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Cullman Civitan Club returns

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CULLMAN, Ala. — For years, the Cullman Civitan Club worked throughout the Cullman community, providing service, support and help to those in need. After a dwindling membership roster forced the club to relinquish its charter, the Cullman Civitan Club is, once again, in full operation.

On Thursday, April 25, the Cullman Civitan Club held its charter meeting, marking its official return as a branch of Civitan International. Members said the support and guidance of neighboring clubs, the Hanceville Civitan Club and the Decatur Civitan Club, were instrumental in bringing the Cullman Club back to life.

The meeting began with a contest that was started at a previous gathering. Members were able to take home a wooden birdhouse, constructed by clients and staff at Hope Horses, to paint and decorate. Club Director Ruth Nicklaus' cozy cottage came in first place with Director Kathy Sims' and member Taylor Johnson's in second with a bubble- » PAGE 9

The newly reformed Cullman Civitan Club held its charter meeting on Thursday, April 25, 2024, at the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce. Cullman Civitan Club President Tia Smallwood is pictured with Hanceville Civitan Club President James Fields. »



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– FAITH –

Elements Health & Wellness Spa dedicates business to Christ



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At the Dedication to God ceremony at Elements Health & Wellness Spa on April 24, 2024, Owner Melissa Oblawski is prayed over by Pastor Roger Woodard and others.

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The owner of Elements Health & Wellness Spa said she felt a calling to publicly dedicate her business to Jesus Christ – so she did just that.

On Wednesday, April 24, Melissa Oblawski said she has felt a heaviness in her spirit and relationship with Jesus that she needed to verbally and physically put Christ first in all things, and that started with dedicating her business to him.

"I have felt a calling to truly put God first this year," Oblawski said. "It is biblical to always give God your first fruits whether time, money, etc.

"God keeps guiding me to put Him first and He laid it on my heart that also meant my business, too. So today we dedicated Elements Health & Wellness Spa to God, officially and publicly declaring this."

Oblawski said she knows they will all be blessed by "being obedient."

"Obedience is better than sacrifice, scripture tells us," she said. "We also had an anointing service where we could be anointed with oil for healing, direction, guidance, wisdom, etc. Pastor Roger Woodard is my uncle whom I sat under for over five years while in Los Angeles in the 1990s.

"He has many studies on Revelations and God's economy that can be found on YouTube and different podcasts. He led our dedication ceremony today and we are very thankful for him, our staff and community members that attended."

Elements Health & Wellness Spa is located at 111 First St. NE in Cullman. Find out more at www.cullmancryoskin.com or www.facebook.com/power.natureelements.

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Hanceville City Council updates community on pool



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported April 26

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported April 25, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

April 22

- lewd act in public; resisting arrest; CR 437
- criminal mischief; Schaeffel Rd.
- domestic violence; CR 1859
- theft of property; Mercury Dr.
- theft of property; CR 1231
- harassment; CR 38
- possession of dangerous drugs; Hwy. 69S

April 23

- possession of marijuana; CR 728
- trespassing; CR 718
- harassment; Commercial St. SE
- harassment; Welcome Rd.
- harassment; CR 1834
- theft of property; CR 1373
- possession of dangerous drugs; illegal possession of prescription drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69S

April 24

- domestic violence; CR 1592
- burglary; CR 1551
- domestic violence; CR 549
- harassment; CR 143
- trespassing; CR 1082
- trespassing; CR 747
- domestic violence; CR 5201
- theft of property; CR 106
- theft of property; CR 587
- shooting into occupied dwelling; reckless endangerment; CR 813

ARRESTS

April 22-24

Anders, Cody D.; 31
- FTA - driving while license suspended

Belton, Rodriquez K.; 22
- FTA – possession of marijuana
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – improper lights

Bright, John S.; 53
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Bryan, Cindy L.; 42
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- illegal possession of prescription drugs

Cantrell, Jacob R.; 31
- PROBATION VIOLATION - illegal possession of prescription drugs
- PROBATION VIOLATION - possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Chandler, Steven I.; 34
- FTA – drug trafficking
- FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia

Duke Jr., Michael J.; 34
- criminal mischief – damaged property
- criminal trespass

Fanning, Ricky D.; 32
- FTA – public intoxication
- FTA - driving while suspended, revoked, or cancelled

Fite, William R.; 66
- FTA - driving while license suspended

Floyd Jr., Thomas M.; 38
- FTA – defrauding secured creditors

Gaddis, Jennifer A.; 39
- exposure or lewd act in public
- resisting arrest

Golden, Chrischawn M.; 27
- GJ – theft-grand jury arrest warrant

Green, Allen D.; 40
- FTA - criminal trespass

Hampton, Matthew D.; 34
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Hydrick, Emily T.; 27
- FTA – DUI (controlled substances)
- FTA - illegal possession of prescription drugs

Mentzer, Jacob M.; 32
- disorderly conduct

Moore, Jessica S.; 42
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – resisting arrest
- FTA – driving without driver's license

Padgett, Eric S.; 45
- harassing communications

Sandlin, Dallas C.; 26
- FTA – permitting dogs to run at large (2 counts)
- FTA - failure to immunize dog/cat for rabies (2 counts)

Sapp, Sherman R.; 44
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous, $500-less than $1500

Shaddrix, Dekota B.; 24
- PROBATION VIOLATION – assault-2nd degree

Swann, Nathaniel B.; 38
- possession of methamphetamine

Swindall, Emma R.; 25
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Terrell, Jonathan M.; 41
- FTA – DUI (alcohol)
- FTA – improper lane usage
- FTA – driving while license suspended
- FTA – open container-alcohol in vehicle

Thomas, Belinda S.; 50
- FTA – driving while license suspended
- FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia

Willis, Mikka A.; 30
- DUI (alcohol)

Wise, Justin D.; 39
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Tips (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County is no stranger to severe weather and dangerous storms. Everyone remembers the tornadoes of 2011 that ripped portions of the scenery to shreds; likewise, a hail storm in 2018 left the area with millions of dollars of in damage. Unpredictable weather and springtime go hand in hand here.

Cullman County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director Tim Sartin shared useful tips and information for residents, saying that early warnings and alerts in the moments before a storm can, quite literally, save a life. "Always have two methods of getting your information. Always have a weather radio in addition to a cellphone, computer or TV. If we can't reach you, we can't notify you," he said. "There are multiple apps you can download to your phone, we (Cullman County EMA) have an app; the Weather Channel app is very accurate."

Whether radios are designed to alert households of special weather statements. They can also be run with batteries in the event of a major power outage, broadcasting signals and alerts from the National Weather Service.

Creating a plan and an emergency "go-bag" are two of the preparedness tips Sartin championed. The plan should consist of a list of local shelter locations, an escape route for every natural disaster and the necessary steps to ensure the safety of all individuals involved. Pets should be taken into account when deciding on emergency plans. Determining which local shelters accept animals in the case of an evacuation is something that often is left to chance, forcing owners in a precarious situation to make split-second decisions for their animals.

"That is definitely something that people don't think about – 'Will the shelter accept my pet?' but most shelters don't allow animals, so that is something to plan for, too," said Sartin.

The "go-bag" should consist of extra clothing and important documentation, battery packs, chargers for any medical equipment or electronic devices, a small first-aid kit and – perhaps the most important items that could and should be placed in the emergency bag – are any needed medications (enough for at least 48-72 hours) and bottled water.

Said Sartin, "You need at least two to three days' worth of any life-saving medication in the bag, ready to go. Bottled water is so important; you can live a lot longer without food than you can without access to clean water."

While statistically, the National Weather Service indicates that most of the tornado outbreaks in the Tennessee Valley happen during the month of April; nature is a fickle thing with a vengeance and can devastate lives and communities at any time.

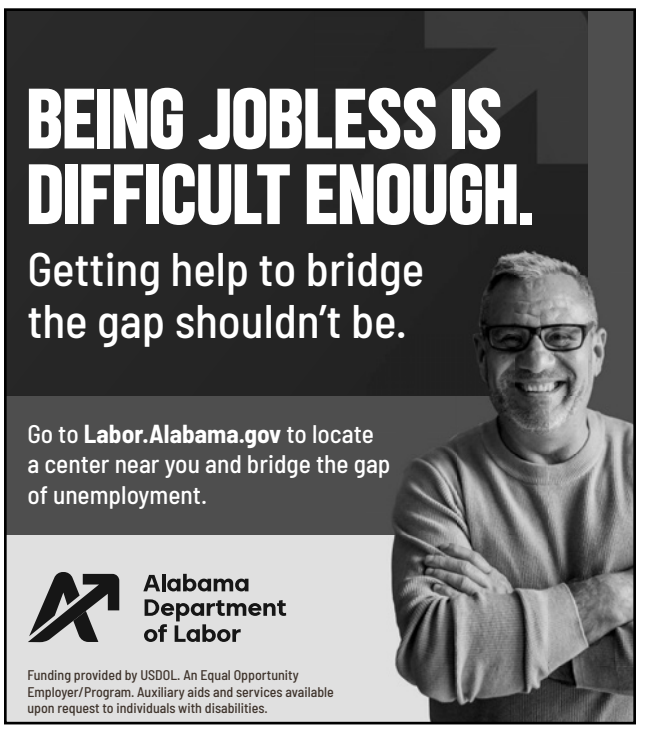
Sartin and the team at Cullman County EMA are prepared for any event that comes their way. "We are here to alert the community to emergency situations, but we have to be able to reach you to alert you," he said.




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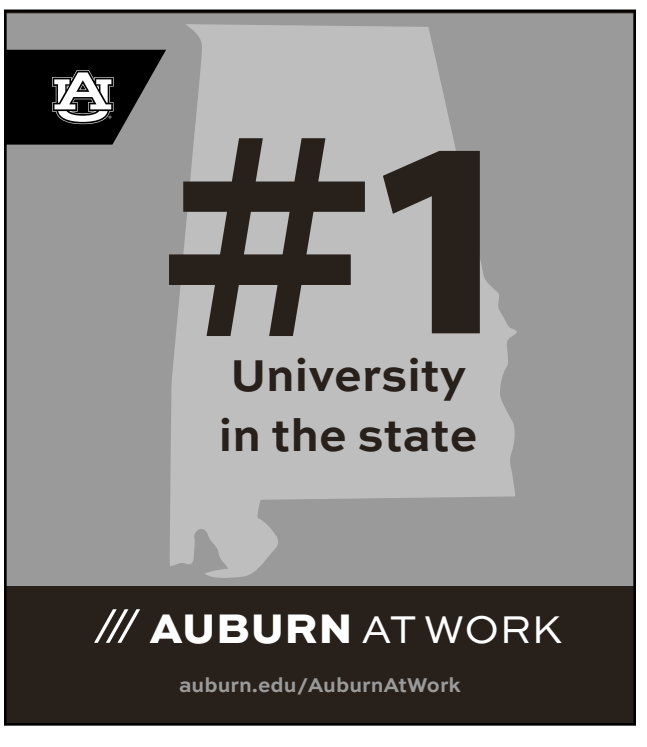
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Public Notice: Mt. Zion Cemetery
Please remove all ground flowers/decorations from graves at Mt. Zion Cemetery at Vinemont (Highway 31) for spring cleaning and mowing.

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.
• 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.

Explore big rigs and more at 'Touch a Truck' event May 18

Gauge Day
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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman Electric Cooperative is set to host its annual Touch a Truck event on Saturday, May 18, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Cullman County Fairgrounds. This free event offers a unique opportunity for community members of all ages to explore a variety of vehicles up close.

Attendees can expect an interactive experience with vehicles from the Cullman County Sheriff's Office, City of Cullman police and fire departments, Cullman EMS and numerous volunteer fire departments.

The event will also showcase bucket trucks, tractor trailers, a helicopter, farm tractors, buses and heavy construction equipment provided by local businesses.

Cullman EC Vice President of Member Engagement and Communications, Brian Lacy, emphasized the interactive nature of the event, saying, "Touch a Truck is meant to be a hands-on event. The doors will be open on these vehicles, and guests are encouraged to get inside and check them out.

Representatives from all of the emergency agencies or businesses will be there to talk about the vehicles and show people around."

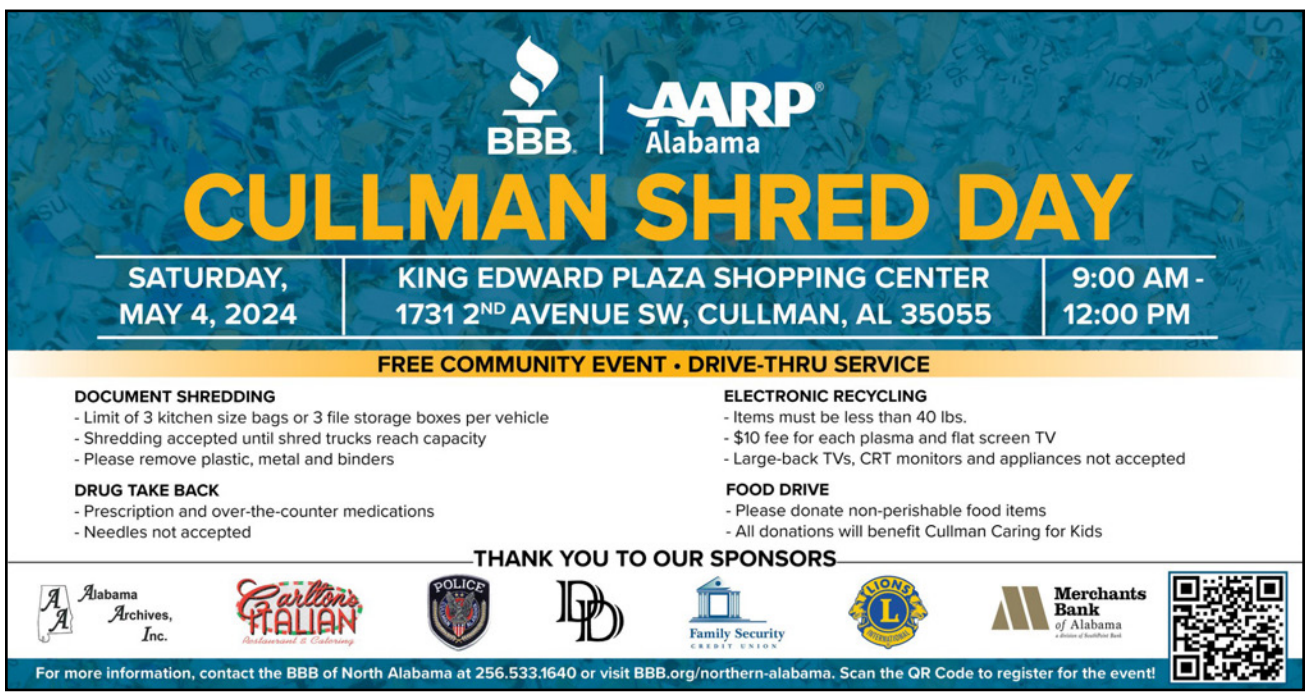
For those looking for a quieter experience, a sensory-friendly hour will be available from 9-10 a.m., during which the event will operate without flashing lights and loud noises to accommodate guests who prefer a more subdued environment.

In addition to the vehicle exploration, the event will feature local food trucks and vendors, providing a variety of refreshments for purchase. For further details on the vehicles and activities planned for this year's Touch a Truck, follow Cullman EC on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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Low-cost spay/neuter certificates available

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Arab-based nonprofit God's Feral Felines, focused on reducing cat overpopulation, has been awarded a $2,500 grant by national nonprofit Petco Love. This investment supports the organization's efforts in Marshall and Cullman counties to offer spay and neuter services at reduced costs.

Petco Love has been a significant player in animal welfare since 1999, investing millions in adoption and other lifesaving initiatives. Its commitment extends to helping local organizations like God's Feral Felines ensure that no pet is unnecessarily euthanized.

"Our investment in God's Feral Felines is part of more than $15 million in investments recently announced by Petco Love to power local organizations across the country as part of our commitment to create a future in which no pet is unnecessarily euthanized.

"Our local investments are only part of our strategy to empower animal lovers to drive lifesaving change right alongside us," shared Petco Love President Susanne Kogut.

Until May 3, God's Feral Felines will offer special $40 spay/neuter certificates as part of this initiative.

"We are grateful and privileged to have secured this lifesaving investment from Petco Love.

"Our primary focus remains on spaying and neutering through all our initiatives. By encouraging cat owners to have their pets spayed and neutered, we contribute to reducing the need for TNR (trap-neuter-return) cats and rescues in the future," explained Pamela Keck, director of God's Feral Felines.

These certificates are available on a first-come, first-served basis, with a limit of 50 available through the organization's website. The $40 fee includes spaying or neutering and a rabies vaccine.

God's Feral Felines serves the communities of Marshall, Cullman and Blount counties and has recently expanded its services to include Etowah County.

This nonprofit organization focuses on the spaying and neutering of both community and owned cats, aiming to control and reduce the local feline population responsibly.

By the end of 2023, God's Feral Felines had sterilized 5,814 cats, with plans to continue this work into 2024.

This year, while continuing its TNR initiatives, God's Feral Felines will focus primarily on providing affordable spay and neuter services to cats owned by low-income families.

For more details about applying for the low-cost spay/neuter certificates or to learn more about the services provided by God's Feral Felines, visit www.GFFCats.org or call 256-640-8000.

This service is available to Cullman residents who apply before the 50 certificates are claimed.

Further information about Petco Love and its programs can be found at petcolove.org.

The Flying Fifty: New boutique hotel owned by WSCC alumni

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — As Wallace State continues its celebration of Community College Month, it is highlighting the successes of students and alumni.

The Flying Fifty, a new boutique hotel run by two Wallace State Community College alumni, Paul and Challie Johnson Knetter, will open soon in downtown Cullman. The hotel will be located at 515 Fourth St. SW, adjacent to Hank's Sports Bar & Rumors Deli, and is set to host its grand opening on May 4, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

The Flying Fifty Hotel is the result of the combined efforts of the Knetters and John Riley, president of Cullman Savings Bank and Wallace State Future Foundation board member.

The hotel aims to fulfil the need for upscale lodging in Cullman while also celebrating the history of the area, fulfilling a dream of Riley's inspired by a visit to the Gunrunner Hotel in Florence and architectural elements in downtown Fairhope.

Riley said he found the perfect partners in Paul and Challie, who helped him to realize that dream by establishing The Flying Fifty, LLC, to develop and run the operation.

"There was a need for luxury hotel accommodations in Cullman. We wanted to honor our community's past while looking forward to the future of Cullman," said Challie. "Locally made products from Alabama will be used throughout the hotel. The hotel will use the convenience of a hybrid self-check-in system, which many luxury boutique hotels utilize. If someone rents all the suites, they will also have private access to the conference room, library and large outdoor balcony space."

The Flying Fifty Hotel will feature seven rooms on the top floor, with three tenant spaces and a Cullman Savings Bank drive-through location on the first floor. Each of the rooms will feature a different theme surrounding the history and culture of Cullman.

The Knetters both enrolled in classes at Wallace State Community College in 2016. Challie, originally from Hartselle, said her time at the college introduced her to multiple people in the Cullman area that shaped who she is today. She also shared that she first met Paul during her freshman year history class.

"Our involvement in the Cullman community began when we both started attending college at Wallace State in 2016. We loved attending Wallace State, and we loved meeting so many people that we still keep in touch with today," said Challie. "The best part of attending Wallace State definitely was meeting each other."

While enrolled at Wallace State, Paul, a business entrepreneurship graduate, was the president of Rotaract and a member of SGA. He was a member in the Phi Theta Kappa honor society and the Wallace State scholars' bowl team. At graduation in 2018, Paul received the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence.

During her time at Wallace State, Challie, a business management graduate, was SGA President, vice president of Campus Ministries and Club Service Coordinator of the Rotaract Club. She was president of Phi Theta Kappa honor society and was a member of Mu Alpha Theta and Sigma Kappa Delta honor societies. In 2018, she was named Wallace State Homecoming Queen.

Challie said she first heard about the story of the Flying Fifty as a student at Wallace State.

"Paul and I volunteered with our Wallace State history class to help celebrate the Chamber of Commerce's 75th Anniversary by dressing up in period fashion. At the event, the Chamber highlighted The Flying Fifty and it was clear they made a huge impact on our community. We didn't know at the time, but we would later choose the name of the hotel to honor this incredible group," said Challie. Challie shared that the hotel is named after a group of 48 area men, self-dubbed "The Flying Fifty," who travelled around the United States in the 1950s, encouraging business owners to bring their operations to Cullman. The mural on the outer brick wall, painted by Arab-based artist Donald Walker, is in reference to a photograph of these men preparing to board an airplane southbound to the King Edward Cigar Company Headquarters in Jacksonville, Florida.

The story of the Flying Fifty, as the Knetters recall it

"In the 1950s, during a time when many residents were forced to seek employment outside of Alabama, a transformative moment unfolded in Cullman. Mrs. Betty Bledsoe received a casual phone call from a friend, who had just eaten at the All-Steak restaurant and was bound for Mississippi with a group of men to locate land for a King Edward's Cigar Plant. After the call, Betty alerted her husband, Dr. Leroy Bledsoe, and the Chamber of Commerce hastily convened."

"The following morning, a group of forty-eight men, self-dubbed 'The Flying Fifty,' boarded planes on a mission to meet with the board of directors at King Edward's headquarters. During this meeting, the Flying Fifty effectively persuaded Swisher to designate Cullman as the location for their plant."

"However, the agreement came with a condition — Cullman needed to develop a suitable plot of land for the plant. Undeterred, the community rallied together, raising funds and erecting a modest structure affectionately known as 'The Cigar Shack' on the Courthouse lawn.

"Even the youngest members of the community contributed pocket change, demonstrating the collective commitment to the cause. Local radio stations joined the effort, suspending regular programming to champion the town's initiative."

"This chapter of Cullman's history stands as a testament to our community spirit and ingenuity. The Flying Fifty, with their determination and resourcefulness, played a pivotal role ensuring a brighter future for our town."

For more information about the Flying Fifty Hotel, visit www.theflyingfifty.com or www.facebook.com/theflyingfifty or call the hotel at 256-793-0115.

Bloomin' Fest winner



JOYCE NIX

Cynthia Bishop claimed her 2024 Jeep Compass that she won last weekend as part of the giveaway sweepstakes at the 40th Annual Bloomin' Festival held at St. Bernard Prep. She is pictured with Fr. Joel Martin, O.S.B.





Cullman City Primary School names Kindergarten 'Golden Apples'

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CHEYENNE SHARP/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The latest batch of "Golden Apples" was recognized on the Cullman City Primary School morning announcements show on Friday, April 26, 2024. Back row, left to right, are Evie Veal, Tava Sharp, Isabella May, Loxley Doyle, Lyla Priest, Mason Nealey and Caibry Pylant; middle row, left to right, are Sloan Eidson, Larkin Pounds, Jack Ponder, Greer Ponder, Jalen Suarez, Hudson Black, Carter McCall, Karson Meyer, Kynslee Meyer, Jaylen Marquez and Ella Merriman; front row, left to right, are Audrey Parrish, Jahir Sanchez, Georgiana Wray, Sebastian Watson, Alexis Eustance, Jackson Steele and Charlotte Uther.

CULLMAN, Ala. — At Cullman City Primary School (CCPS), the pursuit of excellence is not just a goal, but a serious commitment. Under the guidance of Principal Elizabeth Shaddix, the dedicated faculty and staff work to instill in students the belief that striving to be the very best is a journey that everyone should travel.

But academic excellence is not the only area the school hopes the students advance in; excellence in character, compassion and kindness are also ingrained in the system's youngest students.

Faculty regularly hand out B.U.G. stickers for children who are "being unusually good," caught in the act of going above and beyond for a friend or simply performing a kind gesture for another student.

Each week, faculty and staff are instructed to watch over students, keeping note of good behavior and deeds. The teachers then come together to discuss and choose a few students who have shown exemplary behavior, kindness and respect to their friends, teachers and classmates.

These lucky students are known as Golden Apples. They receive the Golden Apple Award; they get a golden certificate and a surprise appearance on the CCPS morning announcements show, broadcast into each classroom from the library each day.

On Friday, April 26, students came single-file into the library, recited the Pledge of Allegiance and sang the CCPS song, full of fun affirmations and phrases, before Cullman City Head Start Education Manager Marci Watts recognized the latest batch of Golden Apples by name.

"(The) Golden Apple Award is (given) for excellent character and citizenship here at Cullman Primary School," Watts said enthusiastically.

"Congratulations on your Golden Apple, guys, we are so proud of you!"















THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
APRIL 27, 2024

PREP BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

Addison falls to Coosa Christian in round 2

Todd Walker
Contributor

ADDISON, Ala. — After sweeping Covenant Christian on the road in round one, the Addison Bulldogs were back home Thursday night to host Coosa Christian in round two. This is the first playoff series Addison has hosted since 2013 but unfortunately for Bulldog fans, they were unable to knock off the conquerors and their playoff run came to an end with a pair of losses in the second round.

Coosa Christian 3 – Addison 2 (Game One)

Coosa struck first as Brody Nelson took Addison starting pitcher Kiah Lake's first pitch to the wall for a standup double. Nelson took third on a wild pitch and then scored on a sacrifice fly by Dylan Edwards. Coosa led 1-0 at the end of the first inning.

Addison tied the score up in the bottom of the second as Stone Talley singled, stole second and then scored on a single by Carter Pratt.

Both Coosa starter, J.D. Justice, and Addison starter Kiah Lake breezed through the third inning and Lake went three up and three down in the fourth. Addison struck for the lead as 8th grade catcher Conner Lane reached on a fielder's choice. Talley singled Lane to second and he reached third on a wild pitch. Lane then scored on an error by the Conquerors to give Addison the 2-1 lead going into the 5th.

Coosa struck back in the top of the 5th as Bryan Johnson singled and Radley Mays reached on an error. Both Johnson and Mays advanced on a wild pitch. Johnson scored to tie it at 2 on a ground out. Mays scored on another Bulldog error as Coosa took a 3-2 lead.

Neither team would score or threaten to score in the final two innings as Coosa came from behind for the 3-2 win in game 1.

Game stats

Coosa starter Justice went 7 innings for the win, giving up 3 hits and 1 earned run. He had 8 strikeouts and only 1 walk.

Brody Nelson had a double with a run scored and a RBI. Edwards had an RBI. Clete O'Bryant had a hit and a stolen base. Radley Mays scored a run and knocked a single. Keith Johnson had an RBI.

Addison starter Lake went 7 innings but took the loss. Lake gave up 4 hits, 2 earned runs with 3 strikeouts and a walk.

Talley had 2 hits with a run scored and a stolen base. Carter Pratt had a hit with an RBI.

Coosa Christian 6 – Addison 4 (Game Two)

Addison had to win game 2 to force a game 3 on Friday but Coosa jumped out quick. Edwards singled and went to second on a wild pitch. Justice then crushed a pitch to center for a double to score Edwards. Justice later scored on a Bulldog error to give the Conquerors a quick 2-0 lead after one inning.

Addison answered in the top of the 2nd with a Lane single and then Pratt sacrificed Lane over to second. Lake then grounded out to second and with aggressive baserunning by Lane he scored to cut the lead down to 2-1.

Coosa answered the Addison run with one of their own. Tucker Thompson, Addison's starter, got the first two Conquerors out but then gave up a Keith Johnson two out single and then Blaine West destroyed a pitch for run scoring double. At the end of 2, Coosa led 3-1.

It was quite until the fourth inning when Talley led off the Bulldog 4th with a single and went to second on a wild pitch. Lane got a one out walk and then Lake slapped a single to right field scoring Talley and Lane was able to score on a Coosa error tying the game at 3.

Coosa came right back in their half of the 4th as Mays drew a one out walk and then West came through again with a two out double scoring Mays giving Coosa the 4-3 lead.

The Addison 5th had Elijah Roberts singling with one out. A passed ball allowed him to go to second. Talley then stroked a two out double scoring Roberts and again tying the game at 4.

Coosa had Justice and Ren Gladden with back-to-back two out doubles scoring Justice in the bottom of the 5th for a 5-4 lead.

Coosa then had Brian Johnson and Radley start the bottom of the 6th with singles. Then Brian scored on his brother Keith Johnson's sacrifice fly to put the nail in the Bulldog coffin 6-4.

Coosa pitcher Brody Nelson struck out two of the final three Bulldog batters to get the win.

Game stats



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Addison's playoff run ended with a pair of losses to Coosa Christian in round two Thursday night.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Coosa starter Nelson went 7 innings with 3 earned runs, 6 hits, 1 walk and 13 big strikeouts.

Edwards had a hit and run scored. Justice had 2 doubles with 2 runs scored and an RBI. Gladden had 2 hits with a double and an RBI. Brian Johnson had a hit. Mays had a hit with 2 runs scored. Keith Johnson had 1 hit with a run scored and an RBI. West had 2 doubles and 2 RBIs.

Addison starter Thompson went 7 innings with 6 runs, 10 hits and 4 strikeouts. It has to be said that Thompson gave Addison 7 strong innings with a bum pitching shoulder. Big heart, Big effort young man.

Roberts had a hit with a run scored. Talley had 3 more hits with a double, rbi and run scored. Lane had a hit with 2 runs scored. Lake had a hit with 3 rbis.

Addison Head Coach Lee Williams said, "Tonight we played a good team and made some mistakes on offense and defense. Mostly they were mental errors and you can't make those mistakes when playing a good team, especially in the playoffs. Even with those mistakes both those games were very winnable.

"We left a lot of guys on base, we just couldn't come through with a hit in when we needed it. Coosa was able to come up with several two out hits. I was so proud of our young men. We were probably the youngest team in Addison's history, no senior on the roster and this team achieved wonderful things this year. Not a lot was expected of us and these young men performed above and beyond this season. Can't wait for next year, everyone is back and we get Jed (Wilkins) back from injury. He missed the entire year with an injury. Again, proud of these young men with the effort and heart they showed this year."

Wallace State Men's and Women's Tennis win ACCC Titles

Special to the Tribune
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State's men's and women's tennis teams each earned Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC) titles at the ACCC Men's and Women's Tennis Tournaments held at Jasper High School.

The men won their sixth consecutive ACCC championship while the women won their third. Coach Tim Garner was named ACCC Coach of the Year for the sixth time in the men's division and the third time in the women's division.

Men's tennis player Kye Bennett of Adelaide, South Australia, finished in first place in the men's flight No. 1 singles (6-1, 6-4) and was named the ACCC Men's Player of the Year.

Other winners in the men's division were Jace Moody of Lake Charles, La., in No. 4 singles, who defeated Jack Morris of Coastal South 6-0, 6-3 to mark the best score for the men; Pablo Ruben of Bella Italia, Santa Fe, Argentina in No. 5 singles by a score of 6-4, 6-4, and Brett Foster of Lafayette, La., in No. 6 singles at 6-3, 6-0. Ferran Bonastre of Valencia, Spain finished in second place in No. 2 singles, as did Jose Munoz of Santo Domingo, Ecuador in No. 3 singles.

Two Wallace State teams earned first place in doubles play. Ruben and Bonastre won first place in No. 2, with a score of 6-3, 6-1, and Foster and Juan Amor of Ses Salines, Balearis Islands finished first place in No. 3 with a score of 6-4, 7-5. Bennett and Moody earned second place in No. 1 doubles.

For the women, four players returned with first place finishes in their singles matches, with Italia Jones grabbing first place in flight No. 2 singles (6-3, 6-0), followed by Lexie Luders of Traralgon South, Victoria, Australia in No. 2 (6-0, 6-0). Lilly Brown of Guntersville got in a little revenge in No. flight No. 4, defeating Sydney Cohen of Coastal-South 2-6, 6-1, 6-1 after losing to her twice in the regular season. And Anne Van Binsbergen of Rotterdam, Netherlands, won 6-2, 6-3 in flight No. 6. Noelle D'Angelillo or Orlando, Fla., finished second in



WSCC

Wallace State's Men's and Women's Tennis Teams won this year's ACCC Tournament Championships.

No. 1 singles and Natalie Vergara of Bogota, Colombia in second place in No. 5 singles.

In doubles play, D'Angelillo and Vergara finished first in No. 2 at 6-1, 6-0, and Jones and Van Binsenbergen finished first in No. 3 at 6-4, 6-0. Brown and Luders came in at second place in No. 1 doubles.

With the conference wins, both teams have punched their tickets to the National Junior College Athletic Association's Men's and Women's Tennis Championships. The women will compete May 4-8 at JoAnn Medlock Murphy Tennis Center in Tyler, Texas, while the men will compete May 13-17 at Collin College in Plano, Texas.

The women's team is 20-9 overall for the season and 12-0 in the conference. The men are 19-9 overall and 10-0 in the conference.

Both teams are ranked 13th in the nation in their divisions by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA).

President of renewable energy company got his start in Wallace State Green Construction program

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Since he was a child, Mason Holmes has been running outside to play. Whether it was camping or floating down a river in a canoe, Holmes and his family spent most days outdoors. Nature was a place full of wonder and one that his parents taught him to navigate, enjoy and take care of. He still spends most of his time outside, but typically under different circumstances than a casual hike through the woods.

Holmes is the president of Pure Source Renewables, a solar energy installation and electrical contracting firm for commercial and residential buildings in Beltsville, Maryland. He is part of a growing global renewable energy market valued at $1085 billion in 2023. The company services what Holmes calls the "DMV," which includes the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia. Pure Source Renewables completes projects that range from installing solar panels atop residential homes to wiring-in hundreds of panels for office buildings and sports facilities. With the influx of electric vehicles, they also install charging stations.

Holmes, a Gadsden native and Wallace State Community College alum, has been working with renewable energy solutions for over a decade now, and his time in the industry includes working with companies like Tesla and Pure Source Renewables' sister company, New Columbia Solar.

"When I was with New Columbia Solar, we would do community projects like go out and build a solar system for a low-income apartment building. Doing so helped contribute to cleaner energy sources, but it also gave the residents of that building access to reduced or subsidized power rates. With that, families could then have more money in their pockets to provide for their children. It all was pretty harmonious," said Holmes.

"In 2022, I approached the owner of New Columbia Solar and asked if he would be interested in splitting off the construction department as its own separate company, which is now Pure Source Renewables. As sister companies, we work together as they develop solar plans, and we construct them."

Even though working in the renewable energy business has taken him all over the United States, Holmes said he truly got his start while he was a student in Hanceville at Wallace State Community College. In 2007, Holmes began taking general studies classes at WSCC. He then chose to join the Emergency Medical Services program, but realized being a paramedic was not the right fit for him. While he was on campus one day, Holmes learned that Wallace State was going to begin offering a short-term Green Construction Training program focused on sustainable building methods called Green 101. Each summer growing up, Holmes worked different general construction jobs, so he had years of experience and interest in the field. Coupled with his love of nature, Holmes said it was an opportunity he could not pass up.

"I've always enjoyed working with my hands. I also have two brothers, so anytime my dad needed home renovations, he had his own team of builders," said Holmes. "Once I saw that Wallace State was going to begin offering a green building program and how the program aligned entirely with what I like and what I believe in, I knew I had to enroll."

While the Green 101 course is no longer offered at Wallace State, as sustainability-focused coursework is now included in the curriculum for the Construction Management program, projects completed by Holmes and other students still stand, with one of the buildings now being used by the Wallace State Criminal Justice program as a forensics training area.

Much like the Construction Management program, the short-term Green Construction Technology program provided hands-on training to students by allowing them to remodel two older residences on campus. One of these project houses was constructed with standard appliances that may be found in most American homes. The second was equipped with things like water runoff collection tanks, a geothermal hydronic floor heater and solar paneling.

"I really liked what I learned and did at Wallace State. We got exposure to constructing LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified homes, we worked on sustainable projects around campus, and we obtained a deep understanding on cleaner sources of energy such as geothermal and solar."

After his time at Wallace State, Holmes moved to Maryland and began his career working in renewable energy at a company called Solar City. He said he was able to take the first step into the industry due to knowledge he gained in classes at Wallace State.

"Thanks to all I learned and the certificate I obtained through the Green Construction Training program, I was able to show the hiring team that I actually knew a lot of valuable stuff. I started out as a residential solar installer, and I was up on roofs every single day. All summer and all winter. Throughout rainy, snowy or sunny days.

"My time at Wallace State really propelled me to where I am now, and without the knowledge that I gained, I don't know that I could comfortably say that I would be owning and running my own renewable energy business today," said Holmes.

"Wallace State helped me understand that there are more things to do out there than just general construction. My time there helped form the way I think about power production and how I could create something that's more sustainable and to move away from things like fossil fuels. The trajectory that Wallace State put me on was astronomical."



WALLACE STATE

Wallace State alum Mason Holmes is the president of Pure Source Renewables, a solar energy installation and electrical contracting firm for commercial and residential buildings in Beltsville, Maryland.

Holmes said he is grateful for his position within the renewable energy industry, as it has taken him all over the globe and shown him things he never expected to see. Even though he has spent the past decade travelling and meeting new people, he said that he often thinks about his smiling peers and the supportive faculty and staff at Wallace State.

"I feel like when you go to a large university, you tend to get lost in a sea of numbers, and that is mostly what you are as a student: a number. But at Wallace State, I felt like I could go to any faculty or staff, and they would address me by name and help me. It wasn't like 'we've got this student that needs some help,' but it was more like 'hey, Mason, what do you need and how can we help you?' It always felt more worthwhile and impactful because they took time out of their day to show attention and help me with what I needed. I really liked the faculty and the staff at Wallace State. They were very supportive, and I am better off for it."

Holmes said one Wallace State faculty member left the biggest impression on him and his career path. Michael Hart was the former instructor of the Green Construction Training program at Wallace State.

Originally from California, with a career spanning back to the late 1980s, Hart implemented his passion for sustainable building practices into his own construction work. Hart died in 2021, but Holmes said he often thinks of him, the lessons he shared in the program and the conversations they shared outside of class.

"There were many nights that I would call him up and ask him questions about my life and the jobs I should or shouldn't take. He was a good friend. Mr. Hart inspired me to think outside of the box and to consider the opportunities that are there. He really helped me foster a deep and curious nature about all things," said Holmes.

"At the time, I was young and trying to get into whatever trouble I could find, but that gentleman saw a spark in me, I suppose. He saw something promising that I didn't see, and he took me under his wing and showed me what it means to build something that is sustainable and has long-lasting, positive effects for everybody on our planet."

His story is the community college story, and Holmes is paying it forward.

Holmes said he encourages everyone to find what they like to do and put all effort into it. He said no matter what their passion is or where they may be in life right now, anyone can achieve their goals.

"You have to find your niche and what you're good at and you can most definitely make an impact in the world. Even if it is just an impact on one person's life, no matter how big or small it is, it will be an impact," said Holmes.

"I often ask myself how I can best serve people and how I can better the planet with my limited time here on it, and I believe through solar energy, I found that is where I can leave my greatest impact during my time here. I was able to find that niche with solar. I left Wallace State with a certificate from their Green 101 program and now I own a company that employs people and hopefully inspires that same dream of not limiting yourself. Anything is possible, you just have to apply yourself and put your mind to it."

This in one in a series of stories celebrating Community College Month

Wallace State students win 26 medals at Alabama SkillsUSA competition

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College brought home 26 medals from the 2024 Alabama State Leadership and SkillsUSA Championships held this week in Mobile, with two-thirds of those being gold medals in 12 of 18 categories.

Eighteen students earned gold medals during the competition, earning the opportunity to compete at the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference (NLSC) June 24-28 in Atlanta. Five students earned silver and three earned bronze.

"SkillsUSA is a great training ground for our students," said Jerry Murks, dean of applied technologies at Wallace State.

"They take what they've learned in the classroom and lab and put that to test in competitions where they use critical thinking skills to adjust and change as needed. These are skills that they will take with them into the workforce and use in their chosen careers."



WALLACE STATE

Students and faculty from Wallace State Community College traveled to Mobile this week to participate 2024 Alabama State Leadership and SkillsUSA Championships. More than half of the students brought home medals, with 26 winners overall.

Gold medal winners include:

- Carpentry – Bradley Burden or Hartselle
- CNC Programmer – Logan Caldwell of Cullman
- Commercial Drone – Hannah Watts of Jasper and Landon Holmes of Cullman
- Crime Scene Investigation – Braden Tuttle of Oneonta, Sophia Wright of Warrior and Jonathan Zepedatrejo of Cullman
- Criminal Justice – Kaiden Vandegriff of Remlap
- Diesel Equipment Technology – Zachary Rooker of Hanceville
- Esthetics – Kyndall Winters of Nauvoo
- Mobile Robotic Technology – Justin Ruth and Zach Hudson, both of Hanceville
- Related Technical Math – Jared Smith of Falkville
- Robotics and Automation Technology – Avielle Shadrick of Cullman and Andrew Cooper of Odenville
- Robotics: Urban Search and Rescue – Isaac Daniel of Holly Pond and Graham Gilbreath of Cullman
- Technical Computer Applications – Jennifer Jester of Cullman

Silver medal winners include:

- CNC 2-Axis Turning - Samuel Wheeler of Cullman
- Cyber Security – Zachary Teal of Oneonta and Clayton Kubler of Cullman
- Esthetics – Leslie Rushing of Crane Hill
- Job Skill Demonstration A – Ally Banks of Cullman

Bronze medal winners include:

- CNC 3-Axis Milling Programmer – Mason Parker of Cullman
- Customer Service – Davie Thomas of Cullman
- HVAC – Daniel Hostetler of Joppa

LEGALS

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE THE MATTER OF:
K.W.K.,
a minor, DOB: 12/05/2023

CASE NO. JU-2023-732.02

NOTICE OF PETITION

The unknown father of minor child K.W.K., date of birth December 5, 2024, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights by June 4, 2024 or thereafter a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case No. JU-2023-000732.02 in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 18th day of April, 2024.

Clerk of Court

Petitioner's Attorney:
Shelbie G. Hankey
101 Main Ave SW
Cullman, AL 35055

TO PUBLISHER: BEGINNING ON April 27, 2024, PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR (4) SUCCESSIVE WEEKS IN THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE.

*Please bill Petitioner's attorney for the cost of publication.

STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
I, Lisa McSwain, Clerk of Circuit Court in and for said County and State, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy as the same appears of record in this office.
Witness my hand and official seal, this 23rd day of April, 2024.
Lisa McSwain
Clerk of Circuit Court

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LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION THE PETITION OF
ASHLEY NICOLE HALL
FOR THE ADOPTION OF

CASE NO.: AD 2024-019

K.D.H. A MINOR.
D.O.B. 06/20/2015

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: KATTIE BREANNA ARNOLD, NATURAL MOTHER OF K.D.H.

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Ashley Nicole Hall, Petitioner. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioner, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 17th DAY OF April, 2024.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Jerry Kilgo
Attorney for Petitioner
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Cullman, Alabama 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
WILMA EDMONDS
Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC 2023-203

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to RICHARD LINDSEY, as Personal Representative of the Estate of WILMA EDMONDS deceased, on the 18th day of April, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Richard Lindsey
Personal Representative

Pamela E. Nail
Attorney for the Personal Representative
200 Second Avenue, SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

Please publish the above Notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE,
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION THE PETITION OF
ASHLEY NICOLE HALL
FOR THE ADOPTION OF

CASE NO.: AD 2024-018

M.J.H. A MINOR.
D.O.B. 09/20/2016

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: KATTIE BREANNA ARNOLD, NATURAL MOTHER OF M.J.H.

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Ashley Nicole Hall, Petitioner. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioner, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 17th DAY OF April, 2024.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Jerry Kilgo
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The estate of
SHEILA DIANNE DANIEL
Deceased

Case No.: PC-2024 - 111

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Amie Melissa White, as the Personal Representative of the Estate of SHEILA DIANNE DANIEL, deceased, on the 25th day of April, 2024 by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Amie Melissa White
Administrator of the Estate of
Sheila Dianne Daniel, deceased

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

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

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate
Cullman County, Alabama

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 17
TO AMEND THE CITY OF CULLMAN ZONING ORDINANCE

SECTION I. **PURPOSE**. The purpose of this is to modify, amend, or delete portions of the current Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION II. The following definitions are hereby added to Chapter 62, "Zoning," Section 23, "Definitions," of the *Code of Ordinances City of Cullman, Alabama*, as follows:

Tobacco, Vape, CBD, THC Shop/Store; means any retail premises whose primary purpose is dedicated to the display, sale, storage of tobacco products, electronic cigarettes (a product containing or delivering nicotine, or any other substance intended for human consumption that can be used by a person to simulate smoking through inhalation of vapor or aerosol from the product including, but not limited to, "vapes"), CBD products (products made from CBD containing less than 0.2% THC), and/or THC products (including Delta-8 and Delta-9 products that come from the cannabis sativa plant which are subject to Federal, State and local guidelines and laws). Provided that, however, any grocery store, pharmacy, or supermarket, shall not be defined as such and shall not be subject to the restrictions in this article.

SECTION III. Table 5-1: Uses Permitted in Nonresidential Districts (Article V) of Section 62 of the *Code of Ordinances City of Cullman, Alabama*, is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Table 5-1: Uses Permitted in Nonresidential Districts

P —The use is permitted by right.

E —The use is permitted by right, if existing as of the effective date of the ordinance from which this chapter is derived. New construction of the use is prohibited.

SE —Special exception, requires approval by the ZBA per section 62-184.

C —Conditional use, requires approval by the commission per section 62-172.

A blank cell indicates the use is prohibited in the district.

Uses	B-1	B-2	B-3	CBD	INST	M-1	M-1P	M-2
Commercial Uses								
Ambulance service	P	P	P	C				
Alternative financial service (with no outdoor storage), see section 62-91	P	P	P	P				
Alternative financial service (with outdoor storage), see section 62-91		P	P					
Automobile repair, major	C	P	P					
Automobile repair, minor	P	P	P	P				
Business or professional office	P	P	P	P				
Business support service	P	P	P	P				
Car wash			C					
Construction service, major		P	P			C	C	C
Construction service, minor		P	P			C	C	C
Dispensing Site		C	C	C				
Event Venue	C	P	P	P				
Farm support business	C	P	P					
Funeral home	C	P	P	C	C			
Gym	C	P	P	P				
Home occupation	P	P	P	P				
Kennel	C	C	C	C				
Maintenance service	C	P	P					
Medical clinic	P	P	P	P	C			
Mini-storage facility		C	C					
Outdoor storage			C			P	P	P
Parking, commercial	P	P	P	P	C	P		P
Pawn shop	P	P	P	P				
Printing service	P	P	P	P				
Repair service		P	P	P				
Research laboratory	C	P	P	P		P	P	P
School, commercial		P	P	P	C			
Studio	P	P	P	P				
Truck stop			C					
Wholesaling, beer or wine			P			P	P	P
Wholesaling establishment		P	P	P				
Day Care Facilities								
Child or adult day care center	P	P	P	P	P			
Child day care center accessory to a permitted business	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Adult day care home	P							
Child day care group home	P							
Child day care home	P							
Institutional Use								
Low intensity	P	P	C	P	P	C	C	C
Medium intensity	P	C	C	C	P	C	C	C
High intensity	C	C	C	C	P	C	C	C
Place of Worship	P	P	P	P	C	C	C	C
Animal shelter			C		C			
Cemetery		C	C		C			
Hospital		C	C	C	C			
Lodging Uses								
Bed and breakfast, subject to section 62-95	P			P				
Hotel		P	P	P				
Motel		P	P					
Short-term rental, subject to section 62-103	P	P	P	P				
Manufacturing and Industrial Uses								
Bakery, major						P	P	P
Heavy industry						C	C	C
Industrial training center						C	C	C
Junkyard, subject to section 62-100		C	C					
Laundering plant						C	C	C
Manufacturing, general						C	C	C
Manufacturer; Alcoholic Beverages				C		P	P	P
Manufacturing, light						P	P	P
Recycling center		C	C					
Recycling plant						C	C	C
Warehousing and distribution center						P	P	P
Personal Services								
Laundry services	P	P	P	P				
Personal services	P	P	P	P				
Tattoo facilities, subject to section 62-104			P					
Veterinary hospital, with no outside boarding	C	P	P	C				
Recreation and Entertainment								
Entertainment, indoor	P	P	P	P				
Entertainment, outdoor	C	C	C	C				
Golf course	P	P	P					
Parks, playgrounds and nature preserves	P	P	P	P	P			
Recreation, commercial	C	C	C	C				
Recreation facility, public	C	C	C	C	C			
Residential Care Facilities								
Assisted living facility	P	P	P		C			
Independent living facility	P	P	P					
Nursing care facility	P	P	P		P			
Residential Uses								
Caretaker dwelling	C	C	C	C				
Duplex	E	E	E	E		E		E
Multifamily dwellings (more than 4 units per bldg.)	C	C	C	C				
Quadplex	E	E	E	E		E		E
Single-family attached, subject to section 62-93	E	E	E	E		E		E
Single-family detached	E	E	E	E		E		E
Triplex	E	E	E	E		E		E
Upper-story dwellings, subject to section 62-106	P	P	P	P				
Restaurant								
Brew pub, see chapter 4, City Code, Alcoholic Beverages				P				
Fast food restaurant	P	P	P	C				
Pick-up and delivery only restaurant	P	P	P	P				
Standard restaurant	P	P	P	P				
Standard restaurant with accessory alcohol sales, see chapter 4, City Code, Alcoholic Beverages	C	P	P	P				
Retail								
General, up to 10,000 s.f.	P	P	P	P				
General, larger than 10,000 s.f.	E	P	P	P				
Bakery, minor	P	P	P	P				
Bank	P	P	P	P				
Building supply	C	P	P	C				
Gas station	C	P	P	C				
Heavy equipment and vehicle sales, rental and service						C	C	C
Liquor sales for off-premises consumption, see chapter 4, City Code, Alcoholic Beverages	C	P	C	C				
Specialty beverage store, see chapter 4, City Code, Alcoholic Beverages	P	P	P	P				
Specialty wine and beer establishment, see chapter 4, City Code, Alcoholic Beverages	P	P	P	P				
Tobacco, Vape, CBD, THC Shop/Store			C					
Unenclosed retail		C	C					
Vehicle and equipment sales, rental and service		C	P	C				
Vehicle sales, rental and service	C	C	P	C				
Telecommunications and Utilities								
Public utility facility	P	P	P	P	P	P		P
Small cell facilities	P	P	P	P	P	P		P
Telecommunication tower, see section 62-105	C	C	C	C	C	P		P

SECTION IV. Article X, Signs, of Section 62-145, "Signs and advertising related to alcoholic beverages" of the *Code of Ordinances City of Cullman, Alabama*, is hereby amended to read as Signs and advertising related to alcoholic beverages, vaping, tobacco, e-cigarettes, CBD, THC and medical cannabis" add to add the following:

(d) 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, door(s) or window(s) shall be permitted if it is deemed by the Building Official to create a danger to or interfere/impeded the flow of traffic; or if it is deemed to be a nuisance.

SECTION V. **SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.** Each and every provision of this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an independent provision and that holding of any provision hereof to be void and invalid for any reason shall not affect any other provision hereof and it is hereby declared that the other provisions of this Ordinance would have been enacted regardless of any provision which might have been held invalid. This Ordinance repeals any prior Ordinance in conflict therewith.

SECTION VI. **EFFECTIVE DATE**. This ordinance shall be effective following its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 22nd day of April, 2024. /s/Jenny Folsom - President of City Council

ATTESTED BY: /s/Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk

APPROVED this the 22nd day of April, 2024. /s/Woody Jacobs – Mayor





COLUMN

The Great Escape

Joe Hobby
Contributor

As I tend to the scratches and scrapes on my bare legs, I'm wondering if I should get a tetanus shot. I don't think the ones on my leg came from the rusty barbed wire fence in the woods, but I'm not 100% sure. So, I guess I'll just hope for the best while I try to scrape the mud of my new Nikes.

It is still difficult to believe that all of this happened as the result of a dog chase – but it did.

It started out innocently enough. I decided to take my rescue pups, Reese and Roscoe, for a walk up the street. No problem there. The problem came when I chose to play the Dog Whisperer and take Roscoe off leash to see if he would still follow the pack. I did it knowing full well that my pups are runners who behave like nomads. So, my decision ranks up there with eating jalapeños right after hemorrhoid surgery. In both cases, you're gonna get burned.

And burned I was.

Roscoe hung kind of close to us until he fully realized he was not on the leash. Then, whoosh! In seconds, he was 100 yards away. I think I heard a sonic boom. He was up the street in one of our neighbor's yards, gleefully following his nose.

In case you don't know, let's review Canine 101. Dogs are faster than we are. Dogs are more agile than we are. And dogs are closer to the ground than we are.

That means they can quickly go under the bushes that we humans have to go around. This makes catching them almost impossible if they don't want to be caught. And he didn't. Relishing his newfound freedom, Roscoe flew from yard to yard as fast as he could.

Then he ventured a long way out into the woods that backed up to our subdivision. Sometimes we wouldn't see him for 10 minutes, only to discover that he had flanked us and was three houses down from where we were looking. Poor Reese was still on leash wondering why she couldn't play, too. And I was going through alternating waves of concern, panic and anger.

And one of the most difficult things about chasing a dog is that they think it's a game. When I would get close to Roscoe, he would feign right, then cut left at full speed. He was taunting me and loving it.

As if that wasn't enough, I tried my best to do what I heard a dog trainer say: never sound angry when you're calling a wayward dog. If they think you've blown a gasket, they won't come to you. He said you should talk in a high pitched, happy voice, no matter how mad you are.

It just didn't sound right, walking through my neighbor's backyard, yelling in a perky falsetto, "Come on, Roscoe, you little black and white mongrel. Come over here so I can grab you, and choke your furry little neck!" I'm sure everyone on the street was amused.

About 45 minutes into the search panic began to set in. So, I trotted to my house to get the car. To my surprise, there was Roscoe in my next-door neighbor's yard. When I called him in my happy voice, he didn't even look my way. Roscoe was ignoring me like a supermodel ignores cheeseburgers.

I went around the house to cut him off, and by time I got there he was nowhere to be seen. Where is he? I scanned the area until I saw movement.

Oh, my Lord in heaven. He had made his way to the far side of the busy road that borders our subdivision. What's worse, I can see a truck headed his way.

No time for happy voice now. "Roscoe!" I screamed. The truck closed in. I closed my eyes. I was not going to witness this.

Fortunately, the driver saw him and slowed down. I'm breathing again, kinda. Then, unbelievably, Roscoe came back across the street and ran parallel to our backyard fence. It looks like he's running toward me to do another one of his little fake moves, when he gets too close and I rush him. Roscoe freezes, I grab him and just like that, it's over.

We took him back in the house and rather that scream at him, I just held him silently. Finally, my wife Carol broke the quiet and said, "Next time do yourself a favor. Don't ever let go of the leash, OK, Dog Whisperer?"

I opened my eyes, looked at the mud on my Nikes and said, "OK by me."

And the next day I went out and bought a longer leash.

Joe Hobby is a barbecue-loving comedian from Alabama who wrote for Jay Leno for many years. Find more of Joe's stories on his blog: https://mylifeasahobby.blogspot.com. Follow him on Facebook at Joe Hobby Comedian-Writer.

Club (from Front)

gum pink Barbie Dream House. President-Elect Alec Smith clinched third place with a Super Mario-themed house.

As the meeting got underway, Club Builder Kearney "Dee" Hutsler from ACTION Inc. and the Birmingham Civitan Club took to the podium to induct new club members.

"Civitan was founded primarily to provide concerned citizens an opportunity to help others and serve the community with brute action. Civitan has served its purpose well; its spirit has caught the imagination and loyalty of thousands over many nations," said Hutsler. "In Civitan, you will add your talent to those of others to accomplish the high ideals this organization stands for. Civitan is fortunate to find new members worthy of its standards. Civitan challenges its members and inspires them to work for a better community, nation and world."

The group of new members stood before the congregated club members and builders and recited the Civitan Creed, signifying their devotion to community service and selfless support of others in need.

"The Rogersville Civitan Club was formed in the 1930s; they performed great service to the community for all those years," Decatur Civitan Club President Ed Higdon explained, saying that the loss of one club was the rebirth of another. "Time caught up with them, and they had to surrender their charter. They had enough in their budget, which they gave to the Decatur club to help build and support a new club."

Higdon then presented Cullman Civitan Club President Tia Smallwood a check for $1,000, the money the members of the Rogersville club specified was to be used to start a new club; an additional check containing newly paid membership fees for Cullman members was also presented to Smallwood for $1,500.

"I am so proud of this new group," said Smallwood, "The Civitan Club is meant to give back to the community, but we get so much more in return."

Officers of the Cullman Civitan Club are:

- Tia Smallwood- President
- Alec Smith- President-Elect
- Beverly Wilkerson- Secretary
- Debbie Little- Treasurer
- Jay Conway- Director
- Ruth Nicklaus- Director
- Kathy Sims- Director
- Misty Shannon- Sargeant in Arms

Charter members are:

- Jay Conway
- Ruth Nicklaus
- Beverly Wilkerson
- Brian Murphy
- Joey Fullenwider
- Tia Smallwood
- Alec Smith
- Chistopher McLaughlin
- Matt Kinsland
- Josh Hickman
- Kathy Sims
- Brannon Ray
- Matt Schlosser
- Mellisa Swann
- Denise Key
- Debbie Little
- Jonathan Creekmore
- Taylor Johnson
- Katie E. Brown
- Misty Shannon
- Rebekah Lloyd
- James A. Blankenship

"With more than 30,000 members worldwide, Civitan International is a global organization dedicated to serving the local communities of its members. Using the structure of building local clubs, Civitan equips its members to address local needs with local solutions.

"Civitan is the only service organization dedicated to serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). This long-standing focus began as a local project in Baltimore in the 1940s when Civitan began funding specialized teachers in schools. In 1956, Civitan membership unanimously adopted service to I/DD as the major project focus of the international organization. Today, Civitan supports the Civitan International Research Center in Birmingham, Alabama where more than 100 researchers work on diseases that impact the lives of 1 in 6 people worldwide." (civitan.org)



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IN THE MATTER OF THE
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FOR THE ADOPTION OF

CASE NO.: AD 2023-031

S.D.I.D. A MINOR.
D.O.B. 12/27/2011

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TO: ANGELA DELGADO, NATURAL MOTHER OF J.I.D.J.

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DONE THIS 25th DAY OF April, 2024.

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

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Hanceville (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — At its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, April 25, the Hanceville City Council updated the community on the community pool, the future of which was uncertain mere months ago. The council also set a planning commission meeting to consider rezoning the Jonathan Black property from R1 to B2.

Public Works Director Rusty Fields updated the council on the status of the community pool, housed at C.W. Day Park. The pool's future was in question in recent months; the council grappled with the cost of upkeep and maintenance, eventually deciding to hold off on closing the pool for at least one more summer.

"We started painting and it all looks good. We should be ready to open Memorial Day Weekend," said Fields.

A planning commission meeting was set to consider rezoning the Jonathan Black property from residential zoning to business zoning. The meeting is set for June 15.

The council also approved all bills and expenditures that were incurred since the previous meeting, as well as the payment of an outstanding invoice from Mobile Communications America.

The 26th annual Antique Tractor Show will take place June 8. Organizer Charles Allen said, "We're hoping to have a good show this year, so if anyone has any questions let me know."

Two pieces of old business were tabled, once again, by the council. Ordinance 2024-1, the annexation for The Broadway Group and a Charter Franchise Agreement.

The next Hanceville City Council Meeting will be held on May 9. The work session will begin at 5 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 5:30.



Obituary Announcements: April 25-26

Roland Cecil Quick, 79
Roland Cecil Quick, 79, of Hanceville, passed away peacefully on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 24, 2024. Funeral services for Mr. Quick were at noon, Friday, April 26, 2024, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cullman, Alabama. Visitation was from 10 a.m. to noon on Friday at the church. Reverend John Bussman officiated services. Burial followed the service at Hopewell Cemetery in Hanceville, Alabama. Survivors include his devoted wife, Susan Quick; daughters, Audrey (Richard) Crabb and Regina Quick; step-daughter, Rachel (Andrew) McAnnally-Kreps; seven grandchildren, Leo, James, Eleanor, and Owen Crabb, Benjamin, Sybil and James Kreps; sister, Jerrelene Vickers; as well as a host of nieces and nephews; and special relative, Christopher (Holli) Quick. He was preceded in death by his parents, Cecil and Bobbie Quick, brothers, Billy Herman, Wayne, and Van Quick; sisters, Bernice Nelson and Sally Moore; and daughter, Dr. Rhonda Quick. Roland believed in hard work which meant throughout his life he had many job titles. Coal miner, welder, business owner, and farmer just to name a few, but his favorite title was grandpa. In lieu of flowers, the family asks' that donations be made to St. Paul's Lutheran School. The family would like to thank the staff of Woodland Village and Aveanna Hospice for all of the love and care that was shown to Mr. Quick and his family. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Quick Family.

Phillips 'Mac' Pullium, 34
Mac Pullium, a beloved son, brother, father, and friend, left this world on April 21, 2024, at the age of 34. His unexpected departure has left a profound void in the lives of all who knew him. Born on March 15, 1990, Mac brought joy and laughter wherever he went. He was known for his infectious smile, his compassionate heart, and his unwavering loyalty. Mac had a remarkable ability to light up a room with his presence and make everyone feel valued and appreciated. A great fisherman and even better man, Mac found peace and happiness with a fishing pole in his hand since he was old enough to walk. Whether he was casting a line at the lake or riding down winding roads on his motorcycle probably a little too fast, he embraced every opportunity to immerse himself in the beauty of nature. But perhaps what truly defined Mac was his selflessness and boundless love for others. He had a rare gift for making everyone around him feel special and loved. Mac wanted nothing more than for his loved ones to be cared for and happy. He was always willing to lend a helping hand or offer a listening ear to whoever needed it. Mac leaves behind his loving parents, his siblings, his cherished daughters Emsley Pullium and Aliyah Shelton, and a wide circle of friends who will carry his memory in their hearts forever. Though he may no longer be with us in body, his spirit will live on in the countless lives he touched during his time on this earth. In a final act of generosity, true to who he was in this life, Mac chose to be an organ donor, giving the gift of life to others in need. Through his selflessness, he has saved and transformed the lives of those who received his precious gift, embodying his spirit of compassion and love even in death. In honoring Mac's memory, let us remember the joy he brought into our lives, the kindness he showed to others, and the selflessness with which he lived his life. May his legacy serve as a reminder of the importance of living life to the fullest and cherishing every moment with those we hold dear. Rest in peace, our Mac Man. You will be deeply missed, but your light will continue to shine brightly in the hearts of all who knew you. Mac's celebration of life will be held on Sunday, May 5, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. at Smith Lake Park Pavilion #3. Cullman Funeral is honored to serve the Pullium family. Obituary submitted by the Pullium family.

Bobby Ray Hart Sr., 76
Funeral Service for Bobby Ray Hart, Sr., age 76 of Falkville, will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 28, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Brian Murphy officiating; burial at Bell Springs Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon - 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 28, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Hart retired from Goodyear Tire and Rubber in Decatur in 2000. Mr. Hart passed away on Thursday, April 25, 2024 at Cullman Regional. He was born, Aug. 7, 1947, to LP Hart and Betty Jo Hart. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers-in-law, Dean Johnson and TJ Harris. Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Diane Hart; son, Bobby (Toni) Hart, Jr.; grandchildren, Desseria (Nick Pasquerella) Hart, Kyle (Taylor) Hart, and Melia (Patrick Chambers) Sims; great grandchild, Barrett Reid Hart; sister, Joyce Johnson; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Jimmy Ray Brock Compton, 63
Jimmy Ray Brock Compton, age 63 of Cullman, passed away on Thursday, April 25, 2024, at Cullman Regional. He was born, June 23, 1960, to J.D. Brock and Betty Nell Compton. He was preceded in death by his father, J.D. Brock; the father that raised him, William John Compton, mother, Betty Nell Compton; daughter, Amber Compton and nephew, Clint Gray. Survivors include his sons, Justin (Shaundra) Compton and Jacob Compton; granddaughter, Eden Compton; sisters, Sherry (James) Adams, Gail (Billy) Gray, Angie (Andy) Pinkerton, and Cacee Willmon; brother, John (Renee) Compton; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. A memorial will be held at a later date.

Carson Robert Young, 77
Graveside service for Carson Robert Young, age 77, of Cullman, is Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at 1 p.m., at Flint Creek Cemetery, with Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating. Visitation will be held at Cullman Funeral Home chapel from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. prior to the graveside service on Tuesday. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Young was born Nov. 2, 1946, to Haywood Young and Edna Marie Butler Young. He passed from this life on Wednesday, April 24, 2024. He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his brother, Jimmy Young. Mr. Young enjoyed fishing, Civil War re-enactments, playing guitar, shooting guns, and he loved his cat, Boo. Please visit www.cullmanfuneralhome.com to sign the online guestbook.

Joann Schultz, 72
Joann Schultz, age 72, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Thursday, April 25, 2024. Joann was born in Cullman, Alabama on Jan. 27, 1952, to J.B. and Ora Christine Sellers McBrayer. She is preceded in death by her husband: Henry Wallace Schultz, parents, 1 sister and 3 brothers. Funeral services will be held at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel on Monday April 29, 2024, at 11 a.m. with Rev. Malcolm Carter officiating. Interment will follow services in Crossroads Cemetery. Survivors are: daughters: Mary (Stephen) Murphree, Donna (Wesley) Smith, Amanda Swann, Kathy Schultz (Scotty) Brooks, Kelly (Stephen) Ray, sisters: Hilda (Bruce) Harris, Wanda (Ruben) Tolbert, Reba (Bobby) Phillips, brothers: Marty McBrayer, Terry McBrayer, grandchildren: Kyle and Eric Murphree, Cody (Heather) Smith, Jet Swann, Latonya and Tyler Brooks, Annabell and Sawyer Ray, great grandchildren: Whitlee Murphree, Parker Smith, Rylan Roat, a host of nieces and nephews. Visitation will be at Moss Funeral Home on Sunday, April 28, 2024, from 6-9 p.m. Please share condolences and memories with the family at www.mossservicefh.com.

Lester Frank Allbright, 83
Funeral mass for Lester Frank Allbright, age 83 of Cullman, will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at Sacred Heart Church with Father Patrick Egan, OSB and Father John O'Donnell, OSB officiating. Visitation will be from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 29, 2024, at Sacred Heart Church with a Rosery service at 7:30 p.m. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Allbright passed away on Friday, April 26, 2024, at his residence. He was born Monday, September 30, 1940, to Verna Lester King and Levalor Sarah Allbright. Survivors include his wife; Anna Rose Allbright, sons; Frank Jude Allbright, Joseph John Allbright, Anthony Leonard Allbright, Michael Andre Allbright, a daughter; Anna Rose Nix, grandchildren; Heather Nanney, Hannah Jones, Ashley Vacice Camacho Guerro, Amanda Holcomb, Jude Allbright, Chloe Allbright, Ally Allbright, Sarah Bagley, Gracie Layfield, Anna Bennett, Anthony Allbright, Emma Allbright, great grandchildren; Braxton Nanney, Amberly Nanney, Genevieve Crow, Elijah Crow, Freya Guerra, Malachi Oden, Lilly Crow, Blaylock Layfield, Skylynn Layfield, Charlie Cloninger, and Finn Cloninger.

Coleman Leo Powell, 85
Coleman Leo Powell, age 85 of Addison, Alabama, passed away Thursday, April 25, 2024, at his residence. He was born on March 31, 1939, to Noah Powell and Gearldean Pratt. Coleman was a lifelong farmer; he raised cattle and chickens. He loved to work and enjoyed going to the cattle sale. Coleman loved to tell stories, joke, and tease. The visitation will be Monday, April 29, 2024, from noon until 2 p.m. at Addison Church of God where the funeral service will follow at 2 p.m. with Pastor Rodney Ridgeway officiating. The burial will be in Enmanfield Cemetery. Coleman is survived by his wife of 21 years, Edith Powell; daughter, Cindy Davis (David); granddaughter, Stephanie Morrow (Taylor); stepsons, John James, Greg James (Tina); step grandchildren, Alison James, Alex James (Ally), Micah James (Debrina), Daiel James, Elina James; great grandchildren, Coleman Morrow and Scarlett Morrow; step great grandchildren, Sayre Robinson, Ella Grace James, Charleigh James; sister, Martha Hyatt (Gary), sister in law, Latrelle Powell; and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his 1st Wife, Rebecca Ann Powell; daughter, Tammy Powell; parents, Noah and Geraldean Powell; and brother, Hollis Powell. Memories and condolences may be shared at www.nicholsfuneralhomes.com.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Now that's a bike ride

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



Imagine riding a bicycle from Washington, D. C. to Washington State! I grew up on a bicycle. From about the age of 10 until I got my first car, my mode of travel was usually by twos... two feet or two wheels. I wore out several sets of tennis shoes and tires, but with all that riding I doubt that I peddled 3,700 miles all total. That's exactly how many miles Warrior Expeditions participants will ride on the Great American Rail Trail. I used to ride to my friend's house on the other side of town. These riders will ride to the other side of our nation.

Warrior Expeditions is a military veteran nonprofit outdoor therapy program. They help veterans transition from wartime experiences through long-distance outdoor expeditions. Each year they coordinate several hiking, biking, and paddling expeditions. The "Super Bowl" of these events is a cross- country bike event called The Great American Rail Trail Ride. This ride covers 3,700 miles through 12 states. My legs are aching from just writing about it, without riding in it! Warrior Expeditions, along with support from corporate sponsors, provides most of the clothing and equipment, including bikes, panniers, and camping equipment.

Seven veterans from across the nation have been selected for this year's ride. Participants must meet four requirements.

They must have: 1. Served in the military, 2. Be assessed as physically fit to complete the route, 3. Be assessed to represent veterans and the organization well, 4. Be assessed that they would benefit from the program.

The chosen participants are in in the process of preparing for the expedition now. Those riders will meet in Washington DC on May 6th for a day of training. Obviously, that is not their first day of training.

They will hit the trail on May 8th. Staff members will shadow riders on the first leg of the ride to insure they understand the navigation technology and the equipment. Warrior Expedition staff coordinates community support along the trail.

The seven riders have been chosen and were notified on Christmas Day. Simply being selected as part of this elite group of riders is quite an honor.

One of the chosen ones is from right here in Lee County, Alabama. Callie Leaver is a 29-year military veteran.

She earned the rank of Sergeant Major. She served our country long and well, including four years of active duty in the Army during which she served in Desert Shield and Desert Storm, followed immediately by four years in the United States Army Reserve.

After the 9/11 attacks, she joined the Georgia Army National Guard and deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and Operation Inherent Resolve. Upon her retirement 2022, she received a Trek bike as a gift and began riding. Now, about a year-and-one-half later, she is about to take the ride of her life.

Most of us may never ride 50 miles in a day on a bike. Sergeant Major Leaver will average that many miles a day. She will ride 10 miles and stop for 20-30 minutes, followed by another 10 miles until she reaches 50. She said, "My mindset is that I will do 370, 10 miles rides!"

She is projecting to complete her ride around the last week in July. If my math is correct, that is about 12 weeks.

I just finished 12 weeks of cardio rehab, so I can't imagine riding a bicycle across the country for that same length of time!

Congratulations Sergeant Major Callie Leaver and the other veterans selected. Thank you for your service to our country. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you complete this journey!

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HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1905, 1935

From the files of 1905

The Ladies Symphony and a number of friends met at the M.L. Robertson home on the 27th. Presenting the program of piano and vocal selections were Mesdames, Beyer, Brown, Hartwig, Hays, Dreher, Coe, Parker and Miller and Misses McMinn and Madsen.

W.B. Nunn, of Centerdale, received a badly injured foot when it was mashed by a heavily loaded wagon.

Frost was very evident here on Monday morning.

Those of Beat 11, who have posted their land against trespassing are: A.H. Speegle, Mrs. S.E. Self, J.W. Daniel, D.H. Livingston, Adelia Self, J.M. Doss, Sid S. Swan and Grant Swan.

J.M. Price, who had the misfortune to lose his house by fire recently, is nearing the completion of a new residence at Berlin.

An RFD Route will be started from Clarkson, on May 1st. Lee Cochran and Bird Griffin are applicants for carrier.

Logan, Crane Hill and Sardis IOOF Lodges will celebrate the 86th anniversary of the order on April 29th, at Logan.

The committee planning the program is C.F. Bruce, R.H. Boon, G.N. Burdick, J.H. Burns, N.A. Burch and J.W. Jaggers. Those on the program will be the Honorable A.A. Griffith, W.J. Williford, Mrs. Julia Gillespie, Mrs. M.A. Tingle, Doctor J.A.B. Lovett and W.H. Livingston. The Logan Cornet Band will play.

According to the latest count, the Negro population of the city of Cullman numbers 40.

Miss Iva Alexander and Cecil Meadows were married at the First Baptist Church, on Saturday evening.

Newman Laminack, 29, died in a Birmingham hospital, on Thursday.

From the files of 1935

James H. Pittman has been named postmaster at Crane Hill.

Recent winners of the baby contest, sponsored by the Simcoe Baptist Church, were Donald Patrick, first and Hilda Joyce Henry, second, in the below two years division and Monte Hendrix, first and Gwyneith Tillman, second in the two to five year old group.

H.G. Dowling, of Tuscaloosa, will be Fairview High's commencement speaker.

Messers D.C. Fuller, H. Clay Smith, Homer F. Mitchell, R.P. Johnston and Reverend J.E. Marion are attending a Baptist Laymen's Convention in Birmingham, on Thursday.

Mrs. J.F. Weeks and Mrs. J.M. Oldacre have returned from Newnan, Georgia, where they attended the funeral of a relative, Mrs. B.C. Ferrin.

Mayor and Mrs. J.A. Dunlap attended the Alabama Mayor's Convention, in Montgomery, this week.

Sheriff J.E. Pierce attended the peace officers convention, in Huntsville, the first of the week.

POET'S CORNER

Different, Yet Perfect | By: Susie Town Phillips

How majestic is the eagle with his wing span great and wide.
How tiny is the hummingbird
who seeks a place to hide.

whether pretty as a peacock or
plain as a barnyard hen.
Each has his strengths and weaknesses and ways that he can win.

Each has his own direction,
a purpose all his own.
A special knowledge only his
that he by God was shown.

A lesson here for each of us;
how different all are we.
In talents, shortcomings, color, and size and in ways we cannot see.

Never doubt you are special; this you surly know;
Though different, all are perfect,
for God has made us so.

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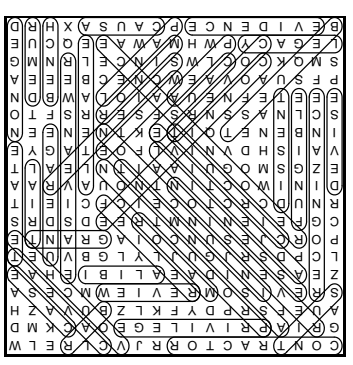
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