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United Way book drive brings in 300+ books

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CULLMAN, Ala. — United Way of Cullman County (UWCC) expanded its community outreach this month with its second annual book drive. Running from May 11-18 and featuring book signings by local authors, the drive was able to secure and put over 300 books into the hands of children and teens from the Cullman County area.

Residents, businesses and organizations were encouraged to participate in the philanthropy by dropping new and gently used books in the designated UWCC Book Drive boxes placed around town.

UWCC Executive Director Stephanie Childers said, "The second annual book drive was a huge success.

"The community donated over 300 books to Little (Free) Libraries and daycares in need all over the county."

The drive was » PAGE 5



UWCC

The United Way of Cullman County held a book drive this month, ultimately donating over 300 books to local children and teens.

West Point duos headed to High School Fishing World Finals and National Championship



HEATHER MATHIS

West Point High School junior Nick Lee and recent graduate Kaden Mathis will compete in June at The Bass Federation 15th annual High School Fishing World Finals and National Championship.

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WEST POINT, Ala. — Two West Point High School student duos have qualified for The Bass Federation 15th annual High School Fishing World Finals and National Championship.

Pearce Parker and Kaylie Pearce landed in 10th place in the Alabama Bass Federation (ABF) State Tournament in April, securing the team's spot. With a weight of 24.59 pounds, the Big Fish title for the first day of the tournament was given to Parker and Pearce.

The second team, consisting of recent West Point graduate Kaden Mathis and his partner, West Point junior Nick Lee, had an unexpected journey to the championship. Their decision to enter the ABF State Tournament was a spontaneous one; they registered for the event at the last minute. However, they had a blast, bringing home a second-place title and a bid to nationals. Like West Point's other qualifying fishermen, Mathis and Lee got the Big Fish title on the tournament's second day, and closed the competition with a weight of 12.72 pounds. "It could have been the last fishing tournament I was in," said Mathis. "I just wanted to have fun one more time."

His dad, Micheal Mathis, has been a major force in his son's fishing career. He often accompanies his son on those early morning fishing trips, helping maintain the boat and equipment and offering unwavering support.

"We are one of just 16 high school teams from the entire state of Alabama that qualified for this event," Micheal Mathis shared. "The boys are very proud and excited to represent our community and state on a national level."

The Bass Federation 15th annual High School Fishing World Finals and National Championship will take place June 19-22 on Lake Hartwell in Anderson, South Carolina.

Man involved in chase, fatality charged with murder

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Cheese, cheese and more cheese!

Hanceville Grilled Cheese Festival a huge success



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Attendees packed the streets shopping through the various goods offered by vendors at the Hanceville Grilled Cheese Festival on Saturday, May 25, 2024. » PAGE 5

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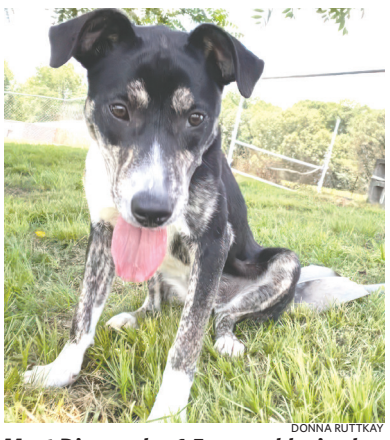
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PET OF THE WEEK

Shine bright like a Diamond



DONNA RUTTKAY

Meet Diamond, a 1.5-year-old mixed Australian Shepard, at the Cullman County Animal Shelter. » PAGE 4

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported May 29

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported May 28, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

May 23

- burglary; CR 1564
- reckless endangerment; Cemetery Rd.
- criminal mischief; CR 568
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69N
- domestic violence-menacing; CR 1025
- criminal mischief; CR 222
- attempt to elude law enforcement officer; Beech Ave. SE
- theft of property; CR 1435
- harassing communications; CR 1850

May 24

- domestic violence; CR 1371
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 1753
- assault; criminal mischief; CR 397
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 437
- harassing communications; CR 469
- harassment; CR 233
- attempt to elude law enforcement officer; resisting arrest; reckless endangerment; 2nd Ave. SW
- possession of dangerous drugs; CR 38

May 25

- sell-distribute drugs; possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; 2nd Ave. SW
- theft of property; CR 1570
- domestic violence; Hwy. 278E
- possession of drug paraphernalia; attempt to elude law enforcement officer; CR 397

May 26

- possession of drug paraphernalia; I65NB Ex. 291
- violation of protection order; CR 702
- harassing communications; CR 940
- harassing communications; CR 2102
- possession of burglary tools; CR 1141
- trafficking drugs; unlawful possession of controlled substance; I65NB MM299

May 27

- receiving stolen property; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69S
- theft of property; CR 1727
- domestic violence; CR 598
- assault; Hwy. 157
- domestic violence; trespassing; CR 1386
- domestic violence; CR 941
- reckless endangerment; CR 1718
- theft of property; CR 1626
- assault; CR 1134
- resisting arrest; CR 1551
- theft of property; US. 31
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278E

ARRESTS

May 23-26

Blackwood, William K.; 29

- possession of burglar tools

Cook, Joshua O.; 41

- GJ – burglary

Crawford, Harold B.; 24

- FTA – burglary
- FTA – theft-theft from residence (2 counts)

Davis, Mason L.; 19

- possession of drug paraphernalia

Duke, Jerry L.; 53

- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Duncan, Devin S.; 23

- assault
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- attempting to elude a police officer

Dye, Garrett D.; 29

- possession of burglars tools

Ellis, Daniel A.; 44

- sell/distribute - methamphetamine
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Gregory, Kayla M.; 29

- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Harris, Onis S.; 32

- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hudson, Michael S.; 49

- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- drug trafficking
- buying/receiving stolen property (3 counts)
- receiving stolen property, $500-less than $1500
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Hull, Justin S.; 35

- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Ivy, Michael N.; 39

- attempting to elude a police officer
- resisting arrest
- run red light (3 counts)
- improper lane usage (4 counts)
- lane change without proper signal (5 counts)
- no seat belt
- reckless endangerment
- reckless driving

Jackson, Aimee J.; 35

- family offense-causing of delinquency, dependency or need of supervision of children chins

Mcdonald, Steven S.; 39

- assault-domestic violence-3rd degree – harassing communications

Mcleod, Natalie N.; 43

- PROBATION VIOLATION – failure of adult sex offender to comply with requirements prior to release

Schulte, Erin M.; 41

- FTA – negotiating worthless instrument

Smelser, Shawn K.; 42

- FTA – burglary
- possession of methamphetamine

Smith Jr., Michael M.; 18

- DUI (alcohol)

Taylor, Brandi L.; 49

- FTA – possession of methamphetamine
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Tubbs, Corey L.; 34

- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – Ex-Felon in possession of a firearm
- GJ – burglary-no force
- GJ – theft-miscellaneous
- GJ – burglary-force

Witcher, Jeffery S.; 54

- DUI (alcohol)

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

May 21

- harassment; person; Dialsdale Dr. SW

May 22

- harassment; person; Swafford Rd. SW

May 23

- identity theft; person
- retail theft of property-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy 157; general merchandise; $715

May 24

- theft of property-3rd degree; Dollar General; Hwy 278 W; general merchandise; $616
- burglary-3rd degree, theft of property-4th degree; Auburn University; Co. Rd. 1466; miscellaneous; $240
- harassment; person; 2nd Ave SW
- retail theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $70

May 25

- domestic violence strangulation; person
- menacing-aggravated assault; person; Olive St. SW

May 27

- harassment; person; 6th St. SW
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; miscellaneous charges

May 28

- burglary-3rd degree; Rausch Coleman Homes LLC; cabinets; $2,937; Amber Ave. SE

ARRESTS

May 24-28

Grey, Jeremy B.; 53

- burglary-3rd degree
- theft of property-4th degree

Gregory, Kayla M.; 29

- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Schulte, William J.; 45

- FTA - driving without a license

Ellis, Daniel A.; 44

- FTA - speeding
- FTA - run red light
- FTA - driving without a license
- FTA - running stop sign
- FTA - insurance violation

Smith, Shaun E.; 32

- FTA - expired tag
- FTA - insurance violation
- FTA - running stop sign

Pugh, Ashley C.; 24

- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Holmes, Patrick R.; 36

- public intoxication

Millar, Ronnie R.; 42

- FTA - driving while license suspended
- FTA - insurance violation

Morales, Ruth M.; 55

- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Brizendine, Christopher N.; 49

- FTA - theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)
- FTA - criminal trespass-3rd degree
- FTA - driving without a license
- FTA - insurance violation

Thompson, Destiney K.; 26

- FTA - illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA - criminal trespass-1st degree (2 counts)

Doss, Andy M.; 65

- FTA - domestic violence-3rd degree (3 counts)
- FTA - resisting arrest
- FTA - disorderly conduct
- FTA - unlawful possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA - driving without a license

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Baileyton Bargain Days
First 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 31 - Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hangups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Bring a dish, dessert or drink for a potluck meal at 5:45 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
• Sunday, June 2 - 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.

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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.

Berlin Neighborhood Watch Meeting
The Town of Berlin will hold an information meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 30, at the Berlin Community Center to consider the formation of a community watch. For more information, contact Edith Stevenson at 256-709-3163.

Baileyton Masonic Lodge Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, June 1, from 6:30-9 a.m. Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice – or milk for children. Donations only. Proceeds will be used for community projects. Thank you for your support.

Mopars by the Lake
Friday and Saturday, June 7-8, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at Sportsman Lake Park in Cullman. Car show (Mopar powered only!), live music, food, fellowship. All proceeds benefit Secret Meals for Hungry Children. For more details, visit https://tinyurl.com/PentestarSouth.

Cullman Chapter of The National Association of Retired and Active Federal Employees Meeting
Monday, June 10, at 11 a.m. at Golden Corral Buffet in Cullman. Dutch lunch at 11 and meeting at noon. Rita Black is in charge of our meeting agenda of challenging mind games. Members and nonmembers welcome.

Vacation Bible School at Mt. Nebo Baptist
Ever wish your kids could go to an old-time vacation Bible school? Here is the chance. Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, 11 County Road 1273, Cullman, Alabama 35055, June 10-14, from 6-8:30 p.m. Meal served each night. Special needs welcomed with guardian. Babies through teens. Any questions, call Joan Roy at 256-590-2020.

Swamp John's at St. Andrews Methodist Church
Tuesday, June 11, from 4-7 p.m. Plates are $15. Proceeds to benefit the Committee for Church Corporation. For more information call Doyle Jones at 901-482-5500.

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WSCC ATHLETICS

Wallace State Men's Golf 19th in nation; women's Aidan Haithcock 22nd in nation

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College men's golf finished the season No. 19 in the nation after their appearance at the 2024 National Junior College (NJCAA) Division I Men's National Championship at Rockwind Community Links Golf Club in Hobbs, NM.

The squad finished 17th in the tournament. The Lions final round of play was their best of the tournament, ending the round at 5 over par, besting earlier team scoring rounds of +15, +13 and +23.

Sophomore Joseph Vinyard of Gardendale completed the tournament tied in 48th place, earning the Lions highest place individually in the tournament. His best rounds were the first and fourth, where he finished even par, and was +4 and +5 in the second and third rounds, respectively. Sophomore Keith Hunter of Ontario, Canada, freshman Cole Lindeman of Priceville, freshman Dillan Wade of Vestavia Hills, sophomore Billy Gunyon of Essex, England, and sophomore Liam Meaden of Noddingham, England rounded out Wallace State's national tournament team.

The team took second place at the Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC) Region 22 Tournament to punch their ticket to the national tournament.

Haithcock 22nd at NJCAA national tournament

Wallace State golfer Aidan Haithcock of Homewood finished 22nd in the nation individually at the NJCAA DI Women's National Championship. In four rounds of play she came in +4 in the first and final rounds, +6 in the second round and was even for the third round.

The men's golf team is coached by Sylas Elliot, while the women's team is coached by J.J. Adams.



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Wallace State's Men's Golf Team placed 17th at this year's NJCAA Division 1 Tournament.

PREP SPORTS

'This team is not just a team; it's a family': Holly Pond's Violet Adams reflects on Bronco years

Sammy Confer
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HOLLY POND, Ala. — Holly Pond's Violet Adams spent several years competing with the Broncos track and field team and she shared some of her favorite memories and experiences with her teammates.

"My favorite memory from track-and-field was when we won the sectional track meet my senior season. We have gotten runner-up a few times for sectionals, but being able to come home with a championship showed us that all the hard work and dedication we put into the sport really paid off," Adams said. "This team is not just a team; it's a family. It was great having them on my side, helping me, and pushing me during the meets to help me perform to the best of my abilities. The friendships that I have gained at my time at Holly Pond will never be forgotten."

Adams learned three important things during her track-and-field career and took away an extremely important thing from some great coaches.

"I learned discipline, teamwork, and perseverance. It takes a lot to be a runner, and it comes down to those three things, whether it's an individual event or a team event," she said. "The coaches are amazing. Coach P and Mr. Russell have pushed me for the past two years and have cheered me on and helped me improve in so many different ways. Knowing and having amazing coaches like ours that make practices fun, but also helping me and my teammates improve, have helped tremendously. One thing I have learned from my coaches that has stayed with me is if I fail or do something wrong, don't give up. Our coaches are very uplifting and will help you fix your mistakes. With their coaching, I have seen a huge difference in my performance, at practices, and at the meets."

This team will definitely hold a special place in her heart and she talked about one of her favorite high school memories.

"I will forever remember this track team. I have done track for six years, and I have grown so much in the sport. I will miss the coaches and the team the most. They have all made a huge impact in my life, and I'm so grateful to have gotten the chance to run for this school and this team," she said. "My favorite high school memory would have to be when we did the Homecoming Olympics. We worked together as a team, and we cheered each other on."

She talked about what made Holly Pond a special place to go to, what she will remember and miss the most about being a Bronco, and the best advice that someone has ever given her.

"Holly Pond has always been special, not only to me, but my family as well. The town of Holly Pond is not a big community, but it sure is the best town in Cullman, Alabama," she said.

"I will remember everything that has happened to me at the school. They have taught me so much in so many ways, and I'm so blessed to have been given the opportunities that I have been granted at my time at Holly Pond. I will miss the teachers and the students at Holly Pond.

"I will forever remember the friendships I have made at my time at Holly Pond and to carry them on with me in the future. I had someone once tell me that there are two ways things will go in life. Either you can fall down and give up, or you can fall, get back up, and try again, but quitting should never be the answer."

Adams was in her fair share of clubs and took away so much from that experience. She talked about her college plans and gave those students that are fixing to start high school in August some advice.

"I was a part of Key Club, Beta Club, and FCCLA. I learned so much about teamwork, leadership, and pursuing my passions. I picked up valuable skills like organization, public speaking, and problem-solving. Most of all, I had a ton of fun exploring my interests with the students," she said. "My plan is to do one year at Wallace to receive my associates degree, and then move on to Calhoun Community College to become a Surgical Tech. My advice to them is to do your best in everything and anything that you do. Don't rush into things and get yourself in a mess. Don't procrastinate and get it done. Work on the things you need to get done when you get it."

Something life-changing happened to one of Adams's friends in 2021 that caused her to take her life a lot more seriously. She also talked about a very important role model in her life and how important it is to her to be a role model for younger people.

"Back in 2021, I lost a friend of mine in a car wreck, and it has made me take life very seriously. Life is precious, and we are not promised tomorrow," she said.

"My biggest role model would have to be my dad. He was a big sports guy and still is to this day. He is a hard worker and very dedicated to everything he does.

"It is very important to me that I make the right decisions in life so that they don't make mistakes and get pressured to do things that some people do. I have three younger siblings at Holly Pond, and I know most of their friends. I want to be the best role model for all the younger generations."

She gave some advice to those people that want to be where she's at right now, and she talked about what she wants people to remember about her.

"It's going to be a hard ride, and it's going to take a lot of time, but in the end, after it's all done, you can look back at what you have done, and be proud of yourself," she said. "I want people to remember me as a hard-working person, whether it be work, school, or sports. I also want people to remember me as someone who is funny, but caring at the same time, and let people know that if they need someone to talk to, I'll always be there for them."



VIOLET ADAMS

Holly Pond's Violet Adams

Diamond (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Tribune's Pet of the Week is Diamond, an approximately 1.5-year-old mix of Australian Shepard and pure happiness. Diamond is not just any dog; she's a unique blend of charm and energy, waiting for the perfect companion.

Diamond's happy disposition makes a game of lively fetch on the lawn the highlight of the day.

Her black and brindle coat, marked eyebrows and dark brown eyes show love and appreciation with each turn of her head, shining brighter than Diamonds.

Diamond, with her calm and unassuming demeanor, is the perfect companion for leisurely walks through parks or neighborhoods. Her friendly manners make strangers feel like instant friends, a testament to her adaptability and charm.

Are you ready to meet Diamond? Head over to Cullman County Animal Shelter at 935 Convent Road NE, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. for a meet and greet. Her adoption fee of $130 includes spay, DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet and microchip. Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullmananimalshelter@co.cullman.al.us.

Key (from Front)

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College has hired Faron Key to serve as the head coach of the men's basketball team, President Dr. Vicki Karolewics announced today.

"We are excited to welcome Coach Key back to Wallace State and trust he will continue the tradition of excellence for which the Lions are known, a tradition that is part of his own personal history with the college."

A native of Cullman County, Key played basketball for the Lions from 1995-1997. And as an area high school coach, he has coached players during tournaments held at Traditions Bank Arena inside Tom Drake Coliseum.

Key comes to Wallace State after serving as the head coach of the Hartselle High School boys' basketball team, where he's coached for almost 10 years. Before coaching the Tigers, he was the head boys' basketball coach at Arab High School (2004-2014) and the junior varsity boys' basketball coach at Moody High School (2003-2004).

"I am very thankful and grateful for the opportunity from Dr. Karolewics and Athletic Director Paul Bailey who are putting their trust in me," said Key, who is a Cullman County native. "I'm excited because I played there and went to school there. I wanted to get back not just to Wallace State but to the community I grew up in. To come back and continue the winning tradition at Wallace State is a challenge I don't take lightly. I will bring great energy, effort and enthusiasm to work every day, and will recruit players who do the same.

Key takes over a team that won its fourth National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) South District/Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC) Championship and made its fourth NJCAA Division I National Tournament appearance in 2024, where they advanced to the sweet 16.

Key has 299 career wins, including 174 at Hartselle, the most wins in the school's history. He was named the 6A Coach of the Year in 2021. He led the Tigers to three 6A Area 14 championship titles from 2019-2021 and was runner-up at the 6A Northwest Regionals in 2020. He also led the Tigers to Morgan County Championships from 2016-2019.



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Faron Key has been hired as Wallace State's new men's basketball coach.

Key has a master's degree from Jacksonville State University and a bachelor's degree from Athens State University.

Simmons (from Front)

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College has hired Joseph Simmons to lead the women's basketball team, President Dr. Vicki Karolewics announced today.

"We are proud to welcome Coach Simmons back to Wallace State and look forward to his continuing the tradition of winning for the Lady Lions," Karolewics said.

Simmons previously served as assistant coach to the men's basketball team from 2006-2010 under former coach Allen Sharpe, who is now the women's basketball coach at the University of Alabama at Huntsville.

Before his first stint coaching at Wallace State, Simmons was the head varsity boys basketball coach at East Poinsett County Schools in Lepanto, Ark., from 2004 to 2006.

After leaving Wallace State in 2010, he served as the head varsity girls basketball coach at Marshall County High School in Benton, Ky. (2010-2017) and head varsity girls basketball coach at Goodpasture Christian School in Madison, Tenn., (2017-2022).

He returns to Wallace State after most recently serving as head varsity girls basketball coach at Green Hill High School in Mt. Juliet, Tenn.

"I am extremely humbled and honored to be named the head women's basketball coach at Wallace State," Simmons said. "I want to thank Dr. Karolewics for entrusting me with leading the women's basketball program. I look forward to building upon the history and tradition of success of this program. I'm looking forward to meeting the team and starting the process of building relationships with them.

"Wallace State is a special place, and my family and I are excited to be back," he added. "My wife and I moved here right after we got married. We had our first child while I was previously coaching at Wallace State. My wife is an alumnus of WSCC. So, it definitely feels like we are coming home. I'm ready to hit the ground running."

Simmons takes over a team that finished the 2023-2024 season 25-6 and as runner-up in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) South District/Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC) championship. The Lady Lions own six ACCC championships and have made six appearances at the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division I National Tournament.

Simmons' career coaching record is 483-171 between 16 years coaching high school (363-156) and four years as assistant at Wallace State (120-15).



WSCC

Wallace State is hiring Joseph Simmons to take over as its new women's basketball coach.

Simmons holds master's degrees from the University of the Cumberlands and United States Sports Academy, a bachelor's degree from Arkansas State University and an associate's degree from Crowley's Ridge College.

Drive (from Front)

backed by UWCC's Success by Six program, an initiative that focuses on cognitive skills along with social and emotional development of children younger than 6.

"We also had the honor of having two local authors, Kaitlin Chappell Rogers and Caris Snider 'book end' our event with book signings," said Childers.

"You can pick up your copies of Kaitlin Chappell Rogers' and Caris Sniders' publications at Monograms Plus, Yates Christian Bookstore or Amazon."

Snider appeared at the Karma's Coffee House on Saturday, May 11, to speak about and sign her books "Anxiety Elephants 31 Day Devotions," "There's an Elephant on My Chest" and "Car Line Mom."

Rogers was present at the UWCC office on May 18 to highlight her books "Not From God: Taking Back the Narrative of Your Life" and "Hey Little Flower Girl."

Many of the community's Little Free Libraries and childcare centers benefited from the donations brought in during the drive.

"We are grateful for the community support and look forward to our next event," smiled Childers.

Cheese (from Front)

Gauge Day
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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Hanceville Grilled Cheese Festival in downtown Hanceville proved to be a huge success despite the morning rains that initially threatened to keep the crowds away on Saturday, May 25. The festival saw an impressive turnout with packed streets well into the later part of the day. Street vendors, with everything from custom hats to signature woodwork, offered goods to the bustling crowd. Local businesses also opened their doors to the influx of visitors.

Food trucks lined the streets, each presenting its spin on the classic grilled cheese. Festivalgoers enjoyed everything from traditional grilled cheese sandwiches to inventive creations that showcased the food trucks' culinary flair.

Music filled the air with multiple bands taking the stage throughout the day, adding to the vibrant festival atmosphere.

A highlight of the day was the midday grilled cheese competition, surrounded by throngs of spectators. Brittani Coker emerged as the 2024 Grilled Cheese Festival champion. The competition also featured a special guest judge, the Chubbfather from 99.5's Breaking Bread with AJ & the Chubbfather; AJ and the Chubbfather, along with his family, added a touch of local celebrity to the event.

Festival organizers shared a special thank you to all who came and participated: "Thanks to all of our vendors and sponsors who made yesterday's event one of the best ever. After the initial storms, the weather turned out great, although a bit hot and muggy, but it is after all, Alabama. A special shout out to Breaking Bread with AJ & the Chubbfather for coming down and helping us out with the cooking competition, and some great food truck interviews!"

Despite the early rains, the Grilled Cheese Festival hit the mark once again, offering the community a day of delicious food, fun activities and a chance to come together and enjoy a memorable day in Hanceville.



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The 2024 Hanceville Grilled Cheese Festival champion, Brittani Coker

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Joyce Nix
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- Aaron Cortes-Villegas
- Sipsey Drake
- Silas Krische
- Reise Rigsby
- Caroline Sanders

Eighth grade
- Norah Bissot
- Ella Cron
- Ella Davis
- Anastasia Hazard
- Avery Hines
- Merry-Carmen Pichardo
- Tony Ranelli

ST. BERNARD MIDDLE SCHOOL MERIT ROLL

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- James Grey
- Josie Lamote
- Paul Mason
- Andrew Nguyen
- Sawyer Watwood

Eighth grade
- Kayleigh Bryan-Marty
- Eugene Byrd
- Alexa Chavez
- Gabriel Kibler
- Analia Lajara
- Johnathan McBride
- Matthew Sauers

ST. BERNARD PREPARATORY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Ninth grade
- Joseph-Benedict Anders
- Alexis Cron
- Sean Daly
- Tessa Sanders
- Sarah Cumbie
- Sam Myers
- Karly Arndt
- Sage McDowell

10th grade
- Katie Chamblee
- Parker Guthery
- Josh Marks
- Eduardo Martínez Perez
- Sarah Woods

11th grade
- Roselyn Chavez
- Saray Cortes-Villegas
- Marissa Hazard
- Rowan Hines
- Nathan Gaspar
- Madi Kerber
- Abby McBride
- Jade Nguyen
- Joel Rose
- Joey Shadowens
- Willa Smith

12th grade
- Scarlette DeCicco
- Audrey Gil
- Martha Jimenez Jose
- Caroline Sidley
- Amelia Tafazoli
- Andrew Tombo
- Sydney Watwood
- Ethan Wu

ST. BERNARD PREPARATORY SCHOOL MERIT ROLL

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- Kieran Gargan
- Rafi Guevara
- Emilie Gutowski
- Logan Kretzschmar
- Caroline McBride
- Lily Tillitski
- Yulissa Wang
- Kaelyn Wrisley

10th grade
- Tanya Jimenez Jose
- Gavitt Lewis
- Kimberly McCormick
- Emma Osborne

11th grade
- Logan Bello
- Cash Daly
- Presley Shealy
- Elle Tillitski

12th grade
- Walter Adams
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- César Hernandez
- Ashton Lindsey
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LEGALS

PB WIL BK 123 PG 760 - 05/21/2024 10:35 AM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
BOBBY J. RYAN, * CASE NO.: PC2023-349
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to ANTHONY CHRISTOPHER RYAN, as Personal Representative of the ESTATE OF BOBBY J. RYAN, deceased, on the 21st day of May, 2024, by Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court.

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

Anthony Christopher Ryan
Personal Representative

THE KILGO LAW FIRM
Jerry L. Kilgo
Attorney for the Personal Representative
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Cullman, Alabama 35055

TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA *
* IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
CULLMAN COUNTY *
* CASE NO. PC2024-197

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF RICKY McMINN, DECEASED

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said Deceased having been granted to the undersigned, Candice Rushing, on the 29th day of May, 2024, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Dated this the 29th day of May, 2024.

CANDICE RUSHING
Personal Representative of the
Estate of Ricky McMinn,
Deceased

PERRY D. KNIGHT
Attorney for the
Estate of Ricky McMinn, Deceased
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To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

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TAMMY BROWN
Judge of Probate

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
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PB WIL BK 123 PG 745 - 05/21/2024 10:13 AM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
VIRGIL LEE MILLER, * **CASE NO.: PC2024-022**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Hollybeth Ann Miller, as Personal Representative of the Estate of VIRGIL LEE MILLER, deceased, on the 21st day of May, 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.

HOLLYBETH ANN MILLER
Personal Representative

Beverly Paschal Poston
Attorney for the Estate of
Virgil Lee Miller, Deceased
201 2nd Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 03
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: N31, LLC.
Lot 3A. Legal Description: A tract or parcel containing 141.81 acres of land, more or less, and being known as Lot 3A of the Resurvey of Lot 3 (Future Development) of the Plat of Lot 5, of the Re-subdivision of Lot 3, Noble Ridge Subdivision as recorded in the Plat Records of Cullman County, Alabama, and is hereby changed from B-3 Business District and M-1 Manufacturing District to R-4 Residential District.
within the city limits of Cullman, Alabama, and lying and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama, designated as R-4 Residential District on the Zoning Map of the City of Cullman, Alabama, under Ordinances 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 B-3 Business District and M-1 Manufacturing District to R-4 Residential 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 27th day of November, 2023 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.
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, this the 4th day of December, 2023.
/s/Jenny Folsom - President of City Council
ATTESTED BY: /s/Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk
APPROVED this the 4th day of December, 2023. /s/Woody Jacobs – Mayor

PB WIL BK 123 PG 943 - 05/28/2024 03:56 PM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
MAXIE SUE RIGSBY, * **CASE NO.: PC2024-193**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased having been granted to BRENDA RIGSBY SULLIVAN SOUTHERN, on the 28th day of May, 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.

BRENDA RIGSBY SULLIVAN SOUTHERN
Personal Representative

Shelbie G. Hankey
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TO: **The Publisher of *The Cullman Tribune***

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City of Cullman
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On Monday June 3, 2024, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Amendments to sidewalks in the Zoning Ordinance
2. Conditional use request at 104 Austin Avenue SW
3. Short form subdivision – Loring Street NW & 2nd Avenue NW
4. Short form subdivision – 248 County Road 1335

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

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on March 21, 2002 by Phillip Ashley, a single man, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in MTG Book 1238, Page 285, Modification of Mortgage executed on November 6, 2013 by Phillip Ashley and Stephanie Ashley, which said modification is recorded in MTG Book 1723, Page 328 and Modification of Mortgage executed on December 23, 2015 by Phillip Ashley and Stephanie Ashley, which said modification is recorded in MTG Book 1778, Page 258, all in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on June 14, 2024:

The E ½ of that portion of the E ½ of the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Sec. 17, T9S, R2W, lying and being South of the Goldridge Road; being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Sec. 17, T9S, R2W, thence North along the said section line to the South margin of the Goldridge Road; thence West along the South margin of the said Goldridge Road for a distance of 350 feet; thence South parallel with the East boundary of the land herein described to a point 330 feet due West of the P.O.B.; thence East to the P.O.B.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

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 part of the foreclosure process.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Thomas W. Russell
Attorney for Mortgagee
2915 Clairmont Ave.
Birmingham, Alabama 35205
The Cullman Tribune-May 23, 30, June 6, 2024

Man (from Front)

Lauren Estes
lauren@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — A Tennessee man is facing a murder charge for his role in a high-speed pursuit and wreck that left a Crane Hill woman dead in south Cullman Friday, May 24.

Michael Neal Ivy, 39, of Middleton, Tennessee, is charged in the death of Ellarea Dickson, 77.

"The Cullman County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with District Attorney Champ Crocker, has obtained warrants for murder and assault in the first degree," said Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry on May 28. "In addition, Ivy has been charged with felony attempting to elude, resisting arrest, reckless endangerment and multiple traffic offenses."

As of press time, Ivy was still in an area hospital. The charges stem from a chase that initiated in Hartselle and continued south on U.S. Highway 31 into Cullman where the crash happened in front of Town Square Shopping Center near McDonald's and Kentucky Fried Chicken.

The vehicle Dickson was driving was struck as a result of the high-speed police chase. Cullman County Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick identified Dickson, and a social media post from the Morgan County Sheriff's Office said she was the mother of Sgt. John Dickson.

According to a statement from the Hartselle Police Department that day, "On May 24, 2024, at about 07:35 am a Hartselle Patrol Officer was traveling south on Highway 31 near Crescent Drive.

"The officer was behind a vehicle turning left into a business. The officer heard the sound of squealing tires and observed a vehicle approaching from the rear at an excessive speed. The vehicle then swerved to the right lane almost striking another vehicle. The officer attempted to stop the vehicle, but the vehicle continued at a high rate of speed toward Falkville and out of the city limits of Hartselle. The officer determined not to pursue the vehicle further due to the excessive speed.

"The officer later discovered this same vehicle proceeded to Cullman and was involved in a wreck. The officer obtained the driver's name and other identifying information and obtained a warrant for Attempted to Elude Police, a Class C Felony. The warrant is entered into NCIC and the suspect, Michael Ivy, age 39 of Middleton, Tennessee will be arrested following his release from the hospital."

Officers from the Hartselle Police Department, Falkville Police Department, Cullman Police Department, Cullman County Sheriff's Office and Alabama State Troopers were involved in the pursuit at different points.

According to a statement from the City of Cullman that day, "A high-speed chase was initiated in Hartselle this morning. The suspect was chased into Cullman County and then entered the city limits. Due to a high rate of speed in heavy traffic areas, Cullman Police Department joined in the pursuit.

"Officers observed him run multiple red lights and the suspect later collided with an innocent third party in front of Town Square Shopping Center. The crash resulted in one fatality and a second person transported with critical injuries.

"The suspect is in custody but was transported due to injuries sustained in the crash. The crash is under investigation and more details will follow."

Multiple social media posts, as well as a GoFundMe set up for the family, have identified the passenger in Dickson's vehicle as her granddaughter Alyssa, who was severely injured in the crash and remains hospitalized. The pair were on their way to work at KFC, where Dickson was a beloved longtime employee.

Said Gentry, "One of the hardest things about law enforcement is having to deal with other people's bad decisions. These actions often put us in no-win situations. We do everything in our power to keep the citizens safe, but sometimes tragedy still strikes. Mrs. Dickson was a wonderful, sweet lady that I had an opportunity to get to know over the years. I had spoken with her on several occasions at community meetings, as well as at KFC. Losing her is an absolute tragedy. We will be with her family every step of the way to ensure that prosecution is carried out to the fullest extent of the law. Our prayers and deepest condolences will continue to be with the family and friends of Mrs. Dickson."

Gentry said Ivy will be transported to the Cullman County Detention Center upon his discharge from the hospital. He is currently being held with no bond.



Obituary Announcements: May 28-29

Patricia Denton Gorff, 73
Helen Patricia Denton Gorff, age 73, of Cullman passed from this life on Friday, May 24, 2024, at Huntsville Hospital, surrounded by family. Funeral service for Helen Patricia Denton Gorff will be Thursday, May 30, at 11 a.m. at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be held from 9-11 a.m. at the chapel and interment will be at Ebenezer Cemetery. Helen was born to Herschel Denton and Martha Cansas Glover Denton. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, James Edward Gorff. She is survived by her son, Lawrence Gorff; daughter, Danielle Teichmiller (Joey); brother, Roger Danny Denton; sister, Velma Mabry (Jim); grandchildren, Austin Teichmiller (Shelby), Cheyenne Spears (Nathan), Cody Gorff (Morgan), Vivian Gorff, Anastasia Gorff (Max), Zoey Ballenger, Kiara O'Steen; great-grandchildren, Alex Spears, Lane Spears, Abel Spears, Fred Gorff, Bentley Martinez, Zayne Teichmiller, Aylin Teichmiller; a host of family and friends. Helen loved scrapbooking and shopping. She really enjoyed Elvis's music as well. Her family will always remember that she gave them the best gift of all, her time. She will be very missed by all who loved and knew her. Please visit www.cullmanfuneralhome.com to sign the online guestbook. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family.

Dustin Douglas Canter, 29
Dustin Douglas Canter, age 29, of Cullman, passed from this life on May 23, 2024. There are no services planned at this time. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Dustin was born on Nov. 18, 1994, to Douglas Edward Canter Jr., and Christie Michelle Maxwell. He was preceded in death by his mother; grandparents, Debra Ann Gibson, Douglas Edward Canter, Sr., Randy Maxwell. He is survived by his father, Douglas Canter Jr. and step-mother, Cassandra Canter; daughter, Kinzleigh Poupard; grandparents, Jerry David Gibson, Laurie Canter, Beverly Maxwell; brothers, Braden Bermingham, Raden Bermingham; step-brothers, Christian Couch, Tylan Roden, Karson Cottingham, Jensen Roden; sister, Jazlyn Leeann Canter; stepsisters, Sabrina Couch, Juana Cobos, Gabriella Cobos, Lakeleigh Cottingham; aunts and uncles, Dawn Marie Nix and Shaun Nix, Jason and Amy Canter, Joseph and Amanda Canter, Amanda Jo Canter, Matthew Canter, Jerry Lee Gibson; A host of family and friends. Dustin is remembered by his loved ones as loving his family with all his heart. Please visit www.cullmanfuneralhome.com to sign the online guestbook.

Ellarea C. Dickson, 77
Celebration of Life Service for Ellarea C. Dickson, age 77 of Crane Hill, will be at 5 p.m. on Friday, May 31, 2024. Visitation will be from 4-5 p.m. on Friday, May 31, 2024, for family and friends, at Bremen Baptist Church. The family will continue to accept friends following the celebration of life service until 7 p.m. at the church. Ellarea C. Dickson, passed away on Friday, May 24, 2024. She was born, Dec. 16, 1946, to David Calvert and Ailene Freeman. Mrs. Dickson was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Gayla Dockery, Delena Watwood and Cherie Coaly and son, Robert Dickson. Survivors include her son, John Dickson; daughters, Bianca Dickson, Pamela Soto; grandchildren, Melaiena, Kyle, Rachel, Trevor, Alyssa, Adam, Mikayla, Tanner, Landon and Brayden; 24 great grandchildren; brother, David Calvert and all KFC extended family with 17 years of service.

Steven D. Gilley, 44
Funeral Service for Steven Dwayne Gilley, age 44 of Phil Campbell, will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 30, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Ricky Newell officiating, burial at Logan Baptist Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m. on Thursday, May 30, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Mr. Gilley passed away on Monday, May 27, 2024, at his residence. He was born Monday, June 18, 1979, to James Edward Gilley and Vernile Gilley. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Jimmy Gilley. Survivors include his sister, Theresa (Allen) Newell; brother, David (Donna) Gilley; nephew, Chris Gilley and Nathan Newell; Nieces, Taylor and Greycee Gilley; great nieces, Emma Grace Rauch, Kara Newell, Izabella Gilley and one on the way Maycee Crossley; sister in law, Sue Gilley and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and other family. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Joanne Phillips Bates, 79
JoAnne Phillips Bates, 79, passed away suddenly of Pulmonary Embolism on Friday, May 24, 2024. Her funeral officiated by Elder Don McPherson, will be held at Moss Funeral Home, 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29, 2024, with visitation at noon. A graveside service will immediately follow at Ryan's Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. Pallbearers will be her grandsons. JoAnne was born on Nov. 2, 1944, to Lewis Shaver and Zelda Wright Shaver in Warren, Texas. She met and married T.E. Phillips Jr. in 1958, moved to Cullman, Alabama and proceeded to bear him three daughters (Cindy, Candy, and Catherine), one after another, until she finally gave him the "Buddy" he had always wanted (T.E. Phillips III).Then, she threw in two additional girls for good measure (Connie and Camillia "Millie"). After her first husband died, she married Ellis Bates. JoAnne worked as a home health nurse, and she loved, and was loved by all her patients. After retiring, she only stayed home a couple of years, and then worked as her daughter Catherine's legal secretary until Covid (or as she called it, "the Covic") hit. While there, she loved, and was loved by all of Catherine's clients. She had a knack for making friends easily and making all friends feel like her best friend. JoAnne loved her children more than anything else in the world, except for her Chihuahua mix baby girl named Cassie... and her coffee and a sweet snack... and playing casino slot machines...oh, and watching Alabama football, but not anymore because Nick Saban retired and he is so nice-looking! Some of the pearls of wisdom that JoAnne passed along to her children were: • NEVER drive past a yard sale. 'One man's trash is another man's treasure." • If you've seen one beach, you've seen them all. • The best ink pens are those you get (steal) from your doctor's offices. • Always play the penny slots - your money will last longer. • Always keep all the best household cleaners and tools stocked –one day you'll use them! • When asked how much money does a person really need, answer, "As much as you can get." • Just go along to get along - we can cuss them later amongst ourselves, and • You look so pretty... when you wear your makeup! JoAnne was preceded in death by both parents, all her siblings, her first husband and father of her children T.E. Phillips Jr; three of her children: T.E. Phillips III (Buddy); Connie Phillips Evans; and Camillia (Millie)Phillips; and her second husband Ellis Bates. She is survived by three of her children Cindy Phillips Hardy; Candy Phillips Thomas; and Catherine Phillips Carter; her beloved son-in-law, Catherine's husband David Carter; Eleven grandchildren; two stepsons Toby Bates and Marty Bates; many nieces and nephews; and grand nieces and nephews. JoAnne will never be forgotten. She will be loved and missed on Earth until the last of her children and grandchildren has gone on to heaven to be with her again. A celebration of life visitation for Joanne will be held Wednesday, May 29, 2024, from noon to 1 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055, followed by a celebration of life funeral service at 1 p.m. Joanne will be laid to rest in Ryan's Creek Baptist Church, 24849 County Road 222, Bremen, Alabama Please visit mossservicefh.com to leave condolences for the family. Moss Service Funeral Home Directing.

Timothy Dudley Walker, 63
Timothy Dudley Walker, age 63, passed away on Sunday, May 26, 2024. He was born April 30, 1961, in Cullman, Alabama, son of Wanda Walker and the late C.D.(C-Buck) Walker. Tim was an outstanding high school athlete at Fairview High School. After high school he continued his love of sports playing men's softball for many years. Tim began working in the family business, Walker Brothers, full time after high school and upon the death of his father he became one of three family partners in Walker Brother's building supply in Baileyton, Alabama where he worked until his death. He served on the Board of Directors of Peoples Bank of Alabama, and was a member of Baileyton Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife Doreen Walker, son Shannon (Kelsi) Walker, daughter, Chelsy (Hilary) Walker, step-daughter Vanessa (Mont) Kennamer, four grandchildren Kaylie, Draven, Raeleigh and Jordan, mother, Wanda Walker Clay, brothers, Alan (Amy) Walker, Terry (Tressa) Walker, many nieces and nephews and Robin Fullilove Walker, mother of his children. He is preceded in death by his father, C. D (C-Buck) Walker, granddaughter, Raegan Walker, and daughter Heather Walker. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Tim Walker Scholarship, Peoples Bank of Alabama, 1912 Cherokee Avenue, Cullman, AL 35055 Visitation will be Wednesday night from 6-9 p.m. at Moss Service funeral home and from noon - 2 p.m. on Thursday. Funeral at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Chapel. Officiants for the funeral - Debra Moon and Chris Jackson | Interment Baileyton Cemetery | Pallbearers - softball teammates and players

Marye Stiefelmeyer Tolbert, 78
Marye Stiefelmeyer Tolbert, 78, formally of Cullman, passed away Thursday, March 28, 2024, at her daughter's home in San Francisco California. Ms. Tolbert is survived by her two daughters Lisa Michelle Craig and Shanon Anne Egan; her sister, Linda Stiefelmeyer, brother George Stiefelmeyer; and Betsy Stiefelmeyer Gibson; Son-in-law, David Egan, and three grandchildren, Michelle Renee Davis, Justin Wayne Morin and Daithi Thomas Egan. A celebration of life service will take place throughout the day on Saturday, June 8, 2024, at her residence in Decatur.

Juanita Tankersley Haynes, 92
Juanita Tankersley Haynes, born Oct. 13, 1931, a lifelong resident of Fairview, Alabama, passed away at her home on May 28, 2024, at the age of 92. Mrs. Haynes was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 65 years, Howard Eugene "Bud" Haynes, her parents, Reuben and Eunice Tankersley, and her siblings: Buddy Tankersley, Mickey Tankersley and Kenneth Tankersley. She is survived by her four children: Dr. Dennis Haynes (Charlotte), Darrel Haynes (Lydia), Sharon Haynes Litchfield (Frank) and Kevin Haynes (Stacie). She was a loving and cherished grandmother to 12 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild. She is also survived by one sister-in-law, Polly Tankersley. Juanita graduated from Fairview High School in 1950 and dedicated her life to her family and the Fairview community. A devoted member of Concord Baptist Church since 1947, she was actively involved in various church activities and supported her husband in his role as Deacon. She especially loved serving her community through her volunteer work at Concord's Corinthian Co-op Ministry helping with Vacation bible school. Juanita's unwavering faith and love for her family were evident in everything she did. Known for her warm hospitality and generous spirit, Juanita opened her home to many and was always ready to lend a helping hand. Her passion for gardening and cooking brought joy to her family and friends, and her home was often filled with the laughter and love of those she held dear. There will be a service in celebration of Juanita's life at 11 a.m. at Concord Baptist Church Saturday, June 1, 2024. The family will receive friends before the service from 10-11 a.m. Remembering the spirit of Juanita's hospitality, the family invites friends, and guests to stay for a time of visitation with lunch after the service. The burial will be in the adjoining cemetery. Officiating will be Pastor Jack Holbrook. Her grandsons will serve as her pallbearers: Jonathan Haynes, Ben Haynes, Bart Haynes, Joshua Haynes, David Haynes, Frank Litchfield, Haynes Litchfield, and Karlson Haynes. The family would like to express their appreciation to caregiver Bridgette Taylor, Gentiva Hospice and Visiting Angels for their dedication to her care. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Concord Baptist Cemetery Fund, 8158 Alabama Highway 69 N, Cullman, AL 35058.

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