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Cullman No. 4 in 2021 Site Selection Magazine Micropolitan rankings

Eighth-straight year ranking in top 10; 17 years in top 20 since 2001

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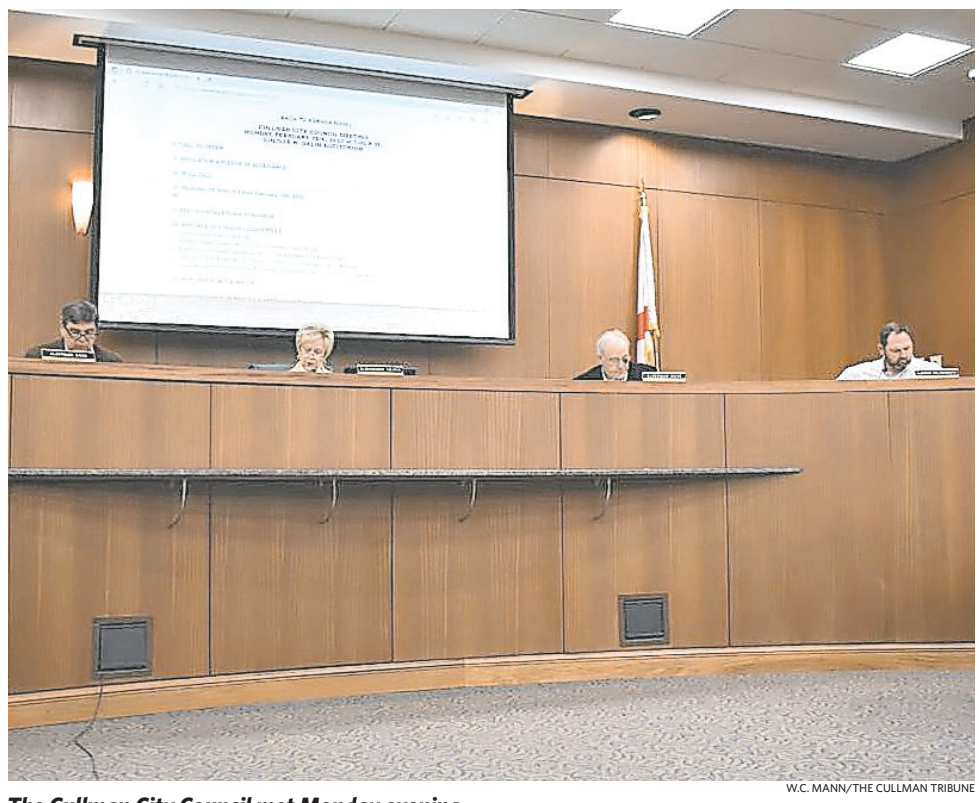
CULLMAN, Ala. — On Tuesday, the 2021 Site Selection Magazine Micropolitan Rankings were released, with Cullman nabbing the No. 4 spot and claiming a top 10 finish for the eighth consecutive year.

Dale Greer, Cullman Economic Development director, said, "Ranking No. 4 is a pretty remarkable achievement that reflects well on the companies, the workforce, the diversity of the industrial base and the Cullman community. Ranking in the Top 10 one time in a pool of 550 communities nationwide is a lofty achievement and something that makes us proud," said Greer. "Earning that distinction year after year validates that Cullman County industries are flourishing here."

According to Site Selection Magazine, it has "released their Top Micropolitan in the United States for 2021 and Cullman received a No. 4 out of 550 micropolitans in the United States. A micropolitan is a community with a primary city having a population between 10,000 and 50,000." » PAGE 7

– LOCAL GOVERNMENT –

Cullman City Council approves airport upgrades, moves forward on recycling center



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Cullman City Council met Monday evening.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council on Monday evening approved multiple measures intended to upgrade and expand facilities at the Cullman Regional Airport. It awarded the bid for construction of a 100 foot by 100 foot corporate hangar to Albertville-based Complete Construction, LLC in the amount of $1,150,304. One other bid was received from Shelby Company, LLC of Birmingham in the amount of $1,698,556. According to Airport General Manager Ben Harrison, the hangar will be used for maintenance. Since the airport is a joint venture, the Cullman County Commission will also have to approve the project.

The council also passed a resolution authorizing the mayor and city clerk to secure financing for "multiple capital improvements at the Cullman Regional Airport including but not limited to the construction of hangars, purchase of lands, and other smaller airport projects."

The council also approved a contract for Avgas and Jet-A fuel for » PAGE 4

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Good Hope City Council establishes new speed zone, passes water pollution resolution » PAGE 8

PREP BASKETBALL

Bearcats ready for Final 4 clash with Park Crossing



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Cullman Bearcats will take on Park Crossing in the Class 6A Semifinals in Birmingham Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. » PAGE 5

– PET OF THE WEEK –

Make some room for Murphy!



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Feb. 28

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Feb. 28, 2022. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Feb. 24

- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; resisting arrest; CR 747
- criminal mischief; CR 1715
- burglary; CR 1605
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1242
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; bribery of public servant; CR 1843
- theft of property; CR 1612
- harassment; CR 601
- domestic violence; CR 1107
- domestic violence; criminal mischief; Hwy. 69 N

Feb. 25

- domestic violence; CR 1114
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69 S
- domestic violence; New Hope Rd.
- reckless endangerment; CR 1212
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Fairview Rd.

Feb. 26

- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1553
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278 E
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 437
- trafficking drugs; ex-felon in possession of firearm; possession of marijuana; CR 392
- possession of marijuana; CR 110
- possession of controlled substance; CR 437
- possession of controlled substance; CR 1371

Feb. 27

- domestic violence; CR 1485
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 842
- assault; CR 1117

ARRESTS

Feb. 24 – 27

Abbott, Justin B.; 45
- assault-harassment (harassment/intimidation)
- criminal mischief-damage to private property

Anders, Shaun D.; 31
- FTA- driving while license suspended
- FTA- reckless driving

Armstrong, Jason E.; 46
- fraud-fraudulent use of credit/debit card
- larceny/theft-theft-miscellaneous

Baker, Sonya M.; 47
- second-degree bail jumping/fraud-identity theft

Barron, Travis C.; 37
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- promote prison contraband (drugs)
- flight/escape-escape

Coker, Allen G.; 57
- FTA- violation of a court order

Copeland, Jerry W.; 36
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs-

Crenshaw, Ashley R.; 30
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- promote prison contraband (drugs)
- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Dukes, Kaitlyn R.; 21
- assault-child-abuse-simple-family

Garmon, Kenneth C.; 41
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Guthery, Shalina L.; 29
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft

Hill, Jonathan C.; 58
- FTA- possession of methamphetamine
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- public intoxication

Hunt, Justin L.; 32
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- giving false information to law enforcement
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Lambert, Adam K.; 42
- second-degree bail jumping/public intoxication

Marion, Chasey R.; 37
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Martin, Hannah L.; 25
- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Monroe, James T.; 63
- burglary-non residence-no force

Monroe, Jason T.; 43
- possession of methamphetamine

Moore, Dustin Andrew D.; 24
- FTA- sell/distribute methamphetamine
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- forgery-possessing forged instrument
- larceny/theft-miscellaneous, $500 less than $1,500
- FTA- attempting to elude police officer
- FTA- driving on wrong side of road
- FTA- driving while license suspended
- FTA- fail stop sign
- FTA- failure to signal
- FTA- operating vehicle without insurance
- FTA- reckless driving
- FTA- run red light

Munday, Jordan L.; 29
- bribery-bribery of public servants
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- second-degree possession of marijuana

Niblet III, Herman; 43
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- promote prison contraband (others
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Nolasco-Medel, Michele D.; 50
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense (2 counts)

Pannell, Chasity L.; 38
- public intoxication

Raines, Brian A.; 34
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- resisting arrest

Rodgers, Calien C.; 29
- FTA- driving while license suspended (2 counts)

Scott, James T.; 37
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Speegle, Marty H.; 24
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Stover, Patrick W.; 33
- possession of methamphetamine

Twilley, Austin L.; 25
- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Washburn, Jodie R.; 41
- public intoxication

Waters, Jamie R.; 38
- FTA- burglary-residence-force

White, Phillip J.; 61
- possession of methamphetamine
- FTA- sell/distribute methamphetamine
- FTA- possession of dangerous drug-1st offense

Whited, Dakoda W.; 27
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Wright, Amanda H.; 36
- Grand Jury- burglary-residence-force
- Grand Jury-theft-theft from residence $500 less than $1,500
- Grand Jury-theft-Grand Jury arrest warrant

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Feb. 22
- harassment; person; 2nd Ave. NW

Feb. 25
- third-degree forgery; third-degree theft of property; person; forged checks
- harassment; person
- second-degree criminal mischief; person; Ward Ave. SW; damage to '00 Chevy Impala; $600
- fourth-degree theft of property; third-degree criminal trespass; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; miscellaneous; $76

Feb. 26
- unauthorized use of vehicle; person; Marktplatz Ctr. SW
- unauthorized use of vehicle; person
- leaving scene of accident; person; 4th St. SW; damage to '05 Buick Lacrosse; $500

Feb. 27
- harassment; person; Cooper Cir. SW
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; All American Glass LLC; 3rd St. SE; tools; $3,000

ARRESTS

Feb. 25 – 27

Savage, Travis C.; 28
- public intoxication

Marion, Chasey R.; 37
- third-degree theft of property

Estes, Gregory W.; 61
- Grand Jury- attempted murder
- Grand Jury- first-degree domestic violence
- Grand Jury- interference with domestic violence emergency call
- Grand Jury- third-degree burglary

McWhorter, Amanda N.; 32
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Manord, Kyle B.; 25
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Briggs, Duane A.; 36
- sexual abuse of child under 12
- enticing child for immoral purposes
- sodomy

Burgess, Charles P.; 30
- Grand Jury- capital murder
- Grand Jury- murder
- Grand Jury- first-degree burglary

Cimpeanu, Rebecca; 18
- loitering

Cimpeanu, Manix; 48
- loitering

Brown, James R.; 39
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle

Anders, Shaun D.; 31
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Armstrong, Jason E.; 46
- FTA- speeding
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Nolasco-Medel, Michele D.; 50
- FTA- driving while license suspended
- FTA- driving on wrong side of road

Armstrong, Susan L.; 51
- second-degree possession of marijuana
- public intoxication
- possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

CRIME

CCSO reports multiple arrests including grand jury indictments for murder this week

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CULLMAN COUNTY, Ala. — The Cullman County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested a Cullman man for multiple grand jury indictments and warrants on Friday, Feb. 25.

Charles Patrick Wayn Burgess, 30, was charged with homicide/capital murder (GJ), murder/domestic violence (GJ), burglary/four counts (GJ) and criminal trespassing (warrant).

On Saturday, Feb. 26, deputies stopped Phillip Joe White, 61, of Cullman, in the Vinemont area for a traffic violation. Ashley Renee Crenshaw, 30, of Cullman was a passenger in the vehicle.

Both White and Crenshaw had active warrants and were placed under arrest.



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Charles Patrick Wayn Burgess


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Ashley Renee Crenshaw


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Michele Day Nolasco-Medel


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Dustin Andrew Dakota Moore


CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Phillip Joe White

Narcotics were also located inside the vehicle.

White was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of dangerous drugs (warrant), possession of drug paraphernalia (warrant), shoplifting (warrants/two counts), criminal trespassing (warrant) and traffic violations (warrants/six counts).

Crenshaw was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of Dangerous Drugs (warrants / three counts), possession of drug paraphernalia (warrants/two counts) and promoting prison contraband (warrant).

Also on Saturday, Cullman County Sheriff's Office deputies went to a residence in the Baileyton area in an attempt to locate an individual and serve felony warrants.

Upon arrival, the suspect was gone, but they were able to locate Michele Day Nolasco-Medel, 40, of Blountsville. She was also found to be in possession of narcotics and paraphernalia and was arrested for warrants.

She was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia and traffic violations (warrants/two counts).

On Sunday, Feb. 27, deputies located Dustin Andrew Dakota Moore, 24, of Holly Pond, walking in the Holly Pond area. Moore had multiple warrants for his arrest. He was transported to the Cullman County Detention Center.

He was charged with possession of dangerous drugs (warrant/two counts), possession of methamphetamine (warrant), possession of drug paraphernalia (warrant/two counts), larceny/theft (warrant), forgery (warrant), attempting to elude (warrant) and traffic violations (warrant /seven counts).

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Monday, Feb. 28, COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Dashboard Hub (https://bit.ly/3iVJwXK)

ADPH COVID-19 dashboard changes

Along with decreases in COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths, ADPH will be updating its dashboard less frequently. Effective June 7, the Data and Surveillance Dashboard will update Monday, Wednesday and Friday; the Vaccine Distribution Dashboard will update Tuesday and Thursday and no weekend updates will be made. Additional information may be provided in the future as ADPH gathers more data on the pandemic.

*The dashboard has been redesigned to help people better understand the current transmission levels in their communities and the impact of COVID-19 in Alabama. The moving 7-day sum is updated daily instead of weekly--instead of a 3, 7 and 14-day average, the dashboard will provide a 7-day moving sum for cases. The 2020 and 2021 breakdowns of cases and deaths will be provided - not just a total sum over both years.

Case details* (Updated Monday, Wednesday and Friday)

- Positivity in tests in Alabama: 6.3%
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 387,454
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2021): 535,741
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2022): 356,370 (+3,979 since Friday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,187
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2021): 9,515
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2022) 1,523 (+39 since Friday)
- Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.: 3.2%
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2020): 7,562
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2021): 9,740
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2022): 7,038 (+42 since Friday)
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 128
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 188
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2022): 31 (+0 since Friday)
- Total tested in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 1,252
- Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 40
- Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 43,622
- Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 2,752
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 695

Vaccine details (updated Tuesday and Thursday) No Updates Available

- Doses delivered to Alabama: 8,921,295
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 4,659,865
- Doses administered: 5,833,681
- Additional doses administered: 757,518
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,842,623
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 2,315,774
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 4,261,430

Alabamians in Phases 1a, 1b and 1c (including those 12 and older) are now eligible to receive a vaccine.

View the Alabama COVID-19 Vaccination Allocation Plan at: www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19vaccine/assets/adph-covid19-vaccination-allocation-plan.pdf/.

Murphy (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Animal Shelter's Donna Ruttkay shares this week's Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week: Murphy!

According to Ruttkay, Murphy is a 1-year-old hound mix with a medium-energy disposition. He understands leash protocol, as well as respects personal boundaries.

Once his backpack is on, Murphy is ready for work: either helping carrying aluminum cans to the backyard or gardening.

He loves life and cherishes being close to his people. This young fellow is already neutered!

Murphy is without a doubt, an extraordinary therapy, companion, hiking or reading dog!

Murphy's adoption fee includes DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet, microchip, free 30-day health insurance policy issued by 24PetWatch (with valid email only) and a free bag of food from Cullman Pet Depot (you must pay sales tax).

Animal shelter staff and volunteers work with their dogs to make sure they are accustomed to being around people, walking on a leash and practicing good behavior. Several of the shelter's canine friends have even been "hired" to work as therapy and special needs service dogs.

Please consider adopting to give a rescued pet a chance at a happy and healthy life.

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or visit them at 935 Convent Road NE. Reach them by email at cullmancountyanimalshelter@gmail.com.

Good news!
Recent Pet of the Week, Winter, was adopted! Thank you to the Cullman community for providing forever homes for our furry friends!

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submit your calendar items or public notices to olivia@cullmantribune.com

"Come to the Well" Community Women's Bible Study
• Tuesday mornings at 10 at the Hebrews Cafe at East Side Baptist Church, 1111 Third Street SE in Cullman
• Please wear a mask/face covering.

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

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

Church Services-Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Drive NW, Cullman
• Prayer meetings- Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Come and pray with us or come to receive prayer.
• Ladies' exercise classes- Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Children welcome.
• Wednesday, March 2 at 7 p.m. - Children and youth classes. Adult men's class - "The Resolution for Men" and Adult women's class at 6:30 p.m. - "It's All Under Control." Free pizza for children. Van runs in 5 Points Area at 6 p.m. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup.
• Saturday, March 5, 8 a.m. - Men's Breakfast & Community Sack Lunches. Men are invited to eat a home cooked breakfast and help prepare and deliver sack lunches to our community.
• Sundays at 9 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Small group classes for adults, children and youth at 10 a.m. Praise and worship and message at 11 a.m.
• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m. – noon, Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m. – noon. Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry, and Spirit Life Church.
• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthday. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pick up is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper, AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.

Miércoles de Despensas
• 6-7 p.m. ler. miercoles del mes, En Su Tierra Cullman FUMC
• Despensas para la comunidad. No requiere ID. Entrega en su vehículo. Por favor use mascarilla.

Agriplex spring program schedule

Child and home-school programs
• March 3, noon: Heritage Homeschool Secondary Spring Herbs for Your Health: We have an abundance of spring herbs popping up that can be useful to help spring clean our bodies. Instructor Paula Smith will share how to use herbs to help students feel their best and will have a hands-on salve making project. $15 per student, no family max.
• March 5, 9 a.m.: Farm Kids First Peas to the Table: Join us as we find out how Thomas Jefferson's garden is inspiring even the youngest gardeners today.
• March 8, 10:30 a.m.: Library Storytimes Five Senses at Guy Hunt Library Holly Pond. FREE
• March 11, 10 a.m.: Little Farmers Feathered Friends: Explore the world of birds with hands on fun as we learn how to bring birds to our own backyards.
• March 24: Heritage Homeschool Seed Starting: What does a seed need to grow? Find out as we learn all about how to grow our own vegetable transplants for the garden.

Adult programs
• March 8, 6 p.m.: Beginning Farmer & Rancher- Small Scale Vegetable Production: Learn which summer vegetables are the most profitable and learn the best practices for growing them. Registration required, contact Tony Glover at gloveta@aces.edu, or by phone 256-568-0005
• March 14, 6 p.m.: Living Landscapes Growing Shitake Mushrooms: Inoculate your own shitake mushroom log to take home and grow. $40 per person.
• March 16, noon: Lunch & Learn Growing Succulents: Bethany O'Rear will be here to talk about succulents. Free program, light lunch provided. Must call 256-297-1044 to register.
• March 22, 6 p.m.: Heritage Skills Growing & Using Gourds and Pumpkins: Katie Westmoreland will be here teaching us how to grow these useful cucurbits, avoid pests and diseases and also will be demonstrating how to use them in crafting recipes and more!

Register for programs at https://agriplex.org/WPtest/services/.

CASA volunteer training
Cullman County CASA (court appointed special advocates) is looking for dedicated volunteers to speak up for abused and neglected children in foster care. They need YOUR VOICE! A training class will be beginning soon! For more information, please contact Candace Lingo at cullmancountycasa@msn.com.

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

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

Wallace State Fine and Performing Arts fall – spring performances

Dazzle Me, Disney!
• April 7-9, 7 p.m.
• Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre
• Featuring the Wallace State Singers
• Info: 256-352-8277, jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu

Big Band Dance
• April 15, 7 p.m.
• Burrow Center for the Fine and Performing Arts
• Featuring the Wallace State Jazz Band
• Info: 256-352-8277, jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu

Dance Spring Showcase
• April 22, 7 p.m.
• Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre
• Featuring the Allegro Dance Theatre
• Info: 256-352-8277, jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu

Spring Under the Stars
• April 26, 7 p.m.
• Burrow Center for the Fine and Performing Arts (bring lawn chairs, blankets etc.)
• Featuring the Wallace State Concert Choir and Concert Band
• Info: 256-352-8277, jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu

Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation scholarship application open
Jan. 22 – March 4: 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 living in the State of Alabama. Deadline to receive completed applications in the district office is March 4. For more information, please contact Kathy Holmes at 256-734-1431 or at cullman@alconservationdistricts.org.

Cullman County Natural Resources Planning Committee Tree Giveaway
• March 3: The Cullman County Natural Resources Planning Committee is having a Tree Giveaway this Thursday, March 3 at Arise Coffee Co. (113 Commercial St., Hanceville). The tree giveaway will begin at 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (or until all trees are given away, supply is limited). Trees included: Redbud, Witchazel, Kousa Dogwood, Dogwood, Persimmon, Sourwood, Riverbirch, Red Mulberry, Red Maple, Bald Cypress, White Oak, and Tulip Poplar. Trees are bare root seedlings.
• For more information contact: Kathy Holmes at 256-734-1431, kholmes@cullmanswcd.com or Kira Sims at 256-737-9386, klc0023@auburn.edu.

Stars and Stripes Rodeo
March 4-5: Hosted by West Point Band Boosters, the 38th Annual Stars and Stripes Rodeo will take place Friday and Saturday, March 4-5 at the Cullman Ag Center. Miss West Point Rodeo Queen crowned Saturday evening. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are $14 for adults at the door ($12 for presales) and $10 for kids 6-12, and 5 and under are free. Tickets sold at any Premier Bank location and Jack's Western Wear.

Cullman County Republican Women's Meeting
March 8: The Cullman County Republican Women's Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 8, at 6 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars building located at (112 Veterans Dr. SW, Cullman, AL 35055). The public is encouraged to attend. A light supper will be provided.

East Point Swamp John's Dinner
March 10: East Point Cumberland Presbyterian Church will be hosting a Swamp John's dinner Thursday, March 10 from 4-7 p.m. (1441 U.S. Highway 278 East, Cullman, AL). Dine-in and carry-out options available. For more information, call 256-962-2116.

Valley Springs Baptist Church Youth Revival
• March 12-13: Beginning at 5 p.m. at Valley Springs Baptist Church (6979 County Road 437, Cullman). The evangelists will be Colin Long, Ethan Yarbrough, Clay Rollo and Kenny Shelton.
• Let no man despise thy youth, but be thou an example of the believers in word in conversation, in charity, in faith, in purity. 1st Timothy 4:12 (KJV).

Holly Pond Homemakers Club Meeting
March 15: The Holly Pond Homemakers Club will have a regular meeting at The Holly Pond Event Center on March 15, at 1 p.m. Probate Judge Tammy Brown will have the program. Hosts will be Brenda Scott and Deanie Walker. Please come and bring someone.

5th Annual Hanceville Irish Festival
March 19: The 5th Annual Hanceville Irish Festival will take place on Saturday, March 19 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., hosted by Snead's Farmhouse. Booth fees are $30 per booth. For more information about becoming a vendor Snead's Farmhouse at judysnead9522@gmail.com.

Cottontails Arts & Crafts Festival
• Saturday, April 9, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
• 905 SE Commercial St., Hanceville
• Willow Brook Boutique & Design will host a spring arts & crafts festival in downtown Hanceville.

Bloomin' Festival Arts and Crafts Fair
• April 23-24, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
• 1600 St. Bernard Ave. SE, Cullman
• Food, music and artisan crafts all weekend at St. Bernard Preparatory school
• Admission $7, children 5 and under get in free

2022 Hanceville Grilled Cheese Festival
May 28: The Hanceville Grilled Cheese Festival is back for the second year! The festival will take place Saturday, May 28 starting at 9 a.m. Features will include vendors, food trucks, live music and plenty of activities for adults and kids alike. Most food trucks will feature their own signature grilled cheese. There will also be a grilled cheese cook-off. Follow them on Facebook for more information: https://www.facebook.com/events/265071822436868/.

PREP SOCCER

West Point Warriors, Lady Warriors pick up wins at Fairview

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — The West Point Warriors and Lady Warriors traveled to Fairview Saturday for a pair of varsity matchups and both West Point squads returned home with a pair of wins. In the girls' game, Kyli Armstead led the way for the Lady Warriors with two goals in a 4-1 win over the Lady Aggies. Amelia Ward and Ale Guevara each scored goals in the win as well. The Lady Warriors improve to 5-2 on the year and Head Coach Rob Whitesell was pleased with the way his team handled the wet conditions in a road area game.

"Our girls continue to show growth and maturity as a team," Whitesell said. "This was a significant area win in tough conditions and I am very proud of the way they played together."

In the boys' game, the Warriors took a 2-0 lead in the first half thanks to goals by Jacob Bencze and Omar Segunda on assists from Joel Guzman and Bencze, respectively. Keeper Kanen Trussell kept the Aggies off the board in the first half and West Point went into halftime with a 2-0 advantage.

Segunda scored his second goal of the night off a corner kick 25 minutes into the second half to make it a 3-0 game. Jesus Hernandez responded for Fairview and put one in the back of the net to cut the lead to 3-1 but the Aggies weren't able to chip away any more than that and the Warriors held on to win it 3-1. West Point improves to 4-3 with the win and Head Coach Jacob Brown has been excited to see his team continue to improve with each game.

"I have been looking forward to this game since the summer. I'm friends with Fairview's Coach Nick Feldner and we have been joking about the game since then," Brown said. "I'm extremely proud of the boys. It was a hard-fought match against a very evenly matched team. They left it all out on the field and played with heart. These boys impress me every single game. It's one game. We have seven more section games to go. On to the next."

West Point will be back home Monday night and Fairview will travel to Saint Bernard Tuesday.



JACOB BROWN

West Point defeated Fairview on the road 3-1 Saturday to improve to 4-3 on the season.

Auburn legend Lionel 'Little Train' James passes away

Kirk Sampson
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. — Lionel James, a 5-foot-6 running back nicknamed "Little Train" who starred for Auburn in the early 1980s and set NFL records, has passed away at the age of 59 after a lengthy illness Friday.

"Lionel James defined Auburn football for a generation," said former Auburn sports information director and director of athletics David Housel.

James led the Tigers in rushing in 1981, Pat Dye's first season on the Plains. He ranks No. 18 on Auburn's career rushing list with 2,068 yards from 1980-83. His 6.14 yards-per-carry average ranks fourth in program history.

The Albany, Georgia, native led Auburn in all-purpose yards in 1981 and 1982. James was inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame in 2006.

One of the most popular players in Auburn football history, James weighed 150 pounds as a freshman and was named Auburn's Most Improved Running Back after spring practice in 1981.

James captained the Tigers in 1983, leading Auburn to its first SEC championship in 26 years, teaming up with backfield mates and future NFL peers Bo Jackson and Tommie Agee.

"Pound for pound one of the greatest all-purpose players to play the game of football," Agee said.

"Always put the team first. He was one of the reasons why I came to Auburn. He showed me what the Auburn family, the Auburn team, was all about on my official visit."

"Lionel was a special person," said quarterback Randy Campbell, who co-captained Auburn's 1983 SEC championship team. "Thoughtful, kind, caring and the ultimate team player. He led by example and made everyone around him a better football player.

"He could turn a bad play into a great play like the 87-yard touchdown vs. Georgia in 1982.

"He should have been tackled at the line of scrimmage but made the guy miss and took it all the way. Little Train played in the greatest group of running backs in Auburn history with Bo, Tommie Agee and Brent Fullwood. He was my favorite because he was the underdog. We love Lionel and will miss him very much."

In 1987, Auburn's A-Day offensive MVP award was permanently named the Lionel James Offensive MVP Award.

James, a fifth-round pick of the San Diego Chargers in 1984, played five seasons with the franchise, setting an NFL record with 2,535 all-purpose yards in 1985. James was named the Chargers Most Valuable Player in 1985 after leading the team in rushing, receiving and kickoff and punt return yardage.

He led the AFC in receptions that season with 86 while setting the NFL record for receiving yards by a running back with 1,027.

After his NFL career, James returned to Auburn and graduated in 1989, then coached tight ends on Terry Bowden's staff in 1996-97.

"Who could ever forget the tears in his eyes after the Tennessee game in Knoxville in 1981?" Housel recalled. "Losing hurt. Those tears and his reaction symbolized the change in attitude about Auburn football. Those tears showed that winning mattered and it was worth fighting for.

"Lionel James – the Little Engine That Could. All of the things you want to think Auburn football is about, Lionel James summarized. He wasn't big in stature, but he was big in heart, and he symbolized Auburn football for a generation or more."



AU ATHLETICS

Legendary Auburn running back Lionel James passed away at 59 Friday.

Cullman (from Front)

the airport with Epic Fuels.

Recycling center closer to reality

The council awarded a bid for the building materials for a recycling center to AGCOR Steel in the amount of $120,833.50, and a bid for the labor to construct the recycling center to 5 Starr Contracting in the amount of $84,000.00.

The resolutions did not list other bidders. The facility will allow the cleaning of materials and an expansion of commercial recycling.

Parks and Recreation continues growth

The council awarded a bid to purchase timber from the site of the new civic center/sports complex near the Cullman Wellness and Aquatics Center to Thompson Appalachian Hardwood, in the amount of $32,258.17. Removal of the timber will clear the land for construction of the new center.

Cullman Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism Director Nathan Anderson told the council that the Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center's new water park is progressing well, with tentative plans to open by Memorial Day weekend.

The council also approved resolutions to:

• Award the bid for a single cab work truck with a long utility bed to Freeland Automotive in the amount of $40,595

• Award the bid for material telehandler equipment to Artec Tractor in the amount of $47,900

• Update the city's Hazard Mitigation Plan to current standards

The council also approved a special event request from Katherine Sharp of First United Methodist Church Sonshine Preschool for a 5k Run and 1 Mile Fun Run on Saturday, April 9, from 8-10 a.m.

The Cullman City Council meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at Cullman City Hall. The public is invited to attend.







Moss Service Funeral Home welcomes new therapy dog Milo

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Moss Service Funeral Home welcomed its newest member of the staff, Milo who received a certificate for completion of his training Thursday evening. Milo is a 1-year-old Bernese Mountain dog/poodle mix or a "Bernedoodle."

His trainer Funeral Director Dawn Holmes said, "He was a dream of mine." Holmes first spent time around therapy dogs when her son was in and out of Children's Hospital about 20 years ago. PAWS of Birmingham would bring dogs for the children to visit with. "I said I want to train a dog to become a therapy dog."

When Holmes was in funeral director school, she wrote a paper on the effects of therapy dogs in the funeral industry. Holmes said she recently saw the effects of a therapy dog on a family firsthand in the funeral home, saying, "The family was very distraught over their loss, and a lot of people are, but their whole outlook changed after Milo had been in the room visiting with them."

She continued, "I work with him daily in the funeral home. We go out, and I visit three or four stores a day so that he gets used to different places, going in and out of different doors.

"I place him at a door, so he knows not to run out the front door when somebody comes in." Milo is still a puppy so he will continue training for another six months.

Moss Funeral Home also recently welcomed Legacy of Hope, a federally designated Organ Procurement Organization, to give a presentation about organ donation.

Ann Rayburn, Director of Public Education at Legacy said, "As I sit in a room with people that work with grieving families, I think about how much our missions align to help support people during the worst times of their life."

Rayburn stated that Legacy of Hope used to be called the Alabama Organ Center. "I have been affiliated with donation for about 30 years and while the Alabama Organ Center described what we did practically, for me it always conjured up this image of organs in a cooler which is not really how we would like to be thought of in the community.

So, Legacy of Hope much better describes our mission and our vision, which is to end the wait and suffering by shepherding the gift of life to those in need."

Rayburn discussed a new uterus transplant program started at UAB, explaining, "I think one of the things that's so exciting for us is the thought that one person's gift can actually create new life. There are lots of opportunities to help people through organ and tissue donation."

Nationally, there are about 106,000 people on the waiting list for an organ transplant and in Alabama, about 1,200. Rayburn said, "Each number of those people waiting is much more than a number. Its somebody's family member. It's somebody's father, mother, sister, brother."

Eight lives can be saved by a single organ donor, and 100 lives can be improved by a single tissue donor. The most common way people register to be an organ donor in Alabama is through their driver's license. Another way to register is online at https://legacyofhope.org/.

Donor Program Liaison Janet Shaw presented Mike Pepple, manager of Moss Service Funeral Home, with a Partners in Hope Integrity Award for his collaboration with Legacy of Hope.

Dignity Honors awards were also presented to Bess Wood, Gary Murphree, Clyde Kendrick, Lacie Nail, Carla Davis, Randy Speakman, Donnie Holmes, Chris Brooks, Jerry League, Keith Pattillo, Bradley Pepple, Perry Holmes, Ben Joslin, Arturo Michaus and Glenn Davis.

The Dignity Top Performer Award was presented to Dawn Holmes.

Five Years of Service Awards were presented to Lacie Nail and Chris Brooks.

A 50 Years of Service Award was presented to Gary Murphree. Keith Pattillo, who worked with Murphree 50 years ago, stated, "Fifty years ago, we started out we were on the bottom. We were the youngest, now we're the oldest. I worked with Gary in about every situation imaginable in the funeral industry. I've always found him to be trustworthy."



SARA GLADNEY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Milo

Bearcats (from Front)

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — This season on the hardwood has been one for the history books at Cullman High School. The Bearcats (27-3) are headed to the Final 4 of the AHSAA State Basketball Tournament for the first time in 90 years and they've gotten there with a tenacious approach on the defensive end of the floor and a lot of production off the bench. More than 10 different 'Cats regularly see the floor in most of Cullman's games and that depth has been wearing down opponents all season. That depth has been a big factor in Cullman's postseason success as well, allowing the Bearcats to pull away late in big games, most notably against Scottsboro in the Regional Finals. Cullman outscored the Wildcats 43-21 in the final two periods and got 32 points off the bench.

Head Coach Stu Stuedeman has only been on the sideline at Cullman for one year, but he's already established his philosophy and his team has bought all the way in. He wasn't thrilled with everything on the defensive end early in the season, but he remembers a win at a December tournament that gave him and the rest of his team an idea of how good they could become.

"The game against Saint Paul's out of Louisiana at the Big Orange Classic in Hoover was a huge springboard for our season," Stuedeman said. "Saint Paul's is a top 5 team in Louisiana with several college players on their team and we were able to come from behind and gut out a win. That game showed a lot of people, including ourselves, that we belonged on the floor with great teams."

Saint Paul's is a veteran team with a lot of length and that's the same kind of team the Bearcats will be looking to topple tomorrow. Park Crossing (27-4) comfortably defeated Valley and Hillcrest on its way to Birmingham and like Cullman, the Thunderbirds do a good job of playing to their strengths.

"Park Crossing is a tough matchup because of how athletic and big they are. Their style of play fits their personnel perfectly," Stuedeman said. "They know exactly who they are and have immense belief in themselves."

Classrooms all over town paused for a couple of hours last Tuesday to watch the 'Cats knock off Scottsboro and schools will dismiss early Wednesday so everyone has a chance to cheer them on in person. Excitement for basketball is as high as it's ever been in Cullman and Stuedeman is thrilled for his team and the community to be on this ride to the Final 4.

"This is everything I envisioned for Cullman Basketball when I decided to take this job. I didn't think it would happen this fast, but I knew that this was the possibility because of how fantastic this community is.

"Everyone here loves the Bearcats, loves the school, loves the community and I'm filled with immense joy for our players and this team to be the team that ignites the fire for basketball within the community," Stuedeman said. "The players, especially our seniors, have been through a lot in their basketball careers. They have put in hard work and been dedicated teammates to all of our players in our program and they deserve this type of recognition and attention from their community. I'm so happy for them."

Cullman will battle Park Crossing for a spot in the 6A State Championship Game at the BJCC Legacy Arena Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. Tickets to the game can be purchased on Ticketmaster or on-site at the BJCC Legacy Arena.





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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF M.S.T.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 08/21/2018

CASE NO.: AD2022-007

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: HANNAH RICHELLE BROWN, NATURAL MOHER OF A MINOR CHILD, M.S.T.

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Michael Stephen Thornton and Jill Tuggle Thornton, Petitioners. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioner, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 18th DAY OF February, 2022.

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

Annette Irons-Parker
Attorney for Petitioners
215 Main Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055
256-775-4444

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicles, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80.

2003 Chrysler Town and Country, Vin.#2C4GP44333R260991
2018 Chevy Cruze, Vin.#1G1BE5SM9J7113151
1999 Toyota Camry, Vin.#2T1CF22P2XC108055
2001 Ford Crown Victoria, Vin.#2FAFP7491X189592
1999 Chevy Silverado, Vin.#2GCEK19TUX1193366
2007 Chevy Monte Carlo, Vin.#2G1WK16K179334226
2003 Cadillac CTS, Vin.#1G6DM57N230152597

These vehicles will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at Smith's Body Shop and Wrecker Service, LLC, 11597 US Highway 278 East, Holly Pond, Alabama, 35083, on Thursday, March 31, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
BRENDA GAYLE JEFFERS
Deceased.

CASE NO PC-2022-043

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted to Shirley Jeffers, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Brenda Gayle Jeffers, Deceased, on the 11th day of February, 2022, 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.

Shirley Jeffers
Personal Representative

Shannon H. Dye
Attorney for the Estate
3800 Colonade Parkway, Suite 175
Birmingham, Alabama 35243

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

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

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

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

**IN THE MATTER OF * **
SDT, * CASE NO.: JU 20-068.02
**a minor, DOB: 08-08-2018. * **

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

Denise Ann Tanner, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Cullman County Department of Human Resources in regards to the above referenced child born on August 8, 2018 by the 15th day of March, 2022, or thereafter a judgment terminating her parental rights may be entered against her in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 1st day of February, 2022.

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk

Petitioner:
Cullman County Department of Human Resources
P. O. Box 990
1220 St. Joseph Street NW
Cullman, AL 35056

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STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
I, Lisa McSwain, Clerk of Circuit Court in and for said County and State, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy as the same appears of record in this office.
Witness my hand and official seal this 1st day of February, 2022.
Lisa McSwain
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City of Cullman
Building Inspection Department

201 SECOND AVENUE, NORTHEAST
P. O. BOX 278
CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35056-0278
(256) 775-7203

City of Cullman
Planning Commission

On Monday, March 7, 2022, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Conditional use request – Cullman Athletic Complex – Field of Miracles Drive SW

For further information contact Brian Landreth or Amber Duke at the City of Cullman Building Department at 256-775-7203.

NOTICE TO CONSULTANTS

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

Cullman County, the City of Cullman, and the Cullman Regional Airport Board are seeking statements of qualifications from experienced airport planning and engineering consultants to perform services for the next five years at the Cullman Regional Airport. Possible work will include preparation of pre-applications and applications for federal and state funding, airport layout plan, capital improvement plan, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) plan, runway extension justification, environmental studies, feasibility studies, benefit cost analysis, airport compliance issues and analysis, engineering design and planning for runways and taxiways, runway/taxiway overlays, pavement maintenance, aircraft parking aprons, airport lighting, NAVAIDS, weather reporting system, land acquisition, fencing, roads, fueling facilities, and terminal/hangar area improvements.

All professional consulting firms who consider themselves qualified for this work are invited to submit three (3) copies of the statements of qualifications to:

Cullman Regional Airport
231 County Road 360
Vinemont, AL 35179

Statements of qualifications should be limited to 25 pages and received no later than 2:00 p.m. on March 23, 2022. Selection will be based upon materials received or selection may be based upon materials received and presentations/interviews by the top ranked firms. The following criteria will be used to evaluate and rank the submitted qualifications:

1. Capability to perform services as described in this notice (20 pts).
2. Recent experience in airport projects comparable to the proposed projects (20 pts).
3. Knowledge of FAA and ALDOT Aeronautics Bureau regulations, policies and procedures (20 pts).
4. Knowledge of the airport and the general geographic area (15 pts).
5. Key personnel's professional background and availability for the proposed projects (15 pts).
6. Firm's reputation, location and references (10 pts).

Cullman County, the City of Cullman, and the Cullman Regional Airport Board reserves the right to negotiate with any engineering firm, after statements of qualifications are opened, if such is deemed necessary, and reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

Any additional information required may be obtained by contacting the airport at the address listed above. Federal Contract Provisions will apply to any agreements related to this request for qualifications including, but not limited to, DBE Assurances, Affirmative Action Requirements and Civil Rights – Title VI Assurances. The Cullman County, the City of Cullman, and the Cullman Regional Airport Board are equal opportunity employers and statements of qualifications from minority or disadvantaged firms are encouraged.

Rankings (from Front)

Cullman County Commission Chairman Jeff Clemons said, "I am certainly proud of the No. 4 ranking. It shows we have a strong economy where companies continue to create jobs and invest in our county. We work together and support industry because it means jobs for Cullman Countians."

Site Selection stated that not only was this the eighth straight year Cullman earned a top 10 micropolitan ranking, but since the rankings started in 2001, Cullman has been ranked a top 20 micropolitan 17 times.

Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs said, "Industry grows where it is welcomed and supported. When city and county governments, education facilities, utility providers and economic development agencies have a goal of helping industry prosper a lot of good things happen.

"Add the quality, hard-working, reliable workforce found in Cullman to that mix and it is a recipe for success."

The Site Selection Magazine rankings are based on the number of projects that meet certain criteria.

Qualifying projects must meet one of the following requirements:

- 20 or more new jobs created
- 20,000 or more square footage added
- Over $1,000,000 of capital investment

Cullman micropolitan rankings

- 2001 - No. 37
- 2002 - No. 32
- 2003 - No. 11
- 2004 - No. 10
- 2005 - No. 3
- 2006 - No. 5
- 2007 - No. 7
- 2008 - Tied for No. 19
- 2009 - Tied for No. 14
- 2010 - Tied for No. 11
- 2011 - Tied for No. 41
- 2012 - No. 3
- 2013 - Tied for No. 45
- 2014 - No. 3
- 2015 - No. 2
- 2016 - No. 2
- 2017 - No. 5
- 2018 - No. 7
- 2019 - No. 6
- 2020 - No. 3
- 2021 - No. 4

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Obituary Announcements: Feb. 26 - 28

Cathy Diane Gamble Berry, 63, of Hanceville
Cathy Diane Gamble Berry, age 63, of Hanceville, passed away Saturday, Feb. 26. She was born in Birmingham, Alabama on Aug. 5, 1958, to J C Gamble and Beulah Jane McAnnally Gamble. Cathy was a registered nurse, enjoyed watching the animals and being outdoors. She was preceded in death by her father: JC Gamble. Cathy is survived by her daughter: C.J. Berry Marintsch, who sadly passed shortly after her; her mother: Jane Gamble; sister: Debbie (Gene) Price; brother: Mark Gamble; grandchildren: Bella Marintsch and Bennett Drinkard and several nieces and nephews. Graveside memorial services will be held Wednesday, March 2, at 1 p.m. from the Garden City Cemetery. Hanceville Funeral Home handling arrangements.

Kelly Kristine Jones, 52, of Gardendale
The funeral service for Kelly Kristine Jones, 52, of Gardendale, AL, will be 10 a.m. – noon, Thursday, March 3, at St. Elizabeth Anne Seton Catholic Church (334 Main St. Gardendale, Alabama). The body will lie in state from 9:30-11 a.m. prior to the service. Rev. Wyman Vintson will officiate the service. The interment will be at Blair Congregational Methodist Church in Cullman. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Jones Family. Mrs. Jones's hobby was her children and grandchildren. She loved being around people. She was a member of Ladia Sodality and ministered to the sick and served through the Eucharistic ministry. She was preceded in death by her grandparents. Mrs. Jones is survived by her parents: Glynis and Bill Foster; husband: Greg A. Jones; sons: Joshua (Sheridan) Jones, Geoffrey (Chasity) Jones and Allen Jones; daughters: Roslyn (Brandon) Williams and Allyson (Troy) Parker and grandchildren: Olivia Henderson, Alyssa Henderson, Brooklynn and Baylee Jones, Audrey Ball and Troy Parker.

Crystal Jacqulen Berry Marintsch, 37, of Hanceville
Funeral service for Crystal Jacqulen Berry Marintsch, age 37, of Hanceville, will be at 10 a.m. Friday, March 4, at Sacred Heart Church, with Father Patrick Egan, OSB officiating and interment in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 3, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Ms. Marintsch passed away Sunday, Feb. 27, at Cullman Regional. She was born Oct. 31, 1984, in Cullman, Alabama, to Johnny and Cathy Diane Berry. She was preceded in death by her mother: Cathy Diane Berry; grandfather: J. C. Gamble and grandparents: James F. and Mercedes Berry. Survivors include her father: Johnny (Carol) Berry; daughter: Bella Marintsch; son: Bennett Drinkard; brothers: James Conor Berry, Andrew Buckelew and Ethan Buckelew; grandmother: Jane Gamble; grandmother: Sandra Crider; grandfather: Victor (Norma) Brown; aunts: Wendy (Phillip) Mann, Debbie (Gene) Price, Peggy (David) Adderhold and Julia Lynn Creel; uncle: Mark Gamble and a host of nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Restoring Women Outreach, Inc. (P.O. Box 307, Cullman, AL 35056).

Timothy Lee Hicks, 36, of Cullman
Timothy Lee Hicks, 36, of Cullman passed from this life Feb. 26, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. A memorial service is be planned and will be announced by the family. Mr. Hicks was born March 12, 1985, to James Stephen Hicks and Janet Lee Pilcher. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Hicks family. He was preceded in death by his father: James Stephen Hicks; grandmother: Faye Pilcher and grandfather: David Russell. He is survived by his mother: Janet Lee Pilcher; grandmother: Betty Warren; sisters: Christy Braswell and Rachael Higgins; aunt: Randy Arwine; nieces: Caydence Braswell and Kylie Braswell and nephews: Tameron, Higgins and David Arwine.

Alton Lennon "Butch" Shedd, 70, of Fairview
Graveside service for Alton Lennon "Butch" Shedd, 70, of Fairview will be at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 1, at Etha Baptist Cemetery. Bro. Sherman Kimbrough will be officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Shedd passed away Feb. 26, at 12:05 at his residence. He was born July 19, 1951, to Emery and Lillie Johns Shedd. Butch enjoyed fishing, hunting and gardening. His 40-year ministry consisted of sharing the gospel in several different states. He loved souls. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister: Nancy Gaines; brother: Darrell Shedd and niece: Tina Latta. Survivors include his wife of 30 years: Joyce Shedd; sons: Bo (Melinda) Shedd, Toby (Alisha) Shedd and daughter, Lora (Derek) Prince; stepsons: Tim (Gayla) Earl and Richie (Amy) Earl and sister: Shirley (Bob) White. He has 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Pallbearers will be: Tim Earl, Richie Earl, Glen Gaines, David Destafino, Ronnie Shedd and Dustin Wren. In lieu of flowers, the family ask you to donate to Kindred Hospice (10151 First Ave. SW B, Cullman, AL 35055).

David "Mike" Acuff, 62, of Hanceville
A funeral service for David "Mike" Acuff of Hanceville will be 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be from noon - 2 p.m. at the funeral home on Monday prior to the service. The family has elected cremation following the service. Mr. Acuff was born July 11, 1959, in Morristown, Tennessee. He died at the age of 62 at his residence in Hanceville Feb. 26, surrounded by his loving family. Mike was also a veteran and served with the United States Marines. Survivors include his wife: Lisa Acuff; children: Craig Acuff, Anthony (Kim) Acuff, Mesha Acuff, Izaiha Acuff, Sonya Acuff and Leah Pennington; two very special grandchildren: Ansley Acuff and Sofia Acuff; sister: Sheila Graham; three brothers-in-law: Rusty (Eva Raines) Fields, Jeff Fields and Chris (Theresa) Crosby; uncle: Grant (Linda) Helton; special friends: David (Tina) Pickle, Mark (Brenda) Miller and Justin (Kaitlyn) Sterling and a host of nieces, nephews, co-workers and friends. Mr. Acuff was preceded in death by his parents: Norman Shirley Acuff and Mary Ellen (Helton) Acuff.

Don James Szilagyi, 60, of Cullman
Don James Szilagyi, age 60, of Cullman, Alabama passed away Friday, Feb. 25. Don was born Oct. 2, 1961, in Baltimore, Maryland to Nona Grey (Burgess) and James Frank John Szilagyi. Don is survived by his wife of 39 years: Sally Ann (Lynch) Szilagyi; his daughter: Rebecca Jean (Daniel Wayne) Baker; his mother: Nona Grey (Burgess) Szilagyi; his sisters-in-law: Nancy (Lyle) Fetterly, Susan (Shawn) Matherly, Meegan Mitchell and Stacie (Tony) Bonner; his brother-in-law: Dennis (Lidia) Lynch and his aunt and uncle: Sally and Calvin Bailey. Don was preceded in death by his father: James Frank John Szilagyi and his sister: Barbara Jean Szilagyi. Don was a longtime owner of D&S Locksmith. He also served his country in the United States Air Force. A celebration of life graveside service for Don will be held Wednesday, March 2, at 10 a.m. at Emeus Cemetery (Cullman, AL 35057).

Bruce Alan Welch, 66, of Eva
Bruce Alan Welch, age 66, of Eva died Thursday, Feb. 24. Bruce was employed at Cullman Regional Medical Center for over 37 years. Bruce obtained his nursing license in the 1980s and put them to good use, ultimately becoming the IV King of Cullman Regional. He was known for his fun-loving ways that were characterized by his mischievous laugh. When not caring for people at the hospital Bruce loved playing his guitar and spending time outdoors. Truly you have never lived if you did not get to enjoy a ride on the Green Mile, his much loved and used boat.He was preceded in death by his parents: Harry and Opal Welch and his brothers: Larry Welch and Scott Welch. Left to cherish his memories are his beloved wife: Nancy Welch; children: Jessica (Paul) Nicholson, Joe (Melissa Plew) Welch, John Welch, Sarah Portis, Sydney (Kenan) Warren, Justin (Katie) Wigginton and Holly (Cody) Parson; honorary children: Spud Lasseter and Layne Welch; grandchildren: Kaileb (Alejandra Avila) Welch, Jackson Welch, Michael Nicholson, Savannah Welch, Seth Wigginton, Valen Warren, Oliver Parson, Aeryn Nicholson, John Sheppard Welch, Jack Portis, Jace Wigginton, Quinn Portis, Ethan Wigginton, Nico Welch, Tyler Wigginton and Ezra Warren and great-grandchild: Alayna Welch. The family will receive friends on Sunday, Feb. 27, from noon until the celebration of Bruce's life that will begin at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Bethel Methodist Cemetery in Eva. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Mary Louise (Ford) Henry, 97, of Cullman
Mrs. Mary Louise (Ford) Henry, age 97, of Cullman, Alabama passed away Thursday, Feb. 24. Mary was born Nov. 19, 1924, in Ragland, Alabama to Roy Thomas and Ethel Gallaway Ford. Mary is survived by her son: Davidson Henry Jr.; her grandchildren: Davidson Kyle (Lexi) Henry, Donovan Cade Henry and Weatherly (Billy Sam) Taylor; her great-grandchildren: Davidson Jace Henry, Eliza Kay Henry, Kirkland Hill, A.J. Jones and Mary Weatherly Jones and her two great-great-grandchildren. Mary was preceded in death by her husband: Davidson Henry Sr.; her son: Luke Rushton; her parents: Roy Thomas and Ethel Gallaway Ford; her brothers: Roy Thomas Ford Jr. and John Edward Ford Sr. and her granddaughter: Sarah Rushton Jones. She grew up in the Oxford and Anniston area. She moved to Cullman in 1974 from Memphis, Tennessee. She attended Howard College, with a Ph.D. from the School of Life. She was hired in 1977 by Cullman County to instigate and develop programs for senior citizens. She named this program the Commission on Aging. Then she started the Public Transportation System and named it CARTS. She was a founding member of Alabama Transit Association, serving on the Board. She served as the director of both programs she founded for 10 years. She was an active member of the First Baptist Church, since her first Sunday in Cullman, teaching Sunday school and singing in the choir. A celebration of life visitation for Mary will be held Tuesday, March 1, from noon - 2 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home (1901 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, AL 35055). A celebration of life funeral service will follow at 2 p.m. An interment will occur at Cullman City Cemetery (812 Ninth Ave. SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055). In lieu of flowers, contributions in Mary's memory may be made to First Baptist Church-Cullman (501 Second Ave. SW, Cullman, AL 35055 or cullmanfbc.com).

Wayne Donald Hanson
Graveside services for Wayne Donald Hanson will be Monday, Feb. 28, at Bonnertown Cemetery, at 3 p.m. Mr. Hanson passed away Friday, Feb. 25, at Cullman Regional. Visitation will be Monday, Feb. 28, from 11 a.m. – noon at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

J. C. Maynor, 75, of Cullman
Funeral service for J. C. Maynor, age 75, of Cullman, will be at 11a.m. Monday, Feb. 28, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Josh Sellers officiating and burial at Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 20, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangement sMr. Maynor passed away Friday, Feb. 25, at Cullman Regional. He was born Dec. 25, 1946, in Cullman, Alabama to Emmett Oscar and Audrey Narcissus Maynor. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his loving wife: Mary Alice Maynor; children and grandchildren.

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — Good Hope's City Council held its second February meeting at Good Hope City Hall Monday night and after having the first readings for a pair of ordinances at their last meeting, the Council officially passed them at tonight's meeting. The first ordinance was Ordinance No: 001-2022 to rezone 0 Mize Road. The ordinance reads,

"Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Good Hope, Alabama as follows:

Whereas, this ordinance is enacted pursuant to the Act and the city's general jurisdictional power and land use authority, it is therefore provided: For the purpose of rezoning the below parcel of property from R-2 located in the corporate limits of the City of Good Hope, Cullman County, Alabama to Business District.

A parcel of land, 14 acres +/- in the City of Good Hope, more particularly described as follows:

The West half of the SW ¼ of Section 33, Township 10 South, Range 3 West, containing 20 acres, more or less. LESS 7 EXCEPTING: 4.36 acres heretofore sold to State of Alabama for right of way for Interstate Highway No. 65. Also, less and except a strip of land 20 feet in width deeded to Burrow and Edge Company, Incorporated, said easement filed for records in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama in Deed Book 286, Page 43. Situated, lying and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama."

Up next was Ordinance No: 003-2022 to establish a new speed zone on a portion of Alabama Highway 69 (County Road 437). The ordinance reads,

"Any person driving a vehicle within the city limits of Good Hope shall drive at a careful and prudent speed not greater than is reasonable and proper, having due regard to the traffic, surface and width of the street or highway and of any other conditions then existing. No person shall drive any vehicle within the city at such a speed as to endanger the life, limb or property of any person.

It shall be prima facie unlawful for any person to operate any automobile, motorcycle, truck or any other motor vehicle at a speed in excess of thirty-five (35) miles per hour on or in the SPEED ZONE set between GPS coordinates 34.099588 (parking lot of Wiregrass Construction) and 34-093458-86.882059 (Bavar Creek Bridge), within the municipal limit of the City of Good Hope, Alabama."

The Council's final action of the night was to pass Resolution No: 004-2022 for Annual Municipal Water Pollution Prevention. The resolution reads,

"To inform the Department of Environmental Management that the following actions were taken by the governing body of the City of Good Hope.

1. Reviewed the MWPP Annual Report which is attached to this Resolution.

2. Set forth the following actions and schedule necessary to maintain effluent requirements contained in the NPDES Permit, and to prevent the bypass and overflow of raw sewage within the collection system or at the treatment plant:

(a) Modification of the NPDES Permit and construction of treatment components increasing design capacity to 0.445 MGD."

The Good Hope City Council will hold its next regularly scheduled meeting March 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Good Hope City Hall.

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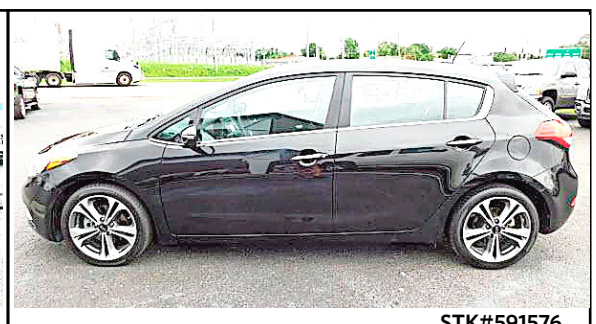
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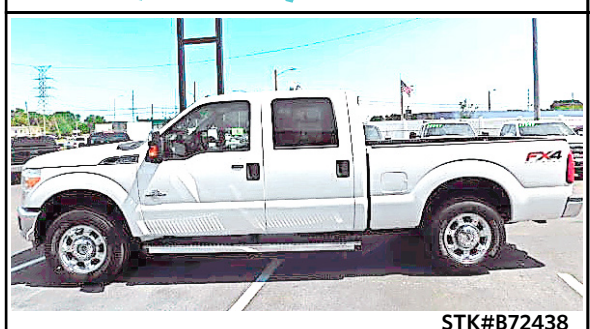

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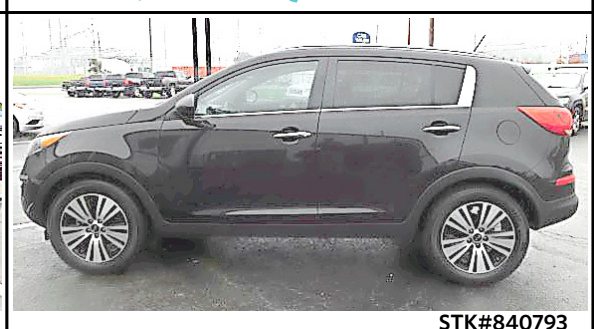

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