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‘I love where I’m at now’

Restoring Women Outreach hosts inaugural fundraiser

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Restoring Women Outreach (RWO) hosted its inaugural St. Patrick’s Day Celebration on March 17. The fundraiser was a sold-out, intimate event at Stone Bridge Farms.

RWO is a 12-step-based sober living program for women that has been serving Cullman and the surrounding area since 2011.

Guest speaker, Cullman County District Court Judge Rusty Turner, spoke very highly of the program, sharing its impact on the legal system in Cullman.

“At court, on the dependency side, where I’ve got men and women who are neglecting their children because of the addiction issues, this program is one of the best to help these mamas get back on track,” he said.

“It’s been kind of unique to see how this program has benefited so many people. It shows an opportunity that there’s another aspect of life out there that they can enjoy and feel fulfilled.” » PAGE 2


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Restoring Women Outreach Executive Director Summer Burden with Mindy Stewart and her daughter »

Alabama Spelling Bee champ!


CULLMAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Hanceville Middle School eighth grader Stephen Briscoe won the 2023 Alabama Spelling Bee on March 18. Briscoe, 14, will now move on to compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee May 28-June 2, in National Harbor, Maryland. According to Cullman County Schools, Briscoe is the first Cullman County student to win the state competition since 1988. Briscoe bested 52 other spellers from around the state to win the title. The winning word was “schnell.”

Baileyton seniors grapple with loss of center

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PREP BASKETBALL

Good Hope’s Maddox, Cold Springs’ Dickerson earn 1st team All-State honors; Arab’s Kitchens named 5A Coach of the Year


MARTHA NEEDHAM, BILL PIPER AND NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Good Hope’s Ivey Maddox, Cold Springs’ Ella Dickerson and Arab’s Brad Kitchens each earned first team all-state and 5A Coach of the Year honors. » PAGE 2

Tribune welcomes new reporters Murphy, McKoy


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‘Know your talents and strengths, and play to them’

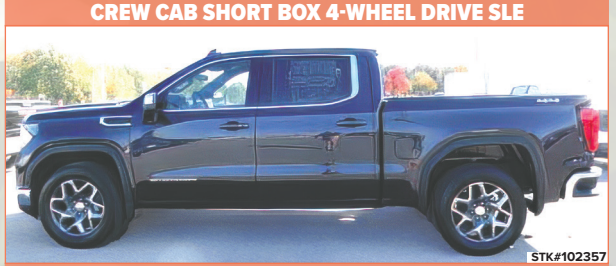
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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported March 20

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported March 20, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

GJ = grand jury; FTA = failure to appear

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INCIDENTS
March 16
- domestic violence; CR 1715
- domestic violence; CR 1755
- harassment; criminal mischief; CR 1134
- theft of property; Hwy. 278 E
- harassment; CR 1368
- domestic violence; CR 1371
- theft of property; CR 222
- domestic violence; CR 1134

March 17
- possession of dangerous drugs; tampering with physical evidence; I-65 NB at MM 304
- possession of dangerous drugs; Hwy. 69 S
- arson; CR 1716
- theft of property; I-65 SB at MM 315
- possession of controlled substance; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278 W
- domestic violence; CR 790
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1664

March 18
- domestic violence; CR 752
- domestic violence; CR 881
- possession of drug paraphernalia; School House Rd.
- domestic violence; CR 1435
- domestic violence; CR 641
- trespassing; CR 1177
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; Chad Dr.
- possession of marijuana; Hwy. 69 S

March 19
- possession of controlled substance; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278 E
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Cherokee Ave. SW
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278 E

ARRESTS
March 16 – 19
Adamson, Michael D.; 37
- FTA- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st degree (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree (2 counts)
- FTA- promote prison contraband (other)
- FTA- carrying brass knuckles/sling shot

Arteaga, Adrian; 18
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Baker, Robert G.; 33
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Ballenger, Christopher L.; 34
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked, or cancelled
- FTA- reckless driving

Bentley, Kenneth W.; 41
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Bishop, Danny O.; 51
- assault-harassment

Bishop, Jonathan R.; 32
- assault-harassment

Boatright Sr., Joshua A.; 44
- FTA- reckless driving

Box, Christopher W.; 47
- assault-harassment

Brady, Brianna D.; 28
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- public intoxication (4 counts)

Brasher, Brandy L.; 46
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of dangerous drugs

Brice, Shirley A.; 65
- cruelty to animals

Brooks, Corey D.; 23
- Probation Violation- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle
- Probation Violation- auto theft

Burdette, Troy A.; 54
- FTA- vessel-emergency engine or motor shut-off switch

Cisneros, Andrew; 29
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Cooper, Michael M.; 49
- FTA- larceny/theft-shoplifting less than $500

Curvin, Meshach J.; 27
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-2nd offense

Davis, Michael C.; 34
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Duke, Alex M.; 21
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Eason, Gary J. S.; 28
- FTA- harassing communications

Echols, Heath R.; 48
- DUI (alcohol)

Evans, Britni N.; 35
- causing delinquency, dependency or need of supervision

Franklin, Wendy O.; 45
- possession of dangerous drugs
- tampering with physical evidence

Garrett, Wesley N.; 41
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)

Gatlin, Austin M.; 25
- FTA- larceny/theft-theft of article from auto (2 counts)
- FTA- harassing communications

Grace, Marvin E.; 66
- FTA- drug trafficking
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Heron, Jason E.; 47
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Hill, Ray A.; 30
- Probation Violation- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle
- Probation Violation- obstruction-failure to appear/comply/pay

Holland, Richard T.; 29
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Horne, Brittany R.; 28
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Huff, Grayson B.; 42
- possession of dangerous drugs

Hurley, Christopher M.; 30
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Jones, Geoffrey M.; 39
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Joseph, Jessica L.; 46
- FTA- contempt of/interrupting court proceeding (2 counts)

Lanz, Matthew A.; 43
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- driver's license not in possession

Lawrimore, Yolanda M.; 42
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked, or cancelled

Levett, Chester L.; 44
- Probation Revoked- using false identity to avoid arrest/hinder prosecution

McAlpine, Cameron; 34
- assault-aggravated assault police officer-other weapon

McCain, Carl A.; 36
- Bail Jumping-2nd degree-using false identity to avoid arrest/hinder prosecution
- Bail Jumping-2nd degree-attempting to elude police officer

Minor, Henry Odes M.; 43
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-2nd offense

Moctezuma, Camila M.; 26
- FTA- assault-child abuse-simple-family
- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Monroe, Ashley Christian T.; 37
- FTA- assault-domestic-coercion (simple assault)

Moore Jr., Ted F.; 31
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Moreno Jr., Jonathan S.; 28
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- speed above 45 MPH on county road

Oakes, Justin P.; 29
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- attempting to elude police officer

Pitt, Natalie M.; 39
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Poole, James L.; 73
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Quick, Kevin J.; 58
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Reid, James W.; 29
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- Probation Violation- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft $1,500 - $2,500

Richards, Lewis C.; 32
- fraudulent use credit/debit card
- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft $500 less than $1,500
- larceny/theft-theft of article from auto
- FTA- expired license

Sanders, James D.; 44
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- FTA- assault-domestic-menacing-other weapon
- FTA- attempting to elude police officer

Sanders, Walt B.; 41
- Violation of Domestic Violence Protection Order

Sheffield, Justin A.; 33
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Steele, Taylor A.; 31
- criminal trespass

Swann, Michael D.; 58
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Taylor, Christopher M.; 30
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Taylor, Marlon F.; 38
- FTA- permitting dogs to run at large
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Threet, Patricia B.; 27
- public intoxication

Walker, Dylan R.; 25
- attempting to elude police officer
- public intoxication

Walker Jr., Jackie L.; 26
- public intoxication

Watson, Justina D.; 45
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

York, Nathaniel L.; 18
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
March 14
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $213

March 16
- counterfeit $100; State of Alabama

March 17
- forgery-3rd degree; St. Bernard Prep School; forged checks
- theft by deception-1st degree; Mitch Switch Chevrolet; cash
- theft of property-3rd degree; criminal trespass-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $1,000

March 18
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157
- theft of property-4th degree; criminal trespass; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $114
- criminal mischief-2nd degree; Cullman Park Rec.; Lee Ave. SW; damaged property; $2,500
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $303
- criminal trespass-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157

March 19
- theft of property-4th degree; criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $324

ARRESTS
March 17 – 19
Coates, Michael M.; 48
- domestic violence-3rd degree-harassment

Adamson, Michael D.; 37
- FTA- driving while suspended

Pruett, Joseph M.; 36
- FTA- insurance violation (2 counts)
- FTA- driving while revoked (3 counts)
- FTA- expired tag

Morris, William M.; 37
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- speeding

Thomas, Jennifer A.; 39
- theft of property-3rd degree

Twilley, Carolyn B.; 65
- theft of property-3rd degree
- criminal trespass-2nd degree

Terry, Kielynn B.; 24
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Parker, Bailey M.; 23
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree

Swann, Michael D.; 58
- FTA- receiving stolen property-4th degree

Owens, Jason M.; 42
- possession with intent to distribute controlled substance
- possession/receiving controlled substance (2 counts)
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- illegal possession prescription drugs
- theft of property-3rd degree
- FTA- driving without license
- FTA- insurance violation

Morin, Carol D.; 38
- possession with intent to distribute controlled substance
- possession/receiving controlled substance (2 counts)
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- theft of property-3rd degree
- forgery-3rd degree

Gregory, Steven D.; 53
- criminal trespass

Gregory, Jesse D.; 28
- criminal trespass

Rockwell Jr., Vinton E.; 34
- FTA- expired tag

Phelps, Crystal M.; 37
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No arrests or incidents reported.

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Honors (from Front)

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. – The Alabama Sports Writers Association released its All-State awards Sunday morning, and the list was packed with local names. Good Hope and Cold Springs standouts Ivey Maddox and Ella Dickerson both earned spots on this year's 4A and 2A All-State first teams and Arab Head Coach Brad Kitchens was selected as the 5A Coach of the Year after leading the Arabian Knights to the 5A State Finals.

Cullman's Jake Dorough (6A), Arab's Lily Livingston (5A) and Cold Springs' Maci Brown (2A) each earned second team honors in their respective classifications and Cullman's Ava McSwain (6A), West Point's Liberty Shadix (5A), Fairview's Kobe Payne (5A), Good Hope's Bailey Tetro (4A), Good Hope's Colton Lindsey (4A), Hanceville's Brayden Harris (4A), Holly Pond's Kollin Brown (2A) and Addison's Gracie Manley and Brady Gilbreath (1A) landed on their respective All-State third teams. Cullman's Tucker Cagle, Arab's Bryleigh Bodine and Meek's Jarrett Benson each earned honorable mentions as well.

Fundraiser (from Front)

He concluded, "You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending. We've all made mistakes.

"Sometimes your mistakes cause a little bit more problems than others, but you can change it from this point going forward."

Another guest speaker, Mindy Stewart, is an RWO graduate who is approaching four years of sobriety.

Through laughter and tears, she told her story of sustained recovery that she said was only achievable through RWO.

Noting how angry she was at the world when she arrived at RWO, she said, "I got willing.

"I prayed to have the willingness to be able to change. These women right here, they all poured so much into me. I got really humble. That did a world of good for me."

She continued, "Life is good, even when it's not good. I've had friends pass away; I've had a cancer scare. None of that is worth a drink.

"If I ever have that fleeting thought, it's like I blink and I'm getting out of the car again in the rain at RWO. I love where I'm at now."

RWO Executive Director Summer Burden showed much gratitude to those in attendance, sharing how thankful she and the women were for a good turnout.

"To hear anyone in the community outside of us bragging on them, you know, it makes a difference in what I do," she said.

Find out more about RWO at www.restoringwomenoutreach.org.

Baileyton (from Front)

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BAILEYTON, Ala. – Senior citizens in Baileyton who meet weekly at the Baileyton Senior Center say the future of the center is in jeopardy after they received a notice last Thursday to vacate the premises within 10 days. The notice, picked up by James Fisher, president of the center, on March 16, was dated March 8 and signed March 13 by Baileyton Mayor Windell Calloway.

"I picked this (notice) up, and we got here Thursday and the doors were locked. We're only here five hours a week," Fisher said, expressing frustration with the situation.

Fisher claims senior center members have faced a series of challenges in their dealings with the town's administration, including, he said, losing access to the facility and transportation services.

He said the center used to receive $2,500 a year from the Town of Baileyton when Johnny Dyar was mayor.

However, he said, in the past couple of years, they have had to rely on fundraisers, soup and sandwich sales and bake sales to cover the cost of feeding the seniors. (Calloway defeated Dyar in the 2020 municipal election, which also saw one incumbent council member defeated. In 2021, former Town Clerk Pat Gilbert was replaced.)

"We've had a few problems out of them for the last year or so," Fisher said.

Fisher claims town administration also revoked the seniors' access to a bus paid for, he said, by a grant, intended for their use.

Fisher described the ordeal: "They first said there wasn't a key, so we asked them to get one made. Then they said it wouldn't run. Then they said the liability (insurance) would be too much so they weren't going to fool with it."

Additionally, said Fisher, the administration rebranded the Baileyton Senior Center as a community center and changed the locks, denying him a key.

Fisher said, "A president ought to have a key if he's over the center. Not only did he take the key, but I can't even check a key out. I have to call the mayor every time to unlock the facility."

The seniors were also told to vacate the storage shed near the center, which Fisher said housed medical equipment like hospital beds, wheelchairs and walking canes, to make room to store items for Baileyton Bargain Days.

"We asked, 'Well what do we do with all this equipment in here?' and Calloway said, 'Well that's not my problem.' He'll probably deny that, but that's what he said," Fisher remarked.

Fisher said Councilman and Mayor Pro Tem Roy Shedd informed him the seniors would have to rent the community center every Thursday if they want to continue to meet there.

"The justice for this situation would be to have him (Calloway) and the pro tem removed," said Fisher.

WAFF 48 reported:
When asked about this decision, Mayor Windell Calloway's answer was 'it's the law.' He said the private entities are not allowed to use buildings owned and operated by the town without paying some compensation.

"A separate entity cannot use any town property without paying for it. So in the past when they were allowed to use it, they were actually breaking the law. Whether you like things or not, the law, you have to go by it," says Calloway.

He claims he did give the senior center an option to pay a fee to utilize the space whenever they desired, but the center declined. Calloway says the previous administration allowed many things to go unchecked, but he's on a mission to keep his record clean.

Calloway hopes to utilize the building as a center for the entire community of Baileyton, giving everyone the opportunity to gather. However, members of the senior community remain upset.

The Baileyton Senior Center has an active Facebook page, where it has been sharing updates.

Noah Galilee contributed to this article.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

PUBLIC NOTICE: Cleanup at Duck River Cemetery
All decorations need to be removed by April 1.

PUBLIC NOTICE: Mt. Zion Cemetery
Remove all ground flowers and decorations from graves by Sunday, March 26, for cemetery spring cleaning and mowing.

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.
• Wednesday, March 22 - 7 p.m. Children, youth and adult "RULES of ENGAGEMENT," Bible Study Classes. Free pizza for children at 6:30 p.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area at 6 p.m. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup.
• Friday, March 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, March 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 at 8, and also join Teresa Pritchard at 9 in the prayer room to pray for our church, nation and for those who need Salvation and deliverance
• Sunday, March 26 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Adult class at 11. Healing service, message by Tommy Combs!

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.

Pastor Appreciation Meal
Thursday, March 23, at 6 p.m. at Northbrook Baptist Church

Swamp John's Dinner
Friday, March 24, from 4-7 p.m. in the Hanceville Assembly of God fellowship hall. Hosted by the Hanceville Masonic Lodge. $14 a plate. For info, call 256-735-8021 All proceeds go to children's fund.

Heartland Quilt Guild Swamp John's Dinner
The Heartland Quilt Guild, Retreat Bunch is sponsoring a Swamp John's on Friday, March 24, from 4-7 p.m. at Saint Andrew's Methodist Church, 615 Main Ave. SW, Cullman.

United Way of Cullman County Crawfish Boil
Friday, March 24, from 5-7 p.m. at Goat Island Brewing. Tickets are on sale now at www.uwaycc.org/crawfish-boil or at the United Way office at 304 First Ave. The deadline to purchase tickets is Monday, March 20, at midnight. For more information, visit www.uwaycc.org or call 256-739-2948.

Christ First Ministries Church 2nd Annual Car and Truck Show
Saturday, March 25, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the church, 1017 Alabama Highway 69 N, Cullman. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. Admission to the event is free, while the cost to enter a vehicle is $20. Attendees can expect to see a variety of vehicles, from classic cars to hot rods, and enjoy prizes for the top three in each category (pastor's and people's choice), door prizes, gifts for registration, food, music, preaching and fun activities for kids. For more information or to register your vehicle contact Greg Fulmer at fulmerg.@bellsouth.net.

Swamp John's Dinner
Friday, March 31, from 4-7 p.m. at the Simcoe Lodge, 2659 County Road 1545 (Gold Ridge Road), Cullman. Plates are $14. For more information call C.H. Loyd at 205-706-2556.

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.

Senior Egg Hunt
Wednesday, April 5, beginning at 10 a.m. at Sportsman Lake Park. For ages 55-plus. Food, fun and fellowship. Ory Hampton of Daystar Church in Good Hope will be speaking.

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.

Links for Literacy Golf Tournament
Monday, April 10, beginning at 8 a.m. at Terri Pines Country Club. Tournament sponsorships and team fees benefit The Link of Cullman County's education initiatives. For more information, call The Link of Cullman County at 256-775-0028.

2023 Family Expo
Saturday, April 15, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center. Benefits the Cullman County Child Development Center.

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.

50th Annual Arley Day Festival
• Saturday, May 20, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at Hamner Memorial Park, Helicon Road, Arley, AL 35541. The 50th annual Arley Day Festival, Car Show and Parade is a family friendly, free event for young and old alike. Arts and crafts vendors, children's games, water slides, horseback rides, food vendors, musical entertainment, rock wall climbing, FREE hotdogs for kids and more. The parade lines up at 7:30 in the Arley Dollar General parking lot, proceeds down Highway 41, ending at Hamner Park where the car show starts. Pickleball demonstration at 10 on the park's new courts, followed by four 15-minute mini-lessons.
• Pancake breakfast at the Arley Fire Station, hosted by Arley First Baptist Church. Community breakfast at Meek Baptist Church in the fellowship hall. Both meals are open 7-8:30. Donations are appreciated and all proceeds goes to the Arley Volunteer Fire Department. The festival is presented by the nonprofit Arley Women's Club, Inc.; all proceeds remain in the communities served. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/ArleyWomensClub. To register as a vendor, or to be in the parade or car show and for schedule details, visit www.arleywomensclub.org/arley-day. Please send any questions to arleydayfestival@arleywomensclub.org.

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COUNTY OF CULLMAN)

IN THE PROBATE COURT
CASE NUMBER: PC2022-033

RE: IN THE MATTER OF
ESTATE OF GARY TURNER,
DECEASED

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION OF R. ERIC SUMMERFORD, SR., FOR
THE FINAL SETTLEMENT FOR THE ESTATE OF GARY TURNER

TO: GARRY KRIS TURNER, a/k/a Gary Chris Turner
1711 West Elm Street, Apartment 79,
Athens, Alabama 35611

The Petition for Final Settlement for the Estate of Gary Turner, Deceased, filed by R. Eric Summerford, Sr., Petitioner, by and through Attorney, R. Eric Summerford, Sr., has been scheduled for the 25th day of May, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

All persons are hereby given notice to appear and contest said Petition if they think proper.

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue, S.W.
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Done this 20th day of March, 2023.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate
Cullman County, Alabama

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PREP BASKETBALL

‘There is always room for improvement’: Holly Pond’s Blake Rickard talks sophomore season

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — Last season was another great one for Holly Pond basketball. The Broncos compiled over 20 wins and had the no. 1 ranking in Class 2A for most of the season. They won their area championship before dropping a sub-regional game to Tanner in a 65-59, double-overtime thriller. Sophomore Blake Rickard talked about that season and what all he learned from the experience.

“I felt a little disappointed. We had the talent and worked hard every day to put ourselves in a position to make it to Birmingham, but we came up short. We worked hard every day in the weight room and the court,” Rickard said.

“I learned not to take things for granted and no matter who you play, to take them as your biggest competitor. You also have to try your best to be perfect at all you do, even the little things. Coach Cory Glasscock always taught us that. Even though we were ranked no. 1 in Class 2A at one point, I learned to not be satisfied with that. We learned a lot as a team, and we all grew up this year. We are already working for next season.”

Blake was so blessed to have played with such a great group of guys last season and has learned a lot from coach Glasscock so far.

“I grew up with these guys and have known them my whole life. Just me getting to play with the guys I love makes it special. We just go play ball and our chemistry is unbeatable. We do everything together and that’s what makes it so special,” Rickard said.

“Coach Glasscock is hard on us at times and wants the best of us in students, athletes, and husbands. He’s a great role model and pushes us because he knows what we can do. He also can joke with us at times. He is just a person we like being around. At practice, he jokes and makes things fun and at school.”

Blake saw a lot of growth from this team from two years ago until this past season and learned a lot from the four seniors on the team.

“We grew so much. We were all young and a lot of us played on varsity for the first time. This year, we were more comfortable and confident in the things we did. We grew physically in the weight room and a lot of us matured mentally, so that made a big difference,” he said. “The seniors had a huge impact on this team. They were so fun to play with and to just be a part of. They always kept the energy high and were always there for you if you needed help with anything. After our game against Tanner, I remember just sitting in the locker room and knowing it would be the last time playing with them, it hurt. They were all close on the team and that shows our chemistry. I learned from them to enjoy the time you got because it flies by, and I learned how to be a good leader and role player on the team.”

Blake will be working on a lot of things in the off-season to get ready for next season and some goals for the upcoming season.

“I’m going to get in the gym and lift some weights and get stronger for next season. I’ll also be playing travel ball with Kollin Brown and just trying to prepare for next season. Anytime the gym is open, I’ll be there. I’m personally going to work on my ball handling during the off-season a lot, being able to dribble with my left hand more and getting to the basket. I’m going to do what it takes to perfect my game,” he said. “My individual goals are to try to reach 1,000 points and help my team win as many games as possible. Team goals are to make it to Birmingham and win a state championship. It’s been a dream as a kid to play in front of a crowd like that and I’m going to try my best to make it happen.”

Blake has seen his game grow over the past two seasons and talked about one of his role models that he has looked up to, plus the best advice that he’s ever been given.

“My game grew a bunch. I felt more confident with the ball in my hands, and I felt like I belonged out there,” he said. “I really looked up to my old coach, Griffin Morris. He was always available when I needed help and helped me a lot with my game. The best advice that I was ever given would be to never be complacent. There is always room for improvement, no matter the situation.”



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Holly Pond’s Blake Rickard

PREP SOFTBALL

‘Working together is the best way to get out of difficult times’: Good Hope’s Carley Adams excited for freshman season

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — Good Hope’s softball team finished last season as the area runner-up and made another trip to Regionals and Freshman Carley Adams talked about what all she learned during the season and what it was like playing with this group of girls.

“Last season was off and on. We had some really good games and some bad games, but overall, it was a good year,” Adams said. “I learned that working together is the best way to get out of difficult times when you are down in the count. Working together helped get us out of it. It was great. We had so many fun memories and we work really good together. They pick each other up when they see each other down. We had our downs like everyone else, but we always worked it out in a respectful, responsible, and kind way very quickly.”

Carley learned so much from playing on varsity for the first time last season and soaked up as much as she could from her coaches.

“It was a bit nerve-racking at first. I was the first baseman, and I was one of the youngest players on the team, but after the early nerves, it was great. I already was close to the varsity girls, so they welcomed me with open arms like I had been there for a lifetime. It was fantastic,” Adams said. “One of the biggest things I learned is to never give up and even when it gets hard and crazy sometimes, always keep going and in the end, it is all worth it. Another thing I learned that is very important to me is staying close to the Lord. We always pray after practice and before games, which to me, is a very important part of anything you do in life, no matter what.”

She added,

“My coaches are great. They do so much for us and love us with all they got and yes, they are tough and they do push us, but they do everything out of love and for us to be our absolute best. I learned so much from them. A big thing is commitment. We have a big responsibility on our team, of course, but our coaches have so much responsibility and they are so committed to our team. They have a lot of stuff going on outside of coaching, but they still make time to coach us and help us be our very best. It’s something they have shown me and taught me that I can take out into the world when I get older.”

Carley learned a lot from the upperclassmen, plus she worked on some things in the offseason. She talked about the goals for this season and what will make this team special to watch this season.

“I’ve learned to keep pushing myself to get better by watching them and they have been such an inspiration throughout the years with softball, volleyball, and school altogether. Also, they have helped me to understand new things that I might not have known and how to be a respectful, kind, and just an all-around good person,” she said. “The biggest things I worked on is hitting and fielding. Our goals are to just work together, do everything as a team, and understand each other better. We have gotten so much better when it comes to working together and individually as well. Our expectation is to win state, which will take a lot of hard work and dedication, which I believe we will have no problem with.”



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Good Hope’s Carley Adams (55)





Hope Horses holding 'Egg My Yard' fundraiser

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Heading into the Easter season, local nonprofit Hope Horses is holding its "Egg My Yard" fundraiser for the third year. For a $25 donation, Hope Horses volunteers will fill a yard with a dozen stuffed eggs and a note from the Easter Bunny. Want more? Get two dozen for $50 or five dozen for $100. Hope Horses is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing therapeutic riding lessons to children and adults with physical, cognitive, social and emotional needs. It is located on Convent Road.

Executive Director Kelsey Rice stated, "Since we are a nonprofit and run strictly on community support, our goal is to offer a fundraising event each month to allow us the opportunity to get our name out into the community and raise money to help with our operating cost on items such as horse care, feed and lesson cost."

To participate in the Egg My Yard fundraiser, call Hope Horses at 256-507-4088 or email krice@hopehorsesinc.com. The deadline to sign up is April 5. All proceeds will go toward the Hope Horses therapeutic riding program. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer at Hope Horses, email volunteer@hopehorsesinc.com to set up a tour. Learn more at www.hopehorsesinc.com.

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Obituary Announcements: March 18-20

Collene Parris Brown, 92
Collene Parris Brown, 92, of Arley, passed away March 17, 2023, at Princeton Baptist Medical Center. She was born Oct. 13, 1930. Collene was a wonderful mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She was a wonderful cook and made the world's best walnut cake, she loved to garden and could grow flowers out of concrete, and she was also an amazing seamstress and sewed for many people in the area. A visitation was held Sunday, March 19, 2023, at Liberty Baptist Church. The funeral service was held Monday, March 20, 2023, at Liberty Baptist Church where a burial will follow at the adjoining cemetery. Brother Greg Dollar will officiate. Collene is survived by her daughters, Deborah James and Martha Bowling; grandchildren, Terry (Amber) James, Christi James, Kevin (Christi) Bowling, Jason (Lori) Bowling, Scott (Miranda) Bowling, Catherine (Tony) Reeves and Cassie Hughes; great grandchildren, Austin Bowling, Jaycey (Matt) Moore, Caleb Bowling, Callie Bowling, Claire Bowling, Briley Bowling, Sadie Bowling, Jaxon James, Luke James, Autumn James, Elijah Wood, Zeppelin Hughes, Ashlynn (Jonathan) Hamilton and Zachary Reeves; and special friends, Martha Allen and Sharon Benson. She was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert W. Brown; mother, Martha Wood Parris; father, Mozell Parris; son, Keith Brown; great granddaughter, Autumn Wood; son-in-law, John Bowling; and sisters, Mary Lollar and Tommie Parris.

Wilma Ann Bailey, 71
Funeral service for Wilma Ann Bailey, age 71, of Hanceville, will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rev. Delbert Freeman officiating; burial at Welcome Baptist Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Bailey passed away Friday, March 17, 2023, at Cullman Regional. She was born, Oct. 17, 1951, in Cullman, AL to Oscar Bradford and Norma Bradford. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, R.T. Raymond Bailey Jr. Survivors include her son, Ricky (Paige) McDonald; daughter, Leann Lanette Vaughn; grandchildren, Alexandra McDonald, Abby McDonald, Chase Vaughn and Bailie Vaughn; brother, Sonny Bradford and sisters, Wanda Bates and Donna Meeks.

Charles Wayne McBrayer, 73
Memorial service for Charles Wayne McBrayer, age 73, of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at St. John's Evangelical Church with Rev. John Richter officiating. The family will receive friends following the service at the McBrayer home at 614 Sixth Ave. SE Cullman, AL 35055. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. McBrayer passed away Saturday, March 18, 2023 at his residence. He was born, Dec. 10, 1949, to Willas and Annie McBrayer. He was preceded in death by his parents; father and mother-in-law, Spencer and Charlotte Speegle and brother-in-law; Dan Speegle. Survivors include his wife, Susan McBrayer; daughters, Charlotte (Scott) Edmondson and Katie McBrayer; grandchildren; Bailey Edmondson and Bennett Edmondson; brother-in-law; Robert (Tanya) Speegle, sister-in-laws; Siri Speegle and Mary (Russell) Handley; and a host of nieces and nephews. Mr. McBrayer was active in the Cullman Lions Club and Cullman Amature Radio Club. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Cullman Lions Club.

Maurice Herman Drummond, 86
The funeral service for Maurice Herman Drummond will be noon, Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at the Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends from 10:30 a.m. to noon prior to the service. Rev. Steve Rodgers, Rev. Morris Helton and Rev. John Garrison will officiate the serve. The interment will be in the Shelton Grove Cemetery. The family request in Lieu of flowers that donations be made to your favorite charity. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Drummond family. Maurice Herman Drummond, 86, one week away from 87 years old, left this walk of life March 19, 2023, at midnight to take "That Heavenly Flight." Born in Cullman County to Herman Hubert Drummond and Vernell McClintock Drummond on March 26, 1936. His first job was in Gary, Indiana, at the age of 16, decorating the windows of a large department store which led to his job with Sears Roebuck in Birmingham, Alabama for several years. Decorating was one of his talents which he used in helping with parades and other civic activities in Birmingham. Maurice worked in the steel mills in Gary, Indiana. Also, after his younger days on the farm in the Shelton Grove area, helping to grow vegetables, he and his Dad worked at their own individual markets selling produce. Maurice had several other jobs in Birmingham which he didn't enjoy. Later he was employed by the Alabama Department of Transportation which included working at the new rest area which is now the "Guy Hunt Rest Area" and with the weight enforcement crew which he enjoyed very much and earned the nickname "Gabby" which tells you of his love to talk to people. He never met a stranger or ran out of something to say – his church family can testify to that. He loved to help people and he loved his church family wherever he might be. He worked tirelessly to help restore Sandlin Chapel Church. He also served his country in the U.S. Army for two years, 1961-1963. Maurice came back to Cullman in 1983 to live and married his first-grade sweetheart, Carolyn Baker. They enjoyed going to the mountains and to the beach where they attended civic organizational meetings and making new friends across the state in 1998. Survivors include his wife, Carolyn; sister, Shirley Via of Waveland, In; son, Todd Maurice (Nellie) Drummond of Indiana Ridge, Indiana; grandson, Tracy of Indiana; grandsons, Chris (Heather) and Daniel of Talbott, Indiana; two great-granddaughters, Brianna and Kensley of Indiana; special nephew, Tim (Stacia) Via of Versailles, Kentucky; niece, Julie Santana of Indiana; four step-children, William (Cheryl) Corbin of Pelham, Alabama; Martha (Larry) Whaley of Morris, Alabama; Maria and Donna Corbin of Cullman; four step-grandchildren, Alaina (Brandon) Kolulak of Orlando, Florida, Chris Corbin, Jessica (Chris) Jeter, of Mt. Olive and Noel (Mike) Alexander, of Virginia; four great great-grandchildren, Braelyn, Parker, Felix and Corbin. Mr. Drummond was preceded in death by his parents; infant sons, Anthony and David Lee Drummond; brother-in-law, David Via; nephew, Dewayne Via; father-in-law and mother-in-law, William A and Dovie Thomas Baker. Thank you to the pallbearers for serving; Donald Stricklin, George Welch, Cole Freeman, Tim Via, Tracy Drummond and Chris Corbin. Carolyn and Family would like to thank each one who had a part in the service today and thank you to our church family at Johnson Grove and Shelton Grove for your acts of kindness and support during Maurice's illness and death. You are truly God's servants. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy can be posted to www.cullmanfuneralhome.com for the Drummond family.

Bobby Joe Nail, 80
Memorial service for Bobby Joe Nail, age 80, of Falkville, will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 25, 2023, at The Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Hartselle, Alabama. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Nail passed away Sunday, March 19, 2023, at Cullman Regional. He was born Aug. 24, 1942, to Buford Edgar Nail and Francis Abbott. He was preceded in death by his parents; stepmother, Adelia Nail; brother, Gerald Pat Patterson; sister, Linda Nail Matthews; and niece, LuAnn Matthew Marshall. Survivors include his wife, Kimberly Nail; stepson, Daniel (Abby) Whiddon; brother, Harold Nail; sisters, Pamela Nail and Deena (Bruce) Carden; niece, Christina Carden (Martin) Smith; and nephews, Mitchell Carden and Jonathan Nail.

Mary Regina Bates, 68
Funeral service for Mary Regina Bates, age 68, of Vinemont, will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 23, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; interment in Cullman Heritage Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Bates passed away Monday, March 20, 2023, at her residence. She was born Aug. 11, 1954, to J.C. Graves and Vetra Graves. She was preceded in death by her parents and son, Kyle Bates. Survivors include her husband, Kevin Bates; son, Weston (Caitlin) Bates; grandchildren, Wheeler Bates and Sydney Bates; sister, Rhonda Turner; brothers, Rodney Graves and Randy Graves; and a host of nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Cullman Caring for Kids or to a charity of your choice.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama, will hold a public hearing on April 17, 2023 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the Lucille N. Galin Auditorium at City Hall, 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055. At this time, anyone wishing to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-19 (set forth in full below) will be given an opportunity to speak.

Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-19
TO AMEND THE CITY OF CULLMAN ZONING ORDINANCE

SECTION I. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Ordinance is to modify, amend, or delete portions of the current Zoning Ordinance. The Planning Commission of the City of Cullman entered a motion for a favorable recommendation of this Ordinance on March 6th, 2023, to submit to the City Council.

SECTION II. Table 5-1: Uses Permitted in Nonresidential Districts (Article V) of Section 62 of the Code of Ordinances City of Cullman, Alabama, is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Table 5-1: Uses Permitted in Nonresidential Districts

P —The use is permitted by right.

E —The use is permitted by right, if existing as of the effective date of the ordinance from which this chapter is derived. New construction of the use is prohibited.

SE —Special exception, requires approval by the ZBA per section 62-184.

C —Conditional use, requires approval by the commission per section 62-172.

A blank cell indicates the use is prohibited in the district.

Uses	B-1	B-2	B-3	CBD	INST	M-1	M-1P	M-2
Commercial Uses								
Ambulance service	P	P	P	C				
Alternative financial service (with no outdoor storage), see section 62-91	P	P	P	P				
Alternative financial service (with outdoor storage), see section 62-91		P	P					
Automobile repair, major	C	P	P					
Automobile repair, minor	P	P	P	P				
Business or professional office	P	P	P	P				
Business support service	P	P	P	P				
Car wash			C					
Construction service, major		P	P			C	C	C
Construction service, minor		P	P			C	C	C
Dispensing Site		C	C	C				
Event Venue	C	P	P	P				
Farm support business	C	P	P					
Funeral home	C	P	P	C	C			
Gym	C	P	P	P				
Home occupation	P	P	P	P				
Kennel	C	C	C					
Maintenance service	C	P	P					
Medical clinic	P	P	P	P	C			
Mini-warehouse		C	C			C		
Outdoor storage			C			P	P	P
Parking, commercial	P	P	P	P	C	P		P
Pawn shop	P	P	P	P				
Printing service	P	P	P	P				
Repair service		P	P	P				
Research laboratory	C	P	P	P		P	P	P
School, commercial		P	P	P	C			
Studio	P	P	P	P				
Truck stop			C					
Wholesaling, beer or wine			P			P	P	P
Wholesaling establishment		P	P	P				
Day Care Facilities								
Child or adult day care center	P	P	P	P	P			
Child day care center accessory to a permitted business	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Adult day care home	P							
Child day care group home	P							
Child day care home	P							
Institutional Use								
Low intensity	P	P	C	P	P	C	C	C
Medium intensity	P	C	C	C	P	C	C	C
High intensity	C	C	C	C	P	C	C	C
Place of Worship	P	P	P	P	C	C	C	C
Animal shelter			C		C			
Cemetery		C	C		C			
Hospital		C	C	C	C			
Lodging Uses								
Bed and breakfast, subject to section 62-95	P			P				
Hotel		P	P	P				
Motel		P	P					
Short-term rental, subject to section 62-103	P	P	P	P				
Manufacturing and Industrial Uses								
Bakery, major						P	P	P
Heavy industry						C	C	C
Industrial training center						C	C	C
Junkyard, subject to section 62-100		C	C					
Laundering plant						C	C	C
Manufacturing, general						C	C	C
Manufacturing, light						P	P	P
Recycling center		C	C					
Recycling plant						C	C	C
Warehousing and distribution center						P	P	P

Personal Services								
Laundry services	P	P	P	P				
Personal services	P	P	P	P				
Tattoo facilities, subject to section 62-104			P					
Veterinary hospital, with no outside boarding	C	P	P	C				
Recreation and Entertainment								
Entertainment, indoor	P	P	P	P				
Entertainment, outdoor	C	C	C	C				
Golf course	P	P	P					
Parks, playgrounds and nature preserves	P	P	P	P	P			
Recreation, commercial	C	C	C	C				
Recreation facility, public	C	C	C	C	C			
Residential Care Facilities								
Assisted living facility	P	P	P		C			
Independent living facility	P	P	P					
Nursing care facility	P	P	P		P			
Residential Uses								
Caretaker dwelling	C	C	C	C				
Duplex	E	E	E	E		E		E
Multifamily dwellings (more than 4 units per bldg.)	C	C	C	C				
Quadplex	E	E	E	E		E		E
Single-family attached, subject to section 62-93	E	E	E	E		E		E
Single-family detached	E	E	E	E		E		E
Triplex	E	E	E	E		E		E
Upper-story dwellings, subject to section 62-106	P	P	P	P				
Restaurant								
Brew pub, see chapter 4, City Code, Alcoholic Beverages				P				
Fast food restaurant	P	P	P	C				
Pick-up and delivery only restaurant	P	P	P	P				
Standard restaurant	P	P	P	P				
Standard restaurant with accessory alcohol sales, see chapter 4, City Code, Alcoholic Beverages	C	P	P	P				
Retail								
General, up to 10,000 s.f.	P	P	P	P				
General, larger than 10,000 s.f.	E	P	P	P				
Bakery, minor	P	P	P	P				
Bank	P	P	P	P				
Building supply	C	P	P	C				
Gas station	C	P	P	C				
Heavy equipment and vehicle sales, rental and service						C	C	C
Liquor sales for off-premises consumption, see chapter 4, City Code, Alcoholic Beverages	C	P	C	C				
Specialty beverage store, see chapter 4, City Code, Alcoholic Beverages	P	P	P	P				
Specialty wine and beer establishment, see chapter 4, City Code, Alcoholic Beverages	P	P	P	P				
Tobacco, vape store	P	P	P	P				
Unenclosed retail		C	C					
Vehicle and equipment sales, rental and service		C	P	C				
Vehicle sales, rental and service	C	C	P	C				
Telecommunications and Utilities		C						
Public utility facility	P	P	P	P	P	P		P
Small cell facilities	P	P	P	P	P	P		P
Telecommunication tower, see section 62-105	C	C	C	C	C	P		P

SECTION IV. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. Each and every provision of this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an independent provision and that holding of any provision hereof to be void and invalid for any reason shall not affect any other provision hereof and it is hereby declared that the other provisions of this Ordinance would have been enacted regardless of any provision which might have been held invalid. This Ordinance repeals any prior Ordinance in conflict therewith.

SECTION V. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be effective following its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

Submitted by Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk

LEGALS

Legal Notice

"I Nathan Lamar will not be responsible for any debts made by anyone other than myself."

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
PAULA RENEE WALTHER, * CASE NO PC 2021-414
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: CARL JOSEPH TIDWELL
KACI EVELYN TIDWELL
AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTEREST PARTIES

The Petition for Probate of Will for the Estate of Paula Renee Walther, Deceased, filed by John Michael Walther, Petitioner, by and through Attorney, Kimberly H. Drake, has been scheduled for the **18th day of MAY, 2023, at 10:00a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

All persons are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Done this the 17th day of March, 2023.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks is said newspaper

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VALUATION NOTICE

The appraised valuations of all property listed for taxation in Cullman County have been fixed as provided by law and filed in my office according to Sec. 40-30-20, 1975 Code of Alabama. The Board of Equalization and Adjustment will hear protest on any of these valuations provided these protests are filed in writing by April 21, 2023.

Barry Willingham, ACTA
Revenue Commissioner
Board Secretary
Cullman County

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City of Cullman
Planning Commission

On Monday April 3, 2023, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Short form subdivision – Highway 69 between Industrial Drive SW & 23rd Street SW
2. Short form subdivision – East Hanceville Road SE – 3 lots
3. Short form subdivision – Lake Catoma Subdivision – County Road 1402 – 5 lots

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

Op-Ed: It's time to put fentanyl dealers behind bars

Rep. Matt Simpson
Contributor

I'm certain that many of you have heard about the drug fentanyl in the news these last few years, the powerful opioid similar to morphine or oxycodone but 100 times more powerful than both of those drugs and much more addictive and deadly.

Fentanyl's original uses included pain relief for cancer patients and battlefield medicine for our military, but now, illegally manufactured fentanyl is streaming into our nation across our southern border and has become an addictive street drug and the cause of hundreds of deaths across our state. In Baldwin County alone, 68% of the overdose deaths were linked to fentanyl last year. Jefferson County reported more than 300 fentanyl related deaths in 2022.

An overdose amount of fentanyl is as small as just 2 milligrams. This is equivalent to five grains of sand. A packet of sugar is around 1,000 milligrams. To put in in perspective, a substance in an amount that could fit on the head of a ballpoint pen can kill someone who comes in contact with it, regardless of whether the contact is intentional or accidental. Drug dealers are intentionally adding this deadly substance to other drugs – heroin, cocaine, marijuana – and even passing it off on seemingly non-threatening items like breath mints.

This lethal drug puts our children and communities in danger, as well as the law enforcement officers and first responders who are at risk of accidental exposure in the course of their job duties.

But, unlike the trafficking of every other dangerous drug in this state, fentanyl trafficking does not have a mandatory prison sentence attached to the charge. Currently, these dealers of death can just use their stacks of drug money to post bail and be back out on the streets pushing this poison in a matter of hours. My bill, House Bill 1, hopes to correct this wrong immediately by creating mandatory jail sentences for those found guilty of trafficking fentanyl in Alabama, putting these dealers of death behind bars where they belong and helping make our streets a safer place again. Our families and friends have already been hit too hard by this drug but this legislation will be a giant step forward in the efforts to protect our loved ones and communities from the fentanyl crisis that is quickly becoming a national crisis.

Rep. Matt Simpson, R-Daphne, represents House District 96 in the Alabama House of Representatives and serves as the chairman of the House Ethics and Campaign Finance Committee. HB1 will be considered by the Alabama House of Representatives during the legislative session and will be heard in committee on Wednesday.



Cullman Middle School construction update

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CULLMAN, Ala. — In May 2022, construction of new buildings at Cullman Middle School began. However, according to the Cullman Middle School Principal Jake Johnson, the construction schedule has had a few setbacks due to some supply chain issues.

"We hope to move into the new facility by mid-October," he said, "but we will not make definitive plans for the move until we are closer to the completion of the first phase of construction."

Johnson continued, "Unlike the Cullman City Primary School project, the transition to the new building at Cullman Middle School will be seamless due to the students already being on the campus. The first phase of this project does not involve moving sixth grade from East and West."

Construction is currently still in the first phase of the three-phase project. According to Johnson, the first phase of the project hinges on the certificate of occupancy issued by the Alabama Division of Construction Management.

Johnson also addressed potential concerns regarding construction interfering with school traffic. He said, "First Team Construction has been conscientious about our traffic flow concerns, especially during drop-off and pick-up times at CMS. They have been great to work with throughout this process!"

Trent Moore contributed to this article.



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The construction at Cullman Middle School is seen Monday, March 20.

Gentry on seniors: 'They are truly the heartbeat of our community'

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CULLMAN, Ala. — This year marks the ninth year the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) and Sheriff Matt Gentry have visited senior centers and community centers across the county.

The CCSO uses these opportunities to give law enforcement updates and address residents' concerns, as well as provide food and fellowship.

"Our seniors, in particular, are such a wonderful group of people here in Cullman County," according to Gentry, who said he looks forward to these gatherings every year. "They are truly the heartbeat of our community. They are the foundation that built this country, and without them, Cullman County would not be the special and unique place that it is," he said. "Not only that, they are also one of the best assets for law enforcement. No one knows more about what is going on in this county than they do. It is such a blessing to be able to spend this time with our citizens."

Area seniors can check with their local senior centers or the Cullman County Commission on Aging, which manages most of the county's senior centers, for information on upcoming events.



TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

Kathy Fairbanks celebrated her 90th birthday in 2022 with, from left, Cullman County Commission on Aging Director Stephanie Lawson, Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry and Cullman County Commissioner Kerry Watson at the New Canaan Senior Center.

Insights (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Matriarchs of Cullman gathered in the banquet room of the All Steak on March 16 to share stories, insight and wisdom. The event was hosted by Les Dames, a local nonprofit focused on mentoring and bridging gaps between women in our community. The panel of speakers included Cullman City Council President Dr. Jenny Folsom, former First Lady of Alabama Marsha Folsom and former Cullman Economic Development Agency Director Peggy Smith. Laura Quick, co-founder of Les Dames, moderated the panel.

Questions varied from personal to professional, with many focused on women in the workplace, mentorship, serving the community and the importance of having a support system. The overall message of the evening was one of perseverance.

Smith talked about her years of working in a male-dominated industry. "I've been there against that ceiling many times in my long career," she said. "The only way I got through it was that I had to keep going and moving forward. It was explained to me, very clearly, that it was not enough for me to be good. I had to be better. You can bang against that ceiling for years, and then all of a sudden, one day, there's this tiny little crack. And you just have to keep trying."

Based on her experience, said Jenny Folsom, the advice she would give a woman just starting out in her career would be: "Have a lot of self-confidence, not false confidence. You have to be able to back up what you're saying, your skills, your talents. Therefore you have to work a lot harder to do that. You have to be positive and create a strong network. Know your talents and strengths, and play to them."

Marsha Folsom said that through her years of entrepreneurship she learned just as much from failures as successes.

"I co-founded a company in 2011. In 2021, we had an investor group who came in and wanted to buy us. At the very last minute, two of our existing 60 investors refused to sign a change of control. This was hard. It felt like a failure. How do you not internalize that? Well, I'm helping other businesses move to Alabama. When one door closes, another opens, but let me tell you, you still have to knock on them."

For more information about Les Dames and its next event, visit www.lesdames-cullman.com.



CAYLA GRACE MURPHY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Left to right are Jenny Folsom, Peggy Smith, Marsha Folsom and Laura Quick.

Reporters (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Tribune is excited to announce two new reporters. Cayla-Grace Murphy is a talented reporter and videographer with a passion for storytelling and local journalism. Tiffany McKoy is a passionate and dedicated reporter with strong ties to the local community.

Raised in Danville, Murphy comes from a humble background and has always had a deep love for reading and writing. As the youngest and only girl among five siblings, she grew up on a hog farm, devouring books and nurturing her fascination with language.

She attended the Alabama School of Mathematics and Science, where she honed her interest in the humanities. She later graduated from Hartselle High School due to family changes. Now she's eager to channel her talent for storytelling into journalism.

"I have always been a storyteller, an over-sharer, a wordsmith," said Murphy. "Journalism can sometimes be staunch and blunt, but there is grace in telling a story or covering an event that has shaped someone's life or altered their worldview."

As a reporter and videographer, Murphy will focus on community events, lifestyle, community figures, children, the elderly and nonprofits. She will also cover Holly Pond, Baileyton and Fairview council meetings.

Murphy said that for her, journalism is vital because people are innately curious about the events happening around them, relying on journalists to provide the facts and allowing them to draw their own interpretations.

Murphy is not only a skilled journalist, but also a proud mother to her daughter River Jane. In her spare time, she enjoys sewing, particularly quilting, and her favorite color is burnt orange. Reflecting on her journey, she recalled a professor who once told her that her writing style was too personal.

"I hope he sees one of my articles one day," she remarked.

Born and raised in Cullman, McKoy is the daughter of Kevin McKoy and Angela Schaffer. She graduated from Cullman High School in 2010 before attending Auburn University. An avid fan of riding horses, attending concerts and traveling the world with her friends, McKoy brings a unique and dynamic perspective to The Tribune.

"I truly enjoy politics, sports and writing," she said. "This job combines all the things that I am passionate about in one."

McKoy will be covering politics in Cullman, including city council meetings, school board meetings and other politically related events. She also plans to cover special events and hopes to delve into sports journalism in the future.

For McKoy, journalism is crucial because, she said, trust in media has reached an all-time low. She explained, "The facts are constantly being pushed aside in order to suit a specific agenda. I believe the truth matters. I want to be the type of journalist people can rely on to always bring the truth, no matter what."

In addition to her passion for journalism, McKoy had a few fun facts to share. She's a huge rock 'n' roll fan, with Mötley Crüe being her favorite band. She has read an astounding 1,232 books in her life, keeping count of each one, and she once went trail riding on an active volcano, Mount Vesuvius. McKoy said she looks forward to serving the community by always delivering the facts and truth.

The Cullman Tribune team is thrilled to have Murphy and McKoy on board. Reach them at caylagrace@cullmantribune.com and tsmckoy@cullmantribune.com, respectively.