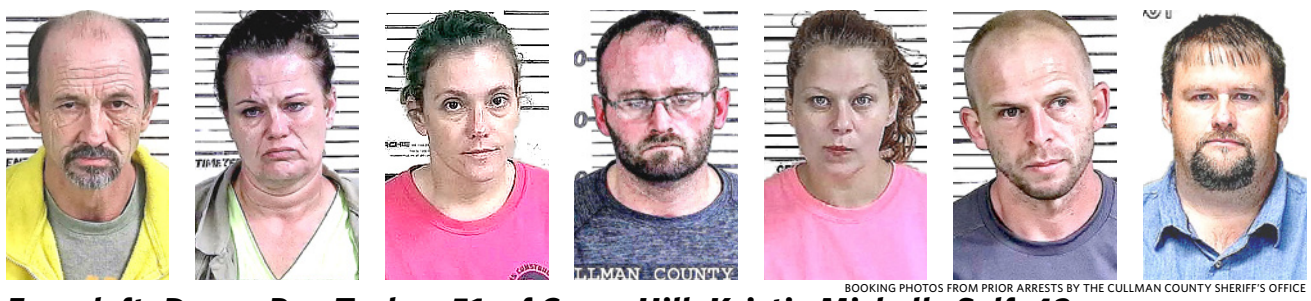


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BOOKING PHOTOS FROM PRIOR ARRESTS BY THE CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

From left: Danny Ray Tucker, 51, of Crane Hill; Kristie Michelle Self, 42, of Bremen; Tonya Lynn Brock, 42, of Crane Hill; Daniel Wayne Peek, 33, of Jones Chapel; Samantha Ann Combs, 26, of Cullman; Brandon Duane Combs, 33 of Cullman; and Michael Shane Durham, 39, of Cullman

7 arrested in Cullman County on federal drug indictments

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Seven people were arrested in Cullman County on Tuesday in connection with a United States federal grand jury indictment for conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

Agents with the Cullman Narcotics Enforcement Team (CNET) and deputies and investigators with the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) assisted the United States Marshals Service and United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in the arrests of Danny Ray Tucker, 51, of Crane Hill; Kristie Michelle Self, 42, of Bremen; Tonya Lynn Brock, 42, of Crane Hill; Daniel Wayne Peek, 33, of Jones Chapel; Michael Shane Durham, 39, of Cullman; Brandon Duane Combs, 33 of Cullman; and Samantha Ann Combs, 26, of Cullman.

All seven defendants had been previously arrested by the CCSO on related drug-charges. The CCSO said that by it working with the United States Attorney's Office in the Northern District of Alabama, the Department of Justice adopted the drug cases that CCSO made against these seven defendants.

"These indictments and arrests yesterday were a good day in the fight against drug dealers here in Cullman County. I can tell you during my 20 years in law enforcement drug dealers do not want to be indicted by the Department of Justice," said Sheriff Matt Gentry. "I would like to thank the CNET agents, deputies and investigators for not only the job they did yesterday by locating all these defendants again, but also the job they continually here in Cullman County to combat drug dealers. I would also like to thank USA Jay Town and his office for always being accessible and willing to work with us to get drugs and criminals out of Cullman County."

"These indictments and arrests represent the hard work of our law enforcement partners, the depth of which continues to grow, and exemplifies our collective efforts to return our neighborhoods to their rightful owners... the law-abiding citizens," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama, Jay E. Town, said. "For those alpha criminals convicted of federal crimes, the Department of Justice has reserved bed space in federal prison, where there is no sanctuary of parole."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
Feb. 21 - 24

Cullman Woodworkers Meeting- Thursday, Feb. 21
• 5:30 p.m. at the North Alabama Agriplex, 1714 Talley Ho St.
• Richard Buettner will be speaking about "Woods of Alabama."

Cullman Elks Lodge Soup and Sandwich Dinner- Thursday, Feb. 21
Come up to the lodge this Thursday night for our next Thursday Night Dinner. We will be serving soup, cornbread, grilled cheese sandwiches and a desert. Tea, water and coffee also available. $8 per meal. Served from 6-8 p.m. 1525 Brantley Ave. NW, Cullman

Swamp John's Dinner- Friday, Feb. 22
Swamp John's Dinner in the Fairview High School lunchroom on Friday, Feb. 22 from 4-7 p.m. All proceeds go to Fairview High School Softball.

Cullman County Democrats Monthly Meeting- Saturday, Feb. 23
Please join us as we hold our February meeting at the Colony Educational Complex in honor of Black History Month, featuring Mrs. Earline Johnson. This month also begins our series of educational programs geared toward serving the communities we live in. We will be presenting a program on avoiding financial scams such as calls saying you have won or owe money, recognizing tampered-with gas pumps and what to do if you have been scammed. During this meeting we will also be accepting donations to the Horace Culpepper Memorial. Mr. Culpepper passed away on Jan. 6. Food will be provided by Colony Mayor Donnis Leeth and the Cullman County Democrats. For more information, call 256-708-1334. 151 Byars Rd, Hanceville, Alabama 35077 from 10 a.m.-noon.

4th Annual Cullman EMS 911 Chili Cook-Off- Saturday, Feb. 23
Cullman Regional's Cullman EMS is hosting its fourth annual 911 Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, Feb. 23 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with all proceeds benefiting The Link of Cullman County. The registration fee for entering a team is $20 and is open to all law enforcement, firefighters, EMS personnel and dispatchers. Tasting is open to the public for a $1 donation per sample. Community members are encouraged to attend and vote for their favorite chili. First, second and third place will be awarded by popular vote from the community, as well as the award for Hottest Chili. Attendees will also have a chance to win door prizes and enter a raffle for Rock the South tickets. The 911 Chili Cook-Off will take place at Desperation Church (202 Elizabeth Street NE, Cullman, AL 35055). For more information or to register your team, contact James Curtis at (205) 903-4486 or email at james.curtis@cullmanregional.com.

Holly Pond Lions Club Beans 'n Greens Supper- Saturday, Feb. 23
The Holly Pond Lions Club will host a Beans 'n Greens Supper at its clubhouse on Saturday, Feb. 23, from 4 to 7 p.m. Pintos, great (white) northerns, greens and all the trimmings for a suggested donation of $5. Contributions will help fund club projects associated with eye sight preservation, juvenile diabetes education and other core programs. The facility is located in the Holly Pond Lions Park, 221 Lions Park Road. For more information, contact Dewitt Sanford at 256-531-2167.

Cullman Historic Society Meeting- Sunday, Feb. 24
The Cullman Historic Society will meet on Sunday, Feb. 24, at 2 p.m. at the Cullman County Museum for "History of Cullman Blacksmithing" and "Iron Works" with Allan Kress.

Singing at Cross Baptist Church- Sunday, Feb. 24
Singing at Cross Baptist Church with Unity 4 from Iuka, Mississippi and Trusting Grace from Birmingham. Singing starts at 5 p.m. and love offering will be taken. Cross Baptist Church is located on Lacon Mountain in Cullman County. For more info, call 205-541-2504.

Daddy Daughter- Rainbow & Roses- Sunday, Feb. 24
Dads and Daughters are invited to join us for a fun night of dinner, dancing and friends. Cost is $35 for a dad and his daughters. RSVP: https://goo.gl/forms/p8Y05nwF-Hfo9rX2v1 5-7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church Cullman- 320 Third Ave. SE, Cullman

LOOKING AHEAD
Cullman Lions Club Fish and Ham Dinner- Saturday, March 9
March 9 is the day for the Cullman Lions Club annual Fish and Ham Dinner. Fish/ham with all the trimmings, including homemade desert and drink all for a donation of $10. Cullman Middle School cafeteria from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m.. Dine in with your friends, carry out or drive through. The donations will be used for community and eyesight projects.

St. Bernard Open House- Sunday, March 10
St. Bernard Preparatory School in Cullman is hosting Spring Open House - Sunday afternoon, March 10, 2019 from 1-4 p.m. Families are invited to tour the school and find out more information about St. Bernard Prep. St. Bernard Prep is operated by the monks of St. Bernard Abbey. Alabama's only Catholic boarding school, St. Bernard offers a quality education to students in grades 7-12. For more information visit www.stbernardprep.com or call the admissions office to schedule an appointment at 256-739-6682.

Compiled by the Cullman Tribune Staff

Arrests and incidents reported on Feb. 19-20

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests and incidents reported on Feb. 19-20, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

REPORTED ON FEB. 19
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INCIDENTS
No incidents reported.

ARRESTS
Feb. 14-18

Barrett, Andrew Blake, 20
• FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Blanton, Freda Joanne, 43
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)

Bowles, Robert Patrick Coope, 21
• DUI- .08 BAC or greater

Bradford, Patrick Waymon, 48
• FTA- driving while suspended

Branch, Daryl Wade, 25
• harassing communications

Bryan, Jeffrey Allen, 32
• GJ- criminal possession of a forgery device
• GJ- third-degree forgery
• GJ- fourth-degree possession of a forged instrument

Burgess, Cody Eugene, 25
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Burgess, Ethan John, 23
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Clayton, Thomas Lee, 28
• FTA- under minimum speed limit

Curvin, Meschach John, 23
• FTA- imitation drug possession
• FTA- DUI- .08 BAC or greater
• FTA- third-degree domestic violence- menacing
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- first-degree receiving stolen property
• second-degree bail jumping- imitation drug possession
• second-degree bail jumping - DUI- .08 BAC or greater
• second-degree bail jumping - possession of drug paraphernalia
• second-degree bail jumping- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Drake, Thomas Walton, 33
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Elliott, John Jackson, 41
• public intoxication

Gable, Johnathon Luke, 25
• no tag/tag not plainly visible
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Graham, Asia Ryan, 28
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• third-degree promoting prison contraband
• tampering with physical evidence
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Hanners, Joshua Earl, 30
• second-degree bail jumping- trafficking in methamphetamine

Hill, Cade Daylon, 19
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hill, Christopher Sane, 43
• possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)

Hollenack, Lyndsey Nicole, 24
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Jones, Christy Lynn, 43
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Kitchens, Timothy Justin, 28
FTA- third-degree burglary
• leaving the scene- unoccupied vehicle
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- third-degree theft of property

Lambert, Michael Lee, 37
• FTA- third-degree receiving stolen property (old charge)
• probation violation- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Lewis, Katie Ann, 22
• probation violation- possession of drug paraphernalia
• probation violation- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Lindner, Dillon Tyler, 27
• FTA- giving false name to law enforcement
• FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument (5 counts)

Monfort, Nicholas Andrew, 40
• third-degree domestic violence- menacing

Murphree, Bobby Duane, 57
• FTA- third-degree theft by deception

Pemberton, Tyler Ewing, 26
• third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Perez, Cody Lynn, 38
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Phillips, Jonathan Lee, 26
• FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Poole, James Lloyd, 69
• FTA- illegal possession of alcohol in a dry county

Roden, Mark Clayton II, 25
• first-degree bail jumping-possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Rouse, Amber Leigh, 30
• unauthorized use of a vehicle

Runyon, Jeremy Alan, 31
• attempting to elude
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• fourth-degree receiving stolen property
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Shipp, Dennis Earl, 58
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Speegle, Daniel Eugene, 33
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Spivey, Andrew Louis, 42
• harassment
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Sterling, Harry Wayne, 64
• DUI- alcohol and controlled substance

Stevens, Carter Dale, 18
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Tucker, Oliver Samuel, 22
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• illegal possession of prescription medicine

Watts, Jesse Weldon, 34
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Whitehead, Tristen Skylar, 18
• minor in consumption of alcohol

Wilkins, Timothy Eugene, 62
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Williams, Daniel Sean, 32
• FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Willingham, Andrea Danielle, 29
• failure to register quarterly- SORNA

Yarbrough, William III, 28
• unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle

Yeager, Michael Wayne, 44
• third-degree domestic violence

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
Feb. 18
• first-degree theft of property; Nearen Construction Company; 3rd Ave. SW; trailer; $6,075
• counterfeit $50; State of Alabama; Town Square Shopping Center
• fraudulent use of a credit or debit card; person; misc. charges

ARRESTS
Feb. 18

Rainey, Kelsey A., 28
• fourth-degree theft of property

Moore, Jennifer M., 50
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

Reeves, Mathew K., 24
• chemical endangerment of a child
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Reeves, Pamela N. 23
• chemical endangerment of a child
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Lewis, Katie A., 22
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Wise, Lisa D., 47
• unlawful distribution of a controlled substance
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

REPORTED ON FEB. 20
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INCIDENTS
No incidents reported.

Arrests
No arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
Feb. 18
• third-degree burglary; person; Austin Ave. SW; TV, PlayStation; $1,050

Feb. 19
• third-degree domestic violence; person; Kate Lane SW

ARRESTS
Feb. 19

Gomez, Ambrocio E., 25
• DUI

Coj, Lucio C., 24
• public intoxication

Philpott, Steven R., 49
• GJ- first-degree sodomy
• GJ- sexual abuse of a child under the age of 12 (2 counts)

Keefe, Mary J., 27
• GJ- second-degree sodomy
• GJ- enticing a child for immoral purposes

Byess, Dawn C., 39
• FTA- fourth-degree of property

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

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Margie Lou Dial of Cullman passed away Feb. 19, 2019 at the age of 86. She was born May 18, 1932 to Charles and Thelma Pyle Pitzing. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband James Dial, infant sons Jeffrey and Tommy Dial, brother Charles Pitzing, sisters Mary Jane Dyer and Geleen Sears. Funeral services are Thursday, Feb. 21, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Chuck Canterbury officiating. Interment will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery. Survivors are: daughter Debby (Tom) Osborne; son, Jim (Sue) Dial; brother, Isidore Pitzing; grandchildren, Troy (Kammie) Allison, Karl Allison; and great-grandchild, Troy Allison Jr.

Funeral services for Laura Jean Allen, age 52, of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 21, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; burial at Jones Chapel Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Allen passed away on Feb. 17, 2019, at UAB Hospital. She was born April 30, 1966, to Herman and Shirley Shaw. She was preceded in death by her father, Herman Shaw. Survivors include her husband of 33 years, Jimmy Allen; daughter, Stephanie Allen; two sons, Jason Allen and Josh Allen; three grandchildren, Isaiah Barnett, Lillian Barnett, and Starr Pace; mother, Shirley Shaw; three brothers, Jim Shaw, Herman Shaw, Jr., and Freddy Shaw; one sister, Connie Ankrom; a host of nieces and nephews; and many adopted sons and daughters.

Susie Lue Pruitt, 84, of Vinemont, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019. Born to Frank and Lula Armstrong of Eva, Alabama, Susie spent her adult life in Bethsadia, Eva, Cullman and Vinemont. Susie worked in the lunchroom at East Elementary before being promoted to Manager of the Cullman High School Cafeteria where she retired in 1997. She took great enjoyment in providing a nourishing, warm meal (and great desserts) to her students. Susie was preceded in death by her father and mother, Frank and Lula Armstrong; brother, David Armstrong; husband, Paul Pruitt; and, son, Michael Pruitt. She is survived by her brother, Donald (Betty) Armstrong; two sons, Keith (Tammy) Pruitt and Wade (Leslie) Pruitt; three grandsons, Joshua Pruitt, Benjamin Pruitt and Clay Pruitt; and one great-granddaughter, Evelyn Pruitt; three nephews, Stephen Armstrong, Frank Armstrong and Scott (Kim) Smith; three nieces Connie (Chris) Gibbs, Renae Harris Lovetto and Nicole (Turk) Hancock; and, many great-nieces and nephews. Susie's pride and joy were her three boys, grandchildren and great-grandchild. She was a faithful supporter of Cullman Pioneer and Bearcat basketball programs, youth baseball and countless other school events. Susie was a member of Northside Baptist Church in Cullman, Alabama for over fifty years. Visitation will be at Moss Service Funeral Home on Thursday, Feb.21, 2019 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. A memorial service will be held on Friday, Feb.22, 2019 at 2 p.m. in the Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be at Mount Zion United Methodist Church Cemetery, 17478 US Highway 31 North, Cullman, Alabama. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations be made to Northside Baptist Church, 1310 Katherine Street NW, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

Funeral services for Greg Patterson, age 56, of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 22, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Chris Hunter and Bruce Massey officiating; burial at Cullman Heritage Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Patterson passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2019, at Hanceville Nursing Home. He was born May 4, 1962, to Winfred and Marlene Hunter Patterson. He is preceded in death by his parents and grandparents, George and Ossie Patterson and Bruce and Daisey Hunter. Survivors include his sister, Angie Patterson, and a host of cousins. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 22, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Funeral services for Clifford Andrew Handley, Sr., 86, of Cullman, AL will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 22, 2019, at Moss Service Funeral Home, Brothers Larry Brown and Jason Handley officiating, and a burial in Cullman Memorial Gardens Cemetery at a later date. Mr. Handley died Saturday, Feb. 16, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. He was born June 20, 1932, in Cullman, AL, to Printice Andrew and Ethel Hite Handley. A veteran of the United States Air Force, he retired from both Winn Dixie and Norrell-Fields Dodge after several years of service. He was a member of Northside Baptist Church, St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church, and the local Moose and Elks Lodges. He was a lover of golf, Alabama football, shooting pool, and playing Pinochle with his family. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters, Eula Shoemake and Barbara Brown; his brother, Bobby Handley; the mother of his children, Becky VanMetre; and his great-nephew, Josh Brown. Survivors include his daughter, Debbie Ensor of Louisville, KY; three sons, Cliff (Margret) Handley, Jr. of Spring Hill, TN, Donnie (Pam) Handley and Ken (Christa) Handley, both of Cullman, AL; his ex-wife, Sara Jo Elledge Handley; 11 grandchildren, Michael Ensor, Brian (Leigh Anne) Ensor, Chad (Hannah) Ensor, Jill (Fiancé Chris Daniel) Handley, Cliff (Buffy) Handley, III, Stone (Casey) Franklin, Angie (Fiancé Jeff Shockey) Handley Young, Matthew (Fiancé Salina Berryman) Handley, Jason (Telia) Handley, Chayla Handley, and Tabitha Handley (Fiancé Daniel Venable); 11 great-grandchildren, James Ensor, Justin Ensor, Dillon Ensor, Hunter Ensor, Kash Ensor, Zadie Handley, Isiah Young, Abby Young, Brilee Handley, Jayd Handley, and Mackenna Handley; five nephews, Doug (Phylis) Smith, Bobby (Connie) Smith, Frankie (Tammy) Brown, Randy Brown, and Billy (Amy) Handley; and five nieces, Becky (Tommy) Perdue, Patti (David) Kennedy, Kathy (Steve) McIntosh, Pam (Doug) Isbell, and Lisa (Steve) Worthington. Visitation will be from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, potted plants and donations are appreciated for a delayed burial service.

Funeral services for Kenneth Denoy Kilgo, age 61, of Vinemont, will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019, at Ebenezer Baptist Church with Rev. Dennis Trimble officiating; interment in Ebenezer Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Kilgo passed away on Monday, Feb. 18, 2019, at Huntsville Hospital. He was born August 1, 1957, to Denoy and Edna Ruth Kilgo. He is preceded in death by his father, Denoy Kilgo, and sister, Sharon Perkins. Survivors include his daughter, Nicolette Kilgo; sister, Libby (Charlie) Youmans; brother, Shawn Kilgo; mother, Edna Ruth Kilgo; and a host of nieces, nephew, family, and friends. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb.23, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Saving Forgotten Warriors, 1528 Peachtree Ln NW, Cullman, AL 35058. Also, the family would like for everyone to support the food pantry founded by Mr. Kilgo. Donations may be made throughout the year at the West Point Town Hall.

Judith Ann Roberson, 72, of Haleyville, entered into rest on Feb. 16, 2019 at Cottage of the Shoals in Tuscumbia, Alabama. Ms. Roberson was born on Jan. 17, 1947, in Jasper, Alabama. Judith loved her cats. She enjoyed crocheting and watching Dr. Phil. Private services. Judith is survived by her son, Anthony R. Ingram; brothers, Jim and Thomas Spain. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jim and Jean Spain; and daughter, Johnna Currie. Nichols Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Jerry Mack Winkles, 66, of Addison, entered into rest on Sunday, Feb. 17, 2019. Complete obituary and arrangements will be announced by Nichols Funeral Home.

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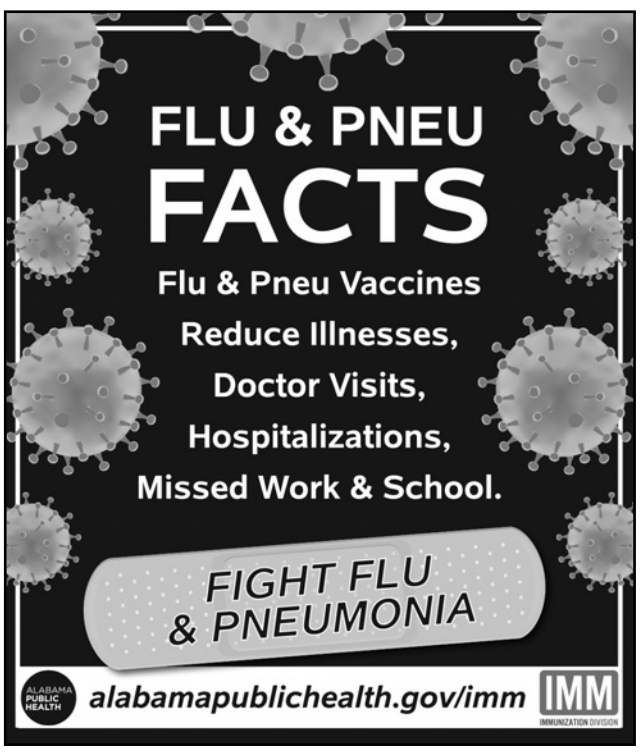
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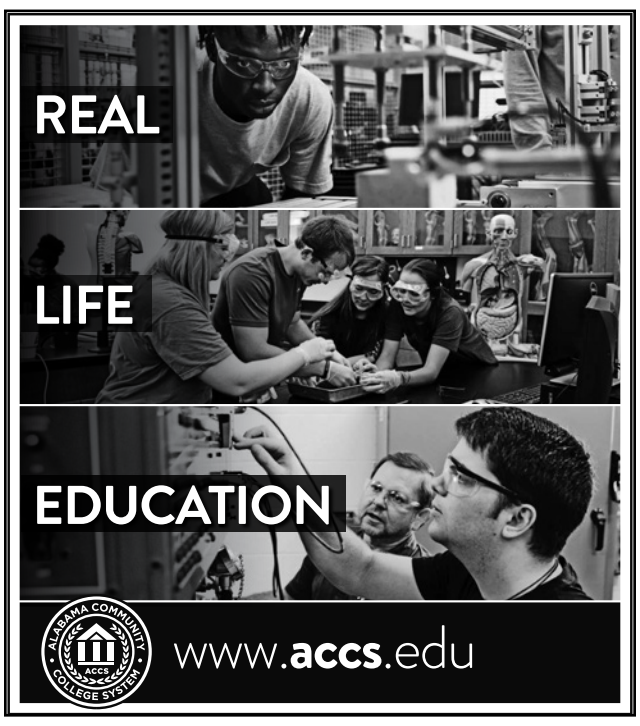
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NORTHEAST REGIONAL

Fairview comes from behind to upset Cherokee County, advance to Regional finals

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JACKSONVILLE, Ala. – Fairview is back in the Sweet 16 for the fourth time in five years, but this year it had to travel to Jacksonville State University to compete in the Northeast Regional Tournament.

The Lady Aggies lined up against the sixth-ranked Cherokee County Lady Warriors Tuesday in a low-scoring affair, and they came from behind to win it 51-45 late in the final quarter to punch their ticket to the Class 4A Girls Northeast Regional Finals.

Fairview got off to a slow start offensively and found itself in foul trouble early as well.

Cherokee County built a 6-2 lead midway through the first quarter, but a 3-pointer from Payton Golden trimmed it to 10-7 later in the period.

The Lady Warriors got a lot of chances from the free-throw line early in the game and took a 12-7 lead into the second.

Back-to-back buckets from Jacy Gorham cut the lead to 12-11 early in the second quarter but Cherokee County converted an and-one play at the free-throw line to make it 16-11 midway through the period.

A 3-pointer from Katie Ball cut the lead to 21-17 with just over two minutes in the half and that lead held for the Lady Warriors going into the break.

Fairview picked up 12 fouls in the first half, but Cherokee County was only able to knock down eight of its 18 free throw attempts.

That, combined with 12 turnovers forced by the Lady Aggies, kept Fairview in striking distance at the start of the second half.

The Lady Warriors stretched the lead to 25-19 early in the third quarter but a pair of free throws from Daisy Manasco cut the lead back down to four.

A 3-pointer from Molly McKelvy made it a 25-24 game midway through the third but Cherokee County answered with a 7-0 run to take a 32-24 lead with just under three minutes to play in the period.

Manasco stopped the run with a 3-pointer of her own and cut the lead to five but the Lady Warriors responded with a three on their next possession.

A pair of free throws from Golden trimmed the lead to 35-29 with less than a minute to play in the third and that score held until the end of the period.

Most of the final period was played at the free-throw line. Golden netted two more free throws to make it a 35-31 game early in the fourth and added a layup later in the period to cut the lead to 38-36.

McKelvy laid one in to give Fairview its first lead of the game at 39-38 midway through the fourth.

Ball added two more free throws to stretch the lead to 42-38 and Manasco made it 43-40 with a free throw with just under three minutes to play.

A basket from Cherokee County cut the lead to 44-43 with less than two minutes to play but Gorham put the Lady Aggies back up by two with a free throw around the 1:00 mark.

Golden nailed two more free throws to go ahead 47-43 with less than a minute remaining in the game and a Maddie Yeager free throw stretched the lead to five with 30 seconds to play.

Golden netted two more from the charity stripe and that was enough to seal the deal for Fairview; the Lady Aggies advanced to the Northeast Regional Finals on Thursday.

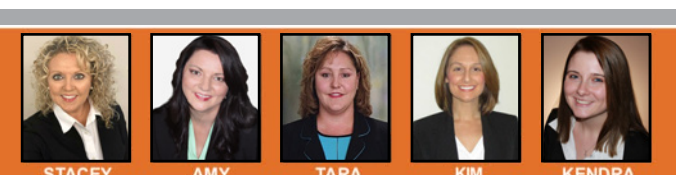
Golden led Fairview with 16 points in the win, followed Manasco with 11, Gorham and McKelvy with seven and Ball with six.

Fairview outscored the Lady Warriors 22-10 in the final frame.

Both teams combined to shoot 70 free throws in the game.

The Lady Aggies are now 19-10 and will look to build off of a huge win on Thursday and clinch a spot in the state tournament when they take on seventh-ranked Anniston in the Northeast Regional Finals at 12:30 p.m.

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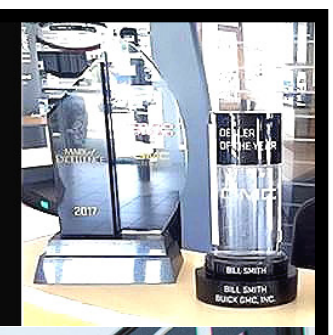
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NORTHEAST REGIONAL

Cold Springs defeats Red Bay 54-36 in Northwest Regional title game to advance to state Final 4

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Cold Springs officially punched its ticket to the 2019 AHSAA State Tournament Tuesday night with a 54-36 win over Red Bay in the Northwest Regional Tournament finals. It'll be the Lady Eagles' first trip to the final four since 2009 and with three state titles under her belt already, head coach Tammy West and her squad will be ready to go when they hit the floor in Birmingham on Monday.

After the game, West said she was proud of the effort her team put out on the floor and had to mention both Red Bay's performance and the performance of one of her star players.

"I'm just proud of them. We played hard and I thought Red Bay did a great job tonight. They shot the ball well.

"I've watched them a lot and hadn't really seen them shoot like that, so they were prepared and played good defense but Elizabeth Hill just kind of took the game over," West said.

"She was able to get to the rim and finish and we were able to get the win, finally."

The season ended for Cold Springs here at the Northwest Regional last year when the Lady Eagles fell to Phil Campbell so this year's team has been on a mission to avenge that loss and make a run at a state title.

"You know we've had some big wins down here the last two years, but we haven't been able to get the big win," West said.

"So, it was a great feeling when I looked up and realized it with about six seconds to go and felt good about it because they've worked extremely hard to get to this point and this is all we've talked about ever since last year when we lost down here so it feels pretty good."

One of the players on the court during that loss last season, Camryn Crider, has been a senior leader and impact player for this year's team.

The senior sniper has wanted to play in the final four for as long as she can remember, and now, she'll get her chance.

"I've actually always dreamed about this," Crider said. "Ever since I was in second or third grade and watching (West's) last team that went to Birmingham and I never actually thought I'd get to go but now I get to go."

Red Bay scored the first point of the game to take an early lead, but the Lady Eagles quickly took control with a 16-4 run that gave them a big lead late in the opening quarter.

The Lady Tigers got hot from three-point range in the final two minutes of the first and managed to cut the lead to 19-16 by the end of the quarter.

Red Bay drilled another three to tie the game at the start of the second but a 3-pointer from Toni West put Cold Springs back in front 22-19 midway through the quarter.

The Lady Eagles added to their lead with a three from Crider that made it 27-19 late in the second and Cold Springs went into the half with a 31-21 advantage over the Lady Tigers.

Red Bay trimmed the lead to 31-24 with a 3-pointer early in the third quarter but the Lady Eagles answered with a 6-0 run to make it 37-24 late in the period.

A 3-pointer from West stretched the lead to 42-25 with just under two minutes to play in the third and it was a 42-28 game going into the fourth quarter.

Hill added to the lead with a layup early in the final frame that made it 44-29, but she was forced to leave the game shortly after that with an ankle injury.

Coach West expects Hill to be ready to play on Monday.

The Lady Tigers scored to cut the lead to 44-33 midway through the period, but a pair of free throws from Kylon Hamby made it a 48-33 game with just under three minutes to play.

West knocked down a pair of free throws with just over a minute remaining to stretch the lead to 51-33 and that put things out of reach for Red Bay. Cold Springs pulled away to win, it 54-36.

Hill led the Lady Eagles with 23 points, followed by West with 11 and Crider with eight.

Hill, Crider and West were all selected to the Northwest Regional All-Tournament Team and Hill was named as this year's MVP.

Cold Springs will get a few days off to rest up and refocus before heading to Legacy Arena in Birmingham on Monday for a matchup with the G.W. Long Lady Rebels at 3 p.m.















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Anita DiSalvo

(PLAINTIFF)

VS CASE NO: SM-2018-000180

Jonathan Wynn

(DEFENDANT)

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DEFENDANT(S), Jonathan Wynn, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him/her by the PLAINTIFF, Anita DiSalvo, for $600.00 plus court cost, cause of action being: Property: Antique door and services.

ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT MUST BE MADE BY THE SAID DEFENDANT on or before the 21st day of March, 2019, or a default may be rendered against him/her in the above styled cause.

DATED THIS THE 5th DAY OF February, 2019.

Lisa McSwain

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CIRCUIT COURT CLERK

CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

LISA A. HALLER
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2018-900160.00**

DAVID E. HALLER
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

David E. Haller, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Jay Lisa A. Haller's Complaint for Divorce by April 1st, 2019 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2018-900160.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 5th day of February, 2019.

Lisa McSwain

Lisa McSwain,
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
* CASE NO. PC 2018-054
JERVIS FARLEY, SR., DECEASED *

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

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All claims must be filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County.

Sharon Farley

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TAMMY BROWN
Probate Judge
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
GLENN ALLEN ASHBY, * CASE NO PC-2018-399
*
Deceased. *

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Letters Administration having been granted to Kellie Ashby, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Glenn Allen Ashby, Deceased, on the 19th day of February, 2019, by the Honorable Tammy Brown. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claim against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Kellie Ashby
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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
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CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO PC2019-048

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BETTY F. O'REAR, DECEASED.

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Roger A. O'Rear
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STATE OF ALABAMA IN THE PROBATE COURT

CULLMAN COUNTY CASE NO: PC2018-279

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NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PETITION TO PROBATE COPY OF WILL

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Tammy Brown

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on December 12, 2013 by Jeffrey Lee Cunningham, a married man, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1725, Page 297 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on March 14, 2019:

Commence at a point where the west right of way of Blountsville Road (County Road 1675) intersects the north right of way of U.S. Highway 278 and run N 17°38'42" W along the west right of way line of County Road 1675 a distance of 210.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence N 89°51'07" W 210.00 feet; thence N 17°38'42" W 217.75 feet; thence N 84°45'55" E 181.03 feet to a point on the west right of way line of County Road 1675; thence S 24°16'30" E a chord distance of 119.66 feet; thence S 21°56'39" E a chord distance of 124.51 feet to the point of beginning. Said tract lying in and being a part of the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 8, Township 10 South, Range 1 West, Cullman County, Alabama. ALSO: A parcel of land lying and being in the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 8, Township 10, Range 1 West, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the intersection of the west right of way line of Blountsville Road with the north right of way of U.S. Highway 278, which said point is at or near the south forty line of said forty; thence running west along north right of way line of U.S. Highway 278 a distance of 210 feet; thence running northwest and parallel to Blountsville Road a distance of 210 feet; thence running east and parallel to the north right of way of U.S. Highway 278 for a distance of 210 feet to a point on the northwest right of way line of the Blountsville Road a distance of 210 feet north along the right of way from the point of beginning; thence running southeast along the west right of way line of the Blountsville Road 210 feet to the point of beginning. Situated, lying and being in Cullman County, Alabama.
Subject to Utility easement granted to East Cullman Water System, Inc. as recorded In Deed Book 391, Page 401 and Deed Book 391, Page 403 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

The following manufactured home to be auctioned separately and together with the real estate:
1987 Southern, VIN NTA159793.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Dewayne N. Morris
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Birmingham, Alabama 35203
The Cullman Tribune-February 21, 28, March 7, 2019

UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM — STATE OF ALABAMA

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Judge: MARTHA E. WILLIAMS

To: MOORE STUART LYNN
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JOSEPH MOORE V. KRISTINA MOORE
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

MOORE JOSEPH,)
Plaintiff,)
)
V.) Case No.: DR-2016-900089.01
)
MOORE KRISTINA,)
Defendant.)

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The Plaintiff having made a Motion for Service by Publication supported by the Affidavit of the Plaintiff, stating that Defendant is avoiding service, and it appearing that the Plaintiff has filed a Verified Petition to Modify. It is,

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Defendant, Kristina Moore, answer the said Petition to Modify by the 19th day of March, 2019, or thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered against the said Plaintiff. It is further,

ORDERED that this Order and notice be published once a week for four successive weeks in The Cullman Times, a newspaper of general circulation in Cullman County.

DONE this 17th day of January, 2019.

/s/ MARTHA E. WILLIAMS
CIRCUIT JUDGE

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made in the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Linda Prince Wife Freddie Prince Husband to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for The Mortgage Outlet, Inc., its successors and assigns dated November 22, 2004; said mortgage being recorded on December 1, 2004, in Book 1407, Page 844, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Green Tree Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 303, Page 96 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
The undersigned, Ditech Financial LLC, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 15th day of March, 2019 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
Commencing at the Southwest corner of a 20 acre tract of land in the East half of the Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 17, Township 9, South, Range 1, West; thence east along the South forty line 210 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue east along the said line 210 feet; thence north 210 feet; thence west 210 feet; thence south 210 feet to the point of beginning. Said land lying and being in the East half of the Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 17, Township 9, South, Range 1, West, in Cullman County, Alabama, and containing 1.0 acres, more or less.

Said property is commonly known as 99 County Rd 1565, Cullman, AL 35058.
The indebtedness secured by said Mortgage has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of default under the terms of the Note secured by said Mortgage, including but not limited to, nonpayment of the indebtedness as and when due. The indebtedness remains in default, and this sale will be made for the sole purpose of paying the same, including all expenses of the sale, attorney's fees, and all other payments provided for under the terms of said Mortgage.

Said property will be sold subject to the following items, which may affect the title to said real property: all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the property; any outstanding taxes, including but not limited to, ad valorem taxes, which constitute liens upon said property; special assessments; all outstanding bills for public utilities, which constitute liens upon said property; all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way; the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law; and any other matters of record superior to said Mortgage. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the real property is Linda PrinceFreddie Prince or tenant(s).
Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

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EDUCATION

City School Board votes 3-2 to oust Cullman Middle School Principal Lane Hill

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CULLMAN, Ala. - The Cullman City School Board voted 3-2 Tuesday night not to renew Cullman Middle School Principal Lane Hill's contract at this end of this school year.

More than 30 teachers and parents showed up to support or speak on behalf of Hill. The response to the vote was loud and emotional, with audible gasps and intense disapproval voiced from those in attendance.

Board President Jason Neal and Board Member Suzanne Harbin voted to renew Hill's contract. Board Members Joey Orr, Lee Powell and Chris Branham voted not to renew.

Prior to the vote, Kim Canaday addressed the board on behalf of the school's teachers in attendance. Canaday, who has taught at Cullman Middle School for 24 years, began, "I've always had great respect for the school board and with that said I hope and pray you will consider what we have to say. I feel that the number one priority of everyone in this room is the academic success of our students and providing that in the safest environment that we can.

"I feel that at the middle school we have been able to do this primarily because Mr. Hill has provided a learning environment that is conducive for that, because instead of dealing with issues, we are able to actually teach."

Canaday reminded the board that Cullman Middle School recently received a score of 96 on its annual state report card, the highest score of all the schools in the city school system and one of the highest in the state of Alabama.

She attributed the high achievement scores to the leadership of Hill, continuing, "You have to look at what are the factors that attribute to that. I do believe that discipline is a big part of it, and consequences. I laugh and tell Mr. Hill that he's old school, which I am too, but old school isn't always appreciated in our society today, but I truly feel it's one of the most effective teaching tools because if you do not have control of your classroom, then you are going to be dealing with discipline problems the whole time. That is going to directly impact the students' ability to learn."

In conclusion, Canaday said, "Mr. Hill, without a doubt, has been the most supportive principal, but not just to the teachers. I think truly his priority is the academic success of every student at our school. I think it's obvious by all the people that have come tonight to show their support for him that it's certainly not a question of teacher support or teacher morale.. So, if academics and support of your teachers are not two of the most important things, then what should be considered?"

The room erupted in applause from the assembled teachers, while the board sat silently and said nothing in response. Instead, it immediately began the approval of the list of agenda items.

The last agenda item was the vote regarding Principal Hill's contract. There was no discussion as board members Orr, Powell and Branham voted not to renew the contract. Neal and Harbin opposed the recommendation.

The room sat stunned as Superintendent Dr. Susan Patterson asked for a motion to adjourn.

Several in the room let their grievances be known immediately while others sat crying.

As soon as the meeting was adjourned, the board members who voted not to renew the contract left quickly through the back door leaving Patterson, Neal and Harbin to face the noticeably dismayed crowd.

Hill, who was in attendance, attempted to calm his supporters saying, "I love you, appreciate you and your being here.

"You don't know how much it means to me that y'all are here. But, tomorrow is a new day for Cullman Middle School. I want you to make this the best end of the school year we've ever had."

Several teachers and other supporters did address Patterson at the conclusion of the meeting.

Hill then thanked Neal and Harbin for their support. There was some confusion as to whether Hill's contract would officially end on the last day of school or in June.

Patterson did not give an official statement but said she would issue a statement soon.

Neal said of Hill, "I appreciate his service to this system. He's done a phenomenal job."

Neither Neal or Harbin provided a specific explanation for the board's decision other than suggesting the board opted for a new direction. Hill continued to comfort his staff as everyone slowly left.

Despite the board's decision, Hill said, "I don't have any regrets about any of the way the middle school has been run over the past 11 years.

"It's a great faculty and a great bunch of students. It's been an honor to serve them. I leave with no regrets."

EDUCATION

Big gains for Holly Pond High; Exceptional Service Awards presented

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CULLMAN - The Cullman County School Board on Tuesday night approved more than $200,000 in facility improvements for Holly Pond High School, including:

• Cafeteria Phase One electrical upgrade contract awarded to PG Wells, Inc. in the amount of $47,333

• Cafeteria Phase Two contract awarded to Complete Construction, LLC in the amount of $148,347

• Old home economics building demolition contract awarded to Able Hauling & Excavating in the amount of $25,500, ahead of an upcoming building expansion

The demolition project will take place over spring break, and cafeteria upgrades are scheduled for this summer. The board also approved a 213-day extension to Miller Roofing's contract for re-roofing at Cold Springs High School, with change in the amount.

Students and others honored

Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette recognized Fairview Elementary students Oaklyn Gardner and Lincoln Wright, winners respectively of the 9-10-year old girls' and boys' divisions of the County and North Alabama District Hoop Shoot. Gardner also placed second in the state competition.

Barnette also issued the Cullman County Board of Education's inaugural Exceptional Service Awards to:

• Abby Holcomb, Fairview Elementary volunteer and substitute

• Diane Veach, Cold Springs Elementary Special Education paraprofessional

• Anita Whitlock, Good Hope High English teacher

Lynette Burt was also recognized, but could not be present. She will receive her award at a future meeting.

Barnette called the award "a 'thank you' for recognizing the efforts of any employee, volunteer or community partner. These are unsung heroes that give those extra efforts to further CCBOE's vision and mission."

The next regular Cullman County School Board meeting will be on Thursday, March 14, at 6 p.m. in the central office board room. The public is invited to attend.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

West Point Town Council remembers Kilgo, will hold special Feb. 25 session

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WEST POINT - The West Point Town Council met Monday evening with the death that morning of Mayor Kenneth Kilgo heavy on members' minds and hearts.

Kilgo died early Monday morning after several weeks in the hospital. He was 61 and had been mayor since 2006.

Mayor Pro Tem Gerald Schafer shared, "I knew Kenneth a long time. I think he loved West Point.

"He did a lot for West Point. He was a friend and I'm gonna miss him." Council members responded with "Amen."

Said Town Attorney Dan Willingham, "He was definitely a friend of your community. He worked hard as the mayor and he got a lot of things done.

"May not have always agreed with everybody on everything at one time, but I promise you, he worked hard and you've seen a lot of local growth through his leadership."

Willingham explained the council's options for naming a new mayor.

The council can appoint a council member or any qualified elector who lives in West Point to the position.

If the council decides to appoint one of its current members, it would then have to appoint a new council member from the community.

Either way, the council will likely need to decide within 60 days.

Willingham was not certain, but said, "It's typically within 60 days."

Out or respect for Kilgo, the council did not discuss possible replacements at Monday night's meeting. Instead, it plans to hold a special executive session on Monday, Feb. 25 at 6 p.m.

Other business

The council hopes to apply for a grant for the re-paving of County Road 1141. It said Ashley Graves from Cullman County Economic Development has offered to assist in the process.

Residents with mailing addresses on County Road 1141 in West Point will be surveyed to meet part of the grant application requirements.

Residents can expect to see representatives from Cullman County Economic Development over the next few weeks.

The survey will also be available at the town hall during business hours.

The contingency plan for the parks and recreation department is almost complete as required by state legislation.

The Coach Safety Act, which passed late last year, requires coaches to be certified in safety training and protocols.

A defibrillator will also be purchased.

The council said all training and other requirements will be met prior to the start of the spring ball season.

Willingham said he is also putting together a contingency plan for the Town of West Point on protocols and procedures to be followed during different emergency scenarios.

The plan should be ready for approval as early as the scheduled March meeting.

Scholarship available from Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation District

The Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation District is now accepting applications for a $500 scholarship sponsored by the Alabama Conservation District Employees Association. Applicant must be a U. S. citizen, high school senior, and live in the state of Alabama.

Applications may be picked up at the District office located 501-B Fourth St. SW in Cullman. Deadline to receive completed applications in the District office is March 4, 2019.

For more information, please contact Kathy Holmes at 256-734-1431 or kholmes@cullmanswcd.com.



Front L-R: Sonja Sewell, Launne Reid, Sue Miller.
Back L-R: Kathryn Striker, Eddy Hoenig, RPH

A study published in the *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society* has found a link between pneumonia in older people and Proton-pump inhibitors (PPIs), a group of medicines commonly used to neutralize stomach acid in people with heartburn or stomach ulcers. Approximately 40 percent of older adults receive PPIs, although according to some experts, up to 85 percent of people who receive PPI prescriptions may not need them. Once thought to be relatively harmless, PPIs have more recently been linked to increased rates for certain health concerns like fractures, cardiovascular disease and some bacterial infections. The association between PPI use and pneumonia was studied because stomach acid is a barrier to infections spreading from the gut in people with stomach reflux.

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A new study published in the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute* finds that higher circulating vitamin D concentrations are significantly associated with lower colorectal cancer risk. This study strengthens the evidence, previously considered inconclusive, for a protective relationship. Optimal vitamin D concentrations for colorectal cancer prevention may be higher than the current National Academy of Medicine recommendations, which are based only on bone health.

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Long-term use of antidepressants is associated with a sustained increase in risk of weight gain over at least five years, finds a study published in *The BMJ*. The findings show that patients prescribed any of the 12 most commonly used antidepressants were more likely to experience weight gain than those not taking the drugs. The risk was greatest during the second and third years of treatment.

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Fishing (from Front)

technique imaginable, from topwater to drop shotting, meaning every angler should be able to fish to his liking.

The Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) recently reopened the public boat landing that will serve as the Stage Five launch site. The renovated facility includes a 90-foot-wide, six-lane launching slab and a paved parking lot with room for 113 tow vehicles with boat trailers, and 10 cars.

Other improvements include security lighting, a paved overflow parking lot for another 70 truck and trailer rigs, a 45-foot stationary aluminum pier, two large floating aluminum piers and a fixed aluminum pedestrian bridge that connects the overflow and main parking areas. The launch site is located on the northeast side of Ryan Creek and accessed free of charge through Smith Lake Park at 403 County Rd. 386 in Cullman.

The project was funded by the Sport Fish Restoration Program, which is supported through excise taxes on the sale of outboard motor fuel, fishing equipment, and the sale of state fishing licenses. For more information about this and other WFF public boating access areas, visit boatramps.dcnr.alabama.gov/.

As for Smith's quality fishing, anglers often find themselves challenged in deciding whether to focus on the lake's generous population of spotted bass, target the bigger largemouth bass or rely on both.

Making it even more interesting is the fact that the MLF Bass Pro Tour uses a unique catch-weigh-and-immediate-release format in which all "scorable" bass caught do count in an angler's score. That means Smith Lake's big schools of healthy spotted bass could be game changers throughout the competition.

"It's going to be highly exciting to watch our MLF hammers compete in the heart of the Yellowhammer State," said Michael Mulone, MLF's Senior Director of Events & Partnerships.

"MLF's format will really show off how good this fishery is because bass within Smith Lake's 13-to-15-inch slot limit will count in our competition once they satisfy the one-pound minimum rule and since MLF fish are released immediately back into the water after being caught and weighed ... they don't go into livewells.

"The Cullman folks are already working hard to make Stage Five something special and I can assure all MLF fans that this will definitely be a must-attend festival."

As in all Bass Pro Tour events, the Cullman visit will feature seven hours of live coverage on each competition day with access to the MLF NOW! free live stream found on the league's website, www.majorleaguefishing.com.

The Smith Lake event will also result in a two-hour television show that will air on Discovery Channel in the fourth quarter of 2019, and repeat on Sportsman Channel in first and second quarters of 2020.

MLF programming also airs on Outdoor Channel, World Fishing Network, CBS, CBS Sports Network and Discovery Channel, and all episodes are available on-demand on MyOutdoorTV (MOTV).

For more information about Cullman and Smith Lake, visit Cullman Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism or the Cullman Economic Development Agency.

For more information about MLF and its anglers, rules and sponsors, visit MajorLeagueFishing.com.

About Major League Fishing

Developed through a joint effort between Outdoor Channel and the PBT anglers in 2011, Major League Fishing brings the high-intensity sport of competitive bass fishing into America's living rooms in the form of riveting two-hour TV episodes. World-class anglers are filmed over the course of a six-day event.

The show captures their efforts as they utilize a demanding format that allows them to weigh all the "scorable bass" they catch. Unlike other competitive fishing events, live leaderboards in the boats allow anglers to know their standings at all times.

For more information about the game, visit www.majorleaguefishing.com and follow Major League Fishing on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. You can catch all current and past episodes of Major League Fishing on #MyOutdoorTV, the world's leading outdoor television global, streaming service provider. Also, for more information about MLF anglers, see Game & Fish magazine, the official publication of MLF.

Local impact, especially for students

According to Anderson, the event represents a new format for MLF, with the regular fishing tournament at the lake supplemented by a festival style fan experience downtown at Depot Park and the Festhalle.

For area school fishing teams, the event will offer student anglers the opportunity to see competitive professional fishing up close without having to travel far, and will give them a chance to interact face-to-face with the pros.

Jordan Bentley, a member of the Hanceville High School Fishing Team, told The Tribune, "I think it's pretty exciting because, you know, Cullman's kind of like a small town. We don't have stuff like that that kind of happens a lot. I think that's pretty awesome that we get to see the pros come here and influence all of us for what we do. And they come from our hometown, so it really influences us to do it: to go on with our careers if we want to go with fishing or follow in their footsteps. I think that's really awesome that they can show up here in Cullman."

Said Barnette, "I am very excited that we're going to be hosting all these professional fishermen here in Cullman, and I think it's a great opportunity, and I'm going to do my best to get them in as many schools that they want to get into and share with young people.

"Any time that we can bring some professionals that are at the top of their particular sport or event into our schools and help kids understand and reach to work hard to achieve their goals and their dreams, I think it's a great opportunity. And I look forward to them getting out in the schools and hopefully reading to kids or talking to kids, taking pictures with kids. I think it's going to be a wonderful opportunity."

2019 MLF Bass Pro Tour

The 2019 Bass Pro Tour has already visited Kissimmee, Florida and Conroe, Texas and will stop in Raleigh, North Carolina and Dayton, Tennessee before coming to Cullman. For more on this year's tour, visit www.majorleaguefishing.com/events/bass-pro-tour/.





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GENERAL SALES MANAGER



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