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HIDDEN GARDEN

A look at the native plant garden and walking trail at Sportsman Lake



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Cullman Native Plant Society garden volunteer Nona Moon at the entrance to The Native Plant Garden and Trail at Sportsman Lake Park

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CULLMAN, Ala. – With the start of summer comes warm weather and bright sunny days, giving the perfect weather conditions to enjoy some time outdoors. Cullman County has no shortage of outdoor activities and recreation areas, though some may be more well-known than others. One of the most popular recreation areas in Cullman is Sportsman Lake Park, but even that area holds another, smaller prize for nature lovers: The Native Plant Garden and Trail, created and maintained by the Cullman Native Plant Society (CNPS).

Located across the road from the stage and Pavilion #6, and less than 100 feet from Cabin #1, the garden's entrance is marked by a wooden arbor and a sign asking visitors to not pick flowers from protected plants. When visitors step through the arbor, they can follow the trail across the hillside and rest on the many benches which have been provided, admire the memorials that have been set up for deceased family of CNPS members, have a picnic and relax on the swing, or simply walk though and learn about the types of plants that are native to the Southeast, such as spiderwort, primrose, trout lilies, more than 10 different varieties of trillium and several species of fern.

Roughly 3 acres in size, the garden was established 26 years ago, and is maintained by CNPS members every Tuesday morning (weather permitting).

The garden's main purpose is education, and tours are available for interested parties or organizations who want to learn more about plant species that are native to the Southeast or can be spread to the area by wildlife.

The garden is available year-round, with different plants reaching their peaks throughout the year. At this time, the main blooms come from pink primrose, spiderwort and an oak leaf hydrangea; white buckeye blooms will appear next month (red buckeye blooms have already passed), and visitors even later in the year can expect to see trout lilies. The garden's ferns also come in before most of the flowers start blooming early in the year.

This week's workday in the garden saw two CNPS members, Nona Moon and Delwyn Skinner, performing maintenance on the garden. Moon said sometimes the workdays will have up to five workers helping out, but usually not more than that.

"Usually at our meetings we have lots of people, but a lot of people don't come to work," she said.

"We have lots of people get involved, and they like the program and having the company, but a lot of people just don't like digging around and working in the dirt. A lot of people do like it, but there are also a lot of people who don't."

Most of the garden maintenance revolves around correcting mishaps such as flooding after heavy rains or picking up fallen trees or limbs - in fact, Moon said fallen branches have to be cleared off the paths almost weekly - though there is also a lot of planting involved as well. All the plants brought by the members are perennials, so they will come back year after year instead of workers having to bring the same plants over and over again.

The CNPS holds meetings at the senior center at Sportsman Lake on the fourth Tuesday of March, June, and September, with a plant swap on the second Tuesday of October (though the September and October events are subject to change depending on the Cullman County Fair schedule); the meetings are at 3 in the afternoon. The club is also more than happy to accept volunteers to help with the garden every Tuesday morning.

ARTS

'My Alabama' exhibit features photographs from John Dersham

Closing reception and book signing May 21



CONTRIBUTED

The exhibition will feature a sampling of what can be seen in Dersham's book. **» PAGE 2**

EDUCATION

Vinemont Christian Academy's 2019 commencement this Friday



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Riley Johnson

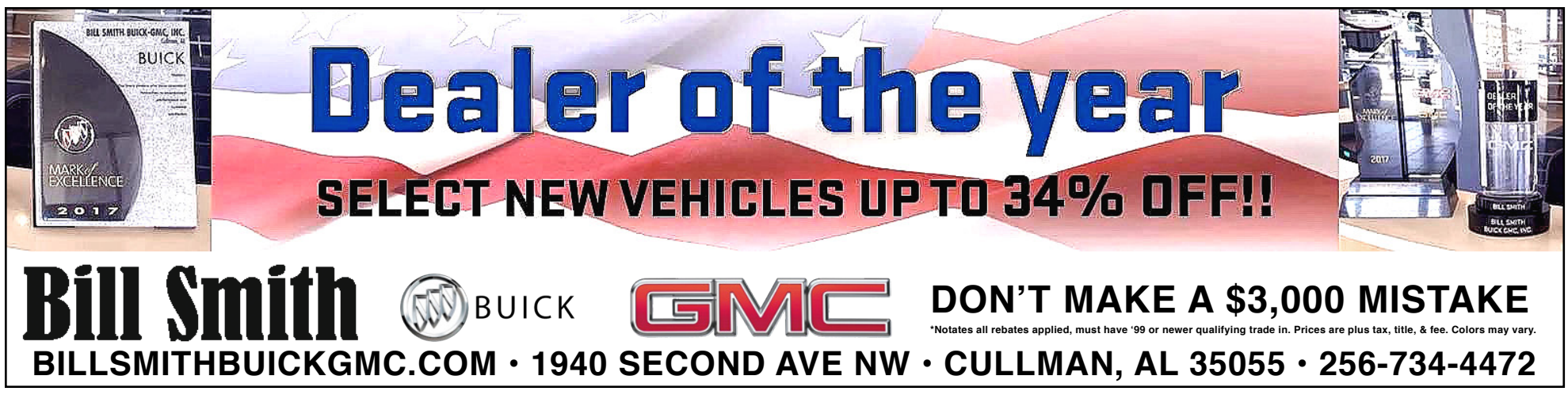
Vinemont Christian Academy
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VINEMONT, Ala. – Vinemont Christian Academy's 2019 commencement will be Friday, May 17 at 7 p.m. The service will be in the sanctuary of Soul's Harbor Free Will Baptist Church.

This year our graduate is Riley Johnson, son of Joseph and Brenda Johnson of Vinemont.

The guest speaker will be the Reverend Michael Cox, pastor of Forestdale Free Will Baptist Church in Birmingham. A celebration of graduation will be held in the school gym following the service.

Everyone is invited to the service, located at 21325 U.S. Highway 31 N, Vinemont, Alabama 35179.



Cullman Chamber earns top-4 finish in national Chamber of Year competition

Rob Ketcham
Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce

CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center was recently named one of the top chambers of commerce in the country, placing fourth in its category in the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives' 2019 Chamber of the Year competition. The competition stands alone in nationally recognizing the dual role chambers play in leading businesses and communities. To be honored, chambers must demonstrate organizational excellence and impact key community priorities such as education, advocacy, business development and quality of life.

"This is the first time our chamber has applied for this prestigious award," said Cullman Chamber President & CEO Leah Bolin. "I am so proud of our team. Providing innovative solutions to our local businesses is what we strive for every day.

"This success would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of our Board Members, executive leadership, partners, committees and staff who have been instrumental in strengthening our chamber and community."

The Chamber of the Year competition involves a multi-stage process including a detailed operations survey and application. Only select chambers nationwide are asked to compete beyond the operations survey.

Chambers were divided into four categories for this year's competition. The Cullman Chamber competed in Category 2.

The application process spans several weeks, with each department submitting detailed information and case studies on programs and initiatives.

The purpose of the competition is to bring attention to innovative initiatives and top practices that advance the chambers' mission and work, and to provide deserved recognition to leaders who have distinguished themselves by providing members with exceptional service and results.

Projects submitted by the Cullman Chamber — both in conjunction with its five-year "Converging for Success" strategic plan — were the recently completed Housing Needs Assessment and the wildly successful Business Resource Center (BRC).

The primary goals of the Housing Needs Assessment were to provide relevant information assisting local developers in the construction of new housing units and to increase available housing in order to attract new business and talent.

Geared toward startups and existing business, the BRC — in partnership with the Cullman Chamber and the Alabama Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Network — has been responsible for the creation of 223 jobs, the retainment of more than 425 jobs and the closing of $79 million in small business funding. Making it even more impressive, the BRC has only been in business for two years.

The competition's judges were very complimentary in their notes submitted to the Cullman Chamber, specifically pointing to member engagement, diversified revenue, internal analytics, publications and marketing as highlights.

Dr. TJ Franey, Chamber chair, had this to say: "What an honor it is for the Chamber to be recognized nationally for its vision, excellence, and dedication to its members and community.

"This speaks volumes about the Chamber's strong commitment to our local businesses and confirms what we already knew... Leah Bolin, Chamber president, the Chamber staff, the board, and our numerous volunteers are not only making a local impact, but they are setting the benchmark for chamber excellence nationwide."

Arrests and incidents reported May 14-15

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported on May 14-15, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

REPORTED MAY 14
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
May 13
• unauthorized use of a vehicle; Heritage Self Storage; Main Ave. SW

ARRESTS
May 13
Hawkins, Brent J., 27
• illegal possession of prescription drugs
• possession of drug paraphernalia

White, Rebecca J., 29
• chemical endangerment of a child

Thomas, Christopher R., 24
• GJ- first-degree sexual abuse

Brown, Rebecca A., 28
• FTA- insurance violation

Speakman, Tyler A., 24
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

Helms, Zachery D., 25
• FTA- leaving the scene of an accident
• FTA- insurance violation

Reid, Robert M., 27
• FTA- giving false information to law enforcement

Shavers, Ashley L., 46
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• second-degree promoting prison contraband

Weiss, Vincent M., 32
• third-degree domestic violence- harassment

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

REPORTED MAY 15
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
May 10
• fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; miscellaneous; $199

May 11
• third-degree burglary, third-degree criminal mischief, fourth-degree theft of property; 11th St. SE; miscellaneous, damaged property; $1,700

May 13
• third-degree domestic violence– harassment; person; 1st St. SW

May 14
• unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; person; Wynn Cliff Dr.; gun; $200

ARRESTS
May 14
Weaver, Jennifer N., 32
• FTA- third-degree theft of property
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of services
• FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• FTA- public intoxication
• FTA- driving while suspended (2 counts)
• FTA- improper lane usage
• FTA- tag light required

Thornton, Meghan N., 33
• public intoxication
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Talley, Regina F., 38
• FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing

Boyles, Leslie R., 37
• fourth-degree theft of property

Gouchtchine, Andrei A., 32
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

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

Exhibit (from Front)

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – The Evelyn Burrow Museum at Wallace State Community College is winding down an exhibition featuring the photographs of acclaimed Alabama photographer John Dersham.

Dozens of photographs are on display in the Exhibit Hall of the Burrow Center for the Fine and Performing Arts through Tuesday, May 21. The exhibition is a sampling of what can be seen in Dersham's book "My Alabama: John Dersham Photographs a State." The book includes 200 images revealing the diversity and beauty of the state of Alabama.

A closing reception for the exhibition and book signing will be held on Tuesday, May 21, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Burrow Center.

Copies of Dersham's book will be available for purchase and can be signed by the author.

"There are some truly beautiful photographs in this exhibit," said Donny Wilson, director of The Evelyn Burrow Museum.

"As 2019 is the bicentennial year for Alabama, I can't imagine a more perfect time to display these photographs and celebrate the beauty of our state."

The Evelyn Burrow Museum is open Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Exhibit Hall where the Dersham photographs are on display is open during the college's regular business hours of Monday through Friday and during Museum business hours on Saturday. Admission is free and open to the public.

For more information, call 256-352-8457 or burrowmuseum@wallacestate.eduor visit www.burrowmuseum.org.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
May 16 - 18

THURSDAY, MAY 16
Good Hope High School Class of 1969 50 Year Reunion
Good Hope High School's Class of 1969 will hold its 50-year reunion on Thursday, May 16 from 5-8 p.m. in Belle Vue Hall at Stone Bridge Farms in Cullman. For more information, contact Becky Barnard at 256-339-1806 or Jeanne Milligan at 256-520-5951.

FRIDAY, MAY 17
1963 Fairview High School Class Meeting
The Fairview High School Class of 1963 will at meet at noon on Friday, May 17 at the Golden Corral Restaurant (1720 Cherokee Ave., Cullman). Call Joyce Williams Rodgers at 256-339-3451 for more information.

Dinner on First
On Friday, May 17, Cullman Parks, Recreation, & Sports Tourism (CP&R) will hold its third annual Dinner on First event, beginning at 6 p.m. on First Avenue Northeast in downtown Cullman's historic Warehouse District. This year's Dinner on First will be catered by Mountain Brook's Dyron's Lowcountry, with the main meal being farm-to-table style. All proceeds from this year's event will go to construction of an amphitheater at the newly renovated Art Park on Main Avenue Southwest. Dinner on First is an outdoor event. Should weather force a postponement of the event on Friday, May 17, the makeup date will be the following day, Saturday, May 18. Tickets are available online at dineronfirst.com.

SATURDAY, MAY 18
Yard Sale to Benefit the Cullman County Animal Shelter
Denna Chivers, 11, is hosting her third annual yard sale to benefit the Cullman County Animal Shelter on Saturday, May 18 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. in the parking lot of Seventh Street Baptist Church. There will also be a raffle for a Mother's Day gift basket. Tickets will be $1 each, 6 for $5 or 30 for $20. Bring dog or cat food and get a free raffle ticket.

Veteran Farmers Conference
• 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Wallace State Community College, 801 Main St. NW in Hanceville
• Sponsored by The Alabama Mountains, Rivers & Valleys Resource Conservation & Development Council, the conference will offer military veterans, active duty and reserve personnel an opportunity to learn more about therapeutic farming and sustainable agriculture. The conference will introduce participants to therapeutic farming to address PTSD financial and technical assistance programs for small farmers, and sustainable small farming techniques and practices. In addition to presentations about farming projects and getting help from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, participants will also have the opportunity to learn more about Veterans Affairs and programs to assist victims of PTSD, and will get to network with other veterans who have similar experiences and interests. For more information or to register for the conference, visit amrvrcd.org/vfc/

Cullman Law Enforcement Golf Tournament
• 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at Cross Creek Golf Course
• The Cullman Police Department is hosting a 3-person scramble Golf Tournament benefiting the Cullman Law Enforcement Services Association (CLESA) which provides funds to help families of fallen officers, organize retirement dinners, and assist retired law enforcement officers.
• $210 per team
• 18 holes, cart included, with breakfast and lunch provided
• Mulligan and power drive packages will be available to purchase, and prizes awarded to the top finishing teams
• Teams can sign up and pay at the Cullman Police Department. Payment is due at sign-up.
• All proceeds go to the Cullman Law Enforcement Services Association. Checks can be made payable to "Cullman Law Enforcement Services Association" or "CLESA."
• Call the CPD at 256-734-1434 with questions.

46th Arley Day Festival, Car Show & Parade
• 46th Arley Day Festival, Car Show & Parade
• This Saturday, May 18 beginning at 9 a.m.
• Hamner Park in Arley
• Find out more at https://www.facebook.com/groups/1657303354325911/.

Hamm Family Reunion
We are changing the day of the Hamm Reunion this year. It will be on Saturday, May 18. It will still be at the Lions Club, 111 Michelle St. SW in Hanceville, AL. Please bring a covered dish. We will be eating around noon. We hope this change will allow more people to attend. For more information, call Scott Hamm at 256-739-3069.

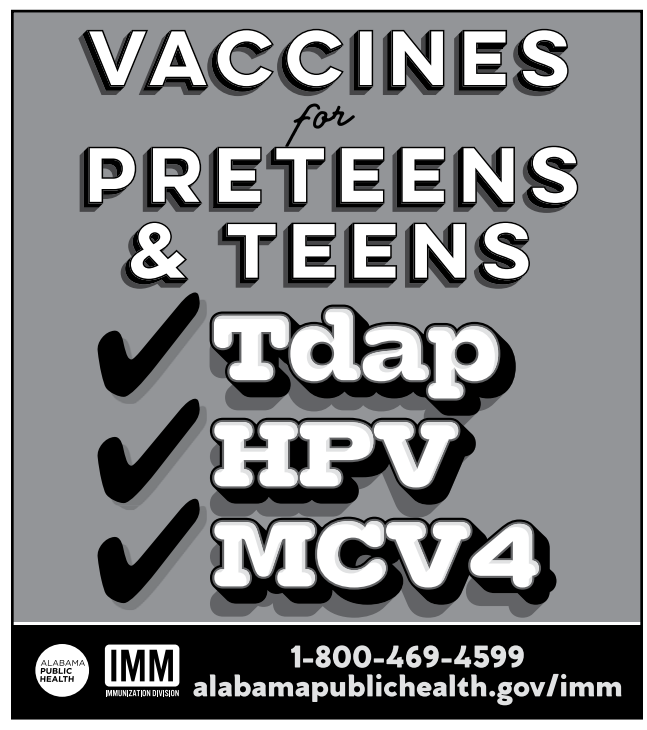
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Cullman City Council votes 'No' on controversial rezoning request

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman City Council on Monday evening stunned residents in the neighborhood around Morningside Drive by agreeing with them, at least for now. Council members voted unanimously against the rezoning of a 10-acre parcel at the intersection of Morningside Drive Southwest and Main Avenue Southwest, bringing months of speculation, debate and organized community action to a satisfying conclusion for neighborhood residents who had crowded into city hall for this and the last several council and planning commission meetings.

Morningside Drive resident Linda Romine and her husband Leonard Romine spearheaded the organized neighborhood effort, and the couple was once again on the front row Monday evening, accompanied by their attorney Albert Boykin.

They, their neighbors and supporters sat silent as the "No" votes began in the verbal roll call vote, as though no one could quite figure out what was happening.

When the results of the vote began to sink in, the crowd erupted into applause.

Afterward, Linda Romine told The Tribune, "I'm just very thrilled that they did listen to us, finally, in the end."

Boykin added, "I'm just proud to be a part of it. This is a neighborhood and citizens banding together and fighting for a single cause.

"We appreciate the council's vote tonight, and it turned out our way, so we're appreciative."

Councilman Clint Hollingsworth addressed the crowd with a note of caution after the vote, saying, "For me, I want you guys and everybody else in the city of Cullman to realize: if you've got a piece of property that has not been purchased- that is open, vacant, whatever- regardless of the size, you need to understand we're growing.

"This city is the best on the planet, as far as I'm concerned.

"Something will get developed there. It may be a business, it may be a home, it may be apartments; it could be a number of things.

"We, as a city council, are going to do our due diligence to improve and set rezoning ordinances and all these things to update these subdivision guidelines. We're already working on a lot of this.

"We're growing, and it's a great thing. But, that being said, you need to realize: whether it's this piece of property or anything else in the city, something will get developed there.

"It may be sooner than later, but you need to understand that.

"So, if something pops up, y'all did the right thing: you followed it, were involved. You came to these meetings, and I appreciate that.

"But this is the situation: you need to understand that something, eventually, will probably go there.

"And so, who knows what that will be or when it will be?"

After the meeting, Linda Romine responded to Hollingsworth's statements, saying, "We'll be going to all the planning and zoning committee meetings and all the city council meetings, because it's just like Clint said: there'll be somebody else wanting to buy that 10 acres.

"We may even look into having our neighborhood rezoned to R-1."

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Cullman Police aviators commended for finding lost hikers

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman Police Department (CPD) aviation division pilots Captain Gene Bates and Officer Matt Dean on Monday evening received commendations during the Cullman City Council meeting. The two responded to a mutual aid request from authorities in Winston County to assist in locating two missing hikers in the Bankhead National Forest on May 8. Using an infrared camera system in their two-hour mission, they located both hikers, one of whom was injured, and remained over the site to direct ground searchers to their location.

The search was recorded, and excerpts from the video were shown to the council and audience at Monday's meeting.

CPD Chief Kenny Culpepper read a letter from Winston County Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy Brian Kirkpatrick, written the day after the incident.

The letter read, in part: "I'd like to express my thanks to you, the police department, and the City of Cullman, for allowing your pilots to fly search and rescue for us on 4/6/2019 and 5/8/2019. In April, we were not successful, but last night, we were. And we could not have accomplished it without your department's assistance.

"We had impending severe weather approaching last night, and if it was not for your pilots, we would have never located the two lost hikers. Your pilots talked the ground crews in, and remained on station until the ground crews located the two and started out with them."

Councilman and Public Safety Committee Chairman Andy Page presented the pilots certificates of commendation.



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Cullman Police Department pilots, officer Matt Dean and Captain Gene Bates, receive a standing ovation at Monday's Cullman City Council meeting.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Vinemont Council mulls half-cent sales tax increase

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VINEMONT, Ala. – The Vinemont Town Council on Tuesday night discussed possibly raising the town's sales tax by a half-cent in an effort to help Vinemont schools. There was no vote on Mayor Radginal Dodson's proposal, as it will need to be read twice prior to the council voting on the increase.

Dodson explained to the council, "This sales tax, we've run it by the lawyers and what we've come up with was an idea to increase the sales tax in the town of South Vinemont by half a cent. It's 8.5% and it would go to 9%. The half-cent would go to the school with the understanding that it would not be used for salaries for teachers. It would be used for necessities at school, but the lawyer said, 'No, you can't do that.' Because it's a county school the city can't do that, but there are things we can do. We can enact this half a cent sales tax and once that sales tax is turned it, they would cut a check and go to the city of Vinemont. Then turn around and make a donation to Vinemont schools for the amount of that check, and it's legal. It can't be brought before the town as a half-cent sales tax going to the school."

Dodson asked the council for a proposal.

Before asking for input and discussion from the town's council members, Dodson said, "They ya-ya back and forth worried about the kids and we're dealing with cotton pickin' money that they don't got to increase the security at the school. We've got situations where we don't have the necessary things to teach the kids with. We've had paper problems and from what I understand, situations to where they just run out of things and just have to do without."

The half-cent would only be applied to retail sales and the council will be looking at different ways to divide the money fairly between the Vinemont schools.

Cullman County School Board member Mike Graves stressed, "It's up to y'all. It's something y'all are wanting to do for the schools, and if you are going to do it, divide it equally. There are different ways you can do it. To me the biggest need is to make sure the safety and security is taken care of. That's the top need you want to make sure of."

Council member and Vinemont Middle School teacher Sonya Mabry expressed her feelings since the most recent school shooting in Colorado, saying, "I worry about it. I'm not going to lie to you. I worry about it. I feel like you're just a sitting duck with no help. Safety is really an issue now."

Graves added, "The middle school is probably the most secure facility at Vinemont. You can't get in it without breaking glass to get in. The high school and the elementary school are wide open."

The council also discussed the conditions of several roads in the town including the deterioration of Woods Street. The cost to resurface the street is between $12,000-$13,000. Dodson also mentioned four large potholes near the old store on County Road 1354.

He said, "It's so bad that cars are starting to know the potholes are there and are dodging them by going over into the other lane or driving literally off the road to miss them."

There was no vote on roads Tuesday night.

This Saturday, May 18, will be the make-up day for the April rainout of "Day at the Park." The event will begin at 10 a.m. and end around 3 p.m.

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A new low-dose three-in-one pill to treat hypertension could transform the way high blood pressure is treated around the world, according to findings published in *JAMA*. It's estimated that more than a billion people worldwide suffer from high blood pressure, with the vast majority having poorly controlled blood pressure. These results could help millions of people globally reduce their blood pressure and reduce their risk of heart attack or stroke. The researchers tested an entirely new way of treating hypertension by giving patients three drugs, each at half dose, in a single pill for early treatment of high blood pressure. Traditionally patients begin treatment with one drug at a very low dose, which is increased over time, with additional drugs added and increased in dosage to try to reach target. The Triple Pill consisted of the blood pressure medications telmisartan (20 mg), amlodipine (2.5 mg) and chlorthalidone (12.5 mg). Compared with patients receiving usual care, a significantly higher proportion of patients receiving the Triple Pill achieved their target blood pressure of 140/90 or less.

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For the first time, investigators report that a weight-loss drug led to weight loss without increasing the incidence of heart attacks, strokes and death from heart disease in a population of people who are especially at risk for cardiovascular events. At the 2018 European Society of Cardiology meeting, Brigham and Women's Hospital investigators from the Thrombolysis in Myocardial Infection (TIMI) Study Group presented findings from CAMELLIA-TIMI 61, a clinical trial of overweight and obese patients designed to test the cardiovascular safety of lorcaserin, a weight-loss drug manufactured by the trial's sponsor, Eisa Inc. The team's findings are detailed in a paper published simultaneously in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

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PREP SOFTBALL

Lady Raiders headed to Montgomery with one goal in mind

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Good Hope's 2019 softball season up to this point has been nothing short of incredible under new head coach Tim Tucker, as they won 9 out of their first 11 games to start out their campaign. The next five games saw the Lady Raiders rack up over 10 runs in each contest.

In the Gulf Coast Classic III, Good Hope continued their strong run, stretching the winning streak to 10 in a row, before falling to Wicksburg 3-2 as they finished 9th in the Classic. After falling to J.B. Pennington in their next game, the Lady Raiders defeated Oneonta in an area contest before traveling to Holly Pond for the Cullman County Tournament on April 10th. They used some late heroics by Bailey Swann to get by Cold Springs in its opening game 7-5 then they rolled by Hanceville 13-1 in the next round.

Good Hope took on West Point in the county championship game, looking to win the county title, but the Lady Warriors wound up winning 5-3. The Lady Raiders quickly bounced back as they won its final two area games of the season and added a Senior Night win over Arab 9-2 to close out the regular season with a 25-6 record.

They went 1-3 in the Cullman Pre-State Softball Invitational at Cullman. Good Hope quickly bounced back in the Class 4A, Area 12 tournament, defeating Fairview 5-1 and rolled past Ashville 16-0 before defeating the Lady Bulldogs in a rematch in the title game 9-3.

The Lady Raiders played in the West Central Regional, and despite being delayed numerous times because of weather, kept their eyes on the prize as they defeated Handley 11-6. They pulled away late to knock off Hokes Bluff 4-1 in a game that was shortened to five innings because it was midnight and were declared the winners the next morning. In the championship game against White Plains, Swann came up clutch for Good Hope, hitting a walk-off RBI double to give them a 2-1 win and a spot in the Class 4A State Tournament in Montgomery.

They will take on no. 1 Alabama Christian Academy on Friday at 10:45 a.m. at Lagoon Park in Montgomery.

Good Hope has gotten to this point in the season because of some incredible games on offense, led by Bailey Swann, Morgan Goodwin, Skylar Tucker, Sidnie English and Angelina Flanigan to name a few and their defense is one of the best in Class 4A.

English, along with Abby Hunt, have pitched some great games this season and they've been really aggressive when it comes to stealing bases. The Lady Raiders have seen some young talent really step up their game and that makes them even more dangerous. All of those things will be keys for Good Hope when they face the Lady Eagles on Friday.

The Lady Raiders faced some unusual obstacles in their path through the regional tournament, being constantly interrupted by the weather. Tucker

"We did have to face a lot of adversity. Every game we played in was affected by weather. We played in some pretty horrible field conditions with a lot of starting and stopping and not really knowing what time you were going to play," Tucker said.

"I contribute a lot of it to our seniors, having five seniors helped a lot in that situation by really staying focused and keeping the team on track and staying energetic for the whole tournament.

"It was an all-around great team effort to put up with all the adversity that we faced."

Good Hope will start its state tournament run with a matchup against the top-ranked team in class 4A, Alabama Christian Academy. Tucker hasn't seen much of the Lady Eagles this season, but they do share a common opponent with the Lady Raiders.

"They're a very good team, they're ranked no. 1 in 4A, and they've been that way pretty much all year," Tucker said. "I know Dale County won their regional and knocked Alabama Christian off and we played Dale County down at the Gulf Shores Tournament and won that game 4-0 but that was the middle of March and a lot has happened since then."

When asked about his team's consistent success throughout this season, Tucker went back to his core of seniors and the goals they set in place before the season started.

"I would say what has made us consistently good goes back to our senior leadership and the goals they set early on in the year. Good Hope's had a bad run the last three of four years in the area tournament, you know," Tucker said. "They've had a bitter taste in their mouth and didn't want that to happen again. So, they were pretty locked in all year with the goal of making it to the regionals and having a shot at state and they never lost sight of that goal all year."

Coach thinks his team is playing their best ball of the season right now and can't wait to see them in action in Montgomery on Friday.

"I think Friday against White Plains we played our best game of the year in all three phases. I think the girls are very motivated now and they believe.

"I talked to several of them yesterday and they're really believing that they have a shot to go through the whole thing," Tucker said.

"They're pumped and ready and really feel good about their chances and I do too. They're some really good teams down there in the top eight and they're there for a reason and I think we're one of them."

PREP BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

'Cats preparing to take on Chelsea in 6A State Championship Series

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. – After spending the regular season on the road, winning three of their four playoff series' on the road and knocking off the reigning state champions on their field, the Cullman Bearcats are headed back to the AHSAA State Championship Series for the fifth time in six years. The 'Cats have compiled a 28-13 record to reach this stage of the postseason and have won 18 of their last 20 games.

Their most recent playoff victory came at Hueytown, where after falling behind 8-5 in the bottom of the sixth, they plated eight runs in the top of the seventh to take game one of the series. Dylon Wallace followed that up by tossing a complete game shutout in game two to propel Cullman into the 6A State Championship Series against Chelsea starting Thursday night at 7.

'Cats head coach Brent Patterson has gotten a chance to check out the Hornets ahead of Thursday night's matchup and sees a similar squad to his own that's the playing its best ball of the season.

"I see a lot of similarities to us really. They're playing extremely well right now and they just seem to be doing whatever it takes to win and obviously they're on a roll," Patterson said. "I know this is the first time they're played for it so I'm sure there is a lot of excitement around their kids and their program so it should be a good series."

Cullman has not had an explosive offense this season and despite some great pitching performances throughout the year, the Bearcats haven't had a dominant ace like some teams have had in the past. Patterson believes this year's team has fought to this point through sheer will and have come together to form a very solid, competitive unit.

"I really think its just been through competing. The guys are really competing hard, we're trying to play clean games and obviously sometimes that happens and sometimes it doesn't. They're human and they're high school kids and they want to win so they're doing everything they can do but the biggest thing they're doing is competing so hard," Patterson said. "It all falls back to that to tell you the truth. You've got some guys that it means the world to like the Dylon Wallaces, the Cooper Becks and Peyton Colvards and Blake Lamberts and some guys that aren't out there doing these unbelievable things, they're just competing. So, if I had to brag on anything in particular that we've been doing, we've been really competing hard."

Cullman has been to Montgomery five times in the last six years but has only captured one blue map during that stretch. Patterson has seen teams finish with red maps and blue maps during his time with the Bearcats and some of the keys that he has found over the years are timely hitting and managing distractions.

"The teams that have been able to win it have gotten the big hits with runners in scoring position. That seems to be the deal. We've played well down there but haven't always gotten the big hits and down there you have to get some hits with runners on. You've got to come through sometimes and I really believe it's about timely hits," Patterson said. "It's so much fun, this is why you play. The town gets really excited, the school gets excited and there's a lot of talk around the program but if you get caught up in the talk, you're going to lose focus on the job at hand. So, I think the ability to see pass the distractions, focus on the things that win baseball games and execute the details will be extremely, extremely important."

Cullman has spent all but three of its games this season on the road, but Patterson and his team have been impressed with the way the Bearcat faithful have traveled to support them throughout this postseason run.

"It's been incredibly impressive and exciting to see these last few weeks since the playoffs started, how much fun its been with our crowd. At Hazel Green and at Hueytown our crowd was amazing, and our students and our community showed up and it was almost like a home game for our kids," Patterson said.

"It's great to see them get that support and see how much it means to them. After the Hueytown game, half the talk from our kids was about how loud the fans were and to know that we have a community that supports us so much and gets excited and travels has been really big. We're looking to have a big crowd in Montgomery too to help support the guys."

The first pitch of the Bearcats' state championship series against Chelsea is scheduled for Thursday night at 7 at Paterson Field. Game Two will be Friday at 4 p.m. at Riverwalk Stadium and game three will follow at 7 p.m. if necessary.













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Joshua Vandiver, Sales Consultant, has been with Tony Serra Nissan of Cullman for nearly two years. Joshua says that customer satisfaction is his ultimate goal at Tony Serra Nissan of Cullman.

"My favorite part about working at Tony Serra Nissan has to be the satisfaction of making a customer happy and excited about their new vehicle. I don't want to be just your salesman; I want to be your 'car guy' no matter your needs. I once had this lady so happy about her experience that she personally delivered brownies to my home for my family. Those are the moments I cherish and makes me love my job. I want everyone to have that experience when they see me. Plus, I just love brownies."



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LEGALS

Pursuant to Alabama Code 32-13-1, Earls Body Shop, Incorporated, will offer for sale at public auction the following vehicles on June 20, 2019, at 7:00 a.m.
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1997 Ford Ranger, Vin. #1FTCR14X5VPA08321

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLE Pursuant to the provisions of the Alabama Abandoned Motor Vehicle Act, Section 32-13-1, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given to the owners, lienholders and other interested parties, the following described vehicle, to wit: Year: 2012 Make: Chevrolet Model: Cruze VIN: 1G1PF5SC6C7407665Tag: n/a Abandoned Date: 12/04/2018 Was taken into possession and will be sold to the highest bidder for case at: 1910 Beech Avenue SE, Cullman, Alabama 35055 Date of Sale: 6/19/19 Time of Sale: 10:00 a.m. The seller shall have the right to reject any and all bids. Contact Alan Phelps, 1910 Beech Avenue SE, Cullman, Alabama 35055, (256) 735-2723.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

DWIGHT JOHNSON, JR., Plaintiff
V.
Real property located in Cullman County, Alabama, more particularly described as:
Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 12 South, Range 3 West, thence 396 feet to the point of beginning, thence East 924 feet to a point, thence North 1,320 feet to a point, thence West 924 feet to a point, thence South 1,320 feet to the point of beginning.

Less and except:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 12 South, Range 3 West, thence N 84°-32' E, 89.22 feet to a point, thence N 0°-52' E, 166.74 feet to a point, thence N 8°-06' W, 166.00 feet to a point, thence N 84°-55' W, 465.19 feet to the point of beginning, thence S 64°-05' W, 208.71 feet to a point, thence N 14°-11' W, 213.18 feet to a point, thence N 64°-05' E, 208.71 feet, thence S 14°-11' E, 213.18 feet to the point of beginning.
AND
The Unknown Heirs of PICCOLIA CORNELIUS, MACK JOHNSON, and all other Persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest, in said lands, Defendants

CASE NO. CV-2019-900153

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NOTICE

Any heirs at law and next-of-kin of Piccolia Cornelius and Mack Johnson, deceased, must answer the Complaint to Quiet Title filed by Dwight Johnson, Jr. on or before the 22nd day of June, 2019, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against them in case number CV-2019-900153 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County Alabama.

DONE this the 23rd day of April, 2019.

LISA MCSWAIN, Circuit Clerk

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 Halie Ellis Wife Daniel Alexander Ellis Husband to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for The Mortgage Outlet, Inc. its successors and assigns dated December 6, 2013; said mortgage being recorded on December 12, 2013, in Book 1725, Page 209, as having been modified by an agreement recorded on and recorded in Book 1817, Page 434 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation to be recorded and re-recorded in Instrument No. 11 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
The undersigned, First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation, 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 11th day of June, 2019 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, THENCE WEST 406 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE NORTH 415.07 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE TRACT OF LAND HEREIN CONVEYED; THENCE WEST 105 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE NORTH 244.93 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE EAST 210 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTH 244.93 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE WEST 105 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. 'SAID LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

ALSO:

A 16 FOOT WIDE INGRESS-EGRESS EASEMENT, THE EAST LINE OF WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: 'COMMENCE AT SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA; THENCE WEST 406 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINING, THENCE NORTH 415.07 FEET.

Said property is commonly known as 6415 Co Rd 1564, Baileyton, AL 35019.
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 Halie EllisDaniel Alexander Ellis 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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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama, will hold a public hearing on June 24th, 2019 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the Lucille N. Galin Auditorium at City Hall, 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055. At this time anyone wishing to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the adoption of Resolution No. 2019-59 (set forth in full below) will be given an opportunity to be heard:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019 – 59
TO VACATE AND SURPLUS A PORTION OF A PUBLIC STREET

WHEREAS, the City of Cullman, Alabama, is the owner of Marline Drive SE, which is approximately fifty feet by two hundred feet;
WHEREAS, the Cullman City Council finds that this property is not needed for public or municipal purposes and has determined that it is in the interest of the public that such street or portion thereof be vacated;
BE IT RESOLVED by the Cullman City Council that Marline Drive SE, which is approximately fifty feet by two hundred feet, is hereby declared vacant.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Cullman City Council that the Mayor is hereby authorized to surplus and sell this property for its appraised fair market value.

Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama, will hold a public hearing on June 24th, 2019 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the Lucille N. Galin Auditorium at City Hall, 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055. At this time anyone wishing to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the adoption of Ordinance No. 2019-15 (set forth in full below) will be given an opportunity to be heard:

ORDINANCE NO. 2019 – 15
TO VACATE AND SURPLUS PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR ANY PUBLIC OR MUNICIPAL PURPOSE
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:
1. The City of Cullman is the owner of a parcel of property described as a utility easement on Lincoln Avenue SW and Highway 278 (4th Street SW).
2. The Cullman City Council finds and determines that this property is not needed by the City of Cullman for public or municipal purposes and hereby vacates the property and declares it surplus.
3. The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to sell this property for its fair market value.
4. This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication as required by law.

Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk

TO ANNEX CERTAIN PROPERTIES INTO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:
SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Cullman finds that Austin and Natalie Godwin have petitioned the City under the provisions of Section 11-42-21 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, that the following described property, which property is owned by the petitioner, be annexed into the City of Cullman:
PPIN: 27575. PARCEL: 09-09-30-0-002-016.000. ADDRESS: 187 County Road 1189.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: PARCEL I: From the northwest corner of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 30, Township 9, Range 3 West, go south along quarter-quarter section line 1521 feet; then go at right angles east 503 feet to point of beginning for land herein conveyed; from said point of beginning continue due east 256 feet; then go due south 46 feet; then go due west 220 feet, more or less, to fence; then go northwest along said fence 48 feet, more or less, to point of beginning, and being a part of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 30, Township 9, Range 3 West. PARCEL 2: A parcel of land in the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 and in the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 30, Township 9, Range 3 West, said parcel being particularly described as follows: From the northwest corner of said SW 1/4 of NW 1/4, go south along the west line of said quarter-quarter section 1234 feet to the point of beginning for the land herein conveyed; from said point of beginning continue south along the quarter-quarter section line 287 feet; then go at right angles east 759 feet; then go at right angles north 287 feet; then go at right angles west 759 feet to the point of beginning. LESS AND EXCEPT: Commencing at the southwest corner of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4, Section 30, Township 9 South, Range 3 West; thence N 01°45' W a distance of 88 feet to a point; thence S 86°30' E a distance of 454 feet to a point; thence S 01°45' E a distance of 288 feet to a point; thence N 86°30' W a distance of 454 feet to a point; thence N01°45' W a distance of 200 feet to the true point of beginning. Said land lying and being in the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 and the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4, Section 30, Township 9 South. Range 3 West, Cullman County, Alabama. ALSO, a 25 foot road easement commencing at the southwest comer of said property and extending in a westerly direction to the public road as shown on the survey of W. H. Owens, Reg. No. 10564, dated May 19, 1982, which appears of record in Fiche 183, Frame DIO in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Subject to road easement as set forth in instrument recorded in Deed Book 357, Page 487 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Source of Title: Fiche 668, Frame D6.
SECTION 2. That the Council has before it a map showing the relationship of the property proposed to be annexed to the corporate limits of the City of Cullman, and that said map is on file in the office of the City Clerk along with an acknowledgment by the property owners that they want it to be annexed into the City of Cullman.
SECTION 3. That the City of Cullman does hereby annex as a part of its corporate limits the above described tracts or parcels of land as R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.
SECTION 4. That a copy of this ordinance after its adoption, which ordinance includes a description of the property annexed to the City of Cullman, be filed in the office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, the county in which the municipality is located.
SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as required by law.
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 22nd day of April, 2019. /s/ Jenny Folsom - President of the City Council
ATTEST: /s/ Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk
APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 22nd day of April, 2019. /s/ Woody Jacobs - Mayor

TO ANNEX CERTAIN PROPERTIES INTO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:
SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Cullman finds that Ryan and Heather Lee have petitioned the City under the provisions of Section 11-42-21 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, that the following described property, which property is owned by the petitioner, be annexed into the City of Cullman:
PPIN: 37495. PARCEL: 22-01-02-0-000-006.002. ADDRESS: 115 County Road 483.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: All that part of the SW 1/4 - NW 1/4 of Section 2 Township 11 South, Range 3 West, and more particularly described as: Beginning at the N.W. corner of the S.W. 1/4 of S.W. 1/4 of said Section 2; thence N 1°51'E 1514.75 feet; thence due East 25 feet to a point on the East right of way of Golf Course road; thence N 1°51'E along said right of way 390.26 feet to the point of intersection of the East right of way of Golf Course Road and the North right of way of Botcher Road; thence along said north right of way by the following bearings and distances: S89° 59'E 352.8 feet; thence S 82° 09' E 82.8 feet; thence S 72° 34' E 195.3 feet; thence S 81° 34' E 277.64 feet to a point; thence N 1° 51' E 224.72 feet; thence due west 900 feet to the East right of way of Golf Course Road; thence S 1°51'W along said right of way 123.74 feet to the true point of beginning and containing 3.5 acres, more or less. Source of Title: Fiche 485, Frame D14.
SECTION 2. That the Council has before it a map showing the relationship of the property proposed to be annexed to the corporate limits of the City of Cullman, and that said map is on file in the office of the City Clerk along with an acknowledgment by the property owners that they want it to be annexed into the City of Cullman.
SECTION 3. That the City of Cullman does hereby annex as a part of its corporate limits the above described tracts or parcels of land as R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.
SECTION 4. That a copy of this ordinance after its adoption, which ordinance includes a description of the property annexed to the City of Cullman, be filed in the office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, the county in which the municipality is located.
SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as required by law.
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 22nd day of April, 2019. /s/ Jenny Folsom - President of the City Council
ATTEST: /s/ Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk
APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 22nd day of April, 2019. /s/ Woody Jacobs - Mayor

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RESOLVE CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS IT FOLLOWS:
Section I. Purpose. The purpose of this Ordinance is to allow the Mayor of the City of Cullman, when circumstance warrants to, with the advice of the city attorney, to settle certain claims or suits brought against or for the City for damage without further approval of others.
Section II. Definitions: Claims or suits include: personal injury, property damage, workman's compensation, EEOC, personnel claims, accounts payable, accounts receivable, assessments and abatements, as defined within the laws of the state of Alabama.
Section III. Legal Authority. The Mayor of the City of Cullman is hereby authorized by the City Council of the City of Cullman to settle or compromise any claim or suit brought for or against the City of Cullman as necessary with the advice of the City Attorney for any controversy less than $75,000.
The Mayor is hereby authorized to settle, negotiate settlement or compromise, and to sign such documents as are necessary and proper to resolve said claims or suits on behalf of the City.
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 13th day of May, 2019. /s/ Jenny Folsom - President of the City Council
ATTEST: /s/ Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk
APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 13th day of May, 2019. /s/ Woody Jacobs - Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 2019 – 16
TO ANNEX CERTAIN PROPERTIES INTO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:
SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Cullman finds that Nathan Brock have petitioned the City under the provisions of Section 11-42-21 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, that the following described property, which property is owned by the petitioner, be annexed into the City of Cullman:
PPIN: 2675. PARCEL: 09-08-27-0-001-002.003. ADDRESS: 536 County Road 1324.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: All that part of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 27, Township 9 South, Range 3 West, Cullman County, Alabama: more particularly described as beginning at the Southwest corner of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 27; thence due East along the South boundary of said forty, a distance of 824.5 feet; thence along the East margin of a 50 foot wide private drive right-of-way North 4 degrees 14 minutes East 272.3 feet to the true point of beginning of the land herein conveyed said point is further described on the Northwest corner of Del Brock lot; thence from the true place of beginning continue along said East margin of private drive by the following bearings and distances; North 24 degrees 47 minutes West 192.5 feet; North 32 degrees 53 minutes East 194.4 feet; North 38 degrees 23 minutes 121.4 feet; and North 34 degrees 13 minutes East 132 feet to the Southwest corner of the John Hasenbein lot thence South 48 degrees 02 minutes East along the South line of Hasenbein lot a distance of 159.3 feet to the 807.5 contour of Lake George; thence in a southerly direction along said 807.5 contour line 380 feet more or less, to the Northeast corner of the Del Brock lot: thence South 63 degrees 27 minutes West along the North boundary line of said Del Brock lot 187.4 feet to the true place of beginning. SOURCE OF TITLE: Deed Book 520, Page 560.
SECTION 2. That the Council has before it a map showing the relationship of the property proposed to be annexed to the corporate limits of the City of Cullman, and that said map is on file in the office of the City Clerk along with an acknowledgment by the property owners that they want it to be annexed into the City of Cullman.
SECTION 3. That the City of Cullman does hereby annex as a part of its corporate limits the above described tracts or parcels of land as R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.
SECTION 4. That a copy of this ordinance after its adoption, which ordinance includes a description of the property annexed to the City of Cullman, be filed in the office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, the county in which the municipality is located.
SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as required by law.
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 13th day of May, 2019. /s/ Jenny Folsom - President of the City Council
ATTEST: /s/ Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk
APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 13th day of May, 2019. /s/ Woody Jacobs - Mayor

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Memorial services for Miles Alan Creel, 63, of Bremen, will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at Sacred Heart Church with Father Patrick Egan, OSB officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Creel passed away on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at his residence. He was born Jan. 10, 1956 to Alton and Nell Creel. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Paul and Ted Creel. Survivors include his wife, Karen Creel, and sister, Robin Wesson.

Elsie J. Mackentepe Patterson, 81, was born on Nov. 12, 1937 in Cullman, Alabama and passed away on May 12, 2019 in Cullman, Alabama. Visitation will be Thursday, May 16 from 6:30-9 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home. Rosary at 7:30. Funeral Mass will be Friday, May 17 at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church; interment at Catholic Cemetery.

James Edward Witte, 79, of Cullman, passed away Monday, May 13, 2019. Jim was born May 24, 1939 to Robert L. and Mary Kathryn Witte in Birmingham, Alabama. He is survived by his wife, Jan Blair Witte; his son, James Andrew Witte; brother, Robert L. (Karolyn) Witte, Jr., Center Point, Alabama; and sister, Amelia Witte (Buddy) Long, Pensacola Florida; a host of nephews and nieces; and his special caregiver, Gidget Miller. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Allan Witte. The service, officiated by Pastor Bob Kurtz, will be Thursday, May 16 at 10 a.m. at St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church, Cullman, Alabama. Interment will follow at Cullman City Cemetery.

Funeral services for Dwight "Lynn" Walls, 44, of Vinemont, will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, May 17, 2019 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; interment in Bethlehem West Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Walls passed away on Monday, May 13, 2019 at Cullman Regional. He was born Sept. 7, 1974 to Dwight Walls and Nancy Jean Taylor. He loved four-wheeling, drag racing, cars, hot rods, outdoors, tinkering in the shop, watching his boys play ball and ride, and being "Papa" to Rosie. He was preceded in death by his parents; and grandparents, Dewey and Betty Walls. Survivors include his wife, Sherri Lyn Walls; sons, Jesse Rhom and Mason Walls; granddaughter, Rosalie Scarlett Rhom; brother, Phillip Hagood; and a host of family and friends. Visitation will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Friday, May 17, 2019 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Mrs. Jackie Chappell Leathers passed away on Monday, May 13, 2019 at her residence. She was born Dec. 23, 1952 to Albert Talley Butts and Evelyn June Goforth. She was preceded in death by her infant daughter, Tiffany Leigh Chappell; parents; grandparents, Herman Newton and Frances Barnes Chamblee; and brother, Sammy Van Nichols. Survivors include her husband, Rodger Leathers; daughters, Shiela (Keith) Johnson and Leslie Leathers (Rocky) Dunn; grandchildren, Jacob (Amber) Graham, Joshua (Alex) Graham, Andrea Johnson (Jason) Smith, and Annaliese Dunn; sister, Janice Hale; and brothers, Calvin Nichols, Jeff Nichols, and Donnie Nichols.

Funeral Service for Claudette Hatchett, age 71, of Riverside, will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 19, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Tim Holder officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Hatchett passed away on Tuesday, May 14, 2019, at Grandview Medical Center. She was born February 26, 1948, James and Katie Murphree. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Brenice Murphree and Bill Murphree; and sisters, Hellice White, Theresa Laney, Margret Bowan, and Jacquline Martin. Survivors include her husband, Thomas Hatchett; daughter, Rhonda (Eddie) Hardy; son, Bradney Brown; stepson, Michael (Allison) Hatchett; grandchildren, Brandon (Samantha) Denney and Brett Brown; great-grandchildren, MacKenzie, Kylee, and Olivia Denney; sisters, Daylene Mattox and Jayne Turner; brothers, Windall Murphree and Terry Murphree; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends. Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m. on Sunday, May 19, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Wanda Carol Adamson Lovell, 68, of the Holly Springs Community, was born on December 11, 1950 and passed away on May 14, 2019. Preceding her in death were her parents Riley Lindeburg and Carol Marie England Adamson and daughter Jenifer Lyn Hodges. Survivors include her husband Robert Lovell; son Michael Robert Lovell; grandchildren Brian Michael Lovell, Jonna Lyn Hodges and Kayden Lovell; siblings Lonnie Wayne Adamson (Nancy), Wyvon Adamson Childers (Eddie) and Vicky Swindel and a host of beloved family and friends. The family will receive friends on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at Lemley Funeral Home from 6-8 p.m. Funeral service will be held from the Chapel of Lemley Funeral Home on Friday, May 17, 2019 at noon with Pastor Randy Smith and Bro. Anthony Bellew officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Carmel Cemetery with Steven Adamson, Jeremy Childers, Gary England, Phil England and Dusty Dobbs serving as pallbearers. Lemley Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Larry D. Walker, 87, of Arab passed away on Wednesday, May 15, 2019. No services are planned.

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