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City to update perimeter of Klein Building

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council on Monday approved a $21,850 bid from Bright Landscapes for materials and installation of sidewalks around the perimeter of the historic Klein Building, the revitalization of which has been spearheaded by local developer Shane Quick. The sidewalk upgrades are necessary for ADA compliance according to City Attorney Roy Williams. The building was built in 1948 by Charles Klein.

Wescoat Free was appointed to the Cullman Industrial Development Board. A public hearing was held for Ordinance 2023-14 to adopt the 2021 International Building Code. The code received a favorable recommendation from the City of Cullman Planning Commission, and no one spoke in favor of or against the ordinance.

In other business, the following agenda items were approved:

• Resolution 2023-28 to award CDBG grant application preparation and administration services through fiscal year 2025 to Community Consultants, Inc.

• Resolution No. 2023-29 to award federal grant application, engineering development and design through fiscal year 2025 to St. John & Associates

The following ordinances were read:

• First reading of Ordinance 2023-14 to adopt the 2021 International Building Code and companion codes, which received a favorable recommendation from the Cullman Planning Commission

• Second reading of Ordinance 2023-15 to annex property owned by the North Alabama Agriplex located at 1711 Tally Ho St. as AG-1 Agricultural District

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Jacobs declares Arbor Week, recognizes poster winners


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Arbor Day poster contest winners Victoria Borucki, Owen Murphy, Landon Jones, Marriah Hain and River Nelson are pictured with Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs and members of the Cullman Tree Commission.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs, along with the Cullman City Tree Commission, on Tuesday declared Feb. 19-25 Arbor Week in the city of Cullman and recognized the local winners of the Arbor Day Poster Contest.

The contest was open to all elementary schools in the city, with three choosing to participate.

Local winners include:

• Victoria Borucki - St. Paul's Lutheran School

• River Nelson - Sacred Heart Elementary School

• Landon Jones - Cullman Christian School

• Owen Murphy - St. Paul's Lutheran School

• Marriah Hain - Cullman Christian School

In addition to winning first place at Cullman Christian School, Hain won first place at the state level for her entry.

Arbor Day is an observance dedicated to planting and appreciating trees. It has been celebrated in the United States since 1872 when J. Sterling Morton proposed it at a meeting of the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture. That first Arbor Day was April 10, 1872, and more than 1 million trees were planted that year alone. Today, all 50 states celebrate some form of Arbor Day.

Cullman has been recognized as a Tree City USA for the 35th consecutive year by the Arbor Day Foundation due to the diligent work of the Cullman Tree Commission and community support.

Arbor Day serves as a reminder to appreciate and protect existing trees.

As valuable resources for our environment, tree provide shade from the hot summer sun, oxygen to breathe and homes for wildlife.

According to the Arbor Day Foundation, "Over the past 30 years, trees have removed more than 708 million tons of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere - the equivalent of taking nearly 15 million cars off U.S. roads!"

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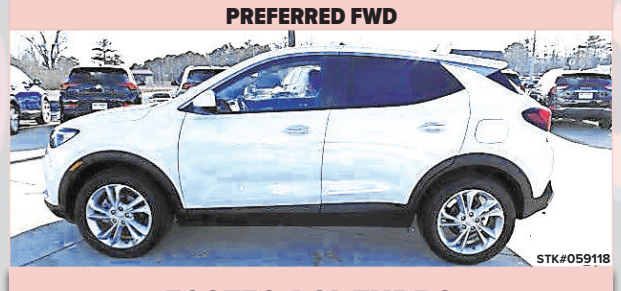
City school board recognizes student, teacher achievements » PAGE 8

Community gathers for Empty Bowls



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The Wallace State Community College Art Department's Adrian Scott and Ramon Daniel, along with potters Sandra Abbott, Patti Bostick, Lynn Jetton and Marie Rhodes, donated many bowls at Monday's Empty Bowls of Cullman County event. » PAGE 6

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Feb. 22

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Feb. 22, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

No incidents reported.

ARRESTS

Feb. 16 – 20

Darnell, Lucas W.; 31
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Knowles, Michael K.; 51
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Martin, Zachary P.; 37
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Mays, Jessica L.; 37
- FTA- permitting dogs to run at large

Owens, Michael W.; 49
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Ray Jr., Phillip E.; 44
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Swafford, Angela M.; 60
- FTA- negotiating worthless instrument

Van Keuren, Austin Chase R.; 26
- Grand Jury- rape-domestic violence
- Grand Jury- sodomy with a woman strong arm

Brown, Thelbert E.; 62
- Probation Revoked- possession of dangerous drugs

Calhoun, Candace A.; 32
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Cater, Darrell B.; 46
- public intoxication

DeLong, Chadd L.; 42
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked, or cancelled (5 counts)
- FTA- expired license
- FTA- improper lights
- FTA- no seat belt
- FTA- operating vehicle without insurance (2 counts)
- FTA- switched tag

Drain, Serenity L.; 18
- possession of dangerous drugs

Gatlin, Aaron S.; 29
- Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs

Gregory, Daniel L.; 44
- public intoxication

Huff, Tonya N.; 33
- causing delinquency, dependency, or need of supervision

Humphries, Nathan S.; 29
- assault-child abuse-simple-family (2 counts)
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Jacobes, Jessica J.; 38
- DUI (controlled substances)

Leak, Amanda J.; 37
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense (2 counts)
- FTA- promote prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- public intoxication (2 counts)

Martin, Ricky D.; 51
- Probation Revoked- possession of dangerous drugs

Myrick, Cynthia W.; 41
- FTA- possession of methamphetamine
- FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft less than $500

Nail, Halie N.; 29
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)

Pate, Cody W.; 36
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- negotiating worthless instrument (5 counts)

Phillips, Shannon D.; 44
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-2nd offense
- FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft $500 less than $1,500
- FTA- using false identity to avoid arrest/hinder prosecution

Pinkard, Jeremy V.; 46
- DUI (alcohol)

Pirkle, Daniel D.; 35
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Powell, Angela Darlene L.; 55
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-2nd offense
- FTA- promote prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Raymond, Robert S.; 40
- Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs
- attempting to elude police officer

Schwenn, Andrew W.; 34
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Sickler, Michael S.; 34
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Tester, David B.; 38
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of synthetic narcotic

Thomas, Tammy W.; 52
- FTA- unauthorized use of other vehicle-no force

Wallace, Amber M.; 45
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- using false identity to avoid arrest/hinder prosecution

Wasburn, Jodie R.; 41
- FTA- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA- promote prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (5 counts)
- FTA- fugitive from justice
- FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous
- FTA- public intoxication (3 counts)
- FTA- criminal trespass
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked, or cancelled

Weaver, Donnie R.; 33
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Feb. 16
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; Main Ave. SW; catalytic converters; $3,000
- criminal trespass; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157

Feb. 18
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157
- theft of property-4th degree; forgery-3rd degree; person; forged check

Feb. 19
- harassing communications; person

Feb. 20
- criminal mischief-3rd degree; Cullman Long Term Care; Arnold St. NE; damaged property; $325
- domestic violence; criminal mischief-3rd degree; person; Bower Dr. SE; damaged door; $200

Feb. 21
- theft of property-1st degree; identity theft; person; cash
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Olive St. SW

ARRESTS

Feb. 20 – 21

Gold, Thomas A.; 54
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree

Jones, Clinton M.; 34
- theft of property-4th degree

Calhoun, Candace A.; 32
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Martin, Jacob L.; 27
- theft of property-4th degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

CCSO arrest roundup

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) made multiple arrests over the past week, including:

TUESDAY, FEB. 14

Deputies arrested Austin Chase Ray Van Keuren, 26, of Crane Hill, on two grand jury warrants stemming from an incident reported in November 2022.

Van Keuren is charged with rape and sodomy.



CCSO

Austin Chase Ray Van Keuren

SATURDAY, FEB. 18

Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the Trimble community. Nathan Scott Humphries, 29, of Jasper, was identified as the driver.

Two juveniles were in the vehicle as well. A subsequent search of the vehicle allegedly yielded narcotics and paraphernalia.

Humphries was arrested and charged with unlawful possession of methamphetamine, second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia and two counts of child abuse.



CCSO

Nathan Scott Humphries

Deputies arrested Amanda Jane Leak, 37, of Cullman, on multiple failure to appear warrants, including unlawful possession of dangerous drugs, four counts of unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, three counts of public intoxication, promoting prison contraband, trespassing, five counts of shoplifting, criminal mischief, obstruction of justice and resisting arrest. Leak had additional warrants for trespassing and shoplifting.



CCSO

Amanda Jane Leak

SUNDAY, FEB. 19

Deputies arrested Cynthia Wynelle Myrick, 41, of Cullman, on failure to appear warrants for theft and unlawful possession of methamphetamine.



CCSO

Cynthia Wynelle Myrick

MONDAY, FEB. 20

Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the Joppa community. David Bradley Tester, 38, of Guntersville, was identified as the driver.

A subsequent search of the vehicle allegedly yielded narcotics and paraphernalia.

Tester was charged with unlawful possession of methamphetamine, unlawful possession of marijuana, possession of synthetic drugs and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.



CCSO

David Bradley Tester

Fire (from Front)

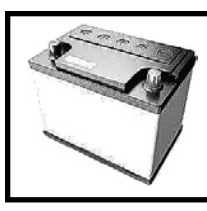
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HOLLY POND, Ala. — An early morning house fire in Holly Pond claimed two lives. Michael Ricky Olinger, 37, and Deborah Veal Olinger, 64, both of Holly Pond, were in the home and died as a result of the fire, said Cullman County Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick.

The fire began at approximately 2 a.m. according to Kilpatrick, who said he was called to the scene shortly after.

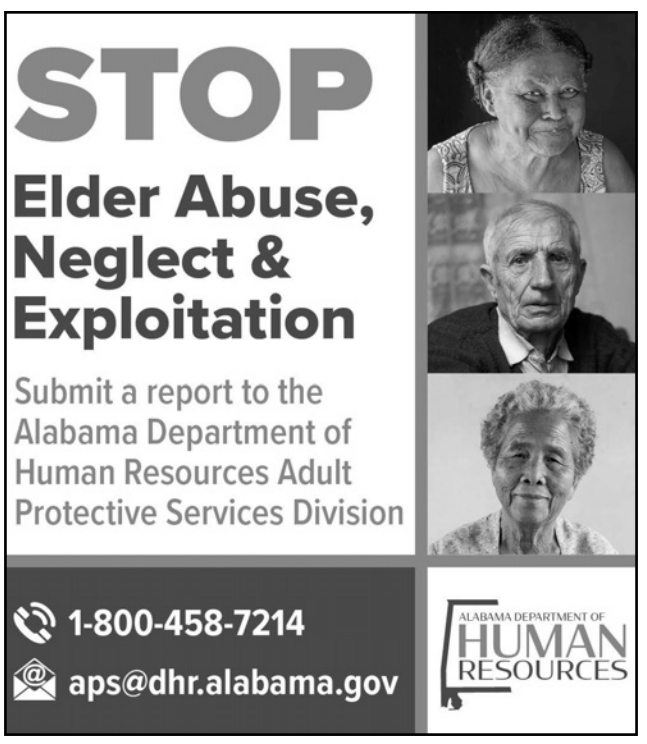
Volunteer firefighters from Baileyton, Berlin, Holly Pond, Joppa and Walter, along with other emergency personnel, responded to the call at the home, located at 2205 County Road 1728.

The cause of the fire is under investigation by Cullman County Sheriff's Office and the Alabama Fire Marshal's Office.



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Public Notice
The Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation District (CCSWCD) is now accepting applications for a $750 scholarship sponsored by the Alabama Conservation District Employees Association. An applicant must be a U.S. citizen, a high school senior and live in Alabama. Applications may be picked up at the District office located 501-B Fourth St. SW, Cullman, AL 35055. You can also contact Kathy Holmes at kholmes@cullmanswcd.com or 256-734-1431. The deadline to receive completed applications in the District office is 4 p.m., March 4, 2023.

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. 24 - 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.
• Sunday, Feb. 26 - 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. 26- 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. The prayer meeting with Bonnie Barrett will be after the morning service. Community Lunch following church service! All are welcome and invited!

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.

Lenten Fish Fries
Fridays (Feb. 24, March 3, March 10), from 5-7 p.m. at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church Family Life Center. Fried or baked fish, fries, coleslaw, hushpuppies, desserts and drinks. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, with proceeds going toward their church work. $12 each for up to four dinners, with additional plates costing only $10 each. Guests can eat inside the gym or obtain meals through a drive-thru line (drinks only available for eat-in meals). Everyone is invited and are encouraged to attend Stations of the Cross in the church at 7 p.m.

Bunco
Friday, Feb. 24, from 6-8 p.m. at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Family Life Center. An evening of entertainment, refreshments, fun and cash rewards. $20 per person or $35 for two players. Everyone welcome. Tickets at the door!

Holly Pond Lions Club Beans and Greens Meal
Saturday, Feb. 25, from 4-7 p.m. at the Holly Pond Lion's Club Building. All you can eat, with cornbread. Don't cook that night; join us for your meal. Eat in or take out. Donations accepted. Proceeds will benefit Lions Club programs. Also, we will accept any and all unused eyeglasses for donation.

Restoring Women Outreach, Inc. Board Meeting
Tuesday, Feb. 28, at noon at the Chamber of Commerce building. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, call 256-727-6531.

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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Check out pictures on PK Estate Sales Facebook and on
House on the hill Estate in Vinemont, AL starts on 2/24/2023 (estate sales.net)

Bid Number 09-23
We are taking bids on lawn care services for Good Hope Elementary, Middle and High School campuses. All bids must be sealed and submitted by March 8th to Dr. John Hood, Good Hope High School, 210 Good Hope School Road, Cullman, AL 35057. The sealed bids will be opened on March 9th at 8:30 am. If you are interested in bidding and have questions, please contact Dr. Hood at 256-734-3807 or jhood@ccboe.org for more information. Your bid will be for mowing two times per month and billed at once per month from April 1 until October 31, 2023.

Bookkeeping/Payroll Clerk – Accounting support staff
Full-time, career minded, accounting support staff, including some or all of the following - administrative support, payroll preparation and tax filing, sales tax, bookkeeping and the ability to professionally interact with clients and coworkers, while maintaining confidentiality of all aspects of the job.
Please send resumes to lcaoffice17@gmail.com.

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SOFTBALL

Cullman takes season-opener over Brewer 5-1

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Lady Bearcats got their season underway against Brewer Tuesday night and Emma Claire Wilson went the distance in her first start of the season to help secure a 5-1 win for the Lady Bearcats.

Wilson gave up a one-out double to start out the game, then quickly battled back to strike out the next two hitters to get out of the inning unscathed.

Haley Shannon reached on a bunt single to lead off the bottom of the first, then she stole second and third base. Taylor Au hit a sacrifice fly to bring home Shannon as Cullman got on the scoreboard first. A leadoff double by the Lady Patriots quickly had them in business to start out the second, then a sacrifice bunt had them 90 feet away from tying the game. Four pitches later, Wilson got out of another jam without giving up a run. Brewer got on the scoreboard in the top of the third as they took advantage of a Cullman error to tie the game up at one on a sacrifice fly. The Lady Bearcats, though, quickly broke the tie in their half. Abby Maples reached on an infield single to lead off the inning, then two outs later, Au crushed a two-run home run over the center field fence to give Cullman a 3-1 lead. Wilson retired the Lady Patriots in order in the fourth, then the Lady Bearcats put up another run in their half. Sadie Graham hit a leadoff single, then later came around to score on an RBI infield single by Kylie Stracener.

Wilson worked around a two-out walk and a single to record yet another inning-ending strikeout in the fifth inning. Au lined a leadoff double to center field, then Wilson would follow suit with one of her own to center field to bring home Au as Cullman pushed their lead to 5-1 in their half of the fifth. That would be more than enough run support for Wilson, who would retire the side in the final two innings and Cullman went on to knock off Brewer 5-1. Au finished with two hits and three RBIs for Cullman. Wilson added a pair of hits and an RBI. Stracener ended up with a hit and an RBI, while Shannon, Graham, and Maples each collected a hit in the game. Wilson went the distance for the Lady Bearcats, giving up just four hits and an unearned run, and striking out 13. She struck out at least two batters in five of her seven innings that she pitched.

Cullman will host Arab Thursday at 4:30 p.m.



PREP TRACK & FIELD

'We want our integrity and work ethic to stand out': Cold Springs' Conellie Philbeck ready for Sophomore season

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BREMEN, Ala. — Last season was another successful one for the Cold Springs' boys and girls track and field teams. Sophomore Conellie Philbeck talked about last season, what all she learned and what it's been like to be part of a special team.

"I feel like last season was a successful one. I think we accomplished a lot. Our boys got the state runner-up title through tight competition. Despite us not winning the state title, I do believe that we still had a successful season," Philbeck said. "I always learn lessons through running. One thing I've learned is that it's important to stick things out through completion, no matter what is thrown at you and no matter what challenges you face. I'm not a natural runner and I'm not the strongest on the team; it can definitely be difficult and frustrating, but I try to have determination to work even harder to be my best."

She added, "I'm blessed to be a part of the cross-country and track-and-field teams. Both teams have had major success. A big reason is because we aim to keep God at the center of our program. God is over everything that we do and without Him, we wouldn't have any success. Without Him, we are nothing. Another reason is we make a conscious effort to keep and honor traditions of the teams before us. We are constantly reminded of this, and I think that affects our success now."

Philbeck has learned a lot from Coach Casey Howell since he started coaching her in seventh grade.

"Coach Howell is a great coach. He is good at his job, and he does things right. He has been my coach since 7th grade, his first as a coach and it was my first year on varsity. I couldn't imagine anyone different," she said.

"I learned a lot from him. I learned that you have to do things the right way, even when it's hard. He teaches me to work hard and have standards. I also have great assistant coaches in Johnny and Janna Huffstutler. They are amazing people I can always count on to be there for me. They also teach us to work hard."

There were eight seniors on last season's team and Philbeck learned so much from them. She talked about what all she will work on to get ready for next season.

"I learned that if you do not work hard, you will not get what you want. We have a lot of tough competition, and we all have to do our part in order to achieve success. I've also learned that we can't all be the top runner to be an important part of our team," she said.

"I feel like I need to work on staying in shape and stretching well to avoid injury. I also want to work on loving my teammates well and having better communication skills to help us be successful next season."

Philbeck has a lot of individual and team goals for next season, and she talks about what will make this team special to watch.

"My individual goals are to work harder, be more positive, and love my teammates like Jesus would. Our team goals are to put God first, keep a positive attitude, continue to have good work ethic, hold each other accountable, and commit to our standards and to each other," she said. "We hope when people see us that they see something different about our team. We want our integrity and work ethic to stand out. That's why I think our team will be special to watch next season."

Philbeck has had her fair share of role models over the years, and she shared some of the advice she received from them.

"I have had plenty of role models over the years. Most of them have graduated, but they are Brooke Crider, Alyssa Jackson, and Ava Akridge. They are all different, but they all have shown me what hard work and being a leader looks like.

"They have also shown me how to love my teammates as well. They have all loved me when I was feeling unlovable. They were really kind and sweet. I couldn't be more grateful for them," she said. "The best advice I've been given since I joined the team is that everyone can't be the top runner, you can be a leader in other ways."



CONELLIE PHILLBECK

Cold Springs' Conellie Philbeck

All-around effort leads No. 17 Auburn to run-rule of North Alabama

George Nunnelley
AU Athletics

MADISON, Ala. — An all-around team effort led No. 17 Auburn to a 13-1 run-rule victory against North Alabama Tuesday night in front of nearly 5,500 fans at Toyota Field in Madison, Ala.

"I have to give our team a lot of credit, especially after Sunday, for the good bounce back," head coach Butch Thompson said. "We really talked about trying to come out today a fight a little bit, and that's about as good of baseball as we can play at this stage of the season."

At the plate, the Tigers tallied a season high 13 runs on 15 hits despite coming to the plate just six times in the seven-inning affair.

"It's important to approach it one game at a time, not to get too carried away, and I think we did a great job of that tonight," Bobby Peirce said. "None through nine we swung it really well, had a lot of hard-hit balls. From a pitching standpoint I don't think we walked anybody. They were awesome pounding the zone."

On the mound, the pitching trio of Konner Copeland, John Armstrong and Chase Isbell allowed one run on five hits and didn't walk a batter while striking out 12.

"It doesn't matter what day of the week we're playing, there's only one game to play," Thompson added. "It should be the game like we're trying to play for the World Series, a SEC game. That's what I liked, the attention to detail here on a Tuesday."

Peirce and Bryson Ware led the way from the plate, going a combined 6-for-7 with two homers and six RBI. Peirce went 3-for-4 with two runs, a homer and three RBI, while Ware went 3-for-3 with a bunt single, double, homer, sacrifice fly and three RBI.

"Like Coach Gross says, I'm just trying to be an athlete and get lost in playing the game," Ware said. "I'm just trying to do all things for my team to help us win. Whatever the game calls for is what I'm trying to do right now."

Auburn (3-1) jumped out to a big lead by plating six in the bottom of the first. With the bases loaded and nobody out, SEC Co-Freshman of the Week Ike Irish picked up where he left off last weekend and got the scoring started with a RBI single to right, his first of three more hits in the game.

Ware doubled the lead with a sacrifice fly to center. Seeing their first action of the season, Ryan Dyal made it 3-0 with a single to center before Madison, Ala., native Cam Hill drove in a pair with a single to nearly the same spot. Kason Howell capped off the six-run first with a RBI fielder's choice to shortstop.

Making his first start of the season and third of his Auburn career, Copeland (1-0, 2.45) retired nine of the first 10 batters he faced with six coming via the strikeout. His six strikeouts through 3.0 innings were two shy of his Auburn career best.

The Tigers extended their lead with three more in the third. Peirce got things started with a two-RBI single to left, and Brody Moss drove in his first run of the season with a sacrifice fly to center.

North Alabama (1-3) was able to get on the scoreboard in the top of fourth, and the Tigers turned to John Armstrong as the first reliever out of the bullpen.

After striking out his batter to end the fourth, Armstrong worked a scoreless fifth before Peirce hit his first homer of the season to make a 10-1 game in the home half of the frame.

Armstrong turned it over to Isbell in the sixth, and the Tigers tacked on three more in the bottom of the inning to extend the lead to 12.

Ware's two-run shot over the pavilion in left field put the Tigers over the 10-run threshold, and Chris Stanfield drove in the final run of the game on his first career hit.

Isbell returned to the mound in the seventh and finished things off with an immaculate inning – three strikeouts on nine pitches.

"It was topped off by Chase Isbell," Thompson said. "That may have been the best couple of innings I've seen him throw in his Auburn career in his second year. All the way around that was a great bounce back."

Due to the weather forecast in the Los Angeles area, this weekend's series between No. 17 Auburn and Southern California has been moved to Plainsman Park. First pitches are scheduled for Friday at 6 p.m, Saturday at 2 p.m. and Sunday at noon.



JACOB TAYLOR/AU ATHLETICS

Bobby Pierce (27) finished with three hits and three RBIs in Auburn's 13-1 win over UNA Tuesday night.

CATA ribbon cutting



AMY LEONARD/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting at the Cullman Area Technology Academy's Cosmetology Department on Tuesday, Feb. 21. The Chamber was joined by cosmetology students and instructors and members of the Cullman County Board of Education.

Good Hope High School pageants set for March 11

Staff Reports
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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — The Good Hope High School Fair Queen Representative, Miss Heritage and Miss Heritage Princess Pageants will be held Saturday, March 11, beginning at 4 p.m. in the school's gymnasium.

Admission is $11.



AMANDA WILLIAMS

Fair Queen Representative contestants are, from left to right, Avery Flynt, Lexi Doss, Jenna Crumpton and Kailey White.



AMANDA WILLIAMS

Miss Heritage Princess contestants are, left to right (bottom row), Brylee Thompson, Kairi Phillips, Chloe Brock, Cameron Graves, Makenzie Fowler and Cori Stevens; (top row), Josie Brinzendine, Anna-Grace Pemberton, Maycie-Grace Nolen, Rose Trousdale, Kloe Abbott, Addyson Burgess, Addison Knight and Courtney Smith. (Not pictured: Shelby Hogan and Mckenzie McDonald)



AMANDA WILLIAMS

Miss Heritage contestants are, left to right (bottom row), Mahayla Dillard, Rudi Derrick, Ashlin Hamm, Jenna Crumpton and Avery Flynt; (top row) Natalie Scott, Debra Mitchell, Reese Fox, Kailey White and Lexi Doss. (Not pictured: Annie Williams)

Perimeter (from Front)

ing of Ordinance 2023-16 to annex properties owned by K & P Land, LLC located on County Road 1402 as R-1 Residential District

• Second reading of Ordinance No. 2023-17 to annex property owned by Judy Broadstreet and Sharon Sullivan located at 48 County Road 1474 as AG-1 Agricultural District

Arbor Week (from Front)

"Whereas, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and,

Whereas, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and,

Whereas, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and,

Whereas, trees can reduce the erosion of our topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and,

Whereas, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products; and,

Whereas, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and,

Whereas, trees are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and,

Whereas, Cullman has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation for the 35th year and desires to continue its tree-planting ways.

Now, therefore, I, Woody Jacobs, Mayor of the City of Cullman, do hereby proclaim the week of February 19-25, 2023, as ARBOR WEEK in the City of Cullman and urge all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands and to support our city's Community Forestry Program.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Cullman to be affixed on this, the 21st day of February, 2023."

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Empty Bowls (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Touching the heart of many on Monday was the return of Empty Bowls of Cullman County, which raised money for the Cullman Caring for Kids (CCK) Food Bank. The goal of the event was to raise money and awareness about hunger issues in the community. As in years before, Cullman First United Methodist Church hosted the dinner in its 18th year.

The generous donations make it possible for the organization to provide meals to hundreds of children and families in need in Cullman County. On average, 10-12 tons of food pass through CCK each month, speaking to the great need in the community. It's estimated that 30% of CCK clients are on a fixed income and/or are elderly.

In addition to being an opportunity for people in the community to come together to fight hunger, Empty Bowls also provoked meaningful conversations about poverty, access to food and inequality throughout the county. Many guests remarked that they felt inspired by what they learned at the event and were driven to do more within their own communities to make a difference.

Each $10 bowl of Three Guys' Famous Gourmet Chili and grilled cheese sold at the event translates to 70 pounds of food to be distributed in the county. Funds were also raised through a silent auction with items donated by Monograms Plus, Southern Accents, MyWay Transportation and many others.

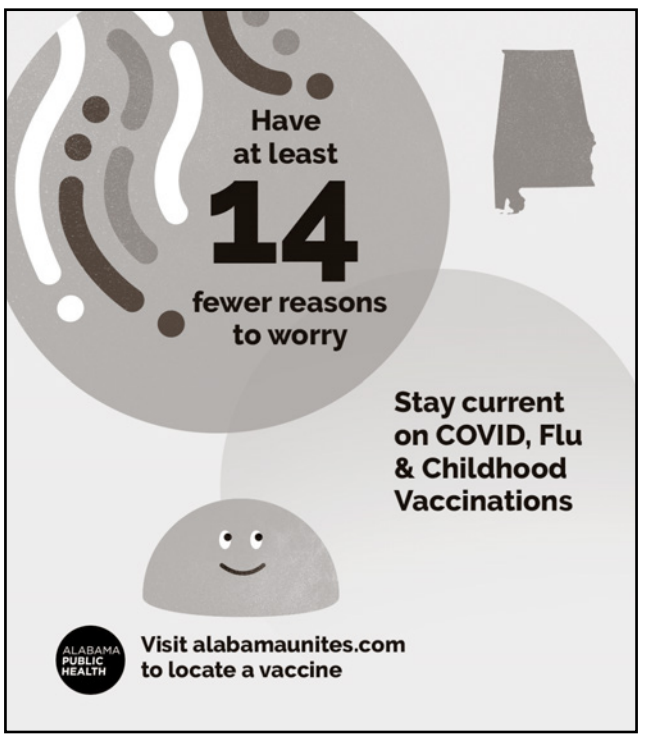
In previous years, those attending Empty Bowls each went home with a souvenir from the event – a ceramic bowl. However, this year there were far fewer ceramic bowls available due to the passing of local potters and Empty Bowls benefactors Wes Abbott and Margaret Kanza.

The Wallace State Community College Art Department's Adrian Scott and Ramon Daniel, along with potters Sandra Abbott, Patti Bostick, Lynn Jetton and Marie Rhodes, donated many bowls that were available for an additional donation.

CCK Senior Director Javon Daniel said on Tuesday that the total amount of money raised had not yet been determined and would be available at a later date.









LEGALS

Pursuant to Alabama code 32-13-1, Earl's Body Shop, Inc, will offer for sale at Public Auction the following vehicles on March 25, 2023, at 7:00 a.m.
2015 Volvo, Vin.#4V4NC9EH6FN908517
2001 Buick LeSabre, Vin.#1G4HP54K11U274305

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicle, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned motor vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80:
2006 Hyundai Sonata, Vin. #5NPEU46F56H073924.
This vehicle will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at Lucas Auto Repair, 10271 US Highway 31, Hanceville, Alabama, 35077, on Friday, March 24, 2023, at 8:00 a.m.

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2023-005

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF SEAN WESLEY CARNAGEY AND HOLLY RENA CARNAGEY TO ADOPT E.R.C.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: UNKNOWN FATHER OF E.R.C.
WHOSE IDENTITY, ADDRESS AND/OR WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of E.R.C., a minor child (born on December 5, 2018, to Courtney Allison Collins), was filed on the 19th day of January, 2023, in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Sean Wesley Carnagey and Holly Rena Carnagey. Please be advised should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama, 35055.

DONE this 21st day of February, 2023.

Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR SUCCESSIVE WEEKS.

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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.

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF D.S.H.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 01/04/2019
CASE NO.: AD2022-089

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: **UNKNOWN FATHER OF A CHILD D.S.H, BORN JANUARY 4, 2019, TO SHAYLYND LATASHA HURST**

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by George Earl Nunn and Anita Sue Nunn, 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 15th DAY OF February, 2022.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Melvin Hasting
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Cullman, AL 35056

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF)
)
N.G.E.,) CASE NO.: PC-2023-039
A minor child.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION TO APPOINT CONSERVATOR

TO: **KATIE JOHNS, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER OF N.G.E. A MINOR CHILD**

Please take notice that a *Petition to Appoint Conservator* has been filed by Johnathan Douglas Eady, Petitioner, by and through Attorney, Shay Persall. A hearing on said *Petition to Appoint Conservator* has been **SET FOR THE 11TH day of APRIL, 2023, AT 10:00 A.M.**, Cullman County Courthouse, Probate Office Room 101, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this 14th day of February, 2023.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

Shay Persall
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

JESSE DWIGHT GREGORY,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2023-000057.00**

NIRVANA MERCEDEZ LYNN PARKER,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Nirvana Mercedez Lynn Parker, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Jesse Dwight Gregory's Complaint for Divorce by April 10, 2023 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against her in Case Number 25-DR-2023-000057.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 7th day of February, 2023.

Lisa McSwain
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
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
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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Obituary Announcements: Feb. 21-22

Clara Parker Smith, 81
The memorial service for Clara Parker Smith, 81, of Cullman, will be 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 26, 2023, at Baldwin Church of Christ. The burial will follow the service. Mrs. Smith passed away Feb. 12, 2023, at her residence. She was born July 1, 1941, to Robert Wesley and Lovie Hogan Parker. Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her son, Danny gobble; daughter, Sandra Harbison; brother, Bill Rigby; sisters, Sharon (Larry) Hamilton, Joyce Gaskill; grandchild, Daniel Harbison. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy can be posted to www.cullmanfuneralhome.com for the Smith family. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Smith family.

Ronald L. Hogue, 78
Ronald L. Hogue, 78, was born Aug. 19, 1944, in Cullman County and passed away Feb. 20, 2023. He was the first born child of Thurman L. and Myrtle L. Hogue of Battleground, Alabama. Mr. Hogue was preceded in death by his parents; his maternal grandparents, William Robert and Katie Hogan Turrentine; his paternal grandparents, Ottis and Maudie Hudson Hogue; niece, Charla Osborne, nephew Chad Osborne and son-in-law, Kevin G. Wahl. He is survived by his daughters, Leigh Wahl of Nashville, Tennessee and Kristen (Jeremy) Clute of Huntsville; sisters, Janice (Charles) Osborne of Cullman and Carol (Mark) England of Falkville; grandchildren, Grace (Clayton) Chamness of Nashville, Tennessee, Lizzie Clute of Huntsville and Jacob Clute of Nashville, Tennessee; nieces, Chastity (Lavon) Wilhite of Falkville and Kari Osborne of Hoover; great nieces, Rylee Presnall of Falkville and Olivia Gregg of Falkville; great-great niece, Brindly Haggard of Falkville and his beloved companion, his pup, Lucy, of Cullman. Mr. Hogue was a 1961 graduate of West Point High School and received a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from St. Bernard College in 1965, graduating cum laude. He received his Master's Degree from A & M University with concentration in Business and Accounting. He was the owner and operator of AAA Bookkeeping in Cullman. He was an avid reader of all things history and received the Public Servant Award having served 20 plus years with the Cullman County Library Board. At his passing he was chairman of the Cullman County Public Library Board. He received the Alabama Library Association's Public Servant Award. He was a long time member of Grace Episcopal Church. He enjoyed getting together with his many colleagues, family and friends for a yearly wine and cheese party. A graveside service will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Cullman County Public Library or Grace Episcopal Church. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Hogue family.

Tracy Painter, 48
Tracy Painter, age 48, of Haleyville, Alabama, passed away Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022. Tracy was born Oct. 30, 1974. The family will receive friends Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023 from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where a memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Tracy is survived by her sons, Ethan Odom and Riley Odom; grandson, Samuel Tittle; mother, Yolanda Clareese Curry Painter; sister, Sherry Painter; brother, Buddy Painter; niece, Emily Painter; and other nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Vollie Preston Painter Sr.; and sister, Sarah Brannon.

Robert Nathaniel Jones, 89
Funeral service for Robert Nathaniel Jones, of Cullman, will be held Friday, Feb. 24, 2023, at 11 a.m. at the Cullman Funeral Chapel. The family will receive friends and family Thursday evening from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Brother Steve Rodgers will officiate the service. Burial will be held at the Hopewell Baptist Church Cemetery located in Hanceville, Alabama. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Jones Family. Mr. Jones was born July 15, 1933, to Alvin and Leolor Williamson Jones, and is preceded in death by his parents, his son, Marlon Jones, step-daughter, Sherry Creel, sisters, Agnes Cummings, Annie Doris Ponder, brothers, Cicel, Dothan, James, Albert, Elwin, Gene Jones. Survivors are his wife, Emma Jean Hines Jones; his son, Robert Nathan Jones; step-daughter, Sandra (Phillip) Hampton, along with 11 grandchildren , Melanda Jones, Landon (Amber) Jones, Dustin (Brooke) Jones, Candice (Rusty) Hampton Brown, Clint (Jordan) Jones, Cory (Morgan) Hampton; great-grandchildren, Madison Pirkle, Hunter Givens, Cailee iven, Kinzlee Barbee, Kooper Jones, Andrew Jones, Brynlee Jones, Riley Brown, Ryan Brown, Reagan Brown, Jaxton Jones, Karsyn Jones, John Jones; and, a host of family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Carrel Wesley Neal, 91
Carrel Wesley Neal, 91, of Holly Pond, Alabama, passed away Tuesday, Feb.21, 2023, due to complications from kidney and bladder cancer. He was preceded in death by his loving parents, Chalmers and Malinda (Yates) Neal and his elder brother, J.B. (Dorothy) Neal. Carrel's name was derived from the date of his birth: Christmas Day, 1931. At age one, he contracted polio which caused life-long damage to one leg. Carrel never complained about polio (except for when he was not allowed to serve with his peers during the Korean War). Instead, as Carrel told the story, his parents and older brother constantly encouraged him and instilled a belief that he would lead a full and industrious life, if he was persistent and worked harder than his peers. They were right, as polio did nothing to diminish Carrel's life or dim his light over the next nine decades. Carrel's family moved to Holly Pond from nearby Rock Springs as Carrel entered primary school, and he remained a Holly Pond fixture for the remainder of his life. He married the love of his life, Eula Mae (Gray) Neal of Blountsville, in March 1950, and graduated from Holly Pond High School weeks later. After marriage, Carrel began a long career as a truck driver, proud Teamster and Mason, and farmer. Upon retirement from American Freight in 1981, Carrel and Eula Mae continued operating their poultry and cattle farm, and began operating convenience stores and related tire shops in the area, including Neal's Tire & Lube located in the heart of Holly Pond. Carrel could be found working tirelessly well into his late 70s and his business acumen never waned. He was extremely proud of Holly Pond and its growth during his lifetime. A Cullman County Republican long before it became en vogue, he supported many candidates in the community with his time and resources. Carrel loved to play Rook and discuss politics with anyone who was willing to listen. He was a connoisseur of banana pudding and Seinfeld. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family, planning the next family reunion, and discussing family genealogy and related stories. Papa Neal, as he was known to his grandchildren and great-children, taught them what it means to be a family, including being present, as well as providing support and unceasing encouragement to one another. Carrel is survived by his loving wife of almost 73 years, Eula Mae Neal, whom Carrel adored; sister Marie Neal (Alvin (deceased)) Carr; brother Wayne (Gail) Neal; son, Donny (Leigh) Neal; son Mike (Rhonda) Neal; son David (Nina) Neal; son Mark (Sarah) Neal. He is also survived by six grandchildren, Brian Neal, Kyle Neal, Lauren Neal Pendley, Bekah Neal Stephens, D.J. Neal, J.W. Neal and nine great-grandchildren, Molly Neal, Owen Neal, Eliza Gray Neal, Scarlett Neal, Ryker Neal, Scout Neal, Beau Stephens, Abigail Neal, and Benjamin Stephens. A visitation will be held from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, 2023 at Holly Pond Funeral Home. Funeral service will be held at Holly Pond Funeral Home on Friday, Feb. 23, 2023, at 2 p.m. Thereafter, Carrel will be laid to rest in the Holly Pond Cemetery, where Brian Neal, Kyle Neal, D.J. Neal, J.W. Neal, Scott Stephens, and Terry Carr will serve as pallbearers. In lieu of flowers, please send a donation in the name of Carrel to the Holly Pond Cemetery via check made payable to "Holly Pond Cemetery" and mail to the following address: Holly Pond Cemetery, c/o Carolyn Bryan, 904 County Road 694, Holly Pond, AL 35083. Obituary provided by the Neal family. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Neal family.

Sarah Faye "Sally" Bailey, 86
Sarah Faye "Sally" Bailey, 86, of Hayneville, Alabama, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023, after a brief illness in Prattville Baptist Hospital. She was born Nov. 10, 1936, in Cullman county to William A.V. McKinnley Coleman and Myrtle Jane Phillips Coleman. Sally was a devoted wife, a mother of four children and most of all she loved her Lord Jesus Christ. She raised chickens, worked in nursing homes and served in church daycares. On July 23, 1968, while sweeping the kitchen floor, Sally found her Lord and maker. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Oxford in Oxford, Alabama and recently attended Letohatchee Baptist Church in Letohatchee, AL. Sally enjoyed sewing, reading the Bible, watching HGTV, and blessing her grandchildren with baked sweets. And "on that part then", she spent her entire life loving and serving her family, her church and God. Sally married Carlton Junior Bailey in 1956 and they were together for over 42 years. She is proceeded in death by her parents William A.V. McKinnley Coleman and Myrtle Jane Phillips Coleman, her siblings Donald Thomas "Bud" Coleman and Nona Venora "Veno" Coleman Weldon, her children Rita Fay Bailey and Danny Junior Bailey, and her son-in-law Jeffery Wayne Laymon. She is survived by her daughters Melinda Ann Bailey Laymon of Hayneville, AL and Kathy Ann Bailey Beitel (Donovan) of Lincoln, Alabama. Grandchildren include Devan Geoffrey Beitel (Ciara) of Eustis, Florida; Daniel Kyler Beitel (Ashley) of Alexandria, Alabama; Autumn McKinley Laymon (Shaun Giddens) of Montgomery, Alabama; step grandson Cody Alexander Laymon (Daphne) of Milton, Florida. Great grandchildren include Kyler Andrew Beitel and Jenson Wayne-Donnes Giddens. Step grandchildren include Dyson Jay Brown, Graciee Annette Brown, Gabriel Alexander Laymon, Elisha James Laymon, and Evan Asa Laymon. As well as a whole host of nieces and nephews. A visitation will be held Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023, from 11 a.m. until noon at Cullman Funeral Home, 461 U.S. Highway 278 E, Cullman, AL, 35055, followed by the funeral at noon. She will be laid to rest at Etha Baptist Church Cemetery in Cullman, Alabama. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to Rainbow Omega, In Memory of Sarah Bailey, In Honor of Lenn Higginbotham, P.O. Box 740, Eastaboga, AL 36260.

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Achievements (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City School Board honored several students and teachers at its monthly meeting Tuesday at Cullman Middle School.

West Elementary School sixth grader Lucy Williamson was recognized as the runner-up at the Cullman County Spelling Bee, which was held Feb. 6.

The school and district winners of the Governor's App Challenge were announced. The statewide challenge calls for students to develop and code their own apps that will be meaningful and productive to the community.

Cullman City Schools Technology Coordinator Michael Fowlkes described the challenge as "a statewide computer programming competition for Alabama students.

The goal of the challenge is to allow our students to gain recognition for their mastery and application of computer science programming and design."

School winners were East Elementary fifth grader Graham Lee and fourth grader Reagan Lathem. The district winners were West Elementary second grader Madison McCrary and sixth grader Finley Flail. The district winners' apps will be submitted to the state level competition.

Ben Stidham was recognized as the Cullman Middle School Student of the Month. Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff said of Stidham, "He deserves recognition for his hard work and his dedication to his studies. He has consistently demonstrated strong work ethic, a positive attitude and a passion for learning."

Alisha Eaton was named Support Person of the Month, and math teacher Michael Crocker was named Teacher of the Month.

The following teachers have received their National Board Certification:

- Amanda Stidham - Literacy: Reading-Language Arts, Early and Middle Childhood - Cullman City Primary School
- Hilary Nix - Library Media: Early Childhood through Young Adulthood - Cullman City Primary School
- Susan Boyd - Library Media: Early Childhood through Young Adulthood - Cullman High School

The following action items were approved:

- Adoption of 2023-2024 Academic Calendar
- Approval of the entire state-approved textbook list
- Homebound Contract with Stacie Owen from Feb. 14- Sept. 30
- Approval to Reject Bid #23-03 for Custodial Services at Cullman High School
- Approval to Accept Bid #23-04 for Lawn Maintenance Services at Cullman High School
- Contract with Cornelius Energy Solutions for Commissioning Services for CCPS Additions and Renovations
- Contract with Dewberry Engineers Inc. for Commissioning Services for CMS Additions and Renovations

- Head Start items:
  - New Policy PO-HP14 COVID-19 Mitigation Policy
  - COVID-19 Mitigation Plan
  - Contract with Holly Abbott to provide Community Assessment Services from Feb. 14-May 23
  - Child Development Clinical Agreement with Wallace State Community College, effective Jan. 17, 2023
  - Occupancy Agreement with Cullman City Schools from Aug. 1, 2023 -July 31, 2024
  - LEA Interagency Agreement with Cullman City Board of Education for the 2023-2024 school year
  - Breakfast/Lunch Agreement with Cullman City Primary School from Aug. 1, 2023-May 31, 2024
  - Community Partnership Agreement with the following agencies:
    - Curt's Closet
    - Good Samaritan Health Clinic
    - Victim Services
    - Cullman Caring for Kids
    - Cullman County Department of Human Resources
    - Cullman Housing Authority
    - North Alabama Agriplex
    - United Way of Cullman County
    - The Link of Cullman County
    - Brooks' Place (Child Advocacy Center)
    - Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism

The following consent agenda items were approved:

- Salvage a Dell projector at Cullman City Primary School
- Permission for Cullman High School junior varsity and varsity cheerleaders to attend national competition in Orlando, Feb. 9-14
- Permission for Cullman High School varsity baseball team to attend IMG Tournament in Bradenton, Florida March 27-31

The following resignations were approved:

- Kayla Walsh - Child Nutrition Program Manager at Cullman Middle School
- Keisha Harris - Temporary General Education Teacher at East Elementary School
- Breanna Turner - Dance Team Coach at Cullman High School

The following conditional employments were approved:

- Daniel Stiff - Physical Education Teacher at Cullman City Schools
- Katherine Jackson - School Day Tutor at Cullman City Primary School
- Hope Bowen - Special Education Instructional Assistant at Cullman City Schools
- Diane Culpepper - Temporary School Counselor at Cullman Middle School
- Jennifer Flores - Long-term Substitute General Education Teacher to fill FMLA
- Kimberly McNutt - Long-term Substitute General Education Teacher

The following coach was approved:

- Nick Gentry - Community Football Coach

Informational:

- LaQuita Dixon - Intermittent FMLA
- Gina Nix - Intermittent FMLA
- Susan Boyd - FMLA

The next regular board meeting will be March 21 at Cullman High School. The meeting begins at 5 p.m.



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Cullman City Schools Technology Coordinator Michael Fowlkes, Board of Education Vice President Amy Carter, West Elementary School Principal Jay Page, East Elementary School Principal David Wiggins, Cullman City Schools Technology Integration Specialist Misty Waldrop and Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff are pictured with local Governor's App Challenge winners Finley Flail, Madison McCrary, Reagan Lathem and Graham Lee.

Variance (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Zoning Board of Adjustments & Appeals on Monday approved a variance for a proposed hotel along Hayes Drive off the Alabama Highway 157 thoroughfare. The plans for a new 5-story Ramada Inn allow for 107 parking spaces for the proposed site's 107 hotel rooms, which is fewer than the zoning ordinance requires. The ordinance requires parking spaces for guests and employees. Once it was noted that most of the staff members would be parking during the daytime and not overnight when most guests will occupy the parking spaces, the variance was approved. The site is located behind Burger King and adjacent to the Holiday Inn Express.



