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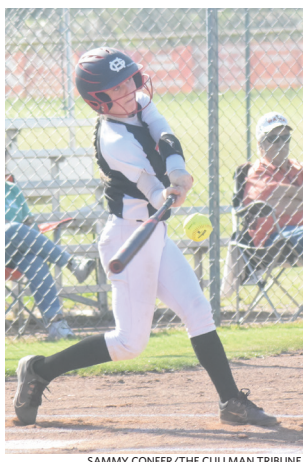
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Cullman City Council passes zoning amendment to govern vape shop locations and signage

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council on Monday, April 22, approved an amendment to the City's zoning ordinance to govern the location and signage of vape retailers. The ordinance limits the locations where new shops can be built, while allowing already established shops to continue in their present locations, and requires the removal from immediate public view attention-getting signs and roadside banners even from established dealers.

According to the amended ordinance, a tobacco, vape, CBD or THC shop is "any retail premises whose primary purpose is dedicated to the display, sale, storage of tobacco products, elec- » PAGE 6



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Cullman's amended zoning ordinance prohibits signs and banners advertising cannabis products, and limits the locations of future vape shops.

'I can't think of a better event to show that the community cares about them'

Hilinski's Hope speaks to Cullman County students



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Mark Hilinski of Hilinski's Hope Foundation speaks to over 1,700 Cullman County Students at Temple Baptist Church Tuesday.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Over 1,700 Cullman County students made their way to Temple Baptist Church Tuesday for a special presentation on mental health from Hilinski's Hope Foundation. Hilinski's Hope Foundation is a non-profit organization formed to promote awareness and education of mental health and wellness for student athletes. The Foundation was founded by Mark and Kym Hilinski to honor the life of their son Tyler, who died by suicide in 2018. After a phenomenal high school career, Tyler earned an athletic scholarship to play quarterback at Washington State University and threw for over 1,400 yards and nine touchdowns in 11 games as a Cougar.

Hilinski's Hope helps colleges and universities save lives, eliminate stigma, and scale mental wellness programs for student-athletes. The foundation does this by sharing Tyler's story, connecting students with mental health resources, and assisting universities to institutionalize best practices. The Foundation's mission is to educate, advocate, and eliminate the stigma associated with mental illness, while funding programs that provide student-athletes with the tools and resources that support their mental health and wellness.

In addition to a speech on the dangers of social media from Cullman County Sheriffs Office Sergeant Jeff Lawson, the Hilinski's gave one of their signature "Tyler Talks" for the students as well, sharing their story in hopes of convincing anyone that is struggling to seek the help they need. Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette was excited to see the event come together Tuesday and hopes it inspires anyone who needs help to speak up.

"Karen Pinion has been planning a mental health expo for over a year now and she put a lot of time and effort into it and then we were actually connected with the Hilinski's through Senator (Garlan) Gudger. We had them come and speak at a principal's meeting and then we wanted them to speak at every school but they said we had so many schools that it may not be possible so Karen (Pinion) changed the expo a little bit and invited them here so we can bring a bunch of kids to them," Barnette said. "We're going to have over 1,700 people here today and we're super excited about it. More » PAGE 5

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CCBOE recognizes biliterate students



CCBOE

Cullman County Schools students were recognized at the Cullman County Board of Education meeting in April for achieving the Alabama Seal of Biliteracy. Pictured are (bottom row, left to right) Mariana Degollado-Ramos, West Point; Mahaley Gomez, Fairview; Jaquelinne Perez Rivera, Fairview; Brittany Velazquez Morales, Fairview; Ashley Morales Fuentes, Vinemont; Mildred Lemus, Vinemont; Elena Saldaña Orona, Holly Pond; and ALSDE EL Coaches Robin Stutts and Miguelina Quiñones-Mason; (top row, left to right) AB Martinez-Jimenez, Fairview; Jordan Sanchez-Hernandez, Fairview; Jaime Rios Vazquez, Fairview; Jonatan Diaz Pesina, Fairview; Dr. Shane Barnette; and Brittany Schroer. Not pictured: José Trejo-Zea, Hanceville » PAGE 5

PET OF THE WEEK

Easy, breezy Weezie



DONNA RUTTKAY

Weezie is a 2-year-old lab/terrier mix at the Cullman County Animal Shelter. » PAGE 2

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported April 24

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported April 24, 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 17

- forgery-3rd degree; theft of property-3rd degree; Scheer Properties, LLC; forged check

April 22

- criminal mischief-3rd degree; person; damaged tires
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $65; Olive St. SW
- assault-3rd degree; person; Olive St. SW
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; Dripping Springs Rd. NW
- identity theft; person

April 23

- theft of property-4th degree; person; miscellaneous; Denson Ave. SW
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to '11 Chevrolet Silverado; $2,000
- leaving the scene; person; damage to '13 Chevrolet Impala; $500; 2nd Ave. SW
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person; Hwy. 157

ARRESTS

April 22-23

Rameriez, Jose C.; 28
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle
- obstructing justice using false ID
- public intoxication

Bentley, Scotty R.; 55
- public intoxication
- resisting arrest

Fulmer, Jaxon W.; 18
- minor in possession of alcohol by consumption

Rea, Kent D.; 37
- DUI

Gilbreath, Scott M.; 46
- FTA - disorderly conduct

Smith, Donna D.; 41
- leaving the scene
- failure to render aid

Gaddis, Jennifer A.; 39
- disorderly conduct

Ball, Rachel M.; 31
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment

Swindall, Emma R.; 25
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Wise, Justin D.; 39
- FTA - attempt to elude
- FTA - reckless endangerment
- FTA - driving while license revoked
- FTA - expired tag
- FTA - insurance violation
- FTA - improper lane usage

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

FL man arrested on child porn charges in Good Hope

Staff Reports
Contributor

GOOD HOPE, Ala. – A Florida man was arrested on 20 counts of child pornography-related charges on Wednesday, April 17.

Cullman County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a call concerning a possible sex offender in the Good Hope area. Joseph Dale Cooper, 47, of Orlando was located at the scene.

Deputies and investigators said they determined Cooper was in possession of child pornography.

Cooper was arrested and charged with 10 counts of possession of child pornography and 10 counts of production of pornography with minors.

Cooper is currently being held at the Cullman County Detention Center on a $450,000 bond.



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Joseph Dale Cooper

Weezie (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman Tribune's Pet of the Week is Weezie. Her name might suggest a laid-back nature, but this charming girl surprises us with her zest for life. She greets each day with a joyful toe-tapping dance, a testament to her vibrant spirit. Weezie is a dog who's ready to embark on new adventures with her potential family.

Weezie, a 2-year-old terrier and lab mix, is a bundle of joy waiting to bring happiness to a loving home. Her short white coat, sweet black nose and deep brown eyes are just the beginning of her charm. With her young age and low to medium energy level, she's the perfect companion or therapy pet, ready to fill your life with love and laughter.

Sprawling in the shade while her owner reads a thrilling novel or basking in the sunbeams while the yard is tended, Weezie wants to stay beside her family.

Are you ready to meet Weezie? 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.

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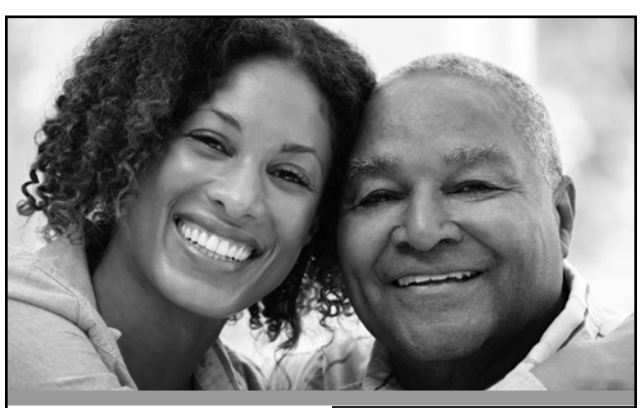


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Public Notice: Mt. Zion Cemetery
Please remove all ground flowers/decorations from graves at Mt. Zion Cemetery at Vinemont (Highway 31) for spring cleaning and mowing.

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

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.
• Friday, April 26 - 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.
• 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
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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.

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Holly Pond Lions Club Pancake Breakfast
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PREP SOFTBALL

Cold Springs earns wins over Addison, Dora; Monday scoring recap

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Cold Springs 9 - Addison 6
Brooklyn Ingram hit a one-out single and later scored on an RBI single by Adriana Young to give the Lady Eagles the early lead in the first. Later that inning, Peyton Kennedy hit an RBI single to make it 2-0. Cold Springs made it 3-0 in the top of the third on an RBI groundout by Ciara Calvert, but a two-run double and an error allowed Addison to tie the game up at three in their half.

Cold Springs quickly broke the tie in the fourth. Back-to-back singles by Joci Williams and Kortnie Williams put runners on first and second with two outs. On the first pitch, Ingram lined a two-run triple to center field to give the Lady Eagles a 5-3 lead. Young followed that up with an RBI single to make it 6-3. An RBI single by Kaydance Williams in the top of the fifth increased the Cold Springs lead to 7-3, but a pair of RBI singles by the Lady Bulldogs in their half cut it to 7-5. A pair of RBI singles by Kayleigh Light and Joci Williams in the top of the seventh made it 9-5. An RBI single by Addison in their half cut it to 9-6, but Sadie Smith induced a ground ball to end the game, and the Lady Eagles ended up defeating the Lady Bulldogs 9-6.

Ingram (three hits) and Young (two hits) each drove in a pair of runs for Cold Springs. Kennedy and Joci Williams each finished with a pair of hits and an RBI, while Kaydance Williams (one hit), Light (one hit) and Calvert each collected an RBI in the win.

Cold Springs 14 - Dora 11
Dora struck first in the bottom of the first to take a 1-0 lead, but Cold Springs countered in the top of the second. Back-to-back walks had them in business early, then three batters later, Kennedy hit an RBI single to tie the game up at one. Kortnie Williams added an RBI single of her own three pitches later to give the Lady Eagles a 2-1 lead.

Cold Springs added to their lead in the top of the third. Brooke Rowan drove in a run on a fielder's choice. Later that inning, Kennedy added a two-run single, and Ingram collected an RBI single with two outs to make it 6-1. The Lady Bulldogs, though, answered right back in their half, putting up five runs to tie the game up at six. The Lady Eagles batted around in the top of the fourth and put up eight runs that inning.

Smith got the scoring started with an RBI single. Kaydance Williams drove in a run on a sacrifice bunt. An RBI single by Kortnie Williams, a bases-loaded walk, an error, and a two-run double by Smith gave Cold Springs a 14-6 lead. Dora, though, made things a little interesting in their final at-bats. A sacrifice fly, a pair of RBI singles, and an error cut it to 14-11, but Smith got the final batter to fly out to end the game, and Cold Springs ended up knocking off Dora 14-11.

Kennedy (three hits) and Smith (two hits) each drove in three runs for the Lady Eagles. Kortnie Williams added a pair of hits and two RBIs. Ingram (one hit), Kaydance Williams (one hit), Young and Rowan each collected an RBI in the win.

Cullman 9 - West Point 3
Cullman didn't waste any time getting on the scoreboard in the home half of the first inning. Reese Hopper hit a two-out single, then back-to-back RBI doubles by Kynlei Storey and Hattie Graham gave the Lady Bearcats a 2-0 lead. On the first pitch, Brooklyn Morton hit an RBI single up the middle to make it 3-0. West Point got on the scoreboard in the top of the third. A sacrifice fly by Macie Brown cut it to 3-1, then in the fourth inning, a two-run home run off the bat of Kylee Quinn tied the game up at three.

West Point loaded the bases in the top of the fifth, but Brie Voss got a strikeout to get out of the inning unscathed. Cullman broke the tie and then some in their half. Three straight singles loaded the bases to start out the inning. Graham hit a sacrifice fly to give them a 4-3 lead, then after a Morton walk, Dracen Bates lined a two-run single to left field to make it 6-3. Voss helped her own cause with an RBI single, then Kylie Stracener drove in a run on a groundout to push their lead to 8-3. Taylor Au scored on an error in the bottom of the sixth to give Cullman a 9-3 lead. After a leadoff single by the Lady Warriors in the top of the seventh, Voss got a double-play ball and a groundout to end the game as the Lady Bearcats picked up a 9-3 win over West Point.

Graham (one hit) and Bates (one hit) each drove in two runs for Cullman. Storey finished with a pair of hits and an RBI, while Morton (one hit), Voss (one hit), and Stracener each collected an RBI in the win. For West Point, Quinn finished with the two-run home run, while Brown added a pair of hits and an RBI in the loss.

Vinemont 11 - Hanceville 6
Vinemont got a two-out RBI single from Katelyn Evans in its opening at-bats as they took the early 1-0 lead, but Hanceville tied the game up at one in their half on a one-out RBI single by Zoe Pitts. The Lady Bulldogs broke the tie in the bottom of the second. Karrigan Pipkin scored on a passed ball to give them a 2-1 lead. Two pitches later, Aaliyah Twitty lined an RBI triple to right field to make it 3-1. Kynzlee Farr followed that up with an RBI single to stretch their lead to 4-1. The Lady Eagles cut it to 4-2 in the top of the third on Evans' second RBI single of the game.

Katelyn Twilley scored on an error in the Lady Bulldogs' half of the third to give them a 5-2 lead. Vinemont quickly got something going in the top of the fourth. A walk, a single, and a passed ball later, and runners were on second and third to lead off the inning. Arleigh Thomason hit an RBI single to right field to make it a 5-3 game. Later that inning, an error allowed Thomason and Callie Millwood to score to tie the game up at five. The Lady Eagles later loaded up the bases with two outs, then Mabry Thompson hit a two-run single up the middle to give them a 7-5 lead.

Vinemont added to their lead in the sixth. Alaina Sandlin hit an RBI single, and Thompson added a two-run double to center field to push their lead to 10-5.

Laila Lewis scored on a passed ball in Hanceville's half to trim the deficit to four at 10-6. Evans collected a solo home run in the top of the seventh to give the Lady Eagles an 11-6 lead. Vinemont collected the final three outs in the bottom of the seventh to help seal their 11-6 win over Hanceville.

Thompson finished with three hits and four RBIs for Vinemont. Evans added four hits and three RBIs. Thomason (three hits) and Sandlin (one hit) each collected an RBI in the win. For Hanceville, Twitty (two hits), Farr (one hit), Pitts (one hit) and Twilley each finished with an RBI in the loss.

PREP SOFTBALL

Good Hope pulls away to top Holly Pond 8-6; Tuesday scoring recap

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — Good Hope hosted a varsity match-up with their county rivals from Holly Pond Tuesday night and the Lady Raiders fended off a late push from the Broncos to secure an 8-6 win. Holly Pond plated four runs in the top of the fifth to tie the game at 5, but Good Hope scored three runs in the bottom half of the inning to pull away with the win. Kylee Smith tossed a complete game for the Lady Raiders, allowing zero earned runs, six hits and striking out five batters to earn the win.

Smith worked around a two-out error to get out of the top of the first unscathed. Lizzy Steed hit a leadoff double in the Lady Raiders' half and moved to third on a passed ball. Smith helped out her own cause by hitting a sacrifice fly to give them a 1-0 lead. Natalie Miller scored on a fielder's choice in the second to make it 2-0.

Good Hope got a two-out rally started in the third. Back-to-back singles by Carley Adams and Molly Benefield put runners on the corners, then an RBI single off the bat of Haley Lay pushed their lead to 3-0. Molly Neal led off the top of the fourth with a double and later scored on a passed ball to cut the Holly Pond deficit to two at 3-1. Good Hope countered in their half.

A double by Steed brought home Maggie O'Neil to give them a 4-1 lead. Smith drove in a run on a ground ball to make it 5-1.

Holly Pond got a two-out rally started of their own in the top of the fifth. Back-to-back errors allowed Maggie Nail to cross the plate to cut it to 5-2. Ellie Burks added an RBI double to make it 5-3, then Neal scored on a passed ball, and Burks scored on an error on the next pitch to tie the game up at five. The Lady Raiders answered right back in their half.

They loaded the bases with nobody out, and on the first pitch, O'Neil hit a two-run double to give them a 7-5 lead. Two pitches later, Brooklyn Lambert scored on a double play to make it 8-5. Alivia Farr drove in a run on a ground ball in the top of the seventh to trim it to just two at 8-6, but Smith collected the final out on a ground ball to help seal the two-run win for Good Hope.

Steed (two hits), O'Neil (two hits) and Smith (one hit) each drove in two runs for Good Hope (16-8-1), while Lay added a hit and an RBI in the win.

For Holly Pond, Burks finished with three hits and an RBI and Farr collected an RBI in the loss.

The Lady Raiders will host Cold Springs Thursday and the Lady Broncos will travel to West Point.

Meek 5 - Cold Springs 2
Kortnie Williams led off the game for Cold Springs with a single. She later came around to score on an RBI single by Adriana Young to give the Lady Eagles a 1-0 lead. It remained a one-run game until the fourth inning, as an RBI double by Meek in their half tied the game up at one. Cold Springs broke the tie in the top of the fifth.

Ciara Calvert drove in Brooklyn Ingram on a ground ball to give them a 2-1 lead. A sacrifice bunt by the Lady Tigers in their half tied it up at two. Meek broke the tie in the sixth, as an RBI single, a sacrifice fly, and a passed ball gave them a 5-2 lead. Cold Springs couldn't get a rally started in the seventh and ended up dropping their game to Meek 5-2.

Young (two hits) and Calvert (one hit) each drove in a run for Cold Springs in the loss.

Cullman 11 - Jasper 9
An RBI single off the bat of Kynlei Storey gave Cullman an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first, but Jasper countered with four runs in their half to grab a 4-1 lead. The Lady Bearcats got the lead right back in the top of the third.

A walk and a single had runners on the corners with two outs. Hattie Graham lined a two-run double to left field to cut it to 4-3, then Brooklyn Morton launched a two-run home run over the left field fence to give them a 5-4 lead. The Lady Vikings, though, put up four runs in the fourth to get the lead right back at 8-5.

Cullman played long-ball in the fifth, as a two-run shot by Reese Hopper made it an 8-7 game. The Lady Bearcats tied the game up at eight in the sixth on an RBI single by Taylor Au, but a solo home run by Jasper in their half gave them a 9-8 lead. Cullman got a rally started in the top of the seventh, as Graham got hit by the pitch, and Morton reached on an error to lead off the inning. On the first pitch, Dracen Bates delivered the biggest hit of the game for the Lady Bearcats, as her three-run home run over the left field fence gave them an 11-9 lead. Storey retired the Lady Vikings in order on just seven pitches to help seal the 11-9 win for Cullman.

Bates finished with the three-run home run for the Lady Bearcats. Graham (one hit), Morton (two-run home run), and Hopper (two-run home run) each drove in two runs. Au added three hits and an RBI, while Storey collected a pair of hits and an RBI in the win.

Fairview 12 - Brindlee Mountain 0
Fairview didn't waste any time getting on the scoreboard on Senior Night against Brindlee Mountain. Emily Benson led off the bottom of the first with a double. Three straight doubles by Kylie Kovar, Ayda Payne, and Addison Phillips gave the Lady Aggies a 3-0 lead. Allison Davis continued the onslaught with a two-run home run to make it 5-0. Later that inning, Isabella Lopez and Benson each added RBI singles to make it 7-0.

Fairview continued to add onto their lead in the second. An RBI double by Ava Pruett and a two-run single by Kallie Trussell gave them a 10-0 lead.

Fairview made it 12-0 in the third on a bases-loaded walk and an error. Payne finished off the Lady Lions in order in the fifth, and the Lady Aggies celebrated Senior Night with a 12-0 win over Brindlee Mountain.

Davis finished with two hits and three RBIs for Fairview (14-8). Trussell added a hit and two RBIs. Benson, Kovar, Payne, Phillips, and Lopez all collected a pair of hits and an RBI, while Pruett posted a hit and an RBI of her own in the win. Payne pitched a four-hit shutout, as she walked two and struck out three.

Falkville 13 - Vinemont 1
Falkville jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead in their opening at-bats, but Vinemont cut it to 3-1 in their half on an RBI single by Maci Smith. It was all Lady Blue Devils after that, though, as they scored the final 10 runs of the game and ended up collecting a 13-1 win over the Lady Eagles.

Smith finished with a hit and an RBI for Vinemont in the loss.

Priceville 20 – West Point 5
Priceville's bats were red-hot in their opening at-bats against West Point. They put up 12 runs in the bottom of the first to take a 12-0 lead. After being shut out for the first three innings, West Point's bats got going in the fourth. Kylee Quinn hit a leadoff single and later came around to score on an error to put them on the scoreboard.

The Lady Warriors loaded the bases with one out. Sidney Burks lined the first pitch she saw into right field for a two-run double to cut it to 12-3. Macayla Wilkins added an RBI single, and Brinlee Phillips collected a sacrifice fly to make it 12-5. The Lady Bulldogs ended things in their half, as they put up eight runs and ended up getting the 20-5 win over West Point.

Burks finished with a hit and two RBIs for West Point. Wilkins and Phillips each collected an RBI in the loss.



Pilot Club hosts Pink Petals & Pearls Fashion Show

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Pink, petals and pearls were all the rage Wednesday, April 24, at the Venue at Cotton Creek. The Pilot Club of Cullman, with the support of the community, hosted its 29th Annual fashion show and luncheon, this year dubbed the Pink Petals & Pearls Fashion Show.

Each year, the proceeds from the show directly benefit one or more of the Pilot Club's philanthropic causes. The 2024 show's funds will support four of the civic organization's projects: the Pilot Light Home, Project Lifesaver, Brain Minders and the Field of Miracles.

Pilot Club members, clad in pink shirts and white pants, were the backbone of the operation. They welcomed guests, guided them to their tables and introduced them to the nearly 20 vendor booths for some pre-show shopping.

As guests explored the offerings from Better than Before, The Copper Cricket, Karma's Coffee House, R&L Honey Farms and other vendors, Pilot Club members were busy ensuring that each of the more than 25 tables was served a delicious meal.

Marco's Pizza provided the meal, and the guests geared up for the afternoon's main event: the fashion show.

The event was hosted by the Pilot Club as a whole; however, three individuals put in the work to make it perfect, working until the wee hours of each morning – Pilot Club President Julie Burks and Event Co-Chairs, Charlotte Eklund and Tina Chapman. They spent weeks finalizing details and nailing down specifics for the event, all culminating in one two-hour extravaganza. The ladies ran the show seamlessly, from the lined-up vendors to the perfect tablescapes.

"If it had not been for Tina and Charlotte and the way they have made sure everything has worked, I would be in trouble right now," laughed Burks.

Ken Brown acted as the event's emcee, describing and offering details about each ensemble in the show.

Local sponsors of the event graciously "donated" employees to model and style clothing for the parade, with models coming from Cullman Regional and its various medical groups, Cullman Fire Rescue and Cullman Caring for Kids.

Models who were students, teachers, plastic surgeons, nonprofit directors and even local EMS and fire and rescue personnel were paraded around the stage in fine fabrics and glittering gowns provided by Mr. Hicks Mens Wear, Better Than Before and The Copper Cricket; support for the Pilot Club of Cullman and its causes the one thing they have in common.

At the end of the event, Chapman shared, "We are blessed, so blessed. The support that the community gives us, the people that help us, is amazing."



CHEYENNE SHARP/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Pilot Club of Cullman held its 29th annual fashion show and luncheon on Wednesday, April 24, 2024. Pictured (back row, left to right) are Ken Brown and Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs; (front row, left to right) Event Co-Chairs Charlotte Eklund and Tina Chapman and Pilot Club President Julie Burks.

Hilinski's Hope (from Front)

than anything that I want to get out there today is that we love our students, and we care about them. Today is all about showing how much we love them and during the program today the Hilinski's will speak and share their story. The biggest thing is, if you're having some of the struggles that their son had, reach out and tell somebody. We're super excited and today is going to be a wonderful day."

Barnette continued, "The thing about their story is that they can speak from firsthand experience. We know that mental health challenges are on the rise and we know that high school kids are really good at covering those up," Barnette said. "If nothing else, we just want to express to them and to our families that if they're struggling, get help. There's nothing wrong with that and it's nothing to be ashamed of. Reach out and tell us so we can get you the support you need to make things better."

Cullman County Schools Mental Health Services Coordinator Karen Pinion has been planning a mental health expo for some time but when she crossed paths with the Hilinski's, she knew it would be worth it to change the plan and have them involved.

"At the beginning of the school year we start planning for how we can improve academics, but we also talk about how we can help kids both socially and emotionally. We know that kids come from many different backgrounds and our job is to support them in all areas and while we focus a lot on academics we also focus on our students' mental wellbeing and their overall success as adults.

"My path was so fortunate to meet up with the Hilinskis. We had a different event planned before our paths crossed and from that point on our social workers, some of our school counselors and some of our central office people completely flipped what we had planned," Pinion said. "Andrew Hepinstall here at Temple Baptist has been instrumental in the planning. We flipped our plan and recreated this for today with 1,700 people.

"We have people from other school districts visiting hoping to replicate this and people from the state department as well. I also want to thank all of our incredible sponsors and vendors and the people that helped put this on because without them and their support we could not have done this."

Mark and Kym Hilinski both talked about the impact that losing Tyler has had on them over the years. They're excited to see the community rally around this cause and sharing Tyler's story has been a way for them to keep his memory alive and a way for them to help others who may be struggling with the same things.

"When you start seeing what it takes to put these together and you've got local police here just helping with traffic, you've got people from different schools, people from the state and you've got educators and administrators alike here and when one event can pull all these people together like that, we just couldn't be more happy to be a part of it," Mark said.

"So, for us that's a big reach for awareness and then to see all of us interacting I think is great for the kids to know that it's not just a saying, it's a way of life. We can talk about these things, we don't have to do it all the time, but we don't have to be afraid to ask for help."

"It's overwhelming. An event like this and how they pulled all these people together to make something like this happen gives us an overwhelming feeling of gratitude," Kym said.

"We're so thankful for the people that are here today, for the people that are going to hear Tyler's story and hear about our journey.

"It's sure to be an emotional day as well but I tell people all the time, every day is emotional without Tyler, and I would much rather be sharing his story and touching lives than running away and not trying to help."

"When (Tyler's) not here and he didn't tell anyone he's struggling and didn't leave a note saying 'Hey Mom I had to go', you are left not just missing him, but even his coach, Coach (Mike) Leach who is no longer with us God bless him, swore that of the 130 guys on the roster he was the least likely guy to do this," Mark said.

"So, when we share all of that I think it helps kids normalize it. We don't want your business, we're not asking for all the details but if you're not asking for help because you're worried about what your buddies might say or what your coach might think or your parents won't think you're tough enough or any of that stuff, we want to encourage you to rethink that.

"You wouldn't try to beat cancer on your own. You wouldn't do your own ACL surgery.

"So, if your mental health or your brain chemistry changes and you don't know why and you catch that early, there is zero wrong with asking for help. We want to normalize that part of it, and I can't think of a better event to show that the community cares about them."

"You see the superintendents here and the coaches and the teachers and the counselors and you have to know those kids are thinking, 'Wow, they really do care about me, not just the straight A student me, or the football player me or the drummer in the band me, they care about me in mind, body and soul'," Kym said. "That's a powerful message and I'm just grateful that Cullman County Schools has brough this to their students today, its special."

You can learn more about Hilinski's Hope Foundation and support their cause by visiting Hilinski's Hope (hilinskishope.org).

CCBOE (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — At its regularly scheduled meeting in April, the Cullman County Board of Education, along with Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette, recognized students for achieving the Alabama Seal of Biliteracy.

The board said the students have shown exceptional knowledge and proficiency in both English and Spanish. This state-recognized seal will be added to the students' diplomas, signifying their efficiency and fluency in Spanish and English to future colleges and employers.

Alabama State Department of Education Regional ESL Specialist Robin Stutts attended the meeting to assist in the recognition of the Cullman County students on a state level. Stutts said, "Today is a truly special day as we celebrate the remarkable achievements of our students who have acquired an exceptional level of literacy. This recognition acknowledges their exceptional proficiency in multiple languages and highlights their education and local communication and cultural understanding."

The students were asked to stand before the gathered meeting attendees to receive their recognition from Barnette. Students recognized were Jonatan Diaz Pesina, Mahaley Gomez, AB Martinez-Jimenez, Brittany Velazquez Morales, Jaime Rios Vazquez, Mildred Lemus, Ashley Morales-Fuentes, Jordan Sanchez-Hernandez, Elena Saldaña Orona, José Trejo-Zea, Jaquelinne Perez Rivera and Mariana Degollado-Ramos.

HOSA awards

Three Cullman Area Technology Academy (CATA) students were also recognized at the meeting; the group recently traveled to the 2024 Health Occupation Science Association (HOSA) State Leadership Conference.

"We, as a board, have invested a lot of money in upgrading that facility (CATA) there and that program (Health Sciences), and I'll tell you, every time I visit, they don't disappoint," Barnette shared.

At the state conference, students Breaze Freeman, Shayla Colchado-Reza and Trinity Sartin each received the Barbara James Service Award; this award is given to students in a health sciences technical program who have impacted their community with their volunteer work.

Sartin also came home Health Career Photography State Champion, Bethzy Rojas snatched third place in the Healthy Living category and Colchado-Reza followed closely behind Sartin in Health Career Photography in fifth place.

CATA's Public Health Team came in fifth place overall at the state conference; those team members are Ariyah Adcock, Dilynn Turner, Lily Vaught and Cali Pullium.

Kimberly Torres and Rojas walked away with scores within the top 10% of the Health Care Issues exam and Alana Bice and Katie Coleman were named Educators in Training Future Teachers of Alabama.

FCCLA awards

Cold Springs High School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) students won big at the FCCLA State Leadership Conference in March, when 10 students won gold medals.

Students recognized were Ellanora Slusser, Baylee Dye, Savannah Bischoff, Baylee Perdue, Sophia Slusser, Clayton Gary, Coco Fox, Rebecca Baggett, Aiden Freeman and Josiah Johnson.

e5 Exceptional Service Awards

Three volunteers were honored with the system's e5 Exceptional Service Award, meant for individuals who go above and beyond their assigned duties within the school system. The volunteers who were recognized were Kevin Hale and Shane McKinney from Vinemont High School as well as Ed Cowger from the Cullman County Child Development Center.

In other business the board:

- Approved the following resignations:
  - Brittany Schroer
  - Alice Steele
  - Oletia Duke
  - Selena Skipper
  - Selina Butts
  - Tonetia Peak
  - Tammy Arrington
- Approved the following leaves of absence:
  - Angelee Mathis
  - Tiffany Ellis
  - Nina Moss
  - Sonya Adams
  - Christy Chappell
- Approved the following appointments:
  - Rhonda Chaney
  - Emily Ryan
- Approved the following substitutes:
  - Douglas Bates II
  - Julie Call
  - Jennifer Hall
  - Rachel Hicks
  - Nicholas Johnson
  - Braxton Pitts
  - Nana Baugh
  - Johnna Brown
  - Angela Dooley
  - Katie Drummond
  - Sharon Gorham
  - Celina Hinkle
  - McKenzie Roberson
  - Armanda Wagoner
  - Brooke Hyjek
  - Korey Cowart
  - Tammy Gomez
  - Jennifer Miller
  - Jessica Thornton
- Approved the following salary and contract changes:
  - Amanda Martin- Upgrade to education specialist
  - Kimberly Lindsey- Upgrade to Masters
  - Summer Moon- Upgrade to Masters
  - Levi Estes- add Hanceville High School senior boys and girls Golf
- Approved 2023-2024 Non-Faculty Coaches (NFC):
  - Preston Prewitt
  - Jacy Gorham
- Approved to pay Alice Steele up to five annual leave days, as per board policy
- Approved request from Fairview High School to pay George Redding Jr. $2,500 for extra football coaching duties
- Approved request from Hanceville High School to pay Levi Estes $1,500 for field maintenance during the summer
- Approved request from Vinemont High School to pay Hunter Cornelius $1,400 for extra work at the baseball fields
- Approved request from West Point Intermediate School to pay Sonya Eady and Felicia Shearrer $250 each for work performed at West Point Intermediate and West Point Middle School pageants
- Approved Request from West Point Middle to pay Christi Hamby $250 for work performed at the West Point Middle School pageant
- Approved Fairview Elementary School's Robert Strane as before and after school tutor, to be paid $40 per hour effective March 1, 2024
- Approved out of state field trip requests from the following schools:
  - Holly Pond High School, April 3, 2024, to Orlando, FL- Concert and Jazz Band
  - Good Hope High School, May to Chicago, IL- Scholars Bowl
  - Vinemont Schools, May 8-9, 2024, Louisville, KY- Archery Teams
  - West Point High School, June 5, 2024, Reston, VA- Scholars Bowl
- Approved the purchase of two 12-month CDs, one from People's Bank of Alabama- $2 million at 4.9% interest and one from Citizens Bank and Trust- $2 million at 5.23% interest
- Approved February 2024 bills and salaries totaling $11,381,426.05
- Approved the revised salary for summer learning and reading camps and Districtwide simmer school for credit recovery for certified staff and nurses to be paid their current regular base hourly rate of pay
- Approved CATA to sell or dispose of the following equipment:
  - Culinary Arts Serving Table
  - Culinary Vollrath Mobile Serving Table
  - Welding Scotchman Iron Worker
  - Auto Service Hunter Alignment Machine
  - Auto Service DSP Balancing Machine
  - Auto Service Lift Alignment 4 Post
  - Collision Repair Paint Booth
  - Collision Repair Cadillac
- Approved request for CCBOE Maintenance Department to act as general contractor on Vinemont Elementary West Wing HVAC upgrades
- Approved request from the Cullman County Education Association for half-day professional leave for members to attend PR&R on April 26. CCEA will pay for substitutes. Members attending include:
  - Connie Hilton
  - Jennifer James
  - Marlene Hancock
  - Carol Cline
  - Ginger Hogeland
  - Lynn Bradford

The Superintendent's Report closed the meeting with important information and dates shared and reiterated by Barnette.

Kindergarten registration dates are as follows:

- April 16- Harmony
- April 17- Parkside
- April 18- Welti
- April 23- Cold Springs
- April 24- Fairview
- April 25- Good Hope Primary
- April 30-Hanceville
- May 1- Holly Pond
- May 2- Vinemont
- May 7- West Point

The fourth nine weeks report cards go home on April 19.

Cullman County Schools graduations will take place Friday through Sunday, May 17-19.

Friday May 17

- 7 p.m.- Child Development Center

Saturday May 18

- 10 a.m.- Hanceville
- Noon- Cold Springs
- 2 p.m.- Good Hope
- 4 p.m.- Holly Pond
- 6 p.m.- Fairview

Sunday May 19

- 2 p.m.- Vinemont
- 4 p.m.- West Point

The next CCBOE regularly scheduled work session will be on Monday, May 20, at 3:30 p.m. The meeting will immediately follow the work session.

Amendment (from Front)

tronic cigarettes (a product containing or delivering nicotine, or any other substance intended for human consumption that can be used by a person to simulate smoking through inhalation of vapor or aerosol from the product including, but not limited to, "vapes"), CBD products (products made from CBD containing less than 0.2% THC), and/or THC products (including Delta-8 and Delta-9 products that come from the cannabis sativa plant which are subject to Federal, State and local guidelines and laws)."

Grocery stores and pharmacies are exempted from the definition.

Signage limited

In response to local residents' complaints about stores in town placing tall feather banners in City rights of way alongside streets and displaying large signs featuring cannabis leaves and similar drug-related themes, the updated ordinance limits the use of such signage and allows the City to remove signs when necessary.

The previous ordinance phrase "Signs and advertising related to alcoholic beverages, vaping, tobacco, e-cigarettes, CBD, THC and medical cannabis" with the following regulation:

"It shall be unlawful for any person who owns or operates a place where vape products, tobacco, e-cigarettes, CBD, THC (including but not limited to CBD products, Delta-8 and Delta-9) or medical cannabis are sold to display any feather flags, banners, signs or electronic signage (including, but not limited to neon signs, LED signs, digital displays, interactive displays, mobile displays, etc.,) containing the English name, brand name, illustration/image or any phonetic spelling or misspelling of an English name for vape products, tobacco, e-cigarettes, CBD, THC or medical cannabis outside any place of business or in any window or door visible from the outside of the business. For the purposes of this chapter, any sign attached directly to any part of a window or its surroundings (including windows integrated into doors) or any sign placed within 36 inches of the window with its content visible from the outside shall be considered to be in the window.

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

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

Other council business

The council issued a proclamation naming May 6-10, 2024, as Teacher Appreciation Week in the city, and a proclamation celebrating St. John's Evangelical Church's 150th anniversary.

The council approved:

- A special event request from Katie Walker of the Chamber of Commerce to hold the annual 2nd Friday events

- A resolution approving the fiscal year 2023 audit for the City of Cullman, noting that the audit was clean with no issues

- A resolution approving the submission of a grant application to ADECA for fiscal year 2024 Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) grant funds in the amount of $1 million to construct a new hangar at Cullman Regional Airport

- A resolution to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for a fiscal year 2025-26 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) in the amount of $25 million to replace St. Bernard Bridge and widen U.S. Highway 278 to four lanes near the bridge. Council President Jenny Folsom said the grant is competitive, and that the City has sought it unsuccessfully in the past.

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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.

NOTICE OF COMPLETION (3,000,000 Gallon Water Storage Tank on Woodland Tank Painting and Repair)

In accordance with Section 39-1-1, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given that G & L Tank Sandblasting and Coatings LLC has completed the Contract for 3,000,000 Gallon Water Storage Tank on Woodland Tank Painting and Repair for City of Cullman, Cullman, Alabama, and has made request for final settlement as provided by the Contract. All persons having any claims for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify City of Cullman, 204 2nd Ave NE, Cullman, AL 35055. G & L Tank Sandblasting and Coatings LLC, 2101 Hwy 64 West, Shelbyville, TN 37160.

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
Circuit Clerk

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
ELDRIGE RAY FULENWIDER, * CASE NO. PC 2024 - 135
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE: Letters Testamentary having been granted to Gayla Denene Pierce as Personal Representative of the Estate of Eldrige Ray Fulenwider, deceased, on the 23rd day April, 2024, 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.

Gayla Denene Pierce
Personal Representative

Shay Persall

Attorney for Personal Representative

SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC
611 Seventh Street, SW
Cullman, AL 35055
Telephone: (256) 841-7800

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
THOMAS FRANKLIN GOLDEN, * **CASE NO.: PC2024-142**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to STACY GOLDEN ETHEREDGE, as Personal Representative of the Estate of THOMAS FRANKLIN GOLDEN, deceased, on the 23rd 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.

STACY GOLDEN ETHEREDGE
Personal Representative

Maurine C. Evans
The Evans Law Firm, P.C.
1736 Oxmoor Road
Birmingham, Alabama 35209
205-870-1970

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
SYBLE F. OSMER, * CASE NO. PC2023-265
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: **JAMES ROBERT WEBB, JR., MICHAEL KEVIN SCHAFER, JR., MAGEN LASHAY SCHAFER, ANITA FAY DAVENPORT, LORETTA LYNN SCHAFER AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES.**

Petition for Probate of Will for the Estate of Syble F. Osmer, Deceased, was filed the 10th day of August, 2023, made court record the 11th day of August, 2023, by William Osmer, Petitioner, through Attorney Pamela E. Nail. A hearing on this matter has been rescheduled for the **20th day of May, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama.

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

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

DONE this the 23rd day of April, 2024.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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Pamela E. Nail
Attorney for Petitioner
200 Second Avenue, SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
WILLIAM EDWARD CHECKON, * CASE NO. PC2023-282
An alleged incapacitated person. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF CONSERVATORSHIP AND GUARDIANSHIP

TO: **MICHAEL CHECKON, MARYANN CHECKON, HELEN VOLOCH AND ANY AND ALL KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES.**

Petition for Letters of Conservatorship and Guardianship was filed the 28th day of August, 2023, made court record the 29th day of August, 2023, by Carol E. Hulgan, Petitioner. Attorney for Petitioner, Richard L. Collins. A hearing on this matter has been rescheduled for the **20th day of May, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama.

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

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500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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Richard L. Collins
Attorney for Petitioner
PO Box 669
Cullman, AL 35056

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF:
THE ESTATE OF TERRY LYNN HATLEY, DECEASED
CASE NO.: PC2024-108

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have been granted BARBARA AKINS as Personal Representative of the Estate of TERRY LYNN HATLEY, deceased, on the 23rd 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 will be barred.

s/ BARBARA AKINS
Personal Representative

Zachary Starnes
Attorney for Personal Representative
P.O. Box 2688
Decatur, Alabama 35602-2688

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
LEWIS NATE TERRY, * CASE NO. PC2022-053
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: **CHARLCIE HENSLEY, LAURIE POUNDERS, JOSEPH TERRY, J.H. TERRY, DEBBIE SHEPARD, BEVERLY BELL, AND ELVIE PROCTOR, AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES.**

Petition for Probate of Will, Amended Petition for Probate of Will and Amended Petition for Probate of Will for the Estate of Lewis Nate Terry, Deceased, filed by Alvin Terry, Petitioner, through Attorney Melvin Hasting. A hearing on this matter has been rescheduled for the **20th day of May, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama

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

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

DONE this the 23rd day of April, 2024.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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Melvin Hasting
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 517
Cullman, AL 35056

BOOK REVIEW

'The Thursday Murder Club' by Richard Osman

Cathy Lay Mayor
Contributor

Every Thursday, four senior citizens who live in an upscale retirement community meet to discuss cold case files and try to solve the murders the police could not.

Each member has his or her own skill set. Joyce Meadowcroft is the last to join the group. She becomes its scribe. She keeps a journal of the club's activities, which she shares with the reader. Elizabeth has a secret past. She has connections with the government's dark side, which aids in solving murders. Another member is "Red" Ron Ritchie. He was an activist in his youth and he is not shy about offering his opinions. He provides an energy to the group. Ibrahim Arif is a retired therapist. He tries to analyze the people involved in the cases to figure out their motives.

Richard Osman has done a great job of bringing the characters to life. Together they make a great team. They are a quiet group whiling away the hours studying cold cases. Until Tony Curran, a partner in the property development company of their retirement community, is murdered. Now, they a have "real" murder to solve. The Murder Club developed a relationship with PD Donna De Freitas after she gave a lecture on cybersecurity for the elderly. The members try to enlist her help, but she is a police officer in a male-dominated police force. She is struggling to fit in and is hesitant to help the club as it might hurt her chances of advancement. So, the club works alone and tries to stay a step ahead of the police and De Freitas. The novel is fast paced and sometimes hysterical. There are many twists and turns in Osman's debut novel that keep the reader mesmerized.

Richard Osman is an author and television presenter. His novels, "The Thursday Murder Club," "The Man Who Died Twice," "The Bullet That Missed" and "The Last Devil to Die," were No. 1, million-copy international bestsellers as well as New York Times bestsellers. He lives in London with his wife, Ingrid, and Liesl the cat. (Penguin Random House)

Cathy Lay Mayor grew up in Cullman and graduated from Cullman High School in 1976. She says when she writes book reviews, she tries to remember what Mrs. Gilbert taught her in 11th-grade English. She lived in Dothan for more than 30 years and is married with three adult children and six grandchildren. She retired to Panama City, but still calls Alabama home.



Week (from Front)

W.C. Mann
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council on Monday, April 22, issued a proclamation naming May 6-10, 2024, as Teacher Appreciation Week in the city, joining the upcoming national observance. Mayor Woody Jacobs delivered the proclamation to Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff, who was accompanied to the meeting by several of the system's principals and award-winning teachers.

Reading from the proclamation, Jacobs called teachers "the cornerstone of our educational system, dedicating their time, energy and expertise to shape the minds and future of our youth," and said that "National Teacher Appreciation Week provides an opportunity to express our gratitude for the invaluable contributions made by teachers each day."

Kallhoff said, "On behalf of the school system, I'm so grateful that the City leadership is just recognizing our principals and the work we do at the schools, and there's some principals here with us and of course I'm here.

"But the rubber doesn't hit the road with us. It's the teachers. And when you're one of the top five school systems in the state of Alabama – and we are one of the top five – there's got to be something special going on in the classroom."

Kallhoff also shared the system's quarterly report, telling the council that:

- The high school recently hosted over 200 students for an "in-house field trip" to learn STEM skills like coding, robotics and virtual reality
- The robotics clubs of East Elementary and West Elementary will team up for a robotics showcase at West Elementary on May 6, 2024
- West Elementary student Avery Maples placed third in the elementary division of the statewide Alabama Governor's App Challenge for her "Daily Trivia App"
- City schools will be out on May 3, 2024, for the state high school track meet
- Non-resident enrollment opens May 1, 2024, and will go to mid-June; because of current numbers, Kallhoff said that the system is especially seeking seventh and eighth graders
- The high school track resurfacing project will begin in May
- Fire alarms will be upgraded this summer at Cullman City Primary School and East Elementary School
- A second-grade playground will be installed at Cullman City Primary School
- Construction and renovation continues at Cullman Middle School

For more on Cullman City Schools, visit www.cullmancats.net.



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff, second from left, accompanied by principals and teachers from the system, receives the City's proclamation of Teacher Appreciation Week from Mayor Woody Jacobs, left, on Monday, April 22, 2024. Pictured left to right after Kallhoff are Cullman High School Principal Allison Tuggle, Cullman City School Board Member Jill Bradberry, Cullman High School Fine Arts Department Chair and Director of Bands Christopher Smith, East Elementary School Teacher Leeanna Smith, East Elementary School Principal Melanie Harris, Cullman High School Teacher David Benefield, Paige Clabo, Cullman City Primary School Principal Elizabeth Shaddix and Cullman City Primary School Teacher Susan Sharpe.

Obituary Announcements: April 23-24

William 'W.C.' Carl Peinhardt, 97
William Carl 'W.C.' Peinhardt passed away on April 20, 2024. He was 97 years old. A true son of Cullman County, he was born in Cullman. After her husband's death, Hattie bought land to farm in Johnson's Crossing near her own family's farm and built a house in 1936. Apart from his time in Auburn and the army, W.C. lived in that same house until he died there, surrounded by children and grandchildren. He graduated from Hanceville High School in 1944 and spent a year at Alabama Polytechnic Institute (later renamed Auburn University) before being drafted into the U.S. Army during WWII. After serving in Namur, Belgium, W.C. came back home and completed two years at St. Bernard in Cullman before heading back to API where he earned his degree in Agricultural Engineering in 1950. He began his career at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville with Wernher von Braun's new rocket development team where he helped test the German V-1 and V-2 rocket equipment to see how it performed in humid Southeast conditions. When an opening became available at Greif Bros. Corporation in Cullman in 1951, W.C. jumped on the chance to drop the daily commute to Huntsville because he knew he would never leave his beloved farm. He retired from Greif Bros. in 1993. W.C. married Dorothea McNutt of Hanceville on April 4, 1951, and she helped him discover what became his true joy in life: family. He and Dot had six children who, in turn, gave them ten grandchildren. The grandkids loved visiting the farm, where Mamaw and Papaw created wonderful memories with tractor rides, bonfires, and the occasional ice cream for breakfast. Mostly, though, they fostered a deep love family. Dot died too soon in 2010 and never met their two great-grandchildren, who brought much joy to W.C.'s life. He served in numerous capacities at Christ Lutheran, the church his father helped establish and where five generations have worshiped. He was elected to the board of the Cullman County Commission on Education from 1966-1971 and was chairman for the 1970-1971 term, and he served his community for years as a member of the Hanceville Lion's Club. In 1950, he had the distinction of being Cullman's final Strawberry King. W.C. is survived by his children and their spouses: Al and Cathy Peinhardt of Gearhart, Oregon; Mary Jo and Richard Lakin of Hanceville; Bill and Julie Peinhardt of Cheshire, Connecticut; Cindy and Robert Gonstad of Hanceville; Chris and Thomas Gropp of Rochester Hills, Michigan; and Amy and Bill Harley of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina. His grandchildren are Ryan Peinhardt (Jasmine) of Raleigh, North Carolina; Matt Peinhardt of Seaside, Oregon; Beth Gonstad Stevens (Matthew) of Madison; Kate Gonstad Esteves (Frank) of Harvest; Katherine Peinhardt of Freiburg, Germany; Christopher Peinhardt of Savannah, Georgia; Max Harley of Greenville, South Carolina; and Grant Harley of Clemson, South Carolina. Great-grandchildren are Zoey Wisener (Andrew) and Alder Stevens (Beth). The visitation and service will be held Saturday, April 27, at Christ Lutheran Church: 424 Second Avenue SE in Cullman. Visitation will be from noon-2 p.m. with service beginning at 2 p.m. Interment will be immediately following at Hopewell Cemetery in Hanceville. Arrangements are by Hanceville Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Christ Lutheran Church (P.O. Box 474, Cullman, AL 35056) or the Peinhardt Living History Farm (P.O. Box 1938, Cullman, AL 35056).

Robert Ed "Beau" LaRue Jr., 63
Robert Ed "Beau" LaRue Jr., 63, of Blountsville, passed away at home on the morning of Sunday, April 21, 2024, after a long battle with malignant brain tumors. Beau is survived by his devoted wife of 38 years, Lynda O. LaRue; his two children, Lauren (David) Topping of Hendersonville, Tennessee, and Robert LaRue III (Emily) of Decatur; three grandchildren, Abigail Reagan and Brooks Bynum Topping and Rhett Oliver LaRue; his mother, Mrs. Nell LaRue of Blountsville; brother-in-law, Neill Tyler of Pelham, and 3 nephews, Bailey, Drew, and Cason Tyler; as well as a host of cherished extended family and friends. Beau is preceded in death by his father, Robert LaRue Sr., of Blountsville and his sister, Lisa LaRue Tyler of Pelham. Beau LaRue was a devoted member and deacon of Liberty Hill Missionary Baptist Church in the Royal Community, having committed his life to Christ at an early age. Beau graduated from Susan Moore High School ('79) and Auburn University ('85), the first in his immediate family to graduate from college, with a degree in Poultry Science. Over the course of his 35+ year professional career, Beau worked for Gold Kist, Pilgrim's Pride (retired), and Ingram Farms as a Poultry Farm Servicer until his illness forced him to stop working. Beau was a devoted family man and an upstanding member of his community. Beau loved music of many kinds, SCUBA diving, amateur photography, and traveling to the beach or mountains. He will be remembered by his family for his smile, his sense of humor, his work ethic, and his willingness to come to the aid of others in times of need. His children will always credit him with encouraging their dreams and ambitions, and ensuring they had opportunities to learn, grow, and experience the world. He will be deeply missed. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 24, from 5 -8 p.m. at Blountsville Funeral Home (69555 Main Street, Blountsville, AL 35031). Additional visitation will begin 9 a.m. on Thursday, April 25, at Liberty Hill Missionary Baptist Church (321 Timmerman Road, Blountsville, AL 35031). Funeral services will begin at 10 a.m. to be followed by interment at the Liberty Hill Missionary Baptist Church cemetery, of which Beau was a caretaker for many years. Pallbearers are Robert LaRue III, David Topping, Darryl Oden, Michael Oden, Rev. Bobby Goss, Roger Martin, David Skidmore, and Joe Gossett. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Beau's name to Both Hands, a nonprofit aimed at funding adoption through service to widows and orphans. This special program was instrumental in bringing his granddaughter, Abigail into our life. Donations may be made at https://bothhands.kindful.com/?campaign=1299858.

Gracie Jones, 82
Graveside services for Gracie Jones, 82, of Hanceville will be 2 p.m. Thursday April 25, 2024 at Welti Cemetery. Mrs. Jones was born Nov. 10, 1941, in Cullman, Alabama to Arbell and Maggie (Thomas) Hooper. She passed away April 23, 2024 at her residence in Hanceville, Alabama. Mrs. Jones is survived by her husband, James R. Jones; children, Tony Hardy (Rhonda), Eddie Hardy (Rhonda), Shawn Jones (Kelly), Jeremy Jones (Jennifer); 11 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; sister and brother-in-law, Fran Creel (Dave); brothers, James Hooper, Gerald Hooper, and Robert Hooper. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Jones was preceded in death by her daughter, Rhonda Marie Swann; brothers, Carl Hooper, Roger Hooper, Ralph Junior Hooper, John Paul Hooper; and sister, Jeanette Trusty.

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Dodge City MX Park hosting 'Biggest Allstar Showdown in the South' April 27-28

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BREMEN, Ala. — Dodge City Motocross is gearing up for the "Biggest Allstar Showdown in the South," an AMA-sanctioned motocross event set to take place April 27-28 at the Dodge City MX Park, located at 10070 Alabama Highway 69 S in Bremen. The event will feature a full day of practice on Saturday followed by competitive races on Sunday, showcasing riders aged 4 to 55.

The event kicks off on Saturday with practice sessions from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., allowing riders to get a feel for the track and make last-minute adjustments before the main event. Spectators are welcome both days, with a gate fee of $25 covering Saturday and Sunday. For those only attending on race day, the fee is $15 per person older than 7, with children 6 and younger admitted free.

Sunday's race day starts at 8:30 a.m., promising a day filled with high-speed action as riders compete across various heats. The races will not only showcase talent, but also offer unique trophies crafted from wood sourced from the park's fairy forest, adding a local touch to the prizes.

For spectators, Dodge City MX provides ample seating with bleachers available, though guests are welcome to bring their chairs or blankets for comfort. In addition to the races, the event will feature several parts vendors and concessions. Dodge City MX Park, known for its comprehensive motocross facilities, including a main track, night track, GP track, kids' track, supercross track and miles of trails, aims to be the premier motocross destination in Alabama and the Southeast.

"We want everyone to come out and watch the fastest riders in the south," shared Dodge City MX Park Owner Danielle DeVaney.

For more details or to get in touch with questions, those interested are encouraged to visit the Dodge City MX Park's Facebook page. A complete schedule of events for both Saturday and Sunday is available on the event page.

FAITH

Temple Baptist Church hosting 'Ring of Fire Around You' Women's Conference April 27

Cheyenne Sharp
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Temple Baptist Church is set to host the "Ring of Fire Around You" Women's Conference on Saturday, April 27, from 8:30 a.m.-noon. Organized by Standing in the Gap ministries, the conference aims to address critical issues affecting women today, including domestic violence, generational legacies and self-worth, through a Christian perspective.

Standing in the Gap ministries, led by founder and director Jennifer Clark, serves as a pivotal resource for women in crisis. Dedicated to offering support to victims of domestic violence, women in safe houses and those affected by homelessness and trafficking, the ministry extends beyond crisis intervention to provide comprehensive assistance.

"We help women who have left with nothing but the clothes on their backs and scared children in the backseat.

"We put them somewhere safe, feed them, clothe them, help get mom safe, help find mama a job, help get counseling for all of them and support them as much as we can financially in partnership with other agencies in our community. We also get them medical care if any of them need that, and we do all of this until mom can get on her feet. It takes a village.

"We also help the homeless. We help with hunger, and we rescue trafficking victims. But first and foremost, and above all else, we do not make one move without the guidance and direction of God," Clark stated.

The conference is designed to not only educate and inform, but also to motivate action and foster a community of support among Christian women.

Clark highlighted the conference as a unique gathering that focuses on deep, often overlooked issues that many women face.

"It's time for strong believing women to come alongside, learn about real, raw, reality and put some feet to their faith.

"God never intended for His daughters to live lives feeling like they have no value, no worth, no hope. Come find out what God intended for the daughters He loves," she said.

The event is inspired by the promise in Zechariah 2:5, where God declared, "I will be to her a wall of fire around her, and I will be the glory in her midst."

The conference will feature Clark as a speaker, as well as Lisa Roxanne Richardson from Birmingham, known for her outreach work with the homeless and efforts to rescue women from trafficking. Both speakers will share personal experiences and stories of hope and recovery.

"We will be sharing real, raw stories of our day-to-day experiences. It's one of those things you have to hear to believe.

"I know I'll be sharing of a rescue of a trafficked young woman here in Cullman. And I know Lisa has so many stories of homelessness turned into hope," Clark explained.

With many goals on the table for the night of the conference, Clark said the importance of Jesus and His love remains the central goal of the night, "First and foremost is to share the love of Jesus Christ. It's to give an opportunity for anyone that doesn't know Him to accept Him as their Lord and Savior and to be welcomed into the family," she said.

The conference also seeks to raise awareness about the harsh realities faced by many women in situations often hidden from society's blanketed eyes.

Through testimony and expert guidance shared by Clark and Richardson both, the event aims to equip women with the knowledge and support needed to overcome many of these adversities.

Ultimately, Clark said, she hopes to empower women with hope and renewed worth, all while sharing the love of Jesus, "Our goal is for the women that come who are in these situations who are living them day in and day out to come and hear about hope and about value and about worth.

"It's to bring these women the absolute truth that Jesus loves them, and He never intended for them to have the life that they're living right now. It's for them to come and listen and let us tell them about a God that loves them. We want to help them with the first day of the second half of their life."

Attendees are encouraged to bring their Bibles and notebooks, ready to engage with the powerful messages and worship opportunities presented. Complimentary coffee, soft drinks and light refreshments will be available. Additionally, vendors offering both information and unique items for purchase will be available after the main portion of the conference.

For more information, participants can reach out via email to standinginthegapministry1@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/events/774827707452913.

Clark's parting message captures the spirit of the event, "God will put you together in front of those who broke you. Don't think it wasn't seen by Him. You will not only recover, but you will flourish. He will be with you in every step of your journey, mending every fracture, healing every wound, and restoring every lost hope. He is your Faithful Protector and Healer. He will build you back stronger than ever. Oh, to have a generation of daughters who can rise up to who God called them to be!"

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