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CATA students erect outdoor classroom at Sportsman Lake Park

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A few Cullman Area Technology Academy (CATA) students have spent the last handful of weeks constructing a new outdoor classroom area near the Wildflower Garden at Sportsman Lake Park.

The halfway-finished platform will be around a 16 feet by 20 feet of seating area, with benches surrounding the space and a raised teaching or speaking platform at the front of the space.

Cullman County Master Gardeners reached out to Mike Burkett, CATA's Building Construction instructor, about the students building the addition in the meadow of the Wildflower Garden, allowing a space for groups to congregate on warm spring and summer days.

"It's a 16- by 20-foot platform, with a teaching platform on the far end. It will have benches all around, and there will be a » PAGE 2



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Cullman County Commission Chairman Jeff Clemons and West Point High School and CATA students Ollie Howell, Nick Lee and Jesus Rodriguez stand by the future outdoor classroom structure at Sportsman Lake Park in the Wildflower Garden.

'The support we have had is unmatched'

Goat Island celebrates 8 years in business



LAUREN ESTES/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Goat Island Brewing celebrated its eighth anniversary on Saturday, April 13, 2024.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Goat Island Brewing celebrated its eighth anniversary on Saturday, complete with live bands, food trucks and lots of fun for the community.

One of the four founders of Goat Island, Brad Glenn, said, "We started very small, but since then our barrel space has increased – one of your large 90-barrel fermenters is equivalent to the three we originally started with. Blood Orange (Berliner Weisse) is a huge seller, and they love that all of our beers are quality beers. People who come out of state or who are regulars will come and try new beers, and they will like everything we have."

Goat Island hosted two bands Saturday: 347 and Rally Stripe Band. It also featured two food trucks: The Butcher's Chuck Wagon and JJ's West Coast Tacos.

Glenn said the brewery has had wonderful community support since the very beginning.

"The Cullman community might be small, but it is made up of a lot of high quality people whose support means everything," Glenn said.

"Our product is now in the entire state of Alabama, 24 counties of Tennessee, all of Georgia and the panhandle of Florida.

"We even grew through the COVID years while many small brewers in Alabama did not. The support we have had is unmatched and we want to continue thriving in the community and seeing our product grow."

Glenn said the brewery will be opening another location at Cotton Creek in downtown Cullman, with an expected opening date sometime in November.

"The new place in the Cotton Creek warehouse is similar in size to our current taproom," he shared. "We will have an indoor stage for acoustic music, an outdoor stage and outdoor courtyard for the many quality bands that we are fortunate to have play at Goat Island. We will also have local bands and those from all around north Alabama. The new space will allow us to have more private events as well."

For more on Goat Island Brewing, visit www.facebook.com/goatislandbrewing.

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Good Hope's Maddox named 4A Player of the Year, earns Super All-State honors



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Here's your chance, Fancy



DONNA RUTTKAY

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported April 17

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported April 16, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests or incidents reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

April 11

- retail theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $110; Olive St. SW

April 15

- domestic violence – criminal mischief-3rd degree; person; damaged property; $400; Warnke Rd. NW
- retail theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $169; Olive St. SW
- retail theft of property-3rd degree; criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $19; Hwy. 157

April 16

- Unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; phone; $343; Patriot Dr. SW

ARRESTS

April 15-16

Tanner, Rebecca L.; 55

- FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA - driving without a license (2 counts)
- FTA - fail to register vehicle
- FTA - insurance violation (2 counts)
- FTA - fail to signal

Davis, Ronnie S.; 52

- FTA - driving while revoked

Maus, Marie E.; 30

- FTA - theft of property-4th degree
- FTA - criminal trespass

Craig, Colton B.; 19

- DUI

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Maddox (from Front)

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Alabama Sports Writers Association hosted its annual Basketball Awards Ceremony Tuesday and Good Hope's Ivey Maddox was named the 4A Girls' Player of the Year to cap a tremendous high school career. Maddox is the first Good Hope player to win the award, beating out Deshler's Reece Davis and Prattville Christian's Kayden Carr. She also earned a spot on this year's Super All-State Team, which recognizes the top five players in the state regardless of classification. Maddox finishes her prep career with three consecutive First Team All-State honors, as Cullman County's all-time leading girls' scorer and helped lead the Lady Raiders to their first ever state championship this season.

Fancy (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — This week's Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week is Fancy. This sweet girl is approximately 2 years old with a rich, red, short coat. Fancy's life hasn't always been easy; a small hitch in her giddy-up keeps her a little slower than other pups, but her circumstances and personality have made her into a compassionate, loving doggo.

Her large golden-brown eyes will always see the best in a situation, whether that is a long snuggle on the couch on a rainy day, or her playful hound-howl she lets loose when she is having a great time with her puppy pals. Fancy is the perfect furry friend, always encouraging those around her to keep going and have fun while doing so.

Are you ready to meet Fancy? Head over to Cullman County Animal Shelter at 935 Convent Road NE, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. for a meet and greet. Her adoption fee of $130 includes spay, 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.

CATA (from Front)

ramp here to allow everyone to access it," said Burkett. "This is still a work in progress, but they will be able to use this for lots of different things here like classes for the garden."

The students have spent hours on most weekends and after school, meeting on Saturday mornings and after extra-curricular activities to make headway on the project, aiming for completion before summertime to provide maximum recreational time for community use.

"These three (West Point High School and CATA students Ollie Howell, Nick Lee and Jesus Rodriguez) have primarily done most of the work," said Burkett. "We designed it for them and the boys came in on various Saturdays and to get the framing done; the bench supports were made in the shop and brought here to be installed."

Practicing their skills is part of the career tech organization the students belong to; the boys are headed to the SkillsUSA competition this weekend, when the project will reflect on the community service portion of the scoring model.

Speaking about the experience and memories the students will gain from this venture, Burkett smiled, "This gives them some real-world experience with construction on a job site. Then, maybe one day, 20 years from now, they'll come down with their kids and say, 'I built that.'"

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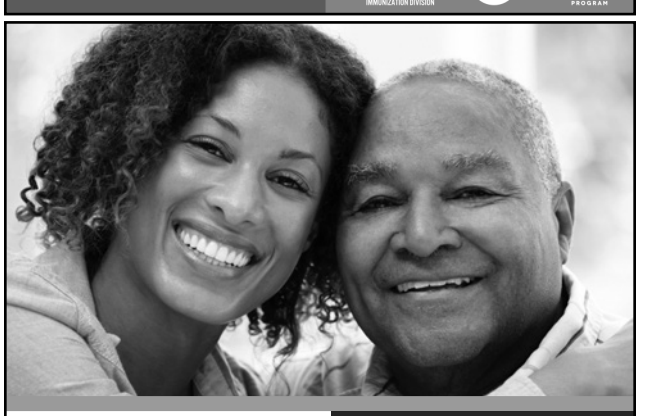




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Public Notice: Mt. Zion Cemeter
Please remove all ground flowers/decorations from graves at Mt. Zion Cemetery at Vinemont (Highway 31) for spring cleaning and mowing.

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 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.

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.

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6 IN A ROW: West Point downs Fairview 9-3 to claim 6th consecutive county championship

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NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The West Point Warriors defeated Fairview 9-3 Tuesday night to win their sixth consecutive county championship.

FAIRVIEW, Ala. — West Point and Fairview clashed in this year's Cullman County Tournament Championship Game at Mark Moore Field Tuesday night and for the sixth consecutive season, the Warriors are county champs. J.D. Cochran tossed a complete game on the mound, allowing just one earned run on six hits and striking out three batters in a 9-3 win over the Aggies. Cochran added three hits and an RBI at the plate as well, earning Tournament MVP honors with his performance. West Point Head Coach Drew Bryson has seen Cochran develop into a reliable player over the course of his varsity career and wasn't surprised to see him step up in a big moment Tuesday night.

"That's typical J.D. Cochran right there. He's been like that for us more times than not and he's not perfect and may not be that great all the time but more times than not he's a dude that's going to throw strikes and fill up the zone and give you a chance," Bryson said. "In his career now I think he's undefeated against Fairview so that's a great way for him to go out as a senior that's been playing for us for four years. To go out there and do that on the mound in your last outing in the maroon and white was good to see."

Cade Welborn scored on an error to give the Warriors a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning and they added to their lead in the second. Gus McKenney and Hunter Graves drew walks to get on base and after Deacon Stutchman laid down a bunt, an error allowed McKenney to score and stretch the lead to 2-0.

After stealing third base, Graves scored on a Fairview balk to make it a 3-0 game and Cochran drove in another run with an RBI single later in the inning.

Boston Freeman scored on a passed ball two pitches later to give West Point a 5-0 lead and Jay Lamar sent an RBI single into right field to make it 6-0. Brayden Eaton scored on an error a few pitches later and the Warriors went into the third leading Fairview 7-0.

The Aggies strung together hits from Connor Scott, Isaac Elrod and Barrett York to cut the lead to 7-1 in the top of the third, but West Point responded in the bottom half of the fourth.

Singles from Cochran and Lamar gave the Warriors a pair of runners and Eaton crossed the plate on a passed ball a few pitches later to make it an 8-1 game. McKenney drove an RBI double into right-center field to put West Point in front 9-1 going into the fifth.

After a scoreless fifth and sixth inning, the Aggies got a pair of runs on the board in the top of the seventh when Kolt Redding scored on a passed ball and Ben Bryan scored on a Scott RBI groundout but Cochran struck out the next batter to cap a 9-3, championship win for the Warriors.

Lamar posted two hits and an RBI in the win and McKenney (one RBI) and Cade Welborn added hits as well. York (one RBI), Scott (one RBI), Elrod, Bryceson Turner, Gannon Black and Camden Cullen each recorded hits for Fairview.

Defending the county title is something that means a lot to Bryson and his team so he was proud to see them finish the season strong with another addition to the trophy case.

"It's something we definitely don't take for granted, especially this year. It's been one of those years where we were super young and had a lot of inexperience, but we still had some guys like J.D. (Cochran) and Gus (McKenney) that have been starting for us for three of four years now," Bryson said. "We got off to a great start this season and then we hit a two or three week lull where we played very inconsistent and you also throw in that you're in a rough area with Russellville and Lawrence County which are both quality teams. We couldn't get our business done there but its good to come out here and play well to finish the year off."

Cullman County Baseball Coaches Association Scholarship Winner

- Jake Cornelius, Hanceville

2024 All-County Tournament Team

- J.D. Cochran, West Point (MVP)
- Boston Freeman, West Point
- Jay Lamar, West Point
- Barrett York, Fairview
- Gannon Black, Fairview
- Caden Drake, Good Hope
- Carter Rutherford, Good Hope
- Josh Winfrey, Cold Springs
- Cole Bales, Cold Springs
- Nelson Arteaga, Hanceville
- Kollin Brown, Holly Pond
- Will Hathaway, Vinemont

COUNTY BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

Eagles, Raiders, Aggies advance on day 1

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. – This year's Cullman County Baseball Tournament is underway at Fairview High School's Mark Moore Field and three teams secured spots in the semifinals Monday night. Cold Springs edged Vinemont in extra innings 11-9, Good Hope handled Hanceville 12-2 and Fairview advanced with a 12-2 win over Holly Pond.

Cold Springs 11 - Vinemont 9 (Eight Innings)

After a scoreless first inning, Cold Springs got on the scoreboard first in the top of the second. A pair of singles put runners on the corners with two outs, then after a stolen base, Boston Archer lined a two-run single to center field to give them a 2-0 lead. Archer later scored on an error to make it 3-0, but Vinemont countered in their half. The first two batters reached bases via a hit by pitch, then with two outs, Jaxon Holcomb and Owen McKinney each scored on an error to cut it to 3-2.

The score remained the same until the fifth inning. Vinemont loaded the bases to lead off the fifth, and RBI singles by Rush Sandlin and McKinney gave them a 4-3 lead. Jordan Eller scored on an error to make it 5-3. Vinemont pushed their lead to 6-3 in the sixth on an RBI groundout by Eller, but Cold Springs reclaimed the lead in the top of the seventh. They loaded the bases with no outs, and Josh Winfrey hit a 2-2 pitch over the center field fence for a grand slam to give them a 7-6 lead. Later that inning, Ethan Nabors added an RBI single with two outs to make it 8-6.

Vinemont answered right back in their half. Rylan McRae hit a leadoff single and later stole second and third with two outs. Kayden Henderson hit an RBI single to trim it to just a one-run game. Later that inning, Henderson stole home to tie the game up at eight and ended up sending the game into extra innings. Cold Springs jumped out to a quick lead in the eighth inning. They quickly loaded the bases with nobody out, then Cole Bales scored on a fielder's choice to give them a 9-8 lead. Matt Williams added a two-run double to stretch their lead to 11-8. Holcomb scored on a passed ball to cut it to 11-9 in the bottom of the eighth, but Bales got the final out on a groundout, and Cold Springs advanced to the second round with an 11-9 win over Vinemont.

Winfrey led the way for Cold Springs (10-14) with a pair of hits and four RBIs. Williams (three hits) and Archer (one hit) each added a pair of RBIs, while Nabors (two hits) and Lindan Hill (one hit) each collected an RBI in the win. For Vinemont (17-6), Henderson and Sandlin each finished with a pair of hits and an RBI. McKinney and McRae each added a hit and an RBI, while Eller drove in a run of his own in the loss.

Good Hope 12 - Hanceville 2 (Five Innings)

Hanceville struck first in the bottom of the first inning. Jake Cornelius hit a leadoff single and came around to score on an error to give the Bulldogs the early lead. Good Hope's offense exploded in the top of the second, as they ended up sending 15 batters to the plate. RBI singles by Owen Armstrong and Carter Naramore, a bases-loaded walk, an error, a two-run single by Caden Drake, an RBI double by Dakota Overton, and an RBI single off the bat of Armstrong gave them a 9-1 lead.

The Raiders added to their lead in the fourth. Black drove in a run on a ground ball, Colbi Kilpatrick added an RBI single and later scored on a wild pitch to increase their lead to 12-1. Hanceville put up a run in the bottom of the fifth on a solo home run by Nelson Arteaga, but Drake induced a popout on the first pitch to end the game, as Good Hope punched a ticket to the semifinals with a 12-2 win over the Bulldogs.

Drake and Armstrong each finished with a pair of hits and two RBIs for Good Hope (12-11). Rutherford, Kilpatrick, Overton, and Naramore each posted a hit and an RBI, while Black collected an RBI in the win. Drake gave up just two hits and one earned run, walked two, and struck out six in his five innings of work. For Hanceville (14-8), Arteaga finished with the solo home run, while Cornelius added a hit and scored a run in the loss.

Fairview 12 - Holly Pond 2 (Five innings)

Holly Pond took the early 1-0 lead in its opening at-bats on an RBI single off the bat of Kollin Brown. Fairview answered right back in their half. Nicolas Gregory hit a leadoff single and scored on an RBI single by Isaac Elrod to tie the game up at one. Barett York followed that up with an RBI double, and Gannon Black added an RBI single later that inning to give the Aggies a 3-1 lead. Fairview made it 6-1 in the bottom of the second on RBI singles from Conner Scott and Elrod and a fielder's choice by Bryceson Turner.

The Broncos trimmed it to four at 6-2 in the top of the third on an RBI single by Brown, but Fairview countered in their half. They loaded the bases to start out the inning, then a hit by pitch, a walk, and a groundout pushed their lead to 9-2. The Aggies quickly ended things in the fifth. After loading the bases, a bases-loaded walk brought home a run. Black hit a two-run double to give the Aggies the 12-2 win over the Broncos, as they clinch a spot in the semifinals.

Elrod finished with three hits and three RBIs for Fairview (20-10-1). Black added a pair of hits and three RBIs. Scott (two hits) and Turner both ended up with a pair of RBIs, while Gregory and York each posted a hit and an RBI in the win. The trio of Gregory, Ben Bryan, and Tanner Isbell combined to give up just four hits and two earned runs, walked two, and struck out seven. For Holly Pond (6-18), Brown led the way with a pair of hits and two RBIs, while Sawyer Olinger and Peyton Queen each posted a hit in the loss.



SAMMY CONFER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cold Springs edged Vinemont 11-9 in extra innings Monday to advance to the county tournament semifinals.



Cullman's Wildflower Garden: A hidden utopia

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Tucked away in the wooded area of Sportsman Lake Park is the Wildflower Garden, a beautiful collection of natural and native flora, open for the public to study, observe and enjoy. The entirety of the park is considered to be an arboretum; plans for the city arboretum usually come from Cullman City Council; however, the plans and particulars for the Wildflower Garden come straight from the Cullman Native Plant Society and are enacted by the Cullman County Master Gardeners.

Master Gardener Richard Carpenter, looking out over the garden grounds with pride, said humbly, "We've been trying to keep up on the weeds, but this month is so impressive. There are wildflowers just blooming everywhere."

The garden has been a longtime work in progress and a labor of love from the Master Gardeners; the grounds of the 3-acre garden have been improved at any chance that comes along. Past Cullman Area Technology Academy (CATA) students have put in time and effort to construct sturdy permanent bridges over the running creeks, new benches have been installed around the pathway and a new "Story Book Trail" has been added more recently, in an effort to include children in the garden.

The Story Book Trail is a series of displays set at various intervals of the gravel trails; each display houses one to two pages of a popular children's book.

Children must follow the path and complete the trail to finish the tale. The stories are changed in the displays monthly, meaning that almost every trip will receive a different storyline to follow, letting little feet and imaginations run wild.

Another addition to the garden is its soon-to-be outdoor classroom.

The students of CATA's Building Construction program are erecting a 16- by 20-foot raised seating area, with a teaching platform on the garden grounds.

The new space will be free to the public for use as a homeschooling classroom area, a meeting zone for teams and troops and maybe even an intimate wedding venue on the platform under a canopy of trees.

"I have never been involved with something as pretty and as secluded and inside the city; it's amazing to me," Carpenter said. "I'm glad to be involved in it. It's nice to have something special in your life to go and do, and have others enjoy it."

The Cullman Wildflower Garden is housed at Sportsman Lake Park located at 1544 Sportsman Lake Park Road NW.



B.J. MORGAN

Cullman's Wildflower Garden is a lesser-known area within Sportsman Lake Park; beyond the red pergola is a beautiful trail of native flowers.

Come shop with me: Let's build a hat

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Meet Savannah Nunnelley, the woman behind the creation and design of Collier Custom Hats.

What is a custom hat you might ask? Nunnelley described customizing and shaping a hat to fit the individual's character and style.

Nunnelley, wife to Wesley and mother to two small cowboys Cohen and Cade, said she felt she was missing out on following her passion and her purpose.

"After having our youngest boy in May of 2023, I felt complete as a family, but I didn't as an individual," Nunnelley said. "You see deep down I have a passion for hats of all kinds, particularly cowboy hats. On any given day you will see me wearing a hat of some kind as I chase around my two favorite little cowboys. From there, God laid on my heart to chase my dream in life and do what would make me complete. Collier Custom Hats was birthed from a dream I had about owning my own hat store and seeing the smiles on people's faces as they experienced customizing their own hat in my store. The very next day I explained to my husband the dream and the passion I have to offer this custom hat experience in our area. I guess my enthusiasm was so loud about fulfilling my dream; without hesitation he replied, 'Let's do this, how do we start.' His support put a fire beneath me and the chase to make this dream our reality began in November 2023. God has blessed this journey in just a few short months and with each step I've taken I know more and more, this is my purpose. Shape a hat, share a smile and in return they smile as they leave wearing their custom hat."

Collier Custom Hats was created just a few months ago but is already making an impact on the community.

"I started by purchasing hats, supplies and all things decorative sitting down at our kitchen table designing each hat differently," Nunnelley said. "As I would complete each hat, the dream was growing bigger – sharing my work of hats with my friends and family. I sincerely give credit to my friends and family that would admire my hats and show support by wanting one for themselves. This was my fuel to go even deeper in the realm of hats and chase after the bigger dream.

"From there, it went from my kitchen table making a few hats every couple weeks to looking into hat-shaping training that I could attend to widen my dream into owning a whole hat experience business. In March of this year, I attended Hat Masters (Owners of The Cow Lot) in Denver, Colorado, where I was taught how to become a 'hat shaping queen,' as I like to call it. I was not only taught the art of hat shaping, but empowered by so many amazing individuals there to chase and accomplish my dream in my small town in Alabama. As my husband and I have prayed about this business, we truly believe God is directing our paths along the way and 2024 is our year to embark on this journey together as a family, sharing love for hats and people all along the way."

For Nunnelley, building and creating a hat shows the individual's personality, fashion choices and lifestyle. She said for her, most days it's a ball cap as she runs errands in town or just rush out the door with her two small boys.

"My dad loves to sport a cowboy hat for just about anything, from weddings to feeding horses; it's his personality," Nunnelley said. "He loves the western culture and is the pastor at Lonesome Dove Cowboy Church, where he will always be sporting a 5-inch felt or straw hat on any given Sunday. It's his lifestyle. As much as I love sitting at my kitchen table, designing hats to my likings, the dream is to give that to my community. I want the customer to have the experience of being creative in making their hat to meet the need of their lifestyle. From cowboys and cowgirls to ladies and gentlemen, Collier Custom Hats will offer a hat for everyone."

Something Nunnelley deals with often is people saying, "Hats look dumb on me" or 'I can't wear them." She said Collier Custom Hats has a mission to change that thinking.

"The reason people say this is because they have walked in a store, put one on, looked in the mirror and weren't happy at what they saw," Nunnelley said. "Why you might ask? Because it wasn't their hat. They didn't design the hat to their liking, experience, and making the hat didn't meet their personality and lifestyle where the hat would showcase them as an individual. Collier Custom Hats' goal is to change this thinking and empower our customers to express themselves – just wear the hat cause you know you'll be turning heads with the confidence your hat gives you. It's your hat, made for you. You wear it proudly."

If you ask what her favorite thing is, Nunnelley says, "Seeing someone wear my hat out, smiling and feeling like a million bucks."

"I love seeing people smile and have confidence in themselves," Nunnelley said. "God tells us to love one another (John 15:12). I feel like this is my calling to show his love to others by showing his love, and selling them a hat that makes them smile. I also love meeting new friends and sharing life together. God has blessed my family and I so much in just a few short months through this business, meeting so many empowering people and sharing our love for hats with each other. I want our customers to know you're not just a customer to us but our friend. I am very excited to embark on this hat business wide open in hopes of meeting so many more friends and giving a smile from a hat. Hat enthusiasm is guaranteed."

If you are looking to order a Collier Custom Hats, they also have a mobile location.

"We are a brand new business in the public eye and always looking for an opportunity to showcase our hats," Nunnelley said. "I will be locally in Cullman and surrounding areas in the next few weeks. I want to offer my custom hat experience to all events ranging from festivals, small parties, weddings and so much more."

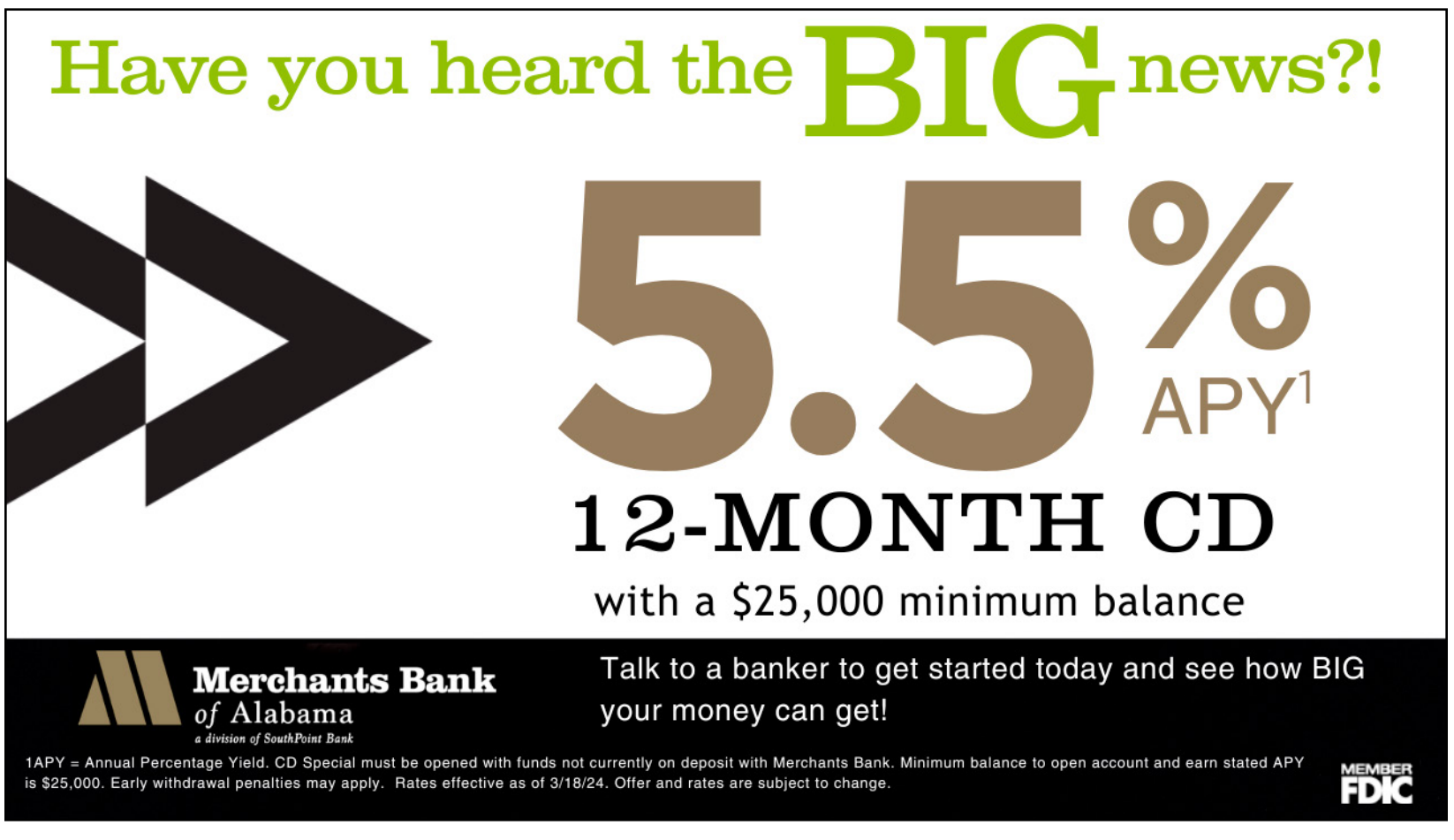
See Collier Custom Hats on Instagram or contact Nunnelley directly at 256-339-5315. "Wear the hat, stand tall and be confident!" she smiled.



SAVANNAH NUNNELLEY

Collier Custom Hats creates, you guessed it, custom hats for its patrons.





THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
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Everything you need to know about Relay for Life, set for April 27

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman's Relay for Life event, one of the many pivotal fundraisers for the American Cancer Society, is set to bring the community together once again on Saturday, April 27, from 5-10 p.m. at Depot Park. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the event in Cullman, which first began in 1994.

Relay for Life is more than just a fundraising event; it is a crucial effort to support ongoing cancer research and provide essential services to patients. " The funds raised are used for research and patient services. The American Cancer Society has helped make possible almost every major cancer breakthrough since 1946. Through the research financed by ACS and Relay, all of us benefit in the progress they have made to find ways to detect cancer in the early stages as well as in detection and treatments," explained Helen Allen, event lead of Cullman County Relay for Life's committee.

This year's Relay for Life event promises an array of activities designed to celebrate life, commemorate survivors and support those fighting cancer. The event will kick off with an opening ceremony emceed by Tim Kelly. Following the opening ceremony, guest speaker Hannah Adams, a pediatric cancer survivor from Middleburg, Alabama, will serve as the opening speaker, followed by survivors sharing their diagnoses and the years of their journey as they begin their laps.

Attendees can look forward to live entertainment from Lee and Em, a variety of competitions including a lip-sync battle and numerous engaging activities at the team campsites. A "Kids Korner" will also be available to younger attendees that will feature a bounce house, slide and face paintings.

Campsites throughout the park will feature items for sale, enabling teams to fundraise. Additionally, campsites may offer raffle opportunities for attendees who wish to donate and possibly win special items.

A unique quilt, crafted from Relay for Life shirts and contributed by Relay teams, will be raffled off to one fortunate donor who has received a ticket.

Building on last year's success, a car show under the leadership of Jeff Harris will also be available to attendees and is still available to those who want to enter their vehicles. The show will feature a wide array of vehicles, appealing to car enthusiasts and spectators alike. Participants are encouraged to bring their vehicles and make a $15 donation to enter, with all proceeds supporting Relay for Life.

Food enthusiasts will enjoy a variety of offerings from local food trucks such as Da Big Italian, JJ's West Coast Tacos, Alabama Mud Coffee, The Street Kitchen and Fro'z Shaved Ice.

A significant highlight of the Relay for Life event is the Survivor's Celebration Lap, an emotional moment where cancer survivors share their stories and receive community support.

"After our Survivor's Dinner and the opening ceremonies, we have the Survivor's Celebration Lap. First, they will give their names and the number of years they have been a survivor.

"Then they make a lap and we ask for those at the event to line the route and cheer them on. This is a very touching experience for all the survivors as well as the attendees at Relay, especially if you have been touched by a loved one who had cancer," Allen said.

As the night comes to an end, the luminaria service will take place at 9. The service stands as one of the most poignant moments of the Relay for Life event. During this solemn ceremony, luminaria bags, each bearing a name, are lit in honor of those still fighting cancer and in memory of those who have passed.

Reflecting on the highlights of the event, Allen commented, "Both the Survivor's Lap and the luminaria service are profoundly meaningful. They honor every survivor's courageous fight against cancer and remember those who have lost their battles. While these moments bring excitement, they also provide a time for celebration, remembrance and renewed resolve to fight back."

The event also includes a Survivor's Breakfast on April 24, at 7 a.m. at Cullman Church of Christ. The Holly Pond Civitans have donated the food and will be serving the breakfast as they have for many years. The Survivor's Dinner will take place on the day of the event at the Desperation Church building across from Depot Park at 5 p.m. All survivors are invited along with a guest. No RSVP is required.

For more information or to participate as a team or sponsor, those interested can visit the event's website at relayforlife.org/cullmanal, or contact Helen Allen directly at 256-709-4019 or helenma1941@gmail.com.

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1993 Chevrolet Silverado, Vin.#1GBDC14K6PZ192.

This vehicle will be sold on May 23, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at 9621 US Highway 31, Hanceville, Alabama, 35077.

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of * 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
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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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

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

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, Alabama ("Board"), at the Wesley A. James Operations Center, 4725 Moffett Road, Suite A, Mobile, AL 36618-0249 until **12:00 p.m.**, Local Time, May 6, 2024, and then publicly opened and read at **1:00 p.m.** for furnishing all labor, materials, and performing all work for the following project: Contract No: M5712-2710, Project Name: Water Line Valve Replacement at Moffett Road & Springhill Avenue.

Plans and Specifications may be inspected at the Board's offices at 4725 Moffett Road, Suite A, Mobile, AL, or at the office of McCrory & Williams, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 3207 International Drive, Suite G, Mobile, AL. Electronic Plans and Specifications may be obtained via e-mail for review only from McCrory & Williams, Inc., Telephone: (251)476-4720.

Copies of the Plans, Specifications, and other Contract Documents may be obtained from McCrory & Williams, Inc. at 3207 International Drive, Suite G Mobile, AL, upon a non-refundable payment of $75.00 per set. No Contract Documents will be issued later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to bid submission time.

A **mandatory** Pre-bid Conference will be held at MAWSS, 4725 Moffett Road, Mobile, AL 36618 on April 23, 2024 at 10:00 a.m., Local Time, to discuss bidding and project requirements. Prospective bidders and subcontractors should attend.

Bids must be submitted on the standard forms included with the Contract Documents.

Envelopes containing bids must be sealed and delivered to the Director, Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, Alabama, 4725A Moffett Road, Mobile, Alabama 36618-0249: "Bid for constructing M5712-2710 Water Line Valve Replacement at Moffett Road & Springhill Avenue to be opened at 1:00 p.m., Local Time, May 6, 2024". The Bidder's Alabama State Contractor's License Number and discipline shall be on the envelope.

Bid guarantee in the form of certified check, bid bond, or irrevocable Letter of Credit acceptable to the Board will be required for at least 5% of the bid amount, not to exceed $10,000.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in bids received.

THIS INVITATION FOR BIDS IS CONDENSED FOR ADVERTISING PURPOSES. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/REQUIREMENTS FOR BIDDERS CAN BE FOUND IN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

THE BOARD OF WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS
OF THE CITY OF MOBILE, ALABAMA

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
Circuit Clerk

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
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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
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CULLMAN, AL 35056-0517

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

BBB of North Alabama hosting Cullman Shred Day May 4

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Better Business Bureau of North Alabama has partnered with AARP Alabama to host Cullman Shred Day on Saturday, May 4, from 9 a.m.-noon at the King Edward Plaza Shopping Center, 1731 Second Ave. SW. This event will give area residents the opportunity to help protect their identities and the environment in a quick and easy drive-thru setup.

The following free services will be available on-site:

• Document shredding: Free document shredding will be available onsite. There is a limit of three kitchen-sized bags or three file storage boxes per vehicle. Only paper documents will be accepted. All other materials such as plastic, metal and binders must be removed. Shredding will be accepted until the shred trucks reach full capacity.

• Electronic recycling: Items must be less than 40 pounds. There is a $10 fee for each plasma and flat screen TV. Large-back TVs, CRT monitors and appliances will not be accepted.

• Drug Take-Back: The Cullman Police Department will be collecting prescription and over-the-counter medications. Needles will not be accepted.

• Food drive: Donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted to benefit Cullman Caring for Kids.

This year's event sponsors are Alabama Archives, Inc., Carlton's Italian Restaurant and Catering, Cullman Police Department, Drinkard Development, Family Security Credit Union, Lions International Club and Merchants Bank of Alabama.

For more information, call 256-533-1640 or visit BBB.org/northern-alabama.

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Cullman Regional Foundation Gala to honor Bergquist, Stidham, McAfee

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The annual Cullman Regional Foundation Gala will take place on Saturday, April 27, at 5:30 p.m. at Loft 212. Gala XXIII's theme is Santorini Soiree. The evening will feature a lovely dinner and a special program along with a silent and live auction.

"The annual event recognizes individuals who have played a significant role in advancing health care for our community through Cullman Regional," said Cullman Regional Foundation President, Dr. Matt Dellinger.

"We are pleased to announce the H.C. Arnold Humanitarian Award honoree, Dr. Vince Bergquist; the Dr. Herman C. Ensor Excellence in Heath Care honoree, Dr. Jeremy Stidham; (and the) McAfee Commitment To A Cause Honoree, Mr. Danny McAfee, (which will be) awarded posthumously this year."

Service Guild members help with the organization of the Gala and are led by President Lee Adams. Annual fundraising events like the Gala give community members an opportunity to become more involved in local philanthropy.

The event will host live entertainment by the Rock Candy Band and a special dinner catered by JW Steakhouse. For tickets or additional information, contact the Cullman Regional Foundation at 256-737-2565 or crmcfoundation@cullmanregional.com.



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Dr. Jonathan Echols speaks after accepting the 2019 Dr. Herman C. Ensor Award for Excellence in Health Care on behalf of his father, the late Dr. Bob Echols, as Dr. Bill Peinhardt looks on.

Obituary Announcements: April 16-17

Sidney Christian Benson, 23
Sidney Christian Benson, age 23 of Ardmore, passed away on Monday, Jan. 29, 2024. He was born, April 19, 2000, in Huntsville, Alabama to Sidney Charles Benson and Laurel Ann Pope Schiffman. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Sidney was sweet, kind, and loving to everyone he met. He loved making new friends, experiencing new things, and spending time with the people he cared about. He was witty and funny, charming and charismatic, and had an incredible talent for falling asleep absolutely anywhere. He loved music, art, and fashion. He took forever to get ready because he'd be planning the perfect outfit and customizing his clothes to make them special. He was passionate about science and was planning to start school and pursue nuclear physics. He was a young man with big dreams and a big heart. He was and is loved immeasurably by his family and those close to him. His absence leaves behind a hole that can never be filled. He was preceded in death by his father; grandmother, Jewell Pope and aunt, Carol Nelson. Survivors include his mother, Laurel (Blake) Ann Schiffman; sisters, Elizabeth (Christopher Metcalf) Anderson, Moriah Seiger, and Jasmine (Shadoe Cattet) Seiger; brothers, Michael (Amanda) Moon, Logan Seiger, Lakota Seiger, Brandon (Kelsey Thomeson) Benson, Gabriel Benson, Elijah Benson, and Conner Benson; nephews, Aaron Guthrie, Joseph Justice, Bryant Anderson, Caspian Cattet, Atticus Cattet, and Raiden Bates; niece, Lily Seiger; and uncle, Mark Pope. There will be a Celebration of Life gathering with family and friends at Monte Sano Park, Sunday, April 21st, 2024 at 2 p.m.

Charles Rickey Robinson, 79
Charles Rickey Robinson, of Holly Pond, Alabama, entered into the presence of our Lord on Tuesday morning, April 16, 2024, at the age of 79. Mr. Robinson was born in Muskogee County, Georgia, on Aug. 15, 1944, to the late Otis Lee and Louis Elaine Whitaker Robinson. Mr. Robinson was employed by SCI for many years working in telecommunications as a commercial electrician. Rickey was married to the love of his life, Mary Faye Bright Robinson, for 59 years. Together they worshipped their Savior at Edison Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church where Rickey served as an Elder. Rick and Faye were inseparable. Mr. Robinson was a gun enthusiast and he and Faye enjoyed going to local pawn shops together. Often times they would take the treasures they brought home and disassemble and then reassemble them together. A very loving and gentle husband, Rick was wonderful to Faye. Their love story was one only imagined by most and Mrs. Robinson treasures the many wonderful memories they have made together. Those surviving Mr. Robinson includes his beloved wife, Faye Robinson; brother, Gerald Lee Robinson; sister, Louise Elaine Smith; dear friends, Brian, and Cathy Lodge; his shih-poo, Sherlock; and Watson, the little orange family cat. Friends are invited to visit with the Robinson family on Saturday, April 20, 2024, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel, from 1 p.m., until services begin. Funeral services will begin at 2 p.m., with Pastor Daryl Bailey officiating. Burial will follow in Edison Chapel Cemetery. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Robinson family and our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs. Faye at this time.

Emma Jean Clopton, 85
Funeral services for Emma Clopton, 85, of Colony will be noon Saturday, April 20 at Pleasant Grove Methodist Church. Mrs. Clopton will lie-in-repose at the church on Saturday from 11 a.m. until noon. Burial will follow the service at Colony Cemetery in Hanceville. Visitation will be Friday, April 19 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Clopton was born June 19, 1938, in Sipsey, Alabama. She passed away April 15, 2024, in Birmingham, Alabama. Sister Clopton leaves to Cherish her loving memories: Robert (Angela) Clopton Sr. of Mobile Alabama, Herman (Amelia) Clopton, Minnie (Tim) Clopton, ret. Major Emma L., Dena Marie, and Master Sergeant Sarah Clopton all of Birmingham, Alabama. Her surviving grandchildren; James J. Clopton (Annalynn), Eddie Clopton Jr. (Dianna), Major Robert Clopton Jr. (Michelle), Phillip Clopton, Ashley Clopton, Priscella Amerson, Herman Clopton III, Tara Colston, Katrina Colston, Yolanda Smith, Eric(Keke) and Ladavid(Rakia)Clopton, Ladarius Dixon(Megan) and Maeghan Watkins. She will be eternally missed by a host of great and great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends, and Goddaughter Sharon Nation.

Barbara Jean (Hunt) Sandlin, 88
Barbara Jean Hunt Sandlin, age 88, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Sunday, April 14, 2024. Barbara loved all animals. She Loved feeding birds and she loved Hummingbirds and gardening. Barbara is survived by her daughter Jean Lewis(Carl); her brothers Jessie Burgess, Bobby Burgess, Jerry Burgess (Angie), Donald Burgess (Elaine), Joe Burgess (Lynda) and David Burgess (Vicki) and her sisters Lillie Tucker, Brenda Duke (Charlie), Rita Aker (Larry) and Patsy Klein (Tim). A host of nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. A host of nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. Barbara was preceded in death by her parents Grady Clarence and Alice Marie Aycock Burgess.; her sister-in-laws Wanda Burgess & Barbara Burgess; her sister Vera Campbell and her brother-in-law Larry Tucker; her brother Rayburn Burgess. A celebration of life graveside service for Barbara will be held Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Cullman City Cemetery, officiated by Rev. Tim Klein. Barbara will be laid to rest in Cullman City Cemetery, 812 Ninth Avenue SW, Cullman, AL 35055-4812.

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Ladies' Night Out Bunco coming April 26



BARBARA RAGSDALE

An evening of Ladies' Night Out Bunco games is scheduled for Friday, April 26, beginning at 6. Come to Sacred Heart of Jesus Family Life Center for refreshments, fun, monetary prizes and a "hoopin' and hollering" Bunco night! Bring your friends – the more the merrier and the higher the game winnings! Everyone invited to Sacred Heart of Jesus in downtown Cullman for another festive night!

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