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Cullman City Council enacts mobile business ordinance, increases parks and rec staff

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council on Monday approved an ordinance to govern "mobile vendors (food trucks), pushcarts, ice cream trucks and mobile business units." Over a dozen mobile food vendors are currently operating on a regular basis in the city, and the ordinance also covers mobile versions of car washers/detailers, auto glass repair services, barbers, hair and nail salons, and pet groomers.

Among other rules, the ordinance requires mobile business operators to purchase licenses, observe traffic regulations, get permission before parking on private property and comply with safety and health regulations. Operators are prohibited from blocking driveways, hindering traffic flow, offering drive-through service or external seating or operating within 300 feet of the entrances to estab- » PAGE 6



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Jackson Chambers hands an order out the window of The Street Kitchen at a food truck rally.

Hope Horses celebrates 10 years



LAUREN ESTES/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Bubbles the horse is seen at Hope Horses in Cullman on Feb. 13, 2024.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Local nonprofit Hope Horses, Inc. celebrated 10 years of serving the community this week, welcoming the community to a ribbon cutting event on Tuesday, Feb. 13.

Executive Director Kelsey Scott said, "The big thing here and the success and growth of Hope is the people that are involved – our staff. I really want to highlight them and share my appreciation. Every person involved on the staff here and their dedication, passion and strength makes this team work.

"I think Hope is a community organization and we rely very heavily on people being involved in order to be supported.

"Through word of mouth, volunteering, financial donations, efforts made here have helped Hope become successful over the years. It really takes a village. I love our village here."

The nonprofit provides therapeutic horsemanship programs to individuals with special physical, social, cognitive and emotional needs.

Hope Horses is completely dependent on fundraising events and donations from the community.

For more information, or to get involved with Hope Horses Inc., visit hopehorsesinc.com. It is located at 1301 Convent Road NE in Cullman.

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A tale of 2 fandoms: The Chiefs, Swifties and a Super Bowl to remember



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Feb. 14

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Feb. 14, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests or incidents reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Feb. 6
- harassment; person; 13th St. NE

Feb. 8
- harassment; person; Hwy. 157

Feb. 11
- duty upon striking fixtures on highway; person; 3rd Ave. SE; damaged mailbox; $300

Feb. 12
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; 8th St. SW
- leaving scene of accident; City of Cullman; Clark St. NE and 2nd Ave. NE

Feb. 13
- domestic violence-3rd degree-harassment; person; Hoehn Dr.

ARRESTS

Feb. 12 – 13

Holcomb, Harley S.; 25
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree

Maus, Marie E.; 30
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree
- FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Eubanks, Jody S.; 48
- domestic violence-3rd degree

Bliss, Timothy E.; 36
- Grand Jury- indictment for enticing a child/electronic solicitation

Kunze, Cody W.; 31
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree
- FTA- driving while revoked

Woljevach, Margret A.; 63
- public intoxication
- resisting arrest

Tucker, Daniel R.; 45
- possession/receiving controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

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41st annual Stars and Stripes Rodeo returning March 1-2

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WEST POINT, Ala. — The West Point Band Boosters are kicking into gear this week and preparing for a crowd. The 41st annual Stars and Stripes Rodeo will take place March 1-2. The event is the main fundraiser for the school's band program.

Held at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center, located at 17645 U.S. Highway 31, the rodeo is expected to follow in the footsteps of years past and turn out an excellent crowd for an excellent time, all supporting an excellent cause.

"Last year was our 40th anniversary and we made changes to improve the show and (now) have great contestants competing for cash payouts. People have a misconception that since it is to benefit the West Point band, it is an amateur event, but they are professionals," said Sheila Taylor, co-chair of the West Point Stars and Stripes Rodeo Committee.

"The event brought us an award for one of the top five indoor rodeos in the nation. It was a great honor and we plan to build on that success this year."

Famed announcer Jeff Lucas will lend his voice to the event. Other special guests scheduled to pop in are Tyler Torrey, Michael "Goobie" Smith and Dakota Brown.

Traditional rodeo events will be the main draw, but the boosters have other fun family events planned to please the crowd like Mutton Bustin', the Calf Scramble, raffles, a 50/50 draw that will occur nightly and the ever-exciting Miss West Point Rodeo Queen Pageant.

Miss West Point Rodeo Queen's duties don't end at the Stars and Stripes Rodeo, as its competition is part of the Rodeo Pageant Circuit. The winner will get the chance to advance to higher rounds, eventually a national level.

Taylor beamed, "We have eight categories or titles and the winners. Once crowned (the winner will) tour to other rodeos throughout the year representing our rodeo. In the past we have had several of our queens go on to compete and win the Miss Rodeo USA."

The 41st annual Stars and Stripes Rodeo will take place March 1-2, 2024, at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center located at 17645 U.S. Highway 31. Admission will be $15 per adult, $10 per child ages 6-10 and children younger than 6 will be admitted free. Gates open at 5 p.m., with the main event beginning at 7. Get more info at www.facebook.com/westpointwarriorbandrodeo.


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

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

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

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m.-noon. Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry and Spirit Life Church.
• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthdays. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pickup is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper, AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• Friday, 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 High School Class of 1963 Luncheon/Meeting
Friday, Feb. 16, at 1 p.m. at the Golden Corral, 1720 Cherokee Ave. SW, Cullman. In reserved room. For more information, call Joyce Williams Rodgers at 256-339-3451.

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.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Cold Springs handles Isabella 72-30 to advance to Sweet 16

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BREMEN, Ala. — After capturing the 2A, Area 11 championship Monday, the Cold Springs Lady Eagles returned to the court Friday night for a Sub-Regional game against the Isabella Lady Mustangs. Cold Springs jumped out to a big lead in the opening period and never let Isabella back into the game, cruising past the Mustangs 72-30 to advance to this year's Central Regional Tournament.

Cold Springs didn't waste any time getting on the scoreboard first, as back-to-back treys from the right wing by Paizley Whitlow gave them a quick 6-0 lead. A rebound and putback by Isabella made it a 6-2 game, but Ella Bruer, Maci Brown, and Whitlow each nailed a three to stretch the Lady Eagles' lead to 15-2. Ciara Calvert drilled one from long-range, and Whitlow would later hit her fourth three of the quarter to make it a 21-7 game. Kenady Graves and Bruer each added a layup, and Calvert drained the Lady Eagles' eighth trey of the period to increase their lead to 28-9.

Cold Springs would take a 28-12 lead into the second quarter.

Whitlow hit a pair from the line, and Calvert added a layup to give the Lady Eagles a 32-12 lead early in the second. Brown put one in from deep, Calvert added another layup, and Bruer buried a three to make it a 41-15 game.

Whitlow finished out a strong first half in style, hitting two more threes, to give Cold Springs a commanding 48-15 lead at the half.

Whitlow hit a pair of layups, Bruer and Macie Huffstutler each added one, Brown hit a short jumper and Graves put in a pair of layups in the third quarter, as the Lady Eagles went into the final quarter up 63-17. Baskets by Hollyn Bruer and Huffstutler gave Cold Springs a 69-19 lead, then later on, a trey by Hollyn Bruer made it a 72-26 game. The Lady Eagles would go on to roll past the Lady Mustangs, 72-30, to move on to the Sweet 16 for the second straight season.

Whitlow finished with a game-high 26 points for Cold Springs. Calvert and Ella Bruer each added 10 points. Brown put in eight points, while Graves, Hollyn Bruer, and Huffstutler each finished with six points.

Cold Springs will face Vincent in the first round of this year's AHSAA Central Regional Tournament at Bill Harris Arena in Birmingham Thursday.



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Cold Springs' Paizley Whitlow led all scorers with 26 points in the Lady Eagles' 72-30 win over Isabella Friday night.

PREP BASKETBALL

Addison falls to Shoals Christian in Sub-Regional 84-59

Todd Walker
Tribune correspondent

ADDISON, Ala. – Addison hosted the Shoals Christian Flame for the right to advance to the Northwest Regional Saturday night and the game did not go as planned as the Flame came out and roasted the Bulldogs on their own floor 84-59.

Shoals Christian came out on fire as they jumped out to a 6-0 lead and then extended that to 12-3 with still 4:24 to go in the first period. The Flame play a five-guard lineup which is uncommon but due to their guards' above average skill set it more than fit the bill. The Shoals players, especially Clark Hughes, surprisingly held their own against the bigger Bulldogs. Hughes led all rebounders in the first period with six. Shoals put intense pressure on the Bulldogs ball handlers and without their starting point guard, Jed Wilkins, who has been out for a month with an injury, the young Addison guards just couldn't keep up.

The Flame won the period 26-12 and it wasn't a fluke. Shoals is probably the most fundamentally sound team Addison has played all year. Their crisp passes and lights out shooting from three led to many easy layups throughout the game. Addison's young big man Kiah Lake led the Dawgs with 6 points and 3 rebounds. Bulldog senior Jacob McLamb led the Dawgs with 4 boards. The Flame were led in scoring by Danny King with 10 points, while Hughes and Isaiah Shaw each had 6 points.

The second period didn't get any better as Shoals Christian ran away with it by the score of 22-10 to take a 48-22 lead into the half. During the period, Addison made a run cutting a twenty-point lead down to fourteen, 34-20. Bradley Willette and Lake each had a basket in the paint and McLamb hit two free throws for Addison but that only reignited the Flame who then scored ten straight points to basically ice the game.

Willette led Addison with 4 points in the period. Shoals Christian's Shaw had 10 points to lead the Flame. King, J.D. Bachofer and D.J. Shanes each had 4 for Shoals. The Flame couldn't miss in the first half as they probably shot over 60% from three-point land and made a ton of first half lay-ups.

Addison didn't give up and did play better in the second half, but it just wasn't enough.

The third period had each team scoring 23 points, so Shoals Christian led 71-45 going into the fourth frame. McLamb led Addison with 8 points while 8th grader Scout Flynn had 6 points. McLamb led Addison with 3 rebounds. King led Shoals with 7 points while Shaw had 5. Bachofer and Sam Storie each had 2 boards for the Flame.

Addison took some consolation by winning the final period 14-13 but lost the game pretty convincingly, 84-59. McLamb led Addison with 6 points in his final high school game while Willette, Elijah Roberts and Senior Hayden Holland had 2 boards apiece. Shoals Christian was led by King's 8 points while Storie and King each had 2 rebounds.

Addison had a very successful season, winning their area and posting 17 wins on the year. The Bulldogs bring back a ton of experience next year, but they will need to replace a good outside shooter in Senior Jacob McLamb and Senior Hayden Holland who does the dirty work down low and brings a football mentality to the paint.

Addison Head Coach Scott Flynn,

"We just ran into a team that shot lights out and outplayed us tonight. They just didn't miss. The five-guard lineup gave us a little trouble, but I felt like we played okay. It is just hard to win when the other team shoots as well as Shoals did tonight."

Addison concludes their successful season on a disappointing note while Shoals Christian will move on and play the winner of the Belgreen/Lynn matchup.

Unofficial stats

Addison was led in scoring by McLamb with 17 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals and a block. Flynn had 13 points, 4 boards and 2 steals. Willette had 12 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists and a block. Lake had 8 points and 4 boards. Roberts had 6 points, 3 boards and 3 assists. Holland had 2 points, 3 boards, 1 assist and 1 steal. Kaden Dyson had 1 point, 2 boards and a steal. Owen Pratt had 2 boards and a steal. Cole Rodgers had a steal.

Shoals was led by King with a game high 29 points and 3 boards. Shaw had 21 points and 4 boards. Hughes had 14 points and 8 points. Bachofer had 8 points and 3 rebounds. Storie had 4 points and 5 rebounds. D.J. Shanes and Ashland Husainy had 4 points apiece. Rylan Pettus had 2 rebounds.



BRANDON EVANS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Addison fell to Shoals Christian in the Sub-Regional round 84-59 Saturday night.

PREP BASKETBALL

Meek falls to No. 3 Belgreen at NW Regional 54-34

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — After claiming an area championship and toppling Waterloo in the Sub-Regional round, Meek's postseason run continued at the 1A Northwest Regional at Wallace State's Tom Drake Coliseum Wednesday. The Lady Tigers matched up with No. 3 Belgreen in the Sweet 16 and unfortunately for the Tiger fans in the building, Meek was unable to keep pace with the Lady Bulldogs and the season came to an end for the Lady Tigers with a 54-34 loss.

Belgreen took a 4-0 lead to start the opening, but Addisyn Williams laid one in to get Meek on the board and trim the lead to 4-2. Early turnovers made it difficult for the Lady Tigers to get into a rhythm on the offensive end and the Bulldogs were able to pull ahead 8-3 later in the period. Williams knocked down a corner three to make it an 8-6 game with three minutes to play in the first and Aleah Addison buried a deep three to tie the game at 9 with just over a minute remaining in the first. Addison scored inside on the next possession to give Meek its first lead of the game at 11-9 going into the second quarter.

Another Addison basket kept the Lady Tigers in front 13-11 early in the second but Belgreen was able to move back ahead 15-13 midway through the period. The Lady Bulldogs continued to press and create turnovers, stretching their lead to 18-14 with just over two minutes to play in the first half. Belgreen added to its lead in the final two minutes of the second quarter and the Meek went into the locker room trailing 22-14 at the halftime break.

The Lady Bulldogs extended their lead to 26-14 early in the third quarter but Chloe Gilliland drilled a three to stop the run and cut the lead to nine with five minutes on the clock. A pair of Addison baskets made it a 36-23 game with less than a minute remaining in the period but after another score from Belgreen on the other end, the Lady Tigers went into the final frame trailing 38-23.

Baskets by Peyton Johnson and Laney Phillips held the lead to 15 early in the fourth quarter and Johnson scored another basket in the paint, Gilliand hit another three to make it a 49-32 game midway through the period. Unfortunately, Meek couldn't chip away any more of the lead and the Lady Bulldogs pulled away to win it 54-34.

Addison led the Lady Tigers with 11 points in the loss. Williams posted nine points and Johnson and Gilliland each finished with six.



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Aleah Addison led the Lady Tigers with 11 points in their 54-34 loss to Belgreen Wednesday.

The Garage set to host 1st annual My Bloody Valentine powerlifting meet

Gauge Day
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The first annual My Bloody Valentine powerlifting meet is set for Saturday, Feb. 24, from 6 p.m. until the last athlete has completed his or her final lift. Weigh-ins for athletes will begin at 4. The meet will be held at The Garage, a local gym located at 4330 County Road 703, in Cullman.

The meet will cover the primary three lifts in a traditional powerlifting meet: the squat, deadlift and bench press. Lifters will get three attempts at each lift, with judges determining a clean lift from a failed lift. A singlet is required. The meet will be raw with no wraps and will be using WRPF standards on all lifts.

The competition will have an 80-lifter cap with a $100 buy-in per lifter. The top female and male winners will walk away with a quarter of the total pot each, with the remainder going to cover expenses for The Garage and Cullman Barbell. This will be an unsanctioned meet available to lifters in all categories.

Zack Gordon, owner of Cullman Barbell, said about the significance of the event, "We need more events like this in Cullman.

"I have previously attempted to try and do things like this. We need more attention drawn to our local strength sport athletes."

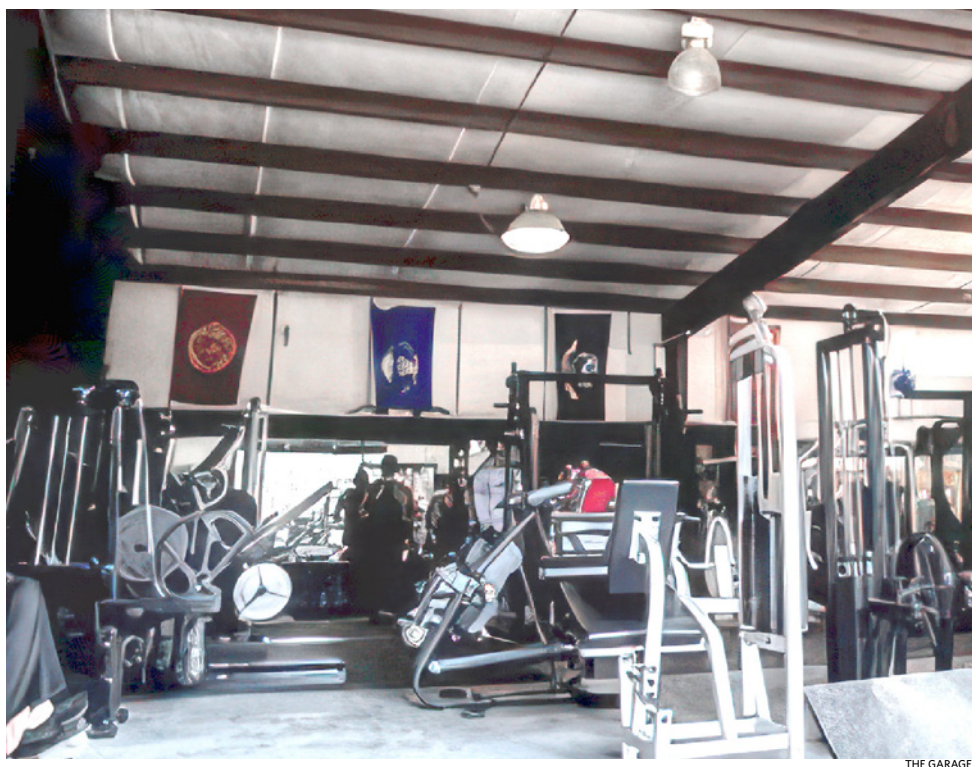
Gordon has made it his goal to promote local athletes, while also promoting other local businesses in the fitness community, such as the local gym, The Garage, and his own coaching business, Cullman Barbell.

With The Garage hosting the meet, attendees can expect an intense, fun and rowdy event with an explosive atmosphere for the lifters' benefit.

For those who love to encourage and hype up athletes in their element, this will be the place to be. Admission is $10 a person for those wanting to come out and watch the event.

Johnny Deeper Apparel will set up shop in The Garage and Taylor Marie Crowder, a professional fitness photographer, will also be in attendance, offering photography packages to the athletes participating in the meet.

Those interested in competing can contact Cullman Barbell at 256-590-6371 or search for "My Bloody Valentine Powerlifting Meet" on Facebook. For more information on The Garage, call 256-962-0463 from 4-8 p.m.



THE GARAGE

A peek inside The Garage where the first annual My Bloody Valentine powerlifting meet will take place.

WSCC, UAB welcome 9th cohort for joint enrollment program

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — More than a dozen students from Wallace State Community College's Department of Nursing Education's Joint Enrollment program with the University of Alabama at Birmingham recently participated in the Lamp of Learning and White Coat Ceremony for Nursing. The ceremony marks the beginning of their journey to concurrently earn an associate degree and a bachelor's degree in nursing.

The 13 students are the ninth cohort in the UAB/WSCC Joint Enrollment program and round out a total of 34 students currently matriculating through both institutions. The Joint Enrollment option with UAB began in 2020 and has proven quite successful. The program has graduated 41 students since it began.

"We are very pleased with the outcomes of the joint enrollment program with UAB," said Deborah "Pepper" Hoover, chair of the Wallace State Department of Nursing Education. "This has been an extremely successful partnership for our students and has made it much easier for our graduates going forth to enter into specialty roles."

Students entering the UAB/WSCC Joint Enrollment program for the Spring 2024 semester include Lydia Ergle, Ciara Freeman, Lillian Graves, Gabrielle Green, Emma Guthrie, Lauren Hawkins, Ali Hollis, Charilyn McConnico, Brylie Pearce, Cynthia Putman, Trinity Rice, Kaishiah Rowe and Faith Rusk.

The UAB/WSCC Joint Enrollment program is a nine-semester program, with the first four semesters consisting of academic coursework before applying to both Wallace State and UAB nursing programs to complete the final five semesters. Nursing classes are taken concurrently at Wallace State's Hanceville campus and online through UAB.



UAB SCHOOL OF NURSING

Students entering the UAB/WSCC Joint Enrollment program for Spring 2024 participated in the Lamp of Learning and White Coat Ceremony for Nursing on Feb. 5 at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Applications are accepted twice a year for fall and spring admission. The next round of applications for Fall 2024 admission will be March 15-May 15. Applications for spring are taken from July 1 to Sept. 1. The Spring 2024 semester is currently underway at Wallace State, with Mini Term II classes beginning March 6. Priority registration for Summer 2024 and Fall 2024 will begin on April 1. Wallace State's Department of Nursing Education has twice been designated as a Center of Excellence by the National League for Nursing. Along with joint enrollment options, WSCC offers a traditional associate degree in nursing (ADN) option that is five-semester program. Upon completions of the third semester, students can sit for the NCLEX-PN licensure exam to become a licensed practical nurse. The first three semesters of nursing classes are offered at both the Hanceville and Oneonta campus centers and starting this fall, they will be offered as an evening option at the main campus. The program also offers apprenticeship opportunities for students.

For more information about the Nursing program visit www.wallacestate.edu/nursing or contact Deidre Rooker at 256-352-8199 or email nursingapplicant@wallacestate.edu.

Fandoms (from Front)

Gauge Day
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In the intricate tapestry of modern pop culture, few threads have ever been as seamlessly woven as that of Taylor Swift and NFL fandom. As Taylor Swift's boyfriend, Travis Kelce, and the Kansas City Chiefs clinched their third Lombardi Trophy in just four trips over five years, it wouldn't be just the Chiefs and the fans raising their hands in triumph, but Swifties across the globe cheering as Taylor Swift led her biggest fans deep into the Chiefs fandom. This even led my wife Karlie, a mega-fan and devoted Swiftie, to host a Super Bowl party that rivaled the fervor of any stadium experience that I have had.

The party itself was a spectacle of red and gold, with makeshift Kansas City Chiefs decor scattered across the house. All the decors bore the unmistakable creativity of a Swiftie's touch, adding that trademark T-Swift flare and magic to the staple Kansas City red and gold.

Guests were greeted with an array of snacks, including a platter of marshmallows and gumballs, that read "In My Chiefs Era," setting the tone for the inevitable collision where football meets folklore. Taylor Tots, Pigs in a Blank Space and EverSmores graced the snack table alongside the more traditional game-day fare.

As the game unfolded, the dynamic between traditional football fans in the room and Chiefs-era Swiftian football fans became a source of endless entertainment.

Brad Steele, a local Cullman youtuber and die-hard Tennessee Titans fan, whose team has not been in the Super Bowl since 2000, sat astounded as he watched his wife Emily jump and cheer every time the Chiefs made a significant play.

Brad would laugh and make mention of the fact that the men in the room "had not stood up once" the entirety of the game as our wives had the best time being fully immersed in the Super Bowl.

With each appearance of Taylor Swift on the big screen, came the echoing cheers that were deafening enough to make my 3-year-old son plug his ears.

The first half was a relatively calm experience, with the Chiefs entering the tunnel down a touchdown at the half.

Half-time, however, would turn into every millennials time to shine, with Usher gracing the world with his nostalgic hits that brought us back to our high-school days.

Endless laughing, cheering and dancing, filled our den as we reveled in an incredibly well-performed halftime show.

The performance would be further elevated by appearances from Ludacris and Lil Jon, rounding out one of the best half-time performances I have experienced.

The second half would become a pendulum of emotions as the Chiefs played for a comeback victory. By the end of regulation, the score stood at 19-19 sending the Super Bowl into its first overtime since 2016.

Having sat in many stadiums and enjoyed the electric environment that they bring, I can confidently say that three wives, who are passionate about Taylor Swift and now the Chiefs, brought an aura that was intense enough to almost feel hostile.

The Chiefs' last-minute touchdown in OT prompted an explosion of joy, with Emily's acrobatic couch flip marking the peak of our celebration.

The moment was won for Swifties and Chief's fans alike.

As the game ended, with their hearts empty of emotions from cheering and facing the lack of a conspiracy proposal, our best friends began to depart, yet the significance of the evening lingered.

As neither a fan of the NFL nor Taylor Swift, I found myself caught up in the excitement. I began to understand the atmosphere created by the Swifties, something I didn't want to understand before.

I sat in a room, with my best friends and watched a football game that I had no interest in, and I managed to have a good time. In a world where divisions seem to pollute our lives, our Swiftie Super Bowl party managed to bring together a crowd that wouldn't make sense on paper.

So, cheers to you Taylor Swift and the Kansas City Chiefs, for giving us a reason to come together and cheer, laugh and even share a Taylor Swift sing-along at the end of the game.

While I may not fully understand the Travis-Taylor dynamic, it's undeniable that it has brought new fans to a game loved by fans who have been around for a long time and allowed many dads an opportunity to watch their first football season with their daughters. And that's something truly special.





Cullman Council (from Front)

lished restaurants (if selling food). Operators are also required to maintain liability insurance.

The council also approved a resolution to add a new cheer academy instructor to the staff of Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism.

In other business, the council approved a request from Juliane Phillips for the annual Kaleb's 5K run/walk on April 20, 2024, along with resolutions and ordinances to:

• Approve a change order for Jim Cooper Construction to increase the size of the power transformer at the new Cullman Civic Center

• Authorize the mayor to enter into a new lease agreement with J & R Feeds located near Cullman Middle School

• Rezone Blue Hole, LLC property on U.S. Highway 278 from AG-1 to AG-2

The council gave first readings to two proposed ordinances, and will vote on them at the next meeting:

• Approve the back-to-school sales tax holiday for the third full weekend in each July

• State penalties and interest for delinquent tax filings in the City's code of ordinances

The Cullman City Council will meet next Monday, Feb. 19, 2024, at 7 p.m. in the city hall auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

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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 CECIL COLEMAN PIGG, Deceased. * **CASE NO.: PC 2023-293**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to ANGELA NETHERTON, as Personal Representative of the Estate of CECIL COLEMAN PIGG, deceased, on the 29th day of January, 2024, by the Honorable Will Motlow, Special 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.

Angela Netherton
Personal Representative

Alex J. Chaney
Attorney for Estate
PO Box 1052
Cullman, Alabama 35056

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.

Will Motlow
HON. WILL MOTLOW,
SPECIAL JUDGE OF PROBATE

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
CASE NO. PC2023-306

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF AMIEL BAKER, DECEASED

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said Deceased having been granted to the undersigned, CAROL McKOY, on the 31st day of January, 2024, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, 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.

Dated this the 31st day of January 2024.

Carol McKoy
CAROL McKOY
Personal Representative of the Estate of Amiel Baker, Deceased

PERRY D. KNIGHT
Attorney for the
Estate of Amiel Baker, Deceased
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To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
Judge of Probate

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF RICHARD WALTER COLLIER, SR., Deceased. * **CASE NO.: PC 2024-034**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Richard Walter Collier, Jr., as Personal Representative of the Estate of Richard Walter Collier, Sr., deceased, on the 14th 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.

Richard Walter Collier, Jr.
Personal Representative

J. Bradley Wilson
Attorney for the Estate
206 Ninth Street, SW, Suite 102
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Project No. IAR-040-000-005

Lawrence County Commission
12001 Alabama Hwy. 157
Moulton, Alabama 35650
(Owner)

Separate sealed BIDS for WIDENING AND TURN LANES ON COOPERAGE WAY (CR 700) AND MOUNTAIN HOME ROAD (CR 222), Project No. IAR-040-000-005, Lawrence County, Alabama, consisting of Improvements to County Road 700 and County Road 222, Widening, Earthwork, Grading, Storm Drainage, Base, Paving, Striping, and Signage, etc will be received by the Lawrence County Commission, at the Lawrence County Road Department, 160 Parker Road, PO Box 275, Moulton, Alabama 35650 until 2:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time, Thursday, February 22, 2024 and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and Form of Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bond, and other contract documents may be examined at the following locations: Lawrence County Road Department, 160 Parker Road, Moulton, Alabama; and Pugh Wright McAnally, Inc., 310 8th Avenue, NE, Decatur, Alabama.

Digital copies of the PLANS and CONTRACT DOCUMENTS in PDF format will be available via email upon request at no cost. Please send request to kimf@pughwrightmcanally.com. Hard copies may be obtained at the office of Pugh Wright McAnally, Inc., 310 8th Avenue, N.E., Decatur, Alabama 35601, upon a non-refundable payment of $250.00 for each set. Persons or firms desiring CONTRACT DOCUMENTS to be mailed to them shall deposit fifteen ($15) dollars additional to the deposit sum noted, nonrefundable, to cover services of handling and mailing.

BID Bond or a certified check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the price bid, payable to the OWNER, must accompany each bid. Performance Bond and Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the bid amount, will be required of the successful Bidder. No bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

The Lawrence County Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in bidding.

Attention is called to the CONTRACTOR'S ALABAMA LICENSE LAW, Chapter 8 of Title 34 of the Code of Alabama (1975) as amended. CONTRACTOR must be licensed under specialty classification Municipal and Utility.

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Norman Pool, Chairman

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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 LAURA JEAN CAMPBELL, Deceased. * **CASE NO.: PC2023-399**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to JERRY SHADDRIX as Personal Representative of the Estate of LAURA JEAN CAMPBELL, deceased, on the 29th day of January, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

JERRY SHADDRIX
Personal Representative

Jerry L. Kilgo
The Kilgo Law Firm
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Ryan V Key , Unmarried Man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Consumer First Mortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns dated September 8, 2010; said mortgage being recorded on September 13, 2010, in Book 1633, Page 592 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 344, Page 981 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, ALABAMA.
The undersigned, Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLCunder and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 7th day of March, 2024 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
Lot No. 14 according to the Map which was platted by Warren Brothers and known as Warren Brothers Addition to Hanceville, Alabama, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, which map is recorded in Map Book 2, Page 5, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

Said property is commonly known as 310 Self Ave NE, Hanceville, AL 35077.
Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.
Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.
Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.
The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage.

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City of Cullman
Zoning Board of Adjustments

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.

OP-ED

Alabama election integrity secured in the Senate

Alabama Senate Republican Caucus

The Alabama Senate on Feb. 13 voted to uphold the integrity of Alabama elections with the passage of the Anti-Ballot Harvesting Bill.

The bill, sponsored by Senator Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, elevates the seriousness of voter fraud by making it a Class C felony for any third party to knowingly receive payment or gifts for distributing, ordering, requesting, collecting, completing, prefilling, obtaining or delivering a voter's absentee ballot application. Individuals who knowingly provide payment or gifts to third parties for similar actions regarding absentee ballots face Class B felony charges.

Exemptions within the bill accommodate U.S. citizens, military members and military families who vote by absentee ballot overseas. Voters requiring assistance due to blindness, disability or an inability to read or write may receive aid from an individual of their choosing.

"We are protecting Alabama voters from bad actors with rules that make it easy to vote and hard to cheat," said Gudger. "Fraudsters have used ballot harvesting to prey on the integrity of our elections and manipulate voters. When the integrity of the process is in question, so is the legitimacy of the outcome — in Alabama, our elections will be transparent, trackable, and publicly verifiable."

The legislation addresses concerns regarding ballot harvesting, a practice where third parties collect and submit absentee or mail-in ballots in exchange for payment. By prohibiting ballot harvesting, Senate Republicans will increase the integrity of the state's electoral process and ensure that each vote is protected from misuse and interference.

"Today marked a significant step toward defending the integrity of elections in Alabama," said Sen. Steve Livingston, Alabama Senate majority leader.

"The Senate Republican Caucus thanks Senator Gudger for his leadership on this issue and applauds his work in defending Alabamians against the fraud and abuse that comes with ballot harvesting."

The bill now moves to the next stage of the legislative process and will be read in the House for consideration.

"The security of our elections is foundational to the integrity of our democracy. We have strong election laws in Alabama, and we want to make sure that absentee ballots are handled and cast in appropriate ways," said Sen. Greg Reed, senate president pro tempore. "We want to make sure that legitimate votes are protected and that those who would try to cheat our system cannot. I am proud of the efforts made by Senate Republicans today to make sure that your vote counts and will not be lessened by fraudulent ballot harvesting attempts."

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WSCC: Sessions provide information on Health Science programs

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College's Health Science programs will soon begin accepting applications for Fall 20204 admission. To answer any questions potential students may have about the programs, information sessions will be held on Thursday, Feb. 29, and Wednesday, April 3, from 1-3 p.m. in room 116 of the Tom Bevill Health Science Building.

"With over a dozen health science programs, Wallace State has a lot of opportunities for anyone wishing to enter the medical field," said Lisa German, vice president for learning and dean of health sciences. "Some of the career options are well known, such as Nursing or Diagnostic Imaging, and Diagnostic Medical Sonography, but there are other programs that many may not know about but that would be a very good fit for their future."

The information sessions will provide details about the types of jobs available by major, typical places of employment, examples of working conditions and more. There will be opportunities to meet with faculty and visit program classrooms and labs. To sign up for a session, visit https://forms.office.com/r/SkyRN81BCN.

Applications will open March 1 for most programs, with a June 1 deadline for Fall 2024 admission. The Department of Nursing Education will accept applications for its program options from March 15 to May 15. Minimum application requirements vary by program.

Programs accepting applications and their minimum application requirements include:

- Child Development requires a GPA of at least 2.0, no ACT is required.
- Dental Assisting requires a GPA of at least 2.3 and a minimum ACT of 16; eligible for ENG 101 or have completed ENG 101.
- Dental Hygiene requires a GPA of 2.5 and a minimum ACT of 18; pre-requisite courses should be completed before applying.
- Diagnostic Imaging and Radiation Therapy require a minimum ACT of 19; 2.5 GPA on pre-requisite courses that should be completed before applying.
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography requires a minimum GPA of 2.5 and a minimum ACT of 19; pre-requisite courses should be completed before applying.
- Emergency Medical Services requires the student be able to enroll in English 101 and Math 100 courses and a minimum ACT of 17.
- Health Information Technology requires a GPA of 2.5 and minimum ACT of 17; pre-requisite courses should be completed before applying.
- Medical Assistant requires a 2.0 GPA and a minimum ACT of 17; no pre-requisite courses are required.
- Medical Laboratory Technician requires a 2.5 GPA and a minimum ACT of 18; pre-requisite courses should be completed before applying; the two-semester Medical Lab Assistant option requires a 2.0 GPA, but an ACT score is not required.
- The Nursing program offers a number of pathways for students, including a new evening option for the first three semesters of the traditional ADN/PN option at the main campus starting this fall and day classes for the same at the Oneonta Academic Center.
- Traditional ADN/PN and Mobility options for Nursing require a minimum ACT of 18 to apply, a minimum GPA of 2.0 at native institution or 2.0 cumulative at institution from which the student is transferring and 2.5 GPA for nursing required academic courses. A minimum GPA of 2.5 high school cumulative from high school is required for students without prior college courses (GED will be used if applicable).
- The UAB/WSCC Nursing Joint Enrollment and Joint Enrollment Mobility require a minimum ACT of 20, a minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA on all college work as well as a 2.5 GPA on nursing required academic core courses. All academic courses must be completed before the application deadline. Joint Enrollment and Joint Enrollment Mobility students must be admitted to both UAB and WSCC.
- Occupational Therapy Assistant requires a GPA of 2.5 and a minimum ACT of 20; pre-requisite courses should be completed before applying.
- Physical Therapist Assistant requires a GPA of 3.0 and a minimum ACT of 20; pre-requisite courses should be completed before applying.
- Polysomnographic (Sleep Lab) Technologist requires a 2.0 GPA and a minimum ACT of 17; no pre-requisite courses are required.
- Respiratory Therapy requires a GPA of 2.5 and a minimum ACT of 18; pre-requisite courses should be completed before applying.

Students may apply to more than one health science program, but it is suggested they apply to no more than three.

To review Health Science Division programs, visit www.wallacestate.edu and click on the Programs link.

Obituary Announcements: Feb. 13-14

L. E. Guthery, 77
Funeral services for L. E. Guthery, of Arab will be 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, 2024, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Fairview West Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Guthery was born June 7, 1946, in Cullman, Alabama to Luther and Verla Brown Guthery. He passed away Feb. 12, 2024, in Arab, Alabama. Mr. Guthery is survived by his children, Angela Phillips, Sandra Tyler (Rhonda), Rita Ross, Tanda Harrison, Tracia Guthery, Terry Guthery (Kelly), Jonathan Guthery; 16 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren; and his sisters, Sue McKinnon and Francis Guthery. Mr. Guthery was preceded in death by his wife Bernice Leola Guthery; brothers, Charles Guthery, Johnny Guthery, Roger Guthery; daughters, Darla Guthery, Tina Guthery; and granddaughter, Cindy Patrick.

Tara Lynn Coleman, 41
Celebration of Life service for Tara Lynn Coleman, age 41, of Vinemont, will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 17, 2024, at West Point First Baptist Church with Rev. Samuel Tucker officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Ms. Coleman passed away on Monday, Feb. 12, 2024, at her residence. She was born, Nov. 18, 1982, to Alan and Susan Sapp. Preceded in death by her grandparents, Rev. Elbert and Doris Jean Chambers. Survivors include her daughter, Brailee Coleman; son, Keelan Coleman; parents, Alan Sapp and Susan Sapp; brother, Jason (Leah) Sapp; sisters, Tena (Brad) Hancock and Tanya Sapp; grandparents, Donald and Joyce Sapp; six nieces and nephews; and a host of other family and friends.

Geneva Sue Coggins, 71
Memorial service for Geneva Sue Coggins, age 71, of Cullman, is incomplete at this time. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Geneva was born Aug. 20, 1952, to John H. Fillmore and Odell Louise Hardin Fillmore. She passed from this life on Feb. 14, 2024. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Jerry Wayne Coggins; son, Jerry Lynn Coggins; two brothers; two sisters. She is survived by two sons, Wayne Murphree (Peggy), and Michael Coggins (Jessica); brother, John Fillmore (Martha); sister, Jackie Jones; six grandchildren, Brayden Coggins, Case Coggins, Jay Lumley (Brandi), Pam Gorff (Brian), Payton Coggins (Emily), Tyler Coggins; nieces and nephews; and a host of family and friends. Geneva is remembered by family as loving her grandkids very much. She loved to sew and crochet blankets and she loved horses and Chihuahuas. She also loved her family at Cullman Health and Rehab very much as well. She will be very missed. Please sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Sabria Arlin Knight, 80
Funeral services for Sabria Arlin Knight, 80, of Hayden, will be 5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 16, 2024, at Center Hill Baptist Church. Burial will follow the service in the adjoining cemetery. Visitation will be prior to the service from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. at Center Hill Baptist Church. Mrs. Knight was born Oct. 25, 1943, in Cullman, Alabama to the late Ottis and Loys Day Nelson. She passed away Feb. 13, 2024, in Cullman, Alabama. Mrs. Knight is survived by her daughter, Rhonda Baker (Greg); grandchildren, Danielle Stacy (Jason), Lauren Dennis (the late Robert Dennis), Tess Lackey (Christian); great grandchildren, Lana Dennis, Harlow Lackey; nieces and nephews, David Ottis Nelson Jr., Josh Nelson, and Ruthie Bradford. Mrs. Knight was preceded in death by her husband, John Lyndon Knight Sr.; son, John Lyndon Knight Jr.; parents, Ottis and Loys Day Nelson; brother, David Ottis Nelson Sr.; and her grandson-in-law, Robert Dennis.

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Cullman Chamber holds mixer at The National

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Members of the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce made their way to The National for the Chamber's monthly mixer – Business After Hours – Monday evening. The mixer is typically sponsored by a member business, and this month it was longtime local company McGriff Tire & Service. The monthly event allows the professional community to come together and mingle.

Chamber President Joey Orr and her staff welcomed attendees, greeted newcomers and handed out coveted door prizes donated by local businesses. Attendees were asked to drop a business card into a bowl upon arrival, and cards were drawn for prizes. Gift bags included a $100 Carlton's Italian gift card as well as gift cards from The Corner Soak & Spa and Pierce & Petal. Other prizes included a Valentine's Day-themed basket and two custom Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce-branded YETI tumblers. The drawings took place throughout the night, with Orr pausing the live music provided by Chad Steed Music to announce the lucky member each time.

"We love events like this; you get to know some good people and good businesses that make up our great community," said Orr. "Make your way around the room and meet some new folks tonight."

Guests enjoyed a buffet of sandwiches, pizza, assorted meats and cheeses and The National's often raved-about pimento cheese, along with specialty cocktails and craft beer.



CHEYENNE SHARP/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center held its monthly mixer on Feb. 12 at The National.

Vinemont (from Front)

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VINEMONT, Ala. — At its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on the evening of Feb. 13, the Vinemont Town Council met to discuss a few business matters, new and old.

New business began with a request from Public Works Director Mike Graves, who asked the council for funding to microsurface certain roads that have cracked pavement and are settling in areas, creating damage; tree roots from some roadside residences have also been a culprit in roadway damage, he said. Microsurfacing will cost an estimated $100,000 and about seven to 10 days to complete. Approximately half of the cost would be pulled from the Town's gas tax allotment, already intended for road repairs and refurbishments, while the remainder would be pulled from the Town's General Fund.

"As soon as we get on the list with these contractors, they'll come in and probably do all this in a week or seven days; they'll move in at one time and do what we need done," said Graves. "They'll need to set the road patches and let them cure for about 30 days, then they'll have the roads done in about a week."

The roads scheduled for microsurfacing later this year are High School Road, Kelly, Woods, Feder, Roberson, Avenue B, Lipsey, Johnson, Nesmith, Virginia Lane, County Road 1297 and the turn lane on Park Drive.

Mayor Radginal Dodson brought up the old business that needed to be tended to: the Town's proposed Planning Commission (Ordinance No. 2024-01-09) and Board of Adjustment (Ordinance No. 2024-02-01).

The council agreed to table both matters until further discussion and increased community interest in serving on the proposed boards; both committees must hold seats of registered voters within the municipality for a voluntary three- or six-year term.

"At this time, I don't know if that would be good," said Dodson. "If we follow the rules by the State of Alabama, it would be hard to get enough individuals. We'll table that to a later date."

Tuesday night's meeting also saw several events discussed, as well as an addition to the town's storm shelter: a mural depicting the Vinemont's rich history, which will earn the town a spot on the Alabama Mural Trail. The cost of the mural would be around $1,200 and work is slated to begin this spring.

Councilman Chris Thompson shared details with the council, saying, "We are going to be on the Alabama Mural Trail. We will try to get two spots; Cullman has five, I think. We're going to do the history, Vinemont Vineyards on the Mountain; We're going to do grape vines and a dirt road, which (U.S. Highway) 31 used to be. We'll put the four landmarks that everyone would remember – the water tower, the old school, the town hall and maybe the sports complex."

Vinemont's Senior Luncheon will be held on Monday, Feb. 19, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Vinemont Community Center.

Upcoming events and notable dates:

- The last day to purchase wooden eggs and participate in the town's Bunny Trail is Feb. 20.

- The town's Easter event will be held on March 23, from 3-5 p.m. at the Vinemont Community Center and Art Park.

- The town's fourth annual BBQ Fest is tentatively set for Oct. 19, 2024. Interested sponsors, vendors or competitors should contact town hall.

- The Cullman County Sherrif's Office will hold its second cook-out in May, date TBA.

The next meeting of the Vinemont Town Council will be Tuesday, March 11, at Vinemont Town Hall. The work session begins at 5 p.m. with the meeting following at 6.

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