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WWII veteran coming home to Moulton after nearly 80 years

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MOULTON, Ala. — A family in Moulton is finally receiving the closure they have been awaiting for almost eight decades.

The Battle of Hurtgen Forest was fought from September 1944 to February 1945 between American and German forces in the wake of Normandy. On Dec. 6, 1944, Noah Reeves was one of the many soldiers in the Battle of Hurtgen Forest who were killed in action; unlike his comrades, the lead scout's body was never discovered or returned. One evening in 2019 the U.S. military alerted Reeves' next of kin that his remains had been found.

Reeves was a 25-year-old farmer when the infamous WWII draft came about. He quickly completed his civic duty, enrolled in the draft and was called to duty. Reeves was stationed in his home state of Alabama as well as Missouri before » PAGE 6

PFC Noah Reeves was killed in action and declared missing in 1944. After nearly 80 years, Reeves is returning home. »



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Good Samaritan Health Clinic unveils plans for new $2.8M location



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Good Samaritan Health Clinic Medical Director Jeremy Stidham M.D.; Good Samaritan Board of Directors Chair Zach Lee; U.S. Rep. Robert Aderholt, R-Alabama; Cullman County Commission Chairman Jeff Clemons; and Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs attend Good Samaritan Health Clinic's announcement of a new facility located on Veterans Drive Southwest on Monday, April 22, 2024.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Good Samaritan Health Clinic at a community press conference on Monday, April 22, unveiled plans for its new home, a $2.8 million facility that will be located along Veterans Drive Southwest.

The clinic is almost two-thirds of the way to its $2.8 million goal to build the facility. A portion of the funds was granted by the Appalachian Regional Commission, with both the City of Cullman and Cullman County contributing toward the completion of the new health care facility that will accommodate an additional 3,600 uninsured individuals each year.

Beginning as an acute care facility for low-income and uninsured individuals, the Good Samaritan Health Clinic has expanded far beyond its original reach. The clinic now acts as a primary care office, treating patients with chronic and long-term illnesses and disabilities. Acute and urgent care, dental screenings, mental health services, hearing evaluations and other services are also available through the clinic.

Board Chair Zach Lee shared, "We could not have done this without your help, without the staff's help, without our boards help, without community supporters and leaders; we appreciate everyone.

"Our goals for the new facility are three-fold. Long-term mission fulfillment: by establishing this new facility, the clinic will be better positioned to fulfill our mission over the long term, ensuring that we can continue making a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve by expanding our reach and impact.

Prevention and wellness component: the new facility will allow a prevention and wellness component to our service offerings.

"The addition of a fitness/cardio room will provide access to exercise facilities thereby empowering our patients to take » PAGE 6

Cullman man arrested for B&E after car owner holds him at gunpoint

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Good Hope City Council recognizes local state champions



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The state champion Good Hope Lady Raiders basketball team and Mason McCury, this year's NASP state champion archer, were recognized by the Good Hope City Council during its meeting at Good Hope City Hall Monday night. McCury posted a score of 296 to win this year's state title and the Lady Raiders dominated Prattville Christian and T.R. Miller at the Final 4 in Birmingham to claim the first state championship in program history.

40th annual Bloomin' Festival: 'Truly unforgettable experience'



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The 40th annual Bloomin' Festival was held on Saturday and Sunday, April 20-21, 2024. » PAGE 5

SOAK UP THE SAVINGS WITH BILL'S DEALS



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported April 22

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

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

GJ = grand jury; FTA = failure to appear

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

April 18

- obstructing government operations; CR 1273
- domestic violence; Hwy. 69S
- theft of property; CR 1136
- domestic violence; CR 436
- domestic violence; CR 1859

April 19

- domestic violence; CR 754
- burglary; US. 31
- theft of property; CR 1405
- theft of property; CR 940
- defrauding secured creditors; CR 71
- burglary; CR 1222
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 109

April 20

- interference with domestic violence emergency call; Mercury Dr.
- assault; Hwy. 69N
- theft of property; CR 1043
- theft of property; US. 231

April 21

- domestic violence; Hwy. 91
- domestic violence; CR 1702
- theft of services; Hwy. 278E

ARRESTS

April 18- 21

Bagwell, Westley L.; 43
- DIVERSION VIOLATION - assault-aggravated assault family-other weapon
- DIVERSION VIOLATION – criminal trespass

Beard, Christopher D.; 34
- obstruction-governmental operations

Cantrell, Jacob R.; 31
- PROBATION VIOLATION - burglary-ubev unlawful breaking and entering a vehicle (no theft or damage)
- PROBATION VIOLATION - assault-aggravated assault family-strong arm
- PROBATION VIOLATION - assault-child abuse-simple-family

Chambers, Angela G.; 50
- FTA - assault-child abuse-simple-family (2 counts)
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of methamphetamine
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous, less than $500

Chandler, Joseph R.; 42
- public intoxication
- resisting arrests

Cooper, Joseph D.; 47
- sex offense-possession of child pornography (9 counts)
- obscenity-production of pornography with minors (10 counts)

Copen, Michael A.; 35
- aggravated theft by deception

Craig, Gregory G.; 60
- FTA – public intoxication
- FTA – criminal trespass
- FTA – criminal mischief-damaged property
- FTA - assault-domestic-harassment-family

Delisle, Bonnie L.; 59
- FTA - negotiating worthless instrument (2 counts)

Giles, Jacob L.; 32
- FTA – public intoxication

Herndon Jr., Bobby J.; 40
- FTA - family offense-ns non-support-parent

Johnson, Luke J.; 20
- assault-harassment
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Mcdonald, Christopher J.; 48
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Overton, Shayla D.; 28
- public intoxication
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Peterson, George W.; 57
- disorderly conduct

Self, Amber L.; 39
- assault-aggravated assault family-other weapon

Smith, Cameron L.; 35
- FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA - permitting dogs to run at large

Stockton, Paul A.; 38
- obstructing police - interference with a domestic violence emergency call

Thomas, Julie M.; 40
- DUI (alcohol)

Whitehead II, Larry W.; 48
- FTA - driving while suspended, revoked, or cancelled

Wix, Amber L.; 37
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

April 10

- theft of property-1st degree; North Alabama Fabricating Company; trailers; $84,000

April 19

- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person; Allendale LN. NW
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to '16 Lincoln; $500; Cherokee Ave. SW
- criminal trespass; Pure Station; 2nd Ave. NW
- retail theft of property-3rd degree; Dollar General; general merchandise; $200; Hwy. 278 W

ARRESTS

April 19- 21

Roberts, Brandon E.; 32
- domestic violence-3rd degree

Vegapicon, Enrique; 25
- driving under the influence

Whitehead, Larry W. II; 48
- FTA - insurance violation
- FTA - driving while license revoked

Barry, Benjamin Z.; 46
- criminal trespass

Wix, Amber L.; 37
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree

Clemons, James T. II; 21
- driving under the influence

Graves III, James L.; 53
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree

McKoy, Kevin C.; 64
- harassing communications

Dye, Garrett D.; 29
- FTA - expired tag

Clark, Jeremy B.; 27
- driving under the influence

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

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Cullman man arrested for B&E after car owner holds him at gunpoint

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Police Department received a call at 4:28 a.m. Monday, April 22, that someone was breaking into a vehicle in the 1100 block of Dripping Springs Road.

Police Chief David Nassetta said Jose Cardona Rameriez, 28, of Cullman, was arrested for unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, public intoxication and giving false information to law enforcement.

"He was found by the vehicle's owner, in the vehicle, and he (the owner) held Rameriez at gunpoint until officers arrived," Nassetta said.



STEPHANIE BLAIR

Jose Cardona Rameriez

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Winners named in 2024 FCCLA County Poultry Cook-Off

Stephanie Blair
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — On April 18, 2024, various county school students met at the Alabama Farm Credit headquarters in Cullman for the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) County Poultry Cook-off. The event was sponsored by the Farmers Federations, Poultry and Egg Association and Alabama Farm Credit. The poultry cook-off had two categories: casseroles and whole pieces.

The poultry casserole winners were Gracie Smith from Fairview High School, who placed first; Emily Shultz from the Cullman Area Technology Academy (CATA), who placed second; Savannah Bischoff from Cold Springs High School, who placed third; Abigail Tankersley from Vinemont High School, who placed fourth; and Taylor Tulbert from West Point High School, who placed fifth. The Farmers Federation sponsored this event.

The poultry whole piece winners were Aaliyah Twitty from Hanceville High School, who placed first; Mary Garmon from CATA, who placed second; Ashley Barron from Good Hope High School, who placed third; Sierra Cranford from West Point High School, who placed fourth; and Haley Guthery from CATA, who placed fifth. The Poultry and Egg Association sponsored this event.

The FCCLA sponsors that participated were Stephanie Blair from Cold Springs High School, Amie Veal from the CATA, Carin Rains from Cullman High School, Brittany Freeman from Fairview High School, Amanda Williams from Good Hope High School, Amy Chambers from Hanceville High School, Amelia Burke from Holly Pond High School, Renee Lee from West Point High School and Madison Bullard from Vinemont High School.



STEPHANIE BLAIR

Pictured left to right are 2024 Poultry Cook-off Casseroles winners Gracie Smith, Emily Shultz, Savannah Bischoff, Abigail Tankersley and Taylor Tulbert.



STEPHANIE BLAIR

Pictured left to right are 2024 Poultry Cook-off Whole Pieces winners Aaliyah Twitty, Mary Garmon, Ashley Barron, Sierra Cranford and Haley Guthery.

CSHS senior Clayton Gary wins FCCLA sponsorship to Japan

Stephanie Blair
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — One Cold Springs High School senior will get to take the journey of his life this summer in Japan. Clayton Gary was awarded the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Japanese Exchange Program Sponsorship. Gary is a very talented and deserving student, selected as one of only 14 students from across the United States for the prestigious FCCLA Japanese program.

This incredible opportunity includes a generous $9,995 sponsorship from Kikkoman Corporations and is administered by Youth For Understanding USA (YFU), allowing Gary to embark on a six-week cultural immersion experience in Japan this summer.

At the heart of the FCCLA Japanese Exchange Program lies a profound belief: true international understanding is born from personal experiences. FCCLA believes in the power of family living as the foundation of overseas learning.

By embracing the day-to-day life of another country and its people, Gary will be gaining a deep insight into global issues, broadening his horizons in ways he may have never thought possible.

Gary will be in the midst of time-honored traditions, from savoring the serenity of a traditional tea ceremony to mastering martial arts and immersing himself in the lively atmosphere of local summer festivals.

The journey for this senior at Cold Springs will be embarking on cultural immersion, personal growth and memories that will last a lifetime.

Gary's FCCLA adviser is Stephanie Blair.



STEPHANIE BLAIR

Clayton Gary

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.

Public Notice: Cullman Memory Gardens

Attention: Those of you with relatives or friends buried in Cullman Memory Gardens or those with lots for burial there. The committee (Amy Walker, Ron Foust, Neil Culpepper and Jerry Smith) have done an outstanding job of maintaining the cemetery this year. The cemetery is in the best condition it has been in years and we need your help to maintain it. As a reminder, May 12 is Mother's Day and we have designated this weekend as Memorial Day for the cemetery to collect donations to maintain and further enhance the cemetery. We will have people collecting at the cemetery Saturday, May 11, and Sunday, May 12, and if you are unable to come by with your donation you can mail it to Cullman Memory Gardens, PO Box 964, Cullman, AL 35056. All donations will be used for the care and upkeep of the cemetery. Thanks for all that you do to help us with the upkeep of the cemetery. God bless you!

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 24 - 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 26 - Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hangups 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.

• Sunday, April 28 - 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 testimonies by Alabama Teen Challenge Women 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.

Decoration Day

Sunday, April 28, at 10 a.m. at Johnson Grove Church, 275 County Road 151, Bremen, AL 35033. Special guest singers will be New Ground.

Alabama Strawberry Festival

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

Holly Pond Lions Club Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, May 11, from 6:30-9:30 a.m. for our annual all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast with sausage and bacon. Donations only. Proceeds will go toward Holly Pond Cemetery Fund. The LifeSouth Bloodmobile will be on campus. Please consider helping out your community with a blood donation.

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PREP BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

Fairview falls at Madison Academy

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MADISON, Ala. – Fairview traveled to Madison Academy to battle the Mustangs in the opening round of the state playoffs Friday afternoon but unfortunately for Aggie fans, Madison Academy was able to take the first two games of the series to advance and end Fairview's season at 21-13-1.

Madison Academy 4 – Fairview 0 (Game One)
After a scoreless first inning, an error and a fielder's choice allowed the Mustangs to take a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the second. Both starting pitches were dialed in over the next three innings as the Aggies and Mustangs combined for just three hits during the stretch. However, Madison Academy was finally able to break through in the sixth, plating a pair of runs on three hits to make it a 4-0 game going into the seventh. Fairview couldn't respond in the final frame and dropped game one of the series 4-0.

Nicolas Gregory went the distance on the mound, allowing four runs on seven hits in six innings of work. Connor Scott finished with the lone hit in the loss for the Aggies.

Madison Academy 9 – Fairview 3 (Game Two)
Madison Academy took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first, but the Aggies responded in the bottom half of the inning when Connor Scott on a Barrett York RBI groundout to tie the game at 1. Jaxon Robertson drove Gannon Black in to score and give Fairview a 2-1 lead in the second inning, but the Mustangs answered with seven runs in the top of the third, pulling ahead 8-2.

A solo home run put Madison Academy in front 9-2 in the top of the fourth, but the Aggies got the run back in the bottom of the fourth, cutting the lead to 9-3 with an RBI single from Lucas West. After a scoreless fifth inning, Lincoln Wright drew a walk to lead off the sixth, Lucas West was hit by a pitch and Nicolas Gregory walked to load the bases, but Fairview was unable to capitalize and still trailed 9-3 going into the seventh.

The Aggies went down in order in the top of the seventh, allowing Madison Academy to secure a 9-3 win and capping a 21-13-1 season for Fairview.

West (one RBI) and Scott each posted a pair of hits in the loss. Robertson (one RBI), Gregory, Black and Kolt Redding each added a hit as well.



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The Fairview Aggies dropped games one and two at Madison Academy Friday to finish their season 21-13-1.

PREP BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

Vinemont drops round 1 matchup at Gordo

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GORDO, Ala. — The Vinemont Eagles traveled to Gordo for a round one playoff matchup Friday night but after dropping game one to the Greenwave 11-1, Vinemont fell in game two 8-2 to finish a strong season 17-8.

Gordo 11 – Vinemont 1 (Game One)
After a scoreless first inning, Gordo plated a pair of runs in the bottom of the second to take a 2-0 lead into the third. Gordo stretched its lead to 4-0 with a pair of sacrifice flies in the bottom of the third and the Greenwave continued adding to their lead in the fourth, pushing four more runs across the plate to make it an 8-0 game.

Michael Foust drove an RBI single to left field to bring Kayden Henderson home and trim the lead to 8-1 in the fifth, but Gordo responded with two more runs in their half of the inning to make it a 10-1 game going into the sixth.

The Greenwave pushed one more run across the plate in the bottom of the sixth to cap an 11-1, game one win over Vinemont.

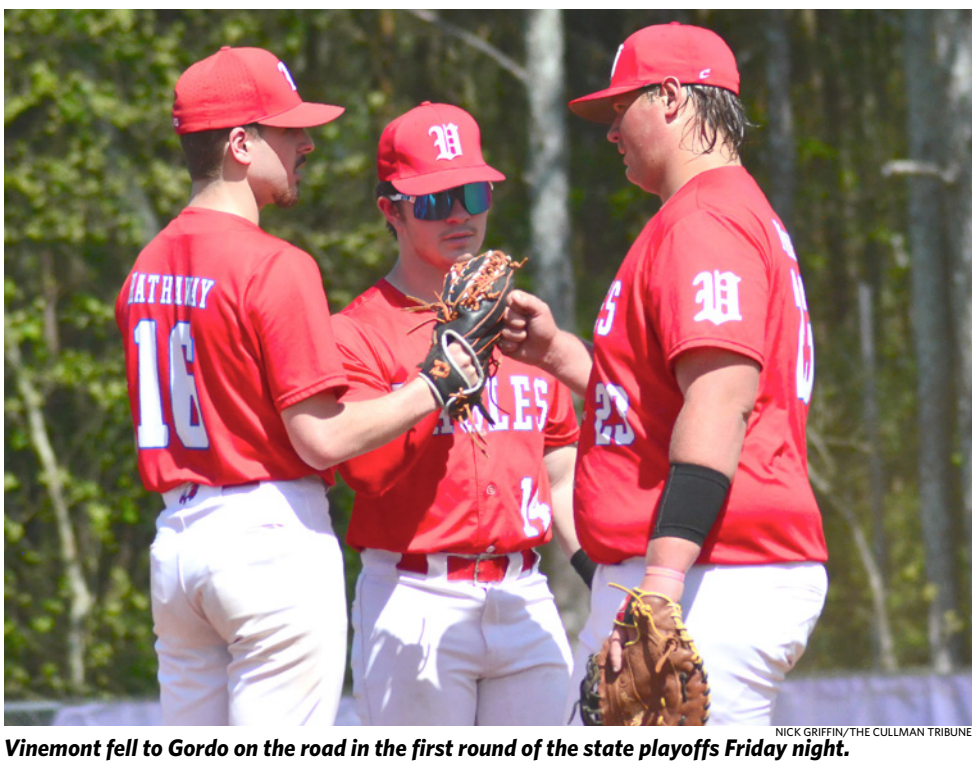
Foust (one RBI), Henderson, Jake Hale and Rush Sandlin each posted a hit for the Eagles in the loss.

Gordo 8 – Vinemont 2 (Game Two)
Gordo took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first with a sacrifice fly but neither team could get much going at the plate until Jake Hale tied things up with a solo home run in the bottom of the fourth. The Greenwave responded with four runs in the fifth to move back in front 5-1.

Josh Rhodes, Hayden Robinson, Kayden Henderson and Michael Foust strung together four straight singles to lead off the bottom of the fifth and cut the lead to 5-2.

After a scoreless sixth inning, Gordo stretched its lead to 8-2 in the top of the seventh and the Eagles were unable to overcome the lead in the final frame. Vinemont finishes the season 17-8.

Hale (two hits) and Foust (one hit) each finished with an RBI in the loss. Henderson, Rhodes, Robinson and Jaxon Holcomb added hits as well.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Vinemont fell to Gordo on the road in the first round of the state playoffs Friday night.

Back-and-forth battle favors Alabama in 10-9 win over No. 1 Texas A&M

Alex Thompson
UA Athletics

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Alabama baseball claimed a 10-9 win over top-ranked Texas A&M on Saturday at Sewell-Thomas Stadium. With the victory, the Crimson Tide is 25-15 on the season and 7-11 in Southeastern Conference play.

Saturday's series finale saw one tie and three lead changes over the course of the game. Alabama jumped out to an early lead with five runs in the second. The Aggies plated two in the top of the third with UA countering for one in the home half. A&M added three in the fourth with the Tide crossing one in the fifth to make it a 7-5 ballgame in favor of UA headed to the sixth.

The sixth saw the Aggies take their first lead of the day with three runs, but the lead would not last long as Alabama scored one in the sixth to make it 8-8 after six full. In the seventh, Texas A&M plated one to gain the advantage once again, but a two-run home half put the Crimson Tide in front, 10-9 – the eventual final. The Tide's two runs came across thanks to a bases-loaded one-out single from Bryce Eblin.

Texas A&M was held scoreless over the final two frames thanks to a standout effort from Alton Davis II (4-1). The sophomore earned the win after working the final 3.1 innings and allowing two runs (one earned) on three hits and three walks with three punchouts. His biggest moment came in the ninth when he stranded a pair in scoring position thanks to two flyouts and a strikeout looking.

Alabama's offense was led once again by Mac Guscette, who finished 2-for-3 with a grand slam, five RBI and one run scored. Eblin contributed the two key RBI as part of his 2-for-4 day that included a run scored, while Kade Snell led in hits with a 5-for-5 showing that was highlighted by a solo homer.

From Head Coach Rob Vaughn

"There are plenty of things that we could have done better, but all I wanted to see from these guys was energy, toughness and focus – that was something we talked about that in our team meeting today. There was no question that they brought that out here.

"Whether we won or lost that game, there was no question about the energy we brought. This was a heck of an effort. I'm proud of this group, proud of their toughness and proud of how they responded after a long day yesterday. It was just a heck of a team win for us."

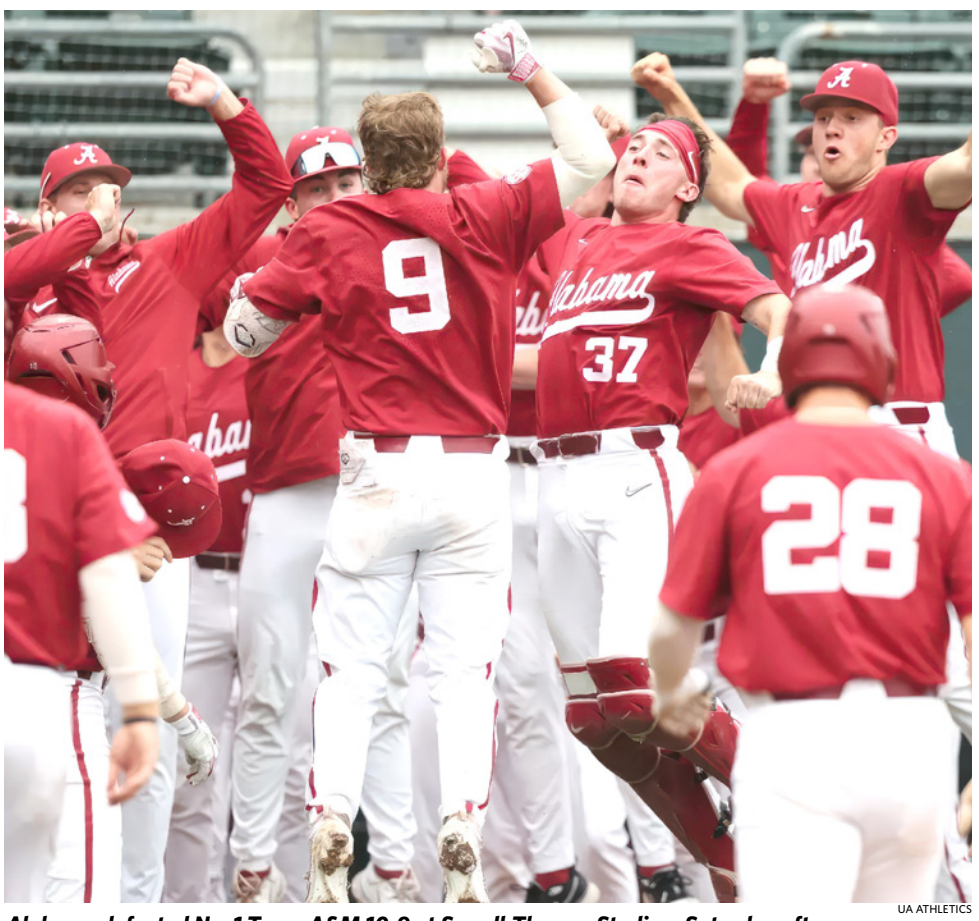
How it happened

- B2 | The Tide loaded the bases to start the second thanks to a Will Hodo leadoff walk and back-to-back singles from TJ McCants and Kade Snell. Mac Guscette then came to the plate with one down, blasting his second grand slam of the weekend over the wall in left. Bryce Eblin and Gage Miller followed with singles to put men on the corners before an Ian Petrutz sacrifice fly added one more. (5-0, Alabama)
- T3 | A one-out double and a walk put two aboard before a single and a sac fly scored both Aggies. (5-2, Alabama)
- B3 | McCants led off with a single and advanced to third on singles from Snell and Evan Sleight in the next two at-bats. A sac fly from Guscette then scored McCants. (6-2, Alabama)
- T4 | The Aggies plated three with a bases-loaded double to right-center. (6-5, Alabama)
- B5 | Snell hit a solo homer off the foul pole in right. (7-5, Alabama)
- T6 | A leadoff single came around to score on a triple to center. After a strikeout in the next at-bat, Jace LaViolette hit a two-run home run to right. (8-7, Texas A&M)
- B6 | With one away in the inning, Miller lifted a solo home run to left. (8-8)
- T7 | A pair of Tide errors and a sacrifice fly allowed A&M to retake the lead. (9-8, Texas A&M)
- B7 | With the bases loaded and one down, Eblin roped a single to center to score a pair. (10-9, Alabama)

Postgame notes

- Alabama is now 3-3 against the nation's top-ranked team in 2024.
- Alton Davis II worked a career-high 3.1 innings of relief. His previous high was 3.0 frames on April 23 of last season at Missouri.
- The 75 pitches by Davis II are also a career-high total. The sophomore's previous high was 50 at UAB on Feb. 27 of this season.
- All nine of the starters reached base safely on Saturday, with seven of the nine picking up at least one hit.
- The Crimson Tide has homered in 28 contests for the season, including 21 games with two-or-more roundtrippers.
- The Tide hitters recorded eight home runs over the weekend series, including three on Saturday.
- Alabama's offense has registered double-digit hits in 26 of the team's 40 games played this season.
- The 16 hits on Saturday were the most against an SEC opponent this season and highest output versus a conference foe since March 31 of last year when the Tide had 22 hits at Arkansas.
- Mac Guscette is the first player to hit a grand slam in back-to-back games since March 4-5 of last season when Colby Shelton registered grand slams in consecutive contests against UIC.
- Kade Snell's five-hit performance is the first by a Tide hitter since Andrew Pinckney finished 5-for-5 on April 28 of last season at top-ranked LSU.
- With his 3-for-5 day, TJ McCants has recorded a hit in six consecutive games. Over that stretch, the senior is batting .481 (13-27) with two doubles, three RBI, five runs scored and one stolen base.
- Attendance: 3,995

Alabama will return to the diamond on Tuesday, April 23, as the Crimson Tide hosts Samford at The Joe. The midweek pairing is scheduled for a 6 p.m. CT first pitch with the game airing on SEC Network+.



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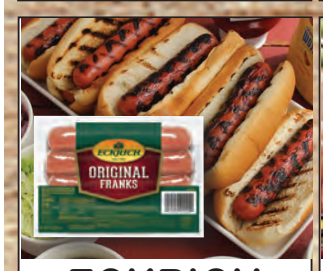
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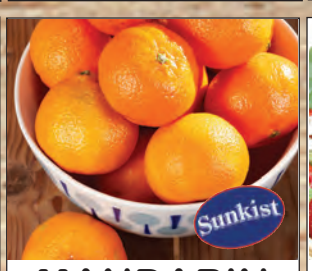
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Festival (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — More than 180 vendors lined the pathways of the St. Bernard campus for the 40th annual Bloomin' Festival Saturday and Sunday, April 20-21, for what organizers called a "truly unforgettable experience." Displays of artwork, handmade crafts, beauty and skincare products and homemade treats were packed tent to tent.

The weekend was a chilly one compared to the just days before, but the overcast sky and brisk breeze didn't prevent the crowds from arriving in droves with their pull-behind wagons and carts, ready to shop.

Vehicles were parked neatly along every available empty lot at the school. The Cullman Police Department, as well as school faculty and staff, students and volunteers directed auto and foot traffic.

"We are very thankful to our sponsors, and everyone who helped make the festival run like a well-greased wheel," said Bloomin' Festival Organizer Joyce Nix. "The Cullman Police did an excellent job with traffic."

Bloomin' Festival is one of the school's main fundraising events. Vendors pay a set registration fee with one caveat – no outside food trucks are allowed, as concessions at the event are prepared and provided by St. Bernard students and monks from the Abbey. They volunteered their time to cook and serve hamburgers, hotdogs and Conecuh sausage, as well as Monks' Bread, to hungry guests at the festival. Through vendor fees, concessions, admissions, donations and the yearly raffles and sweepstakes, the school is able to raise a significant amount of funding, ultimately assisting with tuition, extracurricular activities and other student and school needs.

Nix said, "It was a fun weekend. In spite of the cold temps and rain we were very thankful to all who supported the school. Everyone seemed to be happy."

This year, Cynthia Bishop of Huntsville walked away with the keys to a 2024 Jeep Compass; Patrick Vu, a festival tourist from Fountain Valley, California, won an Apple Watch; Jeanne Federspille from Montgomery scored an iHome AutoVac; Cullman's Sister Sherrie L. Brainard snagged the Apple AirPods and Carla Crafton out of Huntsville took home the Roku streaming stick.

On Monday, April 22, Bloomin' Festival Arts and Crafts Fair posted to Facebook:

"What a weekend it's been at the 40th Annual Bloomin' Festival!

"A huge shoutout to the incredible teamwork of our students, parents, faculty, alumni, Cullman Police Department, EMA, and community volunteers involved who worked tirelessly throughout the entire weekend to make this event a roaring success! Despite the rain and cold weather, the spirit of camaraderie shone through, making this festival one to remember.

"From setting up booths to ensuring the safety and smooth running of the event, each and every one of you played a vital role in creating such a vibrant and enjoyable atmosphere. Your dedication and hard work did not go unnoticed, and we are immensely grateful for your efforts.

"Together, we have shown that nothing can dampen our spirits when we come together as a community with a common goal. Thank you for making the 40th Annual Bloomin' Festival a truly unforgettable experience! Let us continue to cherish these moments of unity and celebration. Here are to many more successful festivals in the future!"

The next St. Bernard festival is Bernard Blues & BBQ, to be held Sept. 7-8, 2024. Find more information at www.stbernardprep.com/bernard-blues-bbq.



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Location (from Front)

proactive steps towards their health and well-being, ultimately contributing to a healthier population.

"Exceptional care for all uninsured residents: the new facility will provide a desirable and exceptional option for all uninsured residents in our community. We are committed to ensuring that quality health care remains accessible to everyone."

The clinic is almost two-thirds of the way to its $2.8 million goal to build the facility, with $2 million in grants and local funding already promised for the project.

The Board of Directors is beginning the task of raising additional funding. To donate or learn more, visit www.goodsamaritancullman.com.

Veteran (from Front)

he was called overseas. It was then that he fell victim to one of the longest continuous battles of WWII.

Since his remains were discovered in 2019, his family has been working to bring the fallen veteran home to Alabama; this Thursday, April 25, that is finally happening. Alabama State Troopers, along with many county veterans and law enforcement officers along the travel route from Birmingham to Moulton will escort the fallen soldier home – first to Lawrence Funeral Home, then to Moulton Memory Gardens.

Reeves will land in Birmingham at approximately 5:02 p.m. Thursday, April 25. According to the U.S. Army, an honor guard from American Legion Post 25 in Moulton and American Legion Post 15 in Decatur will render honors on the tarmac at the Birmingham airport before the procession to his eternal resting place begins.

A motorcade of veterans will follow the hearse on Highway 20 out of the airport to Interstate 65 heading north, to the Cullman exit (310) at Alabama Highway 157 to Moulton. The procession will be joined by local law enforcement and veterans organizations along the way. It will arrive at the Lawrence Funeral Home.

The Lawrence area VFW Women's Auxiliary, friends, family members and community members have lined the highway with yellow ribbons from the Lawrence County line to the funeral home, giving PFC Reeves the hero's homecoming he deserves.

Local VFW, American Legion, law enforcement and EMS are also participating in the honor processional, handing out flags to spectators paying their respects. Spectators are encouraged to find a safe point to witness Reeves' homecoming.

"Cullman Police and Fire Department plan to have units staged at the 310 exit of I-65," said Cullman City Public Safety Director Brian Bradberry.

"We are honored to be a part of this tribute in order to pay our respects to PFC Noah Reeves, a member of the Greatest Generation, for his selfless service to our great nation."

PFC Reeves will lie in state from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Monday, April 29, at Lawrence Funeral Home. His graveside service will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30, at Moulton Memory Gardens with his descendant, Rev. Zach Terry, officiating. Reeves will receive a full military burial with honors following the service.

Lawrence Funeral Home is located at 12950 Alabama Highway 157 in Moulton. Read more at www.bradford-lawrencefh.com/obituaries/noah-reeves.

YARD SALE

Princeton Place Condo's will be conducting their annual yard sale on Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We are expecting 10 to 20 families to participate this year. We are located on South Main Street between Fuller Street Southwest and 9th Street Southwest.



System (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — On Wednesday, April 24, the Cullman County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) will roll out its new mass notification system: Everbridge Mass Notification.

During the January 2024 ice storms, the current alert system experienced small glitches, prompting EMA Director Tim Sartin to begin researching to find the most reliable and efficient mass notification service available. His search halted when he looked to other EMAs in the state; currently over half of the state's EMAs use Everbridge Mass Notification for its reliability and capacity to individualize alerts for registered users.

"We had some issues with the current system and the ice storm earlier this year; that really prompted the (Cullman County) Commission to look for something that would not fail," said Sartin. "With this system, we can use map integration and send multiple types of alerts at once; there are so many things it can do to help."

Map integration is useful to isolate specific areas of Cullman County that are experiencing an issue, notifying residents nearby while avoiding unnecessary messages to the unaffected residents. Likewise, users can get a notification if their location is in a particularly dangerous zone of a storm's path. When a natural disaster or emergency occurs, the ability to alert individuals of impending danger can save seconds and minutes, possibly saving lives.

Sartin shared about the new system's features, "Sixty-five percent of all counties in the state use this. It's known for its reliability; the new system can use a map and basically circle a city block and notify every resident on that specific block of an emergency. Let's say a water main breaks – every resident that is in that mapped area will receive a notification to their house phone and cell phone."

The current EMA Alert system will remain in effect until Everbridge Mass Notification takes effect on Wednesday, April 24. Residents can register by visiting https://member.everbridge.net/355009111785876/login.

Although mass notifications are a great resource to have in the event of a natural disaster or community emergency, Sartin said he believes that two ways of receiving information are vital. If one fails, the information is still open to one more channel of communication. Cullman County EMA has an app for tablets and smartphones that can also alert residents in the event of an emergency, and has a plethora of information on storm safety, shelter locations and other helpful information about emergency plans and preparedness. To download it, search "Cullman County EMA" in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

LEGALS

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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

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Attorney for Petitioner

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

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

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

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for the Estate
Smith & Smith, LLP
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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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256-739-1962

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

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

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

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
VETRA JACKSON,) **Case Number: PC2024-133**
Deceased.)

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
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Cullman, AL 35055

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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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.

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City of Cullman
Planning Commission

On Monday May 6, 2024, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Rezoning request at 309 Olive Street SW – R-1 to B-2
2. Conditional use request for Goat Island Brewing at Cotton Creek
3. Conditional use request for mini storage on 13th Street NE
4. Conditional use request for mini storage on 11th Street NE
5. Short form subdivision – Lee Avenue SW & Graham Street SW – create two lots
6. Conditional use request for multifamily dwelling development at 1109 Swafford Road SW

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

Walker County inmate dies in custody

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JASPER, Ala. — An inmate at the Walker County Jail died while in custody on Friday, April 19.

At the request of the Walker County Sheriff's Office, Special Agents with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) launched an investigation into an in-custody death that occurred at the Walker County Jail in Jasper on Friday, April 19.

Siras Jeremain Theus, 47, of Jasper, was arrested by the Jasper Police Department on April 12, 2024, and was being held at the Walker County Jail.

Authorities said it is suspected that Theus suffered a medical emergency at approximately 9:15 p.m. on Friday, April 19, and was pronounced deceased. An autopsy will be conducted by the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences. Once complete, the findings will be turned over to the Walker County District Attorney's Office. Nothing further is available as the investigation is ongoing.

Walker County was under investigation following the hypothermia death of an inmate last year.

According to a lawsuit from 2023 and USA Today, the inmate had "serious mental and psychiatric needs" and was placed in a concrete drunk tank known as "the freezer" before he later died from hypothermia in a death now ruled a homicide, state records show.

Walker County inmate Anthony Don Mitchell died Jan. 26, 2023, while in the custody of the Walker County Sheriff's Department after "spending fourteen days incarcerated under horrendous conditions" at the Walker County Jail, according to an amended complaint filed in a lawsuit in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama.



CPD hosts community cookout

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Police Department hosted over 100 attendees at its community cookout Saturday at the Cullman Housing Authority.

CPD Public Relations Officer Adam Clark said they truly enjoyed bringing the event back and plan to host it again, annually, but rotate locations.

"We would like to thank everyone who came out to the community cookout," Clark said. "We enjoy being able to serve the community and build positive relationships."

Clark said he wanted to thank all the officers and the Daystar Church volunteers who came out to assist with the cookout.

"We had around 10 volunteers and 10 officers who participated in the cookout," Clark said.

"We truly enjoyed hosting this event. It's always an honor to serve our community. We look forward to serving again at some of the other events we have planned this year."

Chief David Nassetta said the department is glad for the opportunity to get the community cookouts restarted.

"It's a chance for our officers to interact with residents in a social setting rather than a response to a call," Nassetta said. "Oftentimes, when we get called, it's to deal with something negative. It's a nice change of pace to talk to people when nothing bad is happening."

If you or a local business/organization would like to sponsor or volunteer at the next event, contact Clark at 256-775-7162.



ADAM CLARK

The Cullman Police Department hosted a community cookout on Saturday, April 20, 2024.

Obituary Announcements: April 20-22

William 'W.C.' Carl Peinhardt, 97
William 'W.C.' Carl Peinhardt, age 97, of Hanceville passed away on Saturday, April 20, 2024. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

Janice Faye Crook, 69
Funeral services for Janice Faye Crook, 69, of Bremen, Alabama will be 3 p.m. Monday, April 22nd at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Corinth Church of Christ Cemetery in Bremen. The visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Crook was born on July 20, 1954, to the late George and Jessie (Stewart) Wissinger in Arlington, Virginia. She passed away from this earth peacefully on April 19, 2024, at Brookwood Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama. Those left to cherish her memory are her husband, Roger Crook; son, Kevin Crook (Connie); grandchildren, Austin Crook, and Nathan Freeman; great grandchildren, Sawyer Freeman and Maverick Freeman; siblings, Carol Ricketts, Debbie Gillis, and Gary Wissinger; uncles, Donald Stewart and Eugene Stewart; and aunt, Faye Perkins; and brother-in-law, Jerrell Crook; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Crook was preceded in death by her great granddaughter, Ember Dunkin Crook; and children, Dale Levon Crook, Brian Keith Crook, Jamie Marie Crook, and Lindsey Rae Cook. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Crook Family.

Shirley Ann McClendon, 87
McClendon, Shirley Williams, age 87 ,of Coden, AL. formerly of Birmingham and Cullman; died Saturday, April 20, 2024. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry Wayne McClendon; parents: Seth Owen Williams and Louise Looney Williams; and her great grandson, Jeremy Brock Fisher. Shirley is survived by: Daughter - Lisa McClendon Clay (Joseph); Son - Gregory Neal McClendon (Janet), Grandchildren: Ryne Scott McClendon (Aubri); Hayley Clay Clements (Hunter); Daniel Simms Newell (Sarina); Taylor Clay Karimnia (Alex); Davis Coupland Newell Great-grandchildren: Presley Grace McClendon; Levi William Smith; Liam Knox Smith; Colton Wayne McClendon and a host of other family members and friends. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, April 23, from noon until the celebration of Mrs. McClendon's life that will begin at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Cullman City Cemetery. Please visit mossservicefh.com to leave condolences for the family. Moss Service Funeral Home Directing.

Peggy Marie Laseter, 94
Funeral Service for Peggy Marie Laseter, age 94 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 29, 2024 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Robert Lancaster officiating; burial at Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. on Monday, April 29, 2024 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Mrs. Laseter passed away on Sunday, April 21, 2024, at Woodland Village Health Care. She was born Friday, July 12, 1929, in Beckley, WV to Jesse Wills and Enzie Farley Wills. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Carl Laseter; brother, Carl Wills, Sr., sister, Lola Black and nephew, Adrian Black. Survivors include her sons, Curtis Laseter and William Dyer; granddaughter, Misty Dawn Dyer; brother, Grant Wills, Sr.; Nieces, Theresa Wills Anderson, Christine Wills Nelson; nephews, Grant (Doug) Wills, Jr., Bradley Michael Wills and Carl Wills, Jr. Mrs. Laseter was a longtime member of St. Andrews United Methodist Church of Cullman. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Troy Fritzgerald Allison, Sr., 60
Troy Fritzgerald Allison, Sr., 60, of Baileyton, Alabama, passed away on April 19, 2024. Mr. Allison was born in Flint, Michigan, to Gordon Allison, Sr., and Barbara McDaniel Allison on February 28, 1964. Troy grew up in Flint but moved to Alabama as a young man. Mr. Allison enjoyed riding motorcycles with his friends and he treasured the trips to bike week that they made several years ago. Troy was a man with a big heart, and he loved his family, and those he called family, very much. He will be missed greatly. Mr. Allison is preceded in death by his parents; a son, Troy Allison, Jr; and three grandchildren. Those surviving Mr. Allison includes his wife, Patricia Allison; children, Joshua Allison (Leslie), Caleb Allison, Bret Kelley, Joseph Jones (Victoria), Jennifer Brown, Heather Brown; stepsons, Phillip Gass (Coral), Derek Gass; fourteen grandchildren; brothers, Gordon Allison, Jr. (Penny), Scott Allison; sister, Betty Shoup (Tim); and lifelong best friend and brother in heart, Mark Dolan (Michelle). God saw him getting tired, and a cure was not to be, so He put His arms around him and whispered, "Come to Me." With tearful eyes we watched him suffer, and saw him slowly fade away. Although we loved him dearly, we could not make him stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove us, He only takes the best. Mr. Allison's life will be celebrated in a private family memorial at a later time. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Allison family and our thoughts and prayers are with them.

Mateo De Feria Gomez, 58
Mateo De Feria Gomez, age 58 of Hanceville, AL, passed away on Sunday, April 21, 2024, at the University of Alabama Hospital. He was born Tuesday, September 21, 1965 in Mexico. He was preceded in death by his father, Roberto Gomez De Feria. Survivors include his mother, Maria Dias De Feria; two sons, Bertin Gomez and Roberto Gomez and daughter, Ana Gomez. No services are planned at this time.

Mark Edwards Whitten, 71
A graveside memorial service for Mr. Whitten will be Saturday, April 27, 2024, at Cullman City Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Whitten passed away on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at his residence. He was born Wednesday, October 1, 1952, to John Whitten and Betty Whitten. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Michael Whitten; brother in law, Phil Luker. Survivors include his wife, Cynthia Whitten; sister, Suzanne Luker; sister in law, Beverly McKenzie; nieces, Monica McKenzie (Brian) Williams and Liza Luker (Fred) Padilla; nephews, Whitt (Kara) Luker and Addison (Peyton) Weeks; great nieces, Sophie, Ella and Lydia Williams, Reese and Ryan Padilla; canine companions, Flip and Gussie.

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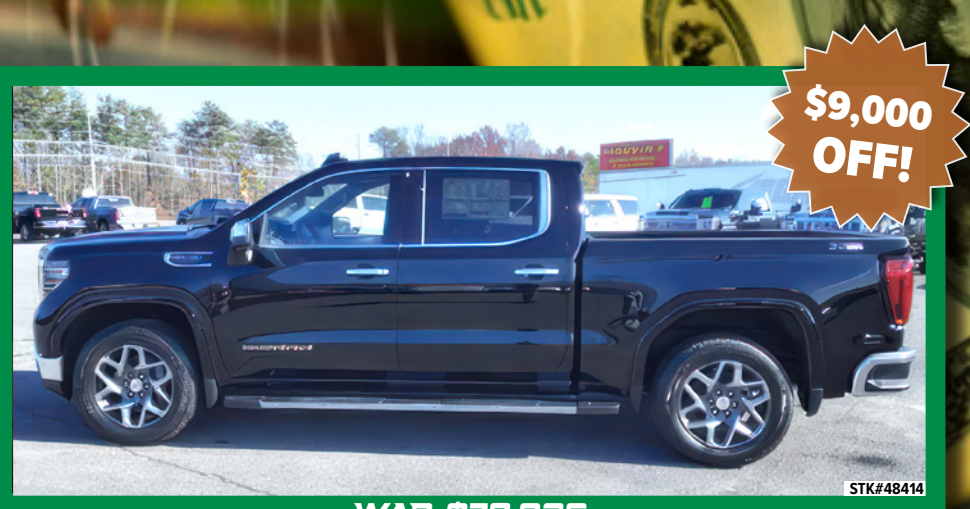
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