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CCBOE names Ayers HPHS principal, approves joining social media litigation

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County School Board (CCBOE) on June 12 officially hired Nathan Ayers as the new principal of Holly Pond High School, effective July 1, 2023. He will replace Dr. Janet Turner.

Ayers addressed the board, saying, "You're going to get the best version of us. Our kids are going to be pushed in the classroom."

Ayers said communication is very important to him.

"Our doors are going to be open. We want your input," he said. "There's not going to be a time when we're not going to listen."

Social media litigation

The board also approved participating in nationwide litigation against various social media companies.

Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette addressed the board, saying, » PAGE 6


TIFFANY MCKOY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette (left) and new Holly Pond High School Principal Nathan Ayers

Bulls and broncs: 'It's a unique and fun event'


MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
A rider flies atop a bucking bronco at the second annual Hanceville Rodeo Saturday, June 10.

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The second annual Hanceville Rodeo was held Saturday at CW Day Park.

"We are happy with how the second annual rodeo turned out, thanks to the hard work and dedication of many people. I'm grateful to everyone who contributed to the event's success. We could not have done it without everyone's help," said Hanceville Parks & Recreation Director David Wasilewski.

"I'm also grateful to the employees for their hard work throughout the year to ensure the rodeo's success. All our departments worked together and showed unity to make the event run smoothly."

The rodeo featured a variety of ac- » PAGE 8


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Jury seated in 2015 rape and sodomy case; trial set to begin Tuesday

Defendant had been in prison for a previous offense



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Saints MC raises over $13K for Miracle League


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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported June 12

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 12, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

June 8

- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 386
- criminal mischief; harassment; CR 109
- theft of property; Hwy. 157
- harassment; CR 688
- burglary; unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 1176
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 813

June 9

- domestic violence; CR 713
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 730
- home repair fraud; CR 270
- harassment; St. Joseph St. NW
- domestic violence; CR 81
- theft of property; CR 1107
- domestic violence; Hwy. 91

June 10

- possession of prescription drugs; I-5 NB Rest Area
- domestic violence; CR 950
- theft of property; CR 1371
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 613
- home repair fraud; CR 1200
- domestic violence; CR 1059
- burglary; CR 216
- domestic violence; CR 1598
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 431

June 11

- domestic violence; CR 1428
- theft of property; Hwy. 31
- criminal mischief; harassment; Tillery Rd.
- domestic violence; CR 1212
- domestic violence; CR 1598
- domestic violence; CR 1114
- assault; Hwy. 31

ARRESTS

June 8 – 11

Bagwell, Dachery D.; 31
- FTA- driving while license suspended
- auto theft
- burglary-non residence-no force

Barfield, Marcus S.; 42
- FTA- operating vehicle without insurance

Brown, Michael W.; 51
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- no plainly visible tag
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

Burton, Kayla L.; 33
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Bush, Wontell Q.; 42
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)

Case, Nicholas R.; 28
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Cruz, Alec Stavon K.; 29
- Probation Revoked- larceny/theft-theft of property-2nd degree $500 less than $1,500
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Fanning, Ricky D.; 31
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Fitzgerald, Danny R.; 24
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Gillian, Gabriel R.; 35
- Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs
- Probation Violation- failure of adult sex offender to register

Goodwin, Dannial S.; 25
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family
- violation of domestic violence protection order

Haynes, Joshua A.; 32
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Howard II, Tomie P.; 34
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Hurley, Brandon C.; 33
- public intoxication
- FTA- DUI (alcohol)

Jacobs, Aaron T.; 21
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Kelly, Donald W.; 38
- burglary-non residence-force

Lockwood, Laverne D.; 36
- possession of prescription drugs
- public intoxication

McCormack, Ethan D.; 29
- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft $500 less than $1,500

Minor, Henry Odes M.; 43
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- driving without license

Mosley, Brandon C.; 23
- Violation of Release Order- larceny/theft-miscellaneous
- Violation of Release Order- burglary-residence-force
- Violation of Release Order- possession of dangerous drugs

Nordstrom, Timothy B.; 45
- FTA- domestic violence-3rd degree-harassing communications
- violation of domestic violence protection order

Paris, Johnie D.; 52
- Violation of Release Order- DUI

Phillips, Scotty H.; 41
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Pierce, Katrina M.; 34
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Puckett, Genesis L.; 19
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Quinn, Jesse C.; 49
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Smith, Evelyn G.; 48
- FTA- drug trafficking
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Stallings, Alyssa M.; 25
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- assault-domestic-simple assault-family
- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- attempt to elude police officer
- FTA- resisting arrest
- FTA- obstruction governmental operations
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Stancil, Jason L.; 53
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Tanner Jr., James I.; 31
- Probation Violation- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle

Tucker, Daniel B.; 32
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Underwood, Justin T.; 43
- Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs
- Probation Violation- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft $500 less than $1,500

Watson, Stacy B.; 28
- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Wix, Amber L.; 36
- public intoxication

Wolford, Ayla E.; 30
- FTA- expired tag

Yoder, Joseph E.; 19
- FTA- DUI (controlled substance)

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

June 9

- forgery-3rd degree; Committee for Accuracy to Middle East Reporting and Analysis; forged check
- harassing communications; person

June 10

- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $85
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; Donauer Dr. SW; damage to 2005 Ford F250
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $61
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $105

June 11

- theft of property-1st degree; person; Cooper Cir. SW; 2001 Hyundai Accent; $1,000
- harassment; person; Ave. H SE
- identity theft; theft of property-4th degree; person; cash

ARRESTS

June 10 – 11

Stancil, Jason L.; 53
- FTA- DUI (controlled substance)

Bates, Theron R.; 46
- public intoxication

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

CCSO offers tips to prevent car break-ins

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CULLMAN, Ala. – With an increase in the number of car break-ins lately, the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) would like to remind Cullman County residents to help keep their vehicles safe.

"Do your part in keeping your car and valuables safe," said Lt. Chad Whaley. "Do not be an easy target for potential thieves."

Whaley provided a list of actions that residents can take to keep themselves protected:

- Always lock your doors
- Never leave keys inside your vehicle (this includes spare keys "hidden" in the vehicle)
- Do not leave windows down
- Park in well-lit, well-traveled areas
- Do not leave valuables inside your vehicle
- Use an alarm system and tracking system if they are options
- Most importantly, be alert and be diligent. Being vigilant with your personal safety will overlap with other areas of your life.

If you are a victim of a vehicle break-in, contact law enforcement immediately. Make a list of all items taken and include any model or serial numbers you may have.

- Cullman County Sheriff's Office: 256-734-0342
- Cullman Police Department: 256-734-1434
- Hanceville Police Department: 256-352-9811
- Emergencies: 911

Blood drive (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The annual Cullman City vs. Cullman County Blood Drive is this Friday, June 16, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

There's an urgent need for all blood types, but Type O blood especially, as blood banks are hitting annual summertime emergency shortage levels.

Last week LifeSouth Community Blood Centers were already facing a shortage of 87 units.

In addition to a T-shirt, each donor will receive a $20 e-gift card (with double-red and platelet donors receiving an extra $20 e-gift card), plus a coupon for a free Lawlers Barbecue sandwich and a coupon for free cookie dough with purchase at Papa Murphy's Pizza.

There are four donation sites:

- Team Cullman County: Cullman County Courthouse and south Cullman Wal-Mart
- Team City of Cullman: Dick's Sporting Goods and north Cullman Wal-Mart

Donors must be 17 or older (16 with written parental permission) and weigh at least 110 pounds.

Brunch (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Les Dames of Cullman, a nonprofit focused on creating meaningful mentorship opportunities and bridging the feminine hygiene gap for women and girls in Cullman County, is back again with another great event.

To continue funding its mission, Les Dames is hosting a brunch cocktail showdown of legendary proportions on Saturday, June 24, 2023, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Trident Marina. Businesses and individuals have registered to create the bubbliest and freshest mimosa or the savoriest bloody Mary, with the crowd deciding the ultimate winner.

The passion for the event came after Les Dames learned of a critical need among young women and girls in the Cullman school districts last year.

There are hundreds of girls who don't have access to the feminine hygiene products they need.

Les Dames is committed to not only providing girls with the products they need to feel clean and confident throughout the school year, but also through the summer. Boys weren't left out, either, with hygiene bags prepared for them as well.

Tickets for the event are $25 and include samples of competing cocktails. Other drinks and brunch will be available for purchase.

To purchase tickets, visit www.unitedwebrunch-cullman.com. For more on Les Dames, visit www.les-dames-cullman.com.

Saints MC (from Front)

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. – The morning sun glittered brightly atop the Saints MC Clubhouse on Saturday, June 10, 2023, as dozens of riders from clubs all across the Tennessee Valley gathered to ride and raise funds for the Miracle League of Cullman County. The Saints MC, in collaboration with Friends of the Miracle League, was able to raise $13,717 to ensure that every athlete who wants to play in the recreational Miracle League is able to play, regardless of ability to pay.

For Saints MC President Touche, the Miracle League Ride is a family affair.

Jacob Carden, son of ride organizer Brandi Evans, is an honorary Saints MC member.

Carden also plays in the Miracle League, so when his biker brothers came to support him at a game, they realized just how much the disabled community could benefit from their help.

"He's an honorary member of the Saints; he plays at the Miracle League," Touche mentioned.

"So just going to the games and watching him and his friends play, we realized the attendance wasn't nearly what it should be."

After realizing that registration cost is too often a barrier for those athletes with special needs or fixed incomes, Evans, her husband and Saints MC member BR and the Saints MC club at large collaborated and have been organizing rides each year to raise funds for those athletes who want to play.

Along with the ride, several local businesses and individuals donate items to be raffled off, including motorcycle gear like Harley Davidson helmets and toolkits to a plethora of gift cards from local eateries.

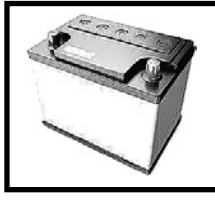
Gesturing at the multiple tables set up in front of the clubhouse packed with items, Touche smiled, "Those are all donations from businesses in this community; even late last night we had people dropping off donations!"

The ride is not limited to just the Saints MC, Touche noted, as he pointed to several different insignias or "colors" on the back of the riders' vests.

"There's a lot of clubs out here," he said. "This community really supports causes like this.

"In the years we've been doing this, not a single man or woman who wants to play has had to pay a registration fee, he said.

"This ride has paid for every man or woman who wants to play, for six years. That's for baseball and basketball!"



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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.
• Tuesday, June 13 - 6:30-7:30 p.m. Jesus and Women Bible Study by Pam Dodd, in the sanctuary; light snacks provided and offerings taken each night. Everyone is invited and welcomed!
• Wednesday, June 14 - 7 p.m. Children, adult and youth classes. Free pizza for children at 6:30. Van runs in the 5 Points Area at 6 p.m. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup.
• Friday and Saturday, June 16-17 - Men's Gridiron Conference in Huntsville.
• Friday, June 16 - 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!
• Saturday, June 17 – Drive-through Food Bank 9-11 a.m.
• Sunday, June 18 - Prayer Groups - Join Kevin and Pastor Bobby at 8 a.m. or join Teresa at 9 in the prayer room to pray for our church, nation and those who need healing, salvation or deliverance.
• Sunday, June 18 - 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 am Praise & Worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd. Leadership meeting following morning service. `
• Sunday, June 18 - Father's Day Breakfast 9-10:30 a.m. for all our church attendees to honor our fathers.
• 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.

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.

Vacation Bible School
Through June 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.

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.

Good Hope awarded National Fitness Campaign Grant

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. – Good Hope's City Council held its first June meeting at Good Hope City Hall Monday night and approved a pair of new resolutions along with a recommendation for the City's Alcohol Review Committee. The first resolution was to adopt and allocate funds awarded to the city as a National Fitness Campaign (NFC) Grant Recipient. The City is using the funds to install a Fitness Court in its new park.

According to the NFC's website, the Fitness Court "is designed to provide a full body workout in only seven minutes. Rotate through all seven zones on The Fitness Court for a circuit training workout that will have you full of energy."

Resolution No: 008-2023 – Resolution to adopt and allocate funds for an outdoor fitness court as part of the 2023 National Fitness Campaign (Hope to be done by December)
"Whereas, the City of Good Hope has submitted a Grant Application to Nation Fitness Campaign (NFC) for participation in their 2023 initiative to install and activate outdoor Fitness Courts in 200 cities and schools across the county, and;

Whereas, the City of Good Hope will accept a $40,000.00 National Grant from the NFC Grant Committee and Statewide Partners, and provide a local match in the amount of $150,000-$200,000, to promote and implement a free-to-the-public outdoor Fitness Court, and;

Whereas the City of Good Hope will secure supplemental funding as needed through community sponsors, which will be made available and committed to this program for the purchase of the outdoor Fitness Court, and; Whereas, the City of Good Hope will construction and launch of the outdoor Fitness Court by the end of the 2023-24 audit year, and;

Whereas, the City of Good Hope believes the outdoor Fitness Court is an important wellness ecosystem that supports healthier communities, commits to funding/fundraising to participate in NFC's 2023 Campaign, and will earn local and national recognition as a leader in providing affordable health and wellness.

Whereas, it is noted by the National Fitness Campaign and the municipality listed above that this document in no way constitutes a binding agreement, or requirement to proceed with the NFC Program at any time. Formal commitment occurs upon receipt of complete local match funding by the program awardee, with submission of Funding Confirmation Documentation to National Fitness Campaign.

Now therefore be it resolved, that the mayor of the City of Good Hope will collaborate with NFC to implement the outdoor Fitness Court and make fitness free to community residents and visitors."

The next Resolution was to permit the installation of a new traffic signal the intersection of I-65's 305 south ramp and County Road 222.

Resolution No: 009-2023 – Permission for installation of a traffic signal
"Whereas, the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) has requested the City of Good Hope, Alabama, to execute an AGREEMENT FOR THE INSTALLATION AND/OR MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS AND/OR ROADWAY LIGHTING ("Agreement") for the installation, operation and maintenance of the traffic signal at the intersection of I-65 South Ramp and CR-222, and

Whereas, the City Council has considered the request of the ALDOT to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement to permit the installation, operation and maintenance of the traffic signal as identified herein.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Hope, Alabama, at a regular meeting, duly assembled, a quorum being present, as follows: That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement with the ALDOT to permit the following:

The construction of a new traffic signal at the intersection of I-65 South Ramp and CR-222; and Operation and maintenance of the new traffic signal at the intersection of I-65 South Ramp and CR-222; and

That the Mayor is authorized to execute any documents necessary to permit the installation, operation and maintenance of the traffic signal described herein as required by the ALDOT."

Before adjourning Monday night's meeting, the council approved a recommendation from Good Hope's Alcohol Review Committee to approve the application of Ethos Craft Brewery and submit an approval letter to the state's ABC Board.

Good Hope's City Council will hold its next regularly scheduled meeting Monday, June 26 at 6:30 p.m. at Good Hope City Hall.

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‘The relationships I created with those guys will last forever’: Arab’s Brody McCain looks back on Knight years

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ARAB, Ala. — In this interview, I talked to Arab senior Brody McCain about some of the many great sports memories he made during his time as a Knight and how blessed he feels to have played alongside a great group of teammates.

“My favorite memories were definitely the relationships and bonds I made over my high school career, and I made friendships that will last a lifetime. We also accomplished our goals in both football and baseball, winning area, which hadn’t been done in a while in baseball and also, winning the first region championship in school history in football, while also making a run in the postseason in both sports. Doing all those things with the guys I grew up with since kindergarten made it all that more special,” McCain said. “The relationships I created with those guys will last forever. All of my guys were selfless and only cared about what was best for the team. I could go on for days talking about the outstanding character of those guys. I’m happy to have played alongside them.”

McCain got to play for some great coaches at Arab and soaked up as much as he could from them. He took away so much from playing sports.

“Coach Lee Ozmint is an unbelievable coach and an even better human being. The impact he made on my life as a coach and as a Christian man will forever be instilled in me. Coach Chad Hudson has changed me into a completely different person since I got into high school. I can’t say enough for what he has done for me as a player and as a person. Our team success and my success has been because of him and the way he has changed the culture at Arab. He has made a huge impact on my life, and it hurts knowing I won’t be around him every day anymore. There are several other coaches who have made huge impacts on my life, but those two have made the biggest and I am forever grateful for what they have done for me.”

He added,

“It has helped shape my character and allowed me to use my God-given abilities. It has created friendships and brotherhoods that will last a lifetime. When you put your all into something and set goals for yourself and for the team, there is no feeling like accomplishing those goals. There is also no feeling like coming up short and knowing that it’s over. If a team can put all their focus into winning and nothing else, then it’s likely going to happen, at least, that’s how it was for us. Fighting for one another instead of yourself and caring for that guy beside you can take a team so far.”

McCain talked about his favorite high school memories, what makes Arab a special place to go to, plus what he will remember the most and miss the most.

“My favorite memories were definitely sports and being around the guys I grew up with my whole life,” McCain said. “What makes Arab a special place to go to is the friendships that were created. The teachers are amazing. The people here are beyond incredible. The community support is unlike any other. It’s such an amazing community that’s full of people who love Arab and wants to see Arab succeed. I’ll always remember the friendships created in school. I’ll miss not seeing all of those people every day, plus playing under the Friday night lights. There’s nothing like a Friday night high school football game.”

McCain gave some advice to the upcoming freshman in August, plus he talked about a role model he had growing up.

“Enjoy high school and don’t wish it away. It’ll fly by. Enjoy every moment with your friends, because you won’t see them much after high school,” he said. “When I came up my freshman year, a guy I admired and wanted to be like was Will Hudson. He went on to play baseball at UNA, but I wanted to be like him when I got older. He was a good role model to me and someone I looked up to, for sure.”

McCain accepted a scholarship earlier in the year to go play baseball at Northwest-Shoals Community College. He talked about that visit, plus getting the scholarship.

“Coach Langston is the head coach there and he is a great coach. I played for him in the summer before he got the job there and I want to continue to develop with him as my coach. Shoals is a good fit for me,” he said. “It was a dream come true. It was something I’d been striving for since I was younger.”



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Arab’s Brody McCain

Alabama’s season ends with Sunday loss at top-ranked Wake Forest

Alex Thompson
UA Athletics

WINSTON-SALEM, NC — Alabama baseball’s 2023 season came to a close with a 22-5 loss at top-ranked Wake Forest on Sunday afternoon at David F. Couch Ballpark. The Crimson Tide finished the year at 43-21 overall.

Wake struck for three in the first with Alabama answering with two in the home half on the power of an Andrew Pinckney home run. The Demon Deacons added two in the second with UA countering for one on a solo homer from Colby Shelton.

Wake then put together a five-run third to set the score at 10-3 after three. The two teams were held scoreless until the sixth, trading runs over the final three frames for a 22-5 final.

Wake Forest starter Josh Hartle (11-2) picked up the win while the loss was tagged to Alabama’s Jacob McNairy (7-3).

From Interim Head Coach Jason Jackson

“I’ve done this a long time, and I’ve never been more proud of a group of individuals than I am of this group. I think they are everything that is good about college athletics. I think they are everything that is good about the world today. The character they’ve shown and the resiliency they’ve shown these past couple of months, I think serve as a great example to hopefully a lot of people.”

How it happened

- T1 | Nick Kurtz got the Demon Deacons on the board with a two-run home run. Brock Wilken followed with a solo homer. (3-0, Wake Forest)
- B1 | Jim Jarvis led off with a double and came home one out later on a two-run homer by Andrew Pinckney. (3-2, Wake Forest)
- T2 | Tommy Hawke hit a two-out two-run home run. (5-2, Wake Forest)
- B2 | Colby Shelton started the inning with a solo homer. (5-3, Wake Forest)
- T3 | Wilken recorded a solo homer with one down. After a single and a walk put two on, Danny Corona hit a three-run shot. Bennett Lee followed with a solo homer. (10-3, Wake Forest)
- T6 | With the bases loaded and two down, a single through the left side added a pair. (12-3, Wake Forest)
- B6 | Shelton hit his second homer of the day, another solo shot. (12-4, Wake Forest)
- B7 | Mac Guscette hit a solo home run. (12-5, Wake Forest)
- T8 | The Demon Deacons added six in the frame, highlighted by a grand slam from Marek Houston. (18-5, Wake Forest)
- T9 | Wake added four more thanks to a solo homer from Wilken and a three-run shot by Corona. (22-5, Wake Forest)



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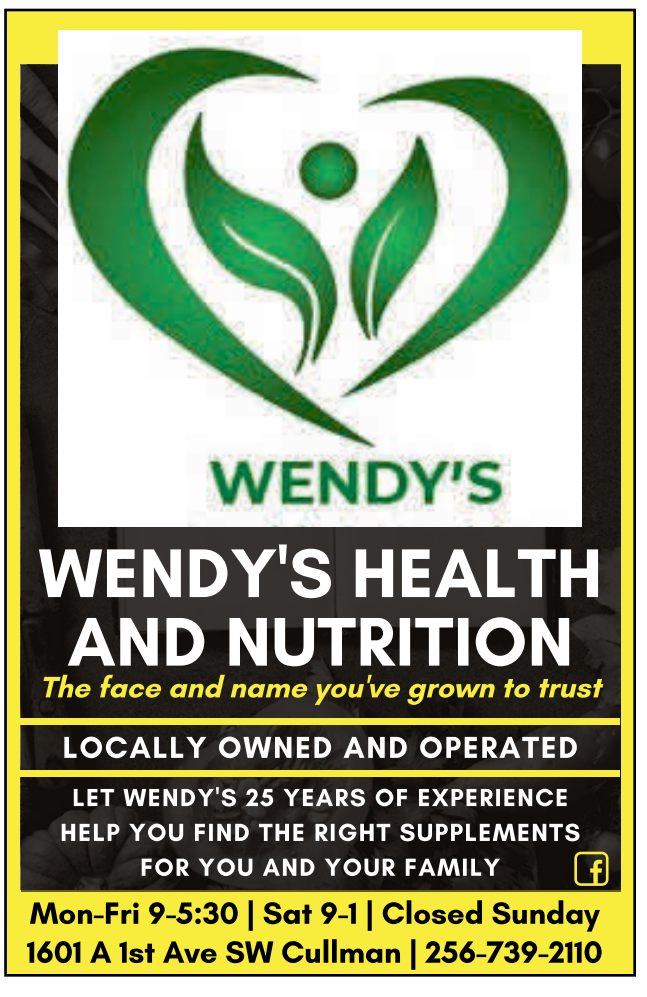
Alabama dropped game two of the Super Regional at Wake Forest Sunday 22-5.

Postgame notes

- The Crimson Tide’s 43 wins are the most in a season since 2006 when Jim Wells’ squad finished at 44-21.
- Alabama totaled 593 strikeouts on the year to tie the Alabama single-season record. The 1999 team also struck out 593 across 69 games. The 2023 team averaged 9.27 strikeouts per game compared to the ’99 squad’s 8.59 mark.
- UA drew 340 walks to finish second on the program’s single-season list, trailing only the 366 free passes by the 1999 team.
- Alabama’s 5.31 walks per game is the highest average for a single season in UA annals, surpassing the previous mark of 5.30 by that ’99 team.
- The Crimson Tide totaled 112 home runs on the year, good for fourth on the all-time single-season list.
- Alabama homered in 54 of the 65 total games this season while producing multiple homers 35 times.
- Colby Shelton hit his 24th and 25th home runs of the season. He finished his freshman campaign tied with Dustan Mohr for third place on the Alabama single-season list. Doug Duke ranks second with 27 while Kent Matthes is the Tide’s all-time leader at 28.
- The two-homer game was Shelton’s sixth of the year.
- Including yesterday’s roundtripper, Shelton has now homered in back-to-back games five times this season.
- Shelton tied Georgia’s Charlie Condon for the SEC’s single-season freshman home run record.
- Tommy Seidl extended his hitting streak to an Alabama season-long 15 games with a 1-for-3 effort. Over the 15-game stretch, Seidl batted .379 (22-58) with five doubles, two homers, 15 RBI, 15 runs, five walks, three hit-by-pitch and one stolen base.

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





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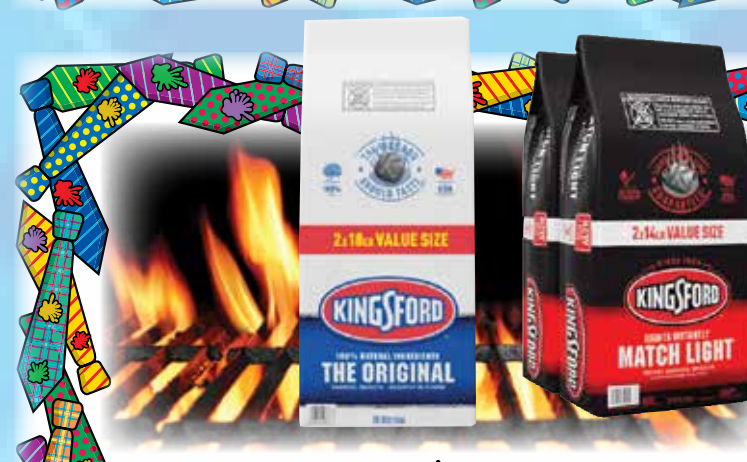
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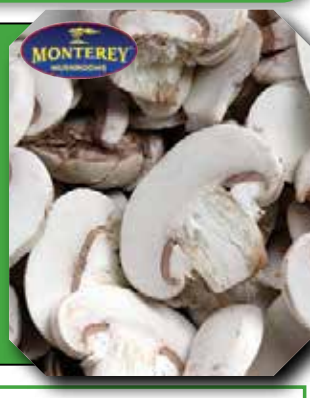
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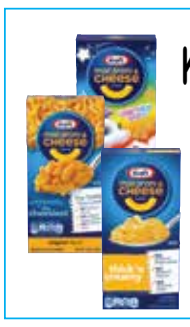
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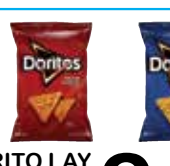
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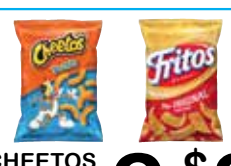
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More than 70 athletes named to ACCC Commissioner's Honor Roll

Gail Crutchfield
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Wallace State Community College is proud to announce that more than 70 student athletes earned recognition by Alabama Community College Conference for academic excellence for the Spring 2023 semester by obtaining a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Student athletes who earn a GPA of 3.0 or higher are placed on the ACCC Commissioner's Honor Roll.

"These student-athletes and teams should be extremely proud of themselves, as they have balanced academics with practice and games," stated Commissioner Dean Myrick.

"I am very proud of them, along with the faculty and staff at our amazing colleges for the work they do in preparing our student-athletes for life outside of athletics."

The Wallace State teams earning 3.0 GPA or higher for the Spring 2023 semester include men's cross country (3.32), women's cross country (3.54), men's golf (3.48), women's golf (3.65), softball (3.72), men's tennis (3.87), women's tennis (3.24) and volleyball (3.89).

Seven of these teams also earned ACCC conference titles for the 2022-2023 academic year: men's and women's cross country, women's golf, softball, men's and women's tennis and volleyball.

"We are extremely proud of these student athletes who have excelled not only on the field of play, but also in the classroom," said Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Karolewics.

"They have shown the dedication and commitment it takes to perform at their best athletically and academically. Congratulations to you all."

ATHLETES RECOGNIZED INCLUDE

Men's Basketball: Jaylen Curry, Huntsville; Bryson Hall, Tuscaloosa; Phillip Hughes, Madison; Nathaniel Jones, Carrolton, GA; Jalil Robinson, Tuscumbia; Jabiri Smith Duluth, GA

Women's Basketball: Hallie Holmes, Horton; Jazmyn Jackson, Madison; Cierra Lindquist, Orlando, FL; Kyra Long, Meridianville

Men's Cross Country: Joseph Arriaga-Aguilar, Cullman; John Collett, Crane Hill; Brady Helms Carriere, MS; Luke Holcombe, Gadsden; Reid Huddleston, Cullman; Ryan Maudsley, Gadsden; Collin Mayfield, Geraldine; Jonathan Phillips Carriere, MS; Caleb Seaver, New Market

Women's Cross Country: Dani Akridge, Bremen; Jaycee Biffle, Killen; Brea Bryan, Falkville; Kendall Harbison, Vinemont; Sydney Hughes, Rainbow City

Men's Golf: Davis Aaron, Tuscaloosa; Carson Barchara, Jacksonville, FL; Alex Citron, Olathe, KS; Zackery Coker, Gulf Shores; Billy Gunyon, Essex, United Kingdom; Keith Hunter, Ontario, Canada; Liam Meaden, Nottingham, United Kingdom; Brayden Nelson, Eva

Women's Golf: Alyssa Berry, Hartselle; Abby Brown, Eva; Sydney Epes, Water Valley, MS; Abby Gattis, Jacksonville; Aidan Haithcock, Hoover; Hope Harrell, Guntersville; Briliegh Roberts, Fairview

Softball: Gracie Ashley, Dora; Sarah Beth Brake, Gardendale; Lillyanna Cartee, Moulton; Caroline Cartron, Hazel Green; Hannah Duncan, Pisgah; Emily Hall, Somerville; McKinnon Howard, Smiths Station; Mikayla McCain, Morris; Riley Moody Douglasville, GA; Amelia Sherrill, Winchester; Emily Simon, Athens; Katie Simon, Athens

Men's Tennis: Hugo Blasco, Hanceville; Massimo Caliendo, Hanceville; Iyan Cresens, Hanceville; Leonardo Dos Santos, Hanceville; Sebastian Gamez, Cullman; Hudson Harden, Hartselle; Alex Jaulin, Melbourne, Australia; Lennert Lemahieu, Hanceville

Women's Tennis: Lilly Brown, Guntersville; Kim Coots, Huntsville; Alexandra Luders, Hanceville

Volleyball: Grace Allen, Smiths Station; Gracie Barksdale, Cullman; Megan Edmond, Mobile; Anna Claire Hutto, Moulton; Makayla Lindsey, Double Springs; Daisy Manasco, Cullman; Moree McDonald, Joppa; Braelee Quinn, Cullman; Chloe Shadden, Eva; Alexis Shadix, West Point; Madeline Snow, Morris

Basketball, cross country and volleyball will begin play for the 2023-2024 season this upcoming fall semester.Registration is underway for summer Mini Term II and Fall 2023. Summer Mini Term II classes begin June 30. Fall 2023 classes begin Aug. 18. For more information, visit www.wallacestate.edu, call 256.352.8000, or come by Lion Central in the lobby of the James C. Bailey Center Monday-Wednesday 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or Friday 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.













Cullman Regional welcomes general surgeon D'Lisa Bitterly, MD

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Regional is pleased to welcome board-certified general surgeon D'Lisa Bitterly, MD, to the Medical Group.

Bitterly specializes in laparoscopic surgery to treat a variety of conditions, including hernias, gallbladder disease, appendicitis, disease of the appendix, breast disease, breast cancer, diverticular disease, colon cancer, skin lesions, chronic scars, hidradenitis and skin cancer, colonoscopy, hemorrhoids, anal fissures and anal diseases.

Bitterly obtained her Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of Texas at San Antonio and her Medical Doctorate from the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio.

Following her medical education, she completed her internship in general surgery at University of North Carolina Medical Center and her residency in general surgery at Keesler Medical Center at Keesler Air Force Base.

With a passion for providing high-quality surgical care, Bitterly has served as U.S. Air Force lieutenant colonel and general surgeon at Joint Base Langley and Fort Eustis Medical Center at Langley Air Force Base in Hampton, Virginia, and Navy Medical Center at Portsmouth Navy Base in Portsmouth, Virginia, among others.

Her dedication and commitment to patients and the medical profession have earned her recognition and numerous awards, including the Meritorious Service Medal in 2020.

Bitterly will care for patients at Cullman Regional Medical Group Surgical Arts located at 1930 Alabama Highway 157. Schedule an appointment by calling 256-734-7850. For more information, visit www.CullmanRegionalMedicalGroup.com.


CULLMAN REGIONAL
Dr. D'Lisa Bitterly

CCBOE (from Front)

"Social media has a significant downside and we've seen it in our school.

"Social media has increased social pressures of our students. It's exasperated discipline problems, it's increased anxiety and it's led to a host of other problems for our students and our schools."

According to Barnette, school systems across the United States have decided to do something about these issues and they've initiated litigation against social media companies including Meta, Snapchat, YouTube and TikTok.

They're asking the courts to hold the companies responsible for the effects of their operations, pointing out the lack of adult supervision.

According to Barnette, a number of Alabama school systems are already part of the lawsuit, including Montgomery Public Schools, Baldwin County Schools and Tuscaloosa City Schools. Barnette said attorney Whit Colvin reached out to him and asked if he wanted Cullman County Schools to be part of the lawsuit.

All agenda items were approved. To see the agenda, go to www.CullmanTribune.com.

The next meeting of the CCBOE will be Thursday, July 13, 2023, at the central office. The work session will begin at 3:30 p.m., with the meeting immediately following.

Case (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Jury selection took place on Monday in Cullman in the rape and sodomy trial of Jackson Matthew Hall, 32, of Lacey's Spring. Hall is charged with first-degree rape and first-degree sodomy for multiple incidents in 2014 involving an alleged victim who was 5 years old at the time. He has previously faced charges of child abuse involving a separate victim in Madison County. After being indicted in 2015, he was arrested following an armed standoff with Madison County Sheriff's Office deputies. Hall gained national and even international attention after his release on bond, when he received a Social Security card and driver's license using an associate's documents, got a passport using the fraudulent IDs, faked his own death and fled the country in 2016. He was apprehended in Thailand in 2017, working as a teacher under the false name on his license, and was returned to the U.S.

In 2018 Hall pled guilty to child abuse in the Madison County case, for which he was sentenced to six years in prison. In 2019 he also pled guilty to Social Security fraud and aggravated identity theft.

The Cullman County jury was seated late Monday afternoon, and the trial is expected to get underway Tuesday morning.

Background: www.cullmantribune.com/2019/08/12/morgan-county-man-who-faked-own-death-pleads-guilty

LEGALS

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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 *
LETHA S. HEATHERLY * CASE NO PC 2023-167
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION OF JESSICAN H. MCHAN FOR THE PROBATE OF THE WILL OF LETHA S. HEATHERLY, DECEASED

TO: SETH EDWARD HEATHERLY, AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

The *Petition of Jessica H. McHan for the Probate of the Will of Letha S. Heatherly, deceased*, filed by Jessica H. McHan, Petitioner, by and through her Attorney, Annette Irons-Parker, has been scheduled for the 15th **day of** August, **20**23, **at** 10:30 **a.m.**, before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman, Alabama.

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

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

DONE this the 2nd day of June, 2023.

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
THERESA FRANCES KANE, * CASE NO PC 2023-135
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO:

THOMAS KANE	SARAHMARITA GILLISPIE FERRARO	RAYMOND V. KANE
HAROLD KANE	MARY THERESA BERGAN	KATHLEEN KANE
WILL KANE	MICHAEL GILLISPIE	MAUREEN KANE CALLAHAN
AMY TEMMIEL	PATRICK GILLISPIE, JR	JANET KANE LUKES
JENNIFER ENTERLINE	MATTHEW GILLISPIE	REGINA KANE TANNEBAUM
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LISA KANE	MARY JUDE GRAHAM	VINCENT KANE
SISTER MAUREEN ST. ANNE	JOSEPH KANE	THERESA KANE MCKENZIE
SISTER ANNE KANE	PATRICIA KANE KAMERER	JOSEPH KANE
THERESA FRANCIS CARUSO	STEPHEN KANE	JAMES KANE
RITA BECOSKI	AMY OSTER MILL	MARY ANNE KANE GARRETT
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PAULA RYAN	FRANK PIEPER	MICHAEL KANE
MICHAEL KANE	FRED PIEPER	WILLIAM KANE
SARA KANE	CANDICE CATHEY	
JOSEPH KANE	KATHY PIEPER	
SHELIA KLEMENTOVICH	CODY PIEPER	
MAUREEN ORLANDO	KATY PIEPER	
CAROLYN GILLESPIE KOTTMEYER	JOAN KANE JUDICE	
EDWARD GILLISPIE	MARISSA KANE CROZIER	
ELIZABETH LILLEY	DEANNA ALTSCHULER	

AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTEREST PARTIES

The Petition of Margaret McCloskey to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Theresa Frances Kane, deceased, has been set for hearing the **17th day of August, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.**

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

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

Done this the 2nd day of June, 2023

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

BETTY DEBORAH SEAGROVES, DECEASED CASE NO. PC 2023-172

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF BETTY DEBORAH SEAGROVES, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Shay Persall on the 9th day of June, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Shay Persall, Personal Representative (Administrator),
and
Steven C. Smith, Attorney for the Estate

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune*:

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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Wallace State signs MOU with Athens State for Prior Learning Assessment

Gail Crutchfield
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College recently announced it has signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Athens State University, allowing seamless transfer of Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) from Wallace State to Athens State.

Prior Learning Assessment allows students with professional certifications or special training such as that obtained during military service to receive credits for that experience and avoid taking classes that they may not need.

Wallace State has led the Alabama Community College System in adoption of PLA opportunities.

"It is saving students time; it is saving them money and it is also, probably most importantly, valuing that learning occurs in a variety of ways and giving credit for that is the right thing for our students," said Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Karolewics.

"We appreciate our partnerships with ASU and look forward to working even more together."

"This provides for all of our students a real opportunity to take advantage of their experiences through prior learning assessment," said Dr. Catherine Wehlburg, interim president at ASU.

Wehlburg said PLAs allow student to advance their education in the most economical way possible, by keeping them from repeating classes for which they already have the knowledge gained in previous experiences.

"So that's something important to us and being able to partner with Wallace State to make that pathway that much easier for students to go through."

With the PLA transfer agreement, time is saved not only by the student but by the advising staff who will not need to recreate a student's PLA portfolio when they transfer from Wallace State to Athens State.

Wallace State students will carry that PLA credit with them to Athens State when they transfer to continue their education there.

Conveniently, Athens State has an on-campus site at Wallace State's main campus.

For more information about Prior Learning Assessment, contact Susan Peek at 256-352-7839 or susan.peek@wallacestate.edu.



Obituary Announcements: June 10-12

Wynell Brown Blalock, 100
Wynell, known to most as Grandmommy, went peacefully to her heavenly home on June 9, 2023, surrounded by family members. She was a mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend to many, but made it very clear that she was, most importantly, a child of God. She was a member of First Congregational Methodist Church of Cullman. She loved to cook for her family and she loved plants and flowers; she had the "touch" to grow anything. The family is thankful for the caring staff at Cullman Regional for the special care given to her during her final days. Vassie Wynell Burrow was born to William J. Burrow and Armindy M. Burrow on Feb. 15, 1923. She was number ten of twelve children, nine girls and three boys! Her main role in the large family was to prepare meals for the others who were out in the fields. Her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren were always so happy that she learned to prepare meals and boy could she cook! As a young lady, Wynell married Edward Lee "Buck" Brown. They raised three sons together who went on to raise families of their own. Their youngest son was born while Buck was serving his country in the Navy during World War II and he learned of his son's birth via telegram. Grandmommy lost her beloved husband in 1972 but has never failed to share their story with others. She saw many changes in this world during her 100 years, but she loved becoming a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great grandmother most of all. She had three children, six grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren. What a legacy! Wynell is preceded in death by her parents, siblings, first husband and father to her children, Edward Lee Brown, and late husbands James R. Lackey and Therman Blalock. She is survived by her sons: Edwin Max (Sandra) Brown, Ray (Brenda) Brown, and William Bruce (Wanda) Brown; grandchildren: Vince (Kathy) Brown, Alan (Dana) Brown, Scott (Jennifer) Brown, Beverly (Jamie) Jenkins, Kevin (Fran) Brown, and Kori (Patrick) Wiginton; great grandchildren: Katrina Brown, Michael Brown, Josh Brown, Luke Brown, Jake Brown, Max Brown, Will Brown, Drew (Ashlyn) Jenkins, Deven Jenkins, Emily Klair Brown, Amberly Brown, and Karter Wiginton, great-great granddaughters: Aria Kathryn Courtney and Chandler Jane Jenkins; nephews and nieces. Services was held at Moss Service Funeral Home on Sunday, June 11, with visitation at 11:30 a.m., funeral at 1 p.m., and internment at the Cullman City Cemetery following the funeral service. Funeral service were led by Scott Brown, grandson; Brother Jason Smith, pastor; and Teddy Blalock, nephew. Grandsons and great grandsons will serve as pallbearers. To leave condolences for the family please visit www.mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

James Drake 'Ja' Hembree, 54
Graveside service for James Drake 'Ja' Hembree, 54, of Logan, were at 2 p.m., Monday, June 12, 2023, at White Oak Baptist Cemetery, Rev. Steve Bryan officiated. There was no formal visitation. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Hembree family. Ja passed away Thursday, June 8, 2023, at UAB Hospital. He was born April 1, 1969, to David and Diane Drake Hembree. He was a loving son, brother, father, grandfather and friend. He loved spending time with his family. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Ira and Myrtie Hembree, Bill and Vera Drake and a grandchild. Survivors include his parents, David and Diane Hembree; sons, Kale (Katrina) Hembree, Keston (Paige) Hembree; daughters, Katlyn (Dylan) Sellers, Rachel (Trent) Campbell; brothers, Heath (Lesley) Hembree, Dustin (Lonna) Hembree; grandchildren, Brystil, Braiden, Allie, Scout, Presley, Charlie, Marley, Brylee, Georgia, Ford; and a host of family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Danny Lovan Hood, 71
Danny Lovan Hood, age 71, of Brilliant, Alabama, passed away Friday, June 9, 2023, at his residence. Danny was born on May 2, 1952, in Albertville, Alabama. Danny is survived by his wife, Carolyn Hood; son, David (Sandy) Hood; daughters, Kelly (Jason) Pollard and Dana (Chad) Barton; stepson, Donald Jackson; grandchildren, Ashley Hood, Amber Akers, Ryan Oden, Chasity Martin, Jada Cambell, Trinity Barton, Trevor Barton, and Tatum Barton; great grandchildren, Zayne Oden, Leo and Kap Oden, Kenzley Martin, Kasen Martin, Emma Grace, Hudson and Dawson Cambell, and Westley and Elizebeth Akers; sisters, Dianne Sizemore, Melissa Elliot, Renae Adair, and Lisa Hutcheson; and brothers, Dennis Hood, Ronald Hood, and Lavaughn Hood. He was preceded in death by his father, Howard Hood; mother, Dorthy Bell Vickery; and brother, Truman (Pete) Lauderdale. No services will be held at this time.

Gladys Faye Robertson, 82
Gladys Faye Robertson, age 82, of Hanceville, Alabama passed away on Tuesday, June 6, 2023. Gladys is survived by her daughter Candy Robertson Reeves (Mark); her son Tony Robertson; and her grandson James Jonathan Robertson. Gladys was preceded in death by her husband James Evon Robertson; her parents Tommy and Edith Isbell Boone; her sister Marlyn (Boone) Knight; her brothers Billy Smart, Willie "Bill"Boone, Sherill Boone, Duane Boone, Doug Boone, and her grandparents Will and Elsie Boone. A visitation for Gladys was held Friday, June 9, 2023, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. A funeral service occurred Saturday, June 10, 2023, at 11 a.m. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Robertson family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Michael "Mike" Solley, 62, of Joppa
Celebration of Life for Michael "Mike" Solley, age 62, of Joppa, will be at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 17, 2023, at Union Hill First Congregational Methodist Church, Arab, AL. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 17, 2023, at Union Hill First Congregational Methodist Church, Arab, Alabama. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Solley passed away on Friday, June 9, 2023, at his residence. He was born, March 7, 1961, to Beamon Solley and Glenda Sue Solley. He was preceded in death by his mother; grandparents, JW and Thelma Solley and Clarence and Jewel Reynolds. Survivors include his daughters, Candace (Junior) Watson and Jennifer (James) King; son, Joshua (Jenny) Solley; nine grandchildren; father, Beamon Solley; sister, Annette (Randy) Monk; brothers, James Solley and Jonathan Solley and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Elbert Junior Boatright, 91
Funeral service for Elbert Junior Boatright, will be held at Welti Cumberland Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 2 p.m. Mr. Boatright will lie in state from noon until 2 p.m. prior to the service; with Rev. Jimmy Peyton officiating; burial to follow in the adjoining cemetery. Mr. Boatright passed away on June 10, 2023, at his residence in the Welti Community. Junior was born on May 23, 1932, to James Elbert Boatright and Ruby White Boatright. Junior was employed for 41 years at Haynes Aircraft in Birmingham and also owned a farm in Cullman. Junior is survived by his wife, Brenda Boatright to whom he was married 65 years; son, Greg (Holly) Boatright; daughter, Donna Oglesby; granddaughter, Nikki Oglesby; grandson, John Taylor Boatright; great-grandson, Jeremiah Oglesby; great-granddaughter, Jayda Oglesby; sister, Joyce Drake. Junior was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Eugene Boatright and Vaughn Boatright; sisters, Louise Boatright, Evelin Amick, and Blanch Prince; and his grandson, Charlie Bennett Boatright. Junior was a member of the Welti Cumberland Presbyterian Church where he worshipped and served as an Elder. Junior was very dependable in his service to his fellowmen. He leaves behind many friends in his church family. Junior served in the United States Army and received his Honorable Discharge Feb. 28, 1962.

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Rodeo (from Front)

tion-packed entertainment including bull riding, bronc riding, pyrotechnics, axe throwing and a mechanical bull. There were several vendors and food trucks on-site, providing attendees with a large variety of food and drinks to enjoy.

"We are learning new ways to make the rodeo even better each year, but all in all, the rodeo was a success, and it's a unique and fun event that brings people together," said Wasilewski. "We organizers are grateful for the opportunity to host the rodeo and look forward to next year's event."

Bareback riding winners were Colten Carpenter ($891.68), Tony McDowell ($626.07) and Donnie Cole ($379.44).

Bull riding winners were Josh Phillips ($1,261.44) and Colby Williams ($840.96).



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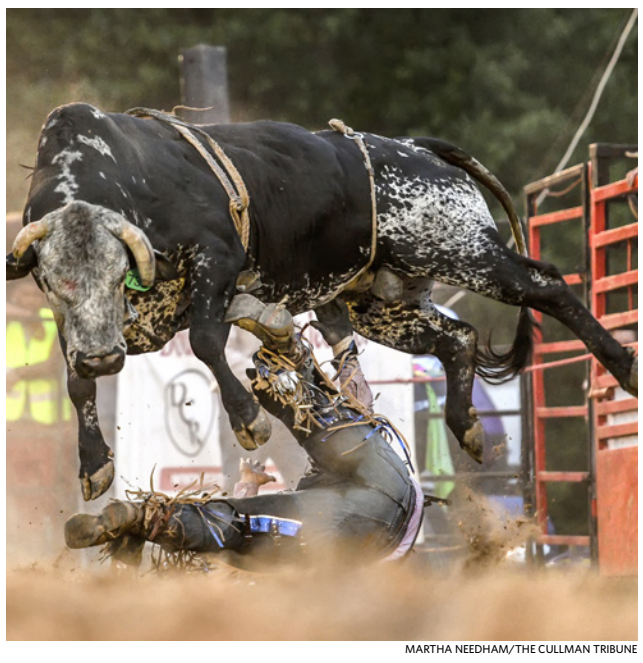
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