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Robb Holladay warns students of vaping hazards

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Students from Cullman Middle School and Cullman High School received a lesson on Tuesday, Feb. 7, from an atypical teacher. Robb Holladay, or "Robb Holla" as he performs, hails from Dallas, Texas, and traveled to Cullman to speak to students about the dangers associated with vaping.

"I'm going to respect you by not trying to tell you what to do," Holladay started. "What I want is your permission.

"Would it be OK if I share with you important information and have a good time and do some magic?

"Then I'll leave here and you make up your own mind for your own life. Would that be alright?"

Keeping students engaged with jokes, videos and magic, Holladay » PAGE 6



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Robb Holladay, or "Robb Holla," speaks to Cullman students Tuesday, Feb. 7.

City of Good Hope breaks ground on Love's Travel Stop



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Representatives from the City of Good Hope and Cullman County broke ground on a new Love's Travel Stop location on County Road 222 Wednesday morning.

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — A crowd of local elected officials and representatives from all over Cullman County gathered near the 305 exit on County Road 222 to celebrate a new business making its way into the community. The City of Good Hope and its council hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for a new Love's Travel Stop & Country Store and Mayor Jerry Bartlett is excited to bring this new addition to Good Hope.

"Love's is a great company. If you go anywhere around Alabama and stop at a Love's store you know it's going to be clean, the bathrooms are going to be neat and the food is going to be good so we're just proud to bring all the jobs that are going to be associated with them and help our community. They're going to be a great addition to our community," Bartlett said. "Love's is going to have a country store, they'll have a dog wash, they're going to have a tire store, they'll have a truck wash which is something new that Love's is doing so they'll have a few new things here that you may have not seen in other Love's stores."

Cullman County Commission Chairman Jeff Clemons shared a few words with those in attendance as well, expressing his own excitement for the economic impact this new Love's location can have.

"It's a great day for all of Cullman County, especially Good Hope. Think about the impact this Love's is going to have for Cullman County with the revenue coming in. It's all about growth and a partnership and it's amazing how many great leaders we have in Cullman County and I'll say Dale (Greer) is an ambassador for Cullman County with all the growth the city has had so now its spreading out," Clemons said. "It makes my job a lot easier because I have a lot of great leadership around me in every aspect of county government. So, like I said this is » PAGE 2

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Behind the curtain with 'Steel Magnolias' and Cullman Community Theatre



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The cast and crew of "Steel Magnolias" prepare for the second act during rehearsal on Tuesday, Feb. 7. From the left are Savannah Smith, Paige Clabo, Laura Harris, Chellie Letson, Drenda Walker and Carron Clark. » PAGE 8

County Spelling Bee champ



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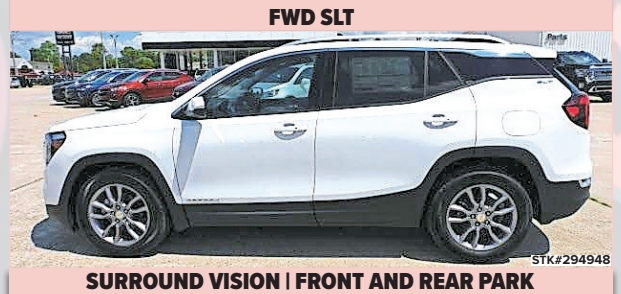
Stephen Briscoe, an eighth grader from Hanceville Middle School, won the Cullman County Spelling Bee Monday evening. The winning word was "seize." Briscoe will represent Cullman County at the Alabama State Spelling Bee March 18. Pictured along with Briscoe is Dr. Kellie Tanner, Hanceville Middle School principal.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Feb. 8

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Feb. 8, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Feb. 4

- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW

Feb. 6

- fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; miscellaneous charges
- leaving scene of accident; person; 24th St. SW and Industrial Dr. SW; damage to 2004 Chevy Trailblazer; $1,000
- theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $598

Feb. 7

- forgery-3rd degree; person; forged check

ARRESTS

Feb. 6 – 7

Morales, Angela J.; 49

- public intoxication

Coots, Tyler S.; 28

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- theft of lost property
- FTA- no tag light
- FTA- driving while suspended

Sullivan, Joshua M.; 34

- theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)
- FTA- speeding
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree
- FTA- insurance violation (2 counts)
- FTA- driving while suspended
- FTA- fail to register vehicle

Richards, James H.; 36

- FTA- switched tag
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- driving while suspended

Robbins, Noah W.; 40

- receiving stolen property-4th degree
- forgery-3rd degree
- possession of forged instrument (7 counts)

Overton, Johnny L.; 57

- FTA- driving without license
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- insurance violation

King, Pamela A.; 61

- criminal trespass-3rd degree
- theft of property-4th degree
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree

James, Matthew S.; 32

- theft of property-4th degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

ALEA's Marine Patrol set to launch spring boating basics/license course

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Springtime in Alabama is just around the corner, so now is the time to prepare for boating season.

Troopers within the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Marine Patrol Division are set to launch Boating Basics/License Courses beginning Feb. 11 across the northern portion of the state. Although the eight-hour sessions are free and open to the public, individuals interested in attending must contact ALEA's Marine Patrol to reserve a space.

Marine Patrol Division Chief Steve Thompson said, "We want to ensure all vessel operators and passengers are safe while enjoying Alabama's lakes, rivers and other bodies of water.

Prospective boaters who complete the course will have an opportunity to obtain a Boating Basics certificate, which is required for the boater endorsement on Alabama's driver license."

Corporal Robert Ping from ALEA's Marine Patrol Division Northern District agreed and said, "There is no better boater safety program taught than the classes taught by Marine Patrol Troopers. Our classes allow for interaction with the instructor, and they are structured with an emphasis on the issues of your local bodies of water. With summer boating season right around the corner, now is the time to get licensed so that you may safely enjoy the beautiful waters of Alabama."

The one-day course sessions are designed to include interaction with Troopers in ALEA's Marine Patrol Division, who spend time on the local waterways and discuss the particular challenges boaters may face. Anyone age 12 and older is welcome to sign up for the class as 12-year-olds are eligible to obtain a vessel operator's license for operating a vessel when accompanied by a licensed adult. At age 14, they are allowed to operate a vessel alone.

Prospective boaters are encouraged to email the following Marine Patrol Troopers for the session they would like to attend and to confirm times and dates. Find contact information at https://tinyurl.com/ALEABoating.

Cullman Chamber launches new search for president/CEO

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday announced it searching for a new president/CEO.

A media release said, "The Cullman Chamber Board of Directors is committed to building a thriving community by working with city and community leaders to best meet the needs of our community. After several months of searching for a permanent leader of the organization, the Board announced today that they are re-opening the search for a new president/CEO.

"The Chamber search committee did receive several applications; however, none of the applicants met the requirements outlined by the Board as necessary to continue moving the organization forward. Therefore, the Board has decided to conduct a full executive search (sic) in order to find the right leader to continue the vision set by the Board over the past year."

"This decision was made following the resignation of Interim President Keith Varden," Board Chair Stephen Parker said. "We appreciate the work done over the past few months, and wish him best of luck in his future endeavors."

The release said, "Chamber Board members will be supporting the staff through this transition in order ensure the programs continue to be successful.

"The Board search committee will meet over the next couple of weeks to determine the best steps in order to make recommendations on the best plan of action for securing a permanent leader for the organization. More information regarding the process for applying for the position will be forthcoming."

Learn more about the Cullman Chamber by visiting www.CullmanChamber.org.

Governor Ivey encourages Alabama college students to apply for Governor's Office internship

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Governor Kay Ivey on Monday announced the application period is open for the Governor's Office summer internship sessions. She encouraged Alabama undergraduate students to apply. Designed to provide insight to college students who want to learn more about the executive branch of state government, the program offers students a realistic overview of routine activity within a government office.

An advocate for education and a former teacher, Governor Ivey encourages all students who are potentially interested in obtaining experience in the governmental sector, to apply for the program.

"Experience is key to advancement, and Alabama students should engage in internships to provide real-world practice that will prepare them for their future careers.

"When I was a student at Auburn, I worked to support the efforts of Governor Lurleen Wallace, who became a true mentor to me, so I am always eager to share similar experiences to our college students," said Governor Ivey.

"No matter what industry you imagine yourself working in, an internship here at the State Capitol will truly be beneficial to all. I encourage all of our college students to seek out any type of internship or learning opportunities to further prepare them for a career and lifetime of success."

The summer internships are divided into two, six-week sessions. Summer session one will occur from May 8 to June 16, 2023, and the second summer session will occur June 19 to July 28, 2023. Hours of the internship are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

John Gilchrist, a former intern during the summer of 2018, now serves as a policy analyst in the Governor's Office for Education and Workforce Transformation. He accredits his internship experience as the gateway that led him to his career.

"My experience as an intern provided me insight not only into the operations of the Governor's Office but into the functions of state government as well. Being provided the opportunity to meet with cabinet members and the agencies they led was very informative and showed the extensive range that state government covered," said Gilchrist.

"It was a great and memorable experience to get a first-hand view and understanding of the roles and policies that go into the day-to-day functions of our state."

For former intern and Georgetown University student, Alisha Singh, incomparable work experience and network building were key takeaways from her time interning in the policy office.

"Interning at Governor Ivey's office was one of the most transformative educational opportunities I have had. The internship helped deepen my knowledge about state government and Alabama policy. It also introduced me to the wide network of people who work to improve Alabama every day," said Singh.

A current junior at The University of Alabama, Saylor Cuzzort's time in the Governor's Communications Office solidified her vision for her future going forward.

"There is a contagious level of professionalism, ambition and passion within Governor Ivey's Office that encouraged me to step out of my comfort zone, ask questions and ultimately learn from some of the state's most dedicated professionals during my internship," said Cuzzort. "Having this opportunity has been instrumental in solidifying my interest in state government, communication and public service. To say it was an honor to serve Governor Ivey and her staff as an intern would be an understatement."

The deadline to apply for both summer sessions is March 15, 2023, by the close of business.

The application for both sessions of the summer internship, along with additional information can be found here.

Details for the fall 2023 semester internship, including application deadlines and session dates, will be available in the coming months.

Love's (from Front)

a great day because Love's is going to be massive for Cullman County because I think there's going to be at least 1,000 trucks a day coming off the interstate so anytime that happens it brings a lot of revenue to our county. That's what it takes to make Cullman County better and its truly an honor to work with so many great people because that's how we're successful is working together."

Love's Real Estate Senior Project Manager Bill Gleason wrapped up the public comments and talked about the jobs the new location would bring as well as the potential tax revenue the truck stop could generate.

"Over 40 years ago I came down to Alabama for the first time with my soon to be bride and it was a different Alabama 40-45 years ago than what we have today. Like they said we're going to be pulling roughly 1,000 trucks a day off the interstate and all that is tax money that's going up and down 65 that wouldn't be stopping here if it wasn't for the Love's. Now, because there is a shortage of truck parks in all our 48 states, we're going to add another 100 places for trucks to park and get them off the interstate ramps.

"What you'll have here is once we build it, this thing won't have wheels. It can't be moved to China, and it can't be moved to Mexico so these 50-55 jobs that Love's is going to create plus the 50 or so jobs that McDonalds is going to create are going to be here. Whether we're selling gasoline, diesel, whether its EVs or hydrogen or whatever fuel is in the future, you've got to have a place to pull off, get fuel and get back on the road," Gleason said. "It's really been a pleasure to work with the city, the county and the State of Alabama and ADECA and it's just been a total win-win for Love's and for the municipalities. We love locating in small cities where we make a big difference to their tax revenue."



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Friday, February 3, 10, Saturday, February 4, 11,
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Calling All Young Singers!
Cullman Community Young Singers (CCYS) is looking for YOU! All young singers (ages 8-15) are invited to join us on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-4:45 at the Little House at Art Park, 1031 Second St. SW in Cullman. No auditions, just come for a fun afternoon of learning music from pop to classical styles. We will rehearse and prepare to perform at a variety of events in and around the Cullman community. Bring your friends- we will have music and everything you need to get started! For more information, text or email Miss Cindy at 256-338-4404, cindypass22@gmail.com. CCYS is sponsored by Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism.

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) Mondays and Thursdays 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 Dr. NW, Cullman
• 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 birthdays. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pickup 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.
• Friday, Feb. 10 - 7 p.m. Recovery Ministry - Fellowship & Testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! For those who want to get together before class bring a dish, dessert or drink @ 6:30 p.m. for a potluck meal. Nursery provided.
• Saturday, Feb. 11 - 6-9 p.m. Plus One Valentines Banquet. Donations are accepted and appreciated!
• Sunday, Feb. 12 - 8-9 a.m. Prayer Group - Join Kevin and Pastor Bobby Sunday to pray for our church, nation, and for those who need salvation and deliverance.
• Sunday, Feb. 12 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast @ 9:30 a.m. Bible study classes for children, youth, and adults @ 10 a.m. Adult class. 11 a.m. message by Pastor Bobby Dodd. Prayer meeting with Bonnie Barrett will be after morning service.
• Sunday, Feb. 12 - Do you have a loved one a (prodigal) you've been praying for? The prayer team will have a special time of prayer right after morning service. Turn in their names or a picture at Spirit Life Church, on a prayer request sheet. If you feel like you need a special prayer in this area, you are more than welcome to stay and receive prayer as well.

Alcoholics Anonymous
Sundays, 3 p.m. at Cullman First Church of the Nazarene, 5415 Alabama Highway 157. CLOSED literature study. Handicap accessible.

TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings
Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., at Cullman Housing Authority Community Center (1545 Vine Circle SW, Cullman, AL 35055). The 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.

Master's Hand Food Pantry at The Link
• 708 Ninth St. SE, Cullman, AL 35055
• Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
• Closed for lunch noon-1 p.m.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, Feb. 9, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church, located at 1310 St. Joseph Dr., Cullman. All are welcome.

Plant Sale/Book Sale
Saturday, Feb. 11, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Cullman County Public Library, 200 Clark St. NE, Cullman. All book sale items 50 cents each. Plant prices will vary.

Holly Pond Homemakers Club Meeting
Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 1 p.m. at the Holly Pond Event Center. Please come and bring a friend. Refreshments will be served.

Fairview High School Class of 1963 Meeting
Friday, Feb. 17, at 1 p.m. at the Golden Corral in Cullman. The group will meet in one of the reserved rooms in the back of the restaurant. For more information, call Joyce Williams Rodgers at 256-339-3451.

Cullman EMS 6th Annual 911 Chili Supper & Cook-Off
Saturday, Feb. 18, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Cullman VFW, 112 Veterans Dr. SW. All proceeds will benefit PTSD treatments for veterans. Competition open to law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMA and EMS personnel and dispatchers. Chili supper open to the public for a $5 donation per person. Awards determined by popular vote. Door prizes and live music. For more information or to register a team, contact James Curtis at 205-903-4486 or james.curtis@cullmanregional.com.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Singing
Sunday, Feb. 19, at 5 p.m. 2nd Mile from Dekalb, Mississippi, will be featured guests. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information call 256-796-5986.

Empty Bowls of Cullman County
Monday, Feb. 20, from 4-6 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Cullman. Enjoy a delicious dinner of Three Guys chili and grilled cheese, music by local performers and a silent auction. Benefits Cullman Caring for Kids. Only one thing will be different this year. For 17 years, potters made bowls for attendees to take home after their meals. The potters are no longer able to produce the number of bowls needed for everyone. Drive-through and carry-out options will be available. Tickets are $10 each and available at Cullman Caring for Kids or First United Methodist Church. Monetary donations or donations to the silent auction can be made at Cullman Caring for Kids, 402 Arnold St. NE #W1, Cullman, AL 35055. Monetary donations can also be made online at www.cullmancaringforkids.com.

Veteran and Beginning Farmer Series: So You Want To Keep Bees For Fun and Profit?
Tuesday, Feb. 21, 6 p.m. at the North Alabama Agriplex. In its second class of the year, the free Veteran and Beginning Farmer Series will explore beekeeping as a hobby and as a moneymaker with local beekeepers participating in a panel discussion with exhibits to study. Register with Tony Glover at gloveta@aces.edu or 205-568-0005.

Cullman Lions Club Fish & Ham Dinner
Saturday, March 4, from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. in the Cullman Middle School cafeteria. Tickets are $15, and include a choice of catfish or ham, plus hushpuppies, slaw, baked potato, dessert and a drink. Eat in or get it to go. Drive-through available.

Veteran and Beginning Farmer Series: How to Sell Your Farm, Garden or Kitchen Products to the Public
Tuesday, March 14, 6 p.m. at the North Alabama Agriplex. Free. Helpful input and advice from experienced farmers and market sellers will be provided for the attendees to make the most out of their produce. Contact Tony Glover to register by email at gloveta@aces.edu or by calling 205-568-0005.

Inaugural Gospel Music Jubilee
Friday, March 17, 5 p.m. Northbrook Baptist Church. The first cancer awareness event of its kind will benefit the Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides financial support to Cullman County residents battling all types of cancer. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the entertainment begins at 6 p.m. St. Bernard Jazz Band and Unity 4 Quartet are scheduled to perform and the evening will feature the Living Faith Quartet. Advance tickets are $15 or $20 at the door. A limited number of VIP tickets with parking are available for $25. Tickets can be purchased at www.CullmanBosomBuddies.com or by visiting Options at 2201 Second Ave. NW or Yates Christian Bookstore at 1650 Second Ave. SW.

Cullman Women's League Auction
Friday, March 17, 6-9 p.m. Steele Building. The fundraising auction will benefit Brooks' Place, the Cullman Regional Foundation, Curt's Closet, the Wallace State Future Foundation, Good Samaritan Health Clinic, Hope Horses, Knapsacks for Kids, The Link of Cullman County, Pilot Light House, Restoring Women Outreach and the Cullman Women's League Scholarship Fund. Live music will be provided by local favorite The Overtones and silent and live auctions will take place. Tickets are available for $30 and will include dinner and two drinks. They can be purchased at Three Pears, Southern Accents, White Willow and TheraPlay. They may also be purchased from any active members of the Cullman Women's League.

Hanceville Irish Festival
Saturday, March 18, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Commercial Street in downtown Hanceville. This fun, free annual festival celebrates Hanceville's Irish heritage and music, dancing, craft vendors and food will be on-hand. www.facebook.com/hancevilleirishfest

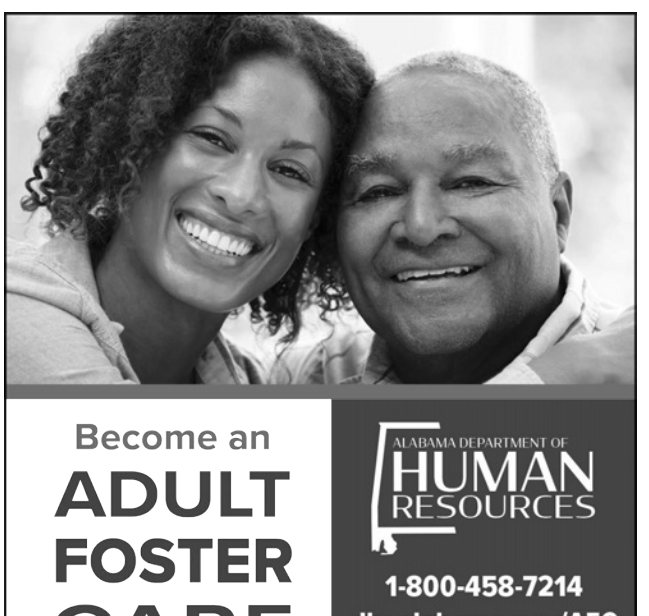
Kaleb's 5K Run
Saturday, April 8, 8-11 a.m. Depot Park. At 1 year old, Kaleb Phillips is a special little fighter who, due to a medical condition, had both feet amputated. The victorious tot now has prostheses and through hard work in physical therapy is taking steps to a full and energetic childhood with his cheerleaders by his side. Funds raised will go toward not only Kaleb's medical expenses, but also to another family facing similar obstacles. Registration is due by March 31 and found at www.runsignup.com/race/AL/Cullman/Kalebs5KRunwalk. The 5K run begins at 8 a.m. and the 1-mile fun run will start at 9.

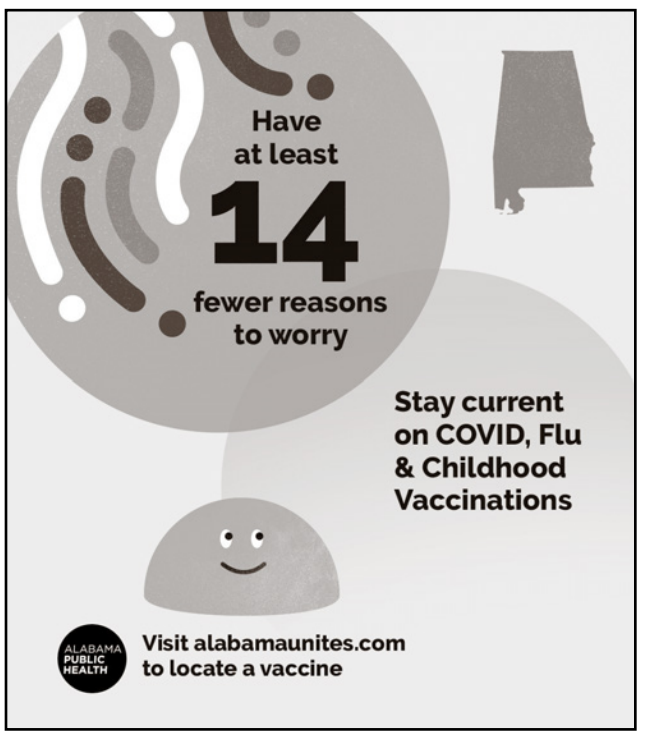
39th Annual Bloomin' Festival Arts and Craft Fair
Saturday, April 22 and Sunday, April 23, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The two-day art festival welcomes 150 artists who exhibit their work to over 20,000 visitors on the picturesque campus of St. Bernard Prep School. Recognized throughout the Southeast as a must-visit festival, Bloomin' Fest is a favorite among locals as well. All proceeds benefit the operational support of St. Bernard Preparatory School. Admission is a donation of $10; children 12 and younger get in free. For more information visit www.bloominfestival.com or call 256-739-6682.

Relay For Life of Cullman County's Party in the Park
Saturday, April 29, 5-10 p.m. Depot Park. Honoring cancer survivors, the Party in the Park will also remember those who lost their battle with the disease. Relay For Life benefits the American Cancer Society's research and services. Enjoy children's activities, food trucks and live music. Visit www.relayforlife.org/cullmanal to register or join a team.

Strawberry Festival
Saturday, May 6, 9 a.m. Depot Park. Hosting over 24,000 visitors in one day, the Strawberry Festival was first celebrated in 1939. The festival features live music, a large craft show, fun and games for the whole family and Cullman's famous locally grown strawberries. This year's festival will be headlined by Blues Traveler.









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PREP BASKETBALL

No. 1 Cold Springs pulls away from Cleveland 77-30, advances to area finals

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BREMEN, Ala. — The Cold Springs Lady Eagles tipped off the 2A, Area 11 Tournament at home Monday night and punched their ticket to the area championship game with a 77-30 win over Cleveland. The Lady Eagles have secured a spot in next week's sub-regional round. Cold Springs led by 13 at the half but outscored Cleveland 41-7 in the second half to pull away.

Malaya Taylor scored the game's first bucket to give the Lady Eagles an early lead and Ella Dickerson followed with a three to extend the lead to 5-2.

Ciara Calvert turned a steal into an easy basket to make it 7-2 and a pair of free throws from Maci Brown kept Cold Springs in front 9-4.

A pair of quick scores by Taylor and Calvert stretched the lead to 13-4 midway through the period and back to back three-pointers from Brown and Kenady Graves made it a 19-7 game.

Calvert drained a three late in the first to give the Lady Eagles a 22-7 lead and Taylor split a pair of free throws just before the end of the quarter to make it 23-12 going into the second.

Dickerson laid one in to keep Cold Springs ahead 26-15 early in the second and Brown drilled another three to make it 29-15.

Cleveland was able to cut into the lead with an 8-0 run but another basket inside from Taylor and a three by Brown at the buzzer helped give the Lady Eagles a 36-23 advantage at halftime.

Cold Springs took control in the third quarter. Baskets by Taylor and Dickerson stretched the lead to 41-23 early in the third and then the Lady Eagles began to heat up from three-point range.

Calvert nailed back to back treys to add to the lead and three-pointers by Graves and Brown made it a 53-23 game with three minutes remaining in the period.

After that it was Dickerson's turn to heat up and she scored the final eight pints of the quarter, including a jumper at the buzzer to put Cold Springs in front 61-25 going into the fourth.

Another three from Calvert and another basket by Brown gave the Lady Eagles a 40-point lead early in the final frame and with the clock running throughout the fourth quarter, Cold Springs cruised to a 77-30 win over Cleveland.

Calvert led the way for Cold Springs with 18 points in the win, followed by Dickerson with 17 and Brown with 16. Taylor added 11 and Graves finished with eight.

The Lady Eagles will be back in action Thursday night at 6 p.m. to take on Locust Fork in this year's 2A, Area 11 Tournament championship game.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Ciara Calvert led Cold Springs with 18 points in the Lady Eagles' 77-30 win over Cleveland Monday night.

PREP BASKETBALL

Lady Raiders handle East Lawrence 57-12 to advance to area tournament finals

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. – The top-ranked Good Hope Lady Raiders hosted this year's 4A, Area 13 Tournament and tipped off their postseason run with a matchup against East Lawrence. The Lady Raiders smothered East Lawrence on the defensive end of the floor on their way to a 57-12 win and one of the many highlights on the offensive end came from Ivey Maddox. The junior eclipsed to 2,000-point mark early in the first half and helped Good Hope secure a spot in the 4A, Area 13 championship game Thursday night.

Ivey Maddox scored the first eight points of the game for the Lady Raiders as they jumped out to a quick 8-2 lead.

East Lawrence made a basket in the paint to make it an 8-4 game, but Good Hope quickly took complete control of the game after that. Bailey Tetro hit an acrobatic layup and Emma Thompson drilled a three to make it 14-4.

An and-one by Maddox pushed their lead to 17-4, then a jumper by Charly Johnson and a trey by Heather Tetro gave Good Hope a 22-7 lead after one.

Baskets by Maddox and Rudi Derrick made it 26-9, then Maddox hit a long-range shot and Johnson added a shot in the paint to make it 31-9.

Heather Tetro and Maddox each hit a three to stretch the Lady Raider lead to 40-9 at the half. The second half saw Good Hope hit four more treys, they got a lot of players involved offensively, and they held East Lawrence to just five made baskets for the entire game as the Lady Raiders rolled to a 57-12 win over the Lady Eagles.

Maddox finished with 22 points for Good Hope.

Heather Tetro added 12 points and Derrick added six points.

Good Hope will take on Priceville in the area championship game Thursday night at 6 p.m.



SAMMY CONFER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Good Hope's Ivey Maddox scored her 2,000th career point during the Lady Raiders' 57-12 win over East Lawrence Monday night.

PREP BASKETBALL

No. 3 Holly Pond advances to area finals with 57-31 win over West End

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — The Holly Pond Broncos tipped off the 2A, Area 13 Tournament on their home court Tuesday night and after a slow start in the opening period against West End, the Broncos began to heat up in the second and rode that momentum to a 57-31 win over the Patriots. With the win, Holly Pond has secured a spot in Friday night's area tournament finals and next week's sub-regional round.

It took over half of the first quarter for either team to get points on the board, but Carson Ryan was finally able to give the Broncos a 3-0 lead after knocking down a three-pointer from the right corner. The Patriots responded with a basket on the other end to make it 3-2 but Ryan followed with a three from the left corner to stretch the lead to 6-2. Sawyer Olinger added another three-pointer to put Holly Pond in front 9-2 with less than two minutes to play in the first and Kollin Brown laid one in just before the end of the period to make it an 11-4 game going into the second.

Brown buried a pair of three-pointers to extend the lead to 17-6 early in the second quarter and a pair of Christian Couch buckets made it 21-6 midway through the period. Olinger scored off a turnover to put the Broncos up 23-8 with two minutes remaining in the second and Holly Pond held onto a 15-point lead going into the halftime break.

Baskets by Levi Farr and Gunnar McBee added to the Bronco lead early in the third quarter and Blake Rickard drilled a three to make it a 30-10 game.

West End used free throws to trim the lead to 30-12 with three minutes remaining in the quarter but Jackson Wilkins answered with back to back three-pointer layup on the other end to keep Holly Pond in front 36-14. The Patriots cut the lead to 36-17 late in the third but Rickard buried a three at the buzzer to make it a 39-17 game at the start of the fourth.

Brown and Diego Garcia each scored to stretch the lead to 43-20 early in the fourth quarter and Rickard drained another three to make it 46-22. Brown's next three-pointer made it a 49-22 game and Rickard converted and and-one play on the next possession to give extend the lead to 30 with five minutes to play. With the clock running throughout the remainder of the final frame, the Broncos pulled away to win it over West End 57-31.

Brown led Holly Pond with 13 points in the win, followed by Rickard with 12, Olinger with eight and Ryan and Wilkins with six.

The Broncos will remain at home and get back on the court Friday night at 6:30 p.m. to face either Decatur Heritage or Falkville in the 2A, Area 13 Tournament title game.



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Holly Pond's Gunnar McBee drives past a defender during the Broncos' 57-31 win over West End Tuesday night.

PREP BASKETBALL

Big 2nd half leads West Point past Russellville 61-45

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WEST POINT, Ala. — The West Point Lady Warriors tipped off the Class 5A, Area 15 tournament against Russellville Tuesday night and after a close first half, West Point got things going in the second half. A big third quarter allowed the Lady Warriors create separation and they ended up knocking off the Lady Golden Tigers 61-45 to advance to Thursday night's area title game and clinch a spot in next week's sub-regional round.

A basket on their opening possession put Russellville on the scoreboard first, but Liberty Shadix put in a free throw to put West Point on the scoreboard. A pair of Lady Golden Tiger treys gave them an 8-3 lead more than halfway through the first period. Laklin Shadix knocked down a shot in the paint to make it an 8-5 game, but five straight points by Russellville pushed their lead to 13-5. A late three by Hallie Wheeler trimmed the deficit to just five at 13-8 going into the second period.

Liberty Shadix drilled a trey from the right corner to make it a 15-11 game, then Laklin Shadix knocked down a short jumper to cut it to two with less than five minutes to go in the first half. A pair of Wheeler free throws tied the game up at 15, then a steal and a layup by Jaelyn Faulkner gave West Point their first lead of the game at 17-15 with a little over three minutes to go in the first half. Another made jumper by Laklin Shadix kept the Lady Warriors ahead at 19-17, and late in the first half, Wheeler made a long-range shot to give West Point a 22-20 lead. The Lady Golden Tigers drilled one from long-range as that gave them a 23-22 lead at the half.

Whatever was said at halftime worked as West Point came out on fire to start the second half. Laklin Shadix put in another jumper to give the Lady Warriors a 24-23 lead, then baskets by Jaelyn Faulkner, Laklin Shadix, and Camryn Faulkner stretched their lead to 30-23. Russellville drilled a three to cut it to four, but Liberty Shadix put in a basket in the paint and Laklin Shadix split from the free-throw line to make it a 33-26 game almost halfway through the third period. The Lady Warriors quickly pulled away from the Lady Golden Tigers after that as Camryn Faulkner and Liberty Shadix each put in a shot down low to make it a 37-28 game. Laklin Shadix, Camryn Faulkner, and Jaelyn Faulkner each added a late basket as West Point ended up outscoring Russellville, 21-5, in the third quarter to take a 43-28 lead into the final period.

Laklin Shadix drilled a trey and later added a basket in the paint to push West Point's lead to 48-30. A late push by the Lady Golden Tigers cut it to 48-37, but Jaelyn Faulkner put a stop to their run as her and-one opportunity, followed by another layup after that, made it a 54-38 game and free throws by Liberty Shadix and Caitlee Simmons increased their lead to 61-44. The Lady Warriors would go on to defeat Russellville, 61-45, to move on to the area championship game.

Laklin Shadix finished with 18 points for West Point. Liberty Shadix added 14 points. Jaelyn Faulkner ended up with 11 points, while Wheeler and Camryn Faulkner each collected eight points.

West Point will take on either Lawrence County or Brewer in the area title game Thursday at 6 p.m.

PREP BASKETBALL

Addison advances to area tournament title game with 62-34 win over Sumiton Christian

Todd Walker
Tribune Correspondent

ARLEY, Ala. — Addison traveled to Meek High School Tuesday night as the Tigers were the host for the Area 13 tournament. Second place Addison would play third place Shoals Christian in the first game while area champ Meek would host fourth place St. Bernard in the nightcap. Addison cruised to a comfortable and much easier than expected 62-34 win.

The Addison men came out ready to play and played perhaps their finest 5 minutes of the year. Addison's pressing defense and pin point passing had Addison off and running. Addison jumped to a quick 14-0 lead and never looked back. It was a total team effort. "Lanky" Jacob McLamb had 6 points, while Jed "Wizard" Wilkins and Briley "Snake" Hayes had 4 points each. Hayes also led the Bulldogs with 5 rebounds in the period. Addison outrebounded the Eagles 15-3 in the first period. At the sound of the first period horn, it was 20-5 Bulldogs.

Sumiton Christian settled down in the second period and played pretty good basketball. Their shots didn't fall with any great regularity but that was mainly due to the Bulldogs suffocating defense. Coach Scott Flynn went 11 players deep down his Bulldog roster playing everyone often and early. The Bulldogs and Eagles traded baskets for most of the period as Addison won the period 15-13 to take a 17-point halftime lead. Addison's Josh "West Coast" Netherton had a solid slam dunk to lead the Bulldogs with 4 points. Bradley "Big Foot" Willette chipped in 4 points as well to go along with a blocked shot. Peyton "Rudi" Holland sank a three-pointer from the corner on his first shot attempt which fired up the crowd.

The second half began and both teams played pretty well. There was effort and hustle up and down the court. It just seemed that Addison was a step quicker and had a little more desire on the defensive end than the Eagles on this night. Addison won the period 14-11 to take a solid 49-29 lead into the fourth. Addison's leading scorer Brady Gilbreath put in 5 points while Wilkins hit a three-pointer. Willette had 2 more blocked shots and altered a few more as he turned the Eagle players away from the paint. Hayes had 3 rebounds in the period and coincidentally all three were on the same possession on consecutive shots, which just shows tremendous desire and hustle.

The fourth period was just a wrap up as Addison outscored Sumiton Christian 13-5 for the final of 62-34. Gilbreath had 6 points while Wilkins chipped in 4 more. It was also Wilkins turn to dominate the glass as he grabbed 5 rebounds in the frame. Mr. Wilkins' 5 rebounds were more than the Eagles team had in the entire period, 4.

Coach Flynn, "This game was a ramp game. We had to win this one to lead us to in all probability playing Meek on Friday. We had the size advantage tonight and we played too it. We had a comfortable rebound advantage we shot the ball well. Everyone contributed and that is what we need to succeed. We actually want to play Meek because they have had our number this year beating us three times. The last time we played we lost by one possession in the county tournament, and we felt that we let that game get away. My guys will be ready on Friday night. One of our goals at the beginning of our season was to win the Area Tournament. That goal is still attainable."

Unofficial stats

Addison was led in scoring by Gilbreath with a game high 17 points, 6 rebounds, 2 assists and 1 steal. Wilkins had 11 points, 9 boards and 1 steal. Willette had 8 points, 3 boards, 1 assist, 1 steal and 3 blocks. Netherton had 8 points, 6 boards, 3 assists, 2 steals and 2 blocks. Hayes had 6 points, 9 boards, 3 assists and 1 steal. McLamb had 6 points and 6 boards. Tubb had 3 rebounds and caused four ulcers to opposing players. Hayden Holland had 3 points, 3 boards and a steal. P. Holland had 3 points and an assist. Elijah Roberts had a steal and a blocked shot.

Addison will play the winner of the Meek and Saint Bernard game at 6 p.m. Friday night at Meek.

PREP BASKETBALL

Addison advances to area finals with 55-21 win over Meek

Todd Walker
Tribune Correspondent

ADDISON, Ala. — The Addison Lady Bulldogs hosted the state area 13 tournament, being they were the area champs. The first game saw the Saint Bernard Lady Saints put up a game effort but fall short to the Sumiton Christian Lady Eagles 40-33. Addison took care of business in routine fashion as they easily advanced 55-21, over a scrappy but overmatched Meek Lady Tiger team. Addison will host the Sumiton Christian Ladies on Thursday night at Addison for the area tourney title. Both teams have already qualified for the regional state tournament, with the winner on Thursday night hosting and the loser playing on the road.

Addison came out in their game hitting on all cylinders as Gracie "Bug" Manley was an absolute monster, getting 12 rebounds in the first period alone. Addison jumped out to a 15-2 lead and won the period 20-8. Manley had 7 points to go along with her rebounds and "Magic" Molly Gilbreath rained in two three-pointers for 6 of her 8 points in the first. Lydia "Barbie" Ergle picked up 2 steals while Hadley "Shooter" Butler nailed a three-pointer. Meek was led by Aleah Addison and Peyton Johnson who had 3 points apiece. Addisyn Williams put in a bucket as well.

The second period didn't get any easier for the Lady Tigers. Addison rolled to a 19-6 period victory to put them up 39-14 at the half. Manley continued to own the glass with 7 more rebounds to give her an astounding 19 for a half. Gilbreath tossed in 9 more points in the second while Katie Barrett hit a corner three. Meek tried to keep pace, but the Lady Dawgs were just too much on this evening. Meek's Miss Williams put in 5 points and got 2 boards. Johnson was also able to snatch 2 rebounds for the Lady Tigers.

The third period had Addison Head Coach Bailey Boland emptying her bench midway through the period as the Lady Dawgs got everyone onto the court. Addison outscored Meek 6-2 in the third period to take a 45-16 lead into the final period. Manley scored 4 of Addison's 6 points and snagged another 4 boards before being pulled with 4 minutes to go in the third period.

It was kinda disappointing to see her pulled because it was an absolute thing of beauty to watch someone dominate one aspect of the game. Manley would finish with 23 rebounds playing a little over half the game. Incidentally, she outrebounded the entire Meek team 23-19 for the game and didn't play at all in the final period. Gilbreath scored the other 2 points while Butler picked up another 3 rebounds for Addison. Meek's Laney Phillips knocked down 2 free throws for the Tigers only points of the period.

The fourth had Addison winning the period 10-5 to take the game 55-21. Addison's Lauryn "Beemer" Cunningham, who looks to have a bright future in the program, scored 5 points as well as getting an assist, steal and rebound. Little Gracie Roberts sank a deep three-pointer to get the last Addison bomb of the night. The ladies from Addison nailed 8 threes on the evening. Meek's hard fighting ladies were led by Phillips and Aleah Addison's 2 points with Johnson hitting a free throw. Veronica Ortega was able to grab 3 rebounds.

Addison's Coach Boland,

"We were really focused tonight and we made a point of practice of working on our rebounding and going after loose balls. I was so pleased with the effort of all my ladies and think that if we continue doing what we are doing a nice state run could be in our future. We have to bring this intensity every game, this energy every game. We had some girls step up tonight who really showed me something. Very proud of Brilyn (Dover) and Lauryn (Cunningham) as they came out and stepped up their play. Not much to say about Gracie (Manley), she does it all the time. When she is focused and plays with confidence her only limit is herself. Our rebounding intensity is from Lydia (Ergle) and Gracie (Manley) as both of them are mean. They have that aggressiveness and pit bull mentality in the lane and teams need that. We have Sumiton Christian Thursday, and we have to keep playing smart ball and tough defense and it will all take care of itself."

Unofficial stats

Addison was led in scoring by Gilbreath who had 19 points, 3 boards, 1 assist, 4 steals and 1 block. Manley had 12 points, 23 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals and 2 blocks. Butler had 7 points, 8 rebounds, 3 assists, 4 steals and 2 blocks. Ergle had 6 points, 4 boards, 2 assists, 4 steals and a block. Cunningham had 5 points, 3 boards, 1 assist and 1 steal. Barrett 3 points, 3 rebounds and 1 assist. Gracie Roberts had 3 points. Briley Dover had 3 rebounds and 1 assist. Reese Osborne had 1 rebound.

Meek was led in scoring by Williams with 7 points and 3 rebounds. A. Addison had 5 points. Phillips had 4 points and 5 rebounds. Johnson had 4 points and 4 rebounds. Ortega had a point and 5 rebounds. Rilee Williams had 2 rebounds.

Addison will host Sumiton Christian on Thursday night for the Area Tournament Title while Meek ended their season. Future looks bright for the Lady Tigers as I believe they don't have a senior on the roster.





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NOTICE OF COMPLETION

The Cullman County Commission has completed CDBG County Road 18 Road Improvement Project (CY-CM-PF-21-006) which constructed improvements to the section County Road 18 just off State Highway 91 and extends southwest to Leacil Dooley Road. Chiton Contractors, J.C. Cheek Contractors, and Charles E. Watts gives Notice of Completion of the above referenced project. Any person or party having an unpaid claim against the Contractors listed above for supplying labor, materials, supplies or workmanship on this project should notify the Cullman County Engineering Department, 2883 Highway 69 North, Cullman, Alabama 35058 or by phone at 256-793-2266 within the next thirty days.

CLOSE-OUT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Cullman County Commission will hold a public meeting on Friday, February 24, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at the Cullman County Economic Development Office located at 325 Second Street SE., Cullman, AL to discuss closing-out their FY 2021 Community Development Block Grant Project (CY-CM-PF-21-006) known as Cullman County – County Road 18 CDBG Road Improvement Project which constructed improvements to the section County Road 18 just off State Highway 91 and extends southwest to Leacil Dooley Road. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the close-out of this project and accept citizen input or objections to the county proceeding with the close-out of this project. All citizens who would like to attend the public hearing but has a disability which might require special materials, services, or assistance, should notify Matt Kinsland, Project Coordinator, Cullman County Economic Development at (256) 736-2434 at least three days in advance of the public hearing.

Jeff Clemons
Chairman
Cullman County Commission

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

J. C. Cheek Contractors, Inc. hereby gives notice of completion for striping Grandiflora Road located in the Town of Baileyton. J. C. Cheek Contractors, Inc. has made request for final settlement of said project. This notice shall run for four (4) consecutive weeks beginning January 19, 2023 and ending February 9, 2023. All claims should be filed at P. O. Box 116, Baileyton, AL 35019 during this time.

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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 *
MAKAYLA GRACE SEARCY, * CASE NO PC 2023-032
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to **RALEY L. WIGGINS**, as Administrator of the Estate of **MAKAYLA GRACE SEARCY**, deceased, on the 31st day of January, 2023, 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.

Raley L. Wiggins
Administrator

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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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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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC2023-030

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF VIRGINIA CHRISTINE HOOPER, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Garry E. Hooper on the 31st day of January, 2023, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Garry E. Hooper
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF Alabama
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by James Mckinney And Nirvani Mckinney Husband And Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for First Partners Bank, its successors and assigns dated November 10, 2016; said mortgage being recorded on November 14, 2016, in Book 1803, Page 365 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 373, Page 668 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
The undersigned, Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 27th day of February, 2023 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
Lots 3 and 4 of the Hanceville Square Subdivision as recorded in Slide B222A in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Subject to the following: Right of way as set forth in instrument recorded in Deed Book 478, Page 119 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
Subject to the following:
1. Utility and drainage easements as shown on the plat of Hanceville Square Subdivision as recorded in Slide B222A in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
2. Easement granted to Cullman Electric Cooperative as recorded in Deed Book 557, Page 120 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

Said property is commonly known as 402 Whaley Ave NE, Hanceville, AL 35077.
Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.
Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.
Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

JEREMY GREY,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: DR-2022-900353.00

SUMMER KNIGHT,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Summer Knight, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Jeremy Grey's Complaint for Divorce by March 13, 2023 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against her in Case Number 25-DR-2022-900353.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 11th day of January, 2023.

Lisa McSwain
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF *
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a minor, DOB: 03-19-2022. *

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

The unknown father of the above child born to Patricia Dee Villa on March 19, 2022, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Cullman County Department of Human Resources by the 2 day of March, 2023, or thereafter a judgment terminating his parental rights may be entered against him in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 18th day of January 2023.

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk

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CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2023-044

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ARTHUR JUNIOR ODEN, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Elizabeth Ann Oden on the 7th day of February, 2023, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Elizabeth Ann Oden
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of

SHAWN JEFFREY CRIDER, CASE NO. PC 2023 - 007

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have been granted to Mandy M. Crider, as Administratrix of the Estate of Shawn Jeffrey Crider, deceased, on the 30th day of January, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, and that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Mandy M. Crider, Administratrix

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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.

Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Obituary Announcements: Feb. 7-8

Peggy Estoria Burden, 81
The funeral service for Peggy Estoria Burden, 81, of Baileyton, will be 11 a.m., Friday, Feb. 10, 2023, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. The visitation will be 10-11 a.m. prior to the service. The interment will be in the Baileyton Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Burden family. Mrs. Burden was born Nov. 5, 1941, to Roy A. and Christine Daniel Burden. She passed away Feb. 7, 2023, at the Folsom Center. She was preceded in death by her parents, Roy A. and Christine Daniel Burden; and a brother, Bryan Brock. Mrs. Burden is survived by her husband, Glenn W. Burden, Sr.; Sons, Glenn Burden, Jr., Barry (Sissy) Burden, Wade Burden, Jeremy (Latonya) Burden; brothers, Bruce (Cindy) Brock, Sherman (Liz) Brock; sister Sandra Brock; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and a host of family and friends. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy can be posted to www.cullmanfuneralhome.com for the Burden family.

Olen Leo Pope, 75
Olen Leo Pope, 75, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away Feb. 7, 2023. Mr. Pope was born Feb. 17, 1947, to Arthur and Alice Garman Pope. Mr. Pope served his nation honorably in the United States Army. Olen enjoyed fishing. He loved animals and he enjoyed traveling. Mr. Pope loved his family and enjoyed any time spent with those he loved. He will be missed greatly. Mr. Pope is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Gloria Pope; and several brothers and sisters. Those surviving Mr. Pope include his wife, Glenda "Gale" Pope; sons, Kevin Pope (Candace), Brad Pope (Christy), Randy Pope; daughters, Shelia Corrick (Gerald), April Downs (Kenneth); brother, Gene Smith (Lisa); and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral services for Mr. Pope are 1 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel, Trent Gandy officiating. Olen will be laid to rest in Holly Pond Cemetery where Zack Pope, Tommy Gryca, Eric Corrick, Christopher Corrick, Blane Pope, and Anthony Corrick will serve as pallbearers with Aidan Pope as honorary pallbearer. Friends are invited to visit with the family on Wednesday, two hours prior to service time, beginning at 11 a.m. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Pope family.

Eleanor Falkowski Welsh, 96
Eleanor Falkowski Welsh passed away Feb. 4, 2023, as a resident of Hanceville Nursing & Rehab, in Hanceville, Alabama. Eleanor was born in Loraine, Ohio, and as a family they moved to Brooklyn, New York, where Eleanor became Class President at Brooklyn High School. Many times, she bragged about how courageously and ambitiously she fought against a new Catholic school recently built wanting to combine the graduating classes. She fought and won their right to retain their all-girl school individuality. In doing so, they graduated with their all-girl class as a family without any new classmates. Eleanor's dad arrived in America aboard ship via Ellis Island. When her mother married Julious Falkowski, due to immigration laws at that time, she lost her citizenship. Later she became a native-born, naturalized American citizen. During WWII Eleanor became an office worker version of Rosie the Riveter and was also a Volunteer USO member entertaining troops. Retiring in Cullman, Alabama, in 1980 turned out to be their destiny. They ventured out and became members of everything in the Cullman community and were faithful servants of Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ. She was a loving mother to three sons and one daughter. Eleanor was involved in everything she could and was a fantastic artist and singer. The posters, when she sang for the USO, had been lost in the tornado of 1988 along with most memorabilia from her early life. Eleanor was preceded in death by her husband, soulmate, and best friend, William "Bill" Welsh in 2022. They were married for 74 years. They were elected longest married couple in Alabama in 2020. Thank you Cindy and Mark. Eleanor was also preceded in death by her son, Glenn Welsh; father, Julious Falkowski; mother, Josephine Rogalski Falkowski; sister, Helen Hnat; brothers, Steven Falkowski and Joseph Falkowski. She is survived by sons, Gary (Rose) Welsh and John Welsh; daughter, Janet (Curtis) Doyle; grandsons, Billy (Lakeisha) Welsh and Zack Welsh; two granddaughters, Jessi (Chris) Brogan and Juliet Welsh; and one great-grandson, Lawrence Brogan.

Joan Evelyn Ballard Cole, 87
Joan Evelyn Ballard Cole passed from this life and began her journey to meet her Redeemer face to face on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023 at the age of 87. She was pre-deceased by her parents William Howard Ballard and Verla Evelyn Barnett Ballard, sister Gail Ballard Johnston; and her sons Gary Randall Cole, Lyle Wade Cole (wife Becky), Lesley Paul Cole and daughter-in-law Becky. She is survived by her adoring husband of 67 years, Paul Willard Cole and son Mark Vann Cole (wife Rhonda). She is lovingly remembered by her grandchildren Elliott Cole, Robyn Rice, Catie Kilgore, Philip Cole, Tyler Cole, Rachel Cole, DeLana Clemons, Tanner Cole, Falyn Cochran; great-grandchildren Rebecca Feather, Dausen Mason, Barrett Mason, Meadow Cole and Isabel Clemons. Mrs. Cole spent her entire life as a resident of the City of Hanceville, a city she loved dearly. She was an active member of the community and enjoyed serving others. Her favorite places to vacation were Gulf Shores and Orange Beach with her boys. She was a lifelong educator, inspiring many students at Hanceville High School to achieve their goals. She had a unique way of making each of her children and grandchildren feel valued, special and important. Joan is a teacher in death as she was in life. Her body was donated to science at UAB Medical School, therefore no visitation will be held. If anyone wishes to send condolences, please make a donation to St. Jude Children's Hospital in memory of Joan.

Coleman Berl Harris, 82
Funeral service for Coleman Berl Harris, 82, of Vinemont, will be 1 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 9, 2023, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Larry Woods will officiate the service. The interment will be at Mt. Hope Baptist Cemetery. The visitation will be noon until 1 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 9, 2023, prior to the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Harris family. Mr. Harris was born March 8, 1940, to Ervin & L E Thornton Harris. He passed away Feb. 4, 2023, at UAB West. Coleman was a very beloved Father, Paw Paw, Brother, Uncle and friend to many. With a gentle spirit, a keen whit and an unwavering love for his family and Jesus, he touched many lives. He was a lifelong resident and business owner in Cullman, serving the community with the Better Hearing Centers for over 40 years in Cullman and other locations. Coleman worshiped at Ridgecrest Community Church in Vinemont. In his earlier years, Coleman excelled in basketball playing for Cold Springs High School and Walker Jr. College. He also proudly served his country in the United State Air Force and the Alabama Air National Guard. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ervin & L E Thornton Harris; sister, Ella Jean Marchman; his son, Raymond Mark Harris. Mr. Harris is survived by his daughter, Karen (Steve) Gunnells; brothers, Kelton Harris, Dennis (Carol) Harris; grandchildren, Drake (Meagan) Harris, Grace Gunnells, Coleman Gunnells; great-grandchildren, Adalyn Harris, Aleigha Harris; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. PallBearers will be, Steve Gunnells, Coleman Gunnells, Dennis Harris, Jason Harris, Kelton Harris (honorary), Robert Colville, Mitchell Rice. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy can be posted to www.cullmanfuneralhome.com for the Harris family.

Nellie Gay Pace, 83
Funeral service for Nellie Gay Pace, age 83, of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 10, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rev. Trueman Davis officiating; interment in Bethsadia Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Pace passed away Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023, at her residence. She was born Jan. 25, 1940, to Ottis Allen Holderfield and Mary E. Holderfield. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, James Orvil Pace Sr.; and five brothers and sisters. Survivors include her children, Lonnie (Shelia) Dulz Jr., Valarie Barnard, Anne (Bobby) Mikel, Rodney (Debra) Dulz, James (Stephanie) Pace Jr.; a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and sister, Margie (Don) Stevenson.

Margie Ann Sexton, 80
The graveside service for Margie Ann Sexton, 80, of Cullman, will be 2 p.m., Friday, Feb. 10, 2023, at the Simcoe Methodist Cemetery. Bro. Troy Puckett will officiate the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Sexton family. Mrs. Sexton was born March 25, 1942, to Albert W. and Wynell Smith Golden. She passed away Feb. 7, 2023, at the Cullman Regional Medical Center. She loved her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends and with her church family at Simcoe Community Church. Her likes included line dancing, walking and gardening. She was preceded in death by her parents, Albert W. and Wynell Smith Golden; brother-in-law, Kenneth Graham and nephew, Craig Graham. Mrs. Sexton is survived by her husband of 64 years, Leonard Bryant Sexton; sons, Tim (Jan) Sexton, Jeff Sexton; daughters, Sandy (Mark) Walker, Christy (Austin) Howell; sisters, Hilda Graham, Brenda (James) Creel, June Shedd; grandchildren, Kyle Sexton, Kory Sexton, Emily Boaz, Austin Fullilove, K.T. Barnes, Hagen Walker, Allison Whitworth, Summer Moon, Bryant Pruett; great-grandchildren, Ava Jane Sexton, Owen Boaz, Finley Whitworth, London Boaz; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy can be posted to www.cullmanfuneralhome.com for the Sexton family.

John Albert Redding, 75
A Celebration of Life service for John Albert Redding, 75, of Cullman will be held Thursday, Feb. 9, 2023, from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at K and S Barn in Fairview. The address is 8575 Alabama Highway 69, Cullman, AL. Mr. Redding passed away on Feb. 7, 2023, he was born June 11, 1947 to Gilbert Lee and Catherine Brooks Redding. The family request that no flowers be sent and that a donation be made to St. Jude in his memory. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Redding family. Mr. Redding was preceded in death by his parents, Gilbert Lee and Catherine Brooks Redding; three brothers, Carson, Willie Lee and Jack Redding; two sisters, Ruby Jo Redding, Loy Buchannan. He is survived by a son, Wade Redding; daughter, Anita (Matt) Tatro; brother, George (Elizabeth) Redding; 3 sisters, Verdeara Sizemore, Margaet Bowser, Francis (Nick) Monk; grandchildren, Chris and Kelsie Redding, Nichole and James Taylor, Adam Turner, Jesse Caleb (Ashley) Saab, Robert Saab; great-grandchildren, Jase, Carter, Kipton and Matthew. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy can be posted to www.cullmanfuneral home.com for the Redding family.

Reba Winnell Crow, 95, of Eva
Funeral service for Reba Winnell Crow, age 95, of Eva, will be at 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; interment in Gum Pond Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Crow passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023, at her residence. She was born March 30, 1927, to Blash and Gathy Ozbolt. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Daniel Crow; brothers, Edward Ozbolt and Joe Ozbolt; and sisters, Imelda Mann and Drucilla Nichols. Survivors include her son, Ron Crow; sisters, Ermaline Caudle and Annie (S.D.) Childers; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Pauline Collins, 80
Pauline Collins, age 80, of Linden, North Carolina, formerly of Haleyville, Alabama, passed away Friday, Feb. 3, 2023, at Duke University Hospital in Durham, North Carolina. Pauline was born on Feb. 17, 1942, in Haleyville, Alabama. A visitation will be held Friday, Feb. 10, 2023, from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where the service will be held at 2 p.m. Burial will follow in Bethel #2 Church Cemetery. Pauline is survived by her daughter, Lisa Renay Schmidt of Fox Lake, IL; granddaughters, Brittney Schmidt of North Carolina, and Savannah Schmidt of Wisconsin; grandson, Daniel Lewis Schmidt of Wisconsin; three great grandchildren, Julia Renay of Wisconsin, Greyson of North Carolina, and Nolan James of North Carolina; brother, Terry Ray McNutt of Wisconsin; sister, Ellen Fay Seaberry of Linden, North Carolina and her husband, Roy H. Seaberry; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kyle Collins; and parents, James McNutt and Eula Willis Cole.

Mary Alice Willingham, 90
Funeral service for Mary Alice Willingham, 90, of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m., Monday, Feb. 13, 2023, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Cullman City Cemetery, Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. prior to the service. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Willingham passed away Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023, at Summerford Nursing Home. She was born Oct. 2, 1932, to John Mack & Georgia M. Hinkle Livingston. She was married to Roy 'Red' Willingham for many years. She was a well-known dog groomer in Cullman and owned Mary's Poodle Parlor. She also raised English Bulldogs. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Roy 'Red' Willingham; grandson, J.R. McDearmond and her brothers and sisters. Survivors include her daughters, Phebe McDearmond, Mitzi (Buford) Wood; grandchildren, Rebecca Bailey (Jason Bladow), Orie McDearmond; several great-grandchildren; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

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Wallace State partners with Fairview High School to provide free haircuts to students

Brad Whittington
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College is partnering with Fairview High School to provide free haircuts to students. Students in Wallace State's Salon and Spa Management program will travel to the Fairview campus twice a month to offer free hair services to any student who wants to participate. The program, referred to as Shaggie Aggie, will take place the first and third Thursday of the month.

"This gives our students an opportunity to come out and give back, work on their communications skills, cutting and styling skills, and be able to hang out with some awesome students," said Sabrina Flanigan, department chair for Wallace State's Salon and Spa Management program.

"Our students were super excited when we were approached with the opportunity to come to Fairview High School. We brought eight students with us today to and we have almost 70 students in our program."

Fairview High School Principal Chris Gambrill said, "We're very fortunate to have Wallace State in our community. It's a great partnership and we're so thankful Wallace State is doing this; I know our students are thankful. I think this program will continue to grow."

The partnership kicked off on Thursday, Feb. 2, with eight Salon and Spa Management students and more than 50 Fairview High School students participating.

Wallace State's state-of-the-art facilities provide students with training in the full salon-spa experience. The program offers associate degrees and certificates. Learn more about the Salon and Spa Management program by visiting www.wallacestate.edu or calling 256-352-8197.

The spring 2023 semester is currently underway. Mini Term II classes will begin March 8. Register today at www.wallacestate.edu or call 256-352-8000 for more information. Registration for summer and fall terms is set to begin in April.



WALLACE STATE

Students from Wallace State Community College's Salon and Spa Management program cut and style hair for Fairview High School students in the first Shaggie Aggie session held at the school on Thursday, Feb. 2.

Former U.S. Poet Laureate Joy Harjo named 2023 Harper Lee Award recipient

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONROEVILLE, Ala. — The Monroeville Literary Festival will present this year's Harper Lee Award to former U.S. Poet Laureate Joy Harjo March 4 at the Old Courthouse Museum in Monroeville. Selected by a committee of writers and scholars, the annual award recognizes the lifetime achievement of a writer either born in Alabama or strongly connected to the state. It is funded by the generous sponsorship of Harper Lee LLC and is one of the top Southern literature awards. Previous winners include E.O. Wilson, Winston Groom, Rick Bragg and Fannie Flagg.

Harjo is an internationally renowned performer and writer of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. She served three terms as the 23rd Poet Laureate of the United States from 2019-2022 and is the first Native American to hold the honor. Winner of the 2022 Academy of American Poets Leadership Award, she examines the power of words and how poetry summons us toward justice and healing.

"Joy Harjo is one of the great American writers of our time. All her artistry has deep ties, familial and spiritual, to the state of Alabama," said selection committee member Frye Gaillard. "Ms. Harjo is a member of the Muskogee Nation – and celebrates a connection to her Alabama homeland that was broken, but not erased, by the Trail of Tears. We are honored to celebrate that tie by naming Ms. Harjo the 2023 winner of the Harper Lee Award. If Miss Lee's masterwork, 'To Kill a Mockingbird,' was, as she said, a novel of empathy and justice, Joy Harjo's writings are a powerful heir to that tradition."

Harjo is the author of nine books of poetry, including the highly acclaimed "An American Sunrise," several plays and children's books and two memoirs, "Crazy Brave" and "Poet Warrior." Her many honors include the Ruth Lily Prize for Lifetime Achievement from the Poetry Foundation, the Academy of American Poets Wallace Stevens Award, two NEA fellowships and a Guggenheim Fellowship. As a musician and performer, Harjo has produced seven award-winning music albums. She lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The festival, a project of the Monroe County Museum, will bring best-selling writers and readers together in the Literary Capital of Alabama Friday, March 3, and Saturday, March 4. Most events take place in the courtroom of the Old Courthouse Museum, famous as the setting of "To Kill a Mockingbird." All readings and discussions are free, but advanced paid tickets are required for the opening reception and Saturday lunch.

"We have an exciting lineup of authors this year, and attendees can expect a full weekend of captivating readings, enlightening discussions, amusing conversations and Monroeville's famous brand of hospitality," said festival director Gail Deas. "Our courtroom is one of the South's most celebrated literary destinations, and hearing authors read there is pure magic."

In addition to Joy Harjo, this year's featured writers include Robert McCammon, Patti Callahan Henry, Mary Kay Andrews, Jacqueline Allen Trimble, Lisa McNair, Charles Ghigna, Debra Ghigna, Robert Inman, Jennifer Horn, Scott Peacock and Michael Martone. A full schedule of events and registration details can be found at www.MonroevilleLiteraryFestival.com or by calling the museum at 251-575-7433 or emailing info@MonroevilleLiteraryFestival.com.

Find out more about Harjo at www.joyharjo.com.



MONROEVILLE LITERARY FESTIVAL

Joy Harjo

Continuance (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The conditional use request for multifamily dwellings on John H. Cooper Drive Southeast off Old Hanceville Highway was withdrawn by attorney Matthew Carter at the Cullman Planning Commission meeting on Monday, Feb. 6.

The proposed project, consisting of 12 apartment buildings housing 400 units, was met with opposition during its public hearing by proprietors of neighboring businesses. Business owners from Klopfer Painting, located at 1645 John H. Cooper Drive SE and Goat Island Brewing, at 1646 John H. Cooper Drive SE voiced their opinions on the project and how apartments and those residing in them would negatively impact their businesses.

"We're not opposed to building. We're just opposed to apartments," said Charlie Klopfer. "First of all we don't even know what kind of apartments. We don't know if it's going to be low-income housing, government subsidized or anything like that. That's the main thing we're worried about.

"Once they're built and brand new, they look all great and wonderful and then, four or five years down the road, what do you got? You know the type of people that will live there and all that. That's our biggest complaint right there."

"Same concerns," echoed Goat Island's Brad Glenn. "We don't know anything about what's coming, and if there's another kind of property, we won't have any opposition to it. We have a lot of customers there and we have a lot of parking. We're up and down John Cooper Drive and our concern is if it's low income. Having been a policeman here for 28 years, I have a little bit of experience with that and I know what kind of crimes come with it so that's my concern."

The planning commission noted the need for traffic and hydrology studies for the project and, after reviewing the conditional use code form and areas that were lacking in the request, Carter asked for the project to be continued to allow time for a more thorough request.

In other business, a proposed site plan for the redevelopment of Chick-Fil-A, located on Cherokee Avenue Southwest, was approved with contingencies. The structure was built in 2003, and the plan calls for a new 5,058-square-foot building with new drive-thru lanes and additional parking in the same location.

An annexation request for 1711 Talley Ho St. SW, which will allow for the expansion of the North Alabama Agriplex, was approved to be recommended to the Cullman City Council as were properties located at:

- 48 County Road 1474
- Three parcels along County Road 1402 (with contingencies)

Lastly, a short form subdivision to combine three lots into one on Lake George, County Road 1335, was approved.

Theatre (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — As opening night and the inevitable curtain calls near, the cast and crew of Cullman Community Theatre's (CCT) "Steel Magnolias" are busy at work putting the finishing touches on the play, which is sacred among women of the South. Scheduled to run Feb. 16-19 at the Traditions Bank venue, CCT's first 2023 performance sold out in days, making it the hottest ticket in town.

"We originally opened our ticket sales with 150 seats per show with four performances and we had fully sold out three days later," shared Noah Carpenter. "Our team met that day and expanded each show to accommodate the continued heavy demand, and by the end of the same week we had over 200 tickets sold per performance. I have continued to receive calls and requests as recently as last night! Selling out is an incredible problem to have; this is a show that we know will sell out every year and so far in our three-year history of holding it that proves true. This is definitely the fasted year though!"

Written by Dothan, Alabama, native Robert Harling in 1985, "Steel Magnolias" was off-Broadway by 1987 and on the big screen in 1989. The film version starred several revered actresses, including Sally Field, Dolly Parton, Julia Roberts, Shirley MacLaine, Daryl Hannah and Olympia Dukakis.

"'Steel Magnolias' is a picture of a slice of Southern culture," said Director Rodney Basenburg. "It brings to life many delightful characters that we know from growing up in the South. The playwright uses comedy and dramatic moments to present this story based on real life occurrences."

He continued, "We have an extremely good cast for this production. Several of the ladies are experienced actresses. Others have much less, to zero, experience. They have joined together to make a perfect cast. Others have played important roles as support personnel. It takes several people to pull off a live production. The best part is how the cast and crew have become a family and have become lifelong friends."

Formed in the summer of 2018, CCT has grown in leaps and bounds since.

"Our first show was 'The Music Man,' a Cullman favorite made famous locally by its time on stage at East Elementary led by CCT Board Member and current President Cindy Pass," Carpenter shared of the early days of the theater.

"It's been great to see the growth from 20 or so people in our first interest meeting and 30 or so people in our first cast to the numbers we see today. It really speaks volumes about the importance of having a community theater in Cullman.

"We have a community where that so passionately supports the performing arts now and it is so incredible to see and hear the stories of members of our community whose lives have been so positively affected by the work we do in this organization, both stage and from the audience."

The show for CCT must go on before the curtain is even raised for "Steel Magnolias." It has just secured the rights to "Children of Eden," which will be its summer musical.

"Our team is super excited to jump into that project and bring a new show to our community that they may not be as familiar with," said Carpenter. "We are also in the middle of planning dates for our summer theater camp that we do in partnership with Cullman City Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism which tees us of for our fall children's musical every year! Additionally, we are getting ready for some talks to see how we can be more involved in some of the events and festivals that CPRST holds throughout the year!"

Carpenter is quick to show his appreciation for the City of Cullman and CPRST for their help with CCT and all of its productions.

"It is little-known fact that we are actually under the parks and rec umbrella, and we receive an incredible amount of support from them and the City throughout the year, and we are very excited to become a bigger part in helping them create the festival experiences that our community continues to be known for," he said.

Cast and crew members for "Steel Magnolias" include:

- M'Lynn – Carron Clark
- Shelby – Savannah Smith
- Truvy – Melissa Lawler
- Ouiser – Drenda Walker
- Annelle – Chellie Letson
- Clairee – Laura Harris
- Director – Rodney Basenburg
- Co-Director – Nick Shabel
- Production Operations Director – Noah Carpenter
- Costumes/Makeup – Paige Clabo
- Hospitality/House Manager – Casey Sandlin

