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Cullman County PALS names Beautification Award winners

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CULLMAN COUNTY, Ala. — The Cullman County branch of People Against a Littered State (PALS) last week celebrated local businesses and groups that help make the community a more attractive place to live and work.

The goal of Cullman County PALS is "helping to make our community a pleasant place to visit, shop, play and live."

The awards, according to PALS, "recognize the efforts of the many businesses that work hard to make the Cullman area a beautiful place for everyone to enjoy."

The organization uses a team of independently appointed Master Gardeners to review and score » PAGE 6



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Beer, Bands & Bingo 'perhaps the biggest since its inception'



CAYLA GRACE MURPHY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Local band Brick Avenue serenades a crowd of bingo enthusiasts at Goat Island Brewing during the fifth annual Beer, Bands & Bingo event hosted Saturday, July 8.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Bingo players were elbow to elbow at Goat Island Brewing Saturday, July 8, dotting called spaces, hoping for a chance to win items like designer bags, kitchen appliances and gifts made by local artisans. The fifth annual Beer, Bands & Bingo event was hosted by the St. Paul's Evangelism Committee.

The venue was packed, with bartenders slinging brews to thirsty patrons and local food truck Chat & Chew doling out fresh-made meals while Brick Avenue and BREZ entertained the crowd.

The event started as a fundraiser for a specific need years ago, but by popular demand has become an annual event for fellowship and friendly competition, and has steadily grown.

"We were so impressed with the huge turnout – perhaps the biggest since its inception five years ago!" smiled Elizabeth Hayes Lamar, a member of the St. Paul's Evangelism Committee and founder of the event. Lamar said that while certain details have changed year to year, the venue has always stayed the same.

"Goat Island has been fantastic about letting us have the event here and giving back as well," she said.

"We want to thank Goat Island and their awesome staff of bartenders and event coordinators for always supporting not only St. Paul's, but our whole community!"

To learn more about St. Paul's Lutheran Church and future outreach events, visit www.facebook.com/St-PaulsCullman.

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Wallace State: 'ESL classes growing by leaps and bounds'



WALLACE STATE

ESL instructor John Barnett, left, chats with students attending a Tuesday Night Transformation event at the Wallace State Community College Oneonta Academic Center, while instructor David Higginbotham and Adult Education Director Patti Wilkins look on.
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Fairview High esports team hosts tournament fundraiser



COACH DAVID BROOKS

The winners at the esports tournament on Saturday, July 8, 2023, were, left to right, James Gilmer, Marco McDonald, Cayden Maddox, Coy Mier and Owen Harris.
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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported July 10

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Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 10, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

July 6

- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; criminal mischief; CR 532
- harassment; CR 1123
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 1422
- sell/distribute drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1123
- harassment; Pine Ln. SE
- harassment; Beech Ave. SE
- permitting dogs to run at large; Pine Ln. SE
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Day Gap Rd.
- burglary; CR 717
- harassment; CR 1216
- domestic violence; CR 338

July 7

- theft of property; I-65 SB Rest Area
- possession of dangerous drugs; CR 715
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 601
- assault; CR 531

July 8

- reckless endangerment; CR 222
- burglary; CR 1586
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 641
- domestic violence; Hwy. 91
- domestic violence; CR 18
- domestic violence; I-65 near Exit 304
- theft of property; CR 1551
- criminal mischief; theft of property; attempt to elude police officer; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 735
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 276
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; 1st Ave. N, Hanceville

July 9

- theft of property; CR 1435
- harassment; CR 18
- domestic violence; CR 1609
- domestic violence; CR 775
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278 W
- assault; CR 438
- burglary; CR 2019
- domestic violence; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 438
- domestic violence; CR 222
- gas drive-off; Hwy. 31
- criminal mischief; CR 1742

ARRESTS

July 6 – 9

Baker, Grayson J.; 19
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Bennett, Justin B.; 36
- Probation Violation- assault-aggravated assault non-family-strong arm

Bonds, Dana M.; 33
- Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)

Boykin, William B.; 18
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Busby Jr., William J.; 52
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Butler, Larry T.; 35
- Violation of Release Order- sale of stolen property

Clements, Rachel G.; 29
- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft less than $500
- possession of burglary tools
- criminal mischief-damage to private property
- attempt to elude police officer
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Cranford, Mason A.; 39
- FTA- burglary-non-residence-no force
- FTA- larceny/theft-utility diversion
- FTA- attempting to elude police officer
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled (2 counts)
- FTA- illegal towing/hauling disabled vehicle

Durham, David J.; 47
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Eliff, Alan L.; 52
- burglary-residence-force
- receiving stolen vehicle
- damaged property-criminal mischief
- larceny/theft-theft from residence

Fletcher, David A.; 35
- DUI (alcohol)

Freeman, Shonda Ann L.; 40
- public intoxication

Gay, Eric W.; 40
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Goodwin, Joseph M.; 44
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Griffin, Brandon M.; 25
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle (no theft or damage)
- public intoxication

Harris, Jayme; 25
- public intoxication

Haynes, Jeremy A.; 35
- possession of marijaua-na-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Jackson, Jeremy N.;45
- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft less than $500
- possession of burglary tools
- criminal mischief-damaged property

Jones, Clinton M.; 34
- possession of dangerous drugs

McCay, Chris O.; 57
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

McClendon, Lisa M.; 33
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

McClure, Jeffrey S.; 42
- FTA- DUI

Niles, James D.; 34
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- obstructing police-obedience to police/firemen

Oats, Aaron E.; 32
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Parker, Phillip D.; 55
- FTA- possession of methamphetamine
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Perkins, Rusty L.; 45
- FTA- Violation of Domestic Violence Protection Order

Pigg, Katrina N.; 34
- Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs

Posey, John D.; 50
- FTA- leaving scene of an accident

Snider, Timothy T.; 35
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family (2 counts)
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- assault with bodily fluids
- assault-harassment (harassment/intimidation)
- obstruction governmental operations

Weir, Jamie L.; 50
- sell/distribute methamphetamine
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Williams, Terry W.; 61
- forgery-forged instrument

Wise, Zachary S.; 28
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- DUI (controlled substance)

Woodard, James A.; 64
- Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

July 6
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $82

July 7
- identity theft; person
- theft of property-2nd degree; person; medication

July 8
- domestic violence-3rd degree-harassment; person; Logan St. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; alcohol; $9

ARRESTS

July 7 – 9

Wise, Justin D.; 38
- FTA- attempt to elude police officer
- FTA- reckless endangerment
- FTA- driving while revoked
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- improper lane usage

Johnson, Ladonna W.; 43
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree

Letson, Jenny M.; 45
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree
- FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Winfrey, Jessica S.; 33
- possession/receiving controlled substance
- tampering with physical evidence

Brown, Shalyn M.; 25
- domestic violence-3rd degree-harassment

Drozda, John W.; 36
- possession/receiving controlled substance
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Ball, Bryan M.; 48
- theft of property-4th degree

Banks, Timothy R.; 43
- FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- driving while suspended

Collins, Roger R.; 51
- theft of lost property-4th degree

Eliff, Alan L.; 52
- false information to law enforcement

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Op-Ed: Alabama's historic grocery tax cut shows we must always attempt to accomplish what others say can't be done

Lt. Gov. Will Ainsworth
Contributor

Alabamians may have felt their wallets bulge a bit last month when the Legislature approved our bill that slices the sales tax on groceries in half and implements the single largest tax cut in state history.

Alabama was one of only three states that taxed groceries at the full rate - South Dakota and Mississippi are the others - and we were one of only 13 states in the nation that levied any tax on food.

But beginning on Sept. 1, 2023, Alabama's 4% state sales tax on groceries will be cut to 3%, and another percent will be automatically deducted when revenues in the Education Trust Fund reach a trigger point that is set in the bill, which is expected to occur as soon as the next fiscal year.

Safety provisions have been put in place to ensure that education dollars are protected as the $300 million tax cut goes into effect, and we remain dedicated to fully funding our K-12 publicschools, community colleges and public universities at all times.

The bill uses the same definition of groceries as the federal food stamp program, known in D.C. nomenclature as SNAP, which means all groceries will be covered except for pre-prepared, hot food from grocery store delis.

A close in the legislation blocks cities and counties from raising their sales taxes on groceries so Alabamians can be assured of the intended savings, but it does allow officials in city halls and county complexes to follow the Legislature's lead and cut the local food tax, if they choose.

For several decades, elected officials and advocacy groups across Alabama have attempted to reduce or remove the grocery tax, but their plans always required other taxes to be raised in order to offset the revenue losses.

Many of those suggested tax increases targeted middle-class families, which always doomed the efforts from the start, especially among hardcore Republicans like me.

As lieutenant governor, though, I noticed that the conservative budgeting practices implemented since Republicans gained control of the Legislature in 2010 have provided Alabama's coffers with a sizable financial cushion that did not exist before.

Our state's business sector - ranging from the largest employers to the smallest, mom-and-pop operations - remains healthy, and our continuing success in attracting both new and expanding industries is resulting in unprecedented revenues flowing to the treasury.

Putting pencil to paper and running the numbers soon revealed to me that Alabama could afford to cut the grocery tax without needing to penalize any groups or individuals by raising their existing levies.

I met with countless experts, advisors and associations, including the grocers who collect the tax at the point of sale, to rally them to take immediate action and worked with Sen. Andrew Jones, R-Centre; House Education Budget Chair Danny Garrett, R-Trussville; and Senate Education Budget Chair Arthur Orr, R-Decatur to create a workable plan.

Once lawmakers were briefed on our proposal, support for it spread like wildfire. All 35 members of the Alabama Senate agreed to serve as sponsors along with 100 of the 105 members of the House.

I am told by many longtime State House observers that no major bill of such significance has ever achieved the same unanimous and bipartisan support.

Our dinner table tax cut will save the average Alabama family the cost of two weeks of groceries, and that financial relief is much needed in the current economic environment because the liberal fiscal policies being pushed and promoted by Joe Biden and congressional Democrats have caused inflation to skyrocket.

Between 2022 and 2023, the cost of food rose by an average of 7.7% according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Eggs alone cost a third more than they did last year, bread and cereal are up by 25% and meat, fish and chicken are substantially higher.

Our success in cutting the grocery tax demonstrates what can be accomplished if we stay true to our conservative beliefs, build consensus among lawmakers and have the courage to attempt to accomplish what many say can't be done.

But the job is only half-complete, and work still lies ahead as I am determined and fully committed to abolishing the grocery tax altogether.

I ask all of you to join me in thanking each member of the legislature for supporting this historic tax cut. It was a true bipartisan effort. Together, we will continue making an already great state even better.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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.
• Wednesday, July 5 - 7 p.m. Children, adult and youth classes. Free pizza for children at 6:30 p.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area at 6. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup.
• Friday, July 14 - 11 am Adult Luncheon
• Friday, July 14 - 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 15 – 9-11 a.m. Drive-through food bank
• Sunday, July 16 - 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 16 - 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 & 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.

Vacation Bible School
A Royally Fun Time awaits at Vacation Bible School at Calvary Baptist Church, 227 Dripping Springs Road, Cullman, July 11-14, 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.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Summer Revival
Begins with a singing Sunday night, July 16, at 5. The Kellys from Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, will be the featured guests. Services will run day and night, Monday-Friday, July 17-21. Morning services will begin at 10:30 and evening services at 7. Brother Dustin Smith is the evangelist. Lunch will be served each day after the morning service. Prayer band will be at 6:45 p.m. before each evening service. All are invited. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information call 256-796-5986.

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.

Tips (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — With Rock the South being many seasoned concertgoers' first experience at a music festival, here is a collection of tips that attendees may find helpful for a fun and safe experience.

1. Check out the grounds
When you first arrive, take an hour or so to walk the grounds and familiarize yourself with areas you might need to know, such as bathroom areas, medical attention tents and water stations. You're bound to come across some neat vendors or tailgating groups, also!

2. Secure your belongings
Make sure your important belongings like ID, cash, keys, etc. are secure, hidden and on you at all times. Backpacks may seem like a no-brainer, but with easily accessible zippers you may become a target for theft. Belt bags are trending and the perfect option to keep your items safe and secure, while still looking stylish. If all else fails, tuck a cardholder in your boot!

3. Utilize the buddy system
We're throwing it back to kindergarten with this tip: if you're attending Rock the South with a group of friends, assign "buddies" and make sure to stay connected. This tip is particularly helpful for those who may be drinking and might need an extra set of eyes to make sure they don't wander backstage! If you're attending the festival alone, make sure to check in periodically with a trusted friend or family member outside in case of an emergency.

4. Dress for the weather
While everyone knows Rock the South is synonymous with cut-off denim, cropped tops and boots, consider prioritizing comfort and sun safety after your Instagram-worthy OOTD. You're sure to be shoulder to shoulder with other sweaty strangers, so reapply sunscreen as needed or wear a thin cover-up to prevent sunburn. Additionally, consider grabbing a pair of comfy sneakers or already broken-in boots with a low heel to help navigate the outdoor terrain of the venue.

5. Drink responsibly
Where there's alcohol, there are bound to be hangovers. To avoid a miserable weekend, don't drink on an empty stomach, and consider pacing your alcohol consumption and balancing it out with electrolyte drinks or powders. A good rule of thumb is to drink one bottle of water for every alcoholic drink consumed.

Rock the South will take place July 20-22 in Cullman. This year's headliner is country music superstar Chris Stapleton. Find out more at www.rockthesouth.com.


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PREP BASKETBALL

'I am so blessed that God gave me the chance to play with these girls': Hanceville's Mattie Keith talks eighth grade season

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Hanceville eighth grader Mattie Keith split time between middle school and varsity last season and she shared some of what she learned from the experience, plus what it was like playing with a great group of teammates.

"Middle school helped me learn and improve on my fundamentals, which definitely helped the season tremendously. Moving up to varsity definitely was a great opportunity for me, but it was also a mental obstacle I had to learn to get over, mainly because I had to come to terms with playing with and against girls older than me.

"Playing for coach Christina Watson was something I am very grateful for because it helped me see other ways the game of basketball works. It was definitely a challenge playing with girls who have a higher skill level and more experience than I did, but I wouldn't have traded this opportunity for the world." Keith said.

She added, "Middle school and varsity both taught me so much. I have been playing basketball since the second grade, but the game has definitely changed. Playing with these girls have definitely taught me a lot. They have taught me a lot about character, how to work, and grow around certain challenges. It has also shown me how to handle certain situations, even when I am under pressure. Situations like breaking a press, or running a play correctly surprisingly shows how well a team works together. My team from both varsity and middle school have both taught me to work with people as a team. I am so blessed that God gave me the chance to play with these girls."

Keith talked about both seasons, plus what she has learned from her coaches so far.

"Our team has definitely had some challenges in the past, but the best thing about us is that we have been able to work past the small things. Our middle school season was pretty good, considering we placed second in the county and had an undefeated record, until the championship game. Despite the varsity season being unfortunately cut short, the team definitely showed progress. I am very proud of both teams and grateful for the opportunity to play on both," Keith said. "My middle school coach, Paul Glenon, was very strict, but he cared about each one of his players. He taught me so much about fundamentals and how the game works. I had the opportunity to play for him when I was in the third grade, so when I played for him in middle school, I knew how he ran practices and what he expected from each of his players."

She added, "Coach Watson cares a lot about character and building Hanceville's program back up. I definitely learned a lot about how to show a better attitude on the court. She has also shown me what basketball is really like and how it isn't just a game. It's also about sportsmanship and caring for each of your teammates."

Keith learned a very important thing from last year's seniors, and she definitely saw her game improve throughout her time in middle school and her time on varsity so far. She will definitely continue to put in the work in the offseason and talked about her goals and the team goals.

"They were very encouraging, and they have taught me to be more motivating towards our younger groups," she said. "I personally saw lots of growth, not only with wins and skills, but with personality and teamwork. I will continue to push myself to limits I didn't think I would reach, and continuing to work on higher-level skills. My individual goals are to improve on my shooting and driving skills. Our team goals are to improve our stamina and attitudes."

Keith thinks this team will do some special things this upcoming season and talked about her role model as well, plus the best advice that someone ever gave her.

"What will make us special to watch is our drive and effort. We work hard to keep our score up and keep the game alive," she said. "My role model is coach Watson. She has always reminded us that pushing ourselves to hard limits makes us continuously better."



MATTIE KEITH

Hanceville's Mattie Keith

Fundraiser (from Front)

Tiffany McKoy
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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — The Fairview High School esports team on Saturday, July 8, hosted a fundraiser tournament at Green Brothers Comics in Arab.

Winners included:

• James Gilmer came in first place, winning a cash prize and a free Nintendo Switch game of his choice

• Cayden Maddox came in second place, winning a cash prize and a Midas Burger gift card

• Marco McDonald took third place, winning a cash prize and a Sierra's Mexicanisimo gift card

• Coy Mier got fourth place, winning a cash prize and a Nintendo gift card

• Owen Harris got fifth place, winning a Milner's Dairy Delight gift card and a free car wash from Parkers Car Wash

All 36 people who entered got a coupon for a free waffle from Waffle House. The Fairview High School esports team took home $156 in donations. A statement provided by Jeremy and Lynn Green, owners of Green Brothers Comics, said, "We couldn't be happier with today's turnout and we are beyond grateful for everyone's support.

"Being able to host these kind of tournaments (is) something we have always enjoyed doing and now being able to do so at our own shop is a dream.

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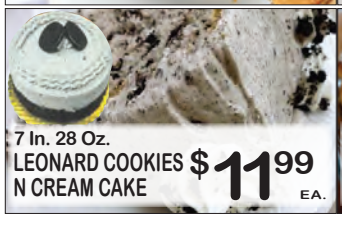
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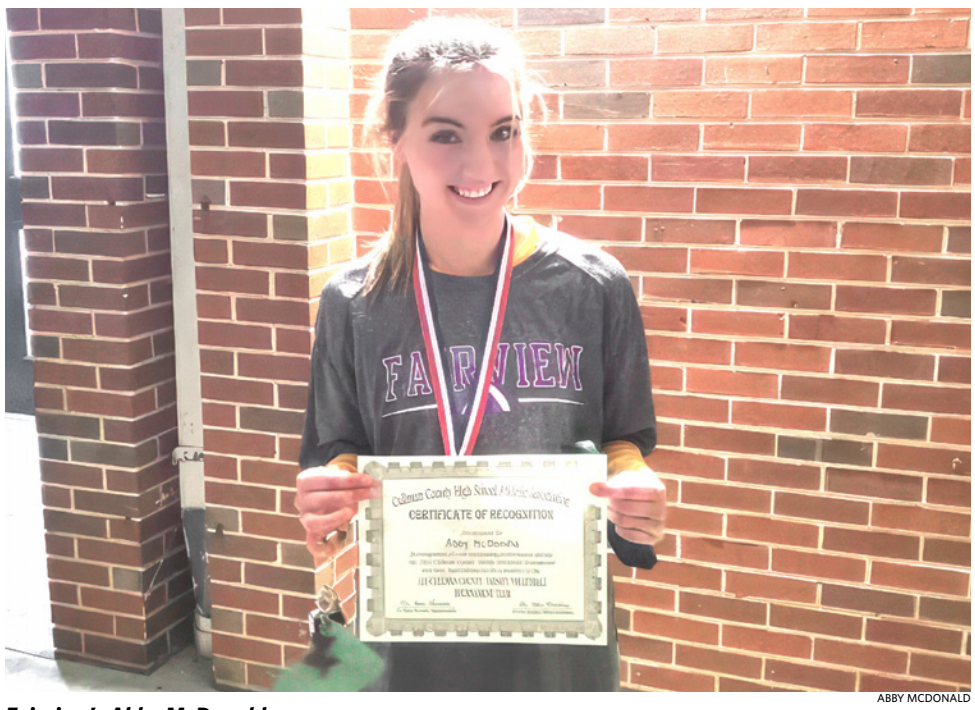
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PREP VOLLEYBALL

‘Be a good teammate’: Fairview’s Abby McDonald recaps junior season

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ABBY MCDONALD

Fairview's Abby McDonald

FAIRVIEW, Ala. – In this interview, I talked to Fairview volleyball player Abby McDonald about her junior season and there were a lot of positives that she took away from that experience playing with a great group of teammates.

“I feel like last year was a growing season for us as a team. We had only one senior and the majority of the players were juniors. We had times that were very good and times that we had to learn from and develop. We did gain a lot of experience on the varsity level and developed more chemistry as the year progressed. Coach Katie Ball is a great coach, and I couldn’t ask for a better team. We have a very tough area, but with hard work and the unity our team has, I have no doubt that we will make it to Regionals,” McDonald said. “We have nine seniors this year. We have all grown up together; we’ve played together since middle school. We work well together and support one another. We are always driving to be better players and teammates.”

McDonald has learned so much during her time on varsity so far and is so blessed to be playing for coach Ball.

“I have learned that being on varsity can help you develop a wide array of skills that are not only valuable in the sport, but in many other areas of life as well, such as communication, strategy, resilience, and time management skills,” McDonald said. “I believe that she relates well to all of us. She never really gets too high or too low. She is consistent, whether it’s in practice or games. She was also a college athlete, so she understands what is needed on a daily basis for us to improve as individuals and as a team. We definitely progressed as a team last season. I look forward to seeing how we can continue to improve throughout this summer and once the season gets underway.”

McDonald got to play alongside a great senior in Jaycee Aleman and was impressed by how she split her time in three different sports.

“We always looked up to Jaycee for leadership and experience. She was a big part of our improvement as a team. Hopefully, our senior class can continue the progress that she helped us achieve. I know we are all excited to hit the summer workouts, practices, and play dates. We are trying to get better as a team every day,” she said.

“She was as good of an athlete that we have had. She has always been a three-sport athlete. That takes a ton of time and dedication, year-round. The way she could split her time with all three seasons was always impressive.”

McDonald has seen a lot of improvement during her time on varsity so far and will continue to work on her game even more to get ready for next season.

“I definitely feel like I see the court better and have gotten better at anticipating where the ball may go. I do a much better job at reading off the blockers, which tells me where I need to be on defense. I try to get a read on certain hitters and find a pattern by reading their arm swing. I also feel like our weight program has helped all of us develop physically to a point above what we would have been,” she said. “My main focus is improving my defensive platform as well as my communication.”

McDonald talks about her goals for next season, what will make this team special to watch, her role models growing up, and the best advice that someone ever gave her.

“My individual goals are to do my job at a high level and be a good teammate. Our team goals are to win county, area, make it out of Regionals, and go to state,” she said. “We have nine seniors this year. Hopefully, our chemistry, athleticism, and attitude will help us be successful this year. My role models growing up were Jorden Lawson, Nicole Davis, and Annie Drews. The best advice that I have received is, ‘You should never have an expectation of success; that exceeds your work ethic and preparation.’



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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 Z.H.B
A minor child.
D.O.B. 07/30/2010

CASE NO.: AD2023-039

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: CHRISTOPHER L. BYRD AND UNKNOWN FATHER OF A CHILD Z.H.B., BORN JULY 30, 2010 TO LACEY CHRISTINA CASON

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Ricky Dewayne Cason, Jr., 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 7th DAY OF July, 2023

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

Dan J. Willingham
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of
JOAN CAROLYN STERLING GIBBS, Deceased.

CASE NO. PC 2023 - 221

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE: Letters Testamentary having been granted to Leah Segrest Funderburk as Personal Representative of the Estate of JOAN CAROLYN STERLING GIBBS, deceased, on the 7th day of July, 2023, 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.

Leah Segrest Funderburk
Personal Representative

Shay Persall
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Cullman AL 35055
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Attorney for Personal Representative

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
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Case Number: PC2023- 219

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama

In the matter of the Estate of Ginger Chrietzberg, Deceased

Letters Testamentary upon last will and testament of said decedent, having been granted to the undersigned on the 7th day of July, 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.

Baranda Kincaid
Personal Representatives

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

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Zoning Board of Adjustments

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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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of
MARY FAY INGRAM,
Deceased.

CASE NO. PC 2023 - 204

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have been granted to William F. Ingram as Administrator of the Estate of Mary Fay Ingram, deceased, on the 23rd day of June, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, and 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.

WILLIAM F. INGRAM
Administrator

Gaynor L. St. John
Attorney for Administratrix
ST. JOHN & ST. JOHN, LLC
108 3rd Street SE
Cullman AL 35055
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TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of publication.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, Alabama ("Board"), at the Wesley A. James Operations Center, 4725 Moffett Road, Suite A, Mobile, AL 36618-0249 until. 12:00 p.m., Local Time, August 07 2023, and then publicly opened and read at 1:00 p.m. for furnishing all labor, materials, and performing all work for the following project:

Contract No: IEMAWSS-0104, Project Name: MAWSS Airport Blvd/ Walter Smith Rd. Force Main

Plans and Specifications may be inspected at the Board's offices at 4725 Moffett Road, Suite A, Mobile, AL, or at office of Isaiah Engineering, Inc. Consulting Engineers, at 413 Azalea Rd, Suite C Mobile, AL. Electronic Plans and Specifications may be obtained via e-mail for review only from Isaiah Engineering, Inc. Telephone: (251) 344-2022

Copies of the Plans, Specifications, and other Contract Documents may be obtained from Isaiah Engineering, Inc. at 413 Azalea Rd, Suite C, upon a non-refundable payment of $140.00 per set. No Contract Documents will be issued later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to bid submission time.

Bids must be submitted on the standard forms included with the Contract Documents.

Envelopes containing bids must be sealed and delivered to the Director, Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, Alabama, 4725A Moffett Road, Mobile, Alabama 36618-0249: "Bid for constructing (Contract No.) IEMAWSS-0104 (Project Name) MAWSS Airport Blvd/ Walter Smith Rd Force Main to be opened at 1:00 p.m., Local Time, August 07,2023. The Bidder's Alabama State Contractor's License Number and discipline shall be on the envelope.

Bid guarantee in the form of certified check, bid bond, or irrevocable Letter of Credit acceptable to the Board will be required for at least 5% of the bid amount, not to exceed $10,000.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in bids received.

THIS INVITATION FOR BIDS IS CONDENSED FOR ADVERTISING PURPOSES. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/REQUIREMENTS FOR BIDDERS CAN BE FOUND IN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

THE BOARD OF WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF MOBILE, ALABAMA

Cullman County Extension hosting Invasive Plant Management Workshop July 12

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Extension Office will host its Invasive Plant Management Workshop Wednesday, July 12, from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Camp Meadowbrook.

According to the Extension, the workshop will provide homeowners and land managers of all types an opportunity to better understand what it takes to properly identify, prevent and control some of the more common and problematic invasive plant species.

The indoor presentations and outdoor demonstrations will cover identification, mechanical and chemical control, non-invasive and native alternatives.

Participants must pre-register for $25. Registration includes a seat at the seminars and field demonstrations, lunch and printed presentation materials and related publications.

Participants are also encouraged to bring samples of any non-desirable weeds or plants to be identified.

Register online at www.aces.edu/event/invasive-plant-id-management-workshop.

For questions regarding registration, contact the Cullman County Extension Office at 256-737-9386.

Camp Meadowbrook is located at 2344 County Road 747, Cullman, AL 35058.

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Obituary Announcements: July 8-10

Betty Sue (Almond) Graves, 84
Betty Sue (Almond) Graves left her earthly home for her Heavenly one on Friday, July 7, 2023, surrounded by her family. Betty Sue was a wife, mother, grandmother, and friend to many. A member of Ryan's Creek Baptist Church for many decades, Betty was deeply devoted to her church family and a vital part of the community of Brushy Pond, where she spent most of her life. She spent her time cooking delicious meals for others, enjoying the bounty of her hard work in the garden, and enjoying racing on TV. She enjoyed a good Gospel singing and is surely enjoying the beauty of being with her Savior face to face. Betty Sue was born Dec. 28, 1938, to LL Almond and Corrine Chandler. She is the oldest of their four children. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brothers, Charles Lee and Jimmy. She has a surviving sister, Barbara Ann (Larry) Hunt, of Arab. Betty is survived by her husband of 66 years, Rayburn; daughters Janice (Allen) Speegle, and Kim (Hadi) Mehrooz. She has three granddaughters-Jill (Rod) Windham, Emily (Brandon) McMurry, and Lori (Seth) Adgate. She is the proud great-grandmother of nine beautiful grandchildren, whom she loved very much. Betty Sue's viewing will be Sunday, July 9, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Ryan's Creek Baptist Church, with the funeral service Monday, July 10, at 11 a.m., also at Ryan's Creek. Serving as pallbearers will be Nathan Graves, Roland Graves, Mike Thomas, Randy Graves, Lecil Hancock, and Julian Swann. The family thanks you for your support and prayers during Betty's illness. We mourn, but not without hope. For we know the Scripture is true, "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord." We invite you to celebrate her life with us.

Joyce Ann Rutherford Dockery, 79
Joyce Ann Rutherford Dockery, 79, of Houston, Alabama, formerly of Maryville, Tennessee, passed away peacefully at home on July 6, 2023. Born March 12, 1944, in Maryville to the late Horace Leonard and Edith Norton Rutherford. She is also preceded in death by her older brother, James Rutherford; and brothers-in-law, Fred Dockery, Hershel Dockery, and Richard Dockery. Joyce will be dearly missed by her loving husband of sixty-four years, Lewis N. Dockery, of Houston, Alabama; daughter and son-in-law, Selena Dockery and Harold R. "Bubba" Wells, Jr.' grandchildren, Emma Wells Strait (Will) and Harold R. Wells, III (Haley Gray), all of Birmingham, Alabama; sisters-in-law, Emma Dean Rutherford, Francis Hatley (Donnie), Addie Raper (Donnie), and Jean Mercer; brothers-in-law, Tom Dockery (Rena) and Wayne Dockery (Jackie); many nieces and nephews; as well as, numerous extended family members and friends who are like family. Living all but the last ten years of her life in Maryville, she attended Everette High School, was a member of Lone Oak Baptist Church, attended First Baptist Church of Maryville, and enjoyed managing Naturalizer Shoe Store, then Classic Décor and Gifts in Foothills Mall. She loved the mountains and spending time fishing, camping, and exploring. She and Lewis always had a beautiful big garden and she prided herself in her ability to can and preserve their harvest. She was a fabulous cook. Her pies were the hit of every gathering. Joyce's greatest pleasure was in being a wife, mother, and later grandmother, being an extraordinary caregiver came naturally to her and many were blessed by her nurturing spirit throughout her lifetime. She beautifully filled the role of caregiver and nurse to both her parents, as well as, many other relatives and friends. She was treasured for making those around her feel welcome and loved, later becoming "Granny" to all who knew her. In 2013 she and Lewis moved to Houston, Alabama to live on Smith Lake and be closer to their adoring daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren. Joyce successfully battled cancer twice, in 2015 and again in 2017. A massive stroke took her ability to use her left side and her independent mobility in 2018. Her faith and positive attitude during these hardships, even during hospice, never wavered and has been a blessing to those around her. Lewis' devotion and tender caregiving have made her final years sweet and tranquil. Services celebrating the life of Joyce Dockery will be held at Smith Funeral and Cremation Services, 1402 Tuckaleechee Pike, Maryville, Tennessee, receiving friends, Monday, July 17 from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. with services immediately following. Graveside Service will be held Tuesday, July 18 at 11 a.m. at Grandview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the charity of your choice. She will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Jelia Suzanne Day, 53
Funeral services for Jelia Suzanne Day will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hanceville, AL. Burial will follow at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery. Reverend John Jankens will be officiating. Visitation for the public will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at Hanceville Funeral Home. Ms. Day was born on April 19, 1970, in Lauderdale County, Alabama. She passed away on July 7, 2023, at home in Calera, Alabama. Ms. Day attended the University of Montevallo where she obtained her master's degree in education. She was also a certified Athletic Trainer and worked with the Shelby County Board of Education where she was a High School Science Teacher. Survivors include her parents, Gordon and Martha Blanton and Kathy Day; siblings, Kim Shelton, Jodi Day Wallace, and Shane (Krysti) Blanton; nieces and nephews, Kylie DuBose, Jayce DuBose, Laura (Adam) Ballard, and Mary Belle Blanton; six great nieces and nephews; Bonnie Blanton; and a special group of aunts, uncles, and cousins. Ms. Day was preceded in death by her father, Danny Day; niece, Ashley Shelton; grandparents, Paul and Thelma Fox, Calvin and Jay Dean Day, and Dr. Harold Blanton. Serving as pallbearers will be Garrett Wall, Tyler Jones, Brent Bowan, David Fox, Jayce DuBose, and Rusty Day. At the family's request you may send flowers for the services or make a donation to Trinity Lutheran Church-Hanceville, AL or St. Paul Lutheran School-Cullman.

Carolyn Evon Wilkins Hood, 75
Carolyn Evon Wilkins Hood, 75, of Cullman, formerly of Addison, entered into rest on Sunday, July 9, 2023, at her home surrounded by her loving family. Carolyn was born on Sept. 2, 1947, in Cullman, Alabama to Edward Pierce and Flora Irene Robertson Wilkins. She was a member of Addison Church of God since 1965. She enjoyed working crossword puzzles and working with her plants. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Addison Church of God, where she will lie in state from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. Pastor Rodney Ridgeway will officiate. Burial will follow in the adjoining cemetery. Carolyn is survived by her sons, Wesley "Eddie" Hood and his wife Frances, Gary Dewayne Hood, and Jerry Dewight Hood; and brother, Vic Edward Wilkins and his wife Mary; 6 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wesley Hood Jr.; and her parents, Edward and Flora Wilkins. Memories and condolences may be shared at www.nicholsfuneralhomes.com.

Ted Wrenn Back, 65
Ted Wrenn Back, 65, of Cullman, Alabama passed away at UAB on July 9, 2023. Ted was preceded in death by his parents, Julia Thomas and William Back; his former wives, Barbara Brown and Joyce Caldwell. He is survived by a daughter, Brandon Bach-Stevens (Michael) of Dover, NH and their children Anaya, Ines, Isla, Ezra, and Zara Stevens as well as many sisters, brothers, nieces and nephews.

John Elton Parker, 89
John Elton Parker, age 89, of Franklin, Tennessee, passed away July 8, 2023. John grew up in Cullman, Alabama. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War from 1951 to 1954. He was stationed in San Antonio, Texas, Austin, Texas, Omaha, Nebraska and North Africa. He was a Strategic Air Command 27th fighter wing right out of basic training. He worked with L&N Railroad in Birmingham, Alabama, and later transferred to Nashville, Tennessee, in 1958 and worked for L&N Railroad in Radnor Yard and also an engineer on the road to Chattanooga. John retired from the railroad after forty years of service in 1995. Preceded in death by parents, Thomas and Opal Pierce Parker; sister, Avis Parker Johnson and brother, Marlin Parker. Survived by: loving and devoted wife of 67 years, Henrietta McMinn Parker; son, Thomas Roddy (Sandra) Parker; daughter, Jeanene Parker (Trey) Vaughn; grandchildren, Casey Morgan Vaughn and Ally Vaughn (Daniel) Medley; step grandchildren, Amy Fenton and Emily (Jeff) Smith; step great-grandchildren, Jadyn, Blaze, Pierce, Chelsea and Seth; sister, Becky Parker Still; loving nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be conducted 11 a.m. Thursday, July 13, 2023 at Williamson Memorial Funeral Home, Pastor Chuck McElhannon officiating. Interment Williamson Memorial Gardens. Active pallbearers will be Roddy Parker, Trey Vaughn, Tommy Campsey, Jerry Vanderburg, David English and Daniel Medley. Honorary pallbearers will be the Men's Class from Walker Memorial Baptist Church. Memorials may be made to Walker Memorial Baptist Church, 1350 West Main St., Franklin, TN 37064. Visitation will be 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service on Thursday at Williamson Memorial Funeral Home, 615 794-2289 www.williamsonmemorial.com.

James Douglas Smith, 77
Funeral service for James Douglas Smith, 77, of Cullman will be at 3 p.m., Sunday, July 9, 2023, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. prior to the service. Rev. Steve Rodgers will officiate. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Smith passed away Friday, July 7, 2023, at his residence. He was born October 9, 1945 to Rosco and Bannie Lee Hornsby Smith. He was a truck driver for American Protein for many years. He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Lessie McClendon, Willodean Smith, Velmer Todd, Thelma Todd, Elizabeth Burns; brothers, Benjamin Smith, Edward Smith; son, James Lamar Smith; daughter, Lucinda Brown. Survivors include his wife of 27 years, Angie Smith; son, Kevin Everett; daughter, Angela (Tracy) Hulsey; grandkids, Kayla (Patrick) Clowers, Zach (Kelsey) Hancock, Robyn (Justin) Roberts, Josh (Katie) Smith,Cody Smith, Daquari (David) Bishop, Jessica (Scott) Rutherford, Delana Everett, Devin (Hannah) Everett, Destinie (Zach) Drake, Tuff Everett, Annabella Everett, Christian (Maresa) Hulsey; brother, J.D. (Sue) Smith; sister, Vonda (Nellie) McGriff; 21 great-grandkids; host of family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

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ESL (from Front)

Gail Crutchfield
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Over the last three years, attendance for English as a Second Language (ESL) classes offered at the Wallace State Community College Oneonta Academic Center has more than quadrupled. ESL instructor John Barnett said there are currently 46 students in classes taught at the Oneonta Academic Center in Blount County.

"We've gotten so large we've started a morning class for a group of mothers who asked if we would do a morning class because they weren't able to attend the afternoon classes due to family commitments," Barnett said. That morning class currently has 20 students, with 26 students in the evening class.

Barnett, who also teaches an ESL class at the Hanceville campus, said those classes have grown from three students to 26 in the past year.

Since November 2020, Barnett said he's helped about 200 students in his ESL classes. While most of the student population is from Spanish-speaking countries like Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras, he has also had students from Japan, Vietnam and Jerusalem.

"We offer English classes so students can communicate better in their community, to learn English to hopefully pass the citizenship exam, and then to prepare them to be more successful in the GED programs," Barnett said.

"These students are motivated and willing to come and participate and learn English so they can become a part of this community and further themselves and our society. They are simply trying to find a better place and an opportunity to better themselves and that's what we're here for."

Barnett credits a grant from the State of Alabama for the increase in enrollment. The grant allowed the program to begin Tuesday Night Transformation classes in Oneonta, which provides a meal, childcare and a family literacy curriculum.

"This enables families to eat together and also learn together," Barnett said.

The children attend classes where they participate in STEM activities while their parents are learning English.

"There have been parents who were previously unable to come during the evening times who have been able to come now because of childcare," Barnett said. "We average about eight children on Tuesday nights and the adult class is full."

Barnett said in some cases, the children of the students have acted as translators for their parents. Parents can struggle for understanding when they are out in the community without their children and the children can struggle when they're not yet familiar with the words they may face.

"Eight-year-old children are translators...and there is a lot of vocabulary that an 8-year-old doesn't understand in English much less in Spanish or vice versa," Barnett said. "So that's a large responsibility for a child that young to understand. I think learning English gives parents freedom so they're not having to depend on their children to translate.

"There have been a handful of students who have come to me and said, 'Mr. John, thank you for your time because my children know that I can order better at a restaurant,'" Barnett said. They recognize that their parents' communication skills are improving.

Barnett said his reward is seeing his students enjoying their time in class and communicating with others. "When I see them having a good time and see them enjoying coming to an academic facility instead of dreading coming to class, those are those tiny gold nuggets that you have to take in," Barnett said. Barnett said classes are split between basic and advanced classes, with plans to begin an intermediate class for those transitioning between those levels. Along with Barnett, who is a full-time ESL instructor, the program has three part-time instructors.

The program falls under Wallace State's Adult Education Department and the direction of Patti Wilkins.

Classes in Oneonta are offered Mondays and Tuesdays from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 5:30-8:30 p.m. In Hanceville, classes are offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Another class is offered at The Link of Cullman County in Cullman on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-8 p.m. For more information, contact Wallace State's Adult Education program at 256-352-8078 or by visiting www.wallacestate.edu/adulted to complete an inquiry form.



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