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Cullman County Public Library brings community together

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A public library is a place for imagination to take flight, knowledge to take root and a sense of adventure to flourish. Inside a library, the mundane tasks of the everyday world can seem light years away, as if the words of an author can open a portal to another dimension - the dimension of imagination.

The Cullman County Public Library System (CCPLS) is a resource available to residents of Cullman County, ensuring that community members from every walk of life and corner of the county are never denied the ability to be enveloped into a world of words, allowing them travels and schooling – all without leaving their hometowns.

The main branch of the CCPLS hosts activities weekly and nearly daily, in an effort to increase community usage and » PAGE 3

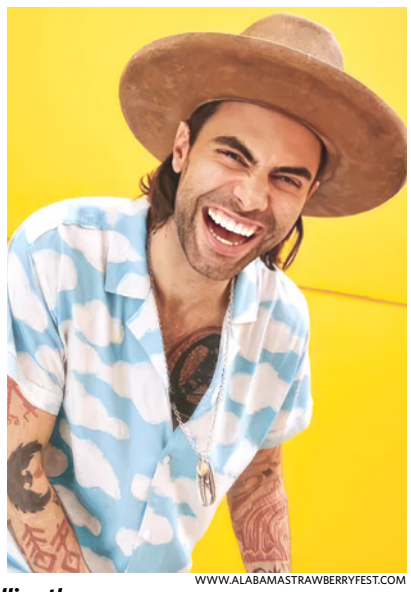


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Cullman County Public Library System Circulation Manger Laura Benton checks out library books to sisters Sadie (right) and Hadley (left) Midland on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023.

Alabama Strawberry Festival: Event goes statewide





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The Eli Young Band (left) and Niko Moon (right) will headline the Alabama Strawberry Festival in Cullman May 3-4, 2024.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The city of Cullman is preparing for an event that symbolizes more than just the celebration of spring's bountiful harvest. Nathan Anderson, executive director of Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism, shared insights into the inaugural Alabama Strawberry Festival set for May 3 and 4, 2024, marking a significant evolution from the longtime Cullman Strawberry Festival.

"This festival is a showcase for food, arts and music, representing our commitment to celebrating local culture, agriculture, business and the arts," Anderson explained. The transformation of the Cullman Strawberry Festival into the official state strawberry festival, as recognized by a June 2023 resolution from Gov. Kay Ivey, not only honors the city and county's heritage, but also positions Cullman as a pivotal cultural tourism destination in Alabama.

The expansion of Cullman's festivals, including the Strawberry Festival, Oktoberfest and Christkindlmarkt, has been both deliberate and dynamic, a response to growing interest and attendance, according to Anderson.

"Extending the (Strawberry Festival) event to a two-day affair allows us to accommodate the growing attendance and enhance the festival experience," Anderson noted. "This approach has proven vital in growing tourism in the region, showcasing the area's commitment to celebrating heritage and promoting family friendly activities."

With the recent announcement of funding from Ivey to aid in the revamping of Depot Park, where the festival will take place (along with the Cullman Festhalle), Anderson unveiled plans for Phase II of the project.

"We're moving forward with improvements that include enhanced infrastructure and more open space, crucial for accommodating the diversity of activities our festivals now host," he said. "These upgrades are essential for sustaining the growth of the festivals while ensuring that Depot Park remains a versatile venue for community events."

Addressing the balance of local and out-of-town vendors, Anderson highlighted the importance of supporting the community while inviting diversity.

"Local vendors are the backbone of our festivals," he said. "The careful selection of vendors ensures that, as the festivals grow, they remain rooted in celebrating and promoting local businesses alongside introducing visitors to new experiences."

Amid concerns that rapid growth could dilute the festivals' original charm, Anderson reassured residents that the expansion has been aligned with community values and heri- » PAGE 8

PREP CHEER

Cullman JV Cheer wins at UCA Nationals



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Congratulations to Cullman High School's JV Cheer Team on winning the Division II Gameday national championship with a score of 91 at this weekend's UCA Nationals in Orlando.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Lounge around with Mr. GreenJeans



DONNA RUTTKAY

Mr. GreenJeans is an approximately 5-year-old German Shepard in need of a forever home. » PAGE 8

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Arrests and incidents reported Feb. 12

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Feb. 12, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

GJ = grand jury; FTA = failure to appear

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Feb. 8

- robbery; CR 1605
- burglary; theft of property; Hwy. 69 S
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1605
- breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 771
- domestic violence; CR 1511
- violation of protection order; CR 1583
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 565

Feb. 9

- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 490
- menacing; CR 1226
- assault; Hwy. 157
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278 E
- criminal mischief; harassment; trespassing; CR 1850
- theft of property; criminal mischief; Hwy. 91
- violation of protection order; CR 1605
- theft of property; CR 222
- trespassing; CR 1605

Feb. 10

- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; Industrial Park Rd.
- theft of property; criminal mischief; Hwy. 278 E
- trespassing; CR 755
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of prescription drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69 S

Feb. 11

- domestic violence; CR 1718
- theft of property; 10th St. SE, Hanceville

ARRESTS

Feb. 8 – 11

Bixler, Chad A.; 39
- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Black, Christy L.; 51
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of opium or derivative
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of prescription drugs

Bowles, Robert P.C.; 26
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Creamer, John B.; 26
- FTA- driving without license

Ferguson, Donna M.; 53
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- illegal possession of prescription drugs

Godfrey, Alison M.; 26
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- FTA- resident license-hunting
- FTA- taking, etc., of protected birds or animals by means of bait
- FTA- HWOP Day

Hendrix, Natasha N.; 28
- possession of hallucinogen
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Hines, Timmy L.; 61
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled
- FTA- operating vehicle without insurance
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

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

Lawrence, Katelynn M.; 26
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Limbaugh, Oscar B.; 49
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Maze, Kacey C.; 31
- Grand Jury- sell/distribution of dangerous drugs
- Grand Jury- possession of dangerous drugs
- Grand Jury- possession of drug paraphernalia

Miller, Holli D.; 30
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of hallucinogen

Myrex, Heather N.; 41
- FTA- possession of methamphetamine
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Pate, Carrie B.; 38
- Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)

Ragsdale, James D.; 37
- larceny/theft-theft of property-2nd degree $500 less than $1,500

Sherrell, Jonathan L.; 28
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Smith, Danny R.; 52
- FTA- improper lights
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- open container-alcohol in vehicle

Steel, Thomas J.; 34
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- violation of domestic violence protection order

Stephens, Zachary L.; 28
- possession of hallucinogen
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Thomason, Corey D.; 33
- FTA- assault-domestic-menacing-other weapon
- FTA- violation of domestic violence protection order

Wallace, Benjamin J.; 29
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

White, Denise K.; 31
- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Wilbert, Aaron D.; 22
- FTA- sex offense-statutory rape

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Feb. 9
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Brandon Dr. NE
- harassment; person; Clover Rd. SE

Feb. 10
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW

Feb. 11
- criminal mischief-3rd degree; person; damage to 2003 Buick; $350

ARRESTS

Feb. 9 – 11

Biggs, Jonathan D.; 33
- DUI

Banks, Timothy R.; 43
- FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Turney, Aaron K.; 32
- FTA- driving without license

Thomason, Corey D.; 33
- violation of protection order

Ludwig, Kory P.; 44
- DUI

Warren, Christopher A.; 29
- FTA- run red light
- FTA- driving while suspended

Mentzer, Joshua R.; 27
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Beasinger, Tonya M.; 49
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Delgado, Kenedin Yeltzin R.; 26
- DUI

Mealer, Amanda; 21
- theft of property-4th degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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January 2024 health department scores

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Each month, food establishments are inspected by the Alabama Department of Health and graded on every aspect of the business.

Below are the local businesses and institutions that were inspected in January.

V & W Food Mart
Address: 19129 US Hwy 31
City: Vinemont
Zip Code: 35179
Score: 85
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/24/2024

Fairview Superette
Address: 648 Wesley Ave N
City: Cullman
Zip Code: 35058
Score: 86
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/24/2024

Berlin Quick Stop
Address: 3661 US Hwy 278 E
City: Cullman
Zip Code: 35055
Score: 86
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/5/2024

Colony Senior Center
Address: 12980 AL Hwy 91
City: Hanceville
Zip Code: 35077-
Score: 87
Smoke Free: No
Inspection date: 1/4/2024

Cracker Barrel Old Country Store #51
Address: 6020 AL Hwy 157
City: Cullman
Zip Code: 35058-5940
Score: 88
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/8/2024

Hardee's - Good Hope #1501448
Address: 1535 Co Rd 437
City: Cullman
Zip Code: 35055-
Score: 89
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/11/2024

Dollar General #6623-Hwy 31
Address: 801 Second Ave NW
City: Cullman
Zip Code: 35055-
Score: 90
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/24/2024

Popeyes - 157
Address: 5901 AL Hwy 157
City: Cullman
Zip Code: 35058
Score: 90
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/8/2024

Valley Grove Store & Deli
Address: 6278 Co Rd 437
City: Cullman
Zip Code: 35057
Score: 90
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/22/2024

Marco's Pizza #8501
Address: 1302 2nd Ave SW
City: Cullman
Zip Code: 35055
Score: 91
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/11/2024

Little Caesar's Pizza
Address: 305 2nd Ave NW
City: Cullman
Zip Code: 35055
Score: 92
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/5/2024

Jack's Family Restaurant -#198 -DC
Address: 325 AL Hwy 69 S
City: Hanceville
Zip Code: 35077
Score: 93
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/24/2024

Dollar General #14825-Eva Rd
Address: 121 Co Rd 1435
City: Cullman
Zip Code: 35058
Score: 93
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/4/2024

Subway #34734 - Walmart
Address: 626 Olive St
City: Cullman
Zip Code: 35055
Score: 93
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/9/2024

Taziki's Mediterranean Café
Address: 421 3rd Ave SE, Suite 110
City: Cullman
Zip Code: 35055
Score: 93
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/10/2024

Dollar General #12143-Fairview
Address: 120 Wesley Ave N
City: Cullman
Zip Code: 35058
Score: 94
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/12/2024

Supermart - Deli
Address: 12122 AL Hwy 69
City: Baileyton
Zip Code: 35019
Score: 94
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/24/2024

Hanceville Encore Mobil
Address: 14660 AL Hwy 91
City: Hanceville
Zip Code: 35077
Score: 94
Smoke Free:
Inspection date: 1/23/2024

Warehouse Discount Groc #3050 - 157
Address: 5754 AL Hwy 157
City: Cullman
Zip Code: 35055-
Score: 95
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/10/2024

Arby's #7251
Address: 5890 AL Hwy 157
City: Cullman
Zip Code: 35057-
Score: 95
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/24/2024

McDonald's -Dodge City- #30679
Address: 231 AL Hwy 69 S
City: Hanceville
Zip Code: 35077
Score: 96
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/10/2024

Jack's Family Restaurant -#212 -C
Address: 1641 Main Ave SW
City: Cullman
Zip Code: 35055
Score: 96
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/5/2024

Karma's Coffee House
Address: 103 1st Ave NE, Suite 140
City: Cullman
Zip Code: 35055
Score: 96
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/4/2024

Warehouse Discount Groc Meat #3070 - C
Address: 1615 Town Sq. Shopping Center
City: Cullman
Zip Code: 35055
Score: 96
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/8/2024

Kool Kidz Daycare
Address: 1031 Summit Rd
City: Baileyton
Zip Code: 35019
Score: 96
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/24/2024

McAlister's Deli
Address: 5721 AL Hwy 157
City: Cullman
Zip Code: 35055
Score: 96
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/10/2024

Buffalo Wild Wings
Address: 1700 B 2nd Ave SW
City: Cullman
Zip Code: 35055
Score: 96
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/10/2024

S & S Foods Market - Dodge City
Address: 4340 Co Rd 216
City: Hanceville
Zip Code: 35077-
Score: 97
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/23/2024

S & S Foods Deli - Dodge City
Address: 4340 Co Rd 216
City: Hanceville
Zip Code: 35077-
Score: 97
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/23/2024

S & S Foods Meat - Dodge City
Address: 4340 Co Rd 216
City: Hanceville
Zip Code: 35077
Score: 97
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/23/2024

Dominos #5398 - Hanceville
Address: 8019 US Hwy 31
City: Hanceville
Zip Code: 35077
Score: 97
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/12/2024

Dollar General #6138-Baileyton
Address: 13600 AL Hwy 69 N
City: Baileyton
Zip Code: 35019-
Score: 97
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/24/2024

Jack's Family Restaurant -#228 -WP
Address: 11531 AL Hwy 157
City: Cullman
Zip Code: 35057
Score: 97
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/3/2024

Logan's Roadhouse # 539
Address: 6092 AL Hwy 157
City: Cullman
Zip Code: 35058
Score: 97
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/22/2024

5 Points Food Mart
Address: 205 Rosemont Ave NW
City: Cullman
Zip Code: 35055
Score: 97
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/22/2024

Dominos #5398 - Hanceville
Address: 8019 US Hwy 31
City: Hanceville
Zip Code: 35077
Score: 97
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/12/2024

Kentucky Fried Chicken-Cullman
Address: 1620 2nd Ave SW
City: Cullman
Zip Code: 35055-
Score: 98
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/5/2024

Cross Creek Golf Course
Address: 2321 Co Rd 490
City: Hanceville
Zip Code: 35077-
Score: 98
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/12/2024

Cullman Senior Center
Address: 1539 Sportsman Lake Rd NW
City: Cullman
Zip Code: 35055-
Score: 98
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/11/2024

M & M Mini Mart
Address: 5801 AL Hwy 157
City: Cullman
Zip Code: 35057
Score: 98
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/22/2024

Dollar General #44-Cullman Downtown
Address: 203 1st Ave SW
City: Cullman
Zip Code: 35055-
Score: 98
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/24/2024

Shrimp Basket Restaurants
Address: 716 2nd Avenue NW
City: Cullman
Zip Code: 35055
Score: 98
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/3/2024

Quickstop Food Mart
Address: 926 Main St NE
City: Hanceville
Zip Code: 35077
Score: 98
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/12/2024

Kingdom Coffee
Address: 102 Main Ave SE
City: Cullman
Zip Code: 35055
Score: 98
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/9/2024

Mobil 157
Address: 5982 AL Hwy 157
City: Cullman
Zip Code: 35058
Score: 98
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/8/2024

Subway #6466 - Hanceville
Address: 720 Main St NE
City: Hanceville
Zip Code: 35077-
Score: 99
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/12/2024

Cullman Primary School Cafeteria
Address: 900 Hoehn Rd NE
City: Cullman
Zip Code: 35055-
Score: 99
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/8/2024

Cullman Co Child Dev Center Cafeteria
Address: 17600 US Hwy 31 N
City: Cullman
Zip Code: 35058
Score: 99
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/22/2024

Grand Pointe Pharmacy
Address: 2045 2nd Ave NW
City: Cullman
Zip Code: 35058
Score: 99
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/22/2024

Dollar General #20778 - Colony
Address: 14950 AL Hwy 91
City: Hanceville
Zip Code: 35077
Score: 99
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/23/2024

Hanceville Senior Center
Address: 209 Michelle St NW
City: Hanceville
Zip Code: 35077
Score: 99
Smoke Free: Yes
Inspection date: 1/23/2024

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m.-noon. Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry and Spirit Life Church.
• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthdays. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pickup is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper, AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• Wednesday, Feb. 14 - Healing strong at 6 p.m.! Children and youth classes at 7. Adult Bible study of Romans. Free pizza for children at 6:30. Van runs in the 5 Points Area at 6. Call Guy Sunter - 727-215-9092 – for pickup.
• Friday, Feb. 16 - 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. 17 - 9-11 a.m. Drive-through food bank
• Saturday, Feb. 17 - "Hearts in Harmony" Valentine's Dinner Youth Fundraiser from 6-9 p.m.
• Sunday, Feb. 18 - 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. 18 - 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.

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.

Cullman Educator Retiree Association Meeting
Thursday, Feb. 15, at 11 a.m. at Stone Bridge Farms. Our program will be presented by Fairview Florist. Afterward, we will have lunch and fellowship for those who wish to stay.

Fairview Lions Club Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, Feb 17, from 7-10 a.m. at Fairview Town Hall, 7525 Alabama Highway 69N. Plates are $8 and are available for eat in or carry out. All proceeds will go to the Fairview Lions Club project fund. For more information call Kita Chambers at 256-385-8805 or William Criscoe at 256-385-5596.

Holly Pond Lions Club Annual Beans and Greens Dinner
Saturday, Feb. 17, from 4-7 p.m. in the Holly Pond Lions Club building. Donations accepted. Invite your friends and neighbors to join you for a fun evening and good food.

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.

Library (from Front)

involvement. A library card grants residents access to the internet, games, educational resources and news archives as well as a large collection of literary works.

"We want the community to know we are more than just books, although we have a passion for reading and lifelong learning. In addition to books, we have thousands of DVDs, music CDs, books on CD, pickleball kits, disc golf sets and musical instruments for check-out. We have school readiness kits for preschoolers available to check out in our Easy Reader room, along with Hooked on Phonics kits and educational Launchpads for kids, ages 3 to 10," said CCPLS Circulation Manager Laura Benton. "In addition to all of the above, we have a Special Collections room that patrons can do historical and genealogical research in. We offer Ancestry.com access at the library for conducting research. We have a collection of newspapers on microfilm dating back to the 1940s for The Cullman Tribune and The Cullman Times. We also have a sizable collection of yearbooks from surrounding schools in the county."

The library is headed into the new age, picking up more technological items and games for the younger generation to enjoy, adding video games, movies and music to its catalog of available items; if technology is daunting and confusing, the library has a solution for that problem, as well. Its Borrow a Librarian program does just that, allowing a patron to borrow a librarian to help navigate technology.

"For those who are not technologically savvy, we offer a service called Borrow a Librarian. Patrons can set an appointment for up to 45 minutes one-on-one time with a librarian to learn everything from computer basics, to setting up an e-mail, to troubleshooting smartphones and iPads," said Benton. "We can also help patrons navigate our two e-book and audiobook apps, Libby and Hoopla."

The main branch of the CCPLS is located at 200 Clark St. in Cullman. It is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.- 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

CORRECTION



CHEYENNE SHARP/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

In the story "D&Y Farms: Fresh farm-raised saltwater shrimp year-round," published in the Feb. 10, 2024, issue of The Cullman Tribune, we identified the couple profiled as Daniel and Yancey York, as well as Davis and Yancey York. The correct names are Davis Dickerson and Yancey York. We regret the error.

We are publishing the photo again here, with the correct caption:

Yancey York and Davis Dickerson are the brains and brawn behind Cullman's first shrimp farm operation, raising saltwater Pacific White Shrimp for customers to enjoy year-round.

Flourish of Cullman Mardi Gras Bingo and Silent Auctions set for April 6

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Local nonprofit Flourish of Cullman will host its Mardi Gras Bingo and Silent Auction event on Saturday, April 6.

Flourish aims to bring awareness, acceptance and support to the differently abled community, no matter their abilities. Its mission statement reads, "Flourish of Cullman, Inc. provides community-based support to individuals with differing abilities who would like to live as independently as possible." And its core values state, "We believe that individuals with differing abilities are primarily individuals deserving of dignity and respect. They can create and develop their own vision and dreams for their lives and can learn how to manage their own home life. These individuals can learn how to perform actual jobs with competitive pay and how to be social among friends within social settings."

At its annual fundraiser, purple and green feathers, beads and masks will adorn the tables and other décor while big band brass plays in the background.

There will also be a traditional Cajun shrimp boil and beignets.

The benefit will raise funds for Flourish's new residential evaluation facility, designed to evaluate differently abled individuals to determine their needs when deciding to live independently.

A costume contest is scheduled to liven the evening, recognizing guests dressed in their Mardi Gras best; prizes will be given, courtesy of Flourish.

Former East Elementary Principal David Wiggins will call bingo for the gathering. There will also be a popular 360-degree photo booth.

"You can go as big and flashy as you want, with feathers and masks, or you can do a more subtle take on the Mardi Gras theme," said Flourish Executive Director Melissa Dew. "It's going to be a great night of coming together to get these individuals the circle of support they need."

The Flourish of Cullman Mardi Gras Bingo and Silent Auction will be held in the Traditions Bank building on Saturday, April 6, beginning at 6 p.m.

For tickets, contact Flourish at 250-735-4186. Tickets are $75 each or $500 for a table of eight. Each guest will receive full bidding access to the silent auction items as well as one bingo card; additional bingo cards may be purchased.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Bearcats advance to NW Regional with 70-58 win over Lee-Huntsville

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NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman defeated Lee-Huntsville 70-58 Saturday night to advance to the Sweet 16.

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Bearcats secured a spot in the 6A Sub-Regionals with an area championship win over Hartselle earlier this week and they were back at Bearcat Arena Saturday night with a chance to play in the Sweet 16 on the line. Lee-Huntsville made the trip to face Cullman and after three back and forth quarters, the 'Cats were able to wear down the Generals in the final frame and punched their ticket to the Northwest Regional Tournament with a 70-58 win. Bearcats Head Coach Stu Stuedeman and his team spent a lot of time preparing for the pressure Lee-Huntsville was going to create defensively and gave his guys high praise for the way they executed that plan.

"Fantastic. You're going to turn it over against them because they're all over the place. They trap you from the time the ball is tipped up to the end of the game so you're going to have to live with the turnovers, but I feel like our guys were really prepared for that. We played five on seven in practice and our guys really handled it great for the most part," Stuedeman said.

"We were able to punish them for what they do well, and exploit and it wasn't perfect but it's playoff basketball and its not going to be perfect. It's all about players making plays at this point and our guys had a lot of guts. They just wore them down and wore them down and then knocked them out, it was great."

Sam Duskin led the way for Cullman with a game-high 32 points in the win and Stuedeman was excited to see all the senior's hard work pay off in a big moment.

"Sam is a special player. You don't go to the Air Force Academy if you're not a special person and a special player. What I love about Sam, he had a rough month, and he was questioning if he was a star player and he just stayed the course, came to work every day and now at the right time, Sam is doing special things for us," Stuedeman said. "I'm so happy for him, and it's all him. He worked his tail off, didn't get too down in the dumps and stayed the course and now he's balling."

Baskets by Jake Dorough and Colton Echols gave Cullman a 4-2 start in the opening period and Sam Duskin drained a three to make it 7-2. Duskin scored inside and Dorough knocked down a three-pointer to keep the Bearcats in front 12-6. Duskin caught fire in the final three minutes of the first quarter, scoring eight straight points for the 'Cats to help give them a 20-15 lead at the start of the second.

Lee was able to cut into the lead early in the second quarter, but Gray Hopper drilled a three to keep Cullman ahead 23-21. Hopper buried another three to make it a 29-28 game later in the period and after Dorough laid one in, Kase Nixon drained another three to stretch the lead to 34-28 with two minutes remaining in the first half.

Duskin knocked down a jumper to give Cullman a 36-30 lead with just over a minute to play in the second and Brodie Bannister split a pair of free throws in the final seconds of the half to make it a 37-35 game at the break.

Three-pointers from Bannister and Sam Dorough put the Bearcats in front 43-40 early in the third quarter and Echols scored through a foul and tacked on the free throw to make it 46-40. Baskets from Duskin and Evan Wilson gave Cullman a 5-point lead with one minute to play in the period and Duskin sank a pair of free throws just before the end of the third to make it a 52-47 game at the start of the fourth.

Wilson laid one in, and Dorough split a pair of free throws to start the final frame, but it was all Duskin after that. He scored the next eight points for the 'Cats, finishing his scoring run with an emphatic dunk that extended the lead to 63-51 with a minute remaining in the game. The Bearcats finished things at the free throw line in the final minute, hitting five of their last six foul shots to wrap up a 70-58 win over the Generals and punch their ticket to the sweet 16.

Duskin racked up 32 points for Cullman in the win. Jake Dorough posted 10 and Bannister added seven.

The Bearcats will be on the court at Wallace State's Tom Drake Coliseum Thursday to face Muscle Shoals in the first round of the Northwest Regional Tournament.





PREP BASKETBALL

West Point advances to NW Regional with 59-47 win over Wenonah

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WEST POINT, Ala. — After winning their area tournament earlier this week, the West Point Lady Warriors were back home Friday night to host a Sub-Regional matchup against Wenonah. The Lady Warriors went into the locker room with a 21-point lead at halftime and fended off a second-half push from Wenonah to secure a 59-47 win and punch their ticket to this year's Northwest Regional Tournament. West Point Head Coach John Welborn was proud of the way his team held off the Dragons in the second half and is pleased to see several different players stepping up for the Lady Warriors in this postseason run.

"They came back and made it close in the third quarter but we kind of stretched it out there at the end and got it back to about 17 and then in the fourth quarter all we had to do was hang on. That No. 2 for them is good and we just had to hang on and take care of the basketball because it's chaos, just pure chaos," Welborn said.

"We're playing pretty good defense overall, we've got to stay out of foul trouble and things like that, but we're playing pretty good defense. Tonight, we had Kylee Quinn and Caitlee Simmons come off the bench and play great, so we've got some girls stepping up when we do get in foul trouble. It was a good night."

Laklin Shadix knocked down a three and Jaelyn Faulkner laid one in to give West Point a 5-1 start in the opening period. Two more baskets by Laklin Shadix made it a 9-5 game and a pair of buckets from Liberty Shadix stretched the lead to 13-8 with three minutes remaining in the first. Hallie Wheeler buried back to back three-pointers in the final two minutes of the first quarter to give the Lady Warriors a 19-8 lead going into the second.

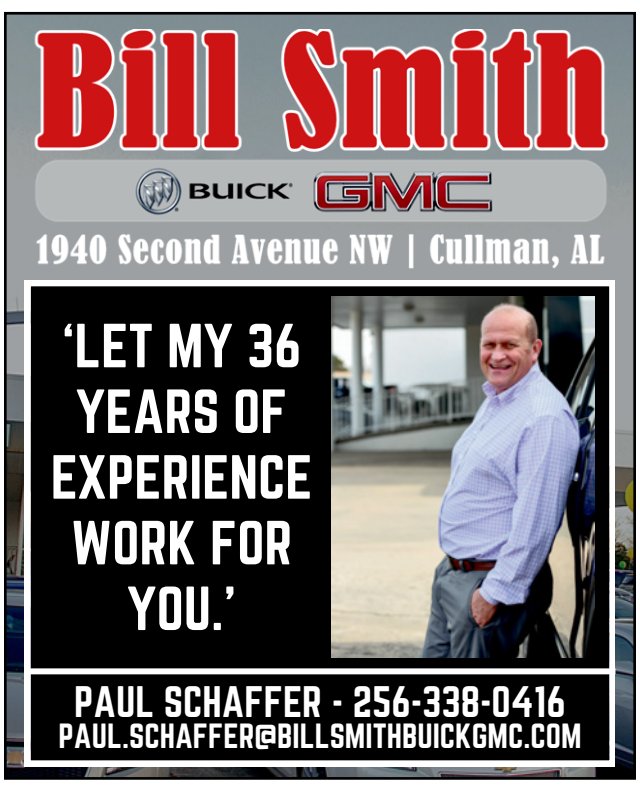
Baskets by Camryn Faulkner and Kylee Quinn kept West Point ahead 23-8 early in the second quarter and Jaelyn Faulkner laid another one in to make it 25-10 midway through the period. Liberty Shadix scored inside and Laklin converted an and-one play at the line to extend the lead to 30-12 with two minutes to play in the first half. Camryn Faulkner put one in off the glass and hit a pair of free throws to make it 34-12 late in the second and Liberty Shadix laid one in with just 30 seconds on the clock to put the Lady Warriors in front 36-15 at halftime.

Camryn Faulkner and Liberty Shadix each scored to maintain a 20-point lead for West Point early in the third quarter, but Wenonah was able to cut the lead to 41-29 later in the period. Camryn Faulkner laid one in to make it a 43-29 game with just over a minute remaining in the third and Quinn and Laklin Shadix each split a pair of free throws in the final 30 seconds of the period to give West Point a 45-30 lead with eight minutes to play.

Quinn scored six of the first eight points for the Lady Warriors in the fourth quarter to stretch the lead to 53-34 with around three minutes remaining. West Point continued to make things difficult for Wenonah on the defensive end, allowing the Lady Warriors to pull away and Wheeler and Liberty Shadix each sank a pair of free throws in the final 30 seconds of the game to cap a 59-47 win for West Point.

Liberty and Laklin Shadix each led the Lady Warriors with 14 points in the win. Camryn Faulkner finished with 10, Quinn added nine and Wheeler posted eight.

West Point will be back in action Friday at the AHSAA Northwest Regional Tournament at Wallace State.





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NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST

State of Alabama
Cullman County
Probate Office Elections

TO: ALL CULLMAN COUNTY VOTERS

There will be a PUBLIC TEST held for the Precinct Ballot Counter for the Tuesday, March 5, 2024, Presidential Preference and Alabama Statewide Democrat and Republican Primary and Constitutional Amendment Election.

The public test will be held Monday, February 26, 2024, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm at the Cullman County Court Referral Building, 2051 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate
Cullman County

NOTICE OF ELECTION

State of Alabama
Cullman County
Probate Office Elections

TO: ALL CULLMAN COUNTY VOTERS

In accordance with Section 17-9-5 of the Code of Alabama, notice is hereby given that a Presidential Preference and Alabama Statewide Democrat and Republican Primary and Constitutional Amendment Election will be held in Cullman County, Alabama on March 05, 2024. The following offices will be on the ballots:

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- United States Representative, 4th Congressional District

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- Superintendent, Cullman County Board of Education
- Member, Cullman County Board of Education / West Point / District No. 1

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT STATEWIDE

PROPOSED STATEWIDE AMENDMENT NUMBER 1

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, TO AMEND Section 71.01 authorizing the Legislature to sign and transmit local laws or constitutional amendments before the transmission of basic appropriations. (Proposed by Act 2023-562)

Yes ( )
No ( )

Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate
Cullman County

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Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicle, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned motor vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80:

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Cullman County
Probate Office Elections

TO: ALL CULLMAN COUNTY VOTERS

Pursuant to 21-4-23 (b), of the Code of Alabama (1975), notice is hereby given of the following requirements for and the availability of this registration and voting aids.

(b) The appropriate election officials of each county shall issue public notice in each voting precinct of the requirement for and the availability of these registration and voting aids, which notice shall be notification for all handicapped and elderly individuals. This notice shall be issued as early as practicable, but in any case, not later than 60 days before any state election or the registration deadline for such election.

Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate
Cullman County

Legal Notice

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NOTICE SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

Presidential Preference and Alabama
Statewide Democrat and Republican Primary
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March 05, 2024

State of Alabama
Cullman County
Probate Office Elections

TO: All Cullman County Voters

There will be a School of Instruction held for all election workers in Cullman County on February 15th, 16th, 21st, & 22nd between the hours of 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM, pursuant to *Ala. Code §17-8-9 (a)*. All election workers selected by the Appointing Board are required to attend one of these schools.

Thank you for your service.

Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Darrell Matthew Murphree, as Personal Representative of the Estate of James Dalton Murphree, deceased, on the 9th day of February, 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.

Darrell Matthew Murphree
Personal Representative

Beverly Paschal Poston
Attorney for the Estate of
James Dalton Murphree, deceased
201 2nd Avenue, SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

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

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

PB MIN BK 221 PG 779 - 02/09/2024 11:14 AM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
AUSTIN BRETT ELROD, * **CASE NO.: PC2023-416**
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that *Petition for Summary Administration* has been filed on the 21st day of December, 2023, by Brett Lamar Elrod, Petitioner, by and through Attorney, 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.

Brett Lamar Elrod
Petitioner

Tonya C. Palmer
Attorney for Petitioner
1939 Main Avenue, sw
Cullman, AL 35055

To: PUBLISHER OF ***The Cullman Tribune***

Please publish the above notice **ONE TIME** in said newspaper, and thereafter file with the Court a copy of the notice so published and an affidavit of publication.

DONE this the 9th day of February, 2024.

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

PB MIN BK 221 PG 772 - 02/09/2024 11:00 AM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

GREGORY MICHAEL JORDAN, DECEASED CASE NO. PC 2024-004

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED
BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF GREGORY MICHAEL JORDAN, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Lee P. Jordan on the 9th day of February, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Lee P. Jordan, Personal Representative (Administrator),
and
Steven C. Smith, Attorney for the Estate

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
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Cullman, Alabama 35056-0398
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Fax: (256) 734-4774
e-mail: steve@smithandsmithllp.com

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC2023-389

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF SHIRLEY QUICK, DECEASED

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED
BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Roy James Quick on the 9th day of February, 2024, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Roy James Quick
Personal Representative

TO: The Publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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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 *
NELSON K. BUCHANAN, * **CASE NO.: PC 2024-043**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to JOAN IRENE WALKER, as Personal Representative of the Estate of NELSON K. BUCHANAN, deceased, on the 9th day of February, 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.

Joan Irene Walker
Personal Representative

J. Bradley Wilson
Attorney for Administrator
Baggett & Wilson, LLC
206 Ninth Street Southwest, Suite 102
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

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

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF)
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) Case No.: JU-2023-000032.02
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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

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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, * **CASE NO.: PC2024-023**
A/K/A FAITH MOODY-HAMMOCK, *
A/K/A IRIS FAITH HAMMOCK, *
DECEASED. *

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
Attorney for Personal Representative
Post Office Box 530910
Birmingham, Alabama 35253
(205) 870-0555

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

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

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

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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)
)
JAMES BLAKE BUCHANAN, SR.,) **Case Number: PC2023-419**
)
Deceased.)

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
1939 Main Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055

TO PUBLISHER: The Cullman Tribune

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

JERRY L. KILGO
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER
421 3RD AVE SE, SUITE 250
CULLMAN, AL. 35055

TO PUBLISHER: PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR (4) SUCCESSIVE WEEKS IN THE **CULLMAN TRIBUNE**, BEGINNING: February 6, 2024.

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CIRCUIT COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY

NOTICE OF ELECTION OFFICIALS

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY

TO THE PROBATE JUDGE OF SAID COUNTY AND STATE:

We, the undersigned, constituting the Appointing Board of Election Officials of Cullman County, Alabama, hereby certify that this is a true and correct list of the Election Officials to hold a Presidential Preference and Alabama Statewide Democrat and Republican Primary and Constitutional Amendment Election, to be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, in Cullman County, Alabama.

Absentee Box

Susan Richardson	Inspector
Lisa Andrews	Chief Clerk
Debra Ball	Clerk
Debbie Nelson	Clerk

Arkadelphia Fire Department	**Precinct 7**
Kristy Gable	Inspector
Diane Boyd	Chief Clerk
Susie Curtis	Clerk
Brodie Gable	Clerk
Leon Smith	Clerk

Baileyton Senior Center	**Precinct 20 Box 1**
Greg Hendrix	Inspector
Pat Gilbert	Chief Clerk
James Fisher	Clerk
Bobby Martin	Clerk
Joan Weaver	Clerk

Baldwin Family Life Center	**Precinct 33**
Bonnie Marty	Inspector
Ginger Laws	Chief Clerk
Alva Ray Marty	Clerk
Carolyn Marty	Clerk
Patricia Moore	Clerk

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Battleground Fire Department	**Precinct 16**
Billy McCravy	Inspector
Vernell McCravy	Chief Clerk
Mary Beth Asherbranner	Clerk
Randy Wynn	Clerk
Rhonda Wynn	Clerk

Beat 8 Community Center	**Precinct 8**
Carolyn Calvert	Inspector
Frankie Williams	Chief Clerk
Joyce Garrison	Clerk
Rita Light	Clerk
Julie Mauldin	Clerk
Barbara Woods	Clerk

Berlin Community Center	**Precinct 23**
Jim Barnett	Inspector
Tony Duke	Chief Clerk
Jennifer Lambert	Clerk
Marie Sanford	Clerk

Bethel Community Center	**Precinct 14 Box 2**
Laura Brown	Inspector
Lindsey Walker	Chief Clerk
Genia Williams	Clerk
Nikki Jenkins	Clerk

Bethsadia Fire Department	**Precinct 13**
Hilton Angle	Inspector
Sandra Rhodes	Chief Clerk
Wendi Crum	Clerk
Michael Brown	Clerk
Maxie Rhodes	Clerk

Bolte White Grove Church	**Precinct 36**
Ben Jester	Inspector
Stanley Sandlin	Chief Clerk
Sandra Peppers	Clerk
Robin Sandlin	Clerk
Sheila Jester	Clerk

Bremen Fire Department	**Precinct 10**
Donna Calvert	Inspector
Avery Dooley	Chief Clerk
Freda Dooley	Clerk
Jean Shelton	Clerk

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Brooklyn Community Center	**Precinct 20 Box 2**
Clarence Benefield	Inspector
Anita Batemon	Chief Clerk
Lucy Benefield	Clerk
Gary McGriff	Clerk
Earl Porters	Clerk
Paulette Porters	Clerk

Brushy Pond Community Center	**Precinct 26**
Hilda Garrett	Inspector
Ellis Garrett	Chief Clerk
June Campbell	Clerk
Beverly Mullenix	Clerk
Philip Mullenix	Clerk

Center Hill Community Center	**Precinct 31**
Keith Burns	Inspector
Sherry Bradford	Chief Clerk
Wendy Jenkins	Clerk
Tarah Meharg	Clerk

Cold Springs Community Center	**Precinct 9**
Ann Freeman	Inspector
Debra Graves	Chief Clerk
Kay Lenard	Clerk
Jim Stricklin	Clerk

Colony Education Complex	**Precinct 6 Box 2**
Gwendolyn Purifoy	Inspector
Evelyn Timmons	Chief Clerk
Margaret Dimbo	Clerk
Vanessa Jones	Clerk
Kim Twitty	Clerk

Courthouse Conference Room	**Precinct 1 Box 6**
Toby Monts	Inspector
Lynn Bradford	Chief Clerk
Paul Derrick	Clerk
Emily Yarbrough	Clerk

Crane Hill Fire Dept Comm Bldg	**Precinct 12**
Callie Garmon	Inspector
Alice Burrow	Chief Clerk
Roberta Calvert	Clerk
Kathy Davis	Clerk
Jan Williams	Clerk

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Cullman City Hall	**Precinct 1 Box 5**
Nancy Harrison	Inspector
Catherine Haggard	Chief Clerk
Shannon Berse	Clerk
Seth Thompson	Clerk
Kitty Warren	Clerk

Cullman County Health Dept.	**Precinct 34**
Dale Moody	Inspector
Denise Schuman	Chief Clerk
Diane Smothers	Clerk
Mark Smothers	Clerk

Cullman Office Bldg (Basement)	**Precinct 1 Box 4**
Michael Sullins	Inspector
Judy Boike	Chief Clerk
Joan Calvert	Clerk
Elizabeth Collicott	Clerk
Rita Kelley	Clerk
Susy Stokes	Clerk

Dodge City Community Center	**Precinct 2 Box 2**
Heather Langley	Inspector
Samantha Duke	Chief Clerk
Jerry Langley	Clerk
Heaven Rivers	Clerk
Monica Wesson	Clerk

Donald E. Green Senior Center	**Precinct 1 Box 1**
Linda Romine	Inspector
Mark Aderhold	Chief Clerk
David Abney	Clerk
Judy Fitzgerald	Clerk
Rachel Monk	Clerk
Patricia Marsh	Clerk

Donald E. Green Senior Center	**Precinct 1 Box 2**
Rebecca Parker	Inspector
Debra Reynolds	Chief Clerk
Emily Abney	Clerk
Patti Brown	Clerk
Becky Kirk	Clerk

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Donald E. Green Senior Center	**Precinct 1 Box 3**
Peggy Harris	Inspector
Robert Allison	Chief Clerk
Brenda Allison	Clerk
James Amos	Clerk
Donna Harris	Clerk
Donna Schulte	Clerk

East Point Community Center	**Precinct 35**
Leslie Calloway	Inspector
Ronald Barnes	Chief Clerk
Dean Gregory	Clerk
Virginia Pattillo	Clerk
Rebecca Stevens	Clerk
Melanie Vincent	Clerk

Fairview Fire Dept A-K	**Precinct 28 Box 1**
Darrell Bailey	Inspector
Sherry Bailey	Chief Clerk
Jason Bryan	Clerk
Jimmie Grimes	Clerk
Charlotte Haynes	Clerk

Fairview Town Hall L-Z	**Precinct 28 Box 2**
Gene Pinkard	Inspector
Amy Haynes	Chief Clerk
Hugh Harris	Clerk
Doris Pinkard	Clerk
Diana Waldrop	Clerk

Friendship Methodist Church	**Precinct 17 Box 2**
Mary Jones	Inspector
Debbie Garrison	Chief Clerk
Rick Garrison	Clerk
Heather Hill	Clerk
Albert Jones	Clerk
Connie Rauch	Clerk
Karen Tapscott	Clerk

Garden City Town Hall	**Precinct 4**
Sheila Kretzschmar	Inspector
Cherrie Haney	Chief Clerk
Marcia Pender	Clerk
Mary Swann	Clerk

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Gold Ridge Community Center	**Precinct 19**
Cody Smith	Inspector
Wilma Smith	Chief Clerk
CL Arrington	Clerk
Anthony Graham	Clerk
Regina Jacobsen	Clerk

Good Hope City Hall	**Precinct 2 Box 1**
Roger Gentry	Inspector
Wendy Waldrep	Chief Clerk
Tammy Howard	Clerk
Cynthia Shabel	Clerk
Willard Waldrep Jr	Clerk

Grandview Community Center	**Precinct 29**
Linda Pace	Inspector
Helen Dunn	Chief Clerk
Sue Carol Livingston	Clerk
Laura Reeder	Clerk
Brenda Wilkinson	Clerk

Hanceville City Hall	**Precinct 3 Box 1**
James Sawyer	Inspector
Anna Gotch	Chief Clerk
Richard Evers	Clerk
Latrice Colvin	Clerk
Yvonne Grund	Clerk

Hanceville Civic Center	**Precinct 3 Box 2**
Brenda Carter	Inspector

Coleen Vansant	Chief Clerk
Sharron Nichols	Clerk
Wayne Nichols	Clerk
Loretta Vansant	Clerk

Holly Pond Fire Department **Precinct 22**

Danny Alldredge	Inspector
Vickie Alldredge	Chief Clerk
Carolyn Bryan	Clerk
Tanya Hays	Clerk
Tina Holcombe	Clerk
Carol Watts	Clerk

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Johnson Crossing Volunteer FD **Precinct 27**

Candy Reeves	Inspector
Beverly Wright	Chief Clerk
Frances Boike	Clerk
Felicia Rauch	Clerk

Jones Chapel Fire Department **Precinct 15**

Ellen Pigg	Inspector
Karen Hale	Chief Clerk
Phyllis Little	Clerk
Carol McKoy	Clerk
Connie McMinn	Clerk
Robin Sterling	Clerk
Wanda Sterling	Clerk

Joppa Fire Department **Precinct 21 Box 1**

Joan Creel Harper	Inspector
Brenda Creel	Chief Clerk
Delores Malavolta	Clerk
Caroletta Scofield	Clerk

Kelley Community Center **Precinct 30**

Dennis Swafford	Inspector
Jan Alldredge	Chief Clerk
Jimmy Alldredge	Clerk
Deborah Davis-Hood	Clerk
Ellis Folsom	Clerk
Joe Kampis	Clerk

Logan Fire Department **Precinct 14 Box 1**

Elaine Johnson	Inspector
Charlotte Brock	Chief Clerk
Vicky Fisher	Clerk
William Fisher Jr	Clerk
Robert Harbison	Clerk
Donna Miller	Clerk

Moody Town Union Hill Church **Precinct 6 Box 1**

Christy Gamble	Inspector
Terry Lee Gamble	Chief Clerk
Lauren Graham	Clerk
Wanda Mahaffey	Clerk
Kerri Wigley	Clerk

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New Canaan Senior Center **Precinct 21 Box 2**

Angel Casey	Inspector
John Casey	Chief Clerk
Dori Poole	Clerk
Dorinda Poole	Clerk

Providence Fire Department **Precinct 18 Box 2**

Andy Dyer	Inspector
Edward Green	Chief Clerk
Bridgett Rodgers	Clerk
Sandra Sandlin	Clerk

Simcoe Community Center **Precinct 32**

E.J. Carter	Inspector
Sherry England	Chief Clerk
Edwin Dixon	Clerk
Madison Kovar	Clerk
Brenda Maynard	Clerk

Stouts Mountain Baptist Church **Precinct 5**

Randall Waldrep	Inspector
Jane Chamblee	Chief Clerk
Ronnie Chamblee	Clerk
Joan Lee Moore	Clerk

Trimble Fire Department **Precinct 11 Box 1**

Bruce Whitlock	Inspector
Wanda Woody	Chief Clerk
Stephanie Buchanan	Clerk
Brenda Twilley	Clerk
Beatrice Whitlock	Clerk

Valley Grove Community Center **Precinct 11 Box 2**

Connie Baker	Inspector
Cindy Knight	Chief Clerk
Kelley Baker	Clerk
Harold Brown	Clerk
James White	Clerk
Leanna Wood	Clerk

Vinemont Community Center **Precinct 18 Box 1**

Kathy Waddell	Inspector
Sonya Adams	Chief Clerk
Judy Dodson	Clerk
JoAnn Oakley	Clerk
Gary Waddell	Clerk

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Walter Community Center **Precinct 24**

Phillip Hicks	Inspector
Angela Robertson	Chief Clerk
Debra Delamont	Clerk
William Sinyard	Clerk

Welti Mt. Zion Church **Precinct 25**

Doris Patterson	Inspector
Joyce Allen	Chief Clerk
Kristi Baker	Clerk
Diann Hightower	Clerk
Vanessa McDaniel	Clerk

West Point Community Center **Precinct 17 Box 1**

Derinda Jones	Inspector
Linda Blackwood	Chief Clerk
Vicki Blankenship	Clerk
Wayne Blankenship	Clerk
Tammy Lackey	Clerk
Terence Lackey	Clerk

Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Lisa McSwain, Circuit Clerk

Matt Gentry, Sheriff

Signatures on file in the Probate Office.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF HANCEVILLE

Pursuant to the instructions of the City Council of the City of Hanceville, notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City Council at the Hanceville City Hall, located at 112 Main ST SE, Hanceville, Alabama, 35077, on March 14, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. where all interested citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard for or against the R-3 High Density Residential Zoning of property to be annexed as petitioned by owners The Broadway Group / KME Development as included in Ordinance No. 2024-1.

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CITY OF HANCEVILLE
ORDINANCE NO. 2024-1

WHEREAS, RMP Farms authorized and acting on behalf of The Broadway Group / KME Development LLC, being the owners of the real property herein described, did file with the City Clerk a petition requesting that the said tracts or parcels of land be annexed to and become a part of the City of Hanceville, and;

WHEREAS, the governing body did determine that it is in the public interest that said property be annexed to the City of Hanceville and it did further determine that all legal requirements for annexing said real property have been met pursuant to Sections 11-42-20 through 11-42-24, Code of Alabama, 1975.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Hanceville, Alabama, as follows:

SECTION 1.

The City Council of the City of Hanceville, Alabama, finds and declares as the legislative body of the City that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City, and the citizens of the affected areas, to bring the territory described in Section 2 of this ordinance into the City of Hanceville.

SECTION 2.

The Boundary lines of the City of Hanceville, Alabama, be, and the same are hereby altered or rearranged so as to include all of the territory hereto before encompassed by the corporate limits of the City of Hanceville, Alabama, and in addition thereto the following described territory to wit:

Cullman County Parcel Numbers: 23-04-18-0-001-085.000 and 23-04-18-0-001-086.000

ALL THAT PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT A RAILROAD SPIKE MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER OF THE SAID SECTION 18; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREE 04 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST 1063.97 FEET TO A CAPPED IRON PIN (STAMPED CA451LS), THE POINT IS FURTHER DESCRIBED AS BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 77 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST 258.55 FEET TO A CAPPED IRON PIN (STAMPED CA451LS); THENCE NORTH 42 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST 576.81 FEET TO A CAPPED IRON PIN (STAMPED CA451LS); THENCE SOUTH 47 DEGREE 32 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST 342.22 FEET TO A CAPPED IRON PIN (STAMPED CA451LS); THENCE NORTH 42 DEGREE 27 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST 70.88 FEET TO A CAPPED IRON PIN (STAMPED CA451LS); THENCE SOUTH 47 DEGREE 32 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST 110.52 FEET TO A CAPPED IRON PIN (STAMPED CA451LS); ON THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY MARGIN OF U.S. HIGHWAY 31; THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY MARGIN NORTH 42 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST 9.40 FEET TO A CAPPED IRON PIN (STAMPED CA451LS); THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT-OF WAY MARGIN NORTH 00 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST 105.99 FEET TO A CAPPED IRON PIN (STAMPED CA451LS); THENCE NORTH 42 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 39 SECONDS WEST 171.45 FEET TO A CAPPED IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 42 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 11 SECONDS WEST 248.55 FEET TO A CAPPED IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST 106.97 FEET TO A CAPPED IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST 307.02 FEET TO A CAPPED IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 25 SECONDS EAST 1301.83 FEET TO CAPPED IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 07 SECONDS EAST 934.05 FEET TO A POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 22.63 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, as follows:

SECTION 3.

That the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare requiring it under authority granted by Article 4, Sections 11-52-70 through 11-52-79, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended and the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Hanceville, Alabama Ordinance No. 510, adopted the 1st day of May 2006, as amended, and more particularly the Hanceville, Alabama Zoning Map as a part thereof, is hereby amended, changed, and modified as follows:

SECTION 4.

That the real estate owned by The Broadway Group / KME Development LLC described in SECTION 2 of this ordinance be zoned R-3 High Density Residential.

SECTION 5.

(a) That this Ordinance with notice of public hearing has been published once each week for two (2) successive weeks prior to passage, within the City of Hanceville, Alabama, and the publication of said notice and ordinance being verbatim.

(b) That a public hearing was held relative to the passage of this ordinance on the 14th day of March 2024 at 5:30 p.m. prior to adoption at which time interested parties and citizens had opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and any changes relating thereto.

(c) That all notices as required by law were given by the City Clerk concerning said public hearing.

SECTION 6.

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

SECTION 7.

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

SECTION 8.

THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, that the above-described property is annexed to the City of Hanceville and is zoned R-3 High Density Residential, and that appropriate action be taken to change and modify the City Zoning Map to reflect the same.

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SECTION 9.

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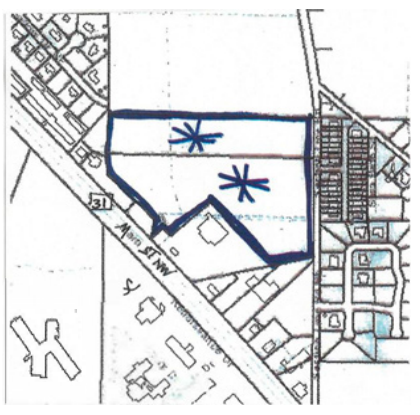
This ordinance shall be published as provided by law, and a certified copy of same, together with a certified copy of the petition of the property owners shall be filed with the Probate Judge of Cullman County, Alabama.

ADOPTED and EFFECTIVE, this the ____ day of March 2024**.**

Mayor Jim Sawyer

ATTEST:
Tania C. Wilcox, MMC





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Smith Lake Baptist Church holds inaugural Betty Smith Memorial Chili Cook-off

Cheyenne Sharp
cheyenne@cullmantribune.com

CRANE HILL, Ala. — Some say that laughter is the sound a healthy, thriving congregation. If that holds true, Smith Lake Baptist Church (SLBC) in Crane Hill is the pinnacle of health and happiness as chatter and giggles wafted throughout the building recently.

The congregation gathered in the church's fellowship hall in remembrance of Betty Smith, a longtime pillar of the church and honorary grandmother to all. Smith passed away in December, leaving holes in the hearts of her fellow parishioners.

Denise Owens-Edmisten, a relatively new member to the church quickly noticed the void left by Smith's passing, immediately searching for fixes and solutions. Knowing that nothing could replace the presence of the late congregation member, she turned to an age old solution for a broken heart – warm, hearty food and pure and simple joy. Thus, the inaugural Betty Smith Memorial Chili Cook-off was born.

"We needed a 'happy' after Ms. Betty Smith passed away right after Christmas. She was such an integral part of our church that it just deflated everybody and we needed a 'happy,'" shared Owens-Edmisten. "The church is dying; we live in a world that's dying. Anything that can bring us together for fellowship, allowing us to invite others, that's why I wanted to do this."

Bringing people together in joy and fellowship was Owens-Edmisten's plan for the night of Feb. 11 and it was a smashing success; friends sat across from strangers who became family, and church pew-pals occasionally made the rounds, doting on the younger generation.

Owens-Edmisten took the floor once again to explain the judging process to the judges who were ready to dive in, saying, "The categories are Most Unusual, Hottest and Best Overall, so taste wisely."

One parishioner in the crowd questioned Owens-Edmisten's choice of categories, asking, "Most Unusual?"

"You never know, someone could have brought possum chili!" Owens-Edmisten quipped as the crowd laughed.

In the end, the winners of the inaugural Betty Smith Memorial Chili Cook-Off were Donna Mills with Best Overall, Denise Owens-Edmisten with Hottest and James D. Williams with Most Unusual.

Smith Lake Baptist Church is located at 18585 County Road 222 and can be reached by phone at 256-747-2777.

Allen: 1 week left to register to vote in 2024 Primary Election

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Secretary of State Wes Allen reminded Alabama residents that there is one week left to register to vote before the 2024 Primary Election.

"As Secretary of State, I want to encourage all eligible Alabama citizens to register to vote and to exercise this constitutional right," said Allen. "Voter participation in safe, secure, and transparent elections is critical to the success of our state."

Eligible Alabama residents must register to vote by Monday, Feb. 19, 2024, to vote in the March 5, 2024 Primary Election.

Electronic voter registration may be completed by visiting www.sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/voter/register-to-vote.

The deadline to turn in a physical voter registration form to your county Board of Registrars is Friday, Feb. 16, 2024.

The deadline to postmark a voter registration form is Saturday, Feb. 17, 2024.

To be eligible to vote in Alabama, one must be a citizen of the United States, reside in Alabama and be 18 years old on or before election day. One must not be barred from voting due to a disqualifying felony conviction or have been judged "mentally incompetent" by a court of law.

On election day, polls will be open 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Voters are required to present a valid form of photo identification when voting at their polling place or by absentee ballot.

For questions about registering to vote in Alabama, please call the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's office at 334-242-7210 or your local county Board of Registrars.

This Valentine's Day, beware of scam artists on dating sites

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — In February, many Alabamians will use online platforms seeking companionship, yet con artists are also lurking in these forums in hopes of exploiting the lonely and vulnerable for money. Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall urged individuals using online dating sites to exercise caution against scammers who seek to cultivate false emotional bonds before soliciting money.

"Romance scams prey on the most vulnerable aspects of human nature--trust, hope and love. Predators have been known to empty bank accounts with their manipulation and lies," said Marshall. "My office regularly receives reports of individuals falling victim to these heartless schemes. Because it is nearly impossible to recover money lost, I strongly encourage anyone who suspects they are being scammed to immediately contact my office. Our Consumer Protection Division can provide guidance before large sums of money are lost for good. It is my hope that we can educate and empower our communities to recognize the signs of online predators."

Romance scams generally occur after individuals meet on a dating site or app where they continue to communicate via email, phone, or messaging. Once building an emotional connection, scammers will begin requesting money for fabricated stories, such as a fictious medical emergency, the need for a plane ticket to visit, or other urgent circumstances. Unfortunately, people who fall victim to a romance scam are embarrassed and frequently will not report the scam to the proper authorities. Despite the limited reporting, the Federal Trade Commission identified that in 2022, nearly 70,000 people reported a romance scam, with losses totaling $1.3 billion.

Marshall made the following recommendations to help spot a romance scam:

- Do not send money to anyone you are communicating with online or over the phone.
- Do not give passwords or bank account information regardless of how much you trust this individual.
- Celebrities will not ask for money so that you all can be in a relationship.
- Use a search engine to do a reverse image search for profile pictures.

Contact the Attorney General's Office with a suspected scam at 1-800-392-5658 or visit AlabamaAG.gov. For more information on romance scams visit ftc.gov/romancescams. Or, to report a scam, visit ReportFraud.ftc.gov, or the Federal Bureau of Investigations website at ic3.gov for Internet Crimes.

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Mr. GreenJeans (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Does lounging around on the couch, watching television and eating all the snacks a belly can hold sound like a pretty great time? Would it sound better if a furry friend were involved? If so, the Cullman Tribune's pet of the week, Mr. GreenJeans, is a personality match made in Heaven.

Mr. GreenJeans is an adorably fluffy German Shepherd with a traditional tan and black coat who is believed to be about 5 years old. A low- to medium-energy pup who enjoys the slow pleasures in life, he does prefer to be spoiled and kept inside out of the elements and around humans as he thrives and comes to life with loving interaction.

The volunteers and staff at the Cullman County Animal Shelter believe Mr. GreenJeans would make an excellent therapy dog or companion pet, noting that he is the epitome of grace and charm, trotting around to nudge hands for pets and interacting with anyone who crosses his path or boops his nose.

Are you ready to have a pal like Mr. GreenJeans? Visit the shelter at 935 Convent Road NE. It is open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. His adoption fee includes a neuter, DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet and microchip.

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

Festival (from Front)

tage. "Our focus on tradition, local culture and community engagement has ensured that we retain our small-town charm and appeal," he stated. "This thoughtful growth strategy aims to welcome larger crowds without compromising the essence of Cullman's community spirit."

For families accustomed to attending these festivals, Anderson assured that cost remains minimal. Admission to all events continues to be free, a testament to the city's commitment to inclusivity and accessibility.

"This underscores our dedication to our community, ensuring that our festivals continue to be a source of joy and celebration for everyone," Anderson concluded.

The Alabama Strawberry Festival will take place Friday and Saturday, May 3-4, 2024, at Depot Park and the Cullman Festhalle. Entertainment headliners are The Eli Young Band and Niko Moon. Get more details at www.alabamastrawberryfest.com.

Obituary Announcements: Feb. 10-12

Raymond Wilbert Tiller, 89
Raymond Wilbert Tiller, 89, died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2024, in Cullman, Alabama. Ray lived his whole life in Montana, before moving to Alabama, six months earlier to be with his family. Raymond was born in Lewistown, Montana, on Oct. 31, 1934, where he met Phyllis Marie Farmer. They married April 23, 1954. They had three children. They were married forty-three years. Phyllis died in 1997 and Raymond never remarried. Ray loved the outdoors, fishing to him was therapy. He loved to share his fishing knowledge with anyone who wanted to learn. He would share his knowledge about the Bible and creation with anyone who would listen. Mr. Tiller is preceded in death by his parents, Robert Leo Tiller, Sr. and Grace Caroline Bachman Tiller; wife, Phyllis Marie Tiller; son, Jerry Tiller; and sisters, Florence Hart and Jackie Anderson. Ray is survived by his daughters, Susan Leksen (Alan), Charlene Self (Gregg); grandchildren, Britian Tiller, Sherry Tiller, Tyler Walston, Melissa Walston, Shania Morast; four great-grandchildren; brother, Robert Tiller, Jr; and daughter-in-law, Terry Tiller. The Tiller family will celebrate the life of Ray with a memorial service at a later date. Mr. Tiller's obituary was provided by the Tiller family. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Tiller family.

Vileta Foust, 95
Funeral services for Vileta Foust, 95, of Hanceville, Alabama will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2024, at Walter Baptist Church. Burial will follow the service at Duck River Cemetery. Visitation for the public will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, 2024, at Hanceville Funeral Home and from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13 at Walter Baptist Church. Mrs. Foust was born on Oct. 7, 1928, to the late Edgar and Hester Shoemaker in Cullman, Alabama. She passed away on Feb. 9, 2024, in Hanceville, Alabama. Shortly after marrying her husband, Vileta spent most of her time raising her three boys. Shortly after they reached high school age she went on to college where she eventually earned her master's degree in education. After completing school, Mrs. Foust gained employment with the Cullman County School System where she was the K-12 librarian at Holly Pond from 1971 to 1998. In addition to her career, Mrs. Foust was a lifelong member of Walter Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Roscoe Foust; parents, and grandson, Matthew Foust. Survivors include her children, Jeff (Janice) Foust, Kendall (Teresa) Foust and Neil (Tammy) Foust; grandchildren, Nathan (Samantha) Foust, Bradley (Tina) Foust, Amanda (Tracy) Bord, Christopher (Rachel) Wilder, Michelle (Paul) Mattox, and Dawson (Hailey) Foust; 17 great-grandchildren with one on the way; and her brother, Richard (Gladys) Shoemaker.

Maurice Pruett "Buddy" Hinkle, Jr., 58
Maurice Pruett "Buddy" Hinkle, Jr., age 58, of Cullman, Alabama, passed peacefully on Monday, Feb. 5, 2024, at Brookwood Baptist Medical Center. Buddy was born on Aug. 6, 1965, to Maurice Pruett Sr. and Carolyn Calloway Hinkle in Cullman, Alabama. He lived there until 1985, when he joined the United States Army and was first stationed at Fort Polk, Louisiana. He was then stationed in Berlin, Germany, in 1988. Moving back to Cullman in Nov. 1990 to build his first house in Good Hope on the Hinkle Homestead, where he continued to build and live his life. He was preceded in death by His Father, Maurice Pruett Hinkle, and son Aaron Hinkle. Buddy is survived by his beloved wife of 9 years, Christina Reid Hinkle, sons: Jacob Hinkle, Nathan Hinkle, Joshua Hinkle, and Noah Hinkle, daughters Evie Hinkle and Kaylee Hinkle, stepdaughter: Jessica Baker, mother, Carolyn Hinkle, sisters: Lisa Hinkle and Jannie Hinkle Thomas, nieces: Mallory Benson, and Reese Thomas, and a host of extended family and an immense amount of life- long friends and anyone he helped and was there for in his life, he was a friend and confidant to everyone he encountered. Buddy was a passionate member of Emeus Baptist Church in Cullman, Alabama. A happy, devoted Husband and family man of immense Character and infinite patience when helping others. He was an avid sportsman who loved hunting, fishing, and spending time with his children and those who adored him. Spending free time, he would be found most often playing with his girls, looking up fishing/hunting videos, Auburn sports updates, and listening to worship songs on his computer at his desk, drinking a Mt. Dew. May the humility and love he gave and showed in words and so many unseen actions, never asking for credit, even when well due to him. May his life inspire and draw others close together and to Christ, whom Buddy served in many ways that are lost in today's world. Buddy graduated from Good Hope High School in 1983 and proudly served his country in the United States Army. He worked for Bellsouth/AT&T for 18 years and, after his department closed, moved on to factory work for his girls and family. A celebration of life visitation for "Buddy" Maurice will be held Sunday, Feb. 11, 2024, from noon until 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, AL 35055, followed by a celebration of life funeral service at 2 p.m. "Buddy" Maurice will be laid to rest in Good Hope Cemetery, 90 Good Hope School Road, Good Hope, AL 35057.In lieu of flowers please make donations to Legacy of hope, Gideon's Revival and the Heartbeats for Heroes Initiative. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Brenda Gail Parrish, 74
Brenda Gail Parrish passed away peacefully at her home on Feb. 10, 2024. Brenda was born in Cullman, Alabama on Feb. 27, 1949. She was preceded in death by her parents Faye Buchmann Daniel and Bobby Rayburn Reeder, and her brothers Bobby W. Reeder and Danny Reeder. Brenda attended Cullman High School. She received a degree in Nursing from Wallace State Community College. She worked in several areas of nursing in Cullman and Birmingham over her many years including doctor's offices, hospitals and home health. She loved nursing and was very compassionate in caring for her patients. Brenda is survived by her son Tim Jones of Cullman, sister Cindy Blevins and husband Robert of Houston, Texas, sister Donna Chandler of Cullman, aunt JoAnn Hinkle and husband David of Cullman and several cousins, nieces and nephews. The family would like to sincerely thank the loving caregivers who took care of Brenda during her final years. A graveside service will be held Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024, at 10 a.m. at Cullman City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church or a charity of your choice. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Randy Lee Drummond, 63
Memorial service for Randy Lee Drummond, age 63, of Cullman, is Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home chapel, with Bro. Malcolm Carter officiating. Family will welcome friends for a visitation from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Randy was born July 8, 1960, to Denverd Drummond and Doris Yarbrough. He passed from this life on Sunday, Feb. 11, 2024. He is preceded in death by his mother, Doris Yarbrough; brother, Scotty Dewayne Drummond. He is survived by his parents, Denver and Oleda Drummond; son, Heath Drummond; daughter, Amber Huskey (James); sister, Charlotte Garrison; grandchildren, Ava Callahan, Braden Hamilton, Madilyn Huskey, Adalee Huskey; a host of family and friends. Randy was a family man. He was described by his children as a "rock". He became a child of God in July 2023, and he was looking forward to going home after battling a long sickness here on earth. He was a nature lover and was an avid fisherman. He was happiest on the creek bed and in the woods. He was also a music lover and his favorite band was AC/DC. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Please sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Steven Walter Erickson, 66
Steven Walter Erickson, of Holly Pond, Alabama, formerly of Massachusetts, passed away on Feb. 12, 2024, at the age of 66. Mr. Erickson was born in Norwood, Massachusetts, on Oct. 18, 1957, to Eugene and Sarah Martin Erickson. Steven is preceded in death by his father, Eugene, and a son, Brian. Mr. Erickson is survived by his loving wife, Ann; mother, Sarah; sons, Daniel, and Michael; brother, Alan; sister, Jane; granddaughter, Grace; his dogs, Lucy, and Sammy; and a host of extended family and friends. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to care for the Erickson family.

Tasha Tankersley, 34
Tasha Tankersley, age 34, of Dallas, Georgia and formerly of Good Hope, passed from this life too soon on Jan. 3, 2024. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Tasha was born on Jan. 12, 1989, to Timothy Martin Cutshaw and Tamela Joanna Hicks Stephens. She is survived by her mother, her sons, Bryce Keegan Frederick and Lane Jensen Frederick; sisters, Tammy Powell, Cyndi Williams, and Tori Henderson, and her husband Mathew Tankersley, and step sons Aiden and Arlan Tankersley, also many family and friends. Pallbearers: Marvin Bray, Corey Bray, Matthew Hicks, Brian Thornton, and Ben Wilson. Tasha loved to read and cook. She was always making everyone laugh. She loved her sons, Bryce and Lane, more than life itself. They were her heart and soul. Her strength allowed her to love her step sons Aiden and Arlan as if they were her own as well. There are no words that can describe how genuine and big her heart was. She could literally do just about anything but She loved working as a labor and delivery nurse, which lines up with the level of empathy and care she had for people and children in general. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

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