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Ross Campbell takes seat on Vinemont Town Council

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VINEMONT, Ala. — Newly appointed Vinemont Town Councilman Ross Campbell was official sworn in at the council's meeting on Tuesday, June 11. Campbell took Place 3, which was vacated by Charlotte Cosper in April.

Campbell was appointed to the seat after a vote on Monday, June 6, killed fellow hopeful Grady Malone's nomination (www.cullmantribune.com/2024/06/06/vinemont-town-council-appoints-ross-campbell-to-vacant-seat). The Honorable Judge Tammy Brown performed the swearing in after asking Campbell's wife, Teresa, to hold the Bible.

Councilwoman Nina Justice was the one to second Campbell's initial nomination to the council and also the first to make a motion that he be accepted as a voting member of the Town of South Vinemont Council. Town Clerk Kayecea Sasser held a roll-call vote with no nays making Campbell the newest member.



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Ross Campbell (pictured far right) is the newest member of the South Vinemont Town Council. Pictured left to right are Teresa Campbell, Judge Tammy Brown and Ross Campbell.

West Point Scholars Bowl finishes record season strong in 3rd place at national tournament



LEE HENRY

The West Point Scholars Bowl team celebrates its third-place finish at the National PACE Tournament. Left to right are Brady Laughlin, John Davis Yovino, Brodie Henry, Eli Taylor and Sean Harbison.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — West Point High School's Scholars Bowl team, a perennial powerhouse, just capped off a one-for-the-history-books season with a third-place finish at the Partnership for Academic Competition Excellence (PACE) National Tournament in Washington, D.C.

Coach Lee Henry shared his team's season highlights:

- Cullman County Champion for the 12th consecutive year
- Undefeated in local league competitions
- Fourth place at the Junior Varsity State Tournament
- Alabama Scholastic Competition Association Division II State Champion
- First place in the Jesse Brown Small School Showcase in Glasgow, Kentucky
- Second in the nation at National Academic Quiz Tournaments, LLC Small School National Championship Tournament
- Third (Small School) at PACE Nationals in Washington, D.C.

Team captain, junior Brodie Henry, son of the coach, took several individual honors:

- State Division II MVP
- County MVP
- Second highest individual scorer at the NAQT SSNCT
- MVP at the Jesse Brown Small School Showcase

"This has undoubtedly been our most successful year," said Lee Henry.

"It will be hard to top it, but we are going to work hard and try. I think we have a really good shot at winning the NAQT SSNCT next year. But it will take a » PAGE 5

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Sonya Copeland resigns from Vinemont Town Council, Place 5



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Sonya Copeland, elected to Vinemont Town Council, Place 3 in August 2020, resigned from office at the council's meeting on June 11, 2024. » PAGE 7

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported June 12

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 12, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Incidents

No arrests or incidents reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

June 10

- unlawful breaking and entering a motor vehicle; criminal mischief-1st degree; criminal trespass-2nd degree; AT&T; miscellaneous, damaged property; Mitchell Rd. NE
- criminal mischief-1st degree; Dialysis Clinic, Inc.; damaged property; Broadway Dr. SW
- theft of property-3rd degree; person; wallet & contents
- harassment; person; Cherokee Ave SW
- criminal mischief-3rd degree, harassment; person; damaged tire; $200; Logan St. SW
- criminal trespass-1st degree; person; Gold Mark Ct. SW

June 11

- menacing; harassment; person; Lee Ave SW
- theft of property-3rd degree; Monograms Plus; general merchandise; $564; Main Ave. NE
- fraud; City of Cullman; cash
- burglary-3rd degree; person; cash; Main Ave. SW

ARRESTS

June 10

Partain, Corie L.; 19

- theft of property-4th degree

Blankenship, Adam W.; 39

- FTA - criminal trespass-2nd degree
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree
- FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia

Ward, Linda K.; 47

- criminal trespass-1st degree

Wolford, Ayla E.; 31

- FTA - criminal trespass-3rd degree
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree

Evans, Travis W.; 58

- retail theft of property-3rd degree

Myrick, Brandi M.; 47

- FTA - theft of property-4th degree

Tanner Sr., James I.; 60

- FTA - fail to register vehicle

Taylor, Misty M.; 28

- FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA - unlawful possession of marijuana-2nd degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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OF
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN

Notice is hereby given that the Mayor and the City Council (the "Council") of the City of Cullman (the "City") will meet in public session at 7:00 p.m. on June 24, 2024, in the City Hall Auditorium located at 204 2nd Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055, for the purpose of considering the transaction of business that may properly come before the Council, such business to include, among other things, consideration of a resolution (the "Authorizing Resolution") approving the execution and delivery of that certain Sporting Goods Store Project Development Agreement (the "Agreement"), to be dated its date of execution, among the City, Cullman County (the "County"), and MTN, LTD, an Alabama limited partnership ("Developer").

The terms of the Agreement address certain obligations of the City, the County, and Developer regarding the construction, development, and operation, on approximately seven (7) acres of real property located at the corner of King Edwards Street S.W. and the CSX railroad tracks within the City (the "Site"), of a major sporting goods retail store (the "Project"). Under the Agreement, the City would be obligated to remit and pay to the Developer, from 50% of the proceeds of the City's sales and use tax (presently levied for the City at a rate of 1.75%) from retail sales made within the Project, up to the maximum amount of not to exceed $1,167,000, for a period of up to ten (10) years from the opening of the Project.

If approved, the Agreement will be executed and delivered pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Alabama, including, without limitation, Section 94.01 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022 (formerly codified as Amendment No. 772 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended).

The City has determined that the development of the Project will substantially expand and enhance the prosperity, contentment, and general welfare of the City and its residents by, among other things, (i) aiding in the elimination and remediation of blight and similar effects resulting from underuse of the Site; (ii) promoting enhancement and adaptive reuse of a high-visibility area of the City; (iii) bringing substantial commercial activity to an under developed area and fostering the use and development of underutilized commercial properties around the Site; (iv) helping improve the appearance and vibrancy of undeveloped areas of the City; (v) expanding commercial activity within the City; (vi) facilitating the growth and development of commercial sites and developments around the Site; (vii) supporting and expanding industrial and economic development within the City; and (viii) expanding jobs and employment opportunities within the City.

The business entities and individuals to whom or for whose benefit the City proposes to lend its credit or grant public funds or thing of value are the Developer, the owners of which include Judy K White Trust, Karen L. Drinkard Trust, Natalie Smith-GR Trust, Tracy Smith Trust, Juliet Swann Trust, S. Michele Drinkard Trust, Drinkard Development LLC (RHD), Roy H. Drinkard, and Jason Grimmett Trust.

Further information concerning the information in this notice can be obtained from the City at the offices thereof during normal business hours.

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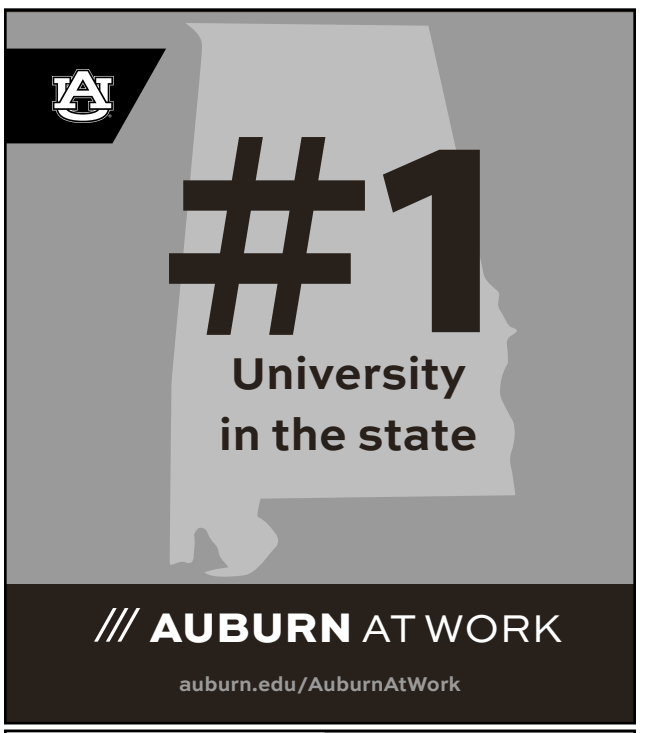
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Baileyton Bargain Days
First Saturday of each month from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the old Baileyton fire station next to the town's park. Beauty and health products, toys, home goods, pet items, food and many everyday items. A donation of $20 will allow a 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, June 14 - 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, June 15 9-11 a.m. Drive-through food bank
• Sunday, June 16 - 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
• 708 Ninth St. SE, Cullman, AL 35055
• Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
• Closed for lunch noon-1 p.m.

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 13-14, 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.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, June 13, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1310 St. Joseph Dr. NE, Cullman. Everyone welcome.

North Alabama Agriplex Board Meeting
Friday, June 14, at noon at The Heritage Center, 1714 Tally Ho St., Cullman.

Bates Reunion
Saturday, June 15, at 10 a.m. at the Trimble Community Center.

Fairview Lions Club Free Movie at the Park
Saturday, June 15, at Randall Shedd Community Park on Wesley Avenue, in Fairview. We will be showing "Kung Fu Panda 4" and will start at 6-6:30 p.m. We will have concessions and drinks. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets. Bring the kids out and enjoy the movie. All proceeds will go to the Lions Club project fund. For more information call Kita Chambers at 256-385-8805 or William Criscoe at 256-385-5596.

Speegle Family Reunion
Sunday, July 14, at the Speegle Family Point (334 County Rd 321, Crane Hill, AL 35053) beginning around 10:30 a.m. Please join us and bring a covered dish for lunch at noon. Contact Judy Shannon (256-338-0676) or Terry Phillips (256-656-3327) if you need additional information. Come eat and enjoy the day with us at the beautiful Speegle Family Point.

Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Banquet
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Good Hope City Council approves ordinance for subdivision rules & regulations

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. – Good Hope's City Council held its first June meeting at Good Hope City Hall Monday night and approved an ordinance to adopt rules and regulations in place for subdivisions that coincide with the current standards set by the county.

Section 1 of Ordinance No: 009-2024 states,
"These are adopted regulatory policies of the City of Good Hope pertaining to the construction of streets and/or drainage structures (including pipe requirements) for new roads or new subdivisions and/or other developments in Good Hope, Alabama located in Cullman County."

Purpose
a. To safeguard and provide for the public health, safety and general welfare of residents and property owners of Cullman County.
b. To serve as guidelines for future growth and development of Cullman County.
c. To protect the character, social and economic development of all lands in Good Hope and to encourage the orderly and beneficial development of property.
d. To regulate public and private policy and action, in order to provide adequate and efficient transportation, streets and utilities.
e. To establish reasonable standards of design and procedures for subdivisions in order to further the orderly layout and use of land and insure proper legal descriptions and monuments in subdivided land.
f. To promote the eventual elimination of unsafe or unsanitary conditions.

The Good Hope City Council will hold its next regularly scheduled meeting Monday, June 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Good Hope City Hall.

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PREP SPORTS

'The school is the heartbeat of our town'

Cold Springs' Zane Brown recaps his time as an Eagle

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BREMEN, Ala. — Cold Springs senior Zane Brown walked across the stage to collect his diploma in May and in this interview, he shared some of his favorite memories from his Eagle years. Brown feels blessed to have been around not only a lot of talented athletes, but some great friends as well.

"My favorite sports memories were when we won the area championship in basketball my sophomore year and winning back-to-back state titles in outdoor track my junior and senior year," Brown said. "It was an unreal experience. I've been blessed to have a lot of great people around me throughout my high school career. Not only have I been around elite athletes and competitors, but just all-around great people. None of that success is possible without my friends and teammates pushing and supporting me the whole way through. I learned so many invaluable lessons along the way. I've been blessed with great coaching and teaching all through my four-year tenure at CSH. A big thing, specifically, I'll keep with me is from coach Howell and our track staff. They were always sure to ground us in our faith in the midst of great success. We were constantly reminded that none of it would be possible without God. Despite all the success and great things we did as individuals or as a team, we were sure to always glorify Him in all we did. We tried our best to serve others, be good role models, and represent Cold Springs the right way."

Brown felt lucky to have competed under some great coaches during his career and he soaked up as much as he could from them.

"I was very fortunate to not only have great coaches in my respective sports, but also just in life. My coaches were all just really outstanding role models, the kind of people I really will strive to be like in my adult life. I had a lot of great times with both coaches Willoughby and coach Willingham respectively on the basketball court.

"Coach Willoughby taught me a lot about life and just growing as an individual. Coach Willingham showed me the importance of my position as a varsity athlete, and how I can use that platform to affect younger kids in a positive way. I have a lot of great memories with coach Howell and coach Dickerson from track as well. They both helped me to grow in my faith and taught me how to stay humble and motivated when working to achieve great things."

Brown talked about some of his favorite games and track meets that he was a part of and what he will remember and miss the most about competing at Cold Springs.

"My favorite games were probably my first varsity minutes against Winston County my sophomore year, and Senior Night against Cleveland. My favorite track meets were definitely both of the State Title meets from my junior and senior seasons," he said.

"The things I will miss the most is definitely the people. Our community is really special. When you sign up to compete for Cold Springs, you unknowingly sign up to have hundreds of people support you and push you to be your best every day. Cold Springs is one massive family.

"Everyone is constantly rooting for each other in everything we do out here. It's a really amazing thing to have witnessed and been a part of for four years. I'll also really miss being around my friends, teammates, and coaches. It's next to impossible to have a bad day at Cold Springs.

"The people here just have a way to inspire and bring out the best in you."

He had so many great high school memories as an Eagle, and Cold Springs will always hold a special place in his heart.

"My favorite memories from high school are definitely any time we got together as a group to do anything. Senior year was so much fun. We did a lot as a class to help celebrate our time together. Homecoming will always stick out too. It was a time when the whole school would really come together and show off our school spirit. I also loved being in my second period AG class this year, and that was probably my favorite class ever," he said.

"The culture at Cold Springs is what makes it so special. It's a small community that is really tight knit; the school is the heartbeat of our town. If the people here weren't so involved, the community itself might cease to exist.

"We need each other to keep things running smoothly, and everyone understands that. Cold Springs is one huge family. Everyone knows everyone around here. One huge thing that makes this place is just the compassion and pride the people who reside here share. Whether you grow up here or move in from somewhere else, people here care about you. That feeling is just so obvious anywhere you go."

He will deeply miss being at Cold Springs next year. He was in a few clubs in high school and enjoyed those experiences as well.

"I'll be sure to remember all of the great times I've spent with even better people. I'll really miss getting to put on a jersey and represent the community I love so much. The thing I'll probably miss the most is getting to see everyone almost every day, but I'm hopeful the bonds I have will last me far beyond my high school years," he said.

"I was in the Honor Society, Student Council, and the 1936 Club (Service Club). I learned a lot about helping people and showing compassion towards others. A lot of my teammates and friends were also members of these clubs, so getting to help people with some of my best friends really made for a good time."

Brown gave some advice to the students that will be starting high school in August and talked about being a role model for younger people.

"I would tell them to just be outgoing and try new things. High school is a lot of fun, if you allow it to be. Find something you're passionate about and work with it. Don't put yourself in a box.

"Talk to anyone and everyone; it's a lot more fun that way. You only get four years. Don't have any regrets when you get to the end," he said. "It's such an underrated concept for high schoolers. We get caught up in our lives and current events that we forget how often we used to look up to kids in our position when we were younger. You can really make a difference by setting out to build relationships with younger kids, try to help them and lead them however you can. Even just a smile and a wave can mean a lot.

"I have really tried to do everything possible to be a good role model for those kids. I hope they take what they learned from me and use it when they're my age for some future younger generation."

Brown had a couple of role models that he looked up to in school and in sports and talked about a life-changing experience that helped him out in a positive way.

"In school, I always looked up to Cody Bales and Seth Williams. They both were really great as both students and friends. They always worked really hard in the classroom. Both were always nice to everyone, good with the kids, and always willing to help out when needed. They both taught me a lot about how you should treat people. As for sports, I looked up to Cameron Nunn and Tanner Kilgo. They were really great athletes that worked hard to perfect their craft. They taught me a lot about working hard and being a good teammate."

He added, "One time during my freshman year, I was walking to the parking lot after a football game. I was 15 at the time, so I was waiting on my family to pick me up. They were running late, and the lot was beginning to clear out. All of the sudden, a black truck rolled up to me and dropped the window. In the truck was our All-State football star Roberto Ayala with his girlfriend.

"They were both super popular and definitely had post-game plans, yet instead of speeding off with everyone else, they chose to stop and offer a ride to a random kid they hardly knew.

"They were sure to let me know it wasn't any trouble or an inconvenience at all. I politely declined, but that interaction stuck with me.

"That's when I really started to understand what kind of place Cold Springs was. That conversation took place almost four years ago. I don't know if they even remember doing it, but I sure do."

Brown shared some advice for other students on their own journeys through school and talked about how he wants to be remembered.

"I would tell them to work hard and have fun. Enjoy every second of high school; it flies by so fast. Enjoy the little things along the way. God has a plan for each and every one of us. Take pride in His vision for you. Treat everyone the right way; it'll allow you to create friendships that should last a lifetime," he said.

"I got an academic scholarship to Wallace State Community College. It felt great to know that all the years of working and learning paid off to some extent. It made me more appreciative of my teachers and how much they poured into me during my journey to get to this point in my life. I want to be remembered as a good friend and someone who was always available to help out and be a part of whatever was going on.

"I hope my underclassmen remember all the fun things we've done together, both inside and away from the classroom. Maybe when it's their turn to have their own underclassmen, they'll remember how we used to be and pass that tradition on."



ZANE BROWN
Cold Springs' Zane Brown







Inaugural Hanceville PR Rodeo Queen Pageant June 29

Gauge Day
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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The inaugural Hanceville PR Rodeo Queen Pageant is scheduled for June 29, coinciding with the H.P.R Pro Rodeo.

The pageant, which closed its entry on June 8, has attracted contestants across five age divisions: Petite Miss (ages 6-8), Little Miss (ages 9-11), Junior Miss (ages 12-14), Senior Miss (ages 15-17) and Miss (ages 18-25). Each division will showcase the talents and skills of young ladies who aspire to represent the rodeo community.

Unlike traditional beauty pageants, the H.P.R Rodeo Queen Pageant demands a diverse set of skills. Contestants must demonstrate proficiency in horsemanship and public speaking, as well as modeling and poise. They are also expected to have a comprehensive understanding of rodeo events, the roles of stock contractors and horse care, including anatomy and health. Additionally, they may be asked about current world events and politics.

The pageant will begin with a personal interview segment, akin to a job interview, where judges will assess each contestant's personality and poise. The interview will be a closed portion of the event for this pageant.

Following the interviews, contestants will move to the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center for the horsemanship segment. This part of the competition is optional for the youngest division, Petite Miss, but a few are expected to participate.

Each contestant will perform a set pattern, which was received upon entering the pageant, to showcase her riding skills. Horsemanship is scheduled to start around 11 a.m. and is open to the public.

The crowning of the H.P.R Rodeo Queens will take place just before the rodeo begins.

"Crowning will take place just before the rodeo starts. Come early to watch the inaugural crowning of the Hanceville Park & Rec Rodeo Queens.

"They will have the title for one year, before passing to the next set of queens. The 2024 queens will make appearances at the Hanceville festivals, Cullman County Fair Parade as well as the Cullman County Christmas Parade in Hanceville, along with visiting other rodeos throughout the year," Kristie Young shared.

The event is also a significant fundraiser for Hanceville Park & Rec, and sponsorship opportunities are still available. The contributions from businesses and individuals are crucial for the success of the pageant and the rodeo. Prizes for the contestants include buckles, crowns, sashes and more.

"We hope to one day provide our Hanceville Queen with personalized chaps and a saddle, all through donations," said Young.

For more information or to sponsor the event, contact Kristie Young at 256-338-7204 or hprrodeoqueenpageant@yahoo.com.

Young offered her heartfelt advice to any young lady considering participating in future pageants, "To any young ladies who would like to become a rodeo queen, my best advice would be to study hard, practice and chase those dreams! The world is full of opportunities!"

Young expressed her gratitude to the City of Hanceville and Hanceville Park & Rec, stating, "Rodeo queens are an ambassador to the sport of rodeo. I would like to extend a special thanks to the City of Hanceville and Hanceville Park & Rec for providing this unique opportunity to not only local young ladies but those across the southeast. Not every city has their own rodeo queen!"



Crash (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — A two-vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 8:10 a.m. Wednesday, June 12, claimed the life of a Dora man.

Wayne K. Ferguson, 44, was fatally injured when the 2000 Chevrolet S10 he was driving collided head-on with a 2021 GMC Sierra driven by Fernando Garcia-Hernandez, 38, of Albertville.

Ferguson was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Passengers of the Sierra, Johnathan Gallegos-Torres, 21, of Albertville, and a 17-year-old, were transported to an area hospital for medical treatment.

The crash occurred on Alabama Highway 69, approximately 4 miles northeast of Cullman, in Cullman County.

Nothing further is available as Troopers with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Highway Patrol Division continue to investigate.

Tournament (from Front)

lot of work and dedication from the whole team to make that happen.

"This coming year will be the senior year for a good number of players who have formed the core of this team for the past several years, including Brodie.

"I know they want to go out on top. I will do everything I can as their coach to help them reach that goal."

Getting ready for next year

Said Henry, "We are going into next year as the favorite to win a national title. That's stressful.

"I'm implementing a coaching and practice regimen that will help us get there, and I think the kids will buy in.

"Our biggest obstacle is money. This isn't a revenue-creating activity. We are funded by hosting tournaments, by donations and by contributions from parents – myself included.

"Even though we are the two-time reigning state champions and the national runners-up, we will be starting next school year with basically zero in our account."

Scholars Bowl competition, especially at this level, is not a cheap proposition.

The team and its families are responsible for gas, food, hotels and sometimes even airfare to attend tournaments across the nation.

Henry said, "Maintaining the level of play we have established requires new practice material and participating in a lot of tournaments – sometimes out-of-state. Realistically, we need around $20,000 to get by next year. And even that is with cutting as many costs as possible."

Henry commented, "We are also looking for any potential sponsorships or donations from local businesses or individuals.

"Traveling and competing at this level is very expensive. We really need the community to help us out if possible."

If anyone is interested in learning how they can help out, contact Lee Henry at thenry@ccboe.org.



Prize (from Front)

Special to The Cullman Tribune

WASHINGTON D.C. — The Aspen Institute on Tuesday, June 11, named Wallace State Community College a finalist for the 2025 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. The $1 million award is the nation's signature recognition of strong performance among community colleges. The institutions selected for this honor stand out among more than 1,000 community colleges nationwide as having high and improving levels of student success, as well as equitable outcomes for Black and Hispanic students and those from lower-income backgrounds.

"We are honored to be recognized by the Aspen Institute among this most elite group of institutions," said Wallace State Community College President Dr. Vicki Karolewics.

"Wallace State has been committed to achieving the highest levels of success for our students for many years, so that students regardless of their backgrounds are equipped to enter the workforce in a rewarding career or continue to excel upon transfer to a university.

"Our recognition reflects the ongoing commitment of our outstanding faculty and staff, and the support of the communities and students we serve."

Awarded every two years, the Aspen Prize honors colleges with outstanding performance in six critical areas: teaching and learning, certificate and degree completion, transfer and bachelor's attainment, workforce success, broad access to the college and its offerings and equitable outcomes for students of color and students from low-income backgrounds. The winner will be announced in the spring of 2025.

Josh Wyner, executive director of the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program, noted the Aspen Prize finalists not only deserve national recognition, but they also need to be studied and their successes replicated.

"Working-class Americans are experiencing an economy that seems to be stacked against them, while employers are struggling to find well-prepared workers in fields such as teaching, nursing, software development, welding and advanced manufacturing," Wyner said.

"The 10 Aspen Prize finalists demonstrate how community colleges serving urban and rural communities throughout the country can prepare many more graduates for fulfilling lives and careers in their communities. They show that excellence can be reached in any and every context."

The finalists are:

- Georgia Highlands College, GA
- Moorpark College, CA
- Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, WI
- Northwest Vista College, TX
- San Jacinto College, TX
- Seminole State College of Florida
- South Puget Sound Community College, WA
- Southwest Wisconsin Technical College, WI
- Union College of Union County, NJ
- Wallace State Community College-Hanceville, AL

The Aspen Prize selection process began in the summer of 2023 when Aspen analyzed data on 1,000 community colleges in key areas such as retention, completion, and transfer.

In October, Aspen invited 150 community colleges to apply based on data showing high, improving, and equitable levels of student success. The 118 submitted applications went to a selection committee of 18 higher education experts who assessed each application based on extensive data and narrative answers to questions.

Following interviews with leadership teams from applicants receiving top scores, 20 semifinalists were selected and announced in May. The committee continued its review and narrowed the field to the 10 finalists.

Next steps in the process include:

- Fall 2024: Multiday in-person site visits to each of the 10 finalists, during which Aspen and partners will collect additional information, and additional data collection, including extensive employment and earnings data on graduates from the finalist colleges
- Winter 2025: A distinguished, independent Prize jury will review data and qualitative summaries that synthesize each part of the 14-month analyses, then meet for a full day to select the winner and others for additional recognition
- April 17, 2025: Announcement of the Aspen Prize winner and celebration of the 10 finalists in Washington, D.C.

To read more on the selection process, visit https://highered.aspeninstitute.org/aspen-prize.

Estate Sale, June 14, June 15 1559 Lakeview Drive Cullman 7:00 a.m.

Blue Ware! Blue Danube, Blue Bird, New England, Tea cup sets, antiques, furniture, Magnavox Stereo, clothes and more! Check out pictures on PKEstate sales FB and Blue, Blue, Blue Antiques too! in Cullman, AL starts on 6/14/2024 (estatesales.net)



LEGALS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: JAMES ROBERT WEBB JR., MICHAEL KEVIN SCHAFER, MAGEN LASHAY SCHAFER, LORETTA LYNN SCHAFER, WILLIAM BENNIE OSMER AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN AND HEIRS OF SYBLE F. OSMER, DECEASED.

Petition for Probate of Will filed by William Osmer, Petitioner, through Attorney Pamela E. Nail, has been rescheduled for the **1st day of August, 2024, at 10:30 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 6th day of June, 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.

PAMELA E. NAIL:
Attorney for Petitioner
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Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

PERRY D. KNIGHT
Attorney for the
Estate of Ricky McMinn, Deceased
412 First Avenue SE
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Cullman, AL 35055
256-734-4090

To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

Please publish the above 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

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
* CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2024-205

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF HERMAN MIKE TYUS, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED
BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Michael Justin Tyus on the 7th day of June, 2024, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Michael Justin Tyus
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
WILLIAM EDWARD CHECKON, * CASE NO. PC2023-282
An Alleged Incapacitated Person. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF CONSERVATORSHIP AND GUARDIANSHIP

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

Please take notice that a *Petition for Letters of Conservatorship and Guardianship* has been filed by Carol E. Hulgan, Petitioner, by and through Attorney, Richard L. Collins. A hearing on said *Petition for Letters of Conservatorship and Guardianship* has been rescheduled for the **17th day of July, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama.

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

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

Done this the 6th day of June, 2024.

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

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PO BOX 69
Cullman, Alabama 35056

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
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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Hankey Law Firm, LLC
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Cullman, Alabama 35055
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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 *
DOYLE COLLIER, JR., * CASE NO. PC2024-114
An Alleged Incapacitated Person. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF CONSERVATORSHIP AND GUARDIANSHIP

TO: TABATHA COLLIER, ANGELA COLLIER MOORE AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES.

Please take notice that a *Petition for Letters of Conservatorship and Guardianship* has been filed by Cullman County Department of Human Resources through its agent Michael Key, Petitioner, by and through Attorney, Diane L. Dunning. A hearing on said *Petition for Letters of Conservatorship and Guardianship* has been scheduled for the **17th day of July, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama.

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

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

Done this the 7th day of June, 2024.

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

Diane L. Dunning (DUN020):
Assistant Attorney General
State of Alabama
Department of Human Resources
P.O. Box 13248
Birmingham, Alabama 35202-3248

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama, will hold a public hearing on July 15, 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. 2024-20 (set forth in full below) will be given an opportunity to speak. - Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 20
TO AMEND THE CITY OF CULLMAN ZONING ORDINANCE

SECTION I. PURPOSE. The purpose of this is to add portions to the current Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION II. Section 62-45: Sidewalks (Article III) of Section 62 of the *Code of Ordinances City of Cullman, Alabama*, is hereby amended to add the following:

F. Sidewalk Fund Option

(1) On any occasion where § 62-45 (A)-(E) is made applicable to a site through the operation of this Ordinance such that the installation of a new sidewalk is required at a site, the property owner or applicant with respect to that site may, if allowed by the Building Official or City of Cullman Engineer, pay eighty (80%) percent of the estimated cost, labor and materials, of the new sidewalk into the City of Cullman's Sidewalk Fund, instead of installing the new sidewalk ("Sidewalk Fund Option").

(2) The Building Official or City of Cullman Engineer will allow the Sidewalk Fund Option to be available for a site if the Building Official or City of Cullman Engineer determines, his/her reasonable discretion, that there is little or no likelihood that the new sidewalk at the property site will be joined and connected to other sidewalks in the foreseeable future in a manner such that the purposes set forth in § 62-45(A) are effectively served.

(3) The City's Sidewalk Fund will be a fund maintained by the City Clerk for the purpose of providing funding for sidewalk construction, repair, and maintenance, and all or portions of the same may be expended for that purpose from time to time as directed by the Mayor.

(4) The Building Official or City of Cullman Engineer shall establish the estimated cost, labor and materials, of the new sidewalk for purposes of the Sidewalk Fund Option, and in doing so, may consider the costs expended by the City with respect to sidewalk construction as well as any reasonable estimates provided by the owner or applicant with respect to the same.

(5) If an owner or applicant utilizes the Sidewalk Fund Option, then that fact shall be noted on any development plan that would have otherwise shown the requirement of the installation of a new sidewalk for that same occasion pursuant to § 62-45 (A-E).

(6) An owner or applicant's use of the Sidewalk Fund Option on any one occasion at a site shall not prevent the future application of § 62-45 (A-E) on a later occasion at the same site where different circumstances, work, use, or development would otherwise require compliance with § 62-45 (A-E) such that the installation of a new sidewalk is required at that site. Likewise, an owner or applicant's use of the Sidewalk Fund Option on any one occasion at a site shall not prevent a subsequent use of the Sidewalk Fund Option at the same site at a later time.

(7) Should an owner or applicant be denied the Sidewalk Fund Option, he or she may file an appeal in accordance with Section 62-182 of the *Code of Ordinances City of Cullman, Alabama*.

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

SECTION IV. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be effective following its passage, approval and publication as required by law. Submitted by Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk

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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 James Mckinney And Nirvani Mckinney Husband And Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for First Partners Bank, its successors and assigns dated November 10, 2016; said mortgage being recorded on November 14, 2016, in Book 1803, Page 365, as having been modified by an agreement recorded on and recorded in Book 2040, Page 77 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 373, Page 668 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, ALABAMA.

The undersigned, Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, 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 5th day of February, 2024 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lots 3 and 4 of the Hanceville Square Subdivision as recorded in Slide B222A in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Subject to the following: Right of way as set forth in instrument recorded in Deed Book 478, Page 119 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

Subject to the following:

1. Utility and drainage easements as shown on the plat of Hanceville Square Subdivision as recorded in Slide B222A in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
2. Easement granted to Cullman Electric Cooperative as recorded in Deed Book 557, Page 120 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

Said property is commonly known as 402 Whaley Ave NE, Hanceville, AL 35077.

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.

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
as holder of said mortgage
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC
Two North Twentieth
2 20th Street North, Suite 1000
Birmingham, AL 35203
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File No. 22-04213AL
www.foreclosurehotline.net

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AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until March 28, 2024, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

Cullman Tribune, March 12, 2024

AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until May 1, 2024, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

Cullman Tribune, April 16, 2024

AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until June 27, 2024, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

Cullman Tribune, June 13, 2024

Copeland (from Front)

Cheyenne Sharp
cheyenne@cullmantribune.com

VINEMONT, Ala. — At the end of June 11's Vinemont Town Council Meeting, Mayor Radginal Dodson addressed the public before seeking a motion to dismiss.

"I have an announcement I have to make, not one I particularly like to do, but I would like to make everyone aware that Sonya Copeland, Council Place 5, has resigned from office starting today, June 11, 2024," Dodson shared.

Copeland was sworn into office in November 2020, after usurping Jerry Smith from Seat 5 when she was elected to the council in August 2020.

In September 2021, Copeland was appointed by her fellow council members to oversee the Town's finances.

With the new and unexpected vacancy, the council is seeking nominations for the open seat.

Nominated individuals must be registered voters within the municipality limits with a valid address within the municipality limits. Nominations can be made to the council and sent to Vinemont Town Hall in the form of a written letter by mail, email or delivered in person to the town clerk.

Dodson added, "If anyone has any questions, feel free to contact town hall."

The Vinemont Town Council will hold a special-called meeting on Tuesday, June 16, at 6 p.m. to hear nominations.

The Vinemont Town Hall is located at 36 Patton Drive and can be reached at 256-737-5411 or at info@townofsouthvinemont.com.

Badger (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Badger is a beautiful, low-energy Great Pyrenees who is just 3 months old. His coat has "red badger marks," hence his name – not all Great Pyrenees dogs are totally white.

All situations intrigue his curious mind but when it comes down to it, he just wants to be by your side just to be close. He sleeps in his kennel, while others are carrying on about, which further displays his laid-back personality.

Badger has been learning that the kiddie pool isn't so bad, particularly during these hot days, so you may have a little water bug with this sweet pup.

Badger is a swell fellow who will make the perfect companion or therapy pup! Are you ready to meet Badger?

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. Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullmananimalshelter@co.cullman.al.us.

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South Walmart to hold Children's Miracle Network Benefit Car Show June 15

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CULLMAN, Ala. — For the fourth year in a row, the South Cullman Walmart is hosting classic, vintage, muscle and just plain cool cars on Saturday, June 15, at its Children's Miracle Network Benefit Car Show. With a $20 entry fee for car show participants, Janet Dye, an employee of south Walmart, hopes this year will top the last for funds raised.

"The proceeds go to Children's Hospital in Birmingham. This is our yearly kickoff," Dye said. "Last year our store made over $38,000 for the charity."

The show will begin at 9 a.m. with trophies handed out to the best in show at noon. The day is set to be a family fun affair with food trucks like Wright's Baked Potatoes, K's Botanas, Karma's Coffee House and more set up on-site until 5 p.m.

For families and groups with small and young children that join the fun, the Cullman Police Department is dropping into the show with its helicopter and the Cullman Fire Rescue will be there everyone's favorite Fire Dog, Paw Patrol's Marshall.

The Cullman County Sheriff's Office will be bringing its own fire dog; a K-9 Unit will be on scene for the event.

Local music sensation Jesse Priest will be at the show performing for the crowd at 10. "Bring your lawn chair and enjoy!" said Dye.

Cullman's south Walmart is located at 626 Olive St. To register your car or vehicle for the event, email lynnezra15@gmail.com.

Seniors, BBQ and fireworks, OH MY! Vinemont council discusses upcoming events

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VINEMONT, Ala. — So far, the month of June has been busy for the members of the Vinemont Town Council. Ross Campbell was sworn in to Place 3, Sonya Copeland resigned from Place 5, and the coming months have more in store for the small town.

At its meeting on June 11, he council discussed several upcoming events including the June monthly senior luncheon, Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration, and the return of the Battle of the Heroes at BBQ Fest.

June's monthly senior luncheon will be held on Monday, June 17, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Vinemont Community Center. There will be a lunch of prepared deli sandwiches, tea and dessert, along with an afternoon full of bingo, prizes and fun.

The town's annual Fourth of July Celebration will be held June 30, from 6-9 p.m. at the Vinemont Community Center. Mayor Radginal Dodson said he has been in contact with Cullman County Sheriff's Office about help direct the flow of traffic during the event.

Dodson said, "The captain I've been in contact with, most likely, his main thing would be on Park Drive and the flow of traffic onto (U.S. Highway) 31."

Vinemont's BBQ Fest will make its return to the Vinemont Sportsplex on Oct. 26, bringing back the Battle of the Heroes- a battle to see which team of emergency responders can grill up the best wings. People's Choice, the ticketing-based system of choosing the crowd favorite grill master will be coming back, but possibly with a difference. Last year, the first 200 guests were invited to purchase a set of tickets which then bought a grilled wing from each competing booth; guests were also given a voting ticket to drop into the basket of their favorite team.

"We need to do a better job of explaining what to do; I don't think a lot of people knew what to do," said Councilman Chris Thompson.

Also on the agenda was a request to approve a bid from Backstage Productions for the BBQ Fest's audio and stage setup. Thompson voiced support for the use of Baker Productions instead. Town Clerk Kayecea Sasser said the issue with using Baker Productions was that they could not provide a stage for the event, a necessity for the live music planned.

"I'd like to give Charles (Baker) a chance to get us something, and I bet he will," Thompson said.

The council agreed to table the subject to allow more research.

In other business, the council unanimously approved the purchase of RecDesk software to assist with online event registration, park and recreation sign-ups and facility rentals.

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, July 16, at 6 p.m. at Vinemont Town Hall.



Obituary Announcements: June 11-12

Joan Gourley Martin, 87
Joan Gourley Martin, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on Tuesday morning, June 11, 2024, at the age of 87. Ms. Martin was born in Dyer, Tennessee, on Dec. 8, 1936, to the late Tom and Eva Marcella Spain Gourley. Ms. Martin is preceded in death by her parents; her husbands; a daughter, Eva Lesa Martin Edwards; grandson, Joseph Myles Childers; and three brothers. Those surviving Joan includes her children, Sam Martin, Cissy Estes, Selena Childers; siblings, Burney Gourley (Barbara), and Jeanette Lacey (Lloyd); as well as a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral services for Ms. Martin will be held at 2 p.m., on Thursday, June 13, 2024, at Brooklyn Church, with Jasson Thomas officiating. Friends are invited to visit with the family, at the church, from noon until services begin. Burial will follow in the adjoining cemetery with friends and relatives of Ms. Joan serving as pallbearers, and Myles Childers and Mason Martin serving as honorary pallbearers. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Martin family and our thoughts and prayers are with them.

Tonya Lee Thomas, 64
Funeral services for Tonya Lee Thomas, 64, of Hanceville will be 11 a.m. Friday, June 14, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation for Mrs. Thomas will be from 9:30-11 a.m. on Friday at the funeral home. Jim Deason will be officiating services. The family will be having a private graveside service. Mrs. Thomas was born on Jan. 9, 1960, to the late Gervis and Shirley Moon-Dickinson in Jasper, Alabama. She passed away on June 11, 2024, at her residence in Hanceville. Survivors include her children, Amber (Casey) Denton- of Cullman and Amanda Allen- of Hanceville; grandchildren, Makala Callahan, Tyler Cone, and Eli Allen; and sister, Timmi Alexander- of Harvest. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Thomas Family.

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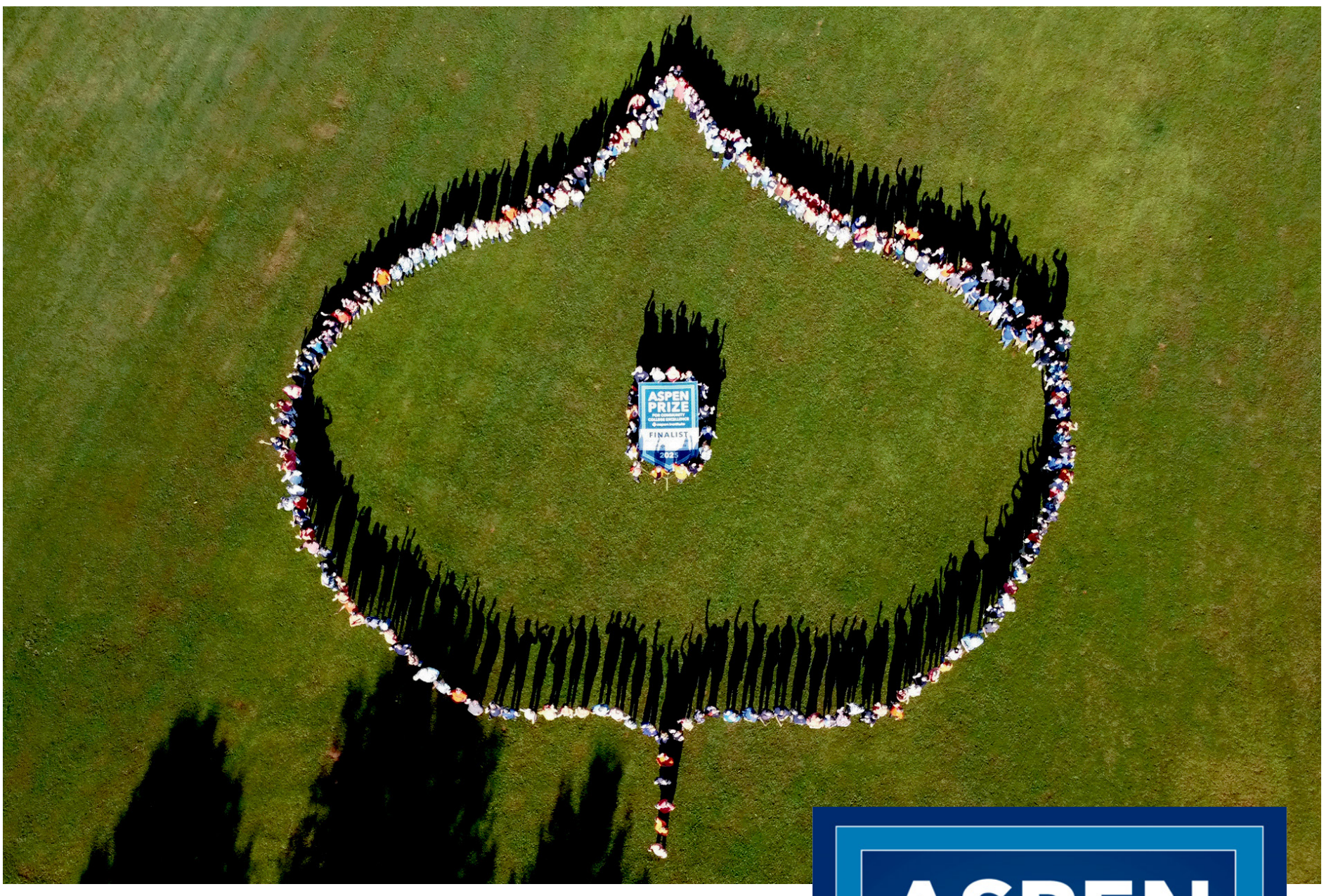
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