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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

# Local delegates discuss gas tax suspension pros and cons

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — Local delegates Rep. Randall Shedd, Rep. Corey Harbison and Sen. Garlan Gudger were recently asked about pros and cons that would come from suspending the state's 23 cent gas tax while war rages in Ukraine and inflation continues.

**Each were asked the following questions:**

**1.** With inflation ticking up and gas prices at an all-time high as the war rages in Ukraine, do you support a gas tax suspension? Please explain.

**2.** What are the pros and cons of a gas tax suspension?

**3.** What other measures could be put into action to ease the pain of inflation and higher pricing to residents?

**4.** Anything you'd like to say or add that I did not ask, please feel free to add below.

Below are each delegates responses to the questions posed.

**REP. COREY HARBISON, DISTRICT 12**

**TCT:** With inflation ticking up and gas prices at an all-time high as the war rages in Ukraine, do you support a gas tax suspension? Please explain.

"Multiple legislative acts have been passed over the years that make up the current fuel tax. It would take a legislative act to repeal them. I was a no vote when the legislature passed the last gas tax. It still passed with an overwhelming yes vote. It would take a major shift of opinion in the legislature to overturn the tax. I am open to considering anything that will help struggling Alabamians. I hope that the legislature can find some way to » PAGE 7

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# Vinemont High, Vinemont Middle, East Elementary claim county championships



EES

*East Elementary won this year's Elementary County Championship with a score of 3,092.*

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**FAIRVIEW, Ala.** — This year's Cullman County Archery Championships were held at Fairview High School over the weekend and Vinemont High School, Vinemont Middle School and East Elementary took home this year's county titles. EES edged Vinemont Elementary with a score of 3,092, Vinemont Middle finished ahead of Cullman Middle after posting a 3,313 and Vinemont High finished just ahead of Cullman High with a score of 3,380.

Individually, Cullman's Forrest Calvert (295) and Vinemont's Berkley Gable (288) were the top finishers in the high school division, Cullman's Maddie Seidel (290) and Vinemont's Ethan Rabren (282) won middle school titles and East Elementary's Thatcher Lucas (267) and Vinemont's Natalie Grudzien (254) claimed crowns in the Elementary division.

**Individual results – Top 12 scorers count toward team score**

**Vinemont High School (1st place – 3,380)**
- Berkley Gable – 288
- Lily Hasting – 286
- Cadan Welch – 285
- Savannah Mann – 284
- Peyton Hacker – 282
- Trinity Sartin – 282
- Alexis Sartin – 281
- Tai Shurtleff – 280
- Shelby Thompson – 278
- Malicih Adams – 278
- Erin Anderson – 278
- Logan Ford – 278

**Vinemont Middle School (1st place – 3,313)**
- Caroline Miller – 285
- Ethan Rabren – 282
- Tucker Robinson – 278
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CRIME

# Arrests and incidents reported March 28

**Cullman Tribune staff**
Contributor

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

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

**CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**INCIDENTS**

**March 24**

- possession of controlled substance; CR 1082
- interference with domestic violence emergency call; CR 1814
- menacing; Hwy. 69 N
- theft of property; Hwy. 69 N
- theft of property; CR 216
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 813
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; 3rd St. SE
- theft of property; Hwy. 69 S
- domestic violence; CR 1162
- harassment; CR 1112
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1382
- theft of property; CR 790

**March 25**

- possession of controlled substance; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; Chad Dr.
- domestic violence; CR 1122
- harassment; CR 463
- criminal mischief; CR 866
- menacing; 3rd St. SW, Garden City
- possession of possession of drug paraphernalia; I-65 NB at 310 MM
- theft of property; criminal mischief; CR 463

**March 26**

- domestic violence; CR 576
- theft of property; CR 316
- possession of drug paraphernalia; using false identity to avoid arrest
- possession of controlled substance; CR 1742

**March 27**

- domestic violence; CR 576
- using false identity to avoid arrest; Hwy. 231
- possession of controlled substance; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69 N
- receiving stolen property; attempt to elude police officer; CR 1371

**ARRESTS**

**March 24 – 27**

**Black, Robert L.; 38**
- FTA- liquor- open container-alcohol in vehicle
- FTA- DUI (controlled substances)

**Brown, David O.; 35**
- FTA- no seat belt

**Bryant, Marlon F.; 48**
- DUI (alcohol)

**Budweg, Ashley A.; 42**
- making false report to law enforcement authority
- selling stolen metal property

**Carroll, Savannah M.; 34**
- negotiating worthless instrument

**DeLong, Chadd L.; 41**
- driving while license suspended

**Denney, Jefferey A.; 33**
- FTA- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle (no theft)
- FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous
- FTA- public intoxication

**Dover, Angella R.; 36**
- FTA- driving while license suspended
- FTA- no plainly visible tag

**Duke, Travis D.; 29**
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

**Foster, Raphael M.; 38**
- FTA- open container-alcohol in a vehicle

**Gaddis, Jennifer A.; 37**
- FTA- no seat belt
- FTA- operating vehicle without insurance

**Gaither, Frankie W.; 59**
- FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous
- using false identity to avoid arrest/hinder prosecution

**Gamel, Christopher L.; 33**
- FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous
- using false identity to avoid arrest/hinder prosecution
- FTA- receiving stolen property, $500 less than $1,500

**Gates, Brandon M.; 28**
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- resident license-freshwater fishing

**Gill, Christopher A.; 32**
- FTA- DUI (alcohol)

**Gillis, Justin David A.; 34**
- FTA- driving while license suspended

**Griffin, Tyler D.; 25**
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

**Hagood, Daniel M.; 58**
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

**Hawkins, Wendell K.; 59**
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

**Hulsey, Taylor B.; 29**
- FTA- damaged property-criminal mischief
- possession of dangerous drugs

**Jeter, Candice B.; 36**
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- second-degree possession of marijuana
- possession of dangerous drugs

**Jordan, Timothy M.; 44**
- probation revoked- forgery-checks
- probation violation- forgery-checks

**Killian, Amanda L.; 37**
- FTA- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle (no theft)
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous

**Minor, Caleb A.; 24**
- attempting to elude police officer
- possession of a stolen vehicle

**Moctezuma, Reyna N.; 24**
- probation revoked-fraudulent use of credit/debit card
- probation revoked- larceny/theft-theft other vehicle

**Naler, Cory L.; 25**
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- second-degree possession of marijuana

**Overton, Dustin D.; 25**
- FTA- leaving scene of accident

**Phillips, Jami A.; 40**
- public intoxication

**Phillips, Jimmy C.; 60**
- FTA- DUI (alcohol)
- FTA- leaving scene of accident

**Rodger, Kevin B.; 31**
- possession of drug paraphernalia-2nd offense

**Scruggs, Richard F.; 31**
- sell/distribution of dangerous drugs

**Shikle, William C.; 34**
- FTA- burglary-residence-force
- FTA- damaged property-criminal mischief
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- stolen vehicles-auto theft

**Stewart, Donna M.; 50**
- FTA- operating vehicle without insurance

**Turrentine, Cricket L.; 48**
- possession of methamphetamine

**Walker, Courtney L.; 47**
- possession of dangerous drugs

**Walker, Daniel R.; 26**
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

**Whitehead, Keith T.; 48**
- larceny/theft-shoplifting

**Wood, Bobby G.; 41**
- FTA- stolen property-receiving stolen vehicle

**CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**INCIDENTS**

**March 22**
- harassment; person; 2nd Ave. SW

**March 25**
- fourth-degree theft of property; Hwy. 157; Walmart; general merchandise; $142
- fourth-degree theft of property; Hwy. 157; Walmart; general merchandise; $79
- fourth-degree theft of property; Hwy. 157; Walmart; general merchandise; $208
- criminal mischief; person; Hoeppner Ln. NE; damaged property; $501
- third-degree domestic violence; person; Main Ave. SW

**March 26**
- third-degree theft of lost property; person; Olive St. SW; wallet and contents
- fourth-degree theft of property; Walmart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $383
- third-degree theft of property; person; phone; $1,200

**March 27**
- third-degree assault; person; Tally Ho St. SW
- second-degree criminal mischief; Cullman Electric Co-op; Eva Rd. NE; damaged property; $2,000
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; 4th St. SW; damage to '21 Honda Civic; $2,000
- third-degree criminal trespass; Walmart; Olive St. SW
- third-degree criminal trespass; Walmart; Olive St. SW
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; Meadowbrook Pkwy. SE; pistol; computer; miscellaneous items

**ARRESTS**

**March 25 – 27**

**Wilbanks, Jeremy D.; 36**
- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- resisting arrest
- FTA- disorderly conduct

**Pannell, Chasity L.; 38**
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- insurance violation

**Childers, Joseph M.; 38**
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence

**Wood, Bobby G.; 41**
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property (2 counts)
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespass
- FTA- driving without driver's license

**Bryant, Marlon F.; 48**
- FTA- public intoxication (2 counts)
- FTA- public lewdness

**Shikle, William C.; 34**
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Stewart, Donna M.; 50**
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- driving while license revoked
- FTA- speeding
- FTA- expired tag

**Sams, Eric S.; 44**
- FTA- driving while license suspended

**Speakman, Tyler L.; 27**
- third-degree criminal trespass

**Cantrell, Jacob R.; 29**
- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Valentin, Eliseo; 27**
- FTA- public intoxication

**Hendrix, Natasha N.; 26**
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence

**HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

# Bill (from Front)

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**MONTGOMERY, Ala.** — Alabama is now the 22nd constitutional carry state, and the first state to pass and sign constitutional carry in 2022.

All law-abiding citizens will soon be able to exercise the right to carry a gun without a permit.

Cullman City Police Chief Kenny Culpepper said permits are a tool all law enforcement has used, at times, to remove bad guys from the street.

"Municipal law enforcement agencies do not get any money from concealed carry permits," Culpepper said. "Permitting by sheriff's departments allowed some screening of applicants for criminal or mental health issues."

**A release from the National Rifle Association stated:** "As she stated she would, Governor Kay Ivey has acted quickly and just signed House Bill 272, constitutional carry, into law. As a result of a multi-year effort, their right-to-carry without having to buy their rights back from their sheriff at exorbitant cost and go through the associated red tape and delays. The constitutional carry will go into effect in January 2023."

Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry was praised by local gun associations who shared their support for him and the argument he made for the bill.

A post specifically made on Facebook by a representative of the PigFarm Gun Range discussed multiple people in favor of and against the bill.

"It took everyone to get this bill passed. It was your voice, no matter the gun group you belonged to, or if you are just a concerned citizen wanting your rights returned to you. It took hard work and staying on the path by many state representatives and senators that didn't fold under a mountain of pressure," PigFarm Gun Range said. "There is one sheriff that is undoubtedly worth mentioning and went up against almost all the sheriffs of Alabama for his county and the citizens of Alabama to be able to defend themselves. I am talking about Matt Gentry, the sheriff of Cullman, Alabama. Sheriff Gentry stood alone and gave one heck of a defense for us. Thank you, Sheriff Gentry, for standing for us."

Gentry said that he stood behind the bill passing and wants to see the rights back in hands of the law-abiding citizens of Alabama.

"Criminals are not going to adhere to the law, so to me, the priority is that law abiding citizens are able to protect themselves," Gentry said. "With a new law coming into effect in January 2023, we will be educating our community in regard to it until then and even after then about the new law. One specific thing that will be covered is that if you do have a gun in your vehicle and you're traveling to other states, you will need a permit to carry it across state lines. We will also have a free gun safety class on April 19 at 6 p.m. at Temple Baptist Church. We will be covering the new constitutional carry law."

For more information about the constitutional carry law, or the free gun safety class, please contact the Cullman County Sheriff's Office.

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## COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Monday, March 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**

The Alabama Department of Public Health received lab reports from five entities on March 25, 2022. A total of 1,714 positive cases with specimen collection dates from January 2, 2022 to February 28, 2022 were added to the dashboard today. These cases are mostly residents from Barbour, Coffee, Dale, Geneva, and Houston counties. For information related to when a case occurred versus when the case was reported, please view Tab 5. COVID-19 is a notifiable disease and laboratories are mandatory reporters. ADPH does not have control over when results are reported.

*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: 2.2%
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 387,668
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2021): 537,573
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2022): 369,291 (+2,016 since Friday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,188
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2021): 9,530
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2022) 2,516 (+24 since Friday)
- Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.: 1.8%
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2020): 7,567
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2021): 9,740
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2022): 7,190 (+5 since Friday)
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 128
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 188
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2022): 48 (+0 since Friday)
- Total tested in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 742
- Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 13
- Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 27,712
- Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 610
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 109

**Vaccine details (updated Tuesday and Thursday) No Updates Available**
- Doses delivered to Alabama: 9,003,045
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 4,687,365
- 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

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/.

# Increase (from Front)

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – The Cullman Police Department Field Training Program consists of eight officers who have received advanced training to provide experience, guidance and supervision according to the CPD.

Sergeant Joey Duncan said the new officer (rookie) will develop the skills, knowledge and abilities necessary to become a professional and productive solo police officer through this training.

"A Cullman Police Field Training officer must attend an advanced (40) Field Training Operator Course to become certified as an FTO," Duncan said. "Once an officer is FTO certified, they will be assigned a new officer (rookie)."

Duncan said a newly hired officer with no prior law enforcement experience or with less than two years of experience with another agency must complete the 14-week field training program. The recruit must score a 90% or greater on their tests.

"When I met with Human Resources, Legal and the City Clerk about discussing the field training program, they had the idea," Duncan said. "After learning about all the extra work a field training officer does with our department, they recommended an incentive. I just wanted to thank Mayor Jacobs, Council President Jenny Folsom, Councilman Johnny Cook, Councilman David Moss and Councilman Clint Hollingsworth for approving this incentive. This approved incentive will boost morale and ensure our field training program is second to no one among law enforcement agencies."

According to the CPD, recruit officers who are lateral hires and have two or more years as an A.P.O.S.T. certified officer with another agency can be qualified to enter the expedient FTEP. The expedient FTEP will consist of four phases. Phases one, two and three will be 86 hours each and must score a 90% or greater on tests. Phase four (evaluation phase) will only be 48 hours, and the recruit must score a 90% or greater on tests.

It was reported that during this training, several areas are covered including: CPD policy, use of force, traffic crashes, vehicle pursuits, burglary and robbery investigations, death investigations, evidence collection, sexual assaults, domestic violence incidents, criminal and traffic laws, handling mentally ill persons, bomb threat calls, officer-involved shootings, etc.

"The goal of the CPD Field Training Program is to train a new officer to the best of the FTO's ability so that the new officer can serve the citizens of Cullman in a professional and knowledgeable capacity."

# 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 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.
• Wednesday, March 30, 7 p.m.: Children and youth classes. Adult men's class "The Resolution for Men" – Adult women's class "The Armor of GOD" – 6:30 p.m. – Free pizza for children. Van runs in 5 Points Area at 6 p.m. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup.
• Saturday, April 2, 8 a.m.: Men's Breakfast and Community Outreach -Sack Lunches in the 5 Points area. Come join our men for a free breakfast; help prepare and distribute lunches.
• Saturday, April 16, Community Easter Outreach - Time to be announced
• Sunday, April 17, 11 a.m.: Children's Easter play
• Saturday, April 23, 9 a.m. – noon: Pick up and pay for your pre-ordered Boston Butt for $40. Support our youth fundraiser. Help send them to youth camp. Text or call 256-347-3619 to order yours.
• 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.

**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.

**St. Andrew's United Methodist Church Swamp John's Dinner**
April 8: St. Andrew's United Methodist Church will be holding a Swamp John's dinner on Friday, April 8 from 4-7 p.m. Dine-in and carry-out options available. All proceeds will go to community mission projects.

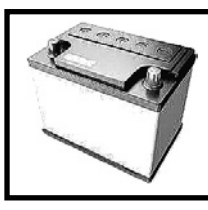
**Cottontails Arts and Crafts Festival**
• April 9, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
• 905 SE Commercial St., Hanceville
• Willow Brook Boutique & Design will host a spring arts and crafts festival in downtown Hanceville.

**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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PREP BASEBALL

# Warriors earn 10-2 win at Hanceville

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**HANCEVILLE, Ala.** — The West Point Warriors hit the road to take on Hanceville Friday night and they returned home with a 10-2 win over their county foes. The Warriors plated three runs in the first to take an early lead and tacked on three more in third to begin pulling away from the Bulldogs. Caiden Rodgers got the start and the win on the mound for West Point, allowing just two hits in four shutout innings and striking out six batters.

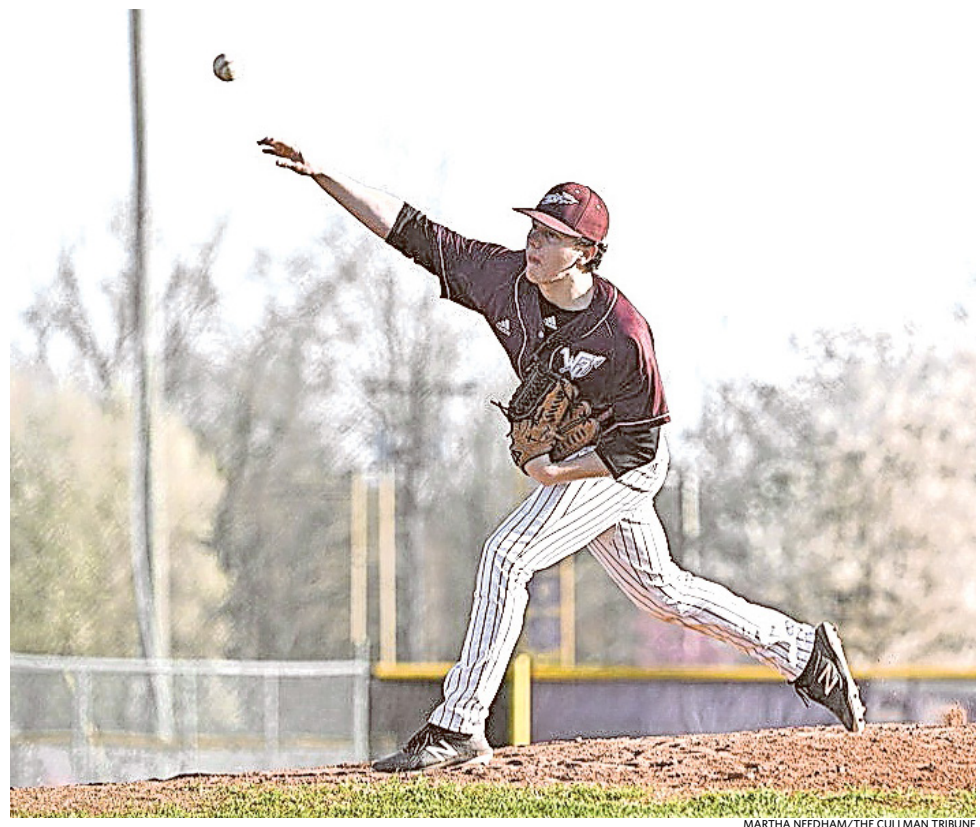
Andrew Putman led off the top of the first with a single into center field and after a pair of batters were hit by pitches to load the bases, Putman crossed the plate on a wild pitch to make it a 1-0 game. Colton McCoy then lifted a sacrifice fly into center field to bring Eli Folds home to score and add another run to the lead. Three pitches later, Isaac Hoffpauir scored on a wild pitch and the Warriors went into the bottom of the first leading 3-0.

After a scoreless second inning, West Point added to its lead in the third. Rodgers drove an RBI single into left field to make it 4-0 and one pitch later, an infield error allowed two more Warriors to score and extend the lead to 6-0 after three. Folds scored on a passed ball in the fourth to put West Point in front 7-0 and after a scoreless fifth inning, another Hanceville error in the sixth allowed another run to score and the Warriors led 8-0 going into the final frame.

Bryson Phillips scored on a fielder's choice in the top of the seventh to make it a 9-0 game and a few pitches later, Putman used a fielder's choice to reach home and give West Point a 10-0 advantage with three outs remaining. The Bulldogs were able to chip away at some of the lead in the bottom of the seventh. Adam Cooper scored on a wild pitch to make it 10-1 and an RBI double from Gabriel Ognilla plated another run for Hanceville but that was all the offense the Bulldogs could put together and the Warriors held on to win it 10-2.

JD Cochran (one hit) posted a pair of RBIs in the win and McCoy (one RBI) posted a pair of hits. Hoffpauir added an RBI for West Point and Rodgers (one hit) drove in a run as well. AJ Randau pitched the final three innings for the Warriors, allowing two runs (unearned) on two hits and striking out three batters.

The Warriors will travel to Winfield Saturday morning and the Bulldogs will be back home next Thursday to take on Southeastern.



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***Caiden Rodgers struck out six batters in four shutout innings in West Point's 10-2 win at Hanceville Friday night.***

PREP TENNIS

# Lady Bearcats sweep Friday triple header

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**TUSCALOOSA, Ala.** — Cullman High School's Varsity Girls' Tennis Team traveled to Tuscaloosa to play a triple header Friday and the Bearcats returned home with three wins. The varsity girls defeated Hillcrest High School 5-4. After winning No. 1 doubles, No. 3 doubles and No. 6 singles, Cullman went into the final two matches down 3-4.

Caroline Hill fought back from a 2-6 deficit to win No. 3 singles 8-7, tying the team score at 4-4. Katia Peterson won her No. 2 singles match in a tiebreak to seal the victory for Cullman.

In Cullman's second match of the day, the Bearcats defeated Opelika 7-2 and in their third match, they defeated Homewood 9-0 to collect their third win of the day.




NATHAN BATES

***Cullman High School's Women's Tennis Team defeated Hillcrest, Opelika and Homewood on the road Friday.***

PREP BASEBALL

# Bearcats split senior night doubleheader with Buckhorn

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — After picking up an 11-2 win over Golden High School from Colorado Thursday night, the Bearcats returned to Bill Shelton Field Friday night to host a doubleheader against Buckhorn and recognize this year's senior class. A late score in the sixth inning helped the Bucks take a tight game one 4-3 but the 'Cats bounced back in game two and picked up a 4-1 win over Buckhorn. This year's group of seniors were honored between games.

**Buckhorn 4 – Cullman 3 (Game One)**

Hayden Stancil struck out three of the first four batters he faced in the top of the first to get things started for Cullman, but the Bucks led off the top of the second with a solo homerun to take an early, 1-0 lead. Two more strikeouts helped Stancil get out of the inning without any further damage and the Bearcats responded in their half of the second.

A leadoff single from Riley Jackson put a runner at first and Tucker Cagle drew a walk to give Cullman a pair on the basepaths. Bunts by Zac Edwards and Easton Peed moved the runners into scoring position and Jake Dueland ripped a double into right field to score both of them and put the 'Cats ahead 2-1 going into the third.

Buckhorn moved back in front 3-2 with a 2-run homer in the top of the third and the Bearcats went into the fourth trailing by one.

After a scoreless fourth inning, Cullman got back on the board in the fifth. Kaleb Heatherly reached base with a double into center field, Stancil followed him with a single up the middle and Jack Stanford was hit by a pitch to load up the bases. Just a few pitches later, Jackson lifted a sacrifice fly into right field and Heatherly scored from third to tie the game at 3 going into the sixth.

Unfortunately for the home crowd, the Bucks scored in the top half of the sixth with a sacrifice fly as well to retake a 1-run lead and the Bearcats were only able to get one more runner on base in the final two innings, allowing Buckhorn to hold onto a 4-3 win in game one.

Stancil tossed a complete game for Cullman, allowing four runs on seven hits and striking out nine Bucks batters. Dueland (one hit) finished with a pair of RBIs and Stancil added two hits in the loss. Jackson (one hit) posted an RBI as well.

**Cullman 4 – Buckhorn 1 (Game Two)**

An RBI double gave Buckhorn an early, 1-0 lead in the top of the first but neither team could get any runs on the board in the second. Cullman answered in the bottom of the third. Singles by Garrett Hall, Riley Jackson and Kaleb Heatherly put some Bearcats in scoring position and Hayden Stancil drove a 2-run single into left field to put the 'Cats in front 2-1 going into the fourth inning.

Following a scoreless fourth, Cullman added to its lead in the bottom of the fifth when Stancil blasted a 2-run homer over the wall in left field to make it a 4-1 game. The Bucks managed to load the bases with two outs in the top of the sixth but a strikeout from Jackson got the Bearcats out of the jam unscathed. The 'Cats collected the final three outs in the top half of the seventh and capped off the night with a 4-1 win.

Stancil finished 3-for-3 at the plate with four RBIs in the win. Jackson, Hall and Heatherly each posted a pair of hits for Cullman as well. Tucker Cagle tossed four innings on the mound, allowing one run on three hits, and striking out five batters. Easton Peed pitched 1.2 innings in the win as well, allowing just one hit and striking out two and Jackson finished things off, putting out all four batters he faced to wrap up the win.

Cullman will be on the road Tuesday to take on Madison Academy.



AGRICULTURE

# Congratulations to winners in the Jr. Beef Expo Showmanship Contests, sponsored by the Federation and Alfa Insurance

## The 2022 Jr. Beef Expo Heifer Show



CONTRIBUTED

*Ty Harrison, of Cullman County, exhibited the champion AOB Continental Heifer during the Jr. Beef Expo Heifer Show. The show, coordinated by the Alabama Farmers Federation, was March 19 in Montgomery and was held in conjunction with the Southeastern Livestock Exposition. He is pictured with his brother, Rex.*



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*Isabella Slusser of Cullman County exhibited the reserve champion Charolais Heifer during the Jr. Beef Expo Heifer Show. The show, coordinated by the Alabama Farmers Federation, was March 19 in Montgomery and was held in conjunction with the Southeastern Livestock Exposition. She is pictured with Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries Rick Pate and Austin Alexander.*



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*Cole Eubanks of Cullman County exhibited the reserve champion Bred & Owned Commercial Heifer during the Jr. Beef Expo Heifer Show. The show, coordinated by the Alabama Farmers Federation, was March 19 in Montgomery and was held in conjunction with the Southeastern Livestock Exposition.*



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*Rex Harrison of Cullman County exhibited the champion Bred & Owned Charolais Heifer during the Jr. Beef Expo Heifer Show. The show, coordinated by the Alabama Farmers Federation, was March 19 in Montgomery and was held in conjunction with the Southeastern Livestock Exposition.*

## The 2022 Jr. Beef Expo Market Show



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*Walker Johnson of Cullman County exhibited the Overall 3rd Steer during the Jr. Beef Expo Market Show. He also exhibited the champion Percent Chianina Steer. The show, coordinated by the Alabama Farmers Federation, was March 18 in Montgomery and was held in conjunction with the Southeastern Livestock Exposition. The Overall 3rd Steer prize is sponsored by Yellawood. Johnson is pictured with Federation President Jimmy Parnell and judge Jon DeClerck of College Station, Texas.*



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*Etta Hudson of Cullman County exhibited the champion Charolais Steer during the Jr. Beef Expo Market Show. The show, coordinated by the Alabama Farmers Federation, was March 18 in Montgomery and was held in conjunction with the Southeastern Livestock Exposition.*




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*Walker Johnson of Cullman County exhibited the Overall Grand Champion Steer during the Jr. Beef Expo Market Show. He also exhibited the champion Crossbred Steer. The show, coordinated by the Alabama Farmers Federation, was March 18 in Montgomery and was held in conjunction with the Southeastern Livestock Exposition. The Overall Grand Champion Steer prize is sponsored by the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. Johnson is pictured with Federation President Jimmy Parnell and judge Jon DeClerck of College Station, Texas.*

## The 2022 Jr. Beef Expo Senior Showmanship Contest



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*Walker Johnson of Cullman County was champion in the Senior Showmanship Contest at the Jr. Beef Expo. The show, coordinated by the Alabama Farmers Federation and Alfa Insurance, was March 17 in Montgomery, held in conjunction with the Southeastern Livestock Exposition. Johnson is pictured with, from left, Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries Commissioner Rick Pate and Federation and Alfa Insurance President Jimmy Parnell.*




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*Senior Showmanship Contest winners at the Jr. Beef Expo were Walker Johnson, Cullman County, champion; Victoria Thompson, Lee County, reserve champion; Jewel Thompson, Lee County, third; Dow Boyd, Coffee County, fourth; and Abby Burgess, Blount County, fifth. The show, coordinated by the Alabama Farmers Federation and Alfa Insurance, was March 17 in Montgomery, held in conjunction with the Southeastern Livestock Exposition. They are pictured with Federation and Alfa Insurance President Jimmy Parnell.*

## Month (from Front)

**Sara Gladney**
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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — The Link of Cullman County will be hosting a Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention event on Friday, April 1 to kick off Child Abuse Awareness Month. The community is invited to attend the event at The Link office (708 Ninth St. SE, Cullman, AL 35055) beginning at 11 a.m. Between 11-11:45 a.m. there will be a meet and greet with lite refreshments. The Link's Vice Chairman and Daystar Church outreach pastor Chris Hopper will speak on raising awareness and recognizing signs of child abuse.

At noon, first responders present will "sound the sirens" for a moment of reflection. Melissa Betts said, "The sirens are to remember the children whose cries were not heard and to remind us to be listening to the ones who are signaling for help."

The Link is an Alabama Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Children's Trust Fund recipient. They have received over $40,000 of grant money from the fund this year to assist with their parenting and fatherhood initiative programs. Betts said, "The first grant from the Children's Trust Fund was in 2021 just for parenting and we've seen such a huge need to add that fatherhood component to parenting. We teach those locally at The Link as well as in the county detention, and with several private recovery homes."

They offer classes as a preventative measure against child abuse and neglect in an effort to provide skills to parents no matter their situation. Classes are provided specifically for fathers who may not live in the home with their child perform their role as a parent with confidence. The Link allows parents to learn to raise responsible and productive children through their example.

The new fatherhood and parenting program terms will start in April. To sign up, participants can call The Link at 256-775-0028 or visit their website: https://linkingcullman.org/family-programs/.

The Link of Cullman County endeavors to support its community with empowering relationships. Whether through its literacy, financial and parenting classes or through serving community needs with housing referrals, utility assistance and two food pantries, The Link continues to provide assistance to local needs however it can.

HEALTH

# CDC offers new COVID-19 Quarantine and Isolation Calculator for the public

**ADPH**
Contributor

**MONTGOMERY, Ala.** — Cases, hospitalizations and deaths from COVID-19 have declined greatly in Alabama. However, it is unknown if the BA.2 subvariant or other emerging variants may escape the immune's systems response from either a previous COVID-19 infection or vaccine-induced protection. If so, mitigation measures such as masking and physical distancing will again be needed.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently announced a change to Community Levels from the previous Community Transmission to streamline public knowledge about which and when individuals should consider masking. Community levels for COVID-19 can be viewed at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/community-levels.html.

The guidance for isolation and quarantine have not changed. Isolation and quarantine help protect the public by preventing exposure to people who have or may have a contagious disease.

These practices have resulted in reducing the number of people infected and the number of deaths from COVID-19.

To simplify guidance, the CDC has developed a new COVID-19 Quarantine and Isolation Calculator at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html.

CDC created this calculator to take the stress out of figuring when, and for how long, people with COVID-19 and close contacts need to stay home, get tested and wear a well-fitting mask. The Q&I Calculator provides important information about what precautions people with COVID-19 and their close contacts can take to protect loved ones and slow the spread of the virus in their communities.

The CDC states that this online, mobile-friendly calculator provides an easy-to-use way to help people follow CDC's quarantine and isolation guidance and get customized information to address their unique situation. It can be used by individuals, health care providers, businesses and organizations that are managing COVID-19 cases and close contact exposures.

The CDC advises the public that the Q&I Calculator is not for people with COVID-19 who are moderately or severely ill or those who have a weakened immune system (immunocompromised).

Parents of children in K-12 schools and early child care and education programs, and people in high-risk congregate and health care settings should refer to CDC recommendations for COVID-19 Quarantine and Isolation.

COVID-19 testing can help people determine whether they are infected, regardless of whether they have symptoms. The Alabama Department of Public Health reminds the public that in-home COVID-19 tests are still available from the federal government at no charge. Every home is eligible to order two sets of four free at-home tests that will be mailed to residences. Ordering information is available at https://www.covidtests.gov/.

# Tours (from Front)

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — This spring will mark the 10th anniversary of the Cullman April Walking Tours and with five weekends this year, the Cullman County Museum has much in store for visitors.

Museum Director Drew Green helped kick start the program locally when he joined the CCM in 2012. Green said the Walking Tours are being held statewide during the month of April.

With many unknown stories about Cullman, Green said the weekend walks will be a great way for residents and visitors to learn about early Cullman.

"This is a great way to learn about the history of your town. How many times have you driven or walked passed a building or empty lot and wondered what the history of it was? For example, there is a large cement pad behind Vincent Furniture... what was in this space emptied by the 2011 tornado?" Green posed.

"Esther's Opera House-Cullman had a rich tradition of appreciating culture and music. The first club was The Symphony Club and John Cullmann's niece Julia Hartung (who he convinced along with her doctor husband to move to Cullman) had studied at the Richard Wagner Studio in Germany. She, in turn, taught many of Cullman's early music teachers," he explained.

Each year, the tours are given by different local historians. Green said this year will be no different.

"I will once again direct the tours. This year we have a bonus fifth Saturday in April. Each Saturday, a different local historian will lead the tours," he said.

"Guides for this year will include Michael Sullins, Dr. Bill Peinhardt, Ben South, Julie Burks and Green. Each guide is allowed to choose their own route based on their interest so each Saturday will be different.

"The Cullman County Museum provides research and information to include in the tours once the guide has chosen their route."

As a free event, Green said the importance of the tours for the museum, besides learning about Cullman's history, is to provide more exposure for the museum to folks who may not know it's here.

"Several times a month, we have a local visitor who didn't know about the museum."

"Sometimes, the best treasures are located in your own backyard," he said.

"We are fortunate that our early leaders appreciated the importance of Cullman's unique history and preserving it.

"I am thankful for the continued support of our current mayor and city council. The walking tours are an interesting way to call attention to this unique local treasure."

Green also listed the stops past tours have visited.

"As I mentioned, each guide will decide on the route and stops, and they have not committed yet. In the past, we have stopped by such sites as Cullman's First Church, St. John's, Cullman's oldest house, the Weiss Cottage (which is currently being restored), the German Bank Building (Mary Carter Paint Store), the Depot etc.

"While the tours officially end, many of the leaders will continue on if there is an interest and sites those on the tour are interested in learning about can be explored," he said.

If Green had one sentence to pitch the Walking Tours to a group looking for something entertaining and informative, he said, "After almost three years of being confined by the pandemic, it is nice to get out in a relatively safe way; to tour Cullman and learn about our German heritage and the many unique characters who have lived here, starting with our founder John Cullmann."

The walks begin at 10 a.m. on the front steps of the Cullman County Museum, rain or shine, and the museum will be open at no-charge every Saturday in April.

An assorted lot of local experts will take you on a literal stroll through Cullman's history while sharing interesting facts and stories not known to many residents. The tour takes roughly one hour to complete.

Masks and social distancing are required inside the museum.

More information about the April Walking Tours is available on the Alabama Tourism Department website at: https://www.alabama.travel/.

# LEGALS

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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
RICHARD TIMOTHY RAULERSON,
Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC-2022-031

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**TAKE NOTICE** that Letters of Administration having been granted RHONDA RAULERSON ARNOLD, as Administrator of the Estate of RICHARD TIMOTHY RAULERSON, deceased, on the 18th 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 forever barred.

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RHONDA RAULERSON ARNOLD

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TO: The Publisher of 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 of Cullman County

**Legal Notice**

Pursuant to Alabama Code 32-13-1, J and G Wrecker, LLC will offer for sale at public auction the below abandoned vehicles at 556 County Road 1621, Cullman, Alabama, 35058, on Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

2008 Magnolia Bolster Trailer, black, Vin.#1M9BA402181435210.

1988 Kenworth Construction, black, Vin.#2XKWDB9X0JM505622.

2003 GMC Yukon, white, Vin.#1GKEK13Z23R138868, picked up on Graham Street and Broadway Southwest, approximate charges $1,127.00.

2017 Honda, CMX300, silver, Vin.#MLHNC530XH5001299.

1999 Ford Ranger, green, Vin.#1FTYR10C7XPA39713.

2003 Oldsmobile Alero, gray, Vin.#1G3NL12F03C254315, picked up 610 County Road 1428 Vinemont, approximate charges $1,158.00.

1997 Chevrolet S Truck, red, Vin.#1GCCS14W2V8187407

2000 Cadillac Deville, black, Vin.#1G6KE57Y7YU276511

2005 Ford Explorer Sport, gray, Vin.#1FMZU67K05UA52889, picked up on West Main, Cullman, approximate charges $1,130.00.

2004 Honda Civic, white, Vin.#2HGES26744H590321.

2007 Kia Sedona, silver, Vin.#KNDMB233176138814.

2002 Chevrolet Silverado, white, Vin.#1GCEC14W72Z180111.

2001 Chevrolet Tahoe K15, gray, Vin.#1GNEK13TX1J108060.

2006 Ford LGT Convertible, white, Vin.#1FTRF12276NA73050.

2002 Lexus RX, Vin.#J7JGF10U720129441, picked up 1-65 and mile marker 311, Cullman, approximate charges, #1,290.00.

2001 Ford F-150, white, Vin.#1FTZF17241NA17679.

2004 Chevrolet Trailblazer, gold, Vin.#1GNDS135242284392, picked up 1-65 North and mile marker 311, Cullman, approximate charges, $1,280.00.

1994 Lincoln Town Car, white, Vin.#1LNLM81W9RY701620, picked up Alabama Highway 157 and County Road 1242, Cullman, approximate charges, $1,205.00.

2013 Kymco Motorcycle, Vin.#LC2U8J109DC000188 BLACK.

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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 *
VIOLET PUTMAN REID *
Deceased *

CASE NO PC 2022-099

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to **Victoria Reid Perry,** as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Violet Putman Reid**, deceased, on the 18th day of March, 2022, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Victoria Reid Perry
Personal Representative

G. Edward Coey
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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.

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF H.P.B.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 10/16/2020

CASE NO.: AD2021-084

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION**

**TO: JESSICA STOCKMAN BIOLOGICAL MOTHER OF H.P.B., A MINOR CHILD**

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Brian Ashley Vick and Haley Michelle Vick, 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 March, 2022.

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF O.R.C.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 06/29/2018

CASE NO.: AD2022-012

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION**

**TO: UNKNOWN FATHER OF A MINOR CHILD, O.R.C., BORN TO ELIZABETH ANN RALPH**

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Johnathan Tyler Ralph, 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 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 18th DAY OF March, 2022.

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

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# Tax (from Front)

offer relief."

**TCT:** What are the pros and cons of a gas tax suspension?

"I believe the most positive thing would be the money that people get to keep in their pocket. We have a lot of people that live in Cullman and commute to Birmingham or Huntsville, or even further, for work. It could make a significant difference for people who drive that many miles.

"I believe the negative side is we already have terrible roads. Cullman County has more miles of roads than just about any other county in the state. The county could put every penny from every revenue source they have into a pot and that still wouldn't be enough money to pave what needs to be paved. There are also federal dollars that come down as a match on fuel tax. We could be at risk of losing those match dollars if the gas tax is repealed."

**TCT:** What other measures could be put into action to ease the pain of inflation and higher pricing to residents?

"I believe if we don't repeal the tax, we should offer tax credits back for taxes paid by Alabama residents each year when we file taxes. This would allow the state to still capture revenue from out of state people coming in and using the infrastructure but help the citizens of our state."

**TCT:** Is there anything you'd like to say or add that I did not ask, please feel free to add below.

"I appreciate the citizens of district 12 allowing me to serve them in Montgomery. I do my best to listen to everyone and vote according to how I believe the majority of you want. If there's ever an issue coming to the legislature for consideration or if there's something you'd like to see considered, I encourage you to reach out to me and let me know your thoughts. My cell number is 256-385-5510. I try to take calls and text."

**REP. RANDALL SHEDD, DISTRICT 11**

**Rep. Shedd answered:**
A legislative proposal to repeal the 10 cent per gallon gas tax has been suggested by a candidate for Governor.

I think if you check records, you will find the candidate in question owned a toll bridge in South Alabama, which charged drivers $3.50 per car to drive on his bridge and currently is president of a company that develops private toll bridges in the southeast.

If he is proposing toll bridges instead of gas taxes to pay for highways and bridges, I can't support that. I am opposed to toll roads and bridges in my district.

The price of gas is hurting us all now, no question. It does appear to be stabilizing and coming down, although slowly.

I think we can all agree, the high cost at the gas pump is a result of a combination of bad decisions by Joe Biden (Keystone Pipeline for example) and the Russian attack on Ukraine.

The public would need to consider the risks involved if we repealed the gas tax without replacing it with another source, such as tolls.

• The Rebuild Alabama Plan is just now reaching its revenue peak and we continue to see projects in our area. Just this past month Governor Ivey announced over $1/2 million in Rebuild Alabama Montgomery Money for my district for the New Canaan and Baileyton areas. We are working on projects for other areas across my district.

• Last fall, Governor Ivey approved a contract at my request for $5.2 million for a new bridge on U.S. Highway 278 west of Snead (Blount County is in my district) to replace a dangerous bridge that actually had large holes in it. (No toll will be required to drive across that new bridge that is currently under construction).

• I am told Cullman County actually receives more money back than we pay into Montgomery.

• A new federal infrastructure bill recently passed by Congress will provide substantial new federal revenue for Alabama highways and bridges, but the state will be required to match those funds. Eliminating the revenue currently coming from the gas tax would prevent Alabama from utilizing those federal dollars for roads and bridges. Or, some other sources of revenue would be required to get $4 of federal funding for $1 of state or local money.

• Now that we have four-laning of Highway 157 almost complete, (without it being a toll road) our focus is a new four-lane bridge on U.S. Highway 278 East at St. Bernard and four-laning as much as possible to Snead (all without being toll bridges or a toll road).

• Also, we are working on turn lanes and passing lane projects on Highway 69 from East Point to Arab.

• Suspending or repealing the gas tax would likely shut down the resurfacing and construction projects underway this paving season, causing further deterioration.

• Road and bridge construction costs are escalating too because a lot of the construction materials are petroleum based.

Repealing or suspending sounds great on the surface and I hope we can find a way to help the public in these times of runaway inflation, but we need to consider the risks and consider the unintended consequences.

**SEN. GARLAN GUDGER, DISTRICT 4**

**Sen. Gudger answered the questions similarly, stating:**
Before President Trump left office in 2020, gas prices were approximately $2.00 per gallon. For the first time, the United States was energy independent, the Keystone Pipeline was on track to be completed, and we were drilling for oil on our own soil securing the United States' energy independence into the foreseeable future. Now, the promise of energy independence has been washed away, inflation is on the rise, gas prices are out of control and our once secure economy has been turned upside down.

The United States is currently not energy independent. The Keystone Pipeline construction was halted by President Biden in January 2021, we have been stopped from fracking and drilling for oil, thus making makes us dependent on foreign oil/gas/diesel as our own prices at the pump skyrocket out of control for everyone in the United States.

As your state senator, I realize that the roads are being used more today than ever. More miles of roads are having to be maintained, and the cost of materials to resurface these roads is still rising. As in 2018, when I voted for a 10 cents/gallon of gas increase, the number one complaint from my constituents then is the same as today: We need better roads!

The bill stated that the gas tax money CANNOT be used for: ... 'salaries, benefits, or any other form of compensation for employees or contractors: equipment: or vertical construction.'

The bill CAN be used for... 'preserving, improving or maintaining transportation infrastructure, matching funds for federal road or bridge project, paying debt for road and bridge projects and performing joint projects with cities and/or counties.'

So where have the gas tax proceeds gone? Let's look at a few of the projects:

• Hwy 157 4-lane
• Traffic light installed in Fairview
• Redesigned intersection at Hwy 31 and Olive Street
• Resurfacing of Hwy 91 from Dodge City to EMC Speedway
• Resurfacing and drainage on Commercial Street from Hwy 31 to Mud Creek in Hanceville
• Resurfaced asphalt on Main Street from Hwy 278 to the intersection at Wal-Mart Distribution/Applebee's on Cherokee
• Currently received funding to restore road and bridges in New Cannon that were washed out by massive flooding
• Welcome Road resurfacing and striping from Baileyton to Fairview
• Resurfacing of Hwy 157 between West Point and Battleground
• Resurfacing SR-74 from SR-91 in Holly Pond to the east of the Bridge over the Black Warrior
• Resurfacing and traffic striping/ marking from CR1428 to CR1435
• And more...

What do all these projects have in common? They were all completed leveraging Rebuild Alabama money or as it is commonly called the 'Gas Tax Money.'

I remember all of these projects, along with many more that I worked on directly with Rep. Randall Shedd to obtain and get funded. These projects were only allowed by ALDOT, because of our 'yes' votes in the legislature. In my first session as your state senator, after 14 years on the Cullman City Council, I was prepared to do my due diligence and research to fully understand what my 'yes' vote meant to my district. Knowing it was unpopular with some people, the hardest thing for me was knowing it was the right thing for the long term.

So, I took the negative Facebook comments, the people calling me names and accusations that I sold out to big government. I realized I had to do my job and focus on producing road projects in my district.

The projects I've worked on have brought $70,290,428 to Cullman County in just three-and-a-half years. That amount is well above the amount Cullman County has actually paid into the state in gas taxes during that same timeframe. As in any business, when you get a positive 'rate of return' on your investment, you made a wise choice. By calculating your expense versus your revenue, you can calculate the 'rate of return.' I have done just that. With the help of Rep. Randall Shedd, we have produced more money than it has cost Cullman County and because of that – I feel that have done my job.

Therefore, I do not support repealing or suspending the 10 cents increase. This would mean my District, including Cullman County, would lose millions of dollars that I have worked so hard to produce a positive rate of return for us all. It would be taking a step backward.

# Obituary Announcements: March 25 - 28

**Robert Earl Hilyer, 50, of Hanceville**
Robert Earl Hilyer, 50, of Hanceville was born April 4, 1971, and passed from this life March 28, at his residence. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

**Luda Mae Taylor, 74, of Eva**
Funeral service for Luda Mae Taylor, age 74, of Eva, will be at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 28, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Randy Sellers officiating, with burial at Rock Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Monday, March 28, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Taylor passed away Friday, March 25, at her residence. She was born Nov. 24, 1947, in Cullman, Alabama, to John Russell and Julie Wimbs. She was preceded in death by her husband: James Taylor and her parents. Survivors include her sons: Brian Taylor and Anthony Lowell Taylor; grandson: John Dylan Taylor; granddaughters: Destinee Paige Taylor, Toni Nicole Yancey and Tori Taylor and eight great-grandchildren: Lilly Yancey, Beau Yancey, Emily Yancey, Bralynn Yancey, Cimberlynn Yancey, Bryslie Taylor, Briar Green and Layla Green.

**Conrad H. Ellard, 90, of Hanceville**
Conrad H. Ellard, 90, of Hanceville, Alabama, passed away Sunday, March 27. He was born Aug. 1, 1931, in Cullman County, Alabama, to William Alexander and Ester Mae Gorham Ellard. Mr. Ellard was a member of Walter Baptist Church. Conrad served honorably in the United States Army, and his service to his nation and its people is a sacrifice not soon forgotten. He also loved to garden, and he enjoyed being outside. Conrad loved his family and he enjoyed spending time with them all. He was loved and he will be missed greatly. Mr. Ellard is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Fred Ellard and Dwight Ellard; sister, Clarice Henry; and grandson, Robert Harbison. He is survived by his wife: Norma Ellard; son: Bruce and Nina Ellard; daughters: Anita and Phillip Harbison: Belinda and Randy King and Donna and Michael Self; grandchildren: Matthew and Amy Ellard, Aaron Ellard, Nathan and Aldys Harbison, Justin and Heather King, Jared and Laura King, Jordan and Rachel King, Rachel Self and Seth Self; great-grandchildren: Owen Ellard, Mattie Ellard, Ava King, Miles King, Claire King, Aubree King, Brennan King and Grayson King; brothers: Pat Ellard, Jimmy and Evelyn Ellard; sister: Ruth Crutchfield and sister-in-law: Lois Ellard. Funeral services for Mr. Ellard are noon, Wednesday, March 30, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Holly Pond Cemetery where Matthew Ellard, Aaron Ellard, Nathan Harbison, Justin King, Jared King, Jordan King, Seth Self and Owen Ellard will serve as pallbearers. Friends are invited to visit with the Ellard family on Wednesday, beginning two hours prior to service time, from 10 a.m. – noon. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in memory of Conrad to the Disabled Veterans of America. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Ellard family.

**Edna Yvonne Reid, 95, of Holly Pond**
Edna Yvonne Reid, of Holly Pond, Alabama, passed away on Monday morning, March 28. She was 95 years old. Ms. Reid was born to James Henry and Rena Bell Burgess Reid on Dec. 21, 1926, in Cullman County, Alabama. Ms. Reid was a member of Holly Pond First Baptist Church. She loved to be outside and enjoyed tending her flowers and yard. Edna was an animal lover, and she enjoyed taking care of her pets. She had a special love for her family, and she adored her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Edna will be missed greatly. Ms. Reid is preceded in death by her parents; her son: Mike Pinyan; brothers: Marshall Reid, Edwin Reid and Onan Reid and sisters: Pat Reid and Sally Herring. She is survived by her daughter: Vanessa and Donald Estes; daughter-in-law: Kim Pinyan; grandchildren: Kendra and Sam Nesmith, Kent and Shelby Pinyan, Ryan and Gracie Pinyan, Scotty and Abby Estes and Skipper and Jessica Estes; great-grandchildren: Tanner, Tatum, Avery, Baby Pinyan, Slate, Sawyer, Sandler, Jaxon, Gabby and Brookelyn; brothers: Jasper and Sandra Reid and Burl and Jewell Reid; sister: Boots and Milo Hamm and a host of nieces and nephews. Graveside services for Ms. Reid are 10 a.m., Thursday, March 31, in Holly Pond Cemetery, with Scotty Estes, Skipper Estes, Kent Pinyan, Ryan Pinyan, Dale Hamm and Gina Jordan serving as pallbearers. The Reid family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to those who have served as caregivers for Ms. Reid. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the family.

**Judy Ann Randolph, 74, of Cullman**
Funeral service for Judy Ann Randolph, 74, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Concord Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon – 2 p.m. prior to the funeral. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Randolph passed away Friday, March 25, at Summerford Nursing Home. She was born Feb. 10, 1948, to Edgar Floyd and Lucille Jewel McMurry Ponder. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband: Darrell Randolph; sister: Jewel Boyd; brother: Joe Ponder and granddaughter: Kaitlyn Roth. Survivors include her son: Jesse (Alexandra) Randolph; daughter: Serena (David) Roth; brother: Jay Ponder; sisters: Geraldine Greene, Janice (Doug) Butts and Joyce Ponder; grandchildren: Tyler Roth, Christina Brooke Roth, Kyra Randolph, Jestin Randolph and Analeigh Randolph; great-grandchildren: Kayden Roth, Marley Weston and Mycah Roth and family and friends. Pallbearers will be Jackie Ponder, Jason Heaton, Chris Hayes, Jeff Watts, Joseph Millwood, Dominique Ponder and Malcomb Edge.

**Ireta Dale Pirkle, 72, of Vinemont**
Ireta Dale Pirkle, age 72, of Vinemont, Alabama passed away Friday, March 25. She was born March 31, 1949, in Winston County, Alabama to Raymond and Dolly White. She grew up in the Upshaw Community north of Addison, Alabama. She attended Addison High School. She retired after many years of a nursing career. She was a member of Faith Baptist Church in Vinemont, Alabama. Ireta Dale is survived by her daughter: Katherine Evon McCurley (Nicky) and her son James Pirkle, Jr. (Carla); her grandson: Garrett McCurley; step-grandson: Mason Gamble; her sister: Lanita Wright; her nieces: Tina James (Greg), Melinda Brannon (Steve) and Tricia Fryman (Bryan); her nephews: Adam Wright and Jake Wright and a host of great nieces and nephews. Ireta Dale was preceded in death by her husband: James Douglas Pirkle; her parents: Raymond and Dollie White; her brother and sister-in-law: Marcus and Mary White and her brothers-in law Leroy Pirkle and Jackie Wright. A celebration of life visitation for Ireta Dale will be held Tuesday, March 29, from 1-2 p.m. Following the celebration of life visitation will be a celebration of life graveside service at 2 p.m. at Cullman City Cemetery (812 Ninth Ave. SW, Cullman, AL 35055).

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