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CCBOE recognizes talented art students

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County School Board held its monthly meeting on Feb. 15 and recognized two students who placed nationally in the Horace Mann Academic Planning Calendar Design competition. West Point Middle School student Aliana Riggs was named the national champion for the contest in grades four-eight, and her artwork will be featured on the cover of the 2024 Horace Mann Academic Calendar. Third place was clenched by fellow Warrior, West Point High School student Aspen Sellers. Both girls were recognized at the meeting by Greg Privett, a representative of Horace Mann.

"We have some artists among us, guys. I'm going to let him (Privett) explain what it is, but it's incredible," said Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette.

Mann addressed the audience and explained a little of the history behind the Horace Mann Academic Calendar; begun over 70 years ago, the company had been distributing aca- » PAGE 8



CCBOE

The Cullman County School Board held its monthly meeting on Feb. 15 and took the opportunity to recognize two exceptionally talented students. Left to right are Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette, Aliana Riggs, Aspen Sellers and Greg Privett.

– FAITH –

'Raise a Hallelujah' event fuels support for The Crossing's mission in Cullman



GAUGE DAY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

A moment of praise as Three on a Wing leads the community in worship at the "Raise a Hallelujah" benefit event Saturday, Feb. 17, 2024

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — Toe-tappers, hand-clappers and lively amens filled the sanctuary of Fairview Methodist Church on a memorable Saturday night. The Crossing, a local nonprofit dedicated to providing food, hygiene products and clothes for those in need in Cullman, orchestrated a "Raise a Hallelujah" benefit singing. The event featured guest artists and groups, aimed at providing the community with a night of worship and fellowship for a worthwhile cause.

Melissa Hudson, the founder and director of The Crossing, shared her inspiration for the event, saying "We haven't had a fundraiser since 2022, but this is the first benefit singing I have held. I was talking to some people, and we just got away from the old-fashioned, what we used to do, and somebody said, 'We don't have them old-fashioned singins anymore', so I thought, we should do that, cause people still enjoy that and it's good to go back sometimes and pick up some of the old things we left behind."

It turns out, Hudson was right. The goal of the event was to raise funds and gather donations for The Crossing to continue to provide for the needs of residents in Cullman. The benefit raised over $2,200 on Saturday night, with more contributions anticipated, as many » PAGE 2

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No. 1 Good Hope handles No. 3 Deshler 68-45 to advance to Elite 8



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF HANCEVILLE

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

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CITY OF HANCEVILLE
ORDINANCE NO. 2024-1

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

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

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

SECTION 1.

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

SECTION 2.

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 3.

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

SECTION 4.

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

SECTION 5.

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

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

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

SECTION 6.

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

SECTION 7.

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

SECTION 8.

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

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SECTION 9.

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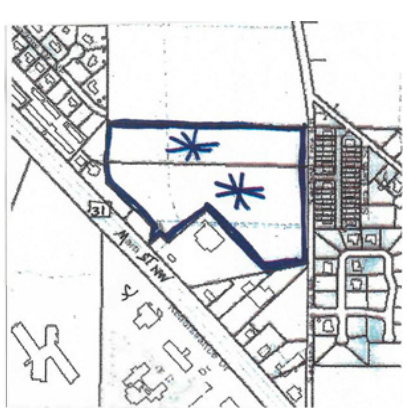
This ordinance shall be published as provided by law, and a certified copy of same, together with a certified copy of the petition of the property owners shall be filed with the Probate Judge of Cullman County, Alabama.

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

Mayor Jim Sawyer

ATTEST:
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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Feb. 19

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Feb. 19, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests or incidents reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Feb. 13

• retail theft of property-3rd degree; Sally Beauty; Martkplatz Ctr. SW; general merchandise; $68

Feb. 16

• theft of property-1st degree; Shell 157; Hwy. 157; cash

Feb. 17

• theft of lost property-2nd degree; person; wallet and contents

Feb. 18

• theft of property-4th degree; person; Olive St. SW; phone; $40

ARRESTS

Feb. 16 – 18

Snider, Krista I.; 39
• DUI
• FTA- expired tag

Poppe, Marsha L.; 65
• Grand Jury- retail theft of property-2nd degree

Criscoe, James M.; 36
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (3 counts)
• FTA- public intoxication
• FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree (2 counts)
• FTA- attempt to elude police officer

Smith, Jr., Kenneth W.; 47
• ignition interlock

Myers, Emily R.; 19
• Grand Jury- retail theft of property-2nd degree
• Grand Jury- organized retail theft

Swafford, Andrew C.; 23
• FTA- criminal mischief-2nd degree

Key, Seth P.; 41
• FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- driving while license suspended
• FTA- expired tag

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Event (from Front)

reached out to Hudson expressing their desire to give.

Fairview Methodist Church hosted the event.

The night of singing and worship commenced with Three on a Wing, a gospel singing trio composed of members Sandy, Shirley and Diane. The trio opened the night with a mix of gospel classics and modern contemporary songs. The crowd found comfort in many of the familiar tunes, singing along, raising hands in praise, even sharing a laugh as Shirley played to the crowd with a standing bass air impression for the ages.

As the night progressed, New Day Revival rounded out the event by bringing an added flair with a full band and well-played instrumentals. Tim Turney helmed the group with his powerful vocals and exceptional guitar and piano skills, engaging the crowd with some Southern preaching and testimony sprinkled on top.

"Nothing is worth anything without an ignition source," Turney said. "God's favor in your life is your ignition source."

New Day Revival added a richness to the atmosphere that many in the audience were already thriving in. Fairview Methodist Church was never short of loud amens and joyful hallelujahs throughout the night of worship.

In addition to spiritual nourishment, physical refreshments were generously donated by Duchess Bakery and Daylight Donuts, adding a sweet touch to the fellowship. These contributions not only satisfied cravings, but also symbolized the community's collective effort to support The Crossing's cause.


GAUGE DAY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The "Raise a Hallelujah" event was more than just a night of music; it was a testament to the power of community and faith in action. The donations collected throughout the evening will directly benefit The Crossing, enabling it to continue its vital work in the Cullman community.

It was a night where every note sung, and every hand raised contributed to a larger narrative of hope, support and love.

Hudson said The Crossing has events and other outreaches that could use additional volunteers or people looking to serve the community.

"As far as donations, we always are open to receive canned goods and non-perishable foods," Hudson stated. "During the summer we get fresh vegetables sometimes, and the people we serve really like that. Gently used clothes is always a bonus because we also have the clothes closet." The Crossing also accepts hygiene products such as toothpaste, shampoo, soap, etc. The organization accepts all donations year-round.

Hudson extended her gratitude to Fairview Methodist Church for hosting the event, guest groups Three on a Wing and New Day Revival, as well as attendees and volunteers for making the event special.

For more information about The Crossing or how to give or participate, contact Melissa Hudson at thecrossingcullman@yahoo.com or message The Crossing on Facebook. Monetary donations to The Crossing can be made on CashApp, @thecrossingfoodbank, or through The Crossings website, www.thecrossingcullman.org/donate.

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.
• Wednesday, Feb. 21 - Healing Strong at 6 p.m.! Children and youth classes and adult Bible study of Romans at 7. Free pizza for children at 6:30. Van runs in the 5 Points Area at 6. Call Guy Sunter at 727-215-9092 for pickup.
• Friday, Feb. 23 - 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship & Testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Bring a dish, dessert or drink for a potluck meal at 6:30. Childcare provided!
• Saturday, Feb. 24 - CPR class for CARES team from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
• Sunday, Feb. 25 - 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. 25 - 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 Cedric Davidson 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.

Lenten Fish Fry Dinners at Sacred Heart of Jesus Family Life Center
Friday, Feb. 23, March 8 and March 22, from 5-7 p.m. Dine in or carry-out via drive-thru line. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Meal includes fried or baked fish, cole slaw, French fries and hush puppies for $12 per first four plates, then $10 per plate for additional plates. Everyone welcome to this popular annual event.

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.

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.

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.

ACES: Remembering Thomas Monroe Campbell

Wendi Williams
Alabama Cooperative Extension System

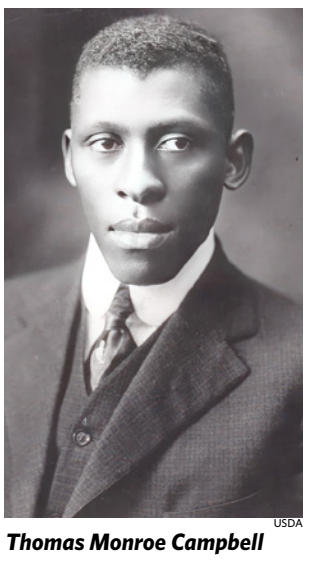
Thomas Monroe Campbell is widely recognized as the first African-American Extension agent. Campbell began his agricultural journey working with his father who was a tenant farmer in Georgia. At 15 years old, he made his way to Tuskegee Institute in Alabama where his brother was also a student. Although not the best student, he worked hard to prove himself and eventually caught the eye of both Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carver, Tuskegee Institute's president and its leading scientist.

A career begins
Washington and Carver established the Tuskegee Institute Movable School of Agriculture with the use of the Jesup Agricultural Wagon. It was named after the New York banker, Morris Jesup, who financed the project. To advance the program, both Washington and Carver appealed to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to make Campbell an Extension agent. Their petition was granted and Campbell set out to fulfill the vision of educating rural farmers about agricultural best practices. At this time, he was a recent graduate of the Tuskegee Institute.

Influence beyond Alabama
By 1919, Campbell's Extension efforts were well-known, and he was appointed as a field agent by the USDA. In this role, he supervised African-American Extension staff in the Deep South, including Georgia, Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi. During the Great Depression, black farmers and black Extension suffered greatly. To find some relief, Campbell sought help from President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal legislation.

In addition, Campbell assisted with war efforts in both World War I and II by raising funds, locating horses and mules for military use, promoting food production and coordinating war bond drives. Then, in 1944, he was appointed to a commission to go to West Africa to study rural life in countries now known as Liberia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Nigeria, Ghana, Sierra Leone and Cameroon. Upon his return, he published an account of the trip titled Africa Advancing: A Study of Rural Education and Agriculture in West Africa and the Belgian Congo.

The legacy
Campbell retired in 1953 after 47 years of service. Today, his legacy lives on in the work of Cooperative Extension programs across the nation. To further honor his life achievements, the State of Alabama recognized Thomas Monroe Campbell Day on Nov. 12, 2023.


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Good Hope's Tyler Cone led the Raiders with 19 points in their 81-71 loss to Deshler Monday.



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Good Hope's K'mal Bell finished with 18 points in the Raiders' 81-71 loss to Deshler Monday.

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – After coming from behind to defeat Randolph and punching their ticket to the Northwest Regional, the Good Hope Raiders were back in action Monday at Wallace State's Tom Drake Coliseum to face Deshler in the Sweet 16. The Raiders shot 50% from three-point range and took a lead over the Tigers early in the third quarter but weren't able to keep pace with Deshler down the stretch and their season came to an end with an 81-71 loss.

Deshler Point Guard Khalil Bland posted 24 points and seven assists for the Tigers and Good Hope Head Coach Drew Adams knew he would be a tough matchup.

"We knew coming in that he was the key. Our goal coming in was to no-help no. 1 and no. 11, we knew they could shoot it, and try to make no. 4 hit tough twos. As the game progressed, not only did he hit tough twos, but we then knew we had to help off of him a little more and as soon as we helped off of him, he found open guys," Adams said. "He did what an elite point guard is supposed to do, and he was quick enough that we had to throw our best guys at him. I thought we did a good job of guarding him, but he wore us down. It's crazy to say that we did what we wanted to, we just couldn't stop them. Good teams make big plays, and we knew the game would play into the 70s or 80s, they just hit a couple more shots than we did."

Deshler 81 – Good Hope 71 (Northwest Regional Semifinal)

The Raiders fell behind 10-4 early in the opening period but a pair of Tucker Malin baskets trimmed the lead to 12-6 later in the first.

K'mal Bell scored a pair of baskets to make it an 18-12 game with a minute remaining in the first quarter and Bell split a pair of free throws in the final seconds of the period to make it 20-13 going into the second.

Bell drained back to back three-pointers to hold the lead to 27-19 early in the second quarter and after Bell laid another one in, Malin knocked down a three to make it a 30-24 game.

Tyler Cone split a pair of free throws and Weston Hancock scored inside to bring the lead down to five with two minutes to play in the first half. Bell hit another three-pointer in the final minute of the period, but Deshler was able to extend its lead to 40-32 at the halftime break.

Malin scored Good Hope's first five points of the third quarter to help cut the lead to two and Cone buried a three to give the Raiders their first lead of the game at 43-42.

However, the Tigers quickly moved back out in front 50-43 and were able to stretch their lead to 63-49 by the end of the third.

A pair of Cone baskets made it a 10-point game at the start of the fourth quarter and Jacob Haynes scored the next five points for the Raiders to hold the lead to 68-58.

Good Hope continued to chip away at the lead with buckets from Cone and Haynes and Dakota Overton drilled back to back three-pointers to make it a 7-point game with three minutes on the clock but the Raiders weren't able to come any closer than that and Deshler held on to win it 81-71.

Cone led Good Hope with 19 points in the loss. Bell finished with 18 and Malin posted 17.

For seniors K'mal Bell, Weston Hancock and Dakota Overton, Monday's game will be the final one of their Raider careers and Adams has already reminded them to be proud of the legacy they're leaving behind.

"They've cemented their legacy. They'll be up there with the 2020 team and those teams they remember winning county championships and getting to the Sweet 16.

"Obviously, our goal is to get past that, but we know at the 4A level man you have to be really good and play really well to keep going," Adams said. "We thought were good enough to get there this year and we were, we took a crazy lead there in the third quarter that was immediately erased. What I told them is they've just been about the right things.

"There are thousands of coaches in the state and some of them trust their guys and some of them don't and are some are kind of halfway there, but I always trusted them. I always knew they were going to be about the right stuff, I can always depend on them, and I just didn't have to worry about them because I knew what they were about. They've left their legacy, and they know they have nothing to be ashamed about moving forward."

Offensive firepower leads Alabama to 100-75 win over Texas A&M

Steven Gonzalez
UA Athletics

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — The No. 15/15 Alabama men's basketball team secured another dominant home victory, defeating Texas A&M 100-75 Saturday afternoon inside Coleman Coliseum. The Crimson Tide led for all but 2:45 in the 25-point win as the team extended its home conference winning streak to 16 consecutive games.

The Crimson Tide (18-7, 10-2 SEC) drained 18 three-pointers in the contest on the way to securing the team's eighth 100-point game of the season, the most since in college basketball in nearly 30 dating back to the 1995-96 Kentucky national championship team.

Mark Sears led all scoring with 23 points in the victory, his 16th 20-point game of the season, to go along with four assists, four rebounds and three steals. Rylan Griffen (17), Latrell Wrightsell Jr. (16), Aaron Estrada (11) and Sam Walters (11) also scored in double figures, while Walters paced the Tide with eight boards.

The Aggies (15-10, 6-6 SEC) had four with double-figures, led by Tyrece Radford with 22 points and four rebounds.

Head Coach Nate Oats Postgame Comments

"This was a big win. We have teams right on our tail in this SEC race, so we've got to protect the home floor. We didn't do a great job on the defensive glass, they rebounded 52 percent of their misses. I told the team first we have to try to turn them over.

Second, we have to actually box out and rebound, and we weren't great on that. Third, I said after they get an offensive rebound, we still have to get a stop.

"They play three centers and sometimes just go all in on the offensive glass. So, when you get (Andersson) Garcia, who is one of the best rebounders in the country, have eight offensive rebounds but only scored three points, that is what we want. I thought we did a decent job after they got some offensive boards of making sure they didn't score off those. The were able to grab 25 o-boards and score 21 second chance points.

"While that is a lot, considering the way they score, we managed it well with 16 second chance points ourselves.

"We obviously shoot the ball a lot with four guards and they played three centers multiple times throughout the game.

"Realistically, it is two totally different styles. But fortunately, we shot the ball well and showed up offensively when it is important to pick up a win at this point."

Team stats

- Alabama has won 15-straight SEC home games inside Coleman Coliseum, the longest winning streak since 1988
- This is the 16th game this season, and eighth straight that Sears has scored 20 points or more, the most since Colin Sexton achieved the feat in 2017-18
- In addition to collecting eight 100-point games, this year's Crimson Tide team has compiled 12 games of scoring 90-or-more points
- UA finished the game with 20 assists on 37 made baskets while the Aggies had just six dimes on 28 makes
- The Tide owned a 22-4 edge in fast break points
- Alabama shot 52 percent (37-71) from the field, 44 percent (18-41) from long range and 62 percent (8-13) from the charity stripe
- In comparison, Texas A&M shot 38 percent (28-74) from the floor, 17 percent (4-23) from deep and 65 percent (15-23) from the line
- Alabama led for 36:31 while A&M led for just 2:45

First half

- Holding a 32-28 lead, Alabama finished the final 5:43 of the half on a 17-7 run that included an 11-0 spurt, to extend its lead to 14 points as the teams headed into the locker rooms
- Alabama knocked down eight first-half three pointers
- Sears led all scoring at the half with 16 points, with Giffen in tow with 11
- UA led 13-0 on the fast break points

Second half

- Alabama held on to all the momentum out of the locker room, extending its lead to as many as 27 points, before settling for a 25-point win
- The Tide converted on 10 second-half three pointers
- A&M closed the lead to single digits once in the second half before a 13-3 UA run put the game out of reach
- Latrell Wrightsell Jr. scored all 16 of his points in the second half

Up next



UA ATHLETICS

No. 15 Alabama defeated Texas A&M 100-75 Saturday afternoon.

- Alabama returns to action Wednesday night when it welcomes the Florida Gators to Coleman Coliseum
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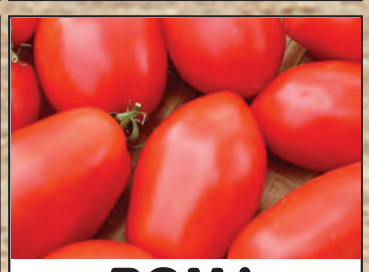
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Guy Hunt Library: Hidden gem of the CCPLS

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — The libraries of the Cullman County Public Library System are a valuable and often overlooked resource. Holly Pond's Guy Hunt Library is one of those hidden gems; it offers weekly and monthly community events and programs designed to entice a healthy sense of learning and a lifelong love of literature.

"The library provides technology and lifelong learning with our online computers and electronic learning devices for children. We also provide 24-hour access to digital libraries for books, magazines, movies, TV shows, e-books and audiobooks," said Librarian Shiela Wilhite. "All is free with a Cullman County library card. One can save hundreds of dollars checking out books instead of purchasing them."

Children's programs often include a silly or sweet storytime or glittery arts and crafts to take home. Wilhite invites parents and caregivers to join in on the children's fun.

Wilhite explained, "We have a robust children's program which introduces children to the world of adventurous reading. Programs are available, at no charge, for patrons to participate in and to partake in a healthy meaningful lifestyle."

The Guy Hunt Library also has a large assortment of genealogy books.

A child and adult crochet class takes place at the library every Wednesday at 1 p.m.; it's for all levels, from beginners to avid artists. The library was erected in 2012 and named in honor of the late Guy Hunt, a Holly Pond native and Cullman County probate judge who went on to become Alabama's first elected Republican governor since the Reconstruction Era. Hunt served as governor from 1987 to 1993 and passed away from cancer in 2009.

The Guy Hunt Library is located at 60 Lions Park Road in Holly Pond and can be reached at 256-796-5226. The library is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Wednesday and Friday from 1-5 p.m.



TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

The Guy Hunt Library is located at 60 Lions Park Road in Holly Pond.

Elite 8 (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — For the fourth consecutive year, Good Hope and Deshler clashed in the postseason Monday morning and after being eliminated by the Lady Tigers the last two seasons, the Lady Raiders bounced back in a big way this time around, dominating Deshler 68-45 to punch their ticket to the Northwest Regional finals. Good Hope senior Ivey Maddox has felt the sting of falling to the Tigers two years in a row and she was thrilled to help lead her team past them Monday.

"I know for sure these last two years getting beat by them was pretty stinking annoying so this year winning by 20-plus, I can't even describe it," Maddox said. "I'm running out of breath just talking about it."

Lady Raiders Head Coach Justin Aby was proud of the way his team executed their plan for Monday's game against Deshler. Good Hope led 21-9 at the end of the first quarter and he believes that fast start and a great turnout from the Raider faithful helped them take control of the game early.

"I'm just tickled to death with these girls. I feel like we did an excellent job throughout the season of playing the competition that we needed to play to get to this point. The message all year and even today was basically just for us to be us," Aby said. "For us to be the team that got us here and control the pace of the game and I thought we did a good job of doing that," Aby said. "I think (the first quarter) was huge. Theres a reason they have seven, eight, nine or however many state championships they've got. They're well-coached and they always have a great team but as far as for us, I thought it was an awesome job by our fans. It felt like we had a packed house and then obviously us getting off to a fast start did nothing but help us out."

Junior guard Ava McSwain led Good Hope with a game-high 30 points in the win and she was excited to be able to help lead the Lady Raiders to one of their biggest wins of the season so far.

"I feel pretty good about it," McSwain said. "We've been preparing really hard this week and to beat Deshler was one of our big goals so I'm proud that we got it done.

Good Hope was able to match Deshler in the paint and on the boards throughout the game and Aby credits one of his seniors for helping lead the way for the Lady Raiders under the basket.

"Charly Johnson had her hands full all night guarding No. 30 (Ali Henson) and I thought she did a really good job containing her," Aby said. "I know last year we got destroyed in the paint. I felt like we had a little grit and we had senior girls who didn't want this to be their last game and I thought it showed."

The twin backcourt of Bailey and Heather Tetro combined to record nine points, 10 assists and a pair of steals in the win and Maddox says they played their role to perfection.

"They're the glue of our team. If they're going, we're going. If they're up, we're up," Maddox said. "They're running all around the floor all the time stealing the ball, making assists and they play their role perfectly and they're a big part of our team."

Good Hope 68 – Deshler 45 (NW Regional Semifinal)

Ava McSwain drained a corner three and Charly Johnson scored inside to give the Lady Raiders a 5-0 start. Bailey Tetro laid one in, and Heather Tetro knocked down a three-pointer to put Good Hope ahead 10-6 and after McSwain hit a mid-range jumper, Ivey Maddox nailed another three to make it a 15-8 game midway through the first quarter. McSwain collected an offensive rebound and laid it back in to give the Lady Raiders a 17-8 lead with two minutes to play in the first and Maddox got a running floater to fall to make it 19-9. McSwain drew a foul at the buzzer to earn a trip to the line and she sank both free throws to put Good Hope in front 21-9 at the start of the second quarter.

Baskets by McSwain and Johnson kept the Lady Raiders up by 10 with five minutes remaining in the second and McSwain turned a steal into an easy bucket to make it a 27-15 game. Maddox buried a deep three to make it 30-19 with just over two minutes to play in the first half and Ella Gossett drove to the hoop and scored to put Good Hope ahead 32-21. McSwain knocked nailed another three from the right corner to make it a 35-21 game and Maddox split a pair of free throws in the final seconds of the period to give the Lady Raiders a 36-21 lead at halftime.



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Senior Ivey Maddox and Good Hope Head Coach Justin Aby embrace near the end of the Lady Raiders' 68-45 win over Deshler Monday.

Maddox hit a pair of free throws and McSwain knocked down her third three-pointer of the morning to keep Good Hope in front 41-26 early in the third quarter. After another basket by McSwain, Maddox scored through a foul and tacked on the free throw to make it a 46-29 game midway through the period. Emma Thompson drained a three in front of the Lady Raiders' bench to give Good Hope a 17-point lead. Another McSwain score made it 51-37 with around two minutes to play in the third and Heather Tetro split a pair of free throws in the final seconds of the period to keep the Lady Raiders ahead 52-40 at the start of the fourth quarter.

Johnson laid one in to make it a 54-40 game and McSwain caught fire after that, scoring nine straight points to stretch Good Hope's lead to 63-43 with just over three minutes remaining. Bailey Tetro buried a three to make it a 66-43 game and Johnson laid one more in with less than two minutes on the clock to wrap up a 68-45 win over the Lady Tigers.

McSwain racked up a game-high 30 points in the win and pulled down eight rebounds. Maddox finished with 16 points and 14 rebounds and Johnson added eight points for the Lady Raiders.

Good Hope will be back on the court at Wallace State Wednesday at 4 p.m. to face Priceville in the Northwest Regional Finals.



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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

Case Number: PC2023-418

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama

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

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF NELSON K. BUCHANAN, Deceased. **CASE NO.: PC 2024-043**

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TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to JOAN IRENE WALKER, as Personal Representative of the Estate of NELSON K. BUCHANAN, deceased, on the 9th day of February, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Joan Irene Walker
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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF FAITH M. HAMMOCK, A/K/A FAITH MOODY-HAMMOCK, A/K/A IRIS FAITH HAMMOCK, DECEASED. **CASE NO.: PC2024-023**

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THE ESTATE OF GREGORY MICHAEL JORDAN, DECEASED.

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

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

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

TREONNA SIZEMORE
PLAINTIFF
v.
BLAIN GARON JONES
DEFENDANT

CASE NO. 25-CS-2020-900130.01

NOTICE OF PETITION

BLAIN GARON JONES, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Verified Petition to Modify by April 2, 2024 or thereafter a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case No. CS-2020-900130.01 in the District Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 5th day of February, 2024.

Clerk of Court

Petitioner's Attorney:
Nicholas J. Shabel
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JAMES DALTON MURPHREE, Deceased. **CASE NO.: PC 2024-040**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Darrell Matthew Murphree, as Personal Representative of the Estate of James Dalton Murphree, deceased, on the 9th day of February, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Darrell Matthew Murphree
Personal Representative

Beverly Paschal Poston
Attorney for the Estate of
James Dalton Murphree, deceased
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF SHIRLEY QUICK, DECEASED

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

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

Roy James Quick
Personal Representative

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Planning Commission

On Monday March 4, 2024, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Short form subdivision – St. Joseph Street NW & Cleveland Avenue NW – create two lots
2. Short form subdivision – County Road 1273 – move lot line

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





‘SHORT the Squirrel’ makes appearance in Montgomery

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — SHORT the Squirrel, Alabama’s charismatic literacy mascot, embarked on a special trip to Montgomery to highlight the importance of literacy and education across the state. During the visit on Feb. 15, which was made possible through its partnership with the Alabama Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Program and the Alabama Farmers Agricultural Foundation, SHORT advocated for support of educational programming to further its mission of spreading literacy-rich, community-oriented, enjoyable content to Alabama’s youngest citizens.

During the visit, SHORT interacted with members of the legislature and government officials to promote the critical role literacy plays in shaping the future of the state. The mascot’s vibrant personality and commitment to fostering a love for reading left a lasting impression, emphasizing the significance of investing in educational initiatives.

“It’s encouraging to see organizations like SHORT the Squirrel actively engaging in promoting literacy and education. It’s a reminder that by working together, we can create a more informed community, laying the foundation for a prosperous future in Alabama,” said Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries Rick Pate.

SHORT the Squirrel is a nonprofit reading organization that is committed to creating vibrant, engaging narratives that not only entertain but also foster a sense of curiosity and joy, while encouraging a love for reading in Alabama’s youngest citizens. The charming character has become synonymous with the organization’s efforts to make reading and learning enjoyable for all and regularly makes appearances at schools across the state. SHORT was founded in 2020, and since then, has released fourteen grant-funded titles and activity booklets that are available to children and schools throughout the state and beyond.

SHORT the Squirrel’s appearance at the State House provided an opportunity for legislators to learn more about the organization’s ongoing projects and initiatives aimed at enhancing literacy levels in Alabama. This includes the launch of its upcoming virtual birthday party and corresponding curriculum, which teachers across the state can access and receive for free to use as a supplement to their existing lesson plans as long as they are registered in advance. Developed in partnership with Alabama Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Program and the Alabama Farmers Agricultural Foundation, SHORT’S fourth birthday party takes place in Dothan and highlights the rich agricultural bounty of the state in a fun and interactive way.

“We are thrilled to collaborate with SHORT the Squirrel in our ongoing efforts to make Alabama a better place to live, work and play,” said Nick Williams, chairman of the Alabama Association of Resource, Conservation, and Development Councils. “Our partnership exemplifies our shared values and determination to create a more empowered society while highlighting all the wonderful things Alabama has to offer.”

As Alabama continues to prioritize education and literacy, the presence of SHORT the Squirrel at the State House serves as a symbol of unity between families, educators and the community in the pursuit of a brighter, more educated future for young Alabamians.

SHORT the Squirrel is a nonprofit reading initiative founded in 2020 by college friends Monica Anderson Young and Dr. Dee Dupree Bennett with the mission of cultivating a love for reading and igniting the imaginations of Alabama’s youngest citizens through literacy-rich, community-oriented, and enjoyable content. The “Official Mascot for Childhood Literacy in Alabama,” SHORT is a curious squirrel who, alongside his friend “Owl-Livia,” helps children explore their surroundings and enjoy reading while on the go. SHORT is committed to creating vibrant, engaging narratives that not only entertain but also foster a sense of community, curiosity, and joy. Through interactive tales demystifying new experiences and community partnerships, SHORT the Squirrel aims to contribute to the development of young minds, nurturing a lifelong passion for knowledge and a deep connection to the world around them. For more information, please visit www.shortthesquirrel.com.



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Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman met with SHORT the Squirrel, Alabama's official literacy mascot, to discuss the critical role literacy plays in shaping the future of the state. The visit, made possible by the Alabama Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Program and the Alabama Farmers Agricultural Foundation, left a lasting impression, emphasizing the significance of investing in educational initiatives.

Obituary Announcements: Feb. 17-19

Lorena Mae Spinks Maloney, 90
Lorena Mae Spinks Maloney passed away Feb. 14, 2024, in Cullman, Alabama. She was born Jan. 14, 1934, in Fluker, Louisiana to John Ellis Spinks and Lela Belle Carter Spinks, who were farmers in Tangipahoa Parish. Upon her high school graduation in Franklinton, Louisana, she moved to New Orleans. There, while working at the Chart Room in the French Quarter, she met Augustus Maloney, a patron and sailor recently discharged from the Navy. They fell in love, married and had two sons. Gus, a boilermaker, relocated the family to Illinois for work. Lorena began work at Morton Community Bank (MCB) in Morton, IL. She loved the banking environment and loved her friends at the bank. Upon Gus’ retirement, the family moved to Mobile, AL where Lorena continued work in banking. Upon the death of her husband, she moved back to Illinois and back to work at MCB, where she stayed until her retirement. Ultimately, Lorena moved to Alabama to be near family. She was active in church and had strong faith in God. Predeceasing her are her mother, father and husband. She is also predeceased by brothers Wilmer, Delmar and Jack, and sisters Cola, Mable, Margie and Alice. Lorena is survived by sons Timothy of Peoria, Illinois and Christian (Sharon) of Blountsville, Alabama, sister Lola Stogner of Pasadena, Texas, and many nephews, nieces, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A private graveside service will be held prior to internment at Pine Crest Cemetery West in Mobile, Alabama. The family requests that in lieu of flowers memorials be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in her memory.

Vonda Lambert Bates, 86
Vonda Lambert Bates, known as Maw Maw by most, passed away on Feb. 16, 2024, at the age of 86. Ms. Bates was born in Cullman County, Alabama, on Nov. 13, 1937, to Vester John and Nellie Estes Lambert. Vonda was a homemaker who enjoyed crafting and sewing. She loved her boys, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and her sweet and gentle spirit will be missed greatly. Ms. Bates is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Charles Bates; son, Eddie Dewayne Bates; brothers, Clinon Lambert and Donald Lambert. Vonda is survived by two sons, Danny Bates (LeeAnn), David Bates; sister, Carol May; grandchildren, Johnathan, Brent, Corey, Brody, Brashell; great-grandchildren, Aurora, Lenni Jane, Saylor, Stella, Sterling, Ava, Logan, Maverick, Nolan, Tristan; and caregiver Sherrilyn Faulkner. Funeral services for Ms. Vonda will be held at 2 p.m., on Monday, Feb. 19, 2024, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel, Keith Whitley officiating. A time of visitation will be held prior to services, beginning at 12 noon. Ms. Bates will be buried alongside her husband in Baileyton Cemetery. The Bates family would like to extend their gratitude to Gentiva Hospice and its extraordinary staff for the unconditional love and care shown to Ms. Vonda and her family in her final days. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Bates family.

Doris Fay Crawford, 74
Doris Fay Crawford, age 74, of Hanceville, Alabama passed away on Sunday, Feb. 18, 2024. Doris was born in Cullman, Alabama on Feb. 24, 1949, to Clevon and Jessie Thomason Grimmett. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband: Clarence Crawford and grandson: Joseph Yeager. Funeral services are Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Fairview West Baptist Church with Bro. Kelly Crawford and Bro. Jeremy Stone officiating. Interment will follow services in the adjoining cemetery. Doris will lie in state for one hour prior to the service at the church on Wednesday. Survivors are: daughters: Shelly Vega, Sandra Scott, sister: Geneva Pace, brother: David Moore, grandchildren: Clarence Wingo, Felisha Cofield, Cheyanne Alfano, Raven Swindoll, Dakota Scott, 15 great-great-grandchildren. Visitation will be on Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2024, at Moss Funeral Home from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Please share condolences and memories with the family at www.mossservicefh.com Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Betty Louise Harris, 90
Graveside service for Betty Louise Harris, age 90, of Hanceville, is Friday, Feb. 23, 2024 at 2 p.m. at Welti Cumberland Presbyterian Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Betty was born Oct. 14, 1933, to Oscar O. Richter and Frances Peinhardt Richter. She passed from this life on Saturday, Feb. 17, 2024. She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Earlis Harris; sister, Millie Richter Campbell. She is survived by her three sons, James Earlis Harris (Sandra), Jesse Lee Harris, and Ralph Louis Harris; one daughter, Susan Harris Smith (Jason); one brother, Jack Richter (Diane); eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren. Please sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

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Party (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The interior of the beautiful Brickhaven Venue was transformed into something more closely resembling Buckingham Palace or a royal sitting room near the time of high tea, courtesy of the women, volunteers and staff behind First Source for Women's Me and My Gal Luncheon and Tea Party, held on Saturday, Feb. 17.

Guests were able to choose a seat at any of the decorated tables, complete with teacups and saucers, sugar, cream, assorted tea bags and dainty teapots.

Performing for the assembly was Cullman Ballet Theatre, operated by Owner and Artistic Director Elaine Willingham, with two group choreographed pieces and a total of four solo ballet performances by the talented company dancers.

After the exquisite performances, Paige Clabo jumped on stage to share her history as a performing artist at Dollywood, reprising a handful of Dolly Parton's greatest hits, beginning with "Butterflies" and ending with "Together," Parton's tribute to Nashville and Clabo's tribute to her own mother, who was seated among the crowd, beaming at the sound of her girl.

Little girls dressed in their Sunday best turned and linked hands with strangers turned dance partners and swirled and twirled around the stage while Clabo provided the upbeat rhythm.

Throughout the scattered performances and speeches, guests were served traditional tea-party fare of finger sandwiches of chicken salad, pimento cheese and cucumber; pasta salad resting in a cutting of crisp romaine lettuce; and sugar cookies and fudge brownie bites.

The event was a fundraiser for First Source – "a pregnancy center in Cullman and Hanceville, Alabama that stands with women through unplanned pregnancies so they can experience hope and envision a future with their child."

Executive Director Janet Davis ambled to the stage to take the mic, all the while holding a bundle of joy – her great-granddaughter, whose mother, a young, unmarried teen, was a client at First Source during her pregnancy, bringing Davis' mission for the center full circle.

"We have had over 200 babies be born to our center in 2023. I can tell you we've had an amazing year. Satan tried to hinder the ministry that we're doing; we got our mobile unit on the road March of last year – we had it on the road maybe two months and it started to run hot.

"We finally found someone that could work on it in Decatur. When Kendra, who is our mobile unit manager, goes out there to start (it), our ultrasound machine had gone out," Davis explained to the crowd.

"Some of you may have attended our Gala, and that was one of the things we were raising money for, was to get an ultrasound machine. Well, God blessed us with an anonymous donor and they donated the money 100% for our ultrasound machine, so if you made a donation and specified it for the ultrasound machine, we will be contacting you about possibly shifting that donation for other needs."

Find out more about First Source for Women at www.firstsourceforwomen.org.



CHEYENNE SHARP/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Hats and gloves abounded on Saturday, Feb. 17, at First Source for Women's Me and My Gal Luncheon and Tea Party.

CCBOE (from Front)

demic calendars to schools all across the country. In 2023 came the design competition.

"This year they had the idea to let students have a contest and design the cover. When they submitted their artwork we had two winners from Cullman County. Aspen (Sellers) placed in the southeast regional and Aliana (Riggs) won the overall contest for her grades four through eight," said Privett.

In other business the board:

- Approved the resignations of Kimberly Warren, Mary Brewer, Teresa Adair and James Parker
- Approved the 2024-2025 School Calendar
- Approved leaves of absence requested by Catherine Flynt, Canungnit Calvert and Logan Sellers
- Approved the appointments of Braxton Mann (Hanceville High School Math Teacher), Donnie Holmes (Vinemont Station Head) and Karen Wilhite (Vinemont Elem. Reading Interventionist)
- Approved the following substitute teachers and support personnel:
  - Carla Cain
  - Dorothy Conley
  - Frank Gingrich
  - Kinaye Jones
  - Rhonda Nail
  - Judy Schultz
  - Elizabeth Screws
  - Vicky Dovel
  - Amanda Kilgo
  - Tera Lee
  - Donald Nation
  - Laura Nichols
  - Joseph Palus
  - Jeffery Wynn
- Approved Tyler Calvert and Tera Lee as long-term substitutes
- Approved James Scott, Eric Pendley, Joshua Shannon, Sydney Carpentier, Kevin Folds and Isaiah Wylie as non-faculty coaches
- Approved the following contract changes:
- Kevin Folds- add West Point Senior High Softball Assistant Coach for West Point High School to be paid from the Athletic Supplement
- Cameron Bates- removal of West Point Middle School Baseball
- Isaiah Wylie- add West Point Middle School Baseball, to be paid from the Athletic Supplement
- Approved a request from Holly Pond High School to pay Jeffery Horton $900 for nine varsity and middle school home games for concession stand duties, paid by Holly Pond Quarterback Club
- Approved Danielle Kritner and Martha Ward as afterhours program personnel, paid $20 per hour from local school funds
- Approved Reilly Hood, Leigh Baughn, Tanya Douglas and Contrina Styles (Nurse) as Before and After School tutors to be paid $40 an hour from local school funds
- Approved the Out of State field trip requests from Cold Springs Elementary, Hanceville High School and West Point High School all to be held in April
- Approved a request for the renewal of the contract with Edmentum (digital content licensing for diagnostic testing, remediation, credit recovery, and virtual school) Funding- ESSER
- Approved a request for the purchase Do the Math intervention materials and kits from Heinemann- Funding-ESSER
- Approved the sale of technology equipment purchased for a specific student to assist with her unique needs and transferred, new school system will purchase it from Cullman County for her
- Approved December 2023's bills and financials
- Approved a bid for repaving the track at Cold Springs High School for $84,850 from ASC Paving and Seal Coating
- Approved CATA to sell or dispose of a wood chipper and six Precision Machining Manual Lathes

Barnette closed the meeting with his superintendent's report, highlighting important upcoming dates and information for students and families in the county school system.

- March 8, 2023, is the end of the third nine weeks
- Spring break will be observed March 25-29
- Free tuition is available to Cullman County Schools students who choose to enroll in a Dual Enrollment program

The next regular CCBOE meeting will be held Thursday, March 14.

The work session begins at 3:30 p.m. with the meeting immediately following.

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