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Cullman City Council moves toward airport expansion

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council on Monday approved resolutions to complete several years of pavement repairs and upgrades at Cullman Regional Airport, and pave the way for future expansion of facilities and services. The council voted to enter contracts with Goodwyn Mills Cawood (GMC) for engineering services for the reconstruction of the apron (aircraft parking area) and hangars to be constructed on a new taxiway, for which a timetable has not been set.

"It's a pretty exciting time at the airport right now," said Airport Director Ben Harrison.

"Since 2014 we've been in a reconstruction and maintenance phase of our buildings, redoing runways, redoing taxiways, etc. What we're going into now is our growth phase.

"So we're going to be able to rebuild an apron, which is a huge piece of our growth, and larger air- » PAGE 6

'Stamp Out Hunger'

Cullman Caring for Kids sees large donation from postal worker drive



JAVON DANIEL

CCK volunteer Braelee Quinn with tons of food products donated by area postal workers to the agency's food pantry

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Caring for Kids this week received a massive product donation to its food pantry, thanks to the Cullman Post Office. As part of the National Association of Letter Carriers' annual "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive, held in conjunction with United Way, local postal workers delivered approximately 10,000 pounds of food to CCK.

On its website the NALC says of the program, "Each year, letter carriers across the country head out on their routes on the second Saturday in May to collect donations of non-perishable food items to benefit local food pantries.

"Since launching in 1993, the National Association of Letter Carriers' annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive has grown into the nation's largest one-day food drive, helping to fill the shelves of food banks in cities and towns throughout the United States."

CCK Senior Director Javon Daniel told The Tribune, "This is a tremendous boost at the beginning of the summer, because donations slow down in the summer. We want to thank everyone who donated and especially all the postal workers who went the extra mile to collect all this food."

For more information about Cullman Caring for Kids, including how you can help, visit www.cullmancaringforkids.com.

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2 CHS Career Tech Education students honored



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Cullman High School educators in training students Anna Hill and Maddie Doyle were honored for their first-place win at the Future Teachers of Alabama State Conference for their submission to the "Grow Your Own" Video Lesson Competition.
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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported May 15

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

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

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests or incidents reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

May 13

• unlawful breaking and entering of motor vehicle; person; tools and miscellaneous; $10,023; Brunner St. NW

• retail theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $361; Hwy. 157

• criminal trespass-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157

• theft of property-4th degree; Shoe Show; shoes; $215; Marktplatz Ctr. SW

• retail theft of property-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; Olive St. SW

• retail theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $20; Olive St. SW

May 14

• theft of property-3rd degree; Poker Smoke & Vape; miscellaneous; $538; Cherokee Ave. SW

• identity theft; person

• unlawful breaking and entering of motor vehicle; theft of property-3rd degree; person; wallet and contents

• retail theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $488; Olive St. SW

ARRESTS

May 13-14

Hogue, William R.; 70

• theft of property-4th degree

Fitzgerald, Alan R. II; 43

• FTA - reckless endangerment

• FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia (3 counts)

• FTA - false information to law enforcement

• FTA - attempt to elude

• FTA - assault with bodily fluids

• FTA - criminal trespass-3rd degree (4 counts)

• FTA - public intoxication

Vankeuren, Heather L.; 23

• retail theft of property

Hays, Daniel J.; 47

• FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia

• FTA - run red light

• FTA - insurance violation (2 counts)

• FTA - expired tag

Glasco, Shawna L.; 45

• possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Cullman Electric's 'Touch a Truck' coming this Saturday

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Electric Cooperative's Touch a Truck will take place Saturday, May 18, 2024, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Cullman County Fairgrounds, with a sensory-friendly hour from 9-10. Admission is free.

Touch a Truck is a family friendly event that offers children and adults a hands-on opportunity to explore a variety of trucks and meet the people who build, protect and serve the community.

Guests are welcome to climb aboard, ask questions and learn from the experts who use the vehicles every day.

"Touch a Truck is an event for kids of all ages," said Brian Lacy, Cullman EC's vice president of member engagement and communications.

"It does not matter how old you are, there is something exciting when you sit down behind the wheel of a fire truck or a climb into the cab of an 18-wheeler."

This year's event will include fire trucks, police cars, ambulances, bucket trucks, tractor-trailers, school buses, charter buses, old military vehicles, a helicopter, farm tractors and heavy work and construction equipment.

Along with the vehicles, each business and first-responder agency will have staff available to answer questions, point out unique features and share more information about how the vehicles are used to get work done.

In order to make the event fun for all, this year's event will feature a sensory-friendly hour from 9-10 a.m. for attendees who prefer a quieter event without flashing lights, sirens, etc.

The event will once again feature local food trucks and food vendors to allow attendees to purchase refreshments while attending the event.

"We appreciate all the first responders and local businesses that have agreed to join us for a fun day," Lacy said.

Fire, police and EMS vehicles from multiple local agencies will be participating. In addition to Cullman Electric Cooperative and Sprout Fiber Internet, local businesses scheduled to participate include RE Garrison Trucking, James R Smith Trucking, Wallace State Community College, Cullman County Schools, Cullman Power Board, Tri-Green, Dixie Tractor, Cullman City Police and Fire, Cullman County Sheriff's office, Camp Liberty and more.

Follow Cullman EC on Facebook for details on vehicles and activities that will be part of the 2024 Touch a Truck event.

Get ready for the sizzle: Hanceville's 4th annual Grilled Cheese Festival coming May 25

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — On May 25, downtown Hanceville will transform into a hub of culinary delight and community celebration with the fourth annual Grilled Cheese Festival. From 9 a.m.-5 p.m., attendees can indulge in a unique festival dedicated to everyone's favorite comfort food: the grilled cheese sandwich.

Event coordinator Nolan Bradford promised a day packed with activities and treats for all ages: "This is our fourth year for this event, and it continues to grow. Each year brings a variety of new vendors, as well as some of the older favorites. While you're here, take time to visit the local downtown businesses who offer a variety of products you don't find very often in one area, with that unique hometown feel you grew up with."

The Grilled Cheese Festival will feature live music, street vendors, more than 10 food trucks and a variety of other specialty food and craft item vendors.

Over 50 vendors are expected to line the streets, offering everything from retail items to handmade crafts. The arts and crafts available will range from jewelry to home décor.

For younger attendees, there will be bouncy houses for extra fun.

True to its theme, the festival will spotlight an array of grilled cheese variations.

"Most of the food trucks will have their variation of the grilled cheese, while some local restaurants will also be participating," Bradford stated. Moreover, the festival will host a grilled cheese cookoff competition for both adults and kids, promising a cheesy highlight for the day. The competition will kick off at 11:45 a.m.

The musical lineup includes three local bands: Junction 231, Crossing Grass and the O'Toole Brothers, each bringing their unique sounds to the festival stage. Junction 231 is slated to start its set at 10 a.m. O'Toole Brothers will follow at 1 p.m. with Crossing Grass closing out the day starting around 2:30 p.m.

Having become an integral part of Hanceville's cultural calendar, the Grilled Cheese Festival not only serves as a day of enjoyment, but also supports the local community.

"Events like this will help to continue the downtown revitalization effort and help grow Hanceville and attract new businesses and families to our area. All profits are donated back into the community," Bradford shared.

For more information about the festival or vendor applications, interested parties can contact Nolan Bradford directly at 205-249-5588 or FriendsOfTheFestivalAL@gmail.com. As a note, Bradford requested that all interested in applying to be a vendor call before submitting an application, as the festival is nearing capacity on vendor space.

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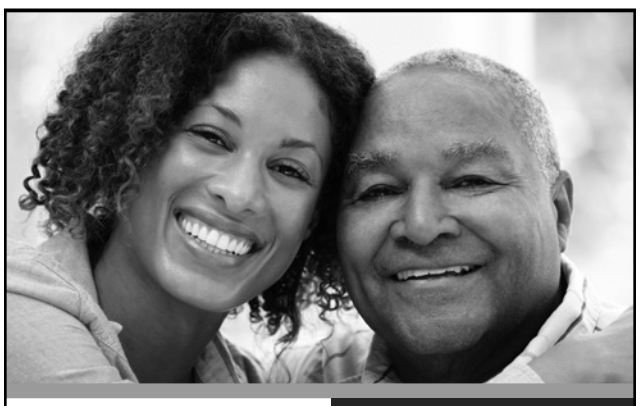
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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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.

Calling All Young Singers!
Cullman Community Young Singers (CCYS) is looking for YOU! All young singers (ages 8-15) are invited to join us on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-4:45 at the Little House at Art Park, 1031 Second St. SW in Cullman. No auditions, just come for a fun afternoon of learning music from pop to classical styles. We will rehearse and prepare to perform at a variety of events in and around the Cullman community. Bring your friends- we will have music and everything you need to get started! For more information, text or email Miss Cindy at 256-338-4404, cindypass22@gmail.com. CCYS is sponsored by Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism.

Baileyton Bargain Days
First and third Saturday of each month from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the old Baileyton fire station next to the town's park. Beauty and health products, toys, home goods, pet items, food and many everyday items. A donation of $20 will allow a shopper to fill up a bag, and for $40 a shopper can fill a large box. Some of the items of greater value will require a larger donation. There will be some restrictions and product limits on the items. Cash and checks accepted. Proceeds will be used for park improvements and capital improvements for the town.

Alcoholics Anonymous
The Grace of God group of Alcoholics Anonymous has open AA meetings (all are welcome) Mondays and Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. at the Carriage House, located next to Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE Cullman. Contact phone numbers: 256-347-1097, 256-841-2209 or 256-708-1340

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m.-noon. Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry and Spirit Life Church.
• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthdays. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pickup is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper, AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• Friday, May 17 - Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Bring a dish, dessert or drink for a potluck meal at 5:45 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
• Saturday, May 18 - Drive-through food bank 9-11 a.m.
• Sunday, May 19 - Prayer - Join Teresa at 9:15 a.m. in the prayer room to pray for our church, nation and those who need healing, salvation or deliverance.
• Sunday, May 19 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call Cedric Davidson at 256-339-5755 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11.

Alcoholics Anonymous
Sundays, 3 p.m. at Cullman First Church of the Nazarene, 5415 Alabama Highway 157. CLOSED literature study. Handicap accessible.

TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings
Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., at Cullman Housing Authority Community Center (1545 Vine Circle SW, Cullman, AL 35055). The first meeting is free. TOPS, a national program, is a hands-on/pounds-off approach to weight loss and management through weekly meetings providing information, accountability, support and encouragement where you make the changes that make sense to you.

Cullman NAR-ANON Group Meetings
The NAR-ANON family group meetings are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. We offer Help by sharing our experiences, strength and hope. We carry the message of hope by letting others know that they are not alone by practicing the 12 Steps of NAR-ANON and changing our own attitudes. We Respect Your Anonymity. Our program is not a religious one, but a spiritual way of life. Meetings will be held at The Ruehl Building (Family Life Center of St. John's Church) Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. Contact Jamie Weathersby Smith 256-708-7122 or Don or Nancy McKenzie 256-736-3327 or 256-736-3470 for more information.

Cullman AlAnon Meetings
The AlAnon family groups are a fellowship of friends and family whose lives have been affected by alcoholism. The Cullman Serenity AlAnon group meets each Monday at noon at 1519 St. Joseph Dr. NE. There is also a Zoom meeting each Tuesday at noon. The Courage to Change AlAnon family group meets on Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church at 305 Arnold St. NE in the Carriage House, located between the church and the Arnold House on the corner. For more information call 256-734-2231 or 256-531-4429.

Master's Hand Food Pantry at The Link
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Cullman Educator Retirees Association Meeting
Thursday, May 16, at 11 a.m. at Stone Bridge Farms. We will have a member share session and suggest programs for future meetings, followed by lunch and fellowship for those who wish to stay. We welcome new members and visiting retirees.

Rummage Sale
Friday, May 17, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 18, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. at Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church (located on Saint Joseph Street in Cullman). Huge annual sale with lots of items for young and old alike. Come and bring a friend.

Fairview High School 1963 Luncheon/Meeting
Friday, May 17, at 1 p.m. at the Golden Corral, 1720 Cherokee Ave. SW in Cullman. For more information call Joyce Williams Rodgers at 256-339-3451.

Hamm Family Reunion
Saturday, May 18, at noon, at the Hanceville Lions Club, 111 Michelle St. NW, Hanceville. Please bring a covered dish. For more information, contact Scott Hamm at 256-924-6272.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Singing
Sunday, May 19, at 5 p.m. with New Ground from Scottsboro. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. Everyone is invited. For more information call 256-796-5986 or 256-338-9202.

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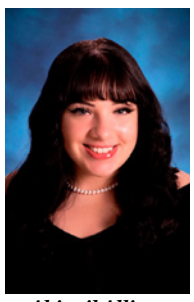
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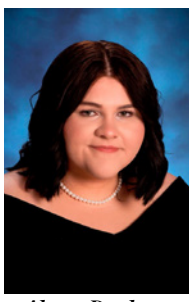
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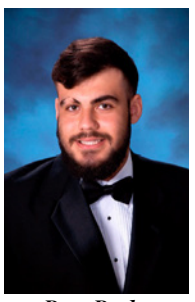
"I am proud to announce the upcoming graduation of Hanceville High School's class of 2024. On May 18 at 10:00 a.m. 88 seniors will make the much anticipated walk across the stage at the Wallace State Coliseum to receive their diplomas. The class of 2024 is full of high character, talented students who will achieve great things as they move on to further their education or start their careers. The entire staff at HHS wants to wish them the best of luck as they leave our school and become alumni. We are proud of you class of 2024 and hope all of your dreams and goals become reality!"

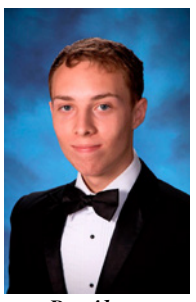
Daniel Wakefield, Principal, Hanceville High School

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Alyssa Dauksza


Bear Busby

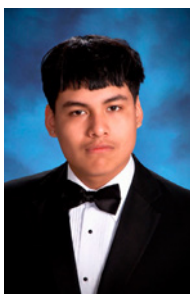

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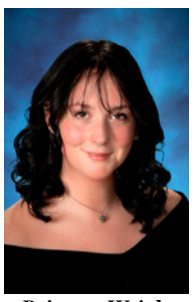

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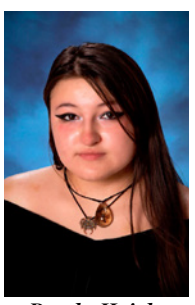

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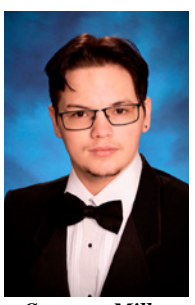

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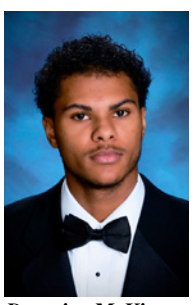

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Charity Barnes


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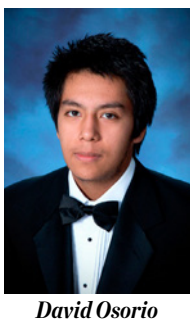

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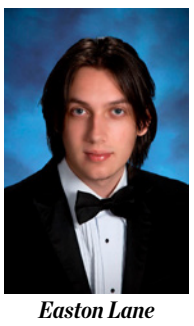

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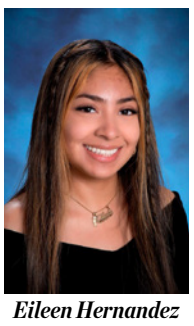

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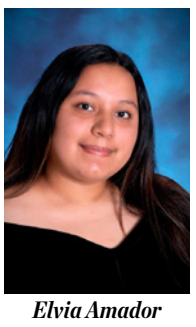

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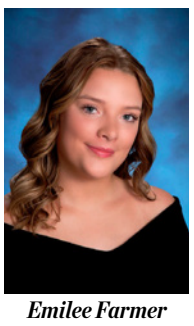

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Eileen Hernandez


Elijah Clements

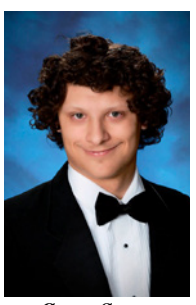

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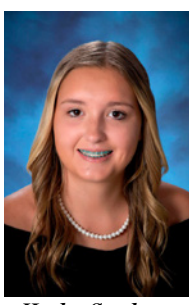

Emily Bush


Endy Trejo


Giovanni Bautista


Grant Stowe


Grayson Hurter


Harley Stephens


India Flanigan


Jacob Cornelius


Jasmine McDonald


Jayden Smith

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Joe Lesnansky

John Davis

JohnMichael Core

Jonathan Benitez

Jose Medina

Jose Trejo

Joshua Sloan

Kaci Hyatt

Kaitlyn Hurter

Kaleigh Murphy

Karissa Rosalez-Miller

Kate Sterling

Katelyn Boyd

Katelyn Twilley

Keiton Whatley

Khalil Flanigan

Konnor Helms

Kylie Batemon

Lakota Hopkins

Lamondre Williams

Larry Goodwin

Lezly Arjona

LJ Smith

Logan Jackson

Logan Lisle

Lucas Aker

Macy Law

Mallory McCain

Miaonna Ward

Nathan Henderson

Nelson Arteaga-Fletes

Noah Douglas

Noah Jones

Olivia Watson

Raegan Edwards

Rori Robinson

Samantha Briscoe

Sariah Henderson

Stacy Tankersley

Stephen Gianetti

Tanner Hitt

Tristan Higginbotham

Yoleny Benitez

Zoah Wleklinski

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2024

GOOD HOPE HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 2024

Graduation is Saturday, May 18, at 2 p.m. at Wallace State Tom Drake Coliseum

Not pictured: Cannin Murphree, Carson Raley, Shelby Whitfield, Makaila Moore, Matthew Simmons

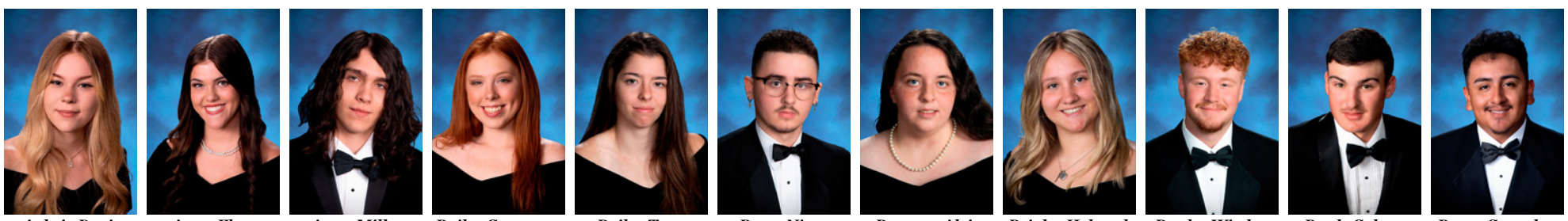
"The Good Hope High School Class of 2024 is a special class to so many. These seniors were 8th graders when I started at Good Hope and made me feel at home right away. I know this class has made a similar impact on others as well. They have accomplished so much individually and collectively to make Good Hope School and community a better place. I am confident that this class is destined for great things. I wish the Good Hope High School Class of 2024 the very best and as always, It is Great to Be A Raider!"

Scott Brown, Principal, Good Hope High School

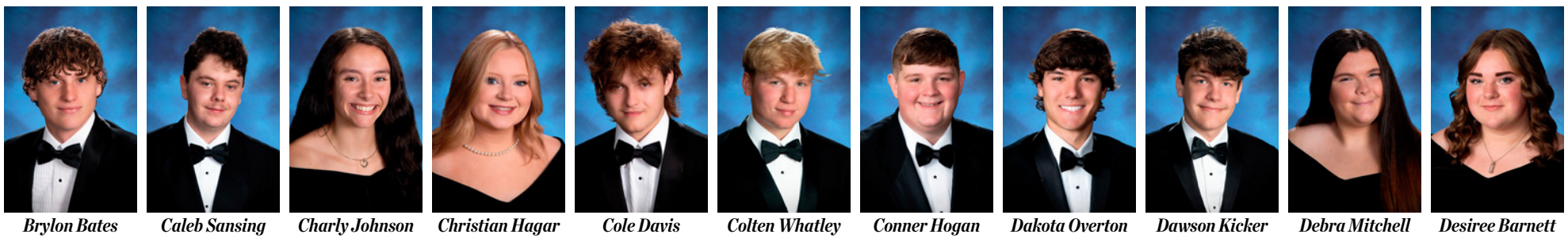
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Aubrin Davis | *Avery Flynt* | *Avery Miller* | *Bailey Graveman* | *Bailey Tetro* | *Barry Nixon* | *Breanna Alvis* | *Brinlee Holcomb* | *Brodey Witcher* | *Brody Calvert* | *Bryan Gonzalez-Hernandez*



Brylon Bates | *Caleb Sansing* | *Charly Johnson* | *Christian Hagar* | *Cole Davis* | *Colten Whatley* | *Conner Hogan* | *Dakota Overton* | *Dawson Kicker* | *Debra Mitchell* | *Desiree Barnett*



Edrickson Andon | *Elijah Page* | *Ember Phillips* | *Emelia Chiaranda* | *Emma Bailey* | *Emma Hydrick-Nix* | *Emma Knight* | *Emma Lawley* | *Emma Thomson* | *Evelin Hernandez-Ramirez* | *Felicity Driver*



Guillermo Alday | *Harley Turnbull* | *Harlis Clark* | *Heather Tetro* | *Henry Prado* | *Holly McGraw* | *Houston Walton* | *Isabelle Willis* | *Ivey Maddox* | *Izack White* | *Jacob Wright*



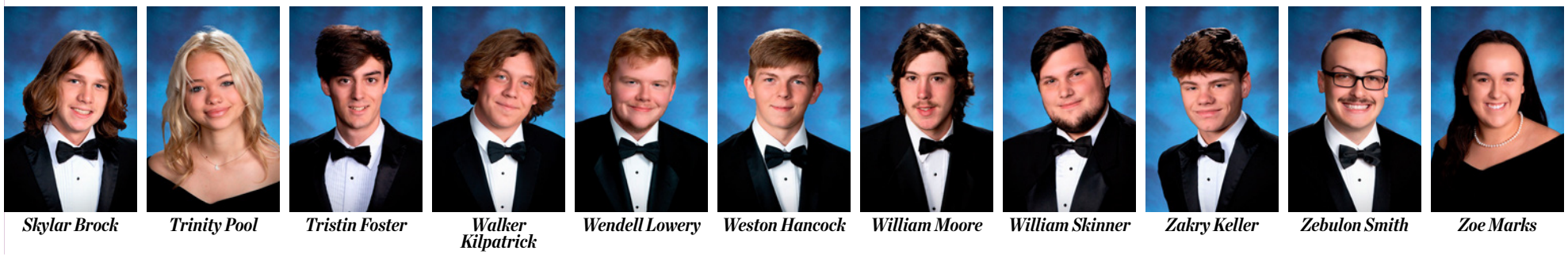
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Kailey White | *Kaitlin Patterson* | *Kaliana Lee* | *Katelyn Williams* | *Kerry Neighbors* | *Kyra Doss* | *Lillie McCluskey* | *Lindsey Thomas* | *Lynsey Dawson* | *MacKenzie McNabb* | *Madison Lee*



Mason Meyers | *Michael Butts* | *Michael Gray* | *Mikah Hyde* | *Natalie Scott* | *Rebecca Fox* | *Roland Nisely* | *Samuel Cregan* | *Savannah Egnor* | *Seth Loggins* | *Sidney Woznicki*



Skylar Brock | *Trinity Pool* | *Tristin Foster* | *Walker Kilpatrick* | *Wendell Lowery* | *Weston Hancock* | *William Moore* | *William Skinner* | *Zakry Keller* | *Zebulon Smith* | *Zoe Marks*

Airport (from Front)

craft will be able to park on this apron.

"We're going to build – put a taxiway in now on some undeveloped lands. We have about a 19-acre parcel; once that taxi lane is put in, we can start developing hangars on either side.

"So the next 10 years of the airport – we just finished an airport layout plan called a ALP – the next 10 years of the airport, we should really be advancing in the growth phase of the airport to keep up with the demands of aircraft that are probably trying to come here and businesses, etc."

Cullman Regional Airport in March received a congressional allocated grant in the amount of $4,177,000 for the apron reconstruction project through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Grants-in-Aid for Airports program. Cullman's was one of only six grants received in the state of Alabama under this funding allocation.

Cullman Regional Airport is a joint venture between Cullman County and the City of Cullman.

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

The council also:

• Approved a resolution to enter into an agreement with Terracon Consultants, Inc. to perform borings on Graham Street Southwest

• Held a first reading of an ordinance to annex property located at 2100 Main Ave. SW into the city limits of Cullman as B-2 business district. The council took no action, and can vote on the measure at its next meeting.

• Set a public hearing on June 24, 2024, at 7 p.m. for an ordinance to rezone the Elrod property located on 309 Olive St. SW, behind Lin Garden on Olive Street, from residential to business

The Cullman City Council will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 2, 2024, in the city hall auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

Maintenance Manager

REHAU Automotive LLC, Cullman, AL. Coordinate transfers and maintenance of machines and equipment and tools; Meet environment, safety and health requirements. Risk management and decision making. Maintain phys. plant; Advise on safety specs and compliance for machines and equipment; Prevent/fix unsafe conditions; REQS: Bachelor's in manufacturing engineering or similar + 24 mos. experience as Logistics Analyst or similar role. 24 mos. Experience in/with: data analysis and troubleshooting; MS SQL Server, AS/400 or successor systems, MS Excel; electronic data interchange in auto industry; manufacturing logistics in the auto industry; manufacturing execution systems including RFID; and 24 months experience in role responsible for the communication of new processes to factory employees (experience may be gained concurrently). Alt req's: high school diploma/GED + 48 mos. exp. in/with all aforementioned areas/systems/roles. Mail resume to: Jana Schroeder, REHAU Automotive LLC. Include job title. 2424 Industrial Dr SW, Cullman, AL 35055

LEGALS

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicle, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned motor vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80:

2001 GMC Sierra, gold, VIN#1GTEC191T1Z163310

If not claimed, this vehicle will be sold for towing, repair and work done. Sale date is Saturday, June 8, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. Call Vance Johnson at 256-339-5752.

Legal Notice

Staci Bryan is not reliable for any and all debts, Cullman and Cullman County. 925 County Road 792, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

Staci Bryan
staciphillips356@gmail.com
256-470-4875

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
PEGGY JO MANN-GRACE, * CASE NO. PC 2024 - 1169
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have been granted to Steven Matthew Putnam, as Administrator of the Estate of Peggy Jo Mann-Grace, deceased, on the 8th day of May, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, and that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Steven Matthew Putnam

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

Attorney for Administrator

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of publication.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE *
MARGARET ANN MILLIS, * CASE NO. PC-2024-039
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: Christal Cookenmaster
4702 County Road 40
Arley, AL 35541

You will please take notice that the 13 day of June, 2024, at 11:30 o'clock A m. has been appointed the day and time for hearing the *Petition For Letters of Administration With The Will Annexed* filed by Michael J. Baggett, Attorney for Petitioner, Lageita Carol Watkins Harris at which time you can appear and contest the same, if you see proper.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the Court this 6 day of May, 2024.

Lageita Carol Watkins Harris
Petitioner

Attorney for Petitioner:
Michael J. Baggett
Baggett & Wilson, L.C.C.
206 Ninth Street Southwest, Suite 102
Cullman, AL 35055
256-737-0740

TO: Publisher
The Cullman Tribune

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

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
DEBORAH BETTY SEAGROVES,) CASE NO PC 2023-172
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR DECLARATION OF INSOLVENCY AND FINAL DISCHARGE

TO: HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY OF CULLMAN COUNTY
CULLMAN EMERGENCY MEDICAL
FRANKLIN SERVICE, INC FOR DECATUR MORGAN HOSPITAL
FRANKLIN SERVICE, INC FOR THE HEART CENTER
PHILLIPS & COHEN ASSOCIATES, LTD ON BEHALF OF JEFFERSON CAPITAL SYSTEMS, LLC
PHILLIPS & COHEN ASSOCIATES, LTD ON BEHALF OF CF MEDICAL, LLC
ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN OR INTEREST PARTIES

Please take notice that a *Petition of Personal Representative for Declaration of Insolvency and Final Discharge*, was filed on the 19th day of April, 2024, made court record the 26th day of April, 2024, by Shay Persall, Personal Representative, by and through Attorney, Steven C. Smith. A hearing on said Petition has been **Set for the 17th day of June, 2024, at 11:30 A.M.**, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this 30th day of April, 2024.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for Personal Representative
PO Box 398
Cullman, AL 35056

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
MARRION KEY, * **CASE NO.: PC2023-333**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to RHONDA KEY, as Personal Representative of the Estate of MARRION KEY, deceased, on the 30th 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 be barred.

RHONDA KEY
Personal Representative

Pamela E. Nail
Attorney for Personal Representative
200 Second Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Telephone: (256) 734-3342

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

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
LINDA M. BOYD, * **CASE NO PC 2023-262**
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

TO: TYLER EPHESIANS BOYD, CAMERON BRYANT DUVALL and ANNA CHRISTINE DUVALL, AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Petition for Final Settlement filed the 22nd day of March, 2024, made court record the 28th day of March, 2024, by Enika Shalon Duvall, by and through her attorney of record, Michael R. Burleson, has been scheduled for the **25th day of June, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.**, before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

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

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

Done this the 30th day of April, 2024.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks is said newspaper.

Michael R. Burleson
Attorney for Petitioner
200 Second Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055
(256) 620-0007

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama, will hold a public hearing on June 24, 2024, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the Lucille N. Galin Auditorium at City Hall, 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055. At this time, anyone wishing to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the adoption of Ordinance No. 2024-19 (set forth in full below) will be given an opportunity to speak. - Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 19

AMENDING THE CURRENT ZONING ORDINANCE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, TO RE-ZONE CERTAIN PARCELS OF PROPERTY AS SET FORTH HEREIN

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Under the authority of Chapter 52, Articles 1 through 4, Section 11-52-1 through Section 11-52-84, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, and specifically Sections 11-52-77 and at the request of property owner, the petitioner, the following describe the tracts or parcels of land, to-wit:

Property Owner: Jan Elrod. Property Address: 309 Olive Street SW.

Legal Description: The east half of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 22, township 10, range 3 west, Cullman County, Alabama.

within the city limits of Cullman, Alabama, and lying and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama, designated as Residential District R-1 on the Zoning Map of the City of Cullman, Alabama under Ordinance No. 2004-03 and as may be reflected in any comprehensive master plan for the City of Cullman, Alabama, be, and is hereby changed from R-1 Residential District to B-2 Business District.

SECTION 2. That this ordinance be published at least once a week for two consecutive weeks in advance of its final passage in a newspaper with general circulation within the City of Cullman, Alabama, the first publication of said notice and ordinance being verbatim and the second publication either verbatim or synopsized, with the last publication being at least 15 days prior to the date set for public hearing and passage of said ordinance.

SECTION 3. That a public hearing be held relative to the passage of this ordinance on the 24th day of June, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., at which time interested parties and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and any changes relating thereto.

SECTION 4. That all notices as required by law be given by the City Clerk concerning said public hearing, and in addition thereto, a certified letter be sent by the Clerk to all contiguous property owners at their last known addresses as shown by the tax records for the City of Cullman, Alabama.

SECTION 5. That upon final passage of this ordinance, all zoning maps, master comprehensive plans or any other documents of the City of Cullman, Alabama, in conflict with this ordinance are hereby changed and amended to reflect the changes and amendments herein.

SECTION 6. Should any part or portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any other part or portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage or adoption as required by law, including notice, publication and public hearing, all in accordance with Section 11-52-1, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

Submitted by Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Eddie M Forster And Spouse Glenda A Forster to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for AHL Mortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns dated August 14, 2007; said mortgage being recorded on September 7, 2007, in Book 1536, Page 419 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust by assignment recorded in Deed Book 377, Page 290 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, ALABAMA.

The undersigned, US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 30th day of May, 2024 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

A part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 23,Township 10 South, Range 1 West, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a found 1-1/2 inch pipe marking the Northeast Corner of said Section 23; thence South 0 degrees 32 minutes 11 seconds West a distance of 2014.18 feet to a found iron at the Southeast Corner of Lot 9 of Richmond Estates Subdivision (Plat Book B, Page 323 A); thence South 1 degree 37 minutes 21 seconds West along the accepted east line of said forty a distance of 347.32 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron and the true point of beginning of the property herein described; thence from said true point of beginning, continue South 1 degree 37 minutes 21 seconds West along said accepted east line a distance of 313.01 feet to a found 5/8 inch rebar iron marking the accepted Southeast Corner of the above described forty; thence North 89 degrees 29 minutes 36 seconds West the accepted south line of said forty a distance of 153.55 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron; thence North 1 degree 37 minutes 10 seconds East a distance of 313.95 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron; thence South 89 degrees 08 minutes 34 seconds East a distance of 153.55 feet to the true point of beginning.

Said property is commonly known as 741 County Road 695, Holly Pond, AL 35083.

Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage.

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WildWater (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism Executive Director Nathan Anderson told the Cullman City Council this week about plans for upgrades at Heritage Park, and announced that WildWater, the city's aquatic recreation facility, is set to open on Memorial Day weekend with upgraded and new features to welcome guests.

"You know, one of the minor complaints that we get – everybody seems to be happy there – but shade is one of those things that's mentioned," said Anderson, "so we've added a few more giant umbrellas which will probably provide about 75 more shaded spots for people. So I know the moms will be happy." Anderson said that CPRST is working on "increasing the efficiency within our food operations" to make wait times in food lines shorter.

Online ticket sales

CPRST will offer online ticket sales for the water park, with financial incentives for guests to purchase through the website, to speed up the process and guarantee that guests can be accommodated at times they choose.

Said Anderson, "The primary reason for that is there were several times this last season that people showed up and we were at capacity. So it's much better if everybody plans ahead, purchase your ticket ahead of time so that you can ensure that you have a spot in the park."

WildWater is also adding a merchandise hut where guests can purchase swim gear and souvenirs. Anderson told The Tribune, "The reopening of WildWater brings a lot of excitement. The sounds of laughter and water create a lively atmosphere for family and friends to make lasting memories. We are looking forward to seeing everyone soon!"

Heritage Park playground and splash pad to be updated

Anderson told the council, "We have Dinner on First this Saturday, and really excited to announce that we have raised a record amount of money. This year's project, if you haven't heard, is Heritage Park playground and splash pad over on the Lowe's side of the park. So this is about a 25-year-old playground that we'll be replacing, and we'll be looking at refurbishing the splash pad at the same time. So we've already put a great dent in that project with this fundraising." For more on WildWater, visit hwww.wildwatercullman.com. For more on all Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism facilities and programs, visit www.cullmanrecreation.org.



Maverick (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Maverick, The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week, is a male Husky who is approximately 2 years old. He's described as a medium-energy, leash-savvy young male who understands personal space.

While at the kennel he has exhibited mistaken manners, he's exceptionally quiet and the time you spend with Maverick is precious, as his personality continues to flourish. He is a water bug and loves spending time in the kiddie pool, but you'll rarely see him without his small toy tomato. Maverick's demeanor would be perfect for someone seeking a companion or therapy dog, willing to take on hikes. Please take time to check out Maverick and all the other pets up for adoption at the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 935 Convent Road NE, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Contact the shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullmananimalshelter@co.cullman.al.us for more information.

Golf (from Front)

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MUSCLE SHOALS, Ala. — Day two of this year's state tournament at RTJ The Shoals was shortened to nine holes due to weather conditions forecasted for Tuesday and several of our local golfers were still able to post strong finishes.

West Point's Bailey Sutter shot an even par 72 on day one and recorded a 2-under round of 36 on Tuesday to earn 5A medalist honors and help lead the Warriors to a third-place finish just behind Demopolis and Randolph.

West Point's girls took home some hardware as well, finishing runner up behind Alexandria with a team score of 73 over par.

In Class 6A, Cullman's Ben Shedd posted a 7-under 65 on day one and a 3-under round of 35 on day two finish runner at up 10-under par.

Cullman's Kate Cost put together another strong performance as well, shooting even par on Monday and 1-over on Tuesday to earn third place individually and help lead the Bearcats to a third-place team finish.

Vinemont's Abby Lee also finished 10th in this year's 1A-3A Tournament.



WEST POINT HIGH

West Point's Girls finished as Class 5A runner ups at this year's state golf tournament.



CULLMAN HIGH SCHOOL

Cullman's Ben Shedd finished runner up in Class 6A after shooting 10-under par in 27 holes at this year's state tournament.

Nursery (from Front)

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Regional is expanding obstetric and nursery services with the addition of a fourth OB- GYN physician, six neonatologists and four neonatal nurse practitioners to its medical staff, the hospital said in a media release this week. The new neonatology providers will offer around-the-clock care to babies born at Cullman Regional beginning this summer.

Neonatology is a medical specialty for the care of newborn babies, especially those who are critically ill and/or premature. Having this higher level of care available at Cullman Regional will enable the hospital to transition its nursery from a Level I Well Baby Nursery to a Level II Special Care Nursery. The Alabama Department of Public Health defines a Level II nursery as a specialty nursery which includes equipment and staff that can support slightly underdeveloped or somewhat sick babies who are expected to get well quickly.

"Our maternity nursing team has some of the most experienced nurses in our health system," said Charna Brown, chief nursing officer. "Becoming a Special Care Nursery is a natural progression for us as our capabilities and services grow."

Dr. Hannah Hightower, who is board certified in both pediatrics and neonatal-perinatal medicine, will serve as medical director of the Cullman Regional nursery.

Renovations of the hospital's nursery were recently completed to provide patients and the new neonatology team an updated, spacious area that will better accommodate the Level II Special Care Nursery.

Cullman Regional's OB expansion started last summer with the addition of three OB-GYN physicians to its employed physician group. These physicians had already been delivering babies at Cullman Regional through an independent practice, but with changes to that multi-specialty clinic they needed a new home.

"These doctors are well established in Cullman and care for thousands of patients," said Lisa Courtney, vice president of physician services. "It was important that they did not leave the community, so we worked to create an opportunity for them to stay."

When Dr. Lance Justice relocated his practice from Marshall County earlier this month, he became the fourth OB-GYN physician to join the hospital's employed physician group in less than one year.

"I'm excited to be a part of the growth at Cullman Regional. I appreciate a hospital system that

is willing to invest in patient care and give attention to important details," said Justice.

The health system's decision to invest and grow the OB program is in stark contrast to the recent OB closures at three Alabama hospitals, said the release: "The expanded services will help ensure that women in the area continue to have local access to prenatal care and a hospital-based birth center with advanced newborn care."

"Cullman Regional is committed to providing quality women's health services," said CEO James Clements. "We've been focused on expanding local access to health care in our region for years and this is an example of how we are continuing that mission."

Obituary Announcements: May 14-15

Norma Fae Neely, 88
Funeral service for Norma Fae Neely, age 88, of Cullman, is Saturday, May 18, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, with Chaplain Ed Flaig officiating. Visitation will be held from noon - 2 p.m. and interment will be at Center Grove Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Norma was born on Feb. 22, 1936, to B.B. Robertson and Ruby Sherrer Robertson. She passed from this life on Monday, May 13, 2024. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Marvin H. Neely; her long-time companion, Dewey Absher; and five brothers and sisters. She is survived by son, Dale Neely (Sandra); daughter, Sherri Pope (Donald); brother Wayne Robertson (Martha); grandchildren, Amanda Haley (Chris), Jonathan Neely (Kyla), Adam Pope (Eliza), Amy Jeffrey (Jeremiah), Jeremy Monroe; eight great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews that she dearly loved. Norma was a loyal military wife, who was well-traveled, living in nine different states and five different countries throughout her life. She is described by her family as a kind-hearted, loving, and protective wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was also known as a "firecracker" and an entrepreneur. She will be dearly missed by all those who knew and loved her. Please visit www.cullmanfuneralhome.com to sign the online guestbook.

Frederick Earnest Tetro Jr., 68
Frederick Earnest Tetro, Jr., age 68 of Trussville, passed away on Friday, May 10, 2024, at St. Vincent's East. He was born Monday, May 7, 1956, to Frederick Tetro and Vivian Tetro. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his daughter, Amanda Tetro; sons, Frederick A. Tetro and London Tetro; seven grandchildren; five great grandchildren; sisters, Terrie (Kenny) Cantrell and Deb (Tracy) Styles; brother, Andrew (Charlotte) Tetro; extended family members, Catherine Martinez, Jeff Daniels, Chelsea Purcell, Benjamen Robinson and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the family. A service will be held at a later date.

Donald Edward Massey, 76
A Celebration of Life for Donald Edward Massey, age 76 of Vinemont, will be from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, June 8, 2024, at Northbrook Baptist Church with Keith Warden and Wade Maynard officiating. Mr. Massey passed away on Sunday, May 12, 2024, at his Decedent's Residence. He was born Thursday, Dec. 18, 1947, to Louie Edward Massey and Lois Elizabeth Massey. He was preceded in death by his parents and grandson, Sean Payne. Survivors include his wife, Connie Massey; daughter, Heather Payne; sister, Jan Deason and a host of family and friends.

Mathew James Baker, 43
He was preceded in death by his partner, Patty Sterling; parents: Deirl and Geree Baker; nephew, Jashua Kanaday and great niece, Anna Hocutt. Matthew is survived by his brothers: Carter Baker, Rayburn Baker, Kenneth Baker, and Luke Baker, sisters: Tina Baker Armstrong and Janet Baker Vintson (Dewayne); nieces and nephews: Veronica Kanaday, Brandon Kanaday, Krystal Baker, Justin Vintson and Toby Vintson; 3 great nieces, 3 great nephews, and a host of other family members and friends. Memorial service will be Saturday, May 18, at Logan Jr. High Community Center at 1 p.m. Reverend John McCoy will be officiating. To leave condolences for the family please visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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Wallace State Softball wins 4th straight district title

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace Sate Community College's softball team earned their fourth consecutive conference title on Saturday at the 2024 NJCAA Division l ACCC South District Softball Tournament held at Veterans Park in Alabaster, AL and their 16th title overall.

The team swept the tournament, winning three straight games to claim the title. Pitcher Katie Simon of Athens was named the tournament MVP.

The Lions went into the tournament as the No. 1 seed and soundly defeated Northwest-Shoals Community College 11-2 in the first round of play. Katie Simon pitched all six innings of the match-up, striking out 11 of the 23 batters she faced. Laura Leigh Wheeler of Sulligent knocked in eight runners with her two hits for the game, including a grand-slam. Jessie Taylor of Dalton, Georgia, and Tessa Word of Dawson, each had RBIs in the game.

The second-round game against Snead State was a little more challenging, but the Lions came out on top 5-3, with Lily Boswell getting the win and Emily Simon the save.

Jadyn Foster of Sand Rock and Word each had a homerun in the game, with each bringing in one additional run during the game. Caroline Cartron of Hazel Green and Bayleigh Rouse of Harrison, GA, each had single RBIs as well.

In the final round, Wallace State shut out Southern Union 3-0, with Katie Simon getting the win. Taylor's homerun combined with a fielder's choice and an RBI from Rouse was all the team needed to clinch the win.

Along with MVP Katie Simon, Cartron, Word and Wheeler all were named to the All-Tournament Team. Rouse, Wheeler and Katie Simon were also named to the 1st Team All Conference.


WSCC
Wallace State defeated Southern Union 3-0 Saturday to win its fourth consecutive ACCC South District Championship.

The Lions will make their 16th appearance at the 2024 National Junior College Conference Division I Softball World Series May 20-25 at Choccolocco Park in Oxford, AL. Live games will be broadcast on the NJCAA Network (www.njcaa.org). This will be the last year for the world series to be held in Alabama before it returns to Yuma, AZ in 2025.

The Lions are 35-12 overall for the season and 19-5 in the conference.

Lions Baseball ends season among Elite Eight

Wallace State's baseball team ended their season after making it to the Elite Eight in the 2024 NJCAA Division I South District Championship at Choccolocco Park.

Seeded at No. 7 heading into the tournament, the Lions lost 9-1 to No. 2 seeded Delgado Community College out of New Orleans, La. The Lions bounced back in the first round of the consolation bracket, defeating Snead State Community College 18-10. Their season ended in a hard-fought battle against Southern Union State Community College, who won 8-6.

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Vinemont (from Front)

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VINEMONT, Ala. — The Vinemont Town Council at its recent meeting shared details about upcoming community initiatives.

One such event is the Senior Citizens Day, scheduled for Monday, May 20, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Vinemont Community Center.

Furthermore, the council announced a cleanup day at Henry & Roe Wood Park scheduled for June 1, starting at 8 a.m. Efforts will focus on tree maintenance, scraping old paint off the current park amenities and repainting the amenities to enhance and maintain the community space.

The council also accepted a generous donation from Vinemont Christian Church – a piano that will soon grace the Vinemont Community Center.

Additionally, the council accepted a quote from Alabama Outdoor Lighting for the installation of Christmas lights at the community center, city hall, pavilion and fire department. The installation, tentatively scheduled for October, will cost $2,290.

The next meeting of the Vinemont Town Council will be on Tuesday, June 11. The work session will begin at 5 p.m. and the meeting will follow at 6.

Students (from Front)

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Two Career Tech students from Cullman High School's Educators in Training program, Anna Hill and Maddie Doyle, received first place at the Future Teachers of Alabama State Conference for their submission to the "Grow Your Own" Video Lesson Competition.

The pair won against more than 50 submissions throughout the state.

The competition involved the Cullman High School students creating a potential lesson plan, preparing a lesson, providing instruction and evaluating results.

The Future Teachers of Alabama organization started the "Grow Our Own" Initiative to provide school systems with additional opportunities to focus on activities that promote teaching as a career and encourage students to strongly consider the field of education as a future.

The students were recognized at the Alabama State Department of Education Board Meeting on May 9, 2024.

Senator Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, invited Hill, Doyle and their instructor Ben Heatherly to the Alabama Senate, where they were recognized for their accomplishment.



