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Vinemont Council holds special-called meeting to discuss pending litigation

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VINEMONT, Ala. — The Vinemont Town Council held a special-called meeting on Tuesday, July 16, at which the council went into executive session to discuss pending litigation involving the municipality. No details were disclosed.

Mayor Radginal Dodson, along with all council members, Town Clerk Kayecea Sasser, Assistant Clerk Madison Stewart and Premier Bank of the South Vice President Gary Nunn were included in the session.

At 6:02 p.m. the council moved into executive session and remained in discussions until 6:29, when Dodson noted that no action was taken.

Once the meeting was moved back to the public view, the council moved into discussions on Resolutions 2024-07-01 and 2024-07-02, allowing the Town to open new checking and savings accounts. Both resolutions passed.

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CULLMAN TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

The Vinemont Town Council met for a special-called meeting on Tuesday, July 16, 2024.

Muddy, but fun, Rock the South



LAUREN ESTES/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Soaking rains made for a wet event on Friday, July 19, 2024.

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Rock the South 2024 kicked off Thursday, July 18. Jelly Roll entertained the crowds as the night's headliner. Hardy was scheduled to take the stage Friday night, and Saturday night's main draw will be Eric Church, set to begin at 9:40.

With rain on and off since the gates opened on this year's festival, grounds are muddy, but crowds a little lighter than in years past. A lightning strike caused a weather delay early Friday evening, with festivities scheduled to pick back up at 7:15 p.m. (as of press time).

According to local law enforcement, there hasn't been much trouble.

"There was one adult arrest for public intoxication, one overnight arrest for unlawful possession of a controlled substance in the camping area," Cullman Police Chief David Nassetta told Tribune reporter Lauren Estes late Friday afternoon. "There were also seven or eight juvenile arrests for minors in possession or consumption of alcohol."

Gates were scheduled to open at 3 p.m. Saturday, July 20, for the last day of the three-day event.



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Crowd favorite Jelly Roll performs on Thursday, July 18, 2024, at Rock the South.

Meet Kenneth Cornelius, new director of Cullman County Parks and Recreation



CHEYENNE SHARP/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Kenneth Cornelius is the new director of Cullman County Parks and Recreation. » PAGE 6

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Alabama to name football field after legendary head coach Nick Saban



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The University of Alabama will formally name its football field after former head football coach Nick Saban this fall. » PAGE 8

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported July 19

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 19, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

July 15

- domestic violence; CR 1059
- theft of property; CR 1382
- harassing communications; CR 1396
- possession of dangerous drugs; Hwy. 157
- domestic violence; criminal mischief; Hwy. 278E

July 16

- criminal mischief; CR 398
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; 2nd Ave. SW
- domestic violence; CR 1059
- domestic violence; Hwy. 69S
- harassment; Chad Dr.
- violation of protection order; CR 1371
- domestic violence; CR 1422

July 17

- possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 157
- theft of property; CR 592
- domestic violence; CR 1319
- assault; CR 420
- harassment; trespassing; CR 842
- criminal mischief; CR 488
- burglary; CR 222
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1762
- violation of protection order; Hwy. 278W

ARRESTS

July 15-17

Baker, Joseph W.; 53
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – open container – alcohol in vehicle
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Cantrell, Jacob R.; 31
- PROBATION VIOLATION – illegal possession of prescription drugs
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- PROBATION VIOLATION – unlawful breaking and entering of motor vehicle
- PROBATION VIOLATION – assault-child abuse-simple-family (2 counts)
- PROBATION VIOLATION – assault-aggravated assault family-other weapon

Cooper, Joseph D.; 41
- sell/distribute – methamphetamine
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked, or cancelled

Cotten, Shadoe M.; 34
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – sex offense-rape-strong arm

Deaton, Sean M.; 25
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Fowler, Timothy W.; 56
- possession of methamphetamine

Franklin, Shana R.; 28
- FTA – assault-child abuse-simple-non-family (3 counts)

Gregory, Daniel L.; 45
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Griffin, Brandon M.; 26
- PROBATION VIOLATION – unauthorized use of other vehicle
- PROBATION VIOLATION – unlawful breaking and entering of motor vehicle

Harden, Derrick E.; 41
- FTA – possession of methamphetamine

Haslam II, Nazaree; 42
- assault-domestic violence-3rd degree
- criminal mischief-3rd degree

Hays, Cody N.; 35
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Key, Seth P.; 42
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Lane, Cecelia M.; 35
- possession of marijuana
- possession of amphetamine
- possession of hallucinogen
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Mejorada, Apuleyo P.; 65
- driving while license suspended

Morris, William B.; 53
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- assault-simple assault

Perez, Pascual R.; 49
- cruelty to dog/cat

Philyaw, Dereck D.; 36
- domestic violence-3rd degree

Reed, Joshua A.; 40
- assault-child abuse-simple-family (2 counts)

Rhodes, Brittney L.; 35
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs (3 counts)
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (3 counts)
- FTA – sell/distribution of dangerous drugs
- FTA – promote prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Stillwell, Jimmy R.; 34
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of dangerous drugs

Thomas, Jennifer A.; 40
- assault-child abuse-simple-family (2 counts)

Turney, Terry L.; 58
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – DUI (controlled substance)

Wells Jr., Calvin D.; 40
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

July 14
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; 13th Ave. SW

July 17
- theft of property-1st degree; person; '03 Honda MC; $3,800; 3rd St. SW
- theft of property-3rd degree; person; miscellaneous; $1,215; 7th St. SW
- counterfeit; State of Alabama; $100 bill; 2nd Ave. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; Pet Supplies Plus; cash, general merchandise; 2nd Ave. SW
- unlawful breaking and entering a motor vehicle; person; pistol, wallet & contents; Logan St. SW
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Co. Rd. 715

July 18
- theft of property-1st degree; person; '18 Chev. Malibu; $10,000; 3rd Ave. SE

Arrests

July 17-18

Key, Seth P.; 42
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – driving while suspended
- FTA – expired tag

Little, Benjamin J.; 44
- theft of property-4th degree
- criminal mischief-3rd degree

Johnson, Brandi M.; 35
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Monroe, Riley T.; 22
- public intoxication

Kelley, Jack L.; 23
- DUI

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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LEGALS

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Redstone Federal Credit Union,

PLAINTIFF,

VS. CASE NO: DV 2023-900476

Erica Leigh Reaid
a/k/a Leigh Reaid,

DEFENDANT.

NOTICE OF FILING LAWSUIT

The above listed Defendant, Erica Leigh Reaid, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Plaintiff's complaint for Contract ($13,338.80) by ~~August 26, 2024~~ or, September 10, 24 thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered against the Defendant in Case No. DV 2023-900476, Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 25th day of June, 2024.

Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk of Cullman County

Attorney for Plaintiff

Jeffrey L. Cook
P.O. Box 5585
Huntsville, AL 35814

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
LEROY POPE * CASE NO PC 2023-381
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL and
AMENDED PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: ROBERT HEATH POPE, LLOYD POPE AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTEREST PARTIES

Petition for Probate of Will filed by Linda Gail Pope, Petitioner, and *Amended Petition for Probate of Will*, filed by Tonya C. Palmer, Attorney for the Petitioner, to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Leroy Pope, deceased, has been scheduled for the **24th day of September, 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 18th day of July, 2024.

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

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

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2024-242

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF FRANK EDWARD MITCHELL, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED
BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Jennifer Mitchell Quick on the 10th day of July, 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.

Jennifer Mitchell Quick and William Nathan Mitchell
Personal Representatives

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

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for the Estate
Smith & Smith, LLP
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Cullman, AL 35056-0398
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steve@smithandsmithllp.com

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALA

IN RE: The Estate of *
HOWARD GRINDLE, * CASE NO.: PC2024-185
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to MARY STALLINGS, as Administrator, of the ESTATE OF HOWARD GRINDLE, deceased, on the 10th 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.

Mary Stallings
Administrator

Connie L. Glass
Elder Law Firm of Connie Glass, P.C.
2306 Pansy Street SW
Huntsville, AL 35801

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 10th day of July, 2024.

TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

BARBARA MARSH,
PLAINTIFF,

VS. CASE NO. CV-2023-900319.00

DENNIS HAYGOOD, BRIAN C. DAVIS
JACQUELINE TAPER, JOANN HEREFORD,
LATHAN HARBIN, MARY PARKER,
MICHAEL WATSON, RONALD HARBIN
TANGELA LEETH,
DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF FILING LAWSUIT

The above listed Defendants, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Plaintiff's complaint for Adverse Possession & Quiet Title by 9/2/2024 or thereafter a judgement by default may be rendered against the Defendants in Case No. CV 2023-900319, Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 2nd day of July, 2024.

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk of Cullman County

Attorney for Plaintiff
Pam Nail
200 Second Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055
256-734-3342

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of
KENNETH CRAVER, CASE NO. PC 2024 - 222
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have been granted to Doug Harris, as Administrator of the Estate of Kenneth Craver, deceased, on the 3rd day of July, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, and that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Bryan Denny
Petitioner

Shay Persall
SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC
611 7th Street SE
Cullman AL 35055
(256) 841-7800

Attorney for Petitioner

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

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LEGALS

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 19
AMENDING THE CURRENT ZONING ORDINANCE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, TO RE-ZONE CERTAIN PARCELS OF PROPERTY AS SET FORTH HEREIN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 15th day of July, 2024. /s/Jenny Folsom - President of City Council
ATTESTED BY: /s/Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk
APPROVED this the 15th day of July, 2024. /s/Woody Jacobs – Mayor

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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.
• 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.

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.

Rock the South
July 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.

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 St. Andrews Methodist Church
Tuesday, July 30, from 4-7 p.m. at St. Andrews Methodist Church, 615 Main Ave. SW, Cullman. Eat in or take out, $15 a plate. Sponsored by Quilting Retreat Ladies.

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.

Christ Covenant Church Inside Yard Sale
Friday, Aug. 2, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 3, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. We have a large variety of stuff, something for everyone. Sponsored by Quilting Retreat Ladies. The church is located at 1310 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman.

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.

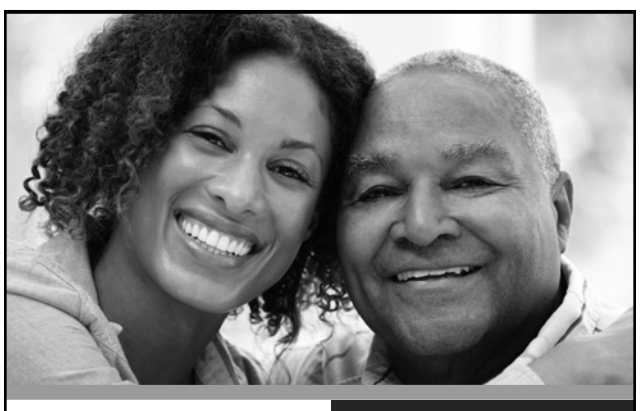
Save the Date: Little Pink Dress Benefit
Tuesday, Oct. 1, from 6-9 p.m. at The Venue at Cotton Creek. Handicapped parking at north entrance. Doors open at 5:30. A night of fun with dinner included, Active Adult Senior Kickers, Wallace State Jazz Band, live and silent auctions, door prizes and much more! Ticket are $60. Tickets available through Stefani Nelson at 256-708-3191 or snelson@alfains.com or Judy Grissom at Options at 256-347-5993 or options5993@gmail.com and www.CullmanBosomBuddies.com.

Vinemont (from Front)

Vinemont Town Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 13.

The work session will begin at 5 p.m. with the meeting following at 6.

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PREP SPORTS

'Never stop trying to improve': Good Hope Lillie McCluskey recaps Raider years

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — Good Hope senior Lillie McCluskey made a lot of great memories on and off the court during her high school years and in this interview, she shared some of her favorite experiences alongside her teammates and friends.

"Some of the most memorable times for me include team trips, which fostered lifelong friendships. Sharing moments with my teammates were priceless. Other happy memories include winning championships. I have been fortunate to have won middle school, JV, and varsity county championships, two varsity area championships, a regional championship, and a state championship. Winning championships and playing with great teammates was an incredible experience. It was such a thrill to be part of a successful team and to see all of our hard work pay off. The feeling of winning and celebrating together is something I'll never forget. Plus, we pushed each other to constantly improve and be the best version of ourselves," McCluskey said. "I learned so much from my high school basketball experience. Not only did I learn how to develop my basketball skills, but I also learned the importance of teamwork, perseverance, and dedication. Being part of a team taught me how to work together towards a common goal, communicate effectively, and support one another. I also learned how to handle both victories and defeats with grace and sportsmanship. Overall, my basketball experience helped shape me into the resilient and determined person I am today."

McCluskey learned so much from her coaches and was a part of a lot of memorable games during her career.

"Great basketball coaches do so much more than just teach the game. They inspire, motivate, and push their players to be the best they can be. They provide mentorship and guidance both on and off the court. Coaches have an impact on their players' lives, helping them develop not only as athletes, but as individuals as well. Through the years and many coaches, I learned the importance of teamwork, perseverance, dedication, communication, and sportsmanship. Their guidance went beyond the game and impacted my growth as a person," McCluskey said.

"My favorite games were the area championship, the Sweet 16 game, the Final Four, and the state championship game. The area championship was an incredible game, because it took the entire team to get that victory. The Sweet 16 game is one of my favorites, because we were finally able to beat Deshler. The Final Four is another one of my favorites, because we were able to beat the defending state champions by 30 points, which allowed us to play in the state championship game. The state championship is, by far, my favorite game, because we were able to make history and achieve our goal of winning a state championship."

Winning a state championship with her teammates will be a memory that McCluskey will cherish for the rest of her life. She shared some of her favorite experiences from her time off the court as well.

"Winning the state title in my senior year was an incredible experience. Winning the state title is an achievement that I will carry with me for the rest of my life. It is also a reminder that dreams can be accomplished with perseverance, teamwork, and communication to excellence. Winning the state title alongside some talented players is not just about the win itself; it is about the bonds and memories created, and the shared journey towards the goal that made the experience unforgettable," she said. "My favorite high school memory is winning the state championship and all of the celebrations and festivities surrounding it. Some of my other favorite high school memories include a senior class field trip, the kids' basketball camps, the senior slip-and-slide, and graduation."

She added, "The senior class field trip to the Birmingham Zoo was a wonderful experience of getting to spend the day at the zoo with my class. Another memory is teaching basketball drills and fundamental skills to younger children at the kids' basketball camps. A few of my senior classmates and I enjoyed spending half the school day sliding down a slip-and-slide on the hill of the elementary school playground. My last and final high school memory is walking across the stage at graduation to receive my diploma surrounded by my loved ones and classmates."

Good Hope will always hold a special place in McCluskey's heart and she will deeply miss being a Raider.

"Good Hope was a special place to attend for several reasons. The dedicated teachers, the extracurricular activities, and the supportive environment from the tight-knit community are what make Good Hope a special place. The dedicated teachers guide their students through challenges, provide valuable life lessons and advice, while also inspiring them to reach their fullest potential. The extracurricular activities give the opportunity for students to explore their interests, develop valuable skills, and build friendships. Last, but definitely not least, is the support from the tight-knit community. I never realized how supportive the community truly was until I was able to experience the state tournament with the entire community supporting my teammates and me," McCluskey said.

"I will miss hanging out with my friends and enjoying school-related events together, like football games and dances. It was also nice to have my schedule set each day so that I didn't really have to think about anything. What I'll really miss the most is playing basketball, because it has been a big part of my life and has brought me so much joy and excitement from a very early age. High school basketball was more than just games. It was about teamwork, competition, and pushing myself to be better. From early morning practices to all-day games, basketball created an environment I'll miss being a part of daily. The camaraderie and friendships formed on the court are something I'll always treasure and miss."

She talked about what she will remember the most about being at Good Hope and touched on a special role model in her life that she looks up to.

"I will always remember the support from the community of Good Hope, as well as the support from Cullman County during our run to become state champions. The community always had our backs by supporting us with donations, snacks, meals, and most importantly, their attendance at our games, whether it be watching from home or present at the gymnasium. The community support was not over once we achieved our goal of winning a state championship. Instead, the community continued to support us with gifts and more meals while also attending our celebrations. This is something that I will remember forever," McCluskey said.



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Good Hope's Lillie McCluskey

"Shaylee Gonzales serves as my role model in both basketball and academics. Her demonstration of leadership qualities, like teamwork and dedication, inspired me to lead others with the same qualities. She emphasizes the importance of education and time management for student athletes, which motivated me to prioritize my education while also pursuing my passion for basketball. Her ability to bounce back from challenges and injuries is something I really connect with, because I have gone through similar struggles. Seeing her resilience and perseverance motivated me to overcome my own challenges and injuries with determination and strength. Also, her commitment to using her platform to give back to younger generations inspired me to do the same within my community."

McCluskey gave some advice to the students that will be starting high school in August. Being a role model to younger kids watching her was something that was always important to her.

"High school can be exciting, but also intimidating. With that being said, it is also a time to learn, grow, and create memories. My advice to students starting high school is to be organized by keeping track of assignments, projects, and important dates. I highly recommend getting involved in clubs, sports, and any extracurricular activities, because these are an easy way to make new friends, while creating memories that will last a lifetime. The most important advice I have to give is never be afraid to ask for help. This was something I struggled with, but I soon realized that the teachers want you to ask for help. The final piece of advice I have to give is always remember to have fun. It is important to enjoy your high school experience, while also making the most of every opportunity given to you."

She added, "Being a role model for younger children is crucial, because they learn by watching others. They look up to older individuals, which means that our actions have a great influence on their values and behaviors. By being a positive role model, I can inspire them to set goals and strive for excellence. It wasn't until I noticed the influence I had on younger children that I truly grasped the significance of being a positive role model. One moment that helped me realize that importance in their life was when a girl told me I am her favorite player and that she wants to be like me. Another example is when a third-grade girl hugged me every day in the school lunchroom. I have had many similar encounters with younger children, and while I didn't know any of them personally, they felt like they knew me. That sent a strong message to me that my actions are being watched and possibly emulated by those younger than me. That made me want to be a positive influence for the younger children."

McCluskey wants people to remember her for the way she treated others and shared some advice for anyone that wants to be where she is now.

"I want to be remembered as someone who was always kind and respectful to everyone, while trying to help cheer others up whenever I could. I also hope to be remembered as a hard worker in school. It is important to me to be remembered as someone who listened and cared about others. Volunteering at basketball camps for kids was an experience that helped me out in a positive way. It made me think hard about who I want to be as a person. Knowing that younger girls were watching me, that motivated me to continue doing good things. This experience made me realize how crucial it is to be nice, helpful, and a positive role model for others," McCluskey said. "My advice for someone who wants to be where I'm at now is to keep working hard, and never give up. Always be yourself, and never change or try to be someone you're not. Instead of being afraid of challenges, look at them as an opportunity to learn and grow. Find a strong support system that can give you advice when needed. My final piece of advice is to stay positive, always believe in yourself, and never stop trying to improve."

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APTAT on the Road stops in Cullman

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Accessing Potential Through Assistive Technology (APTAT) on the Road made a stop at the Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center on Tuesday, July 16. Attendees and individuals with disabilities were given the opportunity to explore the hottest new advancements and equipment in assistive technology to improve their quality of life.

APTAT is an extension program of the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services (ADRS). ADRS is a state agency that serves Alabamians with disabilities from birth throughout their lives through Early Intervention, Independent Living and Children's and Vocational Rehabilitation services.

ADRS often crosses into APTAT territory with its most popular program – Vocational Rehabilitation.

The ADRS and APTAT crossovers are largely due to the new, cutting-edge adaptive equipment APTAT tries to keep on-hand.

The federally funded grant program focuses on rural areas where disabled residents may not have the ability to access assistive devices.

The program brings a lending library of assistive technology to the shows, including adaptive keyboards, kitchen gadgets, toys and communication devices for disabled individuals and caregivers to try and even check out and take home for 30 days, all free of charge.

"We are reaching out to the communities to see what is needed the most and what they want while still getting as much as we can," shared APTAT Assistive Technology Specialist Jessica McKay.

"This equipment is so expensive and people think they want a specific one but it may not work for them or work the way they need it to. This program allows them to try the piece of equipment they want for 30 days."

The assistive devices on display included several accommodations for various disabilities. Bite clicks and cursor tracking software and equipment allow computers to be used and navigated no matter the mobility of the user.

Kitchen gadgets with sharp stakes to hold meat and produce for chopping and preparation, as well as a table full of adaptive toys for children with cognitive or physical impairments were on display.

"How this works, is if you are a resident of Alabama you get to try this stuff out for 30 days as part of a trial or maybe part of your evaluation or you already use assistive technology and maybe yours is in disrepair or needs replaced," said McKay.

"Maybe you've injured yourself recently or had surgery and need temporary assistive devices you can contact us and we will let you try a new device and decide if you want to purchase it."

Get more information about APTAT at https://al.at4all.com or email jessica.mckay@rehab.Alabama.gov.



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Cullman Tractor Supply hosting Plant-A-Seed event

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Tractor Supply store is inviting young gardeners to its Plant-A-Seed event for a free opportunity to learn the basics of gardening with a hands-on activity.

On July 27, 2024, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., young customers can visit the store to plant a Perennial Butterfly Garden, while supplies last.

A team member will be available to guide the children in the activity and explain the best ways to nurture and care for their future garden.

Once complete, participants can take their seeds home to monitor their growth and watch them attract butterflies as they flourish.

Team members will be available to answer future questions and provide advice to these young gardeners.

Participating event partners will include the Cullman County Master Gardeners.

"At Tractor Supply, our mission is to educate and inspire our younger customers through interactive learning experiences," said Cullman store manager Seth Johnson.

"We recognize the time and energy that goes into cultivating plant life, and we want to share our knowledge with this younger generation as they begin to discover their own interests and hobbies."

The Plant-A-Seed event will take place at 1731 Second Ave. SW.

For further information or questions, please contact the Cullman store at 256-775-4445.

Troy University recognizes students for completing IMPACT

Matt Clower
Troy University

TROY, Ala. — Troy University is pleased to recognize new students who have completed IMPACT orientation and enrolled in classes for the fall 2024 semester.

Local students who are starting Troy in the fall include:

- Dillon Ferrell of Cullman, Alabama
- Hannah Ferrell of Cullman, Alabama
- Caden Hilyer of Arab, Alabama
- Brinlee Holcomb of Cullman, Alabama
- Matthew Kelley of Arab, Alabama

Cornelius (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County Parks and Recreation (CCPR) has a new director following the retirement of former director Doug Davenport. Brought on in March 2024 as the assistant director, Kenneth Cornelius made his way to the director's seat in June.

Cornelius, while new to the position, is no newcomer to business and development. Having built and owned several businesses throughout his adult life, Cornelius was tapped for the CCPR assistant director position with the knowledge that Davenport was near retirement. The Cullman County Commission had hoped that Cornelius' prior business development experience and expertise would be invaluable for the upcoming renovation and expansion of the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center, which is set to begin in 2025.

"I was hired in March as assistant director, but I was on special assignment – rebuilding the (Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center) here," Cornelius smiled as he spoke about the upcoming renovation and expansion. "So when I came on that was the first thing they wanted me to focus on."

When Davenport retired in June, Cornelius jumped into the director's seat and took hold of the grounds, staff and care of the entirety of the County's parks system. The Cullman County parks system is comprised of five public parks and recreation areas: Sportsman Lake Park, Smith Lake Park, Stony Lonesome OHV Park, Clarkson Covered Bridge and the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center. With an expansive coverage area of more than 1,500 acres, the parks operate with a proficient crew of just over 30 employees; a number of those are administrative.

Cornelius chuckled and said, "The existing staff has been tremendous in making that transition for me because I have never worked in day-to-day operations in the parks. I'd done some, but it was mainly the business side of it all, so I had no idea."

Each park runs individually, as its own unit, but Cornelius said he understands the value of the work ethic his team possesses. The small but mighty team is the backbone of the day-to-day operations of the parks. Often, park employees are the faces of the parks for all who visit and use the amenities.

Cornelius is a businessman, one who understands the importance of financial support to keep operations going. Cornelius has allowed park directors to designate which of their parks' wants and needs should be covered by public donations. For example, all donations made to Sportsman Lake Park for the foreseeable future will fund a pavilion with picnic table seating in the splash pad enclosure.

"These donations will help us accomplish these things faster and help revitalize the parks," shared Cornelius. "They (the park directors) pick the project; they know it better than I do."

Improvements for other parks are on the horizon as well, with new cabins for Smith Lake Park, new trails at Stony Lonesome and various new pavilions throughout the parks.

Obituary Announcements: July 18-19

Katheryn Elizabeth Holland, 93

Katheryn Elizabeth Holland, age 93, of Vinemont, Alabama passed away on Monday, July 15, 2024. Katheryn was well loved by everyone who knew her. She was a loving mother and wife. She cared for her family diligently, she was actively involved with the PTA from her first child to her last. Throughout her life she has enjoyed traveling and built two houses. She enjoyed using her iPhone and iPad she was known for her love of social media and was fondly called the Facebook Queen by her family. Katheryn is survived by her children Richard Holland, Teri Smith, Cindy Holland, Tony Stopera, Robert Holland(Dawn) and Raymond Holland(Kim), her sister Nancy Phillips and her grandchildren Samantha, Alex, Andrew, Cody, Ricky, Becky, Michaelle, Bob, Ryan, Melissa, Kate, Krista, Erika, Brittany, Kim, Kurt, Loren and Aerial Katheryn was preceded in death by her husband Bobby Ray Holland; her sister Barbara Gorham; her daughter Cathy Rae Green and her Grandson Danny Holland, 14 great-grandchildren as well as a host of extended family and friends. A homegoing celebration for Katheryn will be held Friday, July 19, 2024, from 10-11 a.m. at Panama Missionary Baptist Church, followed by a celebration of life memorial service at 11 a.m. Katheryn will be laid to rest in Panama Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery, 1380 County Road 1224, Vinemont, AL 35179. A celebration of life memorial service will also be held at a later time in Ohio. In lieu of flowers the family ask that donations be made to West Point Senior Center Meals on Wheels or Panama Missionary Baptist Church.

William Michael Weems, 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 Aug. 3. 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/

Karey Elizabeth Hughey, 65

Karey Elizabeth Hughey, age 65 of Bremen, passed away on Wednesday, July 17, 2024. She was born Monday, July 13, 1959, to Kenneth Fred McDonald and Gloria "Faye" McDonald. She was preceded in death by her father. Survivors include her husband, Jerry Hughey; daughters, Leslie (David) Alexander, Kasey (Chris) Simmons, Kellie (Seth) Graves; sons, Jeremy (Mackenzie) Hughey, Corey (Abigail) Hughey; grandchildren, Ayden and Cason Alexander, Lukas and Kora Simmons, Kenady, Kaiden, Kyleigh, Kenlee and Olivia Graves; mother, Faye McDonald; brother, Mike McDonald and sister Dana Bryngelson. Karey was a loving wife, mother and Nawna. She loved the Lord with all her heart. She spent her time devoted to her family and to Jesus. She was fun loving, never met a stranger and full of spunk! She was loved by many, and she will be missed by many. The family would like to thank Gentiva Hospice and all of her caregivers. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

The evolution of water

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



Have you ever had the privilege of drinking water from a dipper? The water dipper is another one of those things that has all but disappeared, but when I was growing up, we saw them everywhere. Back before everyone had running water, we had dug wells. Those wells often had a circular brick or rock wall around the opening. Some even had a roof over the well and its walls. Usually, a dipper hung from one of the posts that supported the roof. That dipper may have been fashioned from a long-handled gourd, or better-to-do families may have had a storebought metal dipper. Each member of the family did not have their own dipper. One dipper did the job for everybody. Even though you drank as close to the handle as possible, your sister knew that trick too! Disgusting!

Today's generation of youth, would have no idea what I'm talking about. They probably wouldn't drink from one, even if we did still have them.

We probably shouldn't have either, especially since many of our elder generation chewed tobacco or dipped snuff. That may have helped perpetuate some of the pandemics and epidemics of bygone years!

I am a creationist by faith; therefore, I do not believe in human evolution. I do, however, believe in the evolution of water.

Well, actually, not so much the evolution of water itself, but the evolution of how we drink water. Long before we had dug wells, people drank from creeks, springs, rivers, and lakes. Those methods too came with a certain amount of trepidation.

If you've watched many old westerns, you've seen the cowboys or pilgrims traveling across the desert and come upon a body of water. Sometimes their almost delirious joy at finding water is short lived when they read a sign that reads, "Poison water," or they see dead animals lying nearby.

Sometimes they didn't see the sign, only to find out too late that the water wasn't safe for consumption. Sometimes the water they've seen isn't even real, but only a figment of their imagination or a mirage.

I must confess that some of the best water I've ever tasted came from a cold, mountain spring. There are still companies that bottle and sell spring water. Can you imagine our parents, and especially our grandparents, buying a bottle of water? My dad passed away 50-years ago. He never bought a bottle of water in his life. He probably never had to pay for water in any shape, form, or fashion until we tapped into city water, not long before he died.

A drink of cold water was one thing that was free for a long time, even if we did have to drink it from someone else's dipper! Water is still free in most restaurants, but not if it comes in a bottle.

I have drunk from springs, creeks, dirty dippers, and probably even nasty glasses, and lived to talk about it. I must confess, I'll gladly pay for a clean bottle of water. Growing up, we had a well early on, but we also had a pump and water lines that carried that water into the house. I was probably about ten when we tied into city water. We still had a dipper...a tin dipper, hanging by the sink. No, but, thank you!

Jesus talked about "living" water. He promised us that water. I've had it, and I can tell you it is the best I've ever tasted. It doesn't come in a bottle, you don't have to have a dipper, and the best part is that its free!

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HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1930

From the files of 1930

Presidents of the various organizations on the Cullman County High School campus are Boys Council – Juel Lee, Girls Council – Myrtle Wise, Senior Class – Carl Peinhardt, Junior Class – Nelle Hurston, Sophomore Class – Bruce Wallace, Freshman Class – Goline Allen, Jefferson Literacy Society – Grace Martin, Websterian Literary Society – Carl Stiefelmeyer, Literary Society A – William Henry Ziegler, Literary Society B – Ila Lee, Debating Club – Evelyn Blackburn, Hi-Y Club – Fred Buchmann, Girl Reserves – Grace Martin, Honor Society – Juel Lee, Boy's C Club – Carl Peinhardt, Girls C Club – Cyril Edwards, Tennis Club – Carl Stiefelmeyer and French Club – June Oldacre.

Mrs. Max Oeser was honored at a party on her 74th birthday on Sunday.

Enrolled at Jacksonville Teacher's College from Cullman are Howard Corbin, Gladys Alldredge, Venerable Graves, Homer Haynes, Marshall Denson Jones, Herman Livingston, Merle Trammell, Larkin Yates, Mary Keaton and Marjorie Thompson.

Mrs. W.J. Cottingham spent Tuesday in Birmingham.

Cullman defeated Hartselle, 13 to 6, on Saturday here.

Gold Ridge School had an enrollment of 171 students in 1930. Among new citizens at Gold Ridge were the A.L. Sanders family, a helpful neighbor and good farmer who bought the Miss Lula Golden farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Johnson announce the arrival of a baby boy at their home.

The quilting given by Mrs. Etta Dunlap on Monday afternoon was greatly enjoyed by the ladies at Hamby's Chapel.

Mrs. John H. Holmes entertained the Ladies Aid last Wednesday afternoon with a large social.

Fred E. James was Chairman of the Cullman County Board of Registrars in 1930. This was the last time voters would be given a change to register for two years.

W.E. James and Jerman Stewart formed a law partnership for the practice of a law in civil matters.

Miss Freda Steindorff, Mrs. Margaret Ziegler and Doctor S.B. Beiker were death victims on January 16, 1930.

Harvey Hendrix and Miss Holt, a teacher at Simcoe, were riding Sunday afternoon. The weather at Simcoe was nine degrees on January 20, 1930. Hearty souls weren't they?

POET'S CORNER

No Technology Needed | By: Kayla Hamlin

Today I will disconnect,
no phone, television, or internet.
Oh, what fun it will be
to go back to how things
used to be.

No connections, just me
and outside scenery.
I flew a kite and rode my bike.
I even went on a trail hike.

Oh, what beautiful sites,
the songbirds were singing,
the sun was shining bright,
even a cool breeze to my delight.

What wonderful adventures
awaits outdoors?
So, go out and enjoy,
for the little things in life
mean so more.



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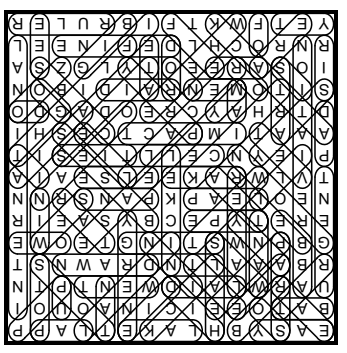
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Victory Cheer Academy introducing new Victory Gymnastics program in September

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Victory Cheer Academy recently announced the launch of its new gymnastics program, Victory Gymnastics, with evaluations scheduled from Aug. 20-23, from 4-7 p.m. As spaces are limited, prospective participants are encouraged to book their slots early to ensure enrollment. Additionally, early registrants will receive a $30 discount on September tuition. Those who sign up by July 31 will be entered into a drawing for free tuition in September, while those who sign up by Aug. 19 will be entered to win a free leotard.

This new program promises a comprehensive gymnastics experience for athletes of all levels. From beginner preschool classes to advanced sessions, Victory Gymnastics also includes a special needs class and a pre-team invitation-only class. The classes will cover all four gymnastics events: floor, bar, beam and vault, using state-of-the-art equipment such as an air pit, air track and trampoline for enhanced training.

The evaluation process is designed to introduce athletes to their instructors and assess their current skill levels.

This ensures that each participant is placed in a class best suited to their abilities and success. Victory Gymnastics has five experienced gymnastics coaches on its team, including Wilma Whateley, Laura Autry, Kim Kelly Warren, Jessica Marsh and Julie Nix.

"Signing up for an evaluation will hold the athlete's spot in our program and allow us to see what skills they have already mastered versus what they need to work on," stated Mackenzie Broadley, marketing director for Victory.

While the focus has always been Victory Cheer Academy, Victory Gymnastics stands out from previous programs by expanding beyond cheer and tumble to include gymnastics.

"The addition of this brand new program is an expansion of Victory from tumble and cheer to include gymnastics. Our cheer and tumble academies will still exist and operate separately from the gymnastics academy. We hope to begin a competitive gymnastics team in the near future, depending on the growth of this program," Broadley added.

"We are most excited to see these coaches back in their passion and growing a passion in these athletes," shared a representative from Victory Cheer Academy. "Our greatest focus and passion is growing athletes as individuals. We incorporate life lessons such as setting and attaining goals, developing responsibility, work ethics, perseverance, how to perform under pressure and how to fail and succeed. Our gym's core value acronym is PRAISE: Positivity, Respect, Accountability, Integrity, Strong work ethic, Encouragement," Broadley shared.

For more information, potential participants and their families can contact Victory Cheer Academy's front desk at 256-531-2958, or reach out via direct messages on Instagram and Facebook. Current details are available at www.victorycheeracademy.com and info@victorycheeracademy.com, with updates to follow as the academy moves into its new location.

Saban (from Front)

Alex Thompson
UA Athletics

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — The University of Alabama will formally recognize seven-time national champion head football coach Nick Saban by naming the field inside Bryant-Denny Stadium in his honor. The Honorary Degrees and Recognition Committee of the University of Alabama System Board of Trustees unanimously passed a resolution on July 19 approving the naming honor, and the Board of Trustees will formally adopt the resolution and present it to Saban at its September meeting.

The dedication of Saban Field at Bryant-Denny Stadium will take place on Saturday, September 7 at halftime of the Crimson Tide's football game versus South Florida.

"We are humbled that The University of Alabama has honored us with the naming of Saban Field at Bryant-Denny Stadium," said Saban. "The remarkable success that the football program has achieved over the past 17 years is a reflection of the hard work of many student-athletes, coaches and staff. Being leader of the process at Alabama has been the greatest privilege of my life. Terry and I are grateful for the naming of Saban Field, which forever celebrates our accomplishments."

Saban coached for 28 years at the collegiate level and won six of his seven national championships at Alabama (2009, 2011-12, 2015, 2017 and 2020). He compiled a 297-71-1 (.806) collegiate coaching record, including a 206-29 (.877) mark in Tuscaloosa. Saban's teams won a combined 11 SEC titles, nine of which came with the Crimson Tide.

"Dedicating the field at Bryant-Denny Stadium as Saban Field is a fitting way to honor Coach Saban's extraordinary contributions to The University of Alabama," said UA President Stuart R. Bell.

"Coach Saban and Ms. Terry have significantly enriched our community, and this recognition celebrates their lasting legacy. We are grateful to the Board of Trustees for bestowing this great honor."

In his six national championship seasons at Alabama, Saban's teams went 21-2 against top-10 opponents, and, since 2008, the Crimson Tide was 37-15 overall against top-10 teams. Alabama was also ranked No. 1 in the Associated Press Poll for at least one week for 15 straight years (2008-22), which broke the record of seven established by Miami (1986-92).

"We are thrilled to honor Coach Saban with the naming of Saban Field at Bryant-Denny Stadium," said Alabama Director of Athletics Greg Byrne.

"He is one of the greatest coaches of all time, impacting countless lives far beyond football. What he and Ms. Terry mean to The University of Alabama and Tuscaloosa community is immeasurable. They continue to be tremendous ambassadors, and we look forward to celebrating with them in September."

Saban coached four Heisman Trophy winners, joining Notre Dame's Frank Leahy for the most in college football history.

He is the only coach to ever have Heisman Trophy winners at three different positions (RB, WR, QB). Additionally, Crimson Tide players secured 60 national individual awards.

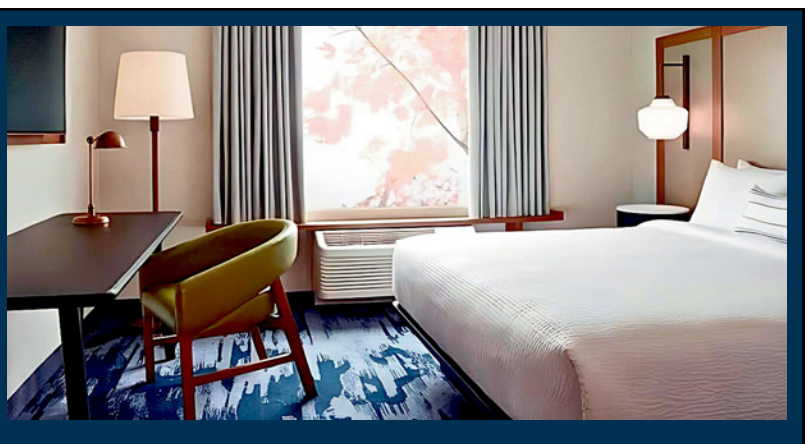
Under his watch, 66 All-America honors were won by 58 different individuals from 2008-2023. Eight players were named two-time All-Americans along with 46 consensus honors and 25 unanimous selections. Will Anderson Jr. became the first two-time unanimous All-American in Alabama history.

Saban's success also translated to NFL success for his players with a record 49 players chosen in the first round of the draft (44 at Alabama). His Alabama players have been paid over $2 billion over the last 16 NFL seasons.

Off the field, Alabama football saw a total of 656 degrees earned, including 103 master's degrees.

Through the Nick's Kids Foundation over $13 million has been distributed to students, teachers and children's causes at over 150 charities since the Sabans' arrival in Tuscaloosa. Also, 21 homes have been built in the community through Habitat for Humanity.

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