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County Road 222 repairs to begin March 25

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Commission, at its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 19, approved the allocation of over $760,000 for repairs along County Road 222. In January, a large sinkhole was found under the road after a portion gave way and revealed a massive void caused by a collapsed pipe. The damaged roadway is located near Interstate 65 Exit 305 northbound. Repairs are slated to begin Monday, March 25.

Cullman County Economic Development Director Matt Kinsland and his office have been working to set plans to repair the damaged roadway since its discovery.

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Repairs on County Road 222 will begin Monday, March 25. »



JEFF CLEMONS

SMORT holds annual training exercise in Cullman



BRENT MCDONALD

Participants in the Alabama State Mortuary Operations Response Team (SMORT) annual training exercise are seen at the Cullman County Fairgrounds.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Alabama State Mortuary Operations Response Team (SMORT) held its annual training exercise at the Cullman County Fairgrounds beginning March 20.

Cullman County EMA Specialist/Public Information Officer Brent McDonald said SMORT, organized under Alabama Department of Public Health and the Emergency Management Agency, is composed of dedicated volunteers» PAGE 10



BRENT MCDONALD

Cold Springs FCCLA brings home gold, is heading to Nationals



STEPHANIE BLAIR

Pictured on the back row, left to right, are Ellanora Slusser, Baylee Dye, Savannah Bischoff, Baylee Perdue, Sophia Slusser and Clayton Gary; on the front row, left to right, are Rebecca Baggett, Aiden Freeman, Coco Fox and Josiah Johnson. » PAGE 4

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported March 22

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported March 22, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

March 18

- theft of property; CR 1755
- trespassing; Super Saver Rd.

March 19

- assault; New Hope Rd.
- burglary; Hwy. 69 S
- harassment; CR 1535
- domestic violence; CR 1570
- domestic violence; CR 25
- domestic violence; CR 1678
- theft of property; CR 222
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 109
- domestic violence; CR 1336

March 20

- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; Hwy. 91
- theft of property; trespassing; CR 700
- trespassing; CR 143
- theft of property; CR 437
- assault; CR 431
- theft of property; CR 714
- domestic violence; CR 147
- possession of dangerous drug; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 775

ARRESTS

March 18–20

Bennefield, Matthew E.; 39
- FTA – public intoxication

Brazeale, Jennifer M.; 45
- family offense – causing of delinquency dependency or need of supervision of children (CHINS)

Bryson, Kevin C.; 36
- FTA – negotiating worthless instrument
- FTA – larceny – theft from yards ($500-less than $1500)

Buchanan, Brad L.; 55
- driving under the influence (alcohol)

Fine, Jason A.; 46
- burglary – residence – force (4 counts)
- larceny/theft – miscellaneous less than $500 (4 counts)
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Gatlin, Austin M.; 26
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense

Guthrie, William J.; 43
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – attempting to elude a police officer
- FTA – driving while license revoked

Keller, Dylan V.; 48
- FTA – assault – harassment

Reno, Alison R.; 37
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- illegal possession of prescription drugs

Richards, Summer N.; 32
- FTA – permitting dogs to run at large (2 counts)

Smith, Wesley E.; 41
- assault – domestic – harassment – family

Stewart, Brian W.; 39
- criminal trespass

Stillwell, Logan J.; 26
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Thomas, Sean D.; 29
- FTA – aggravated assault family – other weapon

Ward, Kennith M.; 44
- sell/distribution of dangerous drugs

Warden, Drew E.; 28
- PROBATION REVOKED – auto theft

Widner, Tina M.; 44
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs

Wilson, Donald L.; 73
- obstructing criminal investigation
- obstruction – governmental operations
- larceny/theft – theft of article from auto

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

March 19
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; Hwy. 31 N

March 20
- assault-2nd degree; person; Hwy. 278 E

March 21
- leaving the scene; person; Damage to '15 Chrysler 200; 2nd Ave. NW
- fraudulent use of credit / debit card; person; miscellaneous charges
- identity theft; person
- theft of property-4th degree; person; miscellaneous; Hwy. 157
- identity theft; theft or property-3rd degree; person
- harassment; person; Logan St. NW

ARRESTS

March 20-21

Martinez, Dustin A.; 30
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Cooper, Richard M; 39
- theft of property-4th degree

Tanner, James I, Jr.; 32
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree
- FTA – driving without a license (4 counts)
- FTA – insurance violation (2 counts)
- FTA – driving while license suspended (2 counts)

Martin, Jennifer G.; 40
- GJ – possession of forged instrument-3rd degree (2 counts)
- conspiracy to commit theft of property

Warden, Drew E.; 28
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree
- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree

Jacobs, Daniel L.; 36
- violation of protection order

Bullard, Katheryn K.; 46
- theft of property-4th degree

Johnson, Jennifer A.; 47
- domestic violence-3rd degree

Tarman II, Michael J.; 36
- domestic violence-3rd degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

CCSO arrest roundup

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) recent arrests include:

March 14

Deputies and investigators served a search warrant at a residence in Crane Hill on March 14.

Gary Lee Hardin, 49, of Crane Hill, and Tammy Rena Moore, 37, of Cullman, were located inside the residence.

During the search of the residence, various narcotics and paraphernalia were allegedly located.

Hardin and Moore were both placed under arrest.

Hardin is charged with unlawful possession with intent to sell/distribute methamphetamine, second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

Moore is charged with unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, three counts of forgery (warrants) and possession of forgery device/tools (warrant).

Deputies responded to the report of a suspicious male subject wandering in the parking lot of a business in Good Hope.

Upon arrival, deputies located Kenneth Austin Short, 34, of Ragland, Alabama.

A subsequent search of his person and surrounding area allegedly yielded narcotics and paraphernalia.

Short was arrested and charged with unlawful possession of methamphetamine and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

March 15

Deputies received calls of a suspicious person in the roadway near Fairview.

Brian Keith Jones, 45, of Baileyton, was located outside his vehicle in the roadway.

Jones was not wearing clothes, and was unresponsive to deputies' questions and commands.

Deputies attempted to place Jones under arrest, but he allegedly resisted.

He was ultimately taken into custody and transported to the Cullman County Detention Center.

Jones is charged with public intoxication, public lewdness, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the area of Alabama Highway 157 and Alabama Highway 69 North.

Leah Neshea Seals, 41, of Somerville, Alabama, was identified as the driver of the vehicle.

A subsequent search of the vehicle allegedly yielded narcotics and paraphernalia.

Seals was arrested and charged with unlawful possession of methamphetamine and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Top row, left to right, are Gary Lee Hardin, Tammy Rena Moore and Kenneth Austin Short; bottom row, left to right, are Brian Keith Jones, Leah Neshea Seals and Lindsey Marie Woods.

Deputies responded to a call of a suspicious female walking Good Hope.

Deputies located Lindsey Marie Woods, 37, of McCalla, Alabama, on foot in the area.

A subsequent search of her person allegedly yielded narcotics and paraphernalia.

Woods was arrested and charged with unlawful possession of methamphetamine and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

Program (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The modern manufacturing industry has been on an upward trend in the past decade; new automakers such as Honda, Hyundai and Toyota have all joined the Alabama automotive manufacturing industry. North AlabamaWorks has been tracking those trending numbers and has decided to lend a hand in expanding and educating the upcoming workforce that will make those industries boom.

At a press conference held Wednesday, March 20, at the Cullman Economic Development Agency, school and local officials were on hand as North AlabamaWorks Modern Manufacturing Project Manager Billy Troutman announced an exciting new partnership between North AlabamaWorks, Cullman City Schools and Cullman County Schools. A new Modern Manufacturing program will be offered to local high school students as soon as the fall of 2024.

North AlabamaWorks Director Stephanie McCulloch explained, "The program can be applied in traditional high school career technical programs or dual enrollment programs through (the) ACCS (Alabama Community College System). Participants will learn basic employability skills, safety, technical skills, etc. The program includes instruction in machine operations, production line operations, systems analysis, instrumentation, physical controls, automation, manufacturing planning, quality control and informational infrastructure. All manufacturers will benefit as these students will be eligible and ready for hire once they have completed the program."

Cullman County Schools will adapt one of its current programs housed at the Cullman Area Technology Academy (CATA) to accommodate the new program; the Industrial Maintenance program will be integrated into and essentially transformed into the Modern Manufacturing program.

Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette shared his excitement and said, "I am super excited for this opportunity for our students. We already had a similar program but by changing the name and adding the additional curriculum it will allow our students the opportunity to earn additional credentials and in turn allow them to be better prepared for the workforce. We are always looking for new opportunities and pathways for our students."

Cullman City Schools has committed to constructing a new wing on the campus of Cullman High School to accommodate its career technical education classes, with a hopeful completion date of summer 2025, just prior to the program's introduction at CHS.

"We are thrilled to partner with North AlabamaWorks to launch a Modern Manufacturing career tech program at Cullman High School. The launch of this program comes at a time of increasing demand for skilled manufacturing professionals locally and in our region. By providing students with industry-relevant skills and real-world experience, we are empowering students to pursue rewarding career paths and contribute meaningfully to our economy," said Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff. "With the addition of the new 28,070-square-foot CTE wing on the campus of Cullman High School, students enrolled in the Modern Manufacturing program will have access to a 5,040-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility equipped with the latest technology and machinery. This partnership is a testament to our commitment to providing Cullman City (Schools) students with diverse education pathways that align with the evolving needs of the workforce."



JANET CHANDLER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman County Economic Development Director Matt Kinsland, North AlabamaWorks Director Stephanie McCulloch, North AlabamaWorks Modern Manufacturing Project Manager Billy Troutman, Cullman Area Technology Academy Principal Susan Patrick, Cullman City Schools Career and Technical Education Coordinator Lindsay Brannon, Cullman Economic Development Agency Director Dale Greer, Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette and Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff were all on hand Wednesday, March 20, as North AlabamaWorks announced its partnership with the two school systems to develop a new Modern Manufacturing program.

New programs like these benefit the community, but they can be costly. For local public schools, cost can be a factor in the decision to add new certification courses. North AlabamaWorks is so confident in its program and the benefits it can offer students and the economy that it is pledging to assist with costs and fund the necessary requirements for a successful program.

Said Troutman, "We use our partnerships and industry connections to attract more industry. We also offer teacher training and professional development. The big thing is that we are able to help financially; there are commitments from the regional workforce councils that can help. So, it's not just someone cheering you on; we actually help out on the financial side as well, so that's great."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Public Notice
Mt. Zion Cemetery: Please remove all ground flowers/decorations from graves at Mt. Zion Cemetery at Vinemont (Highway 31) for spring cleaning and mowing.

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.
• Sunday, March 24 - 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 24 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call Guy Sunter at 727-215-9092 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11. Leadership meeting after service.

Alcoholics Anonymous
Sundays, 3 p.m. at Cullman First Church of the Nazarene, 5415 Alabama Highway 157. CLOSED literature study. Handicap accessible.

TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings
Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., at Cullman Housing Authority Community Center (1545 Vine Circle SW, Cullman, AL 35055). The first meeting is free. TOPS, a national program, is a hands-on/pounds-off approach to weight loss and management through weekly meetings providing information, accountability, support and encouragement where you make the changes that make sense to you.

Cullman NAR-ANON Group Meetings
The NAR-ANON family group meetings are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. We offer Help by sharing our experiences, strength and hope. We carry the message of hope by letting others know that they are not alone by practicing the 12 Steps of NAR-ANON and changing our own attitudes. We Respect Your Anonymity. Our program is not a religious one, but a spiritual way of life. Meetings will be held at The Ruehl Building (Family Life Center of St. John's Church) Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. Contact Jamie Weathersby Smith 256-708-7122 or Don or Nancy McKenzie 256-736-3327 or 256-736-3470 for more information.

Cullman Serenity AlAnon Meetings
The Cullman Serenity AlAnon group meets each Monday at noon at 1519 St. Joseph Dr. NE. There is also a zoom meeting each Tuesday at noon. The AlAnon family groups are a fellowship of friends and family whose lives have been affected by alcoholism. For more information, call 256-708-6645, 850-323-0490 or 256-734-2231.

Master's Hand Food Pantry at The Link
• 708 Ninth St. SE, Cullman, AL 35055
• Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
• Closed for lunch noon-1 p.m.

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!
Enjoy a free lunch with no strings attached, 11:30-12:30 every fourth Wednesday. On March 27, join Cullman's professionals, retirees, office workers, craftsmen and unemployed for a BBQ chicken plate, homemade desserts and singing with the Arnold Street Band. Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE, Cullman.

Fairview Lions Club Spring Fling and Car, Truck, Tractor and Motorcycle Show
Saturday, April 6, at Randall Shedd Community Park on Wesley Avenue in Fairview. We will have a car show, vendors, games, music and bouncy houses. Registration is $20 and will begin at 8 a.m. with awards to be given out at 1 p.m. Vendor spots are $10 a spot, payable the day of the event. Must be set up by 9 a.m. Food vendors are encouraged to join us. Please register by March 28. Food vendor spots are $50. For more information, please contact Kita Chambers at 256-385-8805 or William Criscoe at 256-385-5596.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Revival
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.

Cullman Chapter of The National Association of Retired and Active Federal Employees Meeting
Monday, April 8, at the Golden Corral Buffet. The guest speaker will be Stephanie Childers. She is the executive director of the United Way of Cullman County. Dutch lunch at 11 a.m. and meeting beginning at noon. Members and nonmembers are welcome.

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Repairs (from Front)

municipalities have pledged monetary donations to assist in covering the cost of the undertaking. County Road 222 is a vital transportation avenue for Cullman and the surrounding area's industrial and manufacturing industries.

Apel Machine and Supply will begin boring under the roadway and removing any extra material before placing new steel pipes to reinforce the roadway on Monday, March 25.

The roadway will not close, but instead go down to one lane around the damaged area; motorists should plan for delays accordingly.

"We anticipate that everything will be in place for the contractor to start on Monday (March 25).

"They will have 45 calendar days to complete (it)," said Kinsland. "The road will not close at any point during the construction."

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Banners, ribbons come home with local youth after Jr. Livestock Expo

Marlee Jackson
Contributor

The Jr. Livestock Expo (JLE) is held on the Garrett Coliseum fairgrounds in Montgomery in conjunction with the SLE Rodeo. The JLE schedule of events included:

March 9
- Dairy Showmanship
- Dairy Show

March 14
- Beef Showmanship

March 15
- Beef Market Show
- Beef Purebred Bull Show (new in 2024)
- Swine Showmanship

March 16
- Beef Heifer Show
- Swine Breeding Gilt Show
- o Swine Market Hog Show

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Jeremy Childers' gaze followed his daughter, Callie Rae, as she led her Commercial Division champion heifer in the final drive of the Jr. Livestock Expo (JLE) Beef Show in Montgomery.

That last lap around the ring was the culmination of months of work and decades of tradition for the Morgan County farm family.

"For 46 years, someone in our family has been exhibiting livestock at this show," said Kip Childers.He's Jeremy's brother and uncle to JLE exhibitors Caden, 18; Callie Rae, 15; and Colt, 12. He's an integral part of their support system, too, offering encouragement, advice and hands-on help as the family travels the show circuit.

Showing livestock is a worthwhile, albeit time-consuming, family activity, Jeremy said.

"Most people don't realize the amount of time and effort it takes. We have to be a team," said Jeremy while gesturing to Colt, who tag-teams with his siblings to care for their herd.

That team effort was on display during JLE March 9-16. The Alabama Farmers Federation and Alfa Insurance coordinate the annual JLE, which includes beef, swine and dairy shows and is held in conjunction with the SLE Rodeo. Across all three shows, teams of family, friends and fitters (experts in grooming animals) filled barns and the arena as exhibitors' yearlong projects came to a close.

Their anticipation built as judges circled the ring selecting top livestock based off qualities like strength, soundness and structure. Other competitions focused on showmanship, or an exhibitor's ability to control animals in the arena.

Claps and cheers erupted as winners were chosen. That joy carried over to the photo area manned by professional photographers Reba Hicks and Morgan Graham Flowers.

Following commemorative shots with judges and a Federation representative, each exhibitors' support system crowded around for a final photo.

Hicks and Flowers understand the value of camera clicks capturing memories. They're former exhibitors whose families still treasure snapshots from JLE, the state championship of livestock showing.

The Childers family does, too. Those photos are special, as are the banners they've won over the years.

"Banners, ribbons and trophies line the wall leading to our son's room," said Jeremy's wife, April. "Caden's senior photos used those banners on the side of a cattle trailer and featured his reserve grand champion Simmental heifer from last year."

This year, it's Callie Rae's turn to bring home the banners. A soft smile spread across her face — and her family members' — as she and her Commercial heifer clinched fifth in a tough competition among overall breeding heifers. Her All Other Breeds Continental heifer earned fourth in the Alabama bred-and-owned contest.

She and fellow Top 5 winners across contests exhibited in the Parade of Champions March 16 at the SLE Rodeo.

That display helps thousands of consumers see agriculture's strong legacy while showing up for "the greatest show on dirt," Jeremy said.

"The one thing that makes (livestock showing) different in the day in which we live is the kids' ability to work and stick something out," he said. "It's not easy, and you've got animals that aren't tame yet. Do you give up, give in or give it all you've got? We're teaching our kids to give everything they've got."



ALABAMA FARMERS FEDERATION

Rex Harrison of Cullman County exhibited the 4th Overall Breeding Bull at the Jr. Livestock Expo Beef Show. Alabama Farmers Federation and Alfa Insurance sponsor the annual contest, held March 15 during the Southeastern Livestock Exposition in Montgomery. The placing was sponsored by Great Southern Wood. Harrison is pictured with Federation and Alfa President Jimmy Parnell and judge Marcus Arnold of Texas.



ALABAMA FARMERS FEDERATION

Etta Hudson of Cullman County exhibited the Reserve Champion All Other Breeds American Breeding Heifer at the Jr. Livestock Expo Beef Show. Alabama Farmers Federation and Alfa Insurance sponsor the annual contest, held March 16 during the Southeastern Livestock Exposition in Montgomery.



ALABAMA FARMERS FEDERATION

Cole Eubanks of Cullman County exhibited the Champion Charolais Breeding Heifer at the Jr. Livestock Expo Beef Show. It was also the Bred & Owned Champion Charolais Breeding Heifer. Alabama Farmers Federation and Alfa Insurance sponsor the annual contest, held March 16 during the Southeastern Livestock Exposition in Montgomery.



ALABAMA FARMERS FEDERATION

Ethan Tapscott of Cullman County exhibited the Champion Shorthorn Breeding Heifer at the Jr. Livestock Expo Beef Show. Alabama Farmers Federation and Alfa Insurance sponsor the annual contest, held March 16 during the Southeastern Livestock Exposition in Montgomery.

FCCLA (from Front)

Stephanie Blair
Contributor

BREMEN, Ala. — From March 7-8, 2024, 10 students and their adviser from Cold Springs High School attended the FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) State Leadership Conference in Montgomery. More than 1,200 FCCLA students from all over the state met and more than 755 students competed. The students heard guest speakers, attended breakout sessions and compete in the FCCLA STAR Events Competition.

The CSHS students and advisor, Stephanie Blair, have been working on the FCCLA STAR Events Competition for months. This year Cold Springs FCCLA students returned with all gold medals. Five students qualified to compete at the FCCLA National Conference in Seattle this summer. The top two highest scores from each category won a bid to attend nationals to compete.

The FCCLA students competed in individual and group projects. The students had to prepare a portfolio or display board and create a 10-15-minute speech. These students will be able to compete at the FCCLA National Conference.

• Sophia Slusser and Baylee Perdue placed first and won overall gold in the Chapter Project Portfolio Level 2 category.

• Baylee Dye and Coco Fox placed first and won overall gold in the Chapter Project Display Level 2 category.

• Josiah Johnson placed first and won overall gold in the Sustainability Challenge Level 3 category.

Additionally,

• Savannah Bischoff won gold in the Fashion Design Level 3 category.

• Ellanora Slusser won gold in the Leadership Level 3 category.

• Rebecca Baggett won gold in the Chapter Project Display Level 3 category.

• Aiden Freem won gold in the Career Investigation Level 2 category.

• Clayton Gary won gold in the Career Investigation Level 3 category.

These students put in a lot of hard work, and they brought home medals, but so much more. They also brought home leadership, teamwork, critical thinking skills, networking experience, public speaking skills and more.

Ellanora Slusser was recognized for Power of One completion. Power of One is a goal-setting program that has five units that must be completed before receiving recognition. Students who complete Power of One receive state and national recognition.

The Cold Springs FCCLA Chapter was recognized with the Golden STAR Award. Only eight other chapters were recognized as being a STAR chapter. The club received a banner to be placed in the Family and Consumer Sciences classroom.

This is recognition for chapters that develop and implement well-rounded programs of work. Chapters with well-rounded programs of work supporting Alabama and National FCCLA Strategic plans have programming membership, and complete chapter activities and operations, community service, state and national activities, leadership development and promotion/public relations.

First- and second-place winners will attend Nationals in Seattle June 28-July 4 to compete with other FCCLA members from across the United States. The trip will cost about $1,500 for each person.

Those who wish to contribute to FCCLA can contact Stephanie Blair at Cold Springs High School.



Wallace State welcomes new members into English and Math Honor Societies

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WALLACE STATE

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Wallace State Community College chapters of Sigma Kappa Delta and Mu Alpha Theta honor societies recently inducted new members.

Sigma Kappa Delta (SKD) is the National English Honor Society for two-year colleges. Wallace State's Theta Delta Chapter was established in 2007. SKD provides students with opportunities for advancing language and literature study, developing creative and analytical writing skills, networking with peers and obtaining scholarships.

Students invited to join SKD are required to have a minimum overall GPA of 3.3, have completed one college English course with a grade not lower than a B, and have completed at least 12 hours of college credit.

Inductees into SKD include:

Cullman: Ellanora Elizabeth Slusser

Hartselle: Garrett C. Harbison

Hayden: Anna Jones

Prattville: Adrianna Nicole Sides

Trafford: Blair Echols

Vinemont: Anika Oden

Mu Alpha Theta (MAT) is a mathematics honor society for high school and community college students. MAT provides members with avenues to showcase mathematical knowledge, connect with peers and further promote the enjoyment of mathematics.

To be recommended for membership in MAT, students must have completed Math 112 or higher with a GPA of 3.0 in qualifying math classes.

Inductees into MAT include:

Bankston: Kendall Dunavant

Cleveland: Jenna Adams

Cullman: Anna Allen, Arden Crane, Caroline Haigh, Landon Holmes, Ben Kelly, Lillie McCluskey, Krislyn B. Scroggins, Ellanora Elizabeth Slusser

Hartselle: Garrett C. Harbison

Madison: Brandy Draughon

Morris: Emily G. Roper

Mount Olive: Max Giovino

Prattville: Adrianna Nicole Sides

Sulligent: Laura Wheeler

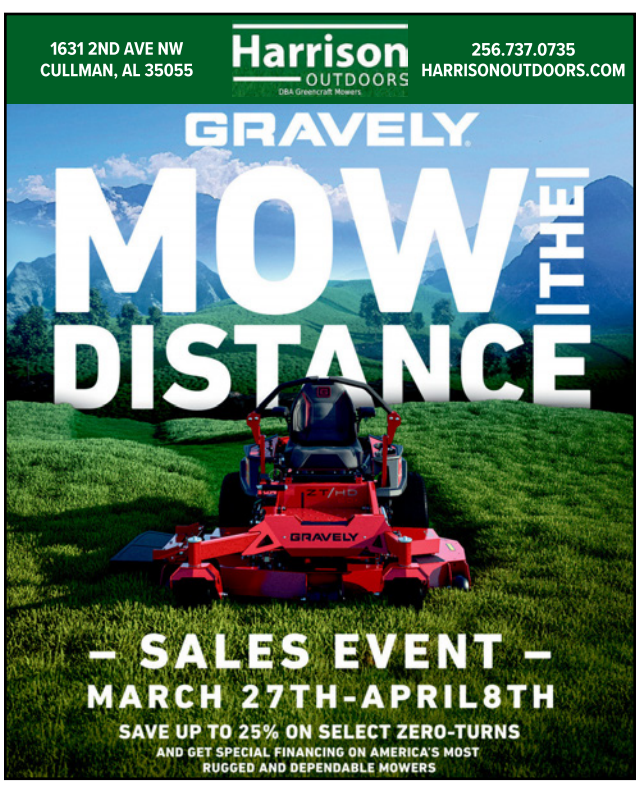
Vinemont: Lily K. Hasting, Sarah Herfurth

SKD sponsor is English instructor Karen Morris. MAT Sponsors are Mathematics instructors Dr. Krystal Davis and Melissa Arnold. In addition to facilitating networking and scholarship opportunities, both organizations actively engage in annual community service initiatives, social events and other academic projects.















PREP SOFTBALL

Bearcats rally to topple Lawrence County 10-9

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CULLMAN, Ala. – After defeating Muscle Shoals Monday night, the Bearcats were back on the field Tuesday for a matchup against a strong Lawrence County team. The Red Devils put five runs on the board in the first inning and made it a 6-0 game in the second, but Cullman continued to battle and finally broke through with five runs in the fifth. The Bearcats tacked on five more in the sixth to take their first lead of the game and held off a late push from Lawrence County in the final frame to complete the comeback and win it 10-9.

The Red Devils strung together five hits in the top of the first to jump out to a 5-0 lead and a solo home run extended the lead to 6-0 in the top of the second. After two scoreless innings, the momentum began to shift. Hattie Graham led off the bottom of the fifth with a single and after a pair of errors loaded the bases, an Abby Maples single drove in Brooklyn Morton and Kacie West to cut the lead to 6-2. One pitch later, Dracen Bates knocked a double into left field, plating Kylie Stracener and trimming the lead to three. Kynlei Story kept the rally going with another single, bringing Maples home to score and later in the inning, Bates scored on an RBI groundout from Taylor Au to make it a 6-5 game going into the sixth.

Lawrence County led off the top of the sixth with another solo home run to build the lead up to 7-5 but Cullman's bats stayed hot when they got back up to the plate. The 'Cats led off the bottom of the sixth with back to back doubles from Graham and Morton, trimming the lead to 7-6. Morton scored on a passed ball later in the inning to tie things up at 7 and three straight singles from Storey, Au and Reese Hopper pushed three more runs across the plate to put Cullman in front 10-7.

A two-out, two-run double allowed the Red Devils to cut into the lead in the top of the seventh, but Storey struck out the next batter to secure a 10-9 win for the Bearcats.

Storey finished with three hits and a pair of RBIs at the plate and Au (one hit) and Maples (one hit) each posted two RBIs as well. Graham added two hits and Bates (one hit), Morton (one hit) and Hopper each finished with an RBI.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman came from behind to defeat Lawrence County 10-9 Tuesday night.

PREP BASEBALL

Holly Pond splits doubleheader with West End, Tuesday scoring recap

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Holly Pond 10 - West End 9 (Baseball) (Game One)

West End struck first in its opening at-bats as an RBI groundout and an RBI single gave them the early 2-0 lead. Holly Pond answered right back in their half. Sawyer Olinger reached on an error to lead off the inning and later scored on an RBI single by Brody Howard to cut it to 2-1. On the first pitch, Kollin Brown hit an RBI triple to right field to tie the game up at two. Tristan Hibbert added an RBI groundout to give them a 3-2 lead. The Broncos added to their lead in the bottom of the second as an RBI groundout by Rex Harrison and a sacrifice fly by Olinger made it 5-2. A pair of RBI singles by the Patriots in the top of the third cut it to 5-4.

Howard scored on a wild pitch in the Broncos' half of the third to give them a 6-4 lead. Holly Pond put runners on the corners with one out in the fourth. Boston Gibbs hit an RBI single to right field to make it 7-4. Brown added a two-run single to stretch their lead to 9-4. Howard hit a sacrifice fly in the sixth to give them a 10-4 lead. West End got a two-out rally started in the top of the seventh as they scored five runs to trim it to just one at 10-9. Sam Hunt struck out the next batter to end the game, and Holly Pond ended up holding off the Patriots at the end 10-9.

Brown finished with a pair of hits and three RBIs for Holly Pond. Howard added a hit and two RBIs. Olinger and Gibbs each ended up with a hit and an RBI, while Hibbert and Harrison each collected an RBI in the win.

West End 7 – Holly Pond 3 (Baseball)

West End struck first in its opening at-bats as they scored four runs in the first and added another one in the second to take an early 5-0 lead. Kollin Brown scored on a wild pitch in Holly Pond's half of the second to make it a 5-1 game, but the Patriots hit an RBI single in the top of the sixth to push their lead to 6-1. West End added another run in the top of the seventh to make it 7-1. Holly Pond looked to make things interesting in their final at-bats. An error and a wild pitch put runners on the corners with nobody out. Cole Eubanks drove in a run on an RBI groundout to cut it to 7-2. One out later, Boston Gibbs lined an RBI single to left field to make it 7-3, but that's as close as they would get as the Broncos ended up dropping the second game of the doubleheader to the Patriots 7-3.

Gibbs (one hit) and Eubanks each finished with an RBI for Holly Pond (3-10), while Brown, Peyton Queen, and Bradly Butts each added a hit in the loss.

Cullman 8 – Decatur 0 (Baseball)

The Bearcats traveled to Decatur for the first matchup of their area series with the Red Raiders and returned home with an 8-0 win. After a scoreless first inning, Cullman took a 2-0 lead in the second when Kase Nixon and Andrew Au each scored on fielder's choices. Both teams were scoreless in the third and fourth innings but the 'Cats added to their lead in the fifth.

Bennett Johnson was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded to bring in a run and a few pitches later, Wyatt Buchanan scored on a passed ball to make it a 4-0 game. Tanner Gaines laid down a sacrifice bunt to bring Wil McCollum in for another run and Brooks Heatherly sent an RBI single back up the middle to make it 6-0. One pitch later, Cooper Loftin drove a 2-run home run over the right field fence to give Cullman an 8-0 lead. The Bearcats kept Decatur off the board the rest of the way to secure an 8-0 win.

Loftin earned the win on the mound after allowing just six hits and striking out five batters in seven innings of work. Loftin added three hits and two RBIs at the plate. Heatherly (two hits) and Jonah Inman (one hit) each added an RBI in the win.

Southeastern 8 - Cold Springs 1 (Baseball)

Southeastern quickly struck for three runs in its opening at-bats to take an early 3-0 lead. Cold Springs cut it to 3-1 in their half on an RBI fielder's choice by Lindan Hill, but the Mustangs added a run in the third and two more in the fifth and sixth innings as they ended up getting the win over the Eagles 8-1.

Hill finished with the only RBI in the game for Cold Springs (3-9). Josh Winfrey added a pair of hits, and Brady Phillips collected a hit of his own in the loss.

Fairview 4 - St. Clair County 2 (Baseball)

The game was scoreless going into the top of the second inning. Bryceson Turner hit a two-out single and later stole home to put Fairview on the scoreboard first. The Aggies added to their lead in the top of the fifth. Caden Barrett hit a one-out single and ended up scoring on an RBI single by Nicolas Gregory to give them a 2-0 lead. St. Clair County hit an RBI single in the bottom of the sixth to cut it to 2-1 and later tied the game up at two on a solo home run in the seventh. The game ended up going to extra innings, and Fairview struck gold in extras as Isaac Elrod scored on an error, and a suicide squeeze play by Turner made it 4-2. Gregory got the final batter to strike out to end the game, and the Aggies' winning streak is now at seven after their 4-2 win over the Saints.

Gregory (two hits) and Turner (one hit) each finished with an RBI for Fairview (13-3). Colton Jennings added three hits, while Gannon Black and Barrett each collected a hit in the win. The duo of Jaxson Robertson and Gregory gave up just four hits and one earned run, walked three, and struck out seven.

Ashville 13 - Good Hope 4 (Baseball)

Ashville didn't waste any time getting on the scoreboard in its opening at-bats, scoring five runs to take an early 5-0 lead.

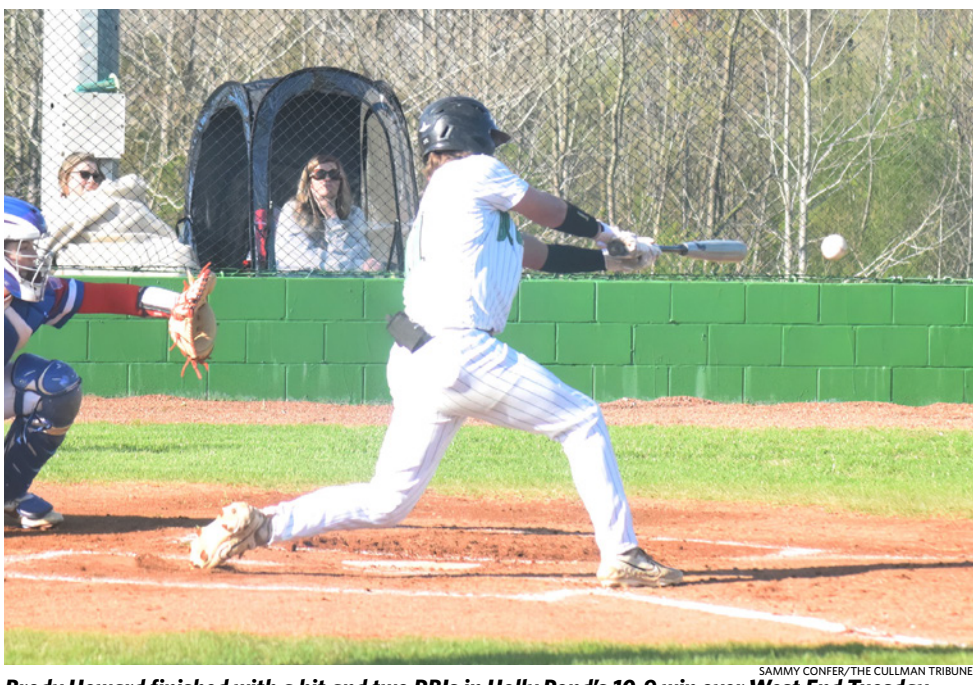
They added two more runs in the third and one more in the fourth to stretch their lead to 8-0. A two-run triple off the bat of Caden Drake cut it to 8-2 in the top of the fifth. Colbi Kilpatrick hit an RBI groundout, and Dakota Overton scored on an error in the sixth to make it a 9-4 game, but the Bulldogs put up four more runs in their half to give them a 13-4 lead. Ashville would go on to defeat Good Hope, 13-4.

Caden Drake finished with a pair of hits and two RBIs for Good Hope (8-5). Kilpatrick added an RBI. Brady Stripling ended up with a pair of hits, while Carter Rutherford, Ayden Black, Colten Whatley, Overton, and Mason Drake each added a hit in the loss.

Hanceville 10 - Oneonta 2 (Baseball)

Hanceville jumped on Oneonta in their opening at-bats as they sent 13 batters to the plate and scored nine runs. Nelson Arteaga (RBI double), Hunter Weeks (two-run single), Jake Cornelius (RBI single), Cody Belcher (RBI single), and Gabriel Ognilla (RBI triple) had the big hits for the Bulldogs that inning as that gave them a quick 9-0 lead. The Redskins put up a pair of runs in the bottom of the fourth to cut it to 9-2. Luke Brown hit an RBI single in the top of the sixth to push Hanceville's lead to 10-2. That was more than enough run support for Ognilla as he gave up just three hits, two earned runs, walked three, and struck out five in the Bulldogs' 10-2 win over Oneonta.

Ognilla and Weeks each finished with a hit and two RBIs for Hanceville (10-3). Cornelius added three hits and an RBI, while Belcher, Arteaga, Brown, and Hunter Black all collected a hit and an RBI in the win.



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Brody Howard finished with a hit and two RBIs in Holly Pond's 10-9 win over West End Tuesday.

Vinemont 19 - Danville 6 (Baseball)

Danville jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead in the bottom of the first. After they were held scoreless through the first two innings, Vinemont's offense exploded in the next two innings, putting up 11 runs. The big hits came from Jordan Eller (two-run single, third inning), Rush Sandlin (two-run single, fourth inning), and Jaxon Holcomb (two-run home run, fourth inning) as that gave them an 11-4 lead.

The Eagles took a 13-6 lead into the top of the seventh, and added to their lead that inning, putting up six more runs to push their lead to 19-6. Ryne Dalton retired the side in the bottom of the seventh to help seal the 19-6 win for Vinemont.

All but one Eagle player drove in at least one run. Holcomb led the way for Vinemont (14-3) with four RBIs, including a two-run home run. Sandlin added a pair of hits and three RBIs. Rylan McRae went four-for-four with a pair of RBIs. Hale ended up with a trio of hits and two RBIs. Kayden Henderson (one hit) and Michael Foust each drove in two runs, while Eller (two hits), and Owen McKinney each collected an RBI in the win.

Lawrence County 11 - West Point 3 (Baseball)

Lawrence County didn't waste any time getting on the scoreboard against West Point, scoring the first 10 runs of the game to take a 10-0 lead. The Warriors made it 10-2 in the top of the fifth on a two-run single by Boston Freeman, and later made it 11-3 in the sixth on an RBI single by Deacon Stutchman. They didn't get any closer after that, though as they ended up dropping their game to the Red Devils 11-3.

Boston Freeman finished with two hits and a pair of RBIs for West Point (6-7), while Stutchman added a pair of hits and an RBI in the loss.

DAR 13 - Holly Pond 3 (Softball)

DAR got out to a quick 3-0 lead in the top of the third, but Holly Pond countered in their half. They loaded the bases with one out, then an RBI single by Maggie Nail cut it to 3-1. Later that inning, Maycie Black stole home to make it 3-2. The Lady Patriots quickly broke the game wide open in the fourth, scoring seven times as that made it a 10-2 game. They added three more runs in the top of the fifth to give them a 13-2 lead. Black added an RBI single in the bottom of the fifth, but Holly Pond didn't get any closer after that as DAR ended up collecting a 13-3 win over the Lady Broncos.

Black and Nail each finished with a pair of hits and an RBI for Holly Pond (2-6), while Lauryn Hoffman and Alaina Folds each added a hit in the loss.

Cold Springs 13 - Locust Fork 11 (Softball)

Both teams were tied at three going into the top of the fifth, but Locust Fork put up a run in the fifth to take a 4-3 lead. Cold Springs countered in their half as Brooklyn Ingram hit a two-run double, and Ciara Calvert added an RBI groundout to give them a 6-4 lead. The Lady Hornets put up three runs in the top of the sixth to give them the lead right back at 7-6. This wouldn't be the last lead change in this game as the Lady Eagles answered right back in their half with four runs of their own to take an 11-7 lead.

Locust Fork tied the game up at 11 on a two-run home run with two RBIs. Cold Springs looked for some late-game heroics of their own in their half. Sadie Smith hit a leadoff single. After a sacrifice bunt by Cheyenne Bishop, Joci Williams got hit by the pitch to put runners on first and second with one out. Cloe Shelton became the hero of the game as her game-winning two-run double gave the Lady Eagles a 13-11 win over Locust Fork.

Ingram (two hits), Calvert (one hit) and Shelton (one hit) each finished with three RBIs in the game for Cold Springs (4-4). Williams added a pair of RBIs, while Smith collected three hits and an RBI in the win.

Priceville 11 - Good Hope 8 (Softball)

Good Hope got out to a 1-0 lead in their half of the first on an RBI single by Haley Lay, but Priceville quickly tied the game up at one in the top of the seventh and added five more in the third to give them a 6-1 lead.

A two-run triple by Kynzlee Garmon cut it to 6-3 in the Lady Raiders' half of the third, but the Lady Bulldogs quickly pushed their lead to 10-3 in the top of the fifth. Good Hope made it 10-5 in their half on an RBI double by Molly Benefield and an RBI single by Natalie Miller and cut it to 10-6 in the sixth on an RBI groundout by Campbell Koch.

Priceville made it 11-6 in the top of the seventh, but the Lady Raiders made things a little interesting in their half. Miller reached on a two-out error, and Garmon hit a two-run home run over the center field fence to cut it to 11-8. They ended up falling just short at the end to the Lady Bulldogs 11-8.

Garmon had a big day at the plate, finishing with three hits and four RBIs for Good Hope (5-3). Koch, Lay, Benefield and Miller all added a hit and an RBI in the loss.

Curry 10 - West Point 0 (Softball)

It was all Curry in their game against West Point, scoring 10 runs, with six of them coming in the fifth, and the Lady Warriors were held to just two hits in the loss to the Lady Yellow Jackets.

Brinlee Phillips and Macie Brown finished with the only hits of the game for West Point (9-5).





PREP SOFTBALL

West Point falls to No. 1 Springville 7-1, Thursday scoring recap

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WEST POINT, Ala. — The West Point Lady Warriors returned home Thursday afternoon to take on top-ranked Springville. Thursday is World Down Syndrome Awareness Day and before the game got underway, Copper Floyd, Grant Persall and Benny White each threw out the honorary first pitches.

West Point got on the scoreboard first in their half of the first inning. Macayla Wilkins got hit by the pitch to lead off the inning, then after a sacrifice bunt moved her over to second, a throwing error allowed her to score to give them the early lead. Springville tied the game up at one on a Lady Warrior error in the top of the third.

It quickly turned into a pitcher's duel after that as the score remained tied at one going into the top of the sixth. The Lady Tigers took a 2-1 lead on an RBI groundout in the sixth. They loaded the bases in the seventh, then a two-run single, an RBI single, and a throwing error saw them stretch their lead to 7-1. West Point didn't cut into the deficit after that as they ended up falling to Springville 7-1.

Ella Minck and Brinlee Phillips each collected the only hits of the game for West Point (9-6).


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West Point's Kara Jones went the distance and finished with a strikeout in the Lady Warriors' 7-1 loss to Springville.

Cullman 22 - Pinson Valley 3 (Softball)
Cullman's bats were red-hot in their game against Pinson Valley. They sent 21 batters to the plate to start out the game and scored 15 runs. The Lady Bearcats added seven more in the top of the second, and they went on to roll past Pinson Valley 22-3.

All but one Cullman player drove in at least one run and all but two had at least two hits. Brooklyn Morton finished with five RBIs in the game, including a three-run home run, for the Lady Bearcats. Samantha Johnson added a hit and three RBIs. Abby Maples ended up with three RBIs. Kynlei Storey (two hits), Taylor Au (two hits), Kylie Stracener (two hits), Dracen Bates (one hit), and Brie Voss all collected two RBIs in the win. The Lady Bearcats improve to 13-9 on the season.

Good Hope 5 - East Lawrence 4 (Softball)
Good Hope struck first in its home half of the first. Lizzy Steed hit a leadoff single, moved to second on a sacrifice by Kylee Smith, and scored on an RBI double by Campbell Koch to give them the early lead. East Lawrence put up a run in the top of the fourth to tie the game up at one, but the Lady Raiders broke the tie in their half. Carley Adams hit a leadoff double and later that inning, a one-out single by Natalie Miller brought home Adams to give them a 2-1 lead.

The Lady Eagles scored three runs in the top of the sixth to take a 4-2 lead. Molly Benefield retired the side on just eight pitches in the seventh, and Good Hope looked for some late-game heroics in their half. Smith hit a leadoff single and later moved to second on an error. A single by Koch put runners on the corners with nobody out, then Kynzlee Garmon hit a big two-run double to tie the game up at four. One out later, Adams ended the game on the first pitch as her game-winning double gave the Lady Raiders the 5-4 come-from-behind win.

Garmon finished with three hits and two RBIs for Good Hope (6-3). Koch went three-for-three with an RBI. Adams (two hits) and Miller (one hit) each collected an RBI in the win.

Priceville 16 - Hanceville 2 (Softball)
The game was scoreless going into the top of the third. Priceville got a run in the third to take a 1-0 lead, but Hanceville countered in their half. A pair of singles by Karrigan Pipkin and Aaliyah Twitty put runners on first and second with two outs. Kynzlee Farr lined a two-run double to right field to give Hanceville a 2-1 lead. It ended up being all Priceville after that, though as they scored nine runs in the fourth and five more in the fifth. They ended up collecting the win over Hanceville 16-2.

Farr finished with a pair of hits and two RBIs for Hanceville (5-14). Twitty added two hits, and Piper Butts collected a hit in the loss.

Holly Pond 6 - Appalachian 3 (Softball)
Holly Pond didn't waste any time getting on the scoreboard in their game against Appalachian. An error and a single had them in business in the Lady Broncos' half of the first, then with two outs, Molly Neal lined a two-run single to right field to give them a 2-0 lead. Holly Pond made it 3-0 in the second on an RBI double by Ellie Burks. Appalachian cut it to 3-1 in the top of the third on a bases-loaded walk. The Lady Broncos added to their lead in the bottom of the fourth.

They loaded the bases to start out the inning, then Lauryn Hoffman drew a bases-loaded walk to make it 4-1. A two-run single by Maggie Nail gave them a 6-1 lead. The Lady Eagles hit a two-run triple in the top of the fifth to cut it to 6-3, but Alaina Folds and company kept them at arm's length the rest of the way, and Holly Pond ended up getting a 6-3 win over Appalachian.

Nail finished with a pair of hits and two RBIs for Holly Pond (3-6). Neal added a hit and two RBIs. Burks (one hit) and Hoffman each collected an RBI in the win.

Vinemont 13 - Susan Moore 6 (Softball)
Susan Moore jumped out to a quick 5-1 lead going into the top of the fourth, but Vinemont's bats came alive that inning. They loaded the bases with one out, then an RBI single by Alaina Sandlin, a bases-loaded walk, a two-run double by Callie Millwood, an RBI groundout by Arleigh Thomason, and a passed ball gave the Lady Eagles a 7-5 lead. The Lady Bulldogs made it 7-6 in their half, but Vinemont was just getting started as their red-hot hitting continued in the fifth.

Brooklyn Knott hit an RBI groundout, Sandlin hit an RBI single, Abby Kuykendall added an RBI triple and later scored on a wild pitch to stretch their lead to 11-6. Vinemont added two more runs in the seventh to take a 13-6 lead, and they ended up getting the win over Susan Moore, 13-6.

Sandlin led the way for Vinemont (2-7) with a pair of hits and three RBIs. Millwood and Kuykendall each added a hit and two RBIs, while Thomason, Maci Smith and Knott each collected an RBI in the win.

Southeastern 12 - Cold Springs 7 (Baseball)
Each team scored a run in the first and third innings to keep the game tied at two going into the fourth. Southeastern put up a run in their half to take a 3-2 lead, but an RBI single by Lindan Hill tied the game up at three in the top of the fifth for Cold Springs. The Mustangs broke the tie with four runs in their half to take a 7-3 lead. The Eagles loaded the bases with two outs for Brady Phillips, who promptly cleared the bases with a three-run double to cut it to 7-6. Matt Williams added an RBI single to tie the game up at seven going into the bottom of the sixth.

Southeastern put up five runs to break the tie and take a 12-7 lead. The Eagles didn't have an answer in their final at-bats and ended up dropping the game to the Mustangs 12-7.

Phillips finished with a hit and three RBIs for Cold Springs (3-11). Josh Winfrey and Williams added a pair of hits and an RBI, while Cole Bales and Hill each collected a hit and an RBI in the loss.

Fairview 5 - St. Clair County 1 (Baseball) (Game One)
The game was scoreless going into the second inning. Fairview struck first in their half of the second. Colton Jennings drew a leadoff walk and later scored on an RBI double by Bryceson Turner to give the Aggies the early lead. Later that inning, Caden Barrett and Nicolas Gregory each added RBI singles to make it 3-0. St. Clair County cut it to 3-1 on a sacrifice fly in the top of the fifth, but Fairview answered right back in their half. Isaac Elrod hit an RBI groundout, and Turner added an RBI double to give them a 5-1 lead. That was more than enough run support for the duo of Gregory and Conner Scott, who helped lead them to a 5-1 win over the Saints.

Turner finished with a pair of hits and two RBIs for Fairview. Gregory and Barrett each added a hit and an RBI, while Elrod collected an RBI in the win. Gregory and Scott gave up just seven hits combined, allowed just one run, walked three, and struck out five.

Ashville 5 - Good Hope 0 (Baseball) (Game One)
Ashville scored a run to lead off the game, then added two more in the third, and one more in the fourth and seventh as they ended up shutting out Good Hope 5-0.

Carter Naramore, Brady Stripling, and Dakota Overton collected the only hits of the game for the Raiders.

Hanceville 7 - Oneonta 6 (Baseball)
Just like in their last game against Oneonta, Hanceville didn't waste any time getting on the scoreboard early. After the Redskins got on the scoreboard in its opening at-bats, the Bulldogs countered in their half. Jake Cornelius reached on an infield single and later scored on a passed ball to tie the game up at one. Back-to-back doubles by Cody Belcher and Gabriel Ognilla gave them a 2-1 lead. Nelson Arteaga followed that up with an RBI single to make it 3-1, then an RBI fielder's choice by Hunter Weeks and another passed ball gave Hanceville a 5-1 lead.

Oneonta put up five runs of their own in the top of the fourth to take a 6-5 lead. The score would remain the same until the bottom of the seventh.

Arteaga hit a leadoff double and later scored on a passed ball to tie the game up at six. Hanceville had runners on the corners with one out, then Luke Brown delivered the biggest hit of the game as his game-winning RBI double gave the Bulldogs the 7-6 win over the Redskins.

Arteaga led the way for Hanceville (11-3) with three hits and an RBI. Ognilla and Brown each added a hit and an RBI, while Weeks collected an RBI in the win.

Holly Pond 14 - Brindlee Mountain 4 (Baseball)
Brindlee Mountain jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead in its opening at-bats, but Holly Pond took over after that. They put up four runs in the bottom of the second and three more in the third to take a 7-2 lead. The Broncos added five runs in the fifth and ended things in the sixth as they collected two more runs to get the win over the Lions 14-4.

Bradly Butts led the way for Holly Pond (4-10) with a pair of hits and three RBIs. Peyton Queen added three RBIs of his own, while Carson Ryan and Rex Harrison each ended up with a hit and an RBI in the win.

Vinemont 6 - Danville 1 (Baseball)
Vinemont raced off to an early lead in their game against Danville. A single and an error put runners on the corners in its opening at-bats, then Kayden Henderson scored on a passed ball, and Jake Hale hit an RBI single to give the Eagles a 2-0 lead. Later that inning, Owen McKinney added an RBI single of his own to make it 3-0. Vinemont stretched their lead to 4-0 in the third on a sacrifice fly by Rylan McRae.

The Hawks cut it to 4-1 in the fifth on a sacrifice fly of their own, but Vinemont added some insurance runs in the bottom of the sixth. RBI singles by Hale and McKinney gave the Eagles a 6-1 lead, and Vinemont would go on to collect the five-run win over Danville. The Eagles stretch their winning streak to six straight games.

McKinney (three hits) and Hale (two hits) each finished with two RBIs for Vinemont (15-3), while McRae added a hit and an RBI in the win. Rush Sandlin and Josh Rhodes gave up a combined four hits, one unearned run, walked three, and struck out five.

Lawrence County 11 - West Point 8 (Baseball) (Game One)
Lawrence County got out to a quick 8-0 lead against West Point in game one, but the Warriors answered right back in a big way after that. West Point made it 8-2 in the bottom of the fifth on a two-run double by Cade Welborn.

The Warriors rallied to tie the game up at eight in the bottom of the sixth on a bases-loaded walk, a three-run double by Boston Freeman, an RBI single by J.D. Cochran, and a sacrifice fly by Charlie Ashley. The Red Devils, though, countered in the top of the seventh, scoring three times to take an 11-8 lead. West Point ended up falling just short at the end to Lawrence County, 11-8.

Freeman finished with a hit and three RBIs for West Point. Welborn added a hit and two RBIs, while Cochran and Ashley each collected a pair of hits and an RBI in the loss.

‘We Care – Ride for Suicide Prevention,’ a community ride for suicide awareness

Gauge Day
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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — On March 30, the "We Care - Ride for Suicide Prevention," motorcycle event aimed at raising awareness about suicide and supporting those affected by it, will take place at Redline Leather & Cycle Workz, located at 222 Arkadelphia Road NE in Hanceville. Registration for the event starts at 10 a.m., followed by the ride beginning at 11. The event aims to raise awareness among those affected by suicide and honor the memory of Albert Tubbs and Benjamin Gillilan, whose lives were tragically lost to suicide.

Steven McDonald, the event organizer, emphasized the significance of the event: "The importance of this ride is to bring awareness and let people know that there are actually people that care. There are other options besides suicide, and hopefully, we can bring them closer to people who can help them. I lost my cousin about a month ago to suicide. And I lost my brother-in-law about two years ago to suicide. All the money raised will go to WellStone in Huntsville in memory of my cousin Albert Tubbs and my brother-in-law, Benjamin Gillilan."

The event welcomes not only motorcycle enthusiasts, but also anyone interested in supporting the cause. Post-ride activities will feature a live band, and a raffle with prizes including ratchet sets, automobile jacks, gift cards and more.

There will be hamburgers and hotdogs available to attendees, made possible through donations.

Those not riding will still have a chance to participate in an impactful event full of great fellowship.

Participants will embark on a 105-mile journey, starting and ending at Redline Leather & Cycle Workz. The ride offers a chance to honor those lost to suicide and to unite the community in spreading awareness to those who feel they don't have access to the help they need.

Redline Leather & Cycle Workz has provided its premises for the event, showing support for the cause without any business affiliation. The organizers express deep appreciation for the venue's contribution to making the event possible.

Those unable to attend but wishing to contribute can make donations. Arrangements for donation pickup can be made by contacting Steven McDonald directly at 256-636-1211, or donations can be made during the event. Those looking for additional information about the ride may also contact McDonald.

LEGALS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
MARION T. KEY, * CASE NO PC 2023-333
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: JASON KEY, AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Petition for Probate of Will filed the 17th day of October, 2023, made court record the 18th day of October, 2023, by Rhonda Key, Petitioner, to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Marion T. Key, deceased, by and through Attorney, Pamela E. Nail, has been scheduled for the **30th day of April, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

All persons are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Done this the 22nd day of March, 2024

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

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

Pamela E. Nail
Attorney for Personal Representative
200 Second Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055
256-734-3342

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
MICHAEL DELANE DAVIS *
Deceased. *
CASE NO.: PC 2024-047

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Kathy Milligan Davis, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Michael Delane Davis. deceased, on the 6th day of March, 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.

Kathy Milligan Davis
Personal Representative

Douglas C. Martinson
Martinson & Beason, P.C.
Attorney for Petitioner
115 North Side Square
Huntsville, Alabama 35801

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

Please publish the above Notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
)
LILA JEAN FILYAW,)
)
Deceased.)
Case Number: PC2023-356

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama

In the matter of the Estate of Lila Jean Filyaw, Deceased

Letters Testamentary upon last will and testament of said decedent, having been granted to the undersigned on the 7th day of March, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from the above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

Tammy McAlpine
Personal Representative

Tonya C. Palmer
Attorney for Personal Representative
1939 Main Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
ELLEN BAILEY HESTERLEY *
Deceased. *
CASE NO.: PC 2023-419

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to REGGIE D. HESTERLEY, as Personal Representative of the Estate of ELLEN BAILEY HESTERLEY. deceased, on the 21st day of March, 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.

Reggie D. Hesterley
Personal Representative

Kenneth Weldon
Attorney for Personal Representative
PO Box 1464
Cullman, Alabama 35056

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

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

SPECIAL NOTICE RE LOCAL LAWS

NO SPECIAL, PRIVATE, OR LOCAL LAW CAN BE PASSED, except in reference to fixing the time of holding courts, unless notice of the intention to apply therefor shall have been published, without cost to the State, in the county or counties where the matter or thing to be affected may be situated. The notice must state the substance of the proposed law and be published at least once a week for four consecutive weeks in some newspaper published in such county or counties. Such publication must have been completed prior to the day on which the bill is introduced.

Proof by affidavit (proof of publication) which verifies that notice has been properly published must be exhibited to the House of Representatives and the Senate, and one copy of such proof must be attached to the original copy of the bill which is offered for introduction.

The county or municipality affected by a local law introduced by a legislator must pay for advertising the notice, if the notice is signed by the Legislator, even though the bill is not passed. (Section 11-13-6, Code of Alabama 1975)

LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY

NOTICE is hereby given that a bill substantially as follows will be introduced in the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature of Alabama and application for its passage and enactment will be made:

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«Project»**DRAFT DOCUMENT: NOT OFFICIAL LEGISLATION**

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to Cullman County; to amend Section 1 of Act 2023-121 of the 2023 Regular Session, now appearing as Section 45-22-190, Code of Alabama 1975; to provide further for the expenditure of monies from the Cullman County Legislative Delegation Fund.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 1 of Act 2023-191 of the 2023 Regular Session, now appearing as Section 45-22-190, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§45-22-190

(a) The Cullman County Commission shall create the Cullman County Legislative Delegation Fund.

(b) The fund shall be comprised of the following monies received by the county:

(1) The additional three percent of TVA in-lieu-of-taxes payments received pursuant to Section 40-28-2.

(2) The proceeds collected pursuant to Section 35-8B-5.

~~(2)~~ (3) Any other monies provided for by law.

(c) The commission shall immediately pay amounts from the fund as the Cullman County Legislative Delegation may request.

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(d) The legislative delegation shall expend the monies on allowable public purposes at the discretion and direction of the legislative delegation, based on the proportion of the population each member of the delegation represents in the county.

(e) All decisions concerning the Cullman County Legislative Delegation Fund shall be made by resolutions adopted by the members of the Cullman County Legislative Delegation.

(f) Any funds allocated but not spent at the end of the fiscal year shall not be applied for any other purpose, but shall be carried forward and shall remain available year to year for expenditure as provided in this section.

(g) The revenue and expenditures of the legislative delegation office shall be audited on an annual basis."

Section 2. This act shall become effective on June 1, 2024.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

HUNTER KENNETH,)
HUNTER BRENDA,)
Plaintiffs,)
)
V.) Case No.: CV-2024-900077.00
)
AVCO FINANCIAL SERVICES)
OF ALABAMA,)
Defendant.)

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: ANY AND ALL PERSONS, ASSIGNS, HEIRS OR DEVISEES OF AVCO FINANCIAL SERVICES OF ALABAMA, INC.; ALABAMA FINANCIAL SERVICES OF ALA., INC. AND ALABAMA FINANCIAL SERVICES OF ALABAMA, claiming any right, title and interest to the following described real property, to-wit: Parcel # 08-06-14-0-001-009.043 and Parcel # 08-06-14-0-001-009.035

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON THE 29TH DAY OF February, 2024 a Complaint in Rem to Quiet Title was filed by Plaintiffs Kenneth Hunter and Brenda Hunter, by and through their counsel of record, Beverly Paschal Poston, wherein all parties at interest were given notice and wherein it was alleged that said Complaint was filed against the property described above, and it was alleged that Plaintiffs were the owners in fee simple of said real property.

The parties at interest are further notified that Plaintiffs aver in said Complaint that they claim title to the real property by reason of the following chain of title to wit:

(a) On the 16th day of March 2001, a decree was rendered by the Revenue Commissioner of Cullman County for the sale of land herein described and conveyed for the payment of State and County taxes of Defendant **AVCO FINANCIAL SERVICES OF ALABAMA.**

(b) On the 2nd day of May 2001 said lands were duly and regularly sold by the Revenue Commissioner of said county for taxes, costs, and expenses owed by Avco Financial Services of Ala., Inc. At said sale Plaintiffs Kenneth Hunter and Brenda Hunter purchased said lands at and for the sum of said taxes, costs, expenses, and additional sums and forthwith paid said sums to the Revenue Commissioner and received from said Revenue Commissioner a certificate of said sale.

(c) The time of redemption of said lands has elapsed and said certificate of purchase had been returned to the Revenue Commissioner of said county.

(d) On or about the 17th day of November, 2004, Plaintiffs came forward and notified the Revenue Commissioner that they had taken lawful possession of the land and were due a deed pursuant to the Code of Alabama, specifically, but not limited to Title 40-1–29 and act number 84-493. Plaintiffs met all of the requirements under these two statutes and other provisions of Alabama Law and were granted a Tax Deed for each parcel and the same was recorded on November 17, 2004, in Deed Book 543, Page 798 and Deed Book 543, Page 799, in the records of the Probate Court for Cullman County, Alabama.

(e) Title to the real property described hereinabove stands upon the records in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, in the name of the Plaintiffs.

YOU ARE HEREBY DIRECTED TO answer this Complaint on or before thirty (30) days from the 13th day of May, 2024, or upon failure to do so, suffer a default judgment may be rendered against you.

DONE this 13th day of March, 2024.

/s/ MARTHA E. WILLIAMS
CIRCUIT JUDGE

DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY
500 SECOND AVENUE SW
Room 303
Cullman, AL 35055

BIVINS ECONOMY MOTORS, INC..

(PLAINTIFF)

vs **CASE NO: SM 2019-900162**

SHARAF, SARAH

(DEFENDANT)

NOTICE OF FILING OF LAWSUIT

DEFENDANT, **Sharaf, Sarah**, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against her by the PLAINTIFF, **Bivins Economy Motors, Inc.** for $2,009.78 plus court cost, cause of action being: Money owed on sale/financing of automobile.

ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT MUST BE MADE BY THE SAID DEFENDANT on or before the 22nd day of April, 2024, or a default may be rendered against her in the above styled cause.

DATED THIS THE 14th day of March 2024

Lisa McSwain
LISA MCSWAIN DISTRICT COURT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

NOTICE TO PUBLISHER:
Please publish once a week for four (4) successive weeks in the Cullman Tribune beginning March 16, 2024.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of)
EREK SHANE RAYL) CASE NO. PC 2024 - 058
Deceased.)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have been granted to Stephanie Rayl-Moore, as Administratrix of the Estate of Erek Shane Rayl, deceased, on the 7th day of March, 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.

Stephanie Rayl-Moore

Shay Persall
SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC
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Cullman AL 35055
(256) 841-7800

Attorney for Administratrix

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of publication.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

Vinemont High's inaugural STEAM Job Fair a resounding success

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VINEMONT, Ala. — Vinemont High School's gymnasium was a hive of activity and curiosity on March 20 as the school hosted its inaugural STEAM Job Fair. From 9 a.m.-2 p.m., students from middle and high school levels engaged in conversations with business leaders and professionals from local STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) fields. The event, designed to bridge the gap between students and the ever-growing STEAM industries in and around Cullman County, was nothing short of a triumph.

The fair was packed to the brim with students with vastly different career goals and interests, navigating through tables to explore what the STEAM businesses could offer for their futures. Students were tasked with an interactive challenge: visit at least three different business tables, ask three questions to the industry professionals and record the answers. This initiative encouraged the students to dive deep into conversation with the STEAM fields they had the most interest in and explore questions that they may not have been able to ask before.

Tables featured intriguing interactive pieces, including models of satellites, robots and 3D-printed parts, alongside comprehensive information about the businesses and programs represented, giving students a glimpse of the work they could be doing as a career. Additionally, it offered students a practical glimpse into the nature of future job fairs and the opportunity to connect with industry professionals in a real-world setting.

Shannon Bridges, a science teacher at Vinemont and coordinator of the job fair, shared her enthusiasm for the event's outcome.

"We had a great turnout for our first STEAM job fair. The purpose of the job fair was to expose students at Vinemont High School to careers in STEAM. We wanted the students to learn about many careers, summer internships, and summer camps. I think the job fair was a huge success."

The fair was supported by a robust lineup of companies and organizations, showcasing the wide array of opportunities available within STEAM fields. Participants included:

- The University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH)
- CCBOE Technology Department
- Cullman County Sheriff's Office Forensics
- Elaine Roberts Drafters and Designers
- Wallace State Community College Robotics
- James Construction
- Sprout Internet
- Walmart Distribution
- Quanthub
- Edward Warnke and Brian Kress - Cullman County Farmers
- Cullman Electric Co-Op - Lineman
- Lee's Veterinary Clinic
- Athens Aerospace Systems Management
- Ricky McSwain - Machinist
- Cullman Park and Recreation
- Prototype Division at Redstone Arsenal
- Blue Origin
- Skills from Wallace State Community College

Bridges and Vinemont High School extended their heartfelt appreciation to these organizations for their participation and support. They said the strong outcome of the event speaks volumes about the community's commitment to fostering the next generation of STEAM professionals.

Reflecting on the event's achievements, Bridges expressed her gratitude and optimism for the future, "We have so much support in our community, and I was blessed to have many alumni of Vinemont High School behind the tables. We hope to add more companies, businesses and colleges next year. We really would like to add some medical careers."

The success of the Vinemont STEAM Job Fair not only underscores the broad curiosity among students about the STEAM industries and careers, but also sets the stage for an expanded event.

Next year and beyond, the fair is poised to offer an even wider array of opportunities for students to explore and engage with the dynamic landscape of STEAM careers.

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CULLMAN COUNTY HAS BEEN AWARDED FEDERAL FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)/FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY UNDER THE EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER NATIONAL BOARD PROGRAM.

Cullman County has been chosen to receive $16,291 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county. The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; The Jewish Federations of North America, The Salvation Army; and, United Way Worldwide. A Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country. A Local Board made up of representatives of the Pilot Lighthouse, the Crossing Food Pantry, St. Vincent de Paul, and Victim Services will determine how the funds awarded to Cullman County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds made available under this phase of the program. Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary nonprofits or units of government, 2) be eligible to receive Federal funds, 3) have an accounting system, 4) practice nondiscrimination, 5) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 6) if they are a private voluntary organization, have a voluntary board. Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds may email: EFSPBoardCullman@gmail.com for an application. The deadline for applications to be received is April 2nd, 2024.

LEGALS

SECTION 001116
INVITATION TO BID

1.1 BID INFORMATION

A. Project: Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion
B. Owner: The City of Good Hope
C. Engineer: Canyon Engineering, LLC

1.2 ANNOUNCEMENT

A. Your firm is invited to submit a sealed Bid for the project listed above. Owner will receive Bids at the City of Good Hope City Hall, located at 135 Municipal Drive, Cullman, Alabama, 35057, until **10:00 AM local time on the 4th day of April 2024**, at which time and place the Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids not received by the indicated time will not be opened.

B. Project Description: *Construction of a 2 basin SBR treatment plant, rated at .225 MGD with equalization basin, drum screen, compactor, controls, blowers, sludge pumps, diffused aeration, decanter, and all required appurtenances.*

C. Owner requires the Project to be completed in 365 calendar days.

D. Bidding Documents for a Unit Price contract may be obtained from the office of the Canyon Engineering, LLC, 404 1st. Street E., Fort Payne, Alabama, 35967. Electronic copies will be free to download to all potential bidders. Paper sets are available upon receipt of a $150.00 non-refundable amount per set.

E. Potential bidders may view the Bid Documents at the office of Canyon Engineering by appointment only.

F. Bidders will be required to provide Bid security according to the requirements in Document 002113 - Instructions to Bidders and Document 003100 - Available Project Information.

G. Refer to other Bidding requirements as described in Document 002113 - Instructions to Bidders and Document 003100 - Available Project Information.

H. Submit your Bid on the Bid Form provided. Bidders are required to submit the bid form, bid bond, and the E-Verify documents at the time of the bid. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope bearing the name and address of the bidder, the bidder's General Contractor's license number, the project name, and bid date. Bidders are asked not to submit the full contract documents and specifications book at the time of the bid.

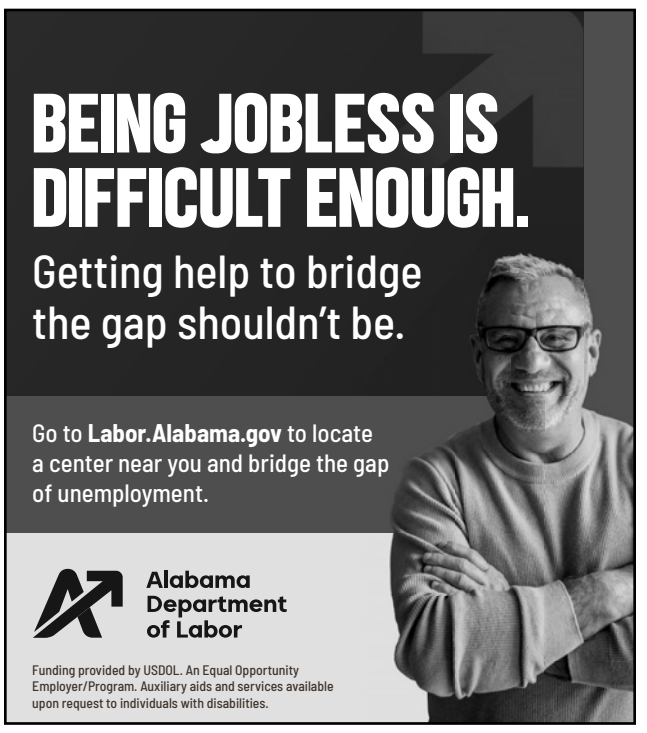
I. Bidders must carry the Municipal and Utility construction classification as listed in the roster of the Alabama State Licensing Board for General Contractors to be considered for the award of the project.

J. Your Bid will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 calendar days after submission.

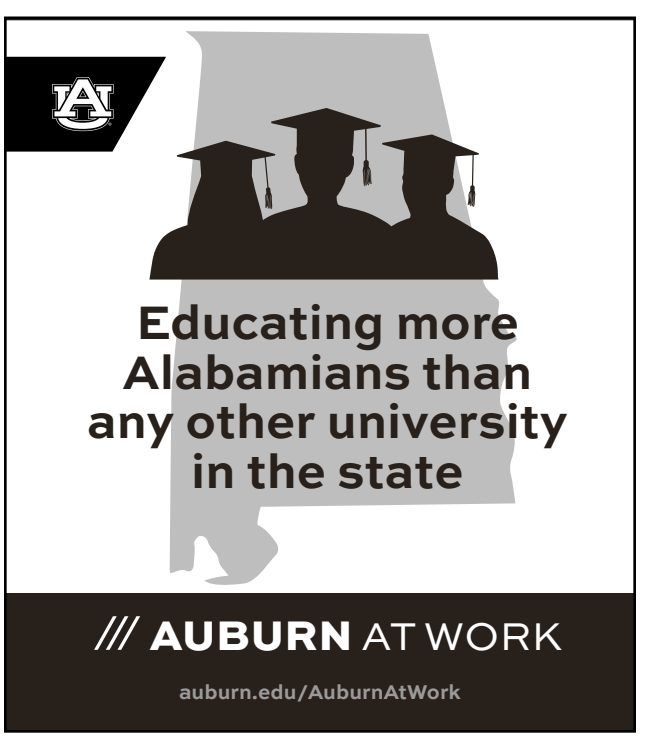
K. The Owner reserves the right to waive irregularities and to accept or reject any or all Bids.

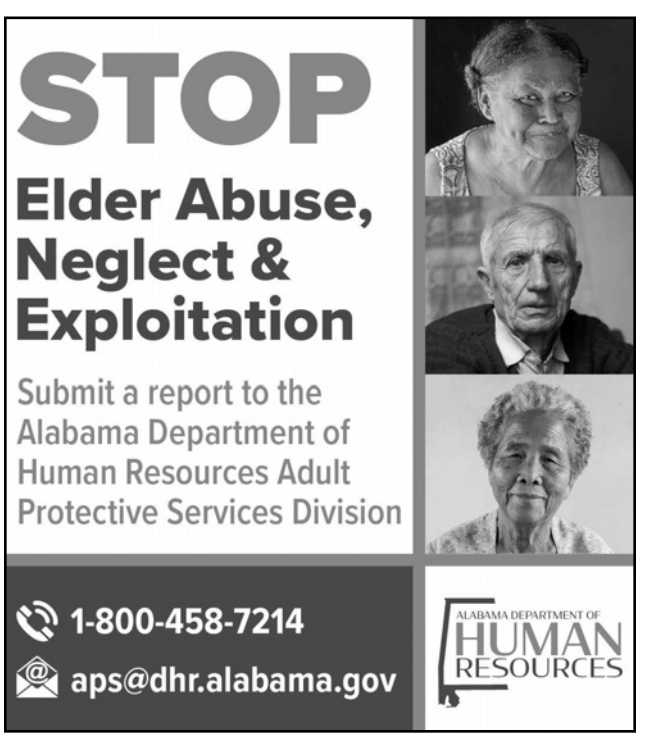












Allen applauds final passage of Senate Bill 1

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Secretary of State Wes Allen on Wednesday said he applauds the Alabama Legislature for passing Senate Bill 1 and Governor Ivey for signing the legislation into law.

"As secretary of state, ensuring fair, secure and transparent elections are a top priority. Today, Alabama elections were protected and strengthened," he said.

"The passage of SB1 is a victory for Alabama elections."

According to a release from Allen's office, "SB1 prevents ballot harvesters from manipulating Alabama's absentee elections process and threatening the security of Alabama elections by making it illegal to pay or to be paid by a third-party organization to pre-fill and/or collect absentee ballot applications. Secretary Allen has long been a supporter of outlawing the practice of ballot harvesting, advocating for legislation like SB1 since he served as a member of the Alabama House of Representatives."

"Free and fair elections are the foundation of our constitutional republic.

"The passage of SB1 signals to ballot harvesters that Alabama votes are not for sale," said Allen.

"Governor Ivey and the Alabama Legislature have made it clear that Alabama voters have the right to cast their own vote without undue influence."

"Secretary Allen thanks those who have sponsored this legislation in the Alabama Senate and House of Representatives," continued the release.

"I want to commend Senator Garlan Gudger and Representative Jamie Kiel for championing this legislation and for their dedication to protecting the vote of Alabama citizens," he said.

"I also want to thank Governor Kay Ivey for signing this legislation into law. Additionally, I want to thank Senate Pro-Tem Greg Reed and House Speaker Nathaniel Ledbetter for their leadership in each of their respective chambers."

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and multiple agencies from across the state.

"This exercise provides participants with extensive training on how to effectively respond and carry out recovery operations during mass casualty scenarios," McDonald said. "One notable presence during the training exercise was the Alabama state chaplain team, which plays a vital role in providing spiritual and emotional support to individuals involved in these situations."

Exercises involved various scenarios that challenge participants to apply their knowledge and expertise in a simulated high-stress environment. "By simulating realistic mass casualty situations, SMORT ensures that its volunteers are well prepared to handle the complexities and demands of actual disaster response and recovery operations," McDonald said. Participants had the opportunity to practice vital tasks such as victim identification, proper handling of human remains and coordination with other response agencies. These hands-on exercises enable SMORT volunteers to gain practical experience and enhance their ability to work effectively in challenging situations.

Anyone interested in learning more about SMORT or volunteering opportunities can reach out to the Cullman County Emergency Management Agency at 256-739-5410.

Obituary Announcements: March 21-22

Lonnie Gable Jr., 87
Lonnie Gable Jr., age 87 passed away on Monday, March 18, 2024. Lonnie was born Thursday, Aug 27, 1936, in Cullman, Alabama to the late Lonnie and Ethel Freeman Gable. Lonnie enjoyed bowling, fishing, rabbit hunting and later going to the Y to workout. Bro. Lonnie accepted the Lord at the age of 16, he worked for American Standard before he became pastor in Dayton, Kentucky (five years); Hazard, Kentucky (five years) then on to Louisville and Lexington, Kentucky before Soddy Daisy, Tennessee, Broadmoor Church of God in Nashville and semi retiring at White House Church of God in White House, Tennessee. Bro. Lonnie is survived by his wife of 69 years, Patricia Hall Gable; children, Teresa (Jim) Tombs, Gary (Elke) Gable and Mike (Trina) Gable; sister, Betty Johnson; grandchildren, Adam, Justin (Lauren), Christiana, Emily, Sarah, Jacob (Danielle), Austin, Addison, Sophia and great-grandchild, Norah. A visitation for Lonnie will be held Saturday, March 23, 2024, from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. with a Celebration of Life at 4 p.m. in the chapel at Forest Lawn Funeral Home & Memorial Gardens, 1150 South Dickerson Road, Goodlettsville, TN 37072 A visitation will also be held Sunday, March 24, 2024, from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home 1901 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, AL 35055. Graveside service will follow at 3:30 p.m. in Mount Zion Cemetery in Cullman. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial be made to: The Reverend Lonnie and Patricia Gable, Jr. Scholarship Fund c/o Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee 3421 Belmont Blvd. Nashville, TN 37215 or givingback@cfmt.org.

Terry Grimmett, 60
A celebration of life service for Terry Grimmett, 60, of Hanceville, Alabama, will be 2 p.m. Sunday, March 24, 2024 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Mr. Grimmett was born on April 13, 1963, to the late Clellan Grimmett and Shirley Copeland. He passed away on March 18, 2024, at his residence in Hanceville. Survivors include his children, Fredrick Dallas Wayne Grimmett, Andrew Johnson Grimmett and Amanda Kay Dunn; grandchildren, Benjamin Kade Grimmett, Sidni Dunn and Kane Dunn; siblings, Diann Hyder, Clellan Grimmett Jr., Donna Grimmett, Tony Mann, Richard Copeland, and Cheryl Couch; and several nieces, nephews, aunts', uncles and cousins Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Grimmett Family.

Thomas Orman 'Tom' Chambers, 79, of Hanceville
Thomas Orman "Tom" Chambers, age 79, of Hanceville, passed away on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at his residence surrounded by loving family. He was the oldest son of the late William Orman and Eunice Jeanette (Mullins) Chambers born on Nov. 28, 1944. He is preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Mike Chambers and Ricky Chambers. Tom grew up and lived in Cullman County in the Hanceville area and was a graduate of Hanceville High School. After High School, he enlisted in the United States Army and retired from the Military with 32 years of service. Tom loved his work and worked for several years with A&P Foods. Tom enjoyed family gatherings and in the summers fired up the grill or smokers and made BBQ for everyone. He liked to have crawfish boils. His BBQ sauce was always canned and put away for these special times. Any of these events ended with his homemade ice cream that he liked to prepare. Tom spent much time with his grandchildren. He went on many weekend horse riding and band trips with Zachary, supported Alice Grace in her academics and band, and loved riding the side by side and Jeep with Parker Claire watching deer on his trips to East Tennessee. Tom enjoyed riding, breaking, and breeding horses for many years. He enjoyed the National Forests, traveling to East Tennessee mountains, and up until recently, Tom rode horses for therapy. In past years, he helped work and support the Birmingham homeless mission, went on out of country mission trips, and helped many others as he could. He attended Cornerstone Revival Center. Tom is survived by his wife of 57 years, Sandra Jeanette (Smith) Chambers, daughter Kristi (Dennis) Beavers, three grandchildren Zachary, Alice Grace, and Parker Claire. One brother Johnny (Karen) Chambers, and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins. Visitation of friends will be Saturday, March 23, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. 1 p.m. in the Chapel of Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Funeral service begins at 1 with Pastor Jeremy Wilbanks officiating. Military graveside honors will follow service at Bethel United Methodist Church Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Lawayne Allred, Billy Holoway, Jason Queen, Clifford Smith, Brent Smith, and Brian Holmes. The family would like to thank the many friends and neighbors who came by and checked on Tom during the past few weeks. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is serving the family of Thomas Orman Chambers.

Anthony Shawn Murphree, 52, of Holly Pond
Funeral service for Anthony Shawn Murphree, age 52, of Holly Pond, will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 24, 2024, at with Rev. Tim Dubberly officiating. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 24, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Mr. Murphree passed away on Thursday, March 21, 2024, at his residence. He was born Sunday, Oct. 24, 1971, in Alabama to Anthony Sherman Murphree and Diane Specht. He was preceded in death by his father; father-in-law, Rayburn Collier; grandparents Ed (Glenice) Smith; stepfather, Max "Pops" Clark. Survivors include his wife, Bethany Murphree; daughters, Maddie (Kyle) Calvert, Kaidence Murphree and son, Lake Murphree; granddaughter, Etta Calvert; mother, Diane (Clancy) Specht; brother, Scott (Samantha) Murphree; nephews, Eric, Dexter and Deklin Murphree and Seth and Noah Collier; niece, Desi Murphree; mother-in-law, Sandra Collier; brothers-in-law Jeremy (Christy) Collier and Jamie Collier; best friends, Derrick "Debo" Briscoe and Kevin Folds. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

That's gonna leave a scar

Bill King
Tribune
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I have various marks on my body, otherwise known as scars. They are literally located from my head to my toes. I acquired some of them accidently and some on purpose. Some came through acts of stupidity and carelessness... often my own! At least one of them was given to me by someone else's carelessness... and perhaps stupidity! Some of them were given to me as the result of surgeries.

Some of my scars have faded as the years have passed and have become almost undetectable.

Others are bold and blaring and easy to see, but usually covered by clothing.

If you have lived for any length of time, you probably have a scar or two also. If you have lived a long time, you probably have several.

If scars could talk, they could sure tell some tales. That's because behind every scar there is a story about how it got there.

Most people with scars remember exactly how they got them...they can, and often will, tell those stories.

I grew up in the boomer generation. We went without shoes in summer, without seatbelts in anything, and rode all kinds of things without helmets.

We even rode in the back of pickups! We have the scars to show for much of it! I got my first scar when I was still running around as a barefoot kid. It is under my toes on my left foot.

I stepped on a zagged broken coke-bottle bottom in my grandparent's yard. I probably needed stitches, but instead I received a good-cleanup with kerosene and a rag tied around my foot.

When I was ten-years old, I was attacked by a Dober Pincher. Amazingly, those scars aren't too bad.

He bit me in three places, the worst being my right ear. The doctor managed to stitch my ear back together, but I am missing a small portion of the rim.

A scar of stupidity is on my right thigh, near where the dog bit me. I gave that one to myself, at about age twelve, with my razor-sharp pocket knife.

I wiped my knife blade on my pants leg...a little too firmly! Still, no stitches but about an inch-long scar.

I accidently sliced open my left wrist on my very-first day of a new job. I was a new seminary student, working at Mason Blanche warehouse, in New Orleans. As I pulled a cargo flat onto the loading dock, I got a little too close to a piece of jagged wire sticking out of a bin.

That one brought a trip to the E.R. and several stitches. I was so embarrassed, but not fired.

I am a cancer survivor, so I have some surgery scars. That surgery was laparoscopic, so, thankfully, those scars are nothing to show off!

My newest and biggest scar, however, is the seven-inch zipper that runs down the middle of my chest.

If you are a regularly reader of my column, you already know what caused that one...quadruple by-pass surgery last December.

Children and senior adults will show you those kinds of scars, if you ask...or even if you don't!

Do you know when we get to heaven our scars will all be gone?

A popular Christian song says, "The only scars in heaven, won't belong to you and me, there'll be no such thing as broken, and all the old will be made new."

The only scars in heaven will belong to the one who died to get us there. He still has the scars in his hands, his feet, and his side, as proof of his sacrifice and his love!

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HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1951

From the files of 1951

North Walter News

Mr. and Mrs. Leak Hosey, of Akron, Ohio, were the Wednesday night supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earnesteen Gable.

Mrs. Johnnie Guthrie spent Saturday afternoon here.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Ratliff spent a few days last week in Birmingham.

Mount View News

Private Charles M. Shikles, of Fort Bragg, North Carolina, spent last weekend in Cullman with friends and relatives.

W.E. Patillo and Mrs. C.G. Shikles and Margaret and Gary visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E.D. Shannon, at Holly Pond.

Mrs. A.F. Norris is spending a while in Columbus, Georgia with Mr. and Mrs. Otis McKinney and children.

South Walter News

Among those from this community attending the Christine Singing Convention, which was held at Brushy Pond were Mr. and Mrs. G.O. Plunkett and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Abercrombie, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Smith and daughters, Gail and Betty Ann and Mrs. A.C. Bice, Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Burrow and daughter, Carolyn, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Mayfield and son, Bernard, Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Mayfield and daughter, Glenda, Mr. and Mrs. Ervie R. Burns and children, Ivalene, Ronnie, Ruth and Roma, Mrs. Floye Norris and sons, Joe Dean and Wesley Baker and Elwin Norris and Ellen Loyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Strong and son, Chipper, of Alexandria, Virginia, are spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Glasscock, Junior and E.C. Also Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Stubbs and children, Dianne, Randy and Michael, of DeFuniak Springs, Florida and Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Shaw and children, Donna and John, of Montgomery, spent the weekend with their parents and the Strongs.

Mount Herman News

Mrs. J.L. Ellenburgh and family and W.D. Solley visited their mother, Mrs. Eda Harper, at Ruth, on Monday.

Rachel Teague and daughters spent Labor Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Hemrick. Mr. and Mrs. Ulden Reynolds carried her home on Monday night.

Nollie Hyatt visited his parents at Rice on Tuesday and made a trip to Arab.

Eva Hardin is working at Cullman.

POET'S CORNER

Dreams

In the 70's,

the radio played songs like

Dr. Hook's "Sylvia's Mother Says"

and Fleetwood Mac's "Dreams."

I listened to the graveled voice

of Stevie Nicks.

There was platform shoes,

bell bottom jeans and silk shirts.

The young boys put cherry bomb

mufflers on their cars and installed

eight track players.

We played on the streets,

the pastures, the woods and creeks.

Most days carried some

kind of adventure in our small world.

"Sylvia's mother says, 'Sylvia's busy.

Too busy to come to the phone," and

"Thunder only happens when

it's raining,"

such dreams.

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

MARCH 23

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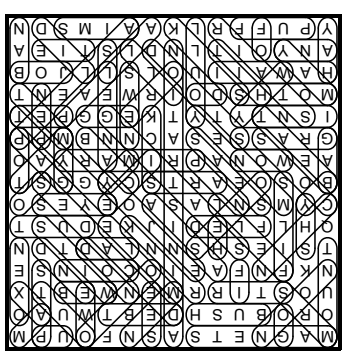
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