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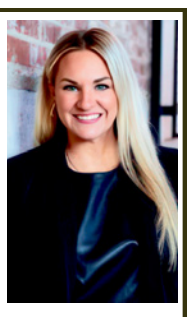
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Christian Hart Memorial Cornhole Tournament raises more than $2.8K

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VINEMONT, Ala. — The steady thumping of bags echoed through the doorway of the Vinemont Elementary School gym as amateurs and professionals alike competed to raise funds for the Christian Hart Memorial Scholarship Fund at the third annual Christian Hart Memorial Cornhole Tournament Saturday, Feb. 3.

Although the turnout wasn't as large as in previous years, the sentiment for the crowd – and Melanie Shaddix, Christian Hart's mother – remained the same: speaking Christian Hart's name, remembering him and moving forward to continue his legacy through the memorial fund. Through donations, silent auction bids and registration entrance fees, the tournament brought in more than $2,800 to benefit the scholarship fund.

Said Shaddix, "The turnout isn't what it » PAGE 7


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Almost 60 throwers registered to compete in the third annual Christian Hart Memorial Cornhole Tournament on Feb. 3, 2024, and more than $2,800 was raised to benefit the Christian Hart Memorial Scholarship Fund.

CDC bus missed accident just yards from school


MAIN: TRIBUNE READER LAINA; CHAMBERS BOTTOM RIGHT: HOUSTON WYNN

These scene of a two-car collision that took place just outside of the Cullman Area Technology Academy (CATA), which caused one of the cars to hit a bus carrying students to the Cullman County Child Development Center (CDC) on Monday, Feb. 5, 2024.

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VINEMONT, Ala. — Early Monday morning a two-car collision took place just outside of the Cullman Area Technology Academy (CATA), which caused one of the cars to hit a bus carrying students to the Cullman County Child Development Center (CDC).

According to Senior State Trooper Brandon Bailey, the crash occurred at approximately 8:12 a.m. Monday, Feb. 5, causing road blockage.

Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette spoke to The Tribune shortly after the collision to reassure the public that no students were injured, despite a local Facebook page sending many parents into a panic after publishing partial information.

"After two cars collided while crossing Highway 31, one of the cars deflected into one of our CDC buses.

"I am thankful that no one on our bus was injured," he said.

"Our bus driver did an excellent job and all of our students were safe."

Barnette stated the bus only has minor damage, which is repairable. "My prayers go out for the drivers of the cars that had to be transported via ambulance; however, my understanding is that they didn't have life-threatening injuries," said Barnette.

Both drivers were taken to area hospitals to be checked out while none on the bus were injured.

The Cullman Police Department along with deputies with the Cullman County Sheriff's Office helped work the scene while ALEA State Troopers conducted its investigation into the collision.

More information will be released after ALEA concludes its investigation.

'Trees are Terrific... in Cities and Towns!'


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Members of the Cullman Tree Commission met at the Cullman County Extension Office to select the winners of the 2024 Arbor Day Poster Contest. Left to right are Chairman Barry Slatton, Jan Barnett , B.J. Morgan and Joel Moon. » PAGE 3

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Arrests and incidents reported Feb. 5

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Feb. 5, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Feb. 1

- theft of property; CR 1471
- violation of protection order; CR 1354
- domestic violence; CR 747
- theft of property; CR 463
- assault-Hwy. 69 N
- harassment; CR 1078
- permitting dogs to run at large; Dane Ln.

Feb. 2

- criminal mischief; CR 1518
- possession of a drug paraphernalia; possession of marijuana; CR 1116
- assault; CR1116
- domestic violence; CR 1577

Feb. 3

- harassment; CR 216
- possession with intent to distribute controlled substance ;772
- possession of marijuana; Hwy. 69 N
- possession with intent to distribute controlled substance; theft of property; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 616
- burglary; CR 1621
- possession of drug paraphernalia; possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; CR 616
- theft of property/harassment; CR 1850

Feb. 4

- violation of protection order; CR 1605
- possession of dangerous drugs; Hwy. 91
- harassment; CR 1843
- making false report to law enforcement; Beech Ave. SE
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 750
- theft of property; Hwy. 278 E
- attempt to elude police officer; CR 944
- possession of dangerous drugs; CR 222

ARRESTS

Feb. 2 – 4

Ayers, Ashely L.; 31
- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Barnett, Cecil D.; 37
- FTA- non-support child

Bevington, Brian A.; 56
- failure to register (two-time felon)
- larceny/theft-theft of lost property

Brewster, Raymond N.; 43
- unauthorized use of truck-no force

Burns, Steven C.; 39
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Cable, Stacy R.; 40
- FTA- public intoxication (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- attempting to elude police officer

Cason, David E.; 47
- possession with intent to distribute controlled substance
- FTA- speed above 45 mph on County Road

Chambers, John M.; 64
- assault-domestic violence-3rd degree-harassing communications

Clark, Justin L.; 43
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Crowley, Ryan T.; 28
- FTA- speed above 45 mph on County Road

Dupre, Brandon M.; 39
- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft less than $500

Elms, Randy L.; 28
- receiving stolen property
- financial exploitation of the elderly-1st degree

Flanigan, George L.; 46
- criminal trespass

Ford, Jamie A.; 40
- FTA- illegal possession/use of credit/debit card (2 counts)
- FTA- larceny/theft-theft from banking institution
- FTA- unauthorized use of auto-no force

Gomez, Jose A.; 25
- DUI (alcohol)

Graham, Jonathan A.; 28
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Graham, Ronald K.; 52
- DUI (alcohol)
- damaged property-criminal mischief

Hamby, Byron L.; 56
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hanners, Bobby L.; 35
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- burglary-residence-force
- damaged property-criminal mischief

Herron, Jason E.; 47
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hunt, James D.; 64
- possession with intent to distribute controlled substance
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Jackson, Amanda L.; 38
- violation of domestic violence protection order

Jackson, Clark Aaron H.; 35
- assault-2nd degree

Jones, Pamela S.; 66
- possession of methamphetamine
- public intoxication

Kratz, Jesse P.; 42
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (3 counts)
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (3 counts)

Leslie, Michelle L.; 42
- public intoxication

Maldonado, Eric J.; 39
- public intoxication
- assault-harassment (harassment/intimidation)

McComb, Jarvis T.; 48
- DUI (alcohol)

Moctezuma, Reyna N.; 26
- Probation Violation-stolen vehicles-auto theft
- Probation Violation- illegal possession/use of credit/debit card

Murphey, Joseph A.; 52
- FTA- leaving scene of accident
- FTA- unauthorized use of vehicle-failing to return to owner at agreed time

Niles, James D.; 35
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- obstructing police-obedience to police/fireman
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Peterson, Ashley S.; 41
- possession of methamphetamine
- non-support child

Price, Daniel J.; 36
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Riddle, Howard S.; 47
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled
- FTA- expired tag

Smith, Justin M.; 29
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- reckless endangerment

Stapelton, Justin K.; 34
- Probation Violation- larceny/theft-miscellaneous

Steele, Jonathan E.; 34
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- FTA- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Wright, Mariah A.; 25
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Feb. 2

- theft of property-2nd degree; person; cash; $2,000
- retail theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; miscellaneous; $46

Feb. 3

- burglary-3rd degree; person; Hwy. 157; miscellaneous
- domestic violence-3rd degree-harassment; person; 4th St. SW
- domestic violence-3rd degree-harassment; person; Kim Ln. SE
- harassment; person; Cleveland Ave. SW

ARRESTS

Feb. 2 – 4

Kratz, Jesse P.; 42
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree

Allen, Aubrey A.; 21
- theft of property-1st degree

Combs, Bradley R.; 40
- burglary-3rd degree
- possession of burglary tools
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree (2 counts)
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree
- FTA- fail to register vehicle

Roden, Joshua M.; 38
- burglary-3rd degree
- possession of burglary tools

Speegle, Eric W.; 38
- domestic violence-3rd degree-harassment

Winton, Holly M.; 29
- domestic violence-3rd degree-harassment

McAlpine, Nicholas D.; 40
- FTA- expired tag

Bryan, Cindy L.; 41
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree
- FTA- public intoxication

Susskin, Kenya B.; 35
- FTA- public intoxication (2 counts)

Hodge, Michael K.; 33
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree (7 counts)
- FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree (8 counts)
- FTA- insurance violation (2 counts)
- FTA- driving while suspended

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

CCSO arrest roundup

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Sheriff's Office made five un-related arrests involving methamphetamine last week.

Jan. 29

Deputies arrested Darren Dimitrious Culver, 31, of Jackson, Alabama, on an outstanding failure to appear warrant stemming from an incident that occurred in January 2023. Culver is charged with unlawful possession of methamphetamine.



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Darren Dimitrious Culver

Jan. 30

Deputies conducted a traffic stop near the Grandview community. Jason Patrick Duke, 38, of Cullman, was identified as the driver.

Deputies determined that Duke had an outstanding warrant and he was placed under arrest. A subsequent search of the vehicle and his person allegedly yielded narcotics and paraphernalia.



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Jason Patrick Duke

Duke is charged with unlawful possession of methamphetamine, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia and criminal trespassing (warrant).

Deputies went to a residence in the Hanceville area to serve an outstanding warrant. Once on scene, deputies located Shalina Leigh Guthery, 31, of Hanceville, and Hubert Daniel Rusk, 63, of Hanceville.

Narcotics and paraphernalia were allegedly found inside the residence. Both Guthery and Rusk were placed under arrest.



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Shalina Leigh Guthery

Guthery is charged with unlawful possession of methamphetamine, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of dangerous drugs (warrant) and larceny (failure to appear warrant).



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Hubert Daniel Rusk

Rusk is charged with unlawful possession of methamphetamine, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia and second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana.

Jan. 31

Investigators and deputies went to a business on Eva Road for a follow-up investigation. Once on scene, they located and identified Miguel Recardo Samuels, 29, of Jasper. A subsequent search of his person allegedly yielded narcotics. He was placed under arrest. Samuels is charged with unlawful possession of methamphetamine.



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Miguel Recardo Samuels

Make healthy lifestyle choices to be heart healthy

Scott Harris
State Health Officer

February is American Heart Month, a time when everyone is encouraged to focus on their cardiovascular health. Heart disease has long been the leading cause of death for both men and women, surpassing cancer. Almost 15,000 Alabamians' deaths were attributed to heart disease and more than 3,000 lives were claimed by cerebrovascular disease, including strokes, in 2022.

Lifestyle changes and, in some cases, medicine, can greatly reduce risks for heart disease. About half of all Americans (47%) have at least one of the three key risk factors for heart disease: high blood pressure, high cholesterol and smoking.

Heart health risk factors are summarized as follows:

- High Blood Pressure: High blood pressure is often called a "silent killer" because it usually has no symptoms. Unfortunately, too many Alabamians do not realize they have hypertension, and over time, damage can be done to organs and other systems throughout the body. The only way to know whether you have high blood pressure is to measure it.
- Unhealthy Blood Cholesterol Levels: High blood cholesterol usually has no signs or symptoms. The only way to know whether you have high cholesterol is to get your cholesterol checked. Your healthcare team can do a simple blood test, called a "lipid profile," to measure your cholesterol levels.
- Smoking: Cigarette smoking can damage the heart and blood vessels, which increases your risk for heart conditions such as atherosclerosis and heart attack.
- Diabetes: The risk of death from heart disease for adults living with diabetes is higher than for adults who do not have diabetes. Talk with your doctor about ways to prevent or manage diabetes and control other risk factors.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention encourages everyone to take an active role in their health and learn what it takes to keep your heart healthy. Healthy habits include choosing healthy foods and drinks, maintaining a healthy weight, getting regular physical activity and not smoking or vaping. Medications may include those that lower cholesterol and blood pressure.

Alabama state employees have the opportunity to learn whether they have risk factors for heart disease. Since 2009, the State Employees Insurance Health Plan has offered wellness screenings for state employees and their dependents as part of its Wellness Program. More than 45,000 employees and family members have been referred to healthcare providers for early treatment of identified high risks since January of 2009.

The Health Department offers programs to promote heart health. The Cardiovascular Health Program provides support including self-monitoring blood pressure stations around the state by partnering with senior centers, libraries and other community sites. The WISEWOMAN Program, available in several counties, provides services to improve high blood pressure and promote healthy lifestyles for low-income, uninsured and underinsured women. The Well Woman Program offers services to promote healthy living and prevention/early detection of disease for women ages 15-55 residing in some Alabama counties. Services include cardiovascular disease risk factor screenings, risk reduction counseling, nutrition classes, support groups and physical activity resources to sustain a healthier lifestyle.

Many Alabamians have taken positive steps to lower their heart disease risk by working with their healthcare provider and following their treatment plans. This means taking medications as directed and making lifestyle changes such as lowering sodium for those with high blood pressure.

For those who wish to improve their heart health by quitting the use of tobacco products, the Alabama Tobacco Quitline offers free calls, free coaching and free nicotine patches (if medically eligible and in coaching). Information, referrals and counseling are confidential and sessions are designed on a schedule convenient for the caller. Those who enroll in the counseling program can receive, if medically eligible, up to eight weeks of nicotine patches to assist in quitting. Call 1-800-QUIT NOW or go to quitnowalabama.com.

While heart conditions can be debilitating or deadly, they are often preventable. By living a healthy lifestyle, you can help keep your blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar levels in a healthy range and lower your risk for heart disease and heart attack.

Information about making heart healthy choices is available at ADPH's Nutrition and Physical Activity website.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m.-noon. Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry and Spirit Life Church.
• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthdays. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pickup is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper, AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• Tuesday, Feb. 6 – 7 p.m. 24x7: Homesteading, Prepping and Simple Living group. Come join us with fellow Christian homesteaders, preppers and like-minded believers. Friends and family are welcome!
• Wednesday, Feb. 7 - Healing strong at 6 p.m.! 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult Bible study of Romans. Free pizza for children at 6:30. Van runs in the 5 Points Area at 6. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup.
• Friday, Feb. 9 - 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. Childcare provided!
• Saturday, Feb. 10 - Kingdom Mindset Marriage Seminar from 9 a.m.-noon. Doors open at 8, and breakfast will be served. Conference starts at 9. Donations only; childcare is provided.
• Sunday, Feb. 11 - 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, Feb. 11 - 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 and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11.
• Sunday, Feb. 11 – 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.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Singing
Sunday, Feb. 18, at 5 p.m. with The Pylant Family from Eva. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information call 256-796-5986 or 256-338-9202.

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.

Cook Ministries Presents A Night of Gospel Music
Saturday, Feb. 24, at 5 p.m. at Hillside Baptist Church in Falkville. Featuring Tim Fulgham, The Shaneyfelts and Loretta Jent. Love offering. Doors open at 4. For more info, call 205-500-1908.

Mushroom Log Inoculation Workshop
• Saturday, March 9, from 1-4 p.m. at Sportsman Lake Park. Grow Shiitake mushrooms in your own backyard! Learn how to prepare and inoculate your own log, promote mushroom growth, where to store, when and how to harvest and more. All materials will be provided.
• Tickets purchased by Feb. 24 are $20, which includes cost of materials and one inoculated Shiitake log to take home. Tickets purchased after Feb. 24 will be $30. http://tinyurl.com/shitakesportsmanlakepark
• Additional Shiitake or Oyster logs may be purchased onsite for $15 each. Both mushrooms are edible and medicinal, and should give you multiple flushes for a few years. We will also have biochar, comfrey roots, tree cuttings, rabbit fertilizer and other items available for purchase. Cash preferred.

Hanceville Irish Festival
Saturday, March 16, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in downtown Hanceville. Music, food, dancing, arts and crafts. Live music and free parking.

Cullman Lions Club Fish & Ham Dinner
Saturday, March 9, from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Cullman Middle School cafeteria. Dine in, carry out or drive through. $15 per plate. Your choice of catfish filet or ham with baked potato, slaw, hushpuppies and dessert. Proceeds benefit Cullman Lions Club community projects.

CORRECTION

In our article "'Thank you for choosing Cullman,'" which was published Feb. 3, 2023, we reported:

"Greer championed Cullman County's progress, saying approximately 5,300 jobs and $1.7 million in revenue have been brought into the economy over the past decade by new businesses enticed by the rapidly growing area."

It should have said: "Greer championed Cullman County's progress, saying approximately 5,300 jobs and $1.7 billion in revenue have been brought into the economy over the past decade by new businesses enticed by the rapidly growing area."

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Trees (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Members of the Cullman Tree Commission were on-site at the Cullman County Extension Office Monday, Feb. 5, to judge and choose a handful of winning posters created by area students for the annual Arbor Day Poster Contest.

Students from four schools participated in the contest, submitting their creations in hopes of being chosen and snagging a cash prize – or the top local prize, an Arbor Day-themed quilt.

The theme of this year's contest is "Trees are Terrific... in Cities and Towns!" Students spent their time depicting their visions for the theme, bringing ideas and creativity to life on paper with pencil, pen, crayon, markers or watercolors.

The posters have been judged and first- and second-place winning posters from each participating school have been chosen by the Cullman Tree Commission, with a ceremony planned for Feb. 20 to recognize the winners.

Winners will receive a cash prize, courtesy of the commission, increased from the prize amounts of previous years.

Each school's first-place winner will be awarded $50 and the second-place winner will be awarded $25.

The overall winner chosen by the Cullman Tree Commission will travel to Montgomery to compete at the state level.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Cold Springs advances to area finals with 71-34 win over Cleveland

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BREMEN, Ala. — The Cold Springs Lady Eagles tipped off their postseason run at home Friday night in the opening round of the 2A, Area 11 Tournament. Cold Springs fell behind Cleveland early in the first quarter but dominated the second and the third to pull away with a 71-34 win and advance to the area tournament finals.

Cleveland held a 13-10 lead midway through the opening period until Maci Brown knocked down a three-pointer to tie the game at 13.

Baskets by Kenady Graves and Ciara Calvert gave Cold Springs a 17-15 lead late in the first quarter and Brown hit a jumper to keep the Lady Eagles in front 19-18 at the start of the second.

The second quarter was dominated by Cold Springs. A pair of three-pointers from Brown and a pair of baskets by Malaya Taylor put the Lady Eagles ahead 29-21 early in the second and Ella Bruer added another three to make it 32-21.

Five more points from Brown helped stretch the lead to 40-23 with less than three minutes remaining in the first half and after Bruer and Calvert were each added another score, Brown buried a three at the buzzer to give Cold Springs a 47-25 lead at the halftime break.

The Lady Eagles outscored Cleveland 28-7 in the second quarter.

Cold Springs continued to add to its lead in the third, pulling ahead 53-25 early in the period with baskets from Brown, Graves and Calvert.

Bruer knocked down a three to make it a 62-26 game midway through the third quarter and after two more buckets from Taylor and Graves, Brown drained her seventh three-pointer of the night in the final seconds of the period to put the Lady Eagles in front 69-28 at the start of the fourth quarter.

Paizley Whitlow laid one in to keep Cold Springs ahead 71-30 early in the fourth and with a hot clock running the rest of the way, the Lady Eagles cruised to a 71-34 win over Cleveland.

Brown racked up 27 points for Cold Springs in the win. Bruer finished with 15 points and Graves and Calvert each posted 10.

The Lady Eagles will be back on the court Monday night at 6 p.m. to play either Locust Fork or Southeastern in the 2A, Area 11 championship game.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Maci Brown led Cold Springs with 27 points in its 71-34 win over Cleveland Friday night.

PREP BASKETBALL

West Point downs Brewer 73-43 to advance to area finals

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WEST POINT, Ala. — The Lady Warriors were back home Saturday night to tip off this year's 5A, Area 15 Tournament and they punched their ticket to Tuesday's area championship game with a 73-43 win over Brewer. West Point went into the locker room with a 12-point lead at halftime and outscored the Lady Patriots 37-19 in the second half to pull away with the win.

Liberty Shadix drilled a three to put West Point in front 11-6 early in the first quarter and baskets by Camryn and Jaelyn Faulkner stretched the lead to 15-8 midway through the period. After another bucket from Liberty Shadix, Jaelyn scored five straight for the Lady Warriors to make it a 22-12 game and Caitlee Simmons drained a three in the final minute of the first to give West Point a 25-14 lead at the start of the second. Baskets by Jaelyn Faulkner and Liberty Shadix kept the Lady Warriors ahead 29-18 midway through the second quarter. Kylee Quinn split a pair of free throws and Liberty Shadix laid one in to make it a 32-21 game later in the period and Camryn Faulkner and Laklin Shadix each scored in the final minute of the half to give the Lady Warriors a 36-24 advantage at the break. Laklin Shadix hit a pair of free throws to make it a 38-24 game and Jaelyn Faulkner took over from there, scoring the next nine points for West Point to extend the lead to 47-25. Liberty Shadix knocked down a three to give the Lady Warriors a 50-26 lead midway through the third quarter and with less than two minutes remaining in the period, Laklin Shadix drained a three to help build the lead up to 55-36 with just eight minutes left to play. Liberty Shadix hit a jumper and Hallie Wheeler laid one in to put West Point in front 59-36 early in the fourth quarter. Baskets by Camryn Faulkner and Wheeler helped make it a 64-36 game later in the period and a pair of buckets from Ella Minck gave the Lady Warriors a 68-43 lead with less than two minutes on the clock. Simmons scored inside to make it a 70-43 game and Sara Owens knocked down a three just before time expired to put the finishing touches on a 73-43 win for West Point.

Jaelyn Faulkner led the Lady Warriors with 23 points in the win. Liberty Shadix finished with 16 and Wheeler added eight.

West Point will be back on the court Tuesday night to face Russellville in the 5A, Area 15 championship game.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Jaelyn Faulkner (23) led the Lady Warriors with 23 points in their 73-43 win over Brewer Saturday night.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

'Put 110% effort in all things I do, on and off the court': Fairview's Tara Evans recaps sophomore season

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — Fairview volleyball player Tara Evans finished her sophomore season last year and the Lady Aggies finished runner-up in the county tournament. Evans talked about that season, what she learned, and what the experience has been like for her so far. She feels blessed to be around an amazing group of teammates.

"I feel like the season went really well. We learned how to work together. We put in a lot of work, and I'm very proud of what we accomplished. I learned how to better myself and my skills," Evans said. "It's been a really good experience so far. I've been able to grow as a person, along with my volleyball career. It's had a real positive impact in my life. I've learned how to be a better person and leader. It was a really amazing experience. They were always super supportive and always gave me motivation. I've learned that to be successful, you have to be willing to work together."

Evans feels blessed to play under head coach Ashley Stanley last season and learned a very important thing from her. She has seen a tremendous amount of improvement in her game from her first year on JV to now.

"Coach Stanley is amazing. She's one of the best coaches I've ever had. She always wanted us to be at our best. She would stay late and help us work on things we needed help with. I learned that you have to put 110% effort in all things I do, on and off the court," Evans said. "I feel like I have improved a ton. I am a lot more confident in myself and the things I'm doing. I've definitely improved the most on my communication and my confidence."

Evans has some important goals for this upcoming season and she talked about what will make them special to watch next season.

"Some of my team goals consist of better team chemistry and staying positive. One of my personal goals I have for myself is maintaining a positive attitude and mindset," she said.

"We had a lot of young players on our team. We worked hard all season to be the best we could be. I think we have a lot of talent. Next year, we will be able to connect and communicate better than ever."

Watching the varsity squad has helped Evans a lot with her game, and she looks up to a few people in volleyball. She talked about the best advice that someone has ever given her.

"Watching the varsity team really helped me gain confidence in myself. I really looked up to Laci Segrest. She was always super supportive and gave me a lot of advice and encouragement," she said. "My role models in volleyball are Laci Segrest, Asjia O'Neal, and Logan Eggleston. I love their passion about the sport, and their energy on the court. It's truly inspiring. The best advice that someone has ever given me is don't ever let someone tell you that you can't get somewhere or be anything you want to be."

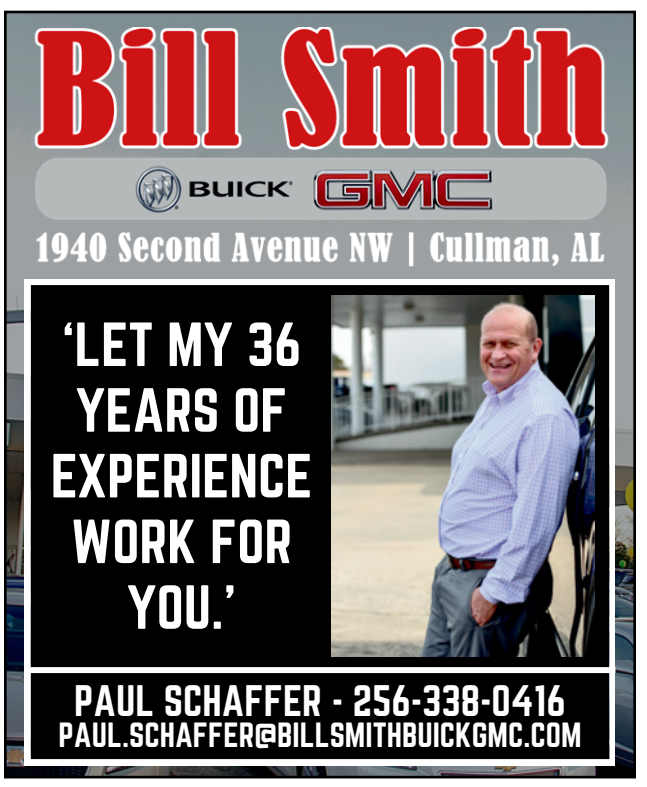
Evans has a lot of younger girls watching her play, and she talked about how important it is to be that role model for them. She also talked about what she learned the most about herself and the team.

"I feel like it is extremely important to be a role model for the younger girls watching. I fell in love with the sport by watching the older girls play," she said. "I learned how to have fun and not take everything so serious. I learned that communication can really make or break a team. The more communication your team has, the better off you will be."



TARA EVANS

Fairview's Tara Evans





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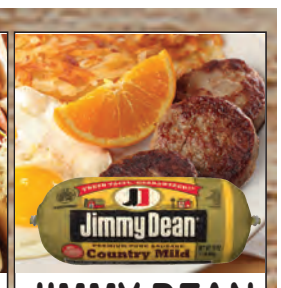
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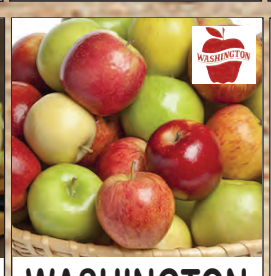
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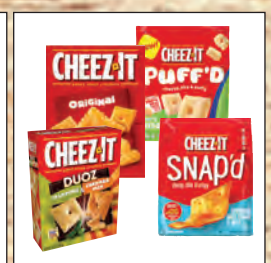


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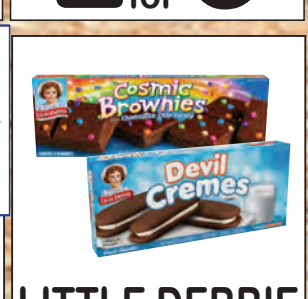
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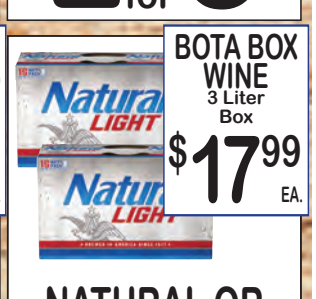


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Lance Justice, DO joins Cullman Regional Medical Group

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Board-certified OB-GYN Lance Justice, DO has joined the Cullman Regional Medical Group.

Justice attended medical school at West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine in Lewisburg, West Virginia, followed by a residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Oklahoma State University Medical Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

He was named the American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOOG) National Mentor of the Year in 2022.

Justice provides treatment for uncomplicated pregnancy, high-risk pregnancy, routine well woman exams, routine teen exams, contraception counseling, polycystic ovary syndrome, infertility, pelvic pain, abnormal bleeding, cervical dysplasia, vulvar disorders and pellet therapy (male and female).

Starting March 1, Justice will care for patients at Cullman Regional Medical Group OB-GYN Clinic at 1948 Alabama Highway 157, Professional Office Building 1, Suite 330, in Cullman.

For more information visit www.CullmanRegionalMedicalGroup.com.



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Dr. Lance Justice

Chickening out with Keramos Ceramics and the Agriplex

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Families and children sat around paper-lined tables at the North Alabama Agriplex on Saturday, Feb. 3, chatting and swapping stories as they waited for the day's class leader. Rebecca Horner, owner of Keramos Ceramics in Hartselle, spent the morning instructing and demonstrating to youngsters how to construct their very own pinch-pot style ceramic chickens.

"This is just one of our many awesome programs that we offer for kids and families at the Agriplex," said Garden Educator Sonya Boyd.

Like with most hands-on projects with children, messy hands abounded. Each student had three unassuming blocks of clay to transform into ceramic poultry with whacks, rolls and pinches to stretch and mold the bodies, crowns, waddles and beaks of the birds, giving individual personality and charm to the stationary beings.

Beginning with the basics and the first block of clay, Horner demonstrated her preferred method of rounding the cubes of clay – a sturdy smack with the heel of a hand to soften the edges without folding the clay; folding can disrupt the integrity of the compact clay, trapping air and ruining a creation once in the kiln. Blocks of clay were molded and manipulated with the utmost thought and care by each attendee. Personalities of the artists shone through as birds of every shape and configuration began to take shape.

Students got an up close and personal experience with Horner as she took a hands-on demonstration approach, walking around the huddled groups, correcting depth errors and praising each soon-to-be chicken's creative design. She taught the students how to transform the bowls of the birds' bodies, create heads and wings, waddles and crowns and how to score and apply water to areas that needed to bind together once fired. The novice potters weren't able to claim their feathered friends just yet. Horner planned on prettying the chicks up with a glaze and fire before reuniting creators and creations.

"I'll take them back and fire them; we usually deliver the pieces back to the Agriplex so the families can organize pickup locally," Horner explained.

The North Alabama Agriplex is home to many programs for children, students and families. The Agriplex is located at 1714 Tally Ho St. and can be reached at 256-297-1044. See program opportunities at www.agriplex.org.

Keramos Ceramics is available for private adult groups, private parties and regularly scheduled classes. Keramos Ceramics is located in Hartselle at 110 Sparkman St. SW and can be reached at 256-502-9906.



CHEYENNE SHARP/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Rebecca Horner stands in front of her group at the North Alabama Agriplex on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024.

USDOJ reaches agreement with Cullman landlord Randy Hames

Staff Reports
Contributor

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The Justice Department announced Friday that it has reached an agreement with Randy Hames, an Alabama landlord who owned and managed rental properties in a mobile home park in Cullman, Alabama, known as Hames Marina, to resolve a Fair Housing Act lawsuit alleging that Hames sexually harassed female tenants.

Under the agreement, Hames will pay $390,000 to 12 women who rented or sought to rent homes from him and a civil penalty of $10,000 to the government.

The agreement also prohibits Hames from managing rental housing or contacting any of the women or their families. The agreement comes after a three-day trial during which the Justice Department presented compelling evidence to a Huntsville, Alabama, jury of Hames' longstanding harassment and exploitation of female residents and prospective tenants, and the impact of Hames' conduct on these women and their families.

"Today's resolution recognizes the significant harm that the defendant caused to the women in this case and sends a message that this type of behavior is unacceptable and has no place in our communities," said Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division.

"The Justice Department is firmly committed to vigorously pursuing landlords who sexually harass and exploit their tenants."

"Sexual harassment by landlords is illegal, immoral and unacceptable," said U.S. Attorney Prim Escalona for the Northern District of Alabama.

"We will continue to aggressively prosecute these cases because everyone deserves to feel safe at home and thrive in an environment free from fear."

The Justice Department's lawsuit, filed in July 2018, alleged that since at least 2011, Hames subjected female tenants and prospective tenants to a continuing pattern of egregious harassment, including demanding or pressuring female tenants to engage in sexual acts with him in exchange for rent or to prevent eviction, evicting female tenants when they refused his advances, making female tenants feel unsafe by stalking them and entering their residences without permission and making unwelcome sexual comments.

The case was brought as part of the Justice Department's Sexual Harassment in Housing Initiative. The initiative, led by the Civil Rights Division, in coordination with U.S. Attorneys' Offices across the country, was launched in October 2017 and seeks to raise awareness about and address sexual harassment by landlords, property managers, maintenance workers, loan officers or other people who have control over housing.

Since launching the initiative, the department has filed 38 lawsuits alleging sexual harassment in housing and recovered over $11.3 million for victims of such harassment.

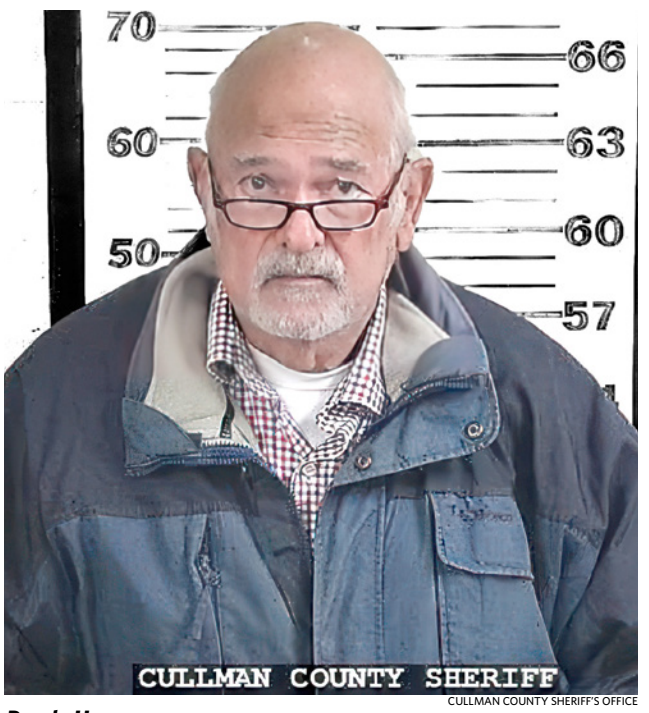
If you think you are a victim of sexual harassment by a landlord, property manager or rental agent, you may contact the Justice Department at 1-844-380-6178, or submit an online report at civilrights.justice.gov/.

Reports also may be made by contacting the Department of Housing and Urban Development at 1-800-669-9777, or by filing an online complaint at www.hud.gov/fairhousing/fileacomplaint%20.

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing based on sex, race, color, national origin, religion, disability and familial status.

More information about the Civil Rights Division and the laws it enforces is available at www.justice.gov/crt.

Read a full background on the events leading up to this week's agreement at www.cullmantribune.com/tag/randy-hames.



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Randy Hames

Winners (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Dripping Springs Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently announced the winners of its Good Citizens contest.

Althelia Gibbs, the chapter's vice regent, released a statement congratulating the students on their accomplishments.

"The Dripping Springs Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution honored the Cullman County winners of the DAR Good Citizens contest at their meeting on Sunday, Feb. 4, 2024.

"In the absence of Dr. Nancy Horton, chair of the Good Citizens committee, Vice Regent Athelia Gibbs reviewed the qualifications of the DAR Good Citizen and the process used to determine the winners.

She introduced each of the high school winners and read a short excerpt from their applications as Regent Cathy Shallal presented certificates to each of them."

Winners included:

- Evan Lee Freeman, Cold Springs High School
- Wil McCollum, Cullman High School
- Gracie Elizabeth Lee, Cullman Christian School
- Amy Elizabeth Latham, Fairview High School
- Guillermo Landa-Alday, Good Hope High School
- Logan Lisle, Hanceville High School
- Alivia Grace Farr, Holly Pond High School
- Sydney Grace Watwood, St. Bernard Preparatory School
- Vivian Grace Moody, Vinemont High School
- Hallie Ruth Wheeler, West Point High School

The statement continued, "The Overall Good Citizen winner was Wil McCollum. There were two DAR Good Citizen Essay winners who had the exact same score from 3 judges – Vivian Moody and Guillermo Alday.

They each read their winning essays to the group. These 3 winners received another certificate and a check from the Dripping Springs Chapter.

After the program, refreshments were served to the winners and their parents, siblings, grandparents, DAR members, and other guests."

Althelia Gibbs contributed to this article.



ALTHELIA GIBBS

Front row, left to right, are Sydney Grace Watwood, St. Bernard Prep; Hallie Ruth Wheeler, West Point; Gracie Elizabeth Lee, Cullman Christian; Amy Elizabeth Latham, Fairview; and Evan Lee Freeman, Cold Springs. Back row, left to right, are Vivian Grace Moody, Vinemont; Logan Lisle, Hanceville; Guillermo Landa-Alday, Good Hope; and Wil McCollum, Cullman.





ACES: Join the Great Backyard Bird Count

Karnita Garner
Alabama Cooperative Extension System

Join fellow bird-watchers worldwide in the Great Backyard Bird Count, Feb. 16-19. Each year people come together to observe, count, celebrate and educate themselves about birds. Now in its 27th year, this popular citizen science project helps researchers learn more about fluctuations in bird populations. It also helps scientists monitor changes in bird migration and distribution patterns. Scientists use this information to protect birds, their habitat and the environment. By participating, bird-watchers can increase their environmental stewardship while helping researchers learn more about these splendid creatures.

Senior scientists

This year Alabama Extension's Senior Scientists will participate in the global event. Senior Scientists, which is offered through the Virginia Caples Lifelong Learning Institute and the newly established Urban Wildlife Education Program, highlights native songbird population recovery and encourages seniors to engage with their natural environment. Participation in the event will enhance their birding skills and allow them to share their bird photos with others.

These photos can even become a part of the Macaulay Library, the world's premier scientific archive of natural history. Senior scientists will also be able to watch as observation lists come in from around the world by visiting the live bird sighting map at www.ebird.ord/explore.

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More information

For more information on how to participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count, visit the official website at www.birdcount.org. For more information on Senior Scientists, contact Roosevelt Robinson at 334-270-4133 or Danielle Rudolph at 256-372-4949.

Roosevelt Robin, Danielle Rudolph contributed to this story.

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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
FAITH M. HAMMOCK,
A/K/A FAITH MOODY-HAMMOCK,
A/K/A IRIS FAITH HAMMOCK,
DECEASED.

CASE NO.: PC2024-023

PUBLICATION NOTICE

Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of said decedent, having been granted to the undersigned on the 2nd day of February, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six (6) months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

DEBRA BUTLER
Personal Representative

Glenn E. Estess, Jr., Esq.
Wallace, Jordan, Ratliff & Brandt, LLC
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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
JAMES BLAKE BUCHANAN, SR.,
Deceased.

Case Number: PC2023-418

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama

In the matter of the Estate of James Blake Buchanan, Deceased

Letters Of Administration, having been granted to the undersigned on the 2nd day of February, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from the above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

Dale T. Buchanan
Personal Representative

Tonya C. Palmer
Attorney for Personal Representative
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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Abbott Real EstateProperties Inc.
d/b/a T & T Motors,

PLAINTIFF,

VS. CASE NO: DV 2023-900434

Haley Dalton,

DEFENDANT.

NOTICE OF FILING LAWSUIT

The above listed Defendant, Haley Dalton, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Plaintiff's complaint for Contract ($7226.18) by April 1, 2024 or, thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered against the Defendant in Case No. DV 2023-900434, Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 1st day of February 2024.

Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk of Cullman County

Attorney for Plaintiff
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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF
HAYES DIESEL

Case No.: JU-2023-000032.02

ORDER CONTINUING CASE FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

Case is continued for service of the petition on the mother by publication.

DONE this 21st day of December, 2023.

/s/ WELLS R. TURNER III
JUVENILE JUDGE

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF:
DIESEL HAYES,
A Minor Child.

CASE NO. JU-2023-32.02

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

KAYLA GUNTER, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Verified Petition to Terminate Parental Rights filed by Patience and Steven Smith and/or other relief by March 12, 2024, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against her in regard to case number JU-2023-32.02, Juvenile Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 2 day of February 2024.

CLERK OF JUVENILE COURT

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On Monday, February 19th, 2024, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M., at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Zoning Board of Adjustments, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Variance request on setback 1109 Old Bolte Road SE

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

Tournament (from Front)

has been in the past, but that doesn't matter. What matters is that we are here for Christian."

Christian Hart was a Vinemont Middle School student who loved his family, friends, sports and cornhole.

Tragically, he lost his life in a boating accident on Smith Lake in May 2019; his parents, Melanie and Lynn Shaddix, are choosing to turn their grief into greatness and extend their late son's legacy into awareness and a scholarship fund to help his classmates and fellow Eagles.

The Junior Singles division was a late addition to the tournament, allowing players younger than 18 to register and compete against their peers; Owen McKinney and Kayden Henderson dominated the division and took home the coveted first and second spots, respectively.

In the Social division, mostly comprised of amateur throwers and tailgate gamers, first place was clinched by Phil and Hannah Latko. Jeffery Wilhite and Todd Green walked away with the second place.

Third and fourth places were cemented by Anna Roberts and Bria Mann in third and with Matt Johns and Crystal Calvey in fourth.

The champions of the Competitive division, which had professional teams and their members, were Darryl Macon and Johnny Thomas in first place, Kelsie Heitert and Derek Williams in second place and Russ Manns and Ricky Riddle in third place.

The combined Blind Draw division saw one member from each side of the board – one from the Social division and one from the Competitive division – teamed up to face another set of blind match-ups.

The winning team was Russ Manns and Derek Williams, second place was comprised of Kelsie Heitert and Lynn Shaddix, and third-place winners were Robert Haddix and Luke Wisener.



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Obituary Announcements: Feb. 3-5

Kenneth Oneal Nunnelley, 72
Arrangements for Kenneth Oneal Nunnelley, age 72, of Baileyton, are incomplete at this time. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Nunnelley was born Aug. 6, 1951, to Willard Nunnelley and Ester Owens Nunnelley. He passed from this life on Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024. He is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his loving wife, Agnes Nunnelley; sons, Michael Loyd, Henry Loyd (Brandi), Gary Loyd (Jessica); daughters, Janet Loyd, Jennifer Dickinson (Micah), Amanda Stracener (Eric); brother Randall Nunnelley (Barbara); twelve grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a host of family and friends. Kenneth was a member of Welcome Church. He was a dynamic truck driver for twenty-five years and he loved his job. He was a wonderful husband and father also. He will be missed every day by those who knew and love him. Please sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Mary Sue Goodwin, 85
Arrangements for Mary Sue Goodwin, age 85, of Cullman, are incomplete at this time. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Goodwin was born Dec. 1, 1938, to Ottis Patterson and Nancy Jones Patterson. She passed from this life on Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Nolan Goodwin; brothers, Paul Patterson, and Cecil Patterson; sisters, Imogene Palegro, and Peggy Crocker. She is survived by one son, Rickey Johns; one daughter, Sasonja Whitley; two brothers, James Patterson (Becky), and David Patterson (Susan); three grandchildren, Kristie Roberson (Kevin), Felecia Cook (Lee), Amanda McDuffee (Michael); great-grandchildren, Cheyenne Harper, Emily Roper, Ethan Cook, Savannah Shockley, Gregory Shockley, Steven Roper; a host of family and friends. Please sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Margaret Elliott, 83
Funeral services for Margaret Elliott, 83, of Logan, Alabama, held Monday, Feb. 5, 2024, at Cullman Funeral Home chapel with burial in Prospect Church of Christ Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Margaret went to be with her Heavenly Father on Feb. 1, 2024. Margaret, was born on Oct. 25, 1940, to her parents, Bennie and Lillian Reid Osmer. Margaret was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Glynn Elliott, her parents, a special grandson Nick Rurak, three brothers Charlie, Raymond, and Bennie Earl Osmer, three sisters Kermit Franklin, Velma Crews, and an unnamed baby sister. Margaret is survived by three sons, Terry (Cynthia) Elliott, Doug (Amy) Elliott, David Elliott, and a daughter, Tina (Willard) Whiting; 12 grandchildren, Christopher Sr. and Casey Whiting, Wendy Turner, Lynnette Cowan, Amanda (Jared)Barnett, Dustin (Jackie) Harper, Jeremy (Tricia) Payne, Brad (Linda)Hasting, Michael (Amber)Hasting, Nathan Elliott, Louis Whiting, and Christopher Whiting Jr, 10 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Margaret loved working and serving the Lord. Over the years, through many fundraising opportunities, Margaret helped build six different churches.

Patsy Louise Barber-Vance, 68
Arrangements for Patsy Louise Barber-Vance, age 68, of Falkville, are incomplete at this time. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Patsy was born Jan. 30, 1955, to Gurnie Willliams and Myrtle Fortenberry Williams. She passed from this life on Monday, Jan. 29, 2024. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Tommy Barber; son, Chris Barber. She is survived by her husband, Robert Vance; step-daughters, Sylania Taylor, and Kayla Vance; grandchildren, Crimson, Zaylee, McKenzie, Michelle, Maui, Hannah, Havannah; a host of family and friends. Patsy was a huge animal lover, especially adoring hummingbirds, and toy poodles. She was a big Alabama fan also. She loved to fish and shop and she loved her family most of all. Please sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

James Nelson Kelley, Jr., 92
James Nelson Kelley, Jr. age 92, of Haleyville, Alabama, passed away Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024, at his residence. He was born Dec. 3, 1931, to James and Estelle Kelley. James loved building things, was an Alabama fan and loved the Crimson Tide. James is survived by his son, James Kelley; daughter, Debbie K. Kretzschmar; granddaughter, Farrah (Scott) Browning; great-grandchildren, Brooklyn and Jordon Browning; brothers, Sonny Kelley and Louis Kelley; and sisters, Betty Stanford and Pat Russell. He was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia Kelley; parents, James and Estelle Kelley; and a host of brothers and sisters. No services at this time. Memories and condolences may be shared at www.nicholsfuneralhomes.com.

Marie Ditto, 83
Funeral service for Marie Ditto, age 83, of Pinson, will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 4, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home-Cemetery with Randy Wren and Jim Abbott officiating; burial at Cullman Heritage Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1:30 p.m. through 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 4, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home-Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Ditto passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2024, at her residence. She was born May 4, 1940, in Foley, AL to Deward Reese and Vida Lee Raney. She retired from the Birmingham Housing Authority after 27 years. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Edna Raney; granddaughter, Amber Wren; and grandson, Brain Wren. Survivors include her husband, Willard Van Ditto; daughter, Marsha Sims; son, Randy (Carol) Wren; son, David (Jennifer) Ditto; son, Stephen Ditto; nine grandchildren; four great grandchildren; brother, Marlin (Glenda) Raney; brother, Glenn (Geri) Raney; sister, Carol Law; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Mitchell Blake White, 42
Graveside service for Mitchell Blake White, age 42, of Fultondale, was held on Monday, Feb. 5, 2024, at Valley Springs Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. White passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2024, at his residence. He was born, Nov. 20, 1981, in Cullman, AL to Timothy White and Janis White. He was preceded in death by his mother, and nephew, Zachary White. Survivors include his father, Timothy (Brenda) White; son, Aaron White, significant other, Kati McGowen, grandmother, Margaret Bonds; brother, Timothy (Keri) White and niece, Katelyn White.

Angie Martha Childers Veal, 99, of Cullman
Angie Martha Childers Veal, 99, died Feb. 2, 2024. Funeral services will be Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Etha Baptist Cemetery. She was preceded in death by her parents M.O. and Vera Drinkard Childers; her husband, Arthur Leo Veal; her son, Jerry Veal; sisters, Ruby (Hop) Bailey, Elizabeth (Millard) Holmes, Susie Childers, Bernice (Raymond) Chesser; brothers; Billy (Sarah) Childers, O.Q. (Mae) Childers, Berlin (Gail) Childers and Laco (Corrine) Childers. She is survived by her children; Sheila Hooper and Larry Joe (Judy) Veal; grandchildren; Bryon (Laura) Veal, Jennifer James, Jeremy (Claire) Veal, Brandy Snowball and Gina (Brandon) Robertson; her great grandchildren; Woods Robertson, Rachel Veal, BriAnna (Andrew) Gurley, Latasha James, Coty (Brandy) James, Drakken James, Logan Brooks, Braiden Brooks, Justice Balla, Jacob (Savannah) Balla, Britney (Cory) Landman; her great-great-grandchildren; Heavenly Ginn, Angel-Lynn Ginn, Titan Best-Lindsey, Jezzlynn Deboard, Shelton James, Dominic James, Corbin James, Jessie James and Dawson James.

Sara Juanita Hendrix, 85
Celebration of Life Service for Sara Juanita Hendrix, age 85, of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2024 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; burial at Berlin Cemetery at Mt. Carmel. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 5, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Hendrix passed away on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024, at her residence. She was born, Dec. 31, 1938, to Willie Quinn and Lucille Quinn. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Buddy Hendrix; step-son, Terry Hendrix; granddaughter, Stacey Hansen; and brothers, Leon, Wallace, Bobby, Glenn and Billy Quinn. Survivors include her daughters, Wanda Holley, Sue Jones, Benita (Sam Kern) Freeman, Kathy Freeman, and Martha (Randy) Morefield; grandchildren, Amy Bradford, Amanda Calloway, Dewayne Holley, Jennifer Hibbert, Melissa Burke, Stephanie Bailey, Skyler Brock, and Lacey Abbott Kilpatrick; great grandchildren, Addison Bradford, Abby, Emma and Hanna Calloway, Austin, Bella, and Noa Holley, Tristan, Erin, Ava and Olivia Hibbert, Madison Lindsey, Alex and Abbygail Easterwood, Jace Bailey, Gatlin and Gage Kilpatrick; great-great-grandchildren, Jalen Reburn, Zaylee Hibbert and one on the way.

Martha Jeanette Buettner, 89
Martha Jeanette Buettner, 89, passed away peacefully Feb. 2, 2024, at Westminster Assisted Living, Cullman Alabama. She is survived by her daughters Debbie Krisulewicz (Tom) and Carol Buettner-Sherts. Grandchildren: Anne Krisulewicz, Alex Krisulewicz, Sarah Sherts, William Sherts. Sister, Doris Weston, nieces Leah Wyckoff, Jealon Thomas and many other extended family members. She was predeceased by Robert L. Buettner. A memorial service will be held at a later date. To leave condolences for the family please visit www.mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Ethel Rogenia Busby Page, 71
Ethel Rogenia Busby Page 71, went to be with the Lord on Feb. 2, 2024. She was born March 9, 1952, in Birmingham, Alabama. to Johnnie B. Busby and Billie Ruth Kilgore Busby. She married Don G. Page on June 19, 1971, and shared almost 53 happy years with him. An employee of Bagley Middle School and a volunteer at the Warrior library. Rogenia was preceded in death by her parents Johnnie and Billie Ruth Busby her brother Mark Busby and her granddaughter Samantha Katheryn Page. She is survived by her husband, Don G. Page. children, Wade Page, Andy Page (Lee Hawk), Jason Page, Amy Page Perdue, (Jack) She is also survived by her brother, Johnnie Mack Busby and her nine grandchildren, Kristian Page, Tiffany Cameron, Cori Page, Hailey Page, Chris Burgett, Mary Burgett, Eric Perdue, Adam Page and Melody Perdue. Visitation is from 12:30 p.m. until 2 p.m. and a service at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2024 at Hanceville Funeral Home. Private burial later at New Canaan Baptist Church, Empire, Alabama. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Warrior Library fund.

Angie Carlene Smith, 72
Funeral service for Angie Carlene Smith, age 72, of Cullman, is Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2024, at 3 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home chapel, with Bro. Paul Cleghorn officiating. Family will welcome friends from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Interment will be held at Crossroads Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Angie was born Aug. 17, 1951, to Dewey Burney and Dovie Gertrude Duke Burney. She passed from this life on Monday, Feb. 5, 2024. She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, James Smith; husband and dad to her children, L.C. Everett; son, Lamar Smith; two brothers, Ark Burney, Frank Burney; sisters, Linda Williams, Jana Faye Horton, and Edna Hardin. She is survived by her children, Angela Husley (Tracy), Kevin Everett; sisters, Betty Clay, Shirley Brock, Deborah Blackmon, and Kathy Burson; grandchildren, Kayla Clowers (Patrick), Zach Hancock (Kelsey), Robyn Roberts (Justin), Christian Husley (Maresa), Delana Everett (A.J.), Devin Everett (Hannah), Destinie Drake (Zack), Tuff Everett, Annabella Everett, Cody Smith, Josh Smith; eleven great-grandchildren; a host of family and friends. Angie, otherwise known as "lil' snatchy", was a wonderful woman who loved growing flowers, camping, and travelling. She loved her family, grandbabies, and great-grandbabies most of all. She will be so missed. Please sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

William Brent Harbison, 64
Memorial service for William Brent Harbison, age 64, of Cullman, is Thursday, Feb. 8, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Temple Baptist Church, with Bro. Tim Aris officiating. Family will welcome friends from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. Interment will be held at Jones Chapel Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Brent was born May 15, 1959, to Ray William Harbison and Wilda Joy Hale Harbison. He passed from this life on Friday, Feb. 2, 2024, at CRMC. He is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his children, Heath "Bubba" Harbison (Chandra), Kristi Witcher (Steven); sisters, Teresa Jennings (Wayne), Donna Sinyard (Billy), Sherri Jones (Randy); grandchildren, Anna Grace Cutcher (Zeb), Judd Norris, Kyle Norris, Ellorie Kate Harbison, Brodey Witcher; a host of family and friends. Brent was known by so many people as a kind, humble, and hard-working man. He always had a smile. He loved driving a dump truck so much and loved Alabama football. He will be missed. Please sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

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