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Commission approves sales tax rebate for sporting goods store

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CULLMAN, Ala. — At its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 18, the Cullman County Commission discussed a proposed sales tax rebate and financial benefits concerning a large sporting goods retail store soon to come to Cullman. As The Tribune previously reported, the business is Academy Sports + Outdoors.

The commission approved a sales tax rebate for the store, to be located at the corner of King Edward Street Southwest and CSX Railways. The commission said the approximately 55,000-square-foot franchise will bring an estimated 70-80 employment opportunities to Cullman County.

Cullman County Economic Development Director Matt Kinsland spoke in favor of the resolution before the commission to grant a sales tax rebate to the store for half of the County's portion of sales tax received, capped at $833,000 and10 years.

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Cullman County Economic Development Director Matt Kinsland addresses the Cullman County Commission on June 18, 2024.

Grady Malone appointed to Vinemont Town Council, Place 5



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The Vinemont Town Council at a special-called meeting on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, appointed Grady Malone to Place 5. Left to right are Chris Thompson, Nina Justice, Ross Campbell, Bonnie Goodwin and Mayor Radginal Dodson.

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VINEMONT, Ala. — After losing the nomination for Place 3 earlier this month to Ross Campbell, resident Grady Malone was appointed to Vinemont Town Council, Place 5, at a special-called council meeting on Tuesday, June 18. The council held the meeting to hear nominations for the open seat.

Campbell took the seat left vacant by Charlotte Cosper, who resigned in April.

He was sworn in on June 11. Malone will now take the seat left vacant by Sonya Copeland, who resigned that same night.

Mayor Radginal Dodson and all sitting council members were present for the meeting Tuesday, June 18, as they heard each Place 5 nominee's intentions if appointed to the open council seat.

Former mayoral candidate and Vinemont Councilwoman Shirley Arnett made a spontaneous decision to join the list of prospective nominees, submitting her name just before the meeting. Arnett, who has been a resident in the municipality for a significant period and has actively participated in area and local projects, presented her tenure and community involvement as her key qualifications.

"I have been involved since the early 2000s," she said. "Since 2012, I've only missed two meetings in all that time."

Councilman Chris Thompson opened the nominations with the name of his past nominee for Place 3 – Malone – a retired U.S. Army sergeant who currently works in building inspection in Madison and moved to Vinemont from Blountsville later in life.

Malone said he has plans to bring his past military experience to the open seat, building and strengthening teamwork and streamlining cooperation within the town's municipal lines.

Councilwoman Nina Justice seconded Malone's nomination, bringing the matter to a roll-call vote. Each of the sitting council members voted in favor of Malone, making him the appointee for Place 5.

Malone will be sworn in at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the council on July 8, 2024. The work session will begin at 5 p.m. and the meeting will follow at 6.

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Berlin cuts storm shelter ribbon, prepares for community festival



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported June 19

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 18, 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 12

• criminal mischief-3rd degree; person; damage to '14 Subaru; $100; Cherokee Ave SW

June 13

• organized retail theft; retail theft of property-2nd degree; CVS Pharmacy; general merchandise; $2,477; 2nd Ave NW

June 17

• theft of property-1st degree; theft of property-3rd degree; Eckenrod Ford/person; ATV, trailer; $6,000; Hwy 157

• theft of property-2nd degree; person; cash; $1,600

• retail theft of property-2nd degree; Circle K; general merchandise; $2,291; Hwy 157

• domestic violence-3rd degree - harassing communications; person

• theft of property-4th degree; person; phone; $500; Hwy 157

• harassment; person; Hickory Ave SW

June 18

• theft of property-1st degree; person; cash

• theft of property-2nd degree; person; iPhone, iPad; $2,300

ARRESTS

June 17-18

Schwitz, Chad I.; 47

• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

• possession of drug paraphernalia

• domestic violence-3rd degree - harassment

Boone Jr., Bobby W.; 41

• FTA - driving while license suspended (3 counts)

• FTA - insurance violation (2 counts)

• FTA - fail to register vehicle (2 counts)

Murphey, Heather L.; 33

• FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia

• FTA - unlawful possession of marijuana-2nd degree

• FTA - driving while license suspended

Graves, Jennifer Y.; 44

• resisting arrest

• assault-3rd degree

• menacing

Barnett, Loyd J.; 48

• FTA - theft of property-4th degree

• FTA - criminal trespass-3rd degree

Barbee, Justin J.; 27

• FTA - driving without a license

• FTA - speeding

• FTA - insurance violation

Winstead, Gordon L.; 54

• GJ - retail theft of property-1st degree

• GJ - organized retail theft

Keys, Alizay M.; 24

• GJ - possession of forged instrument-1st degree

• GJ - retail theft of property-3rd degree

Walton, Jerry D.; 38

• FTA - driving under the influence

Morton, Alexander S.; 25

• FTA - theft of property-4th degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Incident (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — A Hanceville man is dead following an alleged domestic incident late Tuesday night, June 18.

Joseph Keith Chandler Jernigan, 37, was confirmed deceased by Cullman County Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick following the incident, which occurred at Jernigan's residence.

"He had a single gunshot wound to the abdomen," Kilpatrick said.

"He was transported to an area hospital where he died from his injuries related to his shooting."

According to officials at the scene, an unnamed female allegedly admitted to shooting Jernigan after the incident.

The Hanceville Police Department is investigating. Currently, no charges have been pressed against the unnamed female.

More information will be made available as it's released. This is an active investigation.

Coffee (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Police Department began hosting Coffee with a Cop events almost a decade ago as a way to bridge the gap between law enforcement officers and local residents.

CPD Public Relations Officer Adam Clark said the most recent Coffee with a Cop event, which was held before the COVID-19 pandemic, was held at Karma's Coffee House, and the department felt now is a good time to start again.

"Coffee with a Cop is nothing more than coffee and conversation," he said.

"No agendas – just come in, have some coffee, meet some officers and have a great conversation."

The event will take place this Saturday, June 22, from 8-10 a.m. at Karma's.

"We look forward to seeing everyone there and would like to thank Karma's Coffee House for the opportunity to host the program again," Clark said.

Karma's is located at 103 First Ave. NE, Ste 140 in Cullman.

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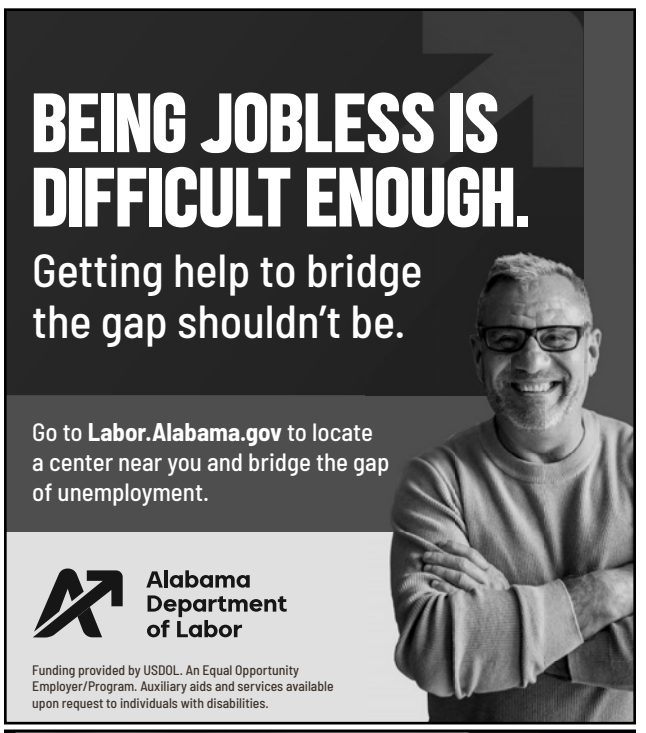
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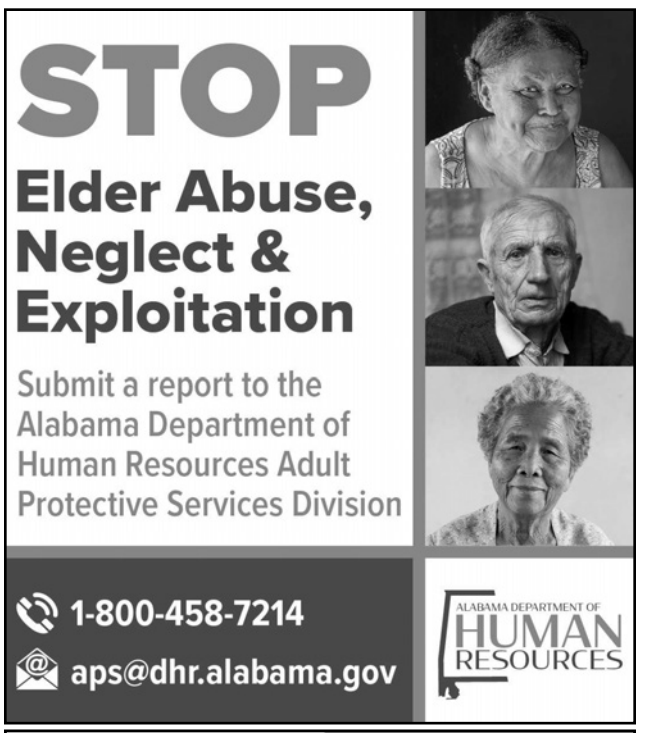
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Baileyton Bargain Days
First Saturday of each month from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the old Baileyton fire station next to the town's park. Beauty and health products, toys, home goods, pet items, food and many everyday items. A donation of $20 will allow a 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 21 - 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 23 - 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 Al-Anon Meetings
The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of friends and family whose lives have been affected by alcoholism. The Cullman Serenity Al-Anon 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 Al-Anon 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.

Beans and Greens Feast
Saturday, June 22, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Corinth West Methodist Church, 5130 County Road 1101, Vinemont, 35179. Menu - pinto beans, green beans, Great Northern beans, turnip greens, cornbread, dessert and more! $8.

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.

Rock the South
July 18-20, at York Farms. Get tickets and more info at www.rockthesouth.com.

Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Banquet
Saturday, July 20, at Stone Bridge Farms. Tickets can be purchased at First Southern Financial, 1622 Second Ave. SW, Cullman, phone 256-737-5120 or call Jackie Satterfield at 256-636-4445. Tickets are $20 each and no tickets will be sold after July 17.

West Point Class of 1962 Reunion
The West Point High School class of 1962 will have their 52nd reunion on Saturday, July 27, at 11:30 a.m. at the Brandin Iron Restaurant in West Point. For more information call Linda at 256-747-6883.

Swamp John's Dinner at the Center Hill Community Center
Friday, Aug. 2, at the Center Hill Community Center, from 4-7 p.m. $15 per plate includes dessert and drink. For directions or more information please call 256-708-2218.

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PREP SPORTS

'Remember your why': Cold Springs' Ella Bruer reflects on Eagle years

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ELLA BRUER

Cold Springs' Ella Bruer

BREMEN, Ala. — Cold Springs senior Ella Bruer had an amazing basketball career and made so many great memories during her years playing for the Eagles. She got to play with a lot of great teammates and they all enjoyed the experience together.

"My favorite memories would definitely be going to the state tournament with my team two years in a row. The car rides to Birmingham, staying in the hotels, and just the atmosphere of our team growing as a family was by far my favorite. Making it to the state tournament two years in a row was truly an experience. We knew we had to stay focused, but we also wanted to have some fun. The group of girls I got to experience that with were amazing. You couldn't have asked for a better group of girls to have out there on the court with you. I know we came up short both years, but I loved every second of playing with those girls. They never gave up and always gave their best."

Bruer added,

"I learned that you are never going to be handed an opportunity like that. You have to work for it. Being an athlete is hard, but you learn some very valuable life lessons during those times. I learned that everyone in my community is still going to be proud of me, even if I messed up during the game, or that we lost. I will always have a community behind me that loves me and is proud of me."

She got an amazing opportunity to play for head coach Tammy West and soaked up so much from her during her career.

"I loved playing for coach West. Growing up, I had dreamt of playing for a state championship. When I started playing for her, I knew one day, I was going to make that happen. She is an amazing coach on and off the court, and she grew a relationship with us off the court. I will always be grateful for that relationship," Bruer said. "I learned how to always be the best I can be. I learned how to be a better person on and off the court, and always be respectful to others. I will mostly remember the memories, but I will remember the friendships and the family that I made with the girls I played with. I will definitely miss playing with my best friends and that feeling in the locker room after we had won a game," she said. "My 10th grade year, I wanted to quit basketball, because I hated it, then coach West told me to remember your why. I had to remember why I played basketball in the first place, and I stuck with that. I continued to play and gradually, as the year went on, it got better, and I gained my love back for the sport. That advice helped me out a lot. It helped me pushed myself, even when things got hard, and it helped me gain my confidence back. I got a tattoo in her handwriting, since she's the one that mentioned it, and stuck with it throughout the season, making it our motto."

She talked about some of her favorite games that she was a part of and how blessed she felt to be with her teammates.

"Some of my favorite games were the state championship my junior year, the regional championship this year, our first game playing in our new gym, and when we played West Point at their place this year. It was their Senior Night, and we just had some injuries on our team and lost to them in the county tournament. We went there and beat them," she said.

"This team was just a bundle of joy. I was close with everyone on our team. We never had drama. If we had a problem, we put it aside, because we knew we had to be close to play good together. We always had a good time on the court, goofing off in practice and just being on the court together having fun in games."

She talked about some of her favorite high school memories and why Cold Springs will always hold a special place in her heart.

"Some of my favorite high school memories were during homecoming week, when we did our class lip sync. In 10th grade, we had parties every Friday in one of our classes, so those were always fun," she said.

"The people really have had an effect on this place. Cold Springs just feels like home. Everyone knows everyone, and we're all just like a big family. Just knowing that I had a whole community supporting me in everything I did make it the best part of being an Eagle. I will always remember the friendships and family I've made at CSH, and I will definitely miss playing basketball the most," she said.

"My role models in basketball were definitely Mrs. West and Mrs. Adams, and then growing up, I wanted to be like Camryn Crider, who graduated a few years ago from Cold Springs. In school, my role model would have to be my older sister, Madison."

Off the court, Bruer was in a few clubs at Cold Springs and enjoyed every second of that experience. She also received a couple of scholarships and felt blessed that her hard work paid off.

"I was the president of the Student Council. I was also in the National Honor Society, and the 1936 Club. It was an honor to be a part of those clubs. Just being a part of something at Cold Springs outside of sports was just a fun experience being with friends and doing community service," she said. "I received the Applied Technology Future Foundation Scholarship, and The Cullman Savings Bank scholarship. It felt good receiving those scholarships. I was truly honored to receive them."

She learned so much about herself during her time at Cold Springs and gave some advice to those students that will be starting high school in August.

"I've learned that I can be a leader and impact people's lives just by doing the little things. I have learned mostly that I personally love to help others more than I do myself," she said.

"I would say, don't try to please everyone else. Find your group and stick with them. Don't focus on what other people think about you and be yourself. My advice to them is to always push through. It will get hard, but you have to keep working. Every chance you get, you have to prove you want to be there. Always give your best, even when you want to give up, and keep a positive attitude. You're a family, so you have to prove you can work together with them to be great. What I want people to remember about me is that I always tried my best. Even when we were down, I was doing whatever it took to keep my team up and to not get down."

Bruer played alongside her younger sister, Hollyn, during her last two seasons and made so many great memories with her in the process.

"Getting to make those experiences and memories was amazing, but getting to do it with my sister was even better," Bruer said.

"Getting to be a part of one of my sister's biggest dreams just makes it feel so much more special to me. Knowing that I got to make an impact in her life by being a part of those dreams will always hold a very special place in my heart. I'm so grateful I got to experience it with her."

UAB lands 11 on Athlon Sports & Phil Steele AAC Preseason Teams

Ted Feeley
UAB Athletics

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Headlined by senior center Brady Wilson and sophomore wide receiver Amare Thomas, the UAB football team had 11 players named to the Preseason All-AAC Teams by two different outlets in Athlon Sports and Phil Steele.

Athlon Sports tabbed Wilson as a First Team All-AAC selection.

Wilson started every game at center last season and anchored an offense line that helped UAB set a school record for yards per game (450.0).

A Rimington Trophy Watch List member, Wilson had an 81.6 pass blocking grade according to PFF College and allowed only two sacks across 485 pass blocking snaps in 2023.

Thomas erupted onto the scene as a rookie in 2023 and set the UAB freshman receptions record with 53 catches, which were the seventh most single season catches by a Blazer in school history.

Overall, he had 53 catches for 437 yards and three touchdowns with a career high nine catches at No. 1 Georgia and a career-best 99 yards at Tulane.

Below is the full list of recipients for both Athlon Sports and Phil Steele Preseason All-AAC Selections:

ATHLON SPORTS

First Team Offense:
- C Brad Wilson

Second Team Offense:
- WR Amare Thomas

Third Team Offense:
- QB Jacob Zeno
- RB Lee Beebe
- OL Luke Jones

Third Team Defense:
- DL Desmond Little
- DL Kevin Penn
- LB Michael Moore
- CB Colby Dempsey

PHIL STEELE

Third Team Offense:
- QB Jacob Zeno
- C Brady Wilson
- Third Team Defense:
- DL Desmond Little
- CB Colby Dempsey

Fourth Team Offense:
- WR Amare Thomas
- OL DJ Jones

Fourth Team Defense:
- DL Kevin Penn
- LB OC Brothers

The Blazers are 70 days away from opening the 2024 season at home against Alcorn State. Kickoff at Protective Stadium is set for 7 p.m. on ESPN+.



UAB ATHLETICS

UAB Center Brady Wilson



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

With accessible parking completed, Berlin's storm shelter was declared "officially ready for use" Monday, June 17, 2024.

Berlin cuts storm shelter ribbon, prepares for community festival

W.C. Mann
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W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Berlin's storm shelter, far right, is located on the northeast side of Berlin Town Hall.

BERLIN, Ala. — The Town of Berlin cut the ribbon on its new storm shelter Monday, June 17, following completion of accessible parking spaces, and Mayor Patrick Bates during Monday evening's town council meeting declared the shelter "officially ready for use." He added that the Town will reach out to Cullman EMA to add the shelter to the list of available shelters in the event of a weather emergency.

"That's our first major project outside of our road work," said Bates, thanking the North Alabama Regional Council of Governments, Cullman County Commissioner Kelly Duke and the Town of Vinemont for their assistance with the project.

The council unanimously approved an amended business license ordinance, exempting businesses making less than $10,000 per year within the town limits, as well as renters who make less than $20,000 per year in the town.

Getting ready for big July event

The council announced the hiring of Event Coordinator Kalynn Sallee, who will begin immediately helping with plans for the upcoming Farmers Market Community Day special event, held in conjunction with Sweet Grown Alabama Day on Saturday, July 13, 2024. Additionally, the Town has hired Glen Laney to assist closer to the event, and has two other temporary part-time positions available. Originally requiring applicants 18 and older, Bates announced that the Town now has the necessary permits to offer the jobs to qualified 16 and 17 year olds.

Town Clerk Keirstyn Montgomery, who oversees the Farmers Market, told the council that 16 or 17 vendors have already completed necessary paperwork to participate in the event, and around 26 more are in the process of completing theirs.

Bates observed, "So it's going to be the biggest event we've had, including the first one that we did."

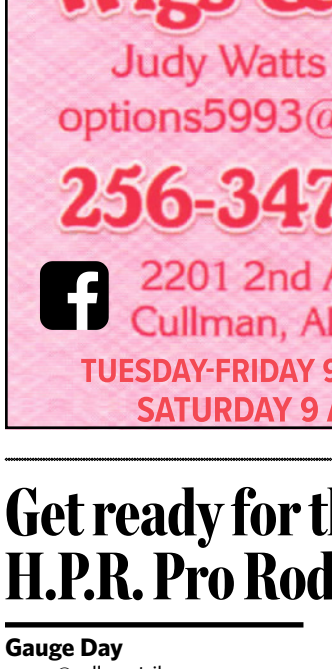
The council also passed a resolution to apply for a Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) grant to construct handicapped-accessible bathrooms for the planned park and recreation area around Berlin Town Hall and the Farmers Market. Bates said design work on the park continues, and he hopes to be able to put some items out for bid at the next council meeting, with construction starting as soon as November.

Bates told the council he will seek bids for reconstruction on County Roads 1612 and 1614, as the roads are temporarily reconverted to gravel.

The Town needs to relocate water lines, and hopes to widen the roads to two lanes, though such a change would require widening of the right of way after consultation with property owners on the roads.

The Berlin Town Council meets at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at Berlin Town Hall. The public is invited to attend.

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Get ready for the 3rd annual H.P.R. Pro Rodeo June 29

Gauge Day
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The third annual Hanceville Parks and Recreation Pro Rodeo is back, bigger and better than ever on Saturday, June 29, at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center. Gates open at 5:30 p.m., and the rodeo starts at 7. Tickets for the H.P.R. Pro Rodeo will be sold at the gate, with prices set at $20 for ages 12 and older, $12 for ages 6-12 and free entry for children 5 and younger.

Event organizer and director of Hanceville Parks and Recreation, David Wasilewski, shared the significance of the H.P.R. Rodeo. "We are bringing a whole new feel to this year's event by teaming with Southern Rodeo Company to deliver an action-packed experience. This rodeo is very significant for the community as we aim to raise money for programs and events for the citizens of Hanceville," shared Wasilewski.

Attendees can look forward to a full slate of classic rodeo events, including bareback and saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, tie-down roping, team roping, breakaway roping, barrel racing and the ever-popular bull riding. For those seeking a bit of hands-on excitement, the event will feature a mechanical bull, offering a fun challenge for children and adults.

In addition to the rodeo competitions, the event will feature a variety of food trucks and vendors. Attendees can enjoy delicious offerings from The Street Kitchen and Carnival Cravings, as well as traditional concession stand fare inside the arena. A diverse range of vendors, including those selling hats, T-shirts and leather goods, will also be present.Sponsorship opportunities are still available, with arena banner packages being offered. Interested sponsors are encouraged to reach out to the event organizers for more details on how they can support this community event. The H.P.R. Rodeo not only promises a night of old-school rodeo entertainment, but also serves as a vital fundraiser for Hanceville Parks and Recreation programs.

"The money raised by the H.P.R. Rodeo will go right back into our park and rec events and programs," Wasilewski explained.

For additional information on the rodeo or to become a sponsor, call 256-735-6549 or 256-595-7763. You can also contact David Wasilewski at parkdirector@cityofhanceville.net or visit the Hanceville Park and Rec Facebook page.

Ricky (from Front)

Noah Galilee
noah@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — Wanna go fast...well, actually more of a medium pace? Then Ricky – aka Ricky Bobby – is the perfect fit for you!

He is an approximately 3-4-year-old shepherd mix with medium energy. This unassuming fellow is always patient in his kennel but truly cherishes the time you give him.

Ricky a big fan of backpacks and he's a quick learner who is sensitive to your voice, as well as hand signals.

He loves cooling off in the kiddie pool and is the perfect example of a companion/hiking/therapy dog!

Are you ready to meet Ricky?

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.

His adoption fee includes neuter, 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.

Happy tails! The shelter reports that our last Pet of the Week, Badger, has been adopted!

Many Alabama elderly, disabled adults in need of foster care

Special to The Cullman Tribune

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Alabama's elderly and disabled adults can often find themselves in more vulnerable circumstances and in need of special care. The Alabama Department of Human Resources (DHR) is helping by finding adult foster homes to assist older adults who may have trouble caring for themselves.

Adult foster care helps those elderly and disabled adults stay in family-style homes instead of institutional settings when relocation is necessary to provide them round-the-clock care.

In FY 2023, Alabama DHR received more than 12,000 reports of elder abuse or neglect. That's an increase of 125 percent since 2013. With the help of qualified and capable adult foster homes, many of these cases could be avoided. DHR's goal is to recruit at least one adult foster home in each of Alabama's 67 counties.

"The rise in elder abuse and neglect over the last decade has been disheartening, but we have also seen so many individuals step up to provide loving, caring homes for many of Alabama's aging individuals," said Alabama DHR Commissioner Nancy Buckner. "Becoming an adult foster care provider is both helpful for the adult in need and incredibly rewarding for the person opening their home. The need for these extraordinary individuals is growing every day and I believe there are many more Alabamians who are ready to step up and help."

The Adult Foster Care program serves adults who can live safely in a home environment but may need assistance with daily life.

"We are proud to partner with DHR to find the absolute best services and care for seniors in need," said Alabama Department of Senior Services Commissioner Jean Brown. "Adult Foster Care is a life-changing experience for everyone involved and can brighten the lives of some of Alabama's most vulnerable residents."

Beth Nelson is an adult foster care provider in Elmore County. She said being an Adult Foster Home provider has made her life richer and considers her experience a blessing.

"I've had an adult foster in my home for nearly 16 years and it has enriched both of our lives," Nelson said. "I don't know what would have happened to him had I not taken him in back then. We've become family and do everything together."

Gov. Kay Ivey proclaimed June 15, 2024, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Alabama to raise awareness and hopefully encourage anyone thinking of opening their home to take that next step.

Those interested in becoming adult foster care providers are encouraged to contact their county DHR office. More information, including eligibility requirements, is available at dhr.alabama.gov/AFC. DHR also reminds the public to report suspected adult abuse, neglect and exploitation by calling the Adult Abuse Hotline at 1-800-458-7214, emailing aps@dhr.alabama.gov or contacting a county DHR office. Warning signs include:

- Increased fear or anxiety
- Isolation from friends or family
- Withdrawal from normal activities
- Unusual changes in behavior or sleep
- Unexplained injuries, bruises, cuts or sores
- Unsanitary living conditions and poor hygiene
- Unusual or sudden changes in financial spending patterns, wills, or other important documents

Rebate (from Front)

generated does not meet the $833,00 within the 10 years requested, then this would terminate. And then also, likewise, if the $833,000 is met before the 10 years, then this agreement terminates at that point also," Kinsland explained.

"And then also, I'd just like to point that the City is considering doing their half of their portion that they receive as well, as far as this project. So, if we receive $833,000, that also means that the County would take into their General Fund $833,000 on this project, so I feel it's a good project."

The commission also heard from Cullman County Engineer Philip Widner about the need for new equipment. He said the Road Department's paving machine is outdated and undergoing repairs. He said he and County Administrator John Bullard discussed purchasing a new paving machine in the upcoming fiscal year; however, the major repairs needed to the current machine make the new machine a necessity sooner rather than later, according to Widner. He said he found the new machine is in high demand and difficult to obtain and purchase. The commission agreed to sign a letter of intent to purchase a paving machine when one becomes available, earmarking those funds for that specific purchase.

In other business, the commission:

• Recognized Judy Aaron for her outstanding service to the Arkadelphia Community

• Recognized Deborah Harden retiring after 32 years of service with the Revenue Department

• Recognized Jerry Bradford retiring after 10 years of service with CARTS

• Approved Resolution 2024-25: Changed speed limit to 35 miles per hour on County Road 939 Approved Resolution 2024-26: Changed speed limit to 40 miles per hour on County Road 1534

• Approved Resolution 2024-27: Set speed limit to 15 miles per hour on County Road 464

• Approved Resolution 2024-28: Set speed limit to 15 miles per hour on County Road 465

• Approved Resolution 2024-29: Approved the execution and delivery of Authorizing Approved Resolution related to a Sporting Goods Store Project Development Agreement

• Ratified Agreement between the Cullman County Commission and Cullman County Sheriff's Office to house Autauga County detainees at the Cullman County Jail

• Authorized Chairman to sign change order from Stateline Mechanical for the Cullman County Courthouse HVAC upgrades in the amount of $23,057

• Approved the access plan for County Roads associated with the Rock the South Event

• Approved payment of quarterly liability endorsement to ACCA LSIF in the amount of $10,984.83

• Approved payment to Servpro for remediation at the Cullman County Board of Education Building in the amount of $33,661.23

• Amended the purchase of two Ford Maverick Super Crew from the May 21, 2024, meeting to reflect the price of $27,370 each off State Bid from Stivers for the Revenue Department

• Approved proposed plat for Long Branch Pointe Subdivision; a major subdivision containing five lots in Commission District 4. The subdivision is located off of County Road 41, a quarter mile north of the intersection of County Road 41 and County Road 51

• Approved proposed plat Connie's Cottages Subdivision. A minor subdivision containing seven lots in Commission District 4. The subdivision is located on County Road 949, beginning at the intersection of County Road 950

• Approved Bid 1465: Brothers Concrete Supply for Hauling aggregate, asphalt and other various materials

The next commission work session will be Tuesday, July 16, at 4 p.m. in the commission meeting room. The meeting will follow at 6.



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LEGALS

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-2

AN AMMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 510 INCLUDING THE ZONING MAP

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

1. The public health, safety, morals, and general welfare requiring it under authority granted by Article 4, Sections 11-52-70 through 11-52-79, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended and the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Hanceville, Alabama Ordinance No. 510, adopted the 1st day of May 2006, as amended, and more particularly the Hanceville, Alabama zoning map as a part thereof, is hereby amended, changed, and modified as follows:

   (a) That the real estate being the property of Jonathan Alex Black zoned R-1 Low Density Residential, located in Hanceville, Cullman County, Alabama, Parcel #23-04-20-0-004-027.000, PIN #27008 be rezoned to B-2 General Business, described as follows, to-wit:

   Begin at the NE corner of Lot 7 in Block 3 according to the map of Hanceville, AL on record in Map Book 1, Page 31 in the Probate Records of Cullman County, Alabama (known locally as the Warren & Gladney Lot) on the Cullman-Hanceville Public Road [known locally as Green Street); thence North along the West side of said road a distance of 280 feet, more or less, to the North side of Hobart Thornton's lot at an Oak Tree for a starting point; thence West along the North side of said Thornton lot for a distance of 190 feet; thence North a distance of 60 feet; thence East a distance of 190 feet; thence South 60 feet to the point of beginning. Being in the S ½ of the SE¼ of Section 20, Township 11 South, Range 2 West, Cullman, County, Alabama.

2. That this Ordinance has been published once each week for two (2) successive weeks with the second being at least 15 days prior to passage, within the City of Hanceville, Alabama, and the publication of said notice and ordinance being verbatim.

3. That a public hearing has been held relative to the passage of this ordinance on the 13th day of June 2024, at 5:30 p.m., at which time interested parties and citizens had opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and any changes relating thereto.

4. That all notices as required by law were given by the City Clerk concerning said public hearing.

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

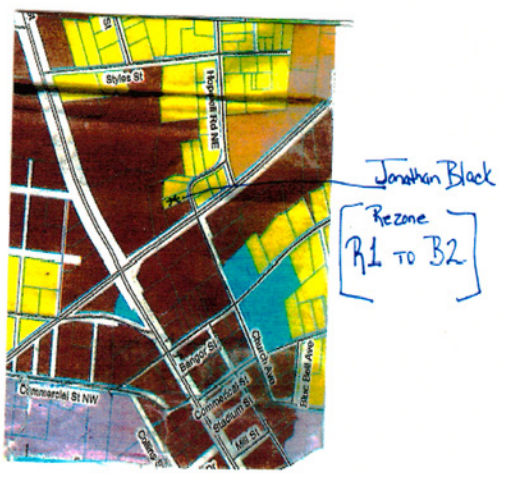
5. Should any part or portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any other part or portion of this ordinance.

6. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the above-described property is now zoned B-2 General Business and that appropriate action be taken to change and modify the City Zoning Map to so reflect the said land as such.

7. This ordinance adopted this the 13TH day of June 2024, shall take effect after its publication as required by law, including notice and public hearing, all in accordance with Section 11-52-1, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

Jim Sawyer
Mayor Jim Sawyer

ATTEST:
Tania C. Wilcox
Tania C. Wilcox, City Clerk



LEGALS

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

Richard L. Collins
Attonery for Petitioner
PO BOX 69
Cullman, Alabama 35056

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
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
JANICE BAILEY BOOKER, * CASE NO.: PC2024-167
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama

In the matter of the Estate of Janice Bailey Booker, Deceased

Letters of Administration, having been granted to the undersigned on the 19th day of June, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from the above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

JANICE LARUNDA BOOKER JORDAN
Personal Representative

Tonya C. Palmer
Attorney for Personal Representative
1939 Main Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

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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steve@smithandsmithllp.com

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The estate of)
)
JAMES LYNN DANIEL) Case No.: PC-2024 -110
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Deceased)

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS CUM TESTAMENMTO ANNEXO

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary cum testamenmto annexo having been granted to Amie Melissa White, also known as Amy White as the Personal Representative cum testamenmto annexo of the Estate of JAMES LYNN DANIEL, deceased, on the 12th day of June, 2024 by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Amie Melissa White
Amie Melissa White also known as Amy White
Personal Representative cum testamenmto annexo
of the Estate of James Lynn Daniel, deceased

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

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

Beverly Paschal Poston (PA3001)
Attorney for the Estate of
James Lynn Daniel deceased.
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(256)739-3970 Fax (256)739-3968

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate
Cullman County, Alabama

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: JAMES ROBERT WEBB JR., MICHAEL KEVIN SCHAFER, 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:
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Cullman, Alabama 35055

Alabama residents invited to provide input on master plan for statewide trail system

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — Alabama residents are invited to help shape the future of the state's trail systems through public input on the Sweet Trails Alabama statewide master plan. This plan aims to expand Alabama's network of trails to promote outdoor recreation, tourism, health and economic development.

The Sweet Trails Alabama master plan was developed with initial input from stakeholders and residents across the state.

"We spent 2023 and 2024 gathering data and public input to develop a plan that we believe will elevate access to natural spaces throughout the state of Alabama, but we want the public to let us know what they think and tell us what they want.

"We know public feedback is key in meeting the needs and wants of Alabamians," said John Kvach, Singing River Trail executive director.

Residents can contribute their ideas and opinions online or in person.

• Public Survey: Click here to participate in our online survey. (www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y35BBF3)

• Master Plan Draft: Visit here to see the draft master plan. (https://sweettrailsalabama.altago.site/STA_Masterplan_updated.pdf)

• Executive Summary: Visit here to read the executive summary. (https://sweettrailsalabama.altago.site/STA_Exc%20Summary_updated.pdf)

The Sweet Trails Alabama master plan focuses on connectivity, health and wellness, economic development and conservation.

It includes proposed new trails, improvements to existing trails, and initiatives to make trails more accessible and enjoyable for all users.

"A well-kept, accessible trail system is vital for connecting communities, fostering economic growth, and promoting healthy lifestyles in Alabama," said Kvach.

"We want to hear from as many Alabamians as possible to ensure this plan reflects our collective vision."

For more information about the master plan and to get involved, visit sweettrailsalabama.org.



Obituary Announcements: June 18-19

Joan Faye Williams, 86
Funeral services for Joan Williams, 86, of Bremen will be 11 a.m. Thursday, June 20, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Shady Grove Cemetery. Rev. Horace Swann will be officiating services. Visitation will be Wednesday, June 19 from 6-8 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Williams was born June 29, 1937, in Cullman, Alabama, to the late Dwight and Lessie Campbell Lee. She passed away June 18, 2024 at her home in Bremen, Alabama. Mrs. Williams is survived by her children, Diane Whitlock (Greg), Anita Mitchell (Kenneth), Randy Williams (Lynn), Brian Williams (Denise); sister, Freda Perdue; 11 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, four great-great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, friends and family. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Williams was preceded in death by her husband, Archie Williams; daughter, Loretta Williams; brother, Norman; sister, Hilda Nichols (Don); and brother-in-law, Glenn Perdue.

Larry Lucas, 70
Larry Lucas, age 70, of Vinemont, Alabama passed away on Tuesday, June 18, 2024. There are no services planned at this time.

Wilton G. McNiel, 79
Wilton G. McNiel, age 79, of Baileyton, Alabama, passed away on Sunday, June 16, 2024. There are no services planned at this time.

Simeon 'Sim' Jonathan Calvert. 96
Funeral services for Mr. Simeon Jonathan Calvert, age 96 of Cullman, Alabama will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 11 a.m. in the First Baptist Church of Cullman; internment in the Cullman City Cemetery. Mr. Calvert died Monday, June 17, 2024. He was born on Aug. 19, 1927, in Cullman County, Alabama to parents Ervin Otis Calvert and Florence Dean Calvert. He was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia Drinkard Calvert, his son Maurice Calvert, and sister Betty Calvert Lowry. Mr. Calvert is survived by his children Rocky (Jane) Calvert, Cathy Calvert, and Roger (Bonnie) Calvert; grandchildren Jonathan (Kim) Calvert, and Baili Calvert (Matt) Busby; great-grandchildren Autumn Calvert and Forrest Calvert; sisters Mary Nell Calvert Crook and Glenda Calvert (Dennis) Shin; and Mr. Calvert's little dog Scooter. After graduating from Cullman High School in 1946, he served in the United States Army (1946-48), and in the Korean War from 1950-51. Mr. Calvert served his community as a State Farm agent for 44 years. He was a long-time member of First Baptist Church Cullman. Visitation will be on Wednesday, June 19, from 6-8 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. The Calvert Family acknowledges with gratitude the kind and professional care Mr. Calvert received from The Neighborhood of Cullman, Hanceville Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, and SouthernCare New Beacon Hospice. The Family offers the following local charities for memorial donations: The Committee on Church Cooperation, P.O. Box 1542, Cullman, AL 35056-1542; Cullman Caring for Kids, PO Box 698, Cullman, AL 35056-0698

Emmett Mac Wallace, 85
Emmett Mac Wallace was born in Cullman, Alabama on Jan. 4, 1939, to Daisy Runge. He was known to most simply as Mac. He is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Elaine Wallace. His brother Danny Wallace and sister Irona Adamson. His children, Gary McKnight, Cheryl McKnight, Joel Wallace, Rich Wallace, Carmen White, Matthew Wallace, Jason Wallace, and his two stepdaughters, Chrysia Slinker and Kim Mangiapane. He was preceded in death by his mother Daisy Runge, sisters Bettie Thomas, Martha Goodwin, and Jo Goodwin. Mac was a proud veteran of the US Army. The American flag flew in his yard every day. He would put his flag out in the morning at sunrise and take it down every evening before sunset. Most of his working life was spent at General Motors in Ypsilanti, Michigan, where he was a journeyman machine repairman. There weren't many things that couldn't fix and he was always proud to lend a hand to others when they needed help. After his retirement from General Motors, he enjoyed spending time in his garage working on his mowers and tinkering with various projects. He also loved maintaining his lawn and other things around the small farm he owned with his loving wife, Elaine Wallace. He was extremely proud of his children and grandchildren and loved them very much. He often boasted about their accomplishments and how well they were doing. He moved back to Cullman later in life to spend time with his siblings, nieces, nephews, and son, Jason Wallace. He was always a prankster who loved to joke and tell stories. He never met a stranger and was one of the most quick-witted people around. He has an infectious smile that would light up a room. He prided himself on his hard work and being a man of his word. He will be greatly missed by friends, family, and neighbors. Although he is gone, he will never be forgotten. Please join the family for a celebration of life at the Cullman VFW hall on Sunday, June 30 from 2-5 p.m. Dress casually, he wouldn't want everyone to get dressed up.

Norman Spencer Hale, 94
Funeral Service for Norman Spencer Hale, age 94 of Vinemont, will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 22, 2024, at Flint Creek Baptist Church with Buddy Price and Phillip Robinson officiating; burial at Flint Creek. Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, June 22, 2024, at Flint Creek Baptist Church. Mr. Hale passed away on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at Hanceville Nursing Home & Rehab. He was born, April 10, 1930, to Jettie Alma Hale and Ella Littrell Hale. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife of 69 years, Winona Sue Hale; son, Rex Hale; granddaughter, Sally Bice; brothers, Titus, Leldon, Harold, Jerry, Delano and Billy Joe Hale; sisters, Voncille Higdon, Faynell Powell, Vonda Lee Powell. Survivors include his daughters, Vickie (David) Smith, Tammy (Kipp) Merritt and Lori (Doug) Bice; grandchildren, Jennifer (Eric) Anderson, Jessica (Pablo) Palomino, Magin (Corey) Smith, Lucius Hale; great grandchildren, Jordan, Brooklynn, Erin, Ella, Isabella, Abigail, River, Remington, Raya, Daxton, one on the way and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. The family would like to express a special thank you to Gentiva Hospice, Hanceville Nursing Home & Rehab, VA Patient advocate and Geneva Robinson. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Joan Smith, 75
Funeral Service for Joan Smith, age 75 of Cullman, will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 23, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Shane Hicks officiating; burial at Mt. Carmel Cemetery at Berlin. Visitation will be from 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, June 23, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Mrs. Smith passed away on Wednesday, June 19, 2024. She was born, Feb. 18, 1949, to Orvil Lee Smith and Margaret Magoline Chandler Smith. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Paula Bolzle, brother in law, Larry Bolzle, and her brother, Frankie Smith. Survivors include her husband, Mike Smith; daughters, Beth Sellers and Lori (Kyle) Baggett; grandchildren, Kolton (Logan) Sellers, Kyle Sellers, Alex (Kris) Keller, Blakely Baggett and Grayson Baggett; six great grandchildren; brothers in law, Rex (Amy) Smith and Larry Smith; Sister in law, Joan Smith. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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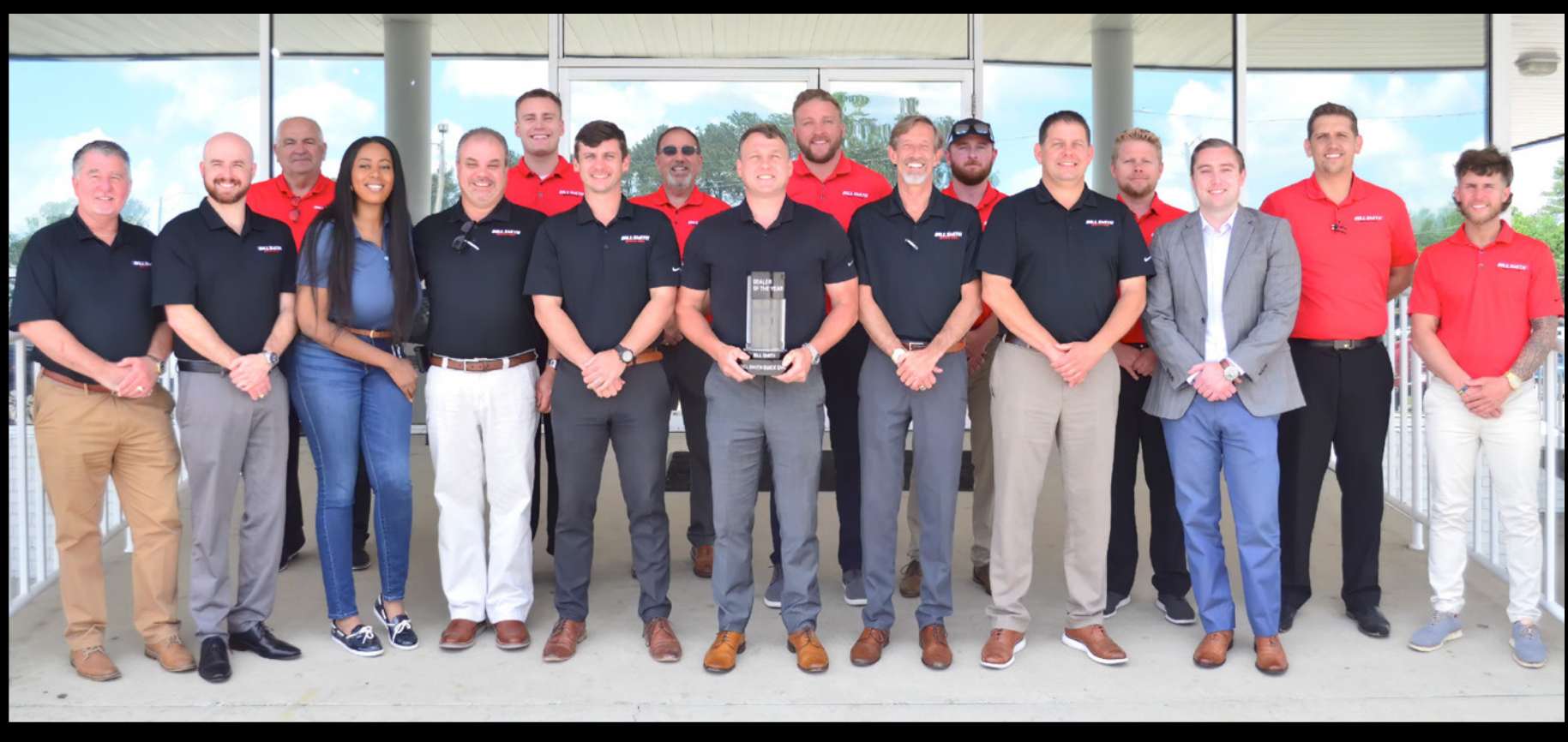
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