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Duck River Dam lawsuit settled in Cullman's favor

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Earlier this year, the City of Cullman quietly concluded a six year-long lawsuit against the construction company and engineers who built the dam that created the Duck River Reservoir, Cullman's newest municipal water supply, following Lake Catoma.

According to a statement drafted by City Attorney Roy Williams and issued by the Cullman Economic Development Agency:

"The effective date of the settlement is March 14, 2023. As a result of the settlement, the Cullman Utilities Board received cash payments of $6.55 million plus complete dismissal with prejudice of a counterclaim filed against the Board by the contractor (ASI) and its performance bond surety (Western » PAGE 5



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Duck River Reservoir and dam

Haynes Farms brings services, sunshine to Cullman County



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Beautiful sunflowers welcome visitors to Haynes Farm in Cullman County.

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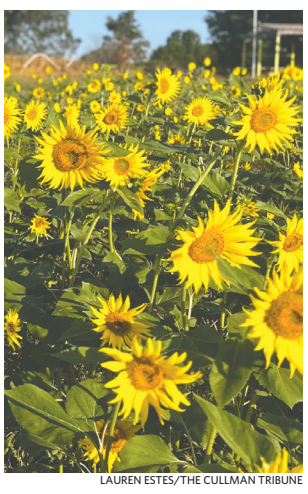
FAIRVIEW, Ala. — Whitney Haynes is a Fairview High School teacher, mother of six, cross-country coach and local business owner. She and her husband Ben Haynes, along with his parents Darrel and Lydia Haynes, and brother Bart Haynes own Haynes Farms in Fairview.

Whitney Haynes said she and her husband saw the need to provide local meat when the demand rose in 2019, and they have been actively pursuing meeting the needs of local families since.

"One of my goals of the market was to offer local farmers and vendors a place to share/sell their products," Haynes said. "We carry local eggs, honey, produce, sourdough starter, etc. Something we also do is host the annual sunflower field for the community each year. The sunflowers on Highway 69 are in full bloom by the weekend. There's an antique tractor for pictures! People can take photos, pick them— all free of charge. They last about two weeks."

She said they wanted to provide local, fresh options for meat, vegetables and more.

"For years we have sold beef shares to family and friends. Around 2019-2020, the demand for locally grown beef grew. We started selling more shares, as well as individual cuts of meat. As our



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product grew in popularity, we realized we needed somewhere besides our home to keep and sell our product," she said. "As our family continued to grow, we knew in order for our » PAGE 5

Fair parade, Cullman County Band Exhibition this Saturday

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Kallhoff gives quarterly report to city council

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Gotta catch 'em all: Gamer Geeks brings Pokémon tournaments to Cullman



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Gage Johnson flashes two holographic Charizard cards before a Pokémon tournament hosted at Gamer Geeks in Cullman on Saturday, Sept. 23. Johnson took home the gold that night, clinching a first-place win in the kids' division. » PAGE 4

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Get ready to read with Tucker



DONNA RUTTKAY

Tucker is the king of the castle of the shelter's recreation area as he poses on a picnic table. » PAGE 4

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Sept. 27

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Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Sept. 27, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests or incidents reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Sept. 25

- theft of property; forgery-3rd degree; City of Cullman; forged check
- unauthorized damaging/tampering with vehicles; person; White Cir. SW
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; Hwy. 31 N; miscellaneous
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; miscellaneous charges

Sept. 26

- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $19

ARRESTS

Sept. 25 – 26

Bartley, Sydney E.; 23
- false information to law enforcement

Tanner, Rebecca L.; 55
- promoting prison contraband-2nd degree

Cox, Westly D.; 34
- theft of property-3rd degree

Gaddis, Jennifer A.; 39
- disorderly conduct

Johns, Katie M.; 30
- FTA- public intoxication

Peterson, Ashley S.; 40
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree

Childers, William F.; 44
- receiving stolen property

Combs, Bradley R.; 39
- FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree (2 counts)
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree
- FTA- fail to register vehicle

Prentice, Richard P.; 41
- FTA- insurance violation

Naramore, Dustin L.; 43
- public intoxication

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

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Taylor man killed in single-vehicle crash

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN COUNTY, Ala. — A Taylor man was killed in a single-vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 8:50 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25, in Cullman County.

Alabama State Troopers said Michael E. Sisco, 35, was fatally injured when the 2011 Ford Focus he was driving left the roadway and struck an embankment.

He was not using a seat belt at the time of crash and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The crash occurred on Roland Johnson Parkway near U.S. Highway 31, approximately 4 miles south of Hanceville, in Cullman County.

Nothing further is available as Troopers with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Highway Patrol Division continue to investigate.

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Lots of nice solid wood furniture and nice things in this home: King Size bedroom suite, desk units with book cases, Antique bedroom suites, Iron bed, nice wood round table and chairs, antique server, buffet, pie safe, side tables, nice grey wicker out door furniture, yard decor, golf bag and golf set, nice collectibles and Christmas. A lot to see and too much to list.
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Cullman Community Young Singers (CCYS) is looking for YOU! All young singers (ages 8-15) are invited to join us on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-4:45 at the Little House at Art Park, 1031 Second St. SW in Cullman. No auditions, just come for a fun afternoon of learning music from pop to classical styles. We will rehearse and prepare to perform at a variety of events in and around the Cullman community. Bring your friends- we will have music and everything you need to get started! For more information, text or email Miss Cindy at 256-338-4404, cindypass22@gmail.com. CCYS is sponsored by Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism.

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

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

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m.-noon. Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry and Spirit Life Church.
• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthdays. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pickup is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper, AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• Friday, Sept. 29 - 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship & Testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Bring a dish, dessert or drink for a potluck meal at 6:30. Nursery provided!
• Saturday, Sept. 30 – Noon. Motorcycle Ride for Kids Loving Kids. Lunch will be served!
• Sunday, Oct. 1 - 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, Oct. 1 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise & Worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd 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.

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.

Superhero Fire Annual Suicide Awareness Event
Saturday, Sept. 30, from 4-6 p.m. at the Hanceville Civic Center. FREE admission - FREE food. Sign language interpreter. MC/DJ Daryl Nethery, Kozmic Sound. Guest speaker: Cullman County Sheriff's Office Investigator Jeff Lawson. Vendors and LifeSouth Blood Mobile on-site.

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.

Swamp John's Dinner
Tuesday, Oct 3, 4-7 p.m. at St. Andrew's Methodist Church, 615 Main Ave. SW (across from post office). Eat in or take out. Everyone is welcome!

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.

Cullman Chapter of National Association of Retired and Active Federal Employees Meeting
Monday, Oct. 9, at The Golden Corral Buffet. The speaker scheduled is outgoing United Way of Cullman County Executive Director Waid Harbison. The business meeting will begin at noon. Dutch lunch prior to meeting.

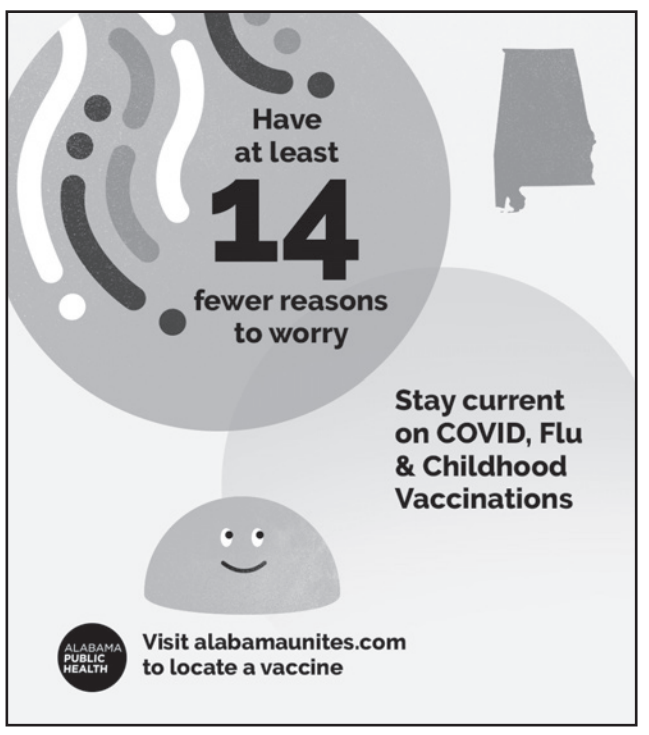
Peinhardt Living History Farm Day
Saturday, Oct. 14, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and Sunday Oct. 15, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Peinhardt Living History Farm. Come experience the history and learn how some of the first settlers of Cullman made this land home. With a petting zoo, antique tractor show, mule and wagon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

Trinity Lutheran Church German Lunch
Saturday, Oct. 21, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at 505 Commercial St., Hanceville, in conjunction with the Mud Creek Arts and Crafts Festival taking place in downtown Hanceville that day. Adult plates will include bratwurst, German potato salad, choice of sauerkraut or red cabbage, German desserts and tea for $12. A child's plate of bratwurst, snicker doodle cookies and tea will be $5. All profits will go to Hanceville schools. Eat lunch in our historic 1885 church building and tour our present worship sanctuary.

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.

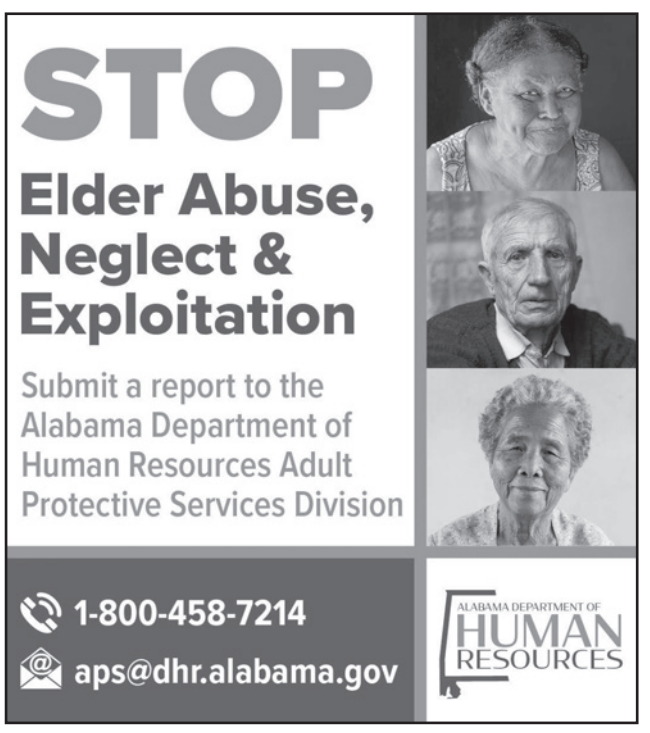
'Planted': The Link of Cullman County's 2nd Annual Gala
Thursday, Nov. 2, at 6 p.m. at The Venue at Cotton Creek. Tickets go on sale Friday, Aug. 11. For more information or to inquire about a sponsorship, contact Tiffany Wright at tiffanywright@linking-cullman.com.

2023 Cullman County Veterans Day Celebration
Saturday, Nov. 4, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Cullman Regional Airport. Free admission and free parking. Huey rides, Chinook ground tours, sky dive demo, ground tours, Model-A car show, free lunch for veterans and music from the Armed Forces Radio Vietnam.









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PREP VOLLEYBALL

No. 3 Good Hope sweeps Hanceville, Decatur Heritage

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — The third-ranked Good Hope Lady Raiders faced off against Hanceville and Decatur Heritage at home in a tri-match Tuesday night and Good Hope ended up sweeping the Lady Bulldogs and the Lady Eagles, respectively.

Good Hope 3 - Hanceville 0 (First Match)

The first set saw Good Hope hold a slim 3-2 lead on a point by Ivey Maddox, but Hanceville scored four straight points, including a pair of aces from Eden Clements, to take a 6-3 lead. The Lady Raiders answered right back with four straight points of their own, as a point by Maddox gave them a 7-6 lead. A point by Alex Twitty tied the game up at 10, but the Lady Raiders got a kill and an ace from Jolee McHan as that gave them a 14-11 lead. Good Hope created some distance from them and the Lady Bulldogs, as Mackenzie Cruce delivered five aces during their set-ending 14-1 run, and the Lady Raiders took the first set, 25-11.

Just like the first set, the second one started out close. Points by Emma Bailey and Maddox gave the Lady Raiders an early 3-2 lead, but the Lady Bulldogs countered with a 4-1 run, highlighted by back-to-back aces from Karys Henderson, as that gave them a 6-4 lead. Later on, points by Maddox and McHan tied the game up at eight. Maddox collected an ace to give the Lady Raiders an 11-8 lead. Hanceville cut it to 12-10, but the Lady Raiders scored three in a row to make it 15-10. The Lady Bulldogs made it a 15-11 game on a kill by Kate Sterling, but also like the first set, Good Hope finished the second one strong, as Maddox collected three points, Molly Benefield added a kill, and Cruce and Campbell Koch each delivered an ace during the set. The Lady Raiders ended up rolling to a 25-12 win in the second set.

Good Hope got off to a perfect start in the third set, scoring the first nine points, including a trio of aces from Bailey and a pair of points by Marlee Wix, to take an early 9-0 lead. The Lady Raiders would widen their lead to 16-3 on an ace from Carley Adams, but the Lady Bulldogs slowly started to cut it into the deficit and made it a 22-9 game on an ace from Charity Barnes. Hanceville cut it to 24-12 on a Makenzie Twilley kill and back-to-back aces from Clements, but Good Hope ended up collecting the final point of the set to take the game, 25-12.

Decatur Heritage 2 - Hanceville 0 (Second Match)

Decatur Heritage jumped out to a quick 5-2 lead in the first set against Hanceville, but the Lady Bulldogs trimmed it to 7-6 on back-to-back aces from Zoe Pitts. They went on a 7-1 run, with the key points coming from Olivia Stallings, as she delivered three straight aces, to help give them a 15-8 lead. They later held a 16-9 lead, but the Lady Eagles went on a run of their own to make it a 16-14 game. A pair of points by Twilley pushed the Lady Bulldog lead to 19-14, and they later held a 22-17 lead. Decatur Heritage put up six straight points to take a 23-22 lead, but Hanceville tied things up at 24. The Lady Eagles, though, scored the final two points of the set to take the first one, 26-24.

Hanceville got off to a 5-2 lead behind a point by Sterling, but Decatur Heritage scored five straight points to take a 7-5 lead. The Lady Bulldogs cut it to 9-8 on a point by Clements, but the Lady Eagles quickly pushed their lead to 12-8.

The Lady Eagles later held a 15-10 lead, but Hanceville got points from Sterling and Aaliyah Twitty and an ace from Clements to cut it to 15-14.

A kill by Clements tied things up at 16, and later on, the Lady Bulldogs held a 20-19 lead. A point by Alex Twitty tied it up at 21, but Decatur Heritage ended up being the team to break the tie first as they scored the final four points of the game to take the second set, 25-21.

Good Hope 2 - Decatur Heritage 0 (Third Match)

Good Hope got off to a red-hot start in the first set against Decatur Heritage, scoring the first eight points, including a trio of aces from Koch, to take an early 8-0 lead. Five straight points from the Lady Eagles cut it to 8-5, and later, they made it a 12-11 game. The Lady Raiders quickly created some distance from them and Decatur Heritage, as a pair of aces from Cruce and kills by Koch and Maddox, gave them an 18-11 lead. Another Koch ace pushed their lead to 23-12 and Good Hope would go on to take the first set, 25-12.

The second set started out close. An ace from Maddox gave the Lady Raiders a 6-4 lead, and later, made it 11-7 on back-to-back points from McHan. A kill by Adams and an ace from Bailey pushed Good Hope's lead to 13-8. The Lady Eagles made it a 15-13 game, but the Lady Raiders created some distance between them and the Lady Eagles. Points by Maddox and McHan, a pair of Maddox aces, and a kill by Molly Benefield, increased their lead to 20-13. Another ace from Cruce made it a 23-15 game, and Good Hope collected a 25-17 win in the second set.

Good Hope will host Oneonta and Madison County on Thursday, while Hanceville will travel to Vinemont for a tri-match with the Eagles and Cold Springs Thursday afternoon.



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Good Hope's Molly Benefield goes up for a kill during the Lady Raiders' 3-0 win over Hanceville Tuesday night.

Tucker (from Front)

Cayla Grace Murphy
caylagrace@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — Tucker, an approximately 5-year-old male heeler mix with a whimsically spotty coat is available for adoption at Cullman County Animal Shelter.

Tucker, despite his breed's propensity for being feisty and hyper, is a very low-energy fellow who would much rather sit in your lap.

He is quiet, calm and a fantastic listener, making him the perfect "reading dog," per the shelter's recommendation.

Reading dogs, a special branch of therapeutic dogs, encourage children through quietly listening while children (or adults!) read aloud to sharpen their speech, reading comprehension skills and self-esteem; reading aloud to the dogs also acts as a form of enrichment for the dogs as they crave human interaction!

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

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

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

Tournaments (from Front)

Cayla Grace Murphy
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The air was rife with competitive edge as players of all ages settled in for a long night at Gamer Geeks on Saturday, Sept. 23. In every corner of the store you could hear the ticking of plastic card holders as players nervously made last-minute adjustments to their decks, braggingly shared their rare holographic cards and chatted with friends they hadn't seen in a month. With a full-scale Pokémon tournament ahead of them, every player wanted to bring home the bragging rights of being the very best, like no one ever was.

While some may not have seen a Pokémon card in person since the late 90s, Dalton Crigger, tournament organizer who is nearly finished with his Pokémon Professor certification, noted the store stays packed on tournament nights, with many spectators reduced to standing room only.

With a buy-in of only $10, a guaranteed booster pack even if you lose and a growing sense of community, it's not hard to see why this nostalgic card game is making a comeback.

Crigger laughed that he is "Here every week!" at Gamer Geeks, saying that while of course, they are the premier destination for all those rare and collectible cards, they've also done a great job at fostering a genuine, inclusive community that showcases the positive and communal side of gaming, erasing the parody view that many have of gamers screaming into a headset or rage quitting.

Crigger said Colt Freeman, Pokémon Professor of the original Gamer Geeks location in Warrior, has been a huge asset in getting these tournaments up and rolling in Cullman.

"I can really thank Freeman, who is the professor at the Warrior location," he said. "They're a great community; they're always very inclusive. Anyone can play, come out and have a good time."

Besides the sense of community, players learn valuable real-world skills. Pokémon requires both critical and analytical thinking and provides players an opportunity to deal with complex situations by flexing their problem-solving skills.

The game is fast-paced, keeping players engaged and entertained - all without a screen in front of them. Quite a feat for this digital age.

"I mean, a lot of it is for the kids. Their whole focus is just building community. They're not in it for profit by any means!" said Crigger, who said the store even hosts holiday events for its regulars, some who may not have anywhere else to go or anyone else to celebrate with on holidays.

Crigger said that for anyone who wants to learn, but may be hesitant in a competitive setting, he's usually up at the shop every Monday around 6 p.m., and is happy to help potential players understand the game in a more casual atmosphere.

"Any kids that want to learn to play, I'm here to teach them," smiled Crigger.

RESULTS OF THE TOURNAMENT

Kids' Division

- First place: Gage Johnson
- Second place: Tytus Stracener
- Third place: Makenna Cancino

Adult Division

- First place: Preston Burgett
- Second place: Douglas Wyres
- Third place: Jacob Atchley

Gamer Geeks is located at 2046 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Ste. E. Find out more at www.facebook.com/GamerGeeksCullman.





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Farms (from Front)

children to one day return to the farm (if that was their choice), we would need to create other opportunities for them to be involved. We decided to renovate an existing storage building on some of our farm property to open our farm store, Haynes Farms Local Market, in 2021. Our oldest son Jack began the 4-H Pig Squeal project around 2018. This helped us begin selling pork shares and pork products to the public. Our children have continued to participate in the Pig Squeal project as well as investing their money in more pigs."

Haynes said their farm is their livelihood.

"I teach in a public school, but our entire lives revolve around the farm," she said. "It is truly a 24/7, 365-day job."

When thinking back over the time since opening and operating their business, she said, many moments of struggle and triumph come to mind.

"I'm not sure that I have a favorite memory, but watching our kids grow to become capable, confident and independent is one of my favorite things about the farm," Haynes said. "There are days I watch them do jobs and I think, 'I know there are a lot of adults that couldn't do that.' Even if they choose not to return to the farm one day, I know they are learning skills and developing character traits that will go with them for the rest of their lives."

Haynes said it's not a specific memory, but she always loves it when they begin checking on mama cows in the wintertime.

"That usually means late-night checks before bedtime," she said. "It's usually after supper and kids already have on their pajamas. We will pile in the truck or trolley and check the mama cows for any potential calves or problems for the night. Sometimes it leads to an eventful bedtime."

The Haynes children - Jack (15), Lola (12), Charlie (10), Caroline (6), Pruett (3) and Rueben (1) - have helped make the farm what it is today.

"There are a lot of days and weeks when we simply could not accomplish everything if it were not for the help of our kids," Haynes said.

"The older kids have really grown into their roles at the farm, whether it is working in the hayfield, planting, delivering meat, stocking inventory or running the market (or helping around the house while the rest of us accomplish farm duties).

"Everyone has jobs they enjoy more than others, so we try to be intentional where and how we ask for everyone's help. We really function as a team and that is what I love most about being a farm family. It's fun to hear them talk about things from a 'farmer's' perspective – 'We really needed this rain,' 'I hope these storms don't do too much damage,' etc. They are very aware of things around them and how they might positively or negatively affect the farm."

When it comes to the community, Haynes said she enjoys watching other local families venture to their business.

"One of my favorite things I get to do because of our meat business is watch families and our community grow," she said.

"I love meeting the people that buy our meat and hearing their stories -watching their children grow, learning their recipes, etc. It is amazing how many people are new to our area. I absolutely love knowing that we are part of the entire process. We watch the calves born on the farm. We are caretakers through the entire process. Knowing that people will take our products and nourish their families is such a blessing. I love the thought of people sitting down together at the table and we are a small part of that. We get to be a part of feeding the world, and with God's help, we get to do that with our own hands and feet every day. Isn't that neat!"

She commented on how buying fresh/local can benefit the community.

"When you buy fresh/local, you are helping so many people in your own community," Haynes said. "We use a local processor, Southern Integrity, which employs local families. We buy feed from J&R Feed, another local business. We use local parts and service businesses. We support our local schools and food pantries through donations. And the people that purchase our products are part of all of that. They are supporting schools; they are supporting other local businesses. Being part of that local community/network is very special."

Ben Haynes said they use the date of 1890 as the "beginning" of Haynes Farms, as that date is the earliest record they have found of land having been owned by ancestors.

"Our great-great-great grandfather Jasper Philpot, of the Haynes family, although it is possible that our heritage in Fairview goes back even further, is someone we were able to record," he said.

"Jasper was the father-in-law of Joshua Robertis 'Bo' Haynes, whose father, William Carter Haynes had immigrated to Alabama shortly after the Civil War, fist living in Remlap in Blount County before moving north and winding up in Fairview, which at the time was still Blount County.

"The first large steps into modernity were taken by Howard Eugene 'Bud' Haynes after he purchased the farm from his siblings in about 1950.

"Bud continued to work as a carpenter during the winters as his father and grandfather had done, but grew the farm enterprises by adding, or at least trying, several new ventures. Sweet potatoes, as well as contract grown chickens and turkeys were some that didn't last very long, but the commercial hay business played a huge role in the farm from the early 1950s through the early 70s.

"Hay was sold or baled on a custom basis for dozens of small dairies all over four-five counties. This also necessitated the expansion of the equipment fleet to include more tractors, trucks and hay balers, mowers and conditioners."

Haynes Farms Local Market is open Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. It is located at 150 County Road 1654 Cullman, AL 35058. www.haynesfarmsllc.com.

Lawsuit (from Front)

Surety) in which they sought to require the Board to pay them additional amounts of more than $3 million. The amount of the counterclaim against the Board had already been reduced through the litigation from an original claim of over $6 million.

"Some retrofit work has already been completed, such as extensive coring and grouting at the spillway gravity walls, complete restoration and retrofitting of the dam's electrical systems and connected equipment components, and the installation of additional instrumentation to monitor the health of the dam. Other work that is still under review, development, and Consideration includes: repairs of concrete cracks at the top of the dam's spillway (called the Ogee Crest); adding supplemental wave protection at the tops of the earth embankments; retrofitting of uplift pressure relief wells; and potentially retrofitting some drive train components of the intake tower gates.

"Some of this additional work may begin within the next year, but will likely be spread over a number of years depending on a number of variables, including costs, seasonal variations (such as wet season versus dry seasons), and further recommendations of consultants."

Mayor Woody Jacobs told The Tribune, "Personally, and from a Utilities Board standpoint, we're glad to bring this to an end. It's taken quite a bit of time; we learned a lot through the process, and we're moving forward with the dam. The dam is not unsafe or anything like that. There's just some issues that needed to be resolved through the construction process. We worked through those, and we're ready to move forward."

Purpose of the dam and reservoir

According to a document from the Utilities Board of the City of Cullman supplied to The Tribune in 2017, "The purpose of the Duck River Dam is to create an approximately 640-acre reservoir that will serve as a raw water source."

Cullman Economic Development Agency Director Dale Greer told The Tribune, "(The) purpose was to construct a dam to create a reservoir to impound water to serve as backup source and future supply for the area. Previous engineering studies had indicated Lake Catoma was not sufficient to continue to meet the water supply needs of the residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural needs of Cullman County. During the 2006 drought Lake Catoma was down 26 feet below full pool and the lake was not sufficient to meet our need for another 60 days. Even the most doubting individuals saw the forecast of a looming water shortage in Cullman County was accurate without a new supply source. The community growth in the past 10 years would imply our water needs will continue to grow."

An intake tower near the dam draws water from the reservoir to be pumped out to the treatment plant on U.S. Highway 278 east of the city for conversion to drinking water via a pipeline system between the dam and plant.

2015 flood reveals flaw in dam

A flood on Christmas Day 2015 put the dam to its first major test of strength and, unfortunately, it did not fare well. "At that time," according to papers filed by Cullman City Attorney Roy Williams as part of the 2017 lawsuit, "a far greater than anticipated flow of water from the reservoir into and through the concrete portion of the dam was first observed ('Excessive leakage'). Much of the excessive leakage flows into and through the gallery."

The gallery is an internal access thoroughfare that allows inspections and repairs to be made inside the dam. It was later found that water had risen high enough inside the dam to contact and damage electrical wiring, leading to a shutdown of the electronics that control the dam's gates and valves.

In July 2017, Williams, on behalf of the Utilities Board of the City of Cullman, filed suit against CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc., ASI Constructors, Inc. and Western Surety Company for deficiencies discovered in the Duck River Dam. CH2M Hill designed the dam, and ASI built it; Western Surety issued ASI's required performance bond, guaranteeing the successful completion of the project.

ASI asserted that the leakage was due to deficiencies in CH2M's design. CH2M, in response, defended its design and contended that the problem was with ASI's construction. Western Surety declared that the bond it issued did not include corrective work to the dam, therefore it had no liability in the matter.

The City's statement concluded:

"The reservoir can supply as much water as needed on a daily basis. The water treatment plant uses water both from Lake Catoma and Duck River depending on the quality of the water at any given time (choosing the lake that is least costly to treat). The current daily use is between 10 and 12 million treated gallons a day and both lakes have the capacity to provide that amount and more. Duck River addition has made Cullman County drought resistant and will provide for growth for 50-100 years to come.

"As to the value of Duck River you only need to read about the water shortage in Arizona, New Mexico, and California to understand the value of Duck River and the long term vision of the leaders as far back as 1990's when the project started to the present."

LEGALS

Notice of Sale

October 7, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. West Point Mini Storage will sell contents of the following units:

#2 Robert Long
#71 Annie McGhee
#83 Chris Johnson
#99 and #104 Ryan Beatty

Contact 256-338-1759

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
JOE ALAN MEAD * CASE NO PC 2023-271
Deceased. *

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

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

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

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

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

DONE this the 13th day of September, 2023.

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

To the Publisher: The *Cullman Tribune*

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

Melvin Hasting
Attorney for Petitioner
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF: *
LETHA S. HEATHERLY, * **CASE NUMBER:** PC2023-167
DECEASED. *

Letters Testamentary of said decedent having been granted to the undersigned on the 20th day of September 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 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.

JESSICA H. MCHAN

ANNETTE IRONS-PARKER
Attorney for Personal Representative
PARKER AND PARKER, P.C.
Attorneys at Law
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Honorable Tammy Brown
Probate Judge

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO.: CV 2023 - 900261

ROGELIO SOTELO,

Plaintiff,

Lot Four (4) as shown on that plat recorded in Map Book 2005 Page 12, being the resubdivision of Lots Number 47, 48, 57 and 58 of Fromhold Addition in the City of Cullman, Alabama, as shown on the recorded plat thereof in Map Book 1, Page 87, in the probate Records of Cullman County, Alabama. Source of Title: Deed Book 546 Page 722. Parcel ID: 17-06-14-3-005-001.003; PIN: 68706; Account Number: 77738,

AND

Those Fictitious Parties A-Z, whose identities are currently unknown and who will be added to this Complaint by amendment when ascertained, including any persons claiming any present interest therein and including any persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in the above-described property,

AND

JOHN KELLY,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: John Kelly, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, whose names and whereabouts are unknown.

You are hereby notified that on the 31st day of August, 2023, a Complaint to quiet title and foreclose the right to redeem the above-described real property was filed in the Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Rogelio Sotelo against John Kelly, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, whose names and whereabouts are unknown, whose names and whereabouts cannot be ascertained after exercise of due diligence and who are believed may claim some right, title, interest, or claim in and to the above-described real property. All persons having an interest in said lands or any portion thereof, claiming any title thereto or encumbrance or lien thereon, are hereby directed to plead, answer, demur, or otherwise respond to the complaint on or before the 9th day of November, 2023, else at

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the expiration of thirty (30) days thereafter suffer a judgment by default to be rendered against them, it being intended that this notice shall be used to perfect service against all parties who cannot be personally served with a copy of the Complaint.

Hon. Lisa McSwain
Clerk of the Circuit Court
of Cullman County, Alabama

Plaintiff's Attorney:
SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC
700 2nd Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055
256-841-7800

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for four consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Circuit Clerk.

Hon. Lisa McSwain
Clerk of the Circuit Court
of Cullman County, Alabama

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE

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

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

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

DONE this the 24 day of August, 2023.

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

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
CLAUDE FERRELL SANDERS, * CASE NO.: PC2023-198
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to JENNIFER SANDERS SCHLOSSER, as Personal Representative of the Estate of CLAUDE FERRELL SANDERS, deceased, on the 11th day of September, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Jennifer Sanders Schlosser
Personal Representative

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

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

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

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

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE

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

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

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

DONE this the 24 day of August, 2023.

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

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUN

CASE NO.: CV 2023 - 900260

ROGELIO SOTELO,

Plaintiff,

That part of Adelsheim Subdivision lying South of Lots 12, 59, 60, 61 and 57 and North of lots 13, 62, 91, and 56 used for easement to TVA, in Section 27, Township 10 South, Range 3 West, lying and being in Cullman County, Alabama. Source of Title: Deed Book 529, Page 81. Parcel ID: 17-08-27-1-002-007.091; PIN: 201552; Account Number: 44063,

AND

Those Fictitious Parties A-Z, whose identities are currently unknown and who will be added to this Complaint by amendment when ascertained, including any persons claiming any present interest therein and including any persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in the above-described property,

AND

HARLAN BARBEE,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: Harlan Barbee, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, whose names and whereabouts are unknown.

You are hereby notified that on the 31st day of August, 2023, a Complaint to quiet title and foreclose the right to redeem the above-described real property was filed in the Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Rogelio Sotelo against Harlen Barbee, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, whose names and whereabouts are unknown, whose names and whereabouts cannot be ascertained after exercise of due diligence and who are believed may claim some right, title, interest, or claim in and to the above-described real property. All persons having an interest in said lands or any portion thereof, claiming any title thereto or encumbrance or lien thereon, are hereby directed to plead, answer, demur, or otherwise respond to the complaint on or before the 9th day of November, 2023, else at the expiration of thirty (30) days thereafter suffer a judgment by default to be rendered against them, it being intended that this notice shall be used to perfect service against all parties who cannot be personally served with a copy of the Complaint.

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Clerk of the Circuit Court
of Cullman County, Alabama

Plaintiff's Attorney:
SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC
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TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

IN RE: THE GUARDIANSHIP OF TYE RAY WILLIAMS

NOTICE OF HEARING

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

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

DONE this the 14th day of September, 2023.

TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

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

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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 *
CHARLES OLEN QUICK, * CASE NO.: PC2023-287
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to MADISON MENTZER as Personal Representative of the Estate of CHARLES OLEN QUICK, deceased, on the 26th day of September, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

MADISON MENTZER
Personal Representative

Melvin Hasting
Attorney for Petitioner
Post Office Box 517
Cullman, AL 35056-0517

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

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

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

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:)
A.H.) CASE NO. JU 2022-423.02
A Minor Child, 07/29/2014)

NOTICE

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

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the mother of A.H., born on or about 07/29/2014, respond to the Petition by the 2nd day of November, 2023, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

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

DONE this the 14 day of Sept 2023

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

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STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
I, Lisa McSwain, Clerk of Circuit Court in and for said County and State, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy as the same appears of record in this office.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO.: CV 2023 - 900262

ROGELIO SOTELO,

Plaintiff,

That part of the S1/2 of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 22, Township 9, Range 2 West, lying North of Brindley Creek. Parcel No: 10-05-22-0-001-006.012, PIN: 43915, Account No:77738,

AND

Those Fictitious Parties A-Z, whose identities are currently unknown and who will be added to this Complaint by amendment when ascertained, including any persons claiming any present interest therein and including any persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in the above-described property,

AND

JOHN KELLY,

Defendants.

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On Monday October 2, 2023, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Request to vacate/surplus alley – 2nd Avenue SE – Public House
2. Short form subdivision – Highway 157 NW & 2nd Avenue NW (Highway 31)
3. Rezoning request – Alabama Highway 157 NW & 2nd Avenue NW (Highway 31) – B-3/M-1 to R-4
4. Conditional use request for storage units on 1st Avenue SW
5. Conditional use request for storage units on Cleveland Avenue NW

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

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Elaine Fuller recalls Oktoberfest history

Tiffany McKoy
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman's annual Oktoberfest celebration is happening now. The Tribune sat down with Elaine Fuller, who has played a pivotal role in the evolution of the event.

With over three decades of dedicated service at the Cullman County Museum, Fuller started her journey with Oktoberfest in the late '80s. Her impact on the growth and development of Oktoberfest cannot be overstated, and her involvement with the museum has left an indelible mark on the festival's character. The Oktoberfest Board was founded during Fuller's tenure, and she went on to serve on the board for approximately two decades.

In the late '80s, Fuller said, she keenly observed that the historical society's programming on the museum's front porch, while fascinating, did not quite align with the festive spirit of Oktoberfest.

It centered on history rather than the festival itself. Driven by a vision to connect the event more intimately with its historical roots, Fuller proposed taking over the following year.

"I suggested we set up displays by the statue and conduct interviews, focusing on the history of Colonel Cullman," she recalled. Her approach served as a catalyst for Oktoberfest's transformation.

As a central figure in coordinating Oktoberfest events through the museum, Fuller became a trusted resource for all matters related to the festival. Fondly referred to as the "call center" by colleagues during Oktoberfest, she efficiently fielded inquiries and ensured the seamless operation of the festivities.

The museum's involvement in Oktoberfest extended beyond event coordination. Visitors had the opportunity to enjoy museum tours, often accompanied by enchanting dulcimer and accordion melodies played by talented musicians. Fuller's dedication to preserving local history and culture shone brightly through these museum activities.

Fuller also added her unique touch to the selection of Miss Oktoberfest. Candidates drew their names from a jar containing a single strawberry hidden among pieces of cake. The fortunate recipient would go on to represent the festival at various events.

Her contributions extended far beyond her board membership. She orchestrated numerous events through the museum, including the beloved historic district walking tour. Participants would dress as their ancestors, sharing stories that enriched the community's understanding of its heritage.

Fuller said one of her favorite aspects of Oktoberfest has always been the captivating music that fills the festival grounds.

German bands playing traditional tunes encouraged lively dancing, creating a joyful atmosphere. "They get the crowd involved, and everybody just has a good time," she remarked.

Her unwavering commitment to inclusivity and education was evident as she recounted how various school choirs, ranging from elementary to college level, were given opportunities to perform during the festival.

Reflecting on Oktoberfest's growth, Fuller observed, "It's a hundred times better" than when she first embarked on her involvement.

Fuller said she is grateful for the help she received from her colleagues and city council members in growing Cullman's Oktoberfest.

Obituary Announcements: Sept. 26-27

Bessie Toombes Bryant, 98
Bessie Toombes Bryant, 98, of Hanceville, passed away on Monday, Sept. 25, 2023, at her residence. She was born on Dec. 30, 1924, in London, England. Bessie loved her family and her children were her life. She loved to knit and crochet. She enjoyed watching The Price Is Right and was still drinking her hot tea every day. She worked at New Ideal in Birmingham for 12 years. She is survived by daughters, Barbara Green, Betty Dover and Grace (Ed) Potter; sons, Donald M. Bryant, David (Amy) Bryant and Paul (Luann) Bryant; sister, June (Barry) Watson; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren and a host of other family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Bessie Toombes and her husband, Donald M. Bryant. Funeral services will be Sunday, Oct. 1, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home; burial will follow in Elmwood Cemetery in Birmingham. The family will receive friends on Sunday from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. Pallbearers are Donald M. Bryant, David H. Bryant, Paul R. Bryant, Bill Hardeman, Matthew Bryant and Mark Bryant.

Leona Mary Celestine "Sally" Maughn DeMarco, 84
Leona Mary Celestine "Sally" Maughn DeMarco passed away peacefully on Sept. 24, 2023, at the age of 84 in the comfort of her home and surrounded by her family. She was born June 12, 1939, in Cullman, Alabama, to William Joseph Maughn and Leona Mary Richard Maughn. Her family moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where she resided for many years and met her husband of 60 years, Armando DeMarco, and they had six children. They later returned to Cullman where she was a devoted member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church. She was a wonderful cook and homemaker. She loved taking care of her family and enjoyed her job of caring for the elderly. She loved Elvis and had a passion for jewelry and giving to many charities. She had a huge heart for taking care and loving all animals. She was preceded in death by her husband, Armando DeMarco; granddaughter, Katrina Wilson; parents; and sisters. Survivors include her son, Armando "Mony" Demarco (Ben Dowell); daughters, Mary (Tim) Chambers, Sharon (Caesar) Lee, Tina (Terry) Wilson, Traci (Joey) Goodwin, and Mary Kathryn Campbell (Steve Bentley); grandchildren, Maria, Timothy, Anthony, Christina, Christopher (Katrina), Rebecca, Ana, Amber, Daniel, Terra, Allison, Melissa, Samantha, and Amanda; great-grandchildren, Audrie, Wyatt, Constantine, Jaydan, Gianna, Isaac, Lindsey, Aubrie, Makaylee, Preston, Ava, and Jacob. We had the privilege of having the most loving and caring caretakers. Tracy and Candice loved our mother and our mother loved them as her daughters. Funeral Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 12, 2023. Rosary will begin at 9 a.m. preceding the service.

Sarah Creel Baker, 89
Funeral service for Sarah Creel Baker, age 89, of Cullman, will be Thursday, Sept. 28, 2023 at 2 p.m. at Mt. Joy Baptist Church, interment at Mt. Joy Cemetery, with Reverend Steve Rodgers and Reverend Mike Lansford officiating. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2023 at Cullman Funeral Home from 4:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Baker passed away Monday, Sept. 25, 2023 at Hanceville Nursing Home. She was born June 6, 1934, to Hershel Creel and Julia Nail Creel.

She was a member of Mt. Joy Baptist Church. She loved attending any event at church, going to thrift stores and yard sales. Loved ones describe her as a good Christian woman. She was preceeded in death by her parents, Hershel and Julia Creel; husband, Ardis Baker; son, Michael Hill; infant granddaughter, Kristie Smith; brothers, Joe Creel and Larry Creel; dog, Baby. She is survived by son, Ricky (Jean) Baker; daughters Sandra (Bobby) Russell and Kendra (Keith) Richard; daughter-in-law, Gail Hill; brothers, James (Brenda) Creel and Keith (Susie) Creel; Grandchildren, Vikki (Danny) Turrentine, Brandi (Tony) Ivey, Staci (Donald) Banks, Kimberly (Rich) Henderson, Brannon (Casey) Russell, Machiela Richard and Austin (Meda) Richard, Matthew Hill and Bubba Hill; Great-Grandchildren, Jake (Tori) Burkett, Cody (Morgan Lambert) Banks, Ally (Toby Hill) Banks, Jessie Turrentine, Peyton (Chrissi) Hill, Lucas (Kerstin Kimbrough) Hill, Kaylee Russell, John Raymond Richard; Great Great Grandchildren, Navyi Hill; Dogs, Doodles, Emma, Sissy, Patches; family and friends, including her friends at Hanceville Nursing Home and Southern Care Hospice. A special thank you to the staff at Hanceville Nursing Home and Southern Care Hospice, especially Hospice nurses Andrea Regas and Candice White. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Martha Mayfield, 68
Memorial service is incomplete at this time for Martha Mayfield, 68, of Cullman. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Mayfield passed away Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2023, at CRMC. She was born Jan. 18, 1955 to Theron and Lacey Yarbrough Alexander. She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers and sisters. Survivors include her husband, Kenneth Mayfield; children, Grady Wayne Ledlow, Christopher Ledlow, Sonya Downs; brother, Jerry Wayne Alexander; several grandchildren, family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Jan Moody, 76
Funeral service for Jan Moody, age 76, of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 29, 2023, at St. John's Evangelical Church with Rev. John Richter officiating; interment in Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Moody passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2023, at her residence. She was born May 18, 1947, to Howard Strong and Norma Strong. She was preceded in death by her parents and sisters, Anita Holmes and Ernestine Strong. Survivors include her husband, Bob Moody; daughter, Shannon Daily; grandsons, Carter Daily and Logan Daily; son-in-law, Josiah Daily; brother, Bennie (Phyllis) Strong; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

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Parade (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Fair Parade will be held on Saturday, Sept. 30, at 2 p.m. and last approximately two hours. The parade will travel down U.S. Highway 31, starting at First Baptist Church and ending at McGriff Tire. Also on Saturday, the 40th annual Cullman County Band Exhibition will begin at 6 p.m. at the Cullman High School stadium. According to Cullman Lion Charlie Childers, the JROTC will lead the parade, sponsored by the Cullman Lions Club, with an honor guard.

Reigning Miss Cullman County Fair and fair princesses will also be featured, as well as Cullman County marching bands, this year's Cullman County Fair Queen contestants and a variety of floats. U.S. Highway 31 will be closed to traffic between Main Avenue Northwest and Ninth Street Southwest beginning around 1:30 p.m. until around 4:30 p.m.

Later that night, the Cullman County Band Exhibition will be held at Cullman High School's stadium. Gates open at 5 p.m. Admission to the event, which will feature nine area marching bands, is $5 for adults and $2 for students.

Report (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council at its regular meeting Monday evening welcomed Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff, who gave his quarterly report on the Cullman City Schools.

Kallhoff said the district currently serves 3,156 students. He said eighth and 11th grades boast the highest enrollment, with 260 students each, while the senior class and seventh-grade class have 216 and 224 students, respectively. Notably, seventh-grade enrollment has grown substantially from sixth-grade numbers, reflecting a positive trend toward the district's goal of averaging around 250 students per grade level.

Kallhoff also gave updates on the ongoing construction projects around the city school system which are outlined at www.cullmantribune.com/2023/09/10/kallhoff-gives-updates-on-city-school-projects.

Kallhoff concluded his report by sharing important upcoming dates:

- Oct. 5: A remote day for second graders, marking the start of their transition to the primary school
- Oct. 6: A regularly scheduled remote day for the entire school system
- Oct. 9: No school for students and teachers, coinciding with Fair Day
- Oct. 12 at 5 p.m.: An open house for the primary school's second-grade wing, followed by the transition of operations to the new location the next day

Councilman Clint Hollingsworth gave a brief update on the upcoming Oktoberfest celebrations and encouraged everyone to attend.

"I encourage everybody to get out, and it will be a lot of fun! Please be patient with us, obviously with all the construction; it will eventually be done and will be better than ever," he said.

Oktoberfest officially kicks off Thursday, Sept. 28. See www.cullmanoktoberfestival.com for more.

The following special event requests were approved:

- A special event request from Kalee Full of WellStone for the annual Oktoberfest 5K & 10K run on Sept. 30
- A special event request from Kayti Carroll of Father's House Church for a Prayer Walk on Oct. 8 near the courthouse
- A special event request from Cullman Police Department for the annual Trunk or Treat on Oct. 31
- A special event request from the Cullman Tree Commission for a Festival of Trees at the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center beginning with an open house on Dec. 1. The decorated trees will be on display during the month of December.

The council approved a request from Todd Thompson of MTTR Engineers, Inc. to remove the contingency from the City of Cullman Planning Commission requiring Starbucks to remove the northwest exit drive

The following resolutions were approved:

- Resolution No. 2023-90 to award bid for road surface treatments to the lowest responsible bidder, Chilton Contractors, Inc.
- Resolution No. 2023-91 to approve an employee certification program for the Building Department
- Resolution No. 2023-92 to assure one half of the financial obligations, in conjunction with the Cullman County Commission, of the sanitary landfill owned and operated by the Solid Waste Disposal Authority

The following board appointments were made:

- Mark Aderhold was appointed to the Parks & Recreation Board
- Wade Bentley was appointed to the Personnel Board

