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Baileyton Town Council approves purchase of bucket truck, sets date for egg hunt

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BAILEYTON, Ala. — At its monthly meeting on Monday, March 4, the Baileyton Town Council approved the purchase of a bucket truck and set the date for the annual Easter egg hunt.

Mayor Windell Calloway raised the topic of the Town's current bucket truck, saying, "The one we have is not safe. I'll be honest with you; we use it haphazardly to get by."

The council unanimously approved the purchase of a new bucket truck, which will cost around $25,000 and be paid from the Town's American Rescue Plan Act funds.

The council set March 23 as the date for this year's Easter egg hunt.

It will begin at 9 a.m. at Baileyton Town Park. The annual hunt has seen an increasing number of participants.

Councilman Dewayne Sumner said around 400 prefilled eggs » PAGE 5



CHEYENNE SHARP/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Baileyton Town Council is seen at its monthly meeting on March 4, 2024.

Barnette, Johnston win superintendent, circuit judge races



LAUREN BAILEY

The Cullman County Courthouse was bustling Tuesday night, March 5, 2024, as ballots were counted and election results flooded in.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The third floor of the Cullman County Courthouse was busy Tuesday evening, March 5, as deputies slowly began bringing in ballot boxes from across the county after Primary Election polls closed at 7.

Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry shared, "On Election Day all hands are on deck and all of our staff is working hard with local offices to ensure that they are just and fair. This is an opportunity to use our constitutional right to vote and we are always very proud of hard work of the ladies in the office during the early morning and up until the night to take part in this process. Also, our deputies and staff also pour in and take care of the local polling places and check in on our workers. We are thankful for this opportunity to make our country great through the voting process."

Incumbent Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette easily won his race against challenger Morris Williams. The election, the first to take place since Cullman County voters decided the county superintendent position should be an elected one instead of appointed, saw Barnette claim 73.81% of the vote to Williams' 26.19%.

The race for circuit court judge, 32nd Judicial Court, place 2, was much closer. Cullman County Attorney Emily Niezer Johnston edged out local attorney Melvin Hasting, 54.48% to 45.52%. Johnston will take the seat of retiring Circuit Court Judge Martha Williams.

Another local race on the ballot was Cullman County Board of Education member, place 1. Larry Duke took 73% of the vote to Steve Link's 27%

Speaking after the election, Barnette said, » PAGE 6

Hanceville Police Department hosting Community Safety Prescription Take Back Program

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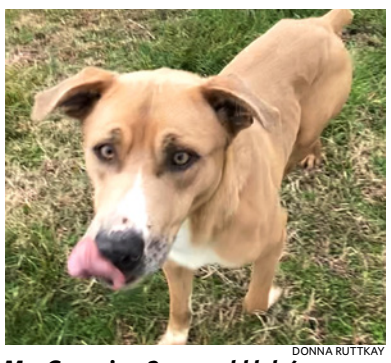
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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported March 6

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported March 6, 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

March 4

- retail theft of property-3rd degree; Marvin's; Hwy. 157; chainsaw
- theft of property-3rd degree; person; cash; $1,420
- identity theft; person
- domestic violence-3rd degree-harassment

ARRESTS

March 4 – 5

Holmes, Ernest R.; 65
- Grand Jury- theft of property-2nd degree (2 counts)
- Grand Jury- forgery-3rd degree (2 counts)

Rush, Danah L.; 25
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree
- FTA- theft by deception

Amerson, Elizabeth D.; 24
- Grand Jury- retail theft of property-2nd degree

Ferguson, Richard L.; 36
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree

Key, Ryan C.; 32
- FTA- driving without license
- FTA- run red light

Jernigan, Joseph K.; 36
- violation of protection order

Bradford, Kelsey N.; 31
- FTA- driving without license
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- fail to signal

Best, Breanna S.; 26
- public intoxication

Huddleston, Jason A.; 34
- theft of property-4th degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrets or incidents reported.

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

New trail opens for mountain bikers, hikers at Oak Mountain State Park

Ala. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

SHELBY COUNTY, Ala. — A new trail named Room Service at Oak Mountain State Park opened recently, as members of the Birmingham Urban Mountain Pedalers (BUMP) christened it with a group ride.

The new 1.5-mile multiuse trail connects the Slingshot and Centipede trails and is optimized for mountain biking, but can also be used for hiking. The Shelby County Commission funded construction of the new trail, which was built by Anniston-based FlowMotion Trail Builders.

"Oak Mountain State Park has rightfully earned a reputation as one of the best places in America for mountain biking, and this new trail can do nothing but enhance that reputation," said Chris Blankenship, commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. "We're thankful for partners like the Shelby County Commission and BUMP, who help make Oak Mountain State Park even better for visitors."

The new trail is rated easy to intermediate and is suitable for beginners who have bike-handling skills and trail-riding experience. Signage has been installed by Oak Mountain State Park personnel to help mountain bikers navigate the new trail.

"The new trail will be an amazing addition to Oak Mountain State Park," said BUMP President Chase Draper.

"There are already plans to use it for a variety of events at the park this year, including the upcoming Chainbuster Race, the Xterra North American Championship and the 30th annual Bump N Grind. It creates a much-needed mini loop for beginner and intermediate riders who want to venture out but aren't ready or don't have time to do the full loop around the park.

"It opens up multiuse access to a beautiful valley behind the Wildlife Center and is sure to be a favorite for years to come," Draper added. "We are very thankful to have the incredible partners we have in Shelby County and Oak Mountain State Park."

Shelby County Tourism and Events Manager Kendall Williams added, "Discover Shelby is proud to partner and fund one of Oak Mountain State Park's newest trails, Room Service. As the tourism arm of Shelby County, Alabama, we take the resources from our visitors who stay in hotels and reinvest them to improve the quality of life for our residents.

"One aspect of this is improving existing and building new trails for our residents to enjoy throughout the year. These world-class trails allow us to recruit and support top-notch events that bring in athletes from all across the United States and the world."

Book your next adventure at Oak Mountain State Park or one of our other 20 beautiful state parks at www.alapark.com.



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BUMP members used the new trail at Oak Mountain State Park for a group ride on Feb. 24, 2024.

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

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

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

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m.-noon. Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry and Spirit Life Church.
• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthdays. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pickup is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper, AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• Friday, March 8 - 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 at 5:45. Small group starts at 6:30. Childcare provided!
• Saturday, March 9 - 9 a.m.-noon Women's Conference "Expecting More." Inspirational speakers, worship and market stalls. A light breakfast will be served at 8.
• Sunday, March 10 - 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 10 - 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.

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• Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
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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.

Fairview Lions Club Soup and Chili Supper
Saturday, March 16, from 4-7 p.m. at Fairview Town Hall, 7525 Alabama Highway 69 N. Your choice of several kinds of soup or chili, cornbread or crackers and a drink for $8. All proceeds will go to the Fairview Lions Club project fund. For more information call Kita Chambers at 256-385-8805 or William Criscoe at 256-385-5596.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Singing, Revival
We will have a "Redback Church Hymnal" singing on Sunday, Saint Patrick's Day, March 17, at 5 p.m. All churches are welcome. We will be having our spring revival the week of April 7. Services will be Sunday, April 7, at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., and Monday-Wednesday, April 8-10 at 7 p.m. The evangelist will be Brother Jared Dixon. Everyone is invited. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information call 256-796-5986 or 256-338-9202.

East Point Cumberland Presbyterian Church Easter Family Fun Day
Saturday, March 23, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Activities include games, bouncy house, egg hunt and lunch. Bring an Easter basket and enjoy free fun for the whole family! 1441 U.S. Highway 278 E, Cullman.

Grace Café Reopening!
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WSCC Women's Basketball earns bye in ACCC Division I tournament; men's team seeded No. 3

Special to the Tribune
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Wallace State Community College women's basketball team earned a bye in the 2024 Alabama Community College Conference Division I Basketball Tournament to be held March 7-9 at the University of Alabama-Huntsville.

On Friday, March 8 at 12 p.m., the women will play the winner of the Thursday, March 7 match-up between #6 Coastal-Alabama and #3 Bishop State.

The men's basketball team is seeded #3 in their division and will face #6 Lawson State on Thursday, March 7 at 4 p.m. The winner of that match-up will go on to face #2 Gadsden State on Friday, March 8 at 4 p.m.

Should either team make it to the finals on Saturday, March 9, the women's games will be played at 1 p.m. and the men's game will follow about 45 minutes after the conclusion of the women's games. Saturday's final games will be aired on Alabama Public Television.

"Our women's team had a successful regular season finishing second in the conference. We are playing well and have a lot of momentum heading into the conference tournament," said Coach Allen Sharpe, who heads up both the women's and men's teams. "This team has been enjoyable to coach. They work really hard, have great team spirit, and bought into the coaching staff. We hope to play well on Friday, which will give us a chance to win the ACCC tournament on Saturday."

"Our men's team is coming off a win Thursday night versus league-leading Bishop State," Sharpe said. "That win gives us a ton of confidence heading into Thursday's game against Lawson State.

"We feel we are playing our best basketball right now heading into the tournament. All our guys are healthy and in good spirits. We hope to win three games in three days and be ACCC tournament champions."

The Lady Lions finished the regular season with a 24-5 record overall and 11-3 in the conference. Sophomore Jaden Winfrey of Cullman earned places on two individual leaderboards for the season, with at field goal percentage of 51.0 and 16.5 points per game. Freshman Emariah Grant of Huntsville followed behind Winfrey on points per game, with 15.1. Freshman Nylaa Fuller of Huntsville made the leaderboard on rebounds, pulling in 10.2 per game to place third in the division. Freshman Kallie Tinker of Pisgah rounds out the Lady Lions on the leaderboards with a 41.9 three-point percentage.

The men's team finished the regular season with a 22-8 record overall and 8-6 in the conference. Jimmie Williams, Randiez Eason, Kendarius Anderson, Jalen Anglin and Tyson Walker all earned places on the leaderboards.

Williams, a freshman from Cleveland, Ohio, earned recognition for points per game (21.7) and rebounds per game (8.3). Eason, a sophomore from Dadeville, also earned two spots on leaderboards, with 8.7 rebounds per game and a 59.9 field goal percentage. Anderson, a freshman from Tuscumbia, topped the leaderboard for three-point percentage at 44.9, with Anglin, a sophomore from Jackson, Tenn., and Walker, a red shirt freshman from Des Moines, Iowa, also making the list with 40.6 and 40.3 percentages, respectively.



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Wallace State's Jaden Winfrey (left) and Jimmie Williams (right)

PREP SOFTBALL

Cold Springs handles Falkville 12-2, Monday scoring recap

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BREMEN, Ala. — Cold Springs hosted a varsity matchup against Falkville Monday night and the Lady Eagles only needed five innings to secure a 12-2 win over the Wildcats.

Cold Springs 12 - Falkville 2 (Softball)
Cold Springs' Peyton Kennedy retired Falkville on just nine pitches to start out the game. The offense gave her some early run support in their half. Brooklyn Ingram hit a one-out single, then Ciara Calvert drew a walk. They both stole second and third, and Ingram stole home to put the Lady Eagles on the scoreboard first. Adriana Young added an RBI groundout to make it 2-0.

Cold Springs added to their lead in the bottom of the second. A double by Kaydance Williams, followed by back-to-back singles by Kennedy and Kortnie Williams loaded the bases with one out. One out later, Calvert cleared the bases with a three-run triple to left field to give the Lady Eagles a 5-0 lead; she later scored on a passed ball to make it 6-0. An RBI single and a wild pitch helped the Lady Blue Devils cut the deficit to four at 6-2 in the top of the fourth.

Cold Springs countered in their half. Back-to-back singles by Ingram and Calvert had runners on first and second with one out for Young, who hit a three-run home run over the left field fence, as that helped stretch the Lady Eagle lead to 9-2. They added three more runs in the bottom of the fifth, as a two-run triple by Kortnie Williams and an RBI single by Ingram helped seal the 12-2 win for Cold Springs.

Young led the way for the Lady Eagles with a hit and four RBIs. Calvert added a pair of hits and three RBIs. Kortnie Williams ended up with a pair of hits and two RBIs, while Ingram collected three hits and an RBI in the win. Kennedy went the distance for Cold Springs (2-0), allowing just one hit and one earned run, walking two and striking out three.

Vinemont 15 - Cold Springs 4 (Baseball)
Vinemont struck first in their opening at-bats, as Michael Foust reached on a one-out error and later scored on an RBI groundout by Jake Hale to give them the early lead. Josh Rhodes got hit by the pitch and later scored on a passed ball to give Vinemont a 2-0 lead. Rush Sandlin hit a one-out single in the top of the third and a Cold Springs error later that inning allowed him to score to make it 3-0. Kayden Henderson later added a two-run single to give Vinemont a 5-0 lead.

Cold Springs got on the scoreboard in their half of the third. Ethan Nabors reached on an error to lead off the inning, then a ground ball moved him up to second. After a walk, Josh Winfrey hit an RBI single to cut it to 5-1. Later that inning, Cole Bales scored on a wild pitch, and Winfrey stole home to make it a 5-3 game. In the top of the fourth, Owen McKinney scored on a wild pitch, and Isaiah Pair got hit by the pitch with the bases loaded to give Vinemont a 7-3 lead. An RBI triple by Hale made it 8-3 in the top of the fifth, and Hayden Robinson scored on an error to stretch Vinemont's lead to 9-3.

Vinemont continued to add to their lead in the top of the sixth, as Henderson hit a two-run double, and Hale added a sacrifice fly, to give them a 12-3 lead. Cold Springs' Mason Gable scored on an error in their half to cut it to 12-4. Vinemont countered in the top of the seventh, as Hale hit a two-run single and later scored on a wild pitch to make it a 15-4 game. Vinemont would go on to defeat Cold Springs 15-4.

Hale finished with a pair of hits and five RBIs for Vinemont (7-2). Henderson added three hits and four RBIs, while Pair ended up with an RBI in the win. Rylan McRae and Rhodes struck out a combined 11 hitters and gave up just four hits and four unearned runs. For Cold Springs (3-5), Winfrey finished with a hit and an RBI, while Bales, Boston Archer, and Gable each collected a hit in the loss.

Guntersville 8 - Fairview 7 (Baseball)
A walk and hit by pitch had Fairview in business to start out the game. With two outs, Isaac Elrod hit an RBI single, and Carson Jones stole home to give the Aggies a 2-0 lead. Guntersville tied the game at two on a two-run single in the bottom of the second. Fairview broke the tie in the top of the third on a two-out RBI single by Lucas West, but the bottom of the sixth saw the Wildcats score four runs to take a 6-3 lead.

Fairview looked to keep their chances of winning alive in the top of the seventh. After a single and a walk, an RBI single by Nicolas Gregory, followed by a stolen base by Caden Barrett, cut it to 6-5. An RBI groundout by Jones tied things up at six, then after a walk, Elrod broke the tie with an RBI single to give the Aggies a 7-6 lead. Guntersville countered in their half, as a one-out RBI single, and an Aggie error, gave them the 8-7 come-from-behind win over Fairview.

Elrod finished with a pair of hits and two RBIs for Fairview (6-3). Gregory (two hits) and West (one hit) each added an RBI while Jones collected an RBI in the loss.

Winston County 6 - Good Hope 5 (Baseball)
Carter Rutherford hit a leadoff double and later scored on an error to give Good Hope the early lead. The Raiders got a two-out rally started in the top of the second. After back-to-back singles by Myles Johnson and Dakota Overton, back-to-back RBI singles by Rutherford and Colten Whatley gave Good Hope a 3-0 lead. Caden Drake added a two-run single later that inning to make it 5-0.

The bottom of the fourth saw Winston County cut it to 5-2 on a bases-loaded walk and a hit by pitch with the bases loaded. The Yellow Jackets made it a 5-3 game in the bottom of the fifth on an RBI single.

Winston County hit an RBI single to make it a 5-4 game in their final at-bats, then a hit by pitch and a walk loaded the bases with one out. A Good Hope error allowed the Yellow Jackets to score two runs, and they ended up collecting a 6-5 come-from-behind win over the Raiders.

Caden Drake finished with a hit and two RBIs for Good Hope (5-3), while Rutherford (two hits) and Whatley (one hit) each added an RBI in the loss.

West Point 17 - Holly Pond 4 (Softball)
Holly Pond struck first in their opening at-bats. Maycie Black reached on a bunt single and later scored on an RBI groundout by Ellie Burks to give the Lady Broncos the early lead going into the top of the second. West Point quickly broke the game wide open in the top of the second, as they sent 15 batters to the plate, and scored nine runs. The big hits came from Brinlee Phillips (two-run single), Sidney Burks (three-run home run), and Kortni Baker (RBI double) as that gave the Lady Warriors a 9-1 lead. A suicide squeeze play by Black cut it to 9-2 in Holly Pond's half of the second.

West Point added four more runs in the top of the third on RBI singles by Phillips, Kara Jones, and Baker, and a hit by pitch with the bases loaded. Burks hit her second home run of the game in the top of the fourth to make it 15-2.

Burks added an RBI single, and an RBI fielder's choice by Kylee Quinn in the top of the fifth gave the Lady Warriors a 17-2 lead. Maggie Nail hit a two-run double in Holly Pond's half to cut it to 17-4, but they didn't get any closer after that, as West Point (6-2) ended up defeating Holly Pond 17-4.

Burks had a big day at the plate for the Lady Warriors, finishing with four hits and six RBIs. Phillips added two hits and three RBIs. Baker (two hits) and Liberty Shadix (one hit) each ended up with two RBIs. Jones and Macie Brown each collected four hits and an RBI, while Quinn chipped in with a pair of hits and an RBI in the win. For Holly Pond, Nail finished with a pair of hits and two RBIs. Black added a hit and an RBI, while Burks ended up with an RBI in the loss.

Arab 3 - West Point 2 (Baseball)
Arab got on the scoreboard first in their opening at-bats on an RBI fielder's choice. Both pitching staffs kept the score at 1-0 going into the top of the seventh, as the Knights put up two more runs to take a 3-0 lead into the bottom of the seventh. Cade Welborn hit a one-out single for West Point, then one out later, back-to-back singles by Charlie Ashley and Titan Thornton loaded the bases. Welborn and Ashley each scored on a wild pitch to make it a 3-2 game, but a groundout ended the game, as Arab ended up getting past the Warriors 3-2.

Welborn finished with three hits for West Point (6-3), while Boston Freeman, Ashley, Thornton, Gus McKenney and Cooper Howard each added a hit in the loss.



ACES: Selecting the right blackberry cultivar for your landscape

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Alabama Cooperative Extension System



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AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. — Blackberry cultivars are prime examples of selective plant-breeding modifications to fruit and wild-blackberry growth. While the fruit from a blackberry cultivar is superior in comparison to wild blackberries, these plants require significant maintenance in a cultivated setting.

Blackberry cultivars require specific conditions, whereas wild blackberries only need one — full sun. Chip East, an Alabama Cooperative Extension System regional agent, said to cultivate a sweet, productive blackberry, it takes some work.

"Blackberry cultivars grow best in full sun and should be irrigated in times of drought," East said. "Plants should be trained correctly and pruned correctly. Weeds should also be managed, with proper soil pH and good internal soil drainage."

Growing conditions and habits

Whether planting blackberries for a home garden or as a commercial farmer, it is important to know the proper growing conditions and the plants' growth habits.

"Plant location is important with regards to winter injury," East said. "It's common for blackberries to start blooming before the danger of frost is over."

It is best to avoid any low-lying areas where cold air settles. Planting on a slope or at the top of a slope will allow cold air to drain away from the plant. Trees growing around the field can also hold in the cold temperatures.

"A grower might be able to do something about some of these issues," East said. "However, freezing temperatures during blooming are always a concern."

The growth habit of a blackberry cultivar can be erect, semi-erect or trailing. East recommends spending time studying the different cultivars before deciding which blackberry to plant in a given location. The trailing and semi-erect plants require a trellis, while erect plants may not need one.

"When planting more than one row of blackberries, the rows should be about 12 feet apart," East said.

"In-row spacing can vary for each cultivar, however trailing blackberry cultivars need to be spaced about 10 feet apart. This allows the plants to grow about 5 feet in either direction."

Growers should trellis and maintain the erect plants at the recommended 3-foot height.

Then the in-row spacing would need to be 3 feet apart. When trellising erect plants, it is common to plant them about 5 to 6 feet apart.

Thorny or thornless

The next step is to choose thorny or thornless plants. While thornless options seem to be a less painful choice, it does not necessarily mean they are better plants.

Thorny plants are extremely productive because of their aggressive growth habit and superior disease resistance. There are available cultivars that grow large fruit on both thorny and thornless plants.

Read East's Extension Brief, "Blackberry Cultivars" for more information about thorny and thornless varieties that are available for cultivation in Alabama.

More information

Additional information about commercial blackberry production is available in the Alabama Extension publication, "Commercial Production Guide: Blackberry & Raspberry." Learn more about other backyard gardening topics by visiting the Alabama Extension website at www.aces.edu.

Baileyton (from Front)

have to be hidden the night before the hunt.

One of the area's outreach programs is "throwing some eggs in the basket" as well. "Parkside Outreach would like to put some Easter baskets together and hand them out to the kids," said Jennifer Howell, a member of the organization.

Sumner addressed the matter of town hall security and Calloway requested more time and research be put into finding appropriate security measures for the building and staff.

In other business, the council:

• Approved the purchase of a plaque for the upcoming Volunteer of the Year

• Approved the purchase of a Kubota mower

• Approved new locks for the Town's new storage building, delivery date pending

• Approved the change of the monthly newsletters to bimonthly mailings

The next Baileyton Town Council meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on April 1, 2024, at Baileyton Town Hall located at 95 Fire Station Road.

Meals (from Front)

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CRANE HILL, Ala. — In the heart of Crane Hill, Smith Lake Baptist Church (SLBC) has embarked on a mission to support those grappling with the loss of a loved one through its Mourning Meal Outreach Ministry. This heartfelt initiative aims to deliver donated dishes to bereaved families, offering a loving expression of comfort and community support during their time of mourning.

The Mourning Meal Outreach Ministry is built on the simple yet profound act of providing a meal to those who have recently experienced a loss. Recognizing the challenges faced by its community, where options for meal trains or restaurant deliveries are limited, SLBC has stepped in to fill this gap. "It's completely free of charge," explained Jamie Hutchins, a key figure behind the ministry. "Just something to ease the stress during a painful time."

The primary aim of this ministry is to alleviate the burden on those who are grieving, saving them the task of cooking or the need to leave their home for a meal. "During these times, you may not feel like cooking or going out," Hutchins stated. The service is designed as a "drop and go," respecting the wishes of those who may prefer privacy during such a time, though volunteers are open to staying and offering company if requested.

The success of the Mourning Meal Outreach Ministry relies on the generosity and dedication of volunteers within the SLBC congregation. When a need arises, a text message is sent to volunteers within the group, prompting someone to prepare and donate a dish. The dish could be as simple as providing a bucket of KFC, or a fully home-cooked meal, with the emphasis on providing the meal in a timely manner. This collective effort ensures that the ministry can continue to serve the community effectively.

Reflecting on the ministry's origins, Hutchins shared, "Our church has experienced so much loss in the last four years. We knew firsthand the needs that go along with loss.

"Death doesn't discriminate and everyone is touched by it in some way. So, the birth of this ministry."

SLBC's personal experiences with grief led to the creation of the Mourning Meal Outreach Ministry, aiming to reach out to those who might otherwise remain beyond the church's support network. By delivering meals along with information about the church's Grief Relief Ministry, SLBC hopes to provide a support system for those navigating their struggles with loss.

This ministry is open to anyone in the Crane Hill, Arley and Logan communities who have recently lost a loved one and could use the comfort of a home-cooked meal during their time of mourning. Those interested in learning more about the Mourning Meal Outreach Ministry or the Grief Relief Ministry can contact Jamie Hutchins at 256-347-6883 or send a message to the SLBC Facebook page. The ministry is ongoing with no set end date.





Races (from Front)

"I am not a politician, I am an educator, and my life goal has always been to do what's right by the students. It's what I will continue to do. The goal is to create opportunities for young people and continue to do so. We have a strategic plan already set in place and we are not going to waiver from that. The goal will still be to develop more opportunities for young people so they can be successful. The kids will always be first."

Said Johnston, "I want to thank the voters of Cullman County for this opportunity and I look forward to serving the county I love."

Democratic President Joe Biden and Republican Former President Donald Trump won easily, as did incumbent Congressman Robert Aderholt, R-Alabama.

For a complete list of state \ national results, see https://tinyurl.com/CCPrimaryResults.

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MacGyver (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — MacGyver is a name that since the mid-1980s has been synonymous with spontaneity, cleverness and skill, and it's a perfect name for The Cullman Tribune's Pet of the Week.

MacGyver is a 2-year-old mix of labrador and terrier with a warm tan coat and golden eyes that could melt the coldest of hearts, and the perfect medium energy mix for a fun-filled life of wagging tails, games of fetch and navigating trails and parks.

He enjoys walking and running almost as much as he enjoys a treat from his companions, giving extra care and attention to learning commands and cues to earn the tasty snacks.

Although MacGyver may be competent, clever and cunning, a favorite pastime is resting and recharging in his quiet kennel.

He is content as a clam to be in his space while happily awaiting his next big adventure – will it be with you?

MacGyver is currently searching for adventure at the Cullman County Animal Shelter, and his adoption fee of $130 includes his neuter, 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.

LEGALS

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BIDS - ELECTRICAL PANELS - PW2024-04

Sealed bids will be received until Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at Cullman City Hall located at 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055 and at said time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for electrical services. A Materials Bid Schedule and Standard Terms and Conditions may be obtained at Cullman City Hall or requested via email from Erica York at eyork@cullmanal.gov.

The City of Cullman reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality or irregularity in the bids received.

Wesley M. Moore - Cullman City Clerk

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
IVA SMITH, * **CASE NO.: PC 2024-057**
Deceased. *

AMENDED
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that *Petition for Summary Distribution of Small Estate* has been filed on the 16th day of February, 2024, by Donna Miller and Dana Link, Petitioners, by and through Attorney, Todd McLeroy, and that thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to the law of the State of Alabama, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent.

Donna Miller and
Dana Link
Petitioner

Todd McLeroy
Attorney for Petitioners
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To: PUBLISHER OF ***The Cullman Tribune***

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

DONE this the 4th day of March, 2024.

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Anthony Joe Compton, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Margaret Gail Compton. deceased, on the 20th 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.

Anthony Joe Compton
Personal Representative

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2024- 680

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CARLYN S. WELCH, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED
BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Randolph Joe Welch on the 6th day of March, 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.

Randolph Joe Welch
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
JOHN STEWART, CASE NO.: PC 2023-414

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to PAMELA E. NAIL as Personal Representative of the Estate of JOHN STEWART, deceased, on the 26th day of February, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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Pamela E. Nail
Personal Representative

Pamela E. Nail
Attorney for the Estate of
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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
BETTY SUE GARRETT, * **CASE NO.: PC2024-011**
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Melinda Kay Garrett, AKA Melinda Belue, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Betty Sue Garrett, deceased. on the 20th day of February, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of)
PATRICIA ANN SEYMORE,) CASE NO. PC 2024 - 036
Deceased.)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE





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Hanceville (from Front)

Gauge Day
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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Hanceville Police Department is set to host the Community Safety Prescription Take Back Program at the Hanceville Senior Center on March 11, 2024, from 9 a.m.-noon. This initiative is designed to provide residents with a secure method to dispose of unused or expired medications while focusing on fostering better alternatives for the disposal of medications.

The program caters to individuals possessing medications that are out of date, no longer needed, or left behind by a deceased loved one who does not know how to properly dispose of the medication.

It aims to prevent the improper disposal of these substances, which can lead to environmental contamination. Medications thrown in the trash can end up in landfills, affecting the soil, while those flushed away can harm water systems.

The event underscores the importance of disposing of medications safely to protect both community health and the environment.

Participants in the Community Safety Prescription Take Back Program will have the opportunity to engage in interactive demonstrations and activities centered around safety practices, emergency preparedness and crime prevention. The event also offers a chance for community members to interact directly with police officers and other local leaders.

Participants are encouraged to remove all labels and personal information from medication bottles or packaging before drop-off to ensure privacy and security.

For more information about the event or how to participate, contact Chief Joshua Howell at 256-275-2893 or jhowell@cityofhanceville.net.

The Hanceville Police Department encourages all community members to take advantage of this opportunity to safely dispose of their medications and contribute to a safer, healthier environment.

Obituary Announcements: March 5-6

Jerald Wilford Adams, 83
Funeral service for Jerald Wilford Adams, age 83, of Vinemont, is Saturday, March 9, 2024, at 11 a.m., at Cullman Funeral Home with Rev. Stephen Stringer and Rev. Terry Sharp officiating. Family will welcome friends from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. and interment will be at Vinemont Baptist Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Adams was born Nov. 18, 1940, to Zecue Adams and Arcadia Pesnell Adams. He passed from this life on Friday, March 1, 2024. Please visit www.cullmanfuneralhome.com to sign the online guestbook.

Lea Ellan (Pruett) Smith, 84
Lea Ellan (Pruett) Smith, of Holly Pond, Alabama, passed away peacefully at her home on March 4, 2024. Lea Ellan was born on Nov. 17, 1939, in Cullman, Alabama. She was a lifelong member of Holly Pond Baptist Church. Lea Ellan leaves behind her husband of 60 years, Ronald Ray Smith and their children, Ladonna Smith Glenn, Rhonda Smith Hawkins (Riley), and Ronald Ray Smith Jr. (Kris). She was known as MawMaw to her grandchildren: Pruett Allen (Sara), Brandi Jones, Katie Brooks (Michael), John Hawkins (Leia), Sydney Stoffer (Max), Ross Hawkins (Anna), Dean Smith (Kacie), and seven great-grandchildren: Henry Allen, Bentley Jones, Allison Jones, Daphne Brooks, Caroline Allen, Rhett Hawkins, Adeline Hawkins and Baby Stoffer on the way.After graduating from Fairview High School in 1958, Lea Ellan attended Auburn University. She married Ronald on August 29, 1964. Her children, who like many others refer to her as Greer, will always remember the warm home she provided them. Her care-free spirit and raspy, infectious laugh will never be forgotten. She was the epitome of a sweet, southern grandmother. Summers by the pool with plenty of ice cream sandwiches, adventures in the Cadillac, and late nights watching television are a staple in her grandchildren's minds. She always made sure you were well fed – even at times over-fed. She was loving and supportive to them all. The only time they recall her not being in good spirits is if they touched her hair! An avid Auburn football fan, you would find her in the fall making cornbread in the kitchen while the radio blared a game. When it was time to leave, she always walked you to your car, waving and yelling "Buh Bye!" until you were out of site. She was an adoring daughter, sister, wife, mother, mother-in-law, and friend. She will be missed by so many. She was loved dearly and will be warmly welcomed into Heaven by her parents, Leamon Lester "Chick" and Ownie B. Pruett, and older brother Larry Lynn Pruett. Viewing will be from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 7, 2024, at Holly Pond Funeral Home. Funeral to follow with Samuel Tucker officiating. Burial to follow in Holly Pond Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Pruett Allen, Michael Brooks, John Hawkins, Ross Hawkins, Dean Smith, and Max Stoffer. Mrs. Smith's obituary was lovingly written by her family. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Smith family.

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