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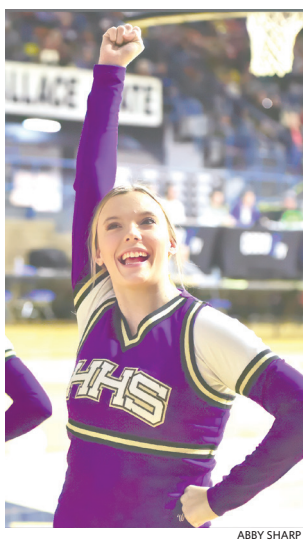
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Update: Officials weigh in on Wal-Mart automation investment

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CULLMAN, Ala. — As The Tribune previously reported, the Cullman City Council on Monday night approved a $20 million tax abatement for Wal-Mart, which is planning a $350 million capital investment in the Wal-Mart Distribution Center in south Cullman. According to Cullman Economic Development Agency Director Dale Greer, Wal-Mart plans to automate its distribution center over the next several years. On Tuesday, he and other officials offered more comments on the matter.

"$350 million is the largest single capital investment in our history," Greer stated. "I think this solidifies Wal-Mart's future here for the foreseeable future. That's a plus; today they employ 1,300 folks."

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Wal-Mart Distribution Center in Cullman

'True community and support still occurs and exists'

CAPNA performs 'block makeover' on Denson Avenue



CAYLA GRACE MURPHY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Community Action Partnership of North Alabama (CAPNA) Director of Energy & Rehabilitation Angela Ingram and her son Zeke Maples take a break from clearing brush and painting to strike a pose in front of a home located in the 100 block of Denson Avenue Southwest. The home was included in CAPNA's NeighborWorks block makeover initiative.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Volunteers with and employees of Community Action Partnership of North Alabama (CAPNA) have taken on the challenge of performing needed maintenance and repairs for homeowners in the 100 block of Denson Avenue Southwest during a week-long neighborhood revitalization event nationally recognized as "NeighborWorks Week." This is the second consecutive year the Cullman area has hosted a block makeover event.

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Baileyton man faces 2 capital murder charges in arson, death of Noah Waters



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DONNA RUTTKAY

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported June 7

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 7, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

June 1

- trespassing; CR 1669
- obstructing criminal investigation; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1564
- domestic violence; resisting arrest; CR 702
- theft of property; attempt to elude; CR 616
- domestic violence; CR 1763
- obstructing criminal investigation; CR 1573
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; 2nd Ave. SW
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 157

June 2

- interference with domestic violence call; domestic violence; CR 824
- menacing; CR 1223
- burglary; Allred Rd.
- assault; CR 1107
- theft of property; Hwy. 31
- domestic violence; CR 1485
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 421
- sell/distribute drugs; possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; ex-felon possession of firearm; CR 940
- possession of dangerous drugs; CR 1564
- burglary; CR 940

June 3

- possession of controlled substance; CR 564
- theft of property; CR 617
- possession of controlled substance; Hwy. 278 E
- theft of property; CR 806
- domestic violence; CR 1485
- domestic violence; CR 384
- theft of property; CR 625
- menacing; discharging firearm into unoccupied dwelling
- dog bite; CR 616

June 4

- assault; CR 437
- possession of marijuana; 2nd Ave. SE
- domestic violence; CR 1605
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 437
- domestic violence; CR 248
- theft of property; CR 1159
- home repair fraud; CR 1199
- domestic violence; CR 1107
- burglary; CR 1815
- domestic violence; CR 1141
- theft of property; Chad Dr.

June 5

- possession of controlled substance; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; I-65 NB at MM 301
- theft of property; Lovers Ln.
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 216
- harassment; Park Dr.
- burglary; CR 1349
- domestic violence; CR 1555
- domestic violence; CR 1355
- theft of property; CR 67
- domestic violence; Hwy. 31
- harassment; CR 627
- theft of property; unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle

ARRESTS

June 1 – 4

Adcock, Casey T.; 28

- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- resisting arrest

Akersr, Nicholas J.; 49

- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

Baker, Joshua C.; 38

- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Beasley, Anthony R.; 51

- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled
- FTA- operating vehicle without insurance
- FTA- improper lights
- FTA- follow too close
- FTA- switched tag

Beckman, Tonya M.; 47

- FTA- DUI (alcohol)

Burnett, Gevonte T.; 31

- burglary-residence-no force
- possession of cocaine
- sell/distribute methamphetamine
- possession of dangerous drugs
- ex-felon in possession of firearm
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Butler, Larry T.; 34

- obstructing criminal investigation

Cammon, Michael E.; 58

- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Cason, David. E.; 46

- FTA- speeding-no workers-construction zone

Christensen, Dylan J.; 25

- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Christiansen, Joseph W.; 37

- homicide-capital murder-during robbery-1st degree
- homicide-capital murder-during arson-1st or 2nd degree

Cofield, Don J.; 44

- possession of methamphetamine

Cruce, Caleb E.; 20

- stolen vehicles-auto theft
- attempting to elude

Delorme, Brandon B.; 21

- possession of drug paraphernalia

Fletcher, Fredrick L.; 44

- FTA- DUI (alcohol)

Gillian, Caitlyn L.; 22

- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Gomez, Jose Antonio H.; 25

- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Gomez, Stephanie M.; 32

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

Hamby, Debbie B.; 50

- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Hancock, Dalton S.; 23

- possession of dangerous drugs

Hanners, Curtis R.; 56

- FTA- improper lane usage

Hawkins, Brayden C.; 23

- FTA- operating vehicle without insurance

Horton, Matthew L.; 40

- criminal mischief
- FTA- driving while license suspended (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Howard, Christopher D.; 31

- Probation Violation-forgery checks (7 counts)

Hulsey, Buddy A.; 40

- possession of methamphetamine

Jackson, Amanda L.; 38

- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- criminal trespass

Kilgo, Legenia A.; 59

- assault-aggravated assault non family-other weapon

Lenz, John L.; 51

- FTA- operating vehicle without insurance
- FTA- no plainly visible tag
- FTA- no seat belt
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

McCravy, Kimberly H.; 32

- assault-aggravated assault family-other weapon

McWorther, Brandon I.; 33

- FTA- non-support-child

McWilliams, Richard L.; 68

- larceny/theft-theft from banking institution (3 counts)
- forgery-counterfeiting (3 counts)

Moore, Delba A.; 73

- permitting dogs to run at large

Newman, Lacy D.; 36

- possession of methamphetamine
- obstructing criminal investigation
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Nixon, Jeremy G.; 32

- Probation Violation- burglary-residence
- Probation Violation- larceny

Norman, Danielle D.; 42

- FTA- driver's license not in possession

Parker, Terry L.; 19

- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Pate, Hollie J.; 44

- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- FTA- public intoxication
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Pate, Joey B.; 44

- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Pearson, James A.; 34

- FTA- operating vehicle without insurance
- FTA- driving while license suspended
- causing delinquency, dependency or need of supervision

Randolph, Finis J.; 53

- obstructing criminal investigation
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Sachs Jr., James E.; 43

- public intoxication

Sellers, Tasha D.; 31

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- resisting arrest

Sheets, Vicky L.; 59

- possession of drug paraphernalia

South, Jason H.; 45

- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

Stillwell, Logan J.; 25

- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Swafford, Jeffery S.; 44

- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Turner, James D.; 62

- assault-reckless endangerment
- menacing-aggravated assault

Weissend, Daniel N.; 42

- negotiating worthless instrument

Whatley, Nickolass R.; 30

- DUI (alcohol)

Whittle, Lauren P.; 30

- GJ- homicide-murder-family-other weapon-domestic violence

Willoughby, Ethan C.; 19

- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Wingo, Linda F.; 51

- Probation Violation-using false identity to avoid arrest/hinder prosecution
- Probation Violation- larceny/theft-theft of property-2nd degree $500 less than $1,500

Wood, Chelsea M.; 36

- DUI (alcohol)

Woods, Barry J.; 41

- non-support-child

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

June 1

- criminal trespass-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157

June 2

- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; Oak Manor Dr. SW

June 5

- theft of property-1st degree; person; Cherokee Ave. SW; 2007 Chevy Silverado; $5,300
- theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $592

June 6

- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; Lake Shore Dr. SW; miscellaneous
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; Laurel Ln. SW; pistol; $680

ARRESTS

June 5

Echols, Leann C.; 34

- FTA- driving without license

Cheatwood, Ronda L.; 60

- possession of controlled substance
- promoting prison contraband
- FTA- theft of property-3rd degree

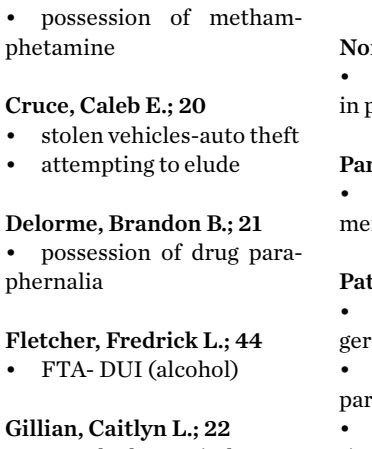
Ritchie, Robin L.; 42

- possession of forged instrument

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

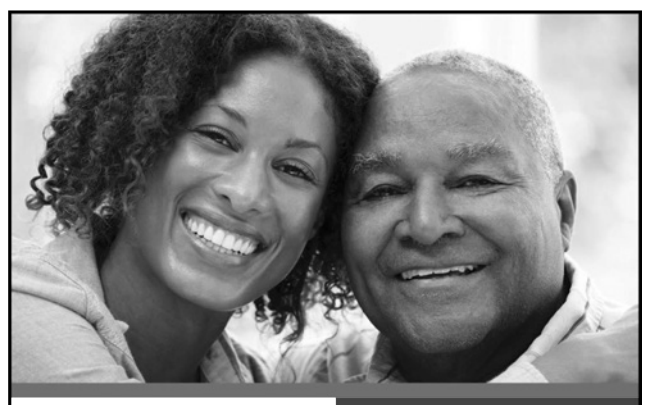
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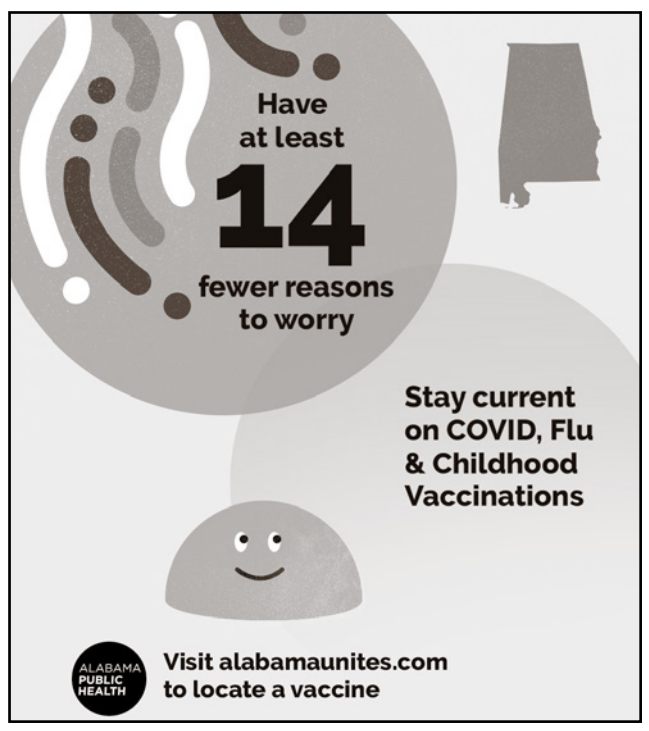
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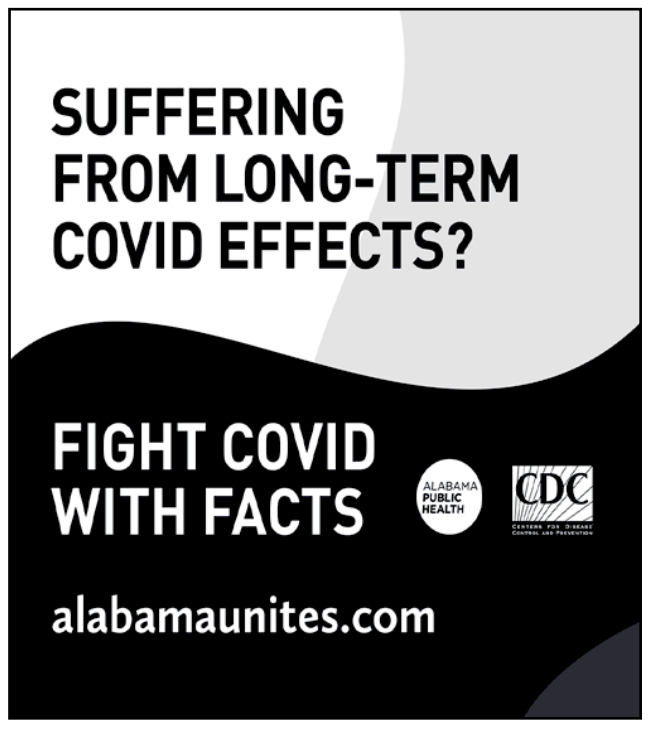


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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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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.
• Friday, June 9 - Adult Road Trip Lunch 11 a.m.
• Friday, June 9 - 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! 6:30 p.m. bring a dish, dessert or drink for a potluck meal. Nursery provided!
• Sunday, June 11 - Prayer Groups - Join Kevin and Pastor Bobby at 8 a.m. or join Teresa at 9 a.m. in the prayer room to pray for our church, nation and those who need healing, salvation or deliverance.
• Sunday, June 11 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10 a.m. 11 a.m. Praise & Worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd. Leadership meeting following morning service.`
• Sunday, June 11 - 5 p.m. Southern Gospel Singing & Message by Barry Clevenger.
• Nonperishable Food Bank drive-please donate canned goods, boxed goods, etc. to help our foodbank. Our foodbank supplier has not had these items for purchase for the last two months. Please leave your donations under the carport on the left side of the church by 6 p.m. this Thursday night. Thank you!

Alcoholics Anonymous
Sundays, 3 p.m. at Cullman First Church of the Nazarene, 5415 Alabama Highway 157. CLOSED literature study. Handicap accessible.

TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings
Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., at Cullman Housing Authority Community Center (1545 Vine Circle SW, Cullman, AL 35055). The first meeting is free. TOPS, a national program, is a hands-on/pounds-off approach to weight loss and management through weekly meetings providing information, accountability, support and encouragement where you make the changes that make sense to you.

Cullman NAR-ANON Group Meetings
The NAR-ANON family group meetings are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. We offer Help by sharing our experiences, strength and hope. We carry the message of hope by letting others know that they are not alone by practicing the 12 Steps of NAR-ANON and changing our own attitudes. We Respect Your Anonymity. Our program is not a religious one, but a spiritual way of life. Meetings will be held at The Ruehl Building (Family Life Center of St. John's Church) Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. Contact Jamie Weathersby Smith 256-708-7122 or Don or Nancy McKenzie 256-736-3327 or 256-736-3470 for more information.

Master's Hand Food Pantry at The Link
• 708 Ninth St. SE, Cullman, AL 35055
• Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
• Closed for lunch noon-1 p.m.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, June 8, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church, 1310 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman. Special program will be "Scrapology" by the Franklin Quilt Co. Guests (non-members) are welcome to attend; cost will be $5. Hope to see you there.

Fairview West Baptist Church VBS
Through June 9, from 5:30-8 p.m. 1172 County Road 566, Hanceville. Pre-K-youth. If you need a ride call 205-767-0344. Questions call 256-531-4222.

Wrestling Fundraiser at J.C Arena for 2023 Christmas Bike/Toy Giveaway
Saturday, June 10, at the J.C. Arena on U.S. Highway 31 in Hanceville. Meet and greet at 5:30 p.m. Bell time at 7. Fun for the whole family! No vulgarity. Master T Memorial Cup honoring Granny Needum. ACW Reunion Show. Midget Match WWE Midget TV Stars. Ladies' Match. Latino Luchadore Match. Tickets $5; ringside reserved, $7; kids 11 and younger, $2; kids 6 and younger, free. For reserved seats or VIP seats call 256-515-3108.

Fairview Lions Club Movie at the Park
Saturday, June 10, at 8 p.m. at Randall Shedd Community Park on Wesley Avenue in Fairview. We will be showing "Home." We will have concessions and drinks. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets. Bring the kids out, enjoy the movie. Proceeds will go to the Lions Club project fund. For more information call Kita at 256-385-8805 or William at 256-385-5596.

Vacation Bible School
June 12-16, from 6-8:30 p.m. at Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, 11 County Road 1273, Cullman, 35058. Come join us for some twists and turns. Babies through 12th grade. Meal served nightly and Kona Ice may even be there one night. For more information call John Roy at 256-590-2020.

Holly Pond Homemakers Club
Tuesday, June 13, at 1 p.m. at the Event Center of Holly Pond. Hostesses will be Carolyn Bryan and Ann Wright. Please come and bring a guest.

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.

Bates Reunion
Saturday, June 17, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Trimble Community Center.

West Point Class of 1966 Reunion
Saturday, June 24, from 3-5 p.m. at the Brandin' Iron at West Point. This will be the 57-year reunion. Everyone pays for their own meal. Dress is casual. For more information, please call Judy Hyde Waldrep at 256-347-0361.

Rock the South
Thursday-Saturday, July 21-23, at York Farms, 1872 County Road 469, Cullman. This year's headliner is Chris Stapleton. To buy tickets and to get more information, go to www.rockthesouth.com.

87th Annual Sandlin Reunion
• Saturday, Aug. 12, from 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Cold Springs Community Center, 8821 County Road 109, Bremen, AL 35033. Bring a covered dish and drinks. Plates, cups, napkins, forks and ice provided. Invite your Sandlin relatives.
• Chairman: Dr. Randall Sandlin; Secretary: Patsy Sandlin Medlock; 1283 Highland Lakes Trail, Birmingham, AL 35242. patsymedlock@bellsouth.net. 205-915-1870 (cell). Anita Sandlin Glover (205-903-1756). Let's conserve postage! Please email me your EMAIL address. If you don't have email address, invitations will be sent via U.S. mail. Thanks!
• Directions: Interstate 65, Exit 299 toward Dodge City/Jasper, take AL-69 South (approx 14 miles). Turn RIGHT on CR-54. At first STOP sign, turn RIGHT on CR-109. At the STOP Sign at Cold Springs High School, turn RIGHT. Less than 1/4 mile, Cold Springs Community Center is on the RIGHT! Sandlin Chapel & Cemetery are off AL-69S.

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.

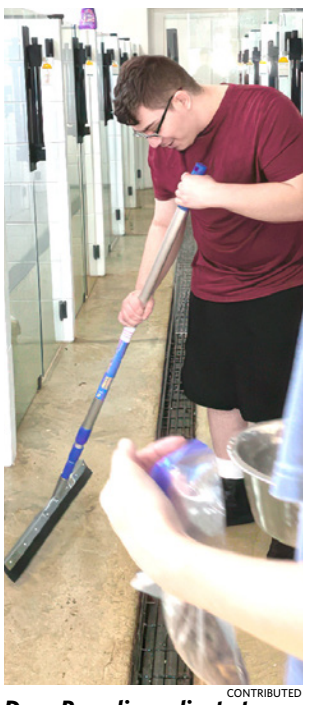
Flourish kicks off Job Exploration Program

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Flourish of Cullman's Job Exploration Program kicked off this week, Monday, June 5, 2023, and will run until June 30, 2023. Through this program, clients entering 11th and 12th grades get real-world paid work experience in a competitive and integrated setting, which better prepares them for future workforce opportunities.

The program is a work-based learning program funded by Vocational Rehabilitation Service (VRS). Local schools, organizations and businesses, including the Cullman County Child Development Center, Cullman County Library, Tangled Tails Groom and Board and Encore Rehabilitation partnered with Flourish to offer a diverse selection of engaging employment opportunities, with clients choosing their work based on their interests and preferences.

Flourish of Cullman Executive Director Melissa Dew said the program lines up perfectly with Flourish's goal of changing its clients' lives by teaching them practical, real-life work skills.



CONTRIBUTED

Dean Pamplin, a client at Flourish of Cullman, helps clean kennels at Tangled Tails Groom and Board through the Job Exploration Program.

"We love that we get to empower the individuals we serve to become working contributors to our community," she shared.

Arson (from Front)

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CULLMAN COUNTY, Ala. — A Baileyton man has been charged with two counts of capital murder in connection with the death of Noah Waters, 49, of Cullman.

On May 13, 2023, at approximately 6 a.m., Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) investigators and the state fire marshal were called to the scene of a residential fire along County Road 1635. Tragically, once the fire was extinguished, a victim was discovered inside.

In accordance with standard procedure for such incidents, an autopsy was requested to determine the cause of death. The autopsy results confirmed the death was, in fact, a homicide.

The State Fire Marshal's Office and CCSO launched a collaborative, extensive investigation, collecting evidence and piecing together the chilling events that led to the fire and the victim's death.

According to a statement released by the CCSO, that hard work came to fruition on June 2, 2023, when 37-year-old Joseph Wayne Christiansen of Baileyton was apprehended following the issuance of warrants related to this heinous crime. Christiansen is charged with two counts of capital murder: capital murder during robbery in the first degree and capital murder during arson in the first or second degree.

Details of the case were submitted to the Cullman County District Attorney's Office, leading to the issuance of the warrants for Christiansen's arrest.

Cullman County Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, identified the victim.

As the community seeks closure from this incident, the CCSO emphasizes that the investigation is still ongoing. A CCSO spokesman stated that additional information will be provided as it becomes available, in the interest of keeping the public informed and maintaining transparency.

The CCSO is urging anyone with information related to the case to come forward, as it continues to seek justice for the victim and restore a sense of safety to the shaken residents of the community.



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‘Be a role model for the children in my community’: Hanceville’s Abby Sharp reflects on high school career

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — In this interview, I talked to Hanceville senior Abby Sharp, and she discussed some of the many memories she made being part of several teams and clubs during her years as a Bulldog.

“I was in Diamond Dolls, the Leo Club, FFCLA, FFA, SGA, and NHS. I absolutely loved being involved in different clubs. I love helping others and being a member of different clubs was a great way for me to do things to help others. I was able to engage with different groups of people and give back to my community. My favorite experience was when we made a Christmas village for the elementary students. All of the kids in the elementary school were able to walk through and each child received a gift. Seeing the smiles on their faces filled my heart with so much joy. I hope to continue giving back to my community by becoming an elementary teacher.”

She added, “Being a member of these clubs taught me to work hard to achieve my goals, to take pride in what I do, the importance of helping others, and why it is so important to be an active member of my community.”

Sharp was on the cheerleading squad for her whole high school career and was the captain for two years. She took away so much from that experience and wanted to be a role model for the younger girls who want to be in her shoes one day.

“My favorite experience as a cheerleader was when my team went to the state cheer competition earlier last year. Our sponsors, Mrs. Brown and Ms. Radcliff, and Ms. Ashley at CCGA, taught us the value of hard work, dedication, and accountability. They pushed us to always do our best and to never give up. These are lessons I will take with me for the rest of my life.”

She added, “As a cheerleader, I learned to be a role model for the children in my community. Everywhere I go, the younger students recognize me and look up to everything I do. I learned the importance of teamwork and showing school spirit. I also learned that when everyone comes together, great things can happen.

“I saw this when my community came together the night of the county basketball championship game and cheered our Bulldogs to victory. As captain of the team, I was a leader for the younger girls, decision maker, and a role model to our future Bulldog cheerleaders. I was also responsible for planning activities and spirit activities.”

Sharp shared some of her favorite high school memories, plus what made Hanceville a special place to go to.

“Some things I enjoyed in high school were decorating the field house for the football players and the hallways for the students, dressing up for homecoming, and painting town. I really enjoyed greeting the elementary kids in the car line, the pep rallies, and going to eat at local churches on Thursday nights before the football games,” she said.

“Hanceville is such an amazing place to grow up. The teachers invest in the students and know what they need to learn. There are tons of things for the students to participate in. I love that everyone knows everyone. The tight-knit community helps make it such a special place.”

Sharp will deeply miss being a Bulldog next year and took away so much about going to Hanceville.

“The thing I will miss the most is cheerleading. I can’t imagine the way I’m going to feel when the Bulldogs take the field for their first football game in the fall and I’m not on the sidelines cheering them on.

“I am going to also miss my teachers. I have been blessed to be taught by some of the most amazing people who are not only great teachers, but also great role models,” she said.

“I will take away many things that I learned, but the biggest thing is to never give up and always give 110% in everything I do. I have also learned that hard work pays off, that I can make a difference, and to make the most of each opportunity.”

Sharp received some scholarships as well and was so happy and honored to get them. She gave some advice to the students that will be starting high school in August; she also talked about some role models that she had when she was younger.

“I got the Wallace State Golf Manager scholarship, the Dr. Nancy Horton Athletic scholarship, and the UNA opportunity scholarship.



ABBY SHARP

Hanceville’s Abby Sharp

Getting the scholarships felt like such a blessing and an honor,” she said. “I would tell them to get out of your comfort zone and try things that they may not be interested in. Be present, live in the moment, put your phone down, and enjoy life. Get involved. Join clubs and sports. Be a part of something. I had two girls that became my role models my freshman year. Shayla Day and Katie Lee both cheered with me. They guided me through the transition from middle school to high school. Both of these girls became two of my best friends.”

Sharp shared some of the best advice that she ever got.

“The best advice I was ever given was to go to school every day with a positive attitude. Even on the days I had things going on that caused me to want to have negative thoughts, I remembered this, and it made my day better.”

Holcomb (from Front)

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — The Holly Pond Town Council on Monday evening selected Deborah Holcomb to complete the term of her husband Charles Holcomb, who passed away on May 14, 2023. The council also considered Holly Pond resident and Cullman businessman Michael Taylor for the position. Council members spoke highly of both, but Holcomb’s family experience in and around the town’s government gave her the edge.

Town attorney Dan Willingham echoed the feelings expressed in the discussion, saying of members, “You’re not voting against anyone.”

Holcomb, when she is sworn in, will assume Council Place 2 and responsibility for streets and public lights around town.

Council business

Councilman Ricky Carr told the council that he had not heard from Living Water Services, the town’s wastewater treatment provider, in some time. Mayor Carla Hart said that she was waiting on a contract from the company for repairs to the system, and that she, too, had not heard from the company in months.

Worried that money designated for repairs might only be available for a limited time, Hart told the council that she will try to contact the company again, but will consider other avenues if she is unsuccessful.

Hart said that she will meet with representatives of Carcel & G Construction on Thursday to review and sign a contract for work on the Lick Creek Bridge. The council hopes to see work start in July and be completed before school starts back in August.

The Town replaced the damaged guardrail on Brooklyn Road at a cost of $3,900.

Holly Pond resident Rusty Roden previously submitted a request to the Alabama Department of Transportation for a gravel drive from U. S. Highway 278 into a pasture on his land, and the council discussed progress on the request.

According to Hart, the State will install the drive, meeting all necessary codes, and the drive will not impact use of the sidewalk at that location.

The council passed a resolution allowing repairs and upgrades to the town’s playground to be paid for from American Rescue Plan funds.

Hart presented a new ordinance on “repair and demolition of dilapidated buildings and structures” for council review. The council will discuss and consider the ordinance at a future meeting.

The Holly Pond Town Council meets at the Guy Hunt Library at 6 p.m. on the first Monday of each month. The public is invited to attend.



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Holly Pond Mayor Carla Hart, left, congratulates Deborah Holcomb following her appointment to the council Monday night, June 5.

Investment (from Front)

county in Alabama is allowed to abate the non-education portion of property tax as an incentive for new industry and to encourage existing industry to expand, said Greer.

“With this investment, it will create $20 million in educational taxes,” said Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs, who explained that amount will be divided by the State, County and City. “The good thing about this automation project is that it’s reaffirming Wal-Mart’s relationship with the city of Cullman.”

Wal-Mart Distribution Center 6006 opened in Cullman in 1983 and currently employees 1,300 associates. It is the oldest distribution center in the company footprint nationwide and is still operating as originally intended.

“This automation facelift means Wal-Mart will continue for years to be a part of the Cullman industrial base,” Greer stated.

Wal-Mart’s $350 million automation project is the largest announced industry capital investment in the history of Cullman County and surpasses the all-time record capital investment for a single year of $280 million set in 2022, according to Greer.

“Expansion of an existing company is validation of a strong workforce, and this is an opportunity for employees to learn new skills and have a brighter future,” he said.

According to Greer, company officials predict that in the long term, more employees could be needed at the distribution center, because automation could allow the Cullman operation to serve more retail stores.

Said Jacobs, “This automation investment by Wal-Mart confirms that Cullman has been a great partner community. No industry here can match the jobs created by Wal-Mart over the past 40 years, and this investment guarantees they will continue providing quality jobs for the foreseeable future.”

“Wal-Mart’s distribution center has been a landmark enterprise in Cullman for four decades, and it’s great to see the company make a significant investment to ensure that this facility will have a long future in the community,” said Alabama Department of Commerce Sec. Greg Canfield. “By upgrading a facility that serves as a major employer in Cullman, Wal-Mart is demonstrating a strong commitment to its workers and to the region that has supported it since 1983.”

“Wal-Mart means far more than the just the 1,300 jobs here,” Cullman County Commission Chairman Jeff Clemons said. “The company ranks among the top five in Cullman for property tax payments, and this expansion will generate nearly $20 million for our schools. Industry growth is important to a community and I am excited by this announcement.”



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CCBOE names Meigs special education coordinator

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CULLMAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Katie Meigs

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Board of Education (CCBOE) at its May 2023 meeting approved the hire of Katie Meigs as the system's special education coordinator. Meigs currently serves as IEP coordinator and has several years of special education experience.

"I am so appreciative of this opportunity that Dr. Barnette and the school board have given me to lead the special education program for Cullman County Schools," said Meigs.

"I truly love working with our students with special needs. We have a dedicated group of teachers that work diligently year after year to provide our students with the knowledge and skills they need to be successful in life.

"I am thankful for the outpouring of support I have received from my colleagues and am ready to hit the ground running, working for our students and teachers."

"I am extremely excited and optimistic about the future of our special education programs under the leadership of Mrs. Meigs," said Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette.

"Under her leadership will be some of our most precious children and hard-working faculty and staff. She is passionate about serving others and I look forward to continue working alongside her."

Joey (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Joey, an approximately 8-year-old chihuahua mix with a dusty tan coat, is available for adoption at Cullman County Animal Shelter.

He is savvy on his leash and harness; he cherishes feeding time and will happily do a little dance when the treats come out.

Joey is quite a charming older gentleman, unassuming and humble. He is the epitome of a lap dog and will be happiest curled up by your side or at your feet.

Ready to give Joey the spoiled life he deserves? 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. His adoption fee includes neutering, DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet and microchip. Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullmananimalshelter@co.cullman.al.us.





LEGALS

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 25
TO ANNEX CERTAIN PROPERTIES INTO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Cullman finds that the following property owner, Bryant J. Jones and Jordan P. Jones, have petitioned the City under the provisions of Section 11-42-21 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, that the following described property, owned by the petitioners, be annexed into the City of Cullman:

PPIN: 82004. Parcel No. 10-09-30-0-001-020.014. Property Address: 60 County Road 1474, Cullman, Alabama.

Legal Description: A tract or parcel of land containing 10.22 acres, more or less and being a part of the South half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 9 South, Range 2 West, Cullman County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a found railroad spike marking the Northwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 9 South, Range 2 West, having an Alabama State Plane, West Zone, NAD 83 coordinate value of N 1537296.62', E 2183137.16 feet and run South 89 degrees 02 minutes 37 seconds East, a distance of 355.26 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue South 89 degrees 02 minutes 37 seconds East, a distance of 317.69 feet to a found capped rebar (CONN-17831) marking the Northeast corner of the West half of said Quarter-Quarter; thence South 00 degrees 26 minutes 06 seconds West, and run along the East line of said West half, a distance of 743.57 feet to a point on the South bank of a creek; thence run in a Southerly, then a Westerly direction following the South bank the following 6 courses: South 37 degrees 26 minutes 27 seconds West, 105.08 feet; South 41 degrees 52 minutes 21 seconds West, 163.53 feet; South 37 degrees 52 minutes 39 seconds West, 144.85 feet; South 33 degrees 15 minutes 27 seconds West, 124.02 feet; North 83 degrees 32 minutes 24 seconds West, 77.08 feet; North 61 degrees 18 minutes 49 seconds West, 147.98 feet to a found capped corner (CONN-17831); thence run in a Northerly direction the center of a ditch following 3 courses: North 27 degrees 29 minutes 58 seconds East, 294.34 feet; North 25 degrees 17 minutes 20 seconds East, 56.60 feet; North 28 degrees 49 minutes 42 seconds East, 73.17 feet to a set rebar; thence North 88 degrees 59 minutes 41 seconds West, a distance of 191.99 feet to a found pipe; thence North 01 degrees 00 minutes 25 seconds East, a distance of 419.45 feet to a found pipe; thence run South 88 degrees 59 minutes 41 seconds East, a distance of 31.73 feet to a found capped corner (CONN-17831); thence run South 89 degrees 11 minutes 40 seconds East, a distance of 181.97 feet to a set rebar; thence run North 00 degrees 00 minutes 52 seconds West, a distance of 296.38 feet to the point of beginning. Less and except all that part of the above described property that is within the right of way of Cullman County Road No. 1466 and County Road No. 1474.

Source of title: Deed Book 672 Page 624

Also, land situated in Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter and the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 9 South, Range 2 West, Cullman County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a found railroad spike at the Northwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 30; thence run South 89 degrees, 02 minutes, 37 seconds East along the North line of said Quarter-Quarter for a distance of 355.26 feet to a point; thence run South 00 degrees, 00 minutes, 52 seconds East for a distance of 296.38 feet to a point; thence run North 89 degrees, 11 minutes, 40 seconds West for a distance of 181.97 feet to a point; thence run North 88 degrees, 59 minutes, 41 seconds West for a distance of 31.73 feet to a point; thence run South 01 degrees, 00 minutes, 25 seconds West for a distance of 419.45 feet to a found 3/4 inch pipe; thence run South 88 degrees, 59 minutes, 41 seconds East for a distance of 192.02 feet to an iron pin found with a Conn cap, being the center of a ditch; thence run South 28 degrees, 49 minutes, 42 seconds West along center of ditch for a distance of 73.17 feet to a point; thence run South 25 degrees, 17 minutes, 20 seconds West along center of ditch for a distance of 56.50 feet to a point; thence run South 30 degrees, 24 minutes, 46 seconds West along center of a ditch for a distance of 272.85 feet to the point of beginning; thence run North 86 degrees, 02 minutes, 07 seconds West for a distance of 103.57 feet to an iron pin set with ah DBE cap; thence run North 79 degrees, 12 minutes, 41 seconds West for a distance of 89.37 feet to an iron pin set with a DBE cap; thence run South 86 degrees, 03 minutes, 18 seconds West for a distance of 29.37 feet to a point in the centerline of County Road 1466; thence run South 13 degrees, 22 minutes, 39 seconds East along said centerline for a distance of 18.36 feet to a point; thence run North 88 degrees, 05 minutes, 49 seconds East for a distance of 44.35 feet to a point in the center of creek; thence run North 64 degrees, 18 minutes, 04 seconds East along center of creek for a distance of 45.01 feet to a point; thence run South 79 degrees, 33 minutes, 23 seconds East along center of creek for a distance of 68.32 feet to a point; thence run South 81 degrees, 54 minutes, 27 seconds East along center of creek for a distance of 116.02 feet to found 1/2" rebar in the center of creek; thence run North 04 degrees, 54 minutes, 59 seconds West along the center of a ditch for a distance of 25.87 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel of land containing 5,676 square feet, more or less.

Source of title: Deed Book 739 Page 201

SECTION 2. That the Council has before it a map showing the relationship of the property proposed to be annexed to the corporate limits of the City of Cullman, and that said map is on file in the office of the City Clerk along with an acknowledgment by the property owners that they want it to be annexed into the City of Cullman.

SECTION 3. That the City of Cullman does hereby annex as a part of its corporate limits the above described tracts or parcels of land as R-1 Residential District contingent upon the owner granting an easement up to but not exceeding an additional fifty (50) feet in width less any width of existing public road contiguous to said easement for a public road right-of-way including utilities for water, sewer, surface water, natural gas, electric, internet, cable or other public services provided by the City or its franchises.

SECTION 4. That a copy of this ordinance after its adoption, which ordinance includes a description of the properties annexed to the City of Cullman, be filed in the office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, the county in which the municipality is located.

SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 5th day of June, 2023. /s/Jenny Folsom - President of City Council

ATTESTED BY: /s/Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk

APPROVED this the 5th day of June, 2023. /s/Woody Jacobs – Mayor

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama, will hold a public hearing on July 7, 2023 at Noon in the Lucille N. Galin Auditorium at City Hall, 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055. At this time, anyone wishing to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-26 (set forth in full below) will be given an opportunity to speak.

Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 26
AMENDING THE CURRENT ZONING ORDINANCE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, TO RE-ZONE CERTAIN PARCELS OF PROPERTY AS SET FORTH HEREIN

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Under the authority of Chapter 52, Articles 1 through 4, Section 11-52-1 through Section 11-52-84, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, and specifically Sections 11-52-77 and at the request of property owner, the petitioner, the following describe the tract or parcel of land, to-wit:

Property Owner: James W Nearen, Jr. & Judith Carole Nearen Ross Children's Irrevocable Trust

PPIN: 16078. Parcel No.: 17-04-17-1-001-002.000.

Property Address: Hwy 278 West.

Legal Description: A parcel of land lying in the east half of the southwest ¼ of the northeast ¼ of section 17, Township 10 South, Range 3 West, Cullman County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows:

Begin at a found concrete right-of-way monument lying at the intersection of the northerly right-of-way of Highway 278 (A.K.A. Alabama Highway 74)(A.K.A. 4th Street)(variable right-of-way) and the westerly right-of-way Donauer Drive (variable right-of-way); thence leaving said intersection run North 88 degrees 13 minutes 08 seconds West along said northerly right-of-way of Highway 278 (A.K.A. Alabama highway 74)(A.K.A. 4th Street) for a distance of 638.04 feet to a found rebar with cap; thence leaving said northerly right-of-way run North 00 degrees 23 minutes 09 seconds East for a distance of 1,198.88 feet to a found 1/2" open top pipe; thence run South 88 degrees 39 minutes 20 seconds East for a distance of 664.55 feet to a set 5/8" capped rebar (L.S.C.A. 1186); thence run South 00 degrees 55 minutes 32 seconds West for a distance of 104.48 feet to a set 5/8" capped rebar (L.S.C.A. 1186); thence run South 76 degrees 40 minutes 19 seconds West for a distance of 119.29 feet to a found rebar with cap lying on the aforementioned westerly right-of-way of Donauer Drive; thence run South 14 degrees 29 minutes 28 seconds East along said right-of-way for a distance of 289.04 feet to a set 5/8" capped rebar (L.S.C.A. 1186), said point lying on a curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 580.30 feet, a central angle of 15 degrees 10 minutes 51 seconds, a chord bearing of South 06 degrees 54 minutes 02 seconds East, and a chord length of 153.30 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve and said right-of-way for a distance of 153.75 feet to a set 5/8" capped rebar (L.S.C.A. 1186); thence run South 00 degrees 41 minutes 22 seconds West along said right-of-way for a distance of 639.14 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Said parcel contains 753,867 square feet, or 17.306 acres.

within the city limits of Cullman, Alabama, and lying and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama, designated as E-1 Entertainment District on the Zoning Map of the City of Cullman, Alabama, under Ordinances No. 2004-03 and as may be reflected in any comprehensive master plan for the City of Cullman, Alabama, be, and is hereby changed from E-1 Entertainment District to B-3 Business District.

SECTION 2. That this ordinance be published at least once a week for two consecutive weeks in advance of its final passage in a newspaper with general circulation within the City of Cullman, Alabama, the first publication of said notice and ordinance being verbatim and the second publication either verbatim or synopsized, with the last publication being at least 15 days prior to the date set for public hearing and passage of said ordinance.

SECTION 3. That a public hearing be held relative to the passage of this ordinance on the 7th day of July, 2023 at noon, at which time interested parties and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and any changes relating thereto.

SECTION 4. That all notices as required by law be given by the City Clerk concerning said public hearing, and in addition thereto, a certified letter be sent by the Clerk to all contiguous property owners at their last known addresses as shown by the tax records for the City of Cullman, Alabama.

SECTION 5. That upon final passage of this ordinance, all zoning maps, master comprehensive plans or any other documents of the City of Cullman, Alabama, in conflict with this ordinance are hereby changed and amended to reflect the changes and amendments herein.

SECTION 6. Should any part or portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any other part or portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage or adoption as required by law, including notice, publication and public hearing, all in accordance with Section 11-52-1, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

Submitted by Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 27
AMENDING THE CURRENT ZONING ORDINANCE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, TO RE-ZONE CERTAIN PARCELS OF PROPERTY AS SET FORTH HEREIN

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Under the authority of Chapter 52, Articles 1 through 4, Section 11-52-1 through Section 11-52-84, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, and specifically Sections 11-52-77 and at the request of property owner, the petitioner, the following describe the tract or parcel of land, to-wit:

Property Owner: Mundi L Ergle

PPIN: 41992. Parcel No.: 17-08-27-1-001-001.000.

Property Address: Beech Avenue SE.

Legal Description: A tract or parcel of land containing 2.30 acres of land, more or less, and being all that part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 27, Township 10 South, Range 3 West that is north and east of the L & N Railroad right-of-way and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a found bar marking the Northeast Corner of said Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 27 and run South 89 degrees 58 minutes 17 seconds West and run along the north line a distance of 25.00 feet to a set rebar on the west right-of-way line of Beech Avenue and the point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 58 minutes 17 seconds West a distance of 340.15 feet to a set rebar on the Northeasterly right-of-way line of L & N Railroad right-of-way and being in a curve to the left having a central angle of 11 degrees 44 minutes 10 seconds a radius of 3141.74 feet and having a chord bearing of South 31 degrees 29 minutes 07 seconds East; thence run along the arc of said curve an arc distance of 643.53 feet to a set rebar on the west right-of-way line of said Beech Avenue; thence North 00 degrees 29 minutes 03 seconds East a distance of 548.01 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to any rights-of-way and/or easements of record.

Source of title: Deed Book 531, Page 748.

According to the survey of Joseph E. Conn, II, AL. Reg. No. 17831 dated the 10th day of October, 2003.

within the city limits of Cullman, Alabama, and lying and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama, designated as M-2 Manufacturing District on the Zoning Map of the City of Cullman, Alabama, under Ordinances No. 2004-03 and as may be reflected in any comprehensive master plan for the City of Cullman, Alabama, be, and is hereby changed from M-2 Manufacturing District to B-2 Business District.

SECTION 2. That this ordinance be published at least once a week for two consecutive weeks in advance of its final passage in a newspaper with general circulation within the City of Cullman, Alabama, the first publication of said notice and ordinance being verbatim and the second publication either verbatim or synopsized, with the last publication being at least 15 days prior to the date set for public hearing and passage of said ordinance.

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SECTION 5. That upon final passage of this ordinance, all zoning maps, master comprehensive plans or any other documents of the City of Cullman, Alabama, in conflict with this ordinance are hereby changed and amended to reflect the changes and amendments herein.

SECTION 6. Should any part or portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any other part or portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage or adoption as required by law, including notice, publication and public hearing, all in accordance with Section 11-52-1, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

Submitted by Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk

CAPNA (from Front)

er, CEO of CAPNA, said the project helps address a multifaceted issue within our community: helping homeowners with disabilities or on fixed incomes perform much-needed maintenance and repairs, and showing a true spirit of community by uplifting those members of the community who may need a hand.

"Revitalization in Cullman not only impacts the immediate appearance within the neighborhood, but it (also) promotes a belief by all those affected that true community and support still occurs and exists.

"To sum it up, NeighborWorks Week revitalizes the soul of the residents, workers and partners involved," Thrasher said.

Terry Jones, son of a homeowner whose home is included in the block makeover said the project hit his heart, in the best way possible.

With Jones' parents elderly, terminally ill and on a fixed income, the home was in need of repairs and mobility hacks that might otherwise have not gotten done.

"I lived in this house until I was 21. This is my birth home," Jones shared as he teared up.

"My parents have lived here for over 50 years. Just to see my birth home getting fixed up, I'm speechless."

Yet, not every homeowner is so eager for help, or understands the motivation from CAPNA to do the work, according to Candy Ayers, director of homeownership services at CAPNA and coordinator of NeighborWorks Week.

"Sometimes it's a fight at the beginning; they don't understand.

"Sometimes it's a pride thing," she said.

"I tried for six weeks with one homeowner to get her on board.

"They think we're either trying to buy their home, that a lien will be placed or that there are strings attached."

Thrasher maintained that the goal of NeighborWorks Week is to just assist those homeowners who may be disabled, elderly or living at the poverty level who wouldn't have the resources to do this otherwise.

"Hopefully it just helps the homeowners take pride in their home, and our community," he said.

To learn more about CAPNA, check out https://capna.iescentral.com.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
JANICE PATRICIA WILLIAMS,
Deceased.

Case Number: PC2023-127

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama

In the matter of the Estate of Janice Patricia Williams, Deceased

Letters Testamentary upon last will and testament of said decedent, having been granted to the undersigned on the 7th day of June, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are 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 said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

Tina Headrick
Personal Representative

Tonya C. Palmer
Attorney for Personal Representative
1939 Main Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055

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

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF
TLJ,
a minor, DOB: 01-06-2022.

CASE NO.: JU 22-003.02

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

The unknown father of the above child born to Tina Marie Garrison on January 6, 2022, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Cullman County Department of Human Resources by the 22 day of June, 2023, or thereafter a judgment terminating his parental rights may be entered against him in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 11 day of May, 2023.

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk

Petitioner:
Cullman County Department of Human Resources
P. O. Box 990
1220 St. Joseph Street NW
Cullman, AL 35056

Perry D. Knight
Attorney for Petitioner
412 First Avenue SE
Suite 101
Cullman, AL 35055
256-734-4090

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CULLMAN COUNTY

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: ESTATE OF
THOMAS OLEN HARDIN, Deceased.

CASE NO: PC 2023-108

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration Cum Testamento Annexo having been granted to THOMAS BRADLEY HARDIN, as Administrator of the Estate of THOMAS OLEN HARDIN, deceased, on the 26th day of May, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

THOMAS BRADLEY HARDIN,
Administrator for the Estate of
THOMAS OLEN HARDIN, Deceased

Richard L. Collins
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 669
Cullman, Alabama 35056
256-739-1962

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

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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CHRISTOPHER LLOYD ROBINSON,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
ANGELA MICHELLE NASH,
DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION NO. CS-2023-900064

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

ANGELA MICHELLE NASH, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Verified Petition to Establish Paternity and Child Support by July 17, 2023, 2023 or thereafter a Judgment by Default may be rendered against her in Case No. CS-2023-900064 in the District Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 18th day of May, 2023.

Lisa McSwain
Clerk of Court

Petitioner's Attorney:
Shelbie G. Hankey
101 Main Ave SW
Cullman, AL 35055

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Charlotte K White An Unmarried Person to Compass Bank dated November 22, 2006; said mortgage being recorded on December 8, 2006, in Book 1500, Page 177 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
The undersigned, PNC Bank, National Association, successor by merger to BBVA USA, formerly known as Compass Bankunder and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 22nd day of June, 2023 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
A TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING 0.92 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LYING IN THE NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID NW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 AND THENCE NORTH 2 DEGREES 01 MINUTES WEST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID NW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 466.00 FEET TO A CAPPED 1/2 INCH IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 51 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 28 SECONDS WEST 208.44 FEET TO A CAPPED 1/2 INCH IRON PIN, THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 51 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 28 SECONDS WEST 199.99 FEET TO A CAPPED 1/2 INCH IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 11 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST 266.62 FEET TO A PK NAIL AND BRASS SHINER AT THE CENTER OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 1391; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CENTER OF ROAD HAVING A CHORD OF NORTH 66 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 29 SECONDS EAST 165.68 FEET TO A PK NAIL AND BRASS SHINER; THENCE SOUTH 16 DEGREES 15 MINUTES EAST 209.06 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF WAY FOR COUNTY ROAD NO. 1391 ALONG THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY.

Said property is commonly known as 245 County Rd 1391, Falkville, AL 35622.
Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.
Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.
Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.
The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage.

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as holder of said mortgage
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Public Meeting Notice

The Alcohol Review Committee of the City of Cullman will hold a public hearing on Friday, June 9, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. in the administrative conference room at City Hall located at 204 Second Avenue NE. The Committee will receive public comments for and against the alcohol license applicant listed below:

Wissota Chophouse/Cobblestone Hotel & Suites - 1835 Main Ave SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055 – Restaurant.
Home2 Suites Cullman – 5720 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman, Alabama 35058 – Beer and Wine On-Premises.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STEVEN E. MILLER,
Plaintiff

Vs.

Case Number: DR-2023-000160.00

ASHLEY LEANN MILLER,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Ashley Leann Miller, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Steven E. Miller's Complaint for Divorce by July 17, 2023 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against her in Case Number 25-DR-2023-000160.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 9th day of May, 2023.

Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER:
STEVEN E. MILLER
827 COUNTY ROAD 623
HANCEVILLE, AL 35077

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Scott A Mazenita and K Maze Husband And Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Branch Banking & Trust Company, its successors and assigns dated May 21, 2010; said mortgage being recorded on June 3, 2010, in Book 1626, Page 716 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Truist Bank by assignment recorded in Deed Book 373, Page 256 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, ALABAMA.
The undersigned, Truist Bank under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 6th day of July, 2023 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
Commencing at the center of Section 7, Township 9 South, Range 2 East. Thence North 490.46 feet. Thence West 1453.78 feet to the point of beginning for the property herein described. Thence North 12 degrees 56 minutes 44 seconds West, 165.14 feet to a creek. Thence South 75 degrees 19 minutes 50 seconds West along said creek 89.66 feet. Thence North 31 degrees 24 minutes 03 seconds West, along said creek 255.26 feet. Thence South 37 degrees 19 minutes 22 seconds West, along said creek 79.49 feet. Thence South 19 degrees 24 minutes 16 seconds West, 133.35 feet. Thence South 12 degrees 11 minutes 55 seconds West, along said creek 167.96 feet. Thence South 39 degrees 35 minutes 20 seconds East, along said creek 221.78 feet. Thence North 55 degrees 23 minutes 28 seconds East, 295.71 feet to the point of beginning. Property being in Cullman County, Alabama, and containing 2.52 acres.

ALSO: A 20 foot wide easement being 10 foot on each side of a line described as beginning at a point in a county road which is North 658.69 feet from the center of Section 7, Township 9 South, Range 2 East. Thence from the point of beginning South 89 degrees 56 minutes 00 seconds West, 729.47 feet. Thence South 7 degrees 42 minutes 54 seconds East, 176.12 feet. Thence South 87 degrees 25 minutes 47 seconds West, 539.52 feet. Thence South 65 degrees 53 minutes 29 seconds West, 116.38 feet. Thence North 69 degrees 31 minutes 15 seconds West, 150.34 feet to the eastern boundary of the above described 2.52 acre tract.

Said property is commonly known as 1654 County Road 1855, Arab, AL 35016.
Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.
Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.
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Festival (from Front)

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The City of Cullman and the State of Alabama on Tuesday announced the Cullman Strawberry Festival as the Alabama Strawberry Festival. The resolution recognizes the historical significance, agricultural excellence and vibrant community spirit that this beloved event represents for the state of Alabama.

"I am thrilled to witness the elevation of the Cullman County Strawberry Festival to the prestigious status of the Alabama Strawberry Festival, as this recognition solidifies Cullman's position as a stronghold of agricultural excellence," said Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman.

The story of strawberries in Cullman dates to the founding of the city in 1873. Settlers recognized the fertile soil as an ideal environment for growing strawberries, and it quickly became one of the primary crops in the area. By 1897, The Cullman Tribune reported that strawberries were more profitable than cotton, and by the 1940s the strawberry fields spread across approximately 22,000 acres, further establishing the region's reputation as a leading producer of this delicate fruit in Alabama.

"This declaration is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our residents, farmers and volunteers who have nurtured the strawberry legacy in Cullman for generations," said Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs.

The first Cullman Strawberry Jubilee took place in May 1905, followed by the inaugural Strawberry Festival on May 13, 1939. This remarkable celebration became a time-honored tradition that embodied the rich heritage and vibrant culture of Cullman.

Notably, the seventh festival held on May 1, 1947, welcomed beloved Alabama Governor, and area native, "Big Jim" Folsom. He took the stage and captivated the crowd with his heartfelt address, reminiscing about his past as a proud member of the Strawberry Pickers band.

Today, the Cullman Strawberry Festival has blossomed into a prominent regional affair. Drawing over 25,000 attendees from 20 states in a single day, the festival has become a lively event for all ages. Blending the festival's rich agricultural and local history with art and entertainment, this cherished tradition now serves as a unifying force, attracting people to experience Alabama in a joyful celebration.

"Going forward, we will continue to build on the strong traditions that have made this event great, as we endeavor to grow the focus on arts within the festival," stated Nathan Anderson, executive director of Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism. "We welcome everyone to join us on this exciting occasion as we continue to promote and share the unparalleled sweetness and charm of Alabama's beloved strawberries."

Obituary Announcements: June 6-7

Jeanette Posey Treptau, 86
Jeanette Posey Treptau, age 86, of Gallant, Alabama passed away on Monday, June 5, 2023. She was born in Jasper on Jan. 9, 1937, to Olvis Wheeler and Vaudie Katherine Speegle Posey. She is preceded in death by her husband: Bobby Martin Treptau. Funeral services are Friday at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Tom Brown officiating. Interment will follow services in Sardis Baptist Cemetery in Trimble. Survivors are: daughter: Michele (Gary) Knepper of Gallant, Al., son: Martin (Vickie) Treptau of Anniston, Alabama, sister: Laura Speegle of Gallant, Alabama, Brother: Howard Hoyt Posey of Cullman, Alabama, three grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren. A visitation will be held at The First Baptist Church of Gallant on Thursday June 8, 2023, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. and a visitation at Moss Service Funeral Home on Friday June 9, 2023, from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Treptau family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Janice Marie Mann, 72
Janice Marie Mann, 72, of Lynn, passed away June 4, 2023, at Keller Landing. Janice was born March 20, 1951, in Winston County, Alabama. She enjoyed attending church and praising her Lord and Savior, as well as reading and studying her Bible, and praying in her war room. She loved her family, especially her children and grandchildren. A visitation will be held on Thursday, June 8, 2023, from 11 a.m. until noon at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison. Funeral Services will follow at noon at the funeral home. Interment will be in Arley Congregational Christian Church Cemetery. Pastor Chris Stokes will officiate. Janice is survived by her granddaughters, Lee Ann Danielle Mann, Crystal Faith Mann, and Alyssa Boothe; sisters, Delila White, Lois Nell Walker, Coyetta Wheeler, Mildred Herbert, and Ann Gossett; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Johnny Lewis Roberts and Elsie L. Carroll Roberts; husband, George Mann; sons, Johnny Mann and Christopher Cleghorn; daughter, Georgi Boothe; brothers, Billy Ray Roberts and Frankie Ray Roberts; and sister, Norma Faye Baker.

Amos Wailon Earwood, 87
Amos Wailon Earwood, known as "Papa" by family, passed away peacefully at his home on Tuesday, June 6, 2023. Wailon was born on May 16, 1936, to his parents, Amos J. Earwood and Mary Frances. After graduating high school, Wailon served as a reserve in the Marines for eight years while also completing college courses at St. Bernard College and the University of Alabama Birmingham. Wailon worked as a Weight and Balance Engineer at Hayes International and at Redstone Arsenal for Brown Engineering, co-contractor to NASA. Wailon owned and operated Earwood Nursery alongside his lifelong sweetheart, Betty Paschal, of whom he married on June 14, 1955. Wailon and Betty shared a loving marriage of 68 years, selflessly serving their family, community, and one another. Besides his deep devotion to his wife and family, Wailon's greatest passion was winning souls for Christ. He became a Gideon in 1975; served as a faithful member of Longview Church of God where he was a diligent student and teacher of the Word; and mentored in prison ministry for 10 years. Wailon was cherished by many, but especially beloved by his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Wailon Earwood is predeceased by his parents, Amos J. and Dot Earwood, and Frances Kessler; his daughter, Sherry Montgomery; his brother, Robbie Lee Earwood; and his sister, Mary Gail Robinson. Wailon is survived by his wife, Betty Paschal Earwood; his daughter, Susan Reid; his son-in-law, Dennis Reid; and his grandchildren: John and Alaina Reid; Adam and Laura Reid; Katie Montgomery Mickissick; Sarah and Jason Bell; Marc Montgomery; and Alicia Montgomery. He is also survived by his sister, Glenda Earwood; his great-grandchildren, whom he adored and loved to tease: Jeremy and Anna Reid; Jacob Reid; Jackson Reid; Laila-Kate Reid; Braeden Patterson; Lilly Patterson; Audrey Morrison; Robbie Morrison; Anna Morrison; Elijah Morrison; Kristian Averetta; Lizzy Averetta; and Abby Averetta; and by many loving nieces and nephews. Services for Wailon Earwood will be performed by Pastor Darrel Allen at Longview Church of God on Sunday, June 11, at 1:30 p.m.; interment in Ebenezer Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Wailon's honor to The Gideons International to purchase Gideon bibles. The family would like to offer sincere gratitude and thanks to Wailon's nurses, Joy and Jennifer, who not only cared for "Papa," but became members of the Reid family, as well.

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SISTER ADRIENNE

Participants in Sacred Heart's "Alive in the Spirit Summer Camp"

Sacred Heart hosts summer camp

Tiffany McKoy
tsmckoy@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — Sacred Heart Church and the Leaven of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (LIHM) sisters hosted "Alive in the Spirit Summer Camp" this week. The LIHM sisters are dedicated to the evangelization of youth and families.

In total there were 88 children who participated this year, along with 30 youth helpers and 20 adult volunteers from the parish.

During the camp the kids went to Mass and prayed the rosary each day. They participated in crafts and puppet shows.

The Cotton Pickin' Kids helped with music and action songs, and the choir for the Mass was the Infant King Schola.

Sister Adrienne was one of the volunteers who helped organize and direct this year's summer camp. "The greatest success is to see the spiritual growth in our students," she said. "They are very enthusiastic!"

When asked what her favorite part of the summer camp was, she said, "Seeing the kids' excitement. They are very excited to go to church, and I think that's something people don't see nowadays."

According to Sister Adrienne, the kids have so much fun at this summer camp, they usually return as youth helpers and volunteers in the future.

The final day of the camp was a "family fun day," which was held on Wednesday at WildWater for all the children and volunteers.



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