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RTS press conference: 'Have a plan and take precautions, but obey and respect the law'

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Sheriff's Office hosted a Rock the South press conference/safety meeting on Wednesday, July 17, at the CCSO Training Center. Sheriff Matt Gentry, Cullman Police Chief David Nassetta and Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker answered questions from local media sources.

"On behalf of the sheriff's office we typically handle most of the stuff on the outside perimeter of the venue and we also have our mobile jail on-site: our place for people who make bad decisions," Gentry said. "Realistically, though, we will be all hands on deck; we will have 100 of our deputies (from the CCSO » PAGE 5


LAUREN ESTES/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Cullman Police Chief David Nassetta, Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry and Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker are seen at the Rock the South press conference on Wednesday, July 17, 2024.

Fa-So-La: Shaped note singers gather for 130th Cullman County Courthouse Singing Convention


W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Singers sit on sides of a square according to vocal part in the voices-only singing.

W.C. Mann, Linda Booth
Contributors

CULLMAN, Ala. — Latecomers rushing through the lobby of the courthouse to reach the elevators could hear the opening notes reverberating throughout the building as the Sacred Harp singing convention got underway Saturday, July 13. The Cullman County Courthouse Sacred Harp Convention opened with a brief welcome from the chairman, followed by a fast succession of tunes as singers took turns leading the centuries-old shape note songs. Songs in the tune book, entitled "The Sacred Harp," date back to the 17th and even the 16th century and are sung at full volume in four-part unaccompanied harmony.

The third-floor courtroom was filled with singers from seven states as well as listeners, many of whom return every year to hear the music and observe the Sacred Harp traditions. Several of the leaders and listeners present remarked that they had attended this same convention since they were children. Emotions ran high at times as song leaders brought to mind former friends and family members, some with tearful memories of those who've passed away, and others with humorous anecdotes.

Once a common occurrence in courthouses all over the South, Cullman's is now the only regularly scheduled event of its kind in the nation, though occasional special events will take singers into courthouses. Factors ranging from shifting cultural tastes and lack of interest in old-fashioned things to concerns about church-state separation led to a decline in courthouse singings over the years. Though it may not draw crowds of thousands like it used to, the tradition has managed to stay alive in Cullman.

What happens at a singing convention?

Well, singing, of course! If you grew up in a church with hymnals, you will » PAGE 5

Cullman police and fire departments gear up for Rock the South



CULLMAN TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO
Law enforcement officers walk through the venue ahead of 2022's Rock the South.
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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported July 17

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 16, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests or incidents reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

July 15

- harassment; person; 2nd Ave. NE
- Fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; miscellaneous charges theft of property-1st degree, theft of property-3rd degree; 7-ShapeMusic; cash

July 16

- theft of property-4th degree; person; cash; $350; Cherokee Ave SW
- theft of property-1st degree; person; '09 Honda MC; $2,500; Dialsdale Dr. SW
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; miscellaneous charges

ARRESTS

July 15

Still, Bonnie Q.; 55

- theft of property-4th degree

Graves, Jennifer Y.; 44

- harassment
- obstructing governmental operations

Allred, Terry D.; 46

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

Hanes, Kameron L.; 19

- possession with intent to distribute controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Hanceville, Wallace State police make joint arrest

Staff Reports
Contributor

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Early Wednesday morning at approximately 12:26, officers from the Hanceville Police Department and Wallace State Community College Police Department successfully executed a joint arrest. Seth Patrick Key of Mount Olive, Alabama, was taken into custody at the Quality Inn Hotel in Hanceville, across the street from the Wallace State campus.

"Our Department was made aware yesterday that Mr. Key had felony warrants with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office in connection with burglary. Mr. Key also had misdemeanor warrants with the Cullman City Police Department. Key was seen near the Wallace State Campus. Due to the Proximity of the Campus, Officer Doran quickly notified Wallace PD Officer Rasbury.

Both Departments coordinated patrols on and around the City of Hanceville and the Wallace State Campus in an effort to apprehend Mr. Key," said a post from the Hanceville PD.

During the arrest, Key was allegedly found to be in possession of what appeared to be burglary tools. He was transported to the Cullman County Detention Center and booked on warrants with the City of Cullman.

"This was made possible thanks to the wonderful working relationship we have with the Wallace State Police and the excellent officers at both. It also highlights the proactive policing among the officers in both departments," said the post.

"Thank you to all officers involved for your hard work and dedication to the City of Hanceville and the Wallace State Police."



HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Seth Patrick Key

Council (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council on Monday approved improvements to Depot Park and the new OmniPlex Sports and Civic Center project. The council accepted a $335,988 bid for a "large shade structure" in the park from Great Southern Recreation, and a $191,860 bid for landscaping and irrigation from Bright Landscapes, LLC. Landscaping and irrigation at the OmniPlex were also awarded to Bright Landscapes, in the amount of $366,140.

The council also approved resolutions to:

- Apply for a Community Block Development Grant for improvements on Logan Street Southwest
- Add three new personnel positions to the Cullman Street Department

The council approved the rezoning of property on Olive Street near Lin Garden and Rock N' Roll Sushi from residential to business, and held first readings of ordinances to amend its sidewalk regulations, and to annex property owned by Pioneer Land Acquisitions, on County Road 770 near the Cullman Electric Cooperative office, into the city as an R-4 residential district, allowing the construction of any structures, from single-family homes to a "high-density" apartment complex on the property.

The council can vote on the ordinances at its next meeting.

The Cullman City Council meets next on Monday, July 22, 2024, at 7 p.m. in the city hall auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

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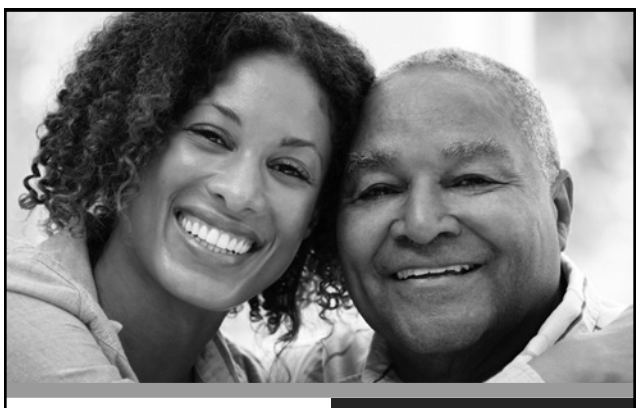
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Alcoholics Anonymous
The Grace of God group of Alcoholics Anonymous has open AA meetings (all are welcome) Mondays and Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. at the Carriage House, located next to Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE Cullman. Contact phone numbers: 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.
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• Friday, July 19 - 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, July 20 – Drive-through food bank from 9-11 a.m.
• Sunday, July 21 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call Cedric Davidson at 256-339-5755 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11.

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

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

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Cullman 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.

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Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Revival
We will kick off our summer revival the third week in July, beginning with a singing Sunday night the 21st at 5. We will have The Kellys from Lawrenceburg, Tennessee as our guest. Services will run day and night, Monday-Friday, July 22-26. Morning service will begin at 10:30 and evening services at 7, with Brother Dustin Smith as the evangelist. Lunch will be served each day after the morning service and we will have prayer band at 6:45 before each evening service. All are invited. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. Everyone is invited. For more information call 256-796-5986 or 256-338-9202.

West Point Class of 1962 Reunion
The West Point High School class of 1962 will have their 62nd 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.

West Point Class of 1967 Reunion
The West Point High School class of 1967 will have a class reunion on Saturday, July 27, from 4-6 p.m. at the Brandin Iron Restaurant in West Point.

3rd Annual Day in the Park
Join the Holly Pond Volunteer Fire Department for a Day in the Park on Saturday, July 27, from 5-8 p.m. in Governors Park. There will be lots of fun and activities for all ages. Meet the fire department and guests. Look over a fire truck and equipment. Handle a fire hose, shoot water into the pond, try on fire gear and enjoy the free food available while supplies last. Thank you to all the supporters of the Holly Pond Volunteer Fire Department. We look forward to seeing you in the park.

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.

Cullman High Class of 1956 Reunion
The Cullman High School class of 1956 will have a class reunion on Thursday, Aug. 8 at 11 a.m. at the Brandin Iron in West Point. For more information call Jerry Smith at 256-734-1797 or Hilda Aldridge at 256-347-2180.

Save the Date: Little Pink Dress Benefit
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PREP SPORTS

'Never overlook any opportunities you are given': Fairview's Ava Calvarese reflects on Aggie years

Sammy Confer
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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — Fairview senior Ava Calvarese graduated in May after an impressive high school playing career and, in this interview, she shared some of her favorite memories from her time spent on and off the court.

"One would have to be when we won county my freshman year on JV. That was a great team, and we had amazing chemistry. Another time would have to be this past season when we beat our area rival, Guntersville, in five sets on our home court. It was a hard-fought game, and it showed how bad we worked to win it together," Calvarese said. "It was really nice to have teammates that supported you. I leaned on them whenever I'd make a mistake, and we always fought back hard, no matter what. We'd always have a good time on and off the court. I learned how to be a good teammate, how to handle myself in tough situations, and how many lasting connections you can make through a sport that you love."

Calvarese played for multiple coaches during her prep career and gained valuable experience from each of them.

"We had a lot of coaching changes throughout our seasons, but our teams always found a way to make the best of it, no matter what," Calvarese said. "I will definitely miss the connections I made throughout the years. Most of the people I played with will always have a special place in my heart and have made me a better person. I will also miss our very supportive community, whether it was each other's parents or classmates. They were always loud and showed pride for us."

Calvarese talked about her favorite high school memory, what made Fairview a special place to go to school and what she will remember the most about being an Aggie.

"Homecoming was always every year, but especially senior year. Being on the homecoming court and being able to do all the activities with my friends was a great memory that I won't forget," she said. "What made Fairview a special place to go to was the school spirit. Everyone had to be there. Even from an early age, everyone would look forward to the pep rallies and getting to cheer on our school. I will remember all the connections I made, whether it was with classmates or with teachers, because every interaction I have had made me the person I am today."

She gave some advice to those students that will be starting high school in August and talked about not only being a role model for younger people, but who her role models were in school and in sports.

"My advice to them is to always take opportunities that are given to you and do everything that you can to get involved with school. Don't take your time in school for granted," she said. "It is very important, because you never know when someone is watching what you're doing, and it could have an impact on how younger kids approach certain situations in high school. My role model was definitely Reagan Dunkin. She is a positive influence on and off the court. Everyone is always having fun when they're around her. She has impacted many people around me and never fails to make them laugh. Some other teammates that I look up to are Laci Segrest, Abby McDonald, and Jacie Blackwood. They all have had their personal struggles with volleyball, but they always work so hard to overcome them. They put in so much effort and support to the team."

Calvarese earned a scholarship to play volleyball at Wallace State Community College and talked about building relationships with her future teammates and coaches. She also gave some advice to the people who want to be where she is right now.

"It was great. I really felt the support from my family and friends. It was accomplishing as well, and my hard work paid off. Going to Wallace State, it was a comfortable atmosphere and familiar, because I had played with some of the girls. Everyone was so welcoming and had great attitudes," she said. "What I want people to remember about me is that no matter what, I tried to have a positive outlook on the court and have a good attitude, no matter who we were playing or how we were playing. My advice to them is to never overlook any opportunities you are given, and it's never too late to achieve what you want. Hard work is the main priority of your dreams."



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Fairview's Ava Calvarese

Cullman Swim Team finishes runner-up at ARPA District II Meet

Special to The Tribune
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GUNTERSVILLE, Ala. -- The Cullman Swim Team placed second out of nine teams at the ARPA District II Swim Meet held in Guntersville last weekend. Cullman brought home 41 individual medals and 21 relay team medals. 83 swimmers qualified for the state meet in Opelika in two weeks.

CULLMAN - ARPA DISTRICT II RESULTS

Girls 6 & Under

• 25 Free (SQT 26.51) - 1. Emri Lackey (19.71); 2. Audrey Smith (20.68); 7. Mary Doss Amuso (23.48); 12. Malia Swidecki (25.82); 13. Audrey Caffey (26.48)

• 25 Back (SQT 29.75) - 1. Emri Lackey (21.44); 5. Audrey Smith (25.72); 9. Mary Doss Amuso (27.28)

• 100 Free Relay - 1. Mary Doss Amuso, Audrey Smith, Malia Swidecki, Emri Lackey (1:35.57); 4. Savannah Aaron, Audrey Caffey, Ellie Grace Thigpen, Evie Stidham (2:00.28)

Boys 6 & Under

• 25 Free (SQT 30.57) - 13. Jack Berryhill (28.63)

• 100 Free Relay - 4. Jack Berryhill, Mason Heim, Trace Brock, John Branscomb (2:51.46)

Girls 8 & Under

• 100 IM (SQT 2:24.98) - 7. Hannah Thigpen (1:49.81); 10. Emri Lackey (1:55.81); 19. Amelia Powell (2:16.58); 20. Maggie Randall (2:21.48)

• 25 Breast (SQT 31.47) - 5. Hannah Thigpen (26.20); 14. Amelia Powell (29.79)

• 25 Fly (SQT 28.48) - 17. Audrey Smith (25.36); 19. Whitley Lewis (25.81)

• 25 Back (SQT 27.34) - 4. Hannah Thigpen (22.51); 20. Everly Berryhill (25.84); 27. Brittan Bentley (26.70); 29. Amelia Powell (26.96)

• 100 Medley Relay - 7. Brittan Bentley, Maggie Randall, Audrey Smith, Whitley Lewis (1:46.05); 9. Emri Lackey, Amelia Powell, Hannah Thigpen, Mary Doss Amuso (1:48.13)

• 100 Free Relay - 6. Hannah Thigpen, Whitley Lewis, Everly Berryhill, Amelia Powell (1:24.59)

Boys 8 & Under

• 100 IM (SQT 2:00.09) - 3. Ezra Basch (1:37.53); 6. CJ Curry (1:49.27); 9. Will Amuso (1:59.12); 10. Keith Swidecki (1:59.55)

• 25 Free (SQT 19.81) - 3. Ezra Basch (16.80); 10. CJ Curry (19.58)

• 25 Breast (SQT 26.98) - 8. Samuel Branscomb (34.40)

• 25 Back (SQT 25.37) - 10. Will Amuso (24.56); 12. Gabe Lance (25.09)

• 25 Fly (SQT 24.42) - 5. CJ Curry (20.75); 7. Ezra Basch (21.98)

• 100 Medley Relay - 3. Ezra Basch, CJ Curry, Keith Swidecki, Will Amuso (1:30.92); 5. Bransyn Tucker, Samuel Branscomb, Collin Hodges, Lincoln LaRue (1:55.34)

• 100 Free Relay - 2. CJ Curry, Will Amuso, Keith Swidecki, Ezra Basch (1:16.76); 6. Gabe Lance, Collin Hodges, Lincoln LaRue, Samuel Branscomb (1:31.47)

8 & Under Mixed Relays

• 100 Mixed Medley Relay - 4. Ezra Basch, Hannah Thigpen, Emri Lackey, Keith Swidecki (1:32.09); 8. Amelia Powell, CJ Curry, Will Amuso, Everly Berryhill (1:49.73)

• 100 Mixed Free Relay - 7. Mary Doss Amuso, Audrey Smith, Samuel Branscomb, Collin Hodges (1:30.21); 9. Whitley Lewis, Lincoln LaRue, Owen Boaz, Everly Berryhill (1:42.64)

Girls 9-10

• 100 IM (SQT 1:34.38)- 1. Lauren Hughes (1:18.78); 4. Harper Rodriguez (1:26.79); 8. Faith Peek (1:36.13)

• 50 Free (SQT 36.26) - 3. Faith Peek (33.51); 6. Harper Rodriguez (34.90)

• 50 Breast (SQT 55.14) - 1. Lauren Hughes (41.21); 7. Gemma Swidecki (48.91); 9. Jesslyn Davis (49.91)

• 50 Back (SQT 42.89) - 1. Lauren Hughes (35.34); 6. Clara Peek (43.24); 7. Emma Grace Tidwell (45.01)

• 50 Fly (SQT 51.98) - 4. Harper Rodriguez (37.42); 6. Paisley Caldwell (41.12); 10. Gemma Swidecki (42.66); 17. Remi VanMaanen (47.60); 19. Jesslyn Davis (48.23)

• 100 Free (SQT 1:46.49) - 3. Faith Peek (1:15.19); 12. Paisley Caldwell (1:23.46); 16. Gemma Swidecki (1:27.91); 18. Jesslyn Davis (1:29.62); 23. Remi VanMaanen (1:31.22); 25. Clara Peek (1:31.55); 33. Lili Garcia (1:37.83)

• 200 Medley Relay - 1. Clara Peek, Lauren Hughes, Harper Rodriguez, Faith Peek (2:32.38); 4. Gemma Swidecki, Jesslyn Davis, Paisley Caldwell, Emma Grace Tidwell (2:56.97)

• 200 Free Relay - 2. Faith Peek, Harper Rodriguez, Paisley Caldwell, Lauren Hughes (2:17.28); 7. Emma Grace Tidwell, Jesslyn Davis, Gemma Swidecki, Clara Peek (2:46.32)

Boys 9-10

• 100 IM (SQT 1:35.44) - 3. Abram Lackey (1:17.95); 6. Guy Caffey V (1:29.10)

• 50 Breast (SQT 48.93) - 3. Jaxon Curry (44.41); 5. Guy Caffey V (47.17); 8. Luke Forester (48.40)

• 50 Back (SQT 44.97) - 3. Jaxon Curry (37.54); 9. Luke Forester (42.75); 13. Rhodes Bentley (44.46)

• 50 Fly (SQT 44.66) - 3. Abram Lackey (34.24); 7. Nolan Ferrara (42.70)

• 100 Free (SQT 1:20.66) - 5. Abram Lackey (1:11.38); 6.Jaxon Curry (1:11.72); 9. Guy Caffey V (1:19.84)

• 200 Medley Relay - 2. Jaxon Curry, Guy Caffey V, Abram Lackey, Nolan Ferrara (2:37.39); 5. Rhodes Bentley, Luke Forester, Barrett Lewis, Asa Powell (3:13.04)

• 200 Free Relay - 2. Guy Caffey V, Jaxon Curry, Barrett Lewis, Abram Lackey (2:20.44); 7. Rhodes Bentley, Luke Forester, Asa Powell, Nolan Ferrara (2:44.68)

9-10 Mixed Relays

• 100 Mixed Medley Relay - 1. Jaxon Curry, Lauren Hughes, Abram Lackey, Faith Peek (2:26.50); 5. Clara Peek, Guy Caffey V, Harper Rodriguez, Nolan Ferrara (2:42.71)

• 100 Mixed Free Relay - 8. Barrett Lewis, Emma Grace Tidwell, Rhodes Bentley, Paisley Caldwell (2:43.42)

Girls 11-12

• 100 IM (SQT 1:22.66) - 1. Georgia Dowdy (1:11.88); 6. Sophia Saho (1:17.26); 9. Sophia Aaron (1:19.27); 10. Catherine Hughes (1:20.80)

• 50 Free (SQT 30.80) - 8. Sophia Aaron (31.75)

• 50 Breast (SQT 40.73) - 2. Sophia Saho (39.53); 3. Catherine Hughes (39.84); 7. Reese Swidecki (42.78)

• 50 Back (SQT 36.84) - 5. Sophia Aaron (37.24)

• 50 Fly (SQT 34.06) - 5. Georgia Dowdy (32.16); 6. Sophia Saho (32.84); 8. Preslie Basch (34.74)

• 100 Free (SQT 1:08.09) - 2. Georgia Dowdy (1:02.87); 7. Catherine Hughes (1:12.20)

• 200 Medley Relay - 2. Georgia Dowdy, Catherine Hughes, Sophia Saho, Sophia Aaron (2:19.18); 8. Kyleigh Huffman, Reese Swidecki, Preslie Basch, Ellie Forester (2:45.63)

• 200 Free Relay - 2. Sophia Aaron, Sophia Saho, Preslie Basch, Georgia Dowdy (2:05.09); 7. Reese Swidecki, Ellie Forester, Aurellia Powell, Catherine Hughes (2:23.90)

Boys 11-12

• 100 IM (SQT 1:20.06) - 3. Briar Lackey (1:12.48); 5. Griffin Berryhill (1:16.67)

• 50 Free (SQT 31.82) - 1. Tate Tysinger (27.53); 6. Karson Corliss (30.19)

• 50 Breast (SQT 45.67) - 2. Tate Tysinger (36.59)

• 50 Back (SQT 39.16) - 1. Griffin Berryhill (34.16); 2. Briar Lackey (34.33); 7. Karson Corliss (37.23)

• 50 Fly (SQT 35.54) - 1. Tate Tysinger (31.09); 3. Griffin Berryhill (31.91); 5. Karson Corliss (34.94)

• 100 Free (SQT 1:16.86) - 1. Briar Lackey (59.28)

• 200 Medley Relay - 1. Griffin Berryhill, Tate Tysinger, Karson Corliss, Briar Lackey (2:12.27)

• 200 Free Relay - 1. Briar Lackey, Griffin Berryhill, Karson Corliss, Tate Tysinger (1:56.69)

11-12 Mixed Relays

• 100 Mixed Medley Relay - 1. Georgia Dowdy, Tate Tysinger, Sophia Saho, Briar Lackey (2:10.36) 9. Brooks Bentley, Aurellia Powell, Reese Swidecki, Cade McAlpin (2:59.02)

• 100 Mixed Free Relay - 3. Karson Corliss, Sophia Aaron, Preslie Basch, Griffin Berryhill (2:04.11)

Girls 13-14

• 100 IM (SQT 1:10.72) - 1. Mika Lackey (1:04.75)

• 50 Free (SQT 29.69) - 1. Madeline Dowdy (26.17); 12. Elizabeth Hughes (28.95)

• 50 Breast (SQT 37.83) - 2. Mika Lackey (33.00); 3. Edie Hudson (34.44); 10. Elizabeth Hughes (37.81)

• 50 Back (SQT 37.31) - 1. Mika Lackey (29.84); 12. Elizabeth Hughes (34.70)

• 50 Fly (SQT 30.18) - 1. Madeline Dowdy (28.90); 7. Edie Hudson (31.20)

• 100 Free (SQT 1:10.64) - 1. Madeline Dowdy (55.74); 14. Edie Hudson (1:03.73); 17. Tori Rees (1:04.51)

• 200 Medley Relay - 1. Mika Lackey, Edie Hudson, Madeline Dowdy, Elizabeth Hughes (2:00.49)

• 200 Free Relay - 1. Madeline Dowdy, Edie Hudson, Elizabeth Hughes, Mika Lackey (1:49.46)

Boys 13-14

• 100 IM (SQT 1:09.08) - 1. Magnus Mann (1:00.19); 7. Gunner Stracener (1:08.48)

• 50 Back (SQT 34.16) - 1. Magnus Mann (26.55); 2. Gunner Stracener (30.90)

• 50 Fly (SQT 31.53) - 6. Gunner Stracener (28.92)

• 100 Free (SQT 58.07) - 1. Magnus Mann (51.95)

• 200 Medley Relay - 3. Magnus Mann, Anakin Powell, Gunner Stracener, Carter Barnett (2:03.10); 8. Tytus Stracener, Abram Powell, Griffin Cole, Ethan Thomas (2:50.36)

• 200 Free Relay - 3. Gunner Stracener, Anakin Powell, Carter Barnett, Magnus Mann (1:47.73); 6. Abram Powell, Tytus Stracener, Ethan Thomas, Griffin Cole (2:36.01)

13-14 Mixed Relays

• 100 Mixed Medley Relay - 4. Gunner Stracener, Edie Hudson, Anakin Powell, Elizabeth Hughes (2:04.52)

• 100 Mixed Free Relay - 7. Carter Barnett, Catherine Hughes, Griffin Cole, Tori Rees (2:02.57)

Girls 15-18

• 100 IM (SQT 1:17.86) - 7. Ella Cupp (1:09.84); 11. Sofi Velez (1:11.83)

• 50 Breast (SQT 39.78) - 6. Sofi Velez (37.02)

• 50 Back (SQT 32.24) - 4. Morgan Fuller (30.85); 7. Ella Cupp (32.14)

• 50 Fly (SQT 29.85) - 3. Morgan Fuller (29.51); 6. Sofi Velez (30.67)

• 100 Free (SQT 1:06.28) - 5. Ella Cupp (59.10); 6. Morgan Fuller (59.59)

• 200 Medley Relay - 4. Ella Cupp, Sofi Velez, Morgan Fuller, Tori Rees (2:07.94)

• 200 Free Relay - 5. Sofi Velez, Ella Cupp, Tori Rees, Morgan Fuller (1:53.45)

Boys 15-18

• 50 Free (SQT 23.64) - 2. Chase Duncan (23.37)

• 50 Breast (SQT 30.75) - 5. Grayson Randall (30.49)

• 50 Back (SQT 28.19) - 2. Chase Duncan (26.25)

• 100 Free (SQT 53.82) - 2. Chase Duncan (51.78); 7. Hilson Cole (54.24)

• 200 Medley Relay - 3. Chase Duncan, Grayson Randall, Camp Smith, Hilson Cole (1:48.47)

• 200 Free Relay - 4. Chase Duncan, Camp Smith, Grayson Randall, Hilson Cole (1:37.01)

15-18 Mixed Relays

• 100 Mixed Medley Relay - 2. Chase Duncan, Grayson Randall, Sofi Velez, Morgan Fuller (1:53.12)

• 100 Mixed Free Relay - 1. Madeline Dowdy, Hilson Cole, Mika Lackey, Magnus Mann (1:40.19); 9. Rhett Tysinger, Ella Cupp, Ellie Gleaton, Camp Smith (1:51.73)

Clara (from Front)

Noah Galilee
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CULLMAN, Ala. — While just approximately 4-5 years old, Ms. Clara is a Terrier-mix looking for the perfect home.

She exhibits medium to high energy and is truly a happy girl who simply looks forward to the time you have to spend with her.

Clara understands leash etiquette, as well as personal space, which makes her the perfect candidate for a companion/hiking dog. Please call or come by and spend some time with Clara because she truly is an amazing girl waiting to be taken home!

Remember, there are always plenty of pets ready for adoption, so if Clara is gone, don't be totally bummed out as there is a special friend waiting to go home with you!

Are you ready to meet Clara? Head over to Cullman County Animal Shelter at 935 Convent Road NE, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. for a meet and greet.

Her adoption fee includes spay, DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet and microchip.

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

Convention (from Front)

probably be familiar with many of the songs, though the style of performance might be a little different. Convention singing is unaccompanied by instruments, and focuses on four-part vocal harmonies. Songs can be joyful, loud and boisterous or dark and soulful.

Convention singers follow a long-standing form, singing from a modern edition of a songbook that dates back to the 1840s in a style known by several names:

- Shape/Shaped Note Singing: The notes in the sheet music have different shapes depending on the note in the scale: round, square, triangular.
- Fa-So-La/Fasola Singing: The names given to three note shapes. When the singers warm up at the beginning of a song, they are not singing in a foreign language or speaking in tongues; they are singing the notes by name.
- Sacred Harp: Takes its name from the title of the most popular songbook used.

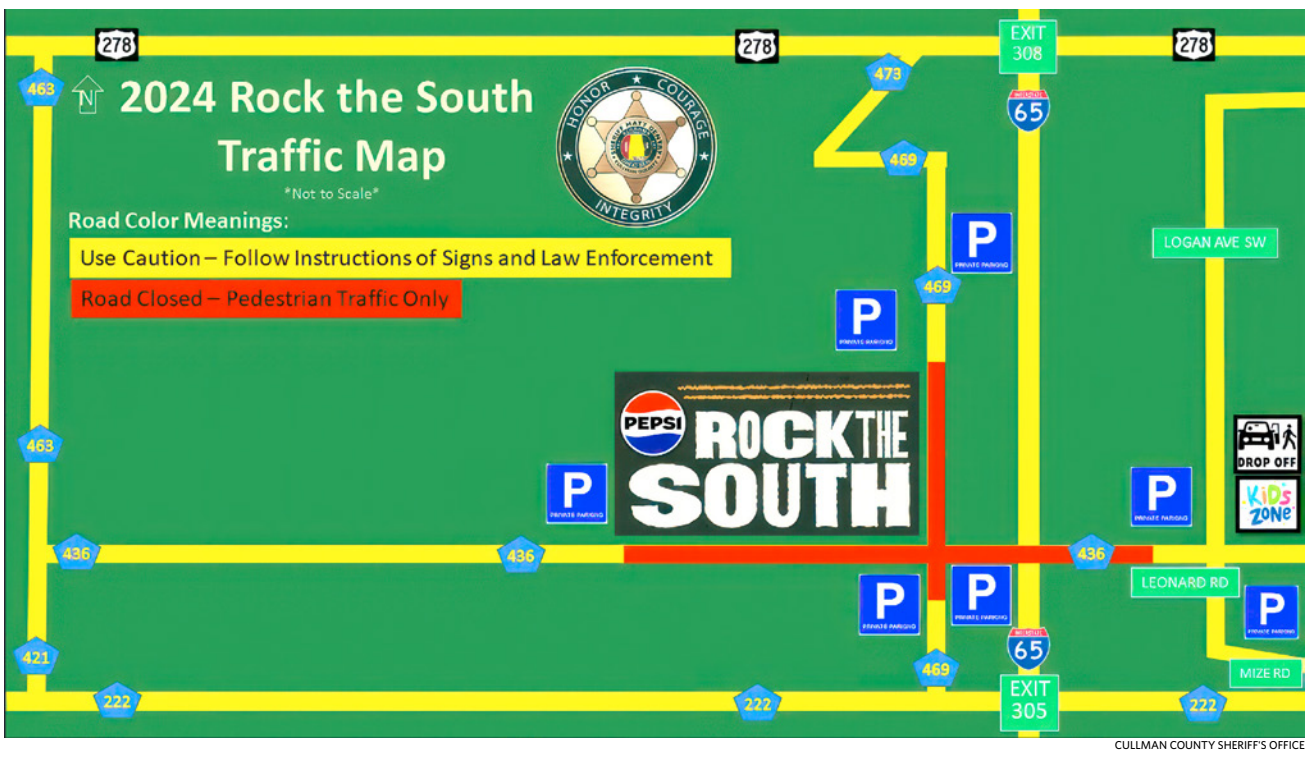
Event host Tom Booth said previously, "This style of acapella music is sung from a book called 'The Sacred Harp' that was published in Cullman during the 1960s and 70s, but dates back to 1844. The book uses shaped notes that were created as a means of teaching people to read music and harmonize in multiple parts."

Singers sit in a square, grouped by vocal part – soprano, alto, tenor, bass – with the director standing in the center.

The director changes from song to song, so if your favorite song is in the book, you can request and even lead it, if you like. Performance is unrehearsed, and singers of all skill and experience levels are welcome, even if they are unfamiliar with shaped notes.

At Sunday's memorial session, prayers and songs were offered to remember deceased singers and those unable to attend due to illness or an inability to travel. Current chairman Booth addressed the assembly with a short tribute to Henry C. Guthery Sr. of Trimble, Alabama, a mainstay of the convention who passed away the previous week.

Guthery served 25 times in the previous 30 years as the convention's chairman, and made numerous contributions to it. He was much-beloved and many who attended spoke of his kindness and tireless efforts to promote Sacred Harp singing.



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Conference (from Front)

and neighboring sheriff's offices) getting traffic in and out and dealing with pedestrians. This is one thing to remember though – we have thousands and thousands of people coming to a venue that's out in the county, but the property it's on is in the city. The county is dry, which means you can't have alcohol in those areas, but the venue is wet, which is kind of unique for people."

Gentry said having a plan for what you're doing after walking to the venue is key for safety after the event.

"So when you are coming to the venue after parking, you need to have a plan," Gentry said. "You could be parking a mile away, so you need to pin that on your phone or save it in some way so after the event is over you can get back to your vehicles safely. Also make sure you have a designated driver. When the event is over all the traffic will be flowing one way: out. You cannot come into the traffic. So keep that in mind when you are leaving. If you are picking up someone, we have a designated pick-up area at the intersection of Leonard Road and Swafford Road or what we call Logan. Deputies will be manning all intersections."

Gentry also cautioned attendees about weather awareness and walking awareness getting to and inside the venue.

'Wearing brand new shoes and walking a mile in them will end up being a situation where you take them off and walk barefoot back to your car. Those county roads are not forgiving, so be prepared for that," Gentry said. "Hydration is the other thing. Please be sure to drink plenty of water before and during this event. It is going to be hot and humid. We have more heat-related incidents than anything else. We will have medical tents on-site to get you any help you need."

The CPD will have numerous officers inside the event, Nassetta said.

"We will have both CPD officers and officers from other agencies working inside the venue," he said.

"We want everybody to have a good time, we want everybody to feel safe and we want everybody to stay healthy. ...there's a lot of concern for the heat, and it looks like we're going to be helped a little bit by rain and hopefully some cooler temperatures, but still... Please be prepared for that. Indulging in too much alcohol is another thing to be concerned with. It's going to get you dehydrated, it can make you make poor decisions and eventually put you on our radar. We want everyone to have a good time, but if you start misbehaving, we will take you out of the equation. It is a ticketed event and as such, we can kick you out."

Crocker said the average cost of a DUI is $15,000 – and that's if you don't hurt someone else or hurt yourself.

"We want everyone to have a good time; we plead that you don't drink and drive – have a designated driver or a plan in place," he said. "With the large police presence at the event, we hope that we don't see a lot of arrests or incidents. That's why we are having the press conference to tell the public ahead of time to have a plan and take precautions, but obey and respect the law."

For a full list of dos and don'ts at Rock the South, visit www.rockthesouth.com.

Editor's note: Quotes are partial; to see the full press conference, visit www.facebook.com/cullman.sheriff.









BOOK REVIEW

'The First Lie Wins' by Ashley Elston

Cathy Lay Mayor
Tribune Contributor

"The First Lie Wins" is a thrilling mystery. Evie Porter seems to be a typical Southern woman living the dream in Louisiana. She and her boyfriend, Ryan, have an idyllic home with a white picket fence, friends and money. Except, Evie does not exist. She is a con artist and Ryan is her next "mark."

Evie starts her life of crime because her mother needs money to pay for her cancer treatments. She plans elaborate schemes to steal jewelry from the wealthy. She uses various ploys to get into their homes – sometimes as an employee for a catering company, part of a cleaning crew or as a party guest.

After her mother dies, she continues her theft to support herself. But she is caught using a fake credit card machine at a local country club art auction.

After the police arrive, one of the officers is escorting her to the police car when a man greets the officer saying he is supposed to drive her to the police station. But actually he is there to rescue her from the arrest. This is how Evie starts working with Mr. Smith and his assistant, Matt. She only knows Mr. Smith by a mechanically altered voice on the phone.

She wonders if he might have ties to organized crime, be a government agent or an assassin.

She receives her instructions from her box at a mailbox store – under an alias, of course. She becomes a master of disguise. Over the years, she has a variety of different aliases and works in different parts of the country. Mr. Smith's scenarios are extremely complex methods to either blackmail victims, sometimes to take over their businesses or steal vital data. The majority of the time her missions are a complete success.

But the previous case did not go as planned. Evie is afraid Mr. Smith might retaliate against her. She begins to wonder if she might be the "mark" in this case.

This novel is truly a cat and mouse escapade. I have read countless mystery novels. Many times I can figure out the ending. But neither I, nor any of my book club members, could solve this mystery. The ending surprised us all. I highly recommend this novel.

"The First Lie Wins" was published in January 2024. It was Reese Witherspoon's book club pick for January.

"Ashley Elston is the author of #1 New York Times bestseller and Reese's Book Club pick, First Lie Wins. First Lie Wins has been optioned for television by ABC Signature with Octavia Spencer and Krista Vernoff attached to the project. She is also the author of six YA books. Ashley lives in Louisiana with her husband and three sons." (ashleyelston.com)

Cathy Lay Mayor grew up in Cullman and graduated from Cullman High School in 1976. She says when she writes book reviews, she tries to remember what Mrs. Gilbert taught her in 11th-grade English. She lived in Dothan for more than 30 years and is married with three adult children and six grandchildren. She retired to Panama City, but still calls Alabama home.

LEGALS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
ALICE JOHNSTON MEDLOCK, * CASE NO.: PC2024-209
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to PATRICIA ALLCORN, KAREN MITCHELL, LYNNE GREEN and JAMES MEDLOCK JR., as Co-Personal Representatives, of the ESTATE OF ALICE JOHNSTON MEDLOCK, deceased, on the 16th day of July, 2024, by Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court.

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

PATRICIA ALLCORN, KAREN MITCHELL, LYNNE GREEN, AND JAMES MEDLOCK JR.
Co-Personal Representatives

Attorney for Petitioners:
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TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

DONE this 16th day of July, 2024.
Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of
GERALDINE ROBERTSON CORNELIUS SWEATMON, CASE NO. PC2023-374
Deceased.

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NOTICE OF HEARING
NOTICE TO THE COURT AND
PETITION TO CONVERT CASE FROM
SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION TO
A TESTATE ADMINISTRATION

TO: KRYSTAL CORNELIUS, CODY CORNELIUS, NICHOLE HOLMES, AMY KILGORE, STEPHANIE KILGORE AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN AND HEIRS OF GERALDINE ROBERTSON CORNELIUS SWEATMON, DECEASED.

Notice to the Court and Petition to Convert Case from Summary Distribution to A Testate Administration filed the 24th day of April, 2024, made Court record the 29th day of April, 2024, by David Christopher Cornelius, Petitioner, through Attorney David Lee Jones. A hearing on this matter has been scheduled for the **20th 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 2nd day of July, 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.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

PERRYMAN REGINA,)
Plaintiff,)
V.) Case No.: CV-2024-900184.00
PERRYMAN CATHERINE,)
276 CO RD 517 PARCEL 26-09-32-0-000-004.006,)
Defendants.)

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The Plaintiff having made a Motion for Service by Publication supported by the Affidavit of Regina Perryman, stating that Plaintiff has made diligent search for any and all defendants required to be named in Plaintiff's in rem quiet title action under Ala. Code §6-6- 560, and there being the possibility that some defendants are unknown or cannot be found even after diligent inquiry, It is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the following notice be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Cullman Tribune.

Case No. CV CV202490018400
PUBLICATION NOTICE
ORDER OF PUBLICATION DATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

TO: Catherine Perryman, XYZ, 276 County Road 517, Hanceville, AL Parcel # 26-09-32-0-000-004.006, heirs and devisees or anyone who may claim an interest in the property described below, must answer the Complaint to Quiet Title any other relief claimed by Plaintiff in Case No: CV202490018400 within Thirty (30) Days of last publication of this Notice as so ordered by the Circuit Court on May 29, 2024, being the date on or before June 29, 2024 to:

Laura Alfano, Attorney for Plaintiff
440 Twin Ridge Road, Warrior AL 35180
205-612-1868
lcalfano@bellsouth.net,

or a Default Judgment may be taken against any or all in the above referenced Civil Action no pending in Court, to wit:

DONE this 27th day of June, 2024.

/s/ MARTHA E. WILLIAMS
CIRCUIT JUDGE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
SHIRLEY ANN PETERSON,) CASE NO PC 2023-311
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
NOTICE OF INSOLVENCY

TO: **EDWARD L. PETERSON**
DIAHN PETERSON
JOHN B. PETERSON
MELCHIZEDEK J. TRUTH
ALABAMA MEDICIAD AGENCY ESTATE NOTICE
ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTEREST PARTIES

Please take notice that a *Notice of Insolvency*, was filed on the 27th day of June, 2024, made court record the 28th day of June, 2024, by G. Edward Coey, Attorney for Administrator, Nancy Peterson Carretero. A hearing on said Petition has been **Set for Hearing 22nd day of August, 2024, AT 11:00 A.M.**, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this 15th day of July, 2024.
Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

G. Edward Coey
Attorney for Administrator
PO Box 834
Hanceville, Alabama 35077

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
MATTHEW JAMES BAKER, * **CASE NO.: PC2024-217**
Deceased. *

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to TINA ARMSTRONG as Administrator of the Estate of MATTHEW JAMES BAKER, deceased, on the 9th day of July, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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.

TINA ARMSTRONG
Administrator

Melvin Hasting
Attorney for Personal Representative
Post Office Box 517
Cullman, Alabama 35056

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 *
MARTHA FREEMAN MOREFIELD, * CASE NO. PC 2024 - 240
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE: Letters Testamentary having been granted to Lacey A. Kilpatrick as Personal Representative of the Estate of Martha Freeman Morefield, deceased, on the 1st day of July, 2024, 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.

Lacey A. Kilpatrick
Personal Representative

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

Attorney for Personal Representative

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

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

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
JAMES LEE WIGGINS, JR., * CASE NO. PC2022-195
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
MOTION TO VACATE AND SET ASIDE FINAL DECREE

TO: JAMES KENNETH WIGGINS, HEATHER SAAB-CROTZER AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN AND HEIRS OF JAMES LEE WIGGINS, JR., DECEASED.

Motion to Vacate and set Aside Final Decree filed the 9th day of May, 2024, made Court record the 13th day of May, 2024, by W. Scott Simpson, Spenser Templeton, R Adrew Yarbro and Shelbie Hankey, Attorneys for, Michael Ellis Wiggins and Rebecca Wiggins Phillips. A hearing has been scheduled on this matter for the **8th day of October, 2024, at 10:00 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 15th day of July, 2024.
Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

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Hoover, AL 35244

Shelbie Hankey
Hankey Law Firm, LLC
101 Main Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD 2023-038

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF SHANE BEASON BOWER and LINDZEE MACALL BOWER TO ADOPT B.P. a minor child.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: **JAMES DAVID NEEDHAM, ALLEGED FATHER AND TO ANY UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED FATHER OF B.P. WHOSE IDENTITY, WHEREABOUTS, RESIDENCE AND/OR ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED.**

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of B.P. a minor child (born on February 29, 2024, to Miranda Shae Prince) was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Shane Beason Bower and Lindzee Macall Bower, Petitioners. Please be advised should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 16th DAY OF July, 2024.
Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR SUCCESSIVE WEEKS.

Jerry Kilgo
Attorney for Petitioners
421 3rd Ave SE, Ste 250
Cullman, Alabama 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
ANNIE JOYCE NIBBLETT *
a/k/a JOYCE M. NIBBLETT, * CASE NO. PC2024-228
Deceased. *

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NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: CANDY A. NIBBLETT, MARY ETHEL NIBBLETT, HERMAN NIBBLETT, III AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN AND HEIRS OF ANNIE JOYCE NIBBLETT a/k/a JOYCE M. NIBBLETT, DECEASED.

Petition for Probate of Will by Mason E. Nibblett, Jr., Petitioner, through Attorney Michael J. Baggett. A hearing on this matter has been scheduled for the **27th day of August, 2024, at 11:00 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 16th day of July, 2024.
Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

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Attorney for Petitioner:
Michael J. Baggett
BAGGETT & WILSON, LLC
206 Ninth Street Southwest, Suite 102
Cullman, AL 35055
256-737-0740

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

REGENA LYNN RICHTER,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **25-DR-2024-900137.00**

MICHAEL SEAN HOWARD,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Michael Sean Howard, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Regena Lynn Richter's Complaint for Divorce by September 3rd, 2024 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2024-900137.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 8th day of July, 2024.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
ANDRIA SIMS
300 1st AV SE, STE 104
CULLMAN, AL 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
SYBIL WILLIAMS, * CASE NO. PC2024-207
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION TO ADMIT WILL FOR PROBATE AND FOR LETTERS TESTAMENTARY

TO: MARSHALL WILLIAMS AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN AND HEIRS OF SYBIL WILLIAMS, DECEASED.

Petition to Admit Will for Probate and for Letters Testamentary filed by Morris Williams, Petitioner, through Attorney Melvin Hasting. A hearing on this matter has been scheduled for the **20th day of August, 2024, at 10:00 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 1st day of July, 2024.
Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

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Petitioner's Attorney:
Melvin Hasting
Attorney for Petitioner
407 2nd Ave SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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Departments (from Front)

W.C. Mann
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Officers of the Cullman Police Department, Cullman County Sheriff's Office and Cullman Fire Rescue met Tuesday afternoon and again on Wednesday to finalize plans for Rock the South 2024. The event will draw together resources of the three agencies along with Cullman EMS, Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (State Troopers), multiple volunteer fire departments from across the county, Guntersville Police Department and the sheriff's offices of Jackson, Madison, Marshall and Morgan counties.

Cullman's resources include:

- Multiple officer teams at the venue while fully staffed regular city patrols continue
- Tactical teams prepared to disperse crowds and respond to serious emergencies
- Sniper/observation units that can direct officer teams quickly to the location of an emergency
- CPD aviation to get people into and out of the venue quickly despite traffic issues
- 11 Gator ATVs to help CFR paramedics get help inside quickly, and get patients out
- Cullman County Juvenile Probation staff on-site to deal with matters involving underage guests
- Cullman city magistrates, many arrestees' first contact with the court system, onsite throughout the event, along with an onsite booking facility
- Metal detectors at entrances

The following items are listed as prohibited from the venue:

- Aerosol cans
- Cameras or video cameras with removable lenses and flashes
- Umbrellas
- Coolers
- Outside food, beverages or alcohol
- Gifts for performers
- Laser pens or pointers, fireworks and flashlights
- Noise making devices or musical instruments
- Backpacks, strollers or seat cushions
- Poles, sticks or selfie sticks
- Skateboards, inline skates, scooters, bicycles or hoverboards
- Balls, frisbees or balloons
- Weapons, firearms, pepper spray, knives, pocket knives or mace. A specific note was made that not even law enforcement officers can enter the venue armed unless they are working at the event.

According to the instructions given, "The items will have to be returned to your car or thrown away at the front gate."

Law enforcement officers were alerted to watch for and respond to prohibited behavior, including:

- Intoxication or other signs of alcohol impairment that results in irresponsible behavior
- Foul or abusive language, or obscene gestures
- Interference with the progress of the event presentation or performance
- Failing to follow instructions of venue personnel
- Smoking
- Entering or attempting to enter restricted areas without proper authorization or credentials
- Banners or signs that obstruct the view of guests, obscure advertising, contain objectionable subject matter or are commercial in nature

According to the instructions, "Event guests who violate these provisions will be subject to ejection without a refund." Removal of wristbands and other credentials, followed by ejection, will be the primary response to improper behavior, but law enforcement officers are authorized to make arrests at their discretion, if a particular situation requires it. They were instructed to review departmental policies concerning use of force and deployment of tasers. Personnel were also warned to be prepared for sudden noise during the sets of Hardy and Jelly Roll, as those sets are slated to include pyrotechnics.

Rock the South will take place July 18-20, at York Farms, 1872 County Road 469, Cullman, AL 35057. Parking opens at noon each day, and concert gates open at 3 p.m. each day. Buy tickets and get more info at www.RocktheSouth.com.

Obituary Announcements: July 16-17

Grace Marie Robertson, 78
Funeral service for Grace Marie Robertson, age 78 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 18, 2024, at Duck Creek Baptist Church with Dolton Robertson, II officiating; burial at Duck Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon - 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 18, 2024, at Duck Creek Cemetery. Reception to follow at Temple Baptist at 4 p.m. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Robertson passed away on Tuesday, July 16, 2024. She was born, Nov. 11, 1945, to Tilford Barbee and Ruby Barbee. She was proceeded in death by her parents, husband; Dolton Robertson I, parents; Tilford and Ruby Barbee, brother; Clinton Barbee and sister, Ann Hopkins. Survivors include her sons, Dolton (Lisa) Robertson II and Jeff (Stacey) Robertson, I; grandchildren, Kelsi (Paul) Harrigill, Buddy (Katie) Robertson, Charli (Jay) Schuler, Ashley (Andrew) Frey, Jeff (Chelcee) Robertson, II and Cydni (Noah) Parker; 11 great grandchildren; Carter, Heidi, Olivia, Dolton, Leah, Charlotte, Jameson, Blake, Della, Walt, and Ivey. brother, Gregory Barbee; sister Mary Mooney and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Jerome Jay Saimon Felix, 33
Jerome Jay Saimon Felix, age 33, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Tuesday, July 9, 2024. Jerome loved to dance especially to Michael Jackson music. He loved and cared for everyone, even strangers. He loved to laugh and really enjoyed spending time and laughing with his family. Jerome was preceded in death by his father, Felix Felix. He is survived by his mother, Salome Saimon; only lil sister, Jamaica Felix (Jon Martin); only lil brother, Joshua Felix; his nephew, Laino Martin; multiple aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family members and a host of friends. Jerome's life will be celebrated on July 24, 2024, at Moss Service Funeral Home from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. He will then return to Pohnpei, Micronesia to be buried in his family's cemetery near the ancestors and family who loved him and have preceded him in death. To leave condolences for the family please visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Lloyd 'Sarge' Erskin Goodwin, 93
Lloyd "Sarge " Erskin Goodwin, age 93, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Monday, July 15, 2024. Lloyd is preceded in death by his wife Betty Freeman Goodwin, parents Byrl Goodwin and Dovie Hicks Goodwin, two sisters, and seven brothers. Lloyd leaves behind his daughter Donna Goodwin (Lee) Brummett, sons Terry (Hilda) Goodwin, Barry (Shelia) Goodwin, and Mark (Laura) Goodwin, twelve grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren. Justin Brummett, Madison Goodwin, Matthew Goodwin, Brian Goodwin, Jerrid Hyche, Timothy Goodwin, Nathan Sandlin, and Nelson Martin will serve as pallbearers. Lloyd was a devoted patriot whose unwavering love for his country was matched only by his deep affection for his cherished family. A visitation for Lloyd will be held Thursday, July 18, 2024, from 6-8 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue, NW, Cullman, Alabama 35055. A graveside service will occur Friday, July 19, 2024, at 10 a.m. at Johnson Grove Cemetery, 275 County Road 151, Bremen, AL 35033.

William Michael Meems, 69
William Michael Weems, 69, of Hanceville, Alabama, went peacefully to be with Jesus on Friday, July 12, 2024. He was surrounded by his family and numerous loved ones. Mike grew up in Gardendale, where he met his wife of 50 years, Donna Weems. He was a man who loved the Lord dearly and shared that love with anyone he encountered. Mike would want to remind us to, "Always Preach the gospel, if necessary, use Words!" He will be dearly missed by many and always remembered. Mike is survived by his wife, Donna (Freeman) Weems; son, Brandon (Erin) Weems; son, Thomas (Julie) Weems; and six grandchildren who love him dearly Rylee, Michael, Caden, David, Owen, and one on the way. A celebration of life will be held August 3rd. Family and friends are invited to join us at Crosshaven Church in Hanceville, Alabama, from 4-6 p.m. to celebrate Mike's cherished life. Crosshaven Church - 9131 U.S. Highway 31 S, Hanceville, AL 35077 His family asks that if you are so moved, you can make a donation to First Source for Women in his memory. https://firstsourceforwomen.org/donate.

Opal Ann Latham, 85
Funeral services for Opal A. Latham, a beloved mother and grandmother, who left us peacefully on July 16, 2024, will be noon, Friday, July 19, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Gibbs Chapel Cemetery in Blountsville, Alabama. Bro. Heath Riggs will be officiating services. A visitation will take place at Hanceville Funeral Home on Friday from 10 a.m. to noon. Opal was a pillar of strength, love, and kindness in our lives. She cherished her family above all, dedicating her life to nurturing and supporting her loved ones. Her home was a sanctuary of warmth, filled with laughter and cherished memories. An avid reader, Opal found joy and solace in the pages of countless books. Her love for literature was a testament to her curious mind and enduring spirit. She often shared her favorite stories with her family, sparking imaginations and fostering a love for reading in her children and grandchildren. In addition to her literary passions, Ms. Latham had a remarkable talent for arranging flowers. Her floral creations were not just beautiful but also a reflection of her creative soul and appreciation for nature's beauty. She found happiness in crafting stunning bouquets that brightened her home and the lives of those around her. Shopping was another of Opal's favorite pastimes. She had a keen eye for finding the perfect gifts for her loved ones, always knowing how to bring a smile to their faces with her thoughtful choices. Survivors include her daughter, Kristy Dyer (Brad); grandson, John King (Hannah); sister, Abbie Latham; sisters-in-law, Myrtle Atchley, Gail Atchley, and many other relatives and friends who will forever cherish her memory. She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred D. and Zunie Atchley; siblings, Ethelene Murphee, Royce Atchley, Sue Yancey, Travis Atchley, and Eddie Atchley. The family would like to send a warm and special 'Thank You' to the staff at Hanceville Nursing & Rehabilitation Center and Southern Care-New Beacon Hospice for the extended love, care and compassion that was expressed throughout Ms. Latham's transition from her earthly home. Serving as pallbearers will be John King, Tony Atchley, Nicky Shelton and Blake Stewart.

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County Commission recognizes work of parks and rec staff

Cheyenne Sharp
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Commission at its meeting on July 16 recognized the Cullman County Parks and Recreation team for its efforts during the recent Fourth of July and Bassmaster Classic Tournament events held at Smith Lake Park.

"I want to thank the parks staff and Kenneth Cornelius our (Cullman County Parks and Recreation) director for all the hard work you and your staff have done," said Cullman County Commission Chairman Jeff Clemons.

The department was responsible for hosting the 2024 TNT Fireworks Bassmaster Elite on June 27 and the Independence Day celebration at Smith Lake Park on July 4.

Clemons added, "Also, the fireworks festival July the Fourth – I was there helping the County. We had a big crowd and there was a lot of work that went into that."

Cornelius shared details of the work that went into both events.

Speaking of the Fourth of July festival, Cornelius said, "The biggest thing I want to make sure everyone understands is this was a whole park effort – the parks and rec department, there was two from the (Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center) staff came, two from Sportsman (Lake) came.

"Four staff from Stony Lonesome came that day and left two (employees) at Sportsman to man the whole park by themselves to be able to have that number of people there.

"Our parks staff, without them – I mean, being on the job a little over a month, I depended on them to get it all done and help to complete the task.

"We did that with flying colors and I think everyone had a happy and safe Fourth of July."

In other business, the commission:

- Approved Resolution 2024-30: Change speed limit to 30 mph on County Road 1583
- Approved Resolution 2024-31: Change speed limit to 35 mph on County Road 1621
- Announced a public hearing for CARTS operations for 2025 fiscal year
- Approved Resolution 2024-32: Authorize local matching funds for CARTS 2025 FY and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork
- Approved Resolution 2024-33: Authorize the filing of 5311 grant application and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork
- Approved Resolution 2024-34: Authorize County Commission to submit grant application for Recreational Trails
- Program grant program for cabins, storage facility and equipment at Stony Lonesome OHV Park in the amount $1,000,000 and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork
- Authorized Chairman to sign 2024 FY Cullman County Rebuild Alabama Contractor Report
- Authorized EMA Director to submit warehouse surplus property application to FEMA and State EMA to be placed into Cullman County Commission/Cullman County EMA name and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork
- Approved repair of Trane HVAC unit at the Cullman County Detention Center in the amount of$13,480
- Approved three-year subscription with ESRI for the Revenue Mapping Software-cost $58,500 a year to be paid from the Reappraisal budget
- Approved the purchase of two 2024 Ford F-150 Super Crew 4×4 in the amount of $44,009 each
- Approved the surplus of a 2019 Jeep Compass from Revenue to be auctioned on Gov Deals or by any means necessary
- Approved preliminary plat North Vinemont Subdivision. A minor subdivision containing nine Lots in Commission District One. Subdivision is located on County Road 1371, one mile north of Vinemont airport
- Approved preliminary plat Indian Springs Subdivision. A minor subdivision containing five Lots in Commission District One. The subdivision is located on County Road 1367, 1 mile north of Vinemont airport
- Approved to Extend Bid 1404 for gasoline and diesel to B&B Petroleum Products, LC
- Approved Bid 1466 for lawn care and maintenance at various locations to Pro Lawn
- Approved Bid 1467 for aggregate to Wiregrass Construction Company, Inc, Vulcan Materials Company, and C.A. Langford Company, Inc based on vicinity and availability

The next Cullman County Commission meeting will be Tuesday, Aug. 13. The work session begins at 4 p.m. in the commission meeting room with the meeting at 6.

Commission talks road equipment

Cheyenne Sharp
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CULLMAN, Ala. — At the July 16 meeting of the Cullman County Commission, Cullman County Engineer Philip Widner updated the commissioners on the state of road equipment used by County road crews. The commission is considering shifting funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) awarded from the federal government to replace and update old and damaged equipment.

County Administrator John Bullard advised the commission that the County's ARPA funds will expire at the close of the year.

Approximately $1 million was earmarked for the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center renovation which was previously expected to begin in late 2024.

Due to plan changes and shifts in logistics, the project is now estimated to begin in 2025.

"Last week, the Chairman (Jeff Clemons) and John (Bullard) came out and we had a meeting with all of our supervisors and kind of looked at what our needs are. You are all aware that we need several pieces of equipment," shared Widner.

"Some of the equipment we have is 25, some of it is 30 years old.

"So, they're getting to the end of their life and its starting to be a hindrance in the roads we need done."

With the earmarked funds now available, Widner and Bullard have been crunching numbers to find the most financially sound option for replacing the County road department's outdated and, quite literally, falling apart equipment.

One of the department's main needs, a paving machine, has been received and is in full operation through a loan of a machine, as the commission had issued a letter of intent to purchase the equipment at its June meeting.

With the paving machine locked in, Widner shared the other needs of the department include one- and two-man DuraPatchers, rollers, brooms, a shoulder machine and a few new tractors to tackle the nearly 4,000 miles the department mows and maintains on a daily and weekly basis.

With the current machinery in disrepair, crews have been falling behind in maintaining vegetation on roadways and rights-of-way.

Clemons asked if there was a number of weeks that Widner would need to catch up with work, and Widner said it could take months instead of weeks to regain the lost ground.

"We probably need a couple of months to catch up," Widner said.

"If you've got 2,000 miles of road you're bushhogging 4,000 miles."

The commission made no move on the request from Widner and Bullard, choosing to table the matter and discuss improvements and replacements at a later date.

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