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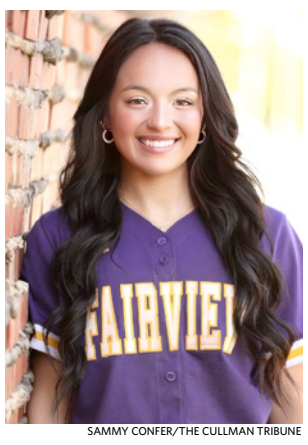
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Cullman Oktoberfest back, bigger than ever

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CULLMAN, Ala. — With crisp autumn air just around the corner, Cullman is gearing up for its annual take on Oktoberfest, celebrating Cullman's German heritage with a bit of Southern flair. This year's celebration promises to be an entire three-day sensory delight of sights, sound and flavor; totally fitting for a 150th anniversary according to 2023 Burgermeister Dale Greer.

"This is the 150th anniversary of the founding of Cullman and it gives us the opportunity to celebrate our German heritage and the remarkable community we have become," Greer said, noting he's most excited about the expanded lineup of events. "I'm excited about Oktoberfest and the expanded schedule of events and live entertainment. » PAGE 5



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The keg is tapped at Cullman Oktoberfest 2020

Tower Challenge

Local first responders complete challenge remembering 9/11



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Left to right are Lt. Caleb Bonds and firefighters Seth Brock, Alexandria Alford, JP Robert and Austin Yarbrough.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Fire Rescue firefighter Seth Brock said he and four fellow first responders have a new outlook on what firefighters felt on Sept. 11, 2001, after completing the 110-flight Tower Challenge at Cullman Savings Bank.

The Tower Challenge means carrying gear weighing between 60-80 pounds and climbing 2,071 steps, representing the 110 floors of the Twin Towers.

"This is the first time I did it," Brock said. "It brings it into a new perspective by truly showing just how difficult it is."

Brock said he and four other firefighters, Lt. Caleb Bonds, Austin Yarbrough, JP Robert and Alexandria Alford, agreed to complete the challenge after Bonds suggested it.

"We regularly train in a four-story training tower, carrying extra hose bundles, but this was different," Brock said.

"I'm sure they knew that day they were climbing to their deaths. And that's - that's a different level of hard."

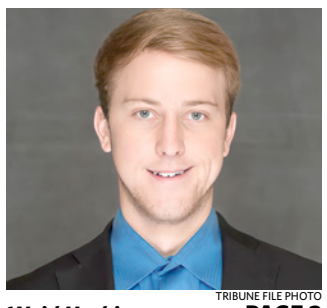
Brock said they truly appreciate Cullman Savings Bank allowing them the opportunity to honor the heroes that attempted to climb 110 floors to a certain death to try to save those impacted in the Twin Towers on 9/11.

Cullman's Little Free Pantry needs your help



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Harbison stepping down from United Way



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Barnette gives update on CCBOE projects



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St. Bernard students awarded academic honors from College Board National Recognition Programs

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Sept. 15

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Sept. 15, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Sept. 11

- possession of drug paraphernalia; tampering with physical evidence; Hwy. 69 S
- domestic violence; CR 384
- possession of marijuana; 2nd Ave. NW
- domestic violence; CR 544
- domestic violence; interference with domestic violence emergency call; CR 403

Sept. 12

- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 437
- harassment; CR 609

Sept. 13

- burglary; CR 223
- harassment; Hwy. 69 N
- domestic violence-menacing; CR 665
- resisting arrest; CR 1043
- criminal mischief; harassment; CR 1535
- theft of property; 10th St. SE, Garden City
- dog bite; CR 1117

ARRESTS

Sept. 11 – 13

Davis, Jadarius D.; 21
- stolen vehicles-auto theft
- burglary-non residence-force

Dial, Dolly F.; 58
- FTA- failure to immunize dog/cat for rabies
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Esposito, Jan M.; 43
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Gatlin, Austin M.; 25
- FTA- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle (2 counts)
- FTA- harassing communications

Hall, Danny L.; 39
- DUI (alcohol)

Hubert III, Richard T.; 26
- DUI (alcohol)

Hyde, Cody L.; 29
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

James, Matthew S.; 33
- public intoxication

Jenkins, Jerry T.; 28
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Kirby, Donald W.; 34
- Probation Revoked- burglary-residence-force

Mannery, Joshua I.; 44
- criminal mischief-damage to business property
- possession of burglars tools
- FTA- unauthorized use of auto-no force (joyriding)

McDonald, Michael A; 24
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- tampering with physical evidence
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of marijuana-1st degree

Pool, Kenneth D.; 44
- resisting arrest
- public intoxication

Rowland, Jonathan E.; 37
- Probation Violation-stolen vehicles-auto theft

Sheffield, Travis R.; 31
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- using false identity to avoid/hinder arrest/prosecution
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Stanfield, Dustin H.; 43
- FTA- burglary-residence-no force

Stevens, L.C.; 41
- assault-harassment

Thomas, Isaac K.; 27
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family
- interference with domestic violence emergency call

Warren, Joseph P.; 30
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- disorderly conduct/disturbing peace/affray

Woodard, Ryan K.; 35
- FTA- no seat belt

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Sept. 13

- unlawful breaking motor vehicle; person; 3rd Ave. SE; wallet and contents
- harassment; person; 5th St. SW

Sept. 14

- theft of property-1st degree; person; cash; $21,000
- criminal mischief-1st degree; Yutaka; Hwy. 157; damaged property; $6,000

ARRESTS

Sept. 13 – 14

Mannery, Joshua I.; 44
- FTA- unauthorized use of vehicle

Dial, Dolly F.; 58
- FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)

Woljevach, Margret A.; 62
- DUI

Sanches, Luis A.; 56
- menacing
- disorderly conduct
- resisting arrest

Marsh, Thomas M.; 44
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree

Johnson, Krissy T.; 27
- theft of property-4th degree

Anders, Jeremy K.; 31
- FTA- insurance violation

Mullen, Ryan N.; 44
- criminal mischief-1st degree

Box, Christopher W.; 47
- criminal mischief-3rd degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Cullman Association of Realtors donates $73K to local charities

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CULLMAN, Ala. — On Wednesday, Sept.13, the Cullman Association of Realtors (CAR) hosted a luncheon at Stone Bridge Farms, where it presented checks totaling $73,000 to seven local charities. The money was raised during a recent fundraising event.

According to CAR Auction Committee Chair Rita Fromhold, in August, CAR and its affiliates hosted an event that not only brought the community together but also made a significant impact on the lives of those in need. Monica Williams is also an auction committee chair.

"The August event was held at the Cotton Creek Warehouse venue. The 2023 CAR Annual Charity Auction was a resounding success, raising a staggering $73,000 for various local charities," Fromhold said. "This generous contribution benefited organizations such as Brooks' Place, Cullman Victim Services, The Link of Cullman County, Flourish of Cullman, Pilot Light Home, The Bridge and Secret Meals for Hungry (Children). We are so thankful for the heartwarming event and want to express our gratitude to the sponsors who made it all possible."

Checks were presented on Wednesday to The Bridge, Flourish of Cullman, Secret Meals for Hungry Children, Pilot Light House, Victim Services of Cullman, Brooks' Place and The Link of Cullman County.



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Front row, left to right, are Josie Vines, Kay Bell, Peggy Harris, Melissa Dew and Gail Swafford. Back row, left to right, are Kevin Rice, Sadie Black, Gennia Wilhite, Julie Cofer, Monica Williams, Rita Fromhold, Betty Dover, Grace Potter, Christine Patterson and Callie Schaffers.

Hanceville Council reviews proposed FY2024 budget

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Hanceville City Council at its meeting on Thursday read and reviewed the proposed fiscal year 2024 budget.

Mayor Kenneth Nail said that the proposed budget comes after meeting with department heads, reviewing their needs and suggestions and then making adjustments where necessary before bringing it to the council for final approval.

"We go through two choppings before we bring it to y'all," Nail said to the council, "and then y'all of course can add or chop anything else."

After a lengthy reading and review with clarifications from City Clerk Tania Wilcox, the council motioned to table the proposed budget to allow time for a more review.

In other business:

- Three appointments were made to the planning commission: Betty Dover, Roxi Lee and Ronda Jett.
- Permission was granted for the Mud Creek Arts & Crafts Festival to be hosted on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023, in the downtown area.
- Permission was granted for a fall festival to be hosted on Sunday, Oct. 29, 2023, in the downtown area.
- A motion was approved, with Mayor Nail and Councilwoman Patty Dean abstaining, to repair a culvert on a private road previously damaged by the City.

Harbison (from Front)

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — United Way of Cullman County Executive Director Waid Harbison on Thursday, Sept. 14, announced his resignation, effective November 2023. Harbison was recently diagnosed with Huntington's disease. He said he will likely not have major symptoms for three to five years, but he is leaving for a role that will allow him more flexibility to travel and enjoy the years he has before those symptoms begin.

"I have absolutely loved my role as executive director with United Way. I will always be extremely grateful for the opportunity I had to make a difference in the lives of those around us in need," he said.

"With me getting diagnosed with Huntington's disease, I am looking at three to five more good years left before having some major restrictions, and with this position being very time consuming, taking up many hours, and working with a small staff, I am resigning in order to take on a position that I will be able to have more flexibility to allow me to travel and do other things I would like to."

He continued, "I am very thankful for our board of directors for giving me the opportunity to serve those in need in our community.

"It has been a great blessing, and we have been so fortunate to have a supportive board and hundreds of volunteers who have given back to United Way to make all the things we have accomplished possible."

Since taking over in May 2022, Harbison has created many new successful programs and initiatives, and taken on other major tasks. Some of the major work completed under Harbison's tenure at United Way of Cullman County includes:

- Having the second highest year of fundraising in the 45 years of United Way of Cullman County during FY2022-23
- Reaching 1 in 4 people in need in Cullman County through United Way and partner agencies in 2022-23
- Creating gas card program for local residents trying to get assistance from a nonprofit resources to get the help they need
- Creating several new service projects giving back to the community including First Responder appreciation, Veterans appreciation, thank-you cards for all local teachers and Christmas cards and visiting local nursing homes
- Adding new events including a communitywide food drive, a community health fair, a book drive for children and greatly expanding the Stuff the Bus school supply drive
- Creating Volunteer Cullman system for getting community volunteers plugged into a variety of community service projects at various nonprofits, churches and other organizations
- Creating task force meetings of all local nonprofits in areas of health, education, restoration and renewal services and food insecurity, bringing leaders together to collectively work on issues
- Creating first community needs assessment of major needs in Cullman County as well as plans and goals to help alleviate issues and solve root problems
- Helping re-establish Cullman County VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) including helping to create major plans for cooperative efforts of how government organizations, nonprofits and churches would all respond in case of a disaster

"I am very proud of what we have been able to accomplish with our staff, board members, volunteers, partner agencies and others that have been committed to making a difference in the lives of those around us. Without all of this help, we could never have accomplished any of this," Harbison said. "It has been a great privilege to be able to impact so many lives through our work here, and I am still committed to supporting the cause of the United Way of Cullman County by giving, volunteering and assisting staff, board and a new director down the road in any capacity that I can."

Harbison said he plans to stay on to finish some ongoing projects and fundraising events, including the United Way's ongoing workplace campaigns, as well as Designer Bag Bingo, which is scheduled for Nov. 9.

The United Way is actively seeking a new executive director. Resumes can be sent to Jake Johnson at jjohnson@cullmancats.net.

Wallace State Community College-Hanceville has the following open position:

Computer Science Instructor

For more information, please contact the Human Resources Department at 256-352-8029.

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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.
• 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.

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!

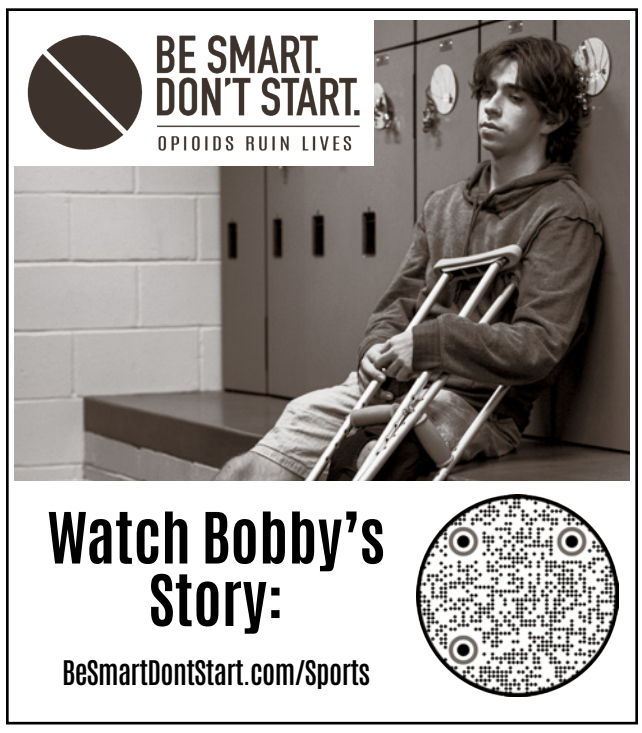
Smith Lake Bass Fest
Saturday, Oct. 7, at Smith Lake Park. Fishing aficionados from all across the Southeast will gather at Smith Lake Park for a chance to win bragging rights. Oh, and that $15,000 guaranteed first-prize winnings won't be too shabby, either. Do you have what it takes to be the big fish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

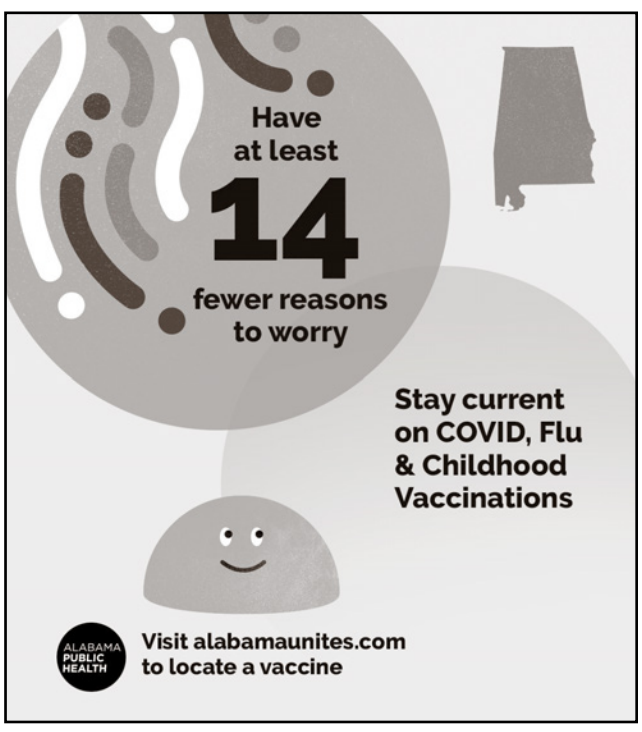
Peinhardt Living History Farm Day
Saturday, Oct. 14, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and Sunday Oct. 15, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Peinhardt Living History Farm. Come experience the history and learn how some of the first settlers of Cullman made this land home. With a petting zoo, antique tractor show, mule and wagon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

7th Annual Caring for Cullman Concert Benefiting the Good Samaritan Health Clinic
Tuesday, Oct. 24, at 7 p.m. at Northbrook Baptist Church. Doors open at 6. A night of fun and great music with the Daystar Church Praise Team, and featuring the award-winning Triumphant Quartet. Tickets are $28 if bought in person at Yates-Chance Christian Bookstore, Borden Family Pharmacy, Good Samaritan Health Clinic or at the door. $28 if purchased online at www.goodsamaritancullman.com.

'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 SPORTS

'Never give up': Fairview's Jaycee Aleman reflects on Aggie years

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — In this interview, I talked to Fairview's multi-sport standout Jaycee Aleman, and she made some incredible memories during her time as an Aggie. She played with a lot of great players and learned so much from some great coaches.

"In softball, it was definitely beating West Point in the area tournament, and in volleyball, it was being at tournaments and just being with the team all day, getting closer as friends. I was so close to all of the players. They were all very talented athletes, mostly Kabri Redding. In volleyball, there was never a dull moment with her," Aleman said.

"She knew how to put a smile on my face every single day. In softball, Bug Davis, Emily Benson, Ayda Payne, and Addison Phillips were probably the ones I was closest to.

"They all helped me get to where I am today, and I hope I'll never lose any of our friendships. I love every single one of them and I'm thankful I got to finish with them."

She added, "Coach King and Coach Ball were like my best friends. I could go to them for anything. There was never a dull moment with them.

"They always tried to help me in any way they could. They always knew how to cheer me up and never gave up on me. They didn't just teach us on the field; they taught us about life and how to push through obstacles. They taught us that nothing is going to be handed to us. We'd have to work for it and be the best we can be. They always checked to make sure we knew everything and always made sure we were taught as much as possible. I don't think I'd be where I am today without either one of them. I've played with coach King for so long and I've played with/gotten coached with Coach Ball for a long time also. If I could pick anyone to be my coaches, it would still be them."

Aleman will remember all of the great people that came into her life at Fairview and will deeply miss playing there this year.

"I will remember Coach King, Coach Ball, Kabri Redding, Rossi King, Emily Benson, Bug Davis, Ayda Payne, Addison Phillips, and all my little underclassmen babies. What I'll miss the most is when they ask me how to do something in practice and help them with anything they need help with, the long tournament days that we got to spend together, the goofing off, making jokes, the hard and fun practices, and just playing on the field and court with all of them."

She talked about her favorite high school memories, and Fairview will hold a very special place in her heart.

"My favorite high school memories were the loud football games, the student section in basketball, softball, and volleyball, the friendships I've made, being on Homecoming Court, the homecoming weeks, learning to hit left-handed, doing a handshake with Coach Black every morning before first period, and beating West Point in softball," she said. "What made Fairview a special place to go to were some of the teachers. I looked forward to going to school every day, because I knew there were teachers there that loved me and always tried their best to help me in any way they could. Also, our community is really close, and everyone is always willing to help out other people."

Aleman will remember some things during her time as an Aggie and will deeply miss being there this year. She will take away some things from being at Fairview and she gave some advice to the upcoming freshmen.

"I'll definitely remember going to all the sporting events and just being around all my friends. I'll definitely miss playing softball the most," she said. "Sometimes, life's not fair, push your hardest, and do your best, no matter what. My advice to the upcoming freshmen is to enjoy every moment, because it flies by fast, to always do your best in anything you do, and try to be involved in school activities to have the best high school years."

She talked about her role models that she looked up to during her athletic career and her high school years. She talked about the best advice that someone ever gave her.

"In sports, my role models were Daisy Manasco, Katie Ball, my sister, Kyleigh Aleman, and Coach King. In high school, it would have to be Coach Black, Mrs. Watts, Mrs. Jean, and Mr. Feldner. I've always been very close with all these people throughout my high school years," she said. "The best advice that someone ever gave me was to always do my best, and to never give up, even when it gets hard."



JAYCEE ALEMAN
Fairview's Jaycee Aleman

St. Bernard (from Front)

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Students at Saint Bernard Preparatory School have achieved academic honors through College Board National Recognition Programs. These programs serve as a platform to acknowledge high school students' outstanding scholastic achievements and provide them with an opportunity to showcase their academic excellence. Particularly, these honors are designed to recognize the accomplishments of rural area, Black, Indigenous and/or Latino students, allowing them to stand out in the eyes of colleges and scholarship programs seeking diverse talent.

Four students from Saint Bernard Prep School received these prestigious academic honors:

• Charles Deist from Auburn, was awarded the National Rural and Small Town Award (NRSTA).

• Sydney Watwood from Cullman, was awarded the National Rural and Small Town Award (NRSTA).

• Viktoria DeCicco from Cullman, was awarded the National Rural and Small Town Award (NRSTA).

• Willa Smith from Cullman, was awarded the National Rural and Small Town Award (NRSTA).

Headmaster Phuong Nguyen expressed his enthusiasm, saying, "We're thrilled to celebrate our students and recognize them for the great work they've been doing. We're proud of their strong academic performance in the classroom and on College Board assessments like the PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10 and AP exams. There's so much that makes our students unique, and receiving this honor reinforces this as an asset for their future."

The criteria for eligibility for these honors include:

• A GPA of 3.5 or higher

• PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10 assessment scores that place them within the top 10% of assessment takers in each state for each award program or earning a score of 3 or higher on 2 or more AP Exams in ninth and 10th grade

• Attending school in a rural area or small town, or identifying as African American/Black, Hispanic American/Latino or Indigenous/Native

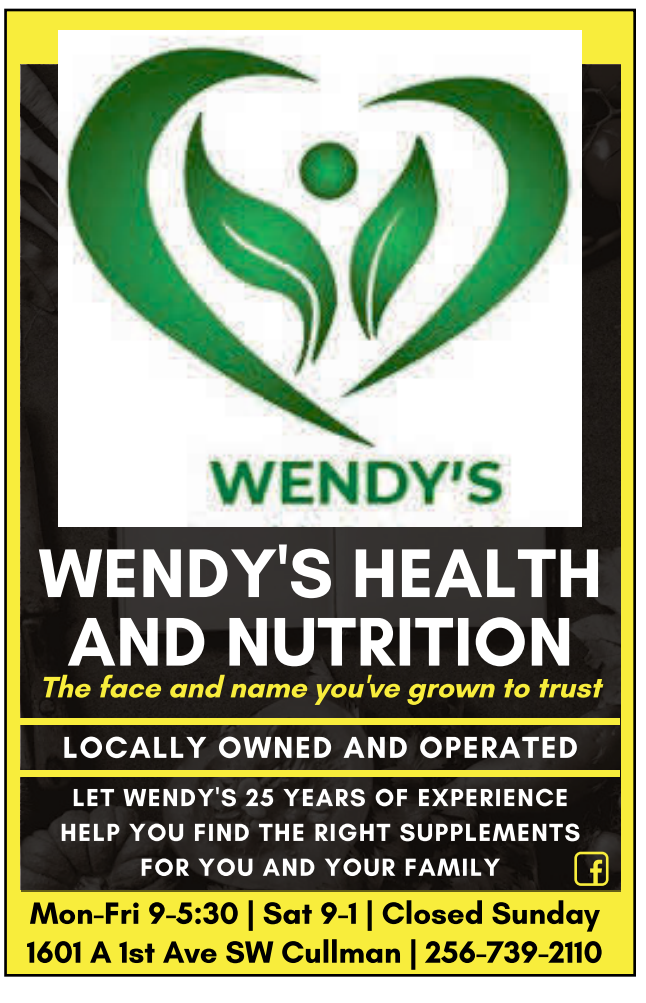
Eligible students are invited to apply on BigFuture during their sophomore or junior year and are awarded at the start of the next school year, providing them with ample opportunity to showcase their high school achievements as they plan for the future. Simultaneously, colleges and organizations using College Board's Student Search Service can directly connect with these outstanding awardees during the recruitment process.

Tarlin Ray, senior vice president of BigFuture at College Board, commented, "It's becoming increasingly hard for students to be 'seen' during the college recruitment process.

"We're exceptionally proud of the National Recognition Programs for celebrating students who are at times overlooked but have shown their outstanding academic abilities.

"This is a benefit not only for students but also for colleges and universities committed to recruiting diverse and talented students."


ST. BERNARD





CDC cuts ribbon on Cullman County Life Center

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TIFFANY MCKOY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The ribbon was cut on Thursday, Sept. 14.

CULLMAN, Ala. — On Thursday afternoon, the Cullman County Child Development Center (CDC) hosted a ribbon cutting for its new Cullman County Life Center. Cullman County Schools renovated existing space and turned it into a fully functioning apartment including a living area, kitchen, bathroom and bedroom to work with students to teach them independent living skills for a successful post-secondary transition. CDC students will have access to a state-of-the-art facility that will foster success when they transition to the real world.

CDC Principal Trett Hardman revealed that construction commenced toward the end of the last school year, with significant progress made during the summer months. The project team worked tirelessly to ensure the facility was ready to welcome students as they returned to school this year.

Hardman emphasized the importance of preparing students for post-secondary success. He shared that the skills being taught at the facility, including kitchen safety, food preparation and cleaning, are all designed to empower students with the tools they need to lead independent lives.

"We want our kids to leave here and contribute to society, to have jobs but also live independently. So, part of that is being able to take time to teach those skills that they need to be successful," he said.

Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette shared his enthusiasm for this new classroom. "We are so excited today to be able to cut the ribbon on this facility. This is something we've been working on, and the teachers have been wanting and they've been trying to raise the funds for it. Our school board stepped in and just finished the funding and then our maintenance department and the (Town) of Vinemont did all of the work. The Town of Vinemont came in and did a lot of the demolition and they donated some of the appliances and things, and my maintenance crew came in remodeled and repainted," Barnette explained.

"You can see the excitement on the kids' faces. Our hope for this facility is that our young people are going to learn those life skills so that one day they can live on their own and be able to know how to wash dishes and wash their clothes and make up their bed and cook for themselves. So we're teaching a lot of life skills that they need to help them," he said.

The teachers at the CDC are still looking for furniture to use for the living room space in the classroom. They are currently accepting furniture donations (couch, chairs, twin-sized bed, etc.). To donate furniture, call the front office at 256-739-0486.

Oktoberfest (from Front)

The involvement of the Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism will help us take this event to a new level, and you don't want to miss it!"

CPRST Executive Director Nathan Anderson echoed that sentiment, sharing that the celebration has grown in scope in two major ways.

"We're thrilled to introduce two exciting additions to this year's Oktoberfest: The Hofbräuhaus under Festhalle, where you can savor authentic German brews and an atmosphere with exclusive entertainment and a waiting staff that will serve you table side, and our captivating 'streetmosphere' performers, who will bring a touch of magic to the festivities.

"These new elements promise to elevate your Oktoberfest experience to new heights, making it a celebration like no other!" smiled Anderson.

Anderson also maintained the event is not just about beer, even though it does boast an incredible biergarten experience.

"With the authentic taste of the Hofbräuhaus, and a biergarten reminiscent of Munich's, our Festhalle promises an unparalleled experience.

"But it's not just about the beer; we've got free kids' activities, a craft vendor area, and an enticing array of German cuisine."

In addition to the kids' activities and vendors, there's tons of family friendly fun on the docket for the three-day fest: pageants, roving street performers, costume and eating contests, 5K and 10K races, and live music as well as the long-awaited return of the wiener dog races.

"Come join us in commemorating our city's remarkable 150-year journey at Oktoberfest! Let's unite in celebration, honoring our rich history and the enduring bond with Germany that makes Cullman's Oktoberfest an event like no other!" exclaimed Anderson.

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– OPINION –

Celebrating in the Wundergarten: Shhh and secrets

Ben Johnson South
Tribune Columnist

"Shhh" in a Cullman County library was likely first heard in the home of Colonel John Cullmann, the county's founder. The Colonel was known for having a sizeable collection of books written in his native German, and others in English, the language of his adopted country.

Shhh happens in libraries.

Shhh is the sound of the Cullman County PUBLIC Library Board repeatedly huddling in private to maneuver decisions about taxpayer-funded library management. This is not the way to gain PUBLIC support for a library or any government institution.

I feel bamboozled learning there was NO JOB SEARCH for the position of Cullman County Public Library director. I care about PUBLIC libraries, have served on an Alabama PUBLIC library board with 19 locations, and could have helped them find applicants.

Do you feel bamboozled? Even if this process were done legally, it gives the appearance of having been a rigged selection in some backroom, closed-door sessions.

"The public knows...it is idiotic to try to bamboozle them."—Anthony Crosland

In the Colonial Cullman era of the 1870s, the setting of the folktale, "WUNDERGARTEN," the settlers were more trusting of their local government than the public is today.

"Public trust in government is near a historic low," according to the June 2022 data from the Pew Research Center (pewresearch.org). Researchers indicate this lack of trust is because the public feels government-supported institutions have tricked, arrogantly condescended, withheld information, hoodwinked and bamboozled them.

Bamboozle—pronounced bam-booz-ul—is a verb meaning to fool or cheat someone. In this case, Cullman County was intentionally cheated from having the possibility/likelihood of a desirable pool of qualified candidates for a new library director. We, the people, were kept in the dark like mushrooms and shoveled a bunch of Shhh.

"One of the saddest lessons of history is this: If we've been bamboozled long enough, we tend to reject any evidence of the bamboozle. We're no longer interested in finding out the truth. The bamboozle has captured us. It's simply too painful to acknowledge, even to ourselves, that we've been taken." – Carl Sagan, American astrophysicist

Shhh, have we forgotten the dark shadows of the Watergate secrets? What did the Cullman County Library Board members know about the plan for a new director to be named without a PUBLIC search for job candidates? And when did they know this?

Shhh, why was the Cullman County PUBLIC library director opening not posted in either The Cullman Tribune or The Cullman Times? I'm active on Cullman social media and saw nothing, nada, zip, zilch about this job opening.

The Cullman County PUBLIC Library Board is supposed to serve as a communication channel to keep the county commissioners fully informed and to serve as an open and active link with the PUBLIC.

I understand from courthouse sources, the Cullman County Commission was surprised with related developments including a request from the Cullman County PUBLIC Library Board for an increase in salary for the library director position. Are our county commissioners being bamboozled as well?

CELEBRATING IN THE WUNDERGARTEN is a culinary storytelling series where we share recipes related to Cullman County happenings. Here is a recipe for a 19th century toddy known as a "Bamboozle," that Colonel Cullmann would have enjoyed on a quiet evening, Shhh, in his home library:

BAMBOOZLE
(Source: nytimes.com)

INGREDIENTS
- 3 ounces sherry
- 1/2 ounce sweet vermouth
- 1/2 teaspoon Grand Marnier
- 1 thin spiral of orange peel as garnish

INSTRUCTIONS
1. Stir all ingredients well over ice cubes in a mixing glass.
2. Strain into a 5-ounce martini glass and garnish.

I occasionally enjoy a cocktail and will now be ordering a "Bamboozle" from Jeremy at Public House 412, Garrett at The National, Aaron at Hank's and from the bartender at the All-Steak. We will toast to more PUBLIC awareness in Cullman County PUBLIC institutions.

Shhh, why did the Cullman County PUBLIC Library Board, who profess to care about library leadership, not ask the Cullman County PUBLIC what sort of traits they want in their next library director? When was the last time the library board openly met in Cold Springs, Fairview, Good Hope, Vinemont, West Point to ask how to improve PUBLIC library leadership?

There are voters, taxpayers and library patrons in each of those communities who would like to share their opinions when someone shows they care.

DON'T SHHH US! When the Cullman County PUBLIC Library leaders come begging hat-in-hand for taxpayer and voter support, why should we value their thinking? They obviously don't value our thinking and questioning. Shhh...

Shhh, Cullman County Clean Up Alabama champion Shirley Arnett put a BOOK CHALLENGE on the Cullman County Library Board meeting agenda. This happened in August, but the board chose to not listen to that concern, while they slipped behind closed doors for another not-for-the-general-PUBLIC, private session. (In his defense, the lawyer on the library board, Judge Rusty Turner, was not at this meeting. I do not yet know Judge Turner's thinking on having a wide search for the library director position.)

Shhh, even after being warned about the "mom on a mission," Shirley Arnett, I called her this week and we chatted for a good hour about Alabama PUBLIC library shenanigans. She is indeed on a very determined, personal crusade to help Governor Ivey and thousands of others across the state "Clean Up Alabama libraries. In fact, Arnett has already gotten the signatures of all the Cullman County Commissioners on a petition to support "Clean Up Alabama."

Shirley Arnett has a good sense of humor, she's smart, and while she is resolutely comfortable calling herself a Conservative, she is also broad thinking. I like that in a PUBLIC library crusader.

I'm neither a Conservative nor a Liberal. I want as few rules and government as possible, but I agree with the Clean Up Alabama rule to keep sexually explicit materials and profanity out of reach from underaged children in taxpayer supported, PUBLIC libraries.

Just this week, Monday, Sept. 11, I was in the Cullman County Public Library. Even after all our county commissioners had signed the "Clean Up Alabama" petition, the DVD film, "80 for Brady," which I had checked out from the library and was surprised contained the F-WORD, was still available and within the reach of a child. I'm nobody's prude, but as a tax-paying resident this sort of circus seems like a questionable use of library funds.

Shhh, the Cullman County PUBLIC Library is once again hammering politicians about needing a bigger building. Is the current floor plan optimally arranged--for patrons?

I don't think it is. If all the questionable materials were removed, would they still need more space? I've been hearing this "bigger building" mantra for years, but I've learned not to trust our PUBLIC library leadership. I'm yet to be convinced of the need.

Shhh, why am I whispering? Let me say this out loud, "I LIKE PEOPLE WHO QUESTION GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS!" Shirley Arnett seems gracious, open and honest. (Commissioner Clemons, Shirley Arnett would make a good, "NO SECRETS" member of the Cullman County PUBLIC Library Board.) When I asked Shirley about sharing a secret recipe for this article, she playfully suggested this cabbage dish which German-born, man-on-the-move Colonel Cullmann would have loved:

SHIRLEY ARNETT'S "NO SECRETS" COLESLAW
"My secret sauce isn't really a secret. When I found Marzetti's Original Slaw Dressing, my coleslaw recipe became: Put cut cabbage in a bowl. Pour on Marzetti's mix and—BOOM!" Honestly, expediently, openly, no trickery—DONE, STICK A FORK IN IT!

HERE'S A QUESTION for the commissioners: Why don't we launch a statewide PUBLIC search for the Cullman County PUBLIC Library director position and publicly post the salary? There are hundreds of masters of library science degreed people in Alabama, and I believe many could be interested. I volunteer to create the "POSITION AVAILABLE" advertisement. Then, you commissioners and the Cullman County PUBLIC Library Board could interview the top 10 candidates and include the Board's newly proposed library director in the mix. Maybe the interviews could be PUBLIC.

Commissioner Jeff Clemons, Sheriff Matt Gentry and other elected officials have done a good job in restoring PUBLIC faith in many parts of Cullman County government.

But a wall of distrust remains between the leadership of the Cullman County PUBLIC Library and many of the PUBLIC. "Commissioner Clemons, TEAR DOWN THAT WALL."

YOU'RE INVITED—Do you care about PUBLIC libraries and sexually explicit materials paid for by your tax dollars? Still persisting even after her shabby treatment in August, Shirley Arnett will bring her "Clean Up Alabama" petition and "BOOK CHALLENGES" to the next meeting of the Cullman County PUBLIC Library Board, scheduled for this coming Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 4:30 p.m. in the downtown Cullman main branch.

Shhh, let me whisper this in your ear: If you feel dismissed and dismayed by the actions of the Cullman County PUBLIC Library leadership—let your elected officials, like Commissioners Jeff Clemons, Garry Marchman, Kerry Watson, Kelly Duke and Corey Freeman, know your thinking. They all signed the "Clean Up Alabama" petition and they may feel as I and many of you do—BAMBOOZLED!

AUF WIEDERSEHEN Y'ALL!
Find all columns in this series at www.cullmantribune.com/tag/celebrating-in-the-wundergarten.

LEGALS

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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 *
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LINDA M. BOYD, * CASE NO.: PC2023-202
DECEASED. *

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

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Enika Shalon DuVall
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Estate of LINDA BOYD

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
ELLIS ROBERT BATES * CASE NO PC 2023-288
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary have been granted to **JoAnne Bates,** as Personal Representative of the Estate of Ellis Robert Bates, deceased, on the 14th day of September 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County.

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Estate of Ellis Robert Bates, deceased

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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*

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF GLENDA STEIPP, Deceased. * **CASE NO.: PC2023-238**

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GAIL MEDDERS
Personal Representative

Pamela E. Nail
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * CASE NO PC 2023-272
LAMARR GORDON MOORE, *
Deceased *

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to **SHIRLEY SCOTT,** as Personal Representative of the Estate of **LAMARR GORDON MOORE**, deceased, on the 31st day of August, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

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TAMMY BROWN, 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 * CASE NO.: PC2023-281
PATRICIA J. SILVEY, *
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to STEVEN O. KNIGHT, as Personal Representative of the Estate of PATRICIA J. SILVEY, deceased, on the 31st day of August, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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KAYLEAH SLOAN,
Defendant.
Case No: DV-2023-900167

NOTICE OF FILING OF LAWSUIT

DEFENDANT, SLOAN, KAYLEAH, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against her by the **PLAINTIFF, ABBOTT REAL ESTATE PROPERTIES, INC, d/b/a T & T MOTORS**, for $9,214.68 plus court cost, cause of action being: Breach of Contract

ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT MUST BE MADE BY THE SAID DEFENDANT on or before the 21st day of October, 2023, or a default may be rendered against her in the above styled cause.

DATED THIS THE 11th day of September, 2023

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain, District Court Clerk
Cullman County, Alabama.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * CASE NO.: PC2023-166
GLENDA FAYE KILGO, *
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: GREGORY DALE KILGO, AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

The Petition for Probate of Will filed by Meagan Kilgo, Petitioner, by and through her Attorney, Michael R. Burleson, has been scheduled for the **24th day of October, 2023, at 10:30 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 31st day of August, 2023.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune:

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

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ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 36

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, Diane M. Caffey, has 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:

Property Owner: Diane M. Caffey

PPIN: 48352. Parcel No. 09-08-27-0-001-030.058. Property Address: 96 County Road 1313, Cullman, Alabama.

Legal Description: Lot 22A of the Re-subdivision of Lot 22 of Misty Acres Subdivision, as recorded in Map Book B, Page 167 B in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama.

SECTION 2. That the Council has before it a map showing the relationship of the properties 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 tract or parcel of land as R-1 Residential 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 11th day of September, 2023.

/s/Jenny Folsom - President of City Council

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

APPROVED this the 11th day of September, 2023. /s/Woody Jacobs – Mayor

Projects (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Schools system spans a vast geographical area with multiple campuses, each with unique needs and characteristics, and the Cullman County School Board (CCBOE) is challenged with maintaining and enhancing facilities to provide students with optimal learning environments. Here, Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette gives an update on the progress in recent years, emphasizing the district's unwavering commitment to every school community, regardless of size or location.

According to Barnette every school received new exterior and interior lighting. It is projected that the new lighting will save the district about $200,000 per year.

Barnette highlighted two significant projects at Hanceville Elementary School and Good Hope Middle School. Good Hope Middle School recently underwent a substantial renovation that included the construction of a new gymnasium and library, while Hanceville Elementary School received new classrooms plus a new lunchroom. This transformation not only elevates the schools' aesthetic appeal, but also significantly improves safety and functionality. Barnette noted, "We're not just improving the look of the schools; we're making it a safer and more functional place for our students and staff."

At Vinemont High School, the district addressed overcrowding issues by repurposing an existing library space into a state-of-the-art science lab and special education classrooms.

Roof replacements are on the horizon for Vinemont High School and West Point Elementary School, affirming the district's commitment to providing safe and energy-efficient learning spaces. West Point Middle School will be getting air conditioning in the gym as well.

Holly Pond High School is set to welcome a new welding center, expected to be completed by the end of October. The school also initiated renovations to its field house and an important project to enclose classrooms that open to the outside, addressing flooding concerns and bolstering student safety.

Recently, Holly Pond Elementary School completed a significant HVAC upgrade, reflecting the district's dedication to providing students with modern facilities and resources.

Barnette emphasized, "Our students deserve to learn in environments that support their growth and success."

The district has also embarked on crucial upgrades in high schools, including the replacement of outdated window units with modern, energy-efficient HVAC systems. Barnette highlighted the significance of this move, saying, "Replacing these window units not only enhances the school's appearance, but also ensures a more comfortable and conducive learning environment."

Fairview schools have actively pursued renovations and maintenance projects. Roof replacements at Fairview High School have been completed, with plans for additional roof work in the future.

A major remodel of Fairview High School's family and consumer sciences and agricultural facilities is also in the works.

Parkside and Harmony schools have also undergone important infrastructure upgrades, with HVAC system replacements and plans for air conditioning installations in their gymnasiums.

Good Hope Primary School, Cold Springs High School and the Cullman Area Technology Academy are set to benefit from various projects. Good Hope Primary School will see the addition of a new playground, and the gym will be getting air conditioning.

At Cold Springs High School the new gymnasium is expected to be completed by the end of October.

Additionally, several classrooms with aging windows are receiving renovations, with insulated windows and upgraded HVAC systems, improving both energy efficiency and classroom safety.

The Cullman Area Technology Academy is undergoing some changes, featuring a glass entryway and LED lighting.

Plans include the installation of interactive kiosks to educate students and the community about local business and job opportunities.

A new digital panel sign will also be erected, displaying videos showcasing the various shop programs at the center.

The Child Development Center (CDC) has also seen expansion. A classroom has been remodeled to simulate real-life experiences for older CDC students, focusing on self-sufficiency skills such as cooking and laundry. Barnette highlighted, "Our CDC students are gaining valuable life experiences that will serve them well in the future."

Barnette underlined that the district's ability to execute these projects two years ahead of schedule stems from smart financial planning and decision-making. He acknowledged the challenges of managing a district with multiple schools spread across the region, each with its unique needs and community dynamics. Despite these challenges, the district continues to prioritize maintaining and improving facilities to provide students with the best possible learning environments.

"I need to brag on our maintenance staff. Our maintenance guys, which is a small staff, are repairing and fixing things on a daily basis. They're maintaining our schools unbelievably well," Barnette stated.

"I'll also brag on our board. Our board is so supportive in getting these capital projects completed. I feel good that we've done more over the last five years than we have in the previous years. Coming up, we have more planned over the next three to four years than we've done probably in the history of Cullman County Schools. It's a great time to be a part of Cullman County Schools, there's no doubt," Barnette said.

LEGALS

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 33
AMENDING THE CURRENT ZONING ORDINANCE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, TO RE-ZONE CERTAIN PARCELS OF PROPERTY AS SET FORTH HEREIN

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

SECTION 1. Under the authority of Chapter 52, Articles 1 through 4, Section 11-52-1 through Section 11-52-84, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, and specifically Sections 11-52-77 and at the request of property owner, the petitioner, the following describe the tracts or parcels of land, to-wit:

Property Owner: Alumni Properties of Alabama, LLC

PPIN: 84798. Parcel No.: 17-05-22-3-001-003.005. Property Address: Swafford Road.

PPIN: 84797. Parcel No.: 17-05-22-3-001-009.004. Property Address: Swafford Road.

PPIN: 84796. Parcel No.: 17-05-22-3-001-009.003. Property Address: Cherokee Ave SW.

PPIN: 28688. Parcel No.: 17-05-22-3-001-009.000. Property Address: 0 Main Ave SW.

Legal Description: Lots 1, 2, 3, and Common Area, according to H&A Lessman Subdivision, as recorded in Cabinet B, Plat 355F, as recorded in Map Book 2020, Page 24, in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama.

PPIN: 49162. Parcel No.: 17-05-22-3-001-010.000.

Property Address: 0 Main Ave SW.

Legal Description: A parcel of land located in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 22, Township 10 South, Range 3 West, Cullman County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 22, thence North 48 degrees 10 minutes 48 seconds East a distance of 53.64 feet to the point of beginning of said parcel being a found 1-inch open top pipe at the intersection of the North margin of Swafford Road and the East margin of Main Avenue; thence North 00 degrees 32 minutes 43 seconds East along the East margin of Main Avenue a distance of 312.29 feet to a found 1-inch open top pipe; thence leaving said margin South 89 degrees 25 minutes 09 seconds East a distance of 200.14 feet to a found 1-inch crimped top pipe; thence South 00 degrees 33 minutes 32 seconds West a distance of 312.11 feet to a found 1-inch open top pipe on the North margin of Swafford Road; thence North 89 degrees 28 minutes 09 seconds West along said margin a distance of 200.07 feet to the point of beginning. According to survey of Joshua L. Howard, dated October 18, 2021.

within the city limits of Cullman, Alabama, and lying and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama, designated as B-1 Business District on the Zoning Map of the City of Cullman, Alabama, under Ordinances No. 2004-03 and as may be reflected in any comprehensive master plan for the City of Cullman, Alabama, be, and is hereby changed from B-1 Business District to B-2 Business District.

SECTION 2. That this ordinance be published at least once a week for two consecutive weeks in advance of its final passage in a newspaper with general circulation within the City of Cullman, Alabama, the first publication of said notice and ordinance being verbatim and the second publication either verbatim or synopsized, with the last publication being at least 15 days prior to the date set for public hearing and passage of said ordinance.

SECTION 3. That a public hearing be held relative to the passage of this ordinance on the 11th day of September, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., at which time interested parties and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and any changes relating thereto.

SECTION 4. That all notices as required by law be given by the City Clerk concerning said public hearing, and in addition thereto, a certified letter be sent by the Clerk to all contiguous property owners at their last known addresses as shown by the tax records for the City of Cullman, Alabama.

SECTION 5. That upon final passage of this ordinance, all zoning maps, master comprehensive plans or any other documents of the City of Cullman, Alabama, in conflict with this ordinance are hereby changed and amended to reflect the changes and amendments herein.

SECTION 6. Should any part or portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any other part or portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage or adoption as required by law, including notice, publication and public hearing, all in accordance with Section 11-52-1, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 11th day of September, 2023.

/s/Jenny Folsom - President of City Council

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

APPROVED this the 11th day of September, 2023. /s/Woody Jacobs – Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 35
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2004-03, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2013-27, ORDINANCE NO. 2017-12, AND ORDINANCE NO. 2020-11

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

Section 1. Ordinance No. 2004-03, as Amended by Ordinance No. 2013-27, is hereby amended by deleting Section 3. D. 3.a. *Festhalle/Depot Park District* and Section 3. D. 3. b. *Arts and Entertainment District* in its entirety and replacing it with the following:Section 3. D. 3.a. *Special Events District:* The following boundaries or any portion thereof may be approved for use under the SE-1 District rules. The Special Events District shall begin at the intersection of 1st Avenue SW and 5th Street SW; then turn east onto 5th Street SW until 3rd Avenue SE; then turn north onto 3rd Avenue SE until 3rd Street SE; then turn east onto 3rd Street SE until 4th Avenue SE; then turn north onto 4th Avenue SE until 2nd Street SE; then turn west onto 2nd Street SE until 2nd Avenue SE; then turn north onto 2nd Avenue SE until Young Street NE; then turn east onto Young Street NE until 3rd Avenue NE; then turn north onto 3rd Avenue NE until Oak Drive NE; then turn west onto Oak Drive NE until west side of CSX's right-of-way; then south onto the west side of CSX's right-of-way until 1st Avenue NW; then continue south onto 1st Avenue NW until 5th Street SW (which is the point of beginning).Section 3. D. 3.b. *Arts and Entertainment District:* The following boundaries or any portion thereof may be approved for use under the SE-1 District rules: The Arts District shall begin at the intersection of Arnold Street NW and 1st Avenue NW; then turn west onto Arnold Street NW until 2nd Avenue NW; then turn north onto 2nd Avenue NW until Brunner Alley NW; then turn west onto Brunner Alley NW until Main Avenue NW; then turn south onto Main Avenue NW until 1st Street SW; then turn west onto 1st Street SW until Austin Avenue SW; then turn south onto Austin Avenue SW until 2nd Street SW; then turn east onto 2nd Street SW until Main Avenue SW; then turn south onto Main Avenue SW until 4th Street SW; then turn east onto 4th Street SW until 5th Avenue SW; then turn south onto 5th Avenue SW until 6th Street SW; then turn east onto 6th Street SW until 3rd Avenue SW; then turn north onto 3rd Avenue SW until 5th Street SW; then turn east onto 5th Street SW until 1st Avenue SW; then turn north onto 1st Avenue SW until Arnold Street NW (which is the pointing of beginning).

All other sections of said Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 11th day of September, 2023.

/s/Jenny Folsom - President of City Council

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

APPROVED this the 11th day of September, 2023. /s/Woody Jacobs – Mayor

STEM Day takes over Cullman City Primary School

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — STEM took over Cullman City Primary School this week, introducing young students to all kinds of real-world Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) lessons featuring everything from ice cream to balloon rockets.

Students learned to "command" volunteers around a grid to emulate computer coding, created their own rockets out of balloons, learned the science of how ice cream is made, drove a robot through a small course and more as they enjoyed a hands-on experience of how those science and math concepts translate into real life.

The school's annual STEM Day event introduced students to real-life STEM experiences, with students excited to see these classroom concepts in action.

More than 60 volunteers generously donated their time and resources to engage with more than 750 Cullman City Schools students, including Cullman City Primary School students, as well as second graders from East Elementary and West Elementary.

"Even our youngest learners benefit from our commitment to building a strong foundation in engineering, robotics, math, science and so much more through the CCPS STEM Program, which began last year," Cullman City Primary School STEM Teacher Anna Anderson said.

Students engaged in several hands-on, interactive learning experiences that covered a wide range of topics including Aviation, VEX Robotics, Cyber Awareness, Ozobot Robots, Unplugged Coding, Seeds & Plant Life Cycle, Cloud Formation, Ice Cream Formation (Exothermic Reaction), Engineering Balloon Rockets, Oil & Water (Density), Osmosis, a Skittles Experiment (Gradients), How Polar Animals Stay Warm, How Sound Travels and much more.

"STEM Day's success is due to our community, school system, and PTO support," Anderson said.

"Thanks to Jennifer Tidwell, the East/West STEM teacher, and Lindsay Brannon, the CCS Career and Technical Education coordinator, STEM Day now includes second graders from East and West Elementary, along with CCPS' kindergarten and first-grade students."



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Cullman City Primary School students, along with second graders from East and West Elementary Schools, learn how to make rockets out of balloons as part of the STEM Day event held on campus Friday, Sept. 15.

STEM Day at Cullman City Primary School would not have been possible without the invaluable support of community partners including Local 4-H, Drummond Coal, Cullman City Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism and Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation.

"Cullman City Schools is fortunate to have a forward-thinking school board, led by Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff, and dedicated administrators like Mrs. Elizabeth Shaddix. They prioritize preparing our students for the 21st-century workforce," Anderson said.

"We are immensely grateful for the unwavering support we received from our school system and the Cullman City Primary School Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO), led by Ashley Eddleman. We're also thankful for Premier Bank, which arranged lunch for our dedicated volunteers."

LEGALS

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 37
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 owners, Jon Nicholas Dumas and Myra Turner Dumas, 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 petitioners, be annexed into the City of Cullman:
Property Owners: Jon Nicholas Dumas and Myra Turner Dumas
PPIN: 48229. Parcel No. 09-08-27-0-001-030.008. Property Address: 68 County Road 1313, Cullman, Alabama.
Legal Description: Lot 23 of Misty Acres Subdivision, a subdivision shown on the map or plat recorded in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, Map Cabinet B, Slide 151-A. Source of Title: Deed Book 430 Page 491.
SECTION 2. That the Council has before it a map showing the relationship of the properties 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 R-1 Residential District.
SECTION 4. That a copy of this ordinance after its adoption, which ordinance includes a description of the properties 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 11th day of September, 2023.
/s/Jenny Folsom - President of City Council
ATTESTED BY: /s/Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk
APPROVED this the 11th day of September, 2023. /s/Woody Jacobs – Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 38
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 owners, David M and Vickie C. Tucker 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 petitioners, be annexed into the City of Cullman:
PPIN: 44245. Parcel No. 17-01-02-0-001-003.026. Property Address: 297 County Road 1403, Cullman, Alabama.
Legal Description: Lot 4 of the second phase of Hillview Subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 35 (Slide A, Page 350), 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 R-1 Residential District.
SECTION 4. That a copy of this ordinance after its adoption, which ordinance includes a description of the properties 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 11th day of September, 2023.
/s/Jenny Folsom - President of City Council
ATTESTED BY: /s/Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk
APPROVED this the 11th day of September, 2023. /s/Woody Jacobs – Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 39
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 owners, Scott and Kelly Dorough, 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 petitioners, be annexed into the City of Cullman:
PPIN: 4599. Parcel No. 09-05-22-0-001-028.021. Property Address: 474 County Road 1335, Cullman, Alabama.
Legal Description: Lot 8 of the First Addition to Lake George Estates as shown on the recorded plat thereof in Map Book 7, Page 197 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 R-1 Residential District.
SECTION 4. That a copy of this ordinance after its adoption, which ordinance includes a description of the properties 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 11th day of September, 2023.
/s/Jenny Folsom - President of City Council
ATTESTED BY: /s/Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk
APPROVED this the 11th day of September, 2023. /s/Woody Jacobs – Mayor

Pantry (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Even with the recent 1% drop in grocery tax, area food banks and free pantries are struggling to keep up with an unprecedented demand. Scheduled food banks like Masters Hand and Cullman Caring for Kids have seen the number of clients they serve nearly tripled since the beginning of the year, and Cullman's Little Free Pantry, a self-serve style free food pantry located on Fourth Street Southeast is no exception. The Pantry is in desperate need of donations, according to overseer Martha Lawrence.

"We are still struggling with donations being given to The Little Pantry," said Lawrence in a statement on Facebook. "If you have anything that you would like to give, we store it and put items out every day."

Lawrence shared that with The Pantry being the last line of defense for many concerning food insecurity, many have left her notes of thanks and appreciation.

"I have had messages left at The Pantry that tear at your heartstrings... Sometimes The Little Pantry is all that some people have to try and put something in their stomachs," she said.

Cullman's Free Little Pantry is always accepting donations of shelf-stable pantry staples that can make a filling meal, like pasta, peanut butter, tinned meats and crackers. The Pantry also accepts donations of hygiene items for our community members in need.

Cullman's Free Little Pantry is a registered 501(c)(3), and is not affiliated with any particular religious institution or business. It is located on Fourth Street Southeast, next to the Mary Carter Store. Monetary donations made to Cullman's Free Little Pantry are tax deductible, and can be mailed to 400 Eighth Ave. SE, Cullman, AL 35055.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/cullmanslittlepantry.



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Obituary Announcements: Sept. 14-15

Era Faye Denney, 86
Era Faye Denney, of Holly Pond, Alabama, passed away on Thursday morning, Sept. 14, 2023, at the age of 86. Ms. Denney was born May 24, 1937, in Blount County, Alabama, to Grady and Velma McCollum Doyle. Ms. Denney worked as a dietician for Cullman Regional Medical Center before retiring. She loved to cook, sew, read, and was always laughing and joking with those around her. Faye was a member of Holly Pond First Baptist Church where she enjoyed worshipping her Savior. She enjoyed spending time with those she loved, and her son and his family brought her much joy. Faye will be greatly missed. Ms. Denney is preceded in death by her parents; her husband of sixty-one years, Curtis Howard Denney; brother, Herman Doyle; sisters, Bonnie McDonald (Russell), Janice Butts (Derwood); and sister-in-law, Jean Glenn. Those surviving Ms. Denney are her son, Dwayne Denney (Pam); grandchildren, Chris Denney (Elizabeth Hicks), Megan Denney Phillips (Tylor); great-grandchildren, Mattie Denney, Major Phillips; brother-in-law, James C Glenn; nieces and nephews, Tommie Barton (Jennifer), Garry McDonald, Susan Vodvarka, Kay Shedd, Pam Glenn; and close friends, Roger Davis, Sherrell "Moochie" Barnett, and Ronnie McGriff. Funeral services for Ms. Denney are 3 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel, with Bro. Benjamin Smothers officiating. Friends are invited to visit with the family an hour prior to services, from 2 p.m., until service time. Burial will follow services in Holly Pond Cemetery where Ronnie McGriff, Roger Davis, Moochie Barnett, Garry McDonald, Tylor Phillips, and Chris Denney will serve as pallbearers. The family wishes to extend their gratitude to Tommie and Jennifer Barton for their compassionate care of Ms. Faye in her final days. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Denney family.

Brenda "Gail" Burden, 80
Brenda "Gail" Burden, age 80, of Vinemont, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023, at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born July 17, 1943, in Morgan County, Alabama. Gail loved traveling with her husband Danny. Her life was her children and grandchildren. Visitation will be Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023, from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison. A graveside service will be held Monday, Sept. 18, 2023, at 10 a.m. at Piney Grove Cemetery, Danville. Greg Standridge will officiate. Gail is survived by her husband of 23 years, Danny Burden; son, Jackie Wayne Stephens; granddaughter, Brittani (Michael) Evans; great granddaughter, Ava Howard; special friend, Cindy (Dewayne) Goodwin; and a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Paschal Evans; mother, Lottie Smith; step father, Red Smith; brother, Howell Evans; great-granddaughter, Jayci Evans; great-grandson, Jack Johnson; and first husband, Marcel Stephens. Memories and condolences may be shared at www.nicholsfuneralhomes.com.

Ruth Brigham, 98
Ruth Brigham passed away peacefully in bed on Aug. 31, 2023. She was 98 years old. Ruth was born and raised in Hanceville on the Creel family farm. She grew up in family love and matured in Christian faith. She entered the workforce after graduating high school and eventually worked in the fingerprint department at FBI Headquarters in Washington DC. In Washington she met and married her husband Harold in 1949. Throughout her life Ruth and Harold were involved members of the Hanceville community. They gave limitless time and talent to their children, their town, its school and church. After Harold passed in 1979, Ruth graduated Wallace State Community College as a Licensed Practical Nurse and spent her nursing career at Cullman Regional Hospital. In her final years Ruth has been a vital member of the Hanceville Nursing Home community. Her steady cheer was an inspiration to residents and staff alike. She exercised dedication to the grandest obligations and the smallest pursuits. Whether serving as Queen for an extended reign due to activity lockdowns, playing in the bell choir, or walking down the hall for a cup of coffee, Ruth radiated purpose and joy. She knew her friends there as her family and the Home as her home, and wished to pass peacefully there in her sleep. God granted this wish to His loyal servant. Ruth is survived by her sons John and Tim, her daughter Jeannie and her brother Don; daughter-in-law Rose and son-in-law Mark; sisters-in-law Wanda and Linda; grandchildren Brigham, Bailey and and Eli; great grandchildren Henry, Ann Bennett and Maggie. Ruth was preceded in death by husband Harold; parents R.E. Creel and Naomi Creel; siblings / spouses Elwyn and Louise, James, Bonnie and Durwood, Leo and Francis, and Robert Creel. A Celebration of Life will be held on Oct. 9, 2023, at Baldwin Church of Christ. Time to be determined. Special thanks are extended to the congregation of Baldwin Church of Christ and the staff of Hanceville Nursing Home. Your love and devotion were treasured.

Jerry Wayne Johnson, 77
Jerry Wayne Johnson, 77, of Haleyville, passed away Sept. 13, 2023, at North Alabama Medical Center in Florence, Alabama.He was born March 1, 1946, in Haleyville, Alabama. Jerry loved Alabama football, watching westerns, and spending time with his family. Visitation will be held on Monday, Sept. 18, 2023, from noon until 2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where the service will be at 2 p.m. Burial will follow in Winston Memorial Cemetery. Jerry is survived by his daughter, Tammy Anderson; son, Scott Johnson; granddaughter, Jerrilynn Johnson; sister, Christine Scogin; brother, Sammy Johnson and wife Pat; and niece, Sandy Evans. He was preceded in death by his wife, Vonda Johnson; parents, Rube and Savilla Mae Johnson; nephew, Paul Ashley Johnson; brother-in-law, Travis Scogin; niece, Myra Scogin Weems; and great-nephew, Erik Weems.

Wilda Sue Owens Barnes, 75
Memorial Service for Wilda Sue Owens Barnes, age 75, of Cullman, will be at 4 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 18, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rev. Phillip Robinson officiating. Visitation will be from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 18, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Barnes passed away on Friday, Sept. 15, 2023, at the Folsom Center. She was born, April 23, 1948, in Hartselle, Alabama, to Albert Ausbie Owens and Elaine Robinson Dutton. She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Jeremy Wayne Williams; brother, James Albert Owens. Survivors include her daughter, Carrie D. Bell; brother, Ronnie Lee Owens; sisters, Valeria Jane Brennan and Shannon Kay Owens; special friend, Donald Hudson; two grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Billy Lynn Thompson, 79
Funeral Service for Billy Lynn Thompson, age 79, of Warrior, will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Samuel Tucker officiating. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. prior to the service. A private graveside service will follow. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Thompson passed away on Thursday, Sept. 14, 2023, at St. Vincent's Hospital. He was born Oct. 26, 1943, to Newell Wesley Thompson and Lena Thompson Henry. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Henry Wade Thompson and Joel Ray Thompson. Survivors include his wife, Alice Marie Thompson; daughters, Kristi Lynn Thompson (Evan) Owens and LeAnn (Brian) Brakefield; sons, John Eric Thompson, Charles Edgar (Sheree) Reeves, and Stephen Daniel Reeves; grandchildren, Samantha, Brannon, Kaitlyn, Daniel, Callie, Emma, and Trent; great-grandchild, Nash.

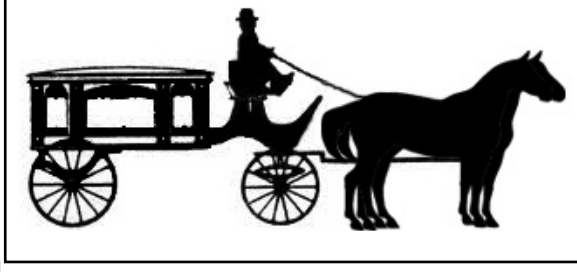
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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

You don't mess around with some things

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



Way back when I was a boy, we played football in my backyard with an old dried-up coconut. That thing was older than I was. I'm not sure, but it may have even been older than the game itself! Our coconut football was still encased in its oblong-outer covering, so it actually looked like some kind of fossilized football. Every part of our makeshift football had dried up, so it was as hard as a rock. If you went deep and the QB threw you a bomb, you had better not let that coconut slip through your hands or it might crack your coconut...or at least bloody your nose!

Back in those days, televised football games were in their infancy. There may have been a few people who claimed to have E.S.P., but nobody had E.S.P.N., or had ever heard of such. The only television cable we had were the guidewires that held our antenna in place. If they ran to the ground, they could do some serious damage when you ran into them on a long pass or a bicycle!

We lived life dangerously back then. Between the guidewires and the coconut footballs, I'm actually surprised any of us made it to adulthood.

We only picked up three channels off those old antennas, so we only had the opportunity to watch a few football games, in black-and-white, each weekend.

There were a few college games on Saturdays, and a few NFL games on Sundays. Eventually, Monday Night Football with Howard Cossell and Dandy Don came along.

Fast forward a few years and cable television arrived. I first connected to cable in the early 80s. I think we only received about 30 channels, for the low, low price of $15 per month. That was only fifty-cents per channel. Then came satellite television. I surfed that wave for several years. I eventually went back to cable, but cable had changed.

Now, I'm receiving 2,398 channels and pay more for cable each month than I paid for my first car! My cable bill is as much as my electric bill, but then in all fairness, my grocery bill these days is about the same amount as my mortgage!

We now have more football games than we can possibly watch, or at least we did until this season.

A couple of weeks ago, I tuned in to my first game of the season, but right about kickoff time my picture went blank. It seems that Mickey Mouse and Spectrum are not getting along, so we, the customers have been left in the dark...literally, and with no refund for all those missing channels and games.

There are certain things that simply aren't done. The late singer/songwriter Jim Croce sang, "You don't tug on Superman's cape, you don't spit into the wind, you don't pull the mask off that old Lone Ranger, and you don't mess around with college football in the South."

Well, something close to that. I guess they figured we would sit around and wait for the feud to end, and then pay the increased rates so we could watch the games. The younger generation has told me for some time I need to start streaming. So, guess what! I have now learned to ski, both on water and snow, surf, but not on water, and as of last week, I've learned to stream.

That's not done on water either! Something else that's not done is to unplug college football before the first kick-off. There really are some things you simply don't do, and not all of them are about football.

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HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1917, 1937

From the files of 1917

Mrs. O. Kinney, Mrs. G.W. Johnson, Honorable and Mrs. A.A. Griffith have returned from a ten day stay in Dawson Springs, Kentucky.

Mr. George Stiefelmeyer has returned home from Canada, where he has been for the past four weeks, on a visit to his parents.

Reverend Fehlau, the popular pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church has returned from his vacation trip to North Dakota.

L.L. Otwell returned Monday from a business trip to Memphis.

Misses Freda and Amelia Hartung have returned from a visit to Bridgeport, Alabama.

Mr. C.H. Hamilton, of Hanceville, Route Four, brought the first open cotton boll to Cullman on Saturday.

From the files of 1937

Mr. Jim Bright and Mr. and Mrs. Kellett Bright are announcing the opening of their flower house, the first of September. It is located to the rear of the Jim Bright residence, on Second Street East. Mrs. Kellett Bright has taken a summer course in flower designing, at Joy's Florist in Nashville.

Marriages:

August 19 – Ledmon L. Pugh, 23, to Aubrey Casen, 20.

August 20 – Luther Seibenhener, 21, to Elvia Pruett, 16.

August 21 – Albert Smith, 18, to Gladys Murray, 16; Asa Henry Hogland, 21, to Bertha Ogletree, 18; Cephas T. Turner, 19, to Lerone Puryer, 23 and Miles Hudson, 22, to Mozelle Smith, 18.

August 24 – Frank Kicham, 36, to Elsie Kendricks, 21 and William J. Kupinse, 25, to Mary Ellen Sandlin, 22.

Mr. and Mrs. L.O. Bailey announce the engagement of their daughter, Lyndall Eloise, to Earl Reid, of Cullman, to Mr. Bennie Earle Crow, of Birmingham, on August 21 at Ashville, Alabama.

Mrs. W.R. Griffin was a charming hostess on Wednesday afternoon, when she entertained three tables of bridge. The house was artistically decorated with a variety of summer flowers. Mrs. H.O. Thompson held high score and Mrs. Phillip Hartung won second. Both were awarded lovely gifts.

After the games, a delicious salad course was served to the following: Mesdames Phillip Hartung, Finis St. John, M.L. Robertson, Ruth Griffin, Carl Thompson, Robert Rosson, Lute Hayes, G.W. Bledsoe, Edward Kinney, Hershel Thompson and Misses Freda and Elsa Hartung.

POET'S CORNER

The Opening of a Bloom | By: April Mccay

The opening of a bloom
Is a gardeners delight,
No more waiting
As petals bursts bright.

Months in the making
With nourishment and care,
A gardener smiles
At a bloom so fair.

Learning in patience
To see beauty grow,
The gardener leans closer
To the mesmerizing show.

Knowing their help
Came from the Master
Gardener above,
The earthly gardener's heart
Is filled with joy and love.



APRIL MCCAY

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

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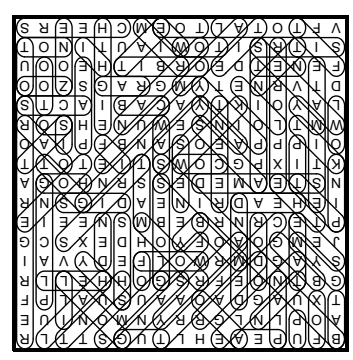
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NWTF Alabama commits over $230K for 2024, boosts sew Habitat for the Hatch Initiative

Pete Muller
Contributor

EDGEFIELD, S.C. — The Alabama NWTF State Chapter recently approved $183,613 to 25 projects across the state for the 2024 Fiscal Year, along with a $50,000 commitment to wild turkey research. With collaborative partner funding, the NWTF Alabama's investment for 2024 will be leveraged to over $1 million, funding wild turkey research and enhancing over 121,000 acres of wildlife habitat from September 2023 to September 2024.

The investment by the Alabama NWTF State Chapter amplifies the organization's new Habitat for the Hatch Initiative, with 19 new projects in Alabama providing nesting, brood-rearing and foraging habitats critical to wild turkey nest initiation, nest success and brood survival. In addition to the projects in Alabama, the state chapter is allocating $50,000 to Habitat for the Hatch to be used across the initiative's 18-state region.

"The wild turkey decline doesn't just affect us in Alabama, it affects all as turkey hunters and turkey enthusiasts," said Scott Brandon, NWTF Alabama State Chapter president. "Through Habitat for the Hatch, we will put the habitat wild turkeys need on the ground to successfully recruit broods year after year, in Alabama and across the Southeast. We are proud to invest in this new initiative."

View all of the new NWTF Alabama projects, including a map of project sites, at www.nwtf.org/uploads/2023/09/AL-SF-Projects-FY-23-24.pdf.

"When there is a challenge, the NWTF works to solve it," said Derek Alkire, NWTF district biologist for Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky. "Our volunteers in Alabama are dedicated to ensuring wild turkeys and all of our natural resources will be around for future generations to enjoy. These new projects will directly help increase wild turkey habitat and enhance overall ecological health across the state. We are ready to hit the ground running this fiscal year!"

Each year, the NWTF Alabama State Chapter allocates funds for a variety of conservation and education and outreach events. Funding for these projects is provided through the NWTF Super Fund, a funding model where NWTF volunteers raise money at banquets and other types of fundraisers and then allocate a significant portion of those funds back into meaningful conservation and outreach projects the state board of directors approves.

Additional funds are provided by the sale of Alabama-NWTF specialty vehicle license plates.

The announcement of NWTF Alabama's 2024 project allocations comes off the heels of a successful year of conservation in the state, including over $28,000 contributed to wild turkey research, $23,000 to equipment purchases to impact thousands of acres year over year, private land work and more.

