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Curt's Closet opens 2nd warehouse for growing programs

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Curt's Closet, established by Ashley Wilson in 2018 to honor the memory of her son Curt Wilson, has grown by leaps and bounds in six years. From a small, repurposed church building on St. Joseph Street, the youth clothing ministry relocated into a much larger new facility at 1101 Third Ave. SE in 2021, a move that Wilson called "definitely a God thing." That site featured room for the well-known Curt's Closet boutique, a sorting room, laundry room, office and boardroom and a free-standing warehouse to allow the storage of extra inventory onsite.

Along the way, the ministry grew to serve hundreds of families per year, and took charge of the 30 year-old Christmas Love program (previously administered by volunteers from Cullman Caring for Kids) to make not only school » PAGE 7



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Curt's Closet now features a second warehouse with new landscaping and an improved parking area.

Drake crowned Miss Alabama Strawberry Festival



CHEYENNE SHARP/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman High School Senior Siddalee Drake was crowned Miss Alabama Strawberry Festival on Saturday, April 13, 2024.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman High School's Siddalee Drake was crowned Miss Alabama Strawberry Festival at the Alabama Strawberry Festival Pageant on Saturday, April 13, at the Desperation Church Student Center across from Depot Park. The annual pageant is a showcase of the area's sweetest beauties, in preparation for the statewide summertime staple, the Alabama Strawberry Festival, which will take place May 3-4.

The pageant had two divisions, the younger of which highlighted potential pageant queens aged birth to kindergarten. The larger division was saved for grade school-aged children and teens through grade 12. Seating was a hot commodity in the center's auditorium, as the support of the community showed out and left little but standing room.

New concierge medical practice, Hawkins Medical & Wellness, sponsored the event, with Jacy Hawkins acting as emcee.

"Welcome to the Alabama Strawberry Festival Pageant," she said. "We've come together to celebrate the spirit of the Strawberry » PAGE 6

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Cullman Family Expo a roaring success



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported April 15

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported April 15, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INCIDENTS
April 11
- assault; CR 1482
- domestic violence; CR 1528
- assault; CR 1269
- assault; Patton Dr.
- obstructing government operations; domestic violence; CR 1482

April 12
- burglary; CR 1118
- domestic violence; CR 1476

April 13
- criminal mischief; Sebastian Dr.
- domestic violence; criminal mischief; CR 223
- possession of dangerous drugs; Hwy. 278E
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 1742

April 14
- theft of property; CR 127
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 704
- permitting dogs to run at large; S. Main St.

ARRESTS
April 11- 14
Allred, Dustyn H.; 28
- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- theft-shoplifting, $500 – less than $1500

Arnold, Zachary C.; 33
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Barton, Andrew P.; 33
- assault-child abuse-simple-non-family (2 counts)
- willfully and knowingly remove timbers or other forest products other than his own or without authority of the legal owner (2 counts)
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Brizendine, Christopher N.; 49
- FTA - sale of stolen property, less than $500
- FTA – criminal trespass
- FTA – driving while license suspended

Earwood, Trinity L.; 28
- DUI (combined substance)

Edwards, Joseph K.; 31
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Gilley, Colton C.; 27
- PAROLE VIOLATION/ REVOCATION - auto theft
- PAROLE VIOLATION/ REVOCATION - burglary-residence-force
- PAROLE VIOLATION/ REVOCATION - assault-terrorism – assault-2nd degree

Golladay, Lydia C.; 26
- FTA - possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia

Grund, Janet F.; 46
- domestic violence-3rd degree - harassing communications

Haynes, Travis G.; 25
- possession of a stolen vehicle

Lane, Cavanaugh D.; 32
- FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia

Long Jr., Craig A.; 28
- assault-child abuse-simple-family (2 counts)
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense

Loyola, Omar R.; 36
- FTA - possession of a concealed weapon without a permit
- FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA - possession of dangerous drugs

Mcafee, Lucas G.; 21
- DUI (alcohol)

Mcclure, Randy D.; 55
- domestic violence-3rd degree - harassing communications
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Mcconnico, Deonte' J.; 22
- theft-miscellaneous, $500-less than $1500

Parks, Justin C.; 37
- PROBATION VIOLATION - possession of dangerous drugs

Snowball, Brandy J.; 44
- obstruction-governmental operations

Sweaza, Michael J.; 45
- driving while license suspended

Taylor, Catrina C.; 47
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Wallis, Janet M.; 71
- DUI (controlled substances)

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
April 12
- identity theft; person
- domestic violence – harassment; person; Marie St. NW

April 13
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to '21 Chev. Silverado; 3rd Ave. NE

April 14
- domestic violence – harassment; person; Holloway PL. SE

ARRESTS
April 12-14
Hendrix, Natasha N.; 28
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- illegal possession of prescription drugs

Widner, Eric T.; 37
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Jacobs, Daniel L.; 36
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Brizendine, Christopher N.; 49
- FTA - criminal trespass-3rd degree
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)
- FTA - driving without a license
- FTA - insurance violation

Manuele, Breanna K.; 34
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)
- FTA - criminal trespass-3rd degree

Lane, Cavanaugh D.; 32
- theft of property-4th degree

Ivy, Nicole C.; 36
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Gilley, Kristie M.; 46
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- attempt to elude police officer
- reckless endangerment

Gann, Kimberly D.; 53
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree

Polk, Marques L.; 39
- FTA - insurance violation

Martinez, Trinity L.; 19
- public intoxication

Short, Kenneth A.; 35
- public intoxication

Pham, Andrew X.; 36
- domestic violence – harassment

Hudson, Cindy D.; 48
- Menacing

Steele, Jonathan E.; 34
- public intoxication

Brant, Jared L.; 45
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Alexander, Natosha J.; 41
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Miley, Alyson M.; 41
- making a false report to law enforcement

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No arrests or incidents reported.

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



Luncheon (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce hosted the 2024 State of Education luncheon on April 12, featuring Wallace State Community College President Dr. Vicki Karolewics, Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff and Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette.

"This luncheon is a special luncheon for us," said Chamber President Joey Orr. "We host one seven months out of the year and this is the most attended; I think it's because of what it stands for. Our community supports education, from little kids all the way up to our post-graduate and graduates at Wallace State. We are so thankful for you being here today to honor the education-minded community."

Listerhill Credit Union was the luncheon sponsor. Its Kicks for Kids program provides children in need of safe and sturdy footwear with new shoes. The credit union partners with businesses and donors to provide shoes to students across Alabama and Tennessee; to date, Kicks for Kids has placed over 18,000 pairs of socks and 4,500 pairs of shoes directly onto the feet of Alabama school students in need of comfortable, safe and well-fitting footwear.

State Farm Insurance Agent Shirley Quattlebaum was the registration sponsor of the event. Quattlebaum recalled a trip to Vinemont High School, where the State Farm-sponsored nonprofit from the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) – the university's TRIP Lab – was present, giving the young scholars a first-hand look at inside research for traumatic brain injuries

Quattlebaum championed, "They are developing protocols for the length of time that a teen needs to be off of the roads or away from the ballfield so that they can recover from injuries."

The lab took the students through a teen driver safety presentation, before delving into simulators demonstrating different impairments and their effects on driving skills. Along the way, the new lab students learned from current UAB students and faculty about brain injuries and the catastrophic results of impaired driving and repeated head injuries.

"We had a great time; they always love that. It's just one more way that State Farm gives back to the community and our students," smiled Quattlebaum.

While the attendees enjoyed their meals, each presenter used his or her time at the microphone to champion their schools.

Barnette began his address with gratitude for the overall interest in advancing educational outlooks from each of the three school systems, including the area's private schools.

Cullman County Schools saw 150 more enrolled students than last year, bringing the system total to over 9,900 students, according to the superintendent. Barnette said Cullman County Schools has a 96.68% graduation rate and that 99.67% of Cullman County Schools students meet College and Career Readiness Indicators (CCRI).

"We want every student that graduates from Cullman County Schools to have a college credit and some type of tool in their toolbox like a credential where they can go out and do something," he said.

Barnette shared a humorous sentiment that he sometimes shares with his students: "I always say, 'I want you to get a W-2,' and I mean that with all of my heart. If you want to go to college, we can make it happen.

"If you want to go into the workforce, let us know what you want to do and we are going to make it happen. We want you to be successful and build a life for your family and live here and work here and be a part of our community."

Enrollment is not the only growth that Cullman County Schools has seen since the last State of Education event; Barnette reported that the system has successfully completed or begun work on a total of at least 14 projects and undertakings over the last year. Cold Springs High School built a new gymnasium, West Point Elementary, West Point High School and Vinemont Schools all got an expanded and revamped lunchrooms; Good Hope Middle is the home of a new office complex, library and gymnasium; and there is a new multisensory playground at the Cullman County Child Development Center.

Other notable achievements for Cullman County Schools that Barnette called to attention in his time on stage included the system's 100% growth on its annual State Report Card, the state's new Biliteracy Seal as well as the many programs and certifications the system offers through the Cullman Area Technology Academy.

Kallhoff took the stage to champion Cullman City Schools and give an update to the community on all the updates and changes taking place.

Cullman City Schools is the middle of the largest overhaul yet to its infrastructure, as laid out by Kallhoff previously in his long-term strategic plan. (www.cullmantribune.com/2023/09/10/kallhoff-gives-updates-on-city-school-projects). The projects include new, state-of-the-art educational tools and areas designed to steer students toward success.

At the time of publication, the addition of a second-grade wing and new lunchroom to Cullman City Primary School and a partial demolition and rebuild for Cullman Middle School were tangible proof of Kallhoff's plans; those completed and nearly done projects are just the tip of the iceberg for Kallhoff and the Cullman City School Board.

Currently, Cullman City Schools students in grades three through six are either zoned for and attend West or East Elementary School. Beginning in August 2024, sixth graders will no longer attend East or West, but instead attend Cullman Middle School. By late 2026 or early 2027, the board is expected to greenlight an 18-classroom addition at West Elementary, creating the new Cullman Intermediate School, housing all students within the Cullman City Schools district in grades three through five.

The current East Elementary School will eventually be home to the district's Headstart and Pre-K programs, creating a dedicated space for the children to learn cohesively and hopefully double enrollment numbers for the pre-grade school program.

Improvements to the campus and curriculum are taken directly from feedback from the community; administration uses that feedback and the volume of those voices to create a strategic plan, which Kallhoff notes as the 'Six colors of Commitment', including Student Safety and Support, Curriculum and Assessment, Extra-Curricular Opportunities, Employees, Finances and Facilities.

Kallhoff also utilized his time on stage to speak about the system's State Report Card.

The school system received all 'A' marks, an improvement from the report of 2023, with one school receiving a score of 89. Cullman City Schools is known for its academic excellence, but Kallhoff hopes that students in his schools will take something more valuable away from their time in the Cullman City Schools system – a drive for success and hunger for improvement.

"All of our schools have As on their report card, we are proud of that work. It's not the first time that has happened in the Cullman City School system. Last year, when report cards came out, we didn't accomplish that; one of our schools received an 89," shared Kallhoff, before speaking to the students in the gathered crowd, saying, "Sometimes in life you don't meet your goals; what makes up your fabric is what you do when you don't meet your goals. Do you say, 'Okay, well I got an 89,' or do you make a plan and say, 'What can I do to make this better?' I'm so proud of this school that when that score came out, they did not accept that. They didn't accept not making an A. They made a plan, put it in place and they no longer have a B, so thank you to Mrs. (Allison) Tuggle for your hard work and dedication over there."

Karolewics stepped on the stage to discuss the additions and improvements to the community college, including the new Nursing and Welding buildings and the new Workforce Training Facility on REHAU's industrial campus.

One large undertaking that the school will begin by the summer of 2024 is a complete demolition and remodel of the campus's front six buildings, which remain from the original construction in the 1960s.

"Wallace State is the fourth largest college in the Alabama Community College System, and there are 24 of us, but we are easily the best. Our student outcomes, and I may sound braggadocious and I guess I am, but we do a really good job with students here," Karolewics said.

"We have a partnership with the city and the county (schools) with the Fast Track Academy and the Fast Track to Industry.

"We have about 175 kids in that program who will finish their high school diploma and college degree simultaneously in the last years of school. We have 1,150 dual enrollment students at this moment; we are opening the Winston County Community Learning Center in Arley in the summer." Driving home the importance of the versatility and wide array of certifications and degrees that WSCC offers, Karolewics pointedly said, "Anything any of you need in terms of customized training, we can provide that."

At the end of the luncheon, 12 local students were recognized as Student of the Year for their school:

- Fairview High School- Crimson Wright
- Cold Springs High School- Evan Freeman
- Holly Pond High School- Ellie Burks
- Vinemont High School- Vivian "Gracie" Moody
- Good Hope High School- Avery Flynt
- Hanceville High School- Logan Lisle
- West Point High School- Aaron Warren
- Cullman Area Technology Academy- Breaze Freeman
- Cullman High School- Sophie Peetz
- Cullman Christian School- Skylar Driver
- Saint Bernard Preparatory School- Viktoria DeCicco
- Wallace State Community College- Vianney Maldonado

The scholarship for 2024 Student of the Year for Cullman County was awarded to Vinemont's Vivian Moody.

Other awards included:

- Career Technical Student of the Year: Breaze Freeman
- Cullman City Elementary Teacher of the Year: Miranda Gunter
- Cullman City Secondary Teacher of the Year: Cassie Bowen
- Cullman County Elementary Teacher of the Year: Kristy Salazar
- Cullman County Secondary Teacher of the Year: Lucretia Smith
- Wallace State Community College Teacher of the Year: Jackie Donaldson
- Wallace State Student of the Year: Vianney Maldonado

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.

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.

• Wednesday, April 17 - 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult worship, teaching and testimonies in the sanctuary. Free pizza at 6:30. Van runs in the 5 Points Area at 6. Call Cedric Davidson at 256-339-5755 for pickup.

• Friday, April 19 - 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 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.

• Saturday, April 20 - Drive-through food bank 9-11 a.m.

• Sunday, April 21 - 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 21 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call Cedric Davidson at 256-339-5755 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.

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.

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.

Cullman Police Department Community Cookout

Saturday, April 20, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Cullman Housing Authority behind the maintenance building. Attendees can enjoy free hot dogs, chips and drinks. The Cullman Housing Authority is located at 408 Cleveland Ave. SW.

Beans and Greens Feast

Saturday, April 20, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Corinth West Methodist Church, 5130 County Road 1101, Vinemont, 35179. Menu - Pinto beans, green beans, great northern beans, turnip greens, cornbread, dessert and more! Suggested donation - $8.

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

We will have our regular third Sunday night singing on April 21, at 5 with Bloodline. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. Everyone is invited. For more information call 256-796-5986.

Alabama Strawberry Festival

Friday and Saturday, May 3-4, at Depot Park and the Festhalle.

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PREP BASEBALL

Arteaga walks it off in the 9th to secure 4-3 win over Good Hope, playoff berth for Hanceville

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — After dropping game one at Good Hope 11-2 Friday, the Bulldogs bounced back Saturday with a walk-off win over the Raiders Saturday, securing a postseason berth. After a scoreless eighth inning, Nelson Arteaga ended things for the Bulldogs with an RBI double to cap a 4-3, extra innings win over the Raiders.

The Bulldogs struck first in the bottom of the first inning. Back-to-back singles by Jake Cornelius and Cody Belcher put runners on the corners with nobody out. Arteaga lined a two-run single to left field to give them a 2-0 lead. Good Hope answered right back in the top of the second. Colten Whatley hit a one-out single and came around to score on an RBI double by Dakota Overton to cut it to 2-1. The Raiders tied the game up at two in the top of the third on an RBI double by Caden Drake.

It quickly turned into a pitcher's duel after that, as Hanceville's Arteaga and Good Hope's Ayden Drake quickly settled down and didn't allow a run for the next three innings. Good Hope looked to break the tie in the top of the seventh. Black led off the inning with a single, then Kane Anderson, the pinch-runner for Black, stole second, and moved to third on a ground ball. Anderson ended up scoring on a Bulldog error to give the Raiders a 3-2 lead. Hanceville answered right back in their half. Cody Belcher hit a one-out single and moved to second on a balk with two outs. On the first pitch, Gabriel Ognilla lined an RBI single to left field to tie the game up at three. It ended up going into extra innings.

The game remained tied at three going into the ninth inning. Grayson Hurter reached on an error to lead off the inning, then Caden Drake got the next two batters to pop out and looked to get out of the inning unscathed. Arteaga had other ideas, though, as he lined a 1-2 pitch into left field to bring home Hurter, and the Bulldogs ended up collecting a huge 4-3 win in extra innings over Good Hope. With the win, Hanceville clinches a spot in this year's state playoffs.

Arteaga finished with three hits and three RBIs for Hanceville (14-7). Ognilla added a hit and an RBI. Arteaga struck out nine and gave up just six hits and two earned runs in his 7.1 innings of work. Hunter Black walked two and struck out three in 1.2 innings. For Good Hope (11-11), Drake (two hits) and Overton (one hit) each drove in a run for the Raiders. Ayden Black went six innings, allowing just six hits, two earned runs, walked three and struck out five.

Friday scores

Holly Pond 13 - Cold Springs 1 (Softball)
Holly Pond jumped out to a quick lead in the bottom of the first inning. Back-to-back errors allowed Maycie Black, Darla Fredrick, and Maggie Nail to score to give them the early 3-0 lead. Libby Stallings later scored on an error to make it 4-0. The Lady Broncos quickly broke the game wide open in the bottom of the second. They sent 13 batters to the plate and scored nine runs. Fredrick drove in three runs on a pair of singles, Stallings added an RBI single, Alivia Farr and Black each hit a two-run single, and Nail collected an RBI single of her own to push their lead to 13-0. Cold Springs avoided the shutout in the top of the third as Peyton Kennedy hit a sacrifice fly to make it 13-1. Holly Pond would go on to collect a 13-1 win over Cold Springs.

Fredrick finished with a pair of hits and three RBIs for Holly Pond (5-7). Black went three-for-three with a pair of RBIs. Farr added a hit and pair of RBIs, while Nail and Stallings each collected a hit and an RBI in the win. Alaina Folds went three innings and allowed just four hits and one unearned run. Kennedy drove in the only run of the game for the Lady Eagles in the loss.

Southeastern 6 - Cold Springs 1 (Softball)
Cold Springs struck first in its opening at-bats. Kortnie Williams hit a leadoff double and later stole home to give the Lady Eagles the early lead. Southeastern countered with three runs in their half to take a 3-1 lead. The Lady Mustangs added two more runs in the bottom of the second and one more in the third to take the game over Cold Springs 6-1.

Williams finished with the only hit and scored the only run of the game for Cold Springs (5-7).

Cold Springs 11 - Meek 10 (Baseball)
Cold Springs didn't waste any time getting on the scoreboard against Meek. Josh Winfrey hit an RBI groundout to give them the early lead. Later that inning, Matt Williams added an RBI single, and Samuel Turner drove in a pair of runs on a single to stretch their lead to 4-0. Meek, though, scored the next five runs to take a 5-4 lead. That wouldn't be the last lead change of the game.

Williams hit a two-run single in the bottom of the fourth and later scored on a wild pitch to give the Eagles a 7-5 lead. Each team traded leads in the fifth inning.

The Tigers scored four runs to take a 9-7 lead, but Cold Springs countered in their half. Cole Bales tied the game up at nine on a two-run triple, and a sacrifice fly by Winfrey gave them a 10-9 lead. An error allowed Meek to tie the game up at 10 in the top of the sixth, but the Eagles looked to win it in their final at-bats.

Winfrey reached on an error to lead off the seventh, then with two outs, Mason Gable got hit by the pitch. On the first pitch, a Tiger error allowed Winfrey to score the game-winning run, as Cold Springs ended up getting an 11-10 win over Meek.

Williams finished with a pair of hits and three RBIs for Cold Springs (9-14). Turner (two hits), Bales (one hit) and Winfrey each added two RBIs in the win.

Springville 2 - Fairview 0 (Baseball)
The Springville-Fairview game quickly turned into a pitcher's duel. The Tigers put up a run in the top of the first and added another run in the fourth. The Aggies ended up getting shut out by Springville 2-0.

Conner Scott finished with a pair of hits for Fairview (19-8-1), while Gannon Black and Carson Jones each collected a hit in the loss. Jaxson Robertson went 6.2 innings and gave up just four hits and two unearned runs, walked two and struck out six.

Good Hope 4 - Oneonta 1 (Softball)
It was a pitcher's duel through the first four innings, and the game was scoreless going into the fifth inning. Good Hope struck first in the top of the fifth. Maggie O'Neil and Lizzy Steed each hit back-to-back one-out singles, and Molly Johnson reached on an error to load the bases. Campbell Koch hit a two-run single to right field to give the Lady Raiders a 2-0 lead.

Later that inning, Molly Benefield drove in a pair of runs on a double to right field to push their lead to 4-0. Oneonta cut it to 4-1 on an RBI single with one out, but Benefield got back-to-back flyball outs to end the game, and Good Hope ended up defeating the Lady Redskins 4-1.

Koch and Benefield each finished with a hit and two RBIs for Good Hope. Benefield gave up eight hits and one earned run, walked none and struck out two in her five innings of work.

Vinemont 13 - Susan Moore 3 (Softball)
Vinemont got their offense going early in their game against Susan Moore. The Lady Eagles loaded the bases with two outs, then Alaina Sandlin hit an RBI single to put them on the scoreboard first. Emma Dortch followed that up with a two-run single to left field to give them a 3-0 lead. Vinemont made it 4-0 in the bottom of the second on an RBI double by Haley Millwood. The Lady Eagles got a two-out rally started in the bottom of the third. Abby Kuykendall lined an RBI single to left field to stretch their lead to 5-0. Later in the inning, Callie Millwood hit a two-run single and Haley Millwood followed that up with a two-run triple on the first pitch to make it 9-0.

Susan Moore put up three runs in the top of the fourth to cut their lead to 9-3, but Vinemont made it 10-3 in their half on an RBI double by Dortch. The Lady Eagles decided to end things in the bottom of the fifth. Haley Millwood hit an RBI single and Sandlin's two-run double helped seal the 13-3 win for Vinemont.

Haley Millwood was one of several players that had a big day at the plate for Vinemont (3-10), as she finished four-for-four with four RBIs. Sandlin added three hits and three RBIs. Dortch ended up with a pair of hits and three RBIs, while Callie Millwood posted three hits and two RBIs in the win. Arleigh Thomason got the win for the Lady Eagles, as she gave up just six hits and one earned run, walked three and struck out seven.

West Point 8 - Hatton 7 (Softball)
West Point didn't waste any time getting off to a quick start offensively. Macayla Wilkins hit a leadoff triple in the bottom of the first and later scored on an RBI single by Macie Brown to give them the early lead.

They loaded the bases with two outs, and Brown ended up scoring on an error to make it 2-0. Hatton cut it to 2-1 in the second and then exploded for six runs in the fourth to take a 7-2 lead. The Lady Warriors looked to make a comeback to get back in the game. They cut it to 7-3 in their half of the fourth on an RBI single by Brinlee Phillips and completed the comeback in the fifth.

West Point was down to their final out, then their comeback started. Katie Beth Yovino hit a single to left field to keep things alive for the Lady Warriors, then Kylee Quinn lined an RBI double to right field to make it a 7-4 game. An error and a walk loaded the bases for Wilkins, who promptly cleared the bases as her three-run double tied the game up at seven. Two pitches later, Phillips hit the game-winning RBI single up the middle to help seal the 8-7 comeback win for the Lady Warriors.

Wilkins (three RBIs) and Phillips (two RBIs) each finished with a pair of hits for West Point, while Brown and Quinn each added a hit and an RBI in the win.

Russellville 16 - West Point 5 (Baseball)
Russellville got out to a quick 8-0 lead in the first two innings and quickly stretched their lead to 14-1 in the third. The Tigers kept West Point at arm's length after that as they picked up a 16-5 win over the Warriors.

Gus McKenney finished with a hit and an RBI for West Point. Cade Welborn, J.D. Cochran, Jay Lamar and Cooper Howard each added a hit and scored a run in the loss.



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Hanceville's Nelson Arteaga (15) hit a walk-off double to lead the Bulldogs past Good Hope 4-3 Saturday.





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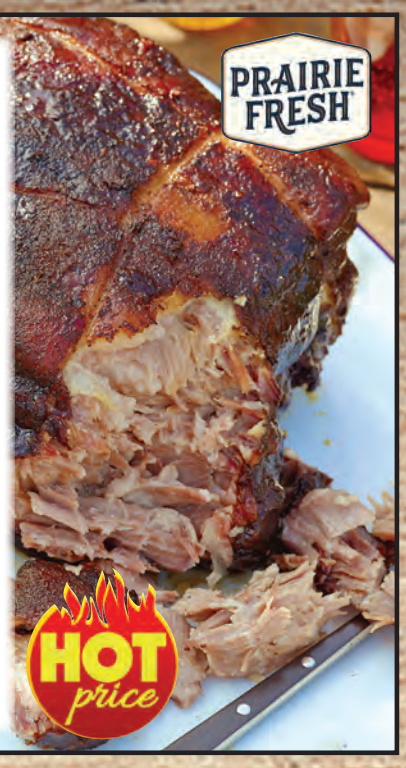
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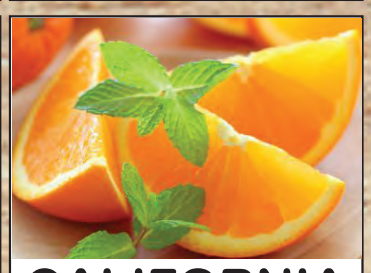
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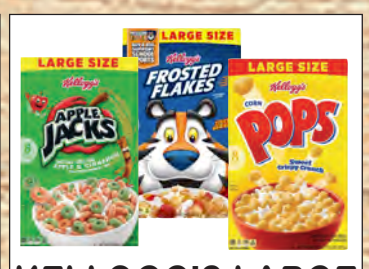


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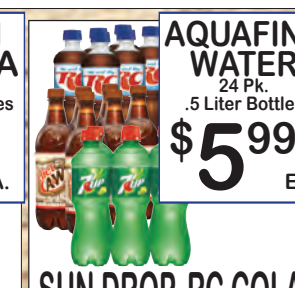


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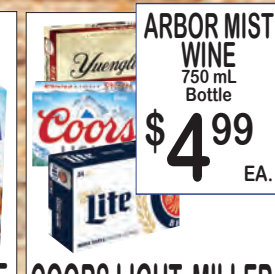


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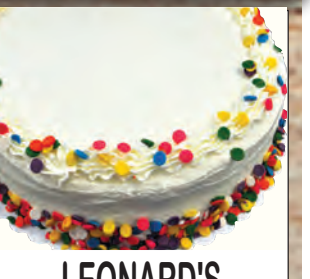
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The Holly Pond Broncos and the Fairview Lady Aggies won this year's Cullman County Track & Field Championships.

Track (from Front)

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — This year's Cullman County Track and Field Championships were hosted at Fairview High School Monday and two new teams claimed county titles. The Holly Pond Broncos outpaced Cold Springs with 160 points to win the boys' competition and the Fairview Lady Aggies edged Cold Springs by half a point to capture the girls' county crown.

Cold Springs' Ethan Edgeworth was named the Boys' MVP after earning gold medals in the 800-Meter, 1600-Meter and the 3200-Meter races. Fairview's Allyson Hill collected gold medals in the 100-Meter Hurdles, 300-Meter Hurdles, Long Jump and Triple Jump to earn Girls' MVP honors.

GIRLS RESULTS (TOP 8 FINISHERS)

Girls 100-Meter Hurdles
- 1st – Allyson Hill, Fairview (17.11)
- 2nd – Cadence Watson, Good Hope (19.20)
- 3rd – Janie-Claire Pace, Fairview (19.63)
- 4th – Cira Thrift, Holly Pond (19.64)
- 5th – Alyssia Mitchell, Holly Pond (19.71)
- 6th – Cheyenne Bishop, Cold Springs (19.76)
- 7th – Ella Minck, West Point (20.09)
- 8th – Violet Adams, Holly Pond (20.68)

Girls Long Jump
- 1st - Allyson Hill, Fairview (15-01.75)
- 2nd - Caroline Miller, Vinemont (15-01.00)
- 3rd - Ava Thomas, Holly Pond (14-02.75)
- 4th - Kailyn Redding, Fairview (13-06.25)
- 5th - Reagan Robinson, Vinemont (13-06.25)
- 6th - Aaliyah Twitty, Hanceville (13-05.25)
- 7th - Bentley Childers, Hanceville (13-03.00)
- 8th - Addyson Burgess, Good Hope (13-03.00)

Girls Shot Put
- 1st - Kabri Redding, Fairview (33-10.50)
- 2nd - Laci Segrest, Fairview (32-07.50)
- 3rd - Ellanora Slusser, Cold Springs (31-01.50)
- 4th - Zoe Marks, Good Hope (31-01.50)
- 5th - Kerrigon Moore, Hanceville (28-00.50)
- 6th - Kinzey Sizemore, Fairview (27-08.00)
- 7th - Makenzie Cruce, Good Hope (27-05.50)
- 8th - Aidan Freeman, Cold Springs (27-04.50)

Girls High Jump
- 1st - Caroline Miller, Vinemont (4-10.00)
- 2nd - Kabri Redding, Fairview (4-10.00)
- 3rd - Cadence Watson, Good Hope (4-10.00)
- 4th - Kailyn Redding, Fairview (4-10.00)
- 5th - Cahaba Falls, Good Hope (4-04.00)
- 6th - Kensli Redding, Fairview (4-04.00)
- 7th - Jacee Bartlett, West Point (4-02.00)
- 8th - Reagan Robinson, Vinemont (4-02.00)

Girls Triple Jump
- 1st - Allyson Hill, Fairview (34-09.75)
- 2nd - Ava Thomas, Holly Pond (31-02.00)
- 3rd - Caroline Miller, Vinemont (30-06.00)
- 4th - Sophia Calvarese, Fairview (29-00.50)
- 5th - Janie-Claire Pace, Fairview (28-02.25)
- 6th - Violet Adams, Holly Pond (27-04.75)
- 7th - Ellie Burks, Holly Pond (27-01.50)
- 8th - Jacee Bartlett, West Point (24-11.00)

Girls Pole Vault
- 1st - Ryleigh Wright, Cold Springs (9-00.00)
- 2nd - Cadence Watson, Good Hope (8-06.00)
- 3rd - Claire Huffstutler, Cold Springs (8-00.00)
- 4th - Violet Adams, Holly Pond (7-06.00)
- 5th - Hayla Watson, Cold Springs (7-00.00)
- 6th - Ella Watson, Fairview (6-00.00)
- 6th - Morgan Bartlett, Holly Pond (6-00.00)

Girls Javelin Throw
- 1st - Macey Denton, Good Hope (110-00)
- 2nd - Addison Holcomb, Vinemont (94-08)
- 3rd - Hollyn Bruer, Cold Springs (93-08)
- 4th - Reagan Dunkin, Fairview (91-11)
- 5th - Sadie Smith, Fairview (89-07)
- 6th - Emma Earl, Holly Pond (80-08)
- 7th - Aidan Freeman, Cold Springs (77-00)
- 8th - Jayden Persall, Holly Pond (74-08)

Girls Discus Throw
- 1st - Kabri Redding, Fairview (118-09)
- 2nd - Laci Segrest, Fairview (88-09)
- 3rd - Makenna Taylor, Cold Springs (88-08)
- 4th - Kate Sterling, Hanceville (86-07)
- 5th - Kerrigon Moore, Hanceville (80-09)
- 6th - Eden Clements, Hanceville (79-05)
- 7th - Zoe Marks, Good Hope (75-06)
- 8th - Sophia Slusser, Cold Springs (75-06)

Girls 100-Meter Dash
- 1st - Millie McBee, Holly Pond (14.40)
- 2nd - Nadia Gibbs, Holly Pond (14.51)
- 3rd - Bentley Childers, Hanceville (14.67)
- 4th - Kenady Graves, Cold Springs (14.76)
- 5th - Mattie Keith, Hanceville (14.94)
- 6th - Anna Pemberton, Good Hope (14.95)
- 7th - Charlotte Jones, Vinemont (14.98)
- 8th - Aaliyah Twitty, Hanceville (15.00)

Girls 200-Meter Dash
- 1st - Millie McBee, Holly Pond (28.96)
- 2nd - Macie Huffstutler, Cold Springs (29.06)
- 3rd - Ava Thomas, Holly Pond (30.05)
- 4th - Bentley Childers, Hanceville (31.09)
- 5th - Addyson Burgess, Good Hope (31.20)
- 6th - Aaliyah Twitty, Hanceville (31.22)
- 7th - Mattie Keith, Hanceville (31.35)
- 8th - Kailyn Redding, Fairview (31.45)

Girls 400-Meter Dash
- 1st - Macie Huffstutler, Cold Springs (1:04.57)
- 2nd - Presli Carr, Holly Pond (1:07.32)
- 3rd - Natalie Foell, Vinemont (1:08.12)
- 4th - Kenady Graves, Cold Springs (1:08.23)
- 5th - Kylie Twilley, Holly Pond (1:10.57)
- 6th - Kelsye Will, West Point (1:11.28)
- 7th - Jazlyn Flanigan, Hanceville (1:11.31)
- 8th - Decia McClure, Good Hope (1:12.09)

Girls 800-Meter Run
- 1st - Macie Huffstutler, Cold Springs (2:41.67)
- 2nd - Reagan Parris, Cold Springs (2:41.78)
- 3rd - Mila Edmondson, Holly Pond (2:44.16)
- 4th - Janet Orona, Fairview (2:55.30)
- 5th - Katie Parrish, Good Hope (2:55.63)
- 6th - Claire Huffstutler. Cold Springs (2:56.16)
- 7th - Zoey Wester, Fairview (2:56.50)
- 8th - Shelby Mitton, Fairview (2:58.38)

Girls 1600-Meter Run
- 1st - Macie Huffstutler, Cold Springs (5:58.88)
- 2nd - Reagan Parris, Cold Springs (5:59.48)
- 3rd - Mila Edmondson, Holly Pond (6:03.55)
- 4th - Natalie Foell, Vinemont (6:19.59)
- 5th - Caroline Lamoureux, Holly Pond (6:27.46)
- 6th - Zoey Wester, Fairview (6:32.17)
- 7th - Kynleigh Wood, Holly Pond (6:40.67)
- 8th - Janet Orona, Fairview (6:46.63)

Girls 3200-Meter Run
- 1st - Reagan Parris, Cold Springs (13:31.47)
- 2nd - Mila Edmondson, Holly Pond (14:03.54)
- 3rd - Caroline Lamoureux, Holly Pond (14:45.56)
- 4th - Alya Kate Huff, Cold Springs (15:29.62)
- 5th - Ally Mavers, Cold Springs (15:31.60)
- 6th - Lola Haynes, Fairview (17:09.15)
- 7th - Dorothy Salter, West Point (17:30.52)
- 8th - Xana Wester, Fairview (18:16.54)

Girls 4x100 Meter Relay
- 1st - Holly Pond (55.17)
- 2nd - Hanceville (55.98)
- 3rd - West Point (56.93)
- 4th - Cold Springs (58.04)
- 5th - Good Hope (58.32)
- 6th - Fairview (1:00.28)
- 7th - Harmony School (1:02.34)

Girls 4x400 Meter Relay
- 1st – Fairview (4:49.55)
- 2nd - Holly Pond (4:54.20)
- 3rd - Cold Springs (4:57.53)
- 4th - West Point (4:59.30)
- 5th - Vinemont High School (5:09.01)
- 6th - Hanceville (5:14.69)
- 7th - Good Hope (5:28.35)
- 8th - Harmony School (5:32.94)

Girls 4x800 Meter Relay
- 1st - Holly Pond (11:28.91)
- 2nd - Cold Springs (11:33.83)
- 3rd - West Point (11:35.64)
- 4th - Fairview (11:51.41)
- 5th - Good Hope (12:17.09)
- 6th - Hanceville (12:24.36)

Girls 300-Meter Hurdles
- 1st - Allyson Hill, Fairview (51.72)
- 2nd - Cadence Watson, Good Hope (54.74)
- 3rd - Reagan Parris, Cold Springs (55.15)
- 4th - Ella Minck, West Point (58.23)
- 5th - Hayla Watson, Cold Springs (58.46)
- 6th - Kealie Harbison, West Point (58.46)
- 7th - Cira Thrift, Holly Pond (58.56)
- 8th - Cheyenne Bishop, Cold Springs (58.59)

BOYS RESULTS (TOP 8 FINISHERS)

Boys 110-Meter Hurdles
- 1st - Emery Barnett, Holly Pond (17.36)
- 2nd - Ethan Fox Westall, Holly Pond (18.61)
- 3rd - Dylan Butts, Good Hope (18.62)
- 4th - Landon Bishop, Cold Springs (18.95)
- 5th - Asa Sutter, West Point (19.52)
- 6th - Cheston Wilhite, Vinemont (20.13)
- 7th - Ethan Day, Cold Springs (20.35)
- 8th - Yojan Patino, Vinemont (21.49)

Boys Long Jump
- 1st - Nic Fallin, Cold Springs (19-05.75)
- 2nd - Boston Gibbs, Holly Pond (19-01.00)
- 3rd - Carter Rutherford, Good Hope (19-01.00)
- 4th - Dawson Wilhite, Vinemont (18-09.50)
- 5th - Asa Sutter, West Point (18-08.50)
- 6th - Pressley Burtis, West Point (18-08.00)
- 7th - Landon Bagwell, Good Hope (17-07.00)
- 8th - Drake Bentley, Hanceville (17-05.00)

Boys Shot Put
- 1st - Brodie Butts, Hanceville (38-08.00)
- 2nd - Jayden Pineda, Fairview (38-01.00)
- 3rd - Eli Akin, Hanceville (38-00.00)
- 4th - Tatum Brown, Vinemont (37-03.50)
- 5th - Logan Race, Fairview (37-01.00)
- 6th - Ashton Hurst, Hanceville (36-02.00)
- 7th - Andrew Latham, Fairview (35-07.50)
- 8th - Bailey Gann, Cold Springs (35-01.00)

Boys Discus Throw
- 1st - Eli Akin, Hanceville (122-10)
- 2nd - Diego Arreguin, Holly Pond (118-07)
- 3rd - Connor Pitts, Hanceville (118-03)
- 4th - Bailey Gann, Cold Springs (109-07)
- 5th - Avery Latham, Fairview (108-07)
- 6th - Jayden Pineda, Fairview (107-11)
- 7th - Logan Race, Fairview (107-06)
- 8th - Tatum Brown, Vinemont (106-07)

Boys Ambulatory Discus Throw
- 1st - Daniel Figueroa, Holly Pond (57-01)

Boys Javelin Throw
- 1st - Boston Gibbs, Holly Pond (155-00)
- 2nd - Andrew Latham, Fairview (148-03)
- 3rd - Asher Thrift, Holly Pond (145-00)
- 4th - Ashton Hurst, Hanceville (140-02)
- 5th - James Fausz, Harmony School (134-10)
- 6th - Dawson Kicker, Good Hope (132-02)
- 7th - John Garcia, Holly Pond (128-01)
- 8th - Dawson Wilhite, Vinemont (127-11)

Boys Ambulatory Javelin Throw
- 1st - Daniel Figueroa, Holly Pond (81-10)

Boys Triple Jump
- 1st - Nic Fallin, Cold Springs (39-09.00)
- 2nd - Asa Sutter, West Point (38-09.00)
- 3rd - Boston Gibbs, Holly Pond (38-08.00)
- 4th - Ethan Fox Westall, Holly Pond (37-06.50)
- 5th - Cheston Wilhite, Vinemont (37-00.50)
- 6th - Emery Barnett, Holly Pond (36-05.25)
- 7th - Trace Richardson, Fairview (35-10.00)
- 8th - Landon Bagwell, Good Hope (35-03.00)

Boys High Jump
- 1st - Miguel Garcia, Holly Pond (6-00.00)
- 2nd - Cole Bales, Cold Springs (5-08.00)
- 3rd - Samuel Pierce, Vinemont (5-08.00)
- 4th - Nic Fallin, Cold Springs (5-08.00)
- 5th - Caden Moody, Holly Pond (5-08.00)
- 6th - Jac Dunn, Fairview (5-06.00)
- 7th - Pressley Burtis, West Point (5-04.00)
- 8th - Jacob Harbison, West Point (5-04.00)
- 8th - JT Davis, Hanceville (5-04.00)

Boys Pole Vault
- 1st - Nic Fallin, Cold Springs (12-06.00)
- 2nd- Dawson Wilhite, Vinemont (11-06.00)
- 3rd - Hank Hudson, Good Hope (11-00.00)
- 4th - Noah Barger, Cold Springs (11-00.00)
- 5th - Blake Belcher, Cold Springs (10-06.00)
- 6th - Sawyer Harris, West Point (8-00.00)
- 6th - Kaien Earnest, Vinemont (8-00.00)
- 8th - Dekota Crider, Vinemont (8-00.00)

Boys 100-Meter Dash
- 1st - Carter Rutherford, Good Hope (12.09)
- 2nd - Marquies Leeth, Hanceville (12.26)
- 3rd - Jake Harper, Fairview (12.43)
- 4th - Drake Bentley, Hanceville (12.45)
- 5th - Ollie Howell, West Point (12.58)
- 6th - Jayden Holloway, Holly Pond (12.64)
- 7th - Easton Fitch, Fairview (12.65)
- 8th - Hank Hudson, Good Hope (12.80)

Boys Ambulatory 100-Meter Dash
- 1st - Daniel Figueroa, Holly Pond (16.17)

Boys 200-Meter Dash
- 1st - Carter Rutherford, Good Hope (24.74)
- 2nd - Devon McGee, Fairview (24.80)
- 3rd - Jake Harper, Fairview (24.87)
- 4th - Boston Gibbs, Holly Pond (24.95)
- 5th - Marquies Leeth, Hanceville (25.44)
- 6th - Drake Bentley, Hanceville (25.48)
- 7th - Brayden Monfort, West Point (25.49)
- 8th - Easton Fitch, Fairview (25.78)

Boys Ambulatory 200-Meter Dash
- 1st - Daniel Figueroa, Holly Pond (32.09)

Boys 300-Meter Hurdles
- 1st - Emery Barnett, Holly Pond (42.51)
- 2nd - Ethan Fox Westall, Holly Pond (45.16)
- 3rd - Dylan Butts, Good Hope (45.71)
- 4th - Asa Sutter, West Point (46.15)
- 5th - Landon Bishop, Cold Springs (47.78)
- 6th - Caden Moody, Holly Pond (47.92)
- 7th - Hank Hudson, Good Hope (48.37)
- 8th - Cheston Wilhite, Vinemont (49.18)

Boys 400-Meter Dash
- 1st - Travis Barnett, Holly Pond (52.43)
- 2nd - Emery Barnett, Holly Pond (53.41)
- 3rd - Devon McGee, Fairview (53.56)
- 4th - Hayden Jones, West Point (54.59)
- 5th - Jacob Harbison, West Point (55.27)
- 6th - Brier Taylor, West Point (55.64)
- 7th - Jeremiah Stoves, Hanceville (56.63)
- 8th - Parker Johnson, Good Hope (57.23)

Boys 800-Meter Run
- 1st - Ethan Edgeworth, Cold Springs (2:03.17)
- 2nd - Drake Nichols, Good Hope (2:04.91)
- 3rd - Alex England, Fairview (2:04.94)
- 4th - Travis Barnett, Holly Pond (2:08.13)
- 5th - Jayden Allred, Cold Springs (2:12.41)
- 6th - Hayden Jones, West Point (2:14.53)
- 7th - Rene Moreno-Tovar, West Point (2:15.19)
- 8th - Drew Dykes, Cold Springs (2:16.95)

Boys 1600-Meter Run
- 1st - Ethan Edgeworth, Cold Springs (4:27.26)
- 2nd - Travis Barnett, Holly Pond (4:35.54)
- 3rd - Alex England, Fairview (4:35.87)
- 4th - Jayden Allred, Cold Springs (4:37.22)
- 5th - Brady Johnson, Vinemont (4:50.35)
- 6th - Rene Moreno-Tovar, West Point (4:51.12)
- 7th - Sage Nelson, Cold Springs (4:52.99)
- 8th - Joshua Putman, Holly Pond (4:56.58)

Boys 3200-Meter Run
- 1st - Ethan Edgeworth, Cold Springs (10:00.10)
- 2nd - Alex England, Fairview (10:46.15)
- 3rd - Brady Johnson, Vinemont (10:50.85)
- 4th - Rene Moreno-Tovar, West Point (11:09.40)
- 5th - Drew Dykes, Cold Springs (11:29.00)
- 6th - Joshua Putman, Holly Pond (11:53.93)
- 7th - Logan Perdue, Cold Springs (12:00.98)
- 8th - Andrew Landreth, Vinemont (12:12.38)

Boys 4x100 Meter Relay
- 1st - Fairview (46.96)
- 2nd – Hanceville (47.03)
- 3rd - Good Hope (47.33)
- 4th - West Point (47.93)
- 5th - Holly Pond (50.19)
- 6th - Cold Springs (51.55)
- 7th - Harmony School (51.62)
- 8th - Vinemont (54.69)

Boys 4x400 Meter Relay
- 1st - West Point (3:55.27)
- 2nd - Good Hope (3:58.40)
- 3rd – Hanceville (4:04.27)
- 4th - Cold Springs (4:10.67)
- 5th - Holly Pond (4:11.94)
- 6th - Vinemont (4:15.65)
- 7th - Harmony School (4:22.65)

Boys 4x800 Meter Relay
- 1st - Cold Springs (8:37.58)
- 2nd - West Point (8:42.71)
- 3rd - Good Hope (9:03.29)
- 4th - Vinemont (9:39.97)
- 5th - Holly Pond (9:44.37)
- 6th – Hanceville (10:23.84)



THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
APRIL 16, 2024

Queen (from Front)

Festival in Cullman. We have a wonderful day ahead, full of beauty, elegance and grace."

Each age category was packed full of contestants, all dressed in sparkling colors. Older girls had lush curls, dazzling earrings and perfected walks, while the infants and younger girls donned open-mouth smiles and bows and walked with chaperones. Parents, caregivers, friends and family all crowded together just off the edge of the stage to catch their participant's attention and solicit a smile to sway the judges.

Although each contestant was given a crown, a queen and two alternates were chosen for each of the nine age divisions. Side awards were voted on by the panel of judges, as well, with an award for most photogenic, prettiest hair, prettiest smile, prettiest eyes and best dress given in each of the aged groupings.

In the end, only one queen could reign supreme, with Cullman High School senior Siddalee Drake winning the title of 2024 Miss Alabama Strawberry Festival.

Other winners included:

- Infant Miss Shortcake (0-11 months)- Kolbi Sage Wray
- Baby Miss Shortcake (12-24 months)- Shelby Morris
- Toddler Miss Shortcake (2-3 years)-Hadlee James
- Tiny Miss Shortcake (4 years- kindergarten)- Layla Katherine Weldon
- Little Miss Shortcake (grades one and two)-Aria Katherine Mixon
- Young Miss Shortcake (grades three and four)-Harper Grace Scott
- Miss Pre-Teen (grades five and six)- Kabri Lee Wilson
- Miss Junior Strawberry (grades seven through nine)-Lainey Gerstman

Expo (from Front)

Gauge Day
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CULLMAN, Ala. — On Saturday, April 13, the Cullman Family Expo, organized by the Cullman County Child Development Center parent-teacher organization (PTO), delivered a spectacular event aimed at supporting local families and raising funds for children with disabilities who attend the CDC. With a focus on community resources and family fun, the expo exemplified inclusivity and well-executed organization, making it a memorable day for attendees.

The expo grounds, inside and outside, buzzed with activity as local vendors displayed a diverse array of products and services, from custom hats, homemade kettle popcorn and handmade earrings as well as providing information booths about essential behavioral services. Music filled the air for attendees as Justin Pace, a local DJ, played requested tunes, adding a vibrant soundtrack.

For the children, the event had it all, featuring face painting, a bounce house and a giant slide that became an obvious huge hit among the younger crowd. Characters like Iron Man, Mr. Incredible and Captain America, as well as the legendary CDC Lion, Lenny, roamed the event, giving kids an endearing experience as they had the opportunity to interact with their favorite heroes. Many vendor booths had free goodies and activities for the children to interact with.

To support ongoing projects for the CDC, the expo also included several raffles with impressive prizes ranging from artwork by local artists to luxury items like a non-toxic Caraway Roasting Pan and a Toyota Sequoia 12V electric ride-on vehicle. The chance to win "Chicken salad for a year" from Chicken Salad Chick was another highlight, drawing eager participants.

Dinner (from Front)

Cheyenne Sharp
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Hosted by the Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism Foundation, Dinner on First is an elegant affair held each year along First Avenue in downtown Cullman's Warehouse District. This year's event will take place Saturday, May 18.

Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism Executive Director Nathan Anderson said, "I am profoundly grateful for the Foundation's dedication and hard work, which have been pivotal in elevating our community to one of the nation's best. Their annual fundraising efforts are a testament to their commitment and have made a significant impact on our collective success and vitality."

Dinner on First serves as a fundraiser for the CPRST Foundation's annual project. This year's project is expanding the playground and splash pad at Heritage Park to create a more inclusive space for the community. The expansion will allow more families to enjoy the facilities together and include additional accessible features, ensuring that everyone, regardless of age or ability, can join in the fun. The fundraising goal is $100,000.

"The primary goal of the Dinner on First event is to raise funds for the much-needed renovation and expansion of the playground and splash pad at Heritage Park," said CPRST Recreational Development Director and Dinner on First organizer Christy Turner. "This project is close to the heart of the community, aiming to create a more inclusive and enjoyable space for local families and children. The enhancements to the park will ensure that it remains a cherished community asset, where children of all abilities can play and create lasting memories together."

The event's finely curated meal is one aspect of the evening that some attendees look forward to the most. Dyron's Lowcountry, which provided the meal for the inaugural Dinner on First event in 2016, will return to the sidewalks of First Avenue to wow the crowd with its tasty masterpieces. Guests will enjoy fine dining under the sparkling lights, and the event will also feature complimentary table wine as well as a full cash bar.

"We are excited to announce that Dyron's Lowcountry will once again be the provider of the delicious dishes for Dinner on First. Dyron's Lowcountry will offer guests a dining experience like no other. Beyond their reputation for exceptional Southern cuisine, Dyron's embodies a spirit of a community support and local love that truly sets them apart," Turner said. "Under the guidance of their talented chef, attendees can expect a menu that is both innovative and delicious, perfectly complementing the evening."

The festivities will kick off with a social hour at 6 p.m., giving guests the opportunity to mingle and enjoy the atmosphere. Dinner seating and the first course are planned for 7. An after-party will be hosted following the meal, featuring dueling pianos.

Tables and seats for the event are available for auction at https://cprs.betterworld.org/auctions/dinner-first-2024.

For more information about Dinner on First, the auction and fundraising project, visit www.cullmanrecreation.org/dinner-on-first.

LEGALS

PB WIL BK 123 PG 12 - 04/15/2024 08:10 AM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
VETRA JACKSON,
Deceased.

Case Number: PC2024-133

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama

In the matter of the Estate of Vetra Jackson, Deceased

Letters Testamentary upon last will and testament of said decedent, having been granted to the undersigned on the 15th day of April, 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.

Regina Holmes
Personal Representative

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

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

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

Legal Notice

Surplus property of Wallace State Community College (Hanceville Campus) will be offered for sale on the website www.govdeals.com Various sales will occur on this website, please check the www.govdeals.com website weekly to see any current sales. This is a government auction website and you MUST be registered on the website to bid on any items. You may view the surplus property to be sold without registration. The govdeals.com website will contain detailed information including descriptions and photos. Items may be inspected by APPOINTMENT ONLY: Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Contact Wesley Sams at inventory@wallacestate.edu to schedule any appointments. All items listed are to be sold "AS IS, WHERE IS". Wallace State Community College reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

PB ADT BK 68 PG 892 - 04/15/2024 08:21 AM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

In the Matter of the Adoption Petition *
of JONATHAN W. STEADMAN * Case Number: AD 2024 - 018

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: WALTER ALION WHATLEY, WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, BY JONATHAN W. STEADMAN, PETITIONER, FOR THE ADOPTION OF W.L.J.W., A MINOR. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONER, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS IS SHOWN BELOW AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, 500 2ND AVENUE SW, ROOM 101, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35055.

DONE THIS THE 15th DAY OF April, 2024.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC
611 7th Street SW
Cullman AL 35055
(256) 841-7800
Attorney for Petitioner

PB WIL BK 123 PG 21 - 04/15/2024 09:04 AM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2024-128

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF PHILLIP DALE HENDERSON, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Martha Rebecca Henderson on the 15th day of April, 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.

Martha Rebecca Henderson
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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PB MIN Bk 223 PG 97 - 04/08/2024 08:24 AM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
DEBORAH DIANE BAKER, * CASE NO.: PC2024-029
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to EDITH BAKER, as Administrator of the Estate of DEBORAH DIANE BAKER, deceased, on the 5th 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.

EDITH BAKER
Personal Representative

Richard L. Collins
Attorney for Administrator of the
Estate of Deborah Diane Baker
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

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

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 James Mckinney And Nirvani Mckinney Husband And Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for First Partners Bank, its successors and assigns dated November 10, 2016; said mortgage being recorded on November 14, 2016, in Book 1803, Page 365, as having been modified by an agreement recorded on and recorded in Book 2040, Page 77 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 373, Page 668 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, ALABAMA.

The undersigned, Lakeview Loan Servicing, 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 5th day of February, 2024 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lots 3 and 4 of the Hanceville Square Subdivision as recorded in Slide B222A in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Subject to the following: Right of way as set forth in instrument recorded in Deed Book 478, Page 119 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

Subject to the following:

1. Utility and drainage easements as shown on the plat of Hanceville Square Subdivision as recorded in Slide B222A in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
2. Easement granted to Cullman Electric Cooperative as recorded in Deed Book 557, Page 120 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

Said property is commonly known as 402 Whaley Ave NE, Hanceville, AL 35077.

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.

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
as holder of said mortgage
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC
Two North Twentieth
2 20th Street North, Suite 1000
Birmingham, AL 35203
(205) 216-4238
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File No. 22-04213AL
www.foreclosurehotline.net

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AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until March 28, 2024, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

Cullman Tribune, March 12, 2024

AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until May 1, 2024, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

Cullman Tribune, April 16, 2024

Programs (from Front)

days, but also Christmas Day, better for local families in need.

Doing so came at a cost, though: the big new facility began filling up quickly. It was time to grow again.

Wilson recently opened a second warehouse at Curt's Closet, following a major construction project that included an upgraded parking area and new landscaping. The warehouse doubles the amount of onsite storage space, and creates a new and larger sorting area for donated goods.

"We are so excited to have our new building complete," said Wilson.

"As of today, we are able to accept donations at Curt's Closet again.

"The new building will allow us to provide adequate space for volunteers we are in need of at Curt's Closet, as well as providing more storage space to ensure we have all clothing and shoe needs in stock for our clients."

About Curt's Closet

Curt's Closet serves children, teens and some adults through a need-based qualification process, plus children referred by school principals or counselors, the Cullman County Department of Human Resources and Victim Services of Cullman. The ministry also makes its resources available in emergency circumstances like house fires. Qualified kids and their parents/caretakers get to come and "shop" in an inviting space that is far more like a shop than a charity clothing closet, and walk out with dignity and a selection of high-quality clothing and accessories – a fair bit of it brand new, thanks to local donors and businesses – at no charge.

The organization is constantly taking donations of new or lightly used clothing, shoes and fashion accessories, along with still packaged new underwear and socks. Money is always welcome, too! Donations can be dropped off at the facility at 1101 Third Ave. SE in Cullman, as well as a number of other locations around town.

Wilson's growing programs also need volunteers. Volunteer registration forms and a full list of drop-off points are available at https://sites.google.com/view/curtscloset.

To donate, volunteer or seek assistance, visit https://sites.google.com/view/curtscloset or www.facebook.com/cw20curtscloset, call 256-735-4557 or email curtscloset20@gmail.com.



Founding families receive IMPACT award

Cheyenne Sharp
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CULLMAN, Ala. — St. Paul's Lutheran School held its largest annual fundraiser on Saturday, April 13, at the Cotton Creek Warehouse: the Alumni & Friends Dinner and School Auction. It was a night to celebrate both the school's seven decades of serving the families and children of the Cullman and surrounding areas for seven decades and the school's seven founding families.

Each year at this event, the IMPACT Award is presented by St. Paul's to those students, teachers, support staff and church members who've made significant contributions to the school and community.

The award is based on a passage from the book of Peter:

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God.

"If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen." 1 Peter 4:10-11.

The 2024 Impact Award was not given to an individual; instead, it was given to each of the seven founding families of St. Paul's Lutheran School in Cullman. The honored families included:

- Ed and Adela Mae Apel
- Bill and Bobbie Buettner
- Melvin and Alice Marie Dahlke
- Arnie and Louise Danker
- Carl and Martha Woodard
- Willis and Dot Hancock
- Robert and Teeny Teichmiller

These founding families were responsible for the re-opening of St. Paul's Lutheran School after financial setbacks forced the institution to close its doors in 1916; the seven families banded together and privately shouldered the cost of re-opening the school 32 years later in 1954, ensuring their legacy will be remembered through the 70 years that St. Paul's has been serving students.

St. Paul's Senior Pastor, Rev. John Bussman said, "Our church and our school go hand in hand; when one is strengthened, the other is strengthened.

"We are very happy about the award here, but feel more honored and privileged to recognize these seven families who were instrumental and brought our school back in 1954."

Teeny Teichmiller addressed the congregated students, families and churchgoers, saying, "On behalf of all of us, the 14, I would like to say we are honored to receive the IMPACT Award from St. Paul's School. Some of us were lifelong Lutherans and some of us had parents and grandparents that were in the first school at St. Paul's that closed in 1916.

"We were all young couples with young children and we all wanted a Christian school for our children; we wanted them to learn what Jesus said, the most important commandment, which is in Matthew 22:37-39."

Teichmiller recited the verse, "'Love the Lord God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind. And a second is like it, love your neighbor as yourself.'"

Continuing, she said, "The effort to start the school was a labor of love – love for our children, love for our church and love for our God."

Throughout the night, guests were invited to peruse the school's fundraising venture, a silent auction filled with memorabilia and expensive wares and gifts; all items were donated, each one representing a household or business offering its support to the continuation of the teachings of the school.

Homeschool prom, 'A Night on the Bayou,' coming April 19

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Timeless Homeschool Events (THE) is an organization that has been serving north Alabama and Huntsville's homeschooling families for over 15 years. On Friday, April 19, it will host "A Night on the Bayou" prom at The Barn at Lake Catoma in Cullman.

A Night on the Bayou promises to be an event full of memories and fun times, transporting attendees straight to the Louisiana Bayou with lively music, Southern charm and a Creole-inspired menu of hors d'oeuvres, a main course of Cajun chicken pasta and garlic knots and a wide array of dessert options, of course featuring beignets.

All homeschoolers completing grades nine through 12 are invited, welcome and encouraged to attend the prom; additionally, a homeschooler may bring up to two non-homeschoolers as guests with individually purchased tickets. The minimum age for an attending homeschooler or guest is 14 and no attendee may be older than 19 on prom night.

THE Cullman Administrator Jennifer Garcia has made sure that no "offensive or vulgar tunes" will be played at the dance; working closely with the DJ, Garcia and the event's planning committee have rounded up the "best, clean, dance-worthy songs" for the evening.

All attending seniors will be asked to place their names into a bowl, from which the prom committee will choose a Prom King and Queen to complete the affair.

A Night on the Bayou prom will take place Friday, April 19, from 6-10 p.m. at the Barn at Lake Catoma, located at 651 County Road 1419.

The deadline to purchase tickets is Thursday, April 18, at noon. Tickets are $40 each and can be purchased online at www.timelesscullman.org/prom.

Jacobs proclaims Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Cullman

Leanne West
City of Cullman

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs recently proclaimed the week of April 14-20, 2024, Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in the city of Cullman in conjunction with National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, which is observed annually during the second week in April. This week, sponsored by the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) International, honors the thousands of men and women who respond to emergency calls, dispatch emergency professionals and equipment and render life-saving assistance to the world's residents.

When emergencies occur in the city of Cullman, it is vital to the protection of life and the preservation of property that police officers, firefighters or paramedics can respond promptly. Emergency responders depend on the quality and accuracy of information relayed to them from the City's 911 emergency dispatch center. Public safety telecommunicators also monitor the activities of emergency responders by radio, continually providing them information and ensuring their safety.

"Our 911 dispatchers work hard behind the scenes to make sure that our emergency responders get to emergencies quickly and know what to expect once they get there," said Jacobs. "They are the link between the public and emergency services and they do a wonderful job dealing with very difficult and stressful situations."

On hand to accept the proclamation was City of Cullman Public Safety Telecommunicator Kayla Mize. Mize is in her ninth year as a 911 dispatcher for the City of Cullman, and informed the mayor that April is also National 911 Education Month.

The goal of National 911 Education Month is to educate the public on the appropriate and optimal uses of 911. This is important because the quality and accuracy of the information relayed to emergency responders is only as good as the information relayed to public safety telecommunicators by callers. It is important for everyone – including children – to know how to properly place a 911 call. Thousands of 911 calls are made every year by children properly trained on the use of 911, resulting in lives saved. But there is also widespread misuse of the 911 system, including prank and non-emergency calls, which can result in costly and inefficient use of 911 and emergency response resources.

When reporting emergencies, public safety telecommunicators rely on callers to:

- Know their location: Wireless calls to 911 provide location information, but 911 call-takers may need more specific information. Callers should be prepared to provide detailed location information so that help can get to the scene as quickly as possible.
- Stay calm and don't hang up: Until instructed to do otherwise, callers should stay on the line to provide any necessary information or assistance. Even if 911 is called accidentally, don't hang up – just inform the call-taker that you dialed accidentally and that there is no emergency.

"I'd like to encourage our citizens to thank a 911 dispatcher for the important work that they do," said Jacobs. "I also encourage everyone to make sure you and your family members are prepared to quickly and accurately make a 911 call should an emergency arise, because in an emergency, seconds matter."

To learn more about National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, visit www.npstw.org.

To learn more about National 911 Education Month, visit www.know911.org.

Obituary Announcements: April 13-15

Richard Earl, 71 Funeral Service for Richard Earl, age 71 of Cullman, will be at 12 p.m. on Friday, April 19, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; burial at Holly Pond Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 18, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Earl passed away on Friday, April 12, 2024, at Cullman Regional. He was born, May 31, 1952, to Carl and Venice Earl. He was preceded in death by his parents and nephew, Randy Gwin. He is survived by his wife, June Earl; sons, Nathan Earl and DeWayne (Judy) Brooks; daughter, Amy Brooks; granddaughters, Keslyn Earl and Elizabeth Brooks; sister, Linda Estes; niece, Rhonda Bullard; nephew, Rodney Gwin; great nieces, Traci Bullard, Alyssa Gwin and Haley Gwin; and a host of cousins and friends.

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