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Cullman Library Board discusses increased security following recent trespass

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Library Board met on Wednesday, Jan. 24, to discuss potential new security measures on the heels of a recent trespass being issued.

Cullman County Public Library Circulation Manager Laura Benton said an unhoused regular library patron who had been visiting the library since September had recently begun exhibiting erratic behavior about once a week, beginning in November.

"We told him about The Link (of Cullman County) and encouraged him to take regular show- » PAGE 5



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Attending members of the Cullman County Public Library Board are seen at its regular meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 24; left to right are Drew Green, Jill Meggs and Brenda Scott. Member Tanya Allcorn attended via phone.

Cullman City School Board honors Gunter, Bowen



CAYLA GRACE MURPHY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Miranda Gunter, left, and Cassie Bowen, right, were recognized as Cullman City Schools 2024 Teachers of the Year at the Cullman City School Board's meeting Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City School Board recognized two educators as 2024 Teachers of the Year at its regular meeting that had been rescheduled to Tuesday, Jan. 23 due to the previous week's ice storms.

"It is my honor tonight to recognize our two 2024 school system teachers of the year," said Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff, calling Cullman Middle School English Teacher Cassie Bowen and West Elementary Gifted Program Teacher Miranda Gunter to come forward to receive a bouquet and a round of applause.

Kallhoff touched on each teacher's accomplishments, noting the dedication that each educator has demonstrated over her years with Cullman City Schools and sharing that both educators serve in different areas of each school, noting Bowen's involvement as an interventionist for students with dyslexia and Gunter's long career in different capacities with Cullman City Schools.

In other business, the board:

• Approved November 2023 financial report. Of note, there has been a 20% decrease in sales » PAGE 6

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Vinemont High InSPIRESS Team recognized for Overall Division A win



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Vinemont High School InSPIRESS Team members share about their project that landed them Overall Winner for Division A at Cullman County Board of Education's meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024. Left to right are Vinemont High School teacher and InSPIRESS Sponsor Shannon Bridges, Emma Smith, Rylan McCray, Tatum Brown, Jackson Lamon and Jake Hale. » PAGE 2

PREP VOLLEYBALL
Fairview's Redding signs with Bevill State



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Fairview Aggies standout Kabri Redding signed her letter of intent to continue her academic and athletic career at Bevill State Wednesday morning.

PET OF THE WEEK
Take a walk with Walker James



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Jan. 24

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Jan. 24, 2024. 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

Jan. 22

- person; harassment
- criminal mischief-3rd degree; person; Hays Dr. NW; damage to 2017 Toyota Camry; $300

Jan. 23

- breaking entering motor vehicle; criminal mischief-2nd degree; Cullman Overhead Door & Glass; 3rd Ave. SW; damage to 2003 Dodge; $2,000
- breaking entering motor vehicle; Car Mart; Brantley Ave. NW; wheel and tire; $453
- theft of property-4th degree; person; Dialsdale Ln. SW; mail
- leaving scene of accident; person; Hwy. 69 at Hwy. 278; damage to 2019 Buick; $1,000
- leaving scene of accident; person; 3rd St. SE at 1st Ave. SE; damage to 2013 Jeep; $600
- burglary-2nd degree; breaking entering motor vehicle; person; 3rd Ave. SE; miscellaneous

ARRESTS

Jan. 22 – 23

Lavigne, Brandi L.; 47

- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- switched tag

Rhodes, Brandy L.; 33

- FTA- possession drug paraphernalia
- FTA- no tag light
- FTA- fail to signal

Harris, Kathryn; 38

- chemical endangerment of child

Forman, Makayla R.; 27

- retail theft of property

Needham, Kenneth C.; 52

- FTA- theft of property-4th degree

Swann Jr., Johnny G.; 42

- theft of property-4th degree

England, James B.; 25

- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- driving without license
- FTA- expired tag

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Vinemont (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Vinemont High School InSPIRESS Team was the guest of honor at the Cullman County Board of Education's regular meeting that was rescheduled due to the previous week's ice storms. Members of the team, including Emma Smith, Rylan McCray, Tatum Brown, Jackson Lamon and Jake Hale, briefly described their project, with staff sponsor and Vinemont High School teacher Shannon Bridges proudly declaring that their project garnered a first-place and overall win for Division A, beating out several charter and math and science schools.

"InSPIRESS is a collaboration with UAH and NASA. UAH designs the program and mission, and NASA funds it. The students must design a payload to a destination in space.

"They have to design the payload and calculate the math and physics that go into it. There are several things they have to do for their project," explained Bridges, sharing that over the last semester members of the InSPIRESS Team performed education outreach with students at Vinemont Elementary, managed social media platforms and wrote a nine-page paper for the project.

Most impressively, the students performed a final review for a team of NASA engineers.

The review is a formal presentation to convince NASA that their payload is the best, and convince they did, with Vinemont High's InSPIRESS team's payload and mission concept bringing home the gold.

"One brag – in their division (were) charter schools and science and math schools. And they beat all of those schools!" Bridges smiled, as the meeting attendees applauded the efforts of the students.

In other business, the board approved:

- Request to pay Jessica Gorham, Cortney Myrex, Charles Nelson, Chandler Nunn, Anna Pace, and Leah D. Sapp each $25 per hour for assisting in the production of the 2024 Cullman County Basketball Tournament live stream, paid by Cullman County basketball tournament sponsorship revenue.

- Request from Good Hope Middle School to pay Wesley Waters $500 for additional football coaching duties, paid by Good Hope Middle Quarterback Club.

- Request from Vinemont High School to pay Crystal Mayo $1,000 for concession stand work for the 2023 volleyball season, paid by local school funds.

- Request from West Point Middle School to pay Bethany Dingler $1,000 and Jon Bryant Farley $1,000 for assisting with middle school boys and girls basketball, paid by local school funds.

- Request from West Point Middle School to pay Sarah Stock $500 for working the gate for the 2023 middle school basketball season, paid by local school funds.

- Request from West Point High School to pay Shannon Anderson $1,500 for additional duties worked during the first semester of the 2023-2024 school year, paid by local school funds.

- Request from West Point High School to pay the following for additional football coaching duties, paid by local school funds: Justin Cornelius - $1,500, Don Farley- $1,500, Jon Bryant Farley- $1,500, Donald Lynn- $1,500, Phillip Miller- $1,500, Nick White- $1,500.

- 2023-2024 Afterhours Programs and Personnel (personnel paid by local school funds): Fairview Elementary; Teachers $20 per hour, Lisa Andrews; Subs $20 per hour, Kristy Harris.

- The following Before and After School Tutors to be paid $40 per hour effective January 3, 2024, paid by ESSER: Good Hope Middle, Hailey Kilpatrick

- Out-of-state field trip requests:
  - Fairview High School, March 22, 2024, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Person in charge: Nathan Kilgo. Group/class: Fairview Band. Method: charter bus
  - West Point High School, March 3, 2024, Orlando, Florida. Group/class: Middle and High School Band. Method: private vehicle. Reason: Invited to march in Universal Orlando Stars Parade.

- Financial statements from November 2023 (copy on file with CSFO).

- Surplus and sale at auction of 32 buses.

- Approval of request from the Cullman County Education Association-Active (CCEA) for two days professional leave for members to attend Minority and Women's Leadership Training Seminar in Baltimore, Maryland on January 25th & 26th. CCEA Active will pay for the substitutes and seminar expenses. Members attending include Connie Hilton, Marlene Hancock, Carol Cline, Jennifer James and Lynn Bradford.

The next regularly scheduled Cullman County Board of Education meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 15, at the Cullman Area Technology Academy. Work session begins at 3:30 p.m. with meeting following immediately after.

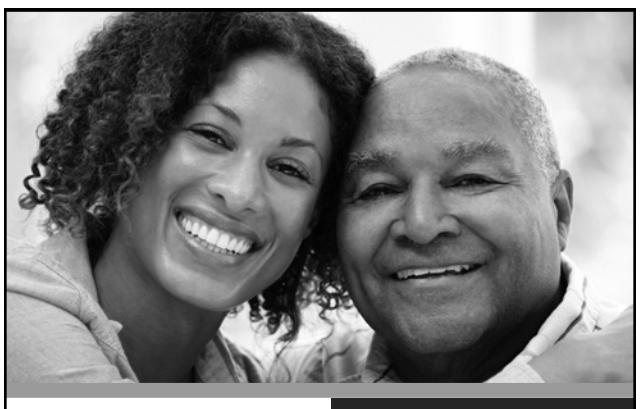
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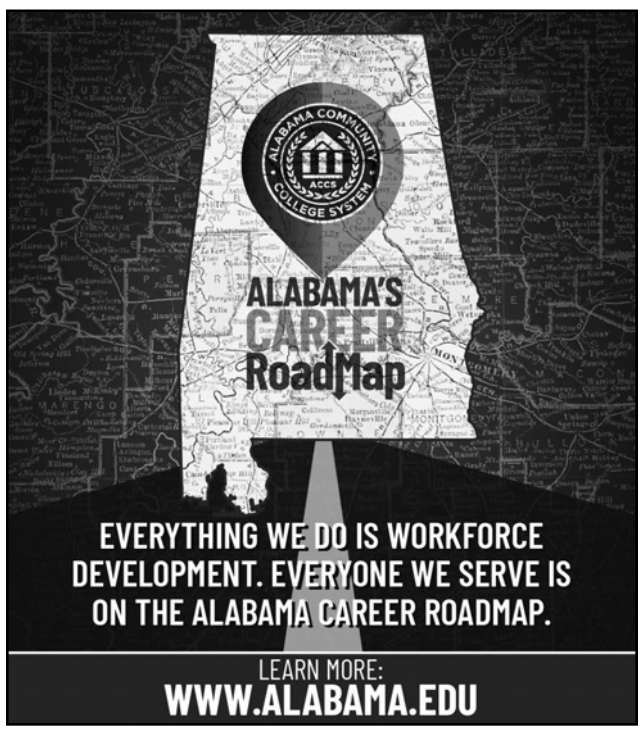
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Calling All Young Singers!
Cullman Community Young Singers (CCYS) is looking for YOU! All young singers (ages 8-15) are invited to join us on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-4:45 at the Little House at Art Park, 1031 Second St. SW in Cullman. No auditions, 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, Jan. 26- 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. Childcare provided!
• Saturday, Jan. 27 – 9- 11 a.m. Drive-through food bank
• Sunday, Jan. 28 - 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, Jan. 28 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call Guy Sunter at 727-215-9092 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise & worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11. Church meeting at 5 p.m.

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
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Fairview Lions Club Bean Supper
Saturday, Jan. 27, from 4-7 p.m. at Fairview Town Hall, 7525 Alabama Highway 69 N. Beans, cornbread, onions and drink for $6. With a dessert $7. Eat in or carry out. All proceeds will go to the Fairview Lions Club project fund. For more information call William at 256-385-5596 or Kita at 256-385-8805.

19th Annual Empty Bowls of Cullman County Chili Dinner
Monday, Feb. 19, from 4-6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church. Featuring fun, fellowship, chili by Three Guys, grilled cheese sandwiches, handmade pottery bowls, silent auction and live Southern Gospel music. Special guest emcee Nate Williams from WXJC 101.1. Eat in, carry out or drive through. Tickets are $15 and are available at Cullman Caring for Kids and First United Methodist Church. Proceeds will benefit the Cullman Caring for Kids food bank.

Walker James (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Walker James, an approximately 2-year-old male Husky with a rustic ebony and cream coat and stunning heterochromatic eyes, is available for adoption at Cullman County Animal Shelter.

Walker James is clinging to his puppy years, maintaining a medium energy level that is just right for his breed. He enjoys a good romp in the recreation area of the shelter, and his antics are sure to inspire a laugh or two! He spends his time outdoors by frolicking to and fro, enjoying the best that life has to give him at the moment.

Walker James is a respectful fellow, with a good understanding of boundaries. He is a true lover of life, and his positive attitude is sure to lift yours should you need a boost. His winsome personality and upbeat outlook on life give him all the trappings to make him the ideal therapy or companion animal!

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COUNTY BASKETBALL TOURNAMET

Holly Pond advances to semifinals with 62-59 OT win over Hanceville

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — A varsity boys' matchup between the Holly Pond Broncos and Hanceville Bulldogs capped Tuesday night's county tournament action and four quarters weren't enough for these two squads to settle things. The score was knotted at 17 at halftime and after the Bulldogs pulled ahead late in the fourth quarter, The Broncos rallied to tie the game at 51 and send us to overtime. Hanceville was able to keep the game tied early in the overtime period but eventually the Broncos managed to take a lead and create some separation, holding up on the defensive end in the final seconds to secure a 62-59 win over the Bulldogs.

A three-pointer from JT Davis and a mid-range jumper from Noah Jones gave the Bulldogs an early, 5-0 lead over Holly Pond and Jones later sank a pair of free throws to make it a 7-0 game. Kollin Brown split a pair of free throws and Boston Gibbs knocked down a couple from the line to trim the lead to 7-3.

Two more free throws from Brown and Gibbs made it a 7-5 game midway through the first but Jake Cornelius knocked down a free throw and Peyton Twilley laid one in to keep Hanceville ahead 10-5.

Brown hit a pair of free throws to bring the lead down to 10-7 and after Noah Douglas split a pair from the line to make it 11-7, Brown hit three of his next four from the charity stripe to cut the lead to 11-10.

The Broncos made their move after that, taking a 14-11 lead into the second quarter after two baskets from Cade Allbright in the final 30 seconds of the first.

Gibbs netted a free throw to add to the lead early in the second but a Braxton Broad basket on the other trimmed Holly Pond's lead to 15-13. Allbright scored inside to keep the Broncos in front 17-13 midway through the second quarter, but Konnor Helms sank a pair of free throws and Broad turned a steal into an easy basket just before the end of the period to tie things up at 17 at the halftime break.

Helms took a steal the other way for an easy basket to give Hanceville a 19-17 lead at the start of the third and Davis added a free throw to make it 20-17. Jones buried a three to put the Bulldogs on top 23-17 and after a pair of Gibbs free throws on the other end, Cornelius scored off a turnover to keep Hanceville in front 25-19. Twilley scored inside to give the Bulldogs a 27-21 lead later in the period and he knocked down a three on Hanceville's next possession to make it a 30-23 game. Drake Bentley hit a pair of free throws to make it 32-23 but Brown netted his next four attempts from the line to trim the lead to 32-27. Cornelius added a free throw on the other end to build the lead back up to six and Bentley laid one in just before the buzzer to put Hanceville in front 35-27 at the start of the fourth quarter.

Twilley nailed a three to give the Bulldogs a 38-27 lead and Davis scored off a turnover to make it a 40-29 game but baskets from Brown and Carson Ryan cut the lead to 40-33 with four minutes to play. Brown scored through a foul and tacked on the free throw to make it a 4-point game, but Helms answered with his own and-one play on the other end to keep Hanceville ahead 43-36. Brown hit two more free throws for Holly Pond and Noah Douglas laid one in for the Bulldogs to make it a 45-38 game. Helms exchanged baskets with Sawyer Olinger to make it 47-41 with less than two minutes on the clock.

Another basket from Helms and a pair of free throws from Davis gave Hanceville a 51-43 lead with just over a minute to play but a three-pointer by Ryan and a free throw from Allbright cut the lead to 51-47. Olinger laid one in with 23 seconds remaining to make it a 2-point game but after a technical foul was called on Hanceville, Brown stepped up and knocked down both foul shots to tie the game at 51 with seven seconds on the clock and send us to overtime.

Brown and Helms exchanged baskets to keep the score tied at 53 early in the overtime period. Brown then sank three of his next four free throw attempts to give the Broncos a 56-53 lead and after a score by Bentley on the other end, Brown buried a three from the left wing to put Holly Pond on top 61-55. Helms hit four of his next five free throw attempts to bring the lead to down 61-59 with just over 30 seconds remaining but Olinger tacked on one more free throw to make it 62-59 and the Broncos held on the defensive end to secure a hard-fought, dramatic 62-59 win over Hanceville.

Brown led all scorers with 35 points in the win and Gibbs finished with 12. Helms led the way for Hanceville with 16 points in the loss.

Holly Pond will be back in action Friday night at 7:30 to take on West Point or Cold Springs in the varsity boys' semifinals.

COUNTY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Cold Springs advances to semifinals with 65-27 win over Hanceville

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Cold Springs and Hanceville faced off in the first varsity matchup of this year's county tournament Monday night and the Lady Eagles secured a spot in the semifinals with a dominant performance. Cold Springs went into the locker room at halftime leading 32-18 and cruised past the Lady Bulldogs in the second half to wrap up a 65-27 win.

Aaliyah Twitty split a pair of free throws to give the Lady Bulldogs a 1-0 start but back to back three-pointers by Maci Brown on the other end put Cold Springs in front 6-1.

Baskets by Ciara Calvert and Malaya Taylor stretched the lead to 10-1 before Alex Twitty knocked down a three to cut the lead to six.

Calvert exchanged three-pointers with Piper Butts to make it a 13-7 game later in the period and after another basket by Taylor, Ella Bruer drained a three to keep the Lady Eagles in front 18-7.

Calvert laid one in to make it 20-7 but Mattie Keith scored a pair of baskets for Hanceville in the final seconds of the first to trim the lead to 20-11 going into the second.

Bruer's next three-pointer put Cold Springs ahead 23-11 early in the second quarter and after Aaliyah Twitty hit a pair of free throws, Kate Sterling exchanged baskets with Taylor to make it a 25-15 game. Bruer buried another three to stretch the lead to 28-15 and Taylor laid one in to give the Lady Eagles a 15-point lead midway through the second.

Aaliyah Twitty hit three of her next four free throws to trim the lead to 12 but Taylor got one more shot to fall before the end of the period to put Cold Springs in front 32-18 at the halftime break.

A pair of Ella Dickerson baskets gave the Lady Eagles a 36-18 lead early in the third quarter and three-pointers by Bruer and Brown made it a 42-21 game. Dickerson knocked down another three to make it 45-21 and Taylor laid one in to extend the lead to 47-21. Paizley Whitlow drilled a three later in the period to put Cold Springs ahead 52-27 and Dickerson added a free throw in the final minute of the third to give the Lady Eagles an imposing, 53-27 advantage going into the fourth.

Taylor scored the first six points of the final frame to build the Cold Springs lead up to 59-27. Bruer's fifth three-pointer of the night made it a 62-27 game and she buried another three in the final 30 seconds of the game to cap a dominant, 65-27 win over Hanceville.

Taylor and Bruer each finished with 18 points in the win and Dickerson added 10. Aaliyah Twitty led the Lady Bulldogs with 10 points in the loss.

The Lady Eagles will be back on the court Thursday night to take on either West Point or Fairview in the semifinals.



JAILA ECKLEBERRY

Cold Springs' Malaya Taylor led the Lady Eagles with 18 points in their 65-27 win over Hanceville Monday night.

Member (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Some residents may only know the Cullman Lions Club as the "people at the fair," but its reach and efforts across the county are so much greater than support of the Cullman County Fair each year.

The Cullman Lions Club was founded in 1954 by Powell Blair, T.L. Harless, Thurman Harris and James H. Smith. Just 33 years after the chapter was founded, the exclusively male Lions Club International voted to allow women to join its ranks. Although the Lions Branch Club (formerly known as the Lioness Club) is available for female membership, it was 36 years before a woman joined the Cullman Lions Club. On Tuesday, Jan. 23, Dean Twilley's membership was transferred from the all-female Lions Branch Club to the Cullman Lions Club. Twilley is the first woman to sit on the club's roster, pay yearly dues and operate as a full-fledged member.

Ginger Hogeland, president of the Cullman Lions Branch Club, said she is excited that Twilley decided to make the jump. Said Hogeland, "Dean Twilley's decision to transition from our all-women Lions Branch Club to the Cullman Lions Club (parent club) is a testament to her dedication and commitment to breaking down traditional barriers. Her move symbolizes the ongoing journey towards inclusivity and diversity within our Lions community. As we bid farewell to Dean Twilley, we celebrate her commitment to Lionism and look forward to continued collaboration with our parent club, fostering a stronger and more diverse Lions family."

Twilley, a longtime member of the Lions Branch Club, said she felt a calling that she needed to reach a larger audience for her community involvement. The mingling of the sexes at meetings isn't uncommon, but instead welcome and encouraged. Twitty noted that Lions often sit in on the branch club's meetings and vice versa; while the Lions Branch Club is also a philanthropic civic organization, the reach of the branch club isn't anywhere near as encompassing as the larger parent club.

"I decided I wanted to be on a bigger scale. It was a door that needed to be opened; it probably should have been done before now," she said. "I just felt led to do it. There was no woman on their roster and that needed to change."

Her calling to remove barriers and challenge what had been the "norm" for so many years paid off. Twilley asked to have her membership transferred, and within hours the deed was done.

"We had a board meeting with the men After they handled their business, I let them know that I wanted to transfer my membership from the branch to the parent club. I sent the official email last night (Jan. 22) and got the response this morning from the secretary that he had changed my paperwork and gotten me into Lions Club International," said Twilley. On the support from her new Lion family, she chuckled as she said, "A lot of them have reached out. They already sent me a bill for my dues."



DEAN TWILLEY

Dean Twilley, formerly of the Lions Branch Club, successfully transferred her membership to the branch club's parent company, Lions Club International, making Twilley the first woman to be listed on the Cullman Lions Club roster.

Cullman Council (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council on Monday offered praise for the response of multiple City departments to last week's ice storm, noting speed of action and rapid returns to normal operations.

Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism shut down for part of the week, but had its WildWater aqua park open in time for the annual Polar Bear Plunge last Saturday. The Power Board called for power conservation and suspended electrical cutoffs, while crews worked to restore power.

Garbage pickup was postponed, but according to Councilman Johnny Cook, by 2 p.m. last Friday all residential and commercial routes were caught up.

Cook, presiding in the absence of Council President Jenny Folsom, also commended the Street Department for applying brine to city streets, and the Water Department for quickly repairing broken pipes.

Mayor Woody Jacobs commended Police Chief David Nassetta for taking direct charge of traffic operations downtown for a while, adding praise for City workers and even residents who joined in the effort to free stuck vehicles.

"It's kind of fun to see a community come together," said Jacobs, "and our departments did. (Cullman Fire Rescue) Chief (Brian) Bradberry, he was sweating bullets because there were some areas that you just couldn't really get in and out of well, and if somebody was to have a fire in those areas, he was doing what he should have been doing; he was trying to come up with, you know, plan A, plan B, and hoping that nothing happened.

"And we were pretty fortunate; I don't think we had anything happen in some of those areas.

"And then as quick as we could, we got some of those places passable. But it really, as they said, all departments, those guys were life saving."

Jacobs later continued, "I know Chief Bradberry and they were running about twice the normal call volume that y'all would normally run, and it was tough to get out there and do some of that stuff.

"So really couldn't be more proud. Been out and about, and a lot of people, citizens, are very thankful for all that the different departments did."

Schools were closed all week when the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday was followed by the winter storm. Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff, attending the meeting to give a quarterly report on the system, thanked City services for keeping him informed about conditions so he could make decisions for student safety while being confined to home due to road conditions around his neighborhood.

Jacobs concluded that he was "very proud of our citizens and all of our City employees, people that came in to work.

"Some of them couldn't, but the ones that did, I didn't hear anybody bitching and complaining. So, all in all, as far as the weather crisis, I think we weathered it well."

Other council business

The council held a public hearing for an ordinance to rezone the Blue Hole, LLC property located on U.S. Highway 278 West from AG-2 to AG-1, and no one spoke for or against the ordinance. The ordinance received a first reading without action, and the council will vote at its next meeting.

The council approved a resolution to approve a tax abatement for the Cullman Economic Development Agency's "Project Front," which was not described except for a statement that the project involved a $2.6 million investment from the developer.

The council approved ordinances to abolish and re-create the Downtown Review Board, and to preserve downtown aesthetics of the city of Cullman within the Central Business District. The council also gave a first reading of an ordinance to regulate mobile food businesses in the city limits.

Jacobs appointed Jay Page to replace Mike Voss on the City Planning Commission.

The Cullman City Council meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of every month at Cullman City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

COUNTY BASKETBALL TOURNAMET

Fairview punches ticket to semifinals with 64-44 win over Vinemont

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – The Fairview Aggies and Vinemont Eagles battled it out in Monday night's final county tournament matchup and after building a 32-18 lead in the first half, the Aggies continued pulling away in the second half to earn a 64-44 win over the Eagles and advance to the varsity boys' semifinals.

The Aggies got off to a strong start against the Eagles, taking an early 6-0 lead thanks to baskets from Cade Yeager and Kobe Payne. Jeremy Harbison knocked down a three to get Vinemont on the board and trim the lead to 6-3 but baskets by Payne and Colt Fletcher gave Fairview a 10-3 lead.

Jaxon Holcomb hit a pair of free throws midway through the first quarter to make it a 10-5 game and Isaiah Jones added two more shots from the line to bring the lead down to 10-7.

Jac Dunn laid one in to keep the Aggies ahead 12-7 and after Harbison answered with a pair of free throws on the other end, Landun Smith scored inside just before the end of the first to give Fairview a 14-9 lead going into the second.

Black Rickard exchanged baskets with Harbison early in the second quarter to make it a 16-11 game but another score in the paint by Smith and a three-pointer Fletcher put the Aggies on top 21-11 midway through the period.

Holcomb and Harbison each drilled three-pointers to cut Fairview's lead to 21-17 with just over two minutes to play in the first half and Jones split a pair of free throws to make it a 3-point game. Baskets by Rickard and Smith added to the Aggie lead early in the third quarter and after another score from Rickard, Payne laid one in to put Fairview in front 35-18.

Baskets by Jones and Holcomb on the other end trimmed the lead to 35-22 midway through the third. Fletcher scored inside and Payne sank a pair of free throws to keep Fairview on top 39-25 with just over two minutes remaining in the third and just before the final buzzer sounded on the quarter, Payne buried a three-pointer to give the Aggies a 46-32 lead at the start of the fourth.

A basket and a pair of free throws from Rickard made it a 50-33 game early in the fourth quarter and Smith scored inside on back to back possessions to keep Fairview in front 54-37 with just over four minutes to play.

After another Rickard score and a pair of Payne free throws, Harbison laid one in to cut the lead to 58-41 with two minutes remaining but that was as close as the Eagles could get and the Aggies held on to win it 64-42 and advance to the semifinals. Payne led the Aggies with 18 points in the win, followed by Smith with 12. Harbison led the way for Vinemont with 17 points in the loss.

The Aggies will be back in action Friday night, facing top-seeded Good Hope in the varsity boys' semifinals.



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Fairview's Cade Yeager (2) drives to the basket during the Aggies' 64-44 win over Vinemont Monday night.

COUNTY BASKETBALL TOURNAMET

West Point earns 56-44 win over Fairview, advances to semifinals

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – In our first varsity matchup of the night, West Point and Fairview duked it out for a spot in Thursday night's semifinals. After a tight first half, West Point fended off an aggressive Lady Aggies team in the second half to earn a 56-44 win and advance to the semifinal round.

Laklin Shadix scored a quick basket for West Point to put them on the scoreboard first. Hallie Wheeler drilled a trey from the left corner to give the Lady Warriors an early 5-0 lead, but a pair of baskets by Jayla Gorham cut it to 5-4. Liberty Shadix put in a three on the other end to make it an 8-4 game. Later on, a pair of free throws by Laklin Shadix and threes by Wheeler and Camryn Faulkner pushed the West Point lead to 16-6 with a little over two minutes to go in the opening period. Gorham put in another basket in the paint, and Darby Nichols drilled a short jumper to make it an 18-10 game. Laklin Shadix got fouled while shooting a three and made two of three from the line to give the Lady Warriors a 20-10 lead going into the second quarter.

Both teams went scoreless for a little over two minutes to start out the second before Liberty Shadix put in a jumper to make it a 22-10 game. An and-one by Gorham made it a 22-13 game, and she later made a tough down low to trim the Fairview deficit to just six at 22-16 with 3:44 remaining in the first half.

Jaelyn Faulkner banked in a short shot to give West Point a 24-16 lead, but Gorham drained a trey from the right corner to cut it to 24-19 late in the first half. Liberty Shadix knocked down a pair of shots in the paint to increase the Lady Warrior lead to 28-19 at the half.

Liberty Shadix and Lexi Collins traded baskets to keep it at a nine-point game at 30-21.

Laklin Shadix converted on her and-one opportunity to give West Point a 33-21 lead, but a three by Lexi Golden and a free throw by Davi Stidham made it a 34-25 game with a little over four minutes to go in the third period.

Liberty Shadix drilled a three to stretch the Lady Warrior lead to 37-25, but four straight points by Stidham made it a 37-29 contest. A layup by Golden cut it to 38-31, but Wheeler drained a trey to give West Point a 41-31 lead. A steal and a layup by Camryn Faulkner made it 43-29, but a trey from the left right corner by Peyton Defoor trimmed the Lady Aggie deficit to just 10 at 43-35. Redding hit a driving layup to cut it to 43-37, but Liberty Shadix drained both shots from the free throw line to make it a 45-37 contest going into the final period.

Five straight points by Jaelyn Faulkner, including an and-one, stretched the Lady Warrior lead to 50-37 early in the fourth, but free throws by Darby Nichols, Golden, and Stidham made it a 52-41 game with a little over three minutes to go in the game.

Collins drained a short jumper to cut it to 53-43 late in the game, but a free throw by Jaelyn Faulkner and two by Kealie Harbison gave West Point a 56-44 lead. The Lady Warriors moved on to the semifinal round with a 56-44 win over the Lady Aggies.

Liberty Shadix led the way for West Point with 17 points. Laklin Shadix put in 11 points, while Wheeler and Camryn Faulkner each finished with nine points for the Lady Warriors. Jayla Gorham finished with 15 points for Fairview, and Stidham added nine points.

The Lady Warriors will be back on the court Thursday night at 7:30 to face Cold Springs in the varsity girls' semifinals.



JAILA ECKLEBERRY

The West Point Lady Warriors defeated Fairview 56-44 Tuesday night to advance to the varsity girls' semifinals.

Library (from Front)

ers and wash his clothes," Benton recalled, noting that the library staff strived to treat him as compassionately as possible.

"When I came into work on Nov. 20, I was informed by our Saturday workers that a patron had called the police on him," Benton stated, saying since she personally hadn't seen any erratic behavior on the part of the patron, she believed he was being dealt with unfairly.

"He started showing erratic behavior in December. We started to encounter a bad episode almost once a week," Benton explained, then shared an upsetting moment of witnessing the patron attempt to shove a pencil in his ear to, in his own words, "kill the pain."

Benton said law enforcement was called, and when his Social Security number was run, a warrant for his arrest was found.

He was arrested but two days later returned to the library.

"He came in on Monday, Jan. 8, with a bad episode," explained Benton.

"He was using very explicit language."

A patron made a video of the behavior and sent it to a police officer, and the Cullman Police Department responded.

The officer on scene offered to trespass the patron since there had been repeated issues nearly every week, to which Benton eventually agreed.

In response, Board Member Tanya Allcorn reached out to Dr. Nancy C. Pack of Alabama Public Library Service for professional policies to refer to in dealing with any future potential security conflicts.

"She (Pack) was extremely sympathetic," explained Allcorn, noting that she was sent resources including a PDF file of a safe workplace handbook as well as a conflict resolution guide for library patrons which she expressed should be printed for staff to review.

Board Member Jill Meggs chimed in with a word of encouragement to Benton and the staff at large, saying, "I want to say, our staff handled that situation wonderfully. They handled it with compassion, but also made sure to keep themselves and our patrons safe."

In other business:

• The board adopted the minutes from its December 2023 meeting.

• According to Meggs, the board has received many resumes from qualified applicants seeking the currently open director position. The board has interviewed two applicants, with one more on deck to be interviewed this week. Meggs spoke confidently about the qualifications of the applicants, saying, "We are hoping by next week we, as a board, can extend an offer. And let's all hope they accept!"

• The board discussed granting parents and guardians who homeschool "teacher status" which will allow them to check out up to 25 books for up to four weeks. Allcorn stated, as a homeschool mom herself, she could understand the need but requested some sort of verification process to be in place. Meggs concurred that it would be a good idea to check in with APLS' policies and build from there.

The next Cullman County Library Board meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 22 at noon. The public is invited to attend.



City School Board (from Front)

tax revenue from the previous year for the month- this is expected to trend downward, but Cullman City Schools Chief Financial Officer James Brumley is hopeful the Ad Valorum income stream will help compensate for the loss of potential income.

• Approved the 2024-2025 School Calendar

• Approved the 2024-2025 Employee Contract Calendars

• Approved a contract for McKenzie Kennedy for Parent Training/Listen Spoken Language from Jan. 17, 2023- May 31, 2024.

• Approved a contract for Miracle Corley as a tutoring aide from Jan. 16, 2024- May 24, 2024.

• Approved a stipend to the CCPS Leadership Team for Parent Night on Jan. 23, 2024 for the following teachers: Krista Johnson, Blakely Burns, Courtney Peed, Amanda Stidham, Carrie Byrd, Hilary Nix, Caroline Tidmore, Tera Thomas, Marci Watts, April Jochum, Jennifer Helton, Jane Ann Chambers, Mary Beth Cleveland and Hannah Hunt.

• Milestones ABA Classroom Program Contract from Jan. 1, 2024 to Oct. 1, 2024.

• Approved the use of a specialized Bearcat and logo for Cullman City Primary School

• Approved for the Cullman High School Varsity Softball Team to travel to Murfreesboro, Tennessee March 25-26 to compete in the Southern Warrior Classic.

• Approved for the Cullman High School Band to travel to Orlando, Florida Nov. 9-13 to perform in the Festival of Fantasy parade at Walt Disney World.

• Approval for the Cullman High School Jazz Band to travel to Pigeon Forge, April 5-6 to perform at The Island.

• Permitted to conduct a pre-k and kindergarten camp at CCPS Aug. 7-8

• Approval to discard the following books from Cullman Middle School: Teen Health 1-42 copies and Teen Health 2-52 copies.

• Approved Cullman High School to salvage a Dell Precision T1700 computer.

• Approved Cullman City Head Start to salvage two cannon printers.

The next regularly scheduled Cullman City School Board meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 5 p.m. at Cullman Middle School.

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHARLES WAYNE KUYKENDALL, Deceased. * **CASE NO.: PC 2024-001**

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TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to SHANI LYNNE TAYLOR, as Personal Representative of the Estate of CHARLES WAYNE KUYKENDALL, deceased, on the 8th day of January, 2024, 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.

Shani Lynne Taylor
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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JEAN L. SELLERS, Deceased. * **CASE NO.: PC2023-417**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that *Petition for Summary Administration* has been filed on the 22nd day of December, 2023, by Teresa Yvonne Lasdon, Petitioner, by and through her Attorney of record, Tonya C. Palmer, and that thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to the law of the State of Alabama, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent.

Teresa Yvonne Lasdon
Personal Representative

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DONE this the 23rd day of January, 2024.

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF RICHARD WAYNE COOTS, Deceased. * CASE NO.: PC2023-363

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BRADLEY JAY NEASE, Deceased. * CASE NO.: PC2024-002

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by James Taylor Grahamgabrielle Renee Graham Husband And Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for CITIZENS BANK & TRUST, its successors and assigns dated February 21, 2017; said mortgage being recorded on February 21, 2017, in Book 1811, Page 177 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to NewRez LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 364, Page 28 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, ALABAMA.
The undersigned, NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicingunder and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 8th day of February, 2024 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
The North half of Unit 3 and Unit 1 of the Resubdivision of Lot Number 1 in Block 32 of Musgrove's Addition to Cullman, Alabama, as recorded in Map Book 3, Page 69, Probate Records of said county and more particularly described as: Begin at the Northwest corner of Lot 1 in Block 32 of Musgrove's Addition; thence North 87°04'33" East 208.5 feet; thence South 2°30' East 104.25 feet; thence South 87°04'33" West 208.5 feet; thence North 2°30' West 104.25 feet to the true point of beginning.

Said property is commonly known as 705 Cleveland Ave Sw, Cullman, AL 35055.
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IN RE: I.W. A Minor Child, 05/07/2021) CASE NO. JU 2022-400.02

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 I.W., born on or about 05/07/2021, respond to the Petition by the 22 day of February, 2024, 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 28 day of December, 2023.

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NOTICE

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First Source for Women in need of volunteers

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Unplanned pregnancies can leave some women and families in need of help. For those unprepared parents in Cullman County who are scared and in need of help, support, advice or even pregnancy care, First Source for Women is a resource available for all.

The volunteer-based pregnancy care center has three offices – one in Hanceville, one in the heart of Cullman and a mobile unit. The center runs mostly like a traditional medical provider's office; there are appointments and magazines with a few mismatched chairs among the furniture that lines the walls.

Ultrasounds, counseling services and even maternity clothes and baby care items are all up for grabs for potential parents at First Source. Right now, First Source is in need of something itself: volunteers.

First Source for Women's Meredith Little said, "Advocates are the heart of our center and the direct contact for every girl who comes into our center.

"We are also always needing floater volunteers; they don't have to commit to any set day a week.

"They can just come in and help when they can, whether that be with our mailouts, prepping for events, helping with the front desk or other special projects."

Volunteer opportunities range from a hands-on position of nurse sonographer performing ultrasounds and scans, to the event planning committee, charged with planning and coordinating events the center holds.

On its website, First Source for Women lists these as possible volunteer opportunities for those who wish to be face to face with clients: receptionist, client advocate, boutique assistant, floater, sonographers and sidewalk advocate.

Other opportunities include public relations, event planning and underwriting committees, church liaison, building maintenance and event volunteers.

Volunteers will be asked to complete a short screening to verify their volunteer eligibility, as well as any necessary paperwork.

Individuals interested in volunteering should contact First Source for Women at volunteer@firstsourceforwomen.org, find and fill out the volunteer application online or call the office at 256-352-5683. First Source for Women's Hanceville office is located at 203 Commercial St; its Cullman office is located at 702 Second Ave. NW. The hours for both offices are Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.



Obituary Announcements: Jan. 23-24

Louise Peinhardt Pugh, 84 Louise Peinhardt Pugh, of Birmingham, passed away at UAB Palliative Care on Jan. 21, 2024, at the age of 84.Ms. Pugh was born Aug. 17, 1939, to Emil Louis and Emma Kress Peinhardt in Cullman Alabama. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband: Jim Pugh, brother: Louis Peinhardt Jr., step-mother: Marie Schlichting Peinhardt. A Celebration of Life Funeral Service will be on Friday, Jan. 26, 2024, at 3 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel with Rodney Chambers, Keith Chambers and Richard Chambers officiating. Interment will follow services in Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation will be on Friday from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. Survivors are: sister: Amelia Peinhardt, half-sister: Linda Peinhardt Chambers, three nephews: Richard (Lisa) Chambers, Rodney (Jane Ann) Chambers, Keith (Hope) Chambers, five great-nephews: Andy (Caitlin) Chambers, Colin (Chelsea) Chambers, Josh (Frances) Chambers, Eil Chambers and Ian Chambers, one great-great-nephew and four great-great nieces. Please share condolences and memories with the family at www.mossservicefh.com, Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Jerry David Smith, 74 Memorial service for Jerry David Smith, age 74, of Vinemont, will be Saturday, Jan. 27, 2024, at 1 p.m. at Ebenezer Baptist Church, with Bro. Dennis Trimble officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Smith was born Aug. 12, 1949, to Henry Clay Smith, Sr. and Opal Doyle Smith. He passed from this life on Jan. 22, 2024. He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Henry Clay Smith, Jr. He is survived by his loving wife of 38 years, Cindy Smith; two sons, Chris (Rhonda) Smith, and Jeff (Cindy) Smith; one sister, Peggy (Buck) Brown; three grandchildren, Kayla Smith, Erica (Taylor) Smith-Foresythe, Chase Smith (Josh McDonald); great-grandchildren, Lili Smith, Aurora Foresythe, Aralee Foresythe, Ansley Childers; a host of family and friends. Jerry was a faithful, long-time member of Ebenezer Baptist Church. He was a Mason of 50 years and served as District Lecturer also. He was a councilman for the Town of West Point and was a servant of the community. He was a two-tour combat veteran in the Vietnam War and served his country proudly. He was an avid golf lover as well. Most of all, he loved his family and his great-grandchildren. He was a wonderful man who will be missed by all who know and love him. Please visit www.cullmanfuneralhome.com to sign the online guestbook.

Marie Eddie York, 88 Marie Eddie York, age 88, of Nauvoo, passed away Saturday, Jan. 20, 2024, at Walker Baptist Medical Center. She was born January 1, 1936, to Esker and Leona Owens. The family will hold a private memorial service at a later date. Marie is survived by her children, Saron Baradell, Ruby Morris, Randy (Jean) Geddings, Curtis (Carol) Koonce, Kelly (Vicki) Koonce, and Janet Kelly; ten grandchildren, and a host of great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews; and one sister, Estel Adair. She was preceded in death by her parents Esker and Leona Owens; children, Betty Snyder and Debbie Morris; and eleven brothers and sisters.

DeWayne Eliot Heine, 55 DeWayne Eliot Heine, age 55, was born to Pam Heine Carter in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on Nov. 3, 1968. He went to his heavenly home with the Lord on Jan. 22, 2024. He left this world a brighter place. His love for God and family was his gift. He was preceded in death by his mother, Pamela Sue Carter and nephew, Brian Phenicie. Survivors include his wife, Darla Heine; son, Tim (Brittany) Nalley; daughter, Jessica (Ryne) Hopper; grandchildren, Lane and Gray Hopper, Madison and Maci Barnett, Carson, Khloe and Kole Nalley and Sawyer Phillips; sisters, Kelly (Joe Woods) Cross, Lisa (Mark) Phenicie; step-dad, Ken Carter; uncle, Loren (Lynnette) Heine and aunt Susan (Tom) Herman; a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. A Celebration of Life service will be held at noon Sunday, Jan. 28, 2024, at Vinemont Community Center.

Bradley Junior Sapp Funeral service for Bradley Junior Sapp, age 49, of Vinemont, will be Saturday, Jan. 27, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Mt. Vernon FCM Church, with Bro. Glennis Best officiating. Family will welcome friends from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Interment will be held at Mt. Vernon Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Sapp was born Aug, 7, 1974, to Emmett E. Sapp, Jr. and Shelba Joyce Guthery Sapp. He passed from this life too soon on Jan. 19, 2024. He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Eugene and Louise Sapp and James and Nell Guthery. He is survived by parents, Emmett "Junior" and Shelba Sapp; one daughter, Aja Sapp; one brother, Tim (Tonya) Sapp; one sister, Patrinka Witcher; granddaughter, Alleigha Sapp; nephews and nieces, Kolton Sapp, Caitlyn Burchell, Jeff Witcher, Cody Witcher, Candace Knowles; a host of family and friends. Brad was a very talented musician. He loved rock music and played guitar and drums. He was in several bands throughout the years. Family and friends remember him as a quiet, kind, and good-hearted person. He will be very missed by all who knew and loved him. Please visit www.cullmanfuneralhome.com to sign the online guestbook.

Mary Jane Stancil, 72 Graveside service for Mary Jane Stancil, age 72, of Cullman, will be at 3 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 26, 2024, at Mt. Carmel Cemetery at Berlin with Dr. David Chambers officiating; burial at Mt. Carmel Cemetery at Berlin. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Stancil passed away on Monday, Jan. 22, 2024, at Cullman Regional. She was born, Dec. 16, 1951, to Jesse Keller and Mary E Houston. She was preceded in death by her father, Jesse F. Keller of Cherokee, Alabama; husband of 37 years, David Alvis Stancil; brothers, Jimmy R Keller of Bloomington, IL and Jessie L (Sheryl) Keller of Louisiana. Survivors include her mother, Mary E Houston of Belvidere, Illinois; sons, David (Pam) Stancil of Baileyton, Alabama, and David (Amanda) Stancil of Baileyton, Alabama; daughter, Jane Lashell Bryan of Baileyton, Alabama; brother, Bobby Keller of DeMoines, Iowa; sisters, JoAnne McLynn of Roscoe, Illinois, Delores Keller of Belvidere, Illinois, and Karen (Mark) Osborne of Elgin, Illinois; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Emileen P. Tolbert, 88 Funeral service for Emileen P. Tolbert, age 88, of Vinemont, will be Sunday, Jan. 28, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, with Bro. Jr. Garmon officiating. Family will welcome friends from 1 p.m. until 2 pm. Interment will be held at Blair Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Tolbert was born Dec. 26, 1935, to William O. Pigg and Alma McAbee Pigg. She passed from this life on Jan. 22, 2024. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Timothy Tolbert; son, Ricky Tolbert; sister, Pauline Frost; grandson, Wayne Tolbert; great-granddaughter, Aspen Bailey. She is survived by her three daughters, Lisa (Rick) Lathan, Marsha (Joe) Breckinridge, and Sonja (Keith) McSwain; one sister, Shirley Newberry; eight grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; a host of family and friends. Pallbearers will be Chase Hollingsworth, Jasen McSwain, Cooper McSwain, Justin Lee, Jonathan Pilgrim, Brent Breedlove, Mark Walker. Emileen was a faithful member of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. She enjoyed gardening and reading and loved to travel. She will be so missed. Family will happily receive flowers or if anyone wishes to donate instead, please do so to the Blair Methodist Cemetery Fund in memory of Emileen. Please visit www.cullmanfuneralhome.com to sign the online guestbook.

Sammie Lyn Needham, 65 Sammie Lyn Needham, of Holly Pond, Alabama, was welcomed into Heaven on Jan. 22, 2024, at the age of 65. Mr. Needham was born in Oneonta, Alabama, on June 1, 1958, to Samuel and Augie Louise Wilson Needham. Mr. Needham provided for his family as a truck driver. When he was not working, Sammie enjoyed fishing and he was always joking with those around him. He loved to hear the preaching of his friend and neighbor, Jeremy Collier, and he had placed his faith in Christ Jesus, knowing Him as his Savior and Lord. Mr. Needham adored his wife, Suzanne, and his children and grandchildren were very special to him. Even though he will be greatly missed by many, we rejoice knowing Sammie is in the presence of his Heavenly Father and look forward to the day we are reunited with him. Mr. Needham is preceded in death by his parents; son, Michael Needham; brother, Wayne Cobert; sisters, Marie Jimenez, and Freddie Isbell. Those surviving Sammie include his beloved wife, Suzanne Strader Needham; children, Tammy Needham Raymond (Jeremy Gromaski), Aviana Needham, Marie Wright (William), Jane Strader, Kenneth Strader; grandchildren, Angel White, Autumn Strickland, Kristian Strickland, Makayla Raymond, Jenna Raymond, Summer Wright, Lillian Wright; great-grandchildren, Eternity Silguera, Athena Curdt; brother, Joseph Randy Needham; sister, Rovena Dunnavant; and a host of nieces and nephews. A Celebration of Life will be held for Mr. Needham on June 1, 2024, at the Needham home. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the account of Sammie Needham at People's Bank of Alabama. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Needham family.

Miguelina Altagracia Almonte, 40 A Funeral Mass for Miguelina Altagracia Almonte, 40, of Hanceville, will be 10 a.m., Friday Jan. 26, 2024, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Visitation for the public will be at Sacred Heart Church on Friday from 8:45 a.m. until 9:15 a.m. The Rosary will be from 9:15 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. The burial will take place at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Cullman.

Violet Elizabeth Davis Pair, 76 Violet Elizabeth Davis Pair, 76, of Hanceville, passed away Sunday, Jan. 21, 2024, in Falkville Health and Rehab. Violet was born Tuesday, Dec. 16, 1947, in Cullman, Alabama, the daughter of Earl Davis and Eunice Kirk Davis. Violet lived the first twelve years of her life on a farm in the Center Hill Community. She loved to reminisce about those carefree times spent with her younger brother and sister and the adventures they enjoyed. The family later moved closer to the city of Hanceville. Violet attended Hanceville High School, Class of 1966. Her primary job experiences consisted of working as an aide in hospitals and nursing homes, where she was a favorite employee of the patients. She married Danny Pair in 1972 and their only child, Chris, was born in 1973. Eventually, she became a stay-at home mother. Violet is fondly remembered as being a selfless person, always putting others before herself, in the home and away from it. She later worked as a sitter for the sick and elderly. She attended First Baptist Church in Hanceville later in her life for a number of years and enjoyed feeling the security of being loved by her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. A joy in her life was being blessed with grandchildren and playing with them. She is survived by her husband of 51 years: Danny Pair; a son: Chris Pair (Savahanna); grandchildren: Yasmen Pair, Haven Cooper (Blake), Michael Sharp, Lexi Sharp, Adin Carrillo, and Westin Pair; three great grandchildren: Echo, Corey, and Lazarus; a brother: Harold Davis; a sister: Lynda Davis Brown; nieces: Laurie (Leslie) Wright and Amanda Brown; nephews: Michael Sloan and Scott Sloan, a host of cousins, other relatives and many dear friends. Violet was preceded in death by her parents: Earl and Eunice Davis, a sister: Ruth "Sue" Sloan and a sister-in-love: Reba Jo Wildman Davis. Funeral service will be 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, 2024, at Hopewell Baptist Church in Hanceville, Brother Dudley Brock, officiating. Burial will be in the adjoining cemetery with Gober Funeral Chapel Arab, Alabama directing. Pallbearers will be Michael Sharp, Adin Carrillo, Blake Cooper, James Jordan, Scott Doss and Bryson Dillard. Visitation will be at the church from 2 p.m. until service time at 3 p.m. The family would like to express their grateful thanks to the employees of the Falkville Nursing Home and SouthernCare New Beacon Hospice of Decatur for the care given to Violet at this time in her life, making her journey home more bearable for those she leaves behind to cherish her memory.

Shirley Ann Price Dovel, 88 Graveside service for Shirley Ann Price Dovel, age 88, of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27, 2024, at Hillview Cemetery, Alexander City, Alabama, burial at Hillview Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Friday, Jan, 26, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Dovel was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Cullman, Alabama, where she played the piano for many years. She was a 1952 graduate of Benjamin Russell High School in Alexander City, Alabama. She attended the University of Montevallo and then went to Birmingham Southern College where she graduated with her teaching degree in French and English. She went on to receive her master's degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She taught French and English at Good Hope High School, Cullman High School, Hueytown High School and Ensley High School to just name a few. She enjoyed many years of teaching her students before her retirement. After her retirement she was a master gardener and enjoyed cross stitching as her hobby. Mrs. Dovel passed away on Monday, Jan. 22, 2024, at her residence. She was born, Oct. 6, 1935, to Hoyt Price and Tigjo Price, where they both were long time employees of Avondale Mills in Alexander City, Alabama. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, James "Sonny" P. Dovel, II; sister, Monnie Jo Price Tobin. Survivors include her sons, James P. Dovel, III and Glenn (Vicki) Dovel; grandchildren, Misti (Chris) Bressette, Heather (Philip) Cleckler and Adam (Sarah) Allison; great grandchildren, Meredith Cleckler, Hayden Cleckler, Harley Cleckler, Brayden Bressette, Kaylee Bressette and Dakota Metcalf; nieces, Elizabeth Powning and Vanessa Tobin; nephews, Henry Tobin and Rick Tobin.

Edwin L Buckelew, 82 Edwin L Buckelew, age 82, of Vinemont, Alabama passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024. A visitation for Edwin will be held Friday, Jan. 26, 2024, from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m at Ridout's Gardendale Chapel, 2029 Decatur Highway, Gardendale, AL 35071, followed by a funeral service at 11 a.m.

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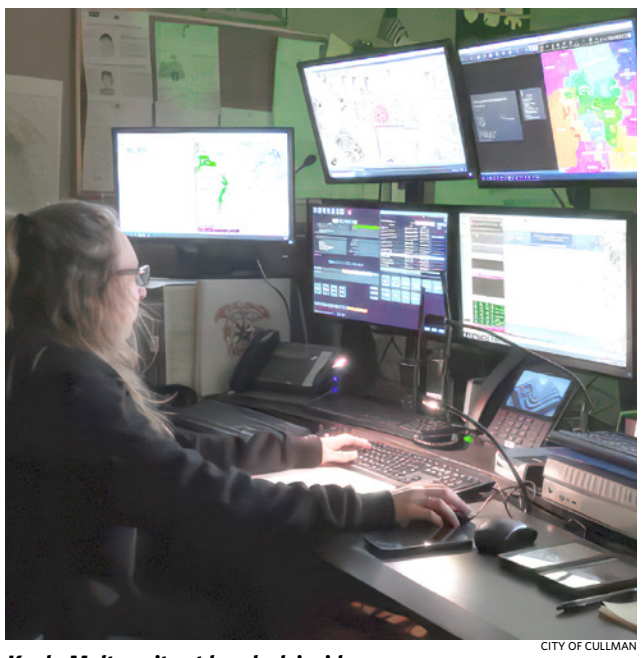
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Kayla Melton sits at her desk inside Cullman's EMS Dispatch station.

CULLMAN, Ala. — The week of Jan. 15-19 was one for the books. An unprecedented freeze sent the county into a tailspin; freezing rain and frigid temperatures collaborated to create impassable roads. Kayla Melton, one of Cullman's local 911 dispatch supervisors is publicly thanking the community for stepping up and taking care of one another during the trying time.

Residents across the county showed a true sense of community, pulling one another from trepidatious situations, delivering groceries and medications. And an entire neighborhood came together to remove ice from their roads, allowing a path for emergency response vehicles.

In addition to stressed out and stranded residents, local dispatchers faced their own challenges. Some were frozen in place at the dispatch office, unable to safely make their way home.

Local restaurants graciously prepared, packaged and delivered hot meals to the first responders. Local Jeep owners and the Cullman County Sheriff's Office helped coordinate transportation for those employees who needed a lift.

"Cullman City Communications received a multitude of calls for assistance last week – wrecks, assisting stranded motorists, medical issues and people who needed help in their home. Over the last eight years that I have been working with 911, this year's winter weather was a bit different, in that the roadways were unsafe for multiple days.

"As an emergency telecommunicator, it was a stressful week and had its challenges. Supervisors worked to ensure that employees had a way to work and home and that they were taken care of while they sheltered at the station," said Melton.

"Our frontline dispatchers used their experiences to assist with calls for roadway conditions, their training to handle emergency calls, they helped ensure that other agencies were updated with information, and getting the resources that our first responders needed," she continued.

"The best part of the week (was) seeing all the support for one another; restaurants ensured we and our first responders were fed. The groups and individuals that braved the slick conditions to help get others to work, providing them gas, food or water.

"The commitment of our staff to ensure that our community had someone to answer their call for help. Cullman is truly a great place to live and work."

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