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CCSO to host 1-day Citizens' Academy April 6

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) will host the next class of its popular Citizen's Academy on April 6, with firearm training on April 13.

Sheriff Matt Gentry said one of his visions when he took office in January 2015 was to provide the people of Cullman County with a Citizens' Academy.

"The initial purpose of this academy was to provide our citizens with an understanding of the importance of leadership, honor and courage," Gentry said. "Together, these three form the keystone of the Cullman County Sheriff's Office. By bringing the citizens from the community behind the curtain of the sheriff's office, they are given a unique look into law enforcement."

Gentry said participants will experience various speakers and demonstrations detailing the day-to-day operations of the CCSO.

"They will experience the many facets of the sheriff's office that must work together in order to keep the citizens of Cullman County safe," Gentry said. "They will also be given hand-on experience through scenario-based role play, allowing them to see the potential pitfalls of the job."

This session of the academy has been condensed into one full day on Saturday, April 6, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Some of the elements participants can expect to experience: a tour of the sheriff's office and the Cullman County Detention Center, K-9 demonstration, patrol and investigation overviews, mock call and traffic stop scenarios and insights from the Cullman County District Attorney's Office. » PAGE 5

Cullman County 4-H holding signups for Cullman Chicken Project



CULLMAN COUNTY 4-H

Asher King with his champion Rhode Island Red chickens. King has done the project for three years and competes in the 4-H Golden Egg contest annually.

Gauge Day
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County 4-H is holding signups for its Cullman Chicken Project, an initiative designed to engage youth in the hands-on experience of raising chickens. Open to all youngsters ages 9-18 in the community, this project offers a unique blend of agricultural education and personal development. Registration is open until March 22 for a fee of $40, payable at the Cullman County Extension Office.

Participants in the Chicken Project will embark on a journey from selecting two different chicken breeds to raise, allowing them to observe breed differences firsthand.

This educational endeavor kicks off with a mandatory meeting for the youth and parents in April, when they will receive in-depth guidance on successfully raising chickens.

The adventure continues with the arrival of 10 baby chicks from the hatchery in the first week of June, leading up to a celebratory show in November where participants will showcase their best two chickens.

The goal of the 4-H Chicken Project is multifaceted: it aims to instill responsibility in » PAGE 4

Vinemont talks planning commission, board of adjustments, murals, events



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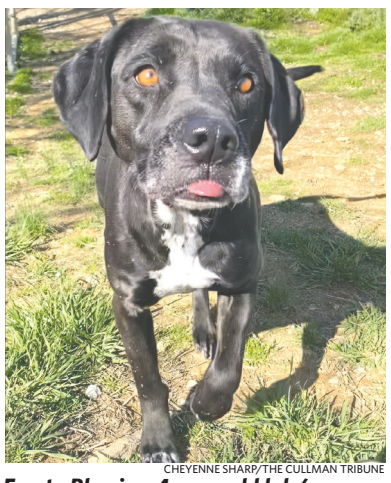
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Meet Frosty Blue



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported March 12

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported March 12, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

March 9

• domestic violence – harassing communications; person

March 11

• domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Logan St. NW

ARRESTS

March 11

Dickerson, Jimmy R.; 70

• unlawful possession of a controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Freeman, Lee E., Jr.; 33

• FTA – driving while license suspended

Wise, Barry R.; 54

• FTA – unlawful possession of marijuana-2nd degree
• possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Victim identified in 3-vehicle wreck on I-65

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Three vehicles, a Toyota Camry, FedEx truck and trailer, and a Dodge van, were involved in a wreck that closed down the southbound lanes of Interstate 65 in Cullman County and led to one fatality Wednesday, March 13.

Cullman County Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick identified the victim as Methuselah Kadigi, 53, of Pelham.

Kilpatrick said he was the driver of the Dodge van.

This story will be updated when information is released by Alabama State Troopers.

ALDOT: Alabama law focuses on distracted driving

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — A new state law seeks to drive down motor vehicle-related fatalities caused by distracted driving.

In 2022, almost 7% of all motor vehicle-related fatalities in Alabama were caused by distracted driving. The Alabama Legislature responded in 2023 by passing a law intended to slow the increasing number of people being killed by distracted drivers.

Beginning in June 2024, state and local law enforcement officers can issue tickets to anyone observed making a call while holding a cell phone, or while holding a cell phone to text, search the internet, use a video function or for other activities. In other words, cellular devices are no longer permitted in drivers' hands, and if they are caught, they are subject to a misdemeanor traffic offense, a fine and points on their driving record.

Drivers can only use a single button or swipe of a finger to answer a call. The hands-free law was passed with a one-year grace period with written warnings until June 2024, when the grace period ends. Alabama's new hands-free law is a secondary offense, meaning you first must be observed committing any other traffic offense to receive a citation.

"Distracted driving is one of the fastest growing safety issues on the roads today," said Allison Green, Drive Safe Alabama coordinator for the Alabama Department of Transportation. "Distracted drivers aren't just a threat to themselves; they are a danger to everyone else on the road."

First offenses will cost drivers $50 and a point on their driving record. The second offense will increase to $100 and two points if the driver violates the hands-free law within 24 months of their first offense. And if drivers haven't learned their lesson after three citations, it will cost them $150, and three points will be added to their driving record.

The new hands-free law was passed in memory of Leah Grace Tarvin, CiCi Lunsford and Jay Kendall, three Alabamians whose tragic deaths were concluded by investigations to be related to distracted driving.

ALDOT shares these tips on how to go hands-free:

1. Use hands-free technology – Use Bluetooth devices or dashboard mounts to keep your phone accessible but out of your hands.

2. Plan ahead – Set GPS navigation and music playlists before starting your car to minimize distractions while you are driving.

3. Silence notifications – Turn off notifications, use a "do not disturb" setting or put your phone in airplane mode so you aren't tempted to look at your phone while behind the wheel.

4. Pull over if necessary – If you must use your phone, drive to a location safely off the road, like a parking lot, before putting your phone in your hand.

5. Put your phone away – The simplest way to comply with Alabama's hands-free law is to ignore your phone. Place your phone in the glove compartment, in your purse or in the backseat. If your phone is out of sight, the road is first thing on your mind and in your sight.

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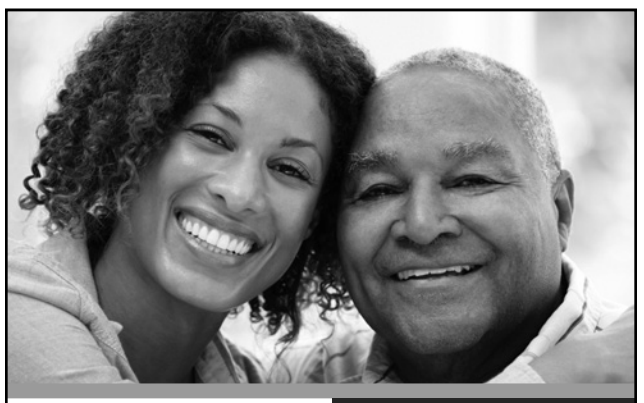

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Public Notice
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Calling All Young Singers!
Cullman Community Young Singers (CCYS) is looking for YOU! All young singers (ages 8-15) are invited to join us on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-4:45 at the 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 15 - Hope Inspired Ministries Foundry Graduation at 1 p.m. the Chapel at the Foundry Farm.
• Friday, March 15 - 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 16 – 9-11 a.m. Drive-through food bank
• Sunday, March 17 - 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 17 - 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.
• Sunday, March 17 - A call to prayer at 2:30 p.m.! All welcome and invited.

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.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, March 14, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Presbyterian Covenant Church, 1310 St. Joseph Dr. NW. Everyone is welcome.

Fairview High School 1963 Luncheon/Meeting
Friday, March 15, at 1 p.m. at the Golden Corral, 1720 Cherokee Ave. SW. In a reserved room. For more information, call Joyce Williams Rodgers at 256-339-3451.

HUGH BOOK SALE at the Hanceville Public Library
Saturday, March 16. Sale begins about 8:30 a.m. All books are 50 cents each. You are welcome to come purchase books at any time. We have a good selection of children's books up to preteens. All proceeds go to our children's programs.

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.

Lenten Fish Fry Dinner at Sacred Heart of Jesus Family Life Center
Friday, 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.

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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PREP BASEBALL

Good Hope edges Cold Springs in extra innings 6-5

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — The Cold Springs Eagles traveled to Good Hope for a varsity matchup with the Raiders Tuesday afternoon and after falling behind 5-2 in the top of the seventh inning, Good Hope put three runs on the board in the final frame to force extras. The Raiders led off the bottom of the eight with a walk and a single to put pressure on the Eagles and Brady Stripling was able to score on a passed ball to secure a 6-5 win for Good Hope.

After a scoreless first inning, the Eagles got on the board in the top of the second when Josh Winfrey punched a single into left field and an error allowed Ethan Nabors to score from second base and make it a 1-0 game. Both starting pitchers settled in for the next two innings, keeping both offenses off the board until the fifth when Cold Springs added to its lead.

Mason Gable drove a single up the middle to bring Lindan Hill in to score and just a few pitches later, a single from Nabors allowed Gable to cross the plate and extend the lead to 3-0.

An RBI groundout off the bat of Brady Phillips pushed Winfrey across the plate to make it a 4-0 game in the top of the sixth but the Raiders responded in the bottom half of the inning.

Ayden Black reached first on a dropped third strike and Caden Drake knocked a double into center field to give Good Hope a pair of runners in scoring position. Carter Naramore took advantage of the scoring opportunity with a 2-run single into right field that cut the lead to two.

The Raiders threatened to chip away even more of the lead in the sixth, but the Eagles got out of the jam and held onto a 4-2 lead going into the seventh.

Cold Springs tacked on one more run in the top of the seventh when Gable sent a single back up the middle and drove in Matt Williams to make it 5-2.

The Eagles retired the first two Good Hope batters, but the Raiders weren't ready to lay down. Drake hit the first pitch he saw into left field to drive Carter Rutherford in for a run, cutting the lead to 5-3 and just a few pitches later, Naramore knocked a double into right field, plating Black and Drake to tie things up at 5 and send the game to extra innings.

Cold Springs was unable to get on the board in the top of the eighth, but Brady Stripling drew a walk to lead off the bottom half of the inning and Dakota Overton laid down a bunt single to put a pair of runners on base for Good Hope. A few pitches later, Stripling took advantage of a passed ball to sprint home and score, giving the Raiders a 6-5 come from behind win over the Eagles.

Drake pitched all eight innings to earn the win on the mound for Good Hope, allowing four earned runs on 12 hits and striking out seven. At the plate, Naramore led the way with two hits and four RBIs. Drake (one RBI) and Stripling each posted a pair of hits as well.

For Cold Springs, Gable recorded a pair of hits and RBIs in the loss. Hill and Winfrey each added a pair of hits and Nabors (one hit) and Phillips (one hit) each finished with an RBI.

The Raiders will be back home Thursday to host a doubleheader with Holly Pond and West Point and Cold Springs will travel to Curry to take on the Yellow Jackets.



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Good Hope's Caden Drake (5) tossed all eight innings in the Raiders' 6-5 win over Cold Springs Tuesday.

PREP SOFTBALL

Fairview plates 4 in the 7th to top Cold Springs, Monday scoring recap

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BREMEN, Ala. — Fairview traveled to Cold Springs to take on the Lady Eagles Monday night and after falling behind 3-0 in the third inning, the Lady Aggies plated four runs in the top of the seventh inning to come from behind and earn a dramatic, 4-3 win.

Cold Springs got on the scoreboard first in the bottom of the first inning. Kortnie Williams hit a leadoff double and later scored on an RBI single by Brooklyn Ingram to give the Lady Eagles the early 1-0 lead. Cold Springs added to their lead in the bottom of the third. Peyton Kennedy and Cameron Baty hit back-to-back singles to lead off the inning, then Ciara Calvert brought both of them home on a two-run triple to stretch their lead to 3-0.

It quickly turned into a pitchers' duel after that, as Addison Phillips and Kennedy kept the score at 3-0 going into the top of the seventh. Fairview got something going that inning, as Ralie Gaines and Ada Fales each hit back-to-back singles to lead off the seventh. During Fales' single, an error allowed both Gaines and Fales to move up to second and third. Jordan Simmons hit an RBI bunt single and moved up to second on another Cold Springs error.

Three pitches later, Emily Benson lined an RBI double to center field to make it a 3-2 game, then a pair of RBI singles by Kylie Kovar and Phillips gave the Lady Aggies a 4-3 lead. Joci Williams hit a leadoff single in the Lady Eagles' half and moved up to second on a sacrifice bunt by Kaydance Williams. Phillips got a pop out and a strikeout to end the game, as Fairview ended up getting a 4-3 win over Cold Springs.

Benson led the way for Fairview (7-2) with three hits and an RBI. Phillips added a pair of hits and an RBI, while Kovar and Simmons each collected a hit and an RBI in the win. For Cold Springs (2-2), Calvert finished with a pair of hits and two RBIs, while Ingram added a hit and an RBI in the loss.

Fairview 10 - Cleveland 3 (Baseball)

Both teams put up a run in the first inning, and the game would go into the second inning tied up at one. Fairview broke the tie in the top of the second. Colton Jennings hit a leadoff single and came around to score on a two-out RBI single by Gannon Black to give them a 2-1 lead. The Aggies added two more runs in the top of the third on an RBI single by Lucas West and an RBI double by Jennings. An RBI single by Nicolas Gregory in the top of the fourth gave Fairview a 5-1 lead. Cleveland scored on an error in their half to cut it to 5-2.

The Aggies added on to their lead in the top of the sixth, as Conner Scott hit a two-run double and later scored on an error to make it 8-2. Another error allowed the Panthers to cut it to 8-3 in their half. Bryceson Turner and Isaac Elrod each scored on a wild pitch in the seventh to stretch Fairview's lead to 10-3, and the Aggies would go on to collect a 10-3 win over Cleveland.

Scott and West each finished with a hit and a pair of RBIs for Fairview (9-3). Gregory (three hits), Jennings (two hits), and Black (two hits) each collected an RBI in the win. Jonah Eckleberry and Scott gave up just two hits combined and one earned run, walked two and struck out 11.

Curry 9 - Cold Springs 8 (Baseball)

Cold Springs struck first in the home half of the first inning. Cole Bales drew a four-pitch walk, moved up to second on a passed ball, and scored on a suicide squeeze play by Boston Archer to give them the early lead. Curry countered in the top of the second, scoring five runs to take a 5-1 lead, and added two more runs in the top of the third to push their lead to 7-1.

Cold Springs started to claw their way back into the game. They loaded the bases with one out in the bottom of the fourth, then Lindan Hill hit a two-run single to right field to cut it 7-3. Later that inning, Mason Gable stole home to make it a three-run game.

A walk and a hit by pitch had the Eagles in business in the bottom of the fifth, then an error allowed Ethan Nabors to score, and Bales later added an RBI single to cut it to 7-6. An RBI fielder's choice by Archer tied things up at seven, but a sacrifice fly by Curry in the top of the sixth broke the tie and gave them an 8-7 lead.

Cold Springs had a chance to tie or win the game in the bottom of the seventh. A single, an error, and an intentional walk loaded the bases with one out. An out later, Gable got hit by the pitch to tie the game up at eight. The Eagles wasn't able to break the tie, so the game would be decided in extra innings. The Yellow Jackets hit an RBI single to give them a 9-8 lead. Cold Springs put runners on the corners with two outs in their half, but a strikeout ended the game, and the Eagles dropped a heartbreaker to Curry 9-8.

Hill (one hit) and Archer each finished with two RBIs for Cold Springs (3-7). Bales added a pair of hits and an RBI and Gable posted an RBI in the loss.

Good Hope 3 - Holly Pond 1 (Softball)

Holly Pond's Maggie Nail and Good Hope's Molly Benefield didn't allow a run through the first four innings. It ended up being the Lady Raiders that would find the scoreboard first in the top of the fifth. Haley Lay drew a two-out walk, then Bryleigh Basinger hit an RBI triple to center field and later scored on a passed ball to give Good Hope a 2-0 lead. The Lady Broncos cut into the deficit in the bottom of the sixth.

Molly Neal hit a one-out single, and after stealing second and moving up to third on a passed ball, scored on a suicide squeeze play by Libby Stallings to make it a 2-1 game. Good Hope added to their lead in the top of the seventh. Carley Adams drew a one-out walk, then Lay hit a double to put runners on second and third.

Basinger's RBI groundout brought home Adams to give the Lady Raiders a 3-1 lead. Holly Pond couldn't counter in their half, as Good Hope ended up getting a 3-1 win over the Lady Broncos.

Basinger finished with a hit and two RBIs for Good Hope (3-1). Lizzy Steed, Campbell Koch, Adams, Lay, and Benefield each added a hit in the win.

The duo of Benefield and Addyson Burgess gave up just four hits and one unearned run, walked two, and struck out eight. For Holly Pond, Stallings finished with an RBI, while Macey Black, Lauryn Hoffman, Nail, and Neal each collected a hit in the loss. Nail and Alaina Folds gave up a combined six hits and three earned runs, walked five and struck out three.

Vinemont 8 - West End 7 (Baseball)

Vinemont got off to a fast start offensively in their opening at-bats. Kayden Henderson and Michael Foust each drew a walk to lead off the inning, then Henderson scored on a wild pitch, and Jake Hale hit an RBI groundout to give the Eagles an early 2-0 lead.

A trio of walks in the bottom of the second loaded the bases with one out. Josh Rhodes and Jordan Eller each scored on a West End error to make it 4-0. Later that inning, Jaxon Holcomb added a two-run single to give them a 6-0 lead. The Patriots hit a sacrifice fly in the top of the third to cut it to 6-1. Foust added an RBI single in the bottom of the third to stretch Vinemont's lead to 7-1.

The score stayed the same until the bottom of the sixth inning, as Foust scored on a wild pitch to give the Eagles an 8-1 lead. West End, though, made things really interesting in the top of the seventh as they quickly loaded the bases with nobody out.

A bases-loaded walk, an error, an RBI double, and a two-run single quickly saw the Eagle lead get cut to just one run at 8-7. A fielder's choice and a pop out, though, ended the game, and Vinemont withstood a huge rally from West End to win the game 8-7.

Foust finished with a pair of hits and three RBIs for Vinemont (11-3). Holcomb added a hit and two RBIs, while Hale collected an RBI in the win.

Decatur Heritage 11 - Vinemont 1 (Softball)

After a scoreless first inning, Vinemont got on the scoreboard first in the top of the second. Brinlee Pair hit a two-out double and later scored on an RBI single by Haley Millwood to give them the early lead, but Decatur Heritage tied things up in their half. Decatur Heritage quickly broke the game wide open after that, scoring eight runs in the bottom of the third, and added two more in the fourth, as Vinemont ended up falling to Decatur Heritage 11-1.

Haley Millwood finished with a pair of hits and an RBI for Vinemont. Callie Millwood, Abby Kuykendall, Arleigh Thomason, Pair and Brooklyn Knott each added a hit in the loss.

Sardis 14 - West Point 3 (Baseball)

West Point got on the scoreboard first in their opening at-bats on a sacrifice fly by J.D. Cochran, but Sardis countered with six runs in their half to take a 6-1 lead. The Warriors cut into the lead in the top of the third. Cooper Howard scored on a passed ball, and Cochran added an RBI single to make it a 6-3 game. It would be all Lions after that, though, as they scored a run in the bottom of the third, four more in the fifth, and three more in the sixth, and they ended up rolling past West Point, 14-3.

Cochran finished with a pair of hits and two RBIs for West Point (6-5). Boston Freeman added a pair of hits and Howard collected a hit in the loss.

Project (from Front)

youth as they care for other living beings and to enhance their financial responsibility through their record-keeping skills as they write in their 4-H record books, with the core goal of enabling the youth to successfully raise all 10 chicks to adulthood so they can have a supply of eggs for their family.

Moreover, the project emphasizes the importance of biosecurity practices in poultry raising, such as dedicated footwear for chicken interaction and proper hygiene and understanding when not to free range if it is known that Avian Influenza cases are on the rise.

The significance of the Chicken Project lies in its ability to teach participants about responsibility, both personal and financial, through the tangible experience of raising chickens.

The initial year involves some investment in infrastructure, such as building a coop and purchasing necessary equipment.

However, as participants progress, the focus shifts towards sustainability, egg production for family use or profit and, ultimately, the rewarding experience of successfully raising chickens to adulthood.

The project is not limited to current 4-H members; any interested youth in the specified age range can join and will be assisted in enrolling in 4-H's free online system.

The program includes a series of mandatory meetings designed to prepare participants for the project and the final show, covering topics from project overview to showmanship and preparation for the chicken show in November.

The November show is not just a competition, but an educational experience where participants can earn ribbons and prize money, and see the USDA chicken swabbers in action as they check chickens for disease.

No auction will be held as part of the project as the youth will keep all 10 of their chickens.

For more information about the Cullman Chicken Project or to sign up, contact the Cullman County Extension Office at 256-737-9386 or via email at roberk5@aces.edu. For online enrollment, go to http://v2.4honline.com.



CULLMAN COUNTY 4-H

Kole Keener on chick pick-up day.

PREP BASEBALL

Lake lifts Addison over Winston County 2-0

Todd Walker
Tribune Correspondent

ADDISON, Ala. — Addison hosted the Winston County Yellow Jackets for an important county matchup Monday night and the game did not disappoint. Addison came away with a tough 2-0-win thanks in large part to a dominant performance on the mound from Kiah Lake. Lake tossed 6.1 scoreless innings, allowing just four hits and striking out five batters to earn the win.

Lake cruised through the first two innings and ran into a little bit of trouble in the third.

Lake struck out the first two Jackets and then the trouble started. Eli Moore, Garrett Lewis and Landon Kelley all had singles to load the bases with two outs. Lake was then able to bear down and get the Jackets clean-up hitter to hit a come backer to the mound which Lake fielded and threw to first for the third out.

WCHS pitcher Eli Moore was matching Lake pitch for pitch and then he ran into a little problem in the Bulldog fourth. Bulldog Elijah Roberts singled and Tucker Thompson reached on an error.

They both advanced on a wild pitch to put runners on second and third with no one out. Moore got an infield pop-up and then walked Lake to load the bases.

Stone Talley then got a sacrifice fly to center to score Roberts giving the Bulldogs a 1-0 lead. Moore got out of the inning, getting the next Bulldog out to end the fourth.

Lake then started to show a little weariness in the sixth. Lake hit Kelley, who stole second, then walked Nick Moody to put runners on first and second. Lake then got the next three Yellow Jackets out to end the threat.

Addison added an insurance run with two outs when Lane Stewart walked, Lake singled and then Talley drilled a shot off the fence in dead center field to coast into second with a double. Tad Hyche, who ran for Stewart, scored giving Addison the 2-0 lead.

Lake struck out the first Jacket but then hit the pitch limit the state puts on high school pitchers and had to leave the game. Cole Thompson came in and did his best Mariano Rivera impression as he struck out the next two Jackets to get the save and preserve the win for the Bulldogs.

Kiah Lake
"First of all, I want to thank God and my family, especially my mom, for me being able to accomplish what I have on the baseball field and more importantly on the field of life. This was the best game I've pitched this year, my arm felt good, and I just had all the confidence that I could help my team today."

Addison Head Coach Lee Williams
"Very proud of my kids and how they have accepted the challenge of playing a difficult schedule and never complaining when things don't go our way. Today Kiah (Lake) pitched great and Cole (Thompson) slammed the door."

Unofficial stats
Addison was led by Stone Talley who went 2-2 with a double and 2 RBIs. Roberts went 1-3 and Lake went 1-2 with a walk. Hyche and Roberts scored runs.

Lake got the win after he went 6.1 innings giving up 4 hits with 2 walks and 5 strikeouts. Thompson collected the final two outs with a pair of strikeouts and grabbed the save.

Winston County was led by Kelley who went 1-2 with a stolen base. Lewis went 1-3, Moore went 1-4. Jaxson Williams went 1-3 with a stolen base.

Moore got the complete game going 6 innings giving up 2 runs, allowing 4 hits, walking 2 and striking out 3.

PREP BASEBALL

Johnson, Dahlke toss combined no-hitter to lead Cullman past Homewood 6-0

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HOMEWOOD, Ala. — The Bearcats traveled to Homewood for a varsity matchup Monday afternoon and thanks to a great combined effort on the mound from Bennett Johnson and Fysher Dahlke, Cullman returned home with a 6-0 win over the Patriots. Johnson got the start and after 3.1 hitless inning of work, Dahlke finished things off with 3.2 spotless innings to complete a combined no-hitter.

After a scoreless first inning, the 'Cats got on the board in the top of the second when Wyatt Buchannan laid down a bunt for a single and an error allowed Brooks Heatherly and Colter Bowen to score and make it a 2-0 game. Cullman stretched its lead 3-0 in the third when Tanner Gaines drove in Carson Stancil with a single up the middle and after a pair of scoreless innings, Jonah Inman ripped a double into left field to plate Andrew Au and put the Bearcats on top 4-0 in the fifth.

A balk and an error allowed Stancil and Gaines to score in the seventh, giving Cullman a 6-0 road win over Homewood.

Stancil, Bowen and Buchannan each posted a pair of hits in the win. Gaines (one hit) and Inman (one hit) each recorded an RBI and Johnson, Heatherly and Cooper Loftin each added hits as well.

The 'Cats will be back home at Bill Shelton Field Saturday to host a doubleheader with Mountain Brook starting at 11 a.m.

Academy (from Front)

There will also be hands-on firearm training and an opportunity to ride along with a patrol deputy.

The firearm training portion will take place on April 13 at the CCSO firing range.

Gentry said, "The office of the sheriff does not belong to me. It belongs to the citizens of Cullman County. It takes the community working together to keep Cullman County the special place it is. The Cullman County Sheriff's Office Citizens' Academy is another way we can work together to make sure it stays that way."

Space is limited to 50 participants. To sign up, visit the CCSO or email Lt. Chad Whaley at cwhaley@cullmansheriff.org.

Rusken (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Fire Rescue responded with two engines to a fire call around 10:55p.m. on Tuesday night, March 12.

Cullman Fire Rescue Division Chief EMS and 911 Communications Danny Cain said there was a small fire at Rusken Packaging at 64 Walnut St. NW in Cullman.

"We received the call at 10:55 p.m. and the crew arrived quickly with two engines," Cain said. "There was a small fire and it was contained and we extinguished it. No one was injured. We do not know cause and it is under investigation."

Vinemont (from Front)

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VINEMONT, Ala. — At its monthly meeting Tuesday, March 12, the Vinemont Town Council continued talks of creating a planning commission and board of adjustments.

The subjects were tabled once again, amid the lack of interested residents who would be required for the two groups. Each advisory panel requires either five or nine interested individuals who live within Vinemont's municipal limits and are registered voters in the municipality.

"I think we need – I know I do, and the rest of the council and everybody else, from what I understand – needs more of an idea of who is going to be involved in the board of adjustments and the planning commission," said Mayor Radginal Dodson.

The council also approved the addition and installation of two new murals: one slated to be on the town storm shelter facing the community park on Ridgeway Street and one on the old Lodge building located on Vinemont School property on High School Road. Both murals will be completed later this spring by local artists, putting the small town of Vinemont on the North Alabama Mural Trail, founded by artists working with the University of Alabama. The mural that will find its home on the town's storm shelter will cost approximately $1,200-$1,700; the mural planned for the Lodge building is estimated to cost $1,800.

Councilman Chris Thompson shared his ideas for the mural on the Lodge building and the importance of integrating the school's mascot, saying, "I was thinking originally, 'We are Vinemont' and 'Fly like an Eagle' because we are the Vinemont Eagles."

Concerning the town's upcoming community gathering, the inaugural Farmers and Makers Market, the council approved a budget of $1,500 for the event. Approximately 40-50 vendors are expected to be present and set up both indoors and outdoors. The market is to be held on Saturday, May 11, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Vinemont Community Center. The plan for the new event is to spotlight local artisans and makers, along with the community's small growers and farmers.

"So far we have nine (vendors) signed up," said Town Clerk Kayecea Sasser. "I'm estimating we will have around 40-50 to sign up."

In other business, the council:

• Approved Charlotte Cosper as the council's voting delegate for the upcoming ALM conference

• Approved the request from the American Legion Auxiliary for $450 for Boys and Girls State

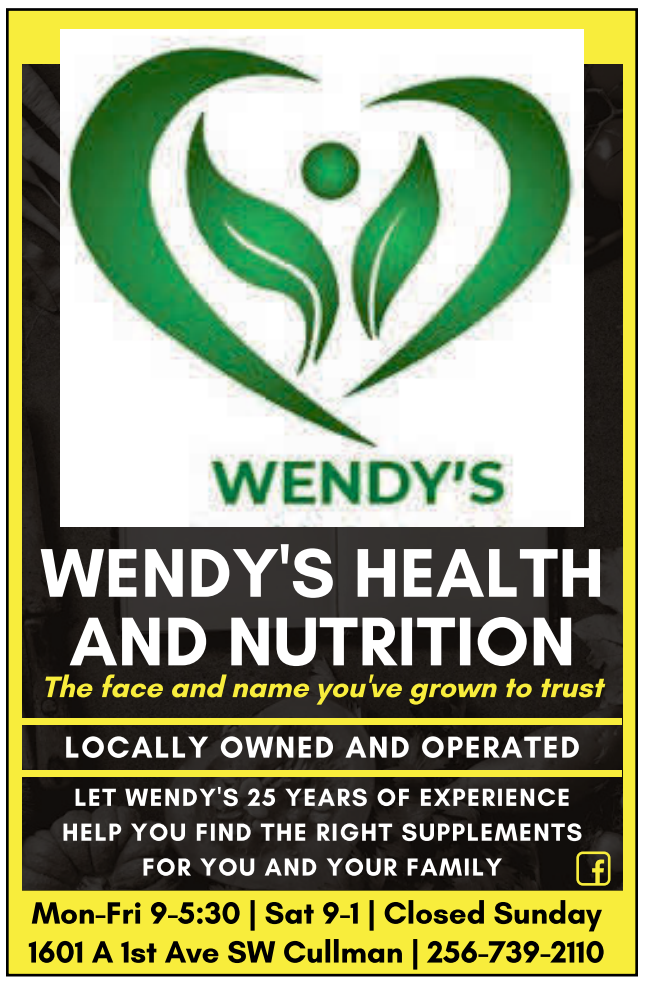
Upcoming events include:

• The March Senior Citizen Luncheon will be held on Monday, March 18, at the Vinemont Community Center from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

• The town's Easter event and egg hunt will take place on Saturday, March 23, from 3-5 p.m. at the Vinemont Community Center

• Farmers and Makers Market is scheduled for Saturday, May 11, at the Vinemont Community Center from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The next meeting of the Vinemont Town Council will be on Tuesday, April 9. The work session will begin at 5 p.m. and the meeting will follow at 6.







Allen testifies before United States Senate

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Secretary of State Wes Allen testified before and answered the questions of members the United States Senate on the topic of election administration and integrity on Tuesday, March 12, 2024.

Sen. Katie Britt-R, Alabama, introduced Allen to the committee.

"I was honored to introduce my friend, Secretary of State Wes Allen, at this week's hearing and was thrilled to have him represent our great state at this important committee hearing. I'll continue to fight on the federal level to strengthen election integrity nationwide," said Britt.

Britt asked Allen to explain the tools available to election officials to guarantee that only United States citizens are registering to vote or voting in elections.

"The simple answer is that we do not have anything at our disposal to verify citizenship," explained Allen. "Back in December, we asked the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services for a list of noncitizens so we could cross-check our voter file in Alabama. We were denied that list from the federal government."

According to Allen's office, in response to the Secretary of State's office's request for a list of noncitizens, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services directed this Office to use the Systematic Alien Verification Entitlements (SAVE) program to verify citizenship. However, it said, SAVE explicitly states that it is not to be used to verify citizenship for the purposes of voter registration.

Said Allen, "The federal government and the federal courts have blocked previous efforts by states to verify citizenship and I think that it is important now more than ever, especially given what is happening at our southern border."

The full text of Allen's oral testimony may be found here: www.sos.alabama.gov/newsroom/alabama-secretary-state-wes-allen-oral-testimony-united-states-senate.

To watch the recording of the hearing, click here: www.rules.senate.gov/hearings/03/05/2024/administration-of-upcoming-elections.

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Frosty Blue (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Frosty Blue isn't usually associated with sunshine, dandelions and long walks in the park, but The Cullman Tribune's Pet of the Week is changing that association.

Frosty Blue is a warm and gentle combination of lab and hound; she feels the best when she has a job to complete or a task to attend to. Whether the job is a trip to the mailbox or a brisk skip to the park, this sweet soul is most content when her handler is near and comes alive with joy at praise and affection.

Her low to medium energy level, ability to thrive in any paced environment and her honey brown eyes and midnight coat make her an easy and incredible fit for a number of family homes.

This well-mannered 4-year-old girl understands everyone needs their personal space and is still happy to show her love from afar. Like a true lady, leash etiquette is high on her list of accomplishments, knowing when to match pace or stroll leisurely alongside.

Frosty Blue is a current resident at the Cullman County Animal Shelter located at 935 Convent Road NE. Shelter staff recommends a meet and greet between Frosty Blue and any prospective families to ensure a good match.

Frosty Blue's adoption fee is $130 and includes her spay, DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccine, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet and microchip.

LEGALS

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2024-092

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BILLY THOMAS STERLING, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Robin Alford Sterling on the 12th 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.

Robin Alford Sterling
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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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

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.

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

Pamela E. Nail
Personal Representative

Pamela E. Nail
Attorney for the Estate of
200 Second Avenue,Southwest
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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
KATHLEEN JOAN WARNER, CASE NO.: PC 2024-051

Deceased.

AMENDED NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to JEFFREY C. WARNER as Personal Representative of the Estate of KATHLEEN JOAN WARNER, deceased, on the 8th day of March, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Amended to correct Attorney of record.

Jeffrey C. Warner
Personal Representative

Gaynor St. John
Attorney for the Estate
108 3rd Street SE
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on June 18, 2014 by Travis Dewayne Powe, spouse of Melissa Powe and Melissa Powe, spouse of Travis Dewayne Powe, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1738, Page 567 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on April 8, 2024:

A tract or parcel of land being situated in the NE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 18, Township 10 South, Range 1 West, being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a found iron marking the northwest corner of said forty; thence S 01°64'42" W along the west line a distance of 1002.83 feet to a found rebar marking the north right-of-way line of Cullman County Road 773; thence run N 67°56'57" E along said right-of-way line a distance of 155.09 feet to a set rebar; thence N 67°56'57" E continuing along said right-of-way line a distance of 127.68 feet to a found rebar; thence N 84°02'47" E along said right-of-way line a distance of 45.46 feet to a set rebar; thence N 84°02'47" E along said right-of-way line a distance of 140.00 feet to a set rebar; thence N 84°02'47" E a distance of 97.80 feet to a found rebar; thence S 84°10'36" E along said right-of-way line a distance of 42.01 feet to a set rebar marking the point of beginning; thence S 84°10'36" E along said right-of-way line a distance of 138.49 feet to a found rebar; thence N 01°31'42" E a distance of 250.00 feet to a set rebar; thence N 84°11'22" W a distance of 138.49 feet to a set rebar; thence S 01°31'41" W a distance of 249.97 feet to the point of beginning.

Including a 1999 Palm Harbor Manufactured Home, Serial No. PH164500A and PH164500B located thereon.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Thomas W. Russell
Attorney for Mortgagee
2915 Clairmont Ave. S
Birmingham, Alabama 35205
The Cullman Tribune-March 14, 21, 28, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

BRIDGET K. TURNER,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **25-DR-2024-900056.00**

SCOTTIE LESTER TURNER,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Scottie Lester Turner, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Bridget K. Turner's Complaint for Divorce by May 6th, 2024 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2024-900056.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 6th day of March, 2024.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
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PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2024-080

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
DIANE NANCY SWAN, CASE NO.: PC 2024-074

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to MATTHEW ZANE SWAN as Personal Representative of the Estate of DIANE NANCY SWAN, deceased, on the 12th day of March, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

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

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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Obituary Announcements: March 12-13

Sonya Denise Brakefield, 64
Arrangements for Sonya Denise Brakefield, age 64, of Cullman, are incomplete at this time. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Sonya was born June 1, 1959 to J. Kornegy and Jane Gregg Kornegy. She passed from this life on March 9, 2024. She is preceded in death by her parents; sons, Joshua Gregg Jones, Timothy Jones, Richard Wade Jones; sister, Joyce Givens. She is survived by daughter, Tonia Akers (Nicholas); brother, Mitch Kornegay; six grandchildren, Dan Akers, Zackery Akers, Nicholas Akers, Jr., Hannah Jones, Austin Jones, Ava Jones; and a host of family and friends. Please visit www.cullmanfuneralhome.com to sign the online guestbook.

Darren Lee Howell, 65
Memorial service for Darren Lee Howell, age 65, of Cullman, is Saturday, March 16, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home chapel, with Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating. Family will welcome friends from 1:30 p.m. until 2 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Darren was born Aug. 21, 1958, to James M. Howell and Sybil Irene Clark Howell. He passed from this life on Monday, March 11, 2024. He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Gary Howell. He is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Lorene Howell; one son, Aaron Howell; one daughter, Mindy Howell; one brother, Randy Howell; one granddaughter, Paisley Hale; a host of family and friends. Darren was a good man who loved to tinker with things and fix them. He also loved his pets. He enjoyed watching westerns and football, as well. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Please visit www.cullmanfuneralhome.com to sign the online guestbook.

Ronald Franklin Jackson, 86
Graveside service for Ronald Franklin Jackson, age 86, of Trafford, Alabama, happened on, March 12, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Valley Springs Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Jackson was born Sept. 12, 1937, and passed from this life on March 11, 2024. He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Bill Jackson. He is survived by sons, Wayne Jackson, and Scott Jackson; step-son, William Glasscock; step-daughter, Deborah Banks; daughter-in-law, Pat Glasscock; grandchildren, Josh Banks, Nathan Glasscock, Valerie Scurlock, Tuesdai Bradberry; seven great-grandchildren; a host of family and friends. Ronald was a very good-natured and humble man. His favorite hobby was watching cowboy movies. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. Please visit www.cullmanfuneralhome.com to sign the online guestbook.

ShirleyAnnSmith,82
Shirley Ann Smith, age 82, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Sunday, March 10, 2024. She was born in Hanceville, Alabama on April 12, 1942, to Enis W. and Minnie Shoemaker Jones. A Celebration of Life Graveside Service will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 1 p.m. at Cullman City Cemetery with Rev. George Redding officiating. Survivors are: Husband: Terry L. Smith of Cullman, Daughter: Teri K. Griffin of Cullman, Son: Chris (Elizabeth) Krich of Cullman, 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Visitation will be on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at Moss Service Funeral Home from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Please share condolences and memories with the family at www.mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Carolyn Naomi Graves, 87
Funeral services for Carolyn Naomi Graves, 87, of Hanceville will be 12 p.m. Thursday, March 14, 2024, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Hopewell Cemetery. Visitation will be prior to the service from 10 a.m. until noon at Hanceville Funeral Home.

Rebecca Jane Stricklin, 75
Rebecca Jane Stricklin, age 75, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Saturday, March 9, 2024. She is preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Alma Smith. Sister: Rebecca Iona Knight. Brothers: Dean Smith, Wayne Smith, and Billy Smith. Jane loved and lived for her family, especially her grandkids! She loved to travel, shop, and support her Alabama Football Crimson Tide!! She is survived by: Daughters: Shona (Robert) Simpson, Shannon (David) Norton. Grandchildren: Brandy (Dennis) Thornton, Tyler (Brittney) Franks, Blake (Jackson) Franks, Cortney Randall, Weston Norton, Brennen Norton, Corey (Christy) Simpson, and Cody (Jodi) Simpson. 10 great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

Kayla Elizabeth Haynes, 37
Kayla Elizabeth Haynes, age 37, of Crane Hill, Alabama passed away on Friday, March 8, 2024.

Julia Hope Mauldin, 75
Julia "Judy" Hope Mauldin, age 75, of Cullman, died Sunday, March 10, 2024. Julia was retired from Cullman County Schools after a long successful career as a teacher. She was preceded in death by her parents John J. and Alta Ruth Hyatt Mauldin. Judy is survived by her sister, Susan Mauldin Gofus and brother-in-law, Robert Gofus; brother, Ted Hegenbarth; nephew Jon Michael Gofus; her many cats and her dog Dolly. A graveside memorial at Livingston Chapel Cemetery will be announced at a later time. Please visit www.mossservicefh.com to leave condolences for the family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Stephanie Cockrell, 44
Funeral service for Stephanie Cockrell, age 44, of Cullman, Alabama, is Friday, March 15, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Northbrook Baptist Church, with Bro. Dave Wright officiating. Family will welcome friends at the church from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. Interment will follow at Good Hope Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Stephanie was born to Jerry Phillips and Barbara Calvert Phillips on Aug. 17, 1979, and passed from this life too soon on March 12, 2024. She is preceded in death by her husband, Jimmy Cockrell. She is survived by her mother, Barbara Calvert Phillips; her fiancé, John Jinright; her sons, Caleb Cockrell, and Cayden Jinright; her daughters, Abigail Cockrell, Kaitlyn Cockrell, and Aynslee Jinright; sister, Karen Phillips; a host of family and friends. Stephanie was a loving daughter, mother, and wife. She was a very caring soul to everyone around her. She loved her children very much, and they were her world. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. Please visit www.cullmanfuneralhome.com to sign the online guestbook.

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WSCC: Free film screening spotlights man's journey from inmate to artist

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College will present a free screening of the award-winning film "Master of Light" on Thursday, March 14 at 5:30 p.m., in the Recital Hall of the Burrow Center for the Fine and Performing Arts.

The film is the latest in a series of films in the Southern Circuit Tour of Independent Films to be shown at Wallace State. The final film will be shown on April 18.

The winner of the SXSW 2022 Documentary Feature Grand Jury Award, "Master of Light" highlights George Anthony Morton, a classical painter who spent 10 years in federal prison for dealing drugs.

While incarcerated, he nurtured his craft and unique artistic ability. Since his release, he is doing everything he can to defy society's uneven playing field and tackle the white-dominant art world, according to a synopsis of the film. Morton faces his demons when he returns to his hometown of Kansas City.

He does so by painting his family members. Diving deeper into his soul with every brushstroke, Morton shines a bright light on racial injustice; on the intergenerational trauma that, inescapably, comes with it. What emerges is a deeply personal tour de force, and a powerful, positive portrait of an artist.

Morton is an Atlanta-based award-winning and internationally recognized artist, specializing in classical painting and drawing inspired by Classical-Realist tradition.

His work has been featured in The New York Times and exhibited at Marking Time: Art in the Age of Mass Incarceration at MoMA PS1. Morton is a graduate of the prestigious Florence Academy of Art, and he established his own studio, Atelier South, with the mission of bringing Renaissance-based art to the Atlanta area. George has also led several trips to Egypt seeking the timeless principles and African origins of art and self-improvement.

The remaining film scheduled in the series is the documentary "Hollow Tree" on April 18 at 5:30 p.m., in the Auditorium of the James Bailey Center.

All films are free and open to the public. They are an extension of Wallace State's Burrow Museum offerings in conjunction with Wallace State Student Engagement.



WALLACE STATE

Artist George Anthony Morton is the subject of the documentary "Master of Light" to be screened Thursday, March 14, 2024, at Wallace State Community College.

Jacobs proclaims Brain Awareness Week in Cullman

Leanne West
City of Cullman

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs has proclaimed the week of March 11-17, 2024, Brain Awareness Week in the city of Cullman to help expand interest in the brain, brain research and brain-related disorders. During this week, the Pilot Club of Cullman joins Pilot Clubs across the world to provide information about brain disorders and diseases that affect one in six adults and children. This international effort includes hospitals, schools, government agencies and community groups working together.

"The City of Cullman appreciates the work that our local Pilot Club does to help serve people affected by brain-related disorders," said Jacobs. "The club supports many worthwhile causes, and brain awareness and support is one that benefits many families in our community."

The Pilot Club of Cullman is one of approximately 300 clubs of Pilot International, a global organization of leaders working together to improve the quality of life in local communities throughout the world. Pilot International's focus on service to people affected by brain-related disorders was adopted in 1990. Since then, approximately 15,000 adult and youth members have been working together to increase awareness and raise funds for programs associated with this focus.

One of the Pilot Club of Cullman's biggest fundraisers is the annual Pilot Club Fashion Show. This year's event will be held April 24, 2024, at The Venue at Cotton Creek. Tickets are on sale now from Pilot Club members. Proceeds from this fundraiser are used to further the club's efforts to serve those affected by brain disorders, increase awareness of the advances and benefits of brain research and award grants and scholarships supporting students pursuing vocations in brain health and safety.

To find out more about the Pilot Club of Cullman, visit www.facebook.com/cullmanpilotclub or ask a Pilot Club member.



CITY OF CULLMAN

Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs

Colony (from Front)

Gauge Day
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COLONY, Ala. — Colony Park & Recreation invites the community for an afternoon of fun and festivities at the town's annual Easter egg hunt on March 31, starting at 2 p.m. The event will be held at the community center at 538 Colony Road.

This family-friendly event promises an exciting hunt for candy-filled eggs and the chance to find special eggs that could win participants gift cards to popular fast-food restaurants.

Please note that children participating in the Easter egg hunt should bring their own baskets.

The hunt will begin promptly at 2:15 p.m.

In addition to the egg hunt, Colony Park & Recreation is offering local entrepreneurs the opportunity to showcase their merchandise or food items.

This event is a perfect chance for businesses looking for exposure to connect with the community.

A vendor fee of $25 applies, and while tables will be provided, vendors are asked to bring their own chairs.

Vendors interested in participating are encouraged to contact Jasmine Cole either through the Colony Park & Recreation page on Facebook or via email at colejas92@gmail.com for more information and to secure a spot.

St. Paul's (from Front)

Cheyenne Sharp
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CULLMAN, Ala. — St. Paul's Lutheran School will add a new seventh-grade class beginning in fall 2024.

According to the St. Paul's Lutheran School website, "Our mission at St. Paul's Lutheran School is twofold: cultivating the mind and nourishing the soul. The liberal arts cultivate the mind and character of our students by focusing on what is good, true, and beautiful. The soul is nourished through the Holy Scriptures, the Lutheran confessions, and the liturgy and hymnody of the Church. This is what defines a Classical Lutheran Education: the liberal arts with Lutheran catechesis."

Headmaster Richard Gaub shared, "(sic) We offer daily Bible instruction and we have chapel every day for the students. We start our day in church every day. We teach the children the Lord's Prayer, the Liturgy, the hymns of the church; they learn Bible verses by heart."

Gaub said he feels that chapel is the best and most important part of the students' day. He said starting the day with fellowship and sermons sets the tone for receiving instruction and lessons and showcases the integrated curriculum that St. Paul's is able to offer the community.

"We teach everything with a Christian worldview. In our circumstance here, we are currently preschool through sixth grade, hopefully seventh and eighth grade after that. We are mainly focused on the grammar stage: grammar and logic," he said. "A classical curriculum is an education centered on the verbal arts. The grammar stage is kind of the 'what' stage of learning."

Gaub said students in the grammar stage are naturally inquisitive and absorb virtually any material set before them. The memorization tactics are designed to help the youngsters retain names, dates, times and important religious material to help them speak about, share and defend any stance they choose when they finally graduate into adulthood. The basics of science, mathematics, literature, history, Latin, physical education, handwriting, English and reading are all taught with the utmost care while integrating the teachings of Christ into each subject's curriculum.

Registration for St. Paul's Lutheran School is now open. Visit the school's website at stpaulscullman.com for tuition rates and enrollment information, or contact the school at 256-734-6580. The school is located at 510 Third Ave. SE.

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