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April Walking Tours begin with walk through 1873-1900

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CULLMAN, Ala. — This year's April Walking Tours series kicked off at the Cullman County Museum on Saturday, April 1, with guide Michael Sullins leading the way.

Participants met on the steps of the Cullman County Museum, where Sullins opened the tour with a speech from George Parker, a former mayor of Cullman. Sullins' tour focused on 1873-1900 and took place along First Avenue, from the Festhalle south to the Mary Carter Store.

Sullins explained that what is now First Avenue used to be the "hub" of town during the time period. He went into detail about all the former buildings and locations from the era and offered funny stories about Cullman's history. Sullins' passion for the » PAGE 6



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Michael Sullins led the first April Walking Tour of the season in Cullman on Saturday, April 1.

Festhalle Farmers Market opens for season



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Opening day of the Cullman Farmers Market at the Festhalle was Saturday, April 1. The market will be open every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. through October.

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CCCDC gets new signage thanks to persistent moms, Gudger



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported April 3

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported April 3, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INCIDENTS
March 30
• possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 565
• permitting dogs to run at large; Hwy. 91
• possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 157
• dog bite; CR 1393
• domestic violence; resisting arrest; CR 1332
• possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69 S

March 31
• domestic violence; CR 1682
• possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 157
• criminal mischief; Finley Cir.
• domestic violence; Hwy. 91
• domestic violence; CR 1545
• possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 587
• assault; CR 1448

April 1
• possession of marijuana; Hwy. 278 E
• possession of marijuana; CR 747
• attempt to elude police officer; CR 1296
• burglary; Hwy. 31
• harassment; CR 1551
• possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278 E

April 2
• possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 747
• permitting dogs to run at large; CR 643
• assault; CR 111
• theft of property; CR 38
• receiving stolen property; Pine Ln. SE
• illegal possession prescription drugs; unlawful possession of controlled substance; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69 S
• theft of property; criminal mischief; Sportsman Lake Rd. NW
• attempt to elude police officer; CR 437
• domestic violence; CR 1379

ARRESTS
March 30 – April 2
Bannister, Frankie E.; 36
• FTA- attempt to elude police officer

Beatty, Ryan T.; 41
• unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle (no theft or damage)
• fraudulent use of credit/debit card
• theft of a motor vehicle-3rd degree

Bryant, Marlon F.; 49
• FTA- DUI (alcohol)

Champion, Jennifer L.; 39
• Bail Jumping-2nd degree-possession of methamphetamine
• Bail Jumping-2nd degree-possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
• Bail Jumping-2nd degree-possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Cox, Randal W.; 43
• forgery-counterfeiting

Crowe, James W.; 43
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Doss, Andy M.; 64
• FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft less than $500

Duck, Benjamin E.; 41
• receiving stolen vehicle

Freeman Jr., Lee E.; 32
• FTA- driving while license suspended

Gant, Rich R.; 45
• FTA- prohibited methods and devices for hunting

Goggins, Brenda K.; 66
• criminal trespass

Grant, Jonica B.; 27
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
• FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
• FTA- DUI-controlled substance (2 counts)
• FTA- switched tag

Gray, Kimberly M.; 43
• DUI (alcohol)

Griffin, Linda F.; 59
• negotiating worthless instrument (3 counts)

Harbison, Stephen L.; 42
• Probation Revoked-possession of dangerous drugs
• Probation Revoked-attempting to elude police officer

Harris, Charles S.; 28
• FTA- driving while license suspended

Hodge, Michael K.; 33
• FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Holland, Whitney E.; 28
• assault-child abuse-simple-family (3 counts)

Hulsey, Buddy A.; 40
• public intoxication

Jacobs, Aaron T.; 21
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Juarez, Juan F.; 57
• DUI (alcohol)

Keller, Nicholas I.; 38
• FTA- operating vehicle with expired tag

King, Bobby N.; 26
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
• FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)

Maddox, Dusty G.; 37
• FTA- driving while suspended, revoked, or cancelled

McCombs, Heather L.; 27
• assault-domestic-simple assault-family

McCoy, Ashleigh R.; 43
• FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft $500 less than $1,500

McCurdy, James E.; 37
• FTA- attempt to commit a crime-class B felony
• possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
• FTA- receiving stolen property $500 less than $1,500
• FTA- unauthorized use of auto-no force (joyriding)
• FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

McDuffie, Joey L.; 38
• FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous
• FTA- operating vehicle without insurance

McIntyre Jr., Bryan D.; 38
• possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Noe, Walnetia Louise P.; 43
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
• FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Pate, Jeremy B.; 33
• possession of methamphetamine
• possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense (2 counts)
• possession of methamphetamine
• possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Phillips, Rueben M.; 37
• FTA- public intoxication

Pigg, Katrina N.; 34
• Probation Violation- possession of methamphetamine

Poole, Jason E.; 48
• assault-domestic-simple assault-family
• resisting arrest

Pugh, Jamie B.; 43
• attempting to elude police officer

Rhinehart, Jaycareous M.; 25
• assault-domestic-harassment-family

Riddle, Howard S.; 47
• possession of marijuana-2nd degree
• FTA- operating vehicle with expired tag
• FTA- driving while license suspended

Savage, Nicholas A.; 23
• possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Shores, Jamie L.; 39
• possession of dangerous drugs

Snowball, Brandy J.; 43
• assault-domestic-harassment-family

Thornton, Matthew E.; 41
• possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Uselton, Johnathan S.; 32
• Probation Violation- burglary-residence-no force
• Probation Violation- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
• Probation Violation- receiving stolen property

Warmath, James R.; 34
• assault-child abuse-simple-family (3 counts)

Watson, Patrick J.; 53
• illegal possession of prescription drugs
• possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Weaver, Patricia K.; 58
• possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

West Jr., William E.; 51
• possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
• FTA- operating vehicle without insurance

Wilson, Tammy L.; 45
• assault-harassment

Wolford, Ayla E.; 30
• Violation of Release Order- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft $500 less than $1,500

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
March 31
• theft of property-1st degree; Premier Bank of the South; cash
• theft of property-4th degree; forgery-3rd degree; Shell 157; forged check
• duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; Olive St. SW; damage to 2017 Toyota Prius
• theft of property-4th degree; Dollar Tree; Marktplatz Ctr. SW; general merchandise

April 1
• theft by deception-3rd degree; person; cash; $900
• theft of property-4th degree; criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $45

April 2
• duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; CR 490; damage to 2014 Toyota Tacoma; $500
• criminal trespass-1st degree; person; 16th St. SE
• leaving scene of accident; person; 3rd St. SE; damage to 2007 Cadillac Escalade; $500
• theft of property-4th degree; criminal trespass-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $3

ARRESTS
March 31 – April 2
McCormack, Ethan D.; 29
• theft of property-4th degree
• theft of property-3rd degree

Wolford, Ayla E.; 30
• theft by deception-4th degree
• theft of property-3rd degree

McIntyre Jr., Bryan D.; 38
• FTA- theft of property-4th degree
• FTA- receiving stolen property-4th degree
• FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree (2 counts)
• FTA- expired tag
• FTA- driving while revoked
• FTA- insurance violation
• FTA- fail to register vehicle

Goodwin, Karessa D.; 32
• harassment

Sotherland, Jacob A.; 33
• public intoxication

Harbison, Stephen L.; 42
• theft of property-4th degree
• criminal theft-3rd degree

Bryant, Marlon F.; 49
• FTA- public intoxication (2 counts)
• FTA- public lewdness

Prichard, Joshua A.; 31
• criminal trespass-1st degree

Hanna, Amiyah B.; 19
• stalking-2nd degree
• FTA- resisting arrest
• FTA- public intoxication
• FTA- harassment

Faught, Alan J.; 40
• criminal trespass-2nd degree
• theft of property-4th degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No arrests or incidents reported.

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



Sacred Heart (from Front)

Barbara Ragsdale
Contributor

Below is the calendar of events for Holy Week, April 4 through Easter Sunday, April 9, at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in downtown Cullman. All services are open to the public, regardless of faith affiliation.

Tuesday, April 4
• Two Masses, 6:30 a.m. and noon
• Confessions follow from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m.
• Extra confessions Tuesday night from 7:15-8:45

Wednesday, April 5
• English Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., followed by confessions from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.
• A Spanish-language Mass will be celebrated from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Holy Thursday, April 6
• Confessions from noon-1 p.m.
• Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Last Supper begins at 7 p.m., followed by Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament until midnight. At midnight, the Blessed Sacrament will be Reposed signaling Christ's descent into Hell and the realm of the dead.

Good Friday, April 7
• Stations of the Cross and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, 2:15 p.m.
• Celebration of the Passion of the Lord, 3 p.m.
• Final confessions will be heard from 7-8:45 p.m.

Saturday, April 8
• Easter Vigil Mass, including Reception of the Elect Adults into the Catholic Church, at 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 9
• Masses at 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

All services will be accompanied by the Sacred Heart of Jesus choir under the direction of Barry Stoner who is beginning his 30th year of musical ministry with the downtown church. All are invited to take part in any and all services .

A very Happy and Blessed Easter season to all.

Be sure and mark NEXT Sunday as the Feast of the Divine Mercy of Jesus.

St. Bernard (from Front)

Joyce Nix
Saint Bernard

CULLMAN, Ala. — The solemnity and seriousness of Holy Week are very evident in the Church of St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman. Crucifixes and images of saints are covered with violet cloth as Christians "fast" from the beauty and comfort of sacred images. Even the Abbey's huge 10-foot Great Cross is shrouded, its bright colors invisible until Easter.

Christians around the world are celebrating Holy Week. It began on Palm Sunday and lasts through Easter Sunday. Holy Week is the center of the Christian Year, and the heart of Holy Week are the days of Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday, called the Sacred Triduum (Three Days). Especially during these days the Catholic monks of St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman welcome guests to their worship, ancient rites in praise of God who suffered for the world.

The most popular services at the Benedictine Abbey will be:
• Thursday, April 6: Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper), 4 p.m.
• Friday, April 7: Good Friday (Liturgy of the Passion of Christ), 3 p.m.; (Tenebrae), 7:30 p.m.
• Saturday, April 8: The Great Easter Vigil of Saturday Night, 8 p.m.
• Sunday, April 9: Easter Sunday Mass, 10:30 a.m.

Said Abbot Marcus Voss, O.S.B., leader of the monastery of 33 Benedictine monks, "Holy Week began with Passion (Palm) Sunday, which commemorates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem where, during the coming week, he would suffer, die and rise."

The Abbot explained that Holy Week continues through to the Easter Triduum, the Great Three Days beginning Holy Thursday Evening and lasting through Easter Sunday Evening.

On Holy Thursday evening the institution of the Mass at the event called The Lord's Supper is celebrated, and the abbot of the monastery washes the feet of twelve men in commemoration of Jesus' washing of his disciples' feet. Holy Thursday is sometimes called "Maundy Thursday" (from the Latin word "mandatum" or "command"), from Jesus' command made on this day that his followers are to love as He loves – demonstrated in the very act of washing feet.

On Good Friday is remembered Jesus' perfect act of love: His suffering and death. In that connection the cross is honored with great solemnity. On Friday evening is the service of Tenebrae (darkness), which sees the church gradually darken as Christ dies on the cross for the world and the earthquakes at the death of its Creator.

On Holy Saturday all keep watch with Jesus as He lies in the tomb until the darkness of Saturday evening. It is then that light pierces the darkness in the Easter Vigil. The Easter Vigil is the great celebration of Christ's resurrection and victory over death. The service begins in the dark (8 p.m. on Saturday night) when the "New Fire" is lit outside the Abbey Church. From that fire the Paschal (Easter) Candle, which symbolizes Christ, is lit and taken into the church, where the candles of all worshippers receive the flame from the "Light of Christ" (Paschal Candle), destroying darkness and flooding the church with light.

Finally comes Easter Sunday morning and Easter Mass at 10:30 a.m. "For almost 2,000 years Christians have worshipped God in special services during these holiest of days, and we are privileged to do the same," said Abbot Marcus, "and we welcome all to join us."

In the Church's tradition, the veiling of crosses has several meanings: It is a "fasting" from sacred depictions which represent the Easter glory of salvation.

Just as the Lenten fast concludes with the Easter feast, so too, fasting from the cross culminates in honoring the cross on which the sacrifice of Calvary was offered for the sins of the world on that first Good Friday. An important part of the Good Friday Liturgy is that honoring of the Cross, which includes its unveiling. Once the Cross has been unveiled, it is logical that all crosses would be unveiled so that they too might be honored by the faithful and remind all of the glory of the Holy Cross of Christ. Likewise, a fasting from the wonderful images of the mysteries of faith and the saints in glory, ends at the Easter Vigil on Saturday night when all celebrate the victorious Christ, risen from the tomb.

Some writers explain that the veiling is to remind all of Jesus' humiliation and to imprint the image of the crucified Christ more deeply on minds and hearts.

The veiling of crosses and images, making them "present" but "absent," draws attention to their importance and beauty – as wonderful objects that remind one of the gift of salvation and the communion of saints.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

PUBLIC NOTICE: Cullman City Cemetery
Ground flowers at the City Cemetery need to be removed by April 15 to prepare for Decoration Day on May 14.

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, April 5 – 7 p.m. Message : "I AM the bread of life" Communion following service.
• Thursday, April 6 – 7 p.m. Message : "No Ordinary Thursday!"
• Friday, April 7 – 7 p.m. Message: " I AM Barabbas"
• Saturday, April 8 - Easter Community Celebration : 1-3 p.m. Free hotdogs, chips and drinks, Praisin Puppets performing, Easter Egg Hunt starting at 1, and other fun activities.
• Sunday, April 9 - 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, April 9 – 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast @ 9:30 a.m. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults @ 10 a.m. Adult class. 11 a.m. service, message is " I AM the resurrection and life!" by Pastor Bobby Dodd.

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.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Revival
Through Friday, April 7, 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 the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center. For ages 55-plus. Food, fun and fellowship. Ory Hampton of Daystar Church in Good Hope will be speaking.

Holly Pond Homemakers Club Spring Bake Sale
Saturday, April 8, beginning at 8 a.m. at Holly Pond Town Hall. There will be assorted cakes for $25, assorted pies for $15, delicious cookies and other items. All proceeds benefit the Holly Pond Cemetery. Donations may also be mailed to Holly Pond Cemetery Fund, ATTN: Judy Jones, P.O. Box 335, Holly Pond, AL 35083.

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.

Holly Pond Homemakers Club Meeting
Tuesday, April 11, at 1 p.m. at the Holly Pond Event Center. Speaker will be Christy Allred, who will talk about finding your balance. Hostesses will be Sue Morris and Gladys Wisener.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, April 13, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church, 1310 St. Joseph Dr., Cullman. All are welcome.

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.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Singing and Revival
Sunday, April 16, at 5 p.m. New Ground from Scottsboro 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.

Cullman Educator Retirees Association Meeting
Thursday, April 20, at 11 a.m. at Stone Bridge Farms. Our program will be presented by the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center/WildWater, followed by lunch and fellowship for those who wish to stay. Info: mjcjcera@gmail.com

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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PREP SOFTBALL

West Point collects wins over Brighton, D.A.R at Bob Jones Tournament

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MADISON, Ala. — The West Point Lady Warriors traveled to compete at this year's Bob Jones Tournament on Saturday and collected a 13-8 win over DAR to get things started. They dropped their next game to Boyd Buchanan 7-0 but bounced back and took care of business against Brighton 8-4.

West Point 13 - DAR 8 (Game One)
West Point didn't waste any time getting in the run column in their opening at-bats. Three singles by Macayla Wilkins, Macie Brown, and Bethany Minck loaded the bases with no outs for Brinlee Phillips, who promptly cleared the bases with a three-run double on just the second pitch as that gave the Lady Warriors a quick 3-0 lead. They didn't stop there, though, as Katie Beth Yovino added an RBI groundout to make it 4-0.

Bailey Brock hit a double and Lexi Kimbril added a single to put runners on the corners with one out, then Liberty Shadix drove in a run on an RBI groundout, Kortni Baker hit an RBI double, Brown added a two-run double, Minck hit an RBI double, and she later scored on a DAR error to give West Point a 10-0 lead.

The Lady Warriors added to their lead in the top of the second.

Back-to-back two-out singles by Shadix and Baker had runners on first and second for Wilkins, who drove them both in on a two-run single to push their lead to 12-0. The Lady Patriots got in the run column in their half on a solo home run and an RBI single as that cut it to 12-2, but West Point put up a run in the top of the third on a Brock RBI single.

DAR didn't go down without a fight in their final at-bats as an RBI single, a hit by pitch with the bases loaded, a two-run double, and a pair of wild pitches saw them cut it to 13-8 with two outs.

After a walk, Minck settled down and got a fly out to end the game as the Lady Warriors picked up a 13-8 win over the Lady Patriots.

Phillips finished with a pair of hits and three RBIs for West Point. Wilkins added three hits and a pair of RBIs. Brown ended up with two hits and two RBIs. Minck added three hits and an RBI. Brock and Baker each collected a pair of hits and an RBI in the contest. Shadix added a hit and an RBI. Yovino chipped in with an RBI of her own, while Kimbril collected a pair of hits as well.

Boyd Buchanan 7 - West Point 0 (Game Two)
Boyd Buchanan picked up a run in their opening at-bats and added two more in the second, fifth, and seventh inning, as they ended up throwing a no-hitter in their win over West Point.

Wilkins (two walks) was the only batter to reach base for the Lady Warriors.

West Point 8 - Brighton 4 (Game Three)
After a scoreless first inning, West Point would bat around in the top of the second. Phillips reached on an error to lead off the inning and would move to second on the same play.

An RBI single by Shadix put the Lady Warriors in the run column first, then after a Yovino single, Kimbril lined an RBI double to left field to make it 2-0. One out later, Kara Jones hit a three-run home run over the right field fence to push their lead to 5-0.

Brighton played long-ball in the bottom of the third inning as they hit a three-run home run over the center field fence to cut it to 5-3.

The Lady Warriors responded in the top of the fourth. Wilkins hit a leadoff single, then Brown reached on an error.

Minck reached on an infield single to load the bases for Phillips, who hit a sacrifice fly to center field to make it 6-3. Shadix and Yovino each added back-to-back RBI singles to increase the West Point lead to 8-3. Brighton cut it to 8-4 on an RBI single in the bottom of the fifth and another single put runners on first and second with two outs, but Baker got the next batter to line out to end the game as West Point finished 2-1 on the day after their 8-4 win over Brighton.

Jones led the way for West Point with the three-run homer. Shadix added a pair of hits and two RBIs. Yovino and Kimbril each ended up with a pair of hits and an RBI.

Phillips collected an RBI in the contest. Wilkins and Minck each added a pair of hits in the game, while Brown, Cabri Blackwood, and Ella Minck each chipped in with a hit of their own.

PREP BASKETBALL

'Put the team first': Good Hope's Weston Hancock recaps junior season

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — The Good Hope Raiders are coming off another fantastic season as they finished with a 21-9 record. Junior Weston Hancock talked about that season and what he learned, what it's been like playing with this team so far, and what he has learned during his time on varsity.

"We had a great season that ended way too early for us, and I learned that we can be a dangerous team in Class 4A this coming year," Hancock said. "It was great being able to play big roles and being a top-ranked 4A team the last two years. What I've learned during my time on varsity so far is that there's going to be some kind of adversity every game."

Hancock has been blessed getting to play for some great coaches and he's taken away so much from them so far.

"All three of our coaches are amazing at getting the best out of every single one of us," Hancock said. "What I've learned from them is to always be confident in yourself and one of the most important things I've learned from them these past three years is putting God first and to always keep your head up."

Hancock got to play with three great seniors last season and soaked up as much as he could from all of them.

"Last year's seniors were awesome. We all had great friendships on and off the court and all three of them contributed in their own way. Colton was a great leader on the court that helped us tremendously on both ends for us. Charlie showed every single one of us he can outwork anyone, no matter the situation. Jed was one of the most unselfish players. Despite not getting a lot of minutes, he showed up every day to practice and battled with every single one of us."

Hancock will be working on some things in the off-season to get ready for next season and has some goals set for himself and the team.

"One of the main things I'll be working on is my shot and another thing is being able to play above the rim," he said. "Our team goal is to play in Birmingham next year; that's our main focus. Winning area and county would just be a bonus to that for us. An individual goal is to just be able to battle with anyone night in and night out."

Hancock talks about what will make this team special to watch next season, his role models growing up, some of the best advice he's been given and what he's learned from other varsity players so far.

"We've got guys putting in the work every day to get to that end goal next year and everyone was upset from the previous year. Everyone is competing every day, getting everyone's max effort, and pushing us to our full potential for this upcoming season," he said. "I've always looked up to the guys on varsity. The best advice that I've ever been given is from the coaches. We hear every day from them to never be satisfied and I feel like that's the best advice you can hear as an athlete. I've learned a lot from the varsity players the last three years and one of the most valuable things I've learned is to always put the team first."



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Good Hope's Weston Hancock

Alabama falls, 5-4, to sixth-ranked Arkansas on Sunday

Alex Thompson
UA Athletics

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. – A back-and-forth contest between Alabama and No. 6 Arkansas finished in favor of the Razorbacks, 5-4, on Sunday afternoon at Baum-Walker Stadium. The Crimson Tide moves to 21-8 on the season and 3-6 in Southeastern Conference action.

Both teams traded two runs apiece in the first before the Tide took the lead with one in the fifth. Arkansas answered in the home half, scoring a pair to take a 4-3 lead. Alabama countered for one in the sixth to even things up, but the Hogs came right back with a run of their own in the bottom of the frame for the 5-4 lead. The Crimson Tide reached the tying and go-ahead runs in the eighth but were unable to take advantage with the Razorbacks clinching the Sunday win and series victory.

Arkansas reliever Dylan Carter (4-0) got the win with Gage Wood picking up the save. Alabama reliever Garrett McMillan (0-1) suffered the loss.

From Head Coach Brad Bohannon
"This was a tough one. We had a chance to win a signature series on the road against a top-10 opponent. We just needed to make one more big pitch or get one more big hit. We did a lot of really good things this weekend, competed really, really well. Unfortunately, it just wasn't quite enough to win a series."

How it happened
- T1 | A two-out double by Jim Jarvis started the rally. Andrew Pinckney and William Hamiter each followed with walks to load the bases, with Dominic Tamez taking advantage of the opportunity with a single up the middle to score a pair. (2-0, Alabama)
- B1 | Three straight singles to start the inning scored one. The Hogs then evened things up when the man from third came home on a wild pitch. (2-2)
- T5 | Jarvis led off with a home run to right, putting the Tide back in front. (3-2, Alabama)
- B5 | The Razorbacks moved ahead on the power of a two-run home run by Jared Wegner. (4-3, Arkansas)
- T6 | Tommy Seidl reached on a fielder's choice. A wild pitch and a flyout moved him to third before another wild pitch allowed Seidl to cross for the tying run. (4-4)
- B6 | A walk and single put Razorback runners on the corners with a single to center scoring the go-ahead run. (5-4, Arkansas)

Postgame notes
- The Crimson Tide has homered in 24 games this season.
- Jim Jarvis extended his hitting streak to 10 games dating back to March 17. Over that stretch, the senior is batting .385 (15-39) with three doubles, two home runs, eight RBI, 11 runs scored, eight walks and two hit-by-pitch.
- Jarvis has also gotten on base in all nine SEC games to start conference play.
- Ed Johnson has also gotten aboard in every game of conference action.

Alabama will return home to begin an eight-game homestand, first with Troy on Tuesday, April 4. The Crimson Tide and Trojans are scheduled for a 6 p.m. first pitch at Sewell-Thomas Stadium. The midweek contest will air on SEC Network+.

Get all the latest information on the team by following @AlabmaBSB on Twitter and Instagram and on Facebook at Alabama Baseball. General athletic news can be found at UA_Athletics on Twitter and Instagram and AlabamaAthletics on Facebook.



UA ATHLETICS

Alabama fell to No. 6 Arkansas on the road 5-4 Sunday.

Auburn falls in finale at No. 2 Florida

George Nunnelley
AU Athletics

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Auburn fought back from an early deficit to take a lead in the middle innings but couldn't hold on in a 17-8 loss at No. 2 Florida Sunday afternoon at Condron Ballpark.

Bryson Ware hit a three-run home run to give Auburn an 8-3 lead in the top of the fifth, but Florida scored 14 runs on 10 hits, nine walks and two hit batters in its final four at-bats en route to the win.

"We got right where we wanted to," head coach Butch Thompson said. "We built that 8-3 lead and when I saw them run and catch us, just so many freebies to allow them to get back in the ballgame there.

"We didn't throw the ball well, and Florida really started hitting and running away," Thompson added.

Auburn (18-9-1, 3-6 SEC) threatened out of the gate for the third straight day, but the Tigers came up empty in their first at-bat and it was Florida (24-5, 7-2 SEC) who scored in the bottom of the frame. With the bases loaded and two outs, a single to left field resulted in all three runs scoring.

The Tigers answered immediately as Cooper McMurray hit a 2-2 pitch well beyond the wall in center to put Auburn on the scoreboard. The ball left McMurray's bat at 110 miles per hour and was his third homer of the year. A pair of walks put the tying run aboard, but a well-hit ball from Bobby Peirce was tracked down on the run in center field to end the inning.

Auburn got right back to even in the game with two runs to start the fourth. Nate LaRue singled through the left side and Caden Green yanked a two-run home run down the left field line, marking his second homer of the season.

Later in the inning, a hit batter loaded the bases and Peirce scampered home on a wild pitch to give Auburn the lead. However, the Tigers left the bases loaded, bringing their four-inning total to nine stranded.

After surrendering the three runs in the first, Auburn starter Tommy Vail held Florida scoreless and without a hit in the second through fourth innings, allowing only one baserunner in the span.

Auburn continued to produce at the plate with four runs in the fifth. Peirce hit a one-out single back up the middle to score Green from second and, two batters later, Ware hit a three-run homer the other way to extend the lead to 8-3. The homer was Ware's team-best 14th of the season, including his sixth in SEC play and seventh in the last 10 games.

Florida cut its deficit to two with three runs on one hit, four walks and a hit batter in the fifth, but Chase Isbell entered with the bases loaded and struck out the leadoff hitter to end the inning and maintain the lead.

Isbell recorded the first out of the sixth and got to an 0-2 count on the cleanup hitter before being forced to leave the game with an injury, and Florida went on to score a pair of runs on a bases-loaded walk and sacrifice fly to tie the game.

The Gators took the lead on a two-RBI single from starting pitcher and designated hitter Jac Caglianone in the seventh and extended it lead with two more RBI hits later in the inning.

Hayden Murphy made his SEC debut in the eighth inning and struck out the first two batters he faced before five straight batters reached and a solo homer and grand slam capped off the scoring in the contest.

Justin Kirby doubled immediately after Ware's three-run homer in the fifth, marking the Tigers' 10th hit of the game, but Florida retired the next 13 Auburn hitters to end the game.

Peirce collected multiple hits in his third straight game in the series, and Ware extended his hit streak to 12 games and his reached base streak to 29 games dating back to last season.

Non-conference play continues for Auburn with a midweek matchup against UAB (9-17, 3-5 C-USA) at the Birmingham Barons' Regions Field Tuesday at 6 p.m.



UAA COMMUNICATIONS

Auburn fell to Florida in the series finale in Gainesville 17-8 Sunday.

Festhalle (from Front)



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Tours (from Front)

topic brought the past to life for tour participants.

Tours will take place every Saturday in April with different guides. This Saturday, April 8, will feature local author Ben Johnson South, followed by Cullman County Museum Director Drew Green on April 22 and Dr. Bill Peinhardt on April 29.

April Walking Tours, which are free, begin at 10 a.m. on the front steps of the museum. These are rain-or-shine events, and the museum will offer free admission each Saturday in April as well.

Each Saturday's tour leader will choose the route and topics, so every tour will be different.

More information about the April Walking Tours is available at https://tourism.alabama.gov/2022/03/scores-of-free-walking-tours-offered-across-alabama-on-saturdays-in-april.

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Hunt (from Front)

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VINEMONT, Ala. — The senior egg hunt scheduled for Wednesday, April 5, at 10 a.m. will now be held at the Cullman County Agricultural Center due to inclement weather and muddy conditions at its original location, Sportsman Lake Park.

The egg hunt will be hosted by the Cullman County Commission on Aging and is for residents aged 55 and older.

The morning will be packed with sponsored activities, including a hunt for eggs filled with candy from Alabama HomeCare (with a special prize egg sponsored by District Attorney Champ Crocker), lunch provided by SouthernCare Hospice Services and Jack's Foodland and a special Easter message from Ory Hampton, pastor at Daystar Church, Good Hope campus.

Other sponsors include Cullman County Parks and Recreation and Gentiva Hospice.

Signage (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Child Development Center (CCCDC) now has a metal fence, a reduced speed zone and flashing school zone signage, thanks to the persistence of parents and the collaboration of Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette and Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman.

A group of mothers (Hannah Roberts, Trudy Weaver, Kalina Black and Jennifer Hodges) has worked for nearly four years to get the speed limit in front of the school decreased and a new sign posted to alert motorists the area is a school zone.

After an incident in 2019 when Hodges' daughter broke free from her mom's hand and nearly ran out into the road, Hodges said, she was shaken up and realized she needed to act.

Hodges said she realized how fast the motorists were driving along U.S. Highway 31 in front of the school; the speed limit increased from 50 to 55 mph.

Hodges took it upon herself to drive around the city of Cullman and said she noticed areas around other schools have reduced speed limits, and most have signs with flashing lights warning motorists they are in a school zone.

"I thought how unfair it was that our kids at the Child Development Center didn't have that same opportunity for safety as children at other schools," Hodges stated.

Hodges said she contacted the City of Cullman and the Cullman County Commission and was told the area in front of the CCCDC is a jurisdictional challenge.

She contacted the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT), and she said it agreed to help but informed her that it could be a months-long process.

When COVID-19 hit, the project stalled. Hodges then reached out to Barnette, whom she said became active in getting the project completed.

However, after another year, nothing was moving forward.

In January 2022, another incident occurred when a child ran out onto U.S. Highway 31.

A truck driver saw the child, according to Hodges, and parked sideways to block other vehicles while the child was brought back to safety.

After that, she said, she approached Gudger and told him her story and asked for help. He agreed.

Within a few months, the discussion with ALDOT had resumed, a signage maintenance agreement was drafted, Barnette approved it and parts were ordered.

When asked about his role in moving the project forward, Gudger said, "I thought it was very important that the parents of that school never have to worry about having a child hurt, or losing a child based on security measures. I'm thankful and honored to do my job."

LEGALS

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
WILMA A. BAILEY, * CASE NO. PC 2023 - 101
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE: Letters Testamentary having been granted to Ricky Lee McDonald as Personal Representative of the Estate of WILMA A. BAILEY, deceased, on the 31st day of March, 2023, all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Ricky Lee McDonald
Personal Representative

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TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of publication to the Judge of Probate.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Probate Judge

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
JEWELL MOORE aka * CASE NO PC 2022-344
JEWEL PARKER MOORE *
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL, PETITION FOR PROBATE WITH WILL ANNEXED AND PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION WITH WILL ANNEXED

TO: MOORE BRIDGES, VERLIE JEFFREY MOORE AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

The Petition of Johnny Wayne Moore, for the Estate of Jewell Moore aka Jewel Parker Moore, Deceased, has been re-set for hearing on the **20th day of April, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.**

All persons of interest residing or being without the state are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Done this the 24th day of March, 2023.

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

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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
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STATE OF ALABAMA)
)
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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Cullman, Alabama 35055

Done this 20th day of March, 2023.

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The estate of)
)
MICHAEL RICKY OLINGER,) Case No.: PC-2023-084
)
Deceased)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Ricky Lynn Olinger, as Administrator of the Estate of Michael Ricky Olinger, deceased, on the 24th day of March, 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.

Ricky Lynn Olinger
Ricky Lynn Olinger
Administrator of the Estate of
Michael Ricky Olinger, deceased

TO: The Publisher of *The Cullman Tribune*

Please publish the foregoing notice one a week for 3 consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Probate Judge

Obituary Announcements: April 1-3

Jerry Ronald Heatherly, 78
Jerry Ronald Heatherly, 78, left this world March 31, 2023, at his residence. He was born March 16, 1945, in Cullman to Dora Johnson Heatherly and Mack Heatherly. He was their fifth of six sons. He was preceded in death by his parents and four of his brothers. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte Jasper Heatherly; daughter, Amy Burdette-Gray (David); brother, Raymond Heatherly (Imogene), eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews. He graduated from Cullman High School and received a Bachelor's of Education from Mississippi State University. He retired from the Cullman County Juvenile Court System after more than two decades of service. He was also a long-standing member of the North Alabama Substance Abuse Council. He was a member of Cornerstone Church of the Nazarene. The family would like to thank a special caregiver, Tiffany Garrison, and Southern Care Hospice. The family received friends at Moss Funeral Home on Monday, April 3, 2023, in the chapel. Interment at Cullman City Cemetery. We mourn the loss but rejoice that he is with his Heavenly Father in Heaven. To leave condolences for the family please visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Nancy Love, 73
Nancy Love, 73, of Cullman, entered into rest on Thursday, March 30, 2023, at her home. Love was born on Dec. 27, 1949, Honolulu, Hawaii. She proudly served her country for three years in the United States Army during the Vietnam era. She was a vibrant person with a lot of pizazz. Nancy was an excellent cook, and enjoyed reading, watching Doctor Who on television, but above all, she loved her family. She will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew her. The family will hold a private celebration of life at a later date. Nancy is survived by her husband, Michael; daughters, Katy Fish, and Marcie Turner; son-in-law, Steve Turner; grandchildren, Taylor, Zachary, Jacob, Joseph and Anna; and great grandson, Matthew John-Michael.

Patricia Pearson Goens, 81
Funeral service for Patricia Pearson Goens, 81, of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at the Bread of Life Church in Holly Pond with interment in Jones Chapel Cemetery. Visitation held Monday evening at the funeral home and the body will lie in state at the church on Tuesday from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. prior to the funeral service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Goens passed away Saturday, April 1, 2023, at her residence. She was born Aug. 11, 1941, to Madison William and Catherine Harris Sindle. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands, Wayne Pearson, Thomas Goens and her sisters and a brother. Survivors include her son, Randy (Lori) Pearson; daughters, Missy (Keith) Banks, Deidra (Josh) O'Neil; sister, Suzetta Henson; grandchildren, Leslie (Heath) Baggett, Madison (Abby) Pearson, Magen (Zack) Arnold, Brandon (Amber) Banks, Krystle (Joey) Northcutt, Aaron (Savannah) O'Neil, Logan (Heidi) O'Neil, Foster O'Neil; great-grandchildren, Ty Northcutt, Trayce Northcutt, Trypp Northcutt, Taylin Northcutt, Zion Banks, Bailey Baggett, Krysom Dial, Knash Dial, Whitt Baggett, Bristol Baggett, Grayson O'Neil, Charli O'Neil, Korbyn O"Neil, Dottie Arnold, Nora Arnold, Walker Pearson, Arleigh Pearson, Grant Mallard, Grady Mallard; great-great-grandchildren, Millie Baggett, Carter Sivley; and, a host of family and friends. Pallbearers will be Aaron O'Neil, Logan O'Neil, Foster O'Neil, Ty Northcutt, Trayce Northcutt, Zack Guillot, Steve King, Dave Sanders. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Jethro Stevie Harbison, 81
Funeral Service for Jethro Stevie Harbison, 81, of Cullman, will be Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cullman. The visitation will be Tuesday, April 4, 2023, 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Seventh Street Baptist Church. Rev, Eric Martin will officiate the service. The interment will be in Cullman City Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Harbison family. Jethro Harbison passed away in his home in Cullman, on Saturday, April 1, 2023, just four days from his 82nd birthday. He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, June Kirkland Harbison, his parents, Oscar Stevie Harbison and Vyria Hale Harbison, and granddaughter, Maleigh Ellen James. He is survived by daughters Laura Harbison Doss (Morrow) and Julia Harbison James (Ken), son Steve Harbison (Paula); eight grandchildren, Leah Doss Lewis (Forrest), Emma Doss Fry (Kendrick), Ethan James (Alex), Garrett James (Ashley), Lacey James Host (Ryan), Mikayla James Sogers (Jordan), Tyler Newman, SaraBeth Harbison; and fifteen great-grandchildren, Travis Lewis, Anson Lewis, Holden James, Charlie James, Eloise James, Henry James, Grayson James, Ezra James, Rylan James, Madeline James, Maleigh Host, Isaiah Host, Selah Host, Julia Host, Ezekiel Sogers; sisters Earlene Simmons and Deborah Oldacre (Michael), and one brother, Larry Harbison (Sandra). He also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Jethro earned a Bachelor of Science in Education at Jacksonville State University and a Masters of Science from the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma. He taught public school in Cullman County for 32 years, during which time he was named Cullman County Teacher of the Year and represented the Cullman County Education Association at the national convention in 1974. He also taught science at Wallace State Community College in Hanceville, Alabama. During his career, he served as minister of music for several area churches including St. Andrew's Methodist, Good Hope Baptist, Southside Baptist, Holly Pond Baptist, and Hayden Baptist, ending his career at Seventh Street Baptist Church. He was a lover of choral music, classical music and opera. He was a long-time member of the Cullman Community Concert Association Board and the Cullman County Museum Board. He was an active member of Cullman Retired Teachers Association and supported the alumni associations of both Jacksonville State University and the University of Oklahoma. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy can be posted to www.cullmanfuneralhome.com for the Harbison family.

Edward Willie Grimmett, 81
Funeral service for Edward Willie Grimmett, 81, of Bremen will be at 1 p.m., Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Kinney Grove Cemetery. The visitation will be Wednesday at the funeral home from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Grimmett family. Edward passed away peacefully at his lifelong home place of 81 years with his loving family by his side. Edward was a genuine, all American poultry farmer/ farmer for over 30 years. He had a passion for farming and worked hard to provide for his family. After leaving the farming business, he worked in security for the next 20 years. Finally, after over 50 years of hard work and dedication, he spent the last 7 years of his life at home enjoying retirement with family and his adored pal "Buddy." Edward served in the Army National Guard from 1963 to 1969 as a Specialist 4. He took extreme pride in serving his country and shared his experiences often. Edward was a simple, southern man who loved his family and lived a quiet life. He leaves behind a legacy filled with many dear friends and loved ones. A legacy of values, memories, friendships, love, respect and most importantly his faith in God. Edward has gone home to heaven to join his dear father and mother, Earl and Vonda Lee Grimmett. He leaves behind two daughters, Angela (Billy) Miller of Logan, WV and Tina Grimmett of Bremen, Alabama.; two grandchildren MacKenzie Miller of Logan, WV and Petty Officer Alex Lindsey of Cullman, Alabama; one great granddaughter Ella Durham of Logan, WV; A niece - Cindy McCollum; three nephews - Sidney, Bryan and Jason Grimmett; and his dearly beloved twin brother Elwin (Linda) Grimmett all of Cullman. Along with a host of other family and friends. - Until we meet again, you will live on forever in our hearts. "If you find yourself reflecting about me, take a walk in the country, feel the breeze, the sun, and the gentle rains. Soak in the smells and enjoy the sounds. On a hot, humid day, you really can hear the corn grow. Walk in the field, you'll hear it crackle. At night, if you look to the sky, you'll see the lights of heaven shining through the stars. Enjoy what God has given us." "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away" Revelation 21:4 Fond memories and expressions of sympathy can be posted to www.cullmanfuneralhome.com for the Grimmett family.

Shirley Brown McSwain, 73
Shirley Brown McSwain of Bremen, Alabama passed away on Saturday, April 1, 2023, at the age of 73. She was a wonderful and loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She was born Jan. 21, 1950. Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Ruby Brown and her father-in- law and mother-in- law; Verlon and Merle McSwain. She is survived by her loving husband of 58 years, Danny McSwain; Daughters, Belinda (Phillip) Nesmith, Darlynda (Jimmy)May, Kimberly (Tim) Locke; son, Kenneth (Tammy) McSwain;Grandchildren, JC (Macy) May, Justin (Haley)May, Whitney (Chase) Dean, Torrie (Jared) Rhodes, Ashley(Chris) Blake, Sara (Ben) Cutcher, Wesley Jackson, Jordan (Madison) McSwain, Grace (Devan) Williams, a host of Great Grandchildren. Sisters, Marilyn Goodwin, Sandra (Donnie) Bradford, Pat Brown; Brothers, Billy(Carol) Brown, Morris(Linda) Brown, Byron(Leisa) Brown, Farrell(Kay) Brown; Sister-in-law, Shirlene (Reverend James) Abbott. A graveside service for Shirley will be held Sunday, April 23, 2023, from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. at Johnson's Grove United Methodist Church.

Leslie Ellis Brinson, 71
Leslie Ellis Brinson, age 71, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Saturday, April 1, 2023. She is survived by two sons, Jonathan Brinson and Christopher Brinson; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, April 6, 2023, at 10 a.m. at East Side Baptist Church. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Brinson family.

Nan Shirley Auston, 74
Nan Shirley Auston died peacefully on Saturday, March 18, 2023, in Cullman, Alabama, after a long illness that she battled bravely until the end. Nan was surrounded by her family during her last weeks, enjoying many stories and laughs. She was 74. Born on August 26, 1948, in Dothan, Alabama, she moved to Ozark when she was eleven and graduated from Carroll High School in 1966. She then attended Massey Daughon Business College and later studied business administration at Lurleen Wallace Community College. Nan developed a love for retail, at various times co-owning three shoe stores for twenty years, helping make and sell premium candy, serving as retail sales manager for Proctor & Gamble, starting her own local company to represent Rodan and Fields, and for many years managing booths at a variety of flea markets and antique malls. Nan was known both for being a kind and caring soul and for having a fiery side. She enjoyed civic work and was active in the Dothan Service League where she served as secretary. In Cullman, she spent a decade active in the Pilot Club to raise money for brain trauma issues, serving one term as president. She was appointed by Gov. Robert Bentley and served five years on the board of the Registrar's Office of the Secretary of State for Alabama to help oversee voter registration and elections, including service as chairman of the board. Nan helped found the Tea Party in Cullman, Alabama, when it was all about keeping taxes in check, though she ceased involvement when her health issues arose and she felt social issues were taking precedent over the real mission. She lived in Alabama, Texas, and Mississippi. In Birmingham, she met and married Keith Auston and moved to Cullman with him for the next 23 years. Nan's dream was to camp and travel with Keith, and they lived out their dreams in recent years travelling to campgrounds and state parks stretching from the Gulf of Mexico beaches to the Pacific shores near Seattle – with several small beloved dogs on the trips. Nan was preceded in death by her grandparents, Alfred and Dora Shirley, Bama Shirley, and Will and Sally Purvis; her father, Alvin C. Shirley, and more than two dozen dear aunts, uncles and cousins. She is survived by her devoted husband, Keith Auston; her brother, Philip Shirley (Virginia); her children, Loyce Michelle Ward (Trey, Andy Glenn Penn (Tabitha), Kelly Nechole Auston Owen (Tim), and Christopher Wayne Auston; twenty-one grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a gaggle of cousins, nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to your favorite veteran's organization. A memorial event celebrating Nan's life will be held at 2 p.m. on April 22, 2023, at Faith Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Cullman at 6880 on Alabama 157. A second celebration will be held at 2 p.m. on May 21, 2023, at Celebration at Jones Crossing at 5918 Fortner Street in Dothan, Alabama. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Auston family. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy can be posted to www.cullmanfuneralhome.com for the Auston family.

Hilda Mullins, 86
Hilda Mullins, age 86, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Sunday, April 2, 2023. A celebration of life visitation for Hilda will be held Tuesday, April 4, 2023 from 1:30 p.m. until 3 p.m. Following the celebration of life visitation will be a graveside service at 3:30 p.m. at Hopewell Cemetery, Hanceville, AL 35077. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Mullins family.

Leslie Ellis Brinson, 71
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Bobby Ray "Bob" Rowell, 79
Bobby Ray "Bob" Rowell, age 79, of Haleyville, passed away Friday, March 31, 2023, at his home, surrounded by his loving family. He was born January 13, 1944, to Amos and Lillian Rowell. Bob served as a Fireman and emergency personnel with the Haleyville Fire Department for over 20 years. He was a diesel mechanic and truck driver for both Rowe Machinery and Shelter products. Visitation will be Friday, April 7, 2023, from noon until 2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where the service will be held at 2 p.m. Entombment will be at Winston Memorial Mausoleum. Brother Gary Wakefield will officiate. Bob is survived by his daughter, Heather Cantrell; granddaughter, Samantha Rowell; grandson, David Cantrell; and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Amos and Lillian Rowell; wife, Carolyn Henderson Rowell; son, Heath Rowell; brothers, Clarence and Jimmy Rowell; and sisters, Betty Jean Hicks and Maylene Rowell.

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Runners-up in the Wallace State Community College Intramural Pickleball league for the Spring 2023 semester were, from left, Alex Jaulin and Sebastian Gamez, with the winning team of Lennert Lemahieu and Hugo Blasco claiming the title.

Wallace State announces winners of intramural pickleball

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College crowned winners in the Intramural Pickleball league for the spring 2023 semester. This was the first official season of intramural pickleball play.

"The students had a great time playing the games all season and meeting new friends," said WSCC Success Advisor Dakota Nichols, who sponsored the intramural games.

"We hope to do it again next spring with even more participants."

The winning team for the season were students Huga Blasco and Lennert Lemahieu, with the runners-up of Alex Jaulin and Sebastian Gamez. Third place went to the team of Dustin Speake and sponsor Dakota Nichols. Fourth place went to Andrew Braden and Mason Reed, fifth place to Katherina Gil and Nora Rosner and sixth place to Caroline Haigh and Carols Perez.

Other pickleball players for the season were Hadlee Freeman Korbin Register, Eli Williams, Iyen Cresens, Hudson Harden, Will McDowell and Adrian Zavala.

The college will offer Wallyball during the month of April.

Students, faculty and staff can sign up through March 31 at https://bit.ly/wscc_wallyball or by contacting Nichols at 256-352-8047 or dakota.nichols@wallacestate.edu.

Weekly volleyball games are also offered through the Wallace State Campus Ministries organizations, with games at 2:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Wellness Center gym.



ADMH: April is Autism Acceptance Month

Staff Reports
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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Join the Alabama Department of Mental Health (ADMH) as it celebrates Autism Acceptance Month. Throughout the month, ADMH and partners, such as the Alabama Interagency Autism Coordinating Council (AIACC), the Regional Autism Network and Autism Support of Alabama, among many others, will share messages and personal stories of awareness, acceptance and inclusivity, beginning with the signing of the Proclamation for Autism Acceptance Month by Governor Kay Ivey.

We invite you to share in the Autism Society's celebration and resources, which encourage acceptance and celebrating differences. The Autism Society's mission is to create connections and empower everyone in the Autism community with the resources needed to live fully. What can you do? Learn more at https://autismsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/AAM_WhatisAutism_Flyer_Digital.pdf.

According to Autism Speaks, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication. One in 44 children has been identified with ASD, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2021). ASD is more than four times more common among boys than among girls. More than 3.5 million Americans live with an ASD.

Signs of autism usually appear by age 2 or 3. Some associated developmental delays can appear even earlier, and often, it can be diagnosed as early as 18 months. Over the years, the number of individuals diagnosed with ASD has increased, but research shows that early intervention leads to positive outcomes later in life for people with autism.

The ADMH Office of Autism Services values the uniqueness of all individuals and strives to provide comprehensive supports, serving hundreds of children and youth and their families, throughout all regions of the state. To learn more about the office and services offered, visit https://mh.alabama.gov/autism-services.

ADMH leads the Alabama Interagency Autism Coordinating Council (AIACC), which was created to meet the urgent and substantial need to develop and implement a statewide comprehensive, coordinated, multidisciplinary, interagency system of care for individuals with ASD and their families.

The Regional Autism Network (RAN) is supported by the AIACC and consists of five universities that serve as hubs for professional training programs, technical assistance and consultation services, direct assistance and public education programs. The RAN is staffed by experts in the field of ASD. The RAN networks are housed at Auburn University, University of Alabama, University of Alabama at Birmingham, University of Alabama in Huntsville and University of South Alabama. Each Regional Autism Network strives to connect people with ASD, their families, educators and service providers to the information and/or services that best meet their needs.

Many events take place in the month of April to celebrate individuals with ASD, their families and professionals who work in the field. For example, Alabamians will take part in the virtual or community Every Step Matters Walk for Autism in support of the one in 44 individuals affected by autism. Registration is open at www.walkforautismal.com. Proceeds from the walks fund camps, family grants, safety initiatives and more. Now more than ever, individuals with autism and their families need you!







