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CCSO Citizens' Academy class nears graduation

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The last session of the spring 2023 class of the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) Citizens' Academy was held Saturday, April 15, at the CCSO shooting range.

The session started with Lt. Matt Bales explaining K9 units and how the animals are trained and cared for. According to Bales, the CCSO has five narcotic detector K9s, four tracking K9s and one bomb K9. These K9s provide various services. The tracking K9s primarily find lost individuals and fleeing suspects. The narcotic and bomb K9s search for illegal and dangerous materials throughout the community, including schools.

The Dive Team was also present Saturday. Attendees got to see one of the boats that is used, along » PAGE 6



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Cullman County Sheriff's Office Investigator Josh Wallace explains various pieces of equipment used by the SWAT Team during a demo at the Cullman County Sheriff's Office Citizens' Academy Saturday, April 15.

Flourish raises $9K-plus at Spring Fling



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Attendees of Flourish of Cullman's Spring Fling pose for a photo. Back row, left to right, are Alex Holt, Brian Spaeth, Dan Miller and Cory Symon; front row, left to right, are Flourish Executive Director Melissa Dew, Lindsey Ray and Pam Hawkins.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Flourish of Cullman, a nonprofit dedicated to life coaching and mentorship for individuals with disabilities, was proud to host its first-ever sold-out event Saturday, April 15. Two-hundred ticket holders filed into the Traditions Bank Building downtown, donning their Sunday best to bid on silent auction items ranging from gift baskets to full experiences, and win bingo prizes from fine jewelry, Rock the South tickets and luxurious vacations.

Four awards were presented to past and present Flourish clients, including the Perseverance Award given to Carver Donnelly, the Longest Continuously Employed Award to Janet Loyd, the Living the Dream Award to Matthew Phelps and, rounding out the evening, the Most Improved Award to Cassie Glover.

Flourish of Cullman Executive Director and Founder Melissa Dew smiled and said, "We sold out for the first time ever! We had 25 tables and they all sold. We are just so blessed with the Cullman community coming out and loving on us."

Through the silent auction Flourish was able to raise $9,500 to go toward its Robert Squires Independent Living Skills Apartment, a project that has slowly been making headway over the last couple of years. The goal of the project is to teach its clients independent living skills such as preparing a meal and how to tidy a home independently.

Want to learn more about Flourish? Visit www.flourishofcullman.com.

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Agatha, a female Anatolian Shepherd, is available for adoption at the Cullman County Animal Shelter. » PAGE 6

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported April 17

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported April 17, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

April 13

- harassment; CR 397
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Danes Ln.
- theft of property; CR 1375
- criminal mischief; CR 520
- theft of property; CR 255
- possession of drug paraphernalia; attempt to elude police officer; CR 437

April 14

- domestic violence; CR 245
- theft of property; Hwy. 69 S
- criminal mischief; CR 728
- harassment; CR 1718
- assault; CR 222
- domestic violence; CR 1107
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1154
- reckless endangerment; CR 404
- theft of property; CR 895
- domestic violence; CR 538
- trespassing; criminal mischief; Hwy. 31

April 15

- assault; CR 230
- possession of marijuana; Hwy. 69 S
- theft of property; CR 517
- domestic violence; CR 703
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 1776
- theft of property; Hwy. 69 N

April 16

- theft of property; Cemetery Rd.
- reckless endangerment; Hwy. 278 E
- criminal mischief; CR 1223
- burglary; Hwy. 91

ARRESTS

April 14 – 16

Anderson Jr., Melvin; 30
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Ball, Johnna M.; 22
- DUI (combined substance)

Campbell, Janet M.; 52
- criminal littering

Dickhaut, Kyle S.; 29
- obstruction governmental operations

Dickhaut, Victoria L.; 27
- dog/cat without rabies tag/certificate
- obstruction government operations

Fanning, Nathan D.; 38
- public intoxication

Garner, Buddy J.; 34
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Hill, James E.; 53
- FTA- drug trafficking
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Hipp, Tracy D.; 52
- public order crimes-bench warrant

Leonard, Shaun A.; 42
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

McDonald, Phillip R.; 57
- assault-reckless endangerment
- terrorist threat

McElrath, Delane; 46
- DUI (alcohol)

McNabb, Mesha E.; 35
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of dangerous drugs

Mead, Melanie K.; 47
- FTA- crimes against person-selling/giving cigarettes to minors
- larceny/theft-miscellaneous
- FTA- negotiating worthless instrument
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked, or cancelled

Meadors, Kenneth L.; 59
- public intoxication

Murphy, Dustin M.; 35
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Nunnally, Cynthia J.; 60
- DUI (alcohol)

Overton, Celina J.; 29
- FTA- assault-child abuse-simple-family
- FTA- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Raines, Jessie N.; 39
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Self, Amber L.; 38
- FTA- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Smith, Caleb J.; 22
- assault-harassment

Thomas, Richard F.; 47
- FTA- negotiating worthless instrument

Veal, Joshua S.; 39
- FTA- public intoxication

Veigl, Jason A.; 44
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

April 10
- identity theft; person
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; fraudulent use of credit/debit card; theft of property-4th degree; person; Hwy. 157; miscellaneous

April 13
- theft of property-3rd degree; Lowe's; Cherokee Ave. SW; tools; $1,117

April 14
- harassment; menacing; person; Hwy. 157
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; miscellaneous charges
- domestic violence-3rd degree-harassment; person; Miller St. SW
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; Clark St. NE; damage to 2001 Nissan; $200
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Hwy. 157
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $25

April 15
- theft of property-1st degree; person; 4th St. SW; 2006 Ford Focus; $3,000
- domestic violence-3rd degree-harassment; person; 3rd St. NE

April 16
- criminal trespass-1st degree; person; Rosemont Ave. NW
- assault-3rd degree; person; St. Joseph Dr. NW
- harassment; person; Hwy. 157
- domestic violence-harassment; person; Lessman Cir. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157 general merchandise; $47

April 17
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; 3rd St. SW; bags and contents

ARRESTS

April 14 – 17

Lindsey, Stephen C.; 38
- theft of property-4th degree

Haney, Vicky A.; 57
- theft of property-4th degree

Haney, Joe S.; 47
- theft of property-4th degree

Garrison, Treasa L.; 43
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Carmack, Christopher D. ;29
- public intoxication

Widner, Jason E.; 46
- DUI
- criminal littering

Thursby, Jessica L; 33
- possession/receiving controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Owens, Scott P.; 57
- FTA- expired tag

Smith, Tosha M.; 36
- domestic violence-3rd degree-harassment

Bennett, Tanner; 19
- DUI

Farr, Justin W.; 32
- attempt to elude
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- tampering with physical evidence
- criminal trespass-1st degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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



Best Farm-City Committee



MAGGIE EDWARDS

The Cullman County Farm-City Committee was named Best Farm-City Committee for Division 1 during the Alabama Farm-City Awards Luncheon and Program April 13 in Birmingham. The county also earned Division 1 honors for Best Civic Club Activities and the Target Award. For each recognition, the committee earned a cash award from Alabama Farm Credit. Division 1 is for counties with larger populations. From left are Alabama Farm Credit's Wendy Tysinger, Cullman County Farm-City Committee Chair Trevor Shoemaker and Alabama Farm-City Committee Chair Jeff Helms.

Festival (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The 39th Annual Bloomin' Festival Arts and Craft Fair is this Saturday and Sunday, April 22-23, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. each day on the campus of St. Bernard Abbey and Preparatory School. The festival is the school's largest annual fundraiser.

The Bloomin' Festival is a two-day juried arts festival that typically attracts thousands of visitors to the community.

Over 150 booths will be filled with artisans exhibiting their handcrafted work, with crafts ranging from wood working, baked goods, textile arts, smithing and sublimated items.

Guests can also enjoy live music and plenty of food, including the famous Monks Bread.

A raffle will take place Sunday, April 23, at 4 p.m. Prizes include: first prize- a 2023 Jeep Renegade, second prize- an Apple iPad, third prize- Apple AirPods, fourth prize- a Fitbit Versa 2 Smartwatch and fifth prize- a Midland weather radio.

Admission to the Bloomin' Festival is $10, and children 5 and younger get in free. Special admission rates will be offered to festival attendees all weekend at the Ave Maria Grotto.

Buy raffle tickets and get more information at www.bloominfestival.com.

Spotlight on seniors in Vinemont

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SOUTH VINEMONT, Ala. — Vinemont seniors gather on the third Monday of each month at the Vinemont Community Center for fellowship and a meal, and on Monday, lunch was sponsored by the Cullman County Sheriff's Office.

During the Monday program, seniors can also participate in games and activities like bingo and cornhole. The program started in January, and according to Town Clerk Kayecea Sasser, there has been significant turnout. The program is not limited to residents of South Vinemont; any senior is welcome.

Sheriff Matt Gentry and his department cooked for the seniors.

"It was a good opportunity to meet the citizens and then find out what's going on in their community," Gentry stated.

"The great thing about it is that you see law enforcement and the community, the citizens standing shoulder to shoulder, and that's something that we need across the nation. We are very proud of these events."

In addition to the new Monday program, every Tuesday seniors can participate in an exercise program from 9 a.m.-noon at the community center.

For more information, email info@townofsouthvinemont.com.



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Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry, back, with Vinemont Town Council Members Sonya Copeland, Nina Justice and Bonnie Goodwin and Vinemont Mayor Reggie Dodson.

ALEA, drug task forces awarded $1.88M

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) and each of the state's seven regional drug task forces were awarded $235,775 each, for a total of $1.88 million, to "continue the fight against illegal drugs and drug-related crime in Alabama," Gov. Kay Ivey's office said Monday.

Combined, the groups are known as the Alabama Drug Enforcement Task Force. "The groups will use the funds to continue the battle against manufacturers, sellers and abusers of illegal drugs throughout the state. The task forces are also committed to curtailing the sale and use of illegally obtained pharmaceutical drugs," said Ivey's office.

"Illegal and illegally-obtained drugs have been the culprit in many ruined lives and senseless crimes," Ivey said. "I commend these law enforcement officers who are putting their lives at risk in order to take the menace of drugs and those who profit from this evil off the streets of our communities."

The task forces, headed by ALEA, were formed in 2018 and are made up of members from law enforcement agencies within their region. Each region comprises eight to 12 counties, although task force members have law enforcement powers in each jurisdiction.

In 2022, the Alabama Drug Enforcement Task Force worked with federal and state law enforcement officers and other partners to make 653 drug related arrests involving 1,121 drug-related cases. The task force seized nearly 715,000 grams of marijuana, 183,994 grams of methamphetamine, 46,000 grams of cocaine/crack and 38,734 grams of heroin. The task force was able to seize more than $946,954 in currency. The grant funds will be used to cover overtime and operational and equipment expenses. The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) is administering the grants using funds from the U.S. Department of Justice.

"ADECA is pleased to play a role in this program that takes drugs off the streets and makes our communities safer," ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell said.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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 19 - 7 p.m. Children and youth "RULES of ENGAGEMENT" Bible study classes. Free pizza for children at 6:30 p.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area at 6. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup.
• Friday, April 21 - 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, April 23 - 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 23 - 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. Praise & Worship and message 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.

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

Fairview High School Class of 1963 Meeting/ Luncheon
Friday, April 21, at 1 p.m. at the Golden Corral in Cullman. The group will meet in one of the reserved rooms in the back of the restaurant.

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.

Swamp John's Dinner
Tuesday, April 25, from 4-7 p.m. at St Andrew's Methodist Church. Eat in or carry out. Y'all come!

Holly Pond Fire and Rescue Department Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, April 29, from 6-9 a.m. at the fire department off U.S. Highway 278. Donations will be accepted at the door. Proceeds will go to the Fireman's Fund. Everyone is welcome.

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.

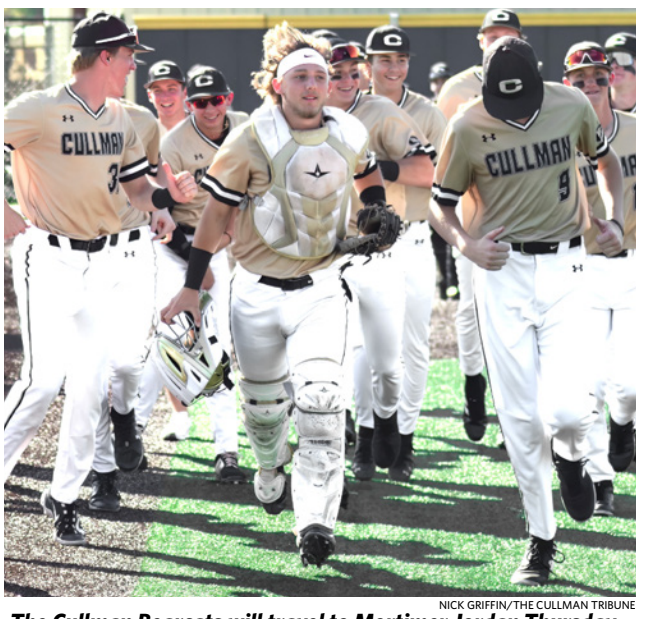
Holly Pond Homemakers Club Meeting
Tuesday, May 16, for lunch at Charlie Bea's Restaurant in Oneonta. The group will meet at First Baptist Church of Holly Pond at 10 a.m. to travel to the restaurant for a delightful lunch and good fellowship. Invite prospective members to attend and encourage regular members to attend.

Fairview High School Class of 1963 Meeting/ Luncheon
Friday, May 19, at 1 p.m. at the Golden Corral in Cullman. The group will meet in one of the reserved rooms in the back of the restaurant.

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.

Hamm Family Reunion
Saturday, May 20, at noon. Hanceville Lions Club. 111 Michelle St. NW, Hanceville. Please bring a covered dish.

Fairview High School Class of 1963 60th Reunion
Friday, June 16, at 1 p.m. at the Golden Corral in Cullman. For more information call Joyce Marie Williams Rodgers at 256-339-3451.



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The Cullman Bearcats will travel to Mortimer Jordan Thursday night for the opening round of the 6A state playoffs.

Playoffs (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The postseason has arrived, and five local teams are preparing to compete in this year's playoff field. Addison, Hanceville and Cullman will be getting round one started on the road Friday night and the Arabian Knights and the Cold Springs Eagles will be hosting their opening-round matchups on their home fields.

Class 1A – Addison (10-17) at Coosa Christian (20-10)
- Game One: Fri. at noon
- Game Two: Fri. at 3:30
- Game Three: (If necessary) Sat. at 1:00

Class 2A - Cold Springs (13-12) v. North Sand Mountain (17-7)
- Game One: Fri. at 4:30
- Game Two: Fri. at 6:30
- Game Three: (If necessary) Sat. at noon

Class 4A – Hanceville (10-15) at Westminster Christian (15-9)
- Game One: Fri. at 5:00
- Game Two: Fri. at 7:30
- Game Three: (If necessary) Sat. at noon

Class 5A – Arab (27-6) v. Moody (16-12)
- Game One: Fri. at 5:00
- Game Two: Fri. at 7:30
- Game Three: (If necessary) Sat. at noon

Class 6A – Cullman (16-18) at Mortimer Jordan (20-13)
- Game One: Thur. at 4:30
- Game Two: Thur. at 7:00
- Game Three: (If necessary) Fri. at 1:00

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COUNTY BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

Good Hope, Fairview, Cold Springs advance on day 1

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BREMEN, Ala. — This year's Cullman County Baseball Tournament officially began Saturday afternoon at Cold Springs High School and day one was packed with exciting action. Good Hope came from behind late to top Hanceville 8-7 in game one, Fairview handled the Holly Pond Broncos 10-3 in game two and in the third and final game of the day, Vinemont and Cold Springs went back and forth in a dramatic, extra-innings battle of the Eagles that Cold Springs was eventually able to win 10-9.

County Tournament action will resume at Cold Springs High School Monday with a pair of semifinal matchups. West Point will face Good Hope at 2 p.m. and Fairview will take on Cold Springs at 4:30 p.m. The County Championship Game will follow at 7 p.m.

Good Hope 8 – Hanceville 7 (Game One)

Ayden Black scored on a wild pitch and Colten Whatley scored on a fielder's choice to give the Raiders a 2-0 lead in the top of the first, but the Bulldogs responded with an RBI single from Nelson Arteaga in the bottom half of the inning to cut the lead to 2-1. After a scoreless second inning, Black ripped an RBI single into left field to put Good Hope in front 3-1 in the top of the third.

Hanceville bounced back in the bottom of the fourth. Gabriel Ognilla scored on an error to make it a 3-2 game and later in the inning, Dalton Johnson punched a 2-run single into left field to give the Bulldogs a 4-3 lead. A few pitches later, Jake Cornelius knocked another RBI single into left field to put Hanceville on top 5-3 going into the fifth.

Dakota Overton scored on a fielder's choice in the top of the fifth to trim the lead to 5-4 but the Bulldogs answered in the bottom of the sixth with a 2-run single off the bat of Arteaga that stretched the lead to 7-4 going into the final frame. However, the Raiders weren't done yet, and loaded up the bases early in the top of the seventh. An error allowed Whatley and Black to cross the plate and cut the lead to 7-6 and Carter Naramore scored on a fielder's choice a few pitches later to tie the game at 7. With two outs on the board, Caden Drake came home to score on a passed ball to reclaim an 8-7 lead for Good Hope and the Raiders collected the final three outs in the bottom half of the inning to secure an 8-7 win and a spot in the semifinals.

Black (one RBI) and Overton each recorded a pair of hits for Good Hope in the win and Drake (one hit) finished with a pair of RBIs. Johnson finished with a pair of hits and RBIs for Hanceville in the loss and Arteaga (one RBI) posted a pair of hits as well.

Fairview 10 – Holly Pond 3 (Game Two)

An RBI single off the bat of Barrett York gave the Aggies a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first and they continued adding to their lead in the second. Gannon Black launched an RBI double deep into left-center field to plate Hayden Griffin and stretch the lead to 2-0 and just a few pitches later, a sacrifice bunt by Devyn Ellis allowed Black to slide in safely from third and make it a 3-0 game. Fairview tacked on two more runs with a pair of RBI singles from Lucas West and York and the Aggies went into the third holding onto a 5-0 lead.

An error and a wild pitch allowed Fairview to put two more runs on the board in the bottom of the third but after a scoreless fourth and fifth inning, Holly Pond was finally able to push some runs across the plate. An RBI double from Sawyer Olinger brought John Martin home to score and trimmed the lead to 7-1 and later in the inning, Olinger scored on a double steal play to make it a 7-2 game. A hit batter with the bases loaded allowed another run to score for the Broncos, making it 7-3, but the Aggies got the runs back in the bottom half of the inning.

Ellis scored on a sacrifice fly from West to put Fairview ahead 8-3 and an RBI single by Nicolas Gregory extended the lead to 9-3. Gregory scored on an error later in the inning to give the Aggies a 10-3 advantage and they collected the final three outs in the top of the seventh to wrap up a 10-3 win over Holly Pond.

York finished with a pair of hits and RBIs in the win and West (two RBIs), Black (one RBI) and Gregory (one RBI) each added hits as well. Martin posted a pair of hits for the Broncos in the loss and Olinger finished with a hit and an RBI.

Cold Springs 10 – Vinemont 9 (Game Three) (Eight Innings)

Michael Foust scored on a wild pitch to give Vinemont a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first, but Cold Springs answered in the top half of the second when Samuel Turner drew a walk with the bases loaded to tie things up at 1.

Cold Springs jumped out in front in the top of the third when Tucker Philbeck drove a 2-run single into center field to make it a 3-1 game and Mason Gable scored on a steal later in the inning to put Cold Springs on top 4-1. Jacob Hale scored on an error in the bottom of the third to cut the lead to 4-2 but Josh Winfrey responded with an RBI single in the top of the fourth to get the run back and keep Cold Springs ahead 5-2.

Brady Johnson and Rush Sandlin led off the bottom of the sixth with back to back singles to give Vinemont a pair of runners and Austin Marsh knocked a single into right field to load the bases. Just a few pitches later, Chayce Sandlin blasted a bases-clearing double deep into center field and tied the game at 5. Hayden Robinson kept things going with an RBI single to put Vinemont in front 6-5 and an error and a wild pitch from Cold Springs allowed three more runs to score later in the inning, stretching the lead to 9-5 going into the seventh.

Matthew Williams led off the top of the seventh with a double to right field and Turner followed him with a single to left field to put runners on the corners.

A sacrifice fly from Cole Bales brought Williams home to score, trimming the lead to 9-6 and Brodee Bartlett kept things going with a double into center field. Winfrey laced a 2-run double into right field to make it a 9-8 game and just two pitches later,

Philbeck drove him into score with a single up the middle that tied the game at 9 going into the bottom half of the inning. Brodee Bartlett struck out the next three batters he faced, sending us to extra innings still knotted at 9.

An RBI single by Bales plated Williams in the top of the eighth and put Cold Springs back in front 10-9 headed to the bottom half of the inning. Bartlett remained locked in on the mound, picking up two more strikeouts in the bottom of the eighth to help Cold Springs secure a 10-9 win and a spot in the semifinals.

Winfrey (two hits) and Philbeck (two hits) each posted three RBIs for Cold Springs in the win and Bales added a pair of hits and RBIs. Sandlin (one hit) led Vinemont with three RBIs in the win and Foust added a pair of hits. Robinson (one hit) and Adyen Thomason (one hit) each drove in runs as well.

Check Thursday's edition of The Cullman Tribune or cullmantribune.com for a story on Monday night's county championship game.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Fairview Aggies defeated Holly Pond 10-3 Saturday to advance to Monday's county tournament semifinals.

PREP CHEER

'Always speak life into each other': Holly Pond's Blakely Baggett talks freshman season

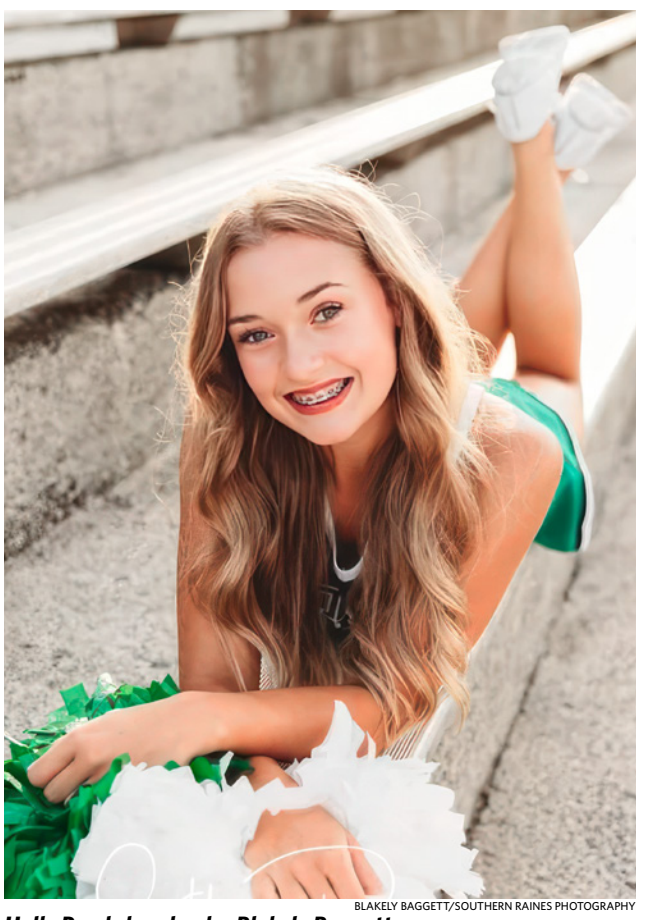
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HOLLY POND, Ala. – In this interview, I spoke with Holly Pond ninth grader Blakely Baggett. Baggett talked about her first year cheering on the Broncos' varsity squad and what it was like cheering alongside a great group of girls.

"I really like cheering and supporting our football and basketball teams. The games were always so exciting, and I enjoyed cheering with the girls and growing closer with them. My favorite part was probably UCA camp with all the girls. We won multiple awards." Baggett said. "I've seen a lot of improvement from the beginning of camp to the end of it. We improved greatly as stunt groups, individuals, and as a team throughout the season."

Baggett learned a lot from her coaches, Melanie Hall, Sarah Hall, and Michelle Bolouhanis and she talked about the experience of making it to state her first year on varsity.

"They were very patient and encouraging. They always pushed us to be better and never let us give up. They devoted a lot of time into our team and supported us. They both had a big focus on all the girls having a strong bond with each other. Michelle Bolouhanis taught us fundamentals and just how to be a better cheerleader in general. They taught me how to be a leader. They are all great role models for us to look up to," Baggett said. "Making it to state made me realize how overlooked cheer was. Prepping for competition requires a lot of time, effort, and dedication. Seeing other teams and how well they performed inspired me. I think this year, we will set goals and work our hardest to meet those goals."



BLAKELY BAGGETT/SOUTHERN RAINES PHOTOGRAPHY

Holly Pond cheerleader Blakely Baggett

Baggett has set some goals for herself and for the cheer team, plus she talked about what has made this group of girls so great to cheer with. "I hope to get All-American at UCA camp again this year, and I also hope to receive All-County again. I want the team to win multiple awards at UCA again and I hope we make it to state again," she said. "It was fun to cheer with the girls because they were all so funny and positive. I think it was easy to get along with them because we all shared common goals."

Baggett discussed some role models that she looked up to and shared some of the best advice that she was ever given.

"The coaches inspired me to cheer," she said. "One thing that I think about all the time is to always speak life into each other. I really use that with my stunt group. We were very close, we always encouraged each other, and we stayed patient with each other. I think this advice helped make my stunt group very successful."

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Rivalry series clinched as Alabama downs Auburn, 6-1, on Sunday

Alex Thompson
UA Athletics

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Alabama baseball earned the series win over Auburn with a 6-1 win on Sunday afternoon at Sewell-Thomas Stadium. The Crimson Tide is now 26-11 overall and 6-9 in Southeastern Conference play.

Auburn was first to strike with one run in the fourth but would not add any more after that.

Alabama proceeded to score six unanswered runs over the final 4.0 frames with a three-run fifth, one tally in the seventh and two in the eighth for the 6-1 series-clinching win.

Jacob McNairy gave the Tide a solid start on short rest, allowing one run on four hits and two walks with five strikeouts in his 3.2 innings of work.

He turned the ball over to a pair of freshmen in Riley Quick and Alton Davis II who blanked the Tigers the rest of the way.

Quick (1-1) earned the win thanks to 3.2 innings that included two hits, two walks and a pair of strikeouts. Davis II followed, tossing the final 1.2 frames with two strikeouts for his third save of the season and second in as many days.

Alabama's offense was led by Jim Jarvis, Mac Guscette and Andrew Pinckney, who all contributed two-hit games.

Jarvis finished 2-for-4 with a triple, one RBI and two runs scored, one of which came on a steal of home. Guscette went 2-for-4 with a run while Pinckney posted a 2-for-3 performance that included a walk and two runs scored.

From Head Coach Brad Bohannon

"I'm really proud of our team. It was a big weekend coming into it, and we didn't play very well Friday night, but our guys did what they've done all year – they just kept playing, kept coming and the kids deserve all the credit for this series win."

How it happened

- T4 | A two-out walk and stolen base put a man in scoring position before a single to left-center got the Tigers on the board. (1-0, Auburn)

- B5 | The Tide loaded the bases with one down, with Tommy Seidl drawing a walk to push across the tying run. Drew Williamson followed, delivering a two-run single up the middle to put UA in front. (3-1, Alabama)

- B7 | With runners on the corners and two down, the Tide employed the double steal with Jim Jarvis sliding under the tag at home from third. (4-1, Alabama)

- B8 | The rally started with a two-out single from Andrew Pinckney. Bryce Eblin followed with a double to score Pinckney and force an Auburn pitching change. The new Tiger arm immediately gave up a triple to Jarvis to widen the gap. (6-1, Alabama)

Postgame notes

- Today's game was a third straight sellout. It marks the Tide's first series sellout (non-COVID) since April 15-17, 2016, against Ole Miss.

- The Crimson Tide totaled 17,400 fans across the three-game series.

- Jacob McNairy issued a walk after 2.1 innings in today's game. It was his first walk allowed in 20.2 frames dating back to March 21 against UAB.

- The Tide employed the double steal with Drew Williamson taking second and Jim Jarvis stealing home. It was Alabama's first double steal since March 2, 2019, when Walker McCleney took second while Morgan McCullough stole home in game one of a doubleheader at South Alabama.

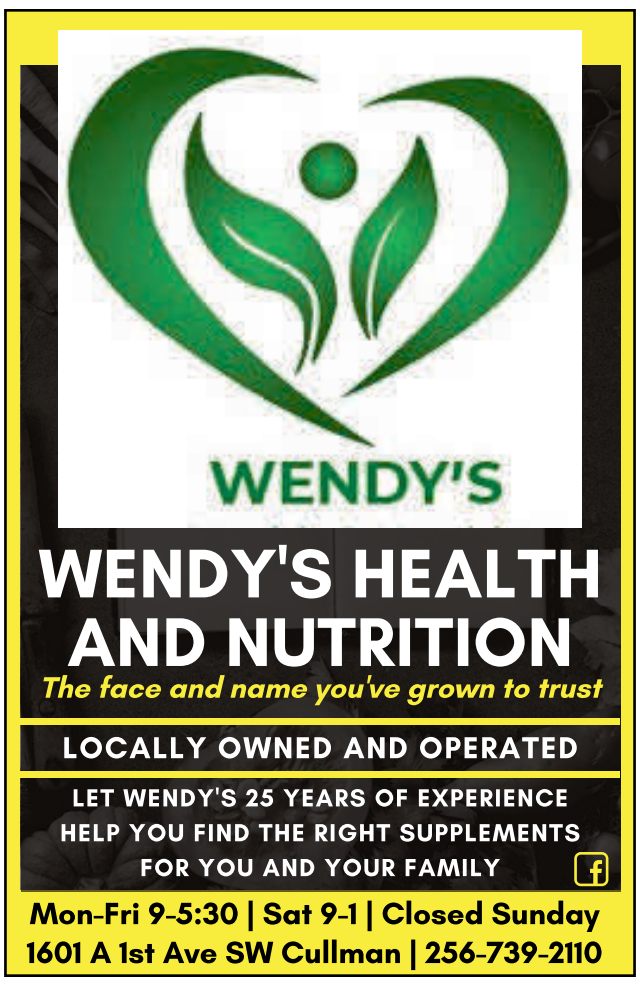
- Jarvis has gotten aboard in 19 consecutive games dating back to March 16

- Andrew Pinckney reached base in today's game and has now done so in 18 straight contests.

- ATTENDANCE: 5,800 (SELLOUT)

Next up for Alabama is a trip to Birmingham for a midweek contest at UAB on Tuesday, April 18. The Crimson Tide and Blazers will square off at Regions Field, home of the Double-A Birmingham Barons, with the game scheduled for a 6 p.m. first pitch.

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.





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Agatha (from Front)

Cayla Grace Murphy
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Agatha, a female Anatolian Shepherd estimated to be about 3 years old with a toasted caramel coat, is available for adoption at the Cullman County Animal Shelter.

Agatha is low-energy and unassuming, happiest to be by your side. She enjoys the quiet things in life, and would happily curl up at your feet while you read a novel or sip your coffee.

Agatha's breed is evident in her large frame, so a spacious yard or living room would be ideal.

Dubbed the gentle giant of the shelter, Agatha is patient and kind with other animals, making her an ideal addition to any dog lover's home.

Ready to meet Agatha? Head over to Cullman County Animal Shelter at 935 Convent Road NE, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. for a meet and greet.



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Agatha

Her adoption fee includes DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet and microchip. All animals are spayed or neutered prior to adoption.

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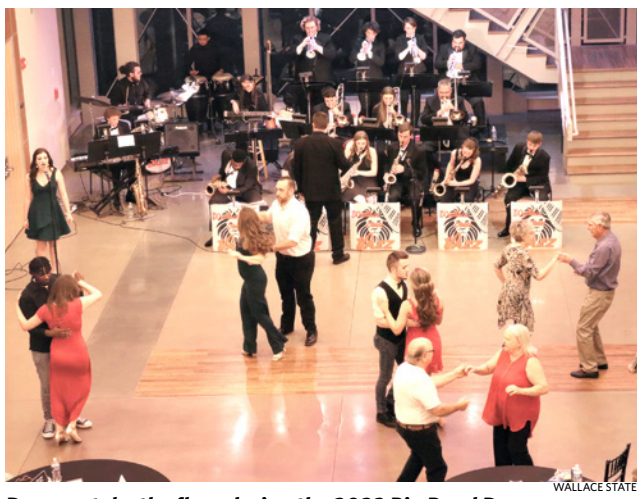
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WALLACE STATE

Dancers take the floor during the 2022 Big Band Dance at Wallace State Community College. The 2023 event will be held Friday, April 21, starting at 7 p.m., in the Burrow Center for the Fine and Performing Arts.

WSCC Big Band Dance set for April 21

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Wallace State Community College Jazz Band will hold its annual Big Band Dance on Friday, April 21, at the Burrow Center for the Fine and Performing Arts.

"We'd like to invite everyone to come and enjoy music from icons like Glen Miller, Duke Ellington, and Ray Anthony, the last living leader of the big band era," said Ricky Burks, head of the Fine and Performing Arts program and Jazz Band leader. "We hope to see a good many of you hit the dance floor, but you can also come to listen as well," Burks said.

The Big Band Dance will be held at 7 p.m. in the atrium of the Burrow Center for the Fine and Performing Arts. Suggested admission to the event is a $10 donation.

The Jazz Band is one of several ensembles in the Fine and Performing Arts program. Instrumental ensembles also include the Concert Band, Pep Band, Saxophone Quartet and Brass Ensemble.

Vocal ensembles include the Concert Choir, Wallace State Singers and Vocal Jazz Ensemble.

Other offerings include Wallace State Dance's Allegro Dance Theatre, Pride Line dance team and Wallace State Theatre.

Other Fine and Performing Arts productions scheduled for the spring 2023 semester include:

- Spring Under the Stars by the Wallace State Fine and Performing Arts programs, April 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Burrow Center for the Fine and Performing Arts

Academy (from Front)

with diving equipment. Team members explained the importance of proper training and protocols when on the water.

Members of the SWAT Team provided information about the types of equipment they use, and a brief demonstration of a stun grenade was given.

The last part of the morning was spent allowing academy members access to the gun range. Instructors helped those who wished to practice with guns.

They were given proper gun safety training and were allowed to shoot.

The graduation ceremony for the spring 2023 class of the CCSO Citizens' Academy will take place Tuesday, April 18, at 6 p.m. at Temple Baptist Church.



LEGALS

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF P.R.W.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 01/27/2023

CASE NO.: AD2023-014

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: JESSE REAY, KEVIN GARCIA AND ANY UNKNOWN FATHER OF A CHILD P.R.W., BORN JANUARY 27, 2023 TO SAVANNAH LANE WILSON

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Nathaniel Rae Rambacher and Shalyn Ashley Creel, Petitioners. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioner, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 14th DAY OF April, 2023

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

Amy M. Osborne
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA,

IN THE MATTER OF J.T.F., A minor child.

CASE NUMBER: PC2023-103

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

TO: ANY UNKNOWN FATHER OF A MINOR CHILD J.T.F, BORN March 12, 2021 TO SAMANTHA LYNN RAY

Please take notice that a Petition for Name Change was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Duffy Striker, Petitioner. If you should contest this name change, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioner, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 200 2nd Avenue S.W., Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE this 14th day of April, 2023.

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

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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

Shay Persall
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700 Second Avenue SW
Cullman AL 35055
(256) 841-7800

Attorney for Personal Representative

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 MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN A. WILLIAMSON, DECEASED.

IN THE PROBATE COURT CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO.: PC2023-113

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that the Petition for Letters of Administration in the Estate of John A. Williamson (the "Estate") having been granted to **DENISE WILLIAMSON KILLEBREW** on the 10th day of April, 2023, by The Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the Estate are hereby required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from the above date, or the same will be barred and payment prohibited.

Denise Williamson Killebrew
Personal Representative

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The Honorable Tammy Brown
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1. Short form subdivision – Lincoln Avenue SW – 2 lots
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NEWSIES STOP THE WORLD



Cullman High School Theatre takes the stage performing the acclaimed musical "Newsies" beginning this Thursday, April 20th thru Saturday, April 22nd. The newsboys in New York City gained national recognition when they went on strike in 1899, refusing to sell newspapers from *The World*, owned by Joseph Pulitzer, and *The New York Evening Journal*, owned by William Randolph Hearst, after they raised the price of newspapers from .50 to .60 per 100 newspapers. Photos by JCB Photograpy.

Meet the Cast

Jack Kelly: Reid Bradberry
Katherine Plummer: Lily West
Joseph Pulitzer: Domenico Brunetti
Davey Jacobs: Graham Waldrop
Crutchie: Luke McGill
Les Jacobs: Aiden Wisener & Lawson Schulte
Medda Larkin: Holli Rowan
Race: Slade Turbyfield
Finch: Kaden Glimpse
Albert: Alex Renteria

Romeo: Colter Drake
Henry: Jameson Inscho
Mush: Logan Kee
Buttons: Reggie Warren
Elmer: Ava Fales
Specs: London Philippo
Jo Jo: Bailee Henderson
Splasher: Maleah Hunt
Mike: Cadan Fales
Ike: Lily Abbott
Scrub: Abby Ashwander

Tommy Boy: Marcos Tejeda Tizoc
Spot Conlon/Stitches: Nolan Smith
Knuckles (Scab 1): Brandon Pipes
Pepper (Scab 2): Rees Sheffield
Gum Gum (Scab 3): Jay Lee
Swish: Lauren Cherry
Ducky: Ariel Jacobs
Chicklet: Lincoln Crowe
Curly: Cameron Caffey
Wiesel: Braxton White
Katherine's Escort: Tylar Hanna

Theodore Roosevelt: Braxton White
Oscar Delancey: Preston Gray
Morris Delancey: Ben Washburn
Snyder: Braxton Floyd
Seitz: Carrie Betts
Bunsen: Audrey Nicholas
Hannah: Lauren Chapin
Mr. Jacobi: Jonah Browning
Nunzio/Mayor: Julian Skinner
Billie Hurst: Ashlin Schulte
Darcy: Kaleigh Green

Brooklyn Newsies: Cameron Caffey, Cadan Fales, Jay Lee, Brandon Pipes & Rees Sheffield
Featured Dancers: Allison Smith, Amberly Brown, Ava Claire Floyd, Campbell Kent, Kathryn Dueland, Kayti Murillo, & Zadria Thompson
Guards/Policemen: Tylar Hanna, FK Krugar, Jonah Browning & Analise Eddleman

Bowery Beauties: Avery Lane Green, Cheyenne Marchman, Mary Atchison, Lillie Hogue, Madison Barnett, Anna Sandlin, Ayla White, Audrey Nicholas, Carrie Betts, Lauren Chapin, Sophia Corliss, Danisa Short, Lana Gibson, Victoria Sims, Katie Oliver & Avery Hice
Nuns: Sophia Corliss, Avery Lane Green, Mary Atchison, Anna Sandlin, Ayla White, Lana Gibson, Victoria Sims, Ashlin Schulte, Kaleigh Green, Mallory Baldwin & Madison Barnett





Ensemble: Brandy Pylant, Caitlin Dingler, Madison Carroll, Mallory Baldwin, Lexi Waldrep, Dayton Brunetti, Cheyenne Marchman, Lillie Hogue, Danisa Short, Katie Oliver, Avery Hice & Michaela Tillery

Pit Choir: Addison Andrews, Aiden Wisener, Alexa Chavez, Alexis Kelso, Alyssa Day, Alyssa Lindsey, Ana Mena, Analise Eddleman, Andy McRea, Anna Page, Anna Sandlin, Anna Southeard, Anne Lunsford, Ansley Hale, Ashley Cornelius, Ashlin Schulte, Ashlynn Kongslien, Aubrey Duncan, Audrey Nicholas, Avery Lane Green, Axel Medina, Ayla White, Aynsley Pylant, Bella Jacobs, Bella Pipes, Bella Wolfe, Bryley Hughes, Caitlin Dingler, Caitlin Wallace, Campbell Durden, Campbell Kent, Caroline Quattlebaum, Cassie Benfield, Charlee Glasscock, Charlie Taylor, Charlotte Duren, Chelsea Hallmark, Chloe Barbee, Claire Chandler, Danisa Short, Dayton Brunetti, Domenico Brunetti, Emmaline Powell, Ethan Vines, FK Kruger, Gabby Koch, Gianna Cipollari, Ginny Voss, Han Le, Haylee Smith, Holli Rowan, Jonah Browning, Joseph Le, Kallista Calvert, Karli Ballenger, Karli Jacobs, Keyonna Puckett, Khloe Nalley, Kyle Ferrell, Lana Gibson, Lauren Chapin, Lexi Waldrep, Lillie Hogue, Lily Lambert, Lucian Martinez, Madison Barnett, Madison Carroll, Maggie Keeton, Maia Pate, Mallory Baldwin, Mariah Matsuzawa, Mary Atchison, Mason Motes, Meleah Ward, Mio Kumazawa, Nic Ruse, Rae Hulsey, Ryleigh Pittman, Sarah McCauley, Sophia Corliss, Taylor George, Taylor Schultz, Vanesa Zapien & Victoria Sims



Stage Crew: (top to bottom) Leo Parrish, Hayden Brown, Emily Twilley, Blyss Murphree, Valerie Hill, Kyra Thompson, Luke Adams, Cas Hudson, Kaitlyn Cockrell, Alex Hieber & Destiny White

Meet the Crew

Production Crew
Director/Theatre: Wayne Cook
Director/Music: Sarah Jane Skinner
Choreography: Sarah Jane Skinner
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Sound Coordinator: Chris van Dyke
Lighting Coordinator: Paul Anton
Sewing Coordinator: Beck Goforth
Art: Kaitlyn Cockrell & Eliana Hollis
Booster Chairman: Heidi Milliken



Tech Crew: Sage Andrews, Ilana Shadrick, Belle Hendrix, Skylar Moore, Jacob Burtis & Noah Casey (not pictured

NEWSIES BANNER

The Story Of The Real Newsboys That Started It All

by Destiny-Faith White, The Highlight (Staff Writer)

Newsies Takes On THE WORLD



Joseph Pulitzer, owner of "The World" newspaper, raised the price of newspaper bundles sold to the newsboys from .50 to .60 in order to profit off news of the Spanish-American War.



David Simmons, first president of the Newsboys Union during the strike in 1899. He was twenty-one years of age when the srike took place and had been selling newspapers since he was eight years old.

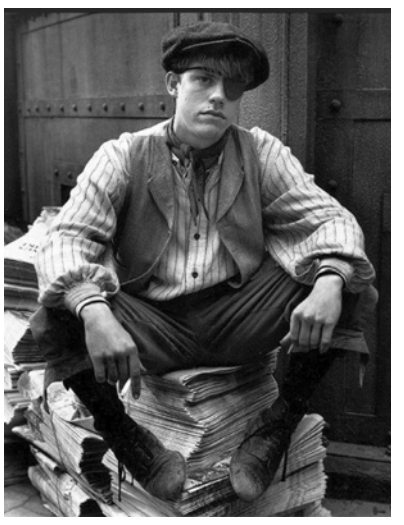


The Newsboys' Strike of 1899 was a youth-led movement in the United States that sought to alter the terms under which Joseph Pulitzer's *The World* and William Randolph Hearst's *The New York Evening Journal* newspapers paid their staff of newspaper boys. After suddenly raising the prices at the newsies expense, they decided to do something about it. For two weeks, a strike went on that effectively stopped the two newspapers' circulation and deliveries to numerous New England cities. During the two-week strike, the circulation of Pulitzer's *The World* went from 360,000 papers sold daily to only 125,000.

In the early days of the strike, the newsboys' methods were very violent. Any boy who was caught selling papers would be mobbed and beaten by some of the strikers, leaving him with his papers destroyed. Grown men were paid money to sell the papers and were even offered police protection, but this was often found unsuccessful due to the strikers finding ways to distract the officers so they could get at the "scabs." The newsies also went around handing out flyers and hanging up signs and banners around New York, encouraging people to boycott *The World* and *Journal*.

On August 1, 1899, Pulitzer and Hearst made the newsboys an offer: the price of a hundred papers would remain at .60 cents, but they would buy back all unsold papers which meant that the newsies who had trouble selling would not have to sell late in the night to avoid taking a loss for the day. The newsies accepted this compromise, ending the strike and disbanding the union on August 2, 1899. Although the prices of the papers never decreased, the strike was still greatly successful in forcing *The World* and *Journal* into giving full buybacks to their sellers thus raising the pay that the newsies received for their work.

Kid Blink Leads The Strike



Union leader Louis "Kid Blink" Ballat. "Friens and feller workers. This is a time which tries de hearts of men. Dis is de time when we'se got to stick together like glue.... We know wot we wants and we'll git it even if we is blind".



A group of newsboys warming themselves by the fire late at night. Ranging from 6 yrs to late teens, many of the newsboys were homeless and orphaned. The increased cost of newspapers was a matter of survival.



Everything you need to know about Cullman High School's production of "Newsies"

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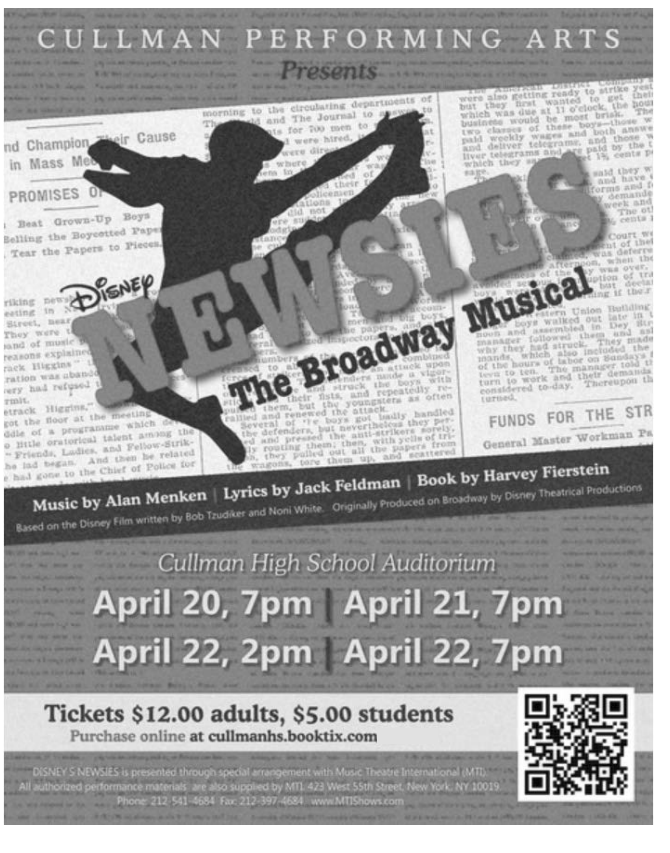
Pictured above: Reid Bradberry as Jack Kelly, Lily West as Katherine Plumber, and Tylar Hanna as her escort. Photo by JCB Photography.

Cullman High School was met with the amazing opportunity to put on their very own production of Newsies! With Reid Bradberry as Jack Kelly and Lily West as Katherine Plumber.

Starting April 19th until the 21st, CHS will be performing their very first showings of Newsies for the Cullman City elementary schools during the day. Then, on April 20th - 22nd the show will be open to the public, 7pm nightly with a 2pm matinee on Saturday. Tickets are $12 for adults and $5 for students. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time online at cullmanhs.booktix.com.

Jack Kelly, a rebellious newsboy who wants nothing more than to move to Santa Fe to pursue his dream as an artist, makes a living by selling newspapers out on the streets of New York with his fellow newsboys. But when Joseph Pulitzer suddenly raises newspaper prices at the newsies expense, Jack decides to do something about it. With help from reporter Katherine Plumber, Jack and the rest of the newsies band together to form a union and organize a strike against Pulitzer in Newsies the Musical, a musical based on the 1992 film Newsies which was inspired by the Newsboys Strike of 1899.

In Cullman High School's production of Newsies, many people have helped contribute to working on the set pieces and working backstage to make the show really come to life. Directors Wayne Cook and Sarah Jane Skinner have done an amazing job these past few months working together to pull off this highly choreographed show. There are over a hundred cast members with eleven of those members being stage crew and six of them tech crew. Come support this absolutely incredible cast, I promise you won't regret it!



Senior Spotlight



Braxton White has been involved in the CHS Performing Arts since his sophomore year. He has been involved in Bright Star (Dr. Norquist), Frozen Jr. (The Bishop), The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane (Father), and Newsies (Wiesel/Theodore Roosevelt). His more notable accomplishments are his academic achievements. He has maintained an almost perfect GPA, taking eleven AP classes and serving two years on the CHS Math Team. Braxton is currently enrolled to Florida Southern under the Watson Scholarship for $96,000. He plans to double major in Political Science and Pyschology, all while maintaining a minor in Pre-Law, in hopes to become a lawmaker and chairman for the National Council for Adoption.



Lauren Chapin has been in CHS and Cullman Community Theater productions since seventh grade as ensemble in several shows, but her favorite roles have been Into the Woods (Milky White), The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane (Sarah Ruth), and Newsies (Hannah/Bowery Beauty). She has been in Chamber Choir for two years and loves anything related to the arts. She participated in the 2023 SATB All-State Choir and placed superior and excellent ratings in State Trumbauer and Thespian Individual Events. Her passion for performing has led her to be a Bearcat mascot for three years. She plans on attending the University of North Alabama, majoring in marine biology to pursue a career as an aquarist. She hopes to continue theater as a hobby.



Lily West has been a part of the CHS Theatre Department for four years. She has been involved in The Little Mermaid (Dancer), Elf (Dancer), Into The Woods (Stage Crew/Rigging), Over The River and Through the Woods (Crew), Frozen Jr. (Ensemble), The Addams Family (Ancestor), and The Miraculous Journey Of Edward Tulane (Ensemble), a member of the CHS Chamber Choir for the past two years, the CHS Danceline all four years, and was the Captain this past season. Lily plans to extend her education at the University of North Alabama in the fall.



Domenico Brunetti has been involved in many fine arts programs throughout his high school years. He has performed in several shows with the CHS Theater Department including: Hunchback 2.0 (Ensemble), Elf (Mr. Greenway), Bright Star (Daddy Murphy), Into the Woods (Narrator), Over the River and Through the Woods (Frank), Frozen Jr. (The Duke of Weselton), The Addams Family (Mal), The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane (Bull), and Newsies (Pulitzer).



Carrie Betts has been in theater since fifth grade. In high school, she's been in Over the River and Through the Woods (Aida), The Addams Family (Grandma), The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane (The Old Lady), and Newsies (Seitz/Bowery Beauty). She has placed either excellent or superior in district and state theatre competitions; she also won All Star cast at the state competition for Over the River and Through the Woods. Carrie plans on going to UNA after high school to major in Secondary Education.



Luke McGill has been involved in theater since his junior year, performing as a pit choir member in The Addams Family. He officially joined theater his senior year and performed in the state winning performance of The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane as the diner owner, Neal. He is now performing in Newsies, playing the character of Crutchie. After high school, Luke plans to go on to gain a bachelor's degree in psychology.



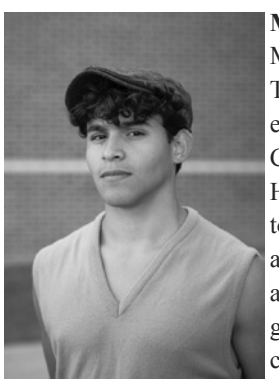
Kaden Glimpse has been in the theatre program for four years as a member of the tech crew for shows for Hunchback 2.0, Elf, Bright Star, and Into the Woods. He was a member of stage crew for Frozen Jr. and The Addams Family. Newsies is his first show to perform on stage. He is a member of the Chamber Choir, and has also been a member of the Cullman Band for six years, where he is the current Vice President. He plans to become a professional mechanic, owning his own shop.



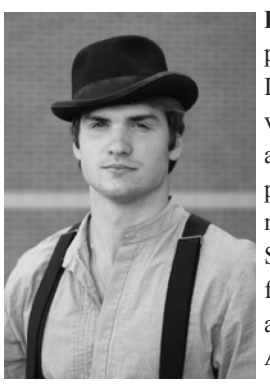
Brandon Pipes has been involved in Cullman Community Theatre production of The Music Man (Winthrop) and Seven Brides for Seven Brothers (suitor). He has been involved in several CHS productions including Bright Star (Ensemble), Frozen Jr. (Tech), and now Newsies (Knuckles). Brandon is also drumline section leader in band and a member of Chamber Choir. He plans to attend Wallace State Community College to pursue certificates in pipeline and robotic welding.



Preston Gray has been involved in Cullman Fine Arts since his Junior year, playing Cousin Itt in The Addams Family. He is a member of the football team, track and field, Key Club, SGA, Bearcat Nation, Upstanding for Unity, Interact Club, and Chess Club. Preston plans to attend the University of Alabama to pursue a degree in Aerospace Engineering.



Marcos Tejeda Newsies is Marcos Gadiel Tejeda Tizoc's first acting experience. He is on the CHS Varsity soccer team. He is currently working toward his dream to become a photographer and plans to attend Wallace State for general education and a career in graphic design.



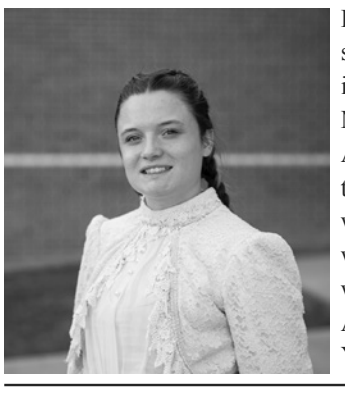
Ben Washburn will be playing the role of Morris Delancey in Newsies. Ben is very excited to perform and be a part of his first theatre production. He has been a member of the Cullman High School football team since his freshman year. Ben plans to attend the University of Alabama next fall.



Nolan Smith has been involved with Cullman's Performing Arts for seven years and with CHS theatre since his junior year. He has participated in several Cullman Community Theatre and Cullman High School productions including Over the River and Through the Woods (Stage Crew), Frozen Jr. (Sven), The Addams Family (Mal Beineke), Seven Brides for Seven Brothers (Matt), The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane (Percussion), and Newsies (Spot Conlon). He has also been a member of the Chamber Choir, Vocal Point, CHS Marching Band in the Drumline and Symphonic Band, and Percussion Ensemble. Nolan plans to attend the University of Alabama studying Music Performance and Business, and auditioning for The Million Dollar Band.



Audrey Nicholas has participated in Cullman Theatre the last eight years since the fifth grade starting with Lion King Jr. She has taken part in many of Cullman's shows such as Shrek the Musical (Little Fiona), The Little Mermaid, Into The Woods, Over The River and Through the Woods and Frozen Jr. as an ensemble member, The Addams Family (Morticia), The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane (Old Doll), and Newsies (Bunsen/Bowery Beauty). Audrey has won superior and excellent awards for her monologue performances at district and state theatre competitions. She has also been a member of CHS Women's Choir and Chamber Choir for two years. Audrey plans to study criminal justice at the University of North Alabama.



Brandy Pylant has been involved in Cullman Theatre since her freshman year. Her theatrical endeavors include Frozen Jr., The Addams Family, The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane, and Newsies. After graduating from Cullman High School, she plans to attend Wallace State Community College where she will earn an associates degree in Business Finance. She will then be transferring to Pensacola Christian College where she will earn her Bachelors in Business Finance. After graduating college, she plans to move to New York City, where she will find a career in business.



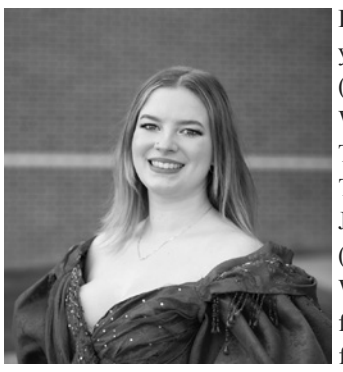
Skylar Moore has been involved in theatre since her freshman year with the production of Elf. She has helped paint sets since her freshman year and was involved in the pit choir for The Addams Family. Her senior year she joined the tech crew, working with sound and lighting. She has arranged the lighting design for multiple shows for CHS including Junie B. Jones, The Miraculous of Edward Tulane, and Newsies. Upon graduation, she wants to continue to learn the tech side of production and work with Backstage Productions in Cullman.



Kaitlyn Cockrell has been involved in CHS Theatre as a member of the stage crew since freshman year. She has been in several productions including Elf the Musical, Bright Star, Into the Woods, The Addams Family, Over the River and Through the Woods, Frozen Jr., The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane, and now Newsies. Kaitlyn has also done scenic painting for several Cullman Community Theatre productions: Hello Dolly and Seven Brides for Seven Brothers. After graduating, she plans to attend the University of Delaware to major in Art Restoration.



Logan Kee has been in theatre for four years performing in Bright Star (Max), Into the Woods (Steward), Frozen Jr. (Oaken), The Addams Family (Uncle Fester), The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane (Lawrence) and now Newsies (Mush). He has also participated in Cullman Community Theatre in the productions of Hello Dolly (Ensemble), and Seven Brides for Seven Brothers (Suitor). Logan also played drums for the Cullman Marching and Symphonic Band. He's been in Vocal Point and Chamber Choir for the past two years, as tenor section leader and Vice President.



Holli Rowan has been a part of CHS Theatre (four years), Chamber Choir (three years), and Vocal Point (two years). Holli has been in Elf (Pit Choir), Into The Woods (Evil Stepmother), Over The River and Through the Woods (Crew), Frozen Jr. (Queen Iduna), The Addams Family (Ancestor), The Miraculous Journey Of Edward Tulane (Pellegrina), and Newsies (Medda Larkin). Holli will begin her college career at Wallace State Community College continuing her love for theatre and choir. Then, she will proceed to UAB for medical school to become a forensic pathologist.



Amberly Brown This is Amberly's first theatre production. She is very excited to perform and be a part of a theatre production. She has been a cheerleader for CHS all four years of high school. She loves performing for her school. She will be a featured dancer and tumbler in Newsies. She plans to attend Wallace State next year to study Kinesiology in order to become a Physical Therapist. She admires Mr. Cook and Mrs. Skinner for all of their hard work for the theatre productions, and she is excited to showcase this performance!

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Obituary Announcements: April 15-17

Letha Sproull Heatherly, 70
Our "Lee Lee" will always remain in our hearts. Letha was born to Ray and Ellene Sproull in Birmingham, Alabama where she grew and graduated from Woodlawn High School in 1970. She then married her late husband Larry Heatherly on Feb. 6, 1971, and moved to Hanceville where she remained until her passing. Letha is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Larry Heatherly, and a son Quinton Ray Heatherly. Letha is survived by her twin sister Retha Sproull Tinney, daughter Jessica (JJ) McHan, son Seth (Julie) Heatherly, 3 grandchildren, Jolee McHan, Jayden McHan, and Raigan Litteral. Pallbearers for Lee Lee will be: JJ McHan, Jayden McHan, Brad Tinney, Townsend Tinney, Teddy Tinney, and Baker Tinney. Visitation for friends and family will be at Hanceville Funeral Home on Sunday April 16, 2023, from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. The funeral will be held on Monday, April 17, 2023, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. The burial will take place at Hopewell Cemetery.

Douglas Wayne Mayfield, 66
Douglas Wayne Mayfield, 66, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on April 14, 2023. Mr. Mayfield was born in Michigan, to John Hugh and Ruth Naomi Bice Mayfield on June 22, 1956. Douglas served his country honorably in the United States Army and worked construction as a civilian until his retirement. Mr. Mayfield enjoyed hunting and he was an avid Alabama fan. He loved his family, and he will be missed. Douglas is preceded in death by his parents, and brothers, James Mayfield and Rayburn Nail. Those surviving Mr. Mayfield are his daughters, Amanda Morgan (Michael), Pearlie Aaron (Ray); brothers, Dual Mayfield (Mary), Kenneth Mayfield (Martha); sister, Sharron Atkins; grandchildren, Kason Morgan, Anna Morgan, Autumn Morgan; longtime companion, Charlotte Knight; and a host of family and friends. A Celebration of Life will be held at Duck River Baptist Church on Monday, April 17, 2023. Services begin at 5 p.m. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Mayfield family.

Cora Elizabeth "Beth" Burdge Fuller, 54
Cora Elizabeth "Beth" Burdge Fuller, age 54, of Haleyville, passed away April 14, 2023, at Walker Baptist Medical Center, Jasper, Alabama. Beth was born in Haleyville, Alabama, April 22, 1968, to Roger and Janis Burdge. She worked at Winston Furnitu re for more than 30 years.Beth is survived by her sons, Reece and Carson Fuller; Spouse, Ricky Fuller; and brother, Jeff (Donna) Burdge. She was preceded in death by her parents, Roger and Janis Burdge; grandparents, Clyde and Vesta Howell and Everett and Amy Burdge. The family will hold a memorial service at a later date.

Michael Callan, 72
Funeral service for Michael Callan, age 72, of Vinemont, will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at Cullman Church of Christ with Steve Cummings officiating; burial at Prospect Church of Christ Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at Cullman Church of Christ. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Callan passed away on Saturday, April 15, 2023 at Princeton Baptist Medical Center. He was born Saturday, Oct. 28, 1950, to Willie Callan and Doris Callan. Mike was an active member of the Cullman Church of Christ. He was preceded in death by his father, Willie Callan. Survivors include his wife, Peggy Callan, daughters, Mindi (James) Bellamy and Summer (Matt) Cantley, grandchildren, Avery Cantley, Allie Cantley, James Michael Bellamy and Callan Bellamy, his mother, Doris Callan, brother, Carol (Paula) Callan, sister, Janice (Dewayne) Massey, and a host of nieces and nephews, family and friends.

Thomas Blake Stevens, 46
Thomas Blake Stevens, age 46, of Vinemont, passed away on Saturday, April 15, 2023, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. He was born on Sept. 30, 1976, in Cullman, Alabama to R. Cleo and Linda Fay Sims Stevens. Blake retired from the Cullman Area Technology Academy and had 25 years of service with the Cullman County School System. He enjoyed fishing and hunting. Blake is survived by his wife, Michelle Stevens; parents, Cleo and Linda Stevens; children, Cori Stevens and Cody Stevens; step children, Macy Millsap and Christopher (Ashli) Millsap; step granddaughter, Charlie Millsap; brother, Scottie (Pennie) Stevens; niece and nephew, Callie (Bill) McRight and Conner Stevens; and great niece, Walker Leigh McRight. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, W.C. and Lenora Stevens, and W. D. and Oma Sims. The pallbearers will be: Conner Stevens, Micah Sims, Bill McRight, Roy Scott, Josh Kent and Chris Millsap. Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Emeus Cemetery. The family will be receiving friends at the funeral home on Tuesday evening from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

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Kenneth Ray Freeman, 83
Funeral services for Kenneth Ray Freeman will be noon Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at Johnson Grove Church. Andy Coffey and Morris Helton will be officiating the funeral service, with Johnny Freeman officiating the graveside service, in the adjoining cemetery. Visitation for the public will begin at 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, 2023 Johnson Grove Church; and from 10 a.m. until noon on Wednesday. Kenneth Freeman was a loving husband that honored and cared for his wife Brenda for 48 years. Kenneth was a servant for and to the Lord as a member of Johnson Grove Church all of his Christian life. He was a dedicated helper and neighbor to all of his Brushy Pond community for almost 84 years. The Lord gave "our dad" the talents of music, farming, and truck driving. He touched many lives in his service stations where he was always obliged to serve each customer. All of his talents and skills were impactful and he passed so much of it onto all that knew him. Many were blessed to know him, especially, those of us that call him Dad and PawPaw. Mr. Freeman was born on May 5, 1939, to the late John and Audrey (Graves) Freeman in Cullman County, Alabama. He passed away at the age of 83 on April 16, 2023, at Cullman Regional Medical Center in Cullman, Alabama. Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Brenda Freeman; children, Denise (Danny) Strickland, Kelton Ray "Kerry" (Debra) Freeman, Keith (JoEllen) Carroll, Cindy (Rick) Myrex and Kendra (Doug) Day; grandchildren, Jennifer Knight, Chad Curtis, Kailon Freeman, Daniel Carroll, Kayti Carroll, Georgia Myrex, Abby Myrex-Lee, Haley Chaney and Dyson Day; 14 great-grandchildren; 5 great-great-grandchildren; brother, Johnny Freeman; and a host of many loving nieces, nephews, and friends. Mr. Freeman was preceded in death by his parents, John Marion and Audrey (Graves) Feeman; two brothers and four sisters. Serving as pallbearers will be: Chad Curtis, Kailon Freeman, Dyson Day, Cody Chaney, Barry Freeman and Todd Freeman.

Jesse Elvin McCoy, 96, of Eva
Funeral service for Jesse Elvin McCoy, age 96, of Eva, will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at Rock Creek Baptist Church with Randy Sellers officiating; interment in Rock Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon until 2 p.m. on prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. McCoy passed away on Saturday, April 15, 2023, at his residence. He was born Dec. 21, 1926, to Hubert and Edna McCoy. He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Gail McCoy; and two sisters. Survivors include his wife, Vera McCoy; children, Kay Wagner, Susie Wittig, Tammy Koldyke, Pete Winn, Deloris Sloan, Terri Henry, and Mike McCoy; ten grandchildren; and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Synthia Dakota (SD) Kilgo Stricklin Brock, 101, of Cullman
Synthia Dakota (SD) Kilgo Stricklin Brock also known as "Granny Brock" went to her heavenly home on April 14, 2023, at the age 101. A wife to veterans Charles Lawrence Stricklin and Arthur Charles (AC) Brock, she was truly an angel on earth. She was born Jan. 17, 1922, at home in Logan Alabama, the seventh child of the nine surviving children of Charley Mitchell Kilgo and Rhoena Addeline Souter Kilgo, she was named after her two grandmothers. When God sent her to earth to watch over us, he gave her a servant's heart and all her life she lived to serve others. As she grew into a beautiful teenager, she was thin and attractive, with dark, raven black hair that caught the attention of lots of young men. Two of them in particular caught her eye and they both began competing for her attention. The story of the last two parts of her name, the Stricklin and the Brock and how they became part of her name reads like the plot of every Hallmark movie you watched. SD graduated from Cullman High School and being determined to help people went off to nursing school in Tuscaloosa. As part of their nursing training the student nurses worked shifts at Brice Mental Hospital that was adjacent to the campus at Alabama. SD's angel showed itself as she became a favorite of many of the women under her care at Brice. Because of her loving, sweet nature some of the patients would not let anyone but mother tend to them and groom them. One morning as SD was going to breakfast she found everyone gathered around the radio as reports of the bombing of Pearl Harbor was being broadcast. She immediately left school to return home to Logan. Many young men were joining the military and SD and Lawrence (Foots) Stricklin decided to get married before he was drafted. One afternoon while at a basketball game at Logan, Foots showed her a marriage license he had picked up that day and they decided not to wait any longer. At half time they drove to this church's parsonage and had the preacher marry them. Then they drove back to the ball game. After the game they went to her home and told her parents the news, packed a bag and went to live with Foot's parents in Brushy Pond and so the Stricklin was added to her name. Arthur Brock having lost the race for his beloved SD was extremely upset. SD and Foots married on Jan 19, 1942, and just five days later, almost as soon as he heard, on Jan. 21 1942, a heart broken Arthur joined the army. You can draw your own conclusions as to why he might have joined. Cleason Emory Stricklin was born 11 months after SD and Foots married. Cleason was born while Foots, who was drafted into the army, was in officers' training. Cleason was born with a double cleft palate and hair lip. Foots was allowed to come home due to the circumstance of Cleason's birth. After a very short time he had to report back to duty and he only saw Cleason for one other short time before he shipped out for Germany. As a young 20-year-old, SD was left with a very sick son to take care of. She also had to get on a bus and ride to Birmingham where she didn't know anyone except the couple she rented a room from and take Cleason back and forth to the hospital as he had numerous surgeries to repair his palate and lip. For the next three years Cleason and SD waited anxiously for letters from Foots, whose infantry unit was fighting their way closer and closer to Berlin. Tragically, just 5 months before the end of the war Foots was killed in the Harz Mountains. Meanwhile Arthur was involved in the fighting in the Philippines. Finally, the war ended and Arthur came home. Now a widow at 23 and living with her parents at Logan, SD said one Sunday while leaving this church she saw a group of young men standing in front of the store across the street. As she watched one of them stepped forward and looked directly at her. She recognized her former sweetheart Arthur Brock. They didn't speak but he nodded his head at her. Later that evening he showed up at her house and they resumed their relationship. They were married on Nov. 8, 1946. The next year in July SD gave birth to triplets. Born several months premature they didn't survive. At twenty-four years old not only had she lost a husband but tragically also three baby boys. Through it all she kept her deep faith in our Lord and Savior and her belief that he was in charge and that he would bring her through the tough times. This is the way she lived her life. Trusting in God and serving others. She became pregnant again in 1949 and Darrell Radford Brock joined the family. Arthur was called back into the military when the Korean War began in 1952. Just as their lives were beginning to settle down SD had to pack up her little family and moved to Shreveport La. where Arthur was trained to work on the jet planes used in Korea. From Shreveport they moved to Tampa Fl. where Durwin Lee Brock was born in 1955. As a young military mother raising three boys, SD faced many challenges. Through every one she kept her faith and was the best mother in the world. She was a Cub Scout Den Mother and the host to all the kids in the neighborhoods everywhere she lived. Her house was the house that all the kids came to and the yard everyone played in. No one was ever turned away from her table and she taught her boys to treat everyone with respect and dignity; that everyone was a child of the same God. Back at Logan SD raised chickens and sold Avon to help support the family. She worked hard at everything she did. Arthur Brock died in May of 1972 and SD immediately took her father and mother in and cared for them for the next 8 years. She nursed them through heart attacks and sickness and held their hands in their last days. Becoming a widow for the second time SD spent the next 51 years devoted to her grandchildren, her flowers, her church family and her garden. She loved her flowers and sought to plant many different kinds. Every year until she reached the age of 96 and wasn't able to, she tended a large vegetable garden Her grandchildren never had to worry about day care because they had something much better... they had Granny Care! She taught them to read and write by reading them bible stories, taught them right from wrong the same way she taught her own sons. She was thrifty and conservative because she grew up during the depression. She was an excellent seamstress and sewed, repaired clothes and made dresses and clothes for everyone. Her children and grandchildren's houses and her house is full of the quilts she made for every new baby and grand baby that was born into the family. She was an excellent cook and cooked meals for her family every Sunday for years and years. That was her way of making sure that the family came together each week. She was the best mother and the best Granny in the world. She was Granny Brock to people whom she was not the least bit kin but who loved her like she was their Granny. On April 14, 2023, at 11:50 a.m. at the age of 101, God called his angel back to heaven because she was only on loan to us. Synthia Dakota Kilgo Stricklin Brock is survived by her beloved sister Odeen Wren, sons Cleason Stricklin, Darrell Brock and wife Charlotte, and Durwin Brock and his wife Pam. Grandchildren Larry Stricklin and wife Janice, Steve Kicklighter, Jim Kicklighter, and Deborah Kicklighter, Candice Skinner and husband Tony, Cameron Brock and wife Kylee, Josh Brock, Jason Brock and wife Jenna.

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