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Hanceville Mayor Kenneth Nail indicted on charges of using office for personal gain

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Hanceville Mayor Kenneth Nail has been indicted by a Cullman County grand jury on 15 counts of using his office for personal gain, in violation of Alabama Code 36-25-5.

Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker, while prudent due to ethical regulations, provided insight into the indictment's implications. He conveyed the sanctity of public trust in governance, a trust he said is compromised when an official is perceived to use his or her office for personal enrichment.

Though his remarks were measured, Crocker said, "Public officers are elected with the expectation that they will carry out their responsibilities with the utmost integrity."

He asserted the harm such violations cause to the community.

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CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Kenneth Nail

'We're going to make it home'

Cold Springs High cuts ribbon on new gymnasium



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cold Springs High School celebrated the opening of its new gymnasium with a ribbon cutting Tuesday afternoon. » PAGE 6

Cullman High School Theatre wins big locally, going to state competition



WAYNE COOK

Cullman High School Theatre celebrates its district win.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman High School Theatre won Best in Show last weekend, earning 41 Superior medals for its performance of "Leaving Iowa" at the District 3 Trumbauer Festival. The group will travel to Florence to represent the district at the state festival at the University of North Alabama in December.

"Just saying - It's great to be a Cullman Theatre Bearcat tonight," remarked Director Wayne Cook in a social media post.

Awards

- Best Performer – Jameson Inscho
- Best Supporting Performer – Bailey Henderson
- All Star Cast – Ava Fales, Colter Drake, Jay Lee, Alex Renteria and Graham Waldrop
- Best Ensemble
- Best Tech

These students received Superior medals and will compete in individual events at the State festival:

Acting – Issac Heinze, Cheyenne Marchman, Julian Skinner, Alex Renteria, Jay Lee, Brady Scott, Emily Twilley, Ava Fales, Madison Barnett, Tylar Hanna, Noah Reggie Warren

Musical Theatre – Reid Bradberry, Graham Waldrop, Ava Fales, Aubrey Duncan, Bailee Henderson, Victoria Sims, Lillie Hogue, London Phillippo, Ayla White

Duet – Avery Lane Green, Caden Fales, Mary Atchison, Lily Abbott, London Phillipo, Slade Turbyfield

Group Musical – Ava Fales, Avery Lane Green, Bailee Henderson, Cadan Fales, Graham Waldrop, Lily Abbott, London Phillippo, Mary Atchison, Rees Sheffield, Slade Turbyfield

'We just wanted to honor our veterans past and present'

West Elementary fifth-grade class entertains veterans at Active Adult Center



CAYLA GRACE MURPHY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Fifth graders from West Elementary School perform a flag folding ceremony on Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 8, at the Veterans Ceremony hosted by the Donald E. Green Active Adult Center and Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism. » PAGE 3

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Nov. 8

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Nov. 8, 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
Nov. 6
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to 2015 Nissan Pathfinder

Nov. 7
- harassing communications; person
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; jacket; $45

ARRESTS
Nov. 6 – 7

Rye, Bart A.; 50
- criminal surveillance

Philpott, Steven R.; 53
- sexual abuse-1st degree

Bagwell, Dachery D.; 31
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)
- FTA- driving while revoked (6 counts)
- FTA- insurance violation (3 counts)
- FTA- driving without license (3 counts)
- FTA- fail to register vehicle

Smith Jr., Robert H.; 63
- FTA- driving while suspended

Wise, Barry R.; 54
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Higginbotham, Nolan G.; 19
- theft of property-4th degree

Rameriez, Jose C.; 27
- DUI

Lee, Justin J.; 27
- FTA- fail to register vehicle
- FTA- insurance violation (3 counts)
- FTA- driving while suspended

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Baileyton decking the halls – well, Hwy. 69 – Nov. 27

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BAILEYTON, Ala. – The Town of Baileyton is set to deck the halls – well, the light poles lining Alabama Highway 69, in preparation for the upcoming holiday season on Monday, Nov. 27, 2023.

Mayor Windell Calloway said plans have been put in place to ensure the safety of those hanging the lighted decor along the busy highway. "We'll have some people out to make sure we don't get run over in the road," he explained, noting the high speeds that travelers tend to maintain on the main thoroughfare through Baileyton. "It's pretty dangerous, but our sheriff's department is good to help."

Motorists in the Baileyton area on Nov. 27 are advised to try to avoid Alabama Highway 69 or be prepared to slow and come to a stop for the safety of those hanging the lights.

In other business:
- The council opted to table a decision to purchase a new lawnmower in order to get quotes and possible trade-in value for surplus equipment.
- The council looked over six applications for a maintenance position; rotating interviews are set for Saturday morning, Nov. 18, 2023, starting at 8.
- The council approved the Town's FY 2024 budget.
- The council set a date for Baileyton's drive-through Christmas event; it will be held Saturday evening, Dec. 9, 2023, from 6-8 p.m.

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Nice furniture, including a California King, Queen High poster bed -solid oak, great mattresses; nice office equipment, monitors, electronics; solar panels, outside patio furniture, TVs, Gravity Bike, helmets and riding gear, leather, motorcycle helmets, wet suit, tools, tool box, and a lot more!

A lot to see and too much to list.

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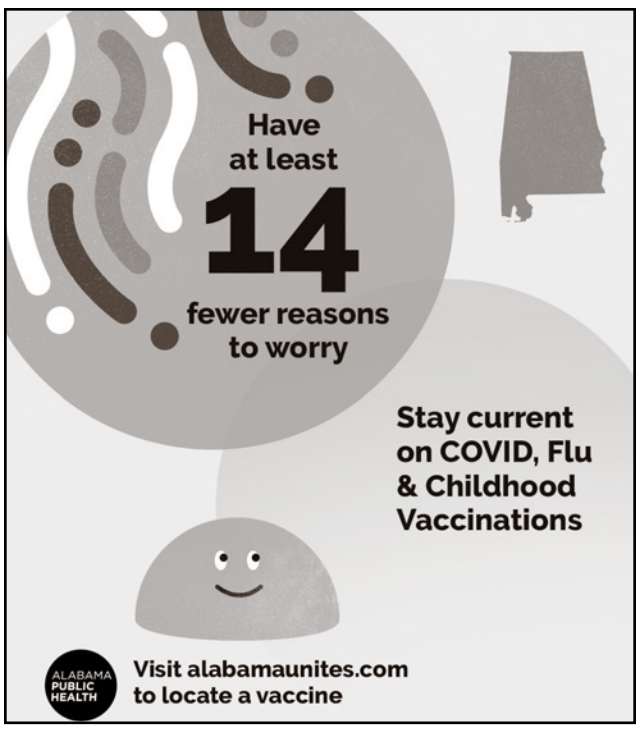

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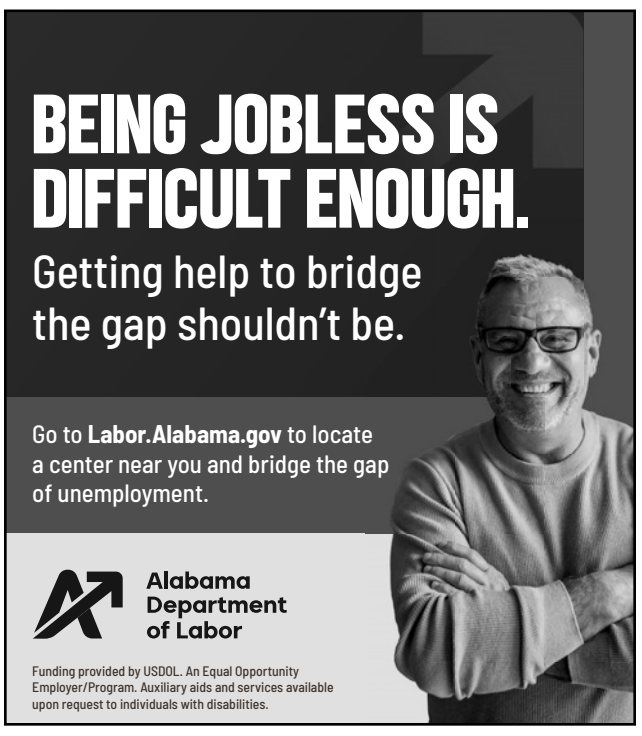
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m.-noon. Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry and Spirit Life Church.
• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthdays. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pickup is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper, AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• Friday, Nov. 10 - 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and 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, Nov. 11 – 6-9 p.m. Youth hayride at Larry and Marti's house!
• Sunday, Nov. 12 - Prayer - 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, Nov. 12 - 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 a.m. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11. Foundry men graduation lunch after morning service.
• Sunday, Nov. 12 - 5 p.m. Healing service: Miracles, signs and wonders follow those who believe!

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

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

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

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

Master's Hand Food Pantry at The Link
• 708 Ninth St. SE, Cullman, AL 35055
• Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
• Closed for lunch noon-1 p.m.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, Nov. 9, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church, 1310 St. Joseph Drive, Cullman. All are welcome.

Cullman Elks Lodge Holiday Craft Fair and Vendor Expo
Saturday, Nov. 11, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Cullman Elks Lodge. $1 donation enters you to win door prizes. $1 donation benefits local charities.

Seventh Street Baptist Church Evening of Music and Worship
Sunday, Nov. 12, at 4 p.m. at Seventh Street Baptist Church. Everyone is invited to this free event led by Frank Jones, pianist and host of the Gospel Jubilee, Oasis concerts and Sing-Agains. Come sing along and listen to hymns and spiritual songs. There will be refreshments afterward. A voluntary love offering will be accepted.

The National Association of Retired and Active Federal Employees Meeting
Monday, Nov. 13, at the Golden Coral, 1720 Cherokee Ave. SW, Cullman. Meeting begins at noon. Dutch lunch prior to meeting. Our guest speaker, Cris Alexander, who is a federal Blue Cross Blue Shield representative, will share needed new information regarding a change in plans. All members, as well as nonmembers, are urged to attend.

Taste of Cullman Grown Food Show
Monday, Nov. 13, from 5-8 p.m. at the Wallace State Community College Peinhardt Conference Center. General admission is $10; students get in for $8. Purchase tickets at the door. All proceeds go to those in need for Thanksgiving meals through The Link of Cullman County.

Grace Episcopal Church Cheeseball Pickup
If you ordered cheeseballs from Grace Episcopal Church Women, your pickup will be Thursday, Nov. 16, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. We look forward to seeing you then. For more information, call 256-734-2231.

Cullman High School Class of 1963 60-Year Reunion
Saturday, Nov. 18, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Stone Bridge Farms, the first building on the left. The cost is $ 30 per person, payable at the door. (Pay in cash, please.) Prior to this, at 4, there will be a guided tour of the recently remodeled Cullman High School, for those who are able to attend. Please call Nancy Drake Weissend at 256-734-0696, to let her know if you will be attending, as well as any questions you may have.

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Veterans (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – A hundred or more lined into the Donald E. Green Active Adult Center on Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2023, to recognize and honor Cullman's veterans ahead of Veterans Day this weekend. Entering through a balloon arch in hues that would make Uncle Sam proud, attendees were greeted by tables covered with white linen cloths and blue runners, eagerly awaiting a homestyle lunch of meatloaf and potatoes before enjoying a program put on by West Elementary's fifth-grade class. The annual program is led by West Elementary educator and Army Specialist Keenan Fowlkes.

Students, some wearing camouflage fatigues and others in special shirts held flags and signs, and recited the preamble before ringing out renditions of both modern and classic military tunes like "The Marines' Hymn," "Anchors Aweigh," "Proud to be an American" and "God Bless the USA." Periodically throughout the program, veterans stood in solidarity with their branch's song or flag or to give an ovation.

Fowlkes said the program was months in the making, with practices beginning in August to prepare for the big performance. After teaching for over 20 years, and joining the military at 38 years old, Fowlkes said, she felt the need "to give more" and said leading the program is more than just a special event, it's an emotional one as well.

"It's emotional every time. They (students) are actually folding my grandfather's flag from World War II," she explained. "I have them fold it every year. It never gets old or easier."

Stephanie Neal of the Active Adult Center, slightly misty eyed at the close of the ceremony, offered her perspective on why the event is important for the local veterans and community as a whole.

"We just wanted to honor our veterans past and present. It's heartwarming to see them come here and it's been a blessing for the kids to be here with them, to see the older generation being honored," she said, waving to the dozens of elementary schoolers in attendance. "It's a really moving event, and we're just so proud to do it."

Cullman Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism (CPRST) Executive Director Nathan Anderson chimed in, echoing Neal's gratitude, saying it was the effort of many to make the afternoon so special.

"We would like to thank the CPRST team and West Elementary fifth graders for all of their hard work putting together an amazing show to honor our veterans," Anderson said. "As always, none of this would be possible without our generous sponsors: Cullman Regional Medical Center, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, AmFirst and Drinkard Development."

He added, "Most importantly, we wish to thank each and every veteran within our community for their service and sacrifice."

To learn more about the Active Adult Center and future events it hosts, visit www.cullmanrecreation.org/active-adult-center.

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PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

7 local teams preparing to kick off round 1

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The 2023 AHSAA State football playoffs are here, and we have seven local teams preparing to compete in round one.

Addison vs. Pickens County (Class 1A)
The Addison Bulldogs split their first four games of the regular season, but then racked up six straight wins to finish the regular season with an 8-2 record. They finished second in Class 1A, Region 8 with a 6-1 record and will face off against Pickens County, the no. 3 seed from Region 5, at home on Friday night. The Bulldogs scored 34 points per game during the regular season and allowed just 10 a game on defense, while the Tornadoes scored 30 points per game and allowed just 15 defensively. Addison went 4-1 at home in the regular season, and Pickens County went 4-1 on the road. The Bulldogs are 0-5 all-time against Pickens County, but Addison will look to break that streak on Friday night and move on to the second round of the playoffs.

Meek at South Lamar (Class 1A)
The Meek Tigers started the season 3-3 but won three of their final four contests to finish with a 6-4 record and clinch a spot in the postseason under first-year head coach Daniel Evans. Meek finished third in Class 1A, Region 8 with a 5-2 record, and they will travel to take on the no. 2 seed, South Lamar, on Friday night.

The Tigers scored 31 points a game on offense, while allowing 20 a game on defense. The Stallions put up 30 points a game, while allowing just 16 on defense. Meek had a 3-2 record on the road in the regular season, while South Lamar finished with a 4-1 record at home. Something has to give in what's sure to be a great contest, as the Tigers will look to move on to the next round of the playoffs Friday night.

Vinemont at Sylvania (Class 3A)
The Vinemont Eagles went 1-4 to start out the season, but the second half of the season was a different story. The Eagles 3-2 in their final five games, including a pair of huge wins over Ashville and Ashbury, to finish with a 4-6 record and clinch a spot in the playoffs. The Eagles' 3-3 record in Class 3A, Region 7 got them the no. 4 spot and they will take on the no. 1 seed from Region 6, Sylvania, on the road Friday night. Vinemont scored 25 points a game, while allowing 27. The Rams scored 37 points a game, while allowing 19. The Eagles finished 2-3 on the road in the regular season, while Sylvania went 3-2 at home. Vinemont will look to pull off an upset on the road this Friday night and move on to the second round of the playoffs.

Arab at Leeds (Class 5A)
Arab got off to another strong start to the season, winning their first four games. They quickly shrugged off a two-game losing streak by winning their final four to finish with an 8-2 record. They finished with a 4-1 record in Class 5A, Region 7 and will go into the playoffs as the no.3 seed. The Knights will travel to take on the no. 2 seed from Region 6, Leeds, on Friday night.

The Knights scored 28 points per game offensively and allowed 19 points per game defensively during the regular season. The Green Wave put up 30 points a game during the regular season and allowed 15 points per game on defense. Arab went 3-2 on the road in the regular season, and Leeds finished with a 5-1 record at home. This will be the first-ever meeting between the two teams, and the Knights will look to move on to the second round with a win Friday night.

Fairview vs. John Carroll (Class 5A)
The Fairview Aggies picked up right where they left off last season, leaning on a strong running game, and a tough defense to finish with a 9-1 record in the regular season.

Their 5-1 record in Class 5A, Region 8 allowed them to clinch the no.2 seed, and they will be hosting the no. 3 seed from Region 5, John Carroll, on Friday night. The Aggies are putingt up 35 points per game on offense while allowing just 10 per game on defense.

The Cavaliers lit up the scoreboard for 35 points a game as well and allowed 21 points per game defensively. Fairview went 5-0 at home in the regular season, while John Carroll finished with a 3-1 record on the road. This will be the first-ever meeting between both teams, and Fairview will look to continue to do what they've been doing all season as they look to clinch a spot in the second round of the playoffs.

West Point at Ramsay (Class 5A)
The West Point Warriors started out the season 2-3, but they split their next four games to give themselves a chance to clinch a spot in the playoffs against Brewer in the final week of the regular season. The Warriors defeated the Patriots 27-13 to clinch the fourth seed in the region and earn a spot in the playoffs. They now have a date with the top seed from Region 5, Ramsay, on the road Thursday night. West Point scored 22 points per game on offense, and allowed 29 points per game on defense, while the Rams put up 37 points a game and allowed just 11 per game on defense. West Point finished with a 3-2 record on the road in the regular season, while Ramsay collected a 3-2 record at home. The Warriors will look to pull off a huge upset on the road Thursday night and move on to the second round of the playoffs.



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Vinemont, Fairview and West Point are each preparing to face Sylvania, John Carroll and Ramsay in the opening round of the state playoffs this week.

Cullman at Clay-Chalkville (Class 6A)
The Cullman Bearcats, under first-year head coach Danny Stiff, started out the season 3-2, which included a big region win over Decatur. The Bearcats finished the season 5-5 and 2-3 in Class 6A, Region 7. Cullman will be the no. 4 seed heading into a huge game against the no. 1 seed from Region 6, Clay-Chalkville.

The Bearcats are scoring 25 points per game offensively and allowing 23 per game defensively. The Cougars put up 41 points a game on offense and allowed just 8 points per game on defense. Cullman finished 3-2 on the road in the regular season, and Clay-Chalkville finished 3-0 at home. The Bearcats will look to pull off the big upset Friday night and move on to the second round of the playoffs.

PREP BASKETBALL

Bearcats open season with 85-50 win over Hayden, Lady Broncos earn OT win

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Basketball has returned to Bearcat Arena for another season and Cullman opened up its season with a matchup against Hayden Tuesday night. The 'Cats led by just one at the end of the opening period, but several scorers got hot as the game went on, including Jake Dorough who led the way with 31, and Cullman pulled away to collect an 85-50 win over the Wildcats.

Tuesday night's varsity girls contest was a little more dramatic. The Lady Broncos of Holly Pond traveled to Bearcat Arena to take on Cullman and Maggie Nail scored in the final seconds of overtime to help Holly Pond secure a 55-53 win.

Cullman 85 – Hayden 50 (Varsity Boys)
Hayden jumped out to a 9-4 lead early in the first quarter but baskets by Jake Dorough and Sam Duskin trimmed the lead to 9-8 midway through the period. Duskin laid another one in to give the 'Cats a 1-point lead and Dorough buried a three-pointer to keep them in front 13-11 with two minutes to play in the first. Three-pointers by Jake and Sam Dorough in the final minute of the first quarter gave Cullman a 19-18 lead going into the second.

Colton Echols' first basket of the night kept the Bearcats ahead 21-20 at the start of the second quarter and Cullman was able to extend its lead to 30-24 with three minutes remaining in the half.

Another Echols basket made it a 32-24 game with two minutes to play in the period and Gray Hopper scored in the final minute of the half to keep the 'Cats in front 34-27 at the break.

A bucket from Kase Nixon and a three from Duskin made it 39-29 early in the third quarter and after Evan Wilson split a pair of free throws later in the period, Jake Dorough drilled another three to give the Bearcats a 49-32 advantage. Cullman went into the final frame leading 60-44 and baskets by Dorough and Wilson stretched the lead to 20. Dorough buried back to back three-pointers to make it a 71-48 game with just over five minutes to play and to wrap things up, freshman Brooks Loftin went up for a dunk as time expired to put the finishing touches on an 85-50, season-opening win for the 'Cats.

Dorough led the way with 31 points in the win. Duskin finished with 14 and Echols added 11.

Cullman Head Coach Stu Stuedeman thought his team looked tight when the game started but was proud of the way they settled in and found their rhythm as the game went on.

"We had a lot of nerves to start. That's how it always is in first games. You're going to foul too much; you're going to take some bad shots because this is your first time playing in front of 2,000 people and we were a little nervous to start. This is the first time a lot of our guys are star players.

They've been role players for two years and now they're trying to figure things out," Stuedeman said. "(Hayden) is a talented team, they're very skilled and they did some things that really bothered us and we were spotlighted a little bit but we regrouped at halftime and played great. I'm proud of them."

The Bearcats will be back in action at Wallace State's Tom Drake Coliseum Saturday for this year's Veteran's Day Tip-Off Classic.

Holly Pond 55 – Cullman 53 (Varsity Girls) (OT)
Kadence Hanback knocked down a three to put the game's first points on the board and give Cullman a 3-0 lead in the first. Emma Earl answered with a pair of free throws on the other end, but Ally Sharpe laid one in to keep the Lady Bearcats in front 5-2 with three minutes remaining in the first. Sharpe drilled a three later in the period to give Cullman a 10-4 lead and the 'Cats went into the second quarter leading 10-6.

Taylor Au drained a three at the start of the second to give the Lady Bearcats a 13-6 lead, but the Lady Broncos pushed back as the period went on. Ava Thomas scored a pair of buckets and hit a pair of free throws to cut the lead to cut the lead to 16-12. Sharpe hit a three-pointer with two minutes on the clock to make it a 20-12 game, but Maggie Nail answered with a three on the other end to bring the lead back down to five. Holly Pond closed the half strong with a pair of jumpers from Ellie Burks and another basket from Nail that cut Cullman's lead down to 22-21 going into the halftime break.

A pair of buckets from Molly Dorough gave the 'Cats a 28-23 lead early in the third quarter but baskets from Nail and Kamryn Tankersley helped trim the lead to 29-27. Sharpe scored the next four points for Cullman to make it a 33-27 game, but the Lady Broncos were able to cut the lead to 36-33 by the start of the fourth quarter.

A three-pointer from Hanback put the Lady Bearcats in front 39-35 early in the fourth and she drained another three later in the period to keep them ahead 46-40. Madison Butts drilled a three on the other end to make it a 46-43 game and baskets by Earl and Thomas allowed Holly Pond to claim a 49-48 lead with 35 seconds on the clock. Butts sank a pair of free throws with 13 seconds remaining to put the Lady Broncos up 51-48 but this one was far from over.

The 'Cats brought the ball down the floor and after a timeout, Sharpe knocked down a three from the top of the key just before the buzzer to tie the game at 51 and force overtime.

Alana Phillips hit a jumper to give Holly Pond a 53-51 lead early in the overtime period, but Rachel Hoffman responded with a basket on the other end to keep the score knotted at 53.

However, the Lady Broncos got the last laugh when Nail laid in the go-ahead bucket with 1.6 seconds on the clock and secured a hard-fought, 55-53 win for Holly Pond.

Thomas led the Lady Broncos with 12 points in the win, followed by Nail with 11, Earl with 10 and Butts and Burks with six. For Cullman, Sharpe finished with a game-high 19 points in the loss. Hanback added 13 and Hoffman posted eight.

Crash (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A Vinemont man was killed Tuesday evening, Nov. 7, 2023, just after 5 p.m. in a multi-vehicle crash at the intersection of Second Avenue Northwest (U.S. Highway 31 North) and Grape Street. Cullman County Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick identified the victim as Nicholas Allen Joiner, 20. Cullman Police Department Communications Director Adam Clark said, "There was a multi-car collision which included a motorcycle."

No further details have been released by the Cullman Police Department.

Update (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Alabama residents have been patiently waiting and biding their time until the Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission (AMCC) attempts to issue Integrated Facility Licenses for the third time. Throughout 2023, there have been two separate holds placed on awarding licensing in the state of Alabama, one in June and one as recent as August, delaying licensing and production for nearly five months. After identifying issues with scoring and evaluation protocols and several lawsuits filed against them, AMCC opted to take more time to research and make sure all regulations are followed.

Cullman County's Wagon Trail Med-Serv CEO and President Joey Robertson said he believes the old application system is to blame for Wagon Trail Med-Serv receiving two consecutive denials in the licensing process.

"The downside to the initial application process was that everything was on paper and there was no way for the commission (AMCC) to do site visits and assess what was already on the ground," he said.

Applicants submitted information to the AMCC, and their information was sent to the University of South Alabama (USA) to be scored and evaluated in eight categories; those numbers were sent back to the AMCC, and a decision was based on the information provided by the applicant on the paper application and scores from USA.

After discovering these variables, AMCC began using a third party to recalculate applicants' scores and implemented a set of emergency rules in an effort to expedite the awarding of licenses.

The new emergency rules that AMCC adopted should allow licensing to be awarded.

They now allow applicants to submit and publicly plead their case in person before the AMCC, allowing commissioners to meet the hopeful operators.

Physical site visits have never been done, and Robertson said he believes that if the commissioners tasked with choosing which sites will be awarded licensing could see the maturity of Wagon Trail Med-Serv's operations, it could be a huge turning point in his business' chance at one of the five coveted licenses in the state.

"They have passed some emergency rules that will allow us to make a presentation in front of the commission. This will also allow us to submit videos of our existing facilities," Robertson said.

As The Tribune reported in August 2023, four of the five facilities that were originally awarded licenses do not have existing farms in place.

Said Robertson, "We now have our best chance to receive licensing because we are one of the only existing operations in the state of Alabama. We already have our cGMP status, which means we are operating the facilities to the standards they're asking for. It would take other operations years to get to that point."

The AMCC will evaluate presentations for Integrated Facility License applicants Dec. 4-8 in Montgomery and expects to award licenses on Dec. 12.

The commission will accept public comments in favor of or opposed to granting a license to a particular applicant through the AMCC website until Nov. 26. Learn more at www.amcc.alabama.gov.



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KNIGHT-FREE INSURANCE AGENCY

Nail (from Front)

details were given on the charges Nail is facing.

Crocker is advocating for community vigilance, encouraging anyone aware of corrupt activities to step forward.

Lauren Estes contributed to this story.

Cullman Regional (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Regional Medical Group has been ranked among the state's Top 5 Primary Care Services by Healthcare Business Review, a national business and technology magazine focused on the health care industry.

Cullman Regional Medical Group is the hospital's rapidly growing employed physician network, which is on track to add 23 new physicians, four of which are primary care providers, by the end of the year.

According to Healthcare Business Review, a growing demand for primary care is being fueled by an aging population, increasing chronic disease prevalence and a greater emphasis on preventive care. Combine these factors with the significant population growth in Cullman, and local access to physician care can become a challenge.

"All of our Medical Group clinics have been working really hard to provide high-quality care in a seamless and convenient way," said Lisa Courtney, Cullman Regional vice president of physician services. "We've added online appointment scheduling, a sophisticated electronic health record system, a dedicated call center and recruited top doctors from around the country." Cullman Regional Medical Group's award-winning primary care team includes three separate physician clinics. Two have recently relocated to accommodate a growing patient population and better meet patient expectations. The Internal & Family Medicine Clinic and Pediatric Clinic new location is on the hospital campus in Professional Office Building 3 on the ground floor.

"We went from an 11,000-square-foot clinic to more than 17,000 square feet," said Schinley Land, executive director of physician services at Cullman Regional. "I think patients are really going to appreciate all the things we're doing to make their experience with us even better."

The third Cullman Regional Medical Group primary care clinic is located at the hospital's outpatient medical campus on U.S. Highway 31 in Hartselle.

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Paw Prints: West Elementary showcases student publication

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Chatter and excitement rumbled throughout the student body at West Elementary School – this is Paw Prints Week. The week only happens twice a year when the West Elementary Paw Prints Magazine is published and available for purchase at the school. Paw Prints is a collective memory book of each semester- in magazine form.

Caroline Burress, West Elementary Library's instructional assistant, has been taking charge and involving students in the school's semiannual publication since 2019 when the previous faculty sponsor retired.

Principal Dr. Jay Page said, "Mrs. Burress does an outstanding job, and she motivates our students to be creative.

"Paw Prints is really a neat outlet for our students to show their creativity, and it showcases some of the great things we do at West Elementary; I am thankful for Mrs. Burress' commitment to Paw Prints."

"When Dr. Page asked me if I would like to do our Paw Prints in 2019, I was that 'deer in the headlights.' I have never done anything like this before," Burress said.

"I started out with a blank Word document and stared at it for a while just thinking."

Burress said she knew that in order to have a successful student magazine, students needed to be heavily involved as designers, authors and illustrators.

She said some students come and ask to create comics to be showcased in Paw Prints, while some students never ask to be included at all.

A few special students are asked to contribute each year; Burress asks them to prepare an article or a story for the magazine.

"They get nervous and surprised, but you know what? They can't wait to see what they did in the paper," she said.

Students, faculty and staff anticipate each edition's arrival at West; for the students, it is a bookbag-sized recollection of memories, and for teachers and staff, it's witnessing the growth of their students in black and white.

West Elementary Librarian Teresa Kelly said she has watched the students flourish with their involvement under Burress.

"Under Caroline's leadership, the newspaper has become a platform for the young minds at West Elementary to express themselves, share their stories and create a sense of community within the school," she said.

Each edition is designed by the students, for the students, documenting fun dress-up days and inside jokes from each grade.

The pages are bursting with quotes and pictures commemorating important days; stories and comics flow onto the pages and come to life from the minds of third and fourth graders.

Of course, creating an awesome magazine is the goal, but Burress said she hopes students take something else away, too.

"It gives them a new perspective on what they CAN achieve and do in life; it pushes them to be open to ideas and not hold back. I tell our students to have fun with it."

Cold Springs (from Front)

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BREMEN, Ala. — Tuesday was a special day at Cold Springs High School. After nearly two years of working and waiting, Cold Springs High celebrated the opening of its new gymnasium with a ribbon cutting and the new facility was packed with students and other Eagle supporters along with several County and County Schools representatives.

Cold Springs High School Principal Eric Dickerson had a lot of people to thank for their contributions to the project and is excited for the Cold Springs community to enjoy the new facility.

"I want to thank Dr. Barnette and Mr. Wayne Myrex and all the board members that made this possible 18 or 20 months ago. Without them allowing this project to go forward this would never have happened. Austin Hall and Nearen Construction did a fantastic job. Austin has gone above and beyond, and it goes far beyond what people can see," Dickerson said. "For anybody that has helped us in this process, I just want to say thank you. It might not have been today or in the last year, it might have been 20 years ago that you championed this cause, thank you, because no part of this was insignificant."

Cullman County Schools Superintendent Shane Barnette recalled the first time this project was mentioned to him and shared his perspective on the steps they took to see it completed.

"Eight years ago, when I first became superintendent, Mrs. Wendy Crider brought me to Cold Springs and told me 'We need a new gym' and I told her 'We have no money'," Barnette laughed. "So, we were looking at trying to remodel the old gym and several years later with the help of our board we started saving money, pinching pennies and doing things like that so that this could become a reality. Then we moved to Wayne (Myrex) becoming a school board member and I will tell you this, I know the guys who have been working on this project and Wayne has been in their ear since the very first day they broke ground. He's been an advocate for this school and if you haven't told him you appreciate him you need to be sure and do that. Anytime he would come to me, and I would bring it up to our school board to make decisions, they've supported you guys because all of you that are sitting in the stands and all of you that are standing that support this school are loved and appreciated. You're one of our smallest schools in our district, but you are loved just as much as every student in Cullman County Schools, and you now have probably the nicest gymnasium in north Alabama, and that's something you should be very proud of."

Lady Eagles Head Coach Tammy West has been coaching on the sideline inside Jesse George Gymnasium since 1992 and now she's looking forward to settling into the new facility. The Eagles and Lady Eagles will host their home openers in the new facility Friday night.

"I just want to thank everyone who helped make this happen. It was great just to see everybody's faces when they first walked in. The kids hadn't been in here yet and it's just great to see the excitement in the girls. They're so excited for Friday night and I'm excited for our whole community," West said. "It's really nice in here, we've got so much seating and we're going to make it home. It may take a little bit but we're going to make it home and I'm looking forward to it. We also plan on hanging a few more banners and finish decorating the walls."

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Sealed Proposals will be received by the City of Cullman Alabama until **10:00 AM CDT** on **December 6th, 2023,** and then publicly opened for **Surface Preparation/Maintenance, and Painting for Ground Water Storage Tank.** Please refer to specifications prior to submitting bids. No bids will be considered unless the bidder, whether resident or non-resident of Alabama, is properly qualified to submit a proposal for this equipment in accordance with all applicable laws of the State of Alabama. The bid documents and or specifications may be obtained by contacting **Ed Chapman – 251-442-5911 – ed@chap-ts.com** or **Erica York (City of Cullman) – 256-775-7112 – eyork@cullmanal.gov**. Specifications will be delivered in electronic format. No bids will be accepted unless they have requested specifications on or before the bid deadline. **Latest Date to Request Bid Documents: November 29th, 2023.** Issued by: Ed Chapman, Partner, Chapman Technical Services, LLC.

Legal Notice

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JOE ALAN MEAD, Deceased. * **CASE NO.: PC2023-271**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to DAPHNE MEAD, as Personal Representative of the Estate of JOE ALAN MEAD deceased, on the 24th day of October, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Daphne Mead
Personal Representative

Melvin Hasting
Attorney for Personal Representative
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Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * CASE NO.: PC 2023-319
MARY LOU CRIGGER *
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary have been granted to **Daniel Joseph Crigger,** as Personal Representative of the Estate Mary Lou Crigger, deceased, on the 30th day of October, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County.

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

DANIEL JOSEPH CRIGGER
Personal Representative of the Estate of
Mary Lou Crigger, deceased

Douglas C. Martinson, II, Esq.
Martinson & Beason, P.C.
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF RUTH MARIE WILLIS, Deceased. * **CASE NO.: PC2023-327**

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: CAROL SUE MEAD, NANCY BEAM, BRENDA YARBROUGH, MARTINA RODGERS, BILLY RAY EVANS, MARGARET STINSON, BRITTANY EVANS, MARK ALLEN EVANS, JOHNNA WOOTEN, EVELYN HUBBARD, WALTER EVANS, FRANCIS M. EVANS, PATSY SWIDER, DEREK EVANS, KENT EVANS

ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Please take notice that a hearing on the *Petition for Probate of Will* filed by Steven C. Smith, Attorney for The Estate of Ruth Marie Willis, is set for hearing on the **25th day of January, 2024, at 10:30 am**. Before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

Done this the 7th day of November, 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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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO. SM 2023 – 900926

HARMONY MOBILE HOME PARK, LLC

Plaintiff,

v.

ALICIA ACKLIN,

Defendant.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Please take notice that a Summons and Complaint in the above-styled matter was filed by Plaintiff, Harmony Mobile Home Park, LLC, in the District Court of Cullman County, Alabama, on September 27, 2023. Attempt has been made to serve the Defendant, Alicia Acklin, with the Summons and Complaint by Certified U.S. Mail at the last known addresses of the Defendant, 2820 County Road 702, Lot 5, Hanceville, AL 35077. Please be advised that Alicia Acklin, as the named Defendant, has thirty (30) days from the last date of publication to contest said Complaint and must do so by filing a written response with the Cullman County Clerk of Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055 and with Plaintiff's Attorney, Shay Persall, Shay Persall Law, LLC, 611 7th Street SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

Done this 7th day of November, 2023.

LISA McSWAIN, CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

/s/ Shay Persall
Attorney for Plaintiff
SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

MARQUITA SHARAE GREEN,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **25-DR-2023-900161.00**

RODNEY D. WILSON,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Rodney D. Wilson, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Marquita Sharae Green's Complaint for Divorce by December 18, 2023 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2023-900161.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 17th day of October, 2023.

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
KALIF R. GREEN
287 WOOLEY ROAD
HANCEVILLE, AL 35077

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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 * CASE NO PC 2023-321
NICHOLAS J. PISACRITA, JR., *
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF THE WILL AND AMENDED PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: NICHOLAS J. PISACRITA, III, ELIZABETH ANN KALEEL, PETER PISACRITA, BRANDON PISACRITA, JORDAN PISACRITA, COREY PISACRITA AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTEREST PARTIES

Petition for Probate of Will filed and made court record the 5th day of October, 2023, by Elizabeth Allie Pisacrita, to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Nicholas J. Pisacrita, Jr., deceased, by and through Attorney, Beverly Paschal Poston has been scheduled for the **25th day of January, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

All persons 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 3rd day of November, 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

Beverly Paschal Poston
Attorney for Petitioner
200 First Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2023-355

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF LINDA HANEY, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Virginia Sarah Roberts on the 31st day of October, 2023, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Virginia Sarah Roberts
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for the Estate
Smith & Smith, LLP
P. O. Box 398
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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF)
)
WILLIAM EDWARD CHECKON,) CASE NO.: PC-2023-282
An alleged incapacitated person.

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF CONSERVATORSHIP AND GUARDIANSHIP

TO: MICHAEL CHECKON, MARYANN CHECKON, HELEN VOLOCH
ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Please take notice that a *Petition for Letters of Conservatorship and Guardianship* has been filed by Carol E. Hulgan, Petitioner, by and through Attorney, Richard L. Collins. A hearing on said *Petition for Letter of Conservatorship and Guardianship* has been **SET FOR THE 6th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023, AT 9:30 A.M.**, Cullman County Courthouse, Probate Office Room 101, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this 25th day of October, 2023.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

Richard L. Collins
Attorney for Petitioner
PO Box 669
Cullman, Alabama 35056

Alvin (from Front)

Cayla Grace Murphy
caylagrace@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — Alvin, an approximately 4-month-old male Labrador mix with a creamy ivory coat, is available for adoption at Cullman County Animal Shelter.

Alvin is a low-to-medium energy kind of guy who is in touch with his sensitive side. He finds solace in his day-to-day routine in the presence of human company and prefers to keep them in his sight. Alvin lives up to his name meaning "noble friend," and should he detect that something is amiss, he'll sit beside you and let a soft howl loose to let you know you aren't alone.

While Alvin is currently slender and perhaps even a bit lanky, he's slowly putting on some much-needed pounds and will shape up to be a healthy growing boy. Shelter advocate Donna Ruttkay described Alvin as a "rough and tough cream puff" who exudes happiness and finds comfort in your company.

Are you ready to bring Alvin home? 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.

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Holly Pond (from Front)

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — The Holly Pond Town Council on Monday evening voted to increase hours at the town's senior center as the county-appointed director C.C. Cannon moves from part-time to full-time. Cannon told the council and audience – several of whom spoke up during public comment time in support of the center and its director – that the Cullman County Commission on Aging is moving all center directors to full-time. The council voted unanimously to accept increased utility expenses and open the center from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. daily, beginning immediately.

Cannon told the council that her increased hours will include more outreach to area companies and businesses, to increase donations and support for the center and community seniors.

Other council business

The council passed a motion to purchase three automated external defibrillator (AED) units, along with extra child-sized chest pads and storage cabinets for each unit, at a total cost of $4,660.11. The units will be placed at the Guy Hunt Library, senior center and ball field.

The council also approved up to $3,000 for the installation of carpet in the ball field batting cages.

Mayor Carla Hart told the council that she has addressed the problem of cars backing up on Brooklyn Road before afternoon school pickup, and various plans for rerouting traffic are being discussed.

The concern is the potential hazard to movement on the road in the event of an emergency.

Hart also told the council and audience that Holly Pond's annual Luminaries in the Park celebration will be held from 5:30-7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2, in Governors Park. Anyone interested in purchasing a luminary or participating in the event should contact Kay Stewart at 256-709-2974.

The Holly Pond Town Council meets in the Guy Hunt Library conference room at 6 p.m. on the first Monday of each month. The public is invited to attend.

Obituary Announcements: Nov. 7-8

Alice Fay Dunn, 82
Alice Fay Dunn, 82, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Nov. 6, 2023. She was born on Sept. 24, 1941, in Winston County, Alabama, to the late Weldon and Fannie McGriff. Alice was a talented seamstress who dedicated more than 40 years of her life to her craft. She had a passion for sewing and spent countless hours creating beautiful garments. In addition to love for sewing, Alice also had a green thumb and enjoyed tending to her garden. Alice will be dearly missed by her sons, John T. Dunn and Kevin W Dunn; grandsons, Logan T. Dunn and Adam W. Dunn; and granddaughter, Lauren E. Dunn. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, of 54 years, John R. Dunn and her sisters, Flonell Bates and Melinda Schmuck. Alice found solace and community at Mt. Vernon Primitive Baptist, where she worshipped. Her faith was an important aspect of her life, providing her with strength and guidance. Alice will be remembered for her kind and gentle spirit, her talent with a needle and thread, her love for all things green, and her caregiving. She leaves behind a legacy of love and creativity that will be cherished by all who knew her. A celebration of life visitation will be held Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2023, at Moss Service Funeral Home the family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. A funeral service will be held at Moss Service Funeral Home on Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023, at 10 a.m. to honor Alice's life. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to be made in Alice's memory to Mt. Vernon Primitive Baptist Church. May Alice's soul rest in eternal peace.

Helen Rose Johnson, 72
Funeral service for Helen Rose Johnson, age 72, of Vinemont, will be Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home chapel, with Bro. Johnny Bennefield officiating. Family will welcome friends from noon until 2 p.m. Interment will follow at Ebenezer Cemetery, with Bro. Paul Rivers officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Johnson passed from this life on Monday, Nov. 6, 2023. She was born Feb. 2, 1951, to Richard Carbon Todd and Dora Bessie Burney Todd. She is preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Annette Waddell; sisters, Margie Cordes, Ginger Dickens, Laquita Hutchens, Bonnetta Rainey; brother, Anthony Todd. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Kermit Johnson; daughter, Janet Turner (Carl Evans), Rachel Johnson (Eric Watson); son-in-law, Tim Waddell; eight grandchildren, Josh Waddell, Coty Waddell (Maggie), Blake (Farrah) Wilhite, Chazz (Kim) Wilhite, Brandi Turner (Jared Watson), Noah (Rhyan) Edwards, Jessica (Kazzie) Wilson, Hannah Brown; thirteen great-grandchildren and one on the way. Helen is well remembered by family for her love of sewing, crafts, and flowers. She so loved being with her family during the holidays and spoiling her grandchildren every chance she got. She will be very missed by all who knew and loved her. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Wyndell Douglas Williams, 74
Memorial services are incomplete at this time for Wyndell Douglas Williams, 74, of Vinemont. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Williams passed from this life on Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023. He was born Aug. 13, 1949, to Robert Edward Williams and Orilla Mae Vaughn Williams. He is preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Martha Williams, and Nelda Fay Cook. He is survived by his son, Gary Williams; daughter, Jennifer Thomas; brother, Darroll (Frances) Williams, Edward Williams; sister, Linda (Donald) Skinner; grandchildren. Mr. Williams is well remembered for his years playing Santa Claus, his love of truck farming, music and videos. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Billy Ronald Holcomb, 72
Memorial services are incomplete at this time for Billy Ronald Holcomb, 72, of Cullman. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Holcomb passed from this life on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023. He was born Dec. 7, 1950, to Juddy William Holcomb and Stella Mae McCormick Holcomb. He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Peggy Holcomb; son, Ronald Holcomb; grandson, Hunter Holcomb He is survived by his daughters, Anita and Rachel; brothers, Charles Holcomb, and Larry (Anda) Holcomb; sister, Joyce Day; six grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews. Mr. Holcomb is well remembered for his years of playing chess and his love of reading about Bobby Fisher. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

James Cobb, 90
Funeral services for James Cobb, 90, of Garden City, will be 2 p.m., Friday, Nov. 10, 2023, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Garden City Cemetery. Visitation will be prior to the service on Friday from noon until 2 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Cobb was born Jan. 31, 1933, in Cullman, Alabama. He passed away Nov. 6, 2023, in Garden City, Alabama. He was a dedicated church member for over 40 years at Garden City Church of God. He was a loving son, father, and grandfather. Mr. Cobb found joy in tinkering with lawn mowers. He also had a passion for older model trucks. With one truck, all it needed was a battery. His passion for western movies and his favorite recliner created a tapestry of cherished memories. Survivors include his wife, Mildred Cobb; and his daughters, Denise Ozier (John), and Vickie Szarmach (Matthew); grandchildren, Justin Ozier (Courtney), Brittany North (Chris), Debi Kiley (Wayne) and Sherry Little; and five great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, L.T. and Pearl Cobb, Mr. Cobb was preceded in death by his daughter, Patricia Little; and five sisters, and two brothers.

Deborah Davis, 63
Funeral services for Deborah Davis, 63, of Cullman will be 11 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Mt. Zion Cemetery in Vinemont, Alabama. Visitation will be Wednesday, Nov. 8, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Ms. Davis was born Nov. 17, 1959, in Miami, Florida. She passed away Nov. 4, 2023, in Cullman, Alabama. Ms. Davis is survived by her children, Marcus Barfield, Cassatina Hyde, Larissa Watson (Jason), and Sarah Davis; stepson, Roger Davis Jr.; siblings, James Barfield Jr., Rodney Barfield (Melinda), Laura Fuller (Roger); eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, James and Maebelle Barfield, Ms. Davis was preceded in death by her son, Bobby Barfield; granddaughter, Memorie Laird; and her brother John Delton Barfield.

Julian Fields, 68
Funeral services for Julian Fields will be 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023, at Pleasant Grove Church in Colony, Alabama. Visitation for the public will be from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at Pleasant Grove Church on Saturday. The interment will follow the service in the adjoining cemetery. Julian Thomas Fields Sr. was born on Aug. 9, 1955, to Hobson and Mollie Fields in Cullman, Alabama. Julian attended Hanceville High School. Julian was employed with Nicholson File for over 30 years until retirement. Julian became a member of the Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church Colony Alabama. Julian was an avid Auburn Football fan. Julian joined in matrimony to Joyce Marie Twitty Fields on Sept. 4, 2003. He was preceded in death by his parents Hobson and Mollie Fields, and his loving bother, Charles Andrew Fields. He leaves to cherish his memories: a loving wife, Joyce Marie Fields; daughters, Daphene (Ronald) Howell, Ieshia (Micheal) Miller, Tasia Harris, Jaketta Ollison, and Mariah Twitty; one son, Julian Fields, Jr; one sister Sylvia (William) Robinson; one brother Rachel (Shirley) Fields, six grandchildren Jon'Neisha (Terell)Bouie, Solonkia(Jessica)Pride, Ty'Seiana Graham, Zacoya Pride, Tevon Lewis, and Tevion'ta Lewis, and six great-grandchildren and uncles and aunts and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

John Paul Wilhite, 82
John Paul Wilhite, age 82, of Vinemont, Alabama passed away on Monday, Nov. 6, 2023. John was born in Cullman, Alabama on Jan. 4, 1941, to Delbert and Louise Poole Wilhite. He is preceded in death by his precious wife of 61 years: Betty Wilhite, brother: Gary Wilhite and his parents. A Celebration of Life Funeral Services will be held on Friday, Nov. 10, 2023, at 1 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel with Kenny Lee officiating. Interment will be in Corinth West Cemetery in the Battleground community. Survivors are: sons: Paul (Karen) Wilhite, Terry (Wendy) Wilhite, brother: Darrell (Connie) Wilhite, grandchildren: Daniel Wilhite, Kari (Kalen) Elam, Peyton Wilhite, Maddie Wilhite and Eli (Kristen) Wilhite. Visitation will be on Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023, from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Wilhite family.

Olen Carter, 80, of Cullman
Memorial service for Olen Carter, age 80, of Cullman, will be Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Cullman Funeral Home chapel, with B.J. Shelton officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Carter passed from this life on Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2023. He was born Nov. 7, 2023, to Wilbert Carter and Omie Denton Carter. He is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Clovis Frederick. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Virginia Carter; son, Whitney Carter; daughter, Cynthia Adams; step-daughter, Robin (Sean) McCaw; grandchildren, Blake Adams, Hanna McCaw, Zachary McCaw, honorary grandchild, Ben Judah Shelton. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

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