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Harris, Brown inducted into Alabama Senior Citizens Hall of Fame

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A group of senior adults was honored Sunday, Aug. 20, 2023, with induction into the 2023 class of the Alabama Senior Citizens Hall of Fame during a ceremony in Montgomery. Among the 10 permanent inductees, two of them proudly call Cullman home.

"This is the one major event in Alabama each year where individuals are formally honored and recognized for their selfless advocacy and dedication to serving older adults in their community," said Jean Brown, commissioner of the Alabama Department of Senior Services. "We are proud to celebrate the achievements of the Alabamians selected for the Senior Citizens Hall of Fame awards."

Peggy Harris

Peggy Harris is a well-known mover and shaker in the Cullman commu- » PAGE 16





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Peggy Harris (left) and Frank Brown Jr. (right) were inducted into the 2023 class of the Alabama Senior Citizens Hall of Fame on Sunday, Aug. 20, 2023, in Montgomery.

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First responders recognized by Hanceville City Council



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A crew of first responders was recognized at a regular Hanceville City Council meeting on Thursday, Aug. 24, at Hanceville City Hall. The responders pictured were recognized for their life-saving efforts on an early morning call in January 2023. Pictured left to right are Fire Chief Rodger Green, Britt Banks, Zachary Hightower, Tina Weeks, Shanon Hipp and Derek Bennefield.

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Despite a fairly light council meeting agenda, Hanceville City Hall was packed with first responders and their superiors, family and friends on Thursday, Aug. 24, 2023. All were gathered to watch members of Hanceville Fire Rescue as they were recognized for coming together to save a resident's life, and to witness the promotion of Zachary Hightower from Hanceville police officer to corporal.

Assistant Fire Chief Bart Absher said the recognition was largely made possible by Hanceville's commitment to incorporating advanced life support training.

The training, » PAGE 14



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Corporal Zachary Hightower (left) stands with his girlfriend Morgan Arrington after being promoted from officer to corporal at a regular Hanceville City Council meeting on Thursday, Aug. 24, 2023, at Hanceville City Hall. Arrington was given the privilege of the first pinning of his corporal badge.

Vinemont man arrested on sex offense charges



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Harmony School to receive multiple certifications

Alabama Outdoor Classroom Certification, National Wildlife Federation Schoolyard Habitat Certification and Monarch Butterfly Waystation Certification to be awarded Sept. 22



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Aug. 25

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Aug. 25, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Aug. 21

- theft of property; Lindsey Rd.
- theft of property; CR 1555
- permitting dogs to run at large; Danes Ln.
- assault; New Hope Rd.

Aug. 22

- burglary/theft of property; CR 1101
- menacing; CR 1759
- unauthorized use of debit card; CR 504
- drug trafficking; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1154
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1212

Aug. 23

- domestic violence; Hwy. 91
- harassment; CR 1114
- trespassing; CR 946
- attempt to elude police officer; reckless endangerment; Hwy. 278 E
- assault; CR 1859
- theft of property; CR 1423
- assault; CR 703
- theft of property; Hwy. 31
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Edmondson Rd. NE
- harassment; CR 1292

ARRESTS

Aug. 21 – 23

Adams, Alyssa G.; 23
- FTA- DUI (alcohol)

Clark, William B.; 67
- FTA- criminal trespass
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Coggins, Kenneth R.; 57
- Grand Jury- Sex Offense-sexual abuse of a child less than 12-years-old

Cunningham Jr., Patrick J.; 43
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- possession with intent to distribute controlled substance
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree (3 counts)
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (5 counts)
- FTA- drug trafficking
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (6 counts)

Farley, David J.; 46
- Grand Jury- drug trafficking
- Grand Jury- possession of dangerous drugs
- Grand Jury- possession of drug paraphernalia
- Grand Jury- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Farmer, Kimberly T.; 30
- FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Fuller, Kagun D.; 27
- FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous

Gaddis, Jennifer A.; 39
- criminal trespass

Gezelman, Jina R.; 18
- forgery-forged instrument
- sale of stolen property less than $500

Hall, Erica T.; 30
- larceny/theft of property-2nd degreed, $1,500 - $2,500 (4 counts)
- larceny/theft-shoplifting $500 less than $1,500

Hughes, Richard D.; 40
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Lane, Cavanaugh D.; 31
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

McKleroy, Justin W.; 34
- drug trafficking
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- failure to immunize dog/cat for rabies

McNabb, Mesha E.; 35
- drug trafficking
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Miller, Jason L.; 39
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Monfort, John K.; 24
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- improper lane usage

Nelson, Daniel L.; 30
- forgery-counterfeiting
- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft less than $500

Richards Jr., Joseph L.; 35
- Grand Jury- sex offense-victim under 12-offender over 16
- Grand Jury- sexual abuse of a child less than 12-years-old-forcilbe fondling
- Grand Jury- sex offense-incest with minor

Spicer, Breeannah B.; 23
- Grand Jury- assault-reckless endangerment (5 counts)
- Grand Jury- discharging firearm into occupied building, railroad, aircraft, automobile
- Grand Jury- assault-aggravated assault family-gun

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

Stephens, Wendy M.; 45
- criminal trespass

Stevens, L.C.;41
- FTA- expired tag

Stewart, James A.; 37
- non-support-child

Ward, Christopher H.; 46
- harassing communications

White, Rodney W.; 57
- permitting livestock to run at large

Williams IV, John B.; 41
- FTA- theft from motor vehicle-3rd degree

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Aug. 23
- harassing communications; person

Aug. 24
- identity theft; person
- theft of property; Heath Attaway Auto Sales; theft of property-1st degree; 2nd Ave. NW; 2016 Dodge Charger; $42,000
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Coin Laundry; 4th St. SW

ARRESTS

Aug. 23 – 24

Moore, Tina N.; 44
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree

Handley, Melinda A.; 46
- theft of property-4th degree

Jacobs, Jenny M.; 50
- FTA- DUI (2 counts)
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- driving on wrong side of road

Finney, Calvin L.; 46
- possession of drug paraphernalia

McCormack, Ethan D.; 29
- FTA- theft by deception-4th degree
- FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Reynolds, Steven P.;50
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Reed, Bryson S.; 19
- theft of property-4th degree

Burger, Joseph M.; 30
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Thompson, Tyler B.; 22
- DUI

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Man (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

VINEMONT, Ala. — The Cullman County Sheriff's Office and Cullman Police Department had separate, unrelated warrants for a local man who was arrested Aug. 17. CCSO deputies arrested Justin Cody Mann, 34, of Vinemont. The CCSO said the warrants stemmed from incidents that occurred in 2021 and earlier this year. Mann was charged with two counts of assault (bond revocations), sodomy (bond revocation) and first-degree sodomy (bond revocation). The CCSO said the alleged victim was younger than 12 years old in each case. More information will be released as it becomes available.

Harmony (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

LOGAN, Ala. — On Friday, Sept. 22, at 9 a.m., Harmony School will be the second school in the Cullman County Schools system to receive certification as an official Outdoor Classroom School through the Alabama Wildlife Federation (AWF) Alabama Outdoor Classroom Program, the first school being West Point Elementary in 2015. During the certification ceremony, the school will also receive Schoolyard Wildlife Habitat certification through the National Wildlife Federation. It will provide a model for other schools in Cullman County and across Alabama that would like to develop an outdoor classroom and schoolyard wildlife habitat on their school grounds to provide hands-on, inquiry-based learning opportunities for students.

During Harmony School's Outdoor Classroom Certification Ceremony, the AWF will recognize the school's accomplishments by presenting an official Alabama Outdoor Classroom certification sign and an Outdoor Classroom Activity Kit that includes resources such as field identification guides, magnifying loupes and other educational material students can use during their outdoor classroom field investigations.

For rainy days, students can explore Alabama's wild places and learn about Alabama's amazing wildlife and natural resources through the DVD series "Discovering Alabama," the Alabama Public Television show hosted by Dr. Doug Phillips.

The Alabama Outdoor Classroom Program, a partnership between the AWF, the Alabama Cooperative Extension System and the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR), provides technical assistance for schools that want to develop sustainable outdoor learning stations and wildlife habitats that can be used for engaging, investigative activities that allow students of all ages to use multiple-disciplinary skills (including math, science, history, geography and language arts) in a fun and exciting environment.

Harmony's outdoor classroom provides enrichment activities that tie into their Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) curriculum and teach students about their environment and natural resources.

In addition, the North Alabama Agriplex provides on-site educational programs and gardening activities in the school's outdoor classroom throughout the school year. The students enjoy a wide variety of activities in conjunction with their outdoor learning stations, including:

- A sensory garden where students learn how to use all of their five senses as they record their observations

- A songbird sanctuary that provides students the opportunity to learn about the habitat needs of songbirds, their migration patterns and the adaptations they have that help them survive

- A butterfly garden where students study the life cycle stages of a butterfly and the migration patterns of butterflies like the Monarch butterfly through the Journey North program

- A frog bog and pond that allow students to study frogs, their metamorphosis and the wetland environments they prefer as habitat

- A pollinator garden where students learn about the pollination process and the importance of bees and other pollinators for our food production

- A weather station that allows students to analyze data collected from weather instruments such as thermometers, hygrometers and barometers and anemometers

Harmony's outdoor classroom development was led by the administrators and a team of teachers including Lea Scott and Rachel Campbell.

The outdoor classroom is a community project with technical, financial and volunteer support from the AWF, the North Alabama Agriplex, the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Cullman County Master Gardeners and numerous other community partners providing grants, donations and support.

At present, over 350 schools across Alabama are developing and using outdoor classroom sites through the Alabama Outdoor Classroom Program.

For more information on the AOC Program, visit www.alabamawildlife.org/outdoor-classroom-program, or you can contact April Waltz, AWF Alabama Outdoor Classroom program coordinator, at 256-975-1852 or aprilwaltz@alabamawildlife.org.

For more information about Harmony's outdoor classroom, contact Lea Scott at lscott@ccboe.org. For more information about the North Alabama Agriplex's educational programs, visit www.agriplex.org.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Wanted! Food Vendors
The Fairview Lions Club is looking for food vendors to come set up at the annual Labor Day car show on Sept. 4 at the Randall Shedd Community Park in Fairview. Vendors need to be set up by 9 a.m. to be ready to sell. For more info call Kita at 256-385-8805.

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.
• Sunday, Aug. 27 - Prayer Groups - Join Kevin and Pastor Bobby at 8 a.m. or join Teresa at 9:15 in the prayer room to pray for our church, nation and those who need healing, salvation or deliverance.
• Sunday, Aug. 27 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise & Worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd and baptisms 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.

Cullman Serenity AlAnon Meetings
The Cullman Serenity AlAnon group meets each Monday at noon at 1519 St. Joseph Dr. NE. There is also a zoom meeting each Tuesday at noon. The AlAnon family groups are a fellowship of friends and family whose lives have been affected by alcoholism. For more information, call 256-708-6645, 850-323-0490 or 256-734-2231.

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.

Southern Gospel Singing
Saturday, Aug. 26, at 6 p.m. at Baldwin Heights Baptist Church on U.S. Highway 278 West. The Churchmen will be singing.

Cullman County Cattlemen's, Cattlewomen's Association Ribeye Steak Sandwich Sale
Friday, Sept. 1, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 2, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in south Cullman in the theater parking lot near Walmart. Steaks are charcoal grilled using Kingsford charcoal. Sandwiches are $10 donation. Add chips and drink $1 each. Employers are invited and encouraged to treat their employees to a great sandwich. Call Edwin Calvert at 256-595-7608 or Jesse Crumbly at 256-709-5077. Contact number in the parking lot is 256-595-7608. We accept credit/debit cards and will have a drive-thru.

Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, Sept. 2, at 6:30 a.m. at the Baileyton Masonic Lodge. Donations only, which will be used to benefit local charities.

Sweet Tater Festival
• Sunday and Monday, Sept. 3-4, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at Smith Lake Park. This is the perfect experience to expand your tater-tastin' palate. Arts and crafts vendors, live music, car show and a variety of sweet tater treats round out the two-day experience.

Fairview Lions Club Car, Truck, Motorcycle Show and Parade
• Monday, Labor Day, Sept. 4, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at Randall Shedd Community Park on Wesley Avenue in Fairview. Lineup for the parade starts at 10 at Clinton Barbee Field (old pool field). The parade will start at 11. Anyone wanting to be in the parade is welcome, just be there at 10. Registration for the car show will start at 8, is $20 a vehicle and awards will be given out at 1. We encourage vendors to come and join us. Booths are on a first come, first served basis for $10. Food vendors are welcome this year at $50 a spot. We will have activities and a bouncy house for the kids. The Cullman Police Department will be there with its helicopter. All proceeds will go to the Fairview Lions Club project fund. Please everyone plan to come and join us! Thank you for all your support. For more info call Kita at 256-385-8805.

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.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church Oktoberfest German Dinner
Wednesday, Sept.27, from 4-7 p.m. $15 per plate. Menu includes grilled bratwurst from Brickyard Meats, sauerkraut, German potato salad, green beans, apple sauce and dessert. Drinks dine-in only. EAT-IN from 5-7 p.m. in the Family Life Center; DRIVE-THRU 4-6 p.m. (follow signs off Second Street Southeast). Tickets at event - cash or check only. Sponsored by Altar Society. Funds go to support the organization's church work.

Oktoberfest
Thursday- Saturday Sept. 28-30, in downtown Cullman. Oktoberfest is a three-day celebration of all things German with a quaint Southern spin. Complete with authentic German food and Biergarten, stein hoisting, 5K, pageant and even wiener dog races, there's something for every age.

Monster Truck Wars
Saturday, Sept. 30, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center. You'd be hard-pressed to find something more entertaining and classically rowdy than monster trucks. Featuring well-known trucks Outlaw, Equalizer, Shark Attack and Sheriff, it'll be pedal-to-the-metal action.

Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation Little Pink Dress Benefit
Tuesday, Oct. 3, from 6-9 p.m. at Loft 212. Doors will open at 5:30. Guests are encouraged to dress in pink for the event! The Alabama Cattleman's Association will be grilling steaks onsite, supplied by The Butcher, and there will be live and silent auctions and live entertainment. Tickets are on sale now for $60 per individual or $400 for a table seating eight. To purchase tickets, visit www.cullmanbosombuddies.com/little-pink-dress. Tickets are also available from Stefani Nelson at 256-708-3191 or snelson@alfains.com and Judy Grissom at Options at 256-347-5993 or options5993@gmail.com.

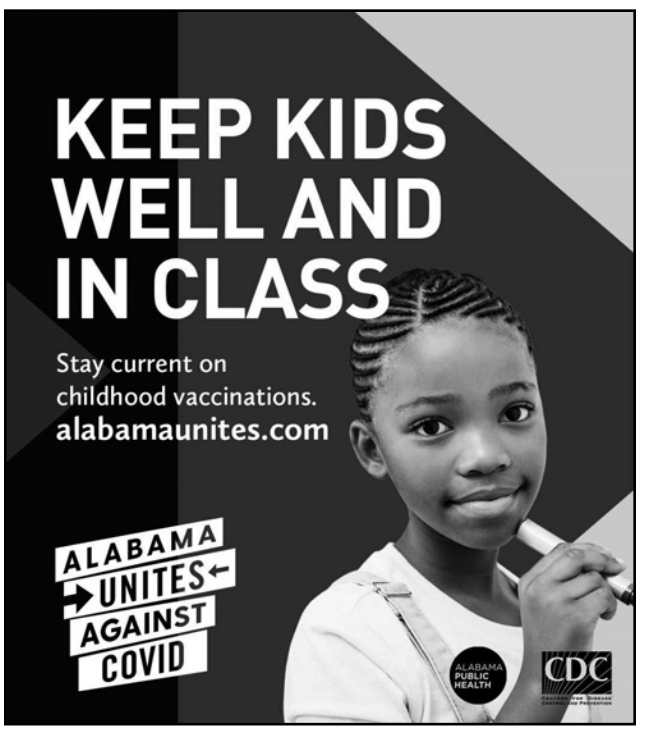
Cullman County Fair
Oct. 5-14, at the Cullman County Fairgrounds. The county fair is a classic rural sight to see, with exhibitions, livestock showings, pageants, classic carnie food and rides for even the most seasoned thrill seeker. People from all around have been coming to this fair since 1954, come see why for yourself!

Smith Lake Bass Fest
Saturday, Oct. 7, at Smith Lake Park. Fishing aficionados from all across the Southeast will gather at Smith Lake Park for a chance to win bragging rights. Oh, and that $15,000 guaranteed first-prize winnings won't be too shabby, either. Do you have what it takes to be the big fish in the pond?

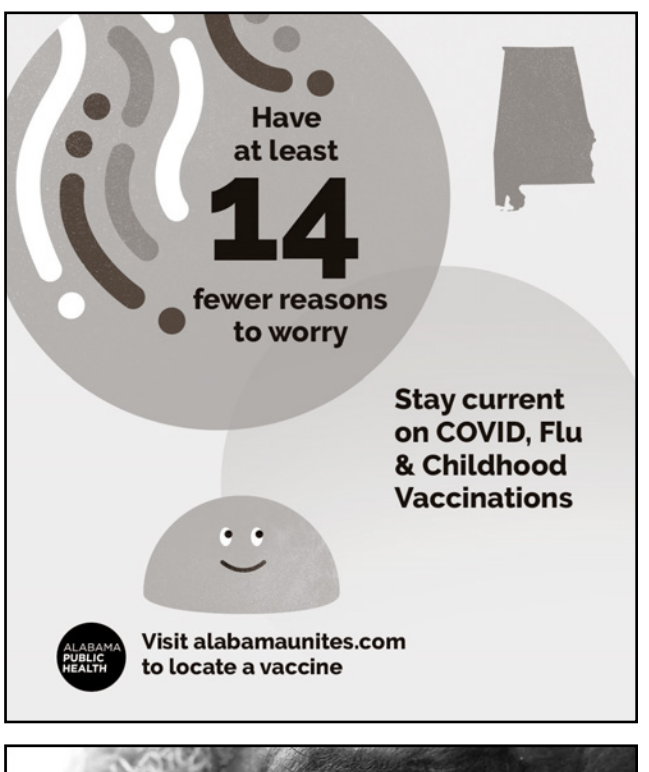
Peinhardt Living History Farm Day
Saturday, Oct. 14, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and Sunday Oct. 15, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Peinhardt Living History Farm. Come experience the history and learn how some of the first settlers of Cullman made this land home. With a petting zoo, antique tractor show, mule and wagon rides and demonstrations of all kinds, it's a must-visit for any history buff.

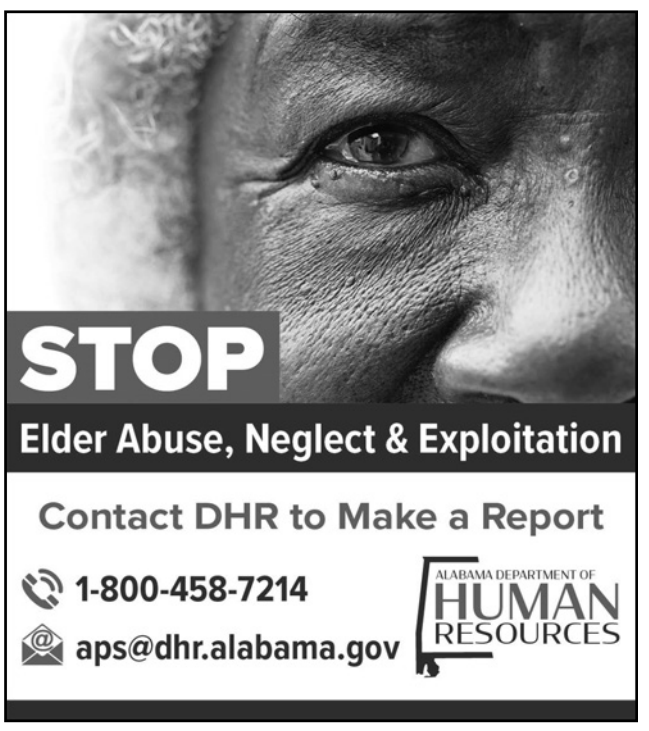
7th Annual Caring for Cullman Concert
Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 6 p.m. at Northbrook Baptist Church. The award-winning Triumphant Quartet will be belting to the pines of Northbrook Baptist Church at Good Samaritan Health Clinic's annual concert fundraiser. For those fans of clean Christian vocals that stand alone, you're sure to be pleased.

'Planted': The Link of Cullman County's 2nd Annual Gala
Thursday, Nov. 2, at 6 p.m. at The Venue at Cotton Creek. Tickets go on sale Friday, Aug. 11. For more information or to inquire about a sponsorship, contact Tiffany Wright at tiffanywright@linkingcullman.com.









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Cost-share incentives help relieve financial burdens for Alabama landowners

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AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. — Taking the leap of purchasing land comes with many variables, some of which are time, capacity and money needed to ensure that the investment does not degrade or fail to meet expectations. Many people wanting to buy land are not fully aware of what they are getting into, particularly when it comes to the financial requirements. Kerry Steedley, an Alabama Extension regional agent, said understanding cost-sharing possibilities can help relieve any anxiety.

They aren't making any more of it

Programming from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has given landowners opportunities to mitigate costs and receive valuable technical assistance.

"There are a lot of cost-share programs, depending on what a landowner is interested in," said Steedley, a regional agent in forestry, wildlife and natural resources. "The most widely available programs are through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), a department of the USDA."

Steedley said these programs pertain to pasture, forestland, row crops, urban agriculture, irrigation and other categories. Each county has a NRCS representative that helps potential recipients of cost-share funding with programs that fit their management goals.

There are many types of cost-share incentives. The most common type of assistance occurs when more resources are needed to mitigate or resolve an issue. Some programs are initiatives that focus on certain areas of the state. Other programs are for mitigating the spread of a specific invasive species or pest. Steedley said examples of these programs are the white oak initiative in northern portions of the state, as well as cogongrass, southern pine beetle and wild-hog mitigation.

Popular programs in Alabama

In Alabama, there are two programs that Steedley considers the most popular: the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP).

EQIP is one of the best providers of technical and cost-share assistance programs. The primary goal of this program is to create and maintain conservation practices that improve natural resources and keep land productive.

"The benefits that EQIP aims to support include soil health, water quality, drought resiliency, wildlife habitat and much more," Steedley said. "For EQIP, there is no minimum acreage requirement. Those who fall under the NRCS definition of historically underserved are eligible for advanced payments and better payment rates."

Steedley said cost-share contracts with EQIP can vary in duration, but they cannot exceed 10 years. These contracts differ from past contracts in which there is not active farm or land management.

"I think this is a way to change the older narrative," Steedley said. "Today, landowners can implement these practices while keeping land productive through agriculture and other ways."

Steedley encourages those who are interested in this program to reach out to a local NRCS office.

For those looking to take further steps with their agriculture or forestland enterprises, Steedley says look to CSP, a program all about sustainability of natural resources.

"CSP is open to those who have an established agricultural or forestland enterprise, have already taken steps to improve the sustainability of their natural resources and wish to expand their conservation efforts," she said.

Like EQIP, there is no acreage requirement to enroll in CSP. However, unlike EQIP, the maximum contract length is five years with the possibility of renewal after completion. A sample of conservation practices endorsed by CSP include improving riparian buffers, cover cropping, increasing pollinator habitat, implementing prescribed burning, planting native grasses, controlling invasive species and more.

A trusted resource

Alabama Extension continues to serve as a trusted resource for information. Whatever the issue, Extension can provide or find a solution. If Extension cannot help, a local office will put you in touch with someone who can. Other entities – such as the Alabama Forestry Commission and Alabama Soil & Water Conservation Committee – also offer cost-share information and help with registration based on statewide and local concerns.

Starting Oct. 3, Steedley will host the three-part Beginner Landowner Education Series.

This in-person event will provide details on the services available to landowners on a local, state and federal level. For more information on this series – and to explore other landowner conservation opportunities – visit the Alabama Extension website, www.aces.edu.

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St. Bernard celebrates feast of patron saint with Mass, procession

Joyce Nix
St. Bernard



ST. BERNARD

Procession of the Holy Eucharist from the Abbey Church to the high school chapel

CULLMAN, Ala. — St. Bernard Preparatory School, nestled on the picturesque 800-acre campus operated by the Benedictine Monks of St. Bernard Abbey, marked a momentous occasion with a reverent and joyous celebration of the Feast of St. Bernard, the great patron saint of the monastery and school, on Wednesday, Aug. 23.

The celebration commenced with a special solemn Mass held in Abbey Church, where the entire school community, along with faculty and staff, gathered to honor the legacy and virtues of St. Bernard. The Mass, led by School Chaplain Fr. Linus Klucsarits, O.S.B., reverberated with hymns and prayers that echoed the deep spiritual foundation upon which the school stands. Following the Mass, a moving procession of the Holy Eucharist took place, spanning the distance from the grand Abbey Church to the serene high school chapel. All members of the St. Bernard Prep School community walked in contemplative reflection, carrying the Eucharist in a procession that embodied unity, faith and reverence. The procession served as a testament to the school's commitment to fostering spiritual growth and demonstrating Christian principles in every facet of education and life. As Fr. Linus said in his homily, "When we take our Eucharistic Lord in procession on the campus and into the classroom building, we say that we believe what he said, 'This is my Body, this is my Blood,' and when we sit in class we can know that He is here with us, Body and Blood, just as he said He would be."

"St. Bernard Preparatory School's celebration of our patron, St. Bernard through this Mass and Eucharistic Procession exemplifies our commitment to nurturing not only academic excellence but also the spiritual and personal development of our students," commented Father Joel Martin, O.S.B., dean of the school. "By teaching and practicing the Christian faith and virtues, we aim to inspire our students to be dedicated – even heroic – men and women who truly give themselves for the good of the world and prepare themselves for eternal life."

The Feast of St. Bernard holds a special place in the hearts of the St. Bernard Preparatory School community, and this year's celebration upheld the tradition of honoring the patron saint with solemnity and devotion.

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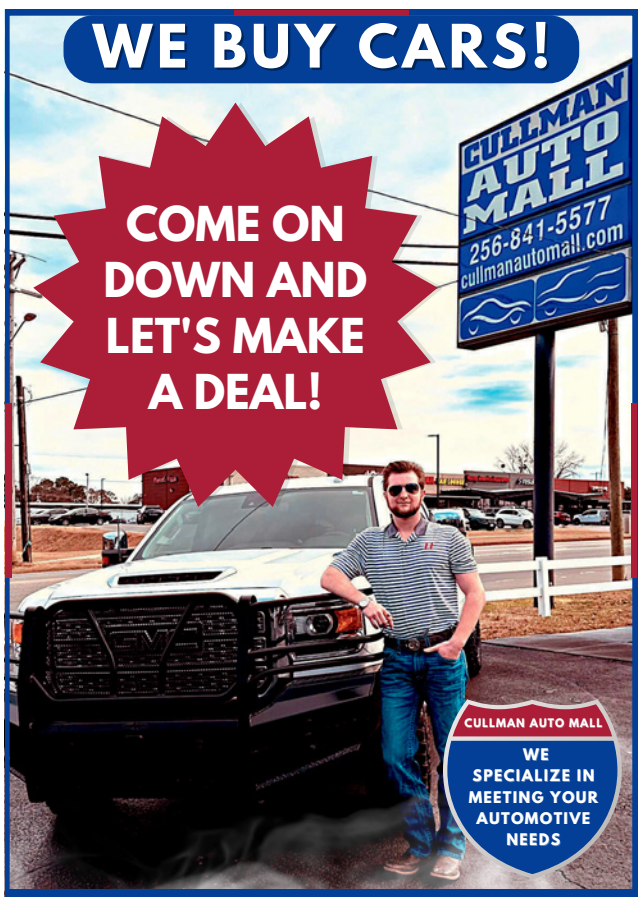
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PREP FOOTBALL

Bearcats drop season opener to Mars Hill 55-21

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Bearcats opened up the 2023 season at home on a hot, humid Thursday night against perennial 3A power Mars Hill and after boing blow for blow with the Panthers throughout the first half, Cullman wasn't able to continue that pace in the second half and dropped the season opener 55-21. Trenton Clemmons picked off a Panthers pass and ran it back 30 yards for a touchdown just before halftime to cut Mars Hill's lead to 28-21 at the break but the 'Cats were outscored 27-0 in the second half, allowing the Panthers to pull away with the win.

Mars Hill scored on a 40-yard touchdown pass just a few minutes into the first quarter to take a 7-0 lead but the Bearcats responded with a scoring drive of their own. Some nice runs by Reagan Ogstad and a couple completions from quarterback Preston Gay to receivers Wyatt Buchanon and JC Ellerbee drove Cullman's offense down to the 5-yard line. Two plays later, Jackson Sessions punched it into the end zone from 5 yards out to get the 'Cats on the board and Garrett Mobley's extra point tied the game at 7 with less than a minute remaining in the opening period.

After the Panthers answered with another touchdown pass early in the second quarter, making it a 14-7 game, an interception cut the next Cullman possession short and set up a short field for Mars Hill.

A 4-yard touchdown run extended the lead to 21-7 a few plays later and after a big return on the ensuing kickoff by Buchanon, the Bearcats turned the ball over on downs with a little over eight minutes to play in the first half. The Panthers were forced to punt on their next possession and the 'Cats capitalized on the defensive stop, capping off a scoring drive with a 24-yard touchdown pass to Buchanon that trimmed the lead to 21-14 with three minutes remaining in the second.

Unfortunately for the home crowd, it didn't take long for the Panthers to get those points back. A 24-yard touchdown pass just 90 seconds later put Mars Hill back in front 28-14 with 1:30 on the clock in the first half and Cullman's ensuing possession ended with another interception. However, the Bearcats got a big play from Clemmons when he jumped in front of a Panthers pass and returned it 30 yards the other way for a touchdown, cutting Mars Hill's lead to 28-21 at the halftime break.

The 'Cats got the ball to start the second half but were forced to punt it away. The Panthers capped off their first possession of the third quarter with an 8-yard touchdown pass and stretched their lead to 35-21 midway through the period. Mars Hill scored on the ground from 18 yards out to make it a 42-21 game going into the fourth quarter and continued to pull away in the final frame. The Panthers added a 47-yard touchdown pass and a 3-yard touchdown run in the fourth to wrap up a 55-21 road win over the Bearcats.



JENNIFER LOVOY

The Cullman Bearcats fell to Mars Hill in their season opener Thursday night 55-21.

Offensively, Buchanon had a big night for the 'Cats, hauling in 11 catches for 132 yards and a touchdown in the loss. Gray completed 17 of his 28 passes for 183 yards, a touchdown and a pair of interceptions. Ogstad led the way on the ground with 22 yards on eight carries and Rex Chandler added 18 yards on five carries.

Cullman will now look to refocus its attention and bounce back in a big road game at Jasper next Friday night.

PREP FOOTBALL

Arab takes season opener over Albertville 34-6

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ARAB, Ala. – The Arabian Knights kicked off the 2023 season at home against Albertville Thursday night and Arab jumped out to a quick lead and never looked back on its way a 34-6 win over the Aggies.

Arab got the ball first to start out the game and Drew Puccio picked up 10 yards on second down for a Knights first down at the Aggie 47. Later on, Puccio connected with Landon Strickland for a 17-yard gain, and that put Arab at the 20. A pair of offsides on the Aggies put Arab at the 6, but the Knights failed to convert on fourth down, forcing them to turn the ball over on downs. Arab's defense, though, forced a punt on their opening defensive series.

A bad punt put the Knights in excellent field position at the 29. Another offsides penalty on Albertville put Arab at the 24. Later on, Puccio found Strickland for a six-yard gain, then Logan Alldredge found a huge hole on the left side of the line and found the end zone on a 13-yard run to give the Knights a 6-0 lead with 3:53 left to go in the opening period.

It didn't take long for Arab to get the ball right back as Landon Ertl recovered the kickoff at the 33.

On the third play of the series, Puccio found Luke Hudson for a 14-yard gain and a first down at the 16. Three plays later, Puccio scored on a 10-yard quarterback keeper to give Arab a 13-0 lead.

The Aggies moved the ball across midfield behind a couple of big runs, and later on, a pass interference penalty gave the Aggies a first down at the 28. A personal foul penalty, though, pushed them back to the 33, and Arab's defense stiffened after that as a huge sack by Lawson King forced Albertville to turn the ball over on downs later in the drive.

Each team traded punts on their next series, and after another Knight punt, Hagan Stewart picked off an Albertville pass at the 22. It was a heavy dose of Alldredge on Arab's next series, and the Knights were helped out by another offsides penalty.

Alldredge finished off the series with a 2-yard run with 1:09 left to go in the first half to push Arab's lead to 20-0. The Knights would go into the locker room up, 20-0, over the Aggies.

The Knights forced an Aggie punt on the first drive of the second half; one of the highlights of the drive was another sack by King on second down. The Knights started their first series of the second half at midfield, and Puccio ripped off a 23-yard run on the first play of the series.

Arab kept the ball on the ground after that, as runs by Taylor Anderson and Alldredge helped the Knights get to the seven-yard line.

On fourth down from the seven, Puccio found Hudson over the middle for the seven-yard score to give Arab a 27-0 lead. Arab got the ball back after another three-and-out by Albertville, but an interception gave the ball right back to the Aggies.

After another punt, Arab got another big run from Alldredge as that put them at the 44-yard line, then later on, a couple of big passes from Puccio to Strickland put the ball at the 14-yard line. Puccio connected with Hudson on the next play to increase the Knight lead to 34-0 in the fourth quarter.



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Arab's Logan Alldredge finished with 102 yards and a pair of scores in the Knights' 34-6 win over Albertville Thursday night.

The Aggies put up their first touchdown of the game on a six-yard touchdown pass to make it 34-6 late in the game, but the deficit was too much for them to overcome, as the Knights picked up a 34-6 win in their season opener over Albertville.

Puccio went 11/18 for 107 yards, a pair of touchdowns, and an interception, and added 43 yards and another score on the ground.

Alldredge rushed for 102 yards on 23 carries and a pair of scores. Hudson finished with six receptions for 53 yards and two touchdowns. Stewart finished with an interception, while King added a pair of sacks and Zac Hallman got one of his own.

The Knights will stay at home next Friday night to take on Brewer.

PREP SOFTBALL

'We should always play for the Lord': Good Hope's Campbell Koch recaps freshman season

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — The Good Hope Lady Raiders are coming off a solid 2023 softball season and freshman Campbell Koch talked about what it was like playing alongside some great teammates throughout the year. A lot of younger girls will be on varsity next season and Koch thinks that will help them be even better.

"Last season, we didn't reach some of the goals we set for ourselves and came up a little short, but it taught me a great deal about leadership and how to push and work hard through some difficult times," Koch said. "It was great. I love each and every one of my teammates and we all made some great bonds with each other. I am so excited, because we have a lot of girls that are returning, but we also have a lot of new talent coming up that will help bring great things to Good Hope softball. We have several seventh graders coming up, as well as some JV girls from last year, and that will help make us even better for this year."

Koch is blessed to be playing under some great coaches and has learned so much from them. She soaked up as much as she could from senior Bailey Keef and from her teammates.

"Our coaches are awesome. They put a lot of time into our program and into us. They are always making us better players, but also better people. They teach us how to play softball, but also teach us many life skills, such as leadership and teamwork, and that we should always put Christ first in our life," Koch said.

"She was fantastic. I love her and she was always a great role model for all of us. She was vocal on the field and always picked us up when we were down. She put the team first and was always a great leader. She taught us what true leadership really was. I can't wait to watch her at Mississippi College and I know she'll do great. What I learned from her and my teammates is how to be a better leader and how to work with my teammates better."

Koch has seen her game grow so much during her time on varsity so far and will continue to put in the work in the offseason as she prepares for the 2024 season.

"I saw my game improve a lot this season, especially in my hitting. Our building contributed a lot. Me and my dad were up there almost every weekend working and it definitely paid off. My dad always tells me, 'In order to perform well in front of thousands, you have to out-work thousands in front of nobody'," she said.

"My dad and I try to be in the building at least twice a week, working on hitting, in order to stay ready for next season."

She talked about the goals for this upcoming season and she thinks this team will do big things in 2024.

"For team goals, we hope to play competitively with everyone we play, win county and area, and make it further in Regionals than we have in the past. For personal goals, I hope to finish the season with a higher batting average than last year, and I hope to help my team be the best we possibly can and have a great sophomore season," she said. "I think that this team will be special to watch, because we have great team chemistry. We work well with each other, because we have played with each other for three years now and we all have been taught to play like it's our last ballgame every time we step on the field."

Koch talked about a role model that she looks up to and the best advice that someone ever gave her.

"My role model growing up has always been Amanda Lorenz. She played at Florida and now plays for Team USA. I've always admired how she stayed calm and collected in tough situations. She is always able to remove her team from those situations with good timely base hits," she said. "The best advice anyone has ever given me is to play for something bigger than yourself. We should always play for the Lord and let all of the glory go to Him, because no one would be here without Him."



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Good Hope's Campbell Koch

PREP SPORTS

'Cullman is my home away from home': Cullman's Shayley Vogelaar reflects on Bearcat years

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CULLMAN, Ala. — In this interview, I talked to Cullman soccer player Shayley Vogelaar and she shared some of her favorite memories from her Bearcat days. One of her favorite things was the opportunity to play alongside some great seniors.

"Some of my favorite memories were the beach tournament trips that we would take each year to Gulf Shores. As a team, we would have so much fun, being able to bond together and spend time getting to know one another better. We would spend our down time by doing 'skits' and playing card games. While going on beach trips and just playing in regular season games were so amazing, I also had some of my favorite memories come from practices," Vogelaar said. "My coaches always made practice fun. From the conditioning and weight room days to the pre-area game practices, they were always ready to be there for me and help me become the best version of myself. They truly embrace what it means to be dedicated. I don't think I would have any of these great sports memories if it wasn't for them."

She added, "It was a blast being able to play with these girls. Mimi, Abby, and Anna Beth have been my teammates for many years now, and I am so blessed that they were here for every step of the way with me. Each one of them taught me how to become a better person and friend. Mimi taught me how to be a leader. She was always there for me and was someone I could talk to easily. Abby taught me how to push myself beyond my limits. It has been an honor to play with her and create many memories with her on defense this year. Anna Beth taught me how to be strong. She was always making sure I kept my head up during hard practices or even at school, when I needed a friend. It has been so much fun to play with them. I can't believe that our time playing together is over, and I'm so thankful that Cullman gave me the opportunity to create friendships with them that will last a lifetime. I will forever cherish our friendships and the team chemistry we have created over the past six years."

Vogelaar got the chance to play for some incredible coaches during her time as a Bearcat and learned so much from them.

"They were the absolute best. It is hard to put into words how amazing they really are. They are the most dedicated people. Having spent hours upon hours with them over the years, I know that they have true passion for Cullman soccer. They embody what it means to be trusting, loyal, and dedicated to the team. They are true leaders. They always did what was best for us. From the hot summer runs and weightlifting, to meeting with us on cold mornings to run on the turf, they made sure to be there for us whenever we needed them. I learned so many valuable lessons from them, but the most important was how I can control my attitude and effort. It didn't matter if you were the best player on the field; they wanted to see good attitude and effort."

She added, "Even if the game wasn't going my way, I knew I couldn't control the refs or the other team; however, I could control my attitude and effort. I will forever carry around that mentality as it will always be the two things I can always control. I am so thankful for my coaches, and their lessons throughout the years have not only helped me on the field, but they will help me as I begin my new chapter in life."

She will deeply miss taking the field for Cullman next season and she talked about her favorite high school memories.

"While I will miss the practices and games, I will definitely miss spending time with my friends on the field. If I had a tough day at school, I would be able to escape from reality at practice and have fun with my teammates and coaches," Vogelaar said. "I'll miss the opportunity to have that escape. It is something I took for granted. One day, it is there, and the next day, it isn't. It was always a fun time filled with laughter and jokes. My teammates and coaches hold a special place in my heart, and I'll miss our team bonding on and off the field. Being able to put in the work and have fun at the same time was so rewarding, and it is something I'll miss dearly."

She added, "One of my favorite high school memories was going to football games on Friday nights. The student section always has such a fun and electric atmosphere. I also loved dressing up to the themes set for each game. I will never forget cheering and dancing along with the cheerleaders. Another favorite memory from high school was being able to compete in the HOSA State Leadership Competition this year. It was so much fun being able to compete with my friends in the medical assisting category. I learned so much. I was honored to have placed first in the state alongside my friend, Ella Chris, who placed third in the state. It was an awesome experience, and it is definitely one of my favorite memories from high school."

Cullman will hold a very special place in Vogelaar's heart and she will remember so much during her time as a Bearcat.

"Cullman is such a special place because of the people. From the teachers to the students, Cullman is filled with opportunities for friendship and success. They have opened so many doors for me, and I'm forever grateful for that. The dedication that the teachers have truly made being at CHS so much more fun and enjoyable. Cullman will be my home away from home. I will always be so thankful for the CHS teachers, principals, and staff for helping me grow into the person I am today," she said. "Looking back, I will remember all the fun school activities. The annual Key Club dance was always such a great time. My favorite part was being able to dress up and hang out with my friends."

She will really miss being a Bearcat next year and she gave the upcoming freshmen some advice.

"I will definitely miss the fun activities that the clubs would have. I will also miss seeing the teachers every day. Over the years, I have created strong bonds with a few of the teachers. Mrs. Tankersley, Mrs. Lunsford, and Coach Avery have all been my teachers for multiple years out of my high school career, and they have done so much to get me to where I am today. They made such a big impact on my life, and I thank them for that. I will forever miss my days at Cullman High School, and I am so happy to have had the opportunity to be a Bearcat,"

She added, "My advice to them would be to just enjoy every second. You always hear, 'High school goes by so fast', or 'Don't blink, because it will be over before you know it'. As a freshman, I didn't take it so seriously. I remember just wishing time would go by faster and waiting for summer break. Now, I'm never going back to the same routine in August like I did the past four years. I will never play soccer again. I will never walk down the history hallway as a student to wave at the teachers standing outside their classrooms. I remember being at soccer practice and hearing my coach say, 'This is it. The last half of the season. It's going to be over before you know it'. That's when I realized how my time was almost up. All the memories and routines were about to end. It's so hard to grasp the concept, until it's time to say goodbye and graduate. So, for the Class of 2027, try to take in every moment, because time is going to go by so fast when you have fun."



SHAYLEY VOGELAAR

Cullman's Shayley Vogelaar

Vogelaar had some incredible role models during her time playing soccer and in high school.

"One of my role models in soccer is Julie Ertz from the US Women's National Team. She has such passion for the game, along with amazing skills. Throughout my soccer career, I would watch her play and see her defensive skills. We both play the same position: defensive middle, and she was an amazing player to look up to. She works so hard on and off the field, and I aspire to have her determination and loving character," Vogelaar said. "Another role model that I have is Mrs. Michelle Greenlee. She was my AP Chemistry teacher for my senior year, and she was amazing. She was so kind and helped me gain passion for chemistry. Not only was she my teacher, she is my sister's cross-country coach. I can see her helping and always cheering for every runner. She is kindhearted and supportive of everyone. I look up to her, not only to be as smart as she is, but to have the same loving heart as her. She helped me so much this past year, and I am grateful to have been her student."

She was given some great advice by her mom and she received a scholarship from Wallace State.

"Throughout high school, I would be really hard on myself for getting a bad grade or for not doing the best on an assignment. My mom would always tell me, 'One bad grade doesn't define you'. That is so true. My mom helped me realize that I am worth more than my grade on a test or an assignment. This advice really opened my mind and built my character for the better," she said. "I received the Leadership Scholarship from Wallace State Community College. I'm blessed to be able to receive this scholarship, and I am excited for my new adventure with Wallace State. I'm going to be majoring on the Pre-Med track."

Vogelaar was in a couple of great clubs and learned so much during that experience. She was around so many great people during this experience.

"I was in the National Honors Society and HOSA. In HOSA, I learned many skills related to emergency medicine and medical assisting. I was able to learn CPR, and I became certified my sophomore year. It was really awesome being able to learn CPR, because it is such a valuable skill. It is easy to learn and could save someone's life. My senior year, I learned the skills of a medical assistant and completed them in the HOSA State Leadership Conference. From sterile gloving to helping them with a routine physical exam, I was able to learn these valuable skills that will help me in the future. I earned my medical assisting certification this April, and HOSA has helped give me the confidence to perform these skills in the real world."

She added, "It was incredible. The people in these clubs are what make them so amazing. It's really fun to see each other's growth throughout the years. From freshman year to graduating, it was an awesome experience being around people who have the same interests as you. It made learning so rewarding when I could accomplish tasks and skills alongside my friends."

PREP SOCCER

'Help others without expecting anything in return': West Point's Gigi Metrock talks sophomore season

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WEST POINT, Ala. — Last season was a special one for the West Point Lady Warriors, finishing with a school-record number of wins and junior Gigi Metrock talked about what she learned during that run last season.

"I feel very proud of how our last season went. I truly love my team and wouldn't trade them for anything. This past season, we had the most wins for any West Point girls soccer team ever. This team has taught me what it is really like to be a part of something you love with your whole heart. This season, I learned how to play a brand-new position. While playing defense, you have to learn how to work with the girls around you," Metrock said.

"Sydney was the best partner I could've ever asked for in center back. She helped me learn so much. I also learned what it is like to have a truly amazing coach. I wouldn't trade coach Whitesell for anything in the world. He is truly one of the most amazing and caring people I have ever met. He is there for us whenever we need him. I can confidently say that he has made a difference in all of our lives."

Metrock has gotten the chance to play with some amazing girls during her time on varsity so far and has soaked up as much as she can from her.

"Playing with a great group of girls makes everything so much more fun. I don't have a sister, but being on this team, makes it feel like I have 20. We are all close and are willing to help one another with anything; it is truly amazing," Metrock said.

"I have been a part of this team since seventh grade and they have truly helped shape me as a person.

"They have helped me teach me how to deal with things like drama, how to work as a team, how to stand for what I believe in, and so much more."

Metrock has learned so much from not only coach Whitesell, but from last year's seniors as well.

"He is one of the most amazing people I have ever met. He has taught me to help others without expecting anything in return, to work hard, even when I didn't want to, always try to win, but never forget to have fun," she said. "Last year's seniors were the best team captains I could've asked for. From Kyli, I learned to laugh at my mistakes and then learn from them. From Kaedince, I learned to try my hardest, and from Sydney, I learned to 'Use It'. Use every opportunity I am given both on and off the field."

Metrock has seen her performance drastically improve over the years and will continue to work on a very important thing before next season gets underway.

"The team was so new when I was in seventh grade, I had to play varsity goalie, because I didn't even know how to kick the ball. Now, going into 11th grade, I can do everything, from blocking a goal, to scoring a point. I have learned to play every position," she said.

"I will continue to work on my leadership skills in hopes of supporting my teammates the way the seniors and girls before them supported me."

Metrock kept the goals for this upcoming season short and sweet. She talked about what will make this team special to watch and a sweet moment that happened last season.

"Honestly, I want to have fun and enjoy the game, but I do love to win," she said.

"If we are winning by three or four points, instead of dominating, our coach will use it as an opportunity to let the younger girls get playing time and allow some of us to try new positions.

"We had a tournament in the spring and the other team did not have any subs. Because the win would not change any of the tournament scores and the other team was exhausted, at the half, coach let me play for the other team and both teams just got to have fun and enjoyed the game."

Metrock shared some of the best advice that someone ever gave her. She was so happy to see West Point have a great season.

"My mom always taught me that taking chances can be scary, but regardless of the outcome, certain chances are worth the learning experience," she said.

"Our season was exciting, and I am very proud of how our team has grown, but I remember the experience and fun over wins and losses."



GIGI METROCK

West Point's Gigi Metrock

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 29
TO AMEND THE CITY OF CULLMAN ZONING ORDINANCE

SECTION I. **PURPOSE**. The purpose of this Ordinance is to modify, amend, or delete portions of the current Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION II. The following definitions are hereby added to Chapter 62, "Zoning," Section 23, "Definitions," of the *Code of Ordinances City of Cullman, Alabama*, as follows:

Manufacturer; Alcoholic Beverages-- means any person, association or corporation engaged in the producing, bottling, manufacturing, distilling, rectifying or compounding of alcoholic beverages, liquor, beer or wine in this state for the sale or distribution in this state or other states according to its laws and regulations, to the ABC board or a licensee of the ABC board.

SECTION III. Table 5-1: Uses Permitted in Nonresidential Districts (Article V) of Section 62 of the *Code of Ordinances City of Cullman, Alabama*, is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Table 5-1: Uses Permitted in Nonresidential Districts

P —The use is permitted by right.

E —The use is permitted by right, if existing as of the effective date of the ordinance from which this chapter is derived. New construction of the use is prohibited.

SE —Special exception, requires approval by the ZBA per section 62-184.

C —Conditional use, requires approval by the commission per section 62-172.

A blank cell indicates the use is prohibited in the district.

Uses	B-1	B-2	B-3	CBD	INST	M-1	M-1P	M-2
Commercial Uses								
Ambulance service	P	P	P	C				
Alternative financial service (with no outdoor storage), see section 62-91	P	P	P	P				
Alternative financial service (with outdoor storage), see section 62-91		P	P					
Automobile repair, major	C	P	P					
Automobile repair, minor	P	P	P	P				
Business or professional office	P	P	P	P				
Business support service	P	P	P	P				
Car wash			C					
Construction service, major		P	P			C	C	C
Construction service, minor		P	P			C	C	C
Dispensing Site		C	C	C				
Event Venue	C	P	P	P				
Farm support business	C	P	P					
Funeral home	C	P	P	C	C			
Gym	C	P	P	P				
Home occupation	P	P	P	P				
Kennel	C	C	C					
Maintenance service	C	P	P					
Medical clinic	P	P	P	P	C			
Mini-storage facility		C	C					
Outdoor storage			C			P	P	P
Parking, commercial	P	P	P	P	C	P		P
Pawn shop	P	P	P	P				
Printing service	P	P	P	P				
Repair service		P	P	P				
Research laboratory	C	P	P	P		P	P	P
School, commercial		P	P	P	C			
Studio	P	P	P	P				
Truck stop			C					
Wholesaling, beer or wine			P			P	P	P
Wholesaling establishment		P	P	P				
Day Care Facilities								
Child or adult day care center	P	P	P	P	P			
Child day care center accessory to a permitted business	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Adult day care home	P							
Child day care group home	P							
Child day care home	P							
Institutional Use								
Low intensity	P	P	C	P	P	C	C	C
Medium intensity	P	C	C	C	P	C	C	C
High intensity	C	C	C	C	P	C	C	C
Place of Worship	P	P	P	P	C	C	C	C
Animal shelter			C		C			
Cemetery		C	C		C			
Hospital		C	C	C	C			
Lodging Uses								
Bed and breakfast, subject to section 62-95	P			P				
Hotel		P	P	P				
Motel		P	P					
Short-term rental, subject to section 62-103	P	P	P	P				
Manufacturing and Industrial Uses								
Bakery, major						P	P	P
Heavy industry						C	C	C
Industrial training center						C	C	C
Junkyard, subject to section 62-100		C	C					
Laundering plant						C	C	C
Manufacturing, general						C	C	C
Manufacturer; Alcoholic Beverages				C		P	P	P
Manufacturing, light						P	P	P
Recycling center		C	C					
Recycling plant						C	C	C
Warehousing and distribution center						P	P	P
Personal Services								
Laundry services	P	P	P	P				

Personal services	P	P	P	P				
Tattoo facilities, subject to section 62-104			P					
Veterinary hospital, with no outside boarding	C	P	P	C				
Recreation and Entertainment								
Entertainment, indoor	P	P	P	P				
Entertainment, outdoor	C	C	C	C				
Golf course	P	P	P					
Parks, playgrounds and nature preserves	P	P	P	P	P			
Recreation, commercial	C	C	C	C				
Recreation facility, public	C	C	C	C	C			
Residential Care Facilities								
Assisted living facility	P	P	P		C			
Independent living facility	P	P	P					
Nursing care facility	P	P	P		P			
Residential Uses								
Caretaker dwelling	C	C	C	C				
Duplex	E	E	E	E		E		E
Multifamily dwellings (more than 4 units per bldg.)	C	C	C	C				
Quadplex	E	E	E	E		E		E
Single-family attached, subject to section 62-93	E	E	E	E		E		E
Single-family detached	E	E	E	E		E		E
Triplex	E	E	E	E		E		E
Upper-story dwellings, subject to section 62-106	P	P	P	P				
Restaurant								
Brew pub, see chapter 4, City Code, Alcoholic Beverages				P				
Fast food restaurant	P	P	P	C				
Pick-up and delivery only restaurant	P	P	P	P				
Standard restaurant	P	P	P	P				
Standard restaurant with accessory alcohol sales, see chapter 4, City Code, Alcoholic Beverages	C	P	P	P				
Retail								
General, up to 10,000 s.f.	P	P	P	P				
General, larger than 10,000 s.f.	E	P	P	P				
Bakery, minor	P	P	P	P				
Bank	P	P	P	P				
Building supply	C	P	P	C				
Gas station	C	P	P	C				
Heavy equipment and vehicle sales, rental and service						C	C	C
Liquor sales for off-premises consumption, see chapter 4, City Code, Alcoholic Beverages	C	P	C	C				
Specialty beverage store, see chapter 4, City Code, Alcoholic Beverages	P	P	P	P				
Specialty wine and beer establishment, see chapter 4, City Code, Alcoholic Beverages	P	P	P	P				
Tobacco, vape store	P	P	P	P				
Unenclosed retail		C	C					
Vehicle and equipment sales, rental and service		C	P	C				
Vehicle sales, rental and service	C	C	P	C				
Telecommunications and Utilities								
Public utility facility	P	P	P	P	P	P		P
Small cell facilities	P	P	P	P	P	P		P
Telecommunication tower, see section 62-105	C	C	C	C	C	P		P

SECTION IV. Article X, Signs, of Section 62-147, Signs prohibited of the *Code of Ordinances City of Cullman, Alabama*, is hereby amended to add the following:
(a)(8) Animated or Motion Signs. Signs and billboards with animated, blinking, chasing, flashing, moving, revolving or rotating effects by either natural or artificial means, used to depict action or to create a special effect or scene are prohibited, with the exception of (i) signs and billboards that alternate the display of time (including moving hands of a clock) or temperature; and, (ii) signs and billboards that change characters, letters, or illustrations either manually or electronically (including barber poles), without altering the sign or billboard.
SECTION V. Article X, Signs, of Section 62-149, Temporary, of the *Code of Ordinances City of Cullman*, *Alabama*, is hereby amended to add the following:
(g) Temporary Commercial Sponsorship.- A banner or sign rented by a business, entity or person for off premises commercial sponsorship and advertisement rights, which are temporary in nature, as a means of funding and supporting one of the following: (i) education associated projects, teams, activities and groups; (ii) not-for-profit entities and activities; and (iii) governmental agencies within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City for the general public may be displayed at a location owned or leased by schools, school system or governmental agencies. Temporary Commercial Sponsorships shall be removed after their usefulness has been fulfilled. They may remain, or be put back into place, upon their seasonal renewal by the business, entity or person providing the commercial sponsorship as a benefit to one of the above-listed groups.
SECTION VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. Each and every provision of this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an independent provision and that holding of any provision hereof to be void and invalid for any reason shall not affect any other provision hereof and it is hereby declared that the other provisions of this Ordinance would have been enacted regardless of any provision which might have been held invalid. This Ordinance repeals any prior Ordinance in conflict therewith.
SECTION V. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be effective following its passage, approval and publication as required by law.
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 21st day of August, 2023.
/s/Jenny Folsom - President of City Council
ATTESTED BY: /s/Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk
APPROVED this the 21st day of August, 2023. /s/Woody Jacobs – Mayor
Please publish one time on Saturday, August 26, 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 30
TO AMEND THE CITY OF CULLMAN ALCOHOL ORDINANCE

SECTION I. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Ordinance is to modify, amend, or delete portions of the current Alcohol Ordinance.

SECTION II. The following definitions are hereby added or amended to Chapter 4, "Alcohol," Section 33, "Definitions," of the *Code of Ordinances City of Cullman, Alabama*, as follows:

The definition Manufacturer, in Chapter 4, "Alcohol," Section 33, "Definitions," of the *Code of Ordinances City of Cullman, Alabama*, is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Manufacturer: Any person, association or corporation engaged in the producing, bottling, manufacturing, distilling, rectifying, or compounding of alcoholic beverages, liquor, beer, or wine in this state for the sale or distribution in this state or other states according to its laws and regulations, to the ABC board or a licensee of the ABC board.

1. Upon applicant's compliance with the provisions of the Alabama State Code and the regulations of the state beverage control board, the city shall issue to applicant a manufacturer license which shall authorize the licensee to manufacture or otherwise distill, produce, ferment, brew, bottle, rectify, or compound alcoholic beverages within this state or for sale or distribution within this state. No person shall manufacture, distill, produce, ferment, brew, bottle, rectify or compound alcoholic beverages within this city for sale or distribution within this state or other states unless such person or the authorized representative of the person shall be granted a manufacturer license issued by the city.
2. No manufacturer licensee shall sell any alcoholic beverages direct to any retailer or for consumption on the premises where sold except as specified under subsection (7)(a)-(c), nor sell or deliver any such alcoholic beverages other than original containers approved as to the capacity of by the board and in accordance with standards of fill prescribed by the U.S. Treasury Department, nor maintain or operate within the state any place or places, other than the place or places covered by the manufacturer license, where alcoholic beverages are sold or where orders are taken.
3. Each manufacturer licensee shall be required to file with the board, prior to making any sales in Alabama a list of its labels to be sold in Alabama and shall file with the board its federal certificate of label approvals or its certificates of exemption as required by the U.S. Treasury Department. All liquors and wines whose labels have not been registered as herein provided for shall be considered contraband and may be seized by the board or its agents, or any peace officer of the state without a warrant and the goods shall be delivered to the board and disposed of as provided by law.
4. All such manufacturer licensees shall be required to mail or hand deliver to the board or designated representative of the board prior to the renewal of their city alcohol license an annual report which includes but is not limited to the annual gross receipts from retail sales, the annual gross receipts from manufacturing, the total gallons sold during the calendar year, the total number of barrels produced during the calendar year, the total square footage of the facility, the total square footage of the tap room, and the number of days in production during the calendar year. Such a report shall be in such form and containing such information as the board may prescribe.
5. Every manufacturer shall keep at its principal place of business within the state, daily permanent records which shall show the quantities of raw materials received and used in the manufacture of alcoholic beverages, and the quantities of alcoholic beverages manufactured and stored, the sale of alcoholic beverages, the quantities of alcoholic beverages stored for hire or transported for hire by or for the licensee and the names and addresses of the purchasers or other recipients thereof.
6. Every place licensed as a manufacturer shall be subject to inspection by members of the board or by persons duly authorized and designated by the board at any and all times of the day or night as they may deem necessary for the detection of violations of this chapter, or any law, or of the rules and regulations of the board, or for the purpose of ascertaining the correctness of the records required to be kept by the licensees. The books and records of such licensees shall, at all times, be open to inspection by members of the board, or by persons duly authorized and designated by the board. Members of the board and its duly authorized agents shall have the right, without hindrance, to enter any place which is subject to inspection hereunder, or any place where such records are kept for the purpose of making such inspections and making transcripts thereof.
7. Licenses issued under this section shall, unless revoked in the manner provided in this article, be valid for the license year commencing January 1 of each year.
    a. A manufacturer licensee actively and continuously engaged in the manufacture of alcoholic beverages on the manufacturer's licensed premises in the state may conduct tastings or samplings on the licensed premises, as regulated by the ABC board except as to quantity and hours of operation, or as otherwise provided by statute, and for that purpose give away or sell alcoholic beverages manufactured there for consumption on only one premises where manufactured.
    b. All alcoholic beverages manufactured and retained on the manufacturer's licensed premises for tasting or sampling shall remain on the premises and be dispensed from a barrel or keg or other original containers.
    c. Beer may be transferred directly between qualifying manufacturers of the same ownership in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws, rules, and regulations. A licensed manufacturer shall have no more than one affiliate, ancillary and subsidiary manufacturing location under the same ownership located within the Central Business District ("CBD"). Where a licensed manufacturer has no more than one qualifying manufacturing place of business located within the CBD, the combined total amount of beverage produced on all the premises of qualifying manufacturers of the same ownership shall not exceed 10,000 barrels per year. All beer sold, served and consumed on-premises must be brewed by the qualifying manufacturer at one of its licensed facilities.
8. In addition to the licenses provided for by the state and/or municipal license, there is levied on the manufacturer of the alcoholic beverages dispensed on the premises the privilege or excise tax imposed on beer by *Code of Ala*. 1975, §§ 28-3-184 and 28-3-190; and imposed on table wine by *Code of Ala*. 1975, § 28-7-18 and imposed on liquor by *Code of Ala*. 1975, §§ 28-3-200 to 28-3-205, inclusive. Every manufacturer licensee shall file the tax returns, pay the taxes, and perform all obligations imposed on wholesalers at the times and places set forth herein. It shall be unlawful for any manufacturer licensee who is required to pay the taxes so imposed in the first instance to fail or refuse to add to the sale price and collect from the purchaser the required amount of tax, it being the intent and purpose of this provision that each of the taxes levied is in fact a tax on the consumer, with the manufacturer licensee who pays the tax in the first instance acting merely as an agent of the state for the collection and payment of the tax levied by *Code of Ala*. 1975, § 28-3-184; as an agent for the county or municipality for the collection and payment of the tax levied by *Code of Ala*. 1975, § 28-3-190; as an agent for the county or municipality for collection and payment of the tax levied by *Code of Ala*. 1975, § 28-7-18; and as an agent for the state for collection and payment of the tax levied by *Code of Ala*. 1975, §§ 28-3-200 to 28-3-205, inclusive.
9. The combined total amount of beverage produced on the premises of qualifying manufacturers of the same ownership cannot be less than 240 barrels per year and each facility must operate a minimum of 220 days per calendar year except the year manufacturer commences operation. In no case shall the minimum amount of beverage produced on any ancillary and subsidiary premises be less than thirty-six (36) barrels per year.
10. The establishment may operate a tap room (tasting room) in conforming with state law, however, the tap room shall not exceed an occupant load of 300 persons as determined by the Building and Fire Codes. Tap room shall operate in accordance with Sec. 4-55. – "Authorized hours," of this Chapter**.**
11. Retail sales through the tap room shall not exceed fifty (50%) percent of the total gross revenues or total gallons sold by the business during any calendar year.

12. A loading and unloading area on site must be provided for.
13. No manufacturer shall provide for the public any type of recreational facilities, including but not limited to darts, billiards, pool, shuffleboard, or any other type [of] recreation[al] activity, except in a designated recreation area approved by the police chief or other designated City of Cullman representative.
14. Failure to comply with this article or state law shall be grounds for the city to refuse to renew the license for subsequent years.

SECTION III. Table 4-34: "Zoning," the "Zone" column of "CBD (Central Business District)" of the *Code of Ordinances City of Cullman, Alabama*, is hereby amended to add the following within the business column for licensing purposes; subject to all City of Cullman Zoning Ordinance requirements:

1. Manufacturer.
2. Retail liquor sales for off-premises consumption

SECTION IV. Section 4-6, "Prohibited Use of drive-through or walk-up window for the purchase of beer and wine," is hereby added to read as follows: "*No retailer licensed to sell beer, wine or any alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board shall contain facilities for the sale of beer or table wine, or both any alcoholic beverages, by means of a "drive-up," "walk-up," or "drive-thru" window or other type of exterior access*."

SECTION V. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. Each and every provision of this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an independent provision and that holding of any provision hereof to be void and invalid for any reason shall not affect any other provision hereof and it is hereby declared that the other provisions of this Ordinance would have been enacted regardless of any provision which might have been held invalid. This Ordinance repeals any prior Ordinance in conflict therewith.

SECTION VII. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be effective following its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 21st day of August, 2023.
/s/Jenny Folsom - President of City Council
ATTESTED BY: /s/Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk
APPROVED this the 21st day of August, 2023. /s/Woody Jacobs – Mayor

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

Ozark Striping Company, LLC hereby gives notice of completion of contract with the State of Alabama for construction of Project No. HRRR-2221 (250) in Cullman County. This notice will appear for four consecutive weeks beginning on **August 19** and ending on **September 9.** All claims should be filed at P.O. Box 847, Ozark, AL 36361 during this period.

Ozark Striping Company, LLC

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2023-064

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF RICHARD ALAN BARRETT and SHARON H. BARRETT TO ADOPT T.G.C., a minor child.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: UNKNOWN FATHER OF T.G.C.
WHOSE IDENTITY, ADDRESS AND/OR WHEREABOUTS
ARE UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of T.G.C., a minor child born on September 10, 2021, to Courtney Allison Collins, was filed on the 22nd day of August, 2023, in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Richard Alan Barrett and Sharon H. Barrett. Please be advised should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama, 35055.

DONE this 23rd day of August, 2023.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR SUCCESSIVE WEEKS.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

In Re the Estate of)
Ruth O. Graves,) Case No. PC 2023-260
Deceased)

Notice to Creditors

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Elton Graves as Personal Representative of the Estate of Ruth O. Graves, deceased, on the 9th day of August, 2023, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate,

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

Elton Graves
Personal Representative
Elton Graves

To the Publisher of the Cullman Tribune:
Please publish the above Notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate, Tammy Brown
Cullman County, Alabama

G. Edward Coey
Attorney for Personal Representative
P.O. Box 834
Hanceville, Al 35077
256-352-2090

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of)
SUSAN MARGUERITE DETTERBECK,) Case No.: PC-2023-268
also known as SUSAN M. DETTERBECK)
Deceased)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Samuel Paul Murphy, Jr. of the Estate of Susan Marguerite Detterbeck, deceased, on the 17th day of August, 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.

Samuel Paul Murphy, Jr.
Samuel Paul Murphy, Jr.
Administrator of the Estate of
Susan Marguerite Detterbeck, deceased

TO: The Publisher of *The Cullman Tribune*

Please publish the foregoing notice one a week for 3 consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Beverly Paschal Poston,
Attorney for the Estate of
Susan Marguerite Detterbeck, deceased.
200 1st Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2023-264

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JACQUELINE I. QUATTLEBAUM, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Larry U. Quattlebaum on the 17th day of August, 2023, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Larry U. Quattlebaum
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for the Estate
Smith & Smith, LLP
P. O. Box 398
Cullman, AL 35056-0398
(256) 734-4721

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2023-135

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF THERESA FRANCES KANE, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Margaret McCloskey, Helen Walker (Kane) and Steven Kane on the 17th day of August, 2023, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Margaret McCloskey, Helen Walker (Kane) and Steven Kane
Co-Personal Representatives

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for the Estate
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P. O. Box 398
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
LINDA FRANKLIN SMITH, CASE NO.: PC2023-258

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to RUBEN DOUGLAS SMITH as Personal Representative of the Estate of LINDA FRANKLIN SMITH, deceased, on the 9th day of August, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

RUBEN DOUGLAS SMITH
Personal Representative

Adam S. Gober
Attorney for Personal Representative
7581 Spanish Fort Boulevard
Spanish Fort, Alabama 36527
251-753-7544

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

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

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

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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 *
FRED WILBURN BUSSEY * CASE NO PC 2023-266
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary have been granted to **Frederick Bussey,** as Personal Representative of the Estate Fred Wilburn Bussey, deceased, on the 24th day of August, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County.

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

FREDERICK BUSSEY
Personal Representative of the Estate of
Fred Wilburn Bussey, deceased

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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.

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
ALMOND RAY WOODS, * CASE NO.: PC2023-259
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to JEFFREY M. GRAY, as Personal Representative of the Estate of ALMOND RAY WOODS, deceased, on the 24th day of August, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

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– COLUMN –

Celebrating in the Wundergarten: Cultivate Cullman Chowchow

Ben Johnson South
Tribune Columnist

The first rule of CULTIVATE CULLMAN CHOW-CHOW is: DO NOT talk about how your chowchow recipe is the ultimate. There is no "BEST" recipe for chowchow. There are many superb variations of this medley of chopped, vinegar-steeped, garden goodness.

The second rule of CULTIVATE CULLMAN COLESLAW is: DO NOT brag unless your garden bounty is from Alabama's no. 1 county for agriculture—CULLMAN.

CULTIVATE CULLMAN CHOWCHOW starts with these ingredients from Cullman growers:

CABBAGE is grown and eaten in countries around the world, but this handsome head of leaves has been cultivated in our area since the founding of Colonial Cullman in the 1870s. If you're adding green cabbage to your chowchow, pick a head that is shiny and lime green. For red cabbage chowchow, choose a deep, maroon hue.

Firm orbs are best when handling cabbage. Soft and spongy to the touch can indicate rotten at the core. Bigger heads generally taste milder, and smaller heads are for those who like their cabbage to taste more—cabbage-y.

GREEN TOMATOES are a near-essential to CULTIVATE CULLMAN CHOWCHOW. Alabama author, Fannie Flagg, cultivated a modern-day appreciation for these emerald beauties in her best-seller, FRIED GREEN TOMATOES at THE WHISTLESTOP CAFÉ, but possibly a tastier, and certainly a healthier way to enjoy these summer garden goodies is in chowchow.

"The Best Green Tomato Varieties" according to Plantura Magazine are:

ARTISAN GREEN TIGER, a green-striped, elongated cherry tomato with a taste that is sweet, sour, fresh and juicy.

AUNT RUBY'S GERMAN GREEN CHERRY, a particularly pretty and aromatic orb that is great for nibbling.

CHEROKEE GREEN, which mature to golden age but remain green inside, sort of squatty looking but tender and soft.

GREEN DOCTORS, a cocktail tomato with a wonderful aroma and delicious taste. This is an easy-to-cultivate tomato for Jr. Master Gardeners and beginners.

GREEN ZEBRA, the most widely cultivated green tomato in the U.S. They are hearty, robust, fresh and fruity.

"Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad."—from THE ONE-LINER DO-GOODER DINER

SWEET ONIONS are often tasty when grown in Vidalia, Georgia, but for those who want to CULTIVATE CULLMAN CHOWCHOW, superb, sweet onions are plentiful at the Festhalle Farmers Market, the Berlin Farmers Market and direct from many growers in Cullman County.

Sweet onions range in color from pure white to almost yellow. However, squattier sweet onions are, hmmm, SWEETER than yellow onions.

CULLMAN CHOW-CHOW calls for sweet onions that are firm, dense, heavy for their size and unblemished by bruising. Until you are ready to pickle your chowchow, sweet onions should be wrapped individually in paper towels and stored in your refrigerator's crisper drawer.

ONION JOKES from "The One-Liner Do-Gooder Diner":

• So, what's the difference in an onion and a bagpipe? Nobody cries when you cut up a bagpipe.

• I tried out for the Olympic onion chopping team—but I didn't make the cut.

• Chuck Norris chopped an onion and the onion cried.

GREEN BELL PEPPERS are rich in vitamins and other nutrients, promote good gut health, may promote heart and eye health, are tasty and add lovely color to your chowchow. For more health benefits of green bell peppers, go to healthline.com.

RED BELL PEPPERS are simply green bell peppers which have grown up. Having some green bell peppers, some red bell peppers and some sweet white onions remind me of the colors of Mexico which is where bell peppers were originally cultivated.

CARROTS are root vegetables that were first cultivated in Afghanistan about twelve hundred years ago. Early carrots were purple or yellow, but orange is their best-known color. Go for super-colorful carrots with some crunch when you CULTIVATE CULLMAN CHOWCHOW.

4 Ways to Chop Carrots: 1) Julienne—looks like orange toothpicks, 2) Dice—looks like cubes, 3) Batons—looks like little Lincoln Logs, 4) Brunoise—looks like the dog chewed it up and is the most popular cut when one is canning chowchow, especially if your dog is a Chow Chow.

BEANS Both chopped green beans and whole Lima beans are popular in chowchow. Some culinary historians believe the food name "chow-chow" came from the French-speaking Acadian settlers in Louisiana. "Chow" is related to the French word for cabbage—"chou."

Red Beans and Rice is a traditional noon-day meal on Mondays in Louisiana. The red beans simmer as the weekly laundry is done. A traditional side dish relish with bland red beans and rice is—chowchow.

PEAS Give peas a chance in your chowchow. There are basically three types in the U.S. for you to consider: English peas, snow peas and sugar snap peas. Each goes by multiple names and all delish in chowchow. Sometime before this summer is history, I want to belly up to some buttered cornbread, fresh sliced tomatoes, fried okra, a big dollop of chowchow and this very Southern recipe:

A MESS OF PEAS
(Source: dallasgarden-buzz.com)

INGREDIENTS

- 1 quart water
- 1 smoked ham hock
- 8 cups fresh field peas
- 6 hot peppers in vinegar, drained
- 1 tsp. sugar
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. pepper

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Bring 1 quart water and smoked ham hock to a boil in a large Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to low, and simmer 30 minutes.

2. Stir in peas and remaining ingredients; cover and simmer 25-30 minutes or until peas are done.
Yield: 10 servings

CAULIFLOWER is in the same family as cabbage, broccoli, and collard greens—Brassica oleracea. Typically, only the head of cauliflower is eaten. The edible white flesh is called curd because it resembles cheese curd. Cauliflower, like cabbage, was introduced to Alabama by the German settlers who cultivated Cullman County.

CELEBRATING IN THE WUNDERGARTEN This culinary storytelling series imagines recipes Frau Ruehl, the German-born heroine of the folktale, "WUNDERGARTEN," would have savored in Cullman County of the 1870s. She was a hard-working, widowed farmer who would have planted, nurtured, harvested, chopped, and canned an array of vegetables for homemade chowchow.

Thanks to modern day ease in food storage and changing tastes, you can enjoy the variety of tastes of all the vegetables listed above for traditional chowchow and enjoy even greater nutrition. Simply choose the veggies you desire, chopping them and drizzling with this delicious vinaigrette dressing originally created by Chef Andrew Little at Sheppard Mansion in Hanover, Pennsylvania.

CULTIVATE CULLMAN CHOWCHOW VINAIGRETTE
(Source: washingtonpost.com)

INGREDIENTS

- 16-oz. jar prepared chowchow (available at Publix)
- 2 tbsp. white wine vinegar
- 2 tbsp. dry vermouth (available at Cabin Fever)
- 3 ground black peppercorns

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Combine the ingredients in a blender and puree on high speed until smooth.

2. Use immediately, or transfer to a resealable plastic storage container, and refrigerate up to one week.

CHOW DOWN AND AUF WIEDERSEHEN Y'ALL!

Find all columns in this series at www.cullmantribune.com/tag/celebrating-in-the-wundergarten.



'Connecting with Conservation' highlights funding for state wildlife agencies

David Rainer
ADCNR



ADCNR

Those who participate in shooting sports support state wildlife agencies through excise taxes on firearms and ammunition.

How conservation and outdoors recreation are funded throughout the nation is somewhat of a mystery for most people.

In an effort to inform the public about where state wildlife and fisheries agencies get the money to conserve habitat and provide quality outdoors recreation, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' (ADCNR) Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) Division is teaming with the Outdoor Stewards of Conservation Foundation and the firearms and ammunition industry to promote Connecting with Conservation, a video series that explains the process. The program highlights the shift in user groups as well.

"From the time when the Pittman-Robertson Act was passed in the late 1930s, hunters have paid the lion's share of wildlife conservation in America," said Chuck Sykes, WFF Director. "Hunters buying licenses and also buying guns and ammunition, those are basically the funding sources for state agencies. It's Pittman-Robertson excise tax dollars that the manufacturers pay, and the license dollars that hunters pay.

"That's how states have bought property for public hunting. That's how states provide services and do research. That's the cornerstone of conservation in the United States."

Sykes said in the past decade, especially the past five or six years, agencies have seen a huge shift in who is actually funding conservation. Hunters are being passed by recreational and target shooters, who are now paying the lion's share of excise taxes.

"For state agencies to remain relevant and to support people who are actually paying for that conservation now, states have had to change their business models a little bit," he said. "Instead of everything going for wildlife management like it has been for the past 80 years, now we're focusing a lot on providing recreational shooting opportunities."

Alabama has provided shooting opportunities at 12 public shooting ranges throughout the state. A 13th range is now being designed in Shelby County with an emphasis on recreational and target shooting. Visit www.outdooralabama.com/activities/shooting-ranges for information on the ranges.

"Of the 12 shooting ranges, most were built with hunters in mind, and they are on a WMA (wildlife management area)," Sykes said. "They're 5 miles down a dirt road and hard to get to. People who are non-hunters are not comfortable going there to shoot.

"Now, we are putting our focus on finding properties that have easy access for people who aren't hunters but still pay into the system to have a safe environment where they can go shoot. So, our purchase in Shelby County is the first of, hopefully, many to come."

Federal excise taxes are also collected on archery equipment much in the same manner that they are collected on firearms and ammunition. In the spirit of giving back to those who fund conservation, Alabama's Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division leads the nation in archery parks with 20 currently spread across the state. Go to www.outdooralabama.com/activities/archery-parks for an interactive map and list of activities available at each park.

Sykes said this shift will not change the WFF's commitment to the people who have funded conservation for generations.

"We're not turning our back on our traditional users," he said. "We still have hunters and anglers at the forefront of what we do. But we can't deny the fact that we need to partner with recreational shooters and provide a place for them to practice and get more proficient with a firearm. I think there were eight million new gun owners a couple of years ago. There are a lot of people buying guns and ammo now that didn't grow up the way we did. It's our job as a state agency to provide places where they feel comfortable.

"That's where this Connecting with Conservation comes in. Most of us are biologists and not communicators. We have not told our story very well. It takes manufacturers making guns and ammo. It's takes hunters buying licenses, guns and ammo.

"And it takes state agencies on the ground for all of this to work. It can't work without all three. Some of the manufacturers don't know where the excise tax goes. Some hunters, especially the late-onset hunters, and recreational shooters don't have any idea that what they're doing is actually paying for conservation.

"This concept is to get all these different groups on the same page so we can have a collective voice to tell our story.

Ammunition manufacturers like Creedmoor Sports provide funding of state wildlife agencies through the Pittman-Robertson Act. (ADCNR)

Sykes said the initiative is a program that will eventually include other states and other industry partners to try to educate the public on conservation efforts throughout the nation. Go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=WyXAIa6oHgQ to watch a video on the program.

"We were fortunately one of the first states to do it," Sykes said. "We have a good partner with Creedmoor Sports in Alabama, so it just made sense."

Jim Curcuruto, Executive Director of the Outdoor Stewards of Conservation Foundation, said the Connecting with Conservation program is what he calls a "thank you" party.

"It's states thanking their people for buying hunting and fishing licenses, the manufacturers thanking the people for buying their products, and the manufacturers thanking the state agencies for doing all the cool work they're doing with the funding," Curcuruto said.

"We want the end users to find out that 'Oh, I didn't know we were primary funders of conservation.'

"Outdoor Stewards of Conservation is a nonprofit with a mission to do research-based marketing to help recruit the next generation of what we call HATS (hunters, anglers, trappers and shooters) and promote the fact that HATS are primary funders of land, fish and wildlife conservation in America."

Curcuruto said each year about $1.5 billion is raised through excise taxes, and these funds are combined with license revenue to make up the bulk of state fish and wildlife agency budgets. The excise tax funds are distributed to the states according to a formula that includes the number of licenses sold and the state's land mass.

"When you add in people who buy duck stamps or donate to Ducks Unlimited or the National Wild Turkey Federation, it comes to about $10 million a day," he said.

"Without that money from hunting and fishing licenses and excise taxes, state agencies would be in trouble. Without the DCNRs on the ground, getting their hands dirty, buying new land, managing those lands and the wildlife, conservation in America would fall apart. The important part is creating those messages so people understand this."

Curcuruto said five additional videos will be produced to convey the messaging, and anyone interested can go to www.outdoorstewards.org for more information about the "Fill a Bag While Filling Your Tag" program to reduce litter.

"I think we've overcomplicated the message and it's confused people," he said. "Now, we're just saying thanks for being a primary funder of conservation."

John Teachey, Vice President of Operations and Marketing with Creedmoor Sports in Anniston, said the company has been rooted in shooting sports for the past 40 years, catering to the participants in the Civilian Marksmanship Program, which has its distribution center in Anniston.

"One of the things that Connecting with Conservation does is make it clear to individuals that state conservation funding, for the most part, comes from the Pittman-Robertson Act," Teachey said.

"The program tries to make it widely known that those of us who manufacture firearms, manufacture ammunition are not only supplying individuals with those goods they need, but we're also paying for state conservation through excise taxes.

"The program is to increase awareness and show what our industry does. We're not just here to make product and make money. We're also giving a lot back through these federal programs for state agencies. We see value in it because it truly shows what our industry does.

"Right, wrong or indifferent, our industry has been a target of many people for the last decade plus. There are some people who would love to see this industry go away forever. This has been my profession for my entire career, and I want people to understand what our industry does and show the positive things that we do as well."

LEGALS

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 32
TO ANNEX CERTAIN PROPERTIES INTO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA

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

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Cullman finds that the following property owner, Cullman Regional Medical Center, have petitioned the City under the provisions of Section 11-42-21 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, that the following described property, owned by the petitioner, be annexed into the City of Cullman:

PPIN: 5867. Parcel No. 09-09-32-0-001-015.000. Property Address: 5788 AL Highway 157, Cullman, Alabama.

Legal Description: Lot 1 of the JMBL, Inc. Subdivision, as the same appears of record in Plat Book 2022, page 42 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama.

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

SECTION 3 That the City of Cullman does hereby annex as a part of its corporate limits the above described tracts or parcels of land as B-2 General Business District.

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

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

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 21st day of August, 2023.

/s/Jenny Folsom - President of City Council

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

APPROVED this the 21st day of August, 2023. /s/Woody Jacobs – Mayor

Hanceville (from Front)

while expensive and lengthy, can be a literal life-or-death difference for residents in a medical crisis, such as cardiac arrest, particularly for those who live farther away from hospitals and treatment centers.

"On that call (in January 2023), our department responded to a residence here right outside the city limits to a cardiac arrest.

"Not all cardiac arrests turn out good, unfortunately. But this particular one did turn out good.

"The citizen survived, but it was a team effort," explained Absher, "so we want to do some thank-yous and commendations for our people who were there!"

Those who responded to that life-saving call were awarded plaques and commemorative coins, including Fire Chief Rodger Green, Britt Banks, Tina Weeks, Shanon Hipp and Derek Bennefield.

The Hanceville Police Department's Zachary Hightower was also recognized as he was promoted from the rank of offer to corporal.

Police Chief Joshua Howell shared his reasoning for the promotion, touching on the fact that Hightower started as a dispatcher and has worked his way up.

"Whether it's responding to emergencies with composure and effectiveness, collaborating seamlessly with fellow officers or engaging with the community in a spirit of empathy and compassion, Officer Hightower has consistently proven himself as a true asset to our team." Howell stated.

Hightower's girlfriend, Morgan Arrington, was given the privilege of the first pinning of his corporal badge.

In other council business, bills were paid.

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Obituary Announcements: Aug. 24-25

Michelle Leigh Wade Dean, 46
Michelle Leigh Wade Dean, of Holly Pond, Alabama, met Jesus face to face on Friday morning, Aug. 18, 2023, at the age of 46. Michelle was born in Jefferson County, Alabama, on Aug. 10, 1977, to Kevin Howard and Jackie Denise Chandler Wade. Michelle had seasons of walking in her calling, seasons of joy, and seasons of struggle. She loved her children, and grandchildren, with all her heart. She loved her parents and sister with everything in her being. She loved so many others and she was loved. Michelle confessed Jesus and she loved Him, and we know she is in Heaven with Him. She is finally truly free and has her crown of beauty, the oil of gladness, and her garment of praise. (Isaiah 61:3b) Michelle is now living out what she was born to do, worshipping the Savior, lifting her beautiful voice in praise to Him. While Michelle was weak in the flesh, she was very strong in the Spirit. Her tug of war is now over. Her battle is won. She is now resting in the arms of the Father. To God be the Glory! Michelle was greeted in Heaven by her grandparents, Howard Wade, Joseph David "Jinx" and Drucilla "Dru" Chandler; brother-in-law, Nathan Johnson; and her uncle, David Wade. She is grieved here on earth by her parents, Kevin and Jackie Wade; husband, Michael Dean; children, Chandler Luke Wisener and Kaitlyn, Jaxon Olinger, RaeLeigh Olinger, Ava Olinger, Anna Olinger, Gracie Dean; grandchildren, Emery Tate Wisener, and soon to be born Baylor Ruth Olinger; sister and brother-in-law, Meredith and Matthew Wade Greene; grandmother, Norma Wade; uncles, Dr. Larry Wade and Brenda, Henry Chandler and Rita, John Chandler and Kris; nieces and nephews, Abi Johnson, Emma Greene, Jackson Greene; her beloved cousins; and a host of extended family and friends. Michelle's life will be celebrated on Sunday, Aug. 27, 2023, at Liberty Church in Arab, Alabama. A time of visitation will be held from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m., followed by a funeral service at 3 p.m., with Pastor Keith Hodges and Pastor Rick Laster officiating. A committal service will follow in Holly Pond Cemetery where Allen Cone, Casey White, Glenn Webb, Josh Ballew, Shane "Bubba" Burns, and Thomas "Tommy" Moore will serve as pallbearers for Michelle. Michelle loved the beauty of flowers, but if you would like to make a donation in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Holly Pond Funeral Home. All donations will be applied to Michelle's funeral expenses. Michelle's obituary was lovingly written by her mother. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Wade and Dean families.

Bernice Lynch Glover, 88
Funeral service for Bernice Lynch Glover, 88, of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 26, 2023, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Jones Chapel Cemetery, Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating. Visitation will be Saturday at the funeral home from noon until 2 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Glover passed from this life Thursday, Aug. 24, 2023, at her residence. She was born June 24, 1935, to Burnie and Ambie Myrtle Stark Lynch. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 49 years, John Wesley Glover; son, Steven Duane Weaver; parents; five brothers; three sisters; four grandchildren, Joey Benton Fine, April Glover, Luke Allen Glover, Anna Grace Glover. Survivors include her daughter, Patricia 'Patty' Louise (Calvin) Bullock; sons, Michael Wesley (Pam) Glover, Tony Allen (Celina) Glover; daughter, Melissa Ruth (Jeff) Marchman; daughter-in-law, Denise Weaver; grandchildren, John Steven (Kelly) Weaver, Joshua Ian Weaver, Jenifer Dianne (Shawn0 Kennett, Jason Allen Fine, Cynthia Lynn (Scotty) Sellers, William Wesley (Sarah) Glover, Drew Anthony (Allie) Glover, Melissa Ellen Glover, Julia Auburn (Ivan) Martinez, Tammy Fine, Jessica Glover, Amanda Renee (Mark) Prentice; four step-grandchildren, Alicia, Ashley, Garramy, Jake; 14 great-grandchildren; six step-great grandchildren; nieces, nephews, family and friends. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to First Source For Women, 203 Commercial St., Hanceville, AL 35055. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Bradley Mills Richie, 46
Bradley Mills Richie, 46, of Cullman, passed away Aug. 23, 2023, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. He was born Nov., 23, 1976. Visitation will be held on Friday, Aug. 25, 2023, from noon until 2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville where services will follow at 2 p.m. Burial will follow the services at Ephesus Baptist Church Cemetery. Brother Brandon Newell will officiate. Bradley is survived by his mother, Debra Yancey; father, Ray Richie; sisters, Crystal Richie and Dorothy Adams (Mohamadou) Mouthi; brothers, Michael (Erica) Richie and Johnny Ray (Pamela) Richie; one nephew; and several cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandparents; two aunts; and one uncle. The family would like to give a special thanks to his caregivers through the years; Keyshia, Reneshia, Cynthia, Tanya, Fred, and Vicky.

Margie Lou Grantham, 88
Graveside Service for Margie Lou Grantham, age 88, of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 25, 2023, at Fairview West Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Grantham passed away on Thursday, Aug. 24, 2023. at Woodland Village Health Care. She was born Sept. 25, 1934, to James B. Loyd and Essie Loyd. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother. Survivors include her daughters, Jo Ellen Pair and Rhonda (Stokely) Black; son, Anthony Grantham; grandchildren, Seth (Chelsey) Black, Kasey Pair, and Zoie Pair; and a host of family and friends.

David Lee Marsh, 60
A memorial gathering for David Lee Marsh, 60, of Hanceville, Alabama will be held from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2023, at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Marsh was born on Sept. 14, 1962, to Myron and Judith Marsh. He passed away early morning at his residence on Aug. 25, 2023. Survivors include his wife, Karen Marsh; Son, Adam Lee Marsh (Jessica); brothers, Christopher Benkowski and Anthony Benkowski; children, Annie Watts, Jeff (Erica) Watts, Sarah (Ryan) Caldwell. Pickles and Cricket; grandchildren, Walker Rippen Marsh, Kali Abigail Marsh, Taegan Lee Marsh, Crimson Watts, Rayden Patty (Little Foot), and Jeff Watts JR. Mr. Marsh was preceded in death by his parents, Myron and Judith Marsh, and his beloved pet Blue.

Megnia Joan Terry, 80
Funeral Service for Megnia Joan Terry, age 80, of Vinemont, will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 27, 2023, at Cross Roads Missionary Baptist Church with David Estes and Tommy Blackwood officiating; interment in Cross Roads Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 26, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Terry passed away on Thursday, Aug. 24, 2023, at Brookwood Medical Center. She was born Oct. 5, 1942, to Richard Lem Meherg and Lena Bell Meherg. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dannie R. Terry; parents; sisters, Billie Jo Livingston and Faye Carr; brother, James Meherg; and sons-in-law, John Bennefield and Gary Garmon. Survivors include her children, Shelia (Ed) Dulz, Karen Garmon, Jimmy Terry, Wanda Bennefield, Vickie (Richard) Suits, and Lisa Burke; grandchildren, Alex (Peggy) Dulz, Megan Dulz, Glenn (Ashley) Garmon, Jay Garmon, Josh (Claire) Garmon, Amanda (Shane) Currington, Amesia (Brett) Williams, April (Robert) Howard, Allison Bennefield, Travis (Tamara) Terry, Micah (Kiley) Suits, and Lucas Suits; 20 great-grandchildren; brothers, Bobby (Dura) Meherg and John (Joy) Meherg; sister, Becky (Arthor) Talley; sisters-in-law, Jane Joyce (Bill) Ginn and Martha Meherg; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, friends, and coworkers.

Fay Delores Duskin Underwood, 81
Fay Delores Duskin Underwood, 81, of Holly Pond, Alabama, passed away on Aug. 25, 2023. Delores was born in Cullman County, Alabama, on April 19, 1942, to James Mildredge and Louvie Bell Phillips Duskin. Ms. Underwood is preceded in death by her parents; husband of fifty-six years, William Woodrow "Woody" Underwood; brothers, Jerald Duskin, Richard Duskin; and sister, Beverly Nix. Delores is survived by her children, Sharon Pinyan, Jeffery Alan Underwood, and Barbara Underwood; grandchildren, Cody Underwood (Latosha), Shayne Pinyan (Aubrey Robertson), Kimberly Thomas (Michael); great-grandchildren, Ava Mae, Allie Kate, Ashlyn Grace, Anna Noel; brothers, Terry Duskin (Freda), Eugene Duskin (Linda); sister, Shirley Jeanette Alldredge (Donnie); brother-in-law, Randy Nix; sister-in-law, Diane Duskin; and caregiver, Susan Morgan. Friends are invited to join the family for a time of visitation on Monday, Aug. 28, 2023, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home chapel from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Funeral services are 11 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2023, in the chapel, Brother Mike King officiating. Ms. Underwood will lie in state on Tuesday, from 10 a.m. until services begin. A committal service will follow in Holly Pond Cemetery where Rodney Alldredge, Paul Duskin, Phillip Duskin, Brian Haynes, Curtis Bice, and Kevin Nix will serve as pallbearers with Jamie Duskin serving as honorary pallbearer. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Underwood family.

Hilda Lee-Nichols, 81
Funeral services for Hilda Lee-Nichols, 81, of Bremen, Alabama will be 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, 2023, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. The burial will follow the service at Bethesda Cemetery in the Arkadelphia community. Reverend Alton Bailey will be officiating. Visitation for the public will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, 2023, at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Nichols was born on April 7, 1947, in Cullman, Alabama to the late Dwight and Lessie (Campbell) Lee. She passed away at her residence surrounded by her family on Aug. 25, 2023. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Nichols was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Donald Gordon Nichols; brother, Norman Lee; and brother-in-law, Dwight Nichols. Survivors include her children, Meleah (Scott) Wiginton and Gordon Lee (Elenda) Nichols; grandchildren, Justin (Lydia) Nichols, Claire Wiginton, Ella Wiginton, Christian (Josh) McNatt, and Hanna Wilson; great-grandchildren, Melia McNatt and Jackson McNatt; sisters, Joan Williams and Feda Perdue; sisters-in-law, Irma Tubbs and Corene Phillips; and a host of nieces and nephews. Serving as pallbearers will be Randy Williams, Keith Perdue, Tim Nichols, Brian Williams, Justin Nichols, and Jordan Perdue.

Helen Rita Taylor, 87
Helen Rita Taylor, 87, of Nauvoo, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2023, at her residence. She was born Aug. 7, 1936, in Rhode Island. A visitation will be held on Monday, Aug. 28, 2023 from noon until 1 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Double Springs, where the service will follow at 1 p.m. O'Neal Taylor will Officiate. Burial will follow at Poplar Springs Freewill Baptist Church Cemetery. Helen is survived by her daughter, Nancy Sampson; son, Joe Taylor; granddaughters, Brenda Sampson, Erin Sampson, Amy Whales, Brandy Whales, Danielle Whales, Lauren Ria Taylor, Jennifer Espeseth, and Breanna Mattison. Grandsons, Ernie Sampson, Carl Whales, and Alex Mattison; and a host of great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Regina and Roy Gear; brother, Teddy Fontaine; sister, Sylvia Breoulette; daughters, Helen Brophy and Linda Mattison; and granddaughter, Aidrianna Malin Taylor.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Backroads, bargains, beauty, beings, and Floyd

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



One of the wonderful inventions during my lifetime Is the interstate-highway system. It is a quick and easy way to get from point A to point B, unless there is a pile up on the highway. Then we begin searching for an alternate route on backroads. Sometimes, I prefer to start out on one of those alternate backroad routes. Afterall, often, there is not much to see on an interstate except mile-after-mile of boring highway.

Last week, I wrote about traveling down The World's Longest Yard Sale. I used up my weekly-word count as I talked about the states we traveled through and the stuff we saw and bought. The stuff was secondary to the sights along the road and the people we met. I'm talking about real people.

The yard sale route was intentionally designed to get us off the interstates and on the scenic highways down through the heartland of our great country. The real beauty of this nation is not always seen from the interstates, but on the off-the-beaten-path of the back roads. The World's Longest Yard Sale is not allowed alongside the interstates. U.S. Highway 127, took us through towns that have been forgotten by many. Early on in our journey, we visited the beautiful city of Frankfort, Kentucky.

Frankfort is not only the capital city of Kentucky, but has one of the most beautiful state capitals and grounds I've seen. Its columned front, along with the stately rotunda and dome of its French inspired architecture, is stunning. The median between the streets approaching the front of the capital exploded with vibrant colors from all the beautiful shrubs and flowers.

One of things I enjoyed most about traveling down the highway of the yard sale was the people we met. Have you ever noticed that no one lives on an interstate? It's illegal. But when we get on those lonely little backroad highways and streets, well, we discover they really aren't lonely at all.

That's where the people are...that's where the real people live. When we slowed down enough to examine what they were hawking, we got to hear their stories.

They told about the things they had for sale, how they were used, and how their parents and grandparents had taught them to use them. I could see the twinkle in their eyes as they shared those stories about long-gone days and sometimes long-gone loved ones. I realized that while the loved ones may be gone, for many, the love was not.

We also met Floyd. Floyd didn't seem to care much for me, but he sure took a liking to Jean.

I could understand, because I took a liking to her a long time ago, and I still think she something special. I could have been jealous or had my feelings hurt, but I wasn't, and I didn't.

Most dogs take a liking to me right off the bat, but Floyd's human said Floyd didn't like my cap. Personally, I think it was the umbrella I had in my hand. Yes, it rained quite a bit during the World's Longest Yard Sale, but even that didn't dampen the spirits of most, myself included. I suspect someone may have used an umbrella in Floyd's presence for some purpose other than diverting the falling raindrops to an alternate route to the ground. I'm not sure what kind of dog Floyd was, other than the kind that loved to be petted by pretty ladies. Floyd wasn't for sale, but had he been, I think he might have gone home with us...at least with Jean.

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HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1900, 1930

From the files of 1900

A.J. York attended the sheriff's convention, in Montgomery, this week.

Doctor J.S.O. Whitson, of the "Free State of Winston" was visiting friends here this week.

I.C. Gay will take a position with a wholesale house, in Birmingham, next month.

Joseph Minor of Vinemont died on Monday.

Mrs. Laura Bates has returned to her home in Aubry, Texas.

George Stiefelmeyer, of Canada, has accepted a position with C.A. Stiefelmeyer and will make his home there.

Reverend J.H. Harbison, of Bremen, is attending the Baptist Association, in Tuscaloosa, this week.

Doctor J.M. Lovett, of Bessemer, has located in Cullman, to practice dentistry.

Eggs are now up to 16 cents per dozen and cotton is bringing 9 cents per pound.

From the files of 1930

An American Legion Auxiliary as organized here on Sunday afternoon. Officers elected were: Mrs. Herman J. Stewart, president; Mrs. William Bellar, first vice-president; Mrs. George Henry Young, second vice-president; Mrs. Aloy Imbusch, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. J.E. Marion, historian; Mrs. H.M. Windsor, chaplain and Mrs. Herman McCalman, sergeant-at-arms.

Carl Peinhardt, captain of the Cullman High football team, broke his leg, at team practice, Wednesday afternoon.

Ludie House, 23, son of Reverend and Mrs. W.O. House, was killed in an automobile accident in Akron, Ohio and funeral services were held at Holly Pond on Thursday.

Clarence Sharpton is now a student a Berea College, in Kentucky.

Professor and Mrs. R.E. Moore are building a beautiful new home, in South Park.

Both the ladies of St. John's Church and Christ English Church will serve Thanksgiving dinners, this year.

Miss Mattie Carter was guest speaker, when twenty members of Coterie met at the home of Mrs. J.C. Martin, on November 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Fegrentz, of Ohio, are visiting relatives, at Longview, this week.

Three students of Good Hope Junior High made the honor roll this month. They are Lena Woodall, Edna Stewart and Hazel Freeman.

POET'S CORNER

Spirit | By: Ann Coberley, Texas

I'm the Spirit of Seasons,
my face a reflection
of August still in bloom,
the summer sun a gilded halo,
casting burnished shadows
across my ripened skin.

Already I've changed my gown,
deepened colors from gold to amber,
become more somber
as I await September's chill,
and then the white cape of winter
that will wrap me in stillness
until another Spring.

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

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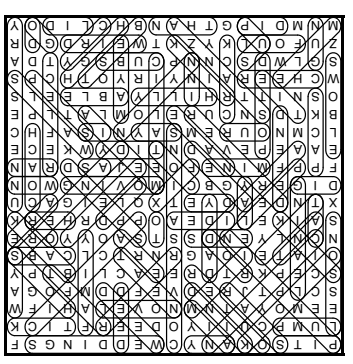
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School Board (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City School Board met on Friday morning. In attendance were teachers Morgan Johnston and Christy Brock.

Cullman Middle School Principal Jake Johnson welcomed Morgan Johnston back to the middle school. She taught at Cullman High School for eight years and is now returning to replace Katie McGee in seventh-grade English. "We're glad to have her with us. She does have experience in the middle grades as well from the first part of her career, so we're very thankful and glad to have her on board," Johnson stated. The board also acknowledged Brock, who will be teaching art part time at the Cullman City Primary School.

The following agenda items were approved:

- Revised 2023-2024 Salary Schedules
- Contract with Ginger Wood to prepare for 2023-2024 school year on July 31, 2023
- Contract with Jill Wright to prepare for the 2023-2024 school year on July 31, 2023
- Approval to amend the contract with Kevin Wilson for Aug. 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024
- Approval to amend the Supplemental Contract for John Drake, Cullman City Schools Video Coordinator
- Salvage old unused football equipment and uniforms at Cullman High School

The following resignations were accepted:

- Katie McGee- English Language Arts Teacher at Cullman Middle School, effective Sept. 4, 2023
- Susan Terri Cooper- Instructional Assistant at Cullman City Primary School, effective Sept.19, 2023
- Jori Johnson- Instructional Aide at Cullman City Primary School, effective Aug. 25,2023

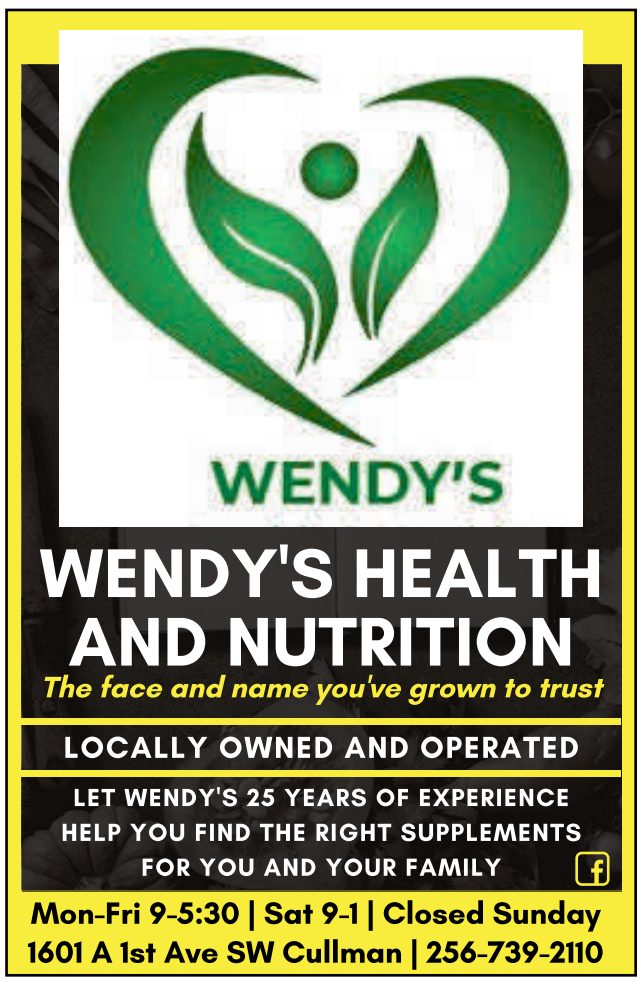
The following transfers were approved:

- Jason Parrish- Teacher at East Elementary School to Teacher at Cullman High School, effective date to equal the effective date of the replacement hire
- Robyn Nance- Special Education Teacher at Cullman Middle School to 504 Specialist/Intervention for the 2023-2024 School Year Only at Cullman City Schools, effective Sept. 5, 2023
- Brandi Outzen- Title-I Assistant at Cullman City Primary School to Receptionist/ Secretary at Cullman City Primary School, effective Aug. 28,2023
- Danielle Taylor- Special Education Teacher at East Elementary School to Special Education Teacher at Cullman Middle School, effective Sept. 5, 2023

The following conditional employments were accepted:

- Miracle Corley- Special Education Instructional Assistant at West Elementary, effective Aug. 28, 2023 (JV23-40-070)
- Morgan Johnston- English Language Arts Teacher at Cullman Middle School, effective Sept. 4, 2023 (JV23-092)
- Christy Brock- Art Teacher- Part Time at Cullman City Primary School, effective Aug. 28, 2023 (JV23-090)
- Bailey Gamble- Extended Day Program Assistant at Cullman City Primary School, effective Aug. 25, 2023 (JV23-089)
- Ava Schafer- Extended Day Program Assistant at Cullman City Primary School, effective Aug. 25, 2023 (JV23-089)

There will be a budget meeting Sept. 11, at 5 p.m. in the central office board room. The next Cullman City School Board Meeting will be held Sept. 12, at 5 p.m. in the central office board room.





Seniors (from Front)

nity, particularly for advocating for children's education and the overall well-being of area seniors. Harris retired from the Alabama Cooperative Extension System as a county agent in 1995 after 31 years of service and has not sat still since.

Harris' volunteer experience is robust; she has served on several nonprofit boards for many terms, nearly all in leadership roles: Pilot Club of Cullman, Cullman Pilot Light Home Board, United Way of Cullman County, Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce, Cullman County Commission on Aging Advisory Board, Cullman Community Development Committee, City of Cullman Tree Commission, National Association of Retired Federal Employees and Cullman Chapter of the Alabama Retired State Employees Association.

Harris has been a key, driving force in fundraising for the Leukemia Society, Red Cross, Cullman County Public Library, Margaret Jean Jones Center, and local senior centers.

Over her lengthy career of serving and advocating for the public, Harris has received many awards and accolades; notably, Harris was a part of the Cullman Community Development Committee, which received a Superior Service Award in Washington, D.C. in 1984; an Award for Excellence from the Alabama Cooperative Extension System in 1984; the ARSEA Angel Award in 2002; the Pilot International Pearl Sparks Service Award in 2019; and the ARSEA Eagle Award for Distinguished Service in 2021.

Frank Brown Jr.

Frank Brown Jr. has dedicated his life and career to caring for the elderly and disabled, leading to major breakthroughs in Alabama's nursing home industry. Brown earned his nursing home administrator license in 1976, and has been improving the standards of elderly care for over 47 years.

Brown has served as chairman of the board for the Alabama Nursing Home Association for nine terms and acted as a key leader in making Alabama one of the first states to have all nursing homes equipped with fully automated fire sprinkler systems.

His volunteer resume is stacked; he has volunteered on several state and nonprofit boards: Certificate of Need Board for the State Health and Planning and Development Agency, Alabama Statewide Health Coordinating Council, Alabama Medicaid Advisory Commission, Alabama Sheriff Youth's Ranch and Alabama Sports Hall of Fame.

Throughout his career, he has owned and operated seven skilled nursing care centers, an assisted living facility and an inpatient psychiatric hospital that specialized in the care of geriatric patients through his company, USA Healthcare.

Upon Brown's retirement, the Alabama Nursing Home Association and the Alabama Nursing Home Association Education Foundation endowed a nursing scholarship in his honor at the University of Alabama School of Nursing.

Visit www.alabamaageline.gov for more information on the Alabama Senior Citizens Hall of Fame or the Alabama Department of Senior Services.