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Cullman Regional expansion nearing completion

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The latest expansion project at Cullman Regional is nearing completion. The hospital broke ground on the project in January 2022, and it is expected to be complete this October. This expansion will increase the hospital's bed capacity from 145 to 175 and double the size of its critical care unit. The hospital will add 13 new critical care and 12 new medical/surgical patient rooms.

"It's imperative that north Alabama health care systems like Cullman Regional invest in facilities, technology and talent to meet the future health care needs of our rapidly growing region," said Cullman Regional CEO James Clements. "We're thankful for a visionary Healthcare Authority Board that believes in » PAGE 3



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Cullman Regional

129th annual Cullman County Courthouse Singing Convention this weekend



TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

Singers fill the second-floor district courtroom at the Cullman County Courthouse during 2019's singing convention.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — This Saturday and Sunday, July 8-9, Cullman will celebrate a unique tradition in Alabama: the state's last regular courthouse singing convention. Singers from all over the state, across the country and even overseas will fill the Cullman County Courthouse's second-floor district courtroom for the 129th installment of a local crossroads of faith and arts that began in 1893, and was only interrupted by COVID-19. Singers, listeners and the public are invited to attend.

Once a common occurrence in courthouses all over the South, Cullman's is now the only regularly scheduled event of its kind in the nation, though occasional special events will take singers into courthouses. Factors ranging from shifting cultural tastes and lack of interest in old-fashioned things to concerns about church-state separation led to a decline in courthouse singings over the years. Though it may not draw crowds of thousands like it used to, the tradition has managed to stay alive in Cullman.

What happens at a singing convention?

Well, singing, of course! If you grew up in a church with hymnals, you will probably be familiar with many of the songs, though the style of performance might be a little different. Convention singing is unaccompa- » PAGE 2

'It was a packed out show!'

Smith Lake Park hosts annual 4th of July event



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Singing (from Front)

nied by instruments, and focuses on four-part vocal harmonies. Songs can be joyful, loud and boisterous, or dark and soulful.

Convention singers follow a long-standing form, singing from a modern edition of a songbook that dates back to the 1840s in a style known by several names:

- **Shape/Shaped Note Singing:** The notes in the sheet music have different shapes depending on the note in the scale: round, square, triangular.

- **Fa-So-La/Fasola Singing:** The names given to three note shapes. When the singers warm up at the beginning of a song, they're not singing in a foreign language or speaking in tongues; they're singing the notes by name.

- **Sacred Harp:** Takes it name from the title of the most popular songbook used.

Event host Tom Booth said, "This style of acapella music is sung from a book called "The Sacred Harp" that was published in Cullman during the 1960s and 70s, but dates back to 1844. The book uses shaped notes that were created as a means of teaching people to read music and harmonize in multiple parts."

Singers sit in a square, grouped by vocal part – soprano, alto, tenor, bass – with the director standing in the center. The director changes from song to song, so if your favorite song is in the book, you can request and even lead it, if you like. Performance is unrehearsed, and singers of all skill and experience levels are welcome, even if they are unfamiliar with shaped notes.

Following the music to Alabama

Booth and wife Linda moved to Alabama to immerse themselves in the singing convention culture. Linda Booth talked to The Tribune in a previous interview about what drew them across the country:

"North-central Alabama is a Fasola singer's paradise. We are California transplants, and we've lived in Cullman for almost three years now. Many people here are surprised that we first heard Fasola singing in San Francisco. I loved the spare, plaintive minor tunes and the adrenaline rush of fast, intricate fugues. Learning the shapes made it possible for us to sight-read any song.

"Over the years, my husband and I flew to singing conventions in several states, but in 2010 we came to Alabama for the first time. The courthouse convention in Cullman was one of our first Alabama singings, and I'll never forget how we were treated as family that very first day. Right then, we pitched our tent towards Alabama. There is a refreshing way of making people welcome here – a genuine, family-oriented way of living that seems to be disappearing in so much of America. Alabamian singers reflect this, thus drawing singers from all parts of the world to come back and visit again and again."

Local culture with an international reach

Cullman's convention has, in recent years, routinely drawn participants from as far away as Europe, and this year should be no exception.

Tom Booth said, "It's not sung for an audience, but for the participants themselves, and once they are steeped in the tradition, some will travel thousands of miles to participate. Visitors from Washington state and even Germany are expected to attend this year."

At a glance

- • 129th annual Cullman County Courthouse Singing Convention
- Saturday and Sunday, July 8-9, 2023, starting at 9:30 a.m.
- Cullman County Courthouse, 500 Second Ave. SW (Hwy. 31) in Cullman
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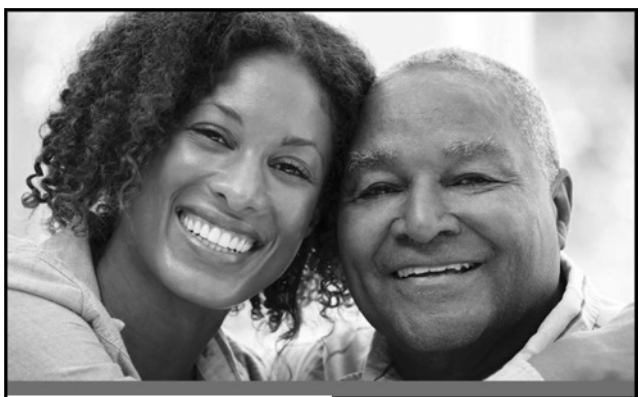
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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported July 5

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 5, 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 29

• theft of property-4th degree; criminal trespass-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $311

July 3

• theft of property-2nd degree; person; medication

• theft of property-3rd degree; criminal mischief; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; damaged property; $1,302

ARRESTS

July 3 – 4

Blackwood, Stacy M.; 27

• FTA- theft of property-4th degree

Criscoe, James M.; 35

• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (3 counts)

• FTA- public intoxication

• FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree (2 counts)

• FTA- attempt to elude police officer

Wright, Randy L.; 26

• FTA- theft of property-4th degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame Banquet Tickets
On sale now at First Southern Financial, 1622 Second Ave. SW in Cullman. Sale ends July 15. Tickets are $20 each. For more information call 256-736-4445. Event date is July 22, 2023.

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, July 7 - 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, July 8 - 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast followed by trip to Foundry Farm to grill hamburgers and hotdogs four our community outreach.
• Sunday, July 9 - 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, July 9 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11.

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.

Speegle Family Reunion
The annual reunion of the David Speegle family will be held on Sunday, July 9, 2023, at Speegle Family Point (334 County Road 321, Crane Hill, Alabama 35053), beginning around 10:30 a.m. Please join us and bring a covered dish for lunch at noon. Contact Judy Shannon at 256-734-3460 or Norman Calvert at 256-734-0389. Come eat and enjoy the day with us.

Vacation Bible School
A Royally Fun Time awaits at Vacation Bible School at Calvary Baptist Church, 227 Dripping Springs Road, Cullman, July 10-14, from 6-8:30 p.m. Ages 3-12. Call 256-620-3680 or register online at calvarybaptist2023@myanswers.com.

Holly Pond Homemakers Club
Tuesday, July 11, at the Baptist church in Holly Pond. We will then travel to the Brandin' Iron at Fairview for lunch. We will leave Holly Pond about 11 a.m. Please come and bring someone.

Heartland Quilt Guild
Thursday, July 13, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church, 1310 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman. All are welcome. We love to meet new friends.

Circle of Hope Cullman Shoot for a Cure 3D Archery Tournament
Saturday and Sunday, July 15-16. Featuring 20 3D targets on a marked wooded trail throughout the beautiful Camp David in Jones Chapel. All proceeds benefit Bruno Cancer Center at St. Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham. Awards will be given and we have lots of great door prizes! Get more information at www.facebook.com/circleofhopecullman/events.

1963 Fairview High School Class Meeting/ Luncheon
Friday, July 21, at 1 p.m. at Golden Corral in Cullman. Call Joyce Williams Rodgers at 256-339-3451 for more information.

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.

West Point Class of 1962 Reunion
Saturday, July 22, at 1 p.m. at the Brandin Iron Steakhouse. For more information call Linda Jordan at 256-747-6883.

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 (~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.

Expansion (from Front)

our hospital, and for our partners in progress – Doster and TRO."

According to Cullman Regional Assistant Vice President of Marketing Communications Jennifer Malone, Rep. Robert Aderholt, R-Alabama, secured $1.5 million in appropriated funds for the 30-bed expansion project. "We're extremely grateful for his support," she stated.

Malone said the hospital expects to start moving patients into new patient rooms soon. After patients are moved into new rooms, she said, remodeling of the old wing will begin.

The front entrance of the hospital has been renovated as well. Malone said maintaining an updated and well-taken-care-of facility helps instill confidence in patients about the quality of care they will receive.

"We're really proud of this," she said. "It's a challenging time for health care right now, especially for smaller community hospitals, which we're outgrowing that description with some of the services that we're adding and facilities that we're building."


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PREP SOFTBALL

‘Push yourself’: Fairview’s Ada Fales talks sophomore season

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — The Fairview Lady Aggies are coming off another good softball season as they finished just one game shy of a trip to Regionals. Sophomore Ada Fales talked about that season, what she learned and what it was like playing with a great group of teammates.

“I felt like we had a good season. I learned a lot this year. A big one, though, is that you need your teammates to pick you up, no matter what it’s about. Another thing I learned is no matter how many people think negatively or talk down on you, don’t let that bring you down. Use that to prove them wrong,” Fales said. “It gave me some of the best memories and friendships.”

She added, “You can’t just play by yourself. There isn’t a me or an I when you’re all playing together. It isn’t going to work out if we aren’t all working together. I realized now that this isn’t going to last forever, and I need to take advantage of it while I still can and work my hardest to get to where I want to be.”

Fales played for a great head coach and the Lady Aggies will be getting a new coach for the upcoming season.

“Coach Annie King was great. She’s the only coach I ever played under until now. She taught us lots of stuff, from softball all the way to life lessons,” Fales said. “We have a new coach: Brian Simmons, who is our weight trainer. He brings structure and discipline to the team. He has a lot of organization and is good with us. I’m super excited for this upcoming season and what it has in store for us.”

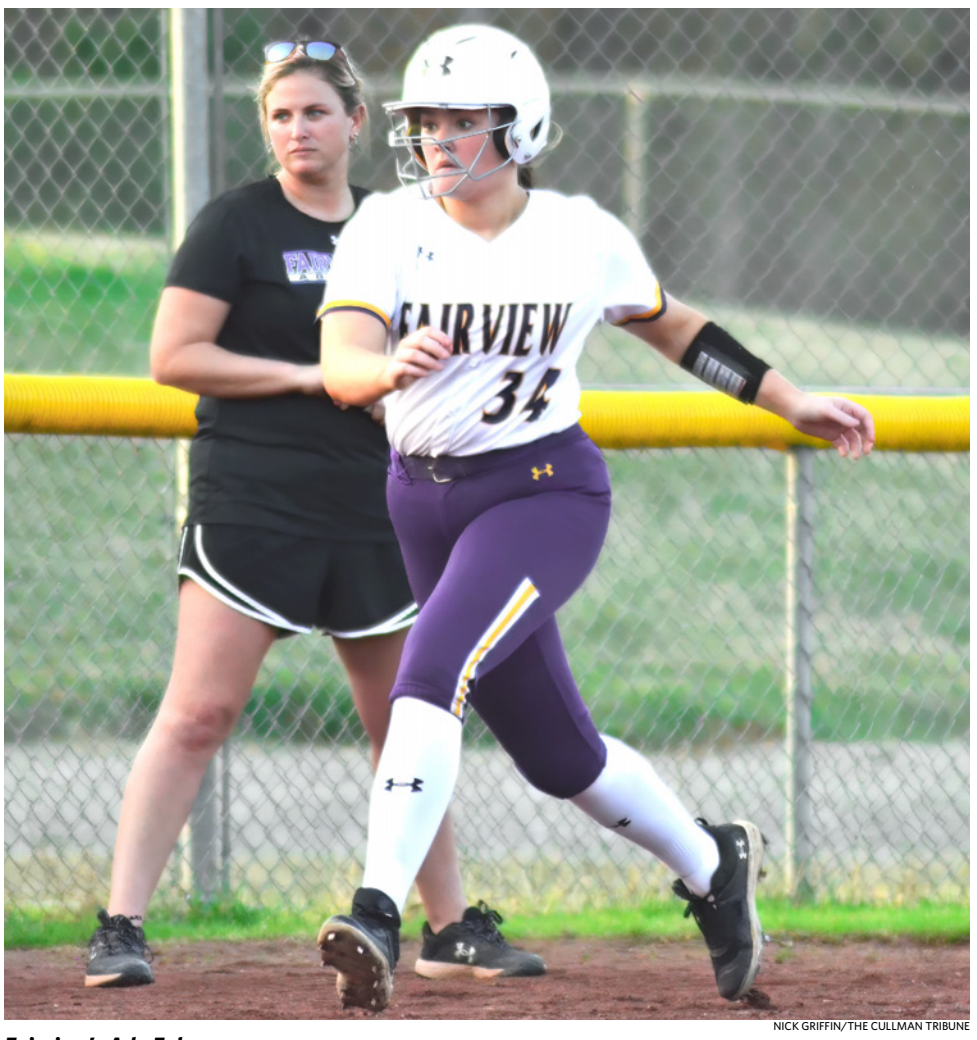
Fales played with senior Jaycee Aleman and learned a very important lesson from her. She also talked about how much her game has grown through the years, what she will work on in the offseason to get ready for next season, and her goal and the team goal.

“She was great to play with. She usually had a pretty good attitude. Jaycee taught everyone on the team that all it takes one person to lead,” she said. “It has grown tremendously. My progress videos of hitting have come so far. I’m currently getting back into pitching, so I’ll be working a lot on that, and my hitting. My individual goal is to be a starter again next season and my team goal is to make it to state.”

Fales thinks this upcoming season will be a special one for Fairview, and she talked about a special role model in her life right now, plus the best advice that she was ever given.

“We have a lot of talent coming back, plus we have a new coach in coach Simmons. I personally think he brings a lot to the table,” she said.

“My sister is one of my biggest role models and supporters. She taught me that you have to push yourself and step out of your comfort zone to have success. You have to be willing to put in that extra effort to get to where you want to be. The best advice she’s ever given me is to always do what’s right, not what’s easiest.”



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Fairview’s Ada Fales

PREP SPORTS

‘Don’t take anything for granted’: Vinemont’s Isaac Moody recaps Eagle years

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VINEMONT, Ala. — In this interview, I talked to Vinemont senior Isaac Moody and he shared some of his favorite sports memories from his time as an Eagle. He also got a chance to play alongside some great teammates and seniors as well and he learned a thing or two during that experience.

“My favorite memories were always feeding off the crowd’s energy with my teammates in big-time situations. Also, just any time a plan was executed to perfection, and it caused us to one-up our opponents, that was definitely a great feeling as well. This past basketball season, though, was special because it was the best season that Vinemont’s had in a long time. I believe it’ll be the start of a turnaround for the program,” Moody said.

“It caused me to respect what little time I had left in high school. It was amazing playing with those guys on each team. I could definitely depend on each of them for anything.”

He added, “Being with the same group of guys for over 10 years, it allowed us to become very close. I would say they are my brothers. We all helped each other out with anything and it’s great being able to have those types of people in your life. On the sports side of things, there was never a lack of competition trying to out-do your friend in practice. We all pushed each other to become the best versions of ourselves.”

Moody got to play for some great coaches in football and basketball and talked about some of his favorite high school memories.

“Coach Stephen Robinson and coach Cody Harris instilled toughness into my head years ago and that was a major thing down the road that helped me out a lot. Coach Preston Boyd taught me many life lessons and was most definitely a father figure to me, so I can’t thank him enough for what he has done for me.

“All of my coaches were understanding and able to listen. They all compromised very well. In tough situations, they always knew exactly what to say or do,” Moody said. “Some of my favorite memories were just being able to come to school with great teachers and some good friends. It felt like a big family all the time.”

Vinemont will remain really close to Moody’s heart and talked about what will he remember and what he will miss the most.

“It is a very welcoming and comfortable place to be. The teachers and staff are amazing. They are always willing to go beyond their job requirements. Anyone can fit in and feel welcomed at Vinemont. It’s just an all-around great school,” he said. “I’ll remember all the good things that people did for me while I was there, and I’ll definitely miss sports the most.”

Moody gave some advice to the students that will be starting high school in August.

“My advice to them would be to do all the things that you can during your time in high school. Don’t take anything for granted. If there is something you want to do, go for it. High school is what you make of it.”



ISAAC MOODY

Vinemont’s Isaac Moody

PREP BASEBALL

‘Practice how you play’: Fairview’s Jaxson Robertson recaps freshman season

Sammy Confer
sammy@cullmantribune.com

FAIRVIEW, Ala. — Fairview’s JV baseball is coming off another good season. The Aggies ended up taking home the county championship and freshman Jaxson Robertson talked about last season, what he learned and what it was like playing alongside a great group of teammates.

“We did good. We ended up winning the county tournament, which was good. I learned some new positions and how to be a leader,” Robertson said. “It was good. They helped me out a lot and taught me a lot. Coach Nick Dumas and coach Jason Hurt were very good coaches, and they coach very well together. They are hard on you when needed but can also joke around with you every once in a while. I learned how to be a baseball player and how to be outside of baseball.”

Robertson took away some things from JV that will definitely help him going into his first year on varsity. He will work on a very important thing in the offseason to get ready for next season and has some goals set for this upcoming season. He talked about what will make this team special to watch, a player that he looked up to growing up, and the best advice that someone ever gave him.

“Always be up, even if you are not in the game, and to be a good listener,” he said. “I will continue to work on fielding ground balls. My goals are to win as much as we can, make it to the playoffs, and to start.

“The team chemistry is amazing, and we have some great seniors leading us. I looked up to Lucas West growing up and the best advice that someone ever gave me was, ‘Practice how you play’.



JAXSON ROBERTSON

Fairview’s Jaxson Robertson

Stephen K. Griffith Memorial Fund donates $19K to CCBOE to support students' mental health needs

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Board of Education (CCBOE) recently received a $19,400 donation from the Stephen K. Griffith Memorial Fund to support students' mental health needs. The generous donation comes just days before the sixth anniversary of Griffith's passing in July 2017.

The fund was established in June 2018 to honor the memory of the beloved husband, father, grandfather, longtime attorney and dear friend to many. Through the SKG Fund, the Griffith family hopes to raise mental health awareness and fill the gap in services available within the community, especially among those with little or no financial means to access mental health services.

The donated funds will enable students to receive school-based mental health therapy for the upcoming year during school for crisis situations and/or mental health concerns with little or no cost to the families of Cullman County Schools. The emphasis is on improving student mental health, student and family safety concerns, and to reduce crisis situations.

This is the second time the SKG Fund has generously donated to the students and families of Cullman County Schools. In February 2022, it generously donated $10,000 to expand mental health services within the school system. To date, the school system has partnered with various agencies to provide students and families with much-needed assistance in the way of individual therapy and family support.

Unfortunately, over the past few years, Cullman County Schools, like all school systems in the state, has seen an ever-increasing need for student and family mental health services. The substantial need of mental health care has greatly reduced the number of available appointments for new patients and extended the wait time for families to be seen in the office, and all of that is dependent on insurance availability and the ability of the family to pay for mental health services. It is the goal of Cullman County Schools to ensure that all students have not only the best educational experience, but also receive the essential care needed to treat a mental health crisis, and the funding from the SKG Fund makes this possible.



CCBOE

Pictured left to right are Steve Glasscock, Dr. Shane Barnette, Perry Tucker, Karen Pinion and Shay Persall.

Fairview (from Front)



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Hoover (from Front)

Gail Crutchfield
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College is proud to announce that Deborah "Pepper" Hoover will be inducted into the Alabama Nursing Hall of Fame. Hoover is one of eight nursing professionals who will be part of the 11th Annual Nursing Hall of Fame induction ceremony on Nov. 9, 2023.

"Wallace State's Nursing programs and partnerships have grown exponentially and have earned significant accolades through Ms. Hoover's visionary leadership," said Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Karolewics. "She is most deserving of this prestigious honor, and we are so proud of her."

"Ms. Hoover has distinguished herself in the field of nursing through her development of innovative pathways to nursing education and her pursuit of excellence for those options," said Lisa German, vice president for learning and dean of health sciences. "She has a heart for her students and remains an advocate for both nursing education and the profession in our state."

"I am extremely honored to be inducted into the Alabama Nursing Hall of Fame," Hoover said. "I am passionate about nursing and blessed to be a part of a field of health science field that touches the lives of so many people when they need us most. I'm especially proud to play a part in educating future nurses and grateful for my colleagues in the field and in education who are also dedicated to providing the best opportunities for our students."

Hoover began teaching at Wallace State in 1990, when she joined the college as an instructor. She became the chair of the Nursing department in 2010 and has led the program through multiple accreditation processes, the construction of a state-of-the-art facility, two designations as a Center of Excellence by the National League for Nursing, a partnership with UAB to offer a concurrent degree program for associate degree and bachelor's degree and more.

Most recently, the program has expanded to offer nursing classes at the Oneonta Academic Center starting this fall.

Last year, Hoover was appointed to the Alabama Board of Nursing to represent education. She has also served her community. She worked with community leaders to establish the first hospice in Cullman County, has served on numerous boards including the United Way of Cullman County, Good Samaritan Health Clinic and more.

Hoover has been honored with numerous faculty recognitions, including outstanding instructor at UAB, where she taught before coming to Wallace State.

Other awards include the 2005 Alabama Community College System Chancellor's Award for Faculty of the Year; 2014-15 Healthcare Professional of the Year by the Cullman County Chamber of Commerce; 2017 National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence Award; 2018 Montgomery Lee High School Hall of Fame; 2019 Commitment to a Cause Award from Cullman Regional Foundation; and 2021-22 Innovation of the Year Award from the League for Innovation in Community Colleges.

Along with Hoover, other inductees will include Judy Bittinger, Carolyn B. Chalkley, Jennifer J. Coleman, Joy P. Dupree, Joyce Loyd Davis, Dorothy Ray Scarbrough and Ernestine Tucker.

The Board of Visitors of the Capstone College of Nursing established the Alabama Nursing Hall of Fame on March 16, 2001. The Hall of Fame was created to pay tribute to nurses and others who through their work and accomplishments have brought honor and fame to the profession of nursing and the state of Alabama.

The Hall of Fame is governed by the Alabama Nursing Hall of Fame Board comprised of members of our Board of Visitors. This body establishes the criteria for selecting inductees and the methods for determining eligibility for and election to the Hall of Fame. Nominations for induction into the Hall of Fame are submitted to a Selection Committee of the Alabama Nursing Hall of Fame Board.

Wallace State's Department of Nursing Education is accepting applications for the Spring 2024 semester through Oct. 1. Visit www.wallacestate.edu/nursing for more information.



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On Monday, July 17th, 2023, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M., at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Zoning Board of Adjustments, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Variance request for buffer requirements on Cleveland Avenue NW

For further information, contact Brian Landreth or Amber Duke at the City of Cullman Building Department at 256-775-7203.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Garden City Fire Station
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BID #1 – INTERIOR CONSTRUCTION
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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.

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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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

SAMUEL WATERMAN KNIGHT,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2023-900175.00**

LINDA JEAN DAVIS KNIGHT,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Linda Jean Davis Knight, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Samuel Waterman Knight's Complaint for Divorce by August 21, 2023 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against her in Case Number 25-DR-2023-900175.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 23rd day of June, 2023.

Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
STEVEN C. SMITH
P.O. Box 398
CULLMAN, AL 35056-0398

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

GREGORY SCOTT WARREN,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2023-900093.00**

KRISTY WARREN,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Kristy Warren, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Gregory Scott Warren's Complaint for Divorce by August 14, 2023 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against her in Case Number 25-DR-2023-900093.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 15th day of June, 2023.

Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
PAMELA E. NAIL
200 2nd AV SW
CULLMAN, AL 35055

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

TINA ROBERTS,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2023-000166.00**

ERIC HUNTER,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Eric Hunter, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Tina Roberts' Complaint for Divorce by August 28, 2023 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2023-000166.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 13th day of June, 2023.

Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER:
TINA ROBERTS
625 COUNTY ROAD 540
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HANCEVILLE, AL 35077

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

KERRI HALL BUTLER,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2023-900146.00**

DANIEL LEE BUTLER,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Daniel Lee Butler, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Kerri Hall Butler's Complaint for Divorce by August 21, 2023 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2023-900146.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 20th day of June, 2023.

Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
ANDRIA SIMS
300 1st AV SE, Ste 104
CULLMAN, AL 35055

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF C.D.H.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 07/15/2018

CASE NO.: AD2023-040

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: UNKNOWN FATHER OF A CHILD C.D.H., BORN JULY 15, 2018 TO CHRISTINA HARBISON PALMER

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Ronald Del Allen Palmer, 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 5th DAY OF July, 2023

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Melvin Hasting
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 517
Cullman, Alabama 35056

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF I.H.H.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 10/27/2010

CASE NO.: AD2023-043

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, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

NENA GOODWIN WISE,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2023-000207.00**

RANDALL SHANE WISE,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Randall Shane Wise, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Nena Goodwin Wise's Complaint for Divorce by August 21, 2023 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against her in Case Number 25-DR-2023-000207.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 14th day of June, 2023.

Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
NENA GOODWIN WISE
1409 ANN ST NW
CULLMAN, AL 35055

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: ESTATE OF
PATRICIA ANN STRICKLAND, Deceased. **CASE NO: PC 2023-214**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to JOHNNIE RAY STRICKLAND, as Personal Representative of the Estate of PATRICIA ANN STRICKLAND, Deceased, on the 5th day of July, 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.

JOHNNIE RAY STRICKLAND,
Personal Representative for the Estate of
Patricia Ann Strickland, Deceased

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

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

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

TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
JAMES C. RODEN, * **CASE NO.: PC2023-176**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Ancillary Letters of Testamentary having been granted to BEVERLY H. RODEN as Ancillary Personal Representative of the Estate of JAMES C. RODEN, deceased, on the 20th 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.

Beverly H. Roden
Ancillary Personal Representative

Jami Blanton
Attorney for Ancillary Personal Representative
417 3rd Ave. SW, Suite 255
Cullman, Alabama 35055
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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Obituary Announcements: July 4-5

Charles Dale Harris, 78
Funeral Services for Charles Dale Harris, 78, of Bremen, will be Friday, July 7, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Cold Springs Baptist Church. The family will receive friends on Friday from noon until 2 p.m. at the church. Burial will follow in the adjoining cemetery. Dale was born June 29, 1945, in Sipsey, Alabama to Marlon and Johnny B. Fewell Harris. He passed away on Monday, July 3, 2023. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Shelbie Harris; son, Jeff Harris; grandsons, Erik (Riley) Harris and Levi (Jordyn Kimbrell) Harris; great-grandson, Holter Harris; sister, Jan Barnes; brother, Ronnie Harris and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

Gregory Jerome Wooden, 62
Memorial service is incomplete at this time for Gregory Jerome Wooden, 62, of Warrior. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Wooden passed away July 4, 2023, at his residence. He was born Oct. 21, 1960, in Denver, Colorado to Bill J. and Charlene Marie Leach Wooden. He loved the outdoors, loved his grandchildren and was a family man. He was the best fabricator in Alabama according to his family. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Diana Wooden; sons, Matthew (Reshea) Harrison, Adam Harrison; daughters, Lacey Wooden (Blake Dutton), Jessica (James) Alexander; brother, Mark (Jan) Wooden; sister, Lynette (Kenneth) Butler; grandchildren, Mason Wooden, Hudson Alexander, Nolea Harrison; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Carter B. Thompson, 78
Funeral Service for Carter B. Thompson, age 78, of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 6, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Bro. Earl Harper officiating; interment in Holly Pond Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon until 2 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Thompson passed away on Monday, July 3, 2023, at Cullman Regional. Carter was born the sixth of eleven children on Feb. 1, 1945, in Arkansas to Lester Phillip and R.Z. Thompson. He married Linda Thompson, the love of his life, on Sept. 15, 1965. He was a faithful husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather who put his family first and served them selflessly. Carter loved the Lord and served as a church deacon for over 40 years at Plainview Missionary Baptist Church and most recently at Pleasant View Baptist Church. Mr. Thompson, a 32nd degree Mason, was a member and past master of Cullman Masonic Lodge No. 421. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Gerald Thompson, Harold Thompson, and Roger Thompson; and sisters, Janet Casey and Sue Parrish. Survivors include his wife, Linda Thompson; son, Phillip (Sheri) Thompson; daughter, Rhonda (Jason) Shabel; grandchildren, Trey Shabel, Savannah (Logan) Davenport, Colby Shabel, Kaylee Shabel, Dani Thompson, and Gabi Thompson; great-granddaughter, Scarlett Davenport; brothers, Milton Thompson and Randy Thompson; sisters, Wilma Ludwig, Judy Thompson, and Sherry Thompson; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Ellis Robert Bates, 76
Funeral Service for Ellis Robert Bates, age 76, of Cullman, will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 9, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rev. Tommy Graves officiating; interment in Mt. Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 8, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Bates passed away on Tuesday, July 4, 2023, at Hendrix Health and Rehabilitation. He was born Aug. 31, 1946, to John and Ila Bates. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Tony Bates; stepson, T.E. Phillips III; and stepdaughters, Connie Evans and Camillia Phillips. Survivors include his wife, Jo Anne Bates; sons, Toby Bates and Marty Bates; stepdaughters, Catherine (David) Carter, Cindy Hardy, and Candy Thomas; grandchildren, Owain Bates, Paxten Bates, and Tesla Childers; and brothers, Kenneth (Joyce) Bates and Aubrey (Ruth) Bates.

Deana Kaye Tubbs, 63
Deana Kaye Tubbs, age 63, of Good Hope, Alabama passed away on Tuesday, July 4, 2023. Deana was born in Cullman, Alabama on February 6, 1960 to Darold Dean and Mattie Lee Whitlock Tubbs. She is preceded in death by her father. Funeral services are Friday July 7, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Ralph Andrews officiating. Interment will follow services in Good Hope Cemetery. Survivors are: Mother: Mattie Lee Tubbs, Sisters: Cynthia Darlene Maddox of Cullman, Alabama, Devona Jean (David Allen) Calvert of Cullman, Alabama, Kelley Deonne (Bryan) Pugh of Cullman, Alabama, Brother: Kerry Lee (Calleigh) Tubbs of Bremen, Georgia, and a host of nieces and nephews. Visitation is Friday July 7, 2023, from 1 p.m. until service time at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family would like to honor Deana's passion for and support of girls sports by making donations to Good Hope High School's girls volleyball, basketball or softball programs. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Tubbs family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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Show (from Front)

Tiffany McKoy
tsmckoy@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — Smith Lake Park hosted its annual 4th of July event on Tuesday, with various vendors and live music throughout the day, capped off by fireworks after dark.

Cullman County Commission Chairman Jeff Clemons stated, "We are thankful for all the citizens that came out and supported the fireworks show at Smith Lake Park. It was a packed out show!"

Cullman County Parks and Recreation Director Doug Davenport was also happy with the turnout, especially for the golf cart parade.

"That was one of the best one's we've had," he stated. According to Davenport, the participants put in a lot of effort to make their golf carts stand out.

At the end of the evening friends and families gathered to watch the fireworks show over the water.

A statement from the Cullman County Sheriff's Office said:
"Sheriff Matt Gentry would like to thank all of the deputies at the Cullman County Sheriff's Office for their hard work and dedication.

"The Sheriff would also like to express his appreciation to all those who came out to Smith Lake Park to celebrate July 4th. The crowds were great despite the weather."

"We always love to see the friends and families that come out to enjoy the holiday.

"The fact that we have such a large crowd every year with so few problems, really shows how special Cullman County is.

"I truly appreciate everyone involved," said Sheriff Gentry.

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