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# City Spring Cleanup coming March 20-24

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — City of Cullman Sanitation customers will get a hand with spring cleaning the week of March 20-24. Spring Cleanup week allows customers to place things such as appliances, furniture, mattresses and other large items curbside for the sanitation department to dispose of for no additional charge.

To participate, city residents are asked to put their bulky items at the curb on their regular sanitation pick-up days by no later than 6 a.m.

Certain items are not eligible for the Spring Cleanup. Those include rocks, bricks, concrete and other construction products, hazardous items including motor oil, tires, paint and pesticides and landscaping materials such as dirt and crossties.

It should be noted that brush pickup will not occur during Spring Cleanup week as all sanitation crews will be assisting with the clean-up. Sanitation customers are asked to not put tree limbs, yard debris or brush at the roadside March 20-24.

Visit www.cullmanal.gov/depts/sanitation, call the City of Cullman Sanitation Department at 256-737-7560 or email cityhall@cullmanal.gov with any questions.

# Cullman EC awarded $4.58M Broadband Accessibility Fund grant

## Grant to provide broadband access for 1,356 households, businesses and community anchors in Cullman, Morgan and Winston counties



CULLMAN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE/FACEBOOK

**Staff Reports**
Contributor

**MONTGOMERY, Ala.** — Nine grants, totaling $24.72 million, were awarded to broadband providers across the state to support projects in unserved or underserved areas of Alabama. Gov. Kay Ivey's office announced the grants Friday.

One of those grants – $4.58 million – was awarded to the Cullman Electric Cooperative to provide broadband access for 1,356 households, businesses and community anchors in parts of Cullman, Morgan and Winston counties.

Ivey's office said the completed projects will enable nearly 20,000 households, businesses and community anchors to have access to high-speed internet.

"Broadband continues to be a top priority of my administration, and as we continue to move into these next four years, we're taking our broadband journey with us," said Ivey. "The projects underway reach across the state and will allow better access to opportunities in education, health care, business and other normalcies of life. Broadband is vital infrastructure, and our map continues to light up. I am pleased to support these transformative projects as we work toward achieving high-speed internet availability for every Alabamian."

Households and businesses must subscribe to paid service to receive broadband. Broadband providers only supply the access, but households and businesses must still pay for connecting to the service. The ex- » PAGE 2

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CRIME

# Arrests and incidents reported March 6

**Cullman Tribune staff**
Contributor

**CULLMAN, Ala.** — Below are the arrests and incidents reported March 6, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

**CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**INCIDENTS**

**March 2**

- harassment; Chad Dr.
- theft of property; Hwy. 278 E
- domestic violence; CR 1098
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 151
- theft of property; criminal mischief; CR 627
- domestic violence; Hwy. 278 E
- domestic violence; CR 623
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; harassment; CR 1107

**March 3**

- possession of marijuana; CR 1223
- theft of property; CR 1069
- theft of property; CR 38
- theft of property; CR 823
- theft of property; Cupp Dr.
- criminal mischief; Hwy. 278 E
- theft of property; CR 625
- possession of controlled substance; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 91
- theft of property; CR 703

**March 4**

- sell-distributed drugs; possession of controlled substance; possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia
- theft of property; CR 703

**March 5**

- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 436
- attempt to elude police officer; I-65 NB at MM 299
- possession of drug paraphernalia; 2nd Ave. SW
- criminal mischief; CR 747
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 813
- theft of property; US Hwy. 231
- domestic violence; CR 1742
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 222
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 148
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; Schaffel Rd.
- attempt to elude police officer; CR 1574

**ARRESTS**

**March 2 – 5**

**Barnett, Canid M.; 34**
- possession opium or derivative

**Brown, Michael W.; 51**
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-2nd offense
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

**Burditus, Joshua E.; 38**
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

**Carroll, Savannah M.; 35**
- FTA- negotiating worthless instrument (4 counts)

**Cunningham Jr., Patrick J.; 43**
- FTA- drug trafficking
- FTA- possession of methamphetamine (6 counts)
- sell/distributed methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense (5 counts)
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

**Duke, Michael R.; 41**
- public intoxication

**Flanigan, Brakala A.; 24**
- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft $500 less than $1,500

**Garrison, Cooper D.; 22**
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family

**Harris, Onis Stephen K.; 31**
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

**Herron, Jason E.; 46**
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

**Holt, John D.; 52**
- Grand Jury- larceny/theft-miscellaneous

**Hudson, Shaun S.; 36**
- Grand Jury- larceny/theft-grand jury arrest warrant

**Kelk, Jennifer N.; 38**
- FTA- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle (3 counts)

**Kyle, Angel A.; 37**
- burglary-non residence-no force
- fraudulent use credit/debit card
- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft less than $500
- stolen property- credit card/automatic teller machine fraud

**Laney, Tylie Brysan C.; 22**
- assault-harassment

**Mann, Justin C.; 33**
- sex offense- sodomy with a boy-other weapon

**McBrayer, Shaun M.; 40**
- FTA- conservation-fish
- drug trafficking
- FTA- attempting to elude police officer
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled
- FTA- exceeding reasonable road speed

**Melson, Brian K.; 52**
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

**Parker, Rufus J.; 58**
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

**Quick, Chad J.; 44**
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Quick, Leanda L.; 36**
- FTA- failure to immunize dog/cat for rabies

**Railey, Clinton S.; 34**
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

**Robbins, Coty A.; 37**
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- promote prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- DUI (controlled substances)

**Smith Jr., James R.; 34**
- damaged property- criminal mischief

**Twilley, Damon S.; 40**
- family offense- non-support-child

**CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**INCIDENTS**

**March 3**
- domestic violence-3rd-harassment; person
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $76
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; 4th St. SW; miscellaneous; $48
- theft of property-1st degree; person; 1985 Pontiac;
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; miscellaneous charges
- domestic violence-3rd degree-assault

**March 4**
- assault-2nd degree; person; Marktplatz Ctr.
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; Cherokee Ave. SW; damage to 2012 Nissan Rogue; $100
- harassing communications; person

**March 5**
- domestic violence-3rd degree-harassment; person; CR 1322
- criminal trespass-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; Lee Ave. SW; purse and contents
- domestic violence-3rd degree-harassment; person; 2nd Ave. SE

**ARRESTS**

**March 3 – 5**

**Whatley, Vicky C.; 58**
- theft of property-4th degree

**Harbison, Michael S.; 29**
- domestic violence-assault-3rd degree

**Ramey, Joshua D.; 25**
- FTA- DUI

**Bates, Owain D.; 22**
- public intoxication

**Walker, Joey V.; 25**
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- fail to register vehicle
- FTA- speeding

**Swann, Larry J.; 59**
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- driving without license
- FTA- fail to register vehicle
- FTA- insurance violation

**Dyke, Summer B.; 38**
- domestic violence-3rd degree-harassment

**Duke, Jason P.; 37**
- obstructing justice giving false identification
- criminal trespass-2nd degree
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree (3 counts)

**Willoughby, Ethan C.; 19**
- domestic violence-3rd degree-harassment

**HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

# Change (from Front)

**Leanne West**
Contributor

**CULLMAN, Ala.** — To ensure compliance with the EPA's environmental regulations concerning inert landfills, beginning this week the Sanitation/Recycling Department will not pick up grass, leaves or other green waste materials bagged in non-biodegradable plastic bags. Residents who bag their waste materials (grass, leaves, etc.) must use biodegradable bags.

Sanitation Superintendent Sam Dillender said the reason for the switch is because the City currently utilizes an inert landfill to dispose of the green waste (grass, tree limbs, leaves, etc.) material, and plastic bags are not permitted to be placed at the facility per new EPA/ADEM regulations. Dillender said there will be a grace period and the department will not impose a bulk charge for the bags until March 21, 2023.

Dillender wants the residents of the city to know that by bagging their green waste, they are helping keep material out of storm drains, which helps prevent flooding and helps keep our waterways clean.

In addition to these new changes, beginning June 1, 2023, the City of Cullman will be offering cardboard recycling service for its commercial sanitation customers.

Get more information at www.facebook.com/CullmanCity or www.cullmanal.gov/depts/sanitation or by calling the Sanitation Department directly at 256-737-7560.

# Commission (from Front)

**Staff Reports**
Contributor

**CULLMAN, Ala.** — At its February meeting, the Cullman County Commission approved a $200,000 appropriation toward the building of a new community hub at the North Alabama Agriplex.

"We always appreciate the support of the commission, especially in a large endeavor like this," noted Rachel Dawsey, executive director of the North Alabama Agriplex. "As a non-funded state agency, we rely on the tremendous financial support of our community and our nonprofit, corporate and government partners to cultivate a community passionate about preserving our agricultural heritage, to educate and feed our neighbors and to grow a sustainable future."

To better serve North Alabama and to continue the work of Food for Life, the Agriplex is raising $2.3 million to construct this community hub. Located on its current property in Cullman just off U.S. Highway 278 and I-65, the 8,525 square-foot facility will feature a fully equipped demonstration and teaching kitchen and workspace shared with the Cullman County Extension Office.

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System has a county office in all 67 counties across the state. The Extension System relies on cooperation from local county commissions to provide office space from which the Extension can serve the county. The support of the Cullman County Commission for the expansion at the Agriplex is also a commitment to provide a home for the Cullman County Extension Office.

Near the current John T. Williamson Heritage Center, the new facility will enable the Agriplex to broaden its efforts in reducing food insecurity and promoting nutrition education as young and old alike learn to prepare, preserve and enjoy delicious, locally grown produce. The expansion will also enhance the Agriplex's current instruction in heritage agricultural skills and sustainable living and provides the opportunity for job training courses in the food service and agriculture industries. The North Alabama Agriplex plans to break ground on the expansion in 2024.

Founded in 2000, the North Alabama Agriplex works to preserve agricultural heritage, educate and feed its neighbors and grow a sustainable future.

# Grant (from Front)

pansion will also provide additional links to make it more feasible to supply future broadband service within those areas.

**The Cullman Electric Cooperative said in a statement:**

"Cullman Electric Cooperative was pleased to learn the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) announced today it has approved a grant for $4,579,716.92 to assist the co-op with its Sprout Fiber Internet project.

"Grant writing is a difficult and time-consuming task with no guaranteed return on those efforts. We are excited to learn that the hours of hard work put into the application process by Cullman Electric's dedicated employees has resulted in grant money that will directly benefit co-op members. The ADECA grant will help bring Sprout Fiber Internet to more than 1,300 households, 33 businesses and 23 anchor institutions* in Cullman, Winston and Morgan counties, moving Cullman Electric closer to its ultimate goal of providing Sprout Fiber Internet to all co-op members. Some of the grant-funded locations are included in Sprout's 2023 expansion plan, and the grant's money will be used to offset budgeted expenses. Some areas that received funding are in Sprout's future phases and will be included as part of our 2024 expansion plan.

"We are grateful to our state legislative delegation of Senator Garlan Gudger, Representative Randall Shedd, Representative Corey Harbison and Representative Tim Wadsworth for recognizing the need to expand broadband fiber internet services in our area.

"Representative Shedd, who serves as the co-chair of the Legislative Oversight Committee on Rural Broadband and is vice-chair of the Alabama Digital Expansion Authority, has been an outspoken advocate of Sprout Fiber Internet and for broadband expansion throughout rural communities in his district and across Alabama. We cannot thank him enough for his support.

"The team at ADECA, specifically Director Kenneth Boswell and Division Chief for the Digital Expansion Division Maureen Neighbors, are doing exceptional work to make sure these funds are being used effective to improve the quality of life in rural communities. We appreciate their commitment to helping Alabamians that need access to high-speed broadband internet. Cullman Electric Cooperative is a member-owned cooperative serving more than 46,000 member accounts in Cullman, Winston, Lawrence and Morgan counties.

"* ADECA defines community anchors to be libraries, schools, police and fire stations, health care facilities, churches or other similar places."

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) administers Broadband Accessibility Fund grants from state government funds allocated by the Legislature. Funds are issued through ADECA's Alabama Digital Expansion Division, which was created by legislation signed by Ivey in 2021 to focus on broadband expansion in Alabama.

Including the grants announced Friday, Ivey has awarded Broadband Accessibility Fund grants totaling $88.6 million to support 109 projects across Alabama since the fund's start in 2018.

"ADECA is honored to be administering this program that will improve the lives of so many Alabamians," said ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell. "It is our goal to carry out our duties with this program efficiently and effectively and in the best manner conceivable so that we reach as many Alabamians as possible."

**Grants awarded and affected areas are:**

**Cullman, Morgan and Winston counties**
- Cullman Electric Cooperative – $4.58 million to provide broadband access for 1,356 households, businesses and community anchors in parts of Cullman, Morgan and Winston counties.

**Winston County**
- Spectrum Southeast – $351,119 to provide broadband services for 715 households, businesses and anchors in the vicinity of Double Springs and Lynn.

**Tuscaloosa County**
- Spectrum Southeast – $2.45 million to provide broadband service access for 2,204 households, businesses and community anchors in the vicinity of Coaling, Vance and Woodstock.

**Bibb County**
- Spectrum Southeast – $1.02 million to provide broadband accessibility for up to 2,482 households, businesses and anchors in the vicinities of Brent, Centreville, Vance, West Blocton and Woodstock.

**Shelby County**
- Spectrum Southeast – $2.92 million to provide broadband service in the areas of Calera, Columbiana, Montevallo, Westover and Wilsonville with the potential to affect 4,412 households, businesses and community anchors.

**Baldwin and Escambia counties**
- Mediacom- $4.05 million to provide broadband service connectivity for 1,756 households, businesses and community anchors in northwest Baldwin County and southwest Escambia County between Bay Minette and Atmore.

**Baldwin County**

Mediacom – $2.91 million to provide internet access affecting 1,895 households, businesses and community anchors in an area near the city of Robertsdale.

**Mobile County**
- Mediacom- $3.11 million to provide access for 2,824 households, businesses and community anchors near the communities of Grand Bay and Wilmer.

- Mediacom- $3.31 million to provide broadband service availability for 1,715 households, businesses and community anchors near Mount Vernon.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

**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.

**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, March 9, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church, located at 1310 St. Joseph Dr. Cullman. All are welcome.

**Lenten Fish Fry**
Friday, 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.

**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 glovet a@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.

**HUGE Book Sale**
Saturday, March 18, at 9 a.m. at the Hanceville Public Library. All books are 25 cents or 50 cents.

**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

**Fairview Lions Club Soup and Chili Supper**
Friday, March 18, from 4-7 p.m. at Fairview Town Hall, 7525 Alabama Highway 69 N. Your choice of several kinds of soup or chili, cornbread or crackers and a drink for $8. All proceeds will go to the Fairview Lions Club project fund. For more information call Kita at 256-385-8805 or William at 256-385-5596.

**Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Singing**
Sunday, March 20 at 5 p.m. The Williamsons from Wetumpka, Oklahoma, 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.

**Fairview Lions Club Car, Truck, Tractor and Motorcycle Show: Food Vendors Wanted**
Saturday, April 1 at Randall Shedd Community Park on Wesley Avenue in Fairview. We are currently seeking food vendors to come be with us. If anyone is interested, please call Kita at 256-385-8805 before March 25. Booth rent will be $50.

**Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Revival**
Monday, April 3-Friday, April 8. Services will begin at 7 p.m. Prayer Band will be at 6:45. The evangelist will be Brother Jack Thomason. 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.

**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

# Arab falls to No. 4 Pleasant Grove in 5A State Finals 53-36

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*The Arab Knights fell to No. 4 Pleasant Grove 53-36 in Saturday morning's 5A State Championship Game to finish the season as the Class 5A State Runner-up.*

**BIRMINGHAM, Ala.** – After topping Brewbaker Tech in the final moments of Wednesday's 5A State Semifinals, the Arabian Knights were back on the court at Legacy Arena Saturday morning to face No. 4 Pleasant Grove in the 5A State Championship Game. The score was knotted at 9 after the first quarter but the Spartans outscored the Knights 23-8 in the second to build a 32-17 lead by halftime and continued pulling away in the second half to collect a 53-36 win over Arab and this year's 5A State Title.

Knights Head Coach Brad Kitchens is proud of the year his team put together and the effort they played with Saturday.

"I'm proud of the girls, they played their hearts out. We came up a little short, but it wasn't because of effort. I'm as proud as I can be of them and what we accomplished this year," Kitchens said.

"We've played some physical teams this year and we've played some quick teams this year, but I believe that was the best, most well-rounded team we've played.

"They were physical and quick, and they were just tenacious."

Both teams started the opening period slow offensively until Bennett Elrod knocked down a jumper to give Arab a 2-0 lead.

Bryleigh Bodine scored on the next possession to keep the Knights in front 4-2 and Sydney Ferguson laid one in midway through the first to maintain a 6-4 lead.

Pleasant Grove pulled ahead 9-6 later in the quarter but Bodine split a pair of free throws and Lexi Mann scored at the buzzer to tie the game at 9 going into the second quarter.

Pleasant Grove got hot early in the second, taking off on a 12-0 run to take a 21-9 lead over the Knights.

Laney Kelley split a pair of free throws and Lily Livingston laid one in to make it a 25-12 game with three minutes remaining in the half.

Livingston added a free throw later in the period and Bodine and Mann each drained a pair of foul shots in the final two minutes of the quarter but going into the locker room at halftime, Arab trailed the Spartans 32-17.

The Knights came out firing in the third quarter, cutting into the lead with a pair of baskets from Kelley and Elrod to make it a 33-20 game.

Elrod buried a three from the left corner to make it 35-25 and after Pleasant Grove answered with a three on the other end, Ferguson netted a pair of free throws to hold the lead to 38-27.

The Spartans added one more bucket before the end of the period and went into the fourth quarter leading Arab 40-27.

Kelley drilled a three-pointer early in the final frame to trim the Pleasant Grove lead to 46-30 and Ferguson knocked down a pair of free throws midway through the fourth to make it a 51-32 game.

Another Ferguson basket cut the lead to 53-35 with less than a minute to play on the clock and Makensey Stanfield added a pair of free throws later in the period but those were the final points of the game for Arab and the Spartans went on to win this year's 5A State Title 53-36.

Ferguson led the Arabian Knights with eight points in the loss, followed by Elrod with seven and Bodine and Kelley with six. Elrod and Bodine each earned 5A All-State Tournament Team Honors as well.

Reaching the State Finals was the goal for Kitchens and the Knights from the time the season tipped off and he's more than proud of the way his team bought in and worked to make it happen.

"It meant the world to me. At our banquet last year, I talked to those seniors and told them they laid the groundwork last year to get us back to where we want to be. Going into this year at the very beginning this was our goal," Kitchens said.

"We felt like we could get here. We played a very tough schedule and didn't always have the best record, but we got here at the end and had a good season."

PREP BASKETBALL

# 'I'm always trying to improve my game': Good Hope's K'mal Bell talks junior season

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**GOOD HOPE, Ala.** — This season was another successful one for the Good Hope Raiders as they finished eclipsed the 20-win mark for the fifth consecutive season and junior K'mal Bell talked about what he learned from the Raiders' latest run.

"I felt this season went well at times. We looked like one of the best Class 4A teams in the state in the first half, but unfortunately, we weren't our best when we needed to be. What I took from the season is that I felt I played really good on the offensive end and okay at times on the other end, but I feel if I get better defensively and more explosive and quicker, I will be a very tough player to guard and score on next season. I saw how good I was this year and if I reach that goal, it would separate myself from everyone I play against."

Bell was blessed to play with a great group of guys this season, including the three seniors: Charlie O'Neil, Colton Lindsey, and Jed Clements, and took away so much from playing with them.

"I loved playing with them. We all had pretty close friendships off the court, and everyone was there for the same reason. I feel we all wanted to reach the same goal at the end, and everyone was very supportive of each other no matter the circumstances," Bell said. "With Charlie, he was one of the most hard-working people I know. Even when you're at your lowest, he proved you can still get back to where you were. With Colton, he was always in the right spots at practice and in games. He was one of the most encouraging teammates I've had and very unselfish. All he wanted to do was win. With Jed, despite not getting a lot of minutes, he was just a good teammate, and he was a great example of a great teammate."

Bell has played for coaches Drew Adams and Scott Adams for three years now and has soaked up as much as he can from them. He has learned an important thing during his time on varsity so far.

"They don't just try to make their players better players, but better people getting us ready for life and all the responsibilities that come with it. I've loved playing for them for three years. They have each told me at the end of every season what I could do to separate myself from others and to make my team better. They've both had a big part in who I am as a player today," he said. "What I've learned during my time on the varsity team so far is how you constantly have to stay in the gym to keep playing at a high level every night."

Bell will be working on bettering his game even more in the off-season to get ready for next season and he has some individual and team goals for next season.

"I'll be trying to get more explosive and quicker off the dribble. I'll also be working on shooting off the dribble a lot more than I've had in the past," he said. "Team goals, we definitely want to make it to Birmingham. We would love to win county and area, but the end goal is Birmingham. Individually, I want to start where I left off at the end of the season and continue to get better as the year goes and get recognized for all the work I've put in over the years."

Bell talks about what will make this team special to watch next season, plus one of his role models growing up and the best advice that he's ever been given.

"I feel like we have the best players around and it's been that way for the last 4-5 years. Everyone just wants to get better each and every day to get to the ultimate goal at the end and to keep it going. We just got to keep wanting to get better every day and come in with a good attitude and wanting to be coached," he said.

"When I was younger towards the end of middle school, I liked watching Cole Maddox when he was still in school and after, because he was always trying to help me when he didn't have to. The best advice I got was to not get satisfied."

Bell has seen his game grow a lot over the years and he has taught the younger players a lot as well.

"It's grown a lot. I'm a way better shooter than I was before. I've become more comfortable with the ball in my hands in big-game situations. I've become more confident in myself to be able to be dependable in games," he said. "I wouldn't say I'm a vocal leader, but I think I'm setting a good example for the younger players. For example, I'm always in the gym before and after practice and I'm always trying to improve my game in some way."




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***Good Hope's K'mal Bell***

PREP BASEBALL

# Vinemont tops Cold Springs on the road 9-7; Saturday scoring recap

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**BREMEN, Ala.** — Vinemont traveled to take on Cold Springs Saturday morning and Vinemont didn't waste any time getting on the scoreboard first. Hayden Robinson hit a leadoff double and moved to third on a wild pitch. An RBI groundout by Jake Hale gave Vinemont the early 1-0 lead. After Chad Reynolds retired Cold Springs in order in their half, Vinemont put together a big second inning as they quickly loaded the bases with no outs. Rylan McRae scored on a passed ball to make it 2-0, then after a walk and a strikeout, the bases were loaded once again with one out. Robinson hit an RBI single over the second baseman's head, then Matt Foust added an RBI single of his own to push Vinemont's lead to 4-0. During the play, an error by Cold Springs allowed Chayce Sandlin and Robinson to cross the plate as their lead quickly swelled to 6-0.

Cold Springs got a two-out rally started in the bottom of the third. Brady Phillips got hit by the pitch, then Brodee Bartlett hit a two-run home run over the left field fence to make it a 6-2 game. Josh Winfrey followed that up with a solo shot over the left field fence on the first pitch to cut it to 6-3. Cold Springs continued to cut into the deficit in the fourth and once again, they got something going with two outs. Cole Bales hit a single to right field, then he stole second. An RBI single by Phillips drove in Bales, then back-to-back Vinemont errors allowed Phillips and Bartlett to score as the game was now tied up at six.

Neither team broke the tie in the fifth, but Vinemont would be the team to get the lead right back in the sixth. Sandlin got hit by the pitch to lead off the inning, then Marsh reached on a bunt single. A throwing error by Cold Springs allowed Sandlin to move up to third, then he would score on a wild pitch to give Vinemont a 7-6 lead. Marsh scored on a passed ball, then a balk saw Jordan Eller to cross the plate as that gave Vinemont a 9-6 lead. Bales led off the Cold Springs sixth with a single to center field, then he later stole second. He moved to third on a fly out, then he would steal home to cut it to 9-7. Cold Springs looked to win the game in their final at-bats. Tucker Philbeck reached on an error to lead off the inning, then moved to second on a ground ball. McRae got a strikeout and a ground out to end the game as Vinemont held on to defeat Cold Springs, 9-7.

Foust led the way for Vinemont (5-3) with two hits and a pair of RBIs. Robinson and Hale each added a hit and an RBI. Ayden Thomason, McRae, Sandlin, and Marsh all collected a hit in the game. For Cold Springs (1-5), Bartlett finished with a pair of hits and two RBIs. Phillips and Winfrey each added a hit and an RBI, while Bales chipped in with a pair of hits.

Vinemont will travel to take on Brewer Monday afternoon.

**Cold Springs 10 - Curry 7 (Baseball)**
Cold Springs faced off against Curry in their second game of the day. The Yellow Jackets struck first in their opening at-bats as a one-out error, then a single put runners on the corners. A ground ball allowed the runner to move to second on the play, then a two-run single, followed by an RBI single, gave Curry a 3-0 lead after one inning.

It wasn't until the bottom of the third that Cold Springs got something going offensively with two outs. Cole Bales drew a walk, then moved to second on a passed ball. Brady Phillips lined an RBI single to left field and moved to second on an error. He moved up to third on a passed ball, but a fly out ended the inning as the Eagle deficit was cut to two at 3-1.

Curry loaded the bases with no outs in the top of the fourth and an RBI single made it 4-1. They added a sacrifice fly as that pushed their lead to 5-1. Cold Springs got something cooking in a hurry in their half. Matt Williams drew a one-out walk, then Philbeck reached on an error. Cody Smith reached on an infield single to load the bases. Kaiden Graves drew a walk to bring home a run, then an RBI fielder's choice by Ethan Nabors made it a 5-3 game. Another walk loaded the bases once again, then Phillips got hit by the pitch to cut it to 5-4. Bartlett reached on a Yellow Jacket error, which allowed Bales and Samuel Turner to cross the plate, and that gave the Eagles a 6-5 lead. Winfrey helped add to their lead as he hit a two-run single to left field to increase the Cold Springs lead to 8-5.

A leadoff single by Curry later led to an RBI single with one out to cut it to 8-6. Later on, a two-out RBI single made it a one-run game in the top of the fifth, but the Eagles would add to their lead in their half as Mason Gable scored on a Yellow Jacket error to make it 9-7. Phillips reached on a dropped third strike with one out in the sixth and would later score on an RBI single by Williams to stretch the Cold Springs lead to 10-7; the Eagles wouldn't let Curry get any closer after that as Winfrey tagged out the runner at second to end the game and Cold Springs ended up knocking off Curry, 10-7.

Winfrey led the way for Cold Springs (2-5) with a hit and two RBIs. Phillips and Williams each added a hit and an RBI, while Bales and Smith each chipped in with a hit of their own.

Cold Springs will travel to take on Carbon Hill Monday.

**Etowah 2 - Cullman 1 (Softball)**
Etowah got on the scoreboard first as a leadoff single and a double quickly turned into a sacrifice fly for the Lady Blue Devils as they took the early 1-0 lead in their opening at-bats. In the second inning, Etowah added to their lead as they hit a leadoff single, then they took advantage of a Lady Bearcat error in their next at-bat as an RBI single gave them a 2-0 lead. It quickly turned into a pitcher's duel in this one as neither team could get anything going offensively. Cullman got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the third inning. Haley Graham hit a one-out double, then one out later, Haley Shannon hit an RBI single to cut it to 2-1. The Lady Bearcats, though, weren't able to get much going after that as Etowah would go on to win their game over Cullman, 2-1.

Shannon (RBI), Emma Claire Wilson, and Graham got the only hits of the game for Cullman (3-4). Wilson went the distance for the Lady Bearcats in this one as she gave up just five hits and one earned run while striking out six.

Cullman will travel to take on West Point Monday.

**Oneonta 2 - Fairview 1 (Baseball)**
Both team's starters pitched a scoreless first inning, but Oneonta would be the team that would crack the scoreboard first in the top of the second. They hit a leadoff double, then they drew a walk. A Fairview error allowed both runners to move up 90 feet, then an RBI groundout put the Redskins on the scoreboard first. In the third, back-to-back Aggie errors with two outs allowed Oneonta to cross the plate as that gave them a 2-0 lead. Fairview finally got something going in the top of the fifth after being held scoreless through the first four innings. Caden Jennings hit a leadoff double, then a passed ball moved him up to third. Connor Scott's RBI groundout brought home Jennings to cut it to 2-1.

Fairview looked to tie up the game in the top of the sixth. Caden Barrett hit a one-out triple to left field, but a strikeout and a lineout quickly ended the inning for them. The Aggies went down in order in their final at-bats as they ended up dropping a tight game to the Redskins, 2-1.

Scott (RBI), Barrett, and Jennings had the only hits in the game for Fairview (2-4). Nicolas Gregory pitched a complete game two-hitter for the Aggies as he allowed two unearned runs, walked two, and struck out two.

**Hokes Bluff 12 - Fairview 6 (Baseball)**
Fairview faced off against Hokes Bluff in their second game of the day. Hokes Bluff got hit by the pitch to lead off the game, then a passed ball and a Fairview error allowed their runner to move on up to third. Another Aggie error brought home two Eagle runs as that gave them a 2-0 lead, then later on, Fairview's third error of the inning brought home another run as Hokes Bluff took a 3-0 lead into the bottom of the first.

Hokes Bluff threatened to put some more runs on the board in the third as they had runners on the corners with one out. Barrett picked off an Eagle runner at second base, then a groundout got the Aggies out of the inning unscathed.

Fairview got in the run column in the bottom of the third. Daniel Hostetler hit a leadoff single, then Devyn Ellis reached on a Hokes Bluff error. A sacrifice bunt moved both runners up to second and third. Connor Scott drew a walk and that loaded up the bases with one out, then Gregory got hit by the pitch to bring home a run. One out later, Ellis scored on a passed ball to cut it to 3-2.

The Eagles loaded up the bases with two outs in the fourth and a hit by pitch, followed by a walk, brought home two more runs for Hokes Bluff as their lead swelled to 5-2. Hostetler and Ellis drew back-to-back one-out walks, then Crimson Wright lined a two-run double to left field and the Aggie deficit was cut to one at 5-4.

The Eagles loaded the bases in the top of the fifth and two more runs came across to score on a Fairview error to make it 7-4, then later on, a three-run homer over the right field fence pushed their lead to 10-4.

Fairview loaded up the bases in their half of the sixth and Colton Jennings scored on a double-play ball to make it a 10-5 game. Ellis later stole home to cut it to 10-6, but the Eagles put up two more runs in the seventh to make it 12-6. The Aggies went down in order in their final at-bats and ended up dropping their game to Hokes Bluff, 12-6.

Wright finished with a hit and two RBIs for Fairview (2-5). West added an RBI, while Barrett York and Hostetler each chipped in with a hit of their own.

**Boaz 2 - West Point 1 (Baseball)**
Boaz got on the scoreboard first in their opening at-bats. They hit a leadoff double and later scored on a Warrior error to grab the early 1-0 lead, then in the top of the second, they added another run on an RBI groundout. West Point had multiple chances to get in the run column early in the game, but they weren't able to do that until the sixth inning. Charlie Ashley reached on a leadoff error, then Jay Lamar reached on an infield single. Andrew Putman hit an RBI single up the middle to cut it to 2-1 and they looked to have a big inning as another single loaded up the bases with no outs. Unfortunately, though, that didn't happen as Lamar got caught trying to steal home. Putman was forced out at home, and Brody Freeman lined out to end the inning.

The Warriors had one last chance to win the game. J.D. Cochran led off the inning with a single, then Colton McCoy hit a double to put runners on second and third with no outs. Three straight strikeouts, though, ended the game and the Warriors dropped a heartbreaker to the Pirates, 2-1.

Putman finished with a pair of hits and the only RBI of the game for West Point (3-5). Cochran, McCoy, and Lamar all added a pair of hits. Boston Freeman, Brody Freeman, and Gus McKenney each collected a hit as well.

**West Point 4 - Scottsboro 1 (Baseball)**
Scottsboro got a two-out rally going in their opening at-bats as that ended with them scoring on a wild pitch to give them the early 1-0 lead. West Point got something going in the top of the fourth inning as Cochran led off the inning with a single, then McCoy drew a walk. Two strikeouts later, Putman hit a single to load the bases for Lamar, who kept the inning alive for the Warriors with an RBI infield single as that tied the game up at one. A Wildcat error allowed McCoy to score to give the Warriors a 2-1 lead.

West Point added to their lead in the fifth as Boston Freeman hit a leadoff single, then Brody Freeman followed that up with a double. A Cochran RBI groundout and a sacrifice fly by McCoy stretched their lead to 4-1. That was more than run support for Cochran, who ended up going the distance as he finished with seven strikeouts and the Warriors ended up getting the 4-1 win over Scottsboro.

Cochran and Lamar each finished with a hit and an RBI in the game for West Point (4-5). McCoy chipped in with an RBI. Brody Freeman added a pair of hits, while Boston Freeman, Putman, and Sylar Philyaw each collected a hit in the game. The Warriors will host West Morgan on Monday.

**Cullman 3 - Fyffe 1 (Softball)**
Fyffe would take advantage of back-to-back Cullman errors to get in the run column first in their opening at-bats. Cullman would get in the run column in the bottom of the second inning as Hattie Graham drew a one-out walk and would later score on a sacrifice fly by Brie Voss to tie the game up at one. Wilson retired the Lady Red Devils in order in the third and the Lady Bearcats broke the tie in their next at-bats. Haley Shannon hit a leadoff single, then stole second. She would then score on a Kylie Stracener RBI single to give Cullman a 2-1 lead; later on, a bunt single by Taylor Au brought home Stracener to make it 3-1. That would be more than run support for Wilson, who went the distance and struck out six in Cullman's 3-1 win over Fyffe. Stracener and Au each finished with a hit and an RBI for Cullman. Voss added an RBI, while Shannon and Reese Hopper each collected a hit in the game.

**Cullman 7 - Good Hope 4 (Softball)**
Wilson retired Good Hope in order to start out the game, then Cullman got in the run column in their half. Shannon led off the inning with a single and moved to third on a Lady Raider error. Stracener's RBI groundout gave the Lady Bearcats the early 1-0 lead. The top of the third inning saw Good Hope get something going offensively. Jolee McHan got hit by the pitch with one out, then Lexi Steed lined a single to left field. Bailey Keef reached on a Cullman error, which allowed McHan and Steed to score as that gave Good Hope a 2-1 lead. Keef would move up to third on that same error and Carley Adams hit an RBI groundout to make it a 3-1 game.

The Lady Bearcats countered in a big way in their half. Three straight singles loaded the bases with no outs. After a fielder's choice, Wilson hit a two-run single to right field to tie the game up at three, then Au followed that up with a two-run double to left field to give Cullman a 5-3 lead. Hattie Graham later hit an RBI groundout and Hopper added an RBI single to push their lead to 7-3. Good Hope looked to make it things interested in the fifth inning. Steed hit a leadoff single, then stole second and moved to third on a Keef single. Steed then stole home to cut it to 7-4, but Cullman kept it at a three-run game after that as Wilson got the final three outs of the contest to help seal the 7-4 win for the Lady Bearcats.

Wilson and Au each finished with a hit and two RBIs for Cullman (5-4). Hopper added a hit and an RBI. Shannon ended up with a pair of hits. Stracener and Graham each added an RBI, while Brooklyn Morton, Abby Maples, and Dracen Bates each chipped in with a hit of their own. For Good Hope, Adams finished with an RBI. Steed added a pair of hits, while Keef, Haley Lay, and Campbell Koch each collected a hit in the game.

Good Hope will host West Morgan Monday in an area game.






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**IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

IN RE: The Estate of )
)
JAMES MILTON LITTLE ) Case No.: PC-2023-004
)
**Deceased** )

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Mary Frances Smith Little, as the Administrator of the Estate of James Milton Little, deceased, on the 24th day of February, 2023 by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Mary Frances Smith Little
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IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION PETITION OF
CHRISTOPHER ERIC ENGLAND
FOR THE ADOPTION OF

CASE NO: AD 2023-002

B.M.G. A MINOR.
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**AMENDED**
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TO: **CHRISTOPHER PATRICK GROVES, BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE MINOR CHILD, B.M.G. WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED**

The Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Christopher Eric England, Petitioner. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioners, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

Amended to correct the D.O.B. of the minor child.

DONE THIS 17th DAY OF February, 2023.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
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**IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

**IN THE MATTER OF** *
**DRVG,** * **CASE NO.: JU 21-196.02**
**a minor, DOB: 03-14-2021.** *

**NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING**

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Done this the 14th day of February, 2023.

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City of Cullman
Zoning Board of Adjustments

On Monday, March 20th, 2023, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M., at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Zoning Board of Adjustments, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Variance request for 921 Nunnelly Avenue SW for a front porch

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

# Purpose (from Front)

**Amy Leonard**
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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — Restoring Women Outreach will hold its inaugural St. Patrick Celebration Day at Stone Bridge Farms Friday, March 17, at 5 p.m.

The celebration will include a 50/50 raffle, silent auction and dinner.

Tickets are available for $50, or a table of eight for $500.

Doors open at 5 p.m. with dinner served at 6. Speakers will begin at 7, and the 50/50 drawing will be at 8.

To get tickets or if you have items available to donate to the silent auction, contact Summer Burden at 256-727-0018.

# Class (from Front)

**Amy Leonard**
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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — The Refuge Church of God will host a self-defense class on Thursday, March 9, at 6 p.m. at 1115 U.S. Highway 278 East. Open to the public, the class will be instructed by members of the Cullman County Sheriff's Office.

Participation in self-defense classes teaches options and available choices in the event of a physical attack.

The classes allow for an elevated level of awareness and assertiveness needed during a would-be attack.

Safety skills and physical prowess give the opportunity to prevent and escape violent assaults.

Training prepares a potential victim with tools to deescalate or fight back during a physical altercation, potentially reducing the likelihood of harm.

The National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence notes that, "Women usually know their attackers, therefore it is essential that a person is trained in how to deal with the violence that can come from someone you know."

Self-defense courses offer no guarantees of personal safety but do provide valuable information and tools to decrease the chances of harm.

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# Obituary Announcements: Feb. 4-6

**S. Wayne Fuller, 72**
S. Wayne Fuller, age 72, of Cullman, Alabama passed away Friday, March 3, 2023. S. Wayne was born in Cullman, Alabama. S. Wayne is survived by his fiancé' of five years: Karen Ploppert; his son: Michael (Jodi) Fuller; his daughters: Katie (Wescoat) Free, Courtney (Jeremy) Zills,and Jaclyn (Brandon) Gardner; his sisters: Shelby (Jim) Knight, Janice (Charles) Cobb; his grandchildren: Morgan and Mason Fuller, Will, Wyatt and Mabry Free, Nate, Ansley, Silas and Sawyer Zills, Madeline, Tucker, Tyde Willingham. His horse Smoke and his German Shepherd Heidi. S. Wayne was preceded in death by his wife of 42 years Joan Davidson Fuller; his parents: Silas and Nadine Waldrep Fuller. Passing before him was his beloved rodeo horse Woodrow. S. Wayne was a well-known attorney in Cullman, where he was born. Cullman was home to him where raised his family that he loved so dearly. His travels would always take him out West. He enjoyed trail riding and team roping-Heeler. Part of his past time, was reminiscing with his cowboy buddies. He loved being on his farm working the land and even mowing the "Hill from Hell." A celebration of life visitation for S. Wayne will be held Tuesday, March 7, 2023, from 4:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, AL 35055. A rosary service will follow at 7:30 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will occur Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Father Patrick Egan, O.S.B. officiating. An interment at Cullman City Cemetery, 812 Ninth Ave. SW, Cullman, AL 35055. In lieu of flowers, contributions in S. Wayne's memory may be made to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Cullman, Alabama US; and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 US. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Fuller family.

**Edith Rena McNutt, 55**
Edith Rena McNutt, 55, of Haleyville, Alabama, passed away Saturday, March 4, 2023, at her residence. Rena was born on Sept. 26, 1967, in Haleyville, Alabama. Visitation will be held Tuesday, March 7, 2023, from noon until 2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville where the funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Burial will follow at Winston Memorial Cemetery. Brother Joseph Desiderio, Brother Jeremiah Desiderio, Brother Joseph Martin, and Brother James Yielding will officiate. Rena is survived by her son, Clint Gabriel; parents, Edith and Waymon McBroom; sisters, Kim Burleson (James), Rhonda Key (Mike), and Sherry Parker (Scott); brother, Waymon Lee McBroom, Jr.; grandson, Paul Wayne Gabriel; and a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Johnny Rayford McNutt; and grandparents, Mattie and Teirl Corbin, and Myrtle and J.D McNutt.

**David Edgar Styles, 84**
David Edgar Styles, age 84, of Cullman, Alabama passed away March 5, 2023. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Bonnie Virginia Styles; daughters, Susan Styles (Will) Parker, Donna Styles (Mark) Taylor and Jaime Styles; sister, Delene Sullenger; sister-in-law, Margery Spivey Styles; grandchildren, Christopher (Amber) Parker, Dakota Parker, Jessica Parker, Sydney Parker, Abigail Taylor and Max Taylor; goddaughter, Beth Blaylock (David) Medley; godson, Alan (Donna) Burns Jr.; along with numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Marlin and Erma Styles and his twin brother, Donald Alan Styles. He served in the U.S. Air Force from Aug. 1957 to Aug. 1960 and was stationed in Anchorage, Alaska. He was a real estate appraiser for 30 years in Birmingham, Alabama. He was a Mason, member of the First United Methodist Church of Cullman, Alabama and a member of the Bob Sapp Sunday School Class. Memorial service will be Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 2 p.m. at First United Methodist Church; with interment in Cullman City Cemetery. The family will receive guests beginning at noon. Bro. Michael Jones and Rev. Lyle Holland officiating. Moss Service Funeral Home directing. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hope Hospice Inc. in Gardendale, Alabama. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Styles family.

**Brandon Lee Veal, 39**
Brandon Lee Veal, 39, of Cullman, passed away from this life March 6, 2023, at his residence. He was born June 20. 1983 to Dennis Dewayne & Debra Jean Schultz Veal. Brandon had health struggles throughout his life. He was a wonderful and very kind young man. No services are planned at his time. Mr. Veal was preceded in death by his grandparents, and his brother, Jeremy Veal. He is survived by his parents, Dennis and Debra Veal; brothers, Christopher Veal, Joey (Misty) Veal; sister, Shannon (Wesley) Lee; nieces and nephews, Charleigh and Molly Lee, Michael and Joshua Veal, Jessica and Devon Hollis and Seth Veal, and a host of family and friends. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy can be posted to www.cullmanfuneralhome.com for the Veal family.

**Leslie E. Blaylock, 72**
Leslie E. Blaylock, age 72, of Haleyville, Alabama, passed away Monday, March 6, 2023, at his residence surrounded by his loving family. Leslie was born June 9, 1950. He was a brick mason for 43 years. Leslie loved his garden and loved wood working. The family will hold a memorial service at a later date. Leslie is survived by his wife of 53 years, Yvonne Blaylock; sons, Keith (Regina) Blaylock of Haleyville, Rodney (Michelle) Blaylock of Lafayette, Georgia and Jeremy (Lisa) Blaylock of Glen, Mississippi; grandchildren, Brett (Steven) Cauthron of Columbus, South Carolina, Nick Blaylock of Lafayette, Georgia, Katelyn Blaylock of Haleyville and Gracie Blaylock of Haleyville; brother, Larry Blaylock of Mississippi; and sister, Lottie Burks of Red Bay, Alabama. He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Reatha Blaylock of Mississippi.

**E. L. Ragsdale, 90**
E. L. Ragsdale, 90, of Logan, Alabama, passed away March 6, 2023, at his residence. Mr. Ragsdale was born Sept. 9, 1932, to Elijah Johnny Avery and Ethel Estell Wall Ragsdale. No services are planned at this time. Mr. Ragsdale was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Flora Willie Thornton Ragsdale; his son, Glen Ragsdale, grandson, Jason Ragsdale; infant grandson, Roger Dewayne Ragsdale; his father, Elijah Johnny Avery Ragsdale; brothers, Reuben, Nelson, Avery Ragsdale; and sisters, Evelyn Fields, Faynell Tyree. He is survived by his sons, Philip Dale Ragsdale and Roger Bruce Ragsdale; honorary daughter, Sandra Jenny Sanford; brother Jerry (Joyce) Ragsdale; sisters, Tommie Cleghorn, Bonnie Cleghorn and Judy Ragsdale; grandchildren, Rosa Deann (Gary) Noles, Linda Janette (Melissa) Wiest, Tracy Jo (Derick) Wright, Mary Elizabeth (Jerome) Dyson; great-grandchildren, Danielle Dawn Ragsdale, Brandy and Sandy Ragsdale, Angie Marie Haley, Robert Lee Ragsdale, Jr., Allen Jerome Ragsdale, Brian Ragsdale; and a host of family and friends. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy can be posted to www.cullmanfuneralhome.com for the Ragsdale family.

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# National School Breakfast Week this week

**Alabama Department of Public Health**

**MONTGOMERY, Ala.** — We have all heard that breakfast is the most important meal of the day because it "breaks the fast" from our overnight sleep. A good breakfast is an especially important part of fueling a child's success in school.

**Did you know that children who eat breakfast are more likely to:**

- Be more alert and maintain a healthy weight
- Have better concentration and memory
- Reach higher levels of achievement in reading and math
- Score higher on standardized tests

Still, with today's busy schedules, it's easy for kids to rush out the door in the morning without eating. That's why, for many, the school breakfast program is so essential! In fact, students who participate in school breakfast tend to have better attendance rates and fewer behavioral problems.

During the week of March 6-10, 2023, schools across Alabama will be celebrating National School Breakfast Week. According to the Alabama State Department of Education, a total of 49,024,641 school breakfast meals were served to Alabama students in 2022.

These meals are often more nutritious than the average breakfast a child gets from home or a fast-food restaurant. Alabama's school breakfast programs provide a variety of nutritious options, including fruit, milk, yogurt, grits, toast and biscuits. Check with your children's schools to see what activities may be planned for that week and encourage them to "Dig Into School Breakfast."

Visit the School Nutrition Association at https://schoolnutrition.org/event/2023-national-school-breakfast-week to learn more about School Breakfast Week

**Healthy breakfast options for kids**

Whether your kids eat breakfast at home or at school, having a variety of nutrient-rich foods is important. Some healthy options your kids will love include:

- Peanut butter on whole-grain toast
- Instant oatmeal topped with walnuts and strawberries
- Milk, spinach, banana and nut butter smoothies

Visit the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics at www.eatright.org/food/planning/meals-and-snacks/breakfast-key-to-growing-healthy for more tips and menu ideas.




