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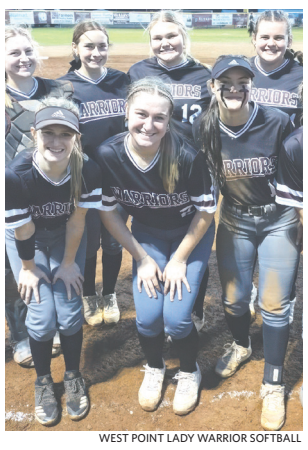
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Good Hope City Council awards bid for wastewater treatment plant expansion

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — Good Hope's City Council held its first April meeting at Good Hope City Hall Monday night and they took the next step in their wastewater treatment plant expansion project. Bids for the project were received and opened on April 4 and Canyon Engineering recommended the low base bid submitted by Apel Machine and Supply Company, Inc. for $3,322,343.00.

Canyon Engineering also recommended an alternate bid submitted by Apel Machine and Supply that includes an additional $164,000 to replace the plant's backup generator. The Council voted to award the bid to Apel Machine and Supply for a total of $3,486,343.00. The majority of the funds for the project will come from a $2.3 million Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) grant that the city received last fall. » PAGE 8



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The Good Hope City Council awarded a bid to Apel Machine & Supply for its wastewater treatment plant expansion project Monday night.

Cullman City Council introduces zoning ordinance amendment for vape shops



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Signs advertising cannabis products could soon disappear from store windows in the city of Cullman.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council on Monday, April 8, held the first reading of an amendment to the City's zoning ordinance to govern the location and signage of vape retailers. The ordinance, to be voted on at the next council meeting, would limit the locations where new shops can be built (already established shops could continue to operate in their present locations), and would remove flashy, attention-getting signs even from established dealers.

According to the proposed update, a tobacco, vape, CBD or THC shop is "any retail premises whose primary purpose is dedicated to the display, sale, storage of tobacco products, electronic cigarettes (a product containing or delivering nicotine, or any other substance intended for human consumption that can be used by a person to simulate smoking through inhalation of vapor or aerosol from the product including, but not limited to, "vapes"), CBD products (products made from CBD containing less than 0.2% THC), and/or THC products (including Delta-8 and Delta-9 products that come from the cannabis sativa plant which are subject to Federal, State and local guidelines and laws)."

Grocery stores and pharmacies are exempted from the definition.

Signage limited

A response to local residents' complaints about stores in town placing tall feather banners in city rights of way alongside streets and displaying large signs featuring cannabis leaves and similar drug-related themes, the proposed update would limit the use of such signage and authorize the City to remove signs when necessary.

The current ordinance's phrase "Signs and advertising related to alcoholic beverages" would be modified to read "Signs and advertising related to alcoholic beverages, vaping, tobacco, e-cigarettes, CBD, THC and medical cannabis" with the following regulation:

"It shall be unlawful for any person who owns or operates a place where vape products, tobacco, e-cigarettes, CBD, THC (including but not limited to CBD products, Delta-8 and Delta-9) or medical cannabis are sold to display any feather flags, banners, signs or electronic signage (including, but not limited to neon » PAGE 7

TRAFFIC NOTICE

New Hope Road in front of Holly Pond School will be closed April 16, 17 and possibly 18 due to major road repair. Use alternate route or check with the school for drop-off and pick-up plans.

Cullman County lands 2 Rebuild Alabama Act grants

Much needed repairs coming to local roadways following Gov. Ivey's announcement » PAGE 5

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Council honors Cherri Drake for 28 years of Planning Commission service



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Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs presents Cherri Drake a commendation for her service to the City of Cullman Planning Commission. » PAGE 7

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported April 10

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported April 10 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

April 4
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1668
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1545
- domestic violence; CR 38
- harassment; criminal mischief; trespassing; Hwy. 91
- domestic violence; CR 1720

April 5
- possession of marijuana; CR 747
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 398
- domestic violence; Logan St. SW
- criminal mischief; CR 437

April 6
- domestic violence; CR 815
- criminal mischief; CR 790
- possession of dangerous drugs; US. 231
- dog bite; CR 547

April 7
- harassment; CR 1663
- theft of property; CR 1718
- theft of property; criminal mischief; CR 1663
- burglary; unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 1682
- theft of property; Colony Rd.
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 703
- domestic violence; CR 728
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1616
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278E

April 8
- domestic violence; CR 1669
- harassment; CR 699
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; Woods St.
- domestic violence; High School Rd.
- domestic violence; Tally Ho St. SW
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 656

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

April 7
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW

April 8
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Drinkard Development; Marktplatz Ctr.
- burglary-3rd degree; person; miscellaneous; Main Ave. SW
- burglary-3rd degree; Marathon; 4th St. SW
- harassing communications; person
- theft of property-2nd degree; person; miscellaneous; $2,000

April 9
- theft of property-1st degree; person; '04 Honda motorcycle; $3,000; Dripping Springs Rd. NW
- unauthorized use of vehicle; S & N Auto Sales
- harassing communications; person
- theft of property-1st degree; Mitch Smith Chevrolet; '23 Toyota Sequoia; $78,993

ARRESTS

April 8- 9

Farley, Hannah A.; 27
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree
- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree

Marlow, Jonathon T.; 20
- burglary

Klumpe, Taren M.; 24
- burglary

Schofield, Alexis C.; 21
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- illegal possession of prescription drugs

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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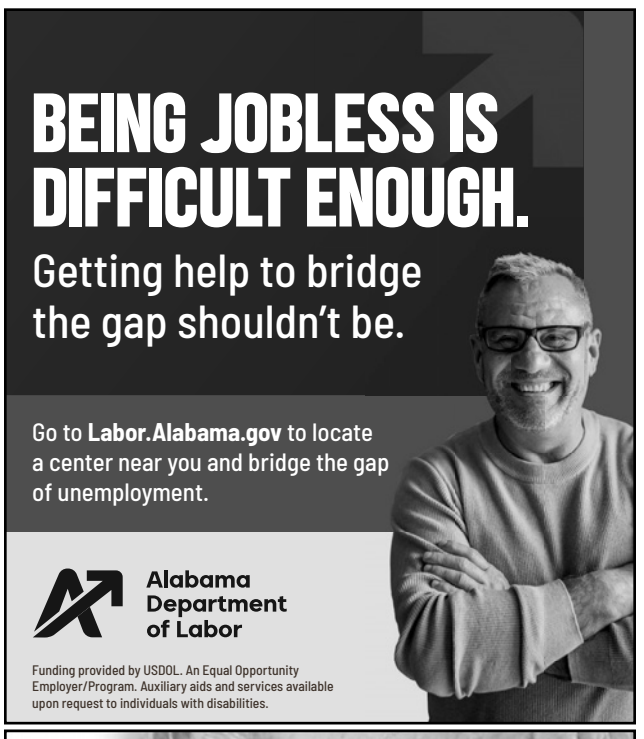
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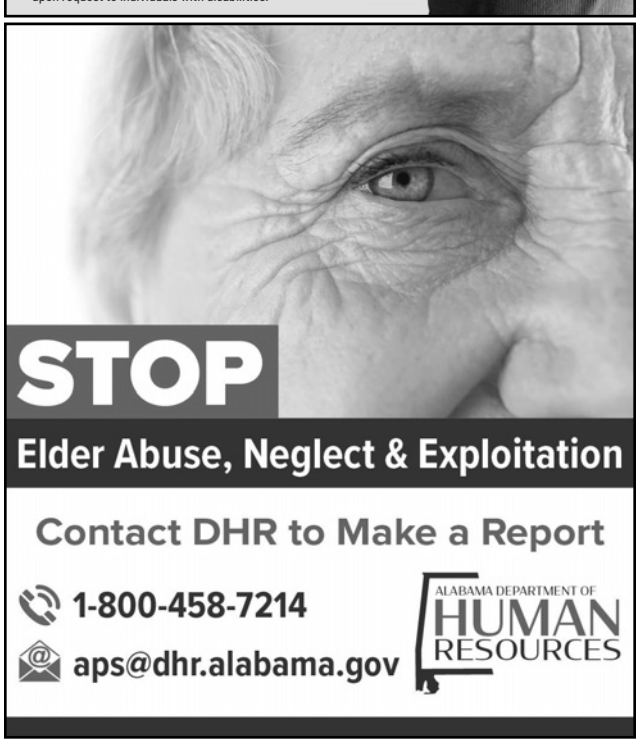
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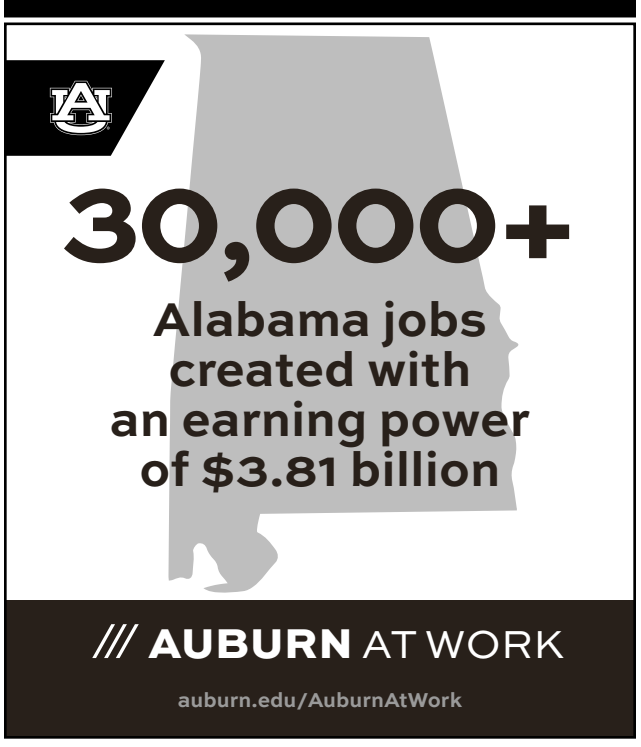












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Public Notice: Mt. Zion Cemetery
Please remove all ground flowers/decorations from graves at Mt. Zion Cemetery at Vinemont (Highway 31) for spring cleaning and mowing.

Public Notice: Good Hope Public Cemetery Decoration Weekend Cleanup Announcement for 2024
Good Hope Public Cemetery will hold its annual Decoration Weekend on Saturday, May 4, and Sunday, May 5. Please have all worn flowers and decorations removed from the cemetery by Sunday, April 28. Any flowers and decorations remaining after April 28 will be subject to removal by cemetery maintenance with respect to condition. We ask that all new flowers and decorations be kept as close to the monuments as possible to aid in mowing. Donations to the cemetery can be sent to Good Hope Public Cemetery, P.O. Box 355, Cullman, AL 35056, are tax deductible and help us pay for cemetery upkeep. Thanks.

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

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

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

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m.-noon. Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry and Spirit Life Church.
• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthdays. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pickup is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper, AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• Friday, April 12- 5:45 p.m. Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Bring a dish, dessert or drink for a potluck meal at 5:45. Small group starts at 6:30. Childcare provided!
• Saturday, April 13 - Youth trip to Stars & Stripes in Huntsville
• Sunday, April 14 - 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, April 14 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call Guy Sunter at 727-215-9092 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11. Leadership meeting after service!
• Sunday, April 14 - 5 p.m. Healing service. Miracles, Signs & Wonders follow those who believe!

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 AlAnon Meetings
The AlAnon family groups are a fellowship of friends and family whose lives have been affected by alcoholism. 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 Courage to Change AlAnon family group meets on Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church at 305 Arnold St. NE in the Carriage House, located between the church and the Arnold House on the corner. For more information call 256-734-2231 or 256-531-4429.

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.

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.

Rummage Sale
Friday, April 12, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday, April 13, from 8 a.m.-noon at Trinity Lutheran Church, 505 Commercial St., Hanceville.

Multifamily Yard Sale
Friday-Saturday, April 12-13, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. both days. 1510-1514 Third Ave. SE.

Cullman Educator Retirees Association Meeting
Thursday, April 18, at 11 a.m. at Stone Bridge Farms. Our program will be the installation of our local officers for the next two years, followed by lunch and fellowship. We invite all educator retirees to join us.

Fairview High School 1963 Luncheon/Meeting
The class will meet at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 19, at the Golden Corral, 1720 Cherokee Ave. SW in Cullman. The meeting will be held in a reserved room. For more information call Joyce Williams Rodgers at 256-339-3451.

40th Annual Bloomin' Festival
Saturday and Sunday, April 20-21, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. each day on the grounds of St. Bernard Preparatory School. There will be around 185 vendors this year. Admission is a $10 donation. Special reduced admission rates will also be offered to festival attendees all weekend to visit the Ave Maria Grotto.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Singing
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PREP SOFTBALL

West Point fends off Fairview 5-4, Monday scoring recap

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West Point 5 - Fairview 4 (Softball)

A solo home run off the bat of Brinlee Phillips gave West Point an early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first. Fairview tied the game up at one in the top of the second on a sacrifice bunt by Ava Pruett. The Lady Warriors broke the tie in the bottom of the third. Macie Brown hit a two-out double, then Kara Jones hit an RBI single to center field to give them a 2-1 lead. West Point added to its lead in the bottom of the fifth. Macayla Wilkins and Phillips each scored on an error to push their lead to 4-1.

Fairview got a rally started in the top of the sixth. The Lady Aggies made it a 4-2 game, then Pruett hit a two-run double to tie the game up at four. The Lady Warriors quickly broke the tie in their half. Quinn hit a one-out double and later scored on an error to give them a 5-4 lead. After walking the leadoff batter, Jones got a double play and a strikeout to end the game, and West Point held on to knock off Fairview 5-4.

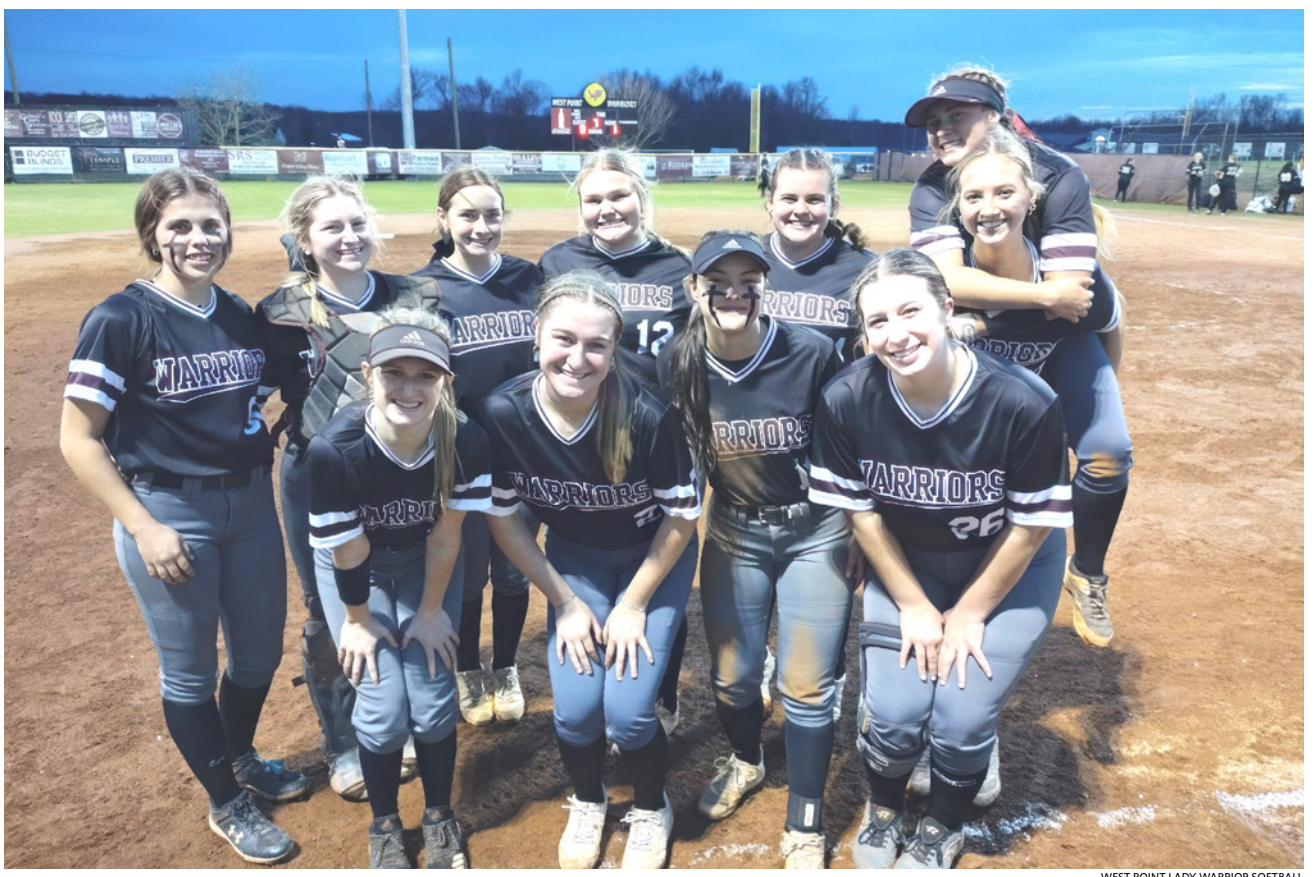
Phillips finished with the solo home run in the game for West Point (11-9-1). Jones added a hit and an RBI in the win; she went the distance, giving up six hits, two earned runs, walking two, and striking out 10. For Fairview (12-7), Pruett finished with a pair of hits and three RBIs in the loss. Ayda Payne went six innings, allowing five hits, two earned runs, walking three, and striking out three.

Cold Springs 10 - Meek 7 (Baseball)

Cold Springs struck first in its opening at-bats against Meek. A pair of walks and an error loaded the bases with two outs, then Mason Gable hit a two-run single to left field to give them a 2-0 lead. Meek hit an RBI single in their half to cut it to 2-1. Gable scored on an error in the third to make it 3-1, but the Tigers got a run in their half to cut it to 3-2. An RBI groundout by Josh Winfrey made it 4-2 in the top of the fourth. The Eagles pushed their lead to 5-2 in the fifth on an RBI single by Boston Archer. An RBI single and a passed ball allowed Meek to trim it to just one at 5-4 in their half.

Ethan Nabors drew a bases-loaded walk in the sixth to give Cold Springs a 6-4 lead, but the Tigers put up three runs in their half to take a 7-6 lead. The Eagles looked to keep their chances of winning alive in the seventh. They loaded the bases to start the inning, and Lindan Hill came up with the biggest hit of the inning, hitting a bases-clearing single to give them a 9-7 lead. Hill later scored on a passed ball to make it 10-7. Cole Bales struck out the side to help seal the three-run win for the Eagles.

Hill finished with a pair of hits and three RBIs for Cold Springs (8-14). Gable added a hit and two RBIs, while Winfrey (one hit), Archer (one hit), and Nabors each collected an RBI in the win.



WEST POINT LADY WARRIOR SOFTBALL

The West Point Lady Warriors defeated Fairview 5-4 Monday night.

Cullman 13 - Arab 3 (Softball)

Reese Hopper hit a two-out RBI single in the top of the first to give Cullman a 1-0 lead. Kynlei Storey scored on a wild pitch in the top of the third to make it 2-0. A two-run single off the bat of Abby Maples pushed the Lady Bearcat lead to 4-0 in the top of the fourth. Arab hit an RBI single in their half to cut it to 4-1, but Brie Voss hit a solo home run in the top of the fifth to make it 5-1.

Cullman broke the game wide open in the sixth. They batted around and scored six runs. The big hits came from Brooklyn Morton (two-run double), Voss (RBI single), and Maples (three-run double), as that stretched their lead to 12-1. The Lady Knights cut it to 12-3 in their half, but Morton added a sacrifice fly in the seventh to give the Lady Bearcats a 13-3 lead. Voss retired Arab in order on 14 pitches to help seal the 13-3 win for Cullman.

Maples had a huge game at the plate for the Lady Bearcats, as she finished with three hits and five RBIs. Morton added a pair of hits and three RBIs. Voss ended up with a pair of hits and two RBIs, while Hopper (three hits) and Kylie Stracener (two hits) each collected an RBI in the win for Cullman (16-10). Voss gave up just two hits and one earned run in 6 2/3 innings and struck out four.

Cold Springs 6 - Falkville 5 (Softball)

Falkville got out to a quick 2-0 lead in the bottom of the second, but Cold Springs countered in the top of the third. Peyton Kennedy drew a leadoff walk, and the pinch runner for her, Cheyenne Bishop, later scored on an RBI single by Brooklyn Ingram to make it 2-1. Ingram scored on an error later that inning to tie the game up at two. Cold Springs broke the tie in the top of the fifth as an RBI groundout by Ciara Calvert gave them a 3-2 lead. The Lady Eagles made it 4-2 in the sixth on an RBI single by Brooke Rowan.

Cold Springs padded their lead in the seventh. A sacrifice fly by Sadie Smith and an RBI single by Cloe Shelton pushed their lead to 6-2, but the Lady Blue Devils made things really interesting in their half. An RBI single and a two-run double trimmed it to just one at 6-5, but Kennedy forced a ground ball to end the game, and the Lady Eagles ended up collecting a 6-5 win over Falkville.

Ingram (one hit), Smith (one hit), Shelton (one hit), Rowan (one hit), and Calvert all finished with an RBI in the win for Cold Springs (5-5).

Good Hope 9 - East Lawrence 6 (Softball)

East Lawrence jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead in their opening at-bats, but Good Hope countered in the top of the second. Haley Lay hit a one-out single, and Addyson Burgess hit a two-run home run over the center field fence to cut it to 3-2.

A wild pitch in the bottom of the second made it 4-2, but the Lady Raiders cut it to 4-3 on a passed ball in the top of the third.

Natalie Miller hit a one-out triple in the top of the fourth, and for the second time in the game, Burgess went deep as her second two-run home run of the game gave Good Hope a 5-4 lead. The Lady Eagles hit an RBI single in the bottom of the fifth, and later that inning, added an RBI groundout to take a 6-5 lead.

The Lady Raiders quickly got the lead right back in the top of the sixth. They loaded the bases to start out the inning, then Lizzy Steed drew a walk to tie the game up at six. Later that inning, Miller scored on a passed ball, then an RBI single by Campbell Koch and an RBI groundout by Garmon gave them a 9-6 lead. The Lady Raiders held that lead for the rest of the game and ended up getting a 9-6 win over East Lawrence.

Burgess collected a pair of two-run home runs in the game for Good Hope (11-5-1). Koch and Garmon each added a pair of hits and an RBI, while Steed ended up with an RBI of her own in the win.

Locust Fork 15 - Holly Pond 5 (Baseball)

Locust Fork put up eight runs to start out the game and added one more in the top of the third to give them a 9-0 lead. Holly Pond trimmed into their lead in the bottom of the fourth.

A pair of singles put runners on the corners to start out the inning, then Bradly Butts hit a two-run single to cut it to 9-2. Butts later scored on an error, and Jackson Miller added an RBI single to make it a 9-4 game. The Hornets quickly put up five runs in the top of the fifth to push their lead to 14-4. Kollin Brown made it 14-5 in the bottom of the fifth on an RBI groundout, but the Broncos didn't get any closer after that, as they ended up dropping their game to Locust Fork 15-5.

Butts collected a hit and two RBIs in the game for Holly Pond (6-16), while Brown (two hits) and Miller (one hit) each finished with an RBI in the loss.

AHSAA SPOTLIGHT

Cold Springs senior Ethan Edgeworth sets AHSAA 3200-meter record

Josh Bean
AHSAA

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Baker High School's Myla Reed recorded the state's fastest outdoor time in two sprint events last week, and Cold Springs High School senior Ethan Edgeworth set an all- classification record, landing the duo in this week's AHSAA Outdoor Track Spotlight.

Edgeworth ran 3,200 meters in 8:38.49, a personal record and an all-time AHSAA outdoor track and field record, to finish sixth overall at last weekend's Arcadia Invitational in California. The previous all-classification record of 9:01.74 was set by Scottsboro's Evan Hill in 2022.

Edgeworth finished about a second and a half behind American Fork (Utah)'s Daniel Simmons, who clocked 8:34.96. The nation's six fastest high school 3,200-meter times were delivered in the meet at the Arcadia Invitational. Edgeworth also set the AHSAA cross country record at the 2023 Cross Country Championships last fall.

Reed ran a state-best 11.81 seconds in the 100-meter dash and had a state-best 24.72 time in the 200 meters at the at the Mobile Challenge of Champions meet. She won both races.

Several other athletes delivered state-best marks for 2024 in a variety of events at recent meets:

• Janie Ford, St. Paul's Episcopal: Clocked 55.40 seconds to win the 400-meter dash at the Mobile Challenge of Champions, the best time this season by an Alabama female sprinter. She also clocked a personal record of 24.76 seconds to win the 200-meter dash and added a triple jump of 39 feet, 3 inches, the longest triple jump by a female competitor so far during the 2024 AHSAA outdoor season – both at the Saraland Invitational. At the Challenge of Champions meet, she also won the 100-meter hurdles in 14.52 seconds and won the triple jump with a leap of 38 feet, 7¼ inches. Ford won two other events at the Saraland Invitational, clocking 14.39 seconds to win the 100-meter hurdles, and soaring 18 feet, 1½ inches to win the long jump. She currently has the state's top performance in four individual events this season, according to www.alabamarunners.com – the 400 meters (55.40 seconds); 100-meter hurdles (14.38 seconds); 300-meter hurdles (41.78 seconds); and triple jump (39 feet, 3 inches).

• Jordan Urrutia, Bob Jones: Clocked a state-best 21.34 time in the 200-meter dash event at the Bob Jones Invitational in Madison. He also won the 400 meters in 49.14 and the 200 meters at the Rocket City Showcase with a time of 21.69 seconds.

• Patrick Adcock, Cullman: Won the discus with a state-best throw of 163 feet, 2 inches at the Cullman County vs. Marshall County meet held at Guntersville High School. He also competed at the Rocket City Showcase at Huntsville's Milton Frank Stadium, winning the discus with a throw of 158 feet, 8 inches and winning the shot put with a throw of 52 feet, 6 inches.

• Jaden King, Calera: Clocked a personal record of 48.51 seconds in the 400 meters at the Rocket City Showcase, despite finishing runner-up to Crosstown (TN) runner Austin McCall.

• Katie Wilkerson, Beauregard: Delivered state-best throw of 132 feet in the discus at the Glenn Copeland Invite in Beauregard. She also won the shot put with a throw of 38 feet, ¼ inch and finished second in the javelin with a throw of 125 feet, 9 inches. She won the discus at the JD Evilsizer Panther Invitational in Smiths Station with a throw of 129 feet, 5 inches and finished runner-up in the javelin with a throw of 122 feet, 10 inches. At the Mobile Challenge of Champions, she won the javelin with a throw of 138 feet, 4 inches.

• Isabella Johnson, Montgomery Academy: Won the shot put with a state-best throw of 40 feet, 5¼ inches and won the discus with a throw of 124 feet, 3 inches at the Montgomery Academy Invitational. She also won the shot put at the Monday Madness in Montgomery with a throw of 39 feet, 10 inches. Competing at the Mobile Challenge of Champions, she won the shot put at 40 feet, 3¾ inches and finished second in the discus at with a throw of 124 feet, 11 inches.



CASEY HOWELL

Cold Springs Track Coach Casey Howell (left) and Ethan Edgeworth (right) at last weekend's Arcadia Invitational.

• William Numnum, Northridge: Cleared 15 feet, 1 inch in the pole vault for a state best this season at the Mobile Challenge of Champions.

• Annie Kerr, Mountain Brook: Cleared a state-best 13 feet in the girls' pole vault at the Mobile Challenge of Champions.

Bella (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Bella, 10-12-month-old domestic shorthair with a striking gray and black striped coat, is full of energy and life. Her mischievous and playful personality, coupled with her ability to quickly switch to a cuddly pal, make her a great addition to any household. She prefers to stay with her family, enjoying basking in the sunshine from an open curtain or curling up at the foot of her owner. Indeed a friend for life, this loyal companion has a lot of life and love to give to her new family. Are you ready to meet Bella? Visit Cullman County Animal Shelter at 935 Convent Road NE Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for a meet and greet. Her adoption fee is $100 and includes spay, FVRCP vaccine, DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet and microchip. Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullmananimalshelter@co.cullman.al.us.

Cullman Tree Commission begins plans for 2024 Festival of Trees, nominates new member

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Tree Commission met for its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 9, began planning for the 2024 Festival of Trees and nominated a new member.

Cullman resident Pat Sharpton was nominated for the empty seat left by retired member Peggy Harris. Sharpton is a retired schoolteacher with ample time to assist the Tree Commission in its planning and execution of events and initiatives.

Said Chairman Barry Slatton, "She has been described as incredibly intelligent and reliable by one of our board members. She works with the Agriplex and a good bit with West Elementary School. She has been a past president of the Cullman County Master Gardeners and she has willingly volunteered to be a board member. I think she is very well qualified."

Present members approved Sharpton's nomination; a recommendation will be made to the Cullman City Council that she be appointed to the open seat.

Slatton asked City Arborist Shane Blevins to begin to create a long-term plan for the treescapes in the city arboretum and city areas, as well as make suggestions for species that local homeowners should plant in their yards.

During the discussion about plans, Lee McBride, a private arborist, brought up potential plans that may exist from a previous City Arborist Darrell Johns.

McBride said, "It may be obsolete at this point, but I know he identified specific trees on City property. He had a long-term plan to replace some trees. Like I said, it may be obsolete, but I know that document existed at one point."

Blevins and McBride agreed to search for the document with the help of Leanne West and resume the discussion at the next scheduled meeting.

There were no updates on the arboretum housed at Sportsman Lake Park; members Joel Moon and B.J. Morgan have been spending time identifying and documenting the different species of trees found there.

The last discussion of the meeting was this year's Festival of Trees. Last year's was the inaugural event, and it was successful. The commission has begun planning for this year's festival. Last year's trees were housed in the lobby of Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center; Slatton was grateful for the venue, but he said he hopes that this year an outdoor location can be secured. The show will be in November, but no specific dates have been announced.

The next Cullman Tree Commission meeting will be June 18, at 10 a.m. at Cullman City Hall.

Vinemont (from Front)

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VINEMONT, Ala. — The South Vinemont Town Council held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 9. It was announced that Councilwoman Charlotte Cosper resigned, effective immediately, with a drafted letter of resignation given to Mayor Radginal Dodson prior to the meeting. A recent act of vandalism led Cosper to believe she was being targeted due to her position on the council.

"Due to circumstances that make me feel less than safe to continue on serving as Council Member, Place No. 3 of the Town of South Vinemont, it is my desire to resign from this council seat. There are circumstances beyond my control that have made me feel uncomfortable to continue in this position," Cosper's letter said.

"To the citizens and fellow council members, I would like to say that it has been a pleasure to serve the Town of South Vinemont in this capacity.

"I have enjoyed the many improvements to the parks and the yearly functions that have been established during my time on the council. We have done great things for our town while I have served this position.

"It would be such a great town and a great place to live if all the citizens of our town were willing for the best to be done for our town.

"However, that does not appear to be the case with some. It is with my deepest regrets to make this call. I hope the town can continue to grow and improve and those that are not willing to participate in that venture will change their minds. Success is never achieved by jealousy and hatred."

After Cosper's intent to resign from the council was clear, the council turned to business on the meeting's agenda, including information about the replacement of barriers and sand at Henry & Roe Wood Park. The improvements were unanimously approved by the council, with the changes set to take place in May.

The council discussed and approved Vinemont's participation in the Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday, foregoing the half cent sales tax for one weekend in July. The Back-To-School Sales Tax Holiday begins at 12:01 a.m. on the third Friday in July and ends at midnight on the following Sunday. It will include retailers within the municipality and purchases of select school supplies and clothing items.

In other business the council:

- Set the date for the town's Grillin' and Chillin' BBQ Fest event, to be held Oct. 26 at the Vinemont Sports Complex
- Approved the movement of July's regularly scheduled meeting from July 9 to July 8

Notable dates include:

- May 11- Vinemont Farmers and Makers Market at the Vinemont Community Center from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- April 15- Monthly Senior Luncheon at the Vinemont Community Center from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

The next Vinemont Town Council meeting will be held May 14, at Vinemont Town Hall. The work session begins at 5 p.m., with the meeting following at 6.

Grants (from Front)

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Governor Kay Ivey on Wednesday, April 10, announced that more than $7.9 million in state funding is being awarded to cities and counties for various statewide road and bridge projects, including two crucial projects in Cullman County.

"We applied for that grant probably eight or nine months ago with the help of Senator (Garlan) Gudger and (Reps) Randall Shedd and Corey Harbison. We know it was approved today," said Cullman County Commission Chairman Jeff Clemons.

Asked if the roads set for resurfacing around the Rock the South venue will be done in time for the event (July 18-20), he replied, "We don't know that. The roads are ready; we've already got the base done and we even had the roads widened. We hope to start on those roads as soon as the weather breaks, hopefully by the first of May."

The Rebuild Alabama Act, overwhelmingly passed by the Legislature and signed by Ivey in 2019, requires the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) to establish an annual program setting aside a minimum of $10 million off the top of the State's share of new gas tax revenue for local projects.

"I am thrilled to announce the significant allocation of over $7.9 million in state funding to address crucial road and bridge projects across our state, especially as I mark the seven-year milestone since taking office," said Ivey. "From the onset of my tenure, improving Alabama's roads has been my commitment, and this investment underscores our dedication to modernizing infrastructure and enhancing transportation networks to support our communities. Through Rebuild Alabama, we are continuing to lay the critical foundation for a more prosperous Alabama."

The roadways in Cullman County being resurfaced are one near Duck River and the roadways leading to York Farms, better known as the grounds of Rock the South.

The first project is the resurfacing of County Road 1670 from Duck River to Alabama Highway 69, totaling 3.1818 miles. The grant amount is $350,000.

Said Shedd, "I received a request last year from the county commission asking for help getting funding for two county roads in my district, and this was one of them. Working closely with Senator Garlan Gudger we were successful in getting funding from Governor Ivey and Mr. (John) Cooper at ALDOT."

The second project on the list is a joint venture between the City of Cullman, Cullman County Commission, City of Good Hope, the local legislative delegation and the team at Rock the South. It will be the resurfacing of Leonard Road from County Road 436 to Mize Road North, and County Road 469 from County Roads 436/469 to County Road 222, totaling 2.313 miles. That grant amount is also $350,000.

"This is how we get things done if we just work together; it's all about working together. So we thank our local delegation and our economic development for writing those grants and applying, so it's everybody working together to make it happen," said Clemons.

Out of the 67 counties, Cullman was the only county to be selected for two projects. Gudger stated, "I am thankful that Governor Kay Ivey and ALDOT Director Cooper chose Cullman County's grants to be included in this round of Rebuild grants. Working as a team, Cullman City Economic Development Agency, Cullman County Economic Development, Cullman County Commission, City of Cullman, (City) of Good Hope, Rock the South owners and the state delegation all took part in partnering together to improve the public safety of the roads around Rock the South, Alabama' s winner of best tourism event last year. When we work together we can accomplish anything we place our minds to."

Said Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs, "We are all happy to be working together on this project. I'm thankful to the delegates and the governor for allocating funds to the projects."

For more information about the Rebuild Alabama Act Annual Grant Program, visit www.dot.state.al.us/programs/RAAGrantProgram.html. The list of projects can be viewed at https://governor.alabama.gov/assets/2024/04/FY-2024-RA-1st-Round-Media-Report.pdf.

Cheyenne Sharp contributed to this article.

Festival (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — On Friday and Saturday, May 3-4, downtown Cullman – particularly Depot Park and the Festhalle – will host the inaugural Alabama Strawberry Festival. What was formally known as the Cullman Strawberry Festival now has statewide appeal; that announcement was made back in June of last year.

This year's event offers another first - it has been extended to two days. With the added draw based on the new name Alabama Strawberry Festival and extra day, Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism (CPRST) is taking the festival to the next level, welcoming big-name musicians like Eli Young Band and Niko Moon.

"This year's Strawberry Festival is shaping up to be an exceptional event for all attendees, introducing the 'Fresh Picks' stage to showcase a solid lineup of new sounds. Alongside a record number of food and craft vendors, the excitement is at an all-time high," said CPRST Executive Director Nathan Anderson. "As the inaugural Alabama Strawberry Festival, it promises a mix of new experiences and cherished traditions, making it a truly unique celebration."

Some of those cherished traditions come in the form of the ripe, red strawberries that will be sold by local farmers. And with more than 100 local and traveling vendors selling their produce, goods, wares and creations, along with over 20 food vendors and trucks, memories and good finds are sure to be had throughout the festival.

Anderson recalled his favorite pastime at the Strawberry Festival; he said he still takes pleasure in a ripe bucket of berries. "For me, the highlight of every Strawberry Festival is indulging in the simple joy of grabbing a bucket of the most deliciously sweet strawberries money can buy," he said. "It's a tradition that never fails to put a smile on my family's face."

Crafts, games, inflatables and children's carnival rides will be available at the festival, providing hours of child-friendly entertainment and fun for little attendees. A larger eating and food court space will ensure ample room to enjoy every bite.

The event's family friendly entertainment includes the Puppy Paw-geant and the Strawberry Baking Contest, both taking place on the Fresh Picks stage.

Live entertainment on the main stage of the festival will be rocking for the entire two-day event, with bands and performers from across the country performing live. Friday night, May 3, will see a smaller number of acts like Niko Moon, Matt Stell, JD Clayton and Colin Stough, while Saturday's lineup will include a whopping six performances spanning the day. Easton Corbin, Cousin Curtiss, Kasey Tindall, Jesse Roper, Eric Hutchinson and Eli Young Band will perform.

While admission to the festival and its concerts are free, premium seating tickets for the concerts can be purchased online. Get tickets and more information at www.alabamastrawberryfest.com.

The music lineup for the two-day festival is as follows:

MAIN STAGE

Friday

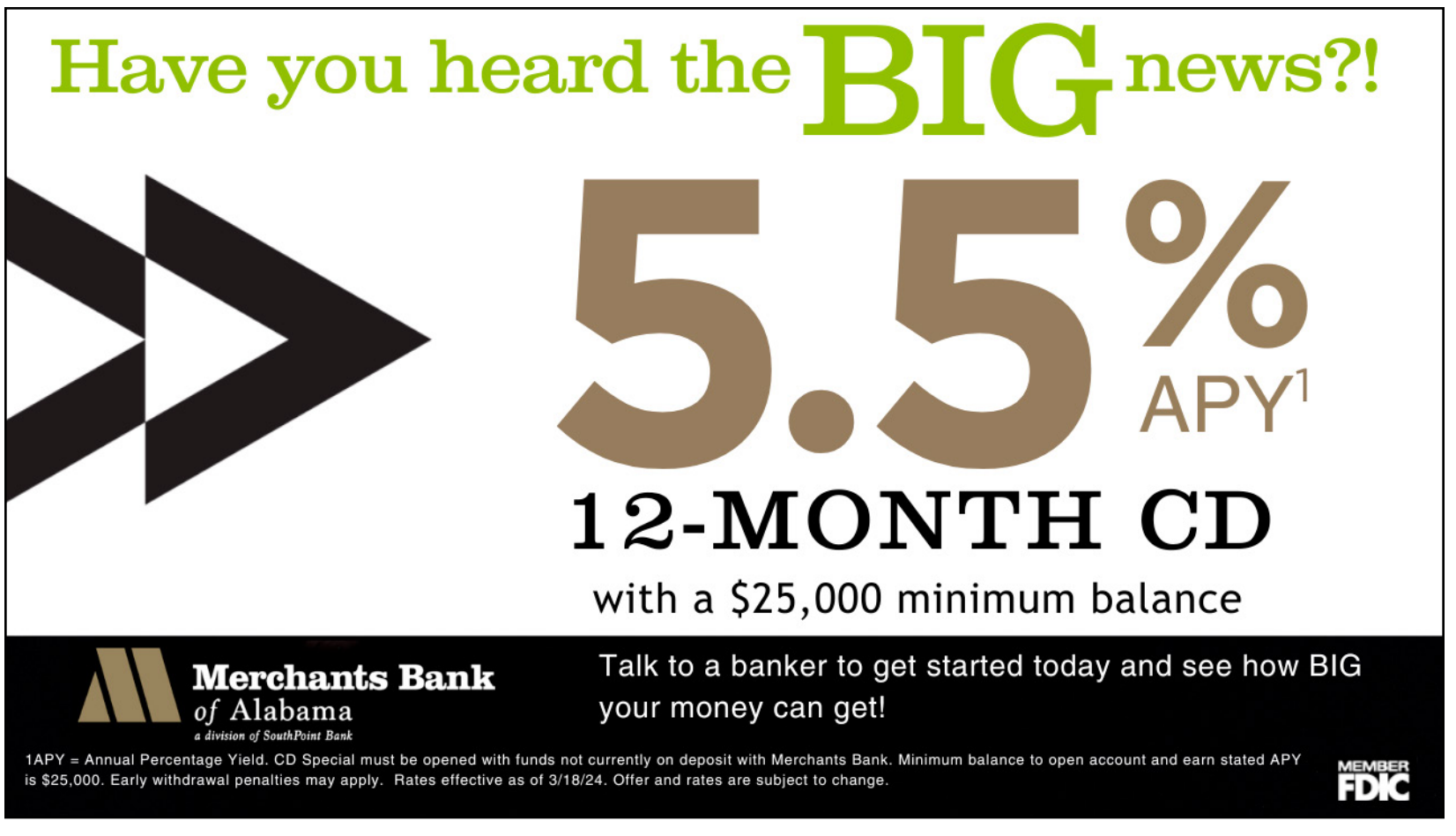
- Colin Stough
- JD Clayton
- Matt Stell
- Niko Moon

Saturday

- Nat Myers
- Jesse Roper
- Cousin Curtiss
- Kasey Tyndall
- Eric Hutchinson
- Easton Corbin
- Eli Young Band

Fresh Picks stage

- Lamont Landers
- Cullman Community Band
- Cullman High School Band
- The Pink Stones
- Nat Myers
- Banditos





IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
REBECCA HOLMES QUALLS AKA *
REBECCA FRANCES QUALLS, * CASE NO.: PC-2024-089
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary under the Last Will and Testament of REBECCA HOLMES QUALLS aka REBECCA FRANCES QUALLS having been granted to the undersigned on April 2, 2024 by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate for Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are required to present the same within time allowed by law, or some will be forever barred.

STEVEN MARK QUALLS
Personal Representative

Andrea Gullion
Attorney at Law
Harrison & Gammons, P.C.
2430 L & N Drive
Huntsville, AL 35801

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

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

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Cullman will hold a public meeting on Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 10:20 a.m. at Cullman City Hall in the Council Chambers to discuss the FY 2024 Community Development Block Grant program. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the CDBG Program and the proposed applications the City plans to submit to the Alabama Department of Economic & Community Affairs (ADECA) for funding consideration. All citizens are encouraged to attend this meeting. Anyone who would like to attend the public hearing but has a disability which might require special materials, services, or assistance, should notify the City Clerk at 256-775-7109 at least three days in advance of the public hearing.

Woody Jacobs
Mayor

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Cullman is in the process of closing their FY22 Community Development Block Grant Project (CDBG Project #: LR-ED-PF-22-007). Funds from this grant were utilized to construct a deceleration lane on main Street and an access road to serve the Cobblestone Hotel and Suites. As part of the close-out procedures the city will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at Cullman City Hall in the Auditorium to discuss the close-out of this project and accept citizen input. Any citizen who would like to attend the public hearing, but has a disability which might require special materials, services, or assistance, should notify Wesley Moore at (256) 775-7109 at least three days in advance of the public hearing.

Woody Jacobs, Mayor

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
BOBBY J. RYAN, * CASE NO. PC2023-349
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: DEAN THORNTON, BOBBIE PANEM AND ANY OTHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN RELATVIES OF BOBBY J. RYAN.

Petition for Probate of Will for the Estate of Bobby J. Ryan, Deceased, filed and made court record the 25th day of October, 2023, by Anthony Christopher Ryan, Petitioner, through Attorney Jerry L. Kilgo, has been scheduled for the **21st day of May, 2024, at 10:00 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 25th 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.

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Attorney for the Petitioner
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
ELWIN ONEAL SWANN, SR., * CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
Deceased * CASE NO. PC-2024-110

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that Petition for Summary Distribution of Small Estate has been filed by ELWIN ONEAL SWANN, JR., Petitioner, on the 27th day of March, 2024, and that thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to the law of the State of Alabama, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent.

Elwin Oneal Swann
ELWIN ONEAL SWANN, JR.
Petitioner

Dan J. Willingham
Attorney for Petitioner
413 1st Ave., S.W.
Cullman, AL 35055
256-734-2023

To: PUBLISHER OF **The Cullman Tribune**

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

DONE this the 10th day of April, 2024.

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

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2023-375

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ALFRED WAYNE CHRISTIANSEN, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Deborah J. Veres on the 27th day of March, 2024, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Deborah J. Veres
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

SHANNON VICTORIA EDGEMON,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **25-DR-2024-900050.00**

TROY ALAN NUNLEY,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Troy Alan Nunley, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Shannon Victoria Edgemon's Complaint for Divorce by May 20th, 2024 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2024-900050.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 18th day of March, 2024.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
JOSH M. O'NEAL
200 SECOND ST SE
CULLMAN, AL 35055

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

JOSEPH M. PRUETT,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **25-DR-2022-900054.01**

BRANDY PRUETT,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Brandy Pruett, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Joseph M. Pruett's Complaint for Divorce by April 1st, 2024 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against her in Case Number 25-DR-2022-900054.01 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 2nd day of February, 2024.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
MELVIN HASTING
P O BOX 517
CULLMAN, AL 35056-0517

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
BRIAN KEITH BUTLER *
Deceased. *
CASE NO.: PC 2024-049

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Heather C. Butler, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Brian Keith Butler. deceased, on the 2nd day of April, 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.

Heather C. Butler
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 *
VIRGIL LEE MILLER, * CASE NO. PC2024-022
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: CANDY STONE, CODY MANN, NICKY SANTOS, DAKOTA LEE MILLER AND ANY OTHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN REALATIVES OF VIRGIL LEE MILLER.

Petition for Probate of Will for the Estate of Virgil Lee Miller, Deceased, filed the 26th day of January, 2024, and made court record the 29th day of January, 2024, by HollyBeth Ann Miller, Petitioner, through Attorney Beverly Paschal Poston, has been scheduled for the **21st day of May, 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 27th 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.

Beverly Paschal Poston
Attorney for Petitioner
201 2nd Ave SE
Cullman, AL 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
GILLIAN CARTER, * CASE NO.: PC2024-019
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to ROBERT CARTER, as Administrator, of the ESTATE OF GILLIAN CARTER, deceased, on the 2nd day of April, 2024, by Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court.

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.

ROBERT CARTER
Administrator

/s/ Richard L. Collins
Richard L. Collins
Attorney for Administrator of the
ESTATE OF GILLIAN CARTER
P.O. Box 669
Cullman, Alabama 35056

TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

DONE this 2nd day of April, 2024.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by William A Clark , A Married Man And Mikayla Waters , His Wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Guild Mortgage Company LLC, A California Limited Liability Company, its successors and assigns dated February 27, 2023; said mortgage being recorded on March 2, 2023, in Book 2042, Page 717 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Guild Mortgage Company, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 394, Page 424 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, ALABAMA.

The undersigned, Guild Mortgage Company, LLC, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 2nd day of May, 2024 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Commence at the SE corner of the NW Quarter of Section 10, Township 9 North, Range 1 West, being a found painted 5/8" rebar at a fence corner and run thence N 53'24'54" W for 1039.60 feet to a Shirley Capped (SC) 1/2" rebar Iron Pin Set (SC IPS), being the Point of Beginning (POB). From said POB, run thence S 89'53'29" W for 820.37 feet to a SC IPS at the Southeasterly margin of Farley Road (also known as County Road 1592, 50 feet Right of Way), thence along said Road N 24'34'44"E for 217.49 feet to a point; thence N 26'30'09" E along said Road for 88.04 feet to a SC IPS; thence leaving said Road run N 87'52'08" E for 691.80 feet to a SC IPS; thence S 0'00'00" W for 301.09 feet to the Point Of Beginning. Description in accordance to survey of Bryan A. Shirley, AL PLS # 28447, dated September 6, 2017.

Said property is commonly known as 830 County Road 1592, Baileyton, AL 35019.

Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
JAMES CONNELL ADAMSON, CASE NO.: PC 2024-060

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to DEBORAH MCCANN as Administrator of the Estate of JAMES CONNELL ADAMSON, deceased, on the 2nd day of April, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Deborah McCann
Administrator

Beverly Paschal Poston
Attorney for the Estate of
James Connell Adamson
200 1st Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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City of Cullman
Zoning Board of Adjustments

On Monday, April 15th, 2024, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M., at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Zoning Board of Adjustments, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Variance request at 248 County Road 1335

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

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Gypsy Soul Antiques and Things hosting Spring Sidewalk Sale April 13

Gauge Day
gauge@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — Gypsy Soul Antiques and Things, a local business fueled by a mother-daughter duo's passion for revitalizing antiques, is excited to announce its Spring Sidewalk Sale. The sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 13, at 206 Third St. SE, Cullman, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

The sale will feature a wide array of items including vintage valuables, spring decor, funky finds, antique furniture and boho clothing, all at discounted prices.

The sale aims to clear out warehouse inventory, making room for new treasures.

Attendees can expect to uncover a variety of items that have been restored, reflecting the owners' commitment to bringing life back to old and broken things.

"Bringing life back to an antique piece is the greatest fulfillment for us," they shared, emphasizing the joy derived from their craft.

In addition to the discounted items, the event will offer goodies for attendees to snack on and special spring freebies.

The sale will feature a basket giveaway for those who make an in-store purchase on Saturday. Furthermore, young attendees will receive a spring goodie bag, perfect for helping in the flower bed.

Owner Lindsey Blackwood said, "After celebrating Easter and having some pretty days ahead, we hope you will join us and hear how God has restored our lives in many ways and how he makes all things new, just like these furniture pieces."

For any questions about the event, contact the store at 256-595-4045 or info@gypsysoulantqiue.com.

Drake (from Front)

W.C. Mann
craig@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council on Monday, April 8, presented a certificate of commendation to Cherri Drake, thanking her for 28 years of service on the City of Cullman Planning Commission. Drake served from 1996-2024.

Mayor Woody Jacobs said, "She's been a guiding force on the Planning Commission. That's an important role in the city, and planning is the right word, and all different kind of projects come before that. So she's done that. We hate to lose her. We understand, you know, that seasons of life and things move on, and times change."

The mayor then appointed Cheryl Harrison to fill Drake's position on the commission. Harrison, wife of Cullman Regional Airport Director Ben Harrison, is also president of the Cullman City School Board.

Council members laughingly said to Harrison of her coming service, "The standard is 28 years."

Amendment (from Front)

signs, LED signs, digital displays, interactive displays, mobile displays, etc.,) containing the English name, brand name, illustration/image or any phonetic spelling or misspelling of an English name for vape products, tobacco, e-cigarettes, CBD, THC or medical cannabis outside any place of business or in any window or door visible from the outside of the business.

"For the purposes of this chapter, any sign attached directly to any part of a window or its surroundings (including windows integrated into doors) or any sign placed within 36 inches of the window with its content visible from the outside shall be considered to be in the window.

"No LED or electronic lighting affixed to the building, doors) or window(s) shall be permitted if it is deemed by the Building Official to create a danger to or interfere/impeded [sic.] the flow of traffic; or if it is deemed to be a nuisance."

While established businesses would be "grandfathered" and protected from the location restrictions, City Attorney Luke Satterfield told The Tribune that the signage regulations would apply also to those established businesses.

The city council can vote on the ordinance at its next meeting, to be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 22, 2024, at Cullman City Hall.

Obituary Announcements: April 9-10

James 'Kenneth' Neal, Sr., 89
James "Kenneth" Neal, Sr. of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on April 8, 2024, at the age of 89. He was born in Cullman to Earnest R. Neal and Gracie Nix Neal. He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Dot Neal; daughter, Melissa Bice; and sisters, Evelyn Hardin, Norma Bradford, and Sue Robinson. He is survived by his son, James (Tonya) Neal; son-in-law, David Bice; brother, Reggie (Karen) Neal; grandchildren, Cole Bice and Hilary (Josh) Nix; great-grandchildren, Harrison Nix, Hayden Nix, Hadlee Nix, Jace Miller, and Brooklyn Miller. Kenneth was a beloved figure in his community, and he leaves behind a legacy of dedication, generosity, and service that will be cherished by all who had the privilege of knowing him. He dedicated much of his life to the noble profession of farming. His expertise in agriculture was not only a livelihood but a testament to his character. Beyond his farm, Kenneth was a pillar of his community, known for his selfless acts of kindness and tireless service. He served with distinction on the Cullman County School Board for multiple years, where his leadership and commitment to education were truly commendable. For many years, he also volunteered his time and expertise to the Trimble Volunteer Fire Department, where he ultimately served as chief for multiple years. In addition to his civic endeavors, he was actively involved in various farming organizations, where his leadership was invaluable. James Kenneth Neal will be fondly remembered as a loving husband, devoted father, cherished friend, and exemplary citizen. His legacy of compassion, integrity, and service will continue to inspire generations to come. Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 11, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church from 9-11 a.m. Funeral services will follow at 11 a.m., with interment following services at Memory Gardens. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Lindan Jerome 'L.J.' Hill, 47
Lindan Jerome "L.J." Hill, 47, died unexpectedly at his home in Bremen, Alabama. Cause of death was due to underlying heart conditions. He is son of Lindan B. and Constance H. Hill, who survive. L.J. is survived also by a sister, Michelle Mayle (Dayton), a brother, Robert Ira (Marnie), a son, Lindan Ray Hill and a daughter, Sadie Hope Hill. Lindan was a 1995 graduate of Eastern High School, Greentown, Indiana. He graduated from Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, with a bachelor's degree with Distinction in Anthropology, in 1999. L.J. was a member of the SMU Swimming and Diving Team, where he earned major varsity letters all four years. In 2004, Lindan graduated from Wake Forest School of Law with the degree of Juris Doctor. Lindan worked as an attorney in Birmingham, Alabama for the next 20 years, being recognized multiple times as Outstanding Young Attorney. He represented hundreds of clients in construction related litigation, bankruptcy proceedings, prison reform, and civil and estate planning. He was dedicated and committed to the highest professional practice of law. Other survivors include uncles and aunts. Bill and Phyllis Shupp, Ed and Sherry Farthing, Full Colonel Claude Matchette, U.S. Army (Ret), Lucinda Coulter, Heather White, and Gretchen Hill. Surviving also are many cousins. His children, Lindan Ray, and Sadie Hope, were the most important people in his life. Together, they played football, baseball, volleyball, basketball, gourmet cooking and board games. L.J. was a friend and colleague to many. Over the years, as an athlete and attorney, he developed lifelong friendships with people all over the United States, from California to the New England states, and all points in between. His kindness and compassion will be missed by all. Lindan's razor-sharp wit and quick humor will be missed by a few and not understand by many. Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, April 13, at Hasler & Stout Funeral Home, 112 East Main Street, Greentown, Indiana, followed immediately by a brief service. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Greentown, Indiana. A visitation will also be held at Hanceville Funeral Home in Hanceville, Alabama on Wednesday, April 10, from 2-4 p.m.

Robert Gene Blevins, 86
Surrounded by loving family and friends, Bob Blevins passed away peacefully at his home in Cullman, Alabama where he resided for over 60 years. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. Bob was born in Cullman, Alabama on December 17, 1937. He was a young 86 year old. He is survived by his son Robert Blevins and wife Cindy, daughter Candice Blevins, grandsons Travis Blevins, Taylor Blevins, Alexander Shoaff, Aidan Shoaff and nephew Xavier Flores. Bob was preceded in death by his loving wife Arabella Blevins and his ten brothers and sisters. Bob was a very proud Marine and while stationed in Padre Island, Texas he met the love of his life, Arabella Tamez. They were married for 62 years. Bob was very artistic and athletic. He was an excellent golfer and an enthusiastic follower of all sports, especially the University of Alabama athletics and Crimson Tide football. Most of all, he loved his lake home at Smith Lake. He was an experienced and passionate fisherman. There were never any bad days at the lake for he and Arabella. Professionally, Bob was a barber for over 60 years and practiced his trade in Birmingham, Alabama. Blevins Barber Shop in downtown Birmingham was the town hall for gossip, sports and politics. He used to say "I'm driving everyday to be with my friends". It was not work in his mind. Bob will be missed by all and especially his family. The family would sincerely like to thank the caregivers that shared their kindness and assistance to both Bob and Arabella over the years. Heart felt thanks to Sheila S., Shelia G., Robyn, Barbara, Christy, Nicole, Kenneth, Mary, Shanna, Patsy, and Crystal. A memorial service will be held at the St. Bernard Abbey Columbarium at 2:30pm Thursday, April 11, 2024. A reception will follow from 3:00-5:00pm at the All Steak Restaurant. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to St. Bernard Preparatory School located at 1600 St. Bernard Drive, SE in Cullman, Alabama 35055. Please visit mossservicefh.com to leave condolences for the family. Moss Service Funeral Home Directing.

Patrick Dewayne Herring Sr., 44
Mr. Herring passed away on Monday, April 8, 2024, at his residence. He was born Wednesday, September 12, 1979, to Russell Keith Herring and Sharon Annette Adams. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, J.B. Smith; great grandfathers, Roy W. Walker and John Smith; great grandmothers, Laura S. Walker and Georgia Clark Smith; grandmother, Margaret Herring; grandfather, James Herring, Sr.; uncles, James Herring, Jr., and Daryl Smith. Survivors include his wife, Tiffany Herring, his parents; son, Patrick D. Herring, Jr.; daughters, Lilly A. Herring and Daisy G. Herring; grandmother. Kathleen W. Smith; aunts, Tina Herring and Cindy Reed; uncles, James Daniel Herring, James B. Smith and Stephen T. Smith. Services will be announced at a later date.

Pamela Rae Key, 68
Pamela Rae Key, age 68, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Tuesday, April 9, 2024. Pamela was born in Cullman, AL. A visitation for Pamela will be held Saturday, April 13, 2024 at 12:30 p.m. at St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church, 512 2nd Ave. SE, Cullman, Alabama 35055, followed by a funeral service at 2 p.m.

Marlon Randall Bates, 63
A Memorial Service for Marlon Randall Bates, age 63 of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 12, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Dennis Bates and Rev. Delbert Freeman officiating. Mr. Bates passed away on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at his residence. He was born Monday, July 25, 1960, to Mervin Bates and Geraldine Bates. He was preceded in death by his father, Mervin Bates. Survivors include his wife, Beverly Bates; son, Joshua Levi Brock; daughter, Lindsey Bates (Corey Reeves); grandchildren, Makenna Brock, Alieagh Brock and Noah Brock; brothers, Eddie Bates and Jerome (Michelle) Bates; mother, Geraldine Bates; two nieces and a host of extended family and friends. A special thanks to Affinity Hospice for their dedication and hard work. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Good Hope (from Front)

As they do each year, the Council also approved two $225 contributions for a pair of local students to travel to and participate in The American Legion Auxiliary's Boys and Girls state programs at Troy University this summer. The American Legion Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State are summer leadership and citizenship programs for high school juniors, which focus on exploring the mechanics of American government and politics. The programs are sponsored by the American Legion (AL) and the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) respectively.

After approving a $5,000 payment for Wallace State's Future Foundation Scholarship, the council approved the route for Good Hope High School's Volleyball Team's 5K and 1-Mile Raider Run fundraiser coming up May 4.

The Good Hope City Council will hold its next meeting at Good Hope City Hall April 22.

Florence (from Front)

Cheyenne Sharp
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Some say cursive writing it is a dying skill. For the Zaner-Bloser publishing company, that couldn't be farther from the truth. Once a year, the company holds its National Handwriting Contest, receiving thousands of entries from students across the country who want to showcase their penmanship.

Local Sacred Heart student, Azlynn Florence, was recently named the 2024 Zaner-Bloser National Handwriting Contest Grand National Champion for grade six.

"As the most recognized contest of its kind, this is a big deal, and Azlynn went up against thousands of other students to represent the region's best handwriting," said a media release.

It also said, "As the most recognized handwriting contest in the U.S., the Zaner-Bloser National Handwriting Contest has been celebrating the best in manuscript and cursive penmanship for 33 years. Since 1991, more than 2.5 million students have participated in the contest.

"Every year we receive so many incredible submissions, and we wanted to acknowledge students' hard work with a title that truly reflects the high level of competition," said Zaner-Bloser President Lisa Carmona. "It was obvious that all of our regional winners put in a lot of time and effort to master this skillset, and they deserve recognition for their tenacity.

"Students who participate in the competition also profit from the numerous cognitive benefits linked to writing by hand. The handwriting process has been proven to engage more of the brain than the act of typing, provide better recall and help younger students recognize letters more quickly as they learn to read and write."

Contestants were asked to write the sentence, "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog," as an example of their penmanship, as the sentence holds every letter of the alphabet, requiring knowledge and skill of writing each letter with precision. The entries were judged on four criteria: each letter's shape, size, slant and spacing, what Zaner-Bloser considers the Four Keys to Legibility.

Florence first competed with her classmates before advancing to the regional level of the competition (where she won the Southeast region), before being named Grand National Champion for her grade.

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