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PREP BASKETBALL

Cullman advances to NW Regional Finals with 56-51 OT win over Muscle Shoals

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Cullman Bearcats made their third consecutive Sweet 16 appearance at Wallace State's Tom Drake Coliseum Wednesday morning, and it took more than four quarters for them to settle things with Muscle Shoals. The Trojans hit a three-pointer just before the buzzer to tie the score at 40 at the end of regulation and send us to overtime but the extra period belonged to the Bearcats. Cullman shot 13 of 14 at the free throw line in overtime to pull away with a 56-51 win over Muscle Shoals and advance to the Northwest Regional Finals.

Any time it felt like the Bearcats were beginning to pull away toward the end of the fourth quarter the Trojans found a way to respond on the other end. When the buzzer-beating » PAGE 2



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman's Jake Dorough (5) drives to the basket during the Bearcats' 56-51 win over Muscle Shoals Thursday.

CATA opens its doors to the public



CHEYENNE SHARP/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman Area Technology Academy Health Science students stand in their high-tech classroom at the school's Open House event on Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024.

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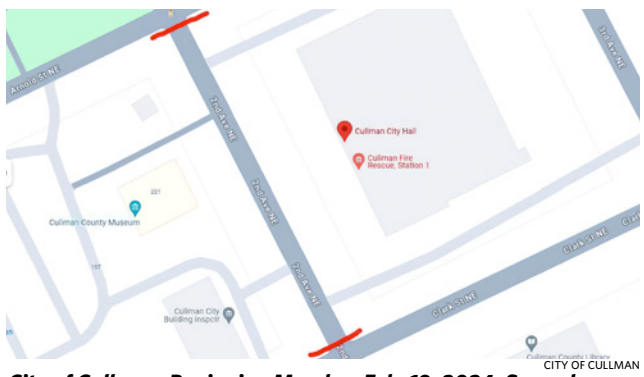
CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Area Technology Academy (CATA) held its community Open House on Thursday, Feb. 15, giving prospective students and their families the opportunity to take a peek inside each classroom block, speak with instructors and current students and get a feel for what programs might best fit their interests.

Instructors and students alike were on the ball in their respective classrooms, demonstrating the skills they've learned. Students from the Health Science program gave tours of the facility, which includes multiple smart medical dummies and a state-of-the-art mock operating room, equipped with cameras for instant replay and mistake correction in real time.

"We had great participation last year and we have had great participation so far," said CATA Principal Susan Patrick. Gesturing to the updated, high-tech classrooms, she championed the changes made under Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette's tenure. "We have been so grateful for Dr. Barnette; he has invested so much money into our programs and into our students."

The school holds room for 16 separate departments for career technical education (CTE) trades, » PAGE 10

STREET CLOSURE



CITY OF CULLMAN

City of Cullman: Beginning Monday, Feb. 19, 2024, Second Avenue Northeast between Clark Street Northeast and Arnold Street Northeast will be CLOSED for crosswalk installation. Thank you for your patience!

PREP BASKETBALL

Cold Springs dominates Vincent 66-26 to advance to Elite 8



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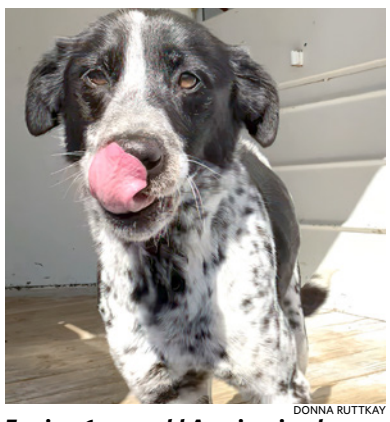
Cold Springs handled Vincent 66-26 in the Sweet 16 at the Central Regional Thursday night. Paizley Whitlow led the Lady Eagles with 21 points in the win. Cold Springs will play Locust Fork Tuesday with a spot in the Final Four on the line.

St. Paul's to recognize 7 founding families at 5th annual Alumni & Friends Dinner and School Auction

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PET OF THE WEEK

Make a spot for Eva



DONNA RUTTKAY

Eva is a 6-year-old Aussie mix who loves to walk and hike. » PAGE 4

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Feb. 16

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Feb. 16, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Feb. 12

- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 439
- domestic violence; CR 1154
- burglary; CR 1682
- domestic violence-menacing; CR 616
- theft of property; CR 946
- theft of property; I-65 at MM 295

Feb. 13

- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; attempt to elude police officer; CR 1139
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 222
- domestic violence; CR 38
- menacing; CR 718
- menacing; Hwy. 278 W
- possession of prescription drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia CR 1816
- domestic violence; CR 1108
- domestic violence; CR 92
- criminal mischief; CR 436

Feb. 14

- harassment; CR 399
- criminal mischief; CR 1619
- domestic violence; Main St. SW, Hanceville
- theft of property; CR 109
- criminal mischief; trespassing; CR 1087
- theft of property; CR 1422
- domestic violence; CR 1082
- violation of protection order; CR 616

ARRESTS

Feb. 12 – 14

Adams, Clayton D.; 36
- violation of domestic violence protection order

Blackmon, Joshua D.; 38
- attempting to elude police officer
- resisting arrest
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- possession of methamphetamine (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- attempt to elude police officer (2 counts)

Chandler, Joseph R.; 42
- FTA- public intoxication (2 counts)
- FTA- resisting arrest

Freeman, Abigail B.; 27
- damaged property-criminal mischief
- criminal trespass

Griffin, Heather N.; 32
- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hendrix, Katherine E; 41
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hines, Tyler L.; 28
- assault-harassment

Hudson, Joshua D.; 40
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Knowles, Chandler R.; 31
- Grand Jury- homicide-murder-family-strong arm domestic violence

Marks, Kylee M.; 21
- assault-aggravated assault-menacing-gun

Mathis, Brad D.; 58
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Mathis, Bryan D.; 32
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family
- FTA- assault-domestic violence-3rd degree-harassing communications

Mickle Jr., Ronald L.; 44
- Probation Revoked- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)

Parson, Toni J.; 35
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Phillips, Patrick E.; 26
- Grand Jury- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- Grand Jury- retail theft-3rd degree
- Grand Jury- resisting arrest
- Grand Jury- attempting to elude police officer
- Grand Jury- possession of drug paraphernalia
- Grand Jury- possession of dangerous drugs
- Grand Jury- ex-felon in possession of a firearm

Philyaw, Dereck D.; 36
- assault-aggravated assault-domestic-menacing-strong arm

South, Jason H.; 46
- buying/receiving stolen property $1,500 or more
- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled (2 counts)
- possession of dangerous drugs (3 counts)
- Bail Jumping-2nd degree- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)

Twilley, Natisha M.; 45
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Wells Jr., Calvin D.; 39
- permitting livestock to run at large

Williams, Bradley W.; 43
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Wren, Constance L.; 29
- possession of drug paraphernalia

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Feb. 13
- theft of property-2nd degree; Los Cabos; 2nd Ave. SW; equipment; $2,000

Feb. 14
- theft of property-1st degree; Alabama Ave. SE; 2022 GMC Sierra; $75,000
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; Cherokee Ave. SW; damage to 2018 Silverado; $2,500

Feb. 15
- leaving scene of accident; person; Olive St. SW and Patriots Way SW; damage to 2011 Chevy Malibu; $100

ARRESTS

Feb. 14 – 15

King, Christopher M.; 25
- theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)
- FTA- driving without license

Twilley, Natisha M.; 45
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree

James, Latosha M.; 41
- assault-3rd degree

Johnson, William N.; 66
- FTA- interference with domestic violence emergency
- FTA- domestic violence-3rd degree
- FTA- public intoxication

Hanna, Amiyah B.; 20
- FTA- resisting arrest
- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- harassment

Pitts, Bo J.; 39
- theft of property-1st degree

Winstead, Gordon L.; 53
- theft of property-1st degree

Penn, Crystal P.; 41
- possession/receiving controlled substance
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- fail to register vehicle
- FTA- driving without license
- FTA- switched tag

Overton, Johnny L.; 58
- FTA- driving without license
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- insurance violation

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

CCSO arrest roundup

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Sheriff's Office has made several unrelated drug and felony arrests recently, including:

Feb. 6

Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the Berlin community. Justin Wayne Farr, 32, of Cullman, and Kinsey Nikole Burns, 20, of Cullman, were identified as passengers in the vehicle.

Deputies determined that Farr had multiple outstanding warrants. Burns allegedly provided multiple false names prior to identifying herself. A subsequent search of their persons allegedly yielded narcotics and paraphernalia. Both were placed under arrest.

Farr is charged with unlawful possession of methamphetamine, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance (warrant), unlawful possession of dangerous drugs (warrant) and being an ex-felon in possession of a firearm (warrant).

Burns is charged with obstruction/using a false name and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

Deputies arrested Larrydale Dewayne Grimmett, 54, of Hartselle, on multiple failure to appear warrants.

He is charged with five counts of failure to register with local law enforcement as an adult sex offender, unlawful possession of dangerous drugs, two counts of unlawful possession of marijuana and unlawful possession of dangerous drugs.



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Justin Wayne Farr


CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Kinsey Nikole Burns



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Larrydale Dewayne Grimmett



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Ethan Brant Parris

Feb. 7

Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the Good Hope community. Ethan Brant Parris, 31, of Cullman, was identified as the driver.

A subsequent search of the vehicle and his person allegedly yielded narcotics and paraphernalia. A portion of the narcotics was allegedly located in liquid in the bottom of a bottle inside the vehicle – an attempt to conceal and/or destroy the substance.

Parris was arrested and charged with unlawful possession of methamphetamine, second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

Cullman (from Front)

three sent the game to overtime, Cullman Head Coach Stu Stuedeman just reminded his guys to stay poised and credits them for remaining focused down the stretch.

"I just told them to be poised. We've been here before and played several overtime games, so it was just about getting them under control and these guys work too hard to let something like that bother them.

"I'm really upset with myself to be honest with you because I almost sold these guys out," Stuedeman said.

"These guys are fantastic; they work their tails off and I almost sold these guys out man because I should've taken a timeout and reviewed. I always foul up 3, always foul up 3.

"I should've taken a timeout and reviewed the situation with them, and I didn't, and they bailed me out today.

"That's the type of people they are. They're freaking warriors and I roll with them the long way and I'm so thankful for them because they bailed me out today. Thank you to all 15 of them."

Senior Brodie Banister got off to a slow shooting start in the first half but buried a massive three-pointer with a minute to play in the fourth to give the 'Cats a 3-point lead. Banister has been building confidence with each game this season.

"The past probably five to eight games I've had great confidence, and I wasn't going to let starting out slow affect me," Banister said. "I shoot every shot with confidence that its going in."

Senior Colton Echols finished the game 10 for 10 at the free throw line and fellow Bearcat senior Sam Duskin praised Echols for his performance at the charity stripe. Duskin has confidence in all his teammates to step up when they are needed and is looking forward to getting back on the court with them Tuesday.

"They were great. Colton Echols hit ginormous free throws. Every time we sent him to the line, I was confident," Duskin said.

"10 of 10 is just unheard of. I'm just so proud of everyone, I'm proud of our team and we executed but we've got to keep going."

Stuedeman was proud of his team for hitting big free throws in big moments, but he wasn't surprised.

He and his staff don't over coach when it comes to free throw shooting, and they trust their guys to step up and hit them when they have to have them.

"We don't talk about it; we just do it in practice. After every segment we shoot two and rotate, shoot two and get water, and then at the end of practice we make two, we don't talk about it.

"When you're making free throws at the foul line, we don't talk about it and when you're missing them, we don't talk about it. It's what we do," Stuedeman said.

"They're going to make them; they're skilled players and they work their tails off. We don't have a free throw coach. These guys have just got hearts of lions and the guts to step up there and make it in front of all those people and that's what they do."

Cullman 56 – Muscle Shoals 51 (OT) (NW Regional Semifinal)

Sam Duskin knocked down a three to get the 'Cats started, and Jake Dorough hit a pair of free throws to give Cullman an early, 5-2 lead. Muscle Shoals moved out in front 6-5 midway through the first quarter, but Gray Hopper drained a three to tie the game at 8 later in the period.

A Colton Echols basket kept the game tied at 10 but the Trojans were able to score one more time on the other end to take a 12-10 lead into the second quarter.

Duskin scored inside and Kase Nixon drilled a three from the left corner to hold Muscle Shoals' lead to 18-15 early in the second and Evan Wilson laid one in to make it a 1-point game.

Brodie Banister sank a pair of free throws to make it a 21-19 game with around two minutes remaining in the first half and Duskin drove to the rim and scored with less than a minute on the clock to tie the game at 21.

Muscle Shoals got one more shot to fall in the final seconds of the period and the Bearcats went into the locker room trailing 23-21 at halftime.

Nixon split a pair of free throws and Wilson scored inside to cut the Trojans' lead to 25-24 early in the third and Sam Dorough buried a three to put Cullman in front 27-25 with three minutes to play in the period.

Nixon laid one in to give the 'Cats a 29-25 lead with less than a minute remaining in the third quarter and Echols hit a pair of free throws with 19 seconds on the clock to give Cullman a 31-27 lead going into the final frame.

An Echols basket kept the Bearcats ahead 33-29 early in the fourth quarter and Wilson laid one in to make it a 35-31 game with five minutes to play.

Muscle Shoals tied the game at 35 with just under two minutes left on the clock but Banister knocked down a three to put the 'Cats back in front 38-35 with one minute remaining in the fourth.

Echols hit a pair of free throws to put Cullman up 3 with 24 seconds to play but the Trojans nailed a three-pointer at the buzzer to send the game to overtime locked at 40.

Duskin netted a pair of free throws and Nixon hit another three to keep the Bearcats ahead 45-42 and Echols added two more free throws to make it a 47-44 game later in the period.

Nixon hit three of his next four attempts from the line to extend the lead to 50-46 with 42 seconds remaining and after the 'Cats pulled down a big offensive rebound,

Duskin hit a pair from the line to make it a 52-46 game with 32 seconds on the clock. Echols drained four more free throws in the final 14 seconds of the game to secure a 56-51 win for Cullman and a spot in the Elite Eight.

The 'Cats have hit some rough patches throughout the course of the season but now that the stage is biggest and the lights are brightest, they're playing some of their best basketball and Stuedeman is proud of the way they've worked to get to this point.

"That's the theme of the year man. In December we were 8-7 or maybe even 7-8 and we were going through heck and trying to figure out and I wasn't very good for them.

"But they kept coming every day and persevered and persevered and then we finally broke through," Stuedeman said.

"Next thing you know, we're in these same situations and all they had to do was keep persevering and doing what they've been doing all year long. Kudos to our guys man, they're incredible."

Echols led the Bearcats with 14 points in the win. Nixon finished with 12 and Duskin posted 11. Cullman will be back on the court at Tom Drake Coliseum Tuesday at 10:45 a.m. to play either Buckhorn or Clay-Chalkville in the Northwest Regional Finals.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

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

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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Auction (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — St. Paul's Lutheran School's Alumni & Friends Dinner and School Auction is the largest fundraiser of the year for the school. This year's event will take place on April 13. Said the school in a media release, "It is a fantastic evening filled with nostalgia and fellowship among parents, alumni, and friends. As we come together to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of St. Paul's Lutheran School, it is an incredible honor to announce that the IMPACT Award will not go to just one person, but to the seven founding families."

The IMPACT Award is an annual award presented by St. Paul's to those students, teachers, support staff and church members who've made significant contributions to the school and community.

During the dinner portion of the evening, St. Paul's will present the seven founding families of St. Paul's Lutheran School with the IMPACT Award:

- Ed and Adela Mae Apel
- Bill and Bobbie Buettner
- Melvin and Alice Marie Dahlke
- Arnie and Louise Danker
- Carl and Martha Woodard
- Willis and Dot Hancock
- Robert and Teeny Teichmiller

The IMPACT Award is inspired by 1 Peter 4:10-11: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen."

The appreciation and hard work of these families made it possible for St. Paul's to continue the ministry of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cullman.

St. Paul's Lutheran School first opened in the late 1880s. In 1916, the school closed due to financial reasons.

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"In recent years, St. Paul's Lutheran School has moved to a Classical Lutheran Education. You can learn more online at stpaulscullman.com.

St. Paul's Lutheran School would love to hear your stories and see your pictures from your time there.

If you are interested in sharing, or if you are a former student, support staff, or teacher, please contact Amanda Lee at amlee248@yahoo.com or Rachel Hullett at Rachel.Hullett@gmail.com," said the release.

Celebrate 70 years of St. Paul's Lutheran School at the fifth annual Alumni & Friends Dinner and School Auction on April 13, 2024, at the Traditions Bank Operations building.

Ticket and table information is available at www.stpaulscullmanptl.com or in the school office.

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St. Bernard celebrates Honor Society inductions

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CULLMAN, Ala. — St. Bernard Preparatory School recently held its annual Honor Society induction ceremony to recognize students for their outstanding achievements in scholarship, service, leadership and character. The ceremony, presided over by Honor Society President Andrew Tombo, followed the weekly Mass, emphasizing the school's commitment to both academic excellence and spiritual growth.

The induction ceremony presented and explained the four pillars of the National Honor Society.

This was done by officers of the society as follows: Scholarship: Amelia Tafazoli, vice president; Service: Willa Smith, secretary; Leadership: Joey Shadowens, treasurer; and Character: Cash Daly, parliamentarian. Honor Society members exemplify the highest standards of academic excellence, service to others, leadership and moral integrity.

According to national guidelines, students must maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale to qualify for membership, with individual chapters having the discretion to set higher standards.

Additionally, inductees must demonstrate exemplary commitment to service, leadership and character, as outlined by the National Honor Society's criteria.

Among those honored at the ceremony were Katie Chamblee, Roselyn Chavez, Charlie Deist, Parker Guthery, Tanya Jimenez Jose, Gavitt Lewis, Josh Marks, Kimberly McCormick, Joel Rose and Sarah Woods.

Fr. Joel Martin, in his concluding remarks, congratulated the students for their remarkable achievement, reminding them of the honor and responsibility that comes with their induction into the Society.



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New Honor Society inductees, officers and sponsors include (front row, left to right) Sponsor Ashley Hasenbein Roselyn Chavez, Katie Chamblee, Sarah Woods, Tanya Jimenez Jose, Kimberly McCormick and President Fr. Joel Martin, OSB; (middle row, left to right) High School Principal Phuong Nguyen Parker Guthery, Josh Marks, Joel Rose, Gavitt Lewis and Chaplain Fr. Linus Klucsarits, OSB; and (back row, left to right) Amelia Tafazoli, Joey Shadowens, Willa Smith, Andrew Tombo and Cash Daly. Not pictured: Charlie Deist.

He also congratulated the entire student body saying, "You make possible this achievement for your fellow students by making your school a place where such achievement is a cool thing to do."

Following the ceremony, new inductees and their parents enjoyed a lunch reception in the Brahma Room.

Raven Haynes of Cullman named to Kennesaw State's Fall 2023 President's List

Paul Floeckher
Kennesaw State University

KENNESAW, Ga. — Raven Haynes of Cullman has been named to the Kennesaw State University Fall 2023 President's List.

To qualify, students must achieve a 4.0 grade point average and complete a minimum of nine credit hours.

Majoring in Digital Animation, Haynes is among nearly 5,900 undergraduate students recognized on the Fall 2023 President's List.

A leader in innovative teaching and learning, Kennesaw State University offers undergraduate, graduate and doctoral degrees to its more than 45,000 students. Kennesaw State is a member of the University System of Georgia with 11 academic colleges. The university's vibrant campus culture, diverse population, strong global ties and entrepreneurial spirit draw students from throughout the country and the world.

Kennesaw State is a Carnegie-designated doctoral research institution (R2), placing it among an elite group of only 7 percent of U.S. colleges and universities with an R1 or R2 status.

For more information, visit kennesaw.edu.

Treshawn Hines of Cullman among WKCTC students named to Fall 2023 Dean's List

Tammy Thompson
WKCTC

PADUCAH, Ky. — Treshawn Hines was among more than 675 full- and part-time students who were recently named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2023 semester at West Kentucky Community and Technical College (WKCTC).

To be named to the Dean's List, a full-time student must earn at least a 3.5-grade point average (GPA) or higher and successfully complete 12 hours or more of coursework numbered 100 or above for the academic term.

A part-time student must have a cumulative 3.5-grade point average (GPA) or higher and a cumulative total of at least 15 KCTCS semester credits.

Hines, of Cullman, is a full-time student who is seeking a credential in Combination Welder.

West Kentucky Community and Technical College (WKCTC) has been recognized as an Aspen Prize Top 10 Community College five times by the Aspen Institute and has been named a Finalist with Distinction three times.

Offering more than 200 degree, diploma, and certificate options, WKCTC has been consistently recognized for providing students with vital job training and continuing higher education opportunities, for achieving high completion and transfer rates, and for providing strong employment results for its graduates.

For more information, visit westkentucky.kctcs.edu.

ACES: 2024 Southeast U.S. Vegetable Crop Handbook now available

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The 2024 Southeast U.S. Vegetable Crop Handbook is now available. The handbook represents a joint effort among Extension specialists and researchers from 12 land-grant universities in the U.S. who work in the area of vegetable production. These specialists and researchers represent a wide array of disciplines: agricultural engineering, entomology, vegetable production, plant pathology, postharvest physiology, soil science, and weed science.

This handbook comprises up-to-the-minute information developed from research and Extension projects conducted across the Southeast. It contains the information that you need to manage your vegetable crops, including which varieties to plant, planting dates, fertilizer recommendations, cover crop selection and conservation tillage options, pesticide selection, grafting, fertigation, plasticulture, postharvest handling, alternative pest management tools, and suggestions, as well as many other topics.

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Download a PDF of the 2024 Southeast U.S. Vegetable Crop Handbook at www.aces.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/2024_SEVEG_final_web.pdf.

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Eva (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Leisurely stroll takers and recreational hikers and wanderers: The Cullman Tribune's Pet of the Week was made for you. Eva, a sweet, short-term resident at the Cullman County Animal Shelter, is patiently waiting to earn the adventure buddy or snuggle bug title and find her forever home.

Eva is a beautiful, intricately spotted black and white female Aussie mix who is approximately 6 years old.

She has long outgrown her puppy roughness but maintains a sense of graceful playfulness.

Her mature age lends her a calm demeanor and she loves simply hanging out and being near her humans.

A medium-energy girl, she also enjoys long afternoon walks and scenic wooded hikes, encountering crawly things or leisurely sniffing bushes as she parades past, never pulling her leash to get ahead.

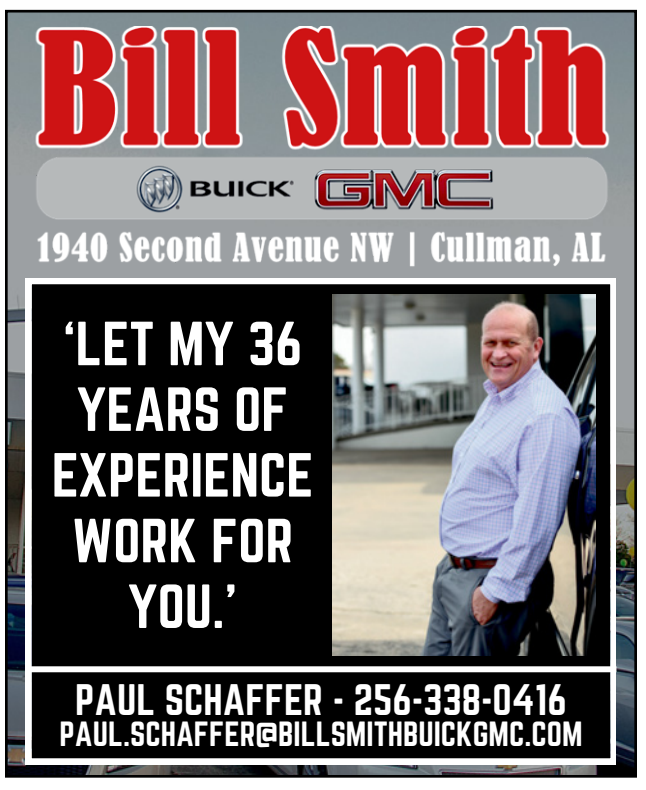
Eva is perfectly content to match her master's pace and mind her manners while leashed.

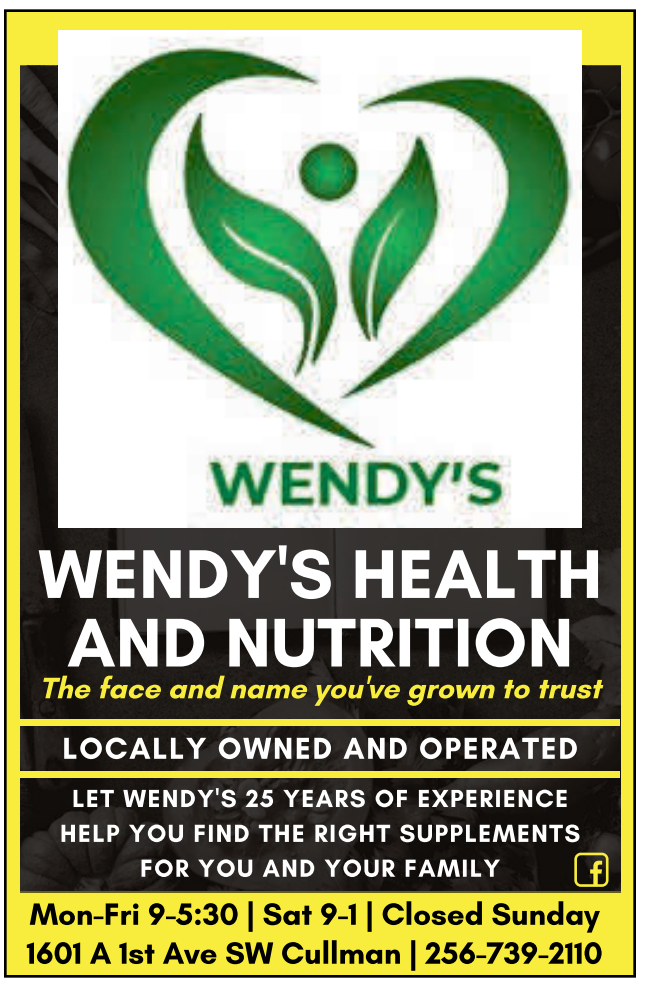
Sitting on command is her favorite learned trick, while making her way into even the most hardened hearts is a trick that comes naturally.

Visit the shelter at 935 Convent Road NE. It is open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Eva's adoption fee includes a spay, 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.







FAITH: SHE Collective at Daystar Church

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — Daystar Church is providing a new biblical outlook in one of its small groups – one specifically geared toward women seeking to be closer to God while encouraging others. The small group, dubbed SHE Collective, is a gathering of godly women that began small and quickly expanded.

"Probably six years ago, I had a calling that God placed on my heart for women's ministry," said one of the SHE Collective's organizers, Stephanie Wood. "I wasn't sure how it would come to fruition, but I had that deep longing to connect on a spiritual level with other like-minded women. I started SHE Collective as a Facebook page where I would post encouraging and uplifting things."

After a family crisis, Wood's SHE Collective was forced to take a backseat to her own issues and walk with grief.

A few years later, a mutual friend put Wood in touch with Haley May, another Daystar member, who also had a strong pull toward women's ministry. Together, they spoke with leadership at their church and decided to open a small group and test the waters.

At the first gathering, neither May nor Wood held hope for a large turnout, but nearly 160 women packed the group: the SHE Collective was born.

At the monthly group, May and Wood try to center and focus the lessons and scripture specifically to battles that women face.

Wood explained, "We started this for women – women from every background, education level, every walk of life. We want as many women as we can get together to come and worship collectively."

The next SHE Collective meeting will be Monday, Feb. 26, in the lobby of Daystar Church at 6 p.m. SHE Collective meets monthly at Daystar Church, located at 200 Daystar Drive in Good Hope. Meeting dates are not regular but are always published on SHE Collective's Facebook page. Interested attendees can text "she" to 84576 to receive regular meeting updates.



STEPHANIE WOOD

The SHE Collective, a small group of women from Daystar Church, meets once a month to delve deeper into the Word with a womanly twist.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Lady Warriors fall to No. 1 Jasper at NW Regional 63-39

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – After capturing an area championship and handling Wenonah in the Sub-Regional, the West Point Lady Warriors were back at the Northwest Regional Tournament Friday morning competing in the Sweet 16. West Point matched up with top-ranked Jasper and after a tight first quarter, the Lady Vikings were able to build a big lead in the second and the third. The Lady Warriors made a push in the fourth quarter and cut the lead to 16 at one point but they couldn't overcome the early lead and West Point's season ended with a 63-39 loss.

Over the course of the second and third quarters, Jasper outscored West Point 36-13. Lady Warriors Head Coach John Welborn believes the tough matchups the Lady Vikings presented, as well as some self-inflicted issues, is what caused the gap to widen.

"We couldn't stop (Missy) Odom, she's just tough," Welborn said. "The transfer portal is good to teams. I don't care what they say the transfer portal is getting out of hand in high school basketball. It's getting out of hand. But she was tough to stop plus you have to guard (Mia) Hollingsworth. You have to put so much pressure on her trying to deny her the basketball that she can get free more. So, that was tough and then we missed layup after layup after layup and missed foul shots. That's kind of been our Achilles heel all year is missing foul shots and we missed several today."

The Lady Warriors entered the fourth quarter trailing 50-26 but Welborn was proud of the effort they showed in the final frame to cut into the lead and push Jasper.

"In the fourth quarter I told them, 'This is it. You've got eight minutes left of your basketball careers and you've got to leave it out there'. And we went on a run there and cut it to 15 and had the ball a couple times but we missed a lot of foul shots in that run and missed some layups in that run. We got them in foul trouble and that made it a little bit better, but I was proud of the effort," Welborn said. "Kylee Quinn came in there at the end and when I put Kylee on 33, she was a little more physical with her and pushing her around a little bit and it kind of affected her. That's my fault, I probably should've done that more at the start of the game, but she did a good job on her in the third quarter."

Jasper 63 – West Point 39 (Northwest Regional 5A Semifinal)

Camryn Faulkner scored through a foul and hit the free throw to tie the game at 3 early in the opening period and Laklin and Liberty Shadix each split a pair of free throws, Jaelyn Faulkner sank a pair of from the line to keep the score knotted at 7 later in the first. Baskets by Liberty Shadix and Jaelyn Faulker kept the game tied at 11 late in the first quarter and after Jasper pulled ahead 14-11, Liberty Shadix tipped one in to make it a 14-13 game going into the second.

The Lady Vikings opened up the second quarter with an 8-0 run to stretch their lead to 22-13 but a Liberty Shadix basket stopped the run and made it a 7-point game. Jasper continued adding to its lead, pulling ahead 31-15 midway through the period but a three-pointer from Hallie Wheeler and a basket by Ella Minck trimmed the lead to 36-21 later in the second. Liberty Shadix hit a free throw with just over a minute remaining in the half, but the Lady Warriors went into the locker room trailing 39-22 at the break. West Point was outscored 25-9 in the second quarter.

The Lady Warriors struggled on the offensive end in the third, falling behind 44-22 early in the period. Jaelyn Faulkner laid one in and Laklin Shadix hit a pair of free throws to make it a 48-26 game, but Jasper went into the fourth holding onto a 50-26 advantage.

West Point didn't lay down in the final frame. Kylee Quinn scored inside to trim the lead to 22 and Jaelyn Faulker scored five straight points to bring the lead down to 50-33 with five minutes to play.

Quinn and Jaelyn Faulkner each hit a pair of free throws to make it a 55-37 game midway through the fourth quarter, but the Lady Warriors couldn't chip away any more of the lead and Jasper advanced to the Elite Eight with a 63-39 win.

Jaelyn Faulkner led West Point (24-6) with 14 points in the loss. Liberty Shadix posted nine points and Quinn finished with five.

There are five seniors on this year's West Point team and Welborn is proud of each of them for their contributions to the program. He was especially happy for one of his seniors that was able to play a big role this season after injuries disrupted her sophomore and junior years.

"As far as the season goes, it's been a good season. I've enjoyed coaching this team. They're a special group," Welborn said. "They're tremendous. They're leaders. Kylee (Quinn) started for me on varsity in the ninth grade and tore her acl in her left leg in the 10th grade and didn't get to play. Then at the start of her 11th grade season she tears it in her other leg and didn't get to play so this year was good for her. I was proud for her to be able to come back and play this year and to be able to be on the floor."



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West Point's Kylee Quinn finished with five points in the Lady Warriors' 63-39 loss to Jasper Friday.



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

West Point's Liberty Shadix posted nine points in the Lady Warriors' 63-39 loss to Jasper Friday.

PREP SPORTS

'Put faith over fear': Fairview's Anna Harris recaps freshman season

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — Fairview freshman volleyball player Anna Harris completed her first season on the JV squad and helped lead the team to an amazing season and a runner-up finish in the county tournament. She had a blast playing with her teammates and learned so much alongside them.

"I feel that the season went great. Our team set the goal of winning county. We fell just short of achieving that goal, but I learned that having my team come together and work hard is better than any trophy. Everyone has heard that there is no 'I' in team, and it was really put into perspective for me this season, because I would be nowhere without my teammates and my coach," Harris said. "Whenever I messed up, I always had someone telling me it was okay, and I'll get it next time. If I ever doubted myself, someone was telling me I was great. It was like they were my sisters. I learned to not give up on not only myself, but them also. Everyone makes mistakes; volleyball is a game of mistakes. I learned to do my best, even if I'm having a bad day or a bad practice, that I can make it better by trying."

Harris learned so much from her coaches this season and has seen a lot of improvement in her performance from the start of the season until now.

"My coaches were wonderful and very supportive. I learned a lot from them. I could barely make it over the net at the beginning of the season, but with coach Stanley and coach Ball's help, now I can block and everything. I truly learned a lot, and it wouldn't have been possible without them telling me I got this and encouraging me. I learned to not give up on myself, the team, or the game. I learned that I can make a bad game better by giving it my all," Harris said. "I've seen a major improvement from the start of the season until now. I definitely feel like I have improved on my hitting and blocking the most. Preseason, I had never blocked a ball before, and I could barely hit the ball. Now, I can block the ball confidently, and I can hit the ball way better now. I will continue to work on my defense at the net."

Harris has some big goals for next season and talked about what will make this team special to watch next season.

"I would say my biggest personal goal is winning All-County. I also want to improve and make a big impression on my varsity coach. Our team goals are to win county, win whatever game we play and be the best we can be," she said.

"What made the team special to be around was that every single person on the team was determined and ready to play. We showed up and practiced and we never gave up.

"They were special, because they were supportive and kind. We will be special to watch next season, because we will not give up, and we will win county. We will also be the best we can be."

Harris talked about some of her role models she looks up to and shared some of the best advice she's been given.

"I would say two of my biggest role models would be my sister, Somer, and my cousin, Sadie Smith. Somer is one, because she is very talented and very determined. Sadie is one, because she is also talented, but she never gives up. She tore her ACL during her junior season and had to sit out. She never gave up during her recovery and pushed through to play her senior year. They were special to be around, because they were supportive and there when I needed them. When I was stuck on a skill or couldn't get the steps right on something, they were always there to help," she said.

"The biggest advice I've ever gotten is to put faith over fear. This is important to me, because I know when I'm in doubt of myself or if I'm scared to fail, God will not let me fail, and He will be there with me."

Despite being just a freshman, Harris still thinks it's extremely important to be that role model for the younger girls that are watching her play.

"Being a role model for the younger girls is very important to me, especially the girls who aren't very tall, but want to play front row. It is important for them to know that you don't have to be 6' tall to be able to play front row, and if they work at it, they can achieve it," she said. "I learned that I don't have to give up on doing what I dream to do, just because someone said I didn't have the ability to do it. I also learned that my team will be there whenever I need them, even outside of volleyball."

Harris had a good track and field season, along with the rest of the team, and she feels blessed to have learned so much from some great teammates and coaches.

"I feel like I did fairly well being an underclassman going up against great athletes all around the county. My team did amazing; we had so many people that qualified for state. I learned that I don't need to give up when things get hard," she said. "It was amazing. There was someone always there to lift me up, especially my coach, Mrs. Haynes, who keeps pushing me to be better. I learned a lot from my team. I learned that it's okay to have a bad day and that we all have them. I learned so much from coach Haynes. She is a kind and thoughtful person who is passionate for being a coach and helping her team. I learned to never give up on myself, because if I keep going, in the end, it will be worth it."

Harris saw so much improvement in her performance on the track and she has some big goals for the upcoming season.

"I saw big improvement in every aspect of what I did throughout the season, both running and jumping. I improved the most on my jumping.

"I will continue to run on my own time to improve my times, and I will also work on lifting and strengthening to improve my jumps," she said. "My goal is to improve as much as I can and make it to state. Our team goals are to win county and get as many state qualifiers as we can."

Harris talked about a very special role model in her life, the best advice that someone has ever given her, how important it is to be a role model for the younger girls that are watching her compete in track and field, and what she learned the most about herself and this team.

"Mrs. Haynes is my role model in track-and-field, because she always wants to make me better, and she believes in me," she said.

"The best advice that I was ever given by someone is that if you don't put in the work, you won't see results. It's very important to be a role model, because I want to show them that they can do it if they try. I learned that I can do it if I keep going. I also learned that my team will always be there for me."



ANNA HARRIS

Fairview's Anna Harris





ADCNR: Uphill battle continues on bobwhite quail

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The northern bobwhite quail is struggling to adapt to habitat changes across the Southeast. (Photo by David Rainer)

Now that the white-tailed deer season has ended, hunters will likely turn their attention once again to small game like rabbits, squirrels and the bobwhite quail, although quail hunting is nothing like it once was.

When fence rows from small farms and family gardens crisscrossed Alabama and the Southeast, the bobwhite flourished. Since large-scale farming operations became the norm and many families moved to urban and suburban areas, the quail habitat has significantly diminished and so has the number of wild bobwhites.

"Unfortunately, we can't turn back the clock to the habitat we had at landscape levels in 1970 and prior," said Steven Mitchell of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' (ADCNR) Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) Division. "We do have some private lands that manage for wild bobwhites, and they have to intensively manage year-round for wild quail. They have the resources to do that, and they have good populations there. When I say good populations, I'm talking about how many (dog) points per hour. Some places find four or five coveys per hour. That's the old Southern style hunting off of horseback and mule-drawn wagons. So, they're moving, and they have some big running dogs. That's how they can find those numbers per hour hunting.

"But they have also put in the work on the habitat to have that number of wild birds."

Mitchell, who recently turned over the Upland Game Bird Coordinator position to Brandon Earls, said WFF tries to improve habitat for quail whenever possible on ADCNR's wildlife management areas (WMAs) throughout the state.

"It's difficult to manage public areas for just quail," Mitchell said. "We have to manage for multiple species, but we do have areas that we consider 'quail emphasis' areas, where the management is more focused on improving quail habitat conditions. We continue to identify and expand emphasis areas where feasible. Though bobwhite densities remain low, we have seen some positive responses.

"We still have people who are very interested in quail hunting. Quail hunters are still finding some birds on WMAs. Some have reported finding a few coveys in a three- or four-hour hunt. Those successful hunters contribute their success to weather and scenting conditions. Colder days were reported to be better due to increased movement of quail to satisfy their higher metabolic rates during lower temperatures. Cool, moist days are also best for dogs to locate bird scent."

One of the emphasis areas is the Boggy Hollow WMA within the Conecuh National Forest, cooperatively managed by WFF and the U.S. Forest Service. This acreage of Conecuh National Forest is being converted into bobwhite habitat through selective timber thinning and more frequent, smaller prescribed burns. Timber thinning increases sunlight reaching the ground, encouraging the growth of native grasses and forbs to provide food and nesting habitat for the quail. The quail harvest on Boggy Hollow is limited, with a daily bag limit of four birds and a season that ends on February 10, while the private land quail season runs through February 29. Visit https://www.outdooralabama.com/hunting/wildlife-management-areas for a list of WMAs and the hunting opportunities available. For more information about quail, go to www.outdooralabama.com/what-hunt/quail-hunting-alabama for links to the publication Ecology and Management of the Bobwhite Quail in Alabama, authored by former WFF Wildlife Biologist Stan Stewart.

"We're still continuing the work with the U.S. Forest Service on Boggy Hollow," Mitchell said. "We're working to manipulate the habitat management scheme there to benefit quail. We've seen some success, but the density of quail is still low. Habitat on Boggy Hollow is being improved through timber thinning, prescribed fire, and establishment of wildlife openings and early successional habitat."

Mitchell returned to how the landscape across the Southeast has changed dramatically in the last 50 years. Those changes have made it difficult for the wild bobwhites to adapt.

"Small farms, brushy fence rows, and unproductive ground left to fallow made up the landscape back then," Mitchell said. "With those old fence rows and more crude equipment compared to what we have today, it was a different type of farming. It was patchwork farming, and that was everywhere. Those old fence rows, hedgerows, and small fields provided nesting, brooding, and escape cover for quail. It was ideal habitat for quail. All that is different now with clean farming. Fence rows got cleaned up, and you have farming from tree line to tree line. That's one reason for the reduction of habitat across the quail range.

"Timber management has also changed over time to more short-term rotations. Closed-canopy pine stands don't provide habitat for quail. Some beneficial habitat is provided after planting, but the canopy closes after a few years and shades it all out as those trees put on vertical growth.

"Many more years pass until the first thinning, which lets some sunlight get to the ground and improve conditions for quail. But as that canopy closes back, the cover decreases again until the next thinning."

The attitude of some landowners has also shifted from trying to manage for a huntable quail population to providing enough habitat where they can at least hear the bobwhite's distinctive whistle.

"We get several of those calls," Mitchell said. "We have people with different acreages who say, 'I haven't heard a quail here since I bought it. What can I do?' We provide services where we do a site visit and recommend what a landowner should do. That doesn't mean they are going to have quail, but we can help guide habitat improvements to try.

"Timber density is usually a starting point on most properties. Cover for quail can't grow without sunlight getting to the ground, so you have to open up that canopy. With that, nesting conditions improve, and brood-rearing conditions improve. Quail spend their entire life on the ground, and their survival depends on having proper ground cover available year-round. Terms for quail cover include escape or loafing, nesting, and brood-rearing cover. Without getting too far in the weeds on cover types, brood-rearing cover is usually the most lacking habitat component on properties we visit. This is simply weedy areas where adult quail raise chicks. Brood cover provides overhead protection from predators and bare ground underneath allowing quail chicks easy movement to forage for insects."


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Another crucial management practice is the use of fire for controlled burns, which improves the habitat for a wide variety of birds and wildlife.

"You need a good burn plan," Mitchell said. "Quail are called the firebird. Fire is the cheapest and most efficient tool in the box for creating and maintaining quail habitat."

The good news is hunters can find numerous quail plantations scattered all over the state, with the greatest concentration in the Alabama Black Belt region. Visit www.alabamaquailtrail.com for a list of plantations and lodges that offer hunts on flight-conditioned, pen-raised quail.

For the 2022-2023 season, Alabama had 9,427 quail hunters overall. Of those, 2,700 hunted wild quail and harvested a little more than 27,000 quail. Including the quail plantations with pen-raised quail, hunters harvested more than 370,000 birds overall.

"Anybody who is wanting a lot of shooting, hunting pen-raised birds is the way they're going to have to go," Mitchell said. "Wild birds can still be found on most WMAs but be prepared to put in a lot more leg work than gun work."

For those who want to help monitor the quail populations in Alabama by reporting quail calls, Quail Forever and its partners developed the "Bobscapes" mobile app that allows users to report hearing a quail, which is then entered into a national database.

"Private landowners and public land users can both take a lead role in future conservation efforts by helping define population distribution and abundance of bobwhite quail across their range," said Jessica McGuire, bobwhite program manager for Quail Forever's Working Lands for Wildlife. "It's an app (bobscapes.org) on your phone so when you hear a bobwhite you can record it, and it sends it to us. The app asks if the citizen wants more information. If yes, it will connect them with us. Our biologists may reach out if you ask for more information, but the information is kept private."

ACES: 4 ways to participate in National Bird Feeding Month

Katie Nichols
Alabama Cooperative Extension System

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. — February is among one of the most important months for feeding birds in Alabama, as backyard songbirds have limited access to their favorite foods during the winter. Grab a camera and join the Alabama Cooperative Extension System outdoors to participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count. Alabama Extension is hosting an online photo contest Feb. 16-19.

Submit photos taken with a cell phone or camera beginning Friday, Feb. 16. Watch the Alabama Extension Facebook page for more details.

Alabama Extension Urban Regional Agent Roosevelt Robinson said February is National Bird Feeding Month.

"Whether you are an old hand or a rookie, this month is the ideal time for bird feeders, watchers and anyone else in the spirit to extend a hand to help these avian friends," Robinson said.

Feed the birds

National bird feeding month was established in 1994 to encourage individuals to supplement wild birds' natural diet during the winter months.

Urban Regional Agent Allyson Shabel said putting out backyard feeders is a great way to help birds during the winter.

"Buying a feeder — if you don't have one — and keeping it full can attract new birds to your landscape," Shabel said. "It is important to note that birds may prefer some feeders over others, depending on the food type."

A Beginner's Guide to Backyard Bird Feeding from the National Wildlife Federation includes other helpful tips.

Identifying backyard birds

There are several factors to take into account when watching birds in the backyard and beyond.

"Birdwatching can begin in the backyard and eventually move to more interesting or challenging places like wooded lots, open pasture lands and even popular birding destinations like Dauphin Island," said Lynn Dickinson, a regional forestry and natural resources agent.

Dickinson said the most difficult part of birding is determining which species of bird the birder is observing.

"The first thing to look at is the size and shape of the bird," Dickinson said.

Other characteristics to note include:

- Color pattern
- Behavior
- Habitat

Learn more about identifying backyard birds in Dickinson's Extension Brief titled Keys to Successful Bird Identification.

If you build it, they will come

Bluebirds, robins, chickadees, titmice, wrens and purple martins are able to easily adapt to using bird houses. Location makes no difference to these species as long as there is a small patch of suitable habitat.

Learn how to construct a nest box in the Alabama Extension publication, Bird Houses for Songbirds.

The Great Backyard Bird Count

Each year between Feb. 16-19, people come together to observe, count, celebrate and educate themselves about birds through the Great Backyard Bird Count.

Karnita Garner, an urban forestry, wildlife and natural resources Extension specialist, said this popular citizen science project helps researchers learn more about fluctuations in bird populations.

"The Great Backyard Bird Count also helps scientists monitor changes in bird migration and distribution patterns," Garner said.

"Scientists use this information to protect birds, their habitat and the environment."

Garner said by participating, birdwatchers can increase their environmental stewardship while helping researchers learn more about these splendid creatures.

Alabama Extension is supporting senior citizens as they seek to participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count in Alabama through the Virginia Caples Lifelong Learning Institute. Visit the official Backyard Bird Count webpage to register at www.birdcount.org.

More information

Watch an Eco-Friendly Friday webinar where the Alabama Wildlife Federation focused on backyard birding and participation in the upcoming Great Backyard Bird Count.

LEGALS

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 08

AMENDING THE CURRENT ZONING ORDINANCE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, TO RE-ZONE CERTAIN PARCELS OF PROPERTY AS SET FORTH HEREIN

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Under the authority of Chapter 52, Articles 1 through 4, Section 11-52-1 through Section 11-52-84, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, and specifically Sections 11-52-77 and at the request of property owner, the petitioner, the following describe the tracts or parcels of land, to-wit:

Property Owner: Blue Hole, LLC.

Property Address: Vacant land located on Highway 278 West.

Legal Description: Lot 2 – A TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 11.14 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER AND A PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER, ALL IN SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 18 AND RUN THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST (BEARING BASED ON AL. STATE PLANE, WEST ZONE, NAD 83, GRID) AND RUN ALONG THE ACCEPTED SOUTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 657.92 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 159.45 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 31 AND BEING IN A CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 04 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 34 SECONDS, A RADIUS OF 1,979.85 FEET, A CHORD BEARING OF NORTH 76 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 31 SECONDS WEST AND A CHORD LENGTH OF 146.58 FEET; THENCE RUN ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE AN ARC DISTANCE OF 146.61 FEET TO A SET REBAR (CONN-17831); THENCE NORTH 16 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST, DEPARTING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 412.09 FEET TO A SET REBAR; THENCE NORTH 49 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 437.20 FEET TO A SET REBAR; THENCE SOUTH 82 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 269.56 FEET TO A SET REBAR; THENCE NORTH 48 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 146.94 FEET TO A SET REBAR; THENCE NORTH 65 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 43 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 40.24 FEET TO A SET REBAR; THENCE NORTH 86 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 162.40 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST BANK OF RYAN'S CREEK; THENCE RUN IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION FOLLOWING SAID WEST BANK THE FOLLOWING 3 COURSES: SOUTH 22 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 115.36 FEET; SOUTH 09 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 190.67 FEET; SOUTH 26 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 33 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 64.96 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 35 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 316.90 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. within the city limits of Cullman, Alabama, and lying and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama, designated as Agriculture District AG-2 on the Zoning Map of the City of Cullman, Alabama under Ordinance No. 2004-03 and as may be reflected in any comprehensive master plan for the City of Cullman, Alabama, be, and is hereby changed from AG-2 Agricultural District to AG-1 Agricultural District.

SECTION 2. That this ordinance be published at least once a week for two consecutive weeks in advance of its final passage in a newspaper with general circulation within the City of Cullman, Alabama, the first publication of said notice and ordinance being verbatim and the second publication either verbatim or synopsized, with the last publication being at least 15 days prior to the date set for public hearing and passage of said ordinance.

SECTION 3. That a public hearing be held relative to the passage of this ordinance on the 22nd day of January, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., at which time interested parties and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and any changes relating thereto.

SECTION 4. That all notices as required by law be given by the City Clerk concerning said public hearing, and in addition thereto, a certified letter be sent by the Clerk to all contiguous property owners at their last known addresses as shown by the tax records for the City of Cullman, Alabama.

SECTION 5. That upon final passage of this ordinance, all zoning maps, master comprehensive plans or any other documents of the City of Cullman, Alabama, in conflict with this ordinance are hereby changed and amended to reflect the changes and amendments herein.

SECTION 6. 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 7. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage or adoption as required by law, including notice, publication and public hearing, all in accordance with Section 11-52-1, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL this the 12th day of February, 2024.

/s/Jenny Folsom - President of City Council

ATTESTED BY: /s/Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk

APPROVED this the 12th day of February, 2024. /s/Woody Jacobs – Mayor

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2024- 037

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DEWEY ABSHER, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Melvin Hasting on the 16th 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.

Melvin Hasting
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for the Estate
Smith & Smith, LLP
P. O. Box 398
Cullman, AL 35056-0398
(256) 734-4721

DOCUMENT 16

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

PLAINTIFF,

VS. CASE NO: DV 2023-900434

Haley Dalton,

DEFENDANT.

NOTICE OF FILING LAWSUIT

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

Done this the 1st day of February, 2024.

Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk of Cullman County

Attorney for Plaintiff
Seth Thompson
200 1st Avenue SE
Cullman, AL 35055
256-734-4591

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF E.M.G
A minor child.
D.O.B. 01/12/2015 CASE NO.: AD2023-099

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: BIOLOGICAL MOTHER SUMMER DANIELLE KNIGHT and BIOLOGICAL FATHER JEREMY BRIAN GREY

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by HAROLD EARL GREY and RHONDA ROE GREY., Petitioner. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioner, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 25th DAY OF January, 2024

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

ANNETTE IRONS-PARKER
Attorney for Petitioners
PARKER AND PARKER, P.C. ATTORNEYS
215 Main Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055
(256)-775-4444

PB MIN BK 221 PG 521 - 02/01/2024 09:22 AM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

ATHENA B. PACE, DECEASED CASE NO. PC 2024- 015

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF ATHENA B. PACE, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Sherry H. Barrett on the 30th day of January, 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.

Sherry H. Barrett, 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

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC2023-375

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALFRED WAYNE CHRISTIANSEN, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION FOR PROBATE
OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ALFRED WAYNE CHRISTIANSEN

TO: JOSEPH WAYNE CHRISTIANSEN

The Petition of Deborah Christiansen Veres to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Alfred Wayne Christiansen, deceased, has been set for hearing on March 27, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Joseph Wayne Christiansen is hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if he thinks proper.

TO: PUBLISHER OF *The Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown Per TB JMS
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith, Esquire
Smith & Smith, LLP
Attorneys for Petitioner
P.O. Box 398
Cullman, Alabama 35056-0398
256-734-4721

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF LEWIS NATE TERRY, Deceased. * **CASE NO.: PC2022-053**

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

TO: Charlcie Hensley, Laurie Pounders, Joseph Terry, J.H. Terry, Debbie Shepard, Beverly Bell, Elvie Proctor

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

Please take notice that a hearing on the *Petition for Probate of Will, Amended Petition for Probate of Will and Amended Petition for Probate of Will* filed by Alvin Terry, Petitioner, by and through his attorney of record Melvin Hasting, is set for a hearing on the **27th day of March, 2024, at 9:30 am**. Before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

Done this the 7th day of February, 2024. Per TB JMS

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks is said newspaper.

Melvin Hasting
P.O. Box 517
Cullman, AL 35056

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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 BETTY JOYCE HINES, Deceased. * **CASE NO.: PC2024-024**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to MELONIE JOY RAPE, CRYSTAL CAYE HINES and AMANDA JANE MIDDLETON as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of BETTY JOYCE HINES, deceased, on the 1st day of February, 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.

Melonie Joy Rape, Crystal Caye Hines, and Amanda Jane Middleton
Co-Personal Representatives

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for the Estate
Smith & Smith, LLP
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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

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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 THELMA JEAN SEENES, Deceased. **Case Number: PC2022-262**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama

In the matter of the Estate of Thelma Jean Seenes, Deceased

Letters Testamentary upon last will and testament of said decedent, having been granted to the undersigned on the 15th 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.

Rose Marie Shaffer
Personal Representative

Tonya C. Palmer
Attorney for Personal Representative
1939 Main Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 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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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ROBERT ALAN CHANDLER, Deceased. * **CASE NO.: PC2023-247**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to ROCHELLE LYNN CHANDLER as Personal Representative of the Estate of ROBERT ALAN CHANDLER, deceased, on the 7th day of December, 2023, 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.

ROCHELLE LYNN CHANDLER
Personal Representative

Zachary Starnes
Attorney for Petitioner
Post Office Box 2688
Decatur, Alabama 35602-2688

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

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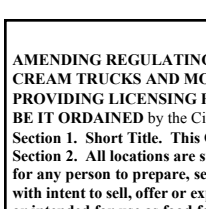
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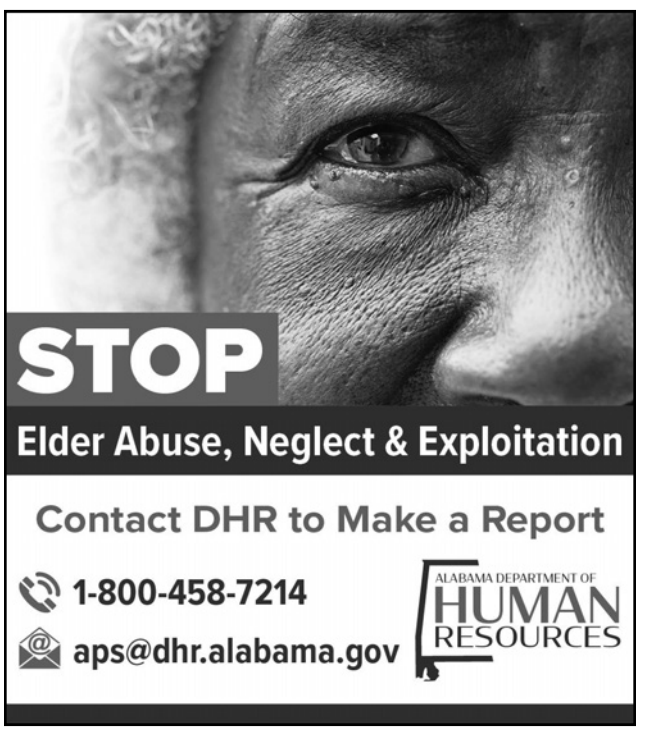




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LEGALS

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 13

AMENDING REGULATING THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF MOBILE VENDORS (FOOD TRUCKS), PUSHCARTS ICE CREAM TRUCKS AND MOBILE BUSINESS UNITS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, PROVIDING LICENSING PROCEDURES AND ESTABLISHING PUNISHMENT FOR VIOLATIONS

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama as follows:

Section 1. Short Title. This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Cullman Mobile Vendors Ordinance".

Section 2. All locations are subject to the regulations and other requirements established by the Health Department. It shall be unlawful for any person to prepare, sell, offer or expose for sale, exchange, deliver, dispose of or have in possession, custody of control, in the City, with intent to sell, offer or expose for sale, exchange, or delivery, any meat, prepared food, vegetable, beverage, liquid or other article used or intended for use as food for human beings, without valid, unsuspended and unrevoked permit issued by the health officer, pursuant to regulations of the State Board of Public Health, a City license and permit in accordance with this Ordinance.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall only allow for mobile food vehicles, pushcarts, ice cream trucks, mobile carwashes/detail units, mobile auto-glass repair, mobile barbershops, hair salons, nail salons/cosmetology and mobile pet grooming. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to allow for any other mobile operations of any businesses within any zones which the Zoning Ordinance may allow as a permitted or conditional use, permanent, "brick-and-mortar" structures/establishments.

Section 4. This Ordinance is enacted for the purposes, among others of promoting the health and general welfare of the community, of establishing reasonable standards for regulation and control of the licensing and sale of food from mobile vendors and goods and services of mobile business units, by preserving certain areas through reasonable consideration among others, to the character of the areas and their peculiar suitability for particular uses, to the congestion in roads and streets, to promoting a general view of desirable living conditions, sustaining stability of neighborhoods, property and prevention of unqualified persons from engaging in or having an interest in said business. This Ordinance shall be construed as an exercise by the City of the Police Powers of the State delegated to the City in the regulation of health and welfare. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to restrict charitable dispensing of free food to the poor, homeless, or persons in need.

Section 5. Definitions.

1. "Business licenses" are the licenses required of any business to operate within the City pursuant to the City license code.
2."Building Department" shall mean the City of Cullman Building Department and its Officers, Inspectors, and Employees.
3. "City Building Inspection Department" shall mean the City of Cullman Building Department. Such terms shall be construed to include the City of Cullman Building Department and any officer or agent of the department authorized to act for and on behalf of the department with respect to the enforcement and administration of this code and other city, county, state ordinances or laws.
4. "Commissary" shall mean a permitted food establishment to which a mobile food establishment, pushcart, or transportation vehicle returns daily for such things as discharging liquid or solid wastes, refilling water tanks and ice bins, and boarding food.
5. "Cullman Fire and Rescue" shall mean the Cullman Fire Department. Such terms shall be construed to include the Cullman Fire Department and any officer or agent of the department authorized to act for and on behalf of the department with respect to the enforcement and administration of this code and other city, county, state ordinances or laws.
6. "Cullman Police Department" shall mean the City of Cullman Police Department. Such terms shall be construed to include the City of Cullman Police Department and any officer or agent of the department authorized to act for and on behalf of the department with respect to the enforcement and administration of this code and other city, county, state ordinances or laws.
7. "Food Zone" shall mean an area approved by the City of Cullman for the specific operation of a mobile food vehicles or pushcarts as described in Zoning Ordinance and as amended from time to time by the City Council.
8. "Mobile Business Units Zone" shall mean an area approved by the City of Cullman for the specific operation of a mobile business unit as described in Zoning Ordinance and as amended from time to time by the City Council.
. Health Department" shall mean the state and county health department. Such terms shall be construed to include the County Health Department and any officer or agent of the department authorized to act for and on behalf of the department with respect to the enforcement and administration of this code and other city, county, or state ordinances.
10. "Ice Cream Trucks" shall mean vendors who only sell frozen, yogurt, dairy, or iced refreshments that are sold in single servings and whose product is not prepared on site.
11. "Lunch Wagon" shall mean a small bus, truck, or other vehicle outfitted for selling or for serving light meals and snacks to the public.
12. "Mobile food vehicle" shall mean, except for pushcarts but including ice cream trucks and lunch wagons, a unit mounted on or pulled by a self-propelled vehicle where food including prepackaged foods, for individual portion service is prepared or dispensed; is a self-contained with its own drinking water tank and waste water tank; is designed to be readily movable; and is moved daily to return to its commissary.
13. "Mobile business unit" shall mean any commercial business without a fixed location or which is operating in the from a self-propelled vehicle or which can be pushed or pulled on a sidewalk, street, or highway on which licensed (permitted) personal or professional services or goods, are then provided, sold or dispensed to the public, in which the point of sale is located within the interior of the unit or the immediate exterior. Uses include barbershop, hair salon, nail salon, cosmetology, pet grooming, and mobile car detailing and washing. This shall not include businesses that provide services directly to a customer's home and/or business and perform some sort of service like landscaping, cleaning, HVAC, mobile auto-glass repair etc.
14. "Operator" shall mean the individual or the entity that is legally responsible for the operation of the mobile vehicle such as the permittee, the permittee's agent, or other person; and possesses a valid permit to operate a mobile vehicle.
15. "Pushcart" shall mean a non-self-propelled mobile food unit that is light weight enough, designed, and intended to be moved by a single person on foot. A pushcart shall be used to prepare and serve only:
    a. potentially non-hazardous food such as popcorn, lemonade, hotdogs, flavored ice or ice cream;
    b. foods pre-wrapped at a commissary and maintained at the required temperatures per the County Health Department regulations.
16. "Restaurant" shall mean a brick-and-mortar establishment where meals are generally prepared, served, and eaten on the premises or prepared and serves food and/or drink to customers for consumption on premises in return for money, with permanent bathroom, electrical power, plumbing permanently affixed to land. A restaurant does not mean a food vending truck, ice cream truck, lunch wagon or a pushcart.

Section 6. Requirements

1. The permitted mobile food vending and mobile business operation in which the vendor proposes to operate are allowed in all zoning districts except residential as limited herein. Ice cream trucks may operate in residential areas.
2. All permitted mobile food vendors, including ice cream trucks, and mobile businesses are required to purchase a business license.
3. Except as herein provided, it shall be unlawful for any ice cream truck, while engaged in the business of selling, to stop or stand or permit or suffer any vehicle to do so upon any street of the City except during the actual sale of its ice cream product. In no event shall an ice cream truck be or remain upon any street or sidewalk longer than is reasonable to conduct a sale (such time not to exceed 30 minutes). Special events locations excepted if the ice cream truck is authorized as a participant by the event organizer and located with the permitted area of the special event or private property.
4. All mobile food vehicle units and mobile businesses units locations must meet the zoning district setbacks
5. Mobile food vehicle units and mobile business units are not permitted to operate in loading zones, on street parking spaces, public rights-of-way, public off-street parking without a permit issued by the City not to exceed five (5) consecutive business days, nor may they obstruct or impede the flow of traffic for neighboring businesses. Exceptions may be made by the City for permitted special events in the appropriate zoning district(s).
6. (a) No mobile food vehicle shall operate within three hundred (300) feet of the front door of any restaurant or like business in current operation. Distance shall be measured to the nearest public entrance for any brick and mortar restaurant. (b) No mobile business unit may operate within three hundred (300) feet of the front door of any like business in current operation. Exception may be made with a waiver signed by the restaurant or business owner. (c) No pushcarts shall operate within one hundred (100) feet of the front door of any restaurant or business in current operation. Distance shall be measured from any exterior door leading into a dining area to the closest point of the pushcart. Exceptions may be made by the City for permitted special events in appropriate zoning district(s).
7. No mobile food vehicle, mobile business unit and/or pushcart shall make or solicit any sales to occupants of vehicles or engage in any activities which impede vehicular traffic.
8. No mobile food vehicle or mobile business unit shall have a drive-through service.
9. No mobile food vehicle shall have any indoor or covered seating, and in no case shall a mobile food vehicle or mobile business unit have more than one temporary picnic table or equivalent seating for more than six (6) patrons. All tables and chairs shall be removed at the close of business each day at the location in which the mobile food vehicle or mobile business unit operated said day and shall be located within the approved space for permitted area.
10. No mobile food vehicle or mobile business unit shall have any generator with a decibel level over seventy (70) decibels from a distance measured from twenty-five (25) feet from the generator. All generators shall comply with fire codes and in no case shall a generator be located further than twelve (12) feet from the mobile unit.
11. Private property owner approval. Mobile food vending units and mobile business units shall not be allowed to consume otherwise necessary parking spaces of existing tenant within the same property without the approval of the property owner, all tenants and the Building Department.
12. The proposed mobile food vehicle, mobile business operation and/or pushcart vending activity shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and ordinances including, but not limited to, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management and Americans with Disabilities Act
13. All signage and advertisement, whether on private or public property, must be attached to the mobile food vending unit and mobile business unit, not located within the right-of-way and in no way may it impede or interfere with foot and/or vehicular traffic and/or create hazard for foot and/or vehicular traffic.
14. Attached. Mobile food vehicles, mobile business units and/or pushcarts shall be responsible to provide and maintain their own trash receptacles. Permittee shall contain all refuse, trash, and litter within the mobile food vehicle or a small moveable trash can maintained by the permittee, and located adjacent to the mobile food vehicle and/or pushcart in such a manner as not to block or otherwise obstruct pedestrian or vehicular traffic. The permittee of the mobile food vehicle, mobile business unit and/or pushcarts shall be responsible for properly disposing of such refuse, trash, and litter as would any business, and shall not place it in any public trash container, or in any private container without proper permission.
15. (a) No mobile food vehicle, mobile business unit and/or pushcart shall use or maintain any outside sound amplifying equipment, lights, or noisemakers, such as bells, horns or whistles or similar devices to attract customers. A mobile food vehicle and/or pushcart may use battery-operated lights with appropriate protective shields for the purpose of illuminating merchandise, so long as it is not a distraction to passing motorists. The decision of such distractions shall be determined by the Cullman Police Department or the Building Inspection Department of the City of Cullman. (b) Ice cream trucks may use amplified outside single tune music. "A" weighted tune not to create a noise nuisance.
16. No person or business entity, including religious or charitable organization, shall operate a mobile food vehicle, mobile business unit and/or pushcart selling food or beverages within the City without a permit.
17. All mobile food vendors, ice cream trucks, pushcarts, lunch wagons and mobile business units must have a valid City business license.
18. All mobile food vendors, ice cream trucks, pushcarts, lunch wagons and mobile business units must provide a signed statement that the applicant shall hold harmless the City and its officers and employees, and shall indemnify the City, its officers and employees for any claims for damage to property or injury to persons which may be occasioned by any activity carried on under the terms of the permit with an active liability insurance policy as set out herein insuring the vehicle and its operators.
19. Each permit issued under this Ordinance shall be displayed at all times on the rear of the mobile food vehicle or mobile business unit and conspicuously on the pushcart.
20. The permit shall be subject to additional limitations on hours and days of operation that the City determines are appropriate to prevent conflict with special events. Examples of special events include, but are not limited to, construction, parades, outdoor concerts, sponsored marathons and blocked streets to allow licensed events.
21. No mobile food vehicle, ice cream truck, lunch wagon and/or pushcart vending within the City shall operate within five hundred (500) feet of any fair, stadium, carnival, circus, festival, special event, civic event, sports complex, water park, ball fields, entertainment district or other like sponsored event that is licensed or authorized by the City, unless they are authorized by the organizer to be participants in such event.
22. Persons conducting business from a mobile food vehicle and mobile business unit on private property shall not be permitted to operate in the following manner:
    a. Vending may not obstruct the use of any street intersection or pedestrian crosswalk.
    b. Vending shall not impede the ingress or egress of any driveway.
    c. Vending shall not obstruct pedestrian space.
    d. Vending shall not impede or obstruct the ingress or egress of any building.
    e. Vending structures shall not be left unattended or stored at any time on the open vending site when vending is not taking place or during restricted hours of operation.
    f. Any and all signage must be contained on the vehicle and not on the private property. At no time shall any signage be placed within the public right-of-way.
23. Any power required for the mobile food vehicle, mobile business unit and/or pushcart located on a public way shall be self-contained or immediately adjacent to the mobile food vehicle and/or mobile business unit. The mobile food vehicle, mobile business unit and pushcart shall not draw its power from the public rights-of-way or other businesses without a written waiver from the property owner granting permission. No power cable or equipment shall be extended at grade or overhead across any public street, alley, or sidewalk. Special events sites excepted.
24. For any location where the mobile food vending unit or mobile business unit is proposed to stay for two (2) or more hours, vendors shall provide toilet facilities for persons operating the unit, including employees, in accordance with the requirements of the Cullman County Health Department. Special Events sites excepted if toilet facilities are provided by organizer. An exception may be made if an adjacent business owner allows for restroom usage within his/her place of business for the mobile food vehicle or mobile business unit while on site.
25. Food preparation will be regulated by the Cullman County Health Department. The business license application must be accompanied by a food permit issued by the Cullman County Health Department.
26. Any on-site preparation of food shall be performed inside the primary vending unit only. Special Events sites are excepted on approval of preparation or serving area by the Cullman County Health Department.
27. A fire inspection of the vehicle, trailer, or concession apparatus shall be at least annually inspected by Cullman Fire Rescue prior to issuance of business license, inspection form or permit. All business licenses, inspection forms and/or permits shall be renewed annually. Nothing herein shall preclude inspection more often than once a year.
28. The vehicle, trailer, or concession apparatus shall meet all requirements for safety including, but not limited to the following or as hereafter amended:
    a. *International Fire Code*, 2021 Edition;
    b. *International Mechanical Code*, 2021 Edition
    c. *International Fuel Gas Code*, 2021 Edition
    d. NFPA 96 – *Standard for Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations*, 2021 Edition
    e. NFPA 10 – *Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers*, 2018 Edition
    f. NFPA 17A – *Standard for Wet Chemical Extinguishing Systems*, 2021 Edition
    g. NFPA 58 – *Liquified Petroleum Gas Code,* 2021 Edition
29. A list of requirements and scheduling of inspections, including but not limited to fire extinguishers, fire extinguishing systems, compressed gas/LPG, generators, electrical/extension cords and vehicle/trailer location can be coordinated through Cullman Fire Rescue.

Section 7. Food Zones. Food trucks, pushcarts, and ice cream truck zones Monday through Saturday except during special events, festivals, tournaments, games or private functions without approval of Cullman Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism (for those properties managed by it) and the City in the form of a permit issued by the Clerk's office which shall be displayed at all times when in operation located in 1-5 below. Mobile food units and mobile businesses must remain within the permitted area when permitted by the City.

1. City Park south of the Police Station, known as Depot Park;
2. The Old Farmers Market, the lot directly across from the Police Station (PIN 44702);
3. Art Park
4. Nesmith Park;
5. Heritage Park parking areas (as designated by special marking);
6. Private property which does not lie within the restrictive areas as set out in this Ordinance.

Section 8. Required by Financial Responsibility of Operator. Permittee shall furnish and maintain such public liability, food products liability, and property damage insurance as will protect vendor, property owners, and the City from all claims for damage to property or bodily injury, including death, which may arise from the operations under the permit or in connection therewith. Such insurance shall provide coverage of not less than One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.00) per person and Three Hundred thousand Dollars ($300,000.00) per accident or occurrence or more if necessary to meet state or federal minimums. The policy shall further provide that it shall not be canceled except upon thirty (30) days written notice served upon the City of Cullman, Office of the City Clerk, 204 2nd Avenue, NE, Cullman, AL 35055. A permit issued pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be invalid at any time the insurance required herein is not maintained and evidence of continuing coverage is not filed with the City Clerk. Proof of insurance must be shown on each mobile food vehicle and pushcart in operation.

Section 9. Denial, Revocation, Suspension of Permit. An application or approved permit may be denied, revoked, suspended, or not renewed for any of the following reasons:

1. Revocation, Suspension, Modification. A permit may be revoked, suspended, modified, or not renewed by the City for failure to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance, or any provision of this Code or other ordinance of the City enacted in the exercise of its police power. A permit may also be revoked whenever, in the judgment of the City, it deems it necessary for the protection of the public good or for the prevention of disorders, provided however, that the City shall first give reasonable notice to the permittee of a public hearing, time and date on the matter of such revocation. The hearing shall be held before the City Council and shall be governed by all laws and ordinances as to any other licensee or permit issued by the City of Cullman.
2. The permittee or any of its principals fails to satisfy any qualification or requirement imposed by this Ordinance, or other local, state or federal laws or regulations that pertain to the particular license or use.
3. The mobile food vehicle, ice cream truck, pushcart, and/or mobile business unit on which the business is conducted does not satisfy all local, state or federal laws or regulations which relate to the activity that is to be licensed after a notice and opportunity to cure; or
4. The permittee or any of its agents is in default on any payments owed to the City; or
5. The application contains material omissions or false, fraudulent, or deceptive statements; or
6. The mobile food vehicle and/or pushcart is operated in such a matter as constituting a public nuisance per the Cullman City Code or state statutes; or
7. The proposed operation is in violation of any federal, state or local laws including, but not limited to, the provisions of the Ordinance pertaining to public health or safety.
8. The permittee or his agents or employees interfere with an inspection of the mobile food vehicle and/or pushcart by a Health Department inspector; City official or
9. The permittee or his agents have repeatedly violated applicable portions of this Article; or
10. There are repeated violations of City, federal or state food laws regulating mobile food vehicles and/or pushcarts' or
11. The County Health Department denies, revokes or suspends the license of the mobile food vehicle and/or pushcart.
12. Any mobile food vehicle and/or pushcart being operated without a valid permit issued by the City Council shall be deemed a public safety hazard and may be ticketed and impounded.
13. No mobile food vehicle and/or pushcart shall be parked on the street overnight, or left unattended and unsecured at any time. Any mobile food vehicle and/or pushcart which is found to be unattended shall be considered a public safety hazard and may be ticketed and impounded. Exceptions may be made for authorized vendors at special events.
14. A mobile food vehicle and/or pushcart operating at any unauthorized location or beyond the hours for which the operation has been permitted shall be deemed operating without a permit in violation of this section and may be subject to enforcement.

Section 10. The severability provisions of any section of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cullman, Alabama are specifically included herein by reference as if fully set forth, which is not in direct conflict with this Ordinance.

Section 11. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption and approval.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL this the 12th day of February, 2024.

/s/Jenny Folsom - President of City Council

ATTESTED BY: /s/Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk

APPROVED this the 12th day of February, 2024. /s/Woody Jacobs – Mayor

BOOK REVIEW

'All My Knotted-Up Life: A Memoir' by Beth Moore

Cathly Lay Mayor
Tribune contributor

I first heard of Beth Moore a few years ago when my Bible study group did her study on the book of Daniel. I learned so much and was so inspired through her study. Beth is smart, beautiful and very successful and able to captivate an audience. I thought she had the perfect life. As I did another study on Genesis, I realized that perhaps she did not have a perfect life. But after I read her memoir, I found out how difficult her life had been. My thoughts changed from how wonderful her life is to how in the world does she survive. Of course, it was Jesus Christ who sustained her.

Born Elizabeth Green in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, she is one of five children. She was brought up in a devout Christian home.

The family was in church every time the doors were open. Her mother led a devout Christian life in public.

Her father was a very important man in the congregation. But, behind closed doors her mother suffered from mental illness and stayed in bed most of the day.

Her father had many extramarital affairs and worst of all, he sexually abused Beth. Beth did not report the abuse, but did what a lot of sexually abused children do. She kept it a secret.

Her life was spiraling out of control. Many teenage victims of abuse act out emotionally and physically.

When Beth was about to enter high school, her father relocated the family to Houston, Texas, for new a job.

It was a difficult transition from Arkansas. She managed to graduate and was accepted into college.

After Beth went to college, she began to thrive. She felt a calling to work for God and met her husband to be, Keith Moore.

They soon married. As a young mother, Beth taught Sunday school and Bible studies for women.

Her studies began to get attention from the Southern Baptist Convention.

As her success grew she was asked to speak around the country and write Bible studies.

Again, her life looked perfect from the outside. But inside, her husband suffered from PTSD and mental illness.

After he was infected with a rare marine virus, his health and mental status deteriorated.

He struggled for years with the virus and its side effects. By now, I am wondering how she got out of bed every morning.

Probably the hardest challenge was the rift between Beth and the Southern Baptist Convention.

I am not a Baptist, so I do not understand the feelings or the doctrine.

But as I understand the situation, Beth spoke up about a presidential candidate she considered to be a sexual predator.

She received a lot of backlash over those comments. Members thought she was pro-abortion.

Then after Beth mentioned that she had spoken from the pulpit on Mother's Day, she received even more disdain. Eventually she left the Baptist Church.

Now Beth and her husband are active in the Anglican Church. This was devastating to her. But she continues to praise God and follow in the path He set her on.

This is a touching memoir and at some points difficult to read.

I still admire Beth Moore but for completely different reasons.

Not because of her beauty, confidence or success. But because of her endurance during difficult times and how she continues to serve and praise the LORD.

Beth Moore has written at least 20 books and over 25 Bible studies. She is still writing and speaking.

Cathy Lay Mayor grew up in Cullman and graduated from Cullman High School in 1976. She says when she writes book reviews, she tries to remember what Mrs. Gilbert taught her in 11th-grade English. She lived in Dothan for more than 30 years and is married with three adult children and six grandchildren. She retired to Panama City, but still calls Alabama home.

CATA (from Front)

ranging from Cosmetology to Utility Line Worker; students gain real-world work experience and knowledge before they even walk across the stage at graduation.

Utility Line Worker program Instructor Justin Miller said with pride as he watched his students demonstrate their abilities on installed poles and lines, "We have several that work in electrical. One went to work with Pike Electrical out of Hueytown, one of the companies we work with, and he's probably going to make $65,000-$70,000 annually – that's right out of high school."

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Obituary Announcements: Feb. 15-16

Craig Lee Golden, Jr., 23
Craig Lee Golden, Jr., lovingly called C.J. by his family and friends, was born on June 20, 2000, in Birmingham, Alabama. C.J. passed away on Feb. 14, 2024, in Shelby County, Alabama, at the age of 23. C.J. loved military history from an early age and he enjoyed learning about and studying military planes, helicopters, and weapons. His passion for the military led C.J. to serve his nation honorably in the United States Army. When he returned home, C.J.'s love of cars led him to a profession in the automobile service industry. In his spare time, C.J. enjoyed gaming. C.J. was a good kid who had grown into an outstanding young man. His sacrifice for his nation, as well as his sweet and loving spirit, will be remembered by all who knew him. Mr. Golden is survived by his father, Craig Golden, Sr. (Samantha); grandparents, Ray and RoLinda Golden, Rita Thomas; brother, Mason Golden (Acelynn); sister, Natalie Golden; uncle, Steven Meece (Skyler); aunts, Kayla Landers (Wesley), and Katie Doria (Billy); nephew, Riley Golden; and cousins, Kayson Meece, Charlie Landers, Lewis Landers, and Jasmine Tucker. Funeral services for Mr. Golden will be held at 1 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 17, 2024, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel, Josh Drake officiating. A time of visitation will be held prior to services, from 11 a.m., until services begin at 1 p.m. Burial will follow in Holly Pond Cemetery. Holly Pond Funeral Home is grateful for the sacrifice and service of Mr. Golden to our nation and is honored to be entrusted with his care.

Rebecca Frances Holmes Qualls, 82
Rebecca Frances Holmes Qualls, age 82, passed away Feb. 12, 2024. Becky was a native of Cullman, Alabama, although she had lived in Huntsville, Alabama, for the last 30 years. Becky moved back to Cullman last year with her dog Izzy. Rebecca is preceded in death by her husband Eddie Rae Qualls, mother Ona Lee Holmes, and her father Tignal Holmes. Becky is survived by her son Steven (Scarlett P.) Mark Qualls of Huntsville, AL, brother Tignal "Tek" (Elizabeth) Holmes Jr. of Huntsville, Alabama, grandchildren Gabrielle Lee Qualls of Huntsville, Alabama, Jordan Rae Qualls of Atlanta, Georgia, Jarrett Mark Qualls of Huntsville, Alabama, and her nephews Weston Tek Holmes and Casey Braeden Holmes. Becky lived for her friends and family, and loved cooking for them. She cherished her three grandchildren and can be reflected on as an incredibly giving individual. A Celebration of Life Memorial service and reception held Friday, Feb. 16, 2024, at Moss Service Funeral Home in the Fireside Room. Followed by a graveside service at Cullman City Cemetery.

Theresa R. Luker, 64
Theresa R. Luker, age 64, of Cullman, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2024, at Woodland Village. There are no arrangements at this time. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Theresa was born March 22, 1959. She is preceded in death by her parents, Henry Elgon Renfrow and Johnnie "Carol" Colgin Renfrow. She is survived by her daughter, Hillary Luker; sisters, Kathy Valdez and Mary Ramirez; grandchildren, Erica Barrett and Emma Thomas; aunt, Margaret Reeves; her beloved fur baby, Gracie; and a host of family and friends. Theresa loved all animals, but especially loved cats. She was a kind-hearted and giving person who would help any person or animal in need. She will be missed by all who loved and knew her. Please sign the online guestbook at www.cullman-funeralhome.com.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

It's not what we love, but who

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



What are some things you love? We often say, "I love this" or "I love that." When I talk about the things I love, I'm usually not speaking about material objects. I'm often speaking about things like traveling, going, or doing.

I do love to travel. I didn't grow up traveling much, so I've tried to make up for lost time. Some years ago, Jean and I set out to visit all fifty states. I'm a little ahead of her, because I've gone on several mission trips without her. I think she still has ten states to go, and I have three.

I love doing mission trips. Those trips have taken me across the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii. I have worked in many places in Central and South America, as well as Haiti.

We were scheduled for a pleasure trip to Costa Rica recently, but I opted to have heart surgery instead. I think I would have enjoyed Costa Rica more, but after I had the surgery, my heart just wasn't in it!

In recent years, we have loved traveling in Western Europe. We have visited Ireland, Scotland, England, Italy, Germany, and Austria. This fall we plan to cruise the Rhine and Moselle Rivers. We will visit Switzerland, France, Germany, and the Netherlands.

There are many things in general that I love. I love writing and reading. I love to listen to music, to play musical instruments, and singing. My favorite instruments to play are the guitar and harmonica.

I love to tell stories and do humor as Bro. Billy Bob. I love beautiful pieces of wood. I love to build and rebuild furniture and cutting boards. I love sports.

I enjoy playing pickleball and racquetball. I love to watch football, especially college football, particularly SEC college football. Although I don't go much anymore, I love to fish.

I love to sit on my back porch and watch the world, especially through the rain. I love to sit back there and listen to the birds and watch the squirrels.

I especially love doing most of those things with the person I love most. In a little over a year from now, Jean and I will celebrate 50-years of marriage.

During those years we have spent a lot of time together and done more things than I can even remember. I enjoyed those places I've visited with Jean much more than the ones without her, simply because she was by my side.

Sometimes we've had the added bonus of our daughter and her family being with us, including Grandson Drew.

I have come to realize that the real question in life is not what do you love, but who do you love?

The Beatles sang, "Money Can't Buy Me Love." That is so true, and the things money can buy can't love us back or bring us happiness.

All those things are simply stuff, and stuff is never enough! How much stuff does it take to make some people happy? It seems to be just a little bit more!

This week, for Valentines, we may have bought things for the one we love.

I'm not saying shouldn't buy presents, but what our loved ones want most is us... our love, our time, and our attention.

The Apostle Paul said "If we speak in tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, we are as a clanging cymbal." (I Cor. 13:1)

Last, but actually first and certainly not least, I love God. I love his church. I love life, which He gave me.

Bill King can be reached at bkpreach@yahoo.com or 334-745-0588 (office).

HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1937

From the files of 1937

Marriages:

August 26, S.S. Abbott, 59, to Mollie Murray, 50.

August 27, Otice L. Jones, 20, to Sarah Tankersley, 21.

August 28, Meredith McKleroy, 18, to Clara Pettus, 16, Lemmuel M. Brock, 67, to Anna Harben, 59 and Bernice B. Calvert, 24, to Pernell Blalock, 16.

August 29, Roy D. Booth, 31, to Wilma Rodgers, 18.

August 30, R.L. Trimble, 58, to Rose Rodd, 43.

Mrs. Bonnie Allison of Guntersville, Mississippi is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Allison.

Doctor and Mrs. Jack Fisher of Greenville are the guests of Doctor Fisher's mother, Mrs. Q.M. Fisher. Doctor Fisher is the County Health doctor of Butler County.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Sterling and daughters, Anita, Bettie, Nan and Joan spent Tuesday at Lacey Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Edwards and children are spending this week in South Alabama.

Rene Martin and John Sterling spent Tuesday at Town Creek.

Joe Sapp and Fred James went to Lacey Springs on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Lummus were the weekend guests of Mrs. Lummus' parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Grayot. Mr. Lummus is now located at Tupelo, Mississippi.

Miss Rickie Ziegler spent Tuesday in Birmingham.

Mrs. Larry Young (nee Sadie Weeks) and daughter, Shirley, of Cincinnati, Ohio, arrived Monday for a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius McMinn, Charles McMinn, Nettie Sclosser and Miss Daisy Quattlebaum spent last weekend in Iron City, Tennessee.

Misses Barbara Peck Ilene and Elizabeth Blair, of Hartselle, were guests of friends here on Tuesday.

Miss Theda Weeks has returned from a visit to friends in Florence.

POET'S CORNER

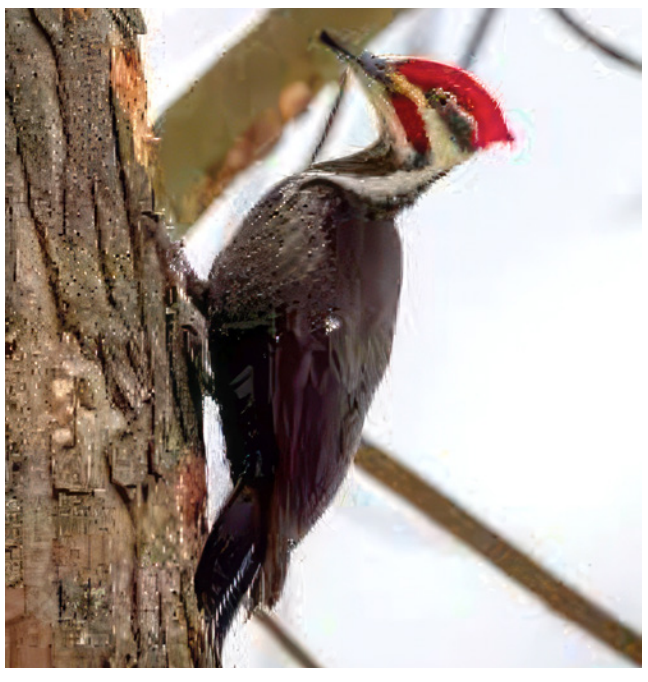
In the Woods on a Winter Day | By: Randy C. Hale

I wait in the woods for the
pileated woodpecker.
The prominent bird, the size
of a crow with black and broad
white stripes, and a vibrant
red crest.
A jackhammer tapping he will
make rapping upon the trees.
Cuk Cuk Cuk, his cry rising to
peak before declining.

Suddenly, a red fox squirrel,
his tail held high and bushy,
came pouncing by me and
paused briefly as if to greet
me before he scurried on.

I looked at the young saplings
emerging bare from the earth,
wondering if some may be
dogwoods, a passion for me
when blooming in spring.
I imagine the forest floor
flourishing then, plant life
stemming, twisting from the
soil, blades, and brush. The
wild flowers, lush greens.

Refocusing, I listen for the
Cuk Cuk Cuk or loud tapping
while looking in the tops of
trees, bark falling in this
winter breeze.



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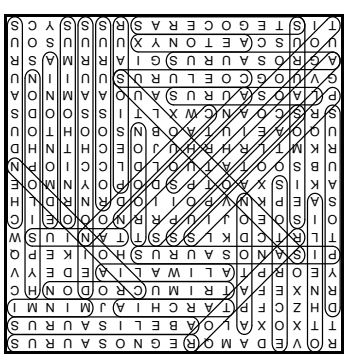
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