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AL SoS Allen speaks at Cullman County Republican Women meeting

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Alabama Secretary of State Wes Allen on Tuesday night spoke at the Cullman County Republican Women meeting. He said his primary objective was to get the message across about how important election integrity is to both the state of Alabama and the country as a whole.

"When the opportunity presented itself to run for secretary of state, and we prayed about it, thought about it, to give up a safe House seat, to run for an open secretary seat," Allen said, reflecting on the decision to run for office, "we decided to do that because we thought the skills we possessed and the work we had done in the past allowed us to serve Alabama."

Allen emphasized the similarities between his previous role and » PAGE 4



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Alabama Secretary of State Wes Allen addresses the Cullman County Republican Women on Tuesday, Sept. 12.

Cullman City Council passes $55M annual budget



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Cullman Police Officer Daniel Brown, Cullman Fire Rescue Assistant Fire Marshal Jamie Butler, Cullman Fire Rescue Division Chief Darrell Harrington and Cullman Police Officer Ryan Snow opened the Cullman City Council meeting on Monday, Sept. 11, 2023, in remembrance of those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council on Monday evening passed the City's 2024 fiscal year budget. The new budget totals $55,290,609, a 4.5% increase over 2023's budget, which was $52,899,395. The council said the increase is due to inflation. The budget will go into effect Oct. 1.

Council President Jenny Folsom said full-time City employees will receive a 6% pay raise, along with an $800 annual pay supplement. The City will absorb the 7.5% increase in dental and health insurance costs for employees. Cancer insurance for firefighters will continue. The City is also committed to a 10-year capital improvement project for Cullman City Schools, with a capital improvement plan allocation of $600,000 for the fiscal year, plus approximately $10.4 million from local property and sales taxes.

Councilman Brad Smith announced the City's plans to enhance public safety by hiring additional personnel. The City will add three new police officers and three firefighters to strengthen law enforcement and emergency response. Two new dispatchers will also be hired to improve communications within the public safety system.

Councilman David Moss said there will be no increases in water and sewer rates in 2024, and the usual annual rate adjustment will be waived.

Speaking of public works, Council President Pro-Tem Johnny Cook said grants have been secured for several infrastructure projects, including road improvements and safety enhancements. Notable projects include paving improvements, the installation of a traffic light for pedestrian safety on Main Avenue Southwest at Sheraton Road and the CSX Crossing Improvement project for a quiet zone from Eighth Street North to Ninth Street South. The CSX project is budgeted at $785,000.

Cook also shared that residential sanitation fees will remain un- » PAGE 2

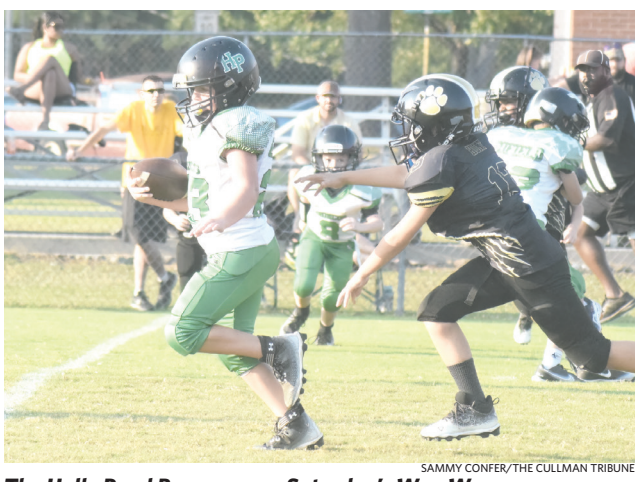
Shannon Nickens convicted of armed robbery



CULLMAN COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Sept. 13

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Sep. 13, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests or incidents reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Sept. 11

• burglary-2nd degree; person; Cambridge St. NW; miscellaneous
• theft by deception-1st degree; person; cash; $8,800
• harassment; person

Sept. 12

• unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; 4th St. SW; leaf blower; $450

ARRESTS

Sept. 11 – 12

Thomas, Isaac K.; 27
• FTA- harassment

Sloan, Hannah C.; 32
• receiving stolen property

Gill, Christopher A.; 34
• FTA- driving while revoked (2 counts)
• FTA- DUI
• FTA- driving without license
• FTA- switched tag
• FTA- insurance violation
• FTA- failure to yield from private property

Crabtree, Natosha D.; 41
• public intoxication

Hyde, Cody L.; 29
• FTA- driving without license
• FTA- insurance violation

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Baileyton council discusses new AED for senior center

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BAILEYTON, Ala. — The Baileyton Town Council held its regular meeting, delayed one week, on Monday, Sept. 11, 2023. The council welcomed Donna Kent, who said she realized while organizing first-aid supplies in the senior and community center that the automated external defibrillator (AED) located inside the center had been expired for nearly 10 years.

"One of the things I noticed was that the AED has been out of date since 2013, and it's being stored in the office that is typically locked," said Kent. "With y'all renting out this center, it's a good idea to make sure that we have these supplies readily available if they are needed."

The council passed a motion to temporarily place one of the new AEDs located in the park at the senior and community center until after its budget meeting, when the purchase of a new AED for the center can be discussed.

In other business:

• The council passed a motion to employ Heath Meherg of Griffith, Lowry and Meherg as town attorney. Meherg will now be present at all Baileyton Town Council meetings.
• The council approved Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023, for its drive-thru-style candy giveaway.
• The council discussed possible dates for a budget meeting.
• The council motioned to reinstate an Amazon Prime membership for the Town.
• The council said the Town will be trimming trees along Summit Road, Pan Creek Road, Cemetery Road and Short Road for school buses to have better access.

The Baileyton Town Council meets the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at Baileyton Town Hall. The next regular council meeting will be Monday, Oct. 2, 2023.

Cullman Council (from Front)

changed for the upcoming year, with inflationary adjustments waived. The sanitation department will receive new equipment to support its operations.

Councilman Clint Hollingsworth revealed that the Cullman County Museum will undergo building improvements, including appliance and window upgrades. Hollingworth also shared that several Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism facilities will see enhancements, such as the new civic center complex, Heritage Park and pickleball courts.

Public comments

Cullman resident Lance Conn addressed the council regarding an article in The Cullman Tribune (www.cullmantribune.com/2023/09/09/county-commissioners-sign-clean-up-alabama-petition-regarding-libraries), particularly comments from Cullman County Commissioner Garry Marchman.

"It is completely inappropriate for our elected officials to target specific communities of people and for us to let that stand," Conn said in response to comments made by Marchman regarding the signing of the Clean Up Alabama petition.

"Our state and our county has a history of allowing the majority to beat up the minority, whether that be based on the color of our skin, the choice of our religion or the sexual orientation, in gender identity of our families. My point in speaking here tonight is the shed light on something that is happening within our county and within our city and to stand against it," Conn said.

Conn implored the city council members, both individually and collectively, to reach out to the library board and the county commission. He urged them to express their unwavering support for the current library leadership and policies.

The following public hearings were held:

• For Ordinance No. 2023-33 to rezone Alumni Properties of Alabama, LLC property located at Cherokee Avenue and Swafford Road Southwest from B-1 to B-2
• For Ordinance No. 2023-35 to expand the Special Events and Art Districts in the City of Cullman

The following special event request was approved:

• A special event request from Kelly Pulliam of CPRST for the annual Oktoberfest to be held Sept. 28-30

The following resolutions and ordinances were approved:

• Resolution No. 2023-76 to award bid for concrete materials to Ready Mix USA, the lowest responsible bidder
• Resolution No. 2023-77 to award bid for one or more flat-bed trucks to Eckenrod Ford Lincoln of Cullman, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of $59,929
• Resolution No. 2023-78 to accept the CDBG ($200,000) and ARC Grants ($500,000) which will fund a portion of the County Road 222 Road Improvement Project
• Resolution No. 2023-79 to enter into a contract with Community Consultants to administer the County Road 222 Road Improvement Project
• Resolution No. 2023-80 to execute a contract amendment with Rogers Group, Inc. to include resurfacing activities associated with grant projects
• Resolution No. 2023-81 to enter into a maintenance agreement with ALDOT to maintain sidewalk and ditch inlets and pipe on Cherokee Avenue Southwest
• Resolution No. 2023-82 to renew the contract with Air Evac for city employees
• Resolution No. 2023-83 to adopt the fiscal year 2024 budget beginning on Oct. 1
• Resolution No. 2023-84 to adopt the employee pay matrixes, job descriptions and job classifications
• Resolution No. 2023-85 to adopt the position control for the fiscal year 2024
• Resolution No. 2023-86 to enter into community service contracts for fiscal year 2024
• Resolution No. 2023-87 to waive the inflation adjustment and not increase the water, sewer and sanitation rates for residential customers located in the City of Cullman
• Resolution No. 2023-88 to authorize a one-time appropriation to the North Alabama Agriplex
• Resolution No. 2023-89 to authorize a one-time appropriation to the Good Samaritan Health Clinic
• First Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-33 to rezone Alumni Properties of Alabama, LLC property located at Cherokee Ave and Swafford Road SW from B-1 to B-2, which received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission
• First Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-35 to expand the Special Events and Art Districts in the City of Cullman, which received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission
• First Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-36 to annex 96 County Road 1313 as R-1 Residential District, which received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission
• First Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-37 to annex 68 County Road 1313 as R-1 Residential District, which received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission
• First Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-38 to annex 297 County Road 1403 as R-1 Residential District, which received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission
• First Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-39 to annex 474 County Road 1335 as R-1 Residential District, which received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission
• First Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-40 to issue General Obligation Warrants Series 2023 for the landfill project

To see a copy of the City's 2024 fiscal year budget, visit www.CullmanTribune.com.

Nickens (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — A Cullman County jury on Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023, convicted Shannon Dewayne Nickens of first-degree robbery (armed robbery) in connection with the Nov. 21, 2022, robbery of Holly Pond Nutrition.

The three-day trial began Monday, with Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker and Assistant District Attorney Tina Burgett prosecuting the case for the State.

"I would first like thank the jury for their service and the Cullman County Sheriff's Office investigators and deputies who did a great job helping us prepare this case. I also want to thank our victim who was brave when the robbery occurred and also during the trial when she testified to what Mr. Nickens did that cold November day.

"When I ran for district attorney I said prosecuting career criminals would be a top priority.

"Cullman County is safer today because Mr. Nickens is no longer in a position to prey upon our citizens," said Crocker.

Following the jury's verdict, Cullman County Circuit Judge Gregory Nicholas remanded Nickens into custody pending sentencing.

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• Cullman Regional health fair • North Alabama EV Car Club
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(*Winners do not have to be present at time of drawing; bill credit prizes will be five $100, four $250 and one $500. Members can register and vote by mail or at the meeting on Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023, from 9:00am until 11:00am.)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m.-noon. Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry and Spirit Life Church.
• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthdays. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pickup is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper, AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• Friday, Sept. 15 - 7 p.m. Recovery Ministry. Fellowship & Testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! 6:30 p.m. bring a dish, dessert, or drink for a potluck meal. Nursery provided!
• Saturday, Sept. 16 - 9 am - 11 am Drive-through food bank.
• Sunday, Sept. 17 - Prayer Groups - Join Teresa at 9:15 a.m. in the prayer room to pray for our church, nation and those who need healing, salvation or deliverance.
• Sunday, Sept. 17 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise & Worship and message by Pastor Erik Milligan and celebration luncheon for Pastors Bobby & Pam Dodd at 11.

Alcoholics Anonymous
Sundays, 3 p.m. at Cullman First Church of the Nazarene, 5415 Alabama Highway 157. CLOSED literature study. Handicap accessible.

TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings
Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., at Cullman Housing Authority Community Center (1545 Vine Circle SW, Cullman, AL 35055). The first meeting is free. TOPS, a national program, is a hands-on/pounds-off approach to weight loss and management through weekly meetings providing information, accountability, support and encouragement where you make the changes that make sense to you.

Cullman NAR-ANON Group Meetings
The NAR-ANON family group meetings are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. We offer Help by sharing our experiences, strength and hope. We carry the message of hope by letting others know that they are not alone by practicing the 12 Steps of NAR-ANON and changing our own attitudes. We Respect Your Anonymity. Our program is not a religious one, but a spiritual way of life. Meetings will be held at The Ruehl Building (Family Life Center of St. John's Church) Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. Contact Jamie Weathersby Smith 256-708-7122 or Don or Nancy McKenzie 256-736-3327 or 256-736-3470 for more information.

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.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 14, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church, 1310 St. Joseph Drive, Cullman. All are welcome.

Fairview High School 1963 Luncheon/Meeting
Friday, Sept. 15, at 1 p.m. at Golden Corral in Cullman. Reserved room. For more information contact Joyce Williams Rodgers at 256-339-3451.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Singing
Sunday, Sept. 17, at 5 p.m. Living Faith Quartet will be the featured guests. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information call 256-796-5986 or 256-338-9202.

Cullman Educator Retirees Association Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 21, at 11 a.m. at Stone Bridge Farms. The program will be The History of Cullman County Schools. All educator retirees and friends are invited.

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 on-site, 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!

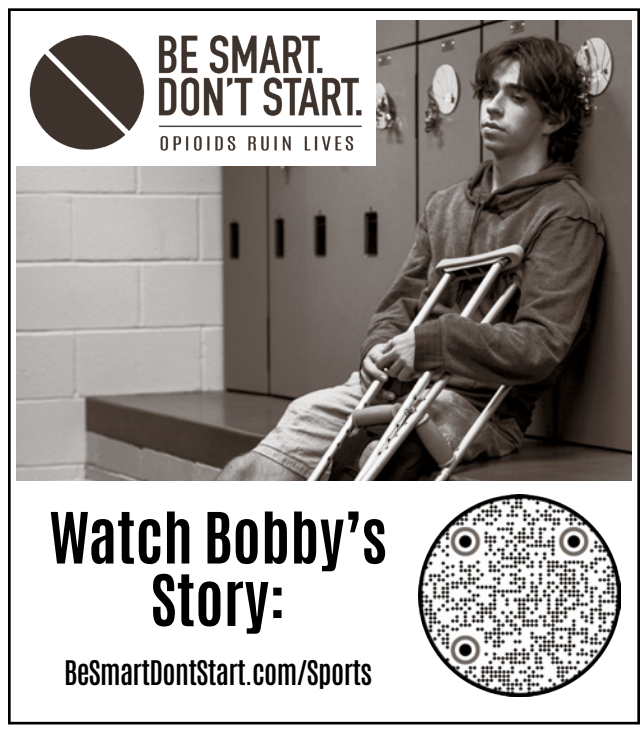
Smith Lake Bass Fest
Saturday, Oct. 7, at Smith Lake Park. Fishing aficionados from all across the Southeast will gather at Smith Lake Park for a chance to win bragging rights. Oh, and that $15,000 guaranteed first-prize winnings won't be too shabby, either. Do you have what it takes to be the big fish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

Arley's Largest Yard Sale
Saturday, Oct.7, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. in the parking lot of the Smith Lake Flea Market and Vintage Mall located on Highway 41 in Arley.

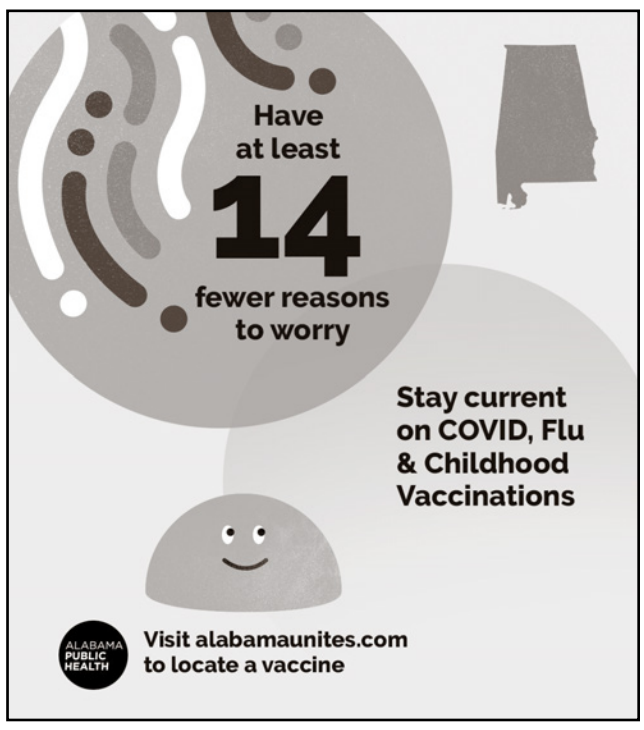
Peinhardt Living History Farm Day
Saturday, Oct. 14, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and Sunday Oct. 15, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Peinhardt Living History Farm. Come experience the history and learn how some of the first settlers of Cullman made this land home. With a petting zoo, antique tractor show, mule and wagon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

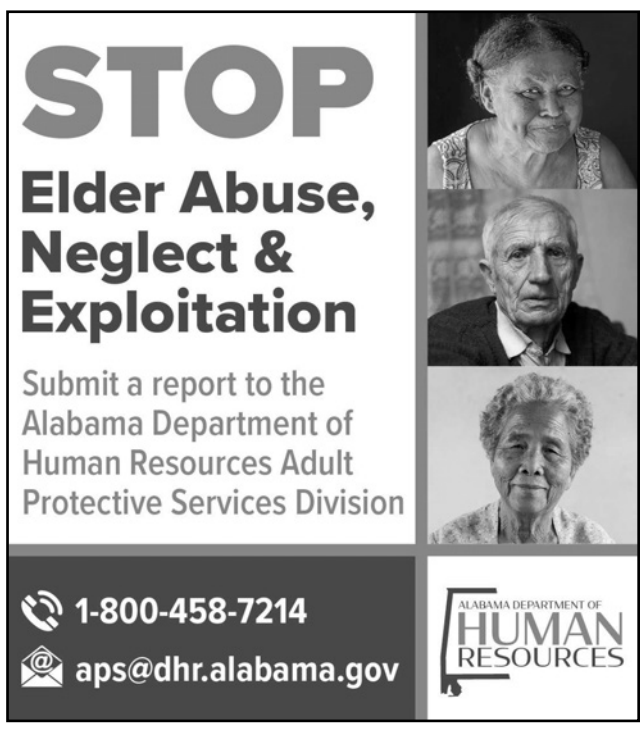
7th Annual Caring for Cullman Concert
Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 6 p.m. at Northbrook Baptist Church. The award-winning Triumphant Quartet will be belting to the pines of Northbrook Baptist Church at Good Samaritan Health Clinic's annual concert fundraiser. For those fans of clean Christian vocals that stand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

Good Hope sweeps region opener at Hanceville

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The third-ranked Good Hope Lady Raiders made the short trip over to Lane Horton Gymnasium to take on the Hanceville Lady Bulldogs in the region opener for both teams. Good Hope ended up sweeping Hanceville in three straight sets.

Good Hope 25 - Hanceville 11 (First Set)

Good Hope didn't waste any time getting off to a quick start in the first set as kills by Ivey Maddox and Carley Adams and a pair of aces from Emma Bailey helped them jump out to a quick 5-0 lead. Hanceville trimmed it to 5-2 on an ace from Charity Barnes, but the Lady Raiders quickly pushed their lead to 10-3 on a point by Adams. An ace from Maddox and a kill by Molly Benefield increased Good Hope's lead to 12-4, but Hanceville went on a mini run of their own thanks in large part to a Katie Twilley kill and back-to-back aces from Eden Clements, as that helped them cut it to 12-7. The Lady Raiders later countered with back-to-back aces from Mackenzie Cruce to make it 15-7; a Johnson kill made it 16-7. A Campbell Koch ace pushed Good Hope's lead to 20-8. A point by Hanceville's Makenzie Twilley cut it to 21-10, but the Lady Raiders were too much for them at the end as Maddox delivered the game-winning point to help give them a 25-11 win in the first set.

Good Hope 25 - Hanceville 10 (Second Set)

Both teams were tied at two early on in the second set, then Good Hope reeled off five straight points, as two of those points came via aces from Adams, to break the tie and give them a 7-2 lead. Aaliyah Twitty collected a point and Karys Henderson followed that up with an ace as Hanceville ended up cutting it to 7-5. The Lady Raiders, though, went on an 8-0 run as Maddox collected four aces during the run, and that saw them widen their lead to 15-5. Hanceville cut it to 18-9 later on in the set, but Good Hope finished the set strong as Johnson collected a kill to make it 19-9. Bailey went on an ace spree to end the set as she collected four out of the final six points, as the Lady Raiders rolled to a 25-9 win to take a 2-0 lead into the third set.

Good Hope 25 - Hanceville 19 (Third Set)

The third set saw a completely different Hanceville team as they stuck with Good Hope for the majority of the set. The Lady Bulldogs broke a 3-3 tie with three in a row to give them a 6-3 lead, but Maddox went on an ace spree of her own as she collected a trio of aces to give them a 7-6 lead.

A kill by Aaliyah Twitty helped give Hanceville the lead right back at 9-7. Six straight points by the Lady Raiders included a pair of Cruce aces and a point by Johnson as that gave them a 13-9 lead. An ace from Olivia Stallings trimmed the deficit to just two at 13-11, but Good Hope quickly pushed their lead to 16-11. Back-to-back kills by Johnson made it an 18-12 contest, but the Lady Bulldogs were far from done, though. They scored the next four points, including a point by Clements, and a Barnes ace, to make it an 18-16 game. Good Hope got an ace from Marlee Wix to give them a 21-17 lead, but Hanceville later made it a 22-19 game. The Lady Raiders got a point from Jolee McHan, a kill by Johnson, and another Cruce ace, to finish off the third set as they completed their sweep of a feisty Lady Bulldog squad, 25-19.

Good Hope will continue region play Thursday when they travel to take on Oneonta and Hanceville will travel to take on Fairview and Dora at Fairview.

WSCC ATHLETICS

Wallace State Volleyball Coach Randy Daniel marks 600th career win

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Wallace State Community College volleyball team is off to a 13-2 start to the 2023 season, with head coach Randy Daniel marking his 600th career win with the Lions and the team continuing its winning streak against conference foes, with 129 straight conference wins at home.

Daniel's 604-123 record, his 13 Alabama Community College Conference Tournament Championships out of the last 14, and 15 straight regular season titles are the best in ACCC history.

The Lions opened the season at the Roane State Tournament, winning decisive 3-0 victories against Bevill State Community College, Southern Union State Community College and USC Lancaster before falling 3-2 in a hard-fought match against the host team.



WSCC

2023 Wallace State Volleyball Team

The team stayed on the road, with games at the Chattanooga State Invitational where they won matches against Itawamba Community College (3-0), Calhoun Community College (3-2) and Northwest Mississippi Community College (3-2), before falling to Mineral Area Community College (3-0).

Since then, the Lions have won seven straight games, with wins against Gadsden State Community College, Lawson State Community College, Bevill State Community College, Northeast East Mississippi Community College, Northwest Mississippi Community College, Pearl River Community College, and Itawamba Community College.

Daniel's 600-win milestone came during the team's first home games of the season, with the 3-0 victory over Bevill State Community College.

Coach Daniel expressed his pride in his team's performances so far, stating, "Reaching my 600th career win with these dedicated athletes is truly an honor. I am incredibly fortunate to have the opportunity to coach such a talented group of athletes."

Sophomore middle blocker Lexi Weber of Alexandria is at the top of the ACCC leader list for her .402 hitting percentage.

Freshman middle blocker Chloe Jackson of Athens isn't far behind, with a .327 hitting percentage putting her in third place.

Both are also on the ACCC's individual leader board for kills, with Jackson No. 3 with 134 and Weber No. 4 with 124.

Outside blocker Bralee Quinn of West Point is No. 5, with 113.

Weber also shows up on the blocks per set leader board, standing at No. 2 with 1.41.

Makayla Lindsey, a freshman libero from Winston County has earned third-place spots on both the digs per set and digs leaderboards, with 4.23 digs per set and 216 total digs so far this season.

The Lions next play Sept. 20 at 6 p.m. at Snead State Community College before returning home for a three-game homestand starting Friday, Sept. 22 at 6 p.m. against Roane State Community College, followed by games against Vincennes University (1 p.m.) and Chattanooga State Community College (3 p.m.) on Saturday, Sept. 23 during the Wallace State Fall Bash Tournament.

School Board (from Front)

Tiffany McKoy
tsmckoy@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City School Board on Monday, Sept. 11, passed its budget for the 2024 fiscal year. Total revenue for the 2024 fiscal year is $46,625,309.

Chief School Finance and Operations Officer James Brumley said the system will receive $21,981,742 (46.76% of the budget) from the State, $18,388,475 (39.11% of the budget) from local taxes and $6,255,092 (13.31%) from federal funding. Local funding sources include city sales tax ($5.5 million), county sales tax ($2 million) and ad valorem tax ($7.46 million).

Capital projects:

• Cullman Middle School (CMS): Contracts budgeted for $25,383,201; however, only $12,284,000 of the total amount is budgeted for the 2024 fiscal year. The remaining amount will roll over to the 2025 fiscal year

• Cullman Primary School (CCPS): Contracts budgeted for $14,108,228; however, only $2,974,800 is budgeted for the 2024 fiscal year

• Cullman Intermediate School: Estimated at $23.8 million, with $5 million of that amount budgeted for the 2024 fiscal year; the remaining amount will roll over to the 2025 fiscal year

• Cullman High School (CHS) STEM addition: Estimated at $8.025 million, with $5 million of that amount budgeted for the 2024 fiscal year; the remaining amount will roll over to the 2025 fiscal year

Brumley said the State has mandated a 2% raise for all employees and a minimum hourly wage for support positions of $15. According to Brumley, that amounts to a $350,000 increase in salaries and fringes for the school system, and it is not fully funded by the Alabama Legislature.

There is also a state-mandated nurse salary schedule increase. He said the total cost of nurse salary and fringes is $519,817, total State allocation for nurses is $313,435 and the total not funded by the Legislature is $206,382.

There is also a state-mandated $1,000 stipend for Special Education & Speech. The total cost is $30,000 and the total allocation from the State is $16,940, with a total not funded by the Legislature of $13,120.

Brumley reported a funding allocation of $1,585,281 for advancement and technology. He said these funds will go toward remaining maintenance building construction, CHS security cameras and intercoms, CCPS fire alarms, laptop refreshes for the teachers, buses, property insurance and capital projects.

Allen (from Front)

the duties of the Secretary of State's office. Both positions require handling critical records and regular interactions with the public to address their needs. He believes his background uniquely prepared him to serve.

"When I drive up to the state Capitol each and every day, I represent Alabama, what our values are and what our principles are, and what y'all believe in, what we believe in," he expressed, "and to represent you and stand up for y'all is so important."

Allen addressed decision to withdraw from the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC), a "nonprofit, nonpartisan membership organization created by and comprised of state election officials from around the United States." (ericstates.org) Allen highlighted the importance of safeguarding voter information within Alabama's control. He acknowledged that the move faced some opposition but claimed it was a significant step in "securing voter data."

Allen said his office has also been working diligently on an Alabama-based solution for voter file maintenance to ensure data security and efficiency in the election process. While details of this solution are not yet public, Allen hinted at an upcoming announcement.

Allen discussed several wins during the last legislative session. According to him, key accomplishments included securing legislation to ensure paper ballots will always be a part of Alabama's elections.

Additionally, he said, new laws ensure that voting tabulators will never be connected to the internet. Allen also shared his satisfaction with achieving a pay increase for poll workers, recognizing their crucial role in the democratic process.

He expressed his appreciation for their dedication on election days.

A notable legislative effort discussed was the attempt to prevent what he and others refer to as "ballot harvesting," SB-1.

While the bill faced challenges in the Senate, Allen affirmed his commitment to reintroducing it in future sessions.

Allen said Sen. Garlan Gudger has been one of the biggest supporters of SB-1 and that Gudger does not plan on giving up on the bill. He said the goal is "to strengthen Alabama's elections and protect the absentee balloting process while ensuring disabled individuals can still exercise their right to vote."

According to Reuters, "Laws around ballot collection vary from state to state. In some states, anyone can drop off a ballot on behalf of another person. In other states, ballot collection is limited to family members or caregivers....An authorized person can legally drop off a ballot for someone else for a range of reasons, including if a person is disabled, elderly, or unable to leave their house, Lorraine Minnite, an associate professor of Public Policy and Administration at Rutgers University, told Reuters."

Allen unveiled what he said is a significant development in his office: advanced geographic information system software. He said it "will aid in more efficient and precise mapping of election-related data, contributing to improved electoral processes." According to Allen this software helps ensure that people are "in the correct district and the correct precinct."

"I've never stopped fighting for Alabama. I'm proud to be from Alabama," Allen concluded. "Elections are important, if we don't get it right then nothing else matters."

Abby Daniels crowned Miss Wallace State

Sydney Hodges crowned Miss North Alabama's Teen

Gail Crutchfield
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College student Abby Daniels was crowned Miss Wallace State on Sunday, Sept. 10, while Sydney Hodges was crowned the new Miss North Alabama's Teen. The programs are preliminaries for the Miss Alabama and Miss Alabama's Teen programs.

Daniels, of Springville, is a general studies major who plans to go on to study kinesiology. She also won the talent competition, performing an acro-jazz dance to "Never Had a Friend Like Me," from the movie "Aladdin."

Daniels will represent Wallace State Community College next June in the Miss Alabama competition, which is a preliminary for the Miss America competition.

First runner-up was Jesilyn Maple, of Mount Olive, and second runner-up was Savannah Lynn, of Logan. Anneliese Kline of Vinemont received the Beautiful Heart Scholarship.

Sydney Hodges, the new Miss North Alabama's Teen, is from Hayden. She also received the Beautiful Heart Scholarship. First runner-up was awarded to Madelyn Rasco of Pelham. Rasco also won the talent competition for a vocal performance of "I Dreamed a Dream" from the Broadway musical "Les Misérables." Second runner-up was awarded to Lauren Sutherland of Florence.

Hodges will compete in the Miss Alabama's Teen competition in March, which is a preliminary for the Miss America's Teen competition. View images from program at https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjAUo6M.



WALLACE STATE

Miss Wallace State winners pose with Miss Alabama Brianna Burrell. From left are 1st runner-up Jesilyn Maple, 2024 Miss Wallace State and talent winner Abby Daniels, Burrell, 2nd runner-up Savannah Lynn and Beautiful Heart Scholarship winner Anneliese Kline.



WALLACE STATE

Miss North Alabama's Teen winners, from left, 1st runner-up and talent winner Madelyn Rasco, 2024 Miss North Alabama's Teen Sydney Hodges (who also won the Beautiful Heart Scholarship) and 2nd runner-up Lauren Sutherland.

BOOK REVIEW

'All My Knotted-Up Life: A Memoir' by Beth Moore

Cathy Lay Mayor
Tribune Contributor

I first heard of Beth Moore a few years ago when my Bible study group did her study on the book of Daniel. I learned so much and was so inspired through her study. Beth is smart, beautiful and very successful and able to captivate an audience. I thought she had the perfect life. As I did another study on Genesis, I realized that perhaps she did not have a perfect life. But after I read her memoir, I found out how difficult her life has been. My thoughts changed from how wonderful her life is to how in the world does she survive. Of course, it was Jesus Christ who sustained her.

Born Elizabeth Green in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, she is one of five children. She was brought up in a devout Christian home. The family was in church every time the doors were open. Her mother led a devout Christian life in public.

Her father was a very important man in the congregation. But behind closed doors, her mother suffered from mental illness and stayed in bed most of the day. Her father had many extramarital affairs and, worst of all, he sexually abused Beth.

Beth did not report the abuse. Instead, she did what a lot of sexually abused children do. She kept it a secret. Her life was spiraling out of control. Many teenage victims of abuse act out emotionally and physically.

When Beth was about to enter high school, her father relocated the family to Houston, Texas for new a job. It was a difficult transition from Arkansas.

She managed to graduate and was accepted to college. After Beth went to college, she began to thrive. She felt a calling to work for God and met her husband-to-be, Keith Moore. They soon married.

As a young mother, Beth taught Sunday school and Bible studies for women. Her studies began to get attention from the Southern Baptist Convention. As her success grew she was asked to speak around the country and write Bible studies.

Again, her life looked perfect from the outside. But inside, her husband suffered from PTSD and mental illness.

After he was infected with a rare marine virus, his health and mental status deteriorated. He struggled for years with the virus and its side effects. By now, I am wondering how she gets out of bed every morning.

Probably the hardest challenge was the rift between Beth and the Southern Baptist Convention. I am not a Baptist, so I do not understand the feelings or the doctrine. But as I understand the situation, Beth spoke up about a presidential candidate that she considered a sexual predator. She received a lot of backlash over those comments. Members thought she was pro-abortion.

Then after Beth mentione that she had spoken from the pulpit on Mother's Day, she received even more disdain. Eventually she left the Baptist Church.

Now Beth and her husband are active in the Anglican Church. This was devastating to her. But she continues to praise God and follow in the path He set her on.

This is a touching memoir and at some points difficult to read. I still admire Beth Moore, but for completely different reasons. Not because of her beauty, confidence or success, but because of her endurance during difficult times and how she continues to serve and praise the Lord.

Beth Moore has written at least 20 of books and over 25 Bible studies. Beth is still writing and speaking.

Cathy Lay Mayor grew up in Cullman and graduated from Cullman High School in 1976. She says when she writes book reviews, she tries to remember what Mrs. Gilbert taught her in 11th-grade English. She lived in Dothan for more than 30 years and is married with three adult children and six grandchildren. She retired to Panama City, but still calls Alabama home.

LEGALS

DOCUMENT 6

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:)
J.J.N.,) CASE NO. JU 2022-518.02
A Minor Child, 09/26/2022)

NOTICE

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Stacy Blackwood, the Mother of J.J.N., born on or about 09/26/2022, respond to the Petition by the 12 day of October, 2023, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner: Michael J. Baggett, 206 Ninth Street SW, Cullman, AL 35055, (256) 737-0740 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this the 24 day of August, 2023.

WELLS R. TURNER, III
JUVENILE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
I, Lisa McSwain, Clerk of Circuit Court in and for said County and State, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy as the same appears of record in this office.
Witness my hand and official seal, this 30th day of August, 2023.
Clerk of Circuit Court

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LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY

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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 *
JOE ALAN MEAD * CASE NO PC 2023-271
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION TO ADMIT WILL TO PROBATE AND FOR LETTERS TESTAMENTARY

TO: JODY ALAN MEAD, MELANIE KAY MEAD WATERS, AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

The *Petition to Admit Will to Probate and for Letters Testamentary*, filed by Daphne Mead, Petitioner, by and through her Attorney, Melvin Hasting, has been scheduled for the **24th day of October, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman, Alabama.

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

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

DONE this the 13th day of September, 2023.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

To the Publisher: The *Cullman Tribune*

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks in said newspaper

Melvin Hasting
Attorney for Petitioner
PO Box 517
Cullman, Alabama 35056

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
CULLMAN COUNTY * CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
* CASE NO. PC 2023-232

IN RE: THE GUARDIANSHIP OF TYE RAY WILLIAMS

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: **Derik Williams,** *and*
Any unknown heirs of Tye Ray Williams

Please take notice that a Motion For Permanent Guardianship in the above styled matter has been filed in said Court by Erica Bryant, Petitioner, and that the 2nd day of November, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. has been set for a hearing on the same at the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama. Please be advised that if you intend to contest this matter, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days hereof with counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are as shown below and with the Clerk of said Probate Court.

DONE this the 11th day of September, 2023.

TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

Matthew K. Carter
Attorney for Petitioner
FULLER, WILLINGHAM & CARTER, LLC
413 1st Avenue SW
Cullman AL 35055

DOCUMENT 8

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:)
J.J.N.,) CASE NO. JU 2022-518.02
A Minor Child, 09/26/2022)

NOTICE

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Father of J.J.N., born on or about 09/26/2022 to Stacy Blackwood, respond to the Petition by the 12 day of October, 2023, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner: Michael J. Baggett, 206 Ninth Street SW, Cullman, AL 35055, (256) 737-0740 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this the 24 day of August, 2023.

WELLS R. TURNER, III
JUVENILE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
I, Lisa McSwain, Clerk of Circuit Court in and for said County and State, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy as the same appears of record in this office.
Witness my hand and official seal, this 30th day of August, 2023.
Clerk of Circuit Court

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CIRCUIT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

KATELYN SHARP,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **CS-2023-000016.00**

JAYCAREOUS RHINEHART,
Defendant

NOTICE OF CUSTODY ACTION

Jaycareous Rhinehart, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Katelyn Sharp's Petition for Child Custody by September 28, 2023 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-CS-2023-000016.00 in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 16th day of August, 2023.

Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
BRAD WILSON
BAGGETT & WILSON, LLC
206 9th ST SW
CULLMAN, AL 35055

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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 *
CLAUDE FERRELL SANDERS, * CASE NO.: PC2023-198
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to JENNIFER SANDERS SCHLOSSER, as Personal Representative of the Estate of CLAUDE FERRELL SANDERS, deceased, on the 11th day of September, 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.

Jennifer Sanders Schlosser
Personal Representative

C. Blake West
Attorney for Petitioner
417 4th Ave SW, Suite 270
Cullman, Alabama 35055
256-734-0026

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, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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Marshall (from Front)

Cayla Grace Murphy
caylagrace@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — Marshall, an approximately 2-year-old male Great Pyrenees with a soft cream coat, is available for adoption at Cullman County Animal Shelter.

Marshall is a low-energy kind of guy, and prefers to keep a low profile- a bit tricky to do, considering his large stature!

Despite his size and breed, Marshall would much rather relax at your side than be a livestock guardian; goats, particularly, are a bit worrisome to him.

Marshall is a quick learner on the leash and is taking correction with ease. He would make the quintessential therapy or companion dog.

Ready to meet Marshall? Head over to Cullman County Animal Shelter at 935 Convent Road NE, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. for a meet and greet.

His adoption fee includes neuter, DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet and microchip.

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullmananimalshelter@co.cullman.al.us.

LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

RALPH HUNTER OAKS,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2023-900036.00**

TIFFANY NICOLE OAKS,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Tiffany Nicole Oaks, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Ralph Hunter Oaks' Complaint for Divorce by October 23, 2023 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against her in Case Number 25-DR-2023-900036.00 in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 25th day of August, 2023.

Lisa McSwain, Dir
Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
MELVIN HASTING
P O BOX 517
CULLMAN, AL 35056-0517

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y Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA,

IN THE MATTER OF J.T.F., A minor child.) **CASE NUMBER: PC2023-103**

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

TO: EVAN JON FULLER, FATHER OF A MINOR CHILD J.T.F, BORN March 12, 2021 TO SAMANTHA LYNN RAY

Please take notice that a Petition for Name Change was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Duffy Striker, Petitioner. If you should contest this name change, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioner, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 200 2nd Avenue S.W., Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE this 28th day of August, 2023.

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

Tonya C. Palmer
Attorney for Petitioner
1939 Main Avenue Southwest
Cullman, Alabama 35055
256-246-9600

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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 *
ESTHER KATIE GIARDINA, * CASE NO PC 2023-263
Deceased. *

NOTICE
PETITION FOR SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION

Notice is hereby given that a *Petition for Summary Distribution* filed the 9th day of August, 2023, made Court record the 11th day of August, 2023 by Leslie Scott Justice, Petitioner, and that thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to the law of the State of Alabama, the Court shall be requested to enter an Order directing Summary Distribution of the estate of said decedent.

Leslie Scott Justice
Petitioner

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

TO PUBLISHER (CULLMAN TRIBUNE):

Please publish the foregoing notice ONE TIME in said newspaper, and thereafter file with the Court a copy of the notice so published and an affidavit of publication.

DONE this the 28th day of August, 2023.

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

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on July 31, 2007 by Christopher Peed, a single man, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1533, Page 207 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on September 22, 2023:

Parcel 1 (31-09-30-0-000-004.000 and -004.001):
All that part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 13, Range 4 West, lying and being South of public road running East and West across said forty and being 20 acres, more or less.

Less and Except: A parcel of land in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 13, Range 4 West, and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a point where the South line of a county road intersects the West line of said forty; thence South along the West line to the Southwest corner of said forty; thence East along the South line 150 feet, more or less, to a stake; thence Northwesterly 539 feet, more or less, to a stake on the South right of way of said County Road being a point 85 feet from the point of beginning; thence Westerly along the South right of way of said road 85 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning an containing 1.45 acres, more or less.

Also Less and Except: A part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 13 South, Range 4 West, more particularly described as; Commencing at a found 3 inch capped pipe marking the Southwest corner of Section 30; thence due East along the South line of said Section a distance of 764.97 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron and the true point of beginning of the property herein described; thence from said true point of beginning run North 8 degrees 24 minutes 44 seconds West a distance of 640.17 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron on the South right of way County Road 4; thence North 80 degrees 32 minutes 47 seconds East along said South right of way a distance of 304.94 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron on an agreed fence line; thence leaving said right of way run South 01 degree 43 minutes 31 seconds East along said agreed fence line a distance of 683.68 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron on the South line of said Section 30; thence due West along said South line a distance of 227.73 feet to the true point of beginning and containing 4.00 acres, more or less.

Also Less and Except: A parcel of land located in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 30; Township 13 South, Range 4 West, more particularly described as follows: Begin at the intersection of the East line of the forty and the South right of way of County Road # 4 (Wolf Road); thence Southerly along the East forty line to the Southeast corner of said forty; thence West along the South line of the forty 315 feet; thence North to the South line of County Road # 4; thence Easterly along the South line of County Road # 4 315 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

The property conveyed hereby is subject to the following:
Right of way for public road extending 30 feet from the centerline of County Road #4 granted to Cullman County, Alabama, as set forth in instrument recorded in Deed Book 527 Page 240 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama.

Utility Easement granted to South Central Bell Telephone Company by instruments recorded in Deed Book 331 Page 439 and Deed Book 331 Page 443 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama.

Parcel 2 (3 l-09-31-0-000-003.001):
A tract of land being the East Half of the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 13, Range 4 West, being 40 acres more or less, Cullman County, Alabama.

Source of Title/Description: Deed Book 556 Page 252

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Thomas W. Russell
Attorney for Mortgagee
2915 Clairmont Ave. S
Birmingham, Alabama 35205
The Cullman Tribune-August 31, 7, 14, 2023

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on April 15, 2010 by Kelly L. Steele, unmarried, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1623, Page 447 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on September 22, 2023:

A tract or parcel of land containing 3.01 acres of land, more or less, and being part of the NE ¼, of the SE ¼ of Section 23, Township 9 South, Rage 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama, and being mort particularly described as follows: Commence at a found rock marking the accepted Southwest comer of said quarter-quarter and run N 00 degrees 32 minutes 40 seconds W and run along the accepted West line a distance of 647.43 feet to a found capped rebar; thence run N 86 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds E a distance of 558.33 feet to a found rebar marking the point of beginning thence continue N 86 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds E a distance of 209.91 feet to a found rebar; thence N 85 degrees 11 minutes 48 seconds E a distance of 574.47 feet to a set rebar on the East line of said quarter-quarter; thence N 00 degrees 02 minutes 12 seconds E and run along said East line a distance of 173.81 feet to a set rebar; thence S 73 degrees 09 minutes 10 seconds W a distance of 183.37 feet to a set rebar; thence S 83 degrees 45 minutes 31 seconds W a distance of 66.04 feet to a set rebar; thence N 88 degrees 57 minutes 39 seconds W a distance of 72.52 feet to a set rebar; thence N 84 degrees 22 minutes 00 seconds W a distance of 271.80 feet to a set rebar; thence N 87 degrees 30 minutes 53 seconds W a distance of 209.43 feet to a set rebar; thence S 03 degrees 08 minutes 38 seconds E a distance of 206.51 feet to the point of beginning. Less and except all that part of the above described property that is within the right-of-way of Cullman County Road No. 1194. Subject to any right-of-way and/or easements of record.

Together with a permanent, non-exclusive easement for unlimited and full access, ingress and egress, Said easement runs along and existing gravel road and is described as follows: A tract or parcel of land containing 0.45 acres of land, more or less, and being a part of the NE ¼, of the SE ¼ of Section 23, Township 9 South, Range 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a found rock marking the accepted Southwest corner of the said quarter-quarter and run N 00 degrees 32 minutes 40 seconds W and run along the accepted West line a distance of 647.43 feet to a found capped rebar; thence run N 86 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds E a distance of 558.33 to a found rebar marking the point of beginning, thence continue N 86 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds E a distance of 209.31 feet to a found rebar; thence N 85 degrees 11 minutes 48 seconds E a distance of 574.47 feet to a set rebar on the East line of Said quarter-quarter; thence N 00 degrees 02 minutes 12 seconds E and run along said East line a distance of 173.81 feet to a set rebar marking the point of beginning; thence S 73 degrees 09 minutes 19 seconds W a distance of 183.37 feet to a set rebar; thence S 83 degrees 45 minutes 31 seconds W a distance of 66.04 feet to a set rebar; thence N 88 degrees 57 minutes 39 seconds W a distance of 72.52 feet to a set rebar; thence N 84 degrees 22 minutes 00 seconds W a distance of 271.80 feet to a set rebar; thence N 88 degrees 53 seconds W a distance of 209.43 feet to a set rebar; thence N 03 degrees 08 minutes 38 seconds W a distance of 20.07 feet to a found rebar; thence S 88 degrees 30 minutes 53 seconds E a distance of 211.05 feet to a found rebar in the center of a ditch; thence run in an easterly direction following the center of said ditch the following 5 courses: S 88 degrees 56 minutes 30 seconds E 118.93 feet; S 81 degrees 16 minutes 58 seconds E 162.64 feet; S 88 degrees 57 minutes 39 seconds E 61.91 feet; N 83 degrees 45 minutes 31 seconds E 62.53 feet; N 70 degrees 59 minutes 16 seconds E 91.91 feet; N 66 degrees 51 minutes 41 seconds E 101.17 feet to a set rebar on the East line of said quarter-quarter; thence S 00 degrees 02 minutes 12 seconds W a distance of 36.19 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to any rights- of-way and/or easements of records. lt is agreed and understood that the Grantees shall have the right to use the easement granted and conveyed hereby for roadway purposes, for utility lines and unlimited and full access, and for ingress and egress purposes. This easement shall constitute a covenant running with the land and shall insure to the benefit of the Grantees, their heirs, successors and assigns, as well as the tenants, servants, visitors, licensees, invitees and guests of the Grantees, their heirs, successors and assigns.

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Arley's 'Largest Yard Sale' set for Oct. 7

Krista Givens
Arley Women's Club

ARLEY, Ala. — Everyone loves a bargain! You will not want to miss the return of the well-known Arley's Largest Yard Sale! The Arley Women's Club (AWC) will host its fall yard sale on Saturday, Oct. 7, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. The event will take place in the parking lot of the Smith Lake Flea Market and Vintage Mall located on Highway 41 in Arley.

The chairpersons of the event, Paula Fullington and Ann Atkinson, are excited to continue this fundraiser for 2023.

The storage facility is already filling up as donations from the AWC (150 members strong) roll in.

As in the past, great clothing in all sizes will be offered, plus furniture, tools, antiques, small appliances, décor, glasses and other houseware essentials.

Customers are also invited to shop the AWC booth inside the Flea Market which offers Smith Lake merchandise and other unique items. The popular AWC cookbooks will also be available for purchase.

Proceeds from the AWC booth will go toward its scholarships and various community projects.

For updates on this event and all fundraising endeavors, follow AWC on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ArleyWomensClub or visit www.ArleyWomensClub.org.

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Obituary Announcements: Sept. 12-13

Candida Hernandez Flores, 63
Candida Hernandez Flores, 63, passed from this life Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023, at CRMC. She was born in Mexico on Jan. 25, 1960. Visitation will be Wednesday evening, Sept. 13, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rosary beginning at 7 p.m. Mass will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 14, 2023, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Margaret Lorene Alvis Brown, 73
Margaret Lorene Alvis Brown, 73, of Cullman, passed away on Monday, Sept. 11, 2023, at her residence surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Cullman, Alabama on Aug. 27, 1950. She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Johnny W. Brown; daughter, Tammy (Paul) Herrick; son, Jon Brown; sister, Betty Freeman; grandchildren, Michelle Herrick, William Herrick, Jazmyn Brown and Ava Brown; great-grandchildren, Abel Herrick and Atticus Willingham and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jack Virgil Alvis and Alla Bea Burks Alvis; and siblings, Jack Alvis, Leon Alvis, Charlie Alvis, Larry Joe Alvis, Jimmy Alvis, Carolyn Alvis and Tim Alvis. The funeral service will be on Friday, Sept. 15, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home; burial will follow in Pilgrims Rest Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Thursday from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home.

Dwight Felix Griffin, 76
Dwight Felix Griffin, 76, of Hanceville, passed away on Sunday, Sep. 10, 2023, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. He was born Sep. 16, 1946. He is survived by his wife, Darlene Griffin; daughter, Penny Griffin; stepsons, Davey Lewis and Heath Lewis; sisters, Mary Jo Butts, Clara Jean Curry and Christine Kreps; three grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Leacil Griffin and Alma Jane Foust Griffin and his brothers, C.P. Griffin and Glenn Griffin. Funeral services will be held on Friday, Sept. 15, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home; burial will follow in Duck River Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Friday from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m.

Esther Sparks, 87
Mrs. Esther Sparks, age 87, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023. Esther is survived by her sister: Mary Ruth Hice; her daughters: Cindy (Mike) Ponder, and DeAnn (Wally) Schafer; her grandsons: Eric (Taylor) Ponder, Bryan (Jessica) Schafer, and Jody (Mollie) Schafer; and her great grandchildren: Ava, Addison, Callan, Harper, Ellie, Greer, and Jack. Esther was preceded in death by her husband Billie E. Sparks; and her parents George Wendell and Mary Winkler Davis. A visitation for Esther will be held Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023, from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m.at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue, NW, Cullman, Alabama 35055. A celebration of life funeral service will occur Thursday, Sept. 14, 2023 at 1 p.m., 1901 Second Avenue, NW, Cullman, AL 35055. An interment will occur at East Point Cumberland Cemetery, Cullman, AL. In Lieu of Flowers, please make donations to the East Point Cumberland Presbyterian Church Cemetery Fund. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Sparks family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Jack Walker, 87
Graveside Service for Jack Walker, age 87, of Baileyton, will be at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14, 2023, at Baileyton Cemetery with Deborah Moon officiating. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Walker passed away on Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023, at Cullman Regional. He was born March 5, 1936, Bill Walker and Lizzie Mae Walker. Jack was a heavy equipment operator his whole life. He loved helping the community and the people. He built the Baileyton Drag Strip in 1966 and was owner and operator till 2021. He wanted to thank all his racers, fans and supporters for all the devotion that was given for all the years. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Sharron Walker; brothers, Hayes "Button" Walker, Ralph Walker, and Cee Buck Walker. Survivors include his daughter, Lou Ann (Vance) Easterwood; grandson, Russ (Sasha) Easterwood; great-grandchildren, Noah Easterwood and Holden Easterwood; chosen granddaughter, Briley Whitehead; brothers, Harry (Mary) Walker and Robert "Hop" (Carolyn) Walker; caregivers, Charlie (Mary) Whitehead, Terry England, and Phillip (Diane) Whitehead; a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends; and beloved cat, Baby. Pallbearers are Marty Hall, Billy Daniels, James Cullidge, Brian Walker, Gre Hinds, Phillip Whitehead, Randall Whisenant, Bobby Young.

Dale Dewayne Campbell, 64, of Crane Hill
Immediate family graveside service for Dale Dewayne Campbell, age 64, of Crane Hill, will be at Bethany Baptist Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Campbell passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023, at his residence. He was born April 25, 1959, to Buell Dewayne Campbell and Maurnese Campbell. He was preceded in death by his son, Adam Campbell; father; and grandparents, Hamilton and Lenora Campbell and Odis and Ruby Garmon. Survivors include his daughters, Jamie (Tommy) Hutchins and Tammi (Van) Farley; grandchildren; Evan Hutchins, Weston Hutchins, Jonathon (Devonne) Farley, Jacob Farley, and Jaina Farley; great-grandchildren, Oliver Farley and Declan Farley; mother, Maurnese Campbell; sister, Melinda (Glenn) Edwards; and niece, Brooke (Zac) Majors.

Mildred Athlee Baker Sandlin, 97
Mildred Athlee Baker Sandlin, age 97, of Bremen, Alabama passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023. Mildred was born in Cullman, Alabama on March 8, 1926, to Erie and Agnes Wilson Baker. She is preceded in death by: husband: Calvin "Shulus" Sandlin, son: Greg Sandlin, parents, brothers: Howard "Buddy" Baker, Harold Baker, sisters: Imogene Baker McClendon, Ruth Baker Moon and Marcele Baker Ginn. A visitation for Mildred will be held Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055. A Celebration of Life Funeral Service will occur Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023 at 1 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055. An interment will occur Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023 at Addington Chapel Methodist Cemetery, Bremen, AL 35033. Survivors are: son: Ronnie (Marie) Sandlin, daughter: Jan (Robert) Williams, brother:Donald Baker and a sister: Mary Ellen Baker Hutchinson, grandchildren: Brandon (Pam) Williams, Brett (Kaci) Williams, Matt (Stephanie) Sandlin, Jeff (Jenny) Sandlin, Alicia (Lance) Shuford and Ashia (Kevin) O'Neil, great-grandchildren: Emily and Seth Williams, Brodi, Joci and Joli Williams, Lathan Shuford, Eli and Ethan Sandlin and a host of nieces and nephews and friends. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Sandlin family.

Howard O'Neal Hays, 86
A graveside service for Howard O'Neal Hays, of Hanceville, will be 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 15, 2023, at Hopewell Cemetery in Hanceville. Reverend Ruland will be officiating the service. Mr. Hays was born on March 21, 1937, in Cullman County to the late David C. Hays and Ilene Alexander. He passed away at the age of 86 at his residence in Hanceville on Sept. 13, 2023. Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Evelyn Hays; children, Patricia (Ray) Wise and Anthony Hays; grandchildren, Erin Wise, and Benjamin Wise; siblings, Lou Dingler, Mary Ann Hall, and Robert Hays; and a host of nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be Anthony Hays, Benjamin Wise, Ray Wise, David Dingler, Greg Whitaker, and Adam Schmidt. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Hays Family.

Kaeden Ryan Dawson, 19
Celebration of Life for Kaeden Ryan Dawson, age 19, of Cullman, will be at 6 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 15, 2023, at East Side Baptist Church with Matt Smith officiating. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Dawson passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023, at Children's Hospital of Alabama. He was born Dec. 30, 2003. He was preceded in death by his biological mother, Margie Carolynn Ingram, and great-grandparents, Kyle and Brenda Wisener, Wendell (Shelby) Overton, Beverly Warnke, and Lois Jeanette (Cledeth) Moore. Survivors include his father, Brandon Dawson; mother, Samantha Dawson; sisters, Hannah Averi Dawson, Adalyn Noelle Dawson, and Brynlie Autumn Dawson; grandparents, Jerry and Renee Overton, Jeanne Anderson, and Jerry and Saundra Brown; aunts, Shae Anderson and Dyanna Overton; uncles, Bradley Dawson, Jarrod Anderson, Wesley Overton, Jeremy Brown, Matthew Crane, Jake (Emily) Underwood and Joshua Underwood; and a host of cousins, family, and friends.

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Recap (from Front)

Sammy Confer
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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Week two of this year's Cullman County Youth Football season kicked off Saturday and there were plenty of intriguing games going on around the county. The Cullman Bearcats hosted the Holly Pond Broncos, the Vinemont Eagles traveled to take on the Good Hope Raiders, the Fairview Aggies hosted the Hanceville Bulldogs and the Cold Springs Eagles traveled to take on the West Point Warriors.

Cullman at Holly Pond
- Fireplug: Bearcats 22 - Broncos 12
- Wee-Wee: Broncos 30 - Bearcats 0
- Pee-Wee: Bearcats 16 - Broncos 12

Vinemont at Good Hope
- Fireplug: Eagles 8 - Raiders 7
- Wee-Wee: Raiders 36 - Eagles 0
- Pee-Wee: Eagles 14 - Raiders 6

Hanceville at Fairview
- Fireplug: Aggies 28 - Bulldogs 0
- Wee-Wee: Aggies 14 - Bulldogs 0
- Pee-Wee: Aggies 14 - Bulldogs 8

Cold Springs at West Point
- Fireplug: Warriors 50 - Eagles 0
- Wee-Wee: Warriors 42 - Eagles 0
- Pee-Wee: Warriors 32 - Eagles 6

Week Three Schedule (Sept. 16)
- Vinemont at Hanceville (9 a.m.)
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