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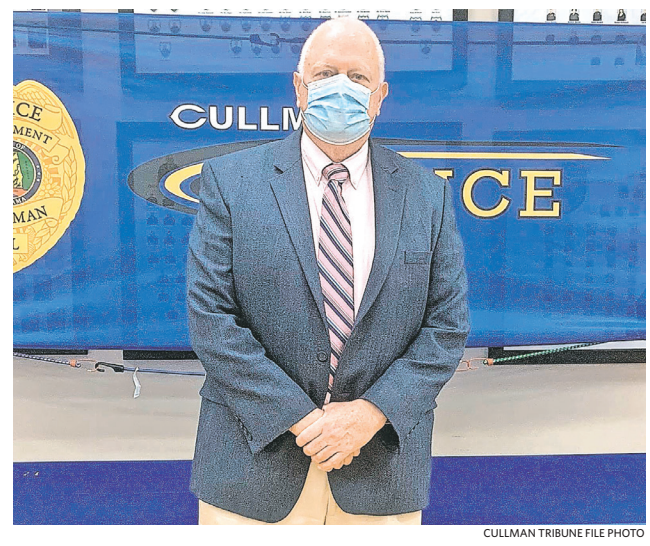
CPD Chief Kenny Culpepper discusses possibility of retirement; confirms he has not filed proper paperwork to retire

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CULLMAN, Ala. — For the last week there's been talk regarding current Cullman Police Department's Chief Kenny Culpepper's retirement, supposedly slated for Dec. 31. The Tribune reached out to Chief Culpepper regarding the chatter running through back channels.

"I don't want to be painted into a corner by saying this (certain date) is when I'm retiring," Culpepper said Wednesday morning. "It is something I've thought about and considered but at this time I've not filled out the necessary paperwork to retire."

Chief Culpepper was first hired at the CPD on Feb. 6, 1978. Over the next 10 years, Chief Culpepper rose through the ranks until he was promoted to his current position as Chief in October 1988. Chief Culpepper has served the City of Cullman for 44 years. » PAGE 9



CULLMAN TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

County Schools Transportation Division finding ways to combat higher fuel charges



CULLMAN TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

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CULLMAN, Ala. — As fuel prices continue to surge, it's leaving many to question how it's impacting rural bus routes. Recently, The Tribune reached out to the Cullman County School System to find out how prices are affecting daily pick-ups and drop-offs.

Transportation Director Jeff Harper said the increase is having large impact on the systems operating costs.

"Our fuel prices are dependent upon the current fuel and gas prices just like all other organizations. As fuel prices soar, so do our operating costs," Harper said.

One of the more surprising facts concerned the amount of county routes traveled each day.

"Cullman County operates 108 regular morning and afternoon routes," he said. "We also operate vocational routes from each high school, different shuttle routes for individual needs at some schools, along with field trips, sports and other extracurricular activities from all campuses."

While it may seem like a high number of routes, the number of miles for each is quite low.

"Mileage varies on trips depending on student numbers and distances to individual school campuses. Most route buses average at least 50 miles per day," he said.

When asked what measures were put in place to help lower costs, Harper answered that it's a mixture of strategic planning and constant review of those routes.

"The Cullman County School System works tirelessly to ensure that the most efficient usage of our buses is achieved. Our buses are parked as close to the beginning starting point and ending point of each route to curtail wasted miles to the first student pickup and last student drop off," he said. "Routes are reviewed regularly to ensure the best possible route with regard to safety, convenience to the community, and » PAGE 5

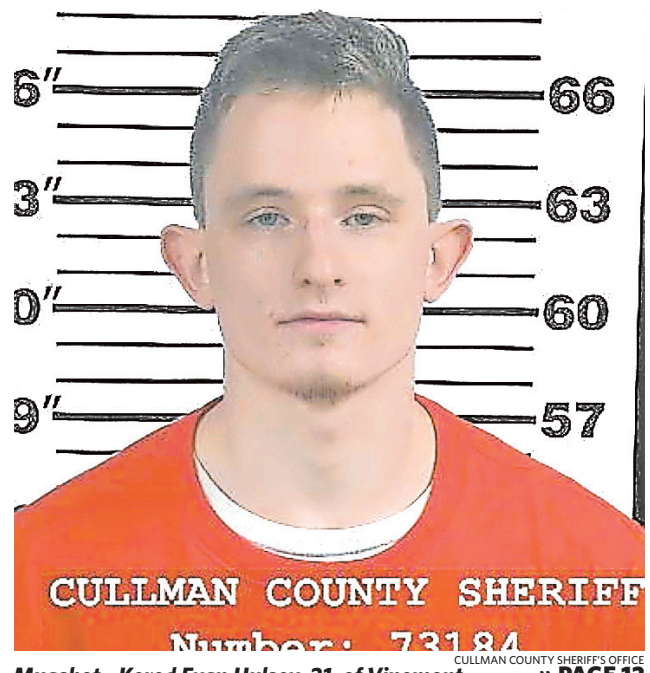
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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported March 25

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported March 25, 2022. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

March 21

- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69 S
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1545
- possession of marijuana; CR 1518
- domestic violence; CR 720
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1094
- harassment; CR 447

March 22

- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 483
- harassment; 2nd Ave.

March 23

- possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 31
- possession of marijuana; possession drug paraphernalia; CR 730
- domestic violence; CR 1223
- domestic violence; CR 855
- domestic violence; CR 587
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; Cherokee Ave. SW
- domestic violence; Hwy. 31
- domestic violence; CR 1269
- domestic violence; criminal mischief; CR 62
- harassment; Arnold St. NE

ARRESTS

Aaron, Patricia D.; 31
- FTA- operating vehicle with expired tag
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Barnes, Scott D.; 37
- probation violation- assault-aggravated assault family-strong arm
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of paraphernalia-1st offense
- probation violation- assault-aggravated assault family-strong arm

Brown, David O.; 35
- larceny/theft-shoplifting $500 less than $1,500
- criminal trespass

Brown, William A.; 24
- possession of marijuana

Burgess, Christopher E.; 47
- FTA- negotiating worthless instrument (3 counts)

Bush, Wonteel Q.; 41
- FTA- possession of drug-1st (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)

Coggins, Rodney L.; 57
- FTA- possession drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Cowan, Deuntae M.; 30
- FTA- buying/receiving stolen property

Dork, Kennieth P.; 66
- FTA- DUI (alcohol)

Flanigan, Aundrey L.; 39
- second-degree Bail Jumping- possession of heroin
- second-degree Bail Jumping- possession of methamphetamine
- second-degree Bail Jumping- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- second-degree Bail Jumping- ex-felon in possession of a firearm

Gaddis, Jennifer A.; 37
- public intoxication

Hanners, Bobby L.; 33
- possession of dangerous drug

Harris, Tricia L.; 50
- probation violation- DUI (alcohol)

Harvey, Lauren A.; 25
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense (2 counts)
- FTA- second-degree possession of marijuana
- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)

Haus, Matthew E.; 39
- fraud-swindle/home repair

Hill, Nicholas D.; 33
- FTA- expired tag

Holt, Marisa B.; 24
- second-degree possession of marijuana
- public intoxication

Huffman, Kaitlyn Sara D.; 26
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- second-degree possession of marijuana

Hulsey, Kered E.; 21
- assault-child abuse-aggravated-family
- assault-torture/willful abuse of child-family

James, Loretta S.; 34
- Probation Violation-assault-child abuse-simple-family

Jones, Marlana L.; 33
- FTA- drug trafficking

Kaucher, Scott A.; 60
- FTA- sex offense- adult sex offender- violation of homelessness restrictions

Kimbril, Christopher D.; 49
- probation violation- sex offense- sex offender reporting and registering

Lay, James K.; 51
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Minor, Henry Odes M.; 42
- assault-aggravated assault family-other weapon
- FTA- burglary-non residence-force
- FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft $500 less than $1,500
- FTA- driving without driver's license

Monroe, Taya R.; 41
- third-degree domestic violence-assault
- third-degree criminal mischief

Murphy Jr.; James R.; 53
- FTA- assault-aggravated assault-A to M attempt to commit crime
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Powell, Angela Darlene L.; 54
- public intoxication

Pruitt, Christle J.; 33
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Sims, Christopher A.; 31
- larceny/theft-theft of article from auto
- larceny/theft-theft from residence less than $500

Smith, Steven D.; 56
- Public Order crimes- alia writ of arrest
- FTA- sex offense-failure to adult sex offender to register with local law enforcement

Stacks, Christopher M.; 35
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- second-degree possession of marijuana

Thomas, Marissa A.; 31
- FTA- promote prison contraband (drugs)

Tillman, Emily A.; 34
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Trussell, Donald O.; 61
- FTA- assault-harassment
- sex offense-adult sex offender-violation of homelessness restrictions

Villa, Patricia D.; 40
- FTA- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Warden, Drew E.; 26
- FTA- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA- first-degree theft of property-1st offense

Watson, John T.; 23
- FTA- first-degree sexual abuse
- sex offense- statutory rape

Wright, Jonathan D.; 28
- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of dangerous drugs
- using false identity to avoid arrest/hinder prosecution
- resisting arrest

Wynn, Serena R.; 40
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Incidents

March 21
- harassment; reckless endangerment; person; 2nd Ave. SW

March 23
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; 2nd Ave. SW; tag; toolbox
- third-degree theft of property; person; 13th St. NE; trailer; $1,300
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $342

March 24
- harassing communications; person
- harassment; person; 1st Ave SE
- fourth-degree theft of property; Marvin's; Hwy. 157; chainsaw; $369
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; 2nd Ave. SW; damage to '14 Chevy Impala
- third-degree domestic violence; person

ARRESTS

March 23 – 24

Barksdale, Lucien W.; 54
- third-degree domestic violence-harassment

Williams, Jodie D.; 41
- third-domestic violence-harassment

Warden, Drew E.; 26
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespass

Bates, Brent D.; 34
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- public intoxication

McClellan, Lee Z.; 31
- fourth-degree theft of property

Oden, Arthur J.; 64
- FTA- leaving scene of accident

Barnes, Scott D.; 37
- Grand Jury- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle

Barnett IV, Chelsey A.; 50
- second-degree possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Thomas, Marissa A.; 31
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespass (2 counts)
- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- improper lights

Haynes, Jeremy A.; 34
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence
- FTA- second-degree possession of marijuana
- FTA- driving without driver's license

Walker, Kevin O.; 41
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- driving without driver's license

Curvin, Meshach J.; 26
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
- FTA- attempt to elude
- FTA- third-degree assault
- FTA- third-degree criminal mischief
- FTA- resisting arrest
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence

Smith, Justin W.; 33
- public intoxication

Boyle, Cameron W.; 29
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Scruggs, Richard F.; 31
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Friday, March 25, 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: 2.6%
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 387,669
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2021): 537,564
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2022): 367,275 (+495 since Wednesday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,188
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2021): 9,530
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2022) 2,492 (+39 since Wednesday)
- Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.: 1.5%
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2020): 7,569
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2021): 9,741
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2022): 7,185 (+8 since Wednesday)
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 128
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 188
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2022): 48 (+0 since Wednesday)
- Total tested in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 601
- Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 9
- Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 24,221
- Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 624
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 127

Vaccine details (updated Tuesday and Thursday)
- Doses delivered to Alabama: 9,003,045 No Updates Available
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 4,687,365 No Updates Available
- Doses administered: 5,889,762
- Additional doses administered: 778,191
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,858,941
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 2,334,766
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 4,315,680 No Updates Available

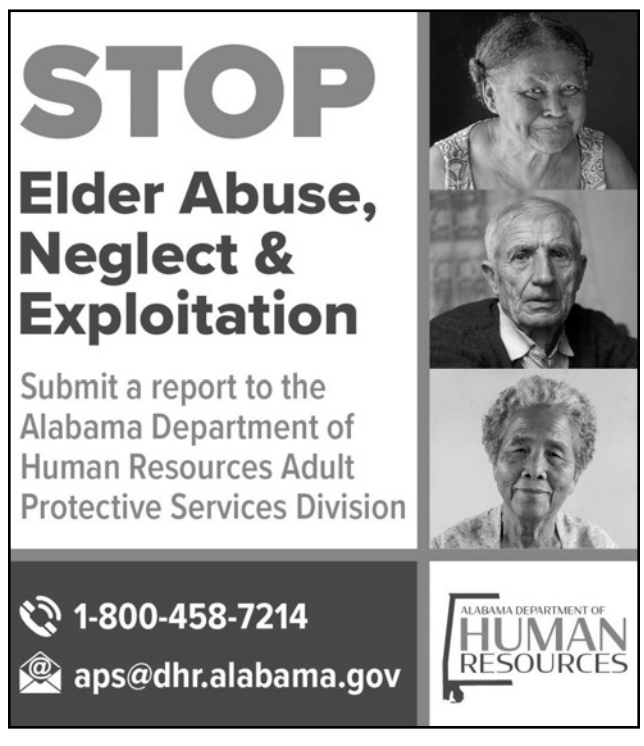
Alabamians in Phases 1a, 1b and 1c (including those 12 and older) are now eligible to receive a vaccine.

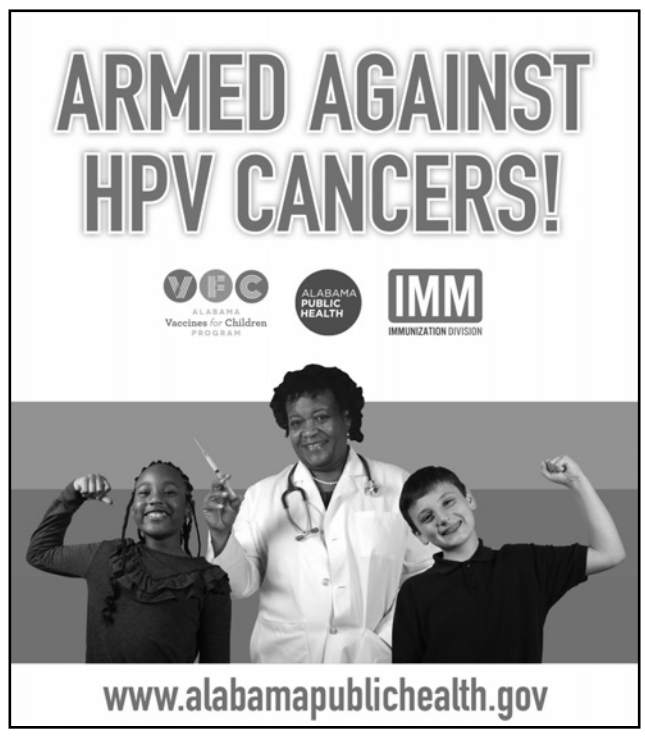
View the Alabama COVID-19 Vaccination Allocation Plan at: www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19vaccine/assets/adph-covid19-vaccination-allocation-plan.pdf/.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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"Come to the Well" Community Women's Bible Study
• Tuesday mornings at 10 at the Hebrews Cafe at East Side Baptist Church, 1111 Third St. 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.
• 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.

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• Despensas para la comunidad. No requiere ID. Entrega en su vehículo. Por favor use mascarilla.

Cullman City Cemetery ground flower removal
Ground flowers at the City Cemetery need to be removed by April 15 to prepare for Decoration Day on May 8.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 12-Step Groups
The Goose Hung High Group of Alcoholics Anonymous - 1st Church of Nazarene, 5415 U.S. Highway 157, Cullman, AL 35058 - CLOSED Literature Study, SUNDAYS at 3 p.m. - Handicap accessible

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

Fairview Lions Club Spring Fling
April 2: The Fairview Lions Club will have their annual Spring Fling and car show on April 2 at the Randall Shedd Community Park on Wesley Avenue in Fairview. We will have a car show, parade, vendors, games, music and bouncy houses. Parade line up starts at 10 a.m. at the Clint Barbee ball field and parade starts at 11 a.m. Car registration will begin at 8 a.m. with awards to be given out at 2 p.m. Vendor spots are $10 a spot, payable the day of the event. Must be set up by 9 a.m. (no ready to eat food please, canned foods and fresh food allowed). Concessions will be sold by the Lions Club. If the ground is too wet that day, we will have this event at Fairview School. For more information, please contact Kita Chambers at 256-385-8805 or William Criscoe at 256-385-5596.

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

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IN RE: The Estate of)
)
DANIEL LEE DILLOWAY,) Case No.: PC-2022-048
)
Deceased)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Beverly Poston as Administrator of the Estate of Daniel Lee Dilloway, deceased, on the 18 day of March, 2022, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Beverly Paschal Poston
Administrator of the Estate of
Daniel Lee Dilloway, deceased

TO: The Publisher of *The Cullman Tribune*

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

Beverly Paschal Poston,
Attorney for the Estate of
Daniel Lee Dilloway, deceased.
200 1st Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

VALUATION NOTICE

The appraised valuations of all property listed for taxation in Cullman County have been fixed as provided by law and filed in my office according to Sec. 40-30-20, 1975 Code of Alabama. The Board of Equalization and Adjustment will hear protest on any of these valuations provided these protests are filed in writing by April 29, 2022.

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PREP SOFTBALL

Cold Springs handles Fairview on the road 7-3

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — After heavy rain shut things down earlier this week, the Cold Springs Lady Eagles were back on the field Thursday night, and they picked up a 7-3 road win over Fairview. Emma Black got the start for the Lady Eagles, and she went the distance, striking out 12 batters and allowing three runs (one earned) on just six hits.

An error gave the Lady Eagles an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first and later in the inning, Heidi Nichols ripped an RBI single into left field to make it a 2-0 game going into the bottom half of the first. After a scoreless second inning, Cold Springs added to its lead in the top of the third.

Ciara Calvert led things off with a single up the middle and an error brought her home to score later in the inning to make it 3-0. Maddie Pearl drove an RBI single into right field to stretch the lead to 4-0 and just a few pitches later, Brooklyn Ingram singled to left to score Nichols and put the Lady Eagles up 5-0. A pair of errors allowed two more Cold Springs runners to score in the third and Fairview trailed 7-0 going into the bottom half of the inning.

Neither team could get on the board in the fourth or fifth innings, but the Lady Aggies were able to cut into the lead in their half of the sixth. An Emily Benson single gave Fairview a base runner and Jaycee Aleman brought her across the plate with a single into center field, trimming the lead to 7-1. Aleman scored from third on a passed ball later in the inning to make it a 7-2 game and the Lady Aggies went into the final frame trailing by five runs.

An RBI single from Tessa Buckelew cut the lead to 7-3 but Fairview couldn't chip away any more than that and Cold Springs returned home with a 7-3 win.

Ingram (one RBI) led the Lady Eagles with three hits in the win and Pearl (one RBI), Nichols (one RBI) and Calvert each added a pair of hits as well. Emma Roberts posted two hits for Fairview in the loss and Savannah Bryson, Aleman, Benson and Buckelew (one RBI) each finished with a hit as well.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cold Springs' Emma Black struck out 12 batters in the Lady Eagles' 7-3 win at Fairview Thursday night.

PREP SOCCER

West Point shuts out East Lawrence 3-0

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WEST POINT, Ala. — The West Point Warriors returned home Thursday night to host a varsity matchup against East Lawrence and added another game to the win column with a 3-0 victory over the Eagles.

West Point took a 1-0 lead 15 minutes into the game when Omar Segunda scored off an assist from Josh Shannon and 15 minutes later, Joel Guzman lifted a corner kick into the box and Anthony Guevara put it off his head and into the back of the net to make it 2-0 going into the halftime break.

Guevara's second goal off another assist from Guzman extended the lead to 3-0 in the second half and David Whitesell's shutout performance in the net for the Warriors preserved a 3-0 win on their home field.

West Point Head Coach Jacob Brown was proud of the way his team played after a long hiatus and wants to see them continue building momentum for the second half of the season.

"As always, I am proud of the boys. We were honestly very rusty because we have not played in three weeks due to rainouts.

"The rust showed tonight but we still managed to put some really good things together to keep it going," Brown said.

"Now our focus is on the five section matches we have coming in April."

The Warriors will be back home next Thursday to face Danville.



JACOB BROWN

West Point defeated East Lawrence at home 3-0 Thursday night.

PREP SPORTS

Good Hope falls to Cordova at home; Warriors, Lady Warriors pick up road wins

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — The Good Hope Lady Raiders were back home Thursday night to host Cordova and they couldn't contain the hot bats of the Lady Blue Devils. After a couple scoreless innings, Cordova plated four runs in the third and fourth innings before pulling away in the fifth to defeat the Lady Raiders 15-2.

Addyson Burgess started the game for Good Hope. Cordova reached on a one-out error and a walk as they looked to strike first in their opening at-bats. But Natalie Miller snatched those hopes away really quickly as she made an amazing diving play on a line drive, and she threw over to first to double off the runner to help Burgess get out of the inning unscathed. Lexi Steed led off the Good Hope first with a walk, then Campbell Koch's sacrifice bunt moved Steed over to second. Haley Lay drew a walk as well, but a pop out and a strikeout ended the Lady Raider half of the first.

The score would remain 0-0 going into the third inning, but that would quickly change. Burgess got the first two outs of the third inning and looked to keep Cordova out of the hit and run column. The next batter got hit by the pitch, then a dropped fly ball in left field put the Lady Blue Devils quickly in business. A two-run double, followed by a two-run home run, gave Cordova a 4-0 lead.

Maryanna Norris and Steed each reached on back-to-back errors to lead off the third for the Lady Raiders. Another Koch sacrifice bunt moved both runners up 90 feet, then Lay got hit by the pitch to load the bases. Bailey Keef lined out to second base and the second baseman threw over to first to double off Lay to keep it at a 4-0 score.

The Lady Blue Devils added to their lead in the fourth. They loaded the bases with nobody out, then an error, a walk, an RBI fielder's choice, and an RBI single helped push Cordova's lead to 8-0. The Lady Raiders looked to finally get on the scoreboard in their half. Burgess and Carley Adams each got hit by the pitch to lead off the inning, then Miller reached on an infield single to load the bases. Molly Johnson drew a walk to bring home Burgess, then an RBI fielder's choice by Norris made it 8-2.

Cordova quickly blew the game wide open in the fifth inning as they ended up scoring seven runs in the inning. An RBI double and a two-run home run were two of the biggest blows in the inning. Good Hope looked to get a furious rally started as Lay reached on a one-out error, but it didn't happen as the Lady Raiders ended up dropping their game to Cordova, 15-2.

Johnson and Norris drove in the only runs for Good Hope (5-5), while Adams and McKenna Lynn each scored a run for the Lady Raiders. Good Hope will take on Cold Springs in a tournament game at West Point on April 4th at 4 p.m.



SAMMY CONFER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Good Hope's Maryanna Norris finished with an RBI in the Lady Raiders' 15-2 loss to Cordova Thursday night.

West Point 1 - Russellville 0 (Softball)

West Point traveled to take on Russellville in an enormous area game. In what ended up being a pitcher's duel between both teams, the Lady Warriors were able to get their lone run in the fourth inning and Carlie Wilkins struck out 11 batters in a 1-0 win over the Lady Golden Tigers.

West Point got their first and only run in the fourth inning. Carlie Wilkins and Bethany Minck hit back-to-back doubles to put runners on second and third with no outs. Braelee Quinn then got hit by the pitch to load the bases and Sidney Burks hit an RBI single to left field to give the Lady Warriors a 1-0 lead. That was all of the run support that Wilkins would need as she took a one-hitter into the seventh inning and Russellville made her work a little bit. A one-out double, followed by a groundout, had the Lady Golden Tigers 90 feet away from home plate. Wilkins made sure that she kept that runner at third base as she struck out the next batter to end the game and West Point picked up a huge 1-0 win on the road. Their winning streak is now at five games.

Burks (one RBI), Wilkins, and Bethany Minck each finished with a hit in the game for West Point (14-3). Wilkins allowed just two hits, walked one, and struck out 11 batters as she threw just 85 pitches in the contest. The Lady Warriors will travel to take on Hanceville Friday.

West Point 3 - Arab 1 (Baseball)

West Point traveled to take on Arab on Thursday as the Warriors looked to get some revenge on the Knights after losing to them Monday. Like the Lady Warriors' game against Russellville, it was a pitcher's duel as there were a combined five hits between both teams. The Warriors, though, got more than enough run support for starter Eli Folds, who gave up just two hits, one earned run, and struck out 11 in West Point's 3-1 win over Arab.

West Point got their only runs of the game in the third inning. Colton McCoy hit a leadoff single to center field, then Brody Freeman and Bryson Phillips each drew a walk to load the bases. One out later, Folds lined a two-run single to right field to give the Warriors a 2-0 lead, then Isaac Hoffpauir hit a sacrifice fly to make it 3-0. Arab cracked the scoring column in the bottom of the fourth on an RBI groundout, but that was all that Folds would allow as he held the Knights to just two singles and the Warriors ended up picking up the win on the road, 3-1.

Folds finished with a hit and two RBIs for West Point (8-8). Hoffpauir added an RBI as well and McCoy finished with a pair of hits in the contest as well.

The Warriors will travel to take on Hanceville Friday.

Curry 8 - Good Hope 3 (Baseball)

Good Hope hosted Curry on Thursday and the Yellow Jackets got off to an early lead in their opening at-bats. Back-to-back singles and a two-run double gave them an early 2-0 lead. The Raiders got on the scoreboard in their half as Paydon Bagwell drew a leadoff walk and Colten Whatley reached on a bunt single. A Braxton Marshall sacrifice fly cut the deficit to one at 2-1.

Curry added to their lead in the second inning. A two-run double and an RBI double pushed their lead to 5-1; a pair of RBI singles in the fifth inning made it 7-1. The Yellow Jackets continued to widen their lead as an RBI groundout increased their lead to 8-1. Good Hope looked to get something late, and they did as a Marshall leadoff single later led to an RBI groundout by Caden Drake to make it 8-2 after six. The Raiders looked to continue to chip away at the deficit in their final at-bats.

They got something going with two outs as three straight walks loaded the bases and then Jed Clements got hit by the pitch to force home a run to cut it to 8-3. Good Hope wouldn't get any closer after that, though, as they ended up falling to Curry, 8-3.

Marshall finished with a hit and an RBI for Good Hope. Clements and Drake each added an RBI as well, while Whatley and Michael Barrett each chipped in with a hit of their own.

The Raiders will host Cleveland Saturday.

RELIGION

Sacred Heart Church of Cullman participates in worldwide consecration of Russian and Ukraine

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Sacred Heart Church of Jesus in Cullman participated Friday morning in the worldwide event consecrating Ukraine and Russian. Father Patrick made the announcement on Facebook Thursday evening, saying, "As many of you know, the visionaries of Our Lady of Medjugorje have received several messages from the Blessed Mother concerning the ongoing war in the Ukraine.

"She has said that unless the Church erupts with prayers, especially the rosary, that the war will only get worse and spread to other parts of Europe and the world.

"She has also requested that the Pope in union with all the bishops of the world consecrate both the Ukraine and Russia to our Lady of Fatima as she requested when she first appeared there in 1917.

"In conformity with this request, Pope Francis in union with all the Bishops of the Church will consecrate both the Ukraine and Russia to Our Lady of Fatima, tomorrow, Friday, 25 March 2022, the Solemnity of the Annunciation at 5 p.m. Rome time."

Sacred Heart held lead the rosary at 11 a.m., 5 p.m., in Rome, in conjunction with the Diocese of Birmingham, Bishop Racia who led the rosary from St. Paul's Cathedral. Sacred Heart also placed a flat-screen TV in the Church to watch the Pope give the Rosary from Rome during their own service to help the parishioners feel connected to the many others participating in the event.

The consecration at St. Paul's Cathedral was broadcast over the Diocesan website, bhmdiocese.org.

The church's announcement included, "As I have often said at mass, this war between Russia and the Ukraine is a truly unjust war and appears to be caused by one man – President Putin of Russia who, for whatever reason, none of which are justifiable, seems to be trying to put the old USSR back together again.

"The only way this will not happen is to do exactly what the Blessed Mother has told us to do – pray, pray, pray for peace and justice to be reestablished once again between these two countries."

The Catholic Church's worldwide participation in the unifying event shows the country and the world's support of Ukraine, and the hope for the same unification and peace between nations.

St. Paul's Cathedral in Birmingham offers a portal for donations to Ukraine on their website- https://bhmdiocese.org/catholic-charities-appeal.



SARA GLADNEY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church

PERFORMING ARTS

Wallace State Singers to present 'Dazzle Me, Disney!' April 7-9

Gail Crutchfield
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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College Singers are ready to shine in an upcoming production of "Dazzle Me, Disney!" The Singers will present the showcase Thursday-Saturday, April 7-9 at 7 p.m. in the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre.

"The Wallace State Singers are thrilled to be performing a full-length show in the theater for the first time in two years,'" said Tiffany Richter, director of the Wallace State Singers.

"Disney music is beloved by all ages, and we are ready to party to the best Mickey has to offer.

"Come expecting to sing along, dance in the aisles and laugh as the Singers dazzle you with Disney classics and new favorites."

The first act is all about Disney movies. Songs from Frozen, Princess and the Frog, Enchanted, Moana and the newest film, Encanto, will be performed, as will a special "Movie Magic" medley that encompasses several Disney films.

The second act begins with a medley of Disney TV tunes and more movies, with sets for both Disney villains and heroes. Several surprises are planned for the finale.

The Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre is located in the Garlan Gudger Sr. Student Center. Admission to the show is a $10 donation.

For more information, contact Jessica Chairez at 256-352-8277 or jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu.

Other performances scheduled for the spring 2022 semester include:

- Big Band Dance, by the Wallace State Jazz Band, April 15 at 7 p.m., Burrow Center for the Fine and Performing Arts, $10 donation

- Dance Spring Showcase by the Allegro Dance Theatre, April 22, 7 p.m., Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre, $10 donation

- Spring Under the Stars by the Wallace State Concert Choir and Concert Band, April 26, 6:30 p.m., free admission, bring lawn chair or blanket. Food trucks will be on-site.



WALLACE STATE

Members of the Wallace State Singers practice a number for the upcoming performance of "Dazzle Me, Disney!" scheduled for Thursday-Saturday, April 7-9 at 7 p.m. at the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre in the Gudger Student Center. Admission is a $10 donation.

Charges (from Front)

driving distance, is maintained."

One way to lower costs, according to Harper, is to purchase fuel in bulk, a practice that's been in play for a while.

"The campuses have 6,000-gallon storage tanks at each site that allow for the fuel to be purchased in bulk. The buses do not have to travel to an off-site location to fuel the buses.

"This saves fuel as well and also allows us to purchase fuel in bulk at a reduced rate," he said.

Harper broke down the per route cost increase over the past month.

"A school bus averages 5 MPG. We travel 4,300 miles a day on average. That's 86,000 miles in a 20-day school day month. The last month fuel cost rose 75 cents per gallon. That's a net increase in fuel cost for one month of $12,900," he said.

When asked at what point fuel would hit a price where routes would have to be cutback or reduced, Harper said he's hopeful no such actions will ever need to take place.

"I am hopeful that the transportation of our students will not be detrimentally affected by rising fuel prices. We transport half of all of our students that are enrolled in Cullman County Schools," he continued. "Our parents and community depend on the service that we provide. I am hopeful that the State Department, or the federal govt., would step up and provide help in the form of funding before transportation would be reduced or stopped."

Wrapping up, Harper wanted parents and others to know he's understands the strain rising costs puts on everyone; however, he and the rest of the school system's transportation division is doing all they can to keep the buses running.

"It is certainly a tough time for all. Rising costs in all areas of our life has certainly put a strain on everyone's budget," he said. "I want to assure you that the Cullman County Schools, and specifically the Transportation Department, will do all we can to maintain a safe, effective and effective usage of our transportation funding."





NOTICE OF ELECTION OFFICIALS

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY

TO THE PROBATE JUDGE OF SAID COUNTY AND STATE:

We, the undersigned, constituting the Appointing Board of Election Officials of Cullman County, Alabama, hereby certify that this is a true and correct list of the Election Officials to hold a Democrat and Republican Primary and Constitutional Amendment Election, to be held Tuesday, May 24, 2022, in Cullman County, Alabama.

Absentee Box

Susan Richardson
Lisa Andrews
Debbie Nelson
Debra Ball

Arkadelphia Fire Department **Precinct 7**

Kristy Gable
Jennifer Harbison
Diane Boyd
Vanessa Sauter

Baileyton Senior Center **Precinct 20 Box 1**

Ruth Rose
Rhonda Ryan
Joan Weaver
Bobby Martin

Baldwin Family Life Center **Precinct 33**

Bonnie Marty
Ginger Laws
Alva Ray Marty
Carolyn Marty
Patricia Moore

Battleground Fire Department **Precinct 16**

Billy McCravy
Vernell McCravy
Ryan Woods
Randy Wynn
Rhonda Wynn

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Beat 8 Community Center **Precinct 8**

Carolyn Calvert
Joyce Garrison
Rita Light
Julie Ann Mauldin
Frankie Williams

Berlin Community Center **Precinct 23**

Jim Barnett
Tony Duke
Jennifer Lambert
Marie Sanford

Bethel Community Center **Precinct 14 Box 2**

Lyrie Joe Kent
Laura Brown
Patricia Kent
Lyndsay Walker
Genia Williams

Bethsadia Fire Department **Precinct 13**

Hilton Angle
Michael Brown
Maxie Rhondes
Sandra Rhodes

Bolte White Grove Church **Precinct 36**

Ben Jester
Mitchell Beshears
Sheila Jester
Robin Sandlin
Stanley Sandlin

Bremen Fire Department **Precinct 10**

Donna Calvert
Avery Dooley
Freda Dooley
Jean Shelton

Brooklyn Community Center **Precinct 20 Box 2**

Clarence Benefield
Anita Batemon
Lucy Benefield
Gary McGriff

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Paulette Porters

Brushy Pond Community Center **Precinct 26**

Hilda Garrett
Ellis Garrett
Myra Johnston
Beverly Mullenix
Philip Mullenix

Center Hill Community Center **Precinct 31**

Keith Burns
Sherry Bradford
Wendy Jenkins
Donald Law

Cold Springs Community Center **Precinct 9**

Ann Freeman
Tammy Banks
Debra Graves
Kay Lenard
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Margaret Dimbo
Mary Hall
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Callie Garmon
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Cullman City Hall **Precinct 1 Box 5**

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Nancy Harrison
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Kitty Warren

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James Laminack
Denise Schuman
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Judy Fitzgerald
Verna Hammons
Mark Aderhold

Donald E. Green Senior Center **Precinct 1 Box 2**

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Susan Jones
Becky Kirk
Kim Masters
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Donald E. Green Senior Center **Precinct 1 Box 3**

Peggy Harris
Robert Allison
James Amos
Patricia Angle
Donna Schulte

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Dean Gregory
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Tim Sellers

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Jimmie Grimes
Charlotte Haynes

Fairview Town Hall L-Z **Precinct 28 Box 2**

Gene Pinkard
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Carol Pearson
Amy Haynes
Hugh Harris

Friendship Methodist Church **Precinct 17 Box 2**

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Glenda Cobb
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Cherrie Haney
Marcia Pender
Mary Swann

Gold Ridge Community Center **Precinct 19**

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Anthony Graham
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Good Hope City Hall **Precinct 2 Box 1**

Kristi Nyquist

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Cynthia Shabel
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Gary White

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Sue Carol Livingston
Jana Turner
Brenda Wilkinson

Hanceville City Hall **Precinct 3 Box 1**

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Jeffrey Boatwright
Yvonne Grund
Grace Knetter
Anita Whitacre

Hanceville Civic Center **Precinct 3 Box 2**

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Jones Chapel Fire Department	**Precinct 15**
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Karen Hale	
Carol McKoy	
Robin Sterling	
Wanda Sterling	
Joppa Fire Department	**Precinct 21 Box 1**
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Brenda Creel	
Floyell Harris	
Caroletta Scofield	
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Joe Kampis	
Scott Sarich	
Logan Fire Department	**Precinct 14 Box 1**
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Charlotte Brock	
William Fisher Jr.	
Vicky Fisher	
Moody Town Union Hill Church	**Precinct 6 Box 1**
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Terry Lee Gamble	
Wanda Mahaffey	
Kerri Wigley	
New Canaan Senior Center	**Precinct 21 Box 2**
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John Casey	
Dorinda Poole	
Kym Rankin	
Madison Casey	
Providence Fire Department	**Precinct 18 Box 2**
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Edward Green	
Bridgett Rodgers	
Sandra Sandlin	
Rodger Walling	
Simcoe Community Center	**Precinct 32**
E.J. Carter	
Mona Brown	

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Joyce Allen	
Wynona Gambrill	
Vanessa McDanel	
West Point Community Center	**Precinct 17 Box 1**
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Vicki Blankenship	
Wayne Blankenship	
Timothy Laney	

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Done this 25th day of March 2022.

Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Lisa McSwain, Circuit Clerk

Matt Gentry, Sheriff

Signatures on file in Probate Office.

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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 *
BETTY F. KRETZSCHMAR, * CASE NO. PC 2022 – 003
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration *cum testamento annexo* having been granted to Shellie D. Lafon and Randall Kretzschmar as Co-Administrators *cum testamento annexo* of the Estate of Betty F. Kretzschmar, deceased, on the 24th day of March, 2022, all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same barred.

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Attorney for Shellie D. Lafon and Randall Kretzschmar, Co-Administrators *cum testamento annexo*

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Probate Judge

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF *
THE ADOPTION PETITION OF *
ROBERT CHASE STARCROSS * CASE NO. AD 2022-009
FOR THE ADOPTION OF *
K. L. N., A MINOR, DOB 07/07/2010 *

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: Shawna Storm Starcross May
Jeremy Glenn Nixon
Address unknown

The Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Robert Chase Starcross, Petitioner. 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 Second Avenue SW Room 101, Cullman Alabama 35055.

DONE this 18th day of March, 2022.

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

J. Bradley Wilson
Attorney for Petitioner
Baggett & Wilson, LLC
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Cullman AL 35055

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE

B.L.L. CASE NO: PC 2021-349
D.O.B. 03/18/2015

AMENDED
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE OF MINOR

TO: ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN BIOLOGOCAL FATHER OF THE CHILD BORN TO RONNI ELIZABETH LIGHT KNOWN AS B.L.L.

The Petition to Change Name of Minor was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Ronni Elizabeth Light, Biological Mother. If you should contest, 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 petitioners, 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 2nd DAY OF March, 2022.

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

Michael R. Burleson
Attorney for Petitioner
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Cullman, Alabama 35055

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF)
)
JACOB TALMADGE LUMPKIN,) CASE NO.: PC-2022-104
An alleged incapacitated person.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR EMERGENCY LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP

TO: KATIE JO LUMPKIN
2326 YANCEY AVENUE
MONTGOMERY, AL 36107

BRET HARLAN LUMPKIN
74 COUNTY ROAD 871
CRANE HILL, AL 35053

ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Please take notice that a Petition for Emergency Letters of Guardianship filed by Jerry L. Kilgo, Attorney for Petitioner, Teresa Ann Martin. A hearing on said Petition for Emergency Letters of Guardianship has been **SET FOR THE 14th day of April, 2022, AT 11:30 A.M.**, Cullman County Courthouse, Probate Office Room 101, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this 18th day of March, 2022.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

Jerry L. Kilgo
Attorney at Law
105 1st Avenue NE
Suite G
Cullman, AL 35055

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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 *
GERALDINE EZEKIEL * CASE NO PC-2022-096
*
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted to Rebecca Holman, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Geraldine Ezekiel, Deceased, on the 17th day of March, 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.

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

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

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MARENGO COUNTY, ALABAMA

MARTHA HARRIS BROWN,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
vs.	)	**CASE NO.: DR-2021-900043.00**
	)	
RANDY ALAN BROWN	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TAKE NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION:

Randy Alan Brown, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Martha Harris Brown's petition for divorce and other relief by 20th day of May, 2022, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against him in Case No. 48-DR-2021-900043.00, Circuit Court of Marengo County.

Done the 24th day of March, 2022.

Kenny Freeman, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Marengo County.

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52 ODES TO JOY: THE FUN, S.U.N.S. USA PLANTRY

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ODE TO A PLANTRY
Old Mother Gantry
went to her pantry,

Looked angry, then
trashed it all, blankly.

She restocked as a fun,
healthy plantry.

"I declare, my dears,"
said Mom Gantry, "I'm
not acting grandly,

But, I give a damn about
goodness, frankly."

"Food is an important part of a balanced diet," quipped American joy-giver Fran Lebowitz. The humorist was talking about real food, sometimes called "whole food." However, the pantry in many homes has more junk, fake food and "Frankenfood" than things to eat which actually are good for us.

In the last installment of this series, we discussed "The Joyful, S.U.N.S. Longevity Diet." The nutrition system uses our research-based essentials for joyful aging, S.U.N.S. (Smile-Making, Uniting, Neighboring and Spellbinding) to create a fun, healthy eating lifestyle.

"TURN YOUR PANTRY INTO A PLANTRY" was one of the 25 tips for better eating we offered in the previous segment. We Americans are blessed with good, "REAL" food produced in each of the 50 states. So, with a basket of anti-aging, vitamin B-3 (niacin) good stuff, a dollop of fun, plus a creative, delicious recipe for every item, we offer you:

THE FUN, S.U.N.S USA PLANTRY

ALABAMA PEANUTS—cup o' joy: Every classic Alabama "fillin' station" sells boiled peanuts, which are, despite what most people assume, legumes in the pea family rather than nuts. Also, consider adding peanuts to frozen vegetables for stir-fry. Teach kids how to make peanut butter (cookinglight.com). "No man in the world has more courage than the man who can stop eating after one peanut."—Channing Pollack

ALASKA SALMON—catch joy: Try a beautiful dish of Salmon with Strawberry Avocado Salsa; also, Grilled Balsamic Salmon Kebobs (yummly.com).

ARIZONA PISTACHIOS—stir joy: Coconut Zoodle Curry (onegreenplanet.org) is fun to say and delish to eat. Also, leave a bowl of unshelled pistachios out for an enticingly healthy nibble. Pause to shell and give yourself a moment of calm and revive with a plant protein energy boost.

ARKANSAS BROWN RICE—diet joy (no oxymoron intended): Check out the free "how to" video, "Brown Rice Recipe for Weight Loss" (YouTube.com).

CALIFORNIA AVOCADOS—slice of joy: How about Egg-in-the-Hole Avocado Toast (foodnetwork.com)? Also consider, Chicken Tacos with Avocado Salsa (tasteofhome.com).

COLORADO ADZUKI BEANS—whipped joy: Add the word "adzuki" to your "plantry vocabulary" to impress your friends. Also, blend Adzuki Bean Hummus with Lemon Honey (moonandspoonandyum.com).

CONNECTICUT OYSTERS—slurp joy: Few things could be sexier fun than Vodka Oyster Shooters (thespruceeats.com).

DELAWARE LIMA BEANS—mix joy: So, we're on "Family Feud" and the audience was asked to complete the phrase, "Spaghetti and ____." Wait, did you just guess, "meatballs?" Get the buzzer, the creative answer is "Spaghetti Turkey Balls with Lima Beans" (insanelygoodrecipes.com). Remember to wear your best silk tie or blouse, spaghetti is attracted to silk.

FLORIDA PASSION FRUIT—spoon joy: Breasts with Passion Fruit--oh behave, this is a juicy chicken dish with a bit of islander fun (thespruceeats.com).

GEORGIA PEACHES—pour joy: Make a pitcher of Fuzzy Navel Peach Sangria (3yummytummiers.com). Search YouTube for "How to Grill Peaches with Mascarpone Cheese."

HAWAII MACADAMIA NUTS—awaken joy: Nutty Buddy Coconut Macadamia Nut Waffles is a fun, healthy breakfast. The recipe at forkly.com says "like sending your tastebuds to the tropics."

IDAHO POTATOES—goofy joy: Expand the fun of "Mr. Potato Head" with an entire village peopled with potato heads at pinterest.com.

ILLINOIS CORN—wild joy: "10 Wild Ways to Make Corn-on-the-Cob" is on YouTube. REAL FOOD HISTORY FACT: Corn is so very American, the Plymouth Rock pilgrims ate popcorn with cream for breakfast.

INDIANA TURKEY—gobble joy: Thanksgiving just got tasty, fun and healthy (tafunthy?) with Beer Can Turkey (barbecuebible.com).

IOWA LEAN PORKCHOPS—oink joy: The secret is found at Hidden Valley Ranch Porkchops (hiddenvalley.com).

KANSAS SUNFLOWER SEEDS—sun joy: Click your heels three times and let your ruby slippers take you down the Yellow Brick Road to enjoy Grilled Squash, Corn and Kale Salad with Sunflower Seed Vinaigrette (foodandwine.com).

KENTUCKY WHEAT—crisp joy: Did you know you can bake your own Whole Wheat Thin Crackers (yummly.com)? Roll over Nabisco, there's a new cracker in town.

LOUISIANA SHRIMP—bayou joy: Put on some Louis Armstrong jazz, a little bit of Mexican mariachi and chomp into Cajun Shrimp Tacos (delish.com).

MAINE SARDINES—tinned joy: Remember the "Saturday Night LIVE" comedy skit, "bass-o-matic?" This No-Cook Fish Rillettes Appetizer (food52.com) is almost as easy.

MARYLAND CLAMS—happy-as-a-clam joy: Try a traditional and delicious, coastal stew with 21st century ease, Slow-Cooker Clam Chowder (eatingwell.com).

MASSACHUSETTS CRANBERRIES—berry joyful: Cranberries add flavor to lots of dishes including Boston Baked Beans (tasteofhome.com) but try this next suggestion for fun and yum—Cranberry Meatballs (delish.com).

MICHIGAN CELERY—crunchy joy: I grew up loving bowling alley slawdogs but now prefer the flavorful fun of Celery Slawdogs with Turkey Weiners (bonappetit.com)

MINNESOTA ONIONS—tearful joy: Try an Irishman's favorite, vegetable dish—Onion-Smothered Cabbage (eatingwell.com).

MISSISSIPPI CATFISH—bottom-feeder joy: I enjoy fried catfish at least once a year, but a much healthier and still tasty option is Baked Herb Catfish (tasteofhome.com).

MISSOURI CARROTS—joyful eyeful: An answer to this pie judge's prayers for something dessert-like but healthy—Overnight Carrot Cake Jar of Oats (foodnetwork.com).

MONTANA CHICKPEAS—Big Sky joy: Folks in Montana think of their state as the finest in the west. A bumper sticker in Billings reads: "Trees in Montana lean to the left because Idaho sucks." Besides grinding the chickpeas into healthy hummus, you'll also enjoy them in a Big Sky Panzanella Salad (yummly.com).

NEBRASKA GRASS-FED BEEF—moo-re joy: red meat is not unhealthy, but steer clear of green-ish meat. If you're "lerky," you'll enjoy the taste of Grass-Fed Beef Jerky (foodandwine.com)

NEVADA PINE NUTS—toasted joy: This holiday host favorite is tasty all year, Pine Nut Cheese Ball (epicurious.com).

NEW HAMPSHIRE MACKEREL—fishing for joy: The chef is British, but he loves breakfasting on this American fish, "The 20-Minute Mackerel Breakfast" (jamieoliver.com).

NEW JERSEY KALE—chewy joy: Here's a treat-with-heat that would let the "Jersey Boys" hit the high notes, "Hot-as-Kale Jalapeno Tostadas" (vvsumpremo.com).

NEW MEXICO WALNUTS—nut joy: You'd be nuts not to love Showered-and-Shaved Veggies with Walnut Vinaigrette (myrecipes.com).

NEW YORK YOGURT—break-the-mold joy: This is an ice cream-like treat that is actually good for you, Frozen Yogurt Bark (allrecipes.com).

NORTH CAROLINA OKRA—"Pods of the Gods" joy: I just tested this crowd-pleasing snack--Grilled, Bacon-Wrapped Pickled Okra. A grill master friend got the recipe from a favorite producer, Wickles Pickles which are Alabama-based, but it would be delish done with okra from here to Mayberry (wicklespickles.com).

NORTH DAKOTA FLAX SEEDS—lip-smackin' joy: I call these, Rachel Flak's Flax Seed Wraps as a salute to the fun-loving mom Cher played in "Mermaids" (yummly.com).

OHIO CHICKEN—great, clucking joy: Have your other recipes gotten boring and fowl? Platter up some Funky Chicken Tandoori (yummly.com).

OKLAHOMA VEAL—Tulsa city-fied joy: Veal Scallopini with Lemon and Capers (thespruceeats.com)

OREGON PRUNES—plum joyful: Charcuterie boards are a fun way to serve up a healthy array of taste options. Prune jam is a great accompaniment to assorted cheeses and whole wheat crackers (sunsweet.com). Remember: Happiness is like jam. You can't spread even a little without getting some on yourself.

PENNSYLVANIA MUSHROOMS—magic joy: Pumpkins and mushrooms are major food crops in this very green state. Both are combined in Pennsylvania Pumpkin Seed and Pennsylvania Mushroom Salad (bonappetit.com).

RHODE ISLAND SEAFOOD—oceans of joy: If you're like me, you've been on a happy seafood diet for years—I see food and I eat it. Spread out a Rhode Island Seaport Seafood Boil and maybe consider sharing (allrecipes.com).

SOUTH CAROLINA BENNE SEEDS—Low Country joy: Fresh fruits are an essential part of any healthy diet and any "plantry." Add even more deliciousness and nutrition to sliced fruit with Benne Seed Salad Dressing (recipezazz.com).

TENNESSEE BLUEBERRIES—Rocky Top joy: Combine seeds and berries for a smile-making meal Dolly Parton would love, Blueberry Flax Pancakes (allrecipes.com).

TEXAS PECANS—Yeehaw joy!: This dish would delight a fancy, "Big D" hostess, but it will also fortify a cowgirl or a goatman, Chevre Stuffed Peppers with Pecans (shape.com)

UTAH DATES—The Book of Mormon joy: How long has it been since you've had a good date? Maybe plan a rendezvous in your "plantry" and this fun treat, Power Balls with Dates (food52.com).

VERMONT OATS—Green Mountain joy: Oatmeal is already a lot of mush, but how about just a small scoop of Ben & Jerry's ice cream with these Oat-Stuffed Baked Pears (foodnetwork.com).

VIRGINIA LEAN HAM—joy for lovers: "I do so like lean eggs and ham!" (recipe at oxygenmag.com)

WASHINGTON STATE COFFEE—perk up joy: This is so hot, fresh and Seattle – Vegan PSL (Pumpkin Spice Latte) recipe at (coffeeaffection.com).

WEST VIRGINIA APPLES—almost heaven joy: This is a favorite from the Blue Ridge Mountains to the Shenandoah Valley, Slow-Cooker Apple Cider (foodnetwork.com).

WISCONSIN MUSSELS—cheesy joy: In one, delectable and nutritious recipe you have Baked Wisconsin Mussels Topped with Wisconsin Cheese (yummly.com).

WYOMING BEETS—Forever West joy: Anything cooked by momma is hard to beat including "Momma's Sugar Beet Hummus. Check out the "how to" video at YouTube.

WHAT STATE IS YOUR PANTRY IN? Do like Old Mother Gantry and clear shelf space in your pantry of any and all "fake foods" and "Frankenfoods." After that smart spring-or-any-season cleaning, add "real foods" from your local producers and from those across the U.S.

VODKA OYSTER SHOOTERS—CONNECTICUT
(Source: thespruceeats.com)

Each week, Joy & Gerontology shares a recipe saluting a healthy food produced in America. The delicious and nutritious collection is called "The S.U.N.S. USA Longevity Cookbook" and highlights vitamin B-3 (niacin) which many research gerontologists believe holds the promise for a long, healthy, joyful life.

INGREDIENTS
- 1 raw oyster
- 1 teaspoon cocktail sauce
- 1 tablespoon (1/2 ounce) vodka

INSTRUCTIONS
1. Gather the ingredients.

2. Add the oyster to a "shot glass" and top with cocktail sauce then vodka

3. Shoot and enjoy.

TIPS
- Oysters can be challenging to shuck and require a "special knife," so it is best to buy them fresh from the fish market open and on the half shell.
- If making these shooters ahead of time, place the shot glasses on a bed of ice.
- For a nice presentation, garnish each shot with a fresh lemon wedge.

HOW TO SLURP AN OYSTER SHOOTER?
This combination of seafood, cocktail sauce and liquor should be enjoyed the same way you'd drink a shot—straight down the throat. Do not chew the oyster; it should just slither and slide down along with the other ingredients.

JOY-GIVERS CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

March 26—Duncan Hines

March 27—Quentin Tarantino

March 28—Lady Gaga

March 29—Sam Walton

March 30—Vincent van Gogh

March 31—Cesar Chavez

April 1—Wangari Maathai, African Nobelist

1,070 JOY-GIVING THINGS FROM MY FIRST 70 YEARS
(continued)

273. Gitchie, gitchie, ya-ya, da-da!

274. Lou Rawls, American joy-giver.

275. Adam Sandler's "The Chanukah Song."

276. Having a better spice rack than your mother or dad.

277. Making proper people giggle.

278. Glenn Close, "Bunny Boiler."

279. Homecoming mums.

280. Being under a tarp during a rainstorm.

281. Steve Martin's early comedy training at Knott's Berry Farm.

282. Cold, fried chicken and Champagne.

283. Spoolies Hair Curlers.

284. Butch wax, flat tops.

285. "Mama's got a squeezebox..."

286. "You Gotta THINK UP" gospel-flavored finale of "The Original, One-Liner American Diner" musical.

287. Feeling the peeled grape "eyeballs" at a Halloween carnival.

288. The early spring, Japanese cherry tree blossoms in D.C.

289. Peach Park fresh-churned ice cream.

290. Jimmy Driftwood, American joy-giver.

291. Keeping a bottle of Champagne chilled in your refrigerator to be ever ready to celebrate.

292. The mid-century beauty of an El Camino.

293. The slow twist in "Pulp Fiction."

294. The divine ministry of Reverend Al Green.

HAPPY, HEALTHY SPRINGTIME AND APRIL LOVE!

EDUCATION

Cullman County Schools and the Cullman Electric Cooperative partner to offer Power Lineman/Fiber Optic Training Program

Ty Watwood
Cullman County Schools

CULLMAN COUNTY, Ala. — The Cullman Area Technology Academy is partnering with the Cullman Electric Cooperative to add a Power Lineman/Fiber Optic Training Program to CATA beginning in the fall of 2022. The program will be open to current high school juniors and will include classroom instruction at CATA and hands-on field training through the Cullman Electric Cooperative.

Modules will include an introduction to electrical power and hazards, electrical safety, protective equipment and fiber optics. Students will also have an opportunity to earn multiple industry-recognized credentials such as OSHA 10 and Certified Fiber Optic Training. This program will allow students to enter the workforce with the fundamental skills needed to further their education through work-based training or in a pre-apprenticeship program.

Students will be prepared for a successful career as a power lineman in a field where the median salary is approximately $65,000 annually.

Lineman work hard to make sure you have limited interruptions in electrical service and seek ways to improve our community. Cuman Electric Cooperative has always been a strong supporter of education and created Operation Round Up in 1993 as another way to help schools and impact education. Cullman County Schools are thankful to the Cullman Electric Cooperative for their continued support and for their guidance in bringing this opportunity to our students.

Dr. Shane Barnette, Cullman County School superintendent said, "We are so excited about this new opportunity for our students. We are constantly searching for exceptional educational experiences that lead to brighter futures. Cullman Electric Cooperative's work to bring power to our community revolutionized our society, and the same thing is happening now with the expansion of fiber internet. This is a perfect opportunity for our students to prepare for a rewarding career in either path. We already have several students who are interested, and we are thankful to the Cullman Electric Cooperative for their continued partnership."

Students interested in participating in the lineman program or who want to learn more may contact the Cullman Area Technology Academy or their school counselor. A student/parent information night will be held on Thursday, May 5 at 5:30 p.m. at the Cullman Area Technology Academy.

Cullman County Schools is currently seeking a part-time instructor for the program. A qualified candidate must have a strong math/science background, with experience in electrical or mechanical engineering or experience as a lineman within the past five years is preferred.

Equipment for the program will be purchased with a donation from the Cullman Electric Cooperative board of trustees and a matching grant from the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The TVA Community Care Fund was created in 2020 in response to the global COVID-19 pandemic, and this year will provide up to $5 million for projects that are providing needed community services as pandemic recovery continues.

Cullman Electric Cooperative CEO Tim Culpepper stated:

"Our community is growing, which means our cooperative is growing as well. Building and maintaining our electrical infrastructure along with the fiber-optic cable and broadband equipment that power Sprout Fiber Internet requires skilled and well-trained men and women. We are excited to partner with Cullman County Schools and the Cullman Area Technology Academy on this program. It will prepare students for good paying jobs that are in high demand both locally and across the country and will help meet Cullman Electric's workforce needs into the future."

Culpepper (from Front)

Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs spoke to The Tribune and confirmed he was aware Chief Culpepper was considering the option to retire but has not been made aware of any specific time frame.

"Anytime someone has dedicated of themselves to public service for decades, there is always going to be hearsay that goes around concerning when that proverbial 'torch' will be passed onto the next group of leaders. Kenny has led our law enforcement and represented the City with integrity, character and dedication--the same way he lives his life. He's earned the right to determine when the time is right, to weigh all the factors that go into a decision as such. That's a decision which requires a lot of prayer and family discussion," Mayor Jacobs said. "I am aware he is considering it, but I do not believe he's done anything official, such as filing the required paperwork, or discussed this with the Council as a whole. Until then, it's business as usual."

When told that residents and elected officials had been inquiring about his decision, Culpepper had a slight laugh about the situation.

"I have discussed it in the past, but I have not made a firm decision that I'm retiring next month," he said. "But again, I'm not trying to paint myself in a corner by saying I'm going to stay or go after this year. It's a big decision."

The paperwork Chief Culpepper referred to is Retirement Application Packet Part 1, a form all city employees must fill out from the Retirement Systems of Alabama. Before the form can be accessed the employee must meet certain criteria, which once he/she has at least 10 years of service credit and has reached the age of 60 (52 for State Police) or after accumulating 25 years of service credit at any age.

Once eligible, to apply for retirement, the employee must submit a "Retirement Application Packet Part 1" to the RSA.

According to city records, this packet is available to an employee on the ERS website or it can be requested from the RSA directly. This packet gives the RSA basic information, the requested retirement date, beneficiary designation, their notarized signature and direct deposit information.

City and state records show that retirement dates are always the first day of the month and the RSA must receive the application to retire no less than 30 days and no more than 90 days prior to the effective date of retirement.

According to Michelle Bates, Human Resources director for the City of Cullman, said "Nine times out of 10, the employee will come to my office, and I will provide them with the forms and help walk them through filling it out, getting it notarized and submitted, etc. There is also an employer verification section that we, as the employer, have to fill out," Bates said. "If an employee chooses to submit their application directly to the RSA, I will be notified of the application by the RSA and asked to provide our verification online through their secure web portal."

Bates stated that once the RSA has received the initial application to retire, it will send directly to the employee, via mail, "Part II" of the application process.

"This includes the retirement option selection form (this gives them options regarding whether or not they would like to elect the maximum benefit, or would like to select a lesser amount in order to have a survivor benefit paid to their named beneficiary in the event of their death), and also a tax withholding form, which instructs the RSA in how they would like taxes withheld from their benefits," she said.

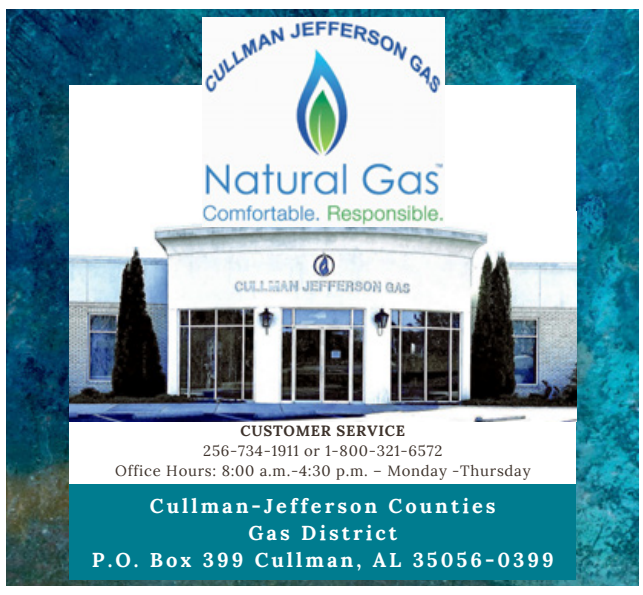
Bates said once those documents are submitted that it completes the employee requirements.

Wednesday evening Cullman City Council President Jenny Folsom replied to The Tribune about the murmurs regarding Chief Culpepper's retirement.

"I am not aware of a formal date for Kenny's retirement, but also have heard he is thinking about it. When he does step down it will be a tremendous loss for the city. Kenny has served Cullman very well and is respected by others in the law enforcement profession," Folsom said."

Kenny has the unique ability to always be calm and controlled in tense, stressful, dangerous situations policemen often experience. That temperament has helped him and his team defuse many situations that had potential for much difference outcomes. The city council will be responsible for finding his replacement and I think that will be a very difficult task."















STATE

Gov. Ivey declares March 30 'Doctors Day' in Alabama

Jeff Emerson
Office of Gov. Kay Ivey

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Gov. Kay Ivey has declared March 30 as "Doctors Day" in Alabama, a time to honor and recognize the physicians who care for Alabamians every day of the year.

The Governor's proclamation notes that approximately 17,000 physicians are licensed to practice medicine in the state, and "we are especially grateful that Alabama physicians have risen to the challenge of combating the coronavirus pandemic, often at great personal risk and sacrifice, with compassionate care for the suffering."

The Medical Association of the State of Alabama and the Alabama Hospital Association thank Gov. Ivey for the recognition.

"Alabama's physicians are honored to serve our fellow citizens during some of the most critical moments of their lives," said Aruna Arora, M.D., president of the Medical Association.

"Being a physician is a calling to help and heal people, and I want to express my appreciation for my fellow physicians throughout Alabama for all the work they do. We are involved not only in the physical health of our patients, but also in their overall wellness and the well-being of our communities."

"Throughout the pandemic, the doctors in Alabama's hospitals have shown leadership and perseverance when caring for the sickest of patients," said Donald Williamson, M.D., president of the Alabama Hospital Association.

"We can't thank them enough for what they've done over the last two years, and what they will continue to do in the years to come."

Unemployment (from Front)

Alabama Department of Labor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Alabama Department of Labor Secretary Fitzgerald Washington announced on Friday that Alabama's preliminary, seasonally adjusted February unemployment rate is 3%, down from January's rate of 3.1%, and below February 2021's rate of 3.8%. February's rate represents 68,703 unemployed persons, compared to 69,125 in January and 85,058 in February 2021. This represents the lowest level of unemployment since November 2019, when it measured 70,176.

"We're excited to see a drop in our unemployment rate after holding steady for the past five months," said Washington. "In February, our civilian labor force increased, employment increased and unemployment dropped to its lowest level since November 2019. These are great numbers, and we're hopeful we that we will only see them improve as the year progresses."

The civilian labor force increased by 10,018 over the month to 2,260,361. The number of people counted as employed rose by 25,456 over the year to 2,191,658, marking the first time the employment count surpassed 2,190,000 since January 2020.

Wage and salary employment increased in February by 20,600. Monthly gains were seen in the trade, transportation and utilities sector (+4,800), the professional and business services sector (+4,400) and the leisure and hospitality sector (+3,900), among others.

Over the year, wage and salary employment increased 40,400, with gains in the trade, transportation and utilities sector (+15,200), the leisure and hospitality sector (+11,800), and the manufacturing sector (+4,600), among others.

"We had some pretty good news on the wage front as well," continued Washington.

"Our total private weekly wages hit its second highest point at $984.56, which is $62.93 more per week than last year. Three sectors hit new record highs, each with yearly increases of more than $100 per week!"

The construction sector, the professional and business services sector, and the educational and health services sector all attained record high weekly wages, with yearly increases of $166.69, $125.31 and $104.85, respectively.

Counties with the lowest unemployment rates are Shelby County at 2.1%, Cullman County at 2.2% and Marshall and Limestone Counties at 2.3%. Counties with the highest unemployment rates are Wilcox County at 10.5%, Lowndes County at 7.9% and Perry County at 7.7%.

Major cities with the lowest unemployment rates are Homewood and Vestavia Hills at 1.8%, Alabaster and Trussville at 1.9% and Hoover and Madison at 2.1%. Major cities with the highest unemployment rates are Selma at 8.6%, Prichard at 6.7% and Anniston at 5.9%.

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Obituary Announcements: March 24-25

Joseph Alvin Byrd, 84, of Cullman
Funeral service for Joseph Alvin Byrd, 84, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m., Monday, March 28, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Etha Cemetery, Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating. Visitation will be from noon - 2 p.m. on Monday. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Byrd family. Mr. Byrd passed away Friday, March 25, at his residence. He was born June 24, 1937, to Leonard D. and Margaret Lettie Thompson Byrd. He loved bluegrass music and attending music festivals. He loved to grow vegetables and sell them at Festhalle Market. He was definitely a people person. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife: Edna Byrd; sister: Ilene Julian and son-in-law: Keith Crumbley. Survivors include his daughters: Deborah Crumbley and Melissa (Phil) Earp; brother: Jerold Byrd; sisters: Jean (David) Bagdasarian and Mary Estes; grandchildren: Matthew Crumbley, Cody (Jessica) Woodall and Connor Earp; great-grandchild: Gavin Woodall and family and friends.

Kathleen Louise Tanner, 72, of Eva
Funeral service for Kathleen Louise Tanner, age 72, of Eva, will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 27, at Bethel United Methodist Church with Michael Tanner and Russell Smith officiating, with interment in Bethel United Methodist Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1-3 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Tanner passed away Sunday, March 20, at her residence. She was born July 19, 1949, in Ashtabula, Ohio, to Devere and Doris Shears. She was preceded in death by her parents and mother-in-law: Blanch Tanner. Survivors include her husband: Danny Tanner; sons: Jamie Tanner and Michael (Becky) Tanner; granddaughter: Jericca Bell; grandson: Brendan Williamson; father-in-law: David Tanner; brothers: Ross (Nancy) Shears and Bill Shears; brother-in-law: Randy (Betty) Tanner and a host of nieces, nephews and extended family.

Robert William Cowman, 85, of Hartselle
Robert William Cowman, age 85, of Hartselle, Alabama passed away Tuesday, March 22. Robert was born March 27, 1936, in Vidalia, Georgia. He is survived by his wife: Charlotte Arnett Cowman of Hartselle; daughter: Margaret E. "Beth" Parker of Huntsville; son: William R. "Bill" Cowman (Stacy) of Decatur; sister: Alice McDill of Pinson; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, William H. Cowman and Betty Ruth Drake Cowman. Visitation will be held Friday, March 25, from 3-6 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home (1901 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, Alabama 35055) followed by a funeral service at 6 p.m.

Freda Joyce Marchman, 84
On March 23, Freda Joyce Marchman left this earthly home for her heavenly home. She was born May 28, 1937, to Walter and Florence Persall of Cullman, Alabama. She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 55 years: Felix Marchman; son: Eugene Marchman; five siblings and four great-grandchildren. Survivors include her children: Delores (David) Clark, Denise Marchman, Donna (Jim) Hutchens, Garry (Bobbie) Marchman, Drenda Marchman and Delitha Marchman; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. "Put God first" was the motto of her life. She was a playful, witty, adventurous, loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, niece and friend. Her home and table were a safe haven and always open to all to share food, laughter and a huge serving of hospitality and love. Her Saturday breakfasts and Sunday lunches were enjoyed by hundreds over the years. She loved to attend worship, sing, cook, garden, ride her 4-wheeler and welcome friends and family to her home. She was a lifelong member of Chances Cross Roads Church of Christ. Celebration and honoring of her legacy will be at Cullman Funeral Home (U.S. Highway 278 E), Saturday, March 26 at 2 p.m. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. prior to the service. Ministers will be Tony Willingham and Sidney McMinn. Pallbearers will be Johnathan Godbee, Jeremy Hopper, Zackery Moore, Damon Moore, Nathan Marchman, Dave Clark and Daniel Clark. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Marchman family.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

We need a little more front porch time

Bill King
Tribune
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I grew up with a front porch. Now that I think about, I may have grown up on the front porch! We spent a lot of time out there, especially Mama and me. Back in those days, it seemed like everybody had a front porch, and they sat on it. This was back in the days before decks behind houses came into vogue. Some of my favorite childhood memories include front-porch time.

I've always loved those old houses with the large wrap-around porches. Some seemed to have about as much square footage under the porch as they did inside the house.

Our porch wasn't that large, but large enough to hold Mama, my sister, me, and at least one highly-qualified yard dog. Our porch also served as a doghouse.

It was high enough for our dogs to walk under and sleep there. It was also high enough for a young boy to crawl under and visit his dogs, or hide from his mama. There was a fish pond directly in front of our house.

It was not close enough to fish in it from the porch, but it was close enough to throw rocks in from the porch. That pond was filled fish, turtles, snakes, bullfrogs, and crickets...and occasionally, boys.

The only air conditioning we had in the house was a large window fan.

It didn't actually condition the air, it just moved it around.

We spent many evenings sitting on the porch, where it was cooler, listening to the evening symphony by the bullfrogs and crickets. Sometimes a few tree frogs and an owl threw in a few notes.

I don't mean to whine, but Mama and I had our share of problems. She became a widow at the age of 48. We often discussed and solved our problems while sitting on the porch.

We even had some prayer time out there. Honestly, it was usually Mama who did the praying, but I was often the beneficially of her prayers. I am more thankful for that now than then.

We didn't have the kind of front porch that we could sit on and speak to the neighbors as they passed by. That's only because neighbors didn't pass by. Our house was at the end of a long-dirt driveway.

Our neighbors did come to visit, and we often had our visits on the front porch. They pulled up a chair, a rocker, or a porch swing. They had a glass of lemonade or tea, or perhaps a cup of coffee. Neighbors actually knew one another back then. We visited in one another's homes, or at least on their front porches.

Things have certainly changed since those days. My old homeplace is gone now... the house, porch, and even the pond. The pond has been drained and filled in, and a carwash sets where I used to fish and swim.

Since most of us have air conditioning now, and the house is cooler than the porch, we stay inside.

If we do sit outside now, it is usually on the back porch or deck. I guess we moved to the back because we wanted our privacy. Maybe some people had neighbors they didn't want to stop by and visit, so they hide from them behind their house.

Often, we don't even know our neighbors well enough to know their children's names, if we know them at all. I don't necessarily want to go back to the old days, but maybe we could all use a little more front-porch time...and get to know one another.

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: 1900, 1950

From the Files of 1900

The weather this week is the warmest of the season.

E. Hauk is having a well drilled on his lot on First Avenue East.

Miss Pearl Petters of Birmingham is the guest of Mrs. P.B. Arnold.

Sweet potatoes are being shipped at the rate of 100 barrels a day.

S.M. Lovelady went to Cincinnati this week to buy goods for the J.H. Karter Company.

W.B. Spinks brought us the largest melon we have seen this season. He also grows good apples.

Marriage licenses have been issued to Wilburn A. Screws and Miss Nancy D. McCoy; James O. Johnson and Miss Emeline Hopkins and William M. Briscoe and Miss Prisie Rutledge.

Robert G. Owens and Mrs. Nancy A. Garrison were married on Sunday.

A.J. Giles is cutting lumber for the college at Joppa.

Miss Fannie Watts of Etha is attending music school at Holly Pond.

D.E. Young is postmaster at Jones Chapel.

The sixth annual session of the West Cullman Singing Convention was held at Bethlehem West on August 3, 4 and 5. J.M. Wilks presided, L.B. Cornelius acted as secretary and L.A. Worley was made chairman.

Reverend G. W. Chandler is teaching a singing school at Good Hope.

Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Hanlin and family returned Thursday from a visit to their old home in Indiana.

From the Files of 1950

Mesdames C.H. Gray, Vann Gibbs, George Burkart, T.Y. Steele and Mary Plunkett visited Mrs. Max Forbis in Huntsville.

Slim Lay and his band played at the Canteen dance on Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. N.W. Self celebrated their Golden Anniversary on August 12.

POET'S CORNER

A Poem | By: Randy C. Hale

I look over a lush green meadow
with an ebbing creek through its middle.
Cows graze with suckling calves
frolicking near.

A deer stood in the distance, near the
edge of quiet woods, and a bobcat
crossed a narrow path a simple blink
would miss.

The sky was blue with gray clouds, the
day near perfect and serene.

An artist would see a glorious painting
or musician hear the strumming
of a song, but I sense a poem
among these free, adventuresome
creatures that walked and sprinted
upon their motherland.

Hearing the cadence of angel's
voices bringing a lost child home.



CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

MARCH 26

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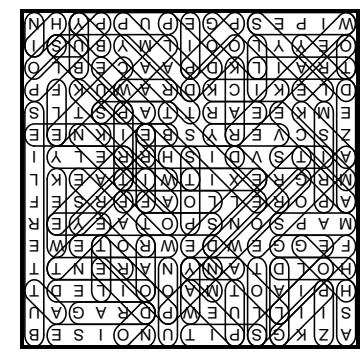
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MARCH 26

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Hulsey (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Kered Evan Hulsey was arrested March 21, at the Cullman County Detention Center for three outstanding warrants which stemmed from a 2021 child abuse incident.

The Cullman County Sheriff's Office confirmed the 21-year-old Vinemont man was charged with two counts of assault/aggravated child abuse and one count of willful abuse of a child.

According to court documents attained by The Tribune, Hulsey was charged of torture or willful abuse of a child under his supervision on Dec. 22, 2021, resulting in a broken clavicle. The victim was less than 18-months-old at the time of the alleged incident.

Court documents revealed that Hulsey had been accused of the same charge previously to the same victim, resulting in broken wrists.

He was charged with two counts aggravated child abuse and one count torture/willful abuse of child.

Hulsey made his first appearance in court this week and is not scheduled to reappear before the judge until April 2.

He was released on $70,000 secured bond via A1 Bail Bonds.





