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# City school board recognizes art students; Orr stepping down to join Chamber

**Nick Griffin**
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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — The Cullman City School Board held its June meeting Tuesday at its central office, and to kick things off, the board recognized three Cullman High School students, two of whom were present, for their impressive showings in this year's Fourth Congressional District Art Competition.

Betzy Silva placed third in the Photography category, while Delanie Stracener finished second in the Drawing category. Elianna Hollis brought home first place, earning a presidential scholarship from Wallace State for winning her category.

After hearing a financial report, the Board approved the contract of incoming East Elementary School Principal Melanie Harris and moved on to this month's action and agenda items, which were all approved.

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*Left to right are Cullman City School Board Member Chris Branham, Cullman High School Fine Arts instructor Elizabeth Miller, Cullman High School's Delanie Stracener and Elianna Hollis and Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff.*

# City reveals planned Depot Park transformation




CULLMAN PARKS, RECREATION & SPORTS TOURISM

*This rendering shows what Depot Park will look like when the project is complete.*

**Staff Reports**
Contributor

**CULLMAN, Ala.** — Back in May, the City of Cullman announced it would be making improvements to Depot Park, including changes to the park's infrastructure. On Tuesday, June 13, renderings showing what the park will look like in the future were released.

"These improvements will establish a foundation for park enrichment, benefiting the community for years to come," said a media release from Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism (CPRST), which said upgrades will include "a significant expansion of sidewalks, ample seating areas, and serene multi-use spaces that are designed for both relaxation and large-scale events.

"With these additions, Depot Park is poised to transform into a welcoming and accessible environment for all."

Preparations are already underway to ensure supplementary water and power infrastructure at the park. "This vital step must be successfully completed before initiating the subsequent stage of the project," said the release.

"These new upgrades will help improve the layout and heavy foot traffic within the park during events," CPRST Executive Director Nathan Anderson said back in May. "Cullman events in Depot Park draw hundreds of thousands to Cullman and have a tremendous impact on our community."

At that time, Anderson also said the improvements will better support local businesses when events occur at the park, keeping their parking and storefronts more accessible during festival setups, and provide the opportunity to host more vendors at events, as the park is limited in power and water supply in its current state.

ADA-compliant assets, including sidewalk improvements, are also a focus of the transformation, as are improved pathways for heavy equipment.

"The City of Cullman is thrilled to embark on this venture for Depot Park, a project aimed at enriching the park's aesthetics and establishing a dynamic space for the entire community to relish.

"Stay tuned for further updates as the vision for Depot Park becomes a remarkable reality," concluded the June release.

The City will be relocating the Depot Park fountain to the historic pocket park next to Cullman's oldest cottage, Weiss Cottage, and Richter Chapel, located at 401 First Ave. SE.

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# 'Treat others the way you would like to be treated'

## Hanceville's Josey Freeman returning to teach at Hanceville Elementary



JOSEY FREEMAN

*Hanceville's Josey Freeman*

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CRIME

# Arrests and incidents reported June 14

**Cullman Tribune staff**
Contributor

**CULLMAN, Ala.** — Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 14, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

**CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

No arrests or incidents reported.

**CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**INCIDENTS**

**June 8**

- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; 3rd Ave. SW; clothing; $1,300
- assault-3rd degree; person; Willow St. SW

**June 12**

- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Coin Laundry; 4th St. SW;
- theft by deception-2nd degree; GLS Supply LLC; 4th ST. SW; material; $2,327

**June 13**

- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $101
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; miscellaneous charges
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; 10th St. SE; pistol; cash

**ARRESTS**

**June 12 – 13**

**Fanning, Nathan D.; 39**

- criminal trespass-3rd degree

**Phillips, Jacqueline F.; 39**

- FTA- theft of property-4th degree

**Tanner Jr., James I.; 31**

- FTA- theft of property-4th degree
- FTA- driving without license (2 counts)
- FTA- insurance violation (2 counts)
- driving while suspended (4 counts)

**Haynes, Tiffany L.; 33**

- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree

**HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

# Case (from Front)

**W.C. Mann**
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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — On the morning that opening arguments were to begin in the trial of Jackson Matthew Hall, 32, of Lacey's Spring, the defendant entered a guilty plea to one of the two pending charges, seeing the other dismissed. The jury was seated late Monday afternoon, June 12, and the trial was expected to get underway Tuesday morning, June 13.

In a plea deal approved by Cullman County Assistant District Attorney Greg Johnson and Cullman County Circuit Court Judge Martha Williams, Hall plead to first-degree sodomy of a child under 12 years of age (The victim was 5 years old at the time of the incidents.). A charge of first-degree rape of the same victim was dismissed.

Hall was sentenced to 20 years in the state penitentiary and a $5,000 fine, and was ordered to pay a $750 bail bond fee and a $1,000 crime victim's compensation assessment.

The charge to which he plead is a Class A felony; he could have received a sentence from 10 years to life.



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
***Jackson Matthew Hall***

# Board (from Front)

**A.** Resolution Regarding Indemnity
**B.** Student Code of Conduct Revisions
**C.** Cullman Police Department SRO Memorandum of Understanding
**D.** 2023-2024 Extracurricular Supplement Template
**E.** University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Education Memorandum of Agreement for Clinical Experiences
**F.** Contract with Susan Nesmith for PT EL Teacher from August 2, 2023 – May 24, 2024
**G.** Preliminary Teams Contract (1 yr) for the following teachers: Madison Crenshaw, Kyle Morris, Donna Brunetti and Tiffani Schwaiger
**H.** Advanced Teams Contract (1 yr) for the following teachers: Michael Crocker, Jonathan Brett Hazelrigs, Lauren Shelton, Elizabeth Pylant, Kelsey Williams, Aaron Avery
**I.** Advanced Teams Contract (5 yr) for the following teacher: John Drake
**J.** Contract with Tammie Dunkling to provide VI & SLP services from July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024
**K.** Contract with Tammy Sargent to provide Psychometry services from July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024
**L.** Contract with Mckenzie Kennedy to provide Speech and Language services from June 1, 2023 – July 31, 2023
**M.** Contract with Bobby Hill to provide Custodial services from May 29, 2023 – July 28, 2023
**N.** Approval of revised Child Nutrition Program Coordinator job description
**O.** Approval for a Career Technical Education Marketing position at Cullman High School
**P.** Approval for a Career Technical Education Marketing position at Cullman Middle School and Cullman High School (193 CTE)
**Q.** Stipend for Erika Lee to attend Medication Recertification Training on July 26, 2023
**R.** Stipend for Kayla Rogers to attend professional development training on June 20, 2023
**S.** Mental Health Interagency Agreement between Cullman City Head Start and Cullman City Board of Education
**T.** Approve the Revised 2023-2024 Cullman City Head Start Calendar
**U.** Contract with Leslie Dawson to provide CNP Operations services from June 14, 2023 – July 17, 2023
**V.** Contract with Sharon Drake to provide technology integration services from July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024
**W.** Head Start 2023-2024 Grant Application/Budget

I. Grant Application and Budget Justification including Program Operations, Training Technical Assistance, Non-Federal Share and Other Funding, Cost Allocation Plan, Selection Criteria

II. Proposed FY2024 Salary Schedule

III. Training and Technical Assistance Plan

IV. School Readiness Goals and Action Plan

V. Self Assessment and Improvement Plan

**Consent Agenda Items**

**A.** Permission for the Cullman Shooting Team Club to travel to the SCTP National Shooting Competition in Marengo, Ohio from July 7-13, 2023
**B.** Permission to salvage technology equipment that has reached the end of life for operation and warranty purposes or non-operational
**C.** Salvage inoperable gym curtain and old basketball goals in Bearcat Arena
**D.** Head Start Items:

I. Fiscal Report for May 2023

II. Health/Nutrition/Disabilities/Enrollment Report for April 2023

Board Vice President Joey Orr officially announced her resignation from her position with Cullman City Schools and shared a letter with the rest of the Board, which read:

"Dear Cullman City School Board, it has been my honor and privilege to serve the students, parents, faculty and administration of Cullman City Schools for the last seven years. I have learned and grown alongside the students we support and represent. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the other board members that have served with me over the years, Suzanne Harbin, Lee Powell, Jason Neal. Chris Branham, Amy Carter and Cheryl Harrison. These are all very impressive people with many different backgrounds and interests, but a few common threads woven through them all. They all love kids, they all love the Lord and they all love Cullman.

"I have also appreciated serving with both superintendents Dr. (Susan) Patterson and Mr. (Kyle) Kallhoff during my terms.

"Both superintendents have taken Cullman City Schools in a positive direction and have led with a servant's heart. It is bittersweet to announce that I will be resigning my position of Place 1 on the Cullman City School Board effective June 30, 2023 and will also be resigning from position of Vice President of the Cullman City School Board effective immediately.

"I am excited to take the position as the President of the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce.

"I feel God has opened this door for me at this time in my life and I'm ready to walk through it. Chamber President is a public position representing all of Cullman County and I want to dedicate my time to accomplish and exceed the goals of the Chamber. Therefore, I need to step away from the city school board to pursue this career.

"Thank you for electing me to represent you seven years ago and then again three years ago. It has been an honor. Cullman City Schools are doing big things and will continue to do so. I promise to be a huge cheerleader for you all. Go Bearcats!"

Following Orr's letter, superintendent Kyle Kallhoff presented a resolution to the Board recognizing Orr for her years of service with the Cullman City Board of Education.

The Cullman City School Board will hold its next regularly scheduled meeting at the central office Tuesday, July 18, at 8:30 a.m.

# LEGALS

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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

**Garden City Fire Station**
**GCFS Project # 202306 Garden City, Alabama**
**BID #1 – INTERIOR CONSTRUCTION**
**BID #2 – ELECTRICAL**
**BID #3 – HVAC**
**BID #4 – DRIVE/PARKING LOT**

The Town Clerk of the Town of Garden City will receive bids for GARDEN CITY'S NEW FIRE STATION INTERIOR CONSTRUCTION, ELECTRICAL, HVAC AND DRIVEWAY/PARKING LOT until JULY 10, 2023 AT 5:30 PM, at which time and place bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Garden City Town Hall – 501 1st Avenue South Garden City, Alabama.

The Project is generally described as but not limited to; GARDEN CITY FIRE STATION:
BID #1 - INTERIOR CONSTRUCTION OF OFFICE SPACE, 2 BATHROOMS, 2 SHOWERS & STORAGE AREA, ETC.
BID #2 – ELECTRICAL THROUGHOUT BUILDING
BID #3 - HVAC 40X60 AREA
BID #4 – DRIVE OFF HWY 31 AND PARKING LOT

The Bid Form, Spec Details and Contract documents consisting of the Advertisement for Bids, Information for Bidders, Bid Bond Agreement and other associated documents may be examined at Garden City Town Hall – 501 1st Avenue South, Garden City, Alabama or requested by phone, fax, or email listed above.

All bidders will be required to provide a Bid Bond for 5% of the bid price (maximum-$3,000) made payable to the Town of Garden City.

All bidders must comply with the requirements of the Contractor's Licensing Law of the State of Alabama and be certified for the type of work for which a proposal is submitted. Award will be made only to competent and responsible bidders as mandated by Title 39 of the Code of Alabama. All bidders must be licensed under Title 34 of the Code of Alabama.

The bidder is hereby notified that they must provide the information necessary to show evidence of license before an award is made. The Contractor may include the following information with his bid: Name of Company, Address of Company, Telephone Number of Company, Company Contact Person, Contractor's Current License Number, Issuing Agency (State and Expiration Date), Bid Limit and Classification.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within 30 *(thirty)* days after the actual date of the opening thereof. The successful bidder will be allowed 60 *(sixty)* days to complete this project.

The Town of Garden City, Alabama, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into this advertisement, women and minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The Town reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors if, in their judgment, the best interests of the Town will thereby be promoted.

**Town of Garden City**
**Timothy D. Eskew, Mayor**

**Attn: Town Clerk**
**PO BOX 172**
**GARDEN CITY AL 35070**

**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

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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 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

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

**Calling All Young Singers!**
Cullman Community Young Singers (CCYS) is looking for YOU! All young singers (ages 8-15) are invited to join us on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-4:45 at the Little House at Art Park, 1031 Second St. SW in Cullman. No auditions, just come for a fun afternoon of learning music from pop to classical styles. We will rehearse and prepare to perform at a variety of events in and around the Cullman community. Bring your friends- we will have music and everything you need to get started! For more information, text or email Miss Cindy at 256-338-4404, cindypass22@gmail.com. CCYS is sponsored by Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism.

**Baileyton Bargain Days**
First and third Saturday of each month from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the old Baileyton fire station next to the town's park. Beauty and health products, toys, home goods, pet items, food and many everyday items. A donation of $20 will allow a shopper to fill up a bag, and for $40 a shopper can fill a large box. Some of the items of greater value will require a larger donation. There will be some restrictions and product limits on the items. Cash and checks accepted. Proceeds will be used for park improvements and capital improvements for the town.

**Alcoholics Anonymous**
The Grace of God group of Alcoholics Anonymous has open AA meetings (all are welcome) Mondays and Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. at the Carriage House, located next to Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE Cullman. Contact phone numbers: 256-347-1097, 256-841-2209 or 256-708-1340

**Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD**
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m.- noon, Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m.-noon. Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry and Spirit Life Church.
• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthdays. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pickup is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper, AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• 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**
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**Fairview High School Class of 1963 60th Reunion**
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**Bates Reunion**
Saturday, June 17, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Trimble Community Center.

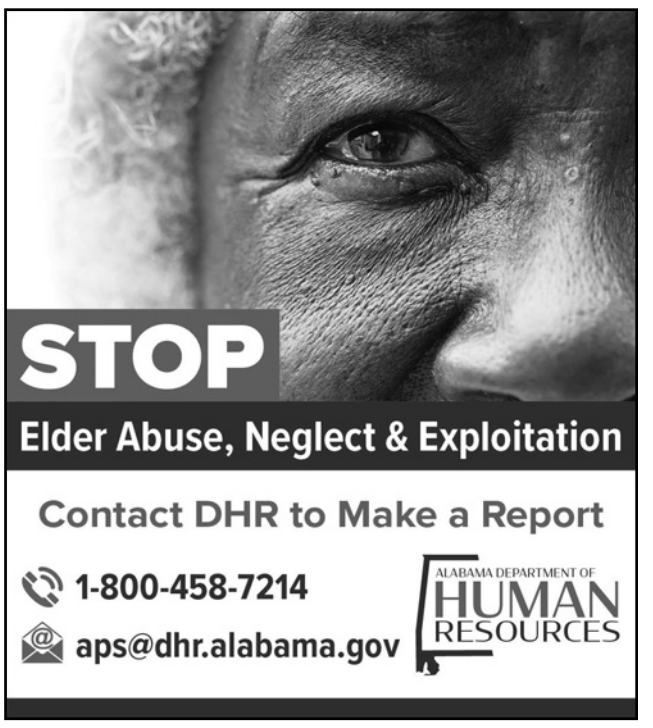
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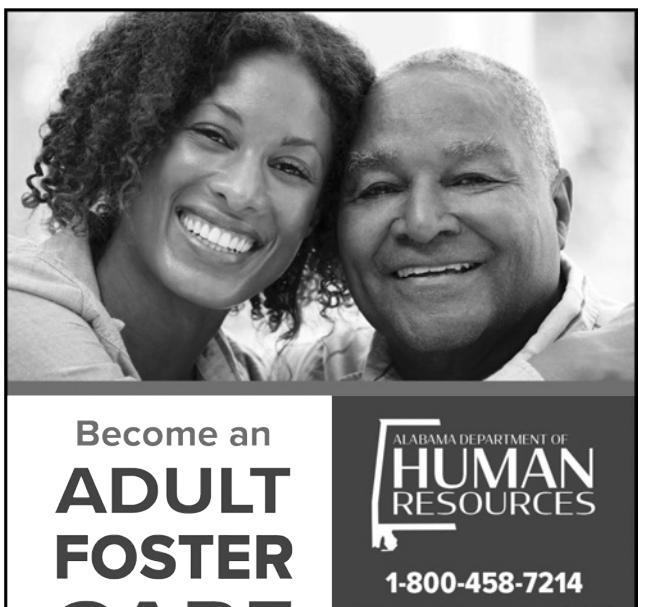
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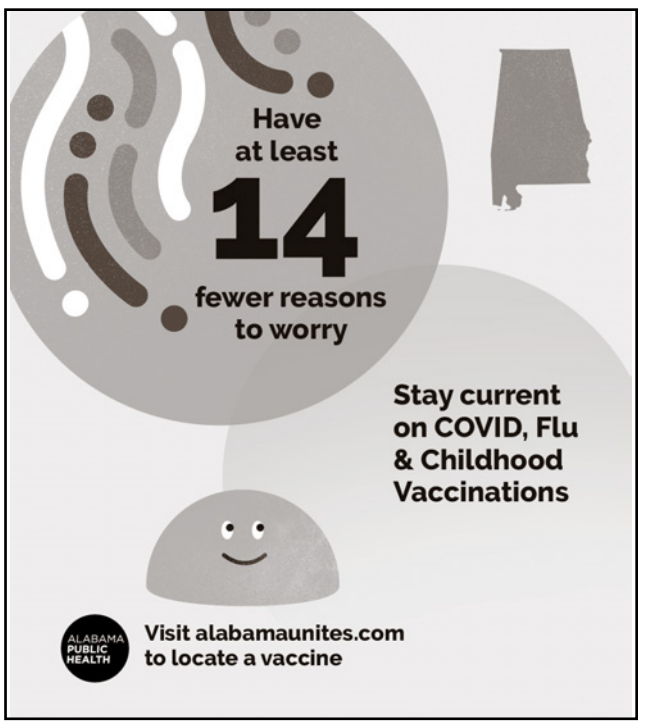
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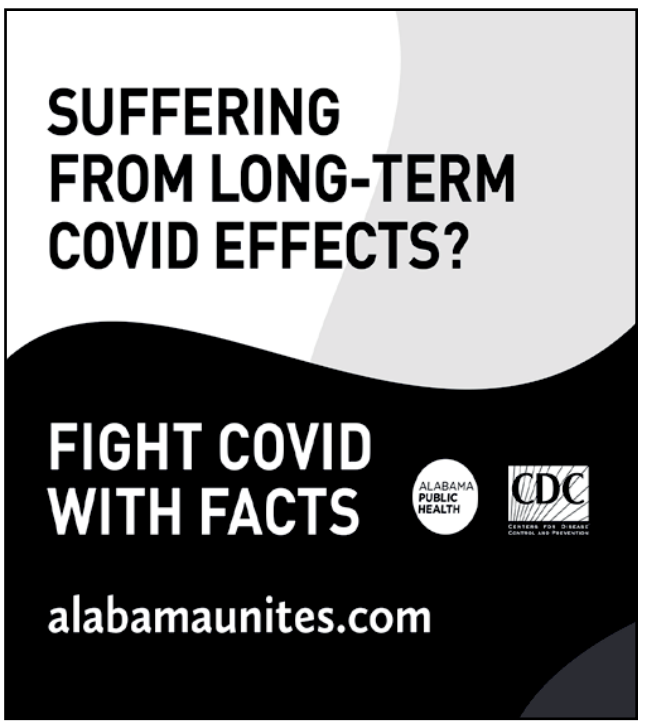
**87th Annual Sandlin Reunion**
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• Chairman: Dr. Randall Sandlin; Secretary: Patsy Sandlin Medlock; 1283 Highland Lakes Trail, Birmingham, AL 35242. patsymedlock@bellsouth.net. 205-915-1870 (cell). Anita Sandlin Glover (205-903-1756). Let's conserve 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.

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# 'The little things you do make such a big impact on the community': Fairview's Samantha Rogers talks life as an Aggie

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**FAIRVIEW, Ala.** — In this interview, I talked to Fairview senior cheerleader Samantha Rogers. She was in several clubs in addition to being on the cheerleading team for three years and was selected as a co-captain her senior year. She talked about that experience and what she learned during her Aggie years.

"I was in the FCCLA for four years and was vice president my senior year. I was also the Student Council representative for three years and a member of the Key Club for two years. That experience was amazing. I loved getting to help the community continuously and the opportunities those clubs gave me to do that," Rogers said. "The thing about Fairview is the community and the family that we build. You will notice that every teacher genuinely cares about their students and that affects the students so much. They taught me to always be there for people and always be there to listen because you never know how much that will help by just listening."

She added, "As for the clubs I was fortunate to be a part of, it taught me how much the little things you do make such a big impact on the community. Fairview's Key Club was fortunate enough to do several things this year, especially with special needs, and I loved it. You could just see their faces light up every time we would go play basketball or just hang out with them. As for cheer, it taught me how to work well with a team and how important it is to show up. You build this family; it's like you have 13 more sisters. Showing up for someone who needs you and working with them to get something accomplished instead of letting them figure it out by themselves or even letting someone else help you, will be something I will continue to do forever."

Rogers was blessed to get to cheer alongside some great girls and talked about what it was like being named the co-captain of the cheer squad.

"It was amazing. You build a second family. Even though it was hard at times, and we argued sometimes, at the end of the day, you all love each other. It was like always getting to hang out with your best friends and I wouldn't trade it for anything," Rogers said. "I was so thankful when I was named the co-captain. Being able to help lead this group of girls pushed me in ways I didn't realize I needed until after I was done with cheer. Being a varsity cheerleader, you are always a big role model for the youth cheerleaders. I actually helped the Fairview Youth cheerleaders and have the last several years, so I really wanted this group of girls to always do their best because you never know how many little girls are watching the girls they want to grow up to be someday."

She added, "I am sad my days of cheering with them are done, but I am excited to watch and see how much they grow these next few years. They have some great leaders this year and I know every single one of them are capable of doing great things."

Rogers talked about some of her favorite club/cheer memories and her favorite high school memories as well.

"Some of my favorite memories would be the Alabama Joint Leadership Development Conference last year for FCCLA, the cheer lock-ins, the late nights in the hotel rooms at Nationals, and going to the park.

"The JLDC conference was so fun, getting to hang out with a bunch of different FCCLA clubs from all over the state and getting to listen to a bunch of different speakers. As for cheer, the lock-ins were definitely something else. It was time for us to just hang out and have fun. The late nights at Nationals were so fun, partly, because we were actually so tired from going from parks, to practice, to competing, but it was actually so funny to see us like that, and of course, the parks were fun."

She added, "I absolutely loved homecoming week: all the classes competing against each other to get the most points at the end of the week and all the competitions we had that week. This year, we brought back decorating the hallways, so that was really fun. The energy at the homecoming pep rally and the game was amazing. I also love the in-county rivalry games; those were always so much fun. Two years ago, when Fairview's football team made it to the semi-finals, that's something I'll never forget. I'll also never forget all the laughs I had with all my friends. Every day at lunch was so fun and my sixth period English class this year is something I'll never forget, just because of the people and all the memories we made in there."

Fairview will remain close to Rogers' heart and will deeply miss being an Aggie next year.

"What made Fairview a special place to go to is the community and the family there. The whole school will come together to help or show support for one student in need, or someone in the town that needs help. I will remember the teachers who I had several years the most. They actually mean so much more to me than they will ever know," she said. "I will definitely miss seeing everyone every day, whether it be my friends or my teachers. Almost every day for the past four years, you see them, and it's definitely going to be different not being able to."



SAMANTHA ROGERS

***Fairview's Samantha Rogers***

Rogers talked about what all she will take away during her time at Fairview and gave some advice to the upcoming freshmen.

"I will take away all the friendships and the life lessons I learned throughout my time at Fairview," she said. "My advice to them would be, it will go by so fast. I know you're probably tired of hearing that and probably don't believe it, because I didn't, but before you know it, you will be walking across the stage. Take it all in while you can. Make as many memories as you can, join all the clubs, go to all the games, and be involved, because you will regret it if you don't. It won't always be easy. There will be times when you'll feel like giving up, but high school is the time to make memories and have fun, so do it while you can."

Rogers had so many great role models during her time as an Aggie and she also talked about the best advice that someone ever gave her.

"I had a lot of role models: Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Watts, Coach Daniel, and both my coaches, Mrs. Martin, and Mrs. Sizemore. They all helped me a lot and I love them all so much," she said. "The best piece of advice I received would be to never change for anyone. Always be yourself. I think everyone should live by this, because there is nothing more important than staying true to yourself."

# Vinemont (from Front)

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**SOUTH VINEMONT, Ala.** — The South Vinemont Town Council on Tuesday night. announced that the town's 4th of July fireworks show will be held on Sunday, July 2, from 6-9 p.m. at the Vinemont Sports Complex. Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be served, and there will be an area with bouncy houses and slides for kids. The town's next senior citizen event will be held Monday, June 19, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Vinemont Community Center. Any senior citizen is welcome to attend. The council said the Sports Complex will host the USSA World Series Baseball Tournament June 22-25.

**The following ordinances and resolutions were approved:**

- Ordinance 2023-06-01 Zoning Map Amendment to Ordinance 2023-05-01
- Resolution 2023-06-01 Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday
- Approval of request from Vinemont Golf Team for hole sponsorship
- Approval for Pickle Ball Court
- Approval to Sanction BBQ Cookoff with Kansas City Barbeque Society
- Approval for upgrades to Town Hall

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, July 11, at 6 p.m. at South Vinemont Town Hall.

# Freeman (from Front)

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**HANCEVILLE, Ala.** — One of Hanceville High School's 2020 graduates is returning home this fall to pursue her lifelong dream of becoming a teacher. Hanceville's Josey Freeman is joining the faculty at Hanceville Elementary School as a kindergarten teacher. Freeman talked about how she heard about the opening for the job, a role model that she had when she was in high school and how it feels to be pursuing her dream job at her alma mater.

"Jobs are posted through the Cullman County Board of Education website. I checked frequently for job openings (laughs)," Freeman said. "Shirley Beshears was my baton coach and she instilled being a hard worker, always wanting to do your best, and to help others. I wanted to be a teacher in the classroom like she was to me. It's literally a dream come true and it's where I want to be."

Freeman got her teaching degree at Athens State University and she won't be the only family member teaching at Hanceville. Her mom is one as well and she's been teaching for 16 years. She looked up to her mom growing up and watching her do a job that helps out other people made her want to make a difference in their lives as well.

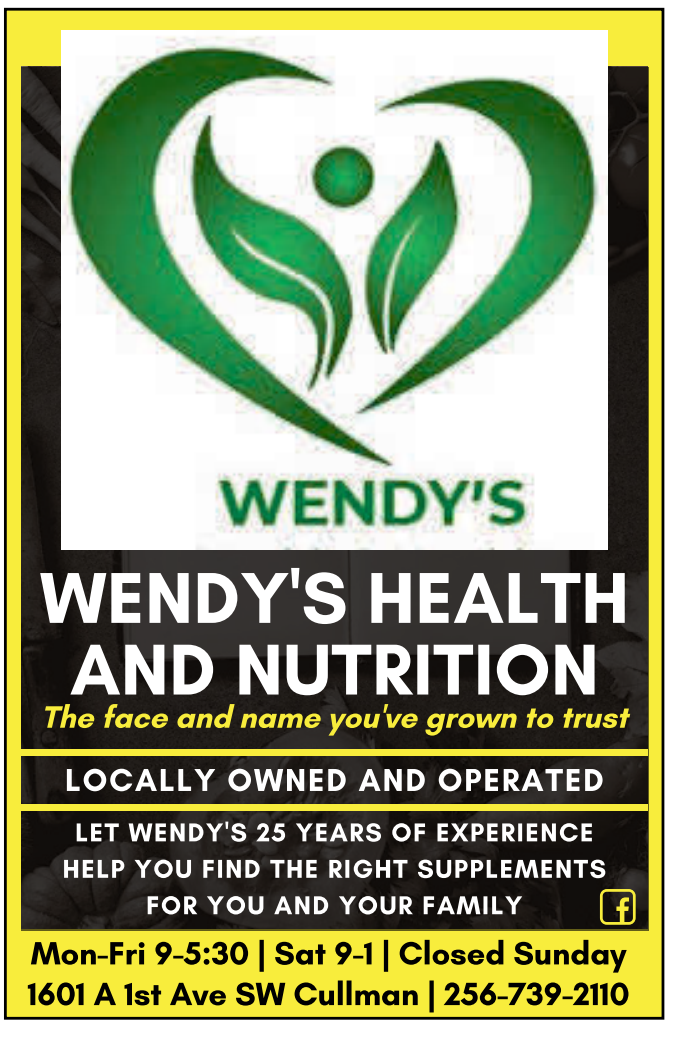
"My mom is a teacher and I've always looked up to her. Seeing how much my mom loves her job and how she makes a difference in students' lives has made me want to have a teaching job so I could be just like her," Freeman said.

"My mom has been my person to lean on with any questions on education. She has always been there to answer and help me with any questions I may have had. If she didn't know the answer, I can assure you, she was going to be determined to find out the answer.

"My mom's motto has always been to treat others the way you would like to be treated. Throughout my education, that has really stuck with me. My mom has always made a point to help others and be nothing but nice to others. During this new journey, I want to take her motto and help others, while making a difference in students' lives."

Freeman will be alongside some great teachers at Hanceville Elementary School and talked about what she will look forward to the most. "Hanceville Elementary School has some wonderful kindergarten teachers. I look forward to working and learning from them. I just want to enjoy my students and have a positive impact on their lives."






# Joey Orr named president of Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce

**Staff Reports**
Contributor

**CULLMAN, Ala.** — The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday announced that Joey Orr has been named its new president. On the same day, the Cullman City School Board announced Orr stepped down from her position on the board.

"Orr has served on the Cullman City School Board for seven years, with her current term set to expire in 2025. Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff noted Orr has been a true asset to the district, and will be missed as she moves on to the Chamber," said a release from the school board.

"She has helped the Cullman City School System (sic) navigate through change, growth and of course the pandemic," Kallhoff said. "She has brought an educator's perspective to the table; she has been fair and she viewed issues with an equitable lens. As a board, we are happy for her and her new position with the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce and look forward to working with her on projects that will benefit our schools and the city of Cullman."

Orr said it has been both an honor and a privilege to serve Cullman City Schools these past seven years, adding she's excited about the growth and progress made district-wide during her tenure.

"It has been a remarkable partnership between our city council, school board, our dedicated administration and staff, invested parents and spectacular students," she said. "Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve. I know I am leaving the board in very capable hands. I wish them all the best."

The Cullman Chamber Board of Directors in a release said it is pleased to announce that after several months of searching for a new leader, Orr will begin her tenure with the Chamber on July 1.

"I am thrilled to be selected as the new president of the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce," Orr said.

"We are blessed to live in the best county in Alabama and I look forward to working with the Chamber staff to highlight and promote the people, businesses, industries, nonprofits and municipalities that make up this place we call home."

"The board feels Joey's leadership, relationship building and small business skills translate well to the role leading the Chamber," said Chamber Board Chair Ben Harrison. "The board has confidence in her ability to continue the path in order to make the Cullman area the best place to live, work and do business."

Orr has served as director of children's and family ministry for Grace Chapel and lead sales associate for If the Shoe Fits, Inc. for the past nine years.

According to LinkedIn, Orr holds a Master of Arts in Elementary and Middle School Administration/Principalship from William Woods University in Fulton, Missouri, and a bachelor's degree in early childhood and elementary education from the University of Central Missouri.



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***Joey Orr***

As Orr's exit leaves a vacancy on the school board, the remaining school board will appoint a replacement by majority vote to serve out the remainder of her term through 2025. In compliance with Alabama state law, the board will vote on a replacement by the end of July 2023. Some criteria required to serve on the Cullman City Board of Education includes being at least 21 years of age and a current resident of the city of Cullman.

# West Point (from Front)

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**WEST POINT, Ala.** — Perennial Scholars Bowl powerhouse West Point High School had its best season yet during the 2022-23 school year, with only one player beyond the 10th grade. The team went undefeated in county and district competitions, took one of two state championships (first place varsity, third place junior varsity), finished eighth in the national championship and fifth in another national tournament.

"These kids deserve a parade," said team coach Lee Henry. "What they have accomplished is absolutely phenomenal. I'm not sure what else to say. I think that their record this season speaks for itself. County champions, district champions, state champions! Eighth in the nation. Almost all of them return for at least two more years. I'm just excited to see how far we can go!"

Of the 10 players on West Point's team, only one graduated in May. In fact, the rest of the team members were ninth and 10th graders, meaning that this team can compete, largely intact, for the next two years.

The coach's son Brodie Henry took MVP honors on multiple occasions at the county, district and state levels.

Henry called his MVP son "the heart and soul of this team." He continued, "As a coach and a dad, watching him play this game he loves is one of my favorite things in the world. He loves it and he's really dang good at it! As he enters his last two years of competition, I know he's going to keep his eyes on the goals he has set and help lead the team to their greatest potential. Whatever that ends up being, I couldn't be more proud of him and his teammates. They are a force to be reckoned with."

Brodie Henry told The Tribune, "Choosing to participate in Scholars Bowl has been one of the best decisions I've ever made. As an admittedly cocky young kid, I had a thing for trying to be the best in my classes, as well as a passion for competition. Those factors, along with my dad being the coach, ultimately led me to join the team at West Point. Since then, I have made some of my best memories and friendships, with both my teammates and with players from other schools around the world.

"Seeing my hard work put into this game, resulting in high team and individual placements at tournaments of all calibers, has given me a sense of accomplishment and joy that nothing else does. I also enjoy being able to help out with younger players if they need it, and am always willing to put in time to make sure our team as a whole succeeds at both the middle and high school levels. Without this game, I truly do not know where I'd be today."



LEE HENRY

***West Point's Scholars Bowl team poses for a photo following its victory at the state tournament. Left to right are Brady Laughlin, Sean Harbison, Eli Taylor, Abigail Roy, John Davis Yovino, Brodie Henry, Aaiden Jones, Starr Boyd, Sydney Holt and Eli Drinkard.***

Lee Henry talked about his team's experience at the upper levels of competition:

"Winning the ASCA (Alabama Scholastic Competition Association) State Championship was such a huge accomplishment. The moment it became mathematically impossible for us to lose the championship was a moment I won't soon forget. Our only senior, Abigail Roy, was the one who sealed the victory. There was an audible celebration from the parents in the audience. I know I pumped my fists pretty hard. There were still a few questions left in the game, and we had to keep our composure as they finished out the round. But, the moment the game was over, I jumped up and hugged the team.

"The look of relief and happiness on Brodie's face will always be on my mind. Athens is an incredible team and we had been worried about playing them all year. We kind of figured it may come down to us and them. Their coach is actually a former college teammate of mine. Angela Wagner and I competed together on the Athens State University team back in the early aughts. Beating them was no small task.

"As for SSNCT (Small Schools National Championship Tournament), that's our 'white whale.' Our ultimate goal is to win that national championship. I know that's a lofty goal coming from a rural school in Cullman County. But, we've come so close, and I think we've got all the pieces in place to make a serious run at it. Brodie was the fifth-highest individual scorer in the tournament as a 10th grader. Every player who finished above him was a senior. In fact, there is only one other player (an 11th grader from Pennsylvania who finished sixth) in the entire top 10 who will be returning next year! We have a freshman, Brady Laughlin, who is a geography and science whiz, who will only get better and continue to complement Brodie's knowledge base, which is primarily literature, art, music and other humanities. We also have some other talented young players who I will be working with to find their niches that will fill out the areas of knowledge we need to cover. We lost senior Abigail Roy, who will be sorely missed. But, we had no other seniors and no juniors.

"The PACE (Partnership for Academic Competition Excellence) NSC (National Scholastic Championship) is a very competitive, very difficult competition that makes no distinction among schools based on size, type of school, etc. At the PACE tournament, we weren't just playing 'small' public schools anymore. The biggest, most wealthy schools in the nation can (and do) compete at PACE, as long as they have qualified. Massive public schools, private schools, magnet schools, etc. all compete against each other. And, for the first time, West Point decided to throw our hat into the ring. There were 72 teams in attendance. We were the only team that was both a 'Small School' and a 'JV' (all players were ninth or 10th grade) in the field. My goal here was to have at least a .500 record.

"We exceeded that goal by finishing with a 10-6 record! This put us as the number five Small School and number six JV team in this national tournament. The questions were extremely difficult and the teams were stronger than any we had ever faced, but we more than held our own against them and will go back next year and hopefully be even more competitive."

Sean Harbison joined the West Point team this year after competing as a middle schooler for the Harmony School team. He told The Tribune:

"My experience with Scholars Bowl at WPHS is that I have had fun, making friends and playing the game. Scholars Bowl is not only a game, but a path on which I have made friends, had fun and learned a lot. The excitement of buzzing during a close match and the laughter shared with teammates have made this an experience that I will never forget, and I look forward to continuing this for the next three years."

**Team members:**

- Abigail Roy, 12th grade
- Eli Drinkard, 10th grade
- Brodie Henry, 10th grade
- Aaiden Jones, 10th grade
- Eli Taylor, 10th grade
- John Davis Yovino, 10th grade
- Starr Boyd, ninth grade
- Sean Harbison, ninth grade
- Sydney Holt, ninth grade
- Brady Laughlin, ninth grade

**By the numbers**

**County Weekly Record: 11-0**

- Brodie Henry was County League MVP

**County Tournament: 6-0**

- 11th consecutive County Championship (66-0 since Henry started coaching West Point in 2012)
- Brodie Henry was County MVP
- Brady Laughlin was also All-County

**ASCA District - Undefeated District Champions**

- Brodie was District MVP

**ASCA Junior Varsity District - Undefeated JV District Champions**

**ASCA Junior Varsity State - 3rd**

**ASCA Varsity State - Undefeated Division II (5A/6A) State Champions**

- West Point had won the 5A title a few times before, but this was the first time to win the Overall Div. II Title
- Defeated Southside High 420-250 for the 5A title
- Defeated 6A Champion Athens High School in a best-of-3 Championship series. West Point won in two games, 380-240 and 400-250
- Brodie was State MVP

**National Academic Quiz Tournaments SSNCT in Chicago**

- Undefeated in preliminary rounds, 10-0
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Asked about his team's biggest challenge, Lee Henry replied, "That's simple: money. I'd like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who helped support the team through donations, etc. I'd like to especially thank Traditions Bank and their president, Mr. Tim Compton. Without the generous donation they made to our team, we would not have been able to compete in the National Tournaments that we attended this year. We really can't thank Traditions Bank enough for their support.

"Scholars Bowl is not a revenue-creating activity. We fund our team through donations and through hosting tournaments. However, it is a very expensive activity. We spent nearly $2,000 this year on entry fees to our national tournament alone. And that doesn't touch the amount spent to travel, book hotels, eat, etc. We also have to pay for local tournaments, competition questions, practice materials, equipment, etc. I think people would be shocked to know how much we spend each year, even though we try to do everything as cheaply as possible. Unfortunately, a lot of that cost ends up coming out of the pockets of the parents and kids on the team.

"I urge local businesses to please consider supporting not only our Scholars Bowl team at West Point, but all the local schools' teams! We are representing our Cullman County community across not only the state, but the nation! We are showing that our little rural Alabama schools can compete with any school in the country in academic competition! We are breaking down stereotypes about Alabama, and having fun doing it. But, we desperately need the support and financial backing of our community to continue doing so."

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# Drowning (from Front)

**Noah Galilee**
noah@cullmantribune.com

**CULLMAN, Ala.** — A Cullman man drowned in Smith Lake on Tuesday, June 13, 2023. Cullman County Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick identified the victim as Cody Lindsey, 36.

Lindsey was reported missing and possibly drowning shortly after 4 p.m. Tuesday at Smith Lake Park after he reportedly went into the water to recover a personal watercraft.

Kilpatrick confirmed that Lindsey was pronounced deceased at the scene following a short search.

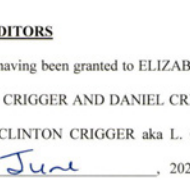
"It's an accidental drowning," said Kilpatrick. "(The) reported drowning at Smith Lake Park boat ramp occurred at 4:12 p.m."

Kilpatrick said Lindsey's body was recovered just before 9 p.m. He said, "He jumped in to recover (a) Sea-Doo."

Kilpatrick said departments that aided in the search and recovery included the Cullman County Sheriff's Office, the CCSO Dive Team, the Cullman County Coroner's Office, ALEA Marine Patrol and volunteer fire departments from Trimble, Logan, Bethsadia and Crane Hill.

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## LEGALS

**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

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF**
**LEE CLINTON CRIGGER,**
**AKA L. CLINTON CRIGGER,**
**Deceased.** **CASE NO.: PC2023-196**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to ELIZABETH LOU GRANT, LEE CLINTON CRIGGER, II, GREGORY CRIGGER AND DANIEL CRIGGER, as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of LEE CLINTON CRIGGER aka L. CLINTON CRIGGER, deceased, on the 12th day of June, 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.

ELIZABETH LOU GRANT
LEE CLINTON CRIGGER, II
GREGORY CRIGGER
DANIEL CRIGGER
Co-Personal Representatives

Jack T. Carney
Attorney for Elizabeth Lou Grant
And Lee Clinton Crigger, II
3500 Colonnade Parkway, Suite 100
Birmingham, Alabama 35243
205-802-0696

Douglas Martinson
Attorney for Daniel Crigger
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256-533-1667

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

**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

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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

IN RE: THE MATTER OF )
)
WILDA SUE BARNES, ) CASE NO.: PC-2023-040
An alleged incapacitated person. )

**NOTICE OF HEARING**
**PETITION FOR EMERGENCY AND PERMANENT LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP**

**TO: DAWN BELL**
**ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES**

Please take notice that a *Petition for Emergency and Permanent Letters of Guardianship* has been filed by Ronnie Lee Owens, Petitioner, by and through Attorney, Tonya C. Palmer. A hearing on said *Petition for Emergency and Permanent Letters of Guardianship* has been **SET FOR THE 27th day of JULY, 2023, AT 9:30 A.M.**, Cullman County Courthouse, Probate Office Room 101, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this 13th day of June, 2023.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

**Tonya C. Palmer**
Attorney for Petitioner
1939 Main Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
ETHEL DEAN GEIGER * CASE NO PC 2022-439
Deceased. *

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Letters of Administration with Will Annexed having been granted to Carol West as Personal Representative of the Estate of Ethel Dean Geiger, deceased, on the 12th day of June, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, 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.

Carol West
Personal Representative

Annette Irons-Parker
Attorney for Personal Representative
215 Main Avenue, SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
DELMER EUGENE WHITEHEAD, * CASE NO PC 2023-143
Deceased *

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to **JEFFERY EDWARD WHITEHEAD,** as Personal Representative of the Estate of **DELMER EUGENE WHITEHEAD**, deceased, on the 13th day of June, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Jeffery Edward Whitehead
Personal Representative

George M. Vaughn
Attorney for Petitioner
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Birmingham, Alabama, 35243

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
PAMELA LYNETTE BAGGETT, CASE NO.: PC2023-177

Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to KYLE BRUCE BAGGETT as Administrator of the Estate of PAMELA LYNETTE BAGGETT, deceased, on the 12th day of June, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

KYLE BRUCE BAGGETT
Administrator

Rhonda D. Bruner
Attorney for the Estate
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Cullman, Alabama 35057
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Email: rdbrunerlaw@gmail.com

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

CHRISTOPHER LLOYD ROBINSON, )
PLAINTIFF, )
VS. ) CIVIL ACTION NO. CS-2023-900064
ANGELA MICHELLE NASH, )
DEFENDANT. )

**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**

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF I.H.H.
A minor child. CASE NO.: AD2023-043
D.O.B. 10/27/2010

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION**

**TO: CHARLES ANDREW HARDY, NATURAL FATHER OF A CHILD I.H.H., BORN OCTOBER 27, 2010 TO AMANDA LEIGH DYE**

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

DONE THIS 12th DAY OF June, 2023

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

Shay Persall
Attorney for Petitioner
700 2nd Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
PATSY GILBERT CLIFTON *
AKA PATSY CLIFTON, * CASE NO.: PC2023-195
Deceased. *

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to PATRICIA KAY JONES ROPER, as Personal Representative of the Estate of PATSY GILBERT CLIFTON AKA PATSY CLIFTON, deceased, on the 12th day of June, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Patricia Kay Jones Roper
Personal Representative

Carl E. Chamblee, Jr.
Attorney for Petitioner
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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

**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

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# Obituary Announcements: June 14-15

**Crystal Chandler Stone, 42**
Celebration of Life for Crystal Chandler Stone, age 42, of Cullman, will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Mike Rester officiating. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Ms. Stone passed away on Sunday, June 11, 2023, at UAB Hospital. She was born Aug. 28, 1980, to Julian Terry Cofer and Sandra Kay Abbot. She was preceded in death by her father and grandparents. Survivors include her sons, Julian Issac (Kayla) Chandler and Jackson Nicolas Chandler (Reagan Fulmer); daughter, Abby Grace Chandler (Devonte Stover); granddaughters, Adalynne Chandler and Willow Chandler; mother, Sandra Abbott; sisters, Misty Cofer and Sadie Abbott; brothers, Michael Cofer and Daniel (Micky) Brasher; beloved dog, Diamond; best friend, Brandy (David) Hamner; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

**Athalea Abbott Howlett, 89**
Funeral service for Athalea Abbott Howlett, 89, of Bremen, was at 2 p.m., Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Persimmon Grove Cemetery, Bro. Jeremy Calvert officiated. Visitation was from noon until 2 p.m. at the funeral home prior to the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Howlett passed away Sunday, June 11, 2023, at Grandview Hospital. She was born April 1, 1934, to Bertis Cecil and Ruby Brown Abbott. She was a member of Persimmon Grove Church of Christ. She was a supervisor at Cullman Lingerie for 25 years. She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Ema Lea Abbott Howlett, Geraline Abbott Woody; nephews, Micheal Woody, Jon Abbott. Survivors include her husband, Norman Howlett; brother, James 'Jim' Abbott and sister-in-law, Shirlene McSwain Abbott; nephews, Larry (Sheila) Howlett, Jeff (Lisa) Abbott, Jerry (Penny) Woody; special friends, Carl and Diann Payne; family and friends. Pallbearers will be Jeff Abbott, Larry Howlett, Kevin Howlett, Greg Johnson, Jerry Woody, Carl Payne. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

**Laura Elizabeth Doss, 36**
A Memorial Service for Laura Elizabeth Doss, 36, of Cullman, will be 11 a.m. Saturday, June 17, 2023, at 1st United Methodist Church, Cullman, Alabama. The visitation will be from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. prior to the service. Abby Prevost will officiate the service. Mrs. Doss was born May 1, 1987, to Terry Leon McHan and Annette Lee King. She passed away on June 13, 2023, at her home surrounded by her family. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Doss family. Mrs. Doss was preceded in death by her grandparent, Harold and Geneva King, James and Vera McHan; and her sister-in-law, Ana Doss. She is survived by her mother, Annette King; Father, Terry McHan; her husband of 13 years, Gavin Doss; son, Pierson Doss, daughter, Adelaide Doss; father-in-law, Phillip (Carolyn) Doss; sisters, Taylor McHan (Chris Short), Sarah Grace Jordan (Preston); and a host of family and friends. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy can be posted to www.cullmanfuneralhome.com for the Doss family.

**James 'Pnut' Alvin Tolbert, Jr., 55**
A memorial service is incomplete at this time for James 'Pnut' Alvin Tolbert, Jr., 55, of Cullman. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Tolbert passed away Sunday, June 11, 2023, at his residence with his wife by his side. He was born Sept. 27, 1967, to James Alvin and Alene Graves Tolbert. He was preceded in death by his parents and his mother and father-in-law, Edward and Jerry Graves. Survivors include his wife, Jenny 'Sissy' Myers and a host of family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

**James Gary Akin, 76**
Funeral services for James Gary Akin, 76, of Hanceville, will be 2 p.m. Saturday, June 17, 2023, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Bethlehem East Cemetery in Hanceville. Visitation for the public will be from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday prior to the service at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Akin was born to the late James Alfred Akin and Verda Irene Harrell-Akin on June 22, 1946 in Hanceville. Mr. Akin was a man of many trades. In his earlier years, Mr. Akin started his own egg business and ran it as 'Akin Egg Company'. Along the way Garywould meet and eventually marry the love of his life, Linda Rena Lopez. After deciding to put his business behind; he went on to work for The United States Postal Service as a Postal Carrier. With a lot of dedication and hard work his career would continue on for about thirty-three and a half years before retiring. Even after retirement, Mr. Akin would continue on with many of the things he enjoyed doing. He enjoyed spending time in his garden, tinkering with antique cars and most importantly loving on his family. Those left to cherish his legacy are his children, Lorrie (Donny) Stricklin and Jamie (Jane) Akin; grandchildren, Brennen Stricklin, Hannah Stricklin, Will Akin and Eli Akin; great grandchildren, Ivy Stricklin and Omari Stricklin; sister-in-law, Debbie (Buster) Crumpton; brothers-in-law, Mike (The Late Joan) Lopez, and Herman Charles (Lenna) Lopez Jr.; and a host of many nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family members. Mr. Akin was preceded in death by his parents; his precious wife, Linda Akin; sister, Peggy Peed; and brother, William E. "Bill" Akin. In lieu of flowers, the family of Mr. Akin asks that you consider a donation to the Linda Akin Memorial Scholarship. It is set up at Merchant's Bank of Alabama.

**Gracie Ann Burns Bowling McClendon, 90**
Gracie Ann Burns Bowling McClendon, age 90, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Tuesday, June 13, 2023. Gracie was born to William H. and Gracie Myrtle Ralph Burns on July 28, 1932. She retired from South Central Bell and was a member of Northside Baptist Church. Gracie was preceded in death by her her parents; her husbands, Ottis Bowling and Harold McClendon, her brothers, Bill Burns and Charles Burns, and her sisters, Gertrue Chambers, Dot Taylor, Betty Kampis and Mary Graves. step-son, Randy McClendon Gracie is survived by her son, Allen Bowling (Kaye); her daughter, Susan Harris (Kevin); and her step-son, Mark McClendon (Karen); her grandchildren, Paul Bowling (Janna), Philip Bowling (Alison), Melanie Harris, Rebekah Rodgers (Jon Thad), Chelsea James (Ryan) & Jason McClendon and her great grandchildren, Caden, Coralie and Abigail Bowling and Chloe McClendon; many special nieces, nephews and friends. A special thanks to caregivers: Glenda Bailey, Karli Gammon and Kandis McLeroy; nurse: Joy Shelton and aids: Jessica, Kayla and Jennifer, as well as Chaplain: Brandon Stripling of Gentiva Hospice. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations please be made to Cullman Caring for Kids. Donations can be made at cullmancaringforkids.com or P.O. Box 698 Cullman, AL 35056, or a charity of your choice. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the McClendon/bowling family.

**Cody Garrett Lindsey, 36**
Funeral service for Cody Garrett Lindsey, age 36, of Cullman, will be at noon on Friday, June 16, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rev. Keith Whitley officiating; interment in Crossroads Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until noon prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Lindsey passed away on Tuesday, June 13, 2023. He was born Feb. 11, 1987, to Gary Wayne Lindsey and Connie Lindsey. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Hollis and Elene Rodgers, and grandmother, Peggy Dell Lindsey. Survivors include his parents, Gary and Connie Lindsey; pet dog, Buddy; aunt, JoAnn Lindsey; uncle, Wayne (Teresa) Rodgers; aunt, Linda Schnelle; uncle, Bobby Black; and a host of cousins and friends.

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# Hanceville's Creel named to ACU Dean's Honor Roll

**Wendy Kilmer**
Contributor

**ABILENE, Texas** — Kaci Creel of Hanceville was named to the Abilene Christian University Spring 2023 Dean's Honor Roll. Creel is a junior majoring in art.

Creel was among more than 1,200 students named to the Spring 2023 Dean's Honor Roll.

To qualify for the Dean's Honor Roll, students must be registered for 12 or more credit hours and earn a GPA of 3.6 or higher.

Founded in 1906, Abilene Christian University enrolls more than 5,700 students in robust online and residential undergraduate and graduate programs. Students choose from 87 baccalaureate majors that include more than 171 areas of study, 71 areas of study in master's degree and specialist programs, and four doctoral programs. ACU's mission is to educate students for Christian service and leadership throughout the world. Abilene Christian is one of only 19 universities to be ranked in the top 50 nationally for both Undergraduate Teaching and Undergraduate Research/Creative Projects in the 2022-23 U.S. News & World Report rankings. Learn more at acu.edu.

# Local students named to Ole Miss Chancellor's, Dean's Honor Rolls

**Jacob Batte**
Contributor

**UNIVERSITY, Miss.** — Alexander Brooks, of Arab, was named to the University of Mississippi's Spring 2023 Honor Roll lists.

Brooks, majoring in mechanical engineering, was named to the Chancellor's Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.75-4.00.

In order to be eligible for honor roll designation, a student must have completed at least 12 graded hours for the semester and may not be on academic probation during the semester.

"The remarkable students achieving Chancellor's Honor Roll are among the best and brightest at the University of Mississippi," said Chancellor Glenn Boyce. "I commend them for their hard work and dedication resulting in their outstanding academic achievements and this well-deserved recognition."

Sydney Sweet, of Cullman, was named to the University of Mississippi's Spring 2023 Honor Roll lists.

Sweet, majoring in public health and health sciences, was named to the Dean's Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.50-3.74.

In order to be eligible for honor roll designation, a student must have completed at least 12 graded hours for the semester and may not be on academic probation during the semester.

The University of Mississippi, affectionately known as Ole Miss, is the state's flagship university. Included in the elite group of R1: Doctoral Universities - Highest Research Activity by the Carnegie Classification, it has a long history of producing leaders in public service, academics and business.

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# Local students named to Freed-Hardeman Dean's List

**Dawn Bramblett**
Contributor

**HENDERSON, Tenn.** — Freed-Hardeman University has released the names of students who made the Dean's List for the spring 2023 semester. Students on the Dean's List have earned a minimum 3.4 grade point average for the semester.

**The following students from the local area have received this honor:**

- Gavin Boler, of Joppa, has been named to the Dean's List. Boler is earning a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science Information Systems.
- Reagan Malone, of Arab, has been named to the Dean's List. Malone is earning a Bachelor of Business Administration in Sports Administration.
- Ethan Thomas, of Arab, has been named to the Dean's List. Thomas is earning a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing.

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# WSCC: Classes in new Systems Engineering Technology option start this fall

**Gail Crutchfield**
Wallace State

**HANCEVILLE, Ala.** — Wallace State Community College announces a new Computer Science program option offering certificates and a two-year associate degree in Systems Engineering Technology focusing on the field of model-based systems engineering (MBSE).

Developed with IDEA, the Institute for Digital Enterprise Advancement, the curriculum focuses on providing training for systems engineering concepts, modeling methods and how model-based systems engineering fits into the current and future digital environment.

Systems engineering technicians will serve as data management support staff for systems engineers in fields related to aerospace and the defense industry, but the concept could branch out into many other fields.

**The curriculum includes six courses:**

- Introduction to Systems Engineering (SYS101)
- Systems Modeling (SYS231, SYS232, SYS233)
- MBSE in Digital Environment (SYS221)
- Capstone (SYS241), which includes a real-world project in support of an industry partner

Completion of those six courses leads to a short-term certificate in Systems Engineering.

Options are also available for the short-term certificate in programming and an associate degree in Systems Engineering Technology.

The program is available for traditional students, as well as dual enrollment students from area high schools.

Industry partners will play a large role in the courses, with paid internships available to students in the program and the possibility of apprenticeship as well.

Perhaps one of the more attractive features of the field is that in most cases, work can be completed remotely.

Additionally, this field offers a greater scope for creativity compared to what might be necessary in alternative domains of computer-based engineering.

"We are excited to be a part of this emerging field," said Greg Knight, instructor for the Wallace State SET program.

"The possibilities for applying model-based systems engineering are extensive, reaching into numerous modalities, business sectors and industries."

For more information about the Systems Engineering Technology option, contact Greg Knight at 256-352-8158 or gregory.knight@wallacestate.edu or visit www.wallacestate.edu/set.




# Local students earn degrees from University of Alabama

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**TUSCALOOSA, Ala.** — Some 5,885 degrees were awarded during The University of Alabama's spring 2023 commencement at Coleman Coliseum. A recent economic analysis found that a degree from The University of Alabama can pay more over time than investments in U.S. stock market indexes. The University provides numerous opportunities for service and growth through its educational, social and cultural experiences.

**Local students who earned degrees include:**

- Mya Agnello of Cullman: Bachelor of Science in Human Environmental Sciences
- Ryan Akers of Crane Hill: Master of Fine Arts
- Samuel Arzola-Ramirez of Cullman: Bachelor of Arts
- Austin Bowling of Arley: Bachelor of Arts
- Morgan Bowman of Cullman: Bachelor of Science
- Kirsten Campbell of Cullman: Bachelor of Science in Commerce & Business Administration
- Sara Caves of Cullman: Bachelor of Arts
- Niklas Fondren of Cullman: Bachelor of Science in Commerce & Business Administration
- Cassidy Gillispie of Cullman: Bachelor of Science in Commerce & Business Administration
- Alexander Gonzalez of Holly Pond: Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering
- Noah Haynes of Cullman: Bachelor of Arts in Communication & Information Sciences
- Spencer Henson of Cullman: Bachelor of Arts
- Amanda Hill of Cullman: Bachelor of Science
- Allie Johnson of Bremen: Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Alaina Jones of Cullman: Bachelor of Arts
- James Jones of Cullman: Doctor of Musical Arts
- Lauren Kritner of Cullman: Master of Science in Nursing
- Millennia LaGanke of Cullman: Bachelor of Arts
- Elizabeth Levi of Cullman: Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Bailey Maze of Arab: Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science
- Jacob McAfee of Hanceville: Master of Accountancy
- Alexandra Pettus of Cullman: Master of Science in Nursing
- Alyssa Price of Vinemont: Master of Arts
- Leslie Pruitt of Cullman: Bachelor of Arts in Communication & Information Sciences
- Seth Self of Hanceville: Bachelor of Arts in Communication & Information Sciences
- James Sherrer of Bremen: Bachelor of Science in Human Environmental Sciences
- Abigail Whitehead of Arab: Master of Science in Nursing
- Alyssa Wooten of Crane Hill: Bachelor of Science in Commerce & Business Administration
- Lauren Wright of Cullman: Bachelor of Arts in Communication & Information Sciences

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