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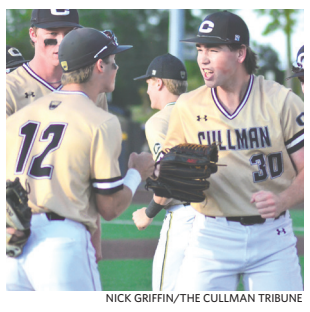
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Fun run raises money for WPES sensory room

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WEST POINT, Ala. — The evening was aglow with neon, puzzle piece motifs and plenty of pump-up music Saturday, April 29, at West Point baseball field for the 5K Sensory Fun Run to help raise funds for a sensory room at West Point Elementary School. Runners of all ages, sizes and abilities donned glow-in-the-dark necklaces and bracelets to light up the night for autism awareness.

Lauren Godbee, organizer of the event, expressed her gratitude. "I can't wait to show you all the sensory room at West Point Elementary School once completed. This room will be a great asset to all children within the school!"

Godbee said she was blown away by the support, saying that once the word got out about the » PAGE 2


SHERRY BROWN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Runners line up for a quick start to the 5K Sensory Fun Run hosted Saturday evening in West Point. The run, organized by Lauren Godbee, was a fundraiser to implement a sensory room in West Point Elementary School.

'We must continue to ensure that Alabama remains connected'

Ivey attends Hwy. 157 expansion ceremony


TIFFANY MCKOY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Governor Kay Ivey, center, cuts the ribbon on the Alabama Highway 157 four-lane expansion Monday, May 1, 2023. Ivey is joined by local and state elected officials, community members and others.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Gov. Kay Ivey on Monday cut the ceremonial ribbon on the completion of the Alabama Highway 157 four-lane expansion project. The ceremony took place at Northbrook Baptist Church, where Ivey was joined by Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs; Cullman Economic Development Agency Governmental Affairs Director Jamie Troutman; Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview; Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman; and Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope, among others.

According to Troutman, the City of Cullman applied for a Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant from the USDOT and was awarded the $14.9 million grant in December 2018. In addition to the BUILD grant, a combination of state, city and other federal funding was used for the project. (Read more at www.cullmantribune.com/2018/12/07/this-is-big-really-big-city-of-cullman-announces-14m-grant-to-complete-hwy-157-4-lane-project)

"As leaders, we are tasked not to just figure out what tomorrow holds, or the next week, or the next year," said Gudger.

"Our job is to make sure that we direct the future of this community for generations to come. This is what 157 and the widening of this road has done...It will allow for future growth and safer travel."

Said Ivey, "As our economy continues on its record-breaking upward trajectory, we must continue to ensure that Alabama remains connected."

Ivey said the widening of Highway 157 will increase connectivity and accessibility, especially to rural communities.

The project broke ground in October 2020 (www.cullmantribune.com/2020/08/12/aldot-opens-bids-for-highway-157-4-lane-project) and completes a four-lane corridor that runs almost 60 miles from U.S. Highway 278 to Alabama Highway 69 in Cullman, according to Ivey's office.

Cullman libraries celebrate National Library Week


TIFFANY MCKOY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Guy Hunt Library's Ann Harrison and Shelia Wilhite with Holly Pond Mayor Carla Hart mark 2023 National Library Week.

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PREP FISHING

Good Hope's Clark, Arnold receive Angler of the Year trophies


ALABAMA BASS NATION HIGH SCHOOL

Good Hope's Ross Clark and Zach Arnold received their 2023 Alabama BASS Nation High School Junior Division Anglers of the Year trophies Saturday at the Alabama BASS Nation Junior State Championship at Logan Martin Lake.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported May 1

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported May 1, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

April 27

- theft of property; CR 783
- possession of dangerous drugs; CR 1251
- assault; CR 1515
- theft of property; CR 1223
- harassment/distributing private image with intent to harass; Vogel St. NE
- theft of property; Hwy. 69 S
- theft of property; CR 1117
- possession of dangerous drugs; CR 1133

April 28

- domestic violence; Alex Dr.
- burglary; CR 1371
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 601
- reckless endangerment; Commercial St. SE
- possession of controlled substance; CR 233
- domestic violence; CR 1352
- criminal mischief; Good Hope School Rd.
- domestic violence; CR 288

April 29

- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; Hwy. 91
- disorderly conduct; CR 590
- theft of property; Apple Grove Rd.
- harassment; Section Line Rd.
- theft of property; CR 1435
- domestic violence; Hwy. 91
- drug trafficking; possession with intent to distribute drugs; possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 31
- robbery; CR 1600
- domestic violence; CR 1123

April 30

- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; Hwy. 31 N
- assault; Millwood Rd. SE
- trespassing; CR 248
- domestic violence; resisting arrest; cruelty to animals; CR 1592
- burglary; CR 1364
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 437
- possession of controlled substance; attempt to elude police officer; obstructing justice using false identity; Hwy. 278

ARRESTS

April 27 – 30

Cable, Stacy R.; 39

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- attempting to elude police officer
- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- stolen vehicles-auto theft

Clark, Wayne E.; 34

- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Comeaux, Phillip J.; 52

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- forgery-counterfeiting
- FTA- forgery-forged instrument

Conrad, Raymond M.; 31

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- traffic-speeding-no workers-construction zone
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Cook, Christopher L.; 46

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked, or cancelled

Eskew, Nathan A.; 32

- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft $1,500 - $2,500

Gardner, Brigette K.; 31

- assault-domestic-simple assault-family
- possession of dangerous drugs

Goggins, Kerry L.; 45

- FTA- drug trafficking
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- attempting to elude police officer
- FTA- improper lane usage

Goodlett, Jennifer N.; 44

- Drug Court Sanction-possession of dangerous drugs

Guthery, Brian E.; 46

- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Harbison, Stephen L.; 43

- possession of methamphetamine

Holaway, Amber N.; 36

- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Johnson, Brandi M.; 34

- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- obstructing justice using false identity-fictitious person

Lacrosse, Alan M.; 35

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- criminal trespass
- FTA- unlawful distribution of controlled substances

Lance, Travis E.; 26

- sell/distribute cocaine
- drug trafficking
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- flight/escape
- FTA- driving while license suspended
- FTA- DUI (controlled substances)

Lawson, Katrina; 33

- criminal trespass

LeClair, Charles J.; 59

- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Lindley, Phillip J.; 27

- disorderly conduct/disturbing peace/affray

Longmire, Cameron J.; 31

- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Looney, Charles R.; 48

- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- cruelty to dog/cat
- resisting arrest

Moreno Jr., Jonathan S.; 28

- assault-child abuse-simple-family
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of dangerous drugs
- driving while suspended, revoked, or cancelled

Nejmeh, April N.; 39

- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- FTA- resisting arrest

Niles, James D.; 34

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- obstructing police-obedience to police/firemen

Oliverio, Max C.; 19

- public intoxication

Perry, Justin W.; 30

- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Phelps, Christy M.; 40

- fraudulent use of credit/debit card
- FTA- failure/refusal to display insurance

Pickering, Angela A.; 47

- unauthorized use of auto-no force (joyriding)

Prater, Aaron G.; 26

- DUI (alcohol)

Quinn, Kendra L.; 44

- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Roach II, Roy W.; 48

- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked, or cancelled

Roden, Joshua M.; 37

- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- attempting to elude police officer

Seals, Melissa D.; 22

- assault-domestic-simple assault-family
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

South, Jason H.; 45

- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Teer, Cheryl R.; 57

- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Thrasher, Kelsie P.; 25

- Probation Violation- assault-child abuse-aggravated-family

Watson, Elizabeth K.; 31

- Probation Violation- assault-child abuse-aggravated-family

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

April 26

- harassment; person; 2nd Ave. NE

April 28

- burglary-3rd degree; person; Northcrest Dr. NW; person; miscellaneous; $1,200
- theft of property-4th degree; criminal trespass-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; food; $6
- harassment; person
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $10

April 29

- assault-2nd degree; person; CR 1601
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; miscellaneous charges
- criminal trespass-2nd degree; criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157
- criminal mischief-3rd degree; person; Trammell Dr. NW; damaged property
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $428
- harassment; person; Hwy. 157
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $178

April 30

- criminal mischief-2nd degree; Phone Shop; damaged phones; $1,150

ARRESTS

April 28 – 30

Dover, Joshua D.; 40

- FTA- driving while revoked

Hill, Christopher S.; 47

- FTA- domestic violence-3rd degree
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)
- FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Aviles, Victor M.; 30

- DUI

Lance, Travis E.; 26

- FTA- theft of property-4th degree

Golden, Kate M.; 29

- criminal trespass-2nd degree
- FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree
- FTA- insurance violation (2 counts)
- FTA- expired tag

McClendon, Randy J.; 42

- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Gray, Paul J.; 57

- FTA- public intoxication (2 counts)

Phelps, Crystal M.; 37

- theft of property-4th degree

Hawkins, Brent J.; 31

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Langston, Joshua D.; 30

- DUI

Bliss, Timothy E.; 36

- harassment

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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



Run (from Front)

event, the number of registered racers went up from 21 to 47 in just one evening.

Dozens of runners and walkers alike assembled at the starting line and pushed off hard after the countdown. Race participants weaved through the baseball park track seamlessly, with some laughing as they walked, others in fierce competition with sneakers hitting the pavement in hopes of bringing home the glory of first place.

First-place overall and 30-year-old division winner was Ross Lewis.

Second-place overall and ages 11-19 winner was Connor Robinson. Third-place overall and ages 10 and under winner was Abram Hill. Fourth-place overall and 20-year-old division winner was Jessica Widner. Fifth-place overall and 50 and up winner was Terry Lowry. Sixth-place overall and 40-year-old division winner was Cindy Phillips.

Godbee hinted at the possibility of the Fun Run becoming an annual event focused on autism awareness and fundraising for every school to have a sensory room.

"We had just planned on doing this as a one-off, but it was so successful and many of the runners have asked about making it an annual thing!"

For more information on how you can help fund the implementation of a sensory room at West Point Elementary School, or for support and resources for those with or caring for those with special needs, contact Godbee at 256-303-7877.

Libraries (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Public Library System last week celebrated National Library Week. This year's theme was "There's More to the Story."

According to the Cullman County Public Library System Director Sharon Townson, public libraries are more than just lending libraries.

"More importantly, libraries bring people together. People connect through library programs inside and outside the library," she said. "Books clubs, craft groups, programs, lectures bring people with common interests together. Libraries help advance the communities they serve by providing free internet access, printing, faxing and literacy skills."

The Cullman County Public Library System offers free access to numerous databases:

- ABC Mouse Early Learning Academy
- ChiltonLibrary car repair database
- Learning Express (Civil Service practice exams, military, law enforcement, EMS, firefighter, ACT, SAT prep, GED prep, math skills, reading skills)
- Homework Alabama/Live one-on-one tutoring kindergarten-college
- Hoopla (Audiobooks, e-books, music, movies)
- Libby/Camellia Net audiobooks, e-books, music, movies)

The libraries have books, CDs, DVDs, disc golf sets and even pickleball sets to lend out. There is also free Wi-Fi at each branch 24/7, and MiFi (mobile hotspots), which are circulated.

Learn more at www.ccpls.com.

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, May 3 - 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, May 5 - 7 p.m. Recovery Ministry Guest Speaker is Jeff Gilliland - 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.
• Saturday, May 6- 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast
• Sunday, May 7 - 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, May 7 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast @ 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults @ 10. Adult class at 11. Praise and 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.

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.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, May 11, at 6:30 p.m. We will meet at St. Andrews Methodist Church on 615 Main Ave. SW., Cullman, Al 35055. All are welcome.

BBB of North Alabama Cullman Shred Day
Saturday, May 13, from 9 a.m.-noon at King Edward Plaza Shopping Center. This event will give area residents and small businesses the opportunity to help protect identities and the environment in a quick and easy drive-thru set up.

The following FREE services will be available onsite:
• Document shredding: Only paper documents will be accepted. All other materials such as cardboard, plastic, metal and binders must be removed. There is a limit of three large trash bags or file storage boxes per vehicle.
• Drug take-back: Cullman Police Department will be collecting prescription and over-the-counter medications. Needles will not be accepted.
• Non-perishable food donations: Benefits Cullman Caring for Kids
For more information, call 256-533-4804.

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.
• 7th Annual Bernard Blues and BBQ Arts & Crafts Festival
• September 9-10, 2023
• Contact: Joyce Nix – 256-255-5860; jnix@stbernardprep.com

7th Annual Bernard Blues and BBQ
Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 9-10, at St. Bernard. Featuring pottery, quilts, brooms, leather art, cypress furniture, paintings, jewelry, plants and more. Visit Ave Maria Grotto for a reduced price admission of only $5. Admission donation to the festival is $10 per person; children 5 and younger free. Proceeds benefit St. Bernard Prep School. Rain or shine 9 a.m.-4 p.m. each day. Visit www.stbernardprep.com for more information.

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PREP BASEBALL

Bearcats sweep Athens to advance to round 3

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NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman's Cooper Loftin (30) pitched a complete game shutout to lead the Bearcats past Athens 3-0 in game one Friday night.

CULLMAN, Ala. — After defeating Mortimer Jordan in the road in round one, the Bearcats returned home to Bill Shelton Field Friday night to host Athens in round two. Cullman got things started with a 3-0 win in game one and Cooper Loftin tossed a complete game shutout on the mound to lead the way. The Bearcats trailed for most of game two but rallied to score five runs in the top of the fifth to pull ahead and went on to complete the sweep of the Eagles with a 7-3 win in game two.

Cullman 3 - Athens 0 (Game One)

The 'Cats got on the board early. Elijah Hayes reached first on an error to lead off the bottom of the first, Paxton Ponder drew a walk and Riley Jackson singled on a bunt down the third base line to load the bases.

Tucker Cagle then drew another walk to bring in a run and make it a 1-0 game and Hunter Howell stretched the lead to 2-0 with an RBI single later in the inning.

After a scoreless second inning, Zane Watwood led off the bottom to the third with a solo shot to left field to give Cullman a 3-0 advantage.

Loftin cruised the rest of the way and ran into a little trouble in the seventh but escaped the jam to secure a 3-0 win in game one.

Loftin tossed all seven innings for Cullman, allowing just three hits and striking out four batters in the win. At the plate, Howell (one RBI) led the way with a pair of hits, Watwood (HR) added another RBI and Cagle drove in a run as well.

Cullman 7 – Athens 3 (Game Two)

The Bearcats stranded a pair of runners in the first inning and left the bases loaded in the second, keeping the game scoreless until a 2-run single gave the Eagles a 2-0 lead in the bottom half of the second inning. The 'Cats loaded up the bases again in the top of the third but a line drive right at the left fielder kept Cullman off the board once again.

In the top of the fifth, the Bearcats loaded the bases for the third time in the game but this time they capitalized and tied the game at 2 runs apiece with a 2-run double off the bat of Cole Floyd.

Hunter Howell scored on a fielder's choice just two pitches later to put Cullman in front 3-2 and after Elijah Hayes walked to put runners on the corners, Paxton Ponder shot an RBI single to right field to plate two more runs and make it a 5-2 game.

A sacrifice fly from Cooper Loftin brought Garrett Hall home to score and stretched the lead to 6-2 in the top of the sixth but Athens led off the bottom half of the inning with a solo homerun to trim the lead 6-3.

The 'Cats were able to load the bases again in the top of the seventh and an error allowed Ponder to score and make it 7-3 going into the final frame.

Cullman collected the final three outs in the bottom of the seventh and punched its ticket back to round three with a sweep over the Eagles.

Cagle nearly went the distance on the mound, tossing 6.1 innings for Cullman and allowing three runs on just two hits. Riley Jackson led the way with three hits in the win, Floyd finished with two hits and two RBIs and Watwood and Howell each added a pair of hits. Ponder (one hit) posted a pair of RBIs as well.

Cullman will stay home for round three to host the Gardendale Rockets. Games one and two will be Thursday at 4:30 and 7 p.m. with game three to be played Friday if necessary.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

'Play for the Lord': West Point's Patton Fell recaps freshman season

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WEST POINT, Ala. — The West Point Lady Warriors didn't have the best season last season in volleyball, but the future is definitely bright for them. Freshman Patton Brookfell talked about that season, what all she learned, her first year on varsity, and what she took away from that experience.

"It wasn't the greatest. We definitely had our highs and lows, but towards the end of the season, we grew a lot closer. Even though we didn't win county, we put everything we had into the game. I learned that sports isn't just about winning. It's about having fun, making friends, and treating everyone like they're your family. We've learned how to show respect towards others," Fell said.

"It was a very humbling and fun experience. It was different at first because I was so young, but it was pretty easy adjusting to everyone since I was already friends with them.

"I learned that picking up your teammates also makes you feel better, which helped contribute to the team's attitude and performance."

Brookfell played for head coach Kate Kent last season and talked about what she's like as a coach, plus some things she learned from her.

"She is very encouraging, and she always builds us up. She has helped me realize that every play won't be perfect, but as long as we try to fix our mistakes, it's okay. She pushes us to be the best we can and continues to show us love, no matter what."

Brookfell learned some things from last year's upperclassmen, and she will work on some things to get ready for next season.

"I learned that they have my back no matter what and I can trust them," she said. "I'll work on a lot of setting. More specifically, finishing my hands and getting to the target early so I can be prepared and get ready to set."

Brookfell talked about her goals and the team goals for next season, plus what will make the team special to watch.

"My team goals are to win county and area. My individual goals are to get all-county, gain more confidence in my playing ability, and to be a motivator for our team," she said.

"I feel like we are a very energetic and scrappy team. We work hard in practice to play good in games, and we put our time and effort into this sport."

Brookfell talked a little bit about next year's seniors and what they are like, plus the best advice that she was ever given.

"They are very encouraging and uplifting. They pray with us before every game to prepare us and help us know our strength is through God," she said.

"The best advice I've ever gotten was from my dad. He told me to keep my head up no matter what, have fun, and just play for the Lord."



PATTON FELL

West Point's Patton Fell

ADMH: May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Each May, the Alabama Department of Mental Health (ADMH) promotes Mental Health Awareness Month along with other national organizations to raise awareness and acceptance surrounding mental health and to reduce stigma. This year Mental Health Month's theme is "Look Around, Look Within" and encourages individuals to look around and look within. From your neighborhood to friends and families, many factors come into play when it comes to mental health.

"This year's Mental Health Awareness Month is the perfect opportunity to inform Alabamians of life saving resources, like 988 and Crisis Centers, for individuals with mental illness, substance use disorders who may be in a crisis. Whether we share resources, encourage others to seek help or simply are there for someone when they reach out to us, we instill hope and reduce stigma" said Alabama Commissioner of Mental Health Kimberly Boswell. In a crisis, call 988, an easy to remember number, offering a direct connection to compassionate, accessible care and support for anyone experiencing mental health-related distress. Anyone can dial 988 if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.

An individual's decision to access care, can impact if, how and when mental health needs are met, which in turn affects mental health. However, one can take steps to protect their well-being. One of the steps you can take is reach out and make a call to a Warmline such as the Wings Across Alabama's Warmline or the R.O.S.S Helpline, both of which are available 24/7, with peer support specialist available to offer assistance or resources. If crisis stabilization is needed, Crisis centers are designated places for individuals to walk in, or for law enforcement, first responders and EMS personnel to take an individual that is in mental health or substance abuse crisis. At the center, the individual may receive stabilization, evaluation and psychiatric services. Click here for the locations of Crisis Centers. We invite mental health providers and partners, and business, civic and faith-based communities to join in sharing the vital information that mental health is something everyone should care and talk about, download the toolkit and engage in awareness activities in their communities. For more information on Mental Health Awareness Month, please contact the Office of Public Information at publicinformation.dmh@mh.alabama.gov or 334-242-3417.



Ivey highlights NWTF contributions during its 50th anniversary

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Governor Kay Ivey recently issued a commendation in celebration of the National Wild Turkey Federation's (NWTF) 50th anniversary. Representatives from the NWTF Alabama Chapter and Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) joined the Governor at the State Capitol in Montgomery for a signing ceremony on April 6, 2023.

"We are extremely proud to be recognized by Governor Ivey for our efforts to help conserve wild turkey in Alabama," said Craig Harris, Alabama NWTF Chapter President. "NWTF and the Conservation Department have partnered for decades so that future generations can enjoy this important natural resource. We are humbled to be recognized by Governor Ivey."

ADCNR Commissioner Chris Blankenship, ADCNR Deputy Commissioner Ed Poolos, ADCNR Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Director Chuck Sykes, and NWTF Alabama Chapter board member Andy Whittaker joined Harris and Governor Ivey for the signing ceremony.

"NWTF has been vital to the conservation of wild turkey in Alabama," said Commissioner Blankenship. "We look forward to our continued partnership to ensure the future of this resource for generations to come."

The commendation, in part, reads:

"WHEREAS, over the course of 50 years, the National Wild Turkey Federation has worked with state, federal and nongovernmental partners to promote the conservation of wild turkey and the preservation of our hunting heritage, participating in one of the greatest conservation success stories in American history, the return of wild turkey from the brink of extinction; and

WHEREAS, the National Wild Turkey Federation has been at the vanguard of reversing declining hunting participation through nationwide investment in hunter recruitment, retention and reactivation efforts and partnering with states to develop opportunities to engage people from all walks of life in the outdoors tradition; and

WHEREAS, the National Wild Turkey Federation supports and partner with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to conserve wildlife habitat, increase hunter participation and invest in wild turkey research;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby commend the National Wild Turkey Federation on their 50th anniversary, and I salute the organization for their tremendous efforts."

About NWTF
Since 1973, NWTF has invested more than a half billion dollars in wildlife conservation and has conserved or enhanced more than 22 million acres of critical wildlife habitat nationwide. The organization continues to support wildlife conservation, forest resiliency and robust recreational opportunities throughout the U.S. Learn more at www.nwtf.org.

About ADCNR
ADCNR promotes wise stewardship, management and enjoyment of Alabama's natural resources through four divisions: Marine Resources, State Lands, State Parks, and Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries. Learn more at www.outdooralabama.com.

80 YEARS ANNIVERSARY 1943-2023

Thank you, Cullman, for the best 80 years of our lives.



In 1943, when the Paul R. Knight Insurance Company opened its doors in downtown Cullman, there was no way of knowing what the future would bring. Paul Knight was a 30-something father of of three, registered for the World War II draft, with no idea that his new venture would not only succeed but would ultimately pass down through three generations of his family. Then his son-in-law Elliot Free joined the business in 1970, the agency was re-named Knight-Free, and the rest is history.

But it's a history that wouldn't have happened without you, Cullman. We never forget that. For 80 years, you've trusted us to insure your homes, your cars, your businesses, your lives. You've become our friends, our neighbors, and our reason to turn up at the office every day. You're also the reason that, after all these years, Elliot's son Wescoat Free is still running the independent insurance agency that bears his family name. And, for that, we can't thank you enough.

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MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

Hanceville's Lowery inducted into Phi Beta Kappa Society at MSU

A. Matthews
Mississippi State University

MISSISSIPPI STATE, Miss. — Lindsey Lowery, majoring in Business Administration and German from Hanceville, is among Mississippi State seniors inducted into the Gamma of Mississippi Chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa Society for 2023.

Phi Beta Kappa inductees are among the top 10% of their graduating class who have completed a broad range of liberal arts and sciences coursework, including foreign language and mathematics. Honored this spring with an induction ceremony and dinner sponsored by MSU's Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President, the students were selected for their extraordinary academic achievement in the arts and sciences.

About Mississippi State University

Mississippi State University is a national STEM-focused, doctoral degree-granting, land-grant university offering a wide range of educational experiences for learning and growth to a diverse student body of approximately 23,000 students. Among the National Science Foundation's Top 100 research universities, MSU provides access and opportunity to students from all 50 states and 86 countries. MSU is committed to its comprehensive research university mission, addressing complex local and global issues with innovative ideas and solutions.

West Point High finishes 8th in Quiz Bowl National Championship

Staff Reports
Contributor

ROSEMONT, Ill. — On the weekend of Saturday, April 29, West Point High School joined 131 of the top quiz bowl teams from small public high schools at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare Chicago for the 2023 Small School National Championship Tournament to determine who was the best. West Point finished in eighth place in the Traditional Public Schools Division.

Quiz bowl is a competitive, academic, interscholastic activity for teams of four students. Quiz bowl teams use buzzers to answer questions about science, math, history, literature, mythology, geography, social science, current events, sports, and popular culture.

The matches feature a blend of individual competition and team collaboration, since no individual player is likely to be an expert in all subject areas. Participation in quiz bowl both reinforces lessons from the classroom and encourages players to develop new intellectual interests.

The team, in the Traditional Public Schools Division, consisted of Sean Harbison, Brodie Henry, Brady Laughlin, Abigail Roy, Eli Taylor and John Davis Yovino. The team was coached by Lee Henry.

West Point was one of four Alabama teams competing at the national championship.

West Point began the preliminary rounds with a 10-game winning streak, in which they defeated Pettisville A from Ohio; Lawton-Bronson from Iowa; Itawamba Agricultural from Fulton, Mississippi; Shelby from Ohio; West Iron County from Iron River, Michigan; Triopia from Concord, Illinois; West Shamokin from Rural Valley, Pennsylvania; Southern Boone from Ashland, Missouri; South Nodaway from Barnard, Missouri; and Weld Central B from Keenesburg, Colorado. They finished the preliminary rounds with a 10-0 record, which qualified them for the playoffs.

West Point's shot at the title ended when they lost to Batavia from Ohio in round 19.

Brodie Henry was honored as an All-Star for correctly answering 104 tossup questions - 36 of them for "power," that is, so early as to earn extra points - in the preliminary rounds.

West Point High School finished in eighth place in the Traditional Public Schools Division.

The Traditional Public Schools Division champion was Fair Grove R-X School Fair Grove, Missouri. The Open Division champion was the A team from BASIS Independent McLean McLean, Virginia.

The 2023 Small School National Championship Tournament (Traditional Public Schools Division)'s field featured 77 teams from 20 states.

LEGALS

The City of Hanceville is seeking Sealed Bids for removal and replacement of the Library Roof located at 201 Commercial Street SE, Hanceville, AL 35077.

- Remove and replace metal roof and awnings
- Remove and replace 1st row decking 4'
- Cost per sheet for additional OSB replacement due to rot
- **26-gauge** metal roofing (color TBD by city) with underlayment Rhino Felt
- City will retain all metal

Job must be completed by **July 15, 2023**.
Prequalification is not required.
Sealed Bids will be accepted through 4:30 p.m. on May 11, 2023. Bids will be opened and awarded on May 11, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.
The City of Hanceville reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Deliver or mail sealed bid to:
City of Hanceville
Library Roof
112 Main ST SE
Hanceville, AL 35077

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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
Attorney for Petitioners
4770 Eastern Valley Road, Suite 111
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McCalla, AL 35111

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
JAY COLEMAN GLASSCOCK, * CASE NO. PC 2017 – 339
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: Ruby Jean Glasscock

TAKE NOTICE that a Verified Motion for Partition of Real Property has been filed by Adam D. Glasscock and that the 11th day of July, 2023, at 1:00 AM/PM has been set for a hearing in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, in the Cullman County Courthouse.

YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE HEARING, BUT YOU MAY ATTEND THE HEARING AND SUPPORT OR CONTEST SAID PETITION IF YOU SEE FIT TO DO SO.

DATED this 24th day of April, 2023.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

Shay Persall
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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
CULLMAN COUNTY * CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
* CASE NO: AD 2023-007

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF:
BRUCE CORRICK AND SANDRA CORRICK

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: ANY KNOWN, UNKNOWN, UNDISCLOSED PERSONS, THE BIOLOGICAL MOTHER, JENNIFER WEAVER, AND THE BIOLOGICAL FATHER, SCOTTY LEWIS, OF THE MINOR CHILD H.E.L. DATE OF BIRTH 02/19/2013.

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, BY BRUCE CORRICK AND SANDRA CORRICK. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE. THE RESPONSE MUST BE FILED WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONER, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS IS SHOWN BELOW, AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, POST OFFICE BOX 970, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35056.

DONE this the 24th day of April, 2023.

Alex J. Chaney
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 1052
Cullman, AL 35055

To the Publisher of the Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice once a week for four (4) successive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
PAUL VANCE MORAN * CASE NO PC-2022-441
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted to STEVEN C. SMITH, as Personal Representative of the Estate of PAUL VANCE MORAN, Deceased, on the 28th day of April, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claim against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Steven C. Smith
Personal Representative

Steven C. Smith
PO Box 398
Cullman, Alabama 35056

TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

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

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

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

Tonya C. Palmer
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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
CULLMAN COUNTY * CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
* CASE NO: AD 2023-006

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF:
BRUCE CORRICK AND SANDRA CORRICK

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: ANY KNOWN, UNKNOWN, UNDISCLOSED PERSONS, THE BIOLOGICAL MOTHER, JENNIFER WEAVER, AND THE BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE MINOR CHILD S.S.W. DATE OF BIRTH 01/12/2016.

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, BY BRUCE CORRICK AND SANDRA CORRICK. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE. THE RESPONSE MUST BE FILED WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONER, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS IS SHOWN BELOW, AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, POST OFFICE BOX 970, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35056.

DONE this the 24th day of April, 2023.

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To the Publisher of the Cullman Tribune

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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
GAIL A. LINTON, * CASE NO.: PC2023-138
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to RAND A. LINTON, as Personal Representative of the Estate of GAIL A. LINTON, deceased, on the 1st day of May, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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 be barred.

Rand A. Linton
Personal Representative

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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

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

Obituary Announcements: April 29 - May 1

Joan Carolyn Segrest Gibbs, 90
Mrs. Joan Carolyn Segrest Gibbs passed away on April 28, 2023, in Cullman, Alabama after a brief illness. She was born on July 24, 1932, in Cullman, Alabama Mrs. Gibbs was preceded in death by her parents, Luther and Ivory Sterling of Cullman, Alabama. Sisters, Anita Legg (Gurney), Betty Sterling, both of Cullman, and Nan McElroy (Winfred) of Huntsville. Nephews, Stan and Calvin McElroy of Huntsville, Alabama. Her first husband William Segrest of Shorter, Alabama and her second husband E.C. Gibbs of Hanceville, Alabama. Mrs. Gibbs is survived by her daughter Leah Segrest Funderburk and son-in-law David Funderburk of Wetumpka, Alabama. Granddaughters Jayne Funderburk Luetzow (Kurt) of Somerville, Alabama, and Joy Funderburk of Wetumpka. Stepchildren E.C. Gibbs (Teresa) of Cullman, Sharon Spatero (Carl) of Panama City, Florida, many other step grandchildren. Mrs. Gibbs was raised in Cullman, Alabama. As a young adult, lived in Hamilton and Montgomery. She married Mr. William Segrest in 1950 and became a farmer's wife. She later became employed with the United States Postal Service in Tuskegee, becoming the U.S. Postmaster of Shorter, Alabama until her retirement in 1993. Following the death of Mr. Segrest, she married Mr. E. C. Gibbs in 1988 and moved to Hanceville, Alabama. She enjoyed traveling, painting, watching the Atlanta Braves, and spending time with family and friends. The family would like to thank Mrs. Gibbs' friend, Mr. Sim Calvert of Cullman. Appreciation to her doctor, Melinda Hart of Cullman and caregivers Theresa Freeman, Shirley Cox, and Brandon Freeman. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Hanceville United Methodist Church, Trinity Presbyterian Church, and Saint Jude Children's Hospital. A graveside service for Joan will be held Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Calebee Cemetery, County Road 9, Shorter AL. 36075. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.ridoutsprattvillechapel.com for the Gibbs family.

Howard Eugene Kent, 82
Howard Eugene Kent, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on April 28, 2023, at the age of 82. Mr. Kent was born in Oneonta, Alabama, on Jan. 23, 1941. Howard was known to many as the bicycle man. He was an outgoing man who never met a stranger. Mr. Kent loved scrapping and was an avid treasure hunter. He adored his grandchildren, and he will be greatly missed by many. Mr. Kent is preceded in death by his parents; son, Steven Kent; and brother, Willie Lee Kent. A host of stepchildren, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, as well as a number of dear friends and relatives survive Howard. His memory will live on in the hearts of those he loved for many years to come. A time of visitation will be held on Monday, May 1, 2023, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel. Friends are invited to visit with the family from noon until funeral services begin at 1 p.m. Burial will follow services in Antioch Cemetery. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Kent family.

James V. Elliott, 92
A graveside funeral service for James V. Elliott, 92, of Hanceville, will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at Fairview West Cemetery in Hanceville with Brother Randall Waldrop officiating. James died at his home on Saturday, April 29, 2023. He is survived by his wife Gaynell; children, Steve (Jennifer) Elliott, Tim Elliott and Gina (Richard) Casey. His grandchildren, Chad Elliott, Brett Elliott, Whitney (David) Suarez, Tiffany (Colton) Teeling, Brandi (Michael) Kornegay and Kyle (Brooke Barnett) Casey. Also surviving is a great-grandson, Eljah Gray Suarez and a sister, Clara Barnett; and a host of loving nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Herman Elliott, Laura Alexander, Pat Stevens, Idas Elliott, Gene Elliott and Matt Elliott. Pallbearers will be Chad and Brett Elliott, Michael Kornegay, Kyle Casey, David Suarez and Colton Teeling.

Jeffrey Neil Hunter, 55
We regretfully announce the passing of Jeffrey Neil Hunter of Hanceville, Alabama. Jeff was born on July 10, 1967. He was 55 years young and passed away in his home in the early morning of April 28, 2023. Jeff was a very loving and very loved man who was always there for anyone when they needed him. He was strong in his faith and fully devoted to our Lord and Savior. Jeff was blessed to have found his soulmate in this life and they had three beautiful children together. His family was everything to him. He enjoyed fishing and spent his Saturdays in the fall cheering for the Crimson Tide. He was a master of the grill and smoker. Even though he always claimed to overcook the food, we knew it was his way of getting compliments out of everyone when we would tell him how good it was. Jeff will be greatly missed on this Earth, but we have peace knowing he is with our Father in Heaven. He was preceded in death by his father, Billy Hunter. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Teresa Hunter; his mother, Glenda Smith; his children: Cody (Erika) Hunter, Monica (Kenny) Watts, and Gabby Hunter; his grandchildren: Kenlee Bradford; Colton Hunter, Cru Green, Riley Watts, and Odin Hunter. His siblings: Chris (Jennifer) Hunter, Sherri (Wayne) Nall, Kim (Mark) Underwood; Cru Green, Riley Watts, and Odin Hunter. He also had a multitude of nieces, nephews, and friends that he cared for deeply. Funeral services for Jeff Neil Hunter of Hayden will be 12 p.m. Monday, May 1, 2023 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Hopewell Cemetery in Hanceville. Rev. Wayne Wisener, Adam Twilley and Chris Hunter will be officiating services. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. on April 30, 2023 at Hanceville Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family asks' that donations be made to the American Cancer Society.

Jennifer Graham, 48
Mrs. Jennifer Graham, 48, of Cullman, passed away April 29, 2023, at her residence. She was born April 21, 1975, to Donnie and Deborah Pace. She was preceded in death by her grandparents Joe and Mary Brown and a great aunt, Clara Moody. Survivors include her children, Hunter Pace and Kye Graham, her parents, a brother, Justin (Tosha) Pace, mother-in-law Margaret New, and a host of nieces and nephews. A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Jaime "Jimmy" Vargas, 81
Jaime "Jimmy" Vargas, 81, of Falkville, Alabama passed from this life, Sunday, April 30, 2023, at CRMC. He was born in Puerto Rico on June 16, 1941. He left behind his wife, Paulette Vargas; two sons, Jim and wife, Sherry, David and wife, Ann Vargas; nine grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Julio and America Cardero Vargas; and brothers and sisters. He was an exceptional man. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was one of fifteen children. He enjoyed working on cars. The family will receive friends at Cullman Funeral Home Tuesday evening from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. A graveside service will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at New Hope #2 Cemetery, Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Dewell Jones, 98
Mr. Dewell Jones, 98, of Hanceville, passed away Monday, May 1, 2023, at Hanceville Nursing Home. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Jones family. Mr. Jones was born Nov. 24, 1924, to George Cleveland and Maud Luraine Landers Jones. He was preceded in death by his parents and wives, Marie Jones, Freda Jones. Survivors include his son, Keith (Calene) Jones; step-son, Kenneth Gill; step-daughter, Kay Benefield; sister-in-law, Sarah Jones; grandchildren, Clark Jones, Chris (Kendra) Jones, Lisa (Chris) Brooks; great-grandchildren, Gage Jones, Cameron Brooks; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Joseph Allen Tarvin, 48
Joseph Allen Tarvin, 48, of Vinemont, passed away April 29, 2023. He was born December 25, 1974, in Birmingham, Alabama. A visitation will be held on Thursday, May 4, 2023, from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison. Funeral Services will follow at 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will follow in Dripping Springs Church of Christ Cemetery. Brother Wesley Slaton will officiate. Joseph is survived by his mother, Brenda Hannay (James); daughter, Khristen Davis; and a host of aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Curtis and Myrtle Miller.

Allen Doyle Copeland, 66
Funeral services for Allen Doyle Copeland of Hanceville will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Hopewell Cemetery in Hanceville. Visitation for the public will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Wednesday prior to the service at the funeral home. Mr. Copeland was born on July 5, 1956, to Otto and Evelyn (Cruz) Copeland in Jefferson County, Alabama. After high school, Allen went on to serve his country with the United States Army. Shortly after, he took on a job at the Boilermaker's Local Union 108 as a boilermaker. That was only the beginning of what turned into a career and retiring about 35 years later. When Mr. Copeland wasn't working, most of his time was spent on the road with his motorcycle. He also enjoyed spending time with his family and loved ones. Going above and beyond for anyone wasn't anything out of character for him. He had several friends whom he absolutely adored. He was loved and will be deeply missed by many. After a brief illness Mr. Copeland passed away at the age of 66 on April 28, 2023 at Cullman Regional Medical Center in Cullman, Alabama. Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Wanda Copeland; children, Cory (Sydney) Copeland, Danny (Tammie) Chaviers and Amy (Brent) Triplett; grandchildren, Stella Copeland, Cooper Copeland, Tiffany, Chaviers, Savannah Chaviers, Alesha Anderson Katie Coker and Westo O'rear; siblings, Joey Copeland, Guy Copeland, Jimmy Copeland and Diane Booker; and a host of many loving nieces and nephews. Mr. Copeland was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Brandy Copeland; and granddaughter, Brittanie Triplett.

Dwight R. Nichols, 81
Dwight R. Nichols of Bradenton, Florida passed away from this earth March 11, 2023. A gathering of family and friends will be Sunday, May 7, 2023, at 2 p.m. at the Hanceville Senior Center, located at 209 Michelle St. NW, Hanceville. Dwight is survived by his son, Tim (Andrea) Nichols; grandsons, Zack (Emily) and Ben; long life companion, Gail Knott; sisters; Irma Tubbs and Corene (Jim) Phillips, and a host of nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by a son, Matthew; his parents, Gordon and Carrie Nichols; and his brother, Don Nichols. Dwight was born in Cullman, Alabama on Jan. 1, 1942. After graduating from Hanceville High School, he later moved to Bradenton where he worked for Loral American Beryllium as an aerospace machinist. Upon retirement form Loral, he worked for the Florida State Department of Agriculture as a federal inspector. Dwight was a great friend to many and had a huge heart to serve others in need.

Patricia Ann Atchley, 87
Mrs. Patricia Ann Atchley, age 87, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Saturday, April 29, 2023. Patricia was born in Fayette County Alabama on May 13, 1935, to Thomas Lester and Irene Boger Dockery. She is preceded in death by her parents and her husband: Robert Atchley. She was the restaurant manager at Whitlocks located in Trimble for many years. Funeral services are Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Steve Bryan officiating. Interment will follow services in Bethlehem West Cemetery. Survivors are: sons: Bobby Atchley, Donnie Atchley, brother: Roger (DeAnn) Dockery, grandchildren: Jared Atchley and Jessica Atchley. Visitation will be Thursday May 4, 2023, at Moss Service Funeral Home from 11 a.m. until service time at 2 p.m. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Atchley family.

Reverend Horace R. Hall, 86
Reverend Horace R. Hall, 86, passed away on Monday, May 1 2023, at 12:55 a.m. He was affectionately known by his host of friends and church families as Bro. Hall, and he was known as PawPaw by his grandchildren. Bro. Hall was born on April 4, 1937, in Tuscaloosa County. Bro. Hall was preceded in death by his parents, William D. and Lucille Ward Hall; sisters, Nita Horn, Trixie Boyd, and Charlotte Bryant; and brothers, William Lee Hall and Daniel Hall. Bro. Hall was survived by his "main woman" and beautiful wife of 61 years, Charlie Mae Hall; daughters, DeeDee (Barry) Carden and Cindy Bohon; grandchildren, Alan Ross (Jenna) Bohon, Austin Carden, and Karlee (Montae) Pickens; great-grandchildren, Bentley Bohon and Blayklee Bohon; and a host of nieces and nephews. Bro. Hall was called to preach in September 1966 and attended Baptist Bible Institute in Graceville, Florida. In his 53 years of ministry, he pastored six Southern Baptist churches, Beulah Baptist in Dothan, Alabama, New Hope Baptist in Romulus, Alabama, New Haven Baptist in Greensboro, Alabama, First Baptist Church of Fairview in Cullman, Alabama, First Baptist Church of Holly Pond in Holly Pond, Alabama. He pastored First Baptist Church of Fairview for 22 years and stood as Pastor Emeritus. Visitation will be Tuesday May 2, 2023, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home in Cullman, AL. Celebration of Life will be held Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Fairview, and he will lie in state from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. at the church.

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"Congratulations to our 4th place winner - Patsy Armstrong of Cullman on winning the Fitbit watch!"

2023 Bloomin' Festival breaks records

St. Bernard
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The 39th Annual Bloomin' Festival at St. Bernard Abbey and Prep School was a smashing success! The two-day arts and crafts festival, held April 22-23, attracted record numbers of visitors and vendors, thanks to the beautiful weather and the variety of quality handmade products on display.

People from all over the country came to Cullman to enjoy one of the best festivals in the South, according to Festival Director Joyce Nix. Nix, who has been in charge of all 39 festivals, says she carefully selects the artisans who participate in the show to ensure they offer original and high-quality items.

"Our goals are to make sure they are providing a quality handmade product and to do our best to determine if they are a good fit for our show," Nix said.

She added that the artisans are like family to St. Bernard because they support the work of St. Bernard Prep School.

"Many of them have become donors to our program simply because of the generosity of our students and volunteers," Nix said.

The festival featured 186 booths with a wide range of products, from handmade brooms, blacksmithing, ground cornmeal and grits, handmade baskets, jewelry, paintings of all mediums, wood turned bowls and pens, to wooden handmade toys, clothing, baked goods, fudge, funnel cakes, strawberry waffles, and the best street corn ever. Visitors also discovered cut out metal art, birdhouses, wind chimes, doll clothing, purses, pottery, leather, birdfeeders, birdhouses, teak furniture and much more.

The festival continued on Sunday with cooler temperatures in the low 60s, but that did not stop the visitors from enjoying the arts and the attractions.

One of the attractions was the Ave Maria Grotto, a miniature replica of famous religious sites and buildings, which offered a discounted admission for the festival weekend.

The festival also featured a grand prize sweepstakes for a Jeep Renegade and other prizes. The sweepstakes drawing was held on Sunday at 4 p.m., with Fr. Joel Martin presiding. The winners were:

- Ann S. McMahon of McCalla, AL - Jeep Renegade
- Allen Cervi of Chelsea, AL - Apple iPad
- Michelle Bessette of Leeds, AL - Apple AirPods
- Patsy Armstrong of Cullman, AL - Fitbit watch
- Charles Fulks of Madison, AL - weather radio

Nix expressed her gratitude to everyone who supported the festival in any way. "Your participation makes it possible for us to have a fun family weekend in Cullman, and it also helps continue the longstanding tradition of education at St. Bernard Prep!" she said.

St. Bernard is already planning for its next events: the 7th Annual Bernard Blues and BBQ festival Sept. 9-10, 2023, and the 40th Annual Bloomin' Festival April 20-21, 2024. Applications for both shows are available now at www.stbernardprep.com.





ALEA marks 1st anniversary, success of LEADS

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — In April of 2022, the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Driver License Division launched a new and modernized driver license system, replacing a complex legacy system that had been in place for nearly two decades.

Since the launch of the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency Driver License System (LEADS), operations for both citizens and driver license personnel have greatly improved across the state. Over 1.3 million driver license credentials have been processed since the modernized system went live, however, the Agency has experienced reduced wait times in local offices, and hard copies of driver licenses have been delivered to customers two to three days faster than with the previous system. Additionally, a new streamlined process for submitting accident claims has improved processing times from approximately two to three weeks to two to three business days.

"Employees within multiple divisions of ALEA worked diligently alongside FAST Enterprises to develop and implement this new system. I am pleased to recognize and showcase the hard work and dedication of all the employees who played an integral role in LEADS by highlighting the success of such a monumental and historic project," ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor said. "Our Agency is proud to serve the citizens of Alabama and we are dedicated to continuing to find innovative and convenient methods to provide Alabamians with premier customer service, whether it's face to face in our local driver license offices or by enhancing online services."

Drivers can renew their license online, update emergency contacts, make payments, upload U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Medical Cards, and individuals can even pre-apply for an Alabama License if they are first-time drivers. ALEA's updated webpage also features a virtual "ALEA" assistant via chat box to assist in navigating the online services and answer basic questions.

Since LEADS, thousands of customers have taken advantage of the enhanced online services, increasing efficiency and customer satisfaction. Data collected by the Agency shows 78% of customers now submit hardship applications online, allowing processing times to decrease from five days to one or two days. Over 6,000 Commercial Driver License (CDL) Medical Self-Certifications are processed each month online, which has resulted in an 87% increase in approval time. Over 22,000 license renewals or duplicates are processed online per month, and over 2,000 motor vehicle reports are processed online each month.

ALEA's Department of Public Safety Director (DPS) Colonel Jon Archer previously served as the Agency's Driver License Division chief and led the division from start to finish of the project before his promotion to colonel on March 1.

"A new modernized driver license system to improve customer service and internal operations was first envisioned by Secretary Taylor several years ago and was brought to life at the direction of his leadership," said Archer.

"Through analytics and observations over the course of the past year, it is easy to mark LEADS as a huge success for the agency and the entire state of Alabama. Our employees worked long hours to complete this project and did an outstanding job ensuring all tasks were met and all equipment was in working order by the designated deadlines.

"We are grateful for their dedication as well as the continued support of Governor Kay Ivey and the legislature for providing us with the resources needed for this monumental success. However, this one-year anniversary does not mark the end but only the beginning as we continue to strive for excellence and exceed customer expectations moving forward."

