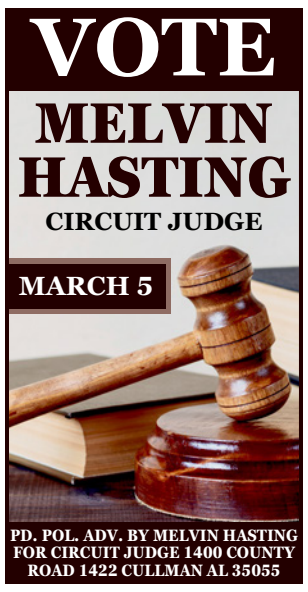
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NOAA Weather Radio broadcast returning ahead of severe storm season

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is the "big gun" of the United States when it comes to tracking, predicting and preparing for severe weather and severe weather warnings. Its National Weather Service is responsible for issuing watches, warnings and alerts throughout the country. An emergency radio broadcast is available to all individuals for free, through a NOAA weather radio. For some time, that broadcast has been unavailable to Cullman residents, but Cullman County EMA and NOAA recently announced that the NOAA Weather Radio broadcast is once again available to local residents.

Cullman County EMA Director Tim Sartin said he is pleased with the renewal of the broadcast because the alerts can potentially save lives and at the very least, prevent potential harm. While the broadcast does share weather information on a typical day, sharing forecasts, climate information and current weather conditions, in the case of any severe weather, normal programming will automatically be interrupted by a severe weather warning. And, if a weather radio is connected to a power source but turned off, the radio will still alert the owner and announce the warning.

"It's a free service; the only charge involved is the weather radio itself," said Sartin. "You will get all the alerts of local tornado, flood and thunderstorm warnings and watches. Any major weather event the National Weather Service puts out, they broadcast over that frequency as well."

Severe weather alerts are paramount and can save precious time in the moments before a potentially catastrophic severe weather event. During » PAGE 7

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'I love this team'

No. 1 Good Hope races past No. 2 Prattville Christian 59-29 to advance to 4A State Finals



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Good Hope Lady Raiders defeated Prattville Christian 59-29 Tuesday night to advance to this year's 4A State Championship Game.

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The top-ranked Good Hope Lady Raiders have been on quite a run this postseason and they made sure it would end in the state finals when they hit the court Tuesday. Good Hope faced off against the three-time defending state champion Prattville Christian Lady Panthers in the 4A State Semifinals Tuesday night and like they have throughout this postseason, the Lady Raiders jumped out to an early lead and never looked back, securing a spot in Friday's 4A State Championship Game with a dominant, 59-29 win. Good Hope led by 20 at halftime and continued pulling away in the second half. The Lady Raiders held Prattville Christian to just 32% shooting from the field and Head Coach Justin Aby was excited to see his team continue to play their game on a bigger stage and impose their will on the defensive end of the floor.

"It's great to finally be able to perform here in Birmingham. I feel like we've been so close in the years past and we got over that hump this year. To be down here has been a goal since day one and these girls have been chasing it for three or four years," Aby said. "It's great to be down here and as far as the game we had some girls that just wanted to show out and I think that's exactly what they did. We focus a lot on the defensive end, and we held them in the 20s so I'm very proud for them for working their tails off on the defensive end."

The Lady Panthers won three consecutive state titles coming into this season, but they ran into a wall Tuesday. Aby knows he has a talented team of scorers but he's even more proud of the pride they take in their performance on the defensive end.

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Meet Belle



DONNA RUTTKAY

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CRIME

Arrests and Incidents reported Feb. 28

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Feb. 28, 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. 21

- theft of services; person; 16th St. SE; $50

Feb. 26

- duty upon striking fixtures on roadway; person; Dialsdale Ln. SW; damaged mailbox; $100
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; Dialsdale Ln. SW; damage to 1999 Jeep; $500
- harassment; person; Cherokee Ave. SW
- burglary-3rd degree; Cullman City Cemetery; 9th St. SW; miscellaneous; damaged property

Feb. 27

- forgery-3rd degree; person; forged check
- burglary-3rd degree; Lennar; Loebner Ln. SE; miscellaneous; $1,200

Feb. 28

- harassment; person; 4th St. SW

ARRESTS

Feb. 26 – 28

Ramirez, Roberto I.; 27
- public intoxication

Laughlin, Sharon R.; 49
- theft of property-4th degree

Wade, Michela W.; 49
- possession/receiving controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Smith Jr., Kenneth W.; 47
- receiving stolen property-4th degree

Campbell, Brett A.; 24
- FTA- driving without license

Waldrop, Wesley A.; 50
- DUI
- leaving scene of accident

Shoen, Jessica M.; 43
- theft of property-4th degree
- Grand Jury- breaking entering motor vehicle
- Grand Jury- theft of property-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Boil (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Returning for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic, the United Way of Cullman County's annual Crawfish & Shrimp Boil will take place Friday, March 15, from 5-7 p.m. at Goat Island Brewing. The all-you-can-eat seafood feast will feature a traditional Cajun boil of fresh crawfish and shrimp, along with potatoes and corn thrown in the spicy simmer for an authentic feel to the meal.

Tickets are $40 each for the smorgasbord, provided and prepared by local resident and Louisiana native Aaron Coombs, the owner of Hank's Sports Bar and Rumors Deli. Local business Vest Plumbing generously donated all the produce for the boil and entertainment will be pumping all night courtesy of local favorite Avenue G.

Proceeds will benefit the United Way's 19 nonprofits partner agencies, which offer community services such as food banks, shelters and utility assistance programs.

"Our crawfish boil, the money raised goes straight into our nonprofits that we have with United Way," said United Way of Cullman County Executive Director Stephanie Childers.

"We have 19 nonprofits here in Cullman locally that are under our umbrella that we support, and all the money that is raised goes back into them to grow them, nourish them and help them be the best they can be.

"We do this as an outreach as well; this is our Young Professionals Board, and our YP board is growing."

The Young Professionals Board has Resource Development and Outreach Manager Taylor Johnson leading the charge.

The collective of young professionals is using the Crawfish & Shrimp Boil as its board outreach program, throwing the shindig and organizing the details.

Speaking of the Young Professionals Board and prospective members, Johnson said, "It's a stepping stone to get to the 'big' board one day.

"If you have a love for charity or just giving back to the community and you are a young professional and you can bring something to the table, we want you!"

The United Way's Crawfish & Shrimp Boil will be held Friday, March 15, from at Goat Island Brewing from 5-7 p.m.

Tickets are on sale now for $40 each and can be purchased online at http://tinyurl.com/UWCCCSB or in person at 304 First Ave. NE. The UWCC can be reached by phone at 256-739-2948.



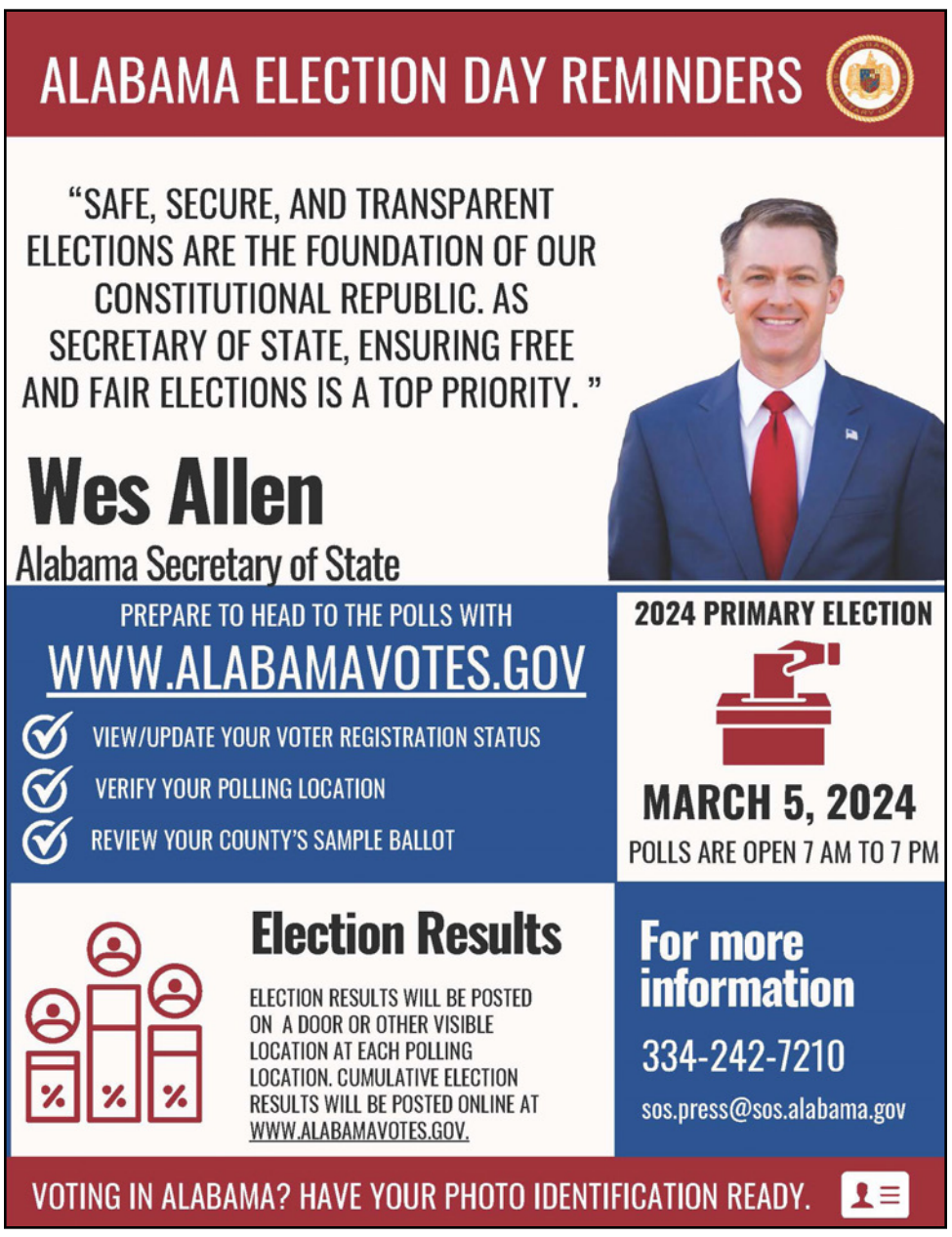
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Calling All Young Singers!
Cullman Community Young Singers (CCYS) is looking for YOU! All young singers (ages 8-15) are invited to join us on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-4:45 at the Little House at Art Park, 1031 Second St. SW in Cullman. No auditions,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

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

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

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m.-noon. Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry and Spirit Life Church.
• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthdays. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pickup is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper, AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• Thursday, Feb. 29 - 6 p.m. Adult Potluck Dinner and Game Night - Menu is sandwiches, finger foods and dessert!
• Friday, March 1 - 5:45 p.m. Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Bring a dish, dessert or drink for a potluck meal. Large group starts at 6:30. Childcare provided!
• Saturday, March 2 - 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast and 10 a.m. Foundry Farm Outreach
• Sunday, March 3 - 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, March 3 - 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. Leadership meeting after service.

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.

Baileyton Masonic Lodge Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, March 2, from 6:30-9 a.m. at the Baileyton Masonic Lodge. Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice or milk for the children. Eat in or take out. Donations only. Proceeds will be used for community projects. Thank you for your support.

Lenten Fish Fry Dinners at Sacred Heart of Jesus Family Life Center
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.

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.

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PREP BASEBALL

Hanceville remains unbeaten with 16-11 win over Vinemont

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Hanceville Bulldogs hosted the Vinemont Eagles in a huge county game on Monday afternoon. This game saw both teams have big innings that had both sides on the edge of their seats, but a big sixth inning by the Bulldogs was key in their 16-11 win over the Eagles.

Hanceville starter Nelson Arteaga collected three strikeouts to start out the game, and the Bulldogs got him some early run support in their opening at-bats. Jake Cornelius reached on an error and later stole home to give Hanceville the early lead, then later in the first inning, Luke Brown lined an RBI single to right field to make it 2-0. The Bulldogs added to their lead in the bottom of the second.

Three straight walks loaded the bases with one out, then an RBI single by Jackson Cleveland increased their lead to 3-0. Arteaga got hit by the pitch to force home another run, then Gabriel Ognilla hit a two-run single to center field to make it 6-0. During the play, a Vinemont error allowed Cody Belcher to score to make it 7-0, then Brown added a sacrifice fly to give them an 8-0 lead. Vinemont looked to get back in the game in the top of the fourth inning.

Three straight walks loaded the bases with none out, then Jake Hale scored on a passed ball to put the Eagles on the scoreboard. Hayden Robinson added an RBI groundout to cut it to 8-2, then Jaxon Holcomb, Rush Sandlin, and Jordan Eller each scored on a Hanceville error to make it an 8-5 game. Michael Foust hit an RBI single to cut it to 8-6, but Hanceville made it 9-6 in their half on an RBI single by Ognilla.

Vinemont continued to cut into the lead in the top of the fifth, as an RBI fielder's choice by Owen McKinney and a suicide squeeze play by Robinson trimmed it to just one at 9-8.

The Bulldogs loaded the bases once again with one out in their half of the fifth, then Belcher scored on a Vinemont error, and Arteaga got hit by the pitch to force home a run to give them an 11-8 lead. Hanceville broke the game wide open in the bottom of the sixth.



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Hanceville's Jackson Cleveland finished with two hits and two RBIs in the Bulldogs' 16-11 win over Vinemont.

Brown led off the inning with a double, and Tripp Lewis's RBI single brought him home to make it 12-8. Back-to-back singles by Belcher and Hunter Black loaded the bases with one out, then Lewis scored on another Eagle error to give them a 13-8 lead.

An RBI single by Cleveland made it 14-8, then Black scored on an error, and Ognilla continued his strong day at the plate with an RBI single to increase their lead to 16-8.

Vinemont made things a little interesting in the top of the seventh. A Hanceville error allowed McKinney and Robinson to score to cut it to 16-10, then a sacrifice fly by Henderson made it 16-11. Grayson Hurter got Foust to fly out to end the game, as the Bulldogs collect a 16-11 win over the Eagles.

Ognilla finished with three hits and four RBIs for Hanceville (6-0). Arteaga added three RBIs. Cleveland and Brown each ended up with a pair of hits and two RBIs. Lewis added a hit and an RBI, while Dalton Pirkle collected an RBI in the win. For Vinemont (4-2), Robinson finished with two RBIs. Foust added a hit and an RBI, while Henderson and McKinney each collected an RBI in the loss.

Hanceville will travel to Falkville, while Vinemont will host Holly Pond Thursday.

Good Hope (from Front)

Christian is a great team. They've won the last three, so he's had some great players, but we have a talented group of girls who take pride on the defensive end just as much as they do scoring the basketball," Aby said.

"This team will wind up going down as one with three girls scoring over 2,000 points and another one scoring over 1,000 but for them to not just worry about the offensive end and take pride in guarding their girl and locking up on the defensive end is special."

The Lady Raiders have started games fast all season and Good Hope seniors Bailey and Heather Tetro credit those fast starts to their team's skill and unselfishness.

"I'm super excited. It's been a long four years and there's a lot of anxiety when you don't make it until your senior year because any game can be your last game at this point. So, I'm super excited for the game Friday," Bailey said.

"We play a super selfless game; I love this team for that. We want each other to be great and the goal was just to come out and play hard and do what it took to win. I think that's all of our goals."

"I feel like we were able to get off to a hot start because like Bailey said we share the ball. We're very selfless. Every single one of our girls can score the basketball, that's not even a question," Heather said.

"The fact that we're able to move the ball around and make it hard for defenders to guard us and keep us from scoring allows us to get off to our quick starts."

Good Hope 59 – Prattville Christian 29 (4A State Semifinals)

As they have all postseason, the Lady Raiders got off to a fast start. Three-pointers by Heather Tetro and Ava McSwain put Good Hope ahead 6-3 early in the first and after Charly Johnson laid one in, Ivey Maddox knocked down another three to make it an 11-3 game. It was Bailey Tetro's turn after that, and she scored the next seven Good Hope points to stretch the lead to 18-5. Heather Tetro drilled another three later in the opening period and the Lady Raiders went into the second quarter leading 21-10.

Shots continued to fall for Good Hope in the second. Bailey Tetro hit a three and McSwain sank a pair of free throws early in the quarter. McSwain scored through a foul and tacked on the free throw to give the Lady Raiders a 29-13 lead and later in the period, Johnson buried a three from the right wing to make it 32-17 with just under four minutes remaining in the first half. Baskets by Heather Tetro and McSwain extended the lead to 36-17 and Heather split a pair of free throws just before the end of the second quarter to give the Lady Raiders a commanding, 37-17 lead at the break.

Bailey Tetro scored the first five points of the third to make it a 42-17 game. Maddox hit a pair of free throws with around a minute to play in the period to help stretch the lead to 48-23 and Bailey Tetro drained another three just before the end of the third quarter to put Good Hope in front 51-23 at the start of the fourth.

A pair of McSwain baskets made it a 55-26 game and Jordan Sanders and Lucie Adams came off the bench to score a pair of buckets and cap an impressive, 59-29 victory for the Lady Raiders.

Bailey Tetro led Good Hope with 20 points in the win. McSwain added 16 points, Heather Tetro finished with nine points and five assists and Johnson (eight rebounds) and Maddox (seven rebounds) each scored five points.

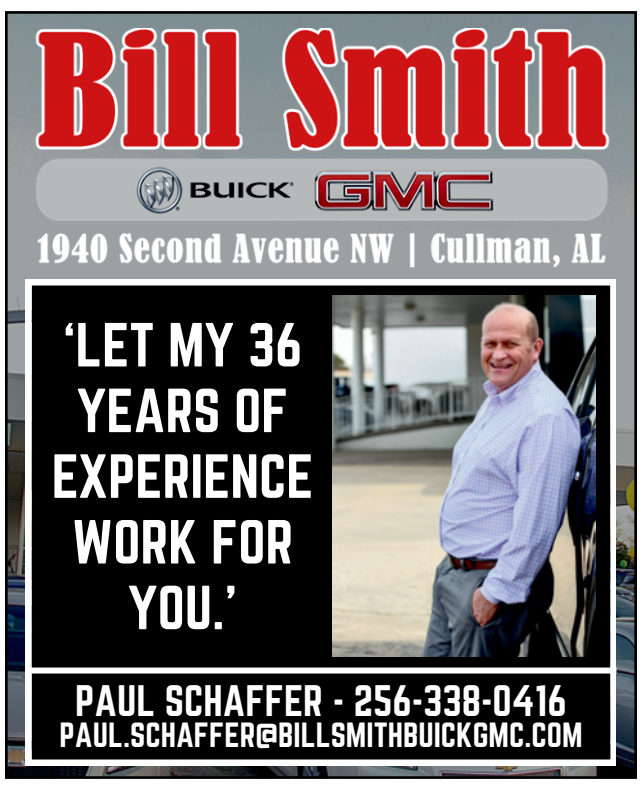
The Lady Raiders enjoyed a great send off from their fans before they hit the road Tuesday morning and Aby believes the more the community shows its support for the Lady Raiders, the harder they want to play for them.

"We were at Good Hope this morning doing a walk through all the schools and we saw kids of all ages making signs, drawing the girls' pictures, each varsity girl and manager got a huge laundry basket just full of goodies and the community support is just so awesome.

"It's not just us out there chasing this dream, it feels like it's everybody in the community. You look up there and it's just a red sea. I feel like half of Good Hope was out there," Aby joked.

"These girls come out with a ball of energy to start the game and I have to give credit where credit is due, a lot of that comes from the fans. They just feed off the atmosphere and when they look up and they have a student section going crazy and it's just a sea of red, these girls want to play hard for them."

The Lady Raiders will be back at Legacy Arena Friday at 4 p.m. to face T.R. Miller in this year's 4A State Championship Game.







Bouncers Inflatable Rentals hosting Thursday open play through March

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — Attention families, parents, caregivers and carefree adult-sized children at heart: Bouncers Inflatable Rentals will be hosting open play each Thursday through the month of March.

"We've had multiple people reach out and ask if we would consider offering open play and since we are a small, family owned business, we want to offer our community opportunities to make many, happy memories with their children in a fun, family friendly environment," said Owner Thomas Gill.

Gil listened and is opening the doors to the public for open play. Children can enjoy the inflatables, arcade games and other activities each Thursday through the month of March from 4-8 p.m. Adults must be present with the children; no drop-offs are accepted. The prices will be $16 for the entirety of the open play hours and children under the age of 2 and seniors over the age of 55 are free. Each paid child will qualify for a parent or caregiver's admission of $6.

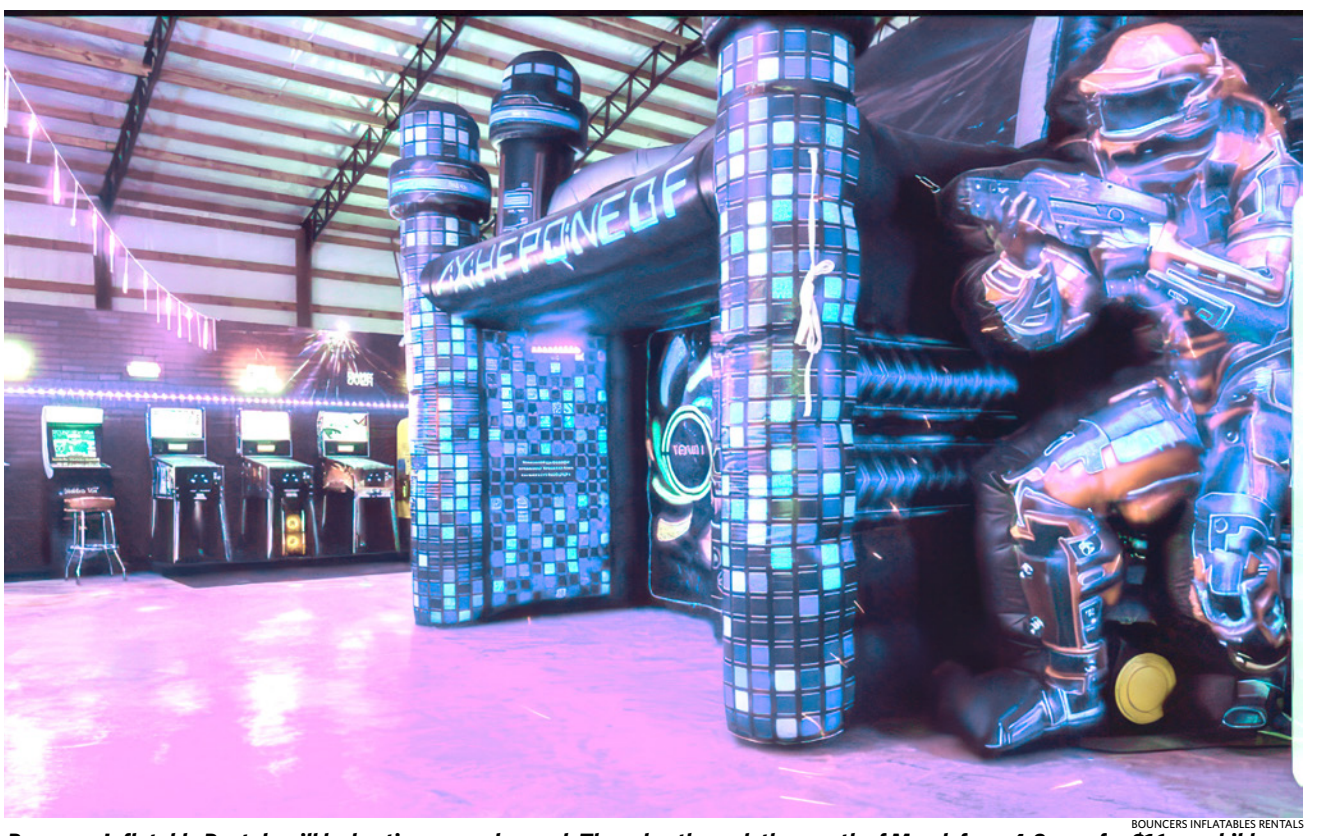
Inside the play area, children can find laser tag, mobile arcade games, inflatables and even a rainforest-inspired dance floor.

"Our Laser Tag Room features laser tag, of course, and everything required to play, such as chest plates and laser guns.

"There's also fun, interactive games for all ages, multiple arcades and pinballs! Everything inside the Laser Tag Room is all free play; no coins or tickets required," Gil explained.

"Our Rainforest Adventure Room, geared towards kids 12 and under, will take you on an exciting trip to the rainforest!

"We have three vibrant, large inflatables to bounce and play on, complete with the sights and sounds of a real rainforest. It also features our Rainforest Dance Party where magical bubbles and music fill the air."



BOUNCERS INFLATABLES RENTALS

Bouncers Inflatable Rentals will be hosting open play each Thursday through the month of March from 4-8 p.m. for $16 per child.

Open play hours and the pay-to-play model is a new concept for the small, locally owned business, but hopes are high, said Gil. "We hope our community will support us in this endeavor and support small, local businesses as they are the heart of a small town."

Bouncers Inflatable Rentals is located at 60 Moehring Road in Good Hope. Contact the business on Facebook or by phone at 256-636-4116.

'Tons of snuggles': Stuffed animal reading pet adoption day at CCPS

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Storytime at Cullman City Primary School last week turned into a surprise pet adoption day for young students learning about the importance of reading through the children's book "Madeline Finn and the Library Dog" by Lisa Papp.

The children's book, published in 2016, is about a young student named Madeline who is struggling to read but learns to practice her patience while reading to a library dog named Bonnie.

"She learns that reading aloud to Bonnie isn't so bad, and when she gets stuck, Bonnie doesn't mind," CCPS Media Specialist Hilary Nix explained of the story. "Madeline Finn realizes that reading is fun when you're not afraid of making mistakes.

"Bonnie teaches her that it's okay to go slow - and most importantly - to keep trying!"

After storytime, every student in kindergarten through second grade had the opportunity to visit the library's special reading pet adoption center to adopt their very own "library dog" in the form of a small stuffed animal they could take home and keep forever to practice their reading skills anytime.

In addition to choosing their pet, students also had to fill out their "official" adoption papers, practicing writing their own name and choosing a fun name for their new stuffed animal pet.

"By completing the certificate, each student promised to read and take care of it forever," Nix said.

"After the students completed their certificate, they received their very own special pet carrier to transport their pet home safely.

"Students were so excited to receive their pets and promised to read lots to them and give them tons of snuggles!"

The reading project was funded by donations from parents, grandparents and guardians; in addition to support from the CCPS Book Fair.



CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

Students at Cullman City Primary School adopt stuffed animals as part of a reading program for young learners.

WSCC Workforce Training Center revolutionizes career development

Special to The Cullman Tribune

CULLMAN, Ala. — Located on the grounds of REHAU's automotive manufacturing facility in Cullman, the Workforce Training Center provides facilities for short-term training programs and services provided by the college's Center for Career and Workforce Development.

For people interested in learning a new career skill, Wallace State Community College offers a variety of opportunities through the Workforce Training Center. Located on the grounds of REHAU's automotive manufacturing facility in Cullman, The Workforce Training Center provides facilities for training programs and services provided by the college's Center for Career and Workforce Development. With a focus on short-term programs across diverse fields, the center aims to equip individuals with industry-relevant skills, serving as a hub for short-term programs in fields such as liberal arts, applied technology, health sciences and S.T.E.M.

The courses offered at the Workforce Training Center follow the Pro Skills Pathways that Wallace State Community College offers students as they begin their college career.

The center provides designated spaces for training programs that correlate with the Pathways where students earn credentials that they can use to get a job, advance in their current job or use as credit to transition into an academic credit-bearing program at Wallace State.

In addition to offering Pro Skills classes, the Workforce Training Center provides a venue for testing and professional certification for things such as ServSafe, Pearson-Vue, ASE, PSI and ACT WorkKeys.

Bethany Campbell, Director of Employer Engagement and Strategic Partnerships at Wallace State, said the Workforce Training Center offers multiple avenues for aspiring professionals and current employees to enhance their skill sets.

"It is so exciting to have a dedicated space in a convenient location to provide short-term training for individuals looking to enter the workforce or to upskill employees for local companies," said Campbell.

"We really want the Wallace State Workforce Training Center to serve our community and area businesses, and we hope the Pro Skills classes offered at the Workforce Training Center will help members of our community get started in their careers and provide industry with the talent pipeline they desperately need."



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Some of the current Pro Skills classes offered at the Workforce Training Center include:

- CPR certification
- Phlebotomy technician
- Certified production technician
- Certified logistics technician
- Relay logic and motor controls
- OSHA10 certification
- Forklift certification

In conjunction with Melanie Maddox, president of M2C2 Solutions, the Center for Career and Workforce Development will host leadership training classes on March 26 and April 23 at the Workforce Training Center.

Also on site is a lab where students can complete online training for the Skills for Success program.

Developed in 2022 by the Alabama Community College System's (ACCS) Innovation Center, the Skills for Success program provides rapid training for technical jobs across the state.

These courses are funded through the Alabama government and are open to any state resident.

Part of the Skills for Success training is offered online, with interactive learning that is self-paced.

Upon completion of the online coursework, students then complete hands-on training with qualified instructors.

Participants who complete training earn an ACCS Credential, which signifies to businesses that the individual has mastered the skills taught in the program and is ready for employment.

The ACCS Credential can also be used as a foundation for additional classes and training at Alabama community colleges.

Additionally, courses are also available to high school students for a career readiness indicator (CRI) credit that can count towards high school graduation.

Some of the free Skills for Success courses offered at the Wallace State Workforce Training Center include:

- Asphalt Roller Operator
- Bulldozer Operator
- Class A & B Commercial Driver's (with the option to obtain HAZMat endorsement, passenger endorsement and school bus endorsement)
- Excavator Operator
- Fiber Optics Technician
- Food & Beverage Services
- Hotel Operations
- Land Survey Helper
- Meat Cutter
- Mental Health Worker
- Skid Steer Operator

For a schedule containing all Workforce Training opportunities available through the Center for Career and Workforce Development visit wallacestate.edu/careerdevelopment/schedule.

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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.

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Belle (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A tale as old as time, as true as it can be. This golden beauty is Belle, a striking mix of Australian Shepard and retriever with a silky coat and spotted paws. She is sure to nose her way into the heart and home of the lucky individual who claims her as his or her own.

In the garden with the flowers and trees is where Belle is most comfortable and confident, taking her time to smell the roses and enjoy the rays of an early spring sun. She is estimated to be 2 years old.

Not many things are needed to make Belle happy and content – only the love of her caregivers, belly scratches and room to play are needed for this princess to thrive. She has a medium energy level and would be the perfect companion.

Belle is a current resident at the Cullman County Animal Shelter, and her adoption fee of $130 includes spay, DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccine, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet and microchip.

Visit the shelter at 935 Convent Road NE, Monday-Friday, from 9 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. A meet and greet is encouraged by shelter staff to ensure a smooth transition and personality match.

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These vehicles will be sold on April 5, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. for towing/storage fees if not claimed. Located at Hammock Auto Sales, 17 County Road 406, Cullman, Alabama 35057, 256-775-3754.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MARGARET GAIL COMPTON, Deceased. * CASE NO.: PC 2024-020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Melinda Kay Garrett, AKA Melinda Belue
Personal Representative

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TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have been granted to J C Seymore, as Administrator of the Estate of Patricia Ann Seymore, deceased, on the 20th day of February, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, and 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.

J C Seymore

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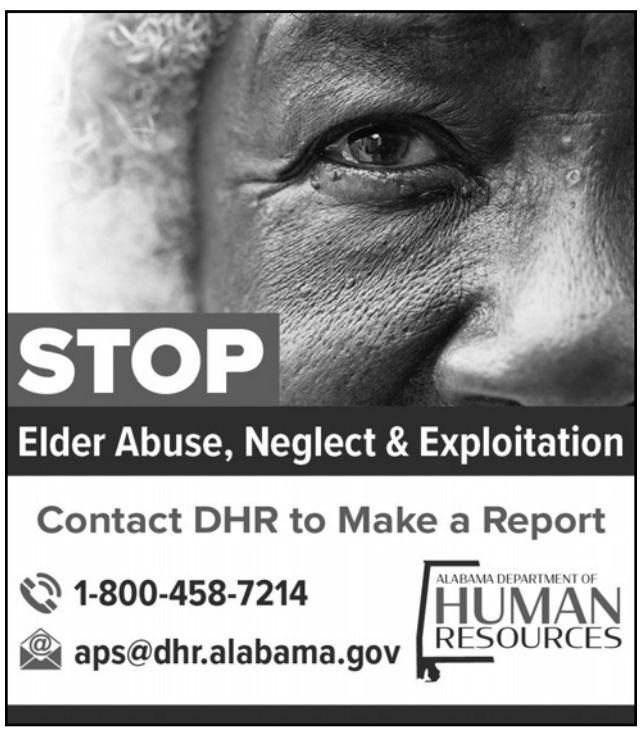
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Broadcast (from Front)

storm season, preparation is key, according to Sartin.

"I always suggest that people get a weather radio that can be operated without a plug-in outlet; battery and solar powered radios are an excellent option for homes and storm shelters," he said. "I also suggest for those that may head to a storm shelter to have a go-bag with the essentials like important documents, phone numbers and emergency medications – is there a medication that if you don't have access to for six hours that you'll need to go to the hospital? Making a plan for pets is important, too.

"Where will your pets go in the event of severe weather? It's always better to have a plan."



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Explore, learn and innovate: STEAM Camp 2024 at Wallace State

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CULLMAN, Ala. — This summer, Wallace State Community College is set to become a hub of innovation and learning with the return of the highly anticipated STEAM Camp. Designed for students entering grades three through eight in the 2024-2025 school year, this camp promises to be a thrilling exploration of science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics.

Registration opens on March 1st, with the camp running from July 8-12 for third-fifth graders and July 22-26 for sixth-eighth graders. Registration for each camp is limited to 75 students, but a waitlist will be maintained for those unable to secure a spot during the registration period.

Students will register for the grade they are entering for the 2024-2025 school year. There is no cost required to participate.

Located at Wallace State Community College, the STEAM Camp offers a unique opportunity for young minds to dive deep into the realms of STEAM through hands-on activities, interactive workshops and exposure to the latest technologies.

Participants will have the chance to work alongside expert collegiate faculty members, developing essential skills such as problem-solving, teamwork and critical thinking in a dynamic and engaging environment.

The camp is designed to make complex concepts accessible and fun. From exploring the aerodynamics behind a superhero's flight to understanding the chemical reactions in baking, the curriculum is tailored to break down scientific principles into engaging, hands-on lessons that relate to the real world.

This approach ensures that learning is not only relevant but also exciting for participants, sparking a deeper interest in STEAM subjects.

One of the most exciting aspects of the STEAM Camp is its ability to bring together like-minded peers and experts in the field, creating a community of learners who can share their passion for science and technology.

This collaborative environment is perfect for inspiring creativity, igniting curiosity and potentially paving the way for future educational and career opportunities in the STEAM fields.

Aubry Lovell, coordinator of the North Central Alabama STEM Ecosystem, shared her excitement for camp this year, "STEAM Camp is so exciting because it offers a unique opportunity for students to dive deeper into their interests in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

"It provides a hands-on learning experience where students can explore new concepts, work on exciting projects and interact with like-minded peers and experts in the field.

"STEAM Camp can ignite curiosity, inspire creativity and potentially pave the way for future educational and career opportunities in STEAM."

By the end of the camp, participants will have experienced significant growth, not just in their understanding of STEAM subjects but in their ability to solve problems, think critically and collaborate with others.

Most importantly, they will leave the camp with increased confidence in their abilities and will have gained new excitement for further exploration in STEAM.

The STEAM Camp also serves an important role in showcasing the wide array of career opportunities available in STEAM fields.

By providing early exposure to these careers, students can see the real-world applications of their learning, inspiring them to pursue paths they might not have previously considered. With the future job market increasingly demanding a STEM-proficient workforce, early exposure through the STEAM Camp prepares students for these future demands, equipping them with the skills to become critical thinkers, innovators, and problem-solvers, regardless of the career path they choose.

Don't miss this opportunity to ignite a passion for STEAM in your child. For more information and to register, visit the North Central Alabama STEM Ecosystem Facebook page or the Wallace State Community College website.

A link to register will be found on either site when registration opens.

Obituary Announcements: Feb. 27-28

Edith Scott Davis, 80
Edith Scott Davis, age 80, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2024, at Hanceville Nursing and Rehab surrounded by family. She was the fith child of Joseph Fornie and Ethel Scott. Edith was a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a devoted nurse, working in hospitals, nursing homes, home health and drug rehab. Edith is survived by her daughter, Vicki (Randy) Trammell; son, Jonathan (Kendra) Taylor; grandchildren, Miranda (Roger) Shiflett, Crystal Speakman (Aaron); Taylor (Hannah) Trammell, Linley (Victor) Hanson, Zachary (Shelby) Taylor, Willow Taylor and Jaxon Taylor; 15 great-grandchildren and a brother, Van H. Scott. She is preceded in death by her parents; siblings, Dorothy Pyles, Nella Dean Moore, R. Douglas Scott; son, Rodney Taylor and grandson, Jason Taylor. Funeral services will be Friday, March 1, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home; Bro. Jacob Elliott and Dr. Sammie Reid officiating; burial will follow in Mt. Zion Cemetery in Corner. The family will receive friends on Thursday, Feb. 29, 2024, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Pallbearers are Taylor Trammell, Zachary Taylor, Roger Shiflett, Victor Hanson IV, Jay Alvis and Tim McGuirk. Honorary pallbearers are Jaxon Taylor, Walker Shiflett and Kenny Cleveland. The family wants to give a special thanks to the Nurses and CNA's at Hanceville Nursing and Rehab Memory Care Unit and the staff of SouthernCare New Beacon Hospice for their care of their mother.

Karen Cox, 59
Funeral services for Karen Cox, 59, of Hanceville, will be 2 p.m. Friday, March 1, 2024, at Mountain Grove Congregational Church. Burial will follow the service at Mountain Grove Congregational Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday, Feb. 29, from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Cox was born Aug. 10, 1964, in Los Angeles, California to James and Ethel Woods. She passed away Feb. 24, 2024, in Cullman, Alabama. Aside from the many trials and tribulations Karen faced throughout the years she remained strong and fought hard to make each day count. Beginning in 2009, Mrs. Cox began working as a drug and alcohol counselor at Bradford Health Services to help those with needs to overcome addiction. Throughout her career at Bradford, she received numerous certifications which doesn't come by surprise hence the love, care and compassion she shared with those individuals who sought out to find a way to sobriety. Unfortunately, due to an unexpected illness she had to resign from her position in 2017. Although she was no longer able to serve the community she was called for, Karen continued to inspire others with her unfailing love. Mrs. Cox is survived by her children, Shannon Stewart (Jayson), Jayden Jackson (Kaitlin); grandchildren, W. J. Layth Stewart, Timothy Everett Jackson, Nora Estelle Jackson; nieces, Linda Sufficool, Jennifer Morton, Chilaya Moore, Natawsha Vondrak; her lifelong best friend, Audra Woodruff; and her goddaughter, Bailey Laine Sims. Mrs. Cox was preceded in death by her parents, James and Ethel Woods; her husband, Timothy Joshua Jackson; son, Robert De Paemelaere II; sister, Kathy Jo Woods; and her nephew, Travis Ravelo.

Vetra Pearl Jackson, 97
Graveside service for Vetra Pearl Jackson, age 97, of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 29, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Cemetery with Bro. Steton Hayes officiating; burial at Cullman Heritage Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Jackson passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2024. She was born Wednesday, Dec. 8, 1926 in, Alabama to Andrew Jackson Stewart and Lucy Ann Stewart. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, John Cebron Jackson, Sr.; sons-in-law, Wayne Abbott and James Edward Tankersley; grandson, John Bradly Abbott, great-grandchild, Kenzie Faith Gugleman, sisters, Bertha Auston, Opal Grimmett, Jewel Skinner and Ruby Dye; and brother, Jack Stewart. Survivors include her son, Johnny (Doneva) Jackson, daughters, Regina (Patrick) Holmes, Shirley Abbott, Elaine Tankersley, Kathy Longenecker; 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, 23 great-great-grandchildren.

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